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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann Division Superintendent

As the new superintendent, I'm looking forward to the new season. It's going to be hard to maintain the level of activity that we had this year. Just over the last month we had the Regional Convention, monthly meeting and the Banquet.

I believe the challenges will be to keep the club viable and interesting. It seems that everyone's interests are a little bit unique.

Layout tour chairman

I would like to find a replacement for the Layout Tour Chairman. I have been the chairman since the 2007/2008 season. It would be good to have someone that would bring a new level of interest and vitality to this position. It would be good to do another fall trip sometime to visit some of the layouts that are just too far away to visit after a monthly meet.

Treasurer

Bob McGeever will be replacing Phil Berry starting in the 2019/2020 season. Phil has been doing a fantastic job over the past many seasons. Bob will be transitioning throughout this season.

Summer Picnic

John has another trip planned to go to Little Amerricka for the summer picnic. Again it will be Whiskey River Railway Day with all the steam locomotives steam up.

Next SCWD Meet:

September 9, 2018 at 1:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting: June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

September 16, 2018 Zor Shrine Temple

Picnic

Saturday, July 14, 2018 Little Amerricka, Marshall

Modeling Project

At this point I'm still planning to run the modeling project this year. We are considering different ideas any should have something by our September or October meeting.

New ideas

We're interested in any new ideas you may have for the club. If there is some particular interest you may have we'd love to hear about it. A couple of things I'm interested is hearing more about LCC (layout command control) and any fine scale modeling.

Phil Hottmann Superintendent

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock Clinics Chair

Thanks to our May meeting clinicians, Sean Lamb and Ken Hojnacki, for their excellent clinics!





More about our 2018-19 Clinics in future Bad Orders.

Bob

Awards Presented at the Annual Banquet



Ewing Row Photographer of the Year

Dave Casey Modeler of the Year





Tom Morrison Bob Davis Award

Mike Vivion Hank Brown Award



Call for Entries!!!



Do you have scenes on your layout that you have spent hours and hours perfecting and detailing to a level of

stunning railroad realism? Do you then add beautifully weathered and detailed locomotives and rolling stock? If you do why not inspire others with your work by submitting photos for possible selection for the Annual NMRA Calendar.

Let's face it, the SCWD has been under represented in the calendar over the years. We have some very talented modelers and we should let other Divisions know it. Here are the submission guidelines:

- Photos must be horizontal (landscape) format.
- 35mm slide (100 ISO or slower).
- Digital files must be 300 pixels per inch and 8" x 10" (minimum size of 7.2 megapixels) Tiff (preferred) or jpeg files (highest quality only).
- Write a caption describing the action, the scale, the builder and the photographer on a separate piece of paper or as a text file on your CD or DVD.
- Submit no more than your four best scenes.
- Include your address, phone number and email address. Submissions will not be returned.

By submitting images for the NMRA Calendar, you are giving permission to the editors to alter them as needed (cropping, color correction, etc.). Be sure to indicate specifically if you do NOT give permission to alter your images.

Send to: NMRA-ATTN: Calendar Project PO BOX 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328 UPS/FedEx: 8414 Gulf View Dr. - Suite A Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Photos must be received by July 1, 2018. Questions? Contact Mike Brestel (editor) Phone 513-661-2141 or 5132-481-0185 or Tom Morrison (calendar designer) at tmor51@icloud.com (in the Red Book too)



Bob McGeever Bob Steele Award

Youth Group

Steve Brist

The SCWD Youth Group made mountains and plans for the summer at their May meeting. July 14 is the date of the SCWD summer picnic at Little America and the members decided to arrange for a visit to the Whiskey River Railroad roundhouse prior to the picnic. For our summer field trip, the consensus of the group was to go to the Illinois Railway Museum, on August 11, for IRM Diesel Days. We also congratulated Skylar, who was the winner of the Youth category in the SCWD model making contest.

Following this discussion the members turned their attention to Jerry Lawler, who was ready with dozens of molds and bags of plaster to make mountains, stone walls, tunnel portals and other rock formations. Jerry described the process and then our members had the opportunity to get hands on experience making plaster castings. The members got to take home their castings for use on their own layouts. We had sixteen members present, so there were many different kinds of castings produced at the clinic. We also made a little bit of a mess. Fortunately Jerry had thought ahead and covered the floor with tarps and plastic sheets for easier cleanup.







Our next meeting will be the third Sunday in September, on the 16th at 1 PM.

We will again meet at the Zor Shrine Building. Have a great summer.

Happy Railroading! Steve

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Layout Tour Chair

Thanks so much to the members that opened their layouts for our joint meeting with Rockford.



Phil Berry

Gene Wilcox





Webb Winn

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear Contest Co-Chairs

This is the end of the season for the Model and Photo Contests. I'd like to thank everyone who entered a model or photo this year. Your participation benefits all our members. Special thanks to Steve Lanphear and Tom Morrison for their work in creating our first on-line video contest. Thanks also to Dave Down. Dave stepped up to be the Photo Contest chair so Steve can focus more on the Video Contest.

Popular Vote Photo and Model Contests will resume at the September meeting.

Have a great summer!

Dave and Steve

May 6 Popular Vote Contests Results: Open Freight Cars w/Loads

Model

Cat. A- Flat Cars

1st Ken Reinert: Machine on Drop

Center Flat Car

2nd Skip Streng: Pipe Load on

Narrow Gauge Flat Car

3rd Dave Casey: NP #638847 w/ Junk Autos

Cat. B- Gondolas

1st Dave Casey: 40'

CMO#87133 w/Coil Steel

2nd Rusty Dramm: C&NW Scrap Load (O Scale)

3rd Don Swinton: MILW 89071 w/Scrap Load

Cat. C- Hoppers

1st Dave Casey: C&NW #743095 DIFCO w/Ballast

2nd Rusty Dramm: GN Coal

(N-Scale)

3rd Don Swinton: BWCX #3759 w/Coal

Cat. D- Other

1st Ken Mosny: Combina-

tion Circus Car

2nd Ewing Row: Pulp for

Paper

3rd Jim McQueeny: Logging Caboose w/Open Load

Area **Photo**

Prototype

Cat. PA- Flat Cars

1st Ewing Row: Poles on Bulkhead Flat

2nd Ewing Row: Lumber 3rd Ewing Row: Bare Lumber

Cat. PB- Gondolas

1st Ewing Row: Old Wooden Gons

Cat. PC- Hoppers

1st Ewing Row: FRED Hopper

Model

Cat. MA- Flat Cars

1st Ewing Row: Pulp Logs Loading On Bulkhead Flat 2nd Ewing Row: Lumber Loading On Bulkhead Flat

Cat. MB- Gondolas

1st Ewing Row: C&O At The Dock 2nd Ewing Row: Gons on a High Trestle

Popular Vote Model and Photo Contests

Themes: 2018-2019

September 2018 – Mini-Convention

Cat. A Locomotives

Cat. B Freight Cars

Cat. C Passenger Cars

Cat. D Structures

October 2018 – Oops!

Cat. A Freight Car Attempt

Cat. B Structure Attempt

Cat. C Mistakes/Unusual Construction

Cat. D Wrecks

November 2018 – Wooden Construction

Cat. A Rolling Stock

Cat. B Railroad Owned Structure

Cat. C Industrial Structure

Cat. C Commercial/Residential Structure

December 2018 - Kit-Bashed or Non-Typical

Cat. A Passenger Equipment

Cat. B Freight Equipment

Cat. C Non-Revenue Equipment

Cat. D Structure

January 2019 Rail School

February 2019 – Specialty Passenger Cars

Cat. A Pullman Cars

Cat. B Executive/Business Cars

Cat. C Circus Train Passenger Cars

Cat. D Private Cars/Other

March 2019 – Over, Under, Around and Through

Cat. A Bridges

Cat. B Culverts

Cat. C Turntables

Cat. D Tunnels

April 2019 Video Contest and Project Model

Contest

May 2019 Joint Meeting at Rockford



SCWD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2017-2018 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2018 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy, and Phil Berry. Also in attendance for his first meeting was new board member Steve Preston.

<u>Minutes Approval</u>: Motion to approve the Minutes for the March 2018 meeting was made by Dave L. and seconded by Mike V. Minutes were approved.

Election Results: The division held their annual business meeting on April 8, 2018 and elected a new board and a new superintendent. Board members re-elected include Bill Clancy, David Lendved, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Mike Vivion, Phil Berry, and new board member Steve Preston. Phil Hottmann was elected as Superintendent to replace Bob McGeever whose term expired. Bob moved into the role of past superintendent. Running for the BOD but not elected was Dave Down. The BOD has decided to ask him to support coordinating layout tours for the upcoming year.* (See new business below.)

At this point, the last BOD meeting with the old BOD was adjourned and the 1st meeting of the 2018-19 BOD was called to order.

<u>Paymaster Report</u>: Motion to approve the Paymaster report for the March 2018 meeting was made by Dave L. and seconded by Mike V. Minutes were approved.

BOD reported that the SCWD would be meeting at the Zor Shrine facility through 2020.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Ken H. will be reviewing documents to determine if members are eligible for recognition at the May banquet.

Bad Order: (Reprint) The editor of the Bad Order will continue her monthly review of the NMRA membership list she receives. New members from the previous month are added immediately to the Bad Order mailing list. SCWD members that are not listed for 3 consecutive monthly reports, are dropped from the Bad Order mailing list. Only NMRA/SCWD members in good standing will receive the paper edition of the Bad Order.

Clinics: All meetings have clinics linked to them. Refer to the 2018 schedule published in the Bad Order clinic subject.

Contests: The board agreed to continue with the video contest that was begun this year. Board also agreed to contract the NMRA magazine <u>Scale Rails</u> to update them with this activity.

For 2018-19, BOD, member Sean Lamb, a professional photographer will assist the BOD with coordinating issues relating to intellectual property use and release forms associated with the video contest.

Themes for next year will be announced at the first meeting in the fall.

Modeling Project for 2017-2018: Theme for next year will be announced at the first meeting in the fall.

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber is responsible for the meeting door prizes and has budget. He reports that all is well with meeting and banquet door prizes.

Layout tours: Jim Feldman had layout tour in April. April had only one tour because of the scheduled SCWD Annual Membership Meeting. We need to line up tour for May keeping in mind that May is a joint meeting with the Rockford group.

Membership: Steve Preston's efforts at the Rail Show were very successful. There will be some minor adjustments for 2019 based on lessons learned from this year's first effort. New literature for the 9 -month Railpass will be created

Picnic: BOD agreed to return to Little Americka in 2018 as it has activities/rides for kids as well as a nice facility for the adults. The picnic will be scheduled at the same time as the park's Whiskey River Days festival. The date will be July 14th.

Rail School: Bill Clancy agreed to coordinate the 2019 Rail School. His plan is to recruit several other seasoned SCWD members to work with him on the clinic. They will develop a theme for the school and set up teams of members to work on various aspects of the school with a slightly different approach. The group will keep the Board apprised as the plan takes shape.

The Division has acquired additional Blue Box models for distribution at the 2019 Rail School. We may need to get more based on a count of total existing and anticipated attendance.

The Superintendent asked for volunteers to help him with set up and takedown of the Rail School room setup. A number of members agreed to come early to help set up and to stay later to help take down. This worked well in 2018 and the plan is continue this approach for 2019. **Spring Trip:** Because SCWD is hosting the Capitol 400 meeting, there will be no spring trip.

Web Site: Issues remain with the idea of e-tickets for the show. There is a ticket-processing fee which has a cost that may make e-ticketing too costly to pursue. This issue is being further researched.

Youth Group: Jerry Lawler continues to assist Steve Brist with the Youth Group. The March Youth Group program will include an in depth clinic on weathering of rolling stock. The kids will use their existing group rolling stock to weather.

The April meeting will feature a clinic on making rock mountains from plaster material. Bill Marks, Jerry Lawler, and Mike Vivion have donated their moulds for the kids' use.

Capitol 400: More coordination work with the hotel is underway. The division has secured at no cost, additional screens and projectors from the hotel. Layout tours are currently being scheduled. A promotional DVD has been created and sent to all divisions in the region. Video and website page were previewed at September meeting. The clinic schedule has been set.

Reservations: 131 Rail, 1 Youth, 34 Non-rail, and 11Banquet only

Old Business: None New Business:

*BOD will ask David Down to assist in coordinating layout tours. Dave ran for the BOD and was not elected. The BOD would like to reach out to him for helping coordinate layout tours.

The SCWD was approached about hosting the MWR Fall Meeting. This was discussed and the Board voted to volunteer to hold it.

<u>Year End Banquet:</u> Some of the year-end banquet details were discussed. These included:

- Past Superintendent Award
- Bob Davis Award for Volunteerism
- Modeling Achievement and Madison Mac 'Modeler of the Year'.
- Photographer of the Year award
- Hank Brown Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service

Jerry brought up for discussion, the possibility of creating

a display board of local model railroad layouts. These layouts would be submitted to the SCWD for display on a board at the Rail Show in 2019 and/or the SCWD web site sooner. The Board suggested that Jerry develop a more fully developed plan and present to the Board at a future date.

Adjournment: Ken Hojnacki moved for adjournment and Dave Lendved seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

Scout Report

Each year since 1989, the SCWD has hosted a Wooden Toy Train Layout and Thomas The Tank Engine DVD room in one of the Dane County Expo Center's coat check closet. Bill Mitchell has been coordinating the volunteers to teach the little children how to play with wooden trains. His volunteers are from McFarland Cub Scout Pack 53, McFarland Boy Scout Troop 53, McFarland Girl Scouts, and members of his church. As more volunteers were needed at the show, the older Scouts were moved from the Wooden Toy Train Layout Room over to the ticketing area to stamp the hands of returning attendees and punch tickets. A few of the Scouts have been volunteering their services since they were age 4 or 5 when they assisted with their older Scout brother. Zach Roeben is also one of Bill's volunteers. Zach is the son of Chris Roeben who most of you know as the person who organizes and calls out the raffle prize winners.



Bill and Joan Mitchell invited a few of the Scouts and their parents to attend the annual dinner to represent their Scouting organizations.

From Left to right - Joan Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Janet Seprish, Ryan Seprish (since age 5), Caleb Ebbert (since the age of 4), Zach Roeben (since the age of 4) and Ansel Kreft (since the age of 5).

A History of Couplers

Jim Feldman, Guest Contributor

Train couplers have undergone several radical transformation since the invention of the railroad defined for our purposes as 1830 (the year of the Rainhill Trials) I have included only the most common and major developments. There were a large number of designs that appeared briefly between deployments of the major types.

The earliest (1830) couplers used were the buffer and chain.

The Buffer and Chain



The connection between cars is simply a chain anchored to both cars and tightened with a turnbuckle. Buffers are a set of bumpers to prevent cars from banging into each other. Early on they were simply welded to the car's frames but later were spring loaded to lessen shock. This method is simple (it was used in 1830 on the Stephenson Rocket) and cheap but has several drawbacks. The major drawbacks are:

- 1. The coupling must be done by hand which is terribly dangerous and
- 2. The system cannot negotiate very sharp curves due to a condition called buffer lock.
- 3. Pulling weight is strictly limited although some systems use a second chain to increase pulling capacity.

The buffer and chain system is still widely used in Europe especially in the UK.

Link and Pin



The link and pin coupler was the most common coupler style in the U. S. until the 1870s. It consists of a tubular body that receives an oval link after which a pin was dropped through both parts. It had a number of defects:

- 1. Workers stood between moving cars to connect it
- 2. Draw weight was limited
- 3. The connection was loose with too much slack
- 4. Lack of standardization led to loss of efficiency.

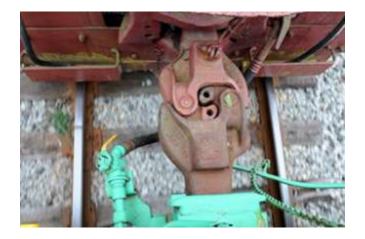
Albert Coupler



The Albert coupler was invented by Karl Albert in 1921 for a German tramway. It utilized two pins that were inserted after the cars were pushed together, eliminating much of the danger of coupling. It did not have a long run due to its minimum slack and the invention of automatic couplers.

A couple of short lived designs appeared during the 20th century without making much of a mark and were stop gap measures between the Albert and the Janney knuckle coupler. The most significant were the Miller Platform and Hook and the Norwegian.

The Janney



The Federal Safety Appliance Act of 1893 required a coupler that didn't require workers to stand between cars to couple them. The law led to an explosion (almost a thousand) patents for improved coupler design. The industry soon decided on a design by Eli Janney, a swing knuckle, the so called clasped hands design. In 1916, the Association of American Railroads adopted the Janneydesign Type D coupler. Among its many virtues was the use of standardized interchangeable parts. It was safe, dependable and could pull a lot of weight. It allowed the use of hydraulic hoses which link and pin had not. Eli Janney was a retired major in the Confederate Army who was working as a clerk in a dry goods store across from a freight yard. He spent his spare time whittling designs for a new coupler. Much of his ideas were for safety, but some were for noise reduction since he was annoyed by the constant crashing and banging of the coupling cars.

In 1873 he was awarded a patent for his knuckle design. It took almost a hundred years for it to become the industry standard. As usual, the delay was economic. The railroads didn't want to change from the link and pin which was still working just fine.

Janney died in 1912 at age 81. Janney's design had no vertical interlock which has been added to improve performance during derailment.

Janney's coupler and the Westinghouse air brake are considered the most significant improvement to rail safety since the Civil War.

Model Railroad Couplers

Early model railroads in the $20^{\rm th}$ century used a double hook coupler that required lifting the cars by hand and

fitting them together. A later style used a loop and hook type of coupler.

The Horn Hook



The horn hook coupler was developed by a consortium of manufacturers in the 1950s in an attempt to bring standardization to the hobby. The horn looked awful didn't work very well and persisted forever as a standard. It's great virtue was that the

single piece designed could be produced very cheaply.

The Kay Dee



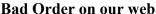
In 1940 (K)eith and (D)ale Edwards founded the Kaydee Quality Products

Company. They invented and patented their knuckle HO scale coupler which gradually became the industry standard. In 1997 Kaydee's patent expired and the market was flooded with cheaper knockoffs. Kaydee's quality kept them in the forefront of the market.

In the 1990s, the brothers had a falling out and took separate business paths. Kaydee is still producing the highest quality and most innovative couplers in the industry and is run by Dale Edward's descendants.

Jim Feldman, SCWD Member

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SCWD 2018 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



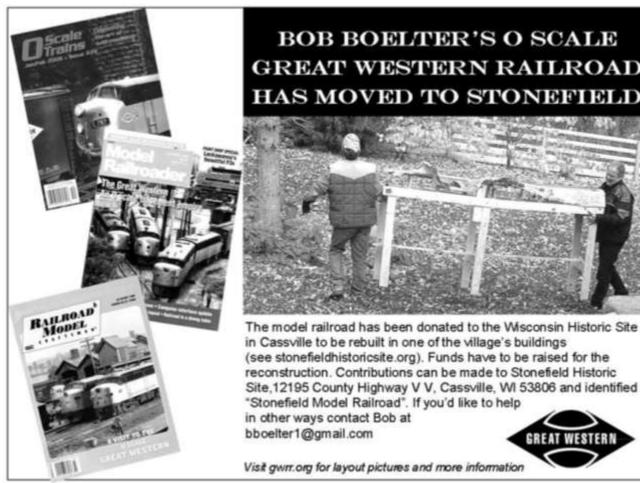
The 2018 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on Saturday, July 14th during Whiskey River Railway Day at Little Amerricka, Marshall, Wisconsin. The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. SCWD will have a catered picnic lunch served at the Blue Rose Pavilion starting at 1 pm. Parking, entrance to the Park, and the meal are free to SCWD members and guests. Railway equipment can be viewed for free but train and other Park rides require purchased tickets. Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking at the Pavilion can be reached directly off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 east of the Park Entrance.

Sign-up needed by July 7 for catering #'s.

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SCWD 2018 Annual Picnic Sign-up Sheet - Member and Guest(s) Names:

Send reservations to: John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd., Middleton, WI 53562 or e-mail to: haverdj@tds.net





Site,12195 County Highway V V, Cassville, WI 53806 and identified for "Stonefield Model Railroad". If you'd like to help in other ways contact Bob at bboelter1@gmail.com

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A few words from the NMRA President
The CSRM Gallery Exhibit needs
your help

Although I've addressed this topic numerous times, almost every time I attend

an NMRA local or national event, someone chides me for not "telling us what is happening with the Gallery Exhibit"! So in the June issue of *NMRA Magazine*, I'll provide an update and a report on the Gallery Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM). Space does not allow such a full report here but we could use your help. Who knows - maybe you can be a part of this effort.

First, some history. Over a decade ago, we conceived of the idea for an exhibit on scale model railroading. The purpose was simple. To attract people to our hobby, we believe you must show them what we do.

Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette editor Bob Brown stated that truth some years back and after years of looking nationwide for sites, the CSRM offered free space on their mezzanine or "gallery" level in return for our creation of exactly the kind of exhibit we had hoped to build. CSRM attracts over 600,000 visitors every year, so this exhibit promises to attract more visitors each year than all the train shows combined attract in a year

As designed, the exhibit has three elements: a gallery of inspiring models and layouts designed to impress the visitor with the unexpected nature of scale model railroading. Second, a brief tour through our history is presented along with the hobby in the 21st century, showcasing the state of the hobby today. The last segment highlights different aspects of the hobby including a display on the NMRA, a layout under construction, a typical workbench and information on how to get involved in the hobby.

After some discussions and conference call meetings, the design team from Activate recommended an overall cohesive theme to the exhibit. They were impressed by the passion and drive inherent in model railroaders. They concluded that we are model railroaders because "we have to be." Capturing that passion and drive is hard to translate to the public but our exhibit must tell the story of our hobby not just through artifacts but also through the story of the modelers behind them.

And that's when you come in! We need your help. We'd love to have you send a head/shoulders picture with a two-liner about why you are a model railroader and what compels <u>you</u> to do this? And please provide your current or past work description if you would. We want to show

that model railroaders come from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds. You can send those to me at president@nmra.org.

Second, we are in need of pre-war Varney kits, locos and rolling stock as well as vintage kits from the 1950's and 1960's. If you have any you are willing to donate, please contact Bob Brown at gazette@att.net.

Needless to say, we are all very excited about this exhibit and its potential. Out of 600,000 annual visitors, perhaps we interest only a handful. But a handful is better than none and would be in addition to the folks we recruit now. We hope to open the exhibit as early as October although I think Spring 2019 is more realistic given the amount of work ahead of us. So stay tuned! You will all be invited to the Grand Opening.

And whether you agree or disagree with me, we welcome your thoughts, insights and comments. And as I also always say.....those are my thoughts.....what are yours?







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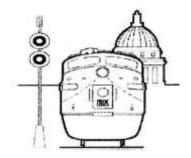


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2018 Meeting Time Table				
Regular Meeting	BOD June 11, 2018	Youth Group	Picnic	Train Show
	Julie 11, 2018		July 14, 2018	
	Aug 13, 2018			
Sept 9, 2018	Sept 10, 2018	Sept 16, 2018		Sept 5, 2018
Sept 9, 2018 Oct 7, 2018	Oct 8, 2018	Oct 21, 2018		Oct 3, 2018