



Annual Model Railroad School



SCWD Youth Group Meeting



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## Regional Conventions

As part of the NMRA Midwest Region, the SCWD takes part in annual Regional Conventions. These include clinics, contests, tours, an auction and awards banquet and non-rail activities. NMRA membership is required to attend.

## Expert Advice and Help

Members who need help with any aspect of the hobby can contact other SCWD members for help. We have experts in scenery, wiring, structures, electronics, and operation—all the information you need to get started in the hobby.

## How Can I Be Involved?

As an NMRA member you can be active in the SCWD in many ways. Members volunteer to help at the annual Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale and can also serve on committees and the Board of Directors. We are a volunteer organization, and volunteering is what makes the SCWD successful and fun.

## NMRA Membership

To experience all the benefits of joining the South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) you will need to join our parent organization, the National Model Railroad Association. It's the best way to get plugged in to the hobby, and there are numerous benefits to membership, including the monthly NMRA Magazine, access to the Kalmbach Memorial Library, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), the NMRA National Convention, SCWD event discounts, and more.



For more information visit [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or talk to our Membership Chairperson or SCWD Superintendant at a monthly meeting. You can also find our local contact information on our Web site: [www.nmra-scwd.org](http://www.nmra-scwd.org)



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## NMRA/SCWD Benefits at a Glance

- Monthly NMRA Magazine
- “Members Only” areas of the NMRA Web site
- SCWD Bad Order monthly newsletter
- Regional and National Convention discounts
- Informative and fun monthly meetings:
  - Clinics and demonstrations
  - Model and photography contests
  - Door prizes and refreshments
  - Local layout tours
- Annual Spring Banquet & Summer Picnic
- Expert advice and help
- SCWD Youth Group (ages 8–18)

For more information: [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)  
or [www.nmra-scwd.org](http://www.nmra-scwd.org)

**We Invite You to Join Us  
at Our Next Meeting!**

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## Welcome to the Wonderful World of Model Railroading

### Who Are We?

The South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA, Midwest Region) is a non-profit organization with more than 50 years of experience in Model Railroading. With members from eight years old and up, we have a diverse membership who enjoy everything from layout building to models, research to photography, and even watching real trains. Our layouts range from the smallest “Z” scale to large “G” scale garden trains, and represent both real and freelanced landscapes from the earliest days of railroading to the modern trains of today. Members aged 8 to 18 can also enjoy the benefits of our SCWD Youth Group.

### Who Can Join?

Anyone can attend monthly SCWD meetings free of charge. To become an official SCWD member you must join our parent organization, the National Model Railroad Association and pay its annual membership dues.

## NMRA/SCWD Benefits

### The Bad Order Monthly Newsletter

Mailed to members free of charge, the Bad Order keeps SCWD members informed about activities and upcoming hobby events throughout the year.

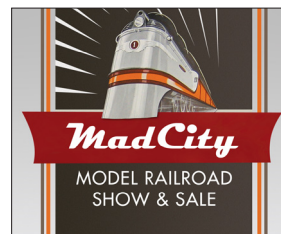
### Annual Picnic

A summer picnic with a catered barbecue is held in a Madison area park every July.

### Monthly Meetings

Our informal meetings are held once a month on Sundays from the second Sunday in September through the first Sunday of May. Meetings include educational clinics covering everything from building structures, scenery, cars and locomotives, to the newest high-tech gear for model train operation and presentations on real railroads. Photo and model contests are held monthly with certificates awarded by popular vote, and doors prizes are given away at the end of each meeting. Afterward, members are invited to home layouts in the Madison area.

## SCWD Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale



This spectacular SCWD event is held every February in Madison. Join thousands of other rail fans and browse

through more than 50 model railroad and historical exhibits and operating model railroad layouts. Youth can enjoy hands-on activities from building a giant wooden train layout to riding a miniature train, and attendees can shop at over 300 vendor tables filled with model railroad merchandise, collectables, tools, toys, books, videos, clothing and more. All made possible by the hard work of SCWD member volunteers.

### Annual Spring Banquet

We hold our yearly awards and recognition banquet in April. We recognize all the hard work of our volunteers and award those who have excelled in the hobby over the past year, all while enjoying refreshments, a good meal and great conversation.

## SCWD Model Railroad School



This free event is held in January and is open to the public. Attend numerous clinics to learn many of

the techniques needed to create a layout of your own. Young people get to build a model railroad car, and after a test run at the school they can take it home, free of charge.

### The SCWD Youth Group

This is our hands-on model railroad experience for youth ages 8–18. The group has its own layout, and monthly meetings are held from September to May. Experienced modelers put on clinics to teach every aspect of model railroading and how to run their trains. Membership is free. The group is financially supported by the SCWD and supervised by experienced model railroaders. Moms and dads (or a sponsor) are always welcome and appreciated. Please contact the Youth Group Chairperson at a SCWD monthly meeting or visit our Web site for their contact information.