

Departure Notices for Some Distinguished Former Members

Frank Hermanek, MMR

1933 – 2021

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long-time NMRA member and Master Model Railroader #360 on Thursday, December 23rd. Frank joined Cincinnati Division 7 and the Mid-Central Region when he moved from Indianapolis to Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He was a talented craftsman and built many contest winning freight cars recognized at the divisional, regional and national levels. He worked for GE Aircraft Engine Group and also at Praxair. A memorial service and reception to honor his life will be celebrated on Monday, Jan. 17th. See the attached for details, plus more about Frank, including a photo.

Robert "Bob" Fink, MMR

1935 - 2021

It is with great sadness that we report long time Division 3 member and leader, Bob Fink, passed away on May 29, 2021. Bob joined the NMRA in 1959, and was one of the original members of Division 3 when it was established by then Mid Central Region President Lone Eagle Payne in the summer of 1959. Bob served stints as Superintendent and Newsletter Editor, as well as other positions. After one of his house moves, Bob discovered he had also become a member of Division 7. Bob was a great friend and avid modeler, having attained the level of Master Model Railroader.

William Lee "Bill" Edwards

1946 - 2021

It is with great sadness that we report the death of former member and friend Bill Edwards on March 29, 2021. Bill was an outstanding modeler and clinician, who was well known for his entertaining clinics on scenery, weathering, scratch-building and other topics. Bill helped found the Black Diamond Lines model railroad club, and is credited with developing the "puff ball" model tree making method. Please see the attached for more about Bill.

Richard "Dick" White

1936 - 2020

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long-time member and friend Richard "Dick" White on Monday, June 1st. Dick was a key leader of Division 7 over many decades including serving as an officer and helping run the 1966 and 2005 National Conventions. He was also a prominent member of at least 3 local model railroad clubs - the Western Hills Model RR Club, the Cincinnati & Great Western RR Club, and the Cincinnati Model Railway Club. Please see the attached for a copy of Dick's obituary.

Charlie Atkinson, MMR
1934 - 2020

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long-time member and friend Charlie Atkinson on Sunday March 29th. Charlie was a key leader of Division 7 over the years including a tour of duty as Division Superintendent and the head of our extremely successful 2005 National NMRA Convention. Please see the attached for more about Charlie, including pictures.