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Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

The May meeting in conjunction with the Rock River Valley Division was very successful with 10 of us from our division attending.

The annual banquet went very well, with nearly 50 of us, including lots of our spouses getting together for good food, good company and the annual awards presentations, including a couple of AP certificates. Pictures of the winners are later in the Bad Order.

The Summer Picnic is coming up on July 12th! Please get your reservation mailed in for this soon. John needs to have a head count by July 1st. There will be a layout near the picnic to visit beforehand. Details are also in this copy of the Bad Order.

The National Convention is the week after the Picnic, and is being held in Novi, MI., which is near Detroit and only a 6-7-hour drive away. Please consider joining us as there is a cap on the number of attendees.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Thanks!

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Next SCWD Meet
Verona Senior Center, Verona
September 7, 2025

Next BOD Meeting:
June 10, 2025, 6:30 PM
ZOOM Meeting



Next Youth Group
Verona Senior Center, Verona
September 13, 2025



Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

I hope you're having a great summer. I find that a cool basement is conducive to productive modeling

I'm still recruiting clinicians for the upcoming September 2025 to May 2026 SCWD meets.

Let me know if any of you may be interested in sharing your latest modeling project or other presentation of railroad interest.

Some of the projected clinics for September through May include a double-header on scenery, the next generation of model railroaders and an N-Scale "proto-lanced" layout.

I also may fit one of my new clinics in the schedule somewhere.

The photo is of me presenting a clinic at the 2010 NMRA National convention in Milwaukee. Photo credit goes to Otto Vondrak of RMC.



See you virtually.

Bob



Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair



On Saturday, May 10th, we had the kids build their own layout using DCC loco's. They had a good 30 ft. of track laid out with some sidings for trains to let others to go by.

They had some difficulty with shorts and running. Phil, Chris and Karl showed them how to eliminate the track pieces which may have caused a problem. This was good practice for them to learn how to isolate track which causes shorts on their layouts. After finding the source or sources, trains with consists began running down the tracks. Two trains and a loco were running at one time up and down for a good hour or so. After time was up, we tore down and put away the track. Those locos gave a big sigh of relief as they went into their boxes.

The Dioramas they are working on look great from ALL who started them and we hope to show them at the October meeting. It was also decided we will be going to Green Bay to the Rail Museum on August 2nd for an outing. Anybody who would like to go, please let me know. I have planned to have a couple of private tours of the museum if things work out okay.

Thanks Chris, Phil, and Karl for your help.

Steve Preston
Youth Group Chair and
SCWD Membership Chair

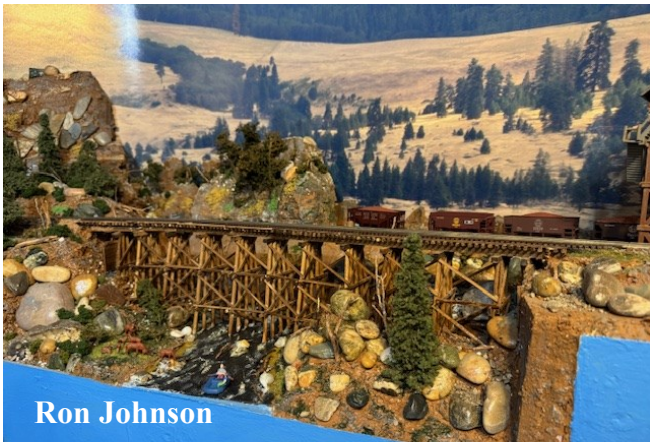
Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

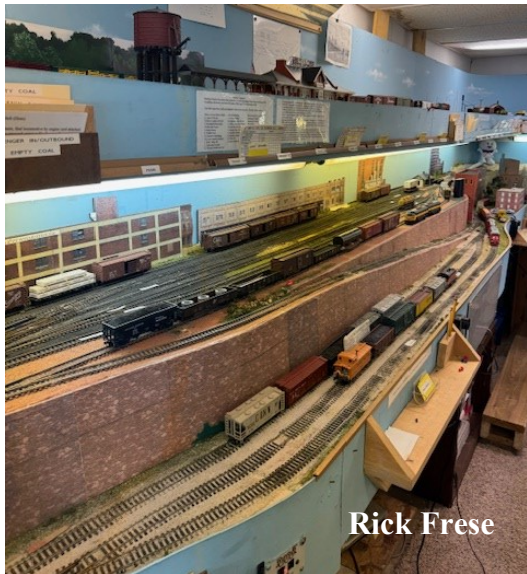
We wrapped up the season in Rockford. I was not able to attend, but thank you to Jon Welch who provided photos of the tours.



John Dewaters



Ron Johnson



Rick Frese

I hope everyone enjoyed the tours provided this past season! I'm looking forward to setting up the tours for next season. I have plenty of openings if you think you would like to include yours. Please get in touch with me if you are interested.

Phil

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

The 2024-2025 contests have been completed and the year is coming to a close. The awards for 2024-2025 were presented at the banquet earlier this month. Modeler of the Year was awarded to Don Swinton and Photographer of the Year was awarded to Dave Down.



Don Swinton
Modeler of the Year



Dave Down
Photographer of the Year

Now I am shifting attention to themes for the 2025-2026 contest season. Please share your ideas with me as I work on the schedule. My goal is to have this list ready for the July/August Bad Order and it will be put on the website as soon as it is finalized. The first contests of the 2025-2026 year will be at the September meeting.

Dave

AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki, AP Chair



At the Division banquet in May, I was pleased to make some presentations prior to the big Division honors. Our past Superintendent Phil Hottmann has served the Division in many capacities and also was a member of the Mid West Region Board of Directors as a result of his Superintendent position. I was happy to present Phil with the NMRA Achievement Award for Association Official. Thanks for your service, Phil.



Also earning an NMRA Achievement Award was Dave Dingman. Dave has been a stalwart Rail Show member and also our Zoom guru helping bring our meetings to members who are not able to attend in person and bring outside presenters to our meetings. Congratulations on your Association Volunteer Achievement Award, Dave.



Our most active AP participant right now, and possibly our next Master Model Railroader, Rusty Dramm was presented with a Merit Award for his model of a Northern Pacific caboose. Keep up the good work, Rusty.



Ken

SCWD Annual Awards



Bill Weber
Bob Davis Award
For the Volunteer Spirit



Robert Boelter
Hank Brown Award
For Continuous Service
(Not in attendance)



SCWD Annual Banquet May 9, 2025







*Many thanks to
Art and Norma
Dawson
for a
great banquet!*





SCWD 2025 Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 12, 2025



For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Americka Park in Marshall. The SCWD Board has agreed to do so, again, this summer on Saturday, July 12. Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and catering is being provided by Angelo's, used in 2024. The park opens at noon and closes at 5 pm. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 pm. As was done in 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024 the Board has decided to defray part of the catering cost by charging a \$5.00 fee for each attendee, six years old and above. Five and under get the meal for free. Railway equipment can be viewed for free, but train and other rides require purchased tickets from the Park. SCWD members and their families, Youth Club members and their families and other invited guests, approved by the Board, can attend the picnic. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, you will have to sign up and pay by July 1, 2025. Please indicate ages for kids under 12 to help in planning for quantities for kid's meals. Little Americka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking directly at the Blue Rose Pavilion can be reached off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 just east of the Park's regular entrance.

Added Attraction Roy Grant will have his N-scale, Omaha Western layout open from 10 am to noon on July 12th. The layout in his house was on display prior to the 2017 picnic. He has now rebuilt the layout into a separate building. His property is about 2 miles west from the first intersection north of I-94 on STH 73 at West Medina Rd. The address is 1465 West Medina Rd., Deerfield, WI 53531.

SCWD 2025 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

SCWD Member and Family Attendee names and ages for those under 12 years old

Cost(each):

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please print and fill out the form and send with payment (cash or checks - payable to the SCWD) by 7/1/25

Thanks. My address is:

John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd, Middleton, WI 53562

Any questions, contact me at E-mail address: haverdj@tds.net, Phone: 608-836-7963.

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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@mhtc.net 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.

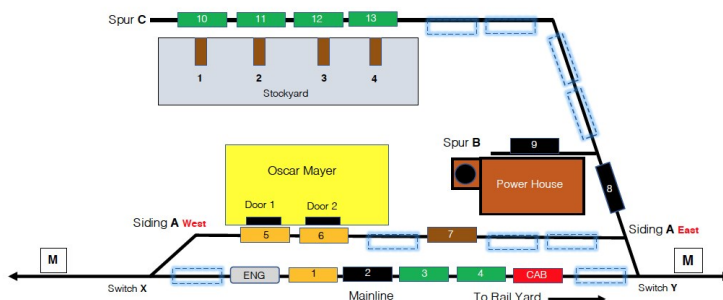
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Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
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NEW EMAIL

OPS Puzzles

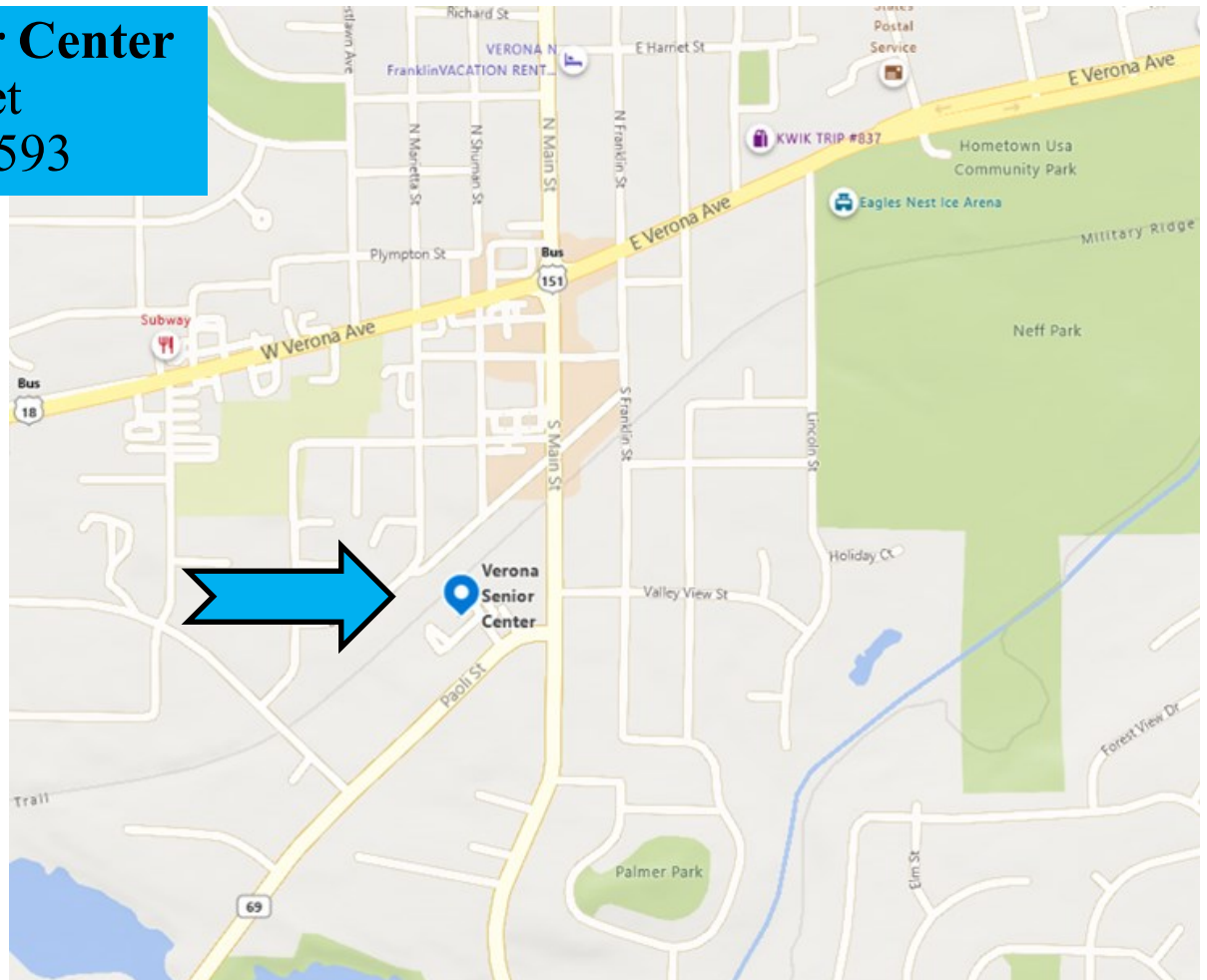


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

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

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

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NMRA NEWS



July 14 – 19, 2025
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**Big 2 day
National Train
Show!**

**NMRA National
Convention**



STATION No. VI NMRA National Convention

Barrie Hensel

Station No. VI publicity chairman

Hello NMRA members! The 2024 NMRA National Convention is complete and the 2025 National convention

– **STATION No. VI** –

is heading down the track at full steam ahead!

Registration is open and we already have over 100 registrations.

Go to

nmra2025.com

to see all of the event details and the registration page.

We're looking for a few good layouts...

...12 to be exact!

You're proud of your model railroad. Why not share it by submitting a photo or two (up to four) for the 2026 edition of the NMRA Model Railroad Calendar?

The calendar is distributed to every U.S. member as a fundraiser every November.

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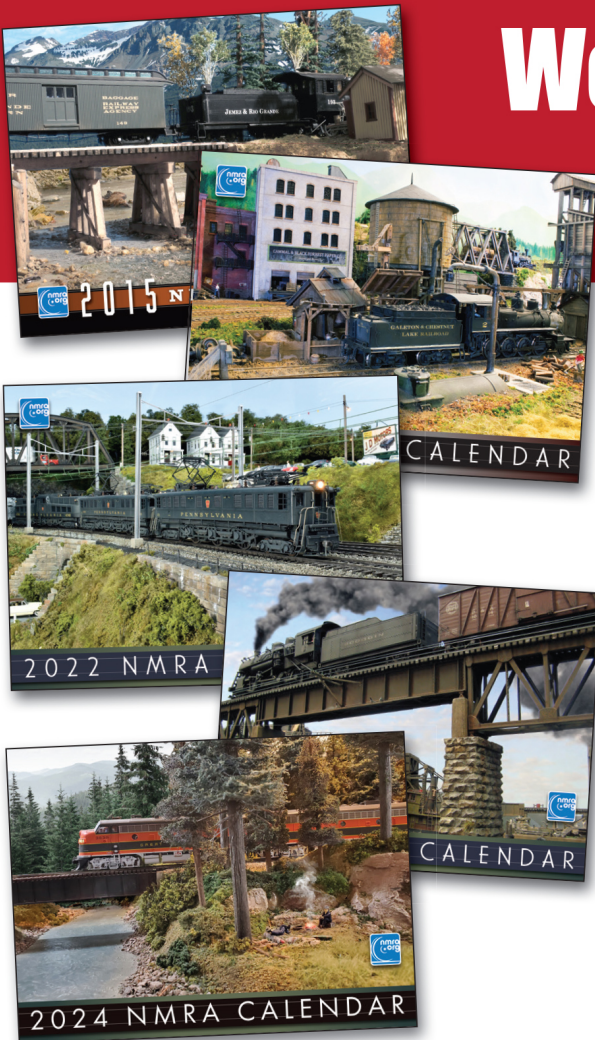
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2015, photo by Greg Komar, On30 modeling by Jim Gore, MMR, Santa Clara, UT.
2019, photo and HO scale modeling by Jerry Lauchle, MMR, State College, PA.
2022, photo and O scale modeling by John Sethian, Exton, PA.
2023, photo and HO scale modeling by Richard Walz, Northampton, MA.
2024, photo and HO scale modeling by Larry Blaylock, Kansas City, MO.

Photos may be submitted between January 1 and the final deadline of **July 15, 2025** for consideration.



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
6:30 PM, 15 April 2025
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:36 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Bob McGeever, David Down, David Dingman, Phil Hottman, Steve Preston, Chris Bradley, Sean Hadfield and Bob Wundrock were present.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Down to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on March 11th, 2025.
Motion carried.

SCWD Members meeting Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Bradley to approve the minutes of the SCWD Members Meeting held on April 6th, 2025.
Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the March Paymaster Report. Motion by Bradley, second by Preston, to approve the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Picnic – Nothing to report. Picnic forms are in the Bad Order and are due to John Haverberg July 1st, 2025.

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles to be submitted for the newsletter by April 18th.

Clinics – Bob Wundrock is working on the 2025-2026 clinic schedule with about 1/3rd of the clinicians signed up.

Contests - Model and Photography – David Down will have this year's results to Art Dawson by next week.

Modeling Project – Nothing to report. Submit any ideas for next year's modeling project to Mike Vivion.

Door Prizes – Nothing to report.

Layout Tours – Phil Hottmann is working on the 2025-2026 layout tour schedule. Phil is looking for more people to contact him about hosting a tour of their layout.

Membership – Nothing to report.

Spring Banquet – Art Dawson stated that the banquet is on track for May 9th though the cost per person has gone up. Awards for the Banquet have been ordered.

Publicity – Nothing to report.

Rail School – Reminder to get the Rail School flyers printed earlier this fall.

Rail Show – Final bills paid for Feb 2025 Rail Show. Bob McGeever will be contacting the Alliant Energy Center about the contract for next years Rail Show next week.

Youth Group – 5 youth members attended the last meeting. Looking at field trip to Green Bay National Railroad Museum.

Website – Working with hosting company on month to month basis for now. Waiting for proposal from KennedyC.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Bob Wundrock learned that the NMRA National Convention has over 600 registered attendees surpassing their break even number for the convention.

Bob McGeever will be emailing the preliminary 2025-2026 meeting schedule to the BOD.

Bill Weber has donations for the Youth Group that either Phil Hottmann or Art Dawson will pick up.

Steve Preston stated that the cost of name tags is now \$20.00.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Bradley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

David Dingman - SCWD Clerk



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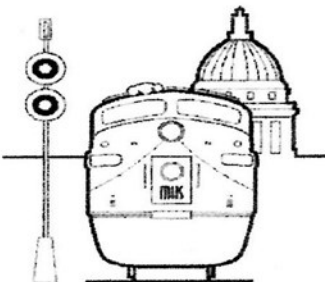
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SCWD 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

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BOD

Youth Group

June 10, 2025
July 8, 2025
August 12, 2025

September 7, 2025
October 5, 2025
November 9, 2025
December 7, 2025
January 4, 2026
February 1, 2026
March 1, 2026
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