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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

Great news! The Mad City Train Show and Sale is back.

We have decided to move forward with the show this coming February.

This is not without serious consideration of the factors facing us. It's likely we will not make money on the show given that we are facing rent increases, as well as potential lower attendance of vendors and visitors.

We feel that for the future of the show we need to invest in our future. If we decided to skip this coming year, it's likely we will permanently lose some vendors and layouts. We know we have already lost a couple of our vendors for the upcoming show due to cancellation of last year's show.

We need everyone to promote the show as much as possible.

We're hoping that there is a pent-up demand for a Train Show this year. I'm looking forward to the show. If nothing else this should give us an indication of the show's configuration into the future. I think it's also important that we connect to the younger modelers. Our group seems to be getting older and it is vital that we start attracting some younger members.

I thought we had one of our best meetings in November. Thanks to Ken Hojnacki for providing two awesome clinics. Drake Hokanson did a wonderful job presenting these clinics. You can always tell a professional at work.

Phil

Next SCWD Meet

VERONA SENIOR CENTER (Map Page 10)

December 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Next BOD Meeting:

December 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm

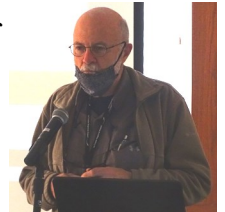
ZOOM Meeting



Clinic Column

by Ken Hojnacki

We had two great clinics by Drake Hokanson at our November meeting. If you run passenger trains, you could take home a lot of ideas from his clinic on passenger operations. And lots more ideas were highlighted in his graphics clinic, which Drake was delighted in finding John Mueller having lots of examples on his layout after the meeting.



For December, since it will be cold out, we will go "inside." Inside buildings, that is. We have seen some of Al Potts MMR's building interiors on the newsgroup but in December, Al will talk about how he approaches his interior scenes and show us many examples which you can then view on his layout tour after the meeting. This will be followed by a video clinic on interiors. Jason Martin and Bill Mitchell will then tell us "What Have I Been Up To" to round out the program.

Ken

Modeling Project

By Mike Vivion

We have had a great sign up for this year's modeling project. Although the November meeting was our last official sign up opportunity for the project, I do have a couple of N and HO kits left, so if you still want to participate, contact me via email vivion2@tds.net ASAP.

Thank you again to all who signed up. I looked forward to seeing your finished mini-dioramas at our April 2022 meeting. If you have any problems or questions regarding the project in the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me, Steve Lanphear or David Down. Have fun with the project!

Mike



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

The November contest is in the books and we are moving into the holiday season. Hopefully you will all still be able to get some work in on your layouts and your contest submissions.

The **December** theme is – Maintenance of Way and Non-Revenue Cars. The categories are:

- Track maintenance materials - cars for hauling ballast, ties, rails, etc.
- Crew cars - bunk cars, inspection cars, cooking/dining cars
- Track maintenance machinery/cars (incl snowplows)
- Track/bridge construction machinery/cars, cranes

The January Rail School has been cancelled and we will have a regular meeting. This will include a contest in January. The **January** theme is snow:

- Locomotives mounted plows
- Rotary plows
- Pushed or pulled plows
- People with snow shovels

I was asked about some things related to the **Photo Contest Guidelines** at the November meeting. If there are further questions, the guidelines are included here.

- Entries should be either 4"x 6" or 5" x 7" in size in B&W or Color, larger photos will not be considered entries, but can be shown as "Display Photos"
- There will be 4 categories for Prototype Photos and 4 categories for Model Photos. You may enter up to 3 photos in each category. Please limit your total entries each month to 12 photos.
- Each entry must be logged in on the appropriate category sheet, with the entry number placed on a photo tag that goes on or next to the photo.
- Everyone who votes likes to see which photos received awards, and some would like to ask questions of the photographers, so if at all possible, at the end of the meet, please return to the contest area to see if anyone has questions about your photos before retrieving your entries.
- Please vote for the best photo in each of the 8 categories.

November Contest: Freight Cars Voting Results

Model Contest

Cat. A. Box cars and reefers

1st David Lendved: C&NW #144240 box car



2nd Rusty Dramm: Boise Cascade all-door box car

3rd David Casey: WUTC #3554 wood box car

Cat. B. Open cars (flats and gondolas)

1st David Casey: C&NW #41503 fish belly flat car



2nd Don Swinton: flatcar with tractors

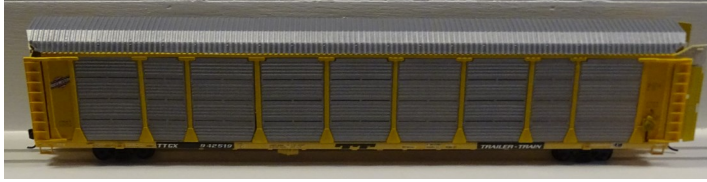
3rd Rusty Dramm: C&NW gondola with scrap load

Cat. C. Hoppers (covered or open)

1st David Casey: CMO #49703 ballast hopper



2nd Dave Casey: C&NW #175226 closed hopper
3rd Don Swinton: Kellogs covered hopper
Cat. D. Specialty freight (car racks, container well cars, tankers, etc)
1st David Lendved: BMOX Battle Mountain tank car



2nd David Casey: C&NW #942519 bi-level auto rack
3rd Don Swinton: C&NW scale weigh car

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Box cars and reefers

1st Ewing Row: NS #473171 box car

Cat. PB Open cars (flats and gondolas)

1st Ewing Row: Bulkhead flat lumber load

Cat. PC Hoppers (covered or open)

1st Ewing Row: Empty coal hoppers

2nd Ewing Row: TCMX #350409 covered hopper

Cat. PD Specialty freight (car racks, container well cars, tankers, etc)

1st Ewing Row: Tank car

2nd Ewing Row: Colorful containers

3rd Ewing Row: UP Auto rack

Model Photo

Cat. MA Box cars and reefers

1st Ewing Row: Boxes on the curve

2nd David Lendved: C&EI #437 wood sheath boxcar

3rd David Lendved: "Lucky Strike" billboard box car

Cat. MB Open cars (flats and gondolas)

1st Ewing Row: Unloading gondola

Cat. MC Hoppers (covered or open)

1st Ewing Row: Loading ore cars

2nd Ewing Row: Unloading ore cars

Cat. MD Specialty freight (car racks, container well cars, tankers, etc)

1st Ewing Row: Hauling logs

2nd Ewing Row: Hauling cattle

Happy modeling!

Dave

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

We followed up a fantastic meeting with two great model railroad tours. We first visited Bob Wundrock's new layout. I was impressed by what Bob has been able to accomplish in the last two and half years. His layout is nearly complete already.



Thank you to Bob who was able to get John Mueller to open his. If you haven't seen John's layout yet, it is beautiful! Every detail is done to perfection. No wonder this layout has been featured in the model railroad publications multiple times. John typically works on Sundays, so he has not been able to attend our meetings. He mentioned that he is planning to retire in about three years and is looking forward to participating in our activities.



For December we will be visiting Al Pott's layout. Al will be presenting the clinic for this meeting so we'll be able to view his work on his layout.

I need to firm up the rest of the layout tours for the remaining portion of the year. In May we will be hosting the Rock River Division. I'll be looking for a few additional layouts. Let me know if you're interested in being open.

Phil

In memoriam, Tom Eckstein



We lost a longtime member when Tom Eckstein passed away on October 27, 2021. Tom was a regular face at our Division meeting sign-in table with Don Swinton, an active member going back to the early days of the Division. Tom was awarded both the Bob Davis Award for volunteer spirit and the Madison Mac Award for his modeling efforts. Tom was the Division's third Master Model Railroader, #96. You could usually find him working as Yardmaster at LaGrande on Bill Weber's UP railroad. And he loved to tell stories of his days in the Navy and working on the railroad.



Most of us probably had not seen his railroad, the Tired, Pooped & Exhausted but it was fun railroad. If you were not at the November Division meeting, Al Potts put together a great Powerpoint presentation on Tom's layout along with some photos of Tom. You can view this Powerpoint by going to: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-mO5qZJWtgvlwo431jhTDJjnyl6D1ibQ/view?usp=drive_web You will have to download the file to play it.

I took Tom to his last Morse Telegraph Club meeting several years ago and got to hear stories of his times working for the Chicago & Northwestern. He worked in Mazomanie and one of his memorable jobs was receiving crates of live rattlesnakes that were brought down from the Baraboo area. They apparently were being sent somewhere for use in poisoning serums. On the first shipment, Tom kept hearing hissing noises and asked what was in the crates. When he was told, he really didn't want to handle the crates and put them far away until the next train came in to pick them up.

Ken Hojnacki



Don Swinton remembers Tom:

Tom and I were best friends for over 40 years. We would take a week or two in the summer to chase trains. Tom, Don Johanning and I would meet at Tom's house and decide where and when to go. We would get out the AAA books and book our motel rooms and map out our routes. Tom's wife Shirley would get our food supplies and we would set out for our great adventure somewhere around a railroad track and wait for a train to come by so we could get video and still photographs. We had our folding stools and sat and shot the breeze while waiting. I must tell you one of our tales: It happened in Cumberland, Maryland. We arrived at the Ambassador Motel about 3:30pm and checked in. We were told we couldn't get in the room for a while because they were fumigating the room. We went to dinner and chased some trains and came back to find that the room had a

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An example of Tom's skill, a Switching Tower with complete interior with switching rods. This piece has a new home on Dr. Bill Clancy's Rio Grande Pacific layout

microwave and refrigerator so we assumed they had cockroaches. We left the next day and came back the third day to the same motel. The people at the desk remembered us and said they had a room with three beds and if we liked there would be no extra charge. Needless to say, we took it so we each had a bed that night. The next morning being men and not modest, Tom got up, stripped and said he would shower first. Seeing him going into the bathroom, it looked like someone had shot him in the behind with bird shot. The rest of the day we all complained about itching and ended up buying rubbing alcohol at a drug store to stop it. When I got home, I was talking to a friend and was told that it is a dirty little secret that motels still get bed bugs. Tom decided to put a bed bug hotel on his railroad, but Shirley vetoed that idea and he changed it to the Cumberbug Hotel and I now have it on my layout in memory of Tom.



Narrow Gauge Railroads In Wisconsin??

By Steve Lanphear

What is meant by "narrow gauge"? In the early years of railroads, many track widths were used. The fact that the early railroads seldom operated more than 15 miles of track, generally linking one or two towns, the multitude of track gauges was not a problem. After profitable rail lines were built, it soon became obvious that a common track gauge and standardized equipment would make interchanging rolling stock possible, and thus increase profits considerably.

Wisconsin was fortunate enough to have five different common-carrier railroads which built in 3' gauge track size. There were several other proposed lines that never got off the ground, in addition to the plethora of private narrow gauge lines serving mines, sawmills, quarries, and other industries. The following is a summary of the primary narrow gauge lines built or proposed in Wisconsin:

Fond du Lac & Whitewater Railway

- Incorporated in 1874
- Merged into the Fond du Lac, Amboy & Peoria Railroad in 1875
- Constructed and operated line from Fond du Lac south to Iron Ridge, WI
- Converted to standard gauge (Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul) May 24-26, 1884

Galena & Southern Wisconsin Railroad

- Incorporated March 2, 1857
- Could not raise funds to build in Standard gauge, so 3' narrow gauge was decided upon
- Built line from Galena to Platteville, with branch line extending from Ipswich to Montfort
- Bought by Chicago & North Western in 1880, merged with Chicago & Tomah Railroad to form the "Milwaukee & Madison"
- Converted to Standard gauge in 1882

Chicago & Tomah Railroad

- Woodman to Fennimore line built 1878
- Fennimore to Lancaster built 1878
- Lancaster Jct. to Montfort built 1879
- 1879 line graded from Wauzeka to Gays Mills, but track was never laid because funds were lacking for a bridge over the Wisconsin River. This line was later used by the Standard gauge Kickapoo Valley & Northern Railway, and much later became the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul LaFarge Branch. - Purchased by Chicago & North Western in 1880 and merged into the "Milwaukee & Madison Railway"
- All trackage except Fennimore to Woodman converted to Standard gauge beginning in 1882

Pine River Valley & Stevens Point Railroad

- Incorporated August 5, 1872
- Track laid from Richland Center to Lone Rock 1875-76
- Originally built of 3.5 x 5" maple rails with strap iron facing on curves. Eventually rebuilt with steel rails.
- Purchased by Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul May 26, 1880
- Line entirely converted to Standard gauge August 1, 1880

Robbins Railroad

- Rhinelander to Robbins, WI
- Originally private line built to haul logs and lumber
- Organized to common-carrier in 1898
- name changed to Brown & Robbins Railroad
- 1901 name changed back to Robbins Railroad after Brown left business
- eventually became property of Thunder Lake Lumber Company, and operated as "Thunder Lake & Northern" though the official name remained Robbins Railroad
- Abandonment approved June 19, 1941, making this the last narrow gauge common-carrier to operate in the Midwest

Milwaukee & Southern Wisconsin Narrow Gauge Railroad

- Projected to build from Milwaukee to Beloit
- 1874 line was partially graded, but track was never laid

Wisconsin Peninsula Railroad

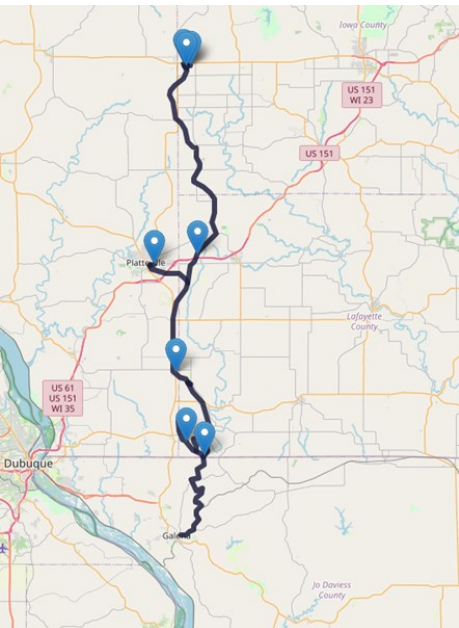
- Incorporated January 1, 1881
- Proposed route was Green Bay to Liberty Grove Township (at tip of Door County), via Sturgeon Bay
- 1883 second charter secured for line from Green Bay to Fond du Lac
- No track ever laid, unknown if grading was ever started, though a route was surveyed and chartered.

Private Railroads

- Unknown how many lines were built for mining, logging, quarrying, and other industrial operations
- Oddly enough, the only narrow gauge lines built in Wisconsin were of the 3' gauge variety. Wisconsin has not seen a scheduled 3' narrow gauge train since 1941, and its high time this colorful history be brought to light and life. To my knowledge there are only seven pieces of 3' gauge equipment on display in Wisconsin. They are as follows:
- Fennimore, WI - Godchaux Sugar Company 2-6-0 steam locomotive on static display (never used in service in Wisconsin), and Denver & Rio Grande boxcar (used on Colorado narrow gauge system).
 - North Freedom, WI - Chicago & North Western Boxcar #10 and Combine #1099 (used on "The Dinky" C&NW Fennimore-Woodman line).
 - Rhinelander, WI - Steam locomotive, coach and caboose on static display at Rhinelander Logging Museum (locomotive used on Thunder Lake Lumber Company line, unsure about coach and caboose).

This article will focus on:

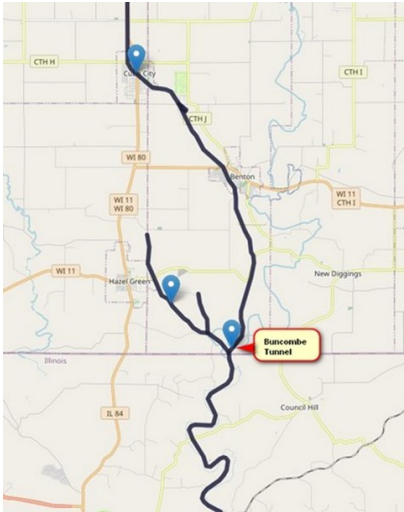
A History of the Galena & Southern Wisconsin Railroad



The Galena & Southern Wisconsin Railroad was incorporated in 1857 as combination of two separate Galena & Wisconsin Railroads, one in Illinois and one in Wisconsin. Its main line between Galena, IL, and Platteville, WI, at 21.2 miles in length, was constructed in 1874 with a 3-foot narrow gauge, a more feasible option when compared to the costs of standard gauge. Notable along this route is one of Wisconsin's few railroad tunnels, Buncombe Tunnel, which was built in 1875 on the Illinois/Wisconsin border near Buncombe proper, in Lafayette County. A branch line at Ipswich was built north to Rewey, a distance of 8.5 miles, in 1877.

In 1880, the G&SW was merged with the nearby Chicago and Tomah Railroad to form the Milwaukee and Madison Railroad, a subsidiary of the Chicago and North Western Railroad. Later that year, the branch line to Rewey was extended north to Montfort, where it connected with a C&NW line at Montfort Junction. The railroad was further merged into the Chicago, Milwaukee and Northwestern Railway in March of 1881.

At the time, the C&NW was one of the larger railroad operations in the state of Wisconsin, and had amassed a wide collection of narrow-gauge railroads within the state. In 1882, it re-gauged most of these narrow gauge lines to standard gauge, the former G&SW included. This also included widening of Buncombe Tunnel to accommodate the additional track/loading width.



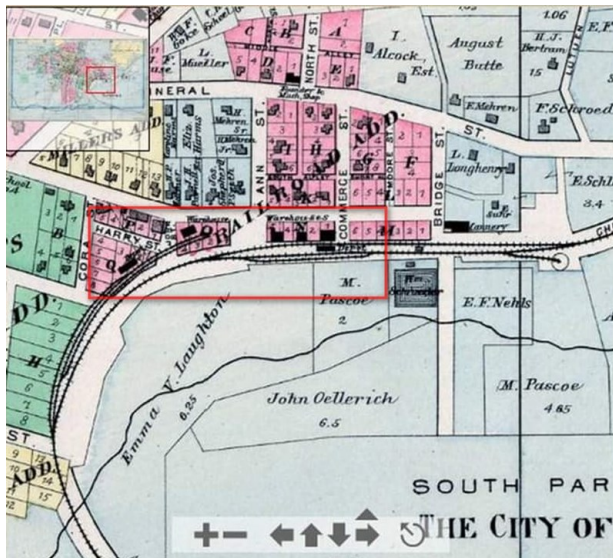
1937 aerial view of the Buncombe Tunnel Portal and switch to Strawbridge

A spur from Millbrig, WI, (just south of Buncombe Tunnel) to Hazel Green was built in 1907, a distance of 2.7 miles. By this time the CM&N had been fully absorbed into the C&NW; the former G&SW was then known as its Platteville Subdivision.

1937 aerial view of Hazel green and the yard and quarry



The Platteville route is shown in this 1915 Sanford map: (see red box)



C&NW Q Class 1319 departing Platteville on mixed train 629 at bridge 1403-U on April 14, 1934.



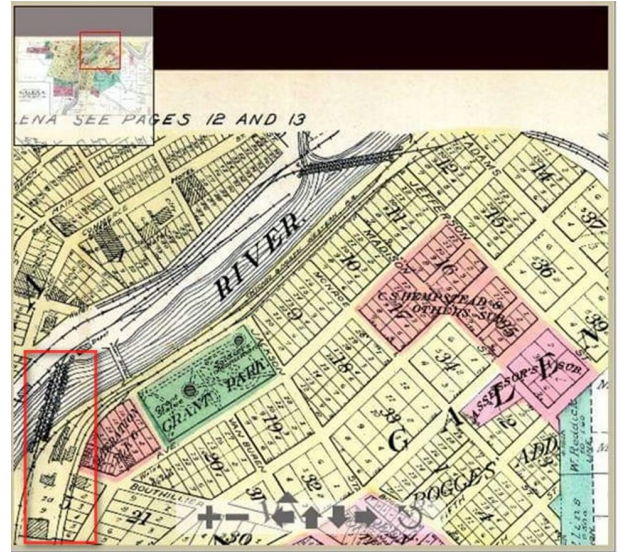
The first abandonment of the former G&SW came in 1938, when its line between Galena and Benton, WI, was abandoned. This also meant abandoning Buncombe Tunnel (which still stands today). The remainder of the line saw diminishing traffic, with the last passenger train in 1955. Mining in the area of Platteville came to an end in 1979, and with it, the final vestige of railroad traffic; the rest of the line was ultimately abandoned a year later in 1980.

Additional info:

C&NW Galena Yard , depot and freight house in 1915 (See red box)

The Route Today

The old right-of-way, now abandoned, can still be seen in some places, tracing what was once a small but prosperous locally owned and operated railroad empire stretching between Galena, Illinois, and Platteville as well as Montfort Junction, near where the C&NW Coaling Tower still stands off Highway 18:



There is a short tunnel, still intact, near where the old Buncombe depot once stood. It was built and used by the G&SWRR, also the site of a spur leading uphill northwest to small station near Hazel Green, Wisconsin.

Only a few of the structures that served as stations and depots for the G&SWRR exist today. Some bridge abutments can still be found where the roadbed snaked along and across the [Galena River \(Illinois\)](#) (also known as the Fevre River).



Here is a Galena & Southern Wisconsin box car that served as the Strawbridge Depot and still is there today:



Here is an aerial view of Strawbridge and the tunnel location, near where the depot was:

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Steve Lanphear, SCWD Member

2021-2022 SCWD Video Contest

Steve Lanphear

Planning To Get Out Of Pandemic Jail This Summer And Do Some Railfanning Or Visit Some Layouts? You could enter some of your videos in this Contest!

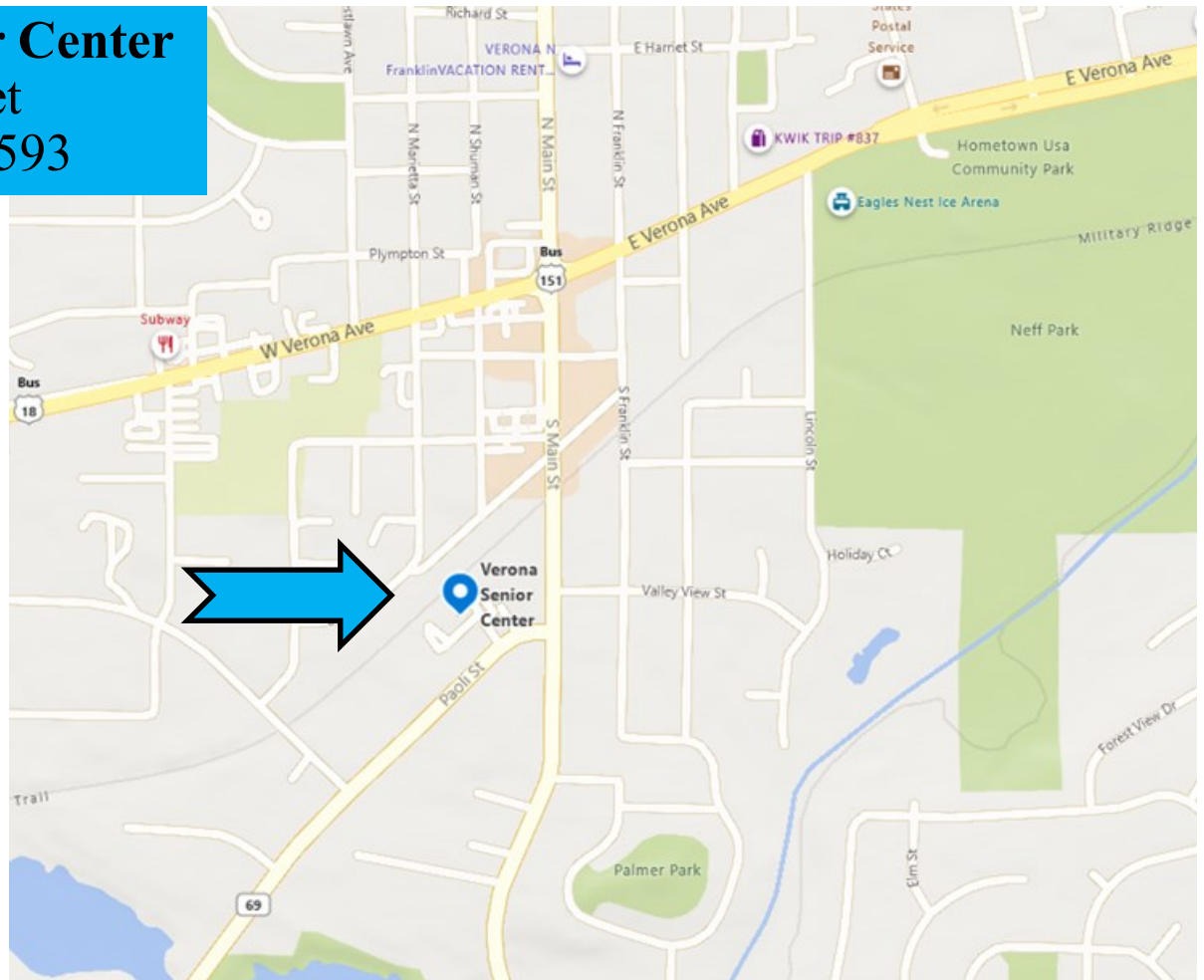
SCWD 2021-22 Video Contest Guidelines

This year's SCWD video contest will be open for submitting entries on November 1, 2021.

Here are the things you need to know:

- There are two categories: **Prototype** and **Model**.
- The contest is open to those who attend the SCWD meetings.
- The person submitting an entry must be the one who took the video, however you may have help from others in editing your entry.
- The video can be from any time period (it doesn't have to be taken just to enter this contest).
- It has to be a **maximum** of 5 minutes in length, but can be any size less than that and the file has to be less than 2GB in size.
- All videos must be on a railroad or model railroad theme.
- The video can have title screen but not necessary, however there should be no names or identifiers on it (it is a "blind" contest).
- For the **Model Category**, the video can be of anyone's layout, not just your own.
- First, second and third place will be given for each category (no points given toward annual Photographer contest).
- **Deadline for Entries – March 1** (you will upload all entries to the website listed on the SCWD website, Video Contest webpage).
- You may enter more than once (max. of 5 entries per person).
- Voting starts **Mar 10** on the SCWD Video Contest webpage.
- Voting will be closed on end of day **April 15**.
- Winners will be announced at the May 2022 Meeting.

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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, 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
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If you wanted to start with the OPS Puzzles, but didn't have time, soon we will have a section on the SCWD Website that will have all of the 7 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts, diagrams, and solutions so you can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try. This will be available to all who visit our website!

Stay tuned for more info on when it will be ready...

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, 11 October, 2021
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 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.

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 REDBOOK.*

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the September Paymaster Report. Motion by Dr. Clancy, second by Dingman, to approve the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - nothing to report.

Advertising - nothing to report.

Bad Order - publishing is going well. Layout Tour photos, project updates, and articles are needed for the **Bad Order**. Submissions to our newsletter editor need to be made by the 18th of the month before publishing.

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 by the 14th of the month to SCWDKATHY@AOL.com via email with attachments in a WORD formatted document.*

Clinics - Clinics are lined up for November.

Contests - Model and Photography - The contest committee was very pleased with the SCWD members participation in the September contests.

Modeling Project - So far, about 16 or 17 people have paid the entry fee to participate in the modeling project.

Door Prizes - The Door Prize Winners need to redeem their outstanding gift certificates in a timely manner.

Layout Tours - The November layout tours have been scheduled.

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 - The current COVID-19 situation is keeping a few potential members and their families from attending our monthly meetings.

If someone has problems renewing their NMRA-SCWD membership using the ON-LINE systems, please contact

Steve Preston. His contact information is in the REDBOOK.

Picnic - nothing to report.

Publicity - nothing to report.

Rail School - Postponed until January 2023 - COVID-19 families that would usually attend the January Rail School will be reluctant to attend because of the COVID-19 guidelines in place in Dane County. Motion by Dr. Clancy, second by Kosobucki, to postpone the January 2022 Rail School until January 2023. Motion carried.

NOTE: *For January 2023, additional help will be needed to load the HO Train Layout and switching puzzles located at the Storage Warehouse in Madison for transport to the Verona Senior Center, setup, and after the Rail School, load and return the layout and puzzles to the warehouse. Help will also be needed to put the Verona Senior Center room layout back to the proper chair and table arrangement.*

Rail Show - Bob McGeever presented the budget for the **February 19th and 20th, 2022 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale**. There is some concern about our members and volunteers with their exposure to a large number of people that would be attending our event. Precautions will need to be taken to minimize this exposure. Planning continues to host the February Model Railroad Show and Sale. Our members will need to let the **Rail Show Committee** if they will be willing to volunteer their assistance at the Rail Show and Sale. A reply to an email message sent from the **Constant Contact** system is requested. The Rail Show Committee will be meeting via ZOOM on November 3, 2021, to continue planning for the February event. Sometime after this planning meeting occurs, the SCWD Board of Directors will hold a "SPECIAL" meeting to discuss the February 2022 Model Railroad Show and Sale event.

Website - The www.nmra-scwd.org website is working very well.

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:

General Membership Meeting - *Face masks are required if attending the monthly membership meeting in person.*

1. Audio-Visual presentation quality is being addressed. Some problems were observed at the October meeting and are being addressed.
2. *"What are you working on?"* needs more members to do a short presentation.

Social Media - **Still Need a Chairman / Co- Chairmen** - *Question to the membership: "Are you familiar with FACEBOOK?"* Someone with "Social Media" skills is still needed to get our upcoming February 2022 **Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale** information out on FACEBOOK.

NOTE: **Without our physical presence in the Model Railroading hobby, a need exists to put information about the hobby and our Division out on the internet. "Facebook" could become a very good platform to get information out to the world. The Board of Directors are looking for some members who have a good understanding of "social media" including Facebook to become the SCWD Social Media Chairman. Anyone interested should contact Superintendent Phil Hottmann or another member of the Board of Directors.**

Dual Meet - Planning is continuing for the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and the Rock River Valley Division dual meet. The SCWD will host this meet.

New Business:

The Company Store group will begin exploring the use of **EBAY** to sell excess inventory. With **EBAY**, there are selling costs, packaging/shipping costs, and labor involved to get the inventory listed. An **EBAY** service could be used.

Willis "Bill" Ehlert, age 97, *Master Model Railroader* and member of the South Central Wisconsin Division passed away on October 7, 2021. A motion by McGeever, second by Down, to donate \$100.00 from the SCWD to the **American Red Cross of Dane County** in Bill's name. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Preston, second by Kosobucki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

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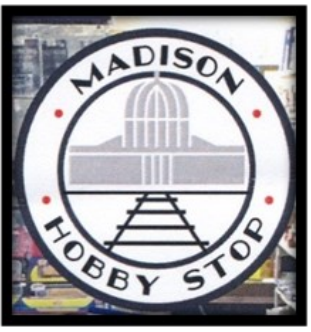
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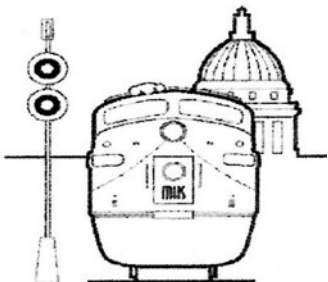
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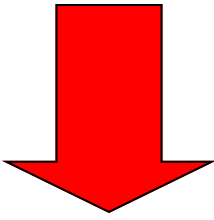
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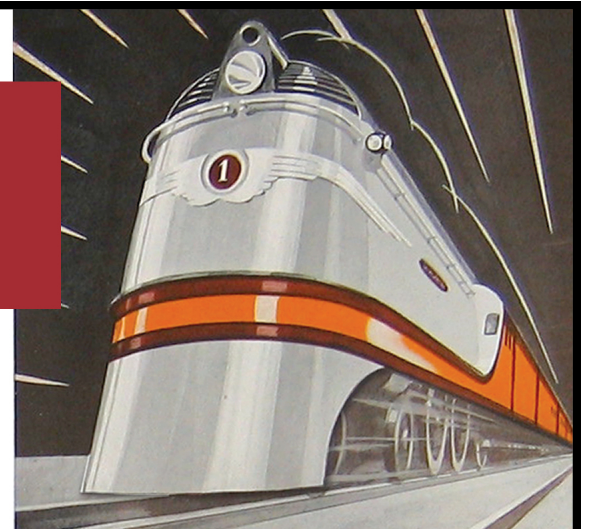
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