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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann **Division Superintendent**

It was great to see the return of TrainFest. I believe it has been four years since the last one. Even though the show was smaller than years past there were very large crowds on Saturday. Parking and concessions were a big issue. It seemed like everyone was very glad to see the layouts and vendors once again. I did notice that some of the notable vendors were not at the show. We believe this was due to the recent success of e-commerce business. I was very encouraged to see the variety of attendees at the show. From younger people with their parents to young adults. Even though the crowd was primarily older male adults I still believe the hobby is here for the foreseeable future.

If you didn't attend our last meeting, you missed a great one. Ken had two excellent clinics featuring Peter Schierloh and Keith Kohlmann. Peter's perspective on bridges was so interesting. And Keith's information regarding securing of open loads was very valuable. I'll definitely pick up his book.

I want to thank "OV" Othmar Vorburger for volunteering to be part of the Estate Planning Group. Webb has done a wonderful job over the many years and is looking forward to being replaced. We'll need more volunteers in the future as our group gets older. Thanks again OV!

We will be having a joint meeting with RRVD for the May meeting. This year it will be held in Rockford. They usually have a very good meeting along with some great layout tours. I hope you all plan to attend.

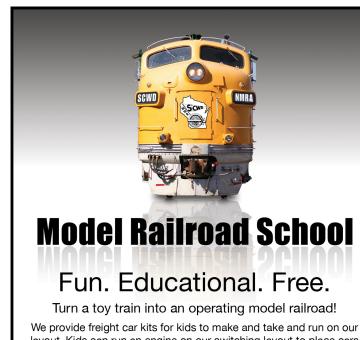
Next SCWD Meet VERONA SENIOR CENTER (Map Page 6)

December 4, 2022

Next BOD Meeting:

December 12, 2022 at 7 PM **ZOOM Meeting**





layout. Kids can run an engine on our switching layout to place cars on the correct track. Live demonstrations: making bridges out of foam, building trees, using grout for dirt, lighting buildings and adding interiors, and much more! Come one, Come all

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 1–4pm

Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St., Verona, WI

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Layout ToursPhil Hottmann Chair

For the November meet we were able to visit Keith Thomsen's layout. Keith always does great work, so it was good to see this layout again. The Pennsy was looking good and running great! Now that Keith is retired, I can't wait for more of his scenery to be completed.





For December we will be visiting Don Swinton's Donaldo, Barbstown and Southern RR. I hope you all make it out for the tour.

Phil

Clinic Column

By Ken Hojnacki

I hope everyone enjoyed Pete Schierloh's program on Soo Line Bridges—he really deals with some unusual situations and gave us some interesting insights on bridges. Keith Kohlman also packed a lot into his freight car loads clinic. I need to get that book from Kalmbach.



To end this year, we will start with Frank Wolf introducing us to the Milwaukee & Mississippi Railroad, the first railroad in Wisconsin built thru Mazomanie beginning in 1845. The first train arrived in Mazomanie in 1856 and the depot, built in 1857, is now the oldest frame depot in Wisconsin and used as a library by the Mazomanie Historical Society. Frank will walk us through its construction and history, focusing on the Mazomanie area and upcoming plans for a model railroad display.

We have all heard about the aging of the NMRA and concerns about bringing in new members and our Board has been looking at new ways to attract members. The model train industry has also changed significantly since the height of the pandemic and there has been an increase in people joining the hobby but not necessarily the NMRA. James Knabb will chat about what types of new modelers are out there and how to get them to join the NMRA. He will also discuss what other Divisions and clubs have been doing to stay active and attract new members. Some things to think about as our Rail Show introduces new folks to our great hobby.

Ken



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

The contests at our November meeting were on the theme KIT BUILT. At some point when we got started in this hobby, kits were a part of our experience. This contest was a chance to show off some of the kits we used to expand our model railroad empires. The contest categories were:

- A. Locomotives
- B. Freight Cars
- C. Passenger Cars
- D. Non-revenue Cars

The photo contest was models only - no prototype photos. The results are below.

The December contest Theme is **REEFERS**. The categories will be Ice Reefers, Mechanical Reefers, Cryogenic Reefers, and Milk Reefers. There will be no contests in January because of the Rail School.

November 6 Popular Vote Contest Results - Kit Built **Models**

Cat. A Locomotives

C&NW RS-3 1st Dave Casey:



Rusty Dramm: NP GP-9 2nd 3rd Don Swinton: 2 truck Shay

Cat. B **Freight Cars**

Wis Cheese reefer Dave Casey: 1st



2nd Tom Morrison: Flat Car w/ Donkey

Rusty Dramm: UP Box Car (grain loading) 3rd

Cat. C **Passenger Cars**

Dave Casey: C&NW heavyweight coach 1st



Non-Revenue Cars Cat. D

Tom Morrison: 1st **GR Sawz Caboose**

2nd Don Swinton:

Black smith car

3rd Tom Morrison:

Small crane car

Dave

2022 - 2023 POPULAR VOTE MODEL **AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST THEMES**

September: Tourist Train

- East. (More than 2 states from Mississippi) - Central. (2 states on either side of Mississippi)

- West. (More than 2 states from Mississippi)

- Free lance (Model) Foreign (Photo)

October: Box Cars

-Wood

-Outside braced

-Double door

-All door

November: Kit built. (You bought it, you built it)

-Locomotive

-Freight car

-Passenger Car

-Non-revenue

(Photo contest will be models only, no prototype)

December: Reefers

-Ice

-Mechanical

-Cryogenic

-Milk

January: No contest. RAIL SCHOOL

February: Non-trackside building

-Commercial, retail, factory

-Residential (house, apt.)

-Farm

-Miscellaneous

March: Off-track vehicles

-Commercial trucks/vans

-Automobiles/pickups

-Agriculture

-RR maintenance trucks and equipment

(non-rail)

April: No Contest. MODEL PROJECT

Bridges - Truss (deck or through) May:

-Girder (deck or through)

-Stone

-Concrete

Modeling Project

Mike Vivion

We had a pretty good number of members sign up for this year's modeling project. If you signed up, please see me at the December meeting to pick up your snow material, and pay your \$10 deposit, if you have not already paid me.

Also, a reminder that the rules for this year's project are now posted at the SCWD website under the "Contests" category. There are also links to a number of YouTube videos to provide you with suggestions and ideas for the modeling project.

See you on December 4th.

Mike



FROM the NMRA Please Keep in Touch



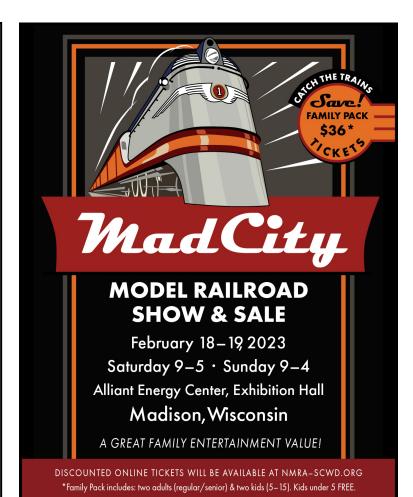
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Thank you!



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Sat. Feb. 18, 9AM-5PM • Sun. Feb. 19, 9AM-4PM Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall, Madison, WI

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Adults \$14 (16 & older), Seniors \$13 (65 & older)

Children \$6 (age 5–15), Kids under 5 FREE

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All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Advance Sale Discount Tickets

(available January 1, 2023 at nmra-scwd.org)

Adults \$13 (16 & older), Children \$5 (age 5–15)

Two Day Pass \$17

For more information:

www.nmra-scwd.org

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Holiday Express Flower & Model Train Show

Come one, come all, step right up! Enjoy large-scale model trains as they churn through a festive carnival themed display. Members of the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society come from all over the state to show off their trains. Depending on the day, you might see a bullet train, steam train, Santa train, circus train, or freight train.

\$8 - Adult

\$5 - Child

FREE - Ages 5 & under

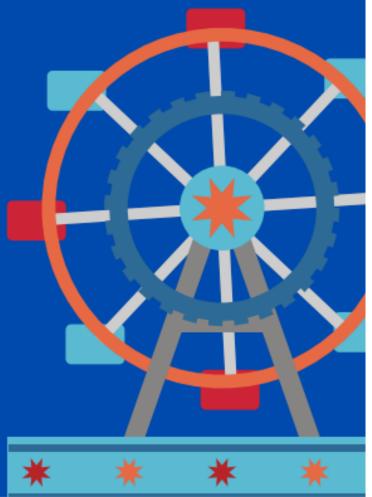
FREE - Olbrich Members

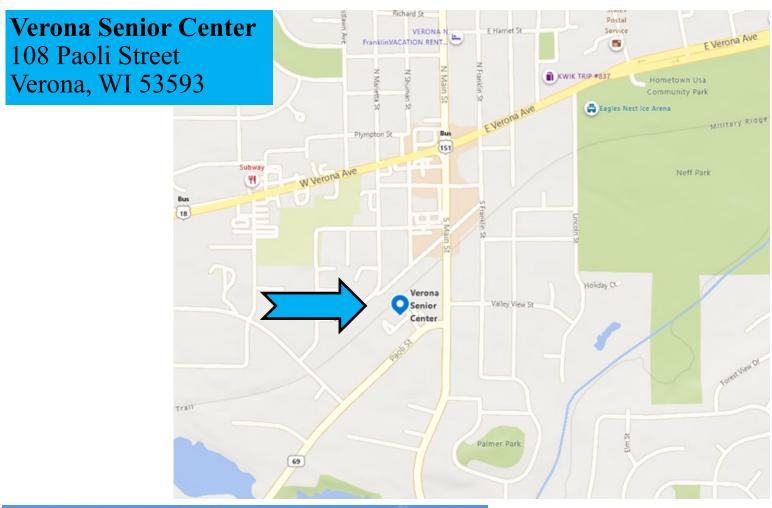
Admission is all inclusive for indoor attractions

December 3-31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closes at 2 p.m. December 24

Closed all day December 25











A Puzzle for You

You like trains, or train watching, but have you ever wanted to go to an OPS (Operating Session) and run trains on someone else's



layout, but were afraid you wouldn't know what to do?

Model Railroad Operation is a fun and interesting role-playing game where the players (operators) use model trains to simulate the movements of the prototype railroad. Operators fill the roles of railroad employees like engineers, conductors, yardmasters, dispatchers, and more. Many of our SCWD members participate each month at multiple layouts to enjoy this fun and stimulating practice of critical thinking and problem solving in the context of railroad operations.

Now, there is a way for you to get your feet wet in this critical thinking and problem-solving railroad environment in the privacy of your own home through the use of railroad switching puzzles.

In July 2020, a group of SCWD members started a project to introduce more of our members to the enjoyment of railroad operations, or as our wives call it, playing trains. Some of us have been engaged in operating sessions for 20 years or more, and would like to get more of you involved.

The project involves getting one to solve a series of train switching puzzles (on paper, or your computer) in the least number of moves possible. You can then submit your solution to see if yours was done in the least number of moves.

Beginners can start with 3 introductory puzzles to show the kinds of skills used in railroad switching operations. Then, you can advance to a series of more advanced puzzles written and based on actual SCWD member area layouts. Or, if you have already been to an OPS session, you could do an introductory puzzle, and jump right into the more challenging ones.

Join the SCWD listserv now and begin learning what this is all about!

Email Steve Lanphear at scwdmemberlist@frontier.com
to be added to the list and start receiving your puzzles
now!

Happy Railroading! Steve



Enjoy receiving interesting rail photos, model railroad tips, Operating puzzles, and challenging Mystery Photos??

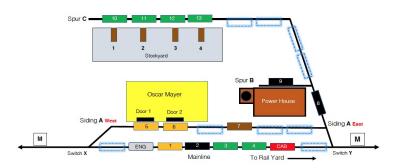
Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers Corner, and OPS Corner Puzzles. The listserv has been running this since April 2012, and it has been quite popular.

The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

Please save this email so you know how to get a hold of me. So, if you would like to try out this FREE member service, just send me your **Name** and **email_address_** and **City/State** to the address below. You may drop out at any time by sending an email stating such to the same address below.

Steve Lanphear SCWD listserv Coordinator scwdmemberlist@frontier.com

OPS Puzzles



OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listsery, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.



NMRA NEWS



2023 National Convention



Welcome to the 2023 Texas Express

The NMRA International Convention "Things are always bigger and better in Texas"

The 2023 National Convention is the <u>Texas Express</u>, to be held August 20-26, 2023 in Grapevine, Texas in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area. The venue is the <u>Gaylord Texan</u> Resort and Convention Center:



Check the <u>convention website</u> for up-to-date information. Please note that the \$100 surcharge that was listed for those attendees who do not wish to stay at the Gaylord **was removed**. The surcharge was typically used in past Lone Star Region Conventions, and it was inadvertently added to the 2023 National Convention registration. We realize this caused some angst among members, and we do apologize.

If you need to contact any member of the Convention Committee, visit:

2023texasexpress.com/committee.html

The 2023 Texas Express Committee is looking forward to seeing y'all in Grapevine!

Volunteers Needed

The NMRA is run by volunteers. Get involved by contributing your expertise and time.

Meetings and Trade Shows Department

The NMRA is seeking expressions of interest in the role of Manager, Meetings and Trade Shows, a key member of our operational team who is responsible for working with local host committees to deliver the annual national convention and Train Show. We are ideally looking for someone with experience in the events or hospitality industry, who is comfortable with negotiating with a number of vendors and advising host committees. The role is supported by a team of experienced volunteers, however all department heads are encouraged to grow their team. This is a volunteer role with a commitment to attend the annual convention and NTS as well as to undertake site visits as required. Expressions of interest should be made to the President at president@nmra.org

Marketing Department

The Marketing Department is looking for women who participate in any aspect of our hobby to please consider writing an article for the NMRA Magazine. The Women in Model Railroading series was quite popular and we would like to revive it. Articles should be approximately one page long, and please include a high resolution photograph of yourself. All submissions can be sent to marketing@nmra.org.

Fundraising Committee

The NMRA has recruited an experienced team of fundraising experts and we now seek a person to coordinate the efforts of this group. The role will involve ensuring the efficient running of committee meetings and tracking the work that is being done by committee members. Close liaison with the national HQ team and the CFO is essential. This role would work closely with Eastern District Director John Doehring who has led the effort to grow this essential organization activity. Contact him at <u>eastdir@nmra.org</u>.

New Volunteers

All NMRA Departments are actively recruiting new volunteers year-round, so if you want to share your experience & skills and help the NMRA deliver something you are really passionate about, then please reach out to me.

Gordy Robinson

NMRA President president@nmra.org





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Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, 10 October 2022 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, John Kosobucki, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. Jerry Lawler was a guest attendee. (Meeting start times may vary due to BOD members schedules.)

BOD Meetings: Members of the SCWD are invited to join a Board of Directors meeting. Meeting dates are published in the **Bad Order**. Send a request to Phil Hottmann or another member of the SCWD Board for a ZOOM link to the upcoming meeting. The members' contact information is in the **RED BOOK**.

Minutes

Motion by Down, second by Kosobucki, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented highlights of the September paymaster report.

Motion by Preston, second by Down, to approve the September Paymaster Report as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - nothing to report.

Advertising - nothing to report.

RED BOOK - An update to the Electronic **RED BOOK** is being finalized. Only NMRA/SCWD members in good standing will be included and will receive the Constant Contact email for distribution in mid-October. A motion was made by McGeever, second by Kosobucki, to have the *electronic* **RED BOOK** be published and distributed annually. Motion carried.

Bad Order - articles are due October 19 for the November newsletter.

Special Note 1: The email list comes directly from the NMRA membership list, so please keep your membership active and your email current with the NMRA. All SCWD members are requested to inform the NMRA when their email address changes.

Special Note 2: Kathy, our newsletter editor, is always in need of articles. Please submit articles as soon as possible to have them included in the next publication of the Bad Order to SCWDKATHY@AOL.com via email with attachments in a WORD formatted document.

Clinics - Clinics are lined up for the remaining months of 2022. Clinics still need to be scheduled for 2023.

Contests - Model and Photography - Thanks go out to the people who coordinated the Model and Photograph Contests at the October SCWD membership meeting when Dave Down was out of town and unable to handle the contests.

Modeling Project - "Ice and Snow" diorama is the modeling project.

Door Prizes - The door prize selection process at the October membership meeting used a cellular phone RANDOM NUMBER application because the Number Chips had not been taken to the meeting.

Layout Tours - Phil Hottmann has the November layout tour scheduled. Phil is still looking for future layout tours to be scheduled. We need members to suggest layouts to be set up for tours.

Our SCWD organization is always looking for more people to host virtual or in-person layout tours. Please contact Phil Hottmann about the possibility of opening up your layout for a virtual or in-person tour. Phil's contact information is in the REDBOOK.

Membership - Steve Preston - everything is up to date.

The current SCWD membership list is sent to Steve Preston on a monthly basis. The email address of the SCWD members associated with the membership list is used for the Constant Contact electronic communications system. Each member is responsible for making sure that their email address is valid. If someone has problems renewing their NMRA-SCWD membership using the ON-LINE systems, please contact Steve Preston. His contact information is in the RED BOOK.

Picnic - nothing to report.

Publicity - nothing to report.

Rail School - January 8th, 2023 - Dr. Clancy listed the items that he will be needing for the Rail School:

inquired on the status of the switching layouts and possible maintenance needed electrical requirements and extension cords needed demonstration tables needed needs a copy of the DVD "World's Greatest Hobby" table cloths and floor coverings the Youth Group HO "Clam Shell" table for testing the Blue Box Kits after assembly projector and screen for model railroad videos to be provided by Bob McGeever assistance with setup and take down

Rail Show - February 19th and 20th, 2023 - McGeever stated that there may be potential Estate Volunteer Coordinator in training to replace Web Winn when he retires from the position.

Website - www.nmra-scwd.org - nothing new to report.

The www.nmra.org website is UNDERUSED by its members. There is a direct link from our SCWD website to the National Model Railroad Association website. You will need to register your NMRA membership to view the "members only" information on the different pages of the NMRA website.

Old Business:

Youth Group - Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, Bill Marks, Jerry Lawler, Bob McGeever, and Bill Mitchell met on October 10, 2022, to discuss the facility space needed and initial plans to get the Youth Group started up. The committee has selected the Third Sunday of the Month for meeting dates. The Second Sunday of the Month would be the next choice. A schedule will be planned once a facility is lined up. Storage space for the Youth Group equipment will need to be addressed once a meeting location has been selected. Preston and Lawler will be working on the "at risk - permissions" document for the youth and parent / guardian. A tour of the Noble Knights facility is being arranged by Steve Preston.

By-Law Update - John Kosobucki finished standardizing the document format of the SCWD Bylaws document. There were also some corrections to spelling, punctuation, and removal on verbiage that was not needed. A motion was made by Dr. Clancy, second by Dingman, to approve the bylaws document dated October 10, 2022. Motion carried.

New Computer - John Kosobucki has purchased the new laptop computer. Bob McGeever will be configuring the new system which should be ready to use for the November SCWD membership meeting. A motion was made by McGeever, second by Preston, to purchase a 6 user license of Microsoft Office 365 for about \$90.00. Motion carried.

Life Membership List - Phil Hottmann has been working to verify the names and contact information on the Life Membership List. Bill Mitchell will provide more assistance if needed to investigate the addresses for the last few names that were not yet verified.

Awards Judging Sub-Committee - Ken Hojnacki needs to inform the Board of Directors of the SCWD members who will be on the SCWD Awards Judging Sub-Committee of SCWD.

New Business:

Storage Facility Rental - The move to a larger storage space in the existing storage company will be postponed until the Youth Group determines how much space the group will need. There are a few items in storage that need to be discarded. When and if the move takes place, volunteers will be needed to move the items, take down and put up the shelves, and put the items in the new space.

Vet Tix - https://www.vettix.org/ Veteran Tickets Foundation is an organization that provides free tickets to military service members and veterans "to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life." The SCWD donated 80 tickets to the 2022 February Madison Train Show and Sale. A motion was made by McGeever, second by Dingman, to donate 100 adult tickets to the 2023 February Madison Train Show and Sale. Motion carried. Vet Tix will be promoted on the SCWD website and Facebook pages.

Train-Fest - https://www.train-fest.com/ - Trainfest will be held on November 12-13, 2022 at Wisconsin State Fair Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The show will be open to the public from 9am to 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Kosobucki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk



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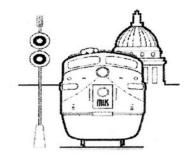
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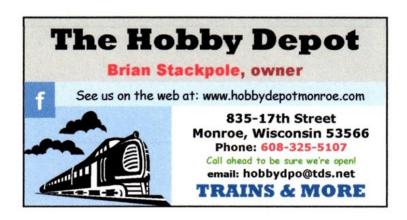


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SCWD 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting BOD

December 4, 2022
January 8, 2023 (Rail School)
February 5, 2023
March 5, 2023
April 2, 2023
May 7, 2023 (Rockford)

May 8, 2023
June 12, 2023

August 14, 2023

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^{* =} Train Show Ticket advance sales