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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

How things have changed! The BOD met on March 9th and the Coronavirus was not even a topic. I guess we were very lucky that this event didn't happen a month earlier. The impact it could have had on the Train Show could have been very serious.

We are now faced with making decisions on our events scheduled for April and May. The BOD decided to cancel the April meet. At this point, we are still planning to meet in May. This may change given the information we have as we get closer to the event. This also affects the May Banquet. We would like to proceed with the planning but would cancel or postpone if needed.

The CDC guidance for large events and mass gatherings recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or post-

Next SCWD Meet:

April 5, 2020 at 1:00 pm **CANCELLED**
Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

April 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Culver's Restaurant
2102 W. Beltline Hwy.

Next Youth Group Meeting:

April 19, 2020 **CANCELLED**
Zor Shine Temple

pone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

As you probably all know we are searching for a new meeting site. There is some possibility of being able to stay at our current location. We are hoping to have this settled by May.

event	month	date	status
membership meet	April	5	cancelled
membership meet	May	3	tentatively scheduled
Youth Group Meet	March	15	cancelled
Youth Group Meet	April	19	cancelled
Youth Group Meet	May	17	tentatively scheduled
Board of directors	April	13	tentatively scheduled
Board of directors	May	11	scheduled
Board of directors	June	8	scheduled
Regional BOD	May		to be determined
Banquet	May	8	tentatively scheduled
Picnic	July	11	tentatively scheduled

Last month's model contest was "things along the backdrop." I brought in a section of my layout that I modeled about ten years ago. I was asked by a couple of people if I knew who brought in that model, they said this model was gorgeous. I think I was paid the ultimate compliment.

When I asked what they liked about the model they said they thought it was the weathering. Although I appreciated the comment, I wasn't certain that that was the reason.

The weathering was okay, but I didn't think that was what made the model look all that appealing. And the more I thought about it, I think it was other things that made this model interesting. I really think it was a combination of the modeling elements. For one, the grouping of the structures was a little bit unusual (although plausible). Elements such as clothes lines, figures and scenery tied everything together making it interesting to the eye. Those are some things we can all think about as we plan portions of our layouts.

Phil

Thanks again to Steve Sweeney on his hi-tech presentation in March. Steve has promised to send me his Power Point presentations so they can be referenced on the SCWD web site. I hope to have them on the site sometime in March.

See you,
Bob



Clinic Corner

By Bob Wundrock
Clinic Chair Emeritus

*Written prior to
cancellation of the April
meeting*

Health issues

For April it's not my health issues which are a factor, but the health of our scheduled clinician.

He won't be able to make the meet, but we'll still have clinics thanks to the Clinics' Archives.

April meet attendees will be able to choose among several clinics. Choices are:

- Glory Machines - A 45 minute video with lots of color film footage from the 1930's and 1940's including footage shot in Milwaukee, Tunnel City and the IC Dodgeville branch.
- Virginian & Ohio - A 76 minute Pentrex video of Allen McClelland's famous HO layout.
- Mad Rails - A Power Point presentation of vintage steam, diesel and traction in and around Madison.
- Photo Backdrops - A Power Point presentation on how I used photos to make backdrops on my previous layout.

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

With our April's meeting being cancelled, we will not be able to visit Larry Goss's layout as scheduled. I guess this will give Larry a little more time to work on his layout until we can reschedule for some time next season.

We were able to visit Bob McGeever's layout after the March meeting. I'm surprised that Bob gets anything done at all considering all the activities that he is involved with. I know he spends a considerable amount of time on the Rail Show. Despite this he has still managed to make hundreds of his beautiful deciduous trees and now acres of static grass (scale of course).





Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

*Written prior to
cancellation of the April
meeting*

We are approaching the end of our Division year, but we still have lots of opportunities for modeling. In April we will not have popular vote contests because of the model project contest. We will be back on track (pun intended) in May, so we look forward to your models and pictures then.

The next popular vote model and photo contest will be in May. The theme is **Power**. The categories are:

- Steam
- Diesel
- Electric
- Gas/Other

If we are able to hold the May Tri-meet we have five layouts on the docket. A new addition is Donn Tolley who was just published in Model Railroader. We also have Keith Thomsen, Bill Clancy, Webb Winn and Bob Gugel.

Phil

March 1 Popular Vote Contests Results:

Model Theme – Against the Backdrop

Cat. A Structures:

1st Phil Hottman – tenement row

Project Model Contest

DPM Diorama

Dave Lendved

*Written prior to
cancellation of the April
meeting*

The Project Model Contest is at hand. Bring your diorama to the April 5 SCWD meeting. Entering a diorama will result in a refund of the \$15 entry fee. Winners will be chosen by popular vote during the meeting. Gift certificates of \$75, \$50, and \$25 from Madison Hobby Stop will be awarded. Thanks to our division for sponsoring and subsidizing this event. This contest along with the monthly model/photo contests are a way to encourage members to bring models to our meetings. We are a model railroad club. I think it's important to see and enjoy models at our meetings. Thanks to all who have entered.



2nd Don Swinton– industrial building with track

3rd Don Swinton – hotel

There were no entries in the other categories

Dave



Photo Theme – Section Gang Work

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Track and Tie Work:

1st Steve Lanphear – diamond work at Rochelle

2nd Steve Lanphear – track work at Horicon

3rd Bob Stone – track and tie work on Cumbres & Toltec

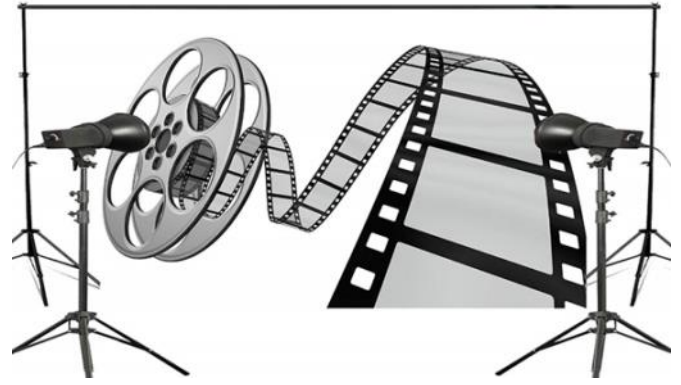
Cat. PB Rail Grinding:

1st Bob Stone – rail grinding at Rochelle

2nd Steve Lanphear – rail grinding at Rochelle

Cat. PC Ballast
1st Bob Stone – ballasting near Chinook, MT
Model Photo
Cat. MB Track and Tie Work:
1st Steve Lanphear – chain gang working on track
There we no entries in the other categories

Dave and Dave



Reminder:

Video Contest Voting Starts Now
Through April 15

Just go to the SCWD website

Contests

Video Contest

Video Voting

to view the videos and
register your choices

Steve Lanphear
Video Contest Chair

*The Fitchburg Senior Center is
currently closed
If and when this presentation
is rescheduled, we will notify our
SCWD membership
by the Listserv*



Milwaukee Beer Line Gallery & Talk

Since statehood, beer has played an integral role in the growth of Wisconsin industry, while bringing Milwaukee national fame. What might be less obvious, but no less important, was the profound role that rail transportation played in this story. To shine a light on both, the Center for Railroad Photography & Art curated the touring exhibition *Milwaukee's Beer Line*, which narrates the rise, fall, and rise again of Milwaukee's beer industry through the eyes of the Milwaukee Road's Beer Line.

Photographs from the show come from the Center's Wallace W. Abbey Collection. During the 1950s, Abbey was an associate editor for *Trains* magazine, the nation's foremost railroad magazine. With offices located in downtown Milwaukee, the Beer Line became a natural subject of interest. Come view at the Senior Center through March.

Join John Kelly, author of *Railroads of Milwaukee*, at the Fitchburg Senior Center on Tuesday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. for a presentation on the Milwaukee Road's Beer Line. He will discuss the height of Milwaukee's beer industry in the 1950s, and the history and decline of the 6.2-mile Beer Line branch of the Milwaukee Road.

**The SCWD
BOD election
that was
to be held at the
April meeting
is postponed.**



**SCWD Board of Directors
Election Preview
(Candidates in alphabetical Order)**

Dr. Bill Clancy



Although I didn't have a Lionel nor an American Flyer train, I found myself at age 12 a very enthusiastic builder of Strombecker wooden HO rail cars. Unfortunately, I had to put my enthusiasm on hold for many years. Sports took up all of my free time both in high school and college as I had an athletic scholarship that was year round. Then came med school and orthopedic residency. After serving my two-year draft obligation as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery and Head Team physician for the United States Naval Academy, I accepted the position at the UW as Head Team physician and orthopedic surgeon for all the UW teams and started the UW Hospital Sports Medicine program. I became a member of the SCWD in 1977 but had little time to be active because of my weekend team coverage and Sunday athletic clinic.

In 1989 I moved to Birmingham, Alabama to develop the Alabama Sports Medicine Clinic and with a little more time on hand, I built two large HO layouts.

In 2010 at the request of the UW, I returned again as Chair of Sports Medicine and Head Team physician for UW athletics. In 2014, I retired and became active again with the SCWD. I have been chairman of the Rail

School for the past two years and co-chairman of the train show layout awards committee and now am one of the Clinics co-chairman. I have served on the Board of Directors for 5 years and I am still very enthusiastic about providing our division with as much upgraded knowledge as possible. The board members over my past few years have been great and they continue to push us forward. I would like to continue with them.

David Dingman



With retirement starting to become a light at the end of the tunnel and another weekend spent at the Mad City Model Railroad Show, I decided to join the NMRA and SCWD in the spring of 2016 to become more actively involved in model railroading again. I have participated in the Mad City Model Railroad Show as a volunteer for the last several years to become better acquainted with the members of the SCWD and also help support the division. I was recently honored by being asked about becoming a member of the SCWD Board of Directors.

My first memories of trains involve watching prototype trains maneuver around the Los Angeles area then riding on an ATSF passenger train to San Diego and back. I remember being thrilled to see a real operating steam locomotive and train up close at Disneyland when I was 7 years old. A short time later my father acquired a friend's model railroad layout (12' x 16') that had both O and HO scale track and trains running at the same time. That instilled a lifelong love of both model and prototype railroading. Interest in model railroading survived a very challenging test during the next forty plus years as college, multiple moves and work all limited participation to reading Model Railroader magazine and going to model railroad shows.

David Down



Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Down and I am running for a seat on our Division's Board of Directors. I have been interested in model railroading starting with my first train when I was 8 years old. I had a large American Flyer set which was big enough to run around both our living room and parlor. My father also introduced me to HO trains when I was 12 when he gave me a refrigerator car (which I still have).

While I was in college my parents moved and had an auction, which was the last time I saw the American Flyer. After that time I was pretty much a closet model railroader until I approached retirement.

During the next 45 years I read magazines, acquired some engines and cars, and started work on a couple different layouts. Work took me on the road and gave me too many chances to procrastinate, so when I approached retirement I set a goal of becoming a model railroader for real. I decided to become a member of the SCWD in the fall of 2015 with the goal of meeting and getting to know people who have already had success in the hobby, and to find which aspect of the hobby will give me the most satisfaction.

It seems obvious to me the SCWD can only be successful in building the hobby when it is effective in helping modelers develop their skills and expand their interests.

And it also seems obvious to me the SCWD will only grow and achieve success when its members use their abilities and skills to make the SCWD relevant to its members. I am running for the Board of Directors in an effort to give back to the organization and the hobby. My goal is to encourage others to get involved and to make SCWD an attractive organization to current, new, and future members.

Jim Feldman

Hello SCWD members. My name is Jim Feldman. I am a retired Electrical Engineer. Although we moved a lot, my family always had a modular HO layout since my dad was, in his youth, a Union Pacific employee.



I've been a Division member since 2009 and model in HO scale in the diesel era. I run DCC only with JMRI control. My layout (in progress) was built with the kind and expert assistance of many Division members. I would like to return the favors the Division has done me by serving on the board.

Phil Hottmann

I have been a model railroader for 29 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D Superintendent and have also been organizing our layout tours and modeling project.



My focus in the hobby has been on highly detailed and weathered structures. I find this hobby to be extremely interesting and challenging. With recent developments in digital technologies, we have seen a new level of realism. This has also reduced the amount of effort required and has created a real boost to the hobby.

I have enjoyed attending the SCWD meetings and have often been amazed at all of the information provided by the members and for the members. I would like to see the division continue to grow and develop and serve on the Board for another term.

Steve Preston

Like all kids, I got interested in trains when I was a young lad. I got my first set at 7 years old but it was a short lived love affair since it came to a sad end about 8 months later. Well at the ripe old age of 42, I found my first new set. It was a "MOPAR" Lionel set of a limited edition. I soon grew from there. I wanted to know more about building and modeling and that's when I came to my first train show. I found one of the SCWD's membership forms, and I joined about 6 years ago – well the rest is history.



I would like to run for the board, not only to see what goes on behind the scenes, but to hopefully bring in some fresh ideas. From there I might get a better understanding of how things work, but also to help me grow possibly in our organization. Thank you for your support.

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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, so no one knows the identity or email addresses of the participants. Once a month, I send out a Mystery Photo, and then if you know the answer or do a little research , you send an email back to scwdmemberlist@frontier.com . About a week later, I post the answer and a list of the names of those who sent in answers that month. The answer often includes parts of the best correct answers received. 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 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

SAVE THE DATE

Annual SCWD Banquet

Friday, May 8, 2020

Details in Future Bad Orders





**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, February 10, 2020
Culver's at Todd Drive**



Board Members Present: Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Jim Feldman, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, and Bob McGeever.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Hottmann

Minutes:

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Down, second by Feldman to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster Reports:

Paymaster reports for February were reviewed.

Motion by Down, second by Feldman to approve as presented.

Committee Reports:

Committee reports were reviewed.

We are still looking for new Chair for Layout Tours.

Old Business:

Red Book

Motion by Down, second by Feldman to approve bylaws as presented and to publish in Feb 2020 Redbook update.

Motion carried unanimously

New Meeting location

Once we get past the train show this project will have to kick into high gear.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Down, second by Feldman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by acting Clerk McGeever.

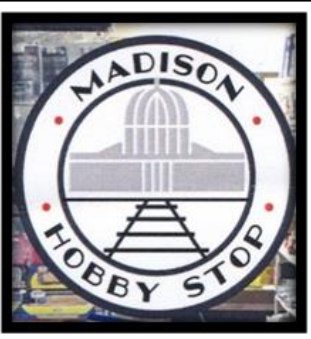
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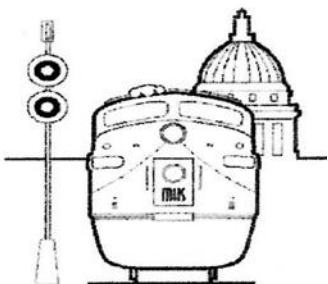
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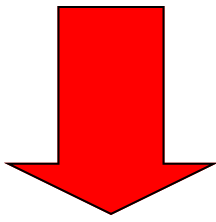
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2020 Meeting Time Table

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Banquet	Picnic
April Cancelled May 3, 2020	April 13, 2020 May 11, 2020 June 8, 2020	April Cancelled May 17, 2020	May 8, 2020	July 11, 2020