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Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

Easter just passed and the May meeting and the Banquet are coming!

The May meeting is a joint one with the Rock River Valley Division on May 4th. The meeting is at Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Road, Caledonia, IL 61011. It's about an hour south of Madison, right off the interstate. They will be modeling open loads as their monthly contest, and you are welcome to participate. There is a layout to visit right in the building, and they will likely have at least one additional local layout to visit as well.

The annual banquet is May 9th, and please send in your reservation ASAP!! I need them on or before May 1st so I can give the caterer a head count. This is always an enjoyable evening and good food.

Don't forget to sign up annual picnic! Forms are available elsewhere in the Bad Order for both the banquet and the picnic.

I look forward to seeing you on May 4th and at the banquet on the 9th!

Thanks,

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Next SCWD Meet

Verona Senior Center, Verona

May 4, 2025 at 1 PM **AT ROCKFORD**

Next BOD Meeting:

May 13, 2025 at 7 PM

ZOOM Meeting



Next Youth Group

Verona Senior Center, Verona

May 10, 2025 1 PM



Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

Thanks to Dave Nelson of the WISE Division and your Clinics' Chair for their April clinics.

I'll be looking for 16 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.

On March 27-29 I attended the virtual portion of the Pacific Coast Region convention in San Luis Obispo, California. I was able to attend live clinics, layout tours and Q & A sessions from 10:30 AM until 11:30 PM daily...all from the comfort of my easy chair. And my cost was only \$30!

The group that initiated this "PCRx" was the same group that hosted an NMRax virtual convention during the Pandemic. I also attended that pseudo-National.

The "in-person" portion of the convention was attended by some 130 participants. The virtual portion had somewhere near three-dozen attendees from 17 different states.

I attached a screen shot of one of the days' schedules.

Operations SIG Day	
8:00-8:30	All Aboard!
8:30 - 9:30	Black Gold and White Earth: Railroads along the Central Coast - Bruce Morden
9:30 - 10:30	Creating Realistic Operation on an SP Layout - Tony Thompson
10:30 - 12:30	The Most Fun You've Ever Had Model Railroading! - Loveless, Bedard, Tomasello
12:30 - 2:00	Daily Door Prize Winner Announced followed by Lunch
2:00 - 2:30	Operations SIG Meetup
2:30 - 3:00	Vendor Meet & Greet
3:00 - 4:00	Tour of Diamond Point Railways Irwin Nathanson
4:30 - 6:00	Dinner
6:00-6:30	All Aboard!
6:30 - 7:30	Building Structures Two Ways - Acrylic and 3D Framing Phil Edholm
7:30 - 8:30	Layout Design Start to Finish - Bruce Morden
8:30 - 9:30	Prototype Timber Tunnel Portals - John Stutz

See you virtually.

Bob

Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair



Unfortunately, Steve Preston was unable to attend the April meeting due to his recent back surgery. I hope he recovers shortly so he can lead the May meeting.

We had good attendance at the April meeting and made significant progress on the dioramas. They are pretty much complete at this point. I think everyone had a lot of fun with these.

We will be determining the activities for the May meeting and will start to create an outline of projects for the 2025/2026 season.

Phil Hottmann for
Steve Preston
Youth Group Chair and
SCWD Membership Chair



Modeling Project

Mike Vivion

I want to thank once more all 15 people who signed up for this year's modeling project and the 7 people who completed their projects and brought them in for popular-vote judging at our April meeting. Tom Morrison was the first place winner and received a \$75 gift certificate to the Madison Hobby Stop. We had a tie for second place, and Sean Hadfield and Jason Martin each received a \$50 gift certificate. Congratulations to the winners!

I am still looking for ideas for the 2025-2026 year Modeling Project. One member suggested modeling an Interlocking Tower for next year's project, and I am currently investigating the feasibility of that idea. However, I am still looking for other suggestions. So if you get an idea, please call or email me or see me at the Banquet or the Picnic.

Hope everyone has a great Summer and that I will be able to announce next year's project at our September meeting.

Mike Vivion

Modeling Project Chair



**First Place
Tom Morrison**

Second Place Tie

Jason Martin



Sean Hadfield



Remaining Entries



Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

I would like to thank everyone that had their layout open this past season! I'm sorry that our layout tour scheduled for the April meeting didn't work out. We plan on rescheduling for next season.

I'm starting to put together the schedule now for the 2025/2026 season. If you think you would like to be included, please let me know. I'm looking forward to seeing some great layouts!

We will be meeting with the Rockford Group for the May meeting. They usually have some great layouts open. I hope you all can attend.

Phil



It's banquet time!

May 9th 2025

To be held at the:
American Legion Hall
207 Legion Street
Verona, WI 53593
Cocktails at 6pm



Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

Reservations must be received by May 1st

Cost of meal: SCWD/NMRA members, \$15.00

Non-NMRA attendees, \$25.00

Children 12 & under, \$5.00

Name:

\$

Note: If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

If more than 4 then add to a separate piece of paper and send it along with your reservation.

Address: _____

City: _____ WI Zip _____

Send your reservation to:

Art Dawson
16317 W. Union Rd.
Brooklyn, WI 53521

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Checks should be made payable to the SCWD



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 or bring the sign-up sheet and payment to me at the SCWD banquet on 5/9/25. 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.



SCWD 2024 - 2025 members meeting April 6, 2025

The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division members was called to order at 1:01 pm by Assistant Superintendent Dave Down. Board of Directors (BOD) members present were Bob McGeever, Art Dawson (zoom), David Dingman, Phil Hottman, Steve Preston (zoom), Chris Bradley along with 36 general members.

Phil Hottmann introduced the existing BOD members and Sean Hadfield.

Motion by Bill Mitchell, seconded by Don Swinton to vote for the current BOD members and Sean Hadfield by acclamation. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Sean Lamb, second by Don Swinton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.

David Dingman - SCWD Clerk

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@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.

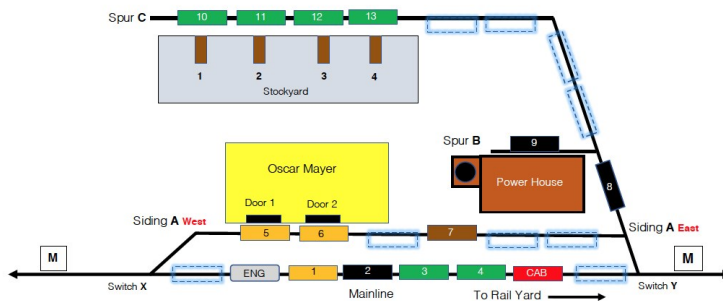
The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

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@mhtc.net

NEW EMAIL

OPS Puzzles

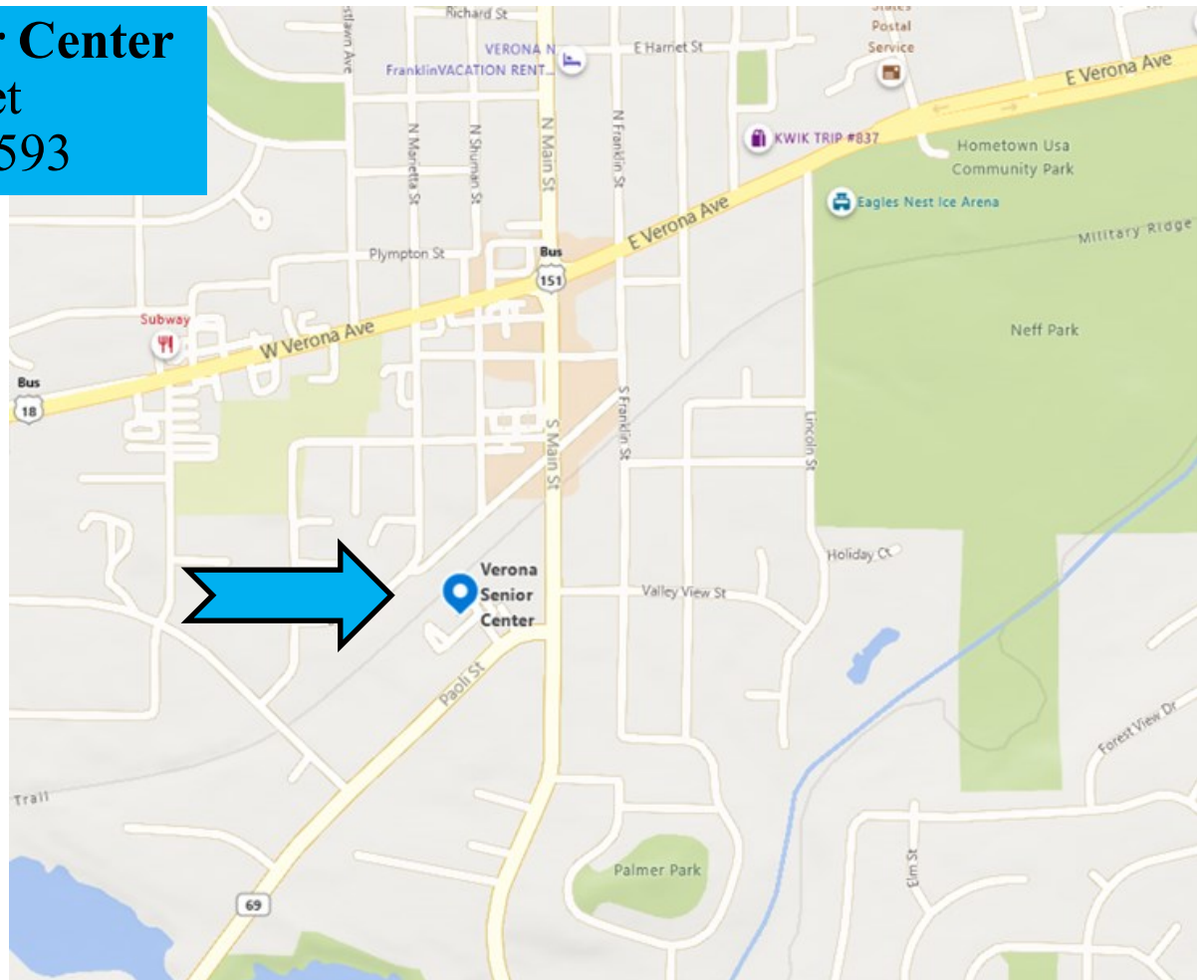


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

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

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli Street
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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.



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
6:30 PM, 11 March 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, Bob Wundrock and John Haverberg were present.

Minutes

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

Paymaster Report

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

Committee Reports

Picnic – John Haverberg reported that arrangements for the picnic are on track. Picnic forms are in the Bad Order and are due by July 1st, 2025.

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles have to be submitted for the newsletter by March 16th.

Clinics – Bob Wundrock has scheduled Dave Nelson (WISE Div) and himself for Zoom presentations. Bob is also working on the Fall 2025 clinics.

Contests - Model and Photography – Contests have finished for the year. Season results will be presented at the Banquet.

Modeling Project – Models are due for judging at the April meeting.

Door Prizes – Nothing to report.

Layout Tours – John Schaffer is scheduled for April 2025.

Membership – Nothing to report.

Spring Banquet – Art Dawson stated that the banquet is on track for May 9th.

Publicity – Nothing to report.

Rail School – Need to look at additional advertising for Rail School next year.

Rail Show – Waiting on final invoices from the Alliant Energy Center and media company.

Youth Group – Two guests were in attendance at the last meeting.

Website – Tom Morrison will present a proposal for transitioning to new web site host after Rail Show.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Reminder about upcoming elections for the Board of Directors at the April meeting. BOD candidate's biographies were in the March Bad Order.

Art Dawson solicited email nominations for the Hank Brown and Bob Davis awards.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

David Dingman - SCWD Clerk



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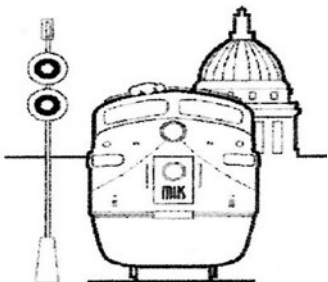
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SCWD 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group
May 4, 2025 Rockford	May 13, 2025	May 10, 2025

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