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Super's Report

Bob McGeever Division Superintendent

The first thing I have to do this month is thank Bill Marks for all the work he put into the new portable HO layout for our Youth group. Those of you who missed our September meeting missed a very impressive unveiling. There should be pictures in this Bad Order. It has a number of great features. And it actually fits in an elevator. It will replace the two rather worn out HO layouts the Youth Group currently uses at meetings and at the Train Show. Neither of which will fit in an elevator. Thanks again Bill for a great contribution to the Division.

On to Division business.

The next year is going to be a year of changes in the Division leadership. We are going to have to fill a number of positions.

Fred Robinson is in his final year as the Clinics Chairperson. The thinking on the BOD is that the new Clinics Chair should actually have a committee to chair. We are thinking that several people should be working on lining up the clinics. This is not a reflection on Fred's work as Clinics Chair but it is inspired by his sudden leave of absence for September and October. We have relearned the lesson of how important it is to have a backup plan for all our activities. So we are looking for a person who would like to be the Clinics Chair in training between now and next April. And we are also looking for several people who like to be on the Clinics Committee. Let me know if you are willing to serve on this important committee.

Next SCWD Meet:

October 2nd 2016 1:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple 575 Zor Shrine Place Madison WI

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Model & Photo Contests: Electric

Next BOD Meeting: October 10th 2016 7:00 pm Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

October 16th 1:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple

Paul Mangan has informed me that this will be his last year as the Volunteer Coordinator for our Train Show. We are looking for a person (or persons) who would like to be the Volunteer Coordinator(s) in training between now and the Train Show. Let me know if you are interested in signing up for this.

I am real sure that this will be my last term as Superintendent. Not just because we have a mild tradition of three year terms for the Superintendent. With my expanded duties on the Train Show, I really need to pass the Superintendent's baton to someone next April. Think about it. Contact Mike Vivion if you are willing to serve on the next BOD. I can pretty much guarantee we will have at least one vacancy to fill.

We had a short agenda for the latest BOD meeting. That means we had time to talk about the state of the Division. All in all, the state of the Division is pretty good right now. But the consensus of the BOD is that we need to improve our efforts at recruiting new members. We had a wide ranging discussion on this topic.

The BOD approved funding for the refurbishment of our member ship booth for the next train show. What else we will do is still to be defined. But we will be doing more! If you would like to volunteer to work on a recruiting task force, let me know.

Hope to see you at our October meeting,

Bob

The Clinic Corner

Steve Lanphear and Bob Wundrock pinch-hitting for Clinics Chair Fred (Rob) Robinson.

The two clinics scheduled for the October meet will be given by SCWD members Ken Soroos and Bob Wundrock.

Ken's clinic is titled "The Soo Line, its Signature Freight Cars and their Models, 1948 - 1980."

Using Official Railway Equipment Registers from 1948 - 1980, Ken has identified the most common cars in eight different time intervals. Builder's and in-service photos are shown along with photos of available models to represent them.

Bob will reprise an updated clinic on creating photo backdrops for your layout. He will cover photography, photo manipulation programs and printing. Also covered will be several other aspects of the process to create believable backdrops.

Steve and Bob

Clinic forces change in Modeling Project rules

Ewing Row Model Project Chair



At the September 11, 2017 SCWD Sunday meet, a clinic on 3-D printing caused a change in the rules for this coming season's modeling project, a kit-built flat car. There already is a tremendous amount of leeway when constructing the project; however, 3-D printing was not a consideration when the rules were established.

Following are the rules for the 2016-2017 Modeling Project (changes are in bold):

- 1. There will be only one entry per scale per person. A participant may elect to build HO, N and any other scales, but there is only one entry allowed per scale.
- 2. The entry will be a flat car. A diorama is not necessary

for displaying entries. However, you may have a diorama as part of your popular-vote entry.

- 3. There will be one contest for adult and one for youth. Serious and frivolous (April Fool) entries will be popular -vote judged together; there will not be separate categories for serious and frivolous entries.
- 4. Entry fees will be \$10 per adult entry and for youth, \$5, or an amount determined by the Youth Group.
- 5. You may sign up and pay the entry fee at either the September or October SCWD or Youth Group meets. The flat-car kits will be available for pickup at the October and November meets.
- 6. Project guidelines:
- a. Bring your completed project to the April 2017 SCWD meet.
- b. Entries will be judged by popular vote at the meet.
- c. The \$10 entry fee will be returned to participants when the project is submitted for popular vote at the April 2017 meet.
- d. Awards will be presented at the end of the April 2017 meet
- e. Entries are to be judged only on the car and any load modelers choose to add to the basic kit. Any additional items, for example sceniced track, should not be considered by those voting.
- f. The kit provided to participants will contain Styrene. However, modelers may use any material they wish to build the flat car. In addition, three-D printed models and parts are allowed provided the modeler did the CAD (computer aided design) drawing used to program the 3-D printer.
- 7. Project awards:
- a. Awards total \$300, \$150 for the adult category and \$150 for youth.
- b. First place for each is a \$75 gift certificate from the Madison Hobby Stop; second is \$50 and third, \$25.
- c. In case of ties, awards will be divided equally between the two participants. For example, if two people tie for first, the first and second place awards (\$75and \$50) will be split evenly between the two, or \$62.50 apiece.

Ewing

For more SCWD and NMRA news and information go on-line to our web site at www.nmra-scwd.org and visit the



AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki AP Chair



The NMRA Achievement Program has two guiding purposes: To encourage modelers to try new techniques and learn new skills by challenging them to push themselves to meet high standards of modeling; and to recognize those members who give of their time and talents to better the NMRA and the hobby as a whole. At the September meeting, we recognized two Division members for their efforts. John Haverberg was awarded the Association Volunteer Achievement Award for his service as a Division director, Chief Clerk and committee chair. Mike Vivion, by virtue of being Division Superintendent, was a member of the MidWest Region Board of Directors. For that service, Mike was awarded the Association Official Achievement Award. We congratulate both men for their dedication to the SCWD and helping to share the fun we all glean from NMRA Division activities.



Now to the Make & Take. As was announced in the September Bad Order and our recent meeting, you will have the opportunity to build a removable flat car load of utility poles at the March 2017 meeting. You will need to bring your own flat car with open stake pockets. If you are building the flat car for the Division modeling project, at least in HO, you will find stake material already in your kit; N-scalers will have to drill out the stake pockets in order to fit the stakes into them.



You will also need to bring an Xacto knife or razor blade, a sanding tool (emery board is fine), tweezers and small scissors or nippers to cut the binder wire. You might also want to bring a magnifier, a cutting mat and a scale rule (rulers can be provided if you need one. You will cut and sand wood strips used to form the bracing. Then you will load the pre-stained poles and add the binder ties across the top of the stakes. This is a simple project but does require some careful cutting and fitting but no painting. If you haven't worked with wood before, this is a simple project to start with.

You will need to sign up at the October meeting or send me an email at my address in the Red Book. You must also be an NMRA member in good standing to participate in this clinic.

Ken

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear Contest Co-Chairs

Just a reminder that the theme for the October Model and Photo contests is "Electric". I was told that the modelers in our division don't really have a lot of electric equipment, so if you have anything to enter into the model or photo contests, please bring it in. We could all learn something new. A good turnout of entries can stimulate interest in modeling and photographing this important aspect of railroading.

Categories for the October contest are:

- A. Trolleys and Railcars
- B. Freight Motors
- C. Passenger Motors
- D. Modern High Speed Rail

Below are the results from the September contests (Reefers):

Model Contest

Cat. A- Iced Reefers

1st Dave Down: Peerless Beer Wood Reefer "Popular Vote Winner"



Photo Contest

Prototype

Cat. PA Iced Reefers

1st Ewing Row: L&S

2nd Ewing Row: D&RG&W Cat. PB Refrigerated Cars

1st Ewing Row: 901998

2nd Sean Lamb: ARMN 812026 3rd Sean Lamb: BNSF 793245 **Cat. PC Billboard Reefers**

1st Ewing Row: Coors

Model

Cat. MA Iced Reefers

1st Ewing Row: I.C.

2nd Sean Lamb: CX50053 HO Scale 3rd Sean Lamb: PRR 112186 HO Scale

Cat. MB Refrigerated Cars

1st Sean Lamb: SPFE 457429 HO Scale

2nd Ewing Row: UPFE **Cat. MD Icing Facilities**

1st Ewing Row: Ice 'em down 2nd Sean Lamb: Ice Dock HO Scale

3rd Ewing Row: Kraft

Dave and Steve

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

For October, we'll again have a layout open that has not been open for our club before. Jerry Lawler will have his Denver and Rio Grande Leadville open for the first time.

The second layout will be Ken Gerstner's Wisconsin Central – Big Bluff Subdivision. It will be good to see Ken's great layout again. Ken states that he has a few new additions.

Here are photos taken by Steve Lanphear of the September Layouts we visited, first Gary Giss:



and the second layout, by Paul Mangan.



Thanks Gary and Paul for having us.

As this Bad Order goes to press, I've sent a photo while on my travels in September.



Phil Hottmann with George Selios at the Franklin and South Manchester while at the 36th National Narrow Gauge Convention in Augusta, Maine.

Phil



Midwest Region News

Our next Midwest Region Board of Directors meeting will be at Notre Dame's Morris Inn, Notre Dame, Indiana, on Sunday October 2nd at 10:30 am local time. This will be after the Michiana Division's Education and Training Conference and Workshops that is being held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st. Thanks go to Bob Blake, Michiana Division Superintendent for offering to host our board meeting.

The Education and Training Conference that is held each year is a gathering of modelers who enjoy learning and improving their skills from the best clinic presenters available. Did you ever wonder how they did that? Here is the place to find out how they did that. Go to their web page at www.michiana-nmra.org for information about the training and all about the Michiana Division.

The first meeting of the SCWD went real good. Joe Russ from the WISE division came over and presented a clinic on 3D printing. It was amazing to see this printer work as Joe was explaining all of the technical processes that were happening



while it was working away making things.

After Joe was finished Bill Marks and Jerry Lawler rolled out a new youth group layout that they built. What an amazing sight. It folds into a vertical unit and stands on its own roller assembly so it can fit into an elevator and when in place it is released and sets itself up. If you want to see it in action please go to the Midwest Region Facebook page and watch the video.



The next event up for your focusing is Trainfest. The second weekend in November is a time when traffic into Milwaukee increases a bunch. This year should be another great Trainfest. Come on over and join in on all the fun.

The Region elections will be here soon and this is the year for electing a new President and Vice-president along with some directors at large. I want to thank all of you who volunteered to let your name stand for election and all those who currently serve on the MWR Board of Directors.



The 2017 MWR Regional convention will be hosted by our neighbors in the Rock River Valley Division. The name of the convention is Golden Rails to celebrate their 50th anniversary. What

better way to say congratulations than to sign up and attend the convention. The convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn Rockford. Go on line to the site www.rrvdnmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com for more info on sign up and activities.

See You by the Rails



President Midwest Region / NMRA

Awards distributed at our September Meet

(Those that could not attend our 2016 Banquet)



Dave Casey, Modeler of the Year



Paul Balfe, Youth Group Support Larry Enlow, Recruiting Co-Chair John Haverberg, BOD Service & Picnic Chair Bill Marks, Ticket Booth Rebuild Ken Reigle, Meeting Refreshments Peter Wigglesworth, Train Show

Youth Group

Steve Brist

We had exciting news at the first Youth Group meeting of the season, held on September 18th. SCWD members presented the Youth Group with a brand new HO scale layout! Bill Marks, who led the efforts to build the layout and Jerry Lawler, who assisted with the project were present to unveil the layout. They were given a round of applause and thanks from Youth group members and parents. This layout will be used at each Youth Group meeting, at the Mad City Train Show and maybe even at the January Rail School. We also want to thank the SCWD which funded the project! The new layout is designed to fit in the elevator at the Zor Shrine building, so it will be easy to transport on its own wheels.







Although we spent most of the meeting running trains, we did get some business done. We planned our calendar for the upcoming year, we talked about the modeling contest and we previewed possible clinics for upcoming Youth Group meetings. We are also looking for additional volunteers to help the Youth Group, especially possible clinic leaders. SCWD members Ryan Lamb, Bob McGeever and Paul Balfe were present again at our September meeting and helped lead our members in meeting activities.

Youth Group members were busy this past summer. A good contingent of our families participated in the tour of the Whiskey River Railway roundhouse and shop and the Picnic in July. In August we had a field trip to the Mid-Continent Railway Museum and the Riverside and Great Northern Preservation Society.



We look forward to another successful school year of model railroading and we will prove again that "Model Railroading is Fun!"

Steve





SCWD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 15, 2016



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2015-2016 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 2016 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Berry, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki and David Lendved. Ewing Row attended as a guest. Bob declared a quorum present.

<u>Minutes Approval</u>: This was the first meeting of the board after the summer hiatus.

<u>Paymaster Report</u>: Phil B. presented the Paymaster report for July 2016. There was a long discussion regarding the status of the ticket count for the annual Train Show. Bob McGeever and Jerry Lawler agreed to set up a meeting to do a final definitive count of remaining tickets to ensure that we improve our accuracy of show attendees.

A motion was made by David, seconded by Mike and approved by the Board to accept as presented.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Ken H. said that the Association Volunteer Award achievement can stimulate members to participate in the AP awards program. Many members who volunteer time already to SCWD can qualify. Suggestion was to promote the Association Volunteer Award through handouts at the meetings.

Bad Order: Kathy Clancy reports that everything going well, no complaints from her or her readers and enjoys being Editor.

Club Liaison: No updates were provided.

Clinics: September clinics will include a demonstration of 3-D printing by Joe Russo from the WISE Division in Milwaukee. Additionally, if the construction on the new SCWD Youth layout is complete, there will be a clinic on its construction. New layout construction is being led by Bill Marks. As needed, Jerry Lawler is providing additional volunteer help to Bill.

Contests: David Lendved led a discussion of the monthly contests for the 2016-2017 meetings. He would like the leadership to do more to promote contest participation during meetings. He would also like the division

to create an improved display for the photos. The division needs to publish and announce the winners of the model water competition.

Modeling project for 2016-2017: Ewing Row led a discussion of the modeling contest. It was determined that this year's contest would be the construction of a flat car. He provided the group with a drawing as well as a parts list. He will present this to the SCWD membership at the September meeting.

Make and Take Activity: Ken presented the subject for this year's Make and Take activity. This year's project will be making loads of poles for railcars. This board agreed that this works quite well with the 'flat car' building contest. Ken gave an excellent overview to the board and will present at the September meeting

AP Program: Ken provided the board with an overview of the AP program and some thoughts as to how we can continue to try and promote it and get more member participation

Door prizes: It was determined that there are enough on hand for next two meetings.

Layout tours: Paul Mangan and Gary Giss will host the September layout tours. Paul will host a tour of his garden railroad and Gary will host host his HO layout

Phil Hottman is still looking for volunteers to host tours. Jerry Lawler agreed to host an October tour if Bob feels it's ready after seeing it when they get together for the final ticket count which is scheduled for later in August. Jim Feldman and Jerry Vander Hyde will be contacted to see if they would be willing to host tours.

Picnic: Summer picnic took place on July 23, 2016 at Little Amerricka in Marshall. In spite of extreme temperatures and humidity, attendance was more than 125 and positive feedback was received by board members.

Rail show: 2017 Mad City Rail Show planning committee is being formed. Bill Marks has agreed to takeover driving responsibilities because of his experience as a CDL certified driver. The committee is scheduled to meet in early September to begin its planning.

Web site: SCWD has paid for an upgrade which will allow more storage and content. Tom Morrison has full control now as administrator. Tom will be reaching out to Jerry Lawler who has volunteered to help Tom with the web site.

Youth Group: Bill Marks has taken over construction of a new table for the youth group layout. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bill to provide \$350

for table materials and \$350 for trackage, structures and scenery to complete their layout.

Old Business

- 1. Mike suggested an award be considered for SCWD member(s) who have demonstrated consistent volunteer effort to the Annual Rail Show over several years. Nominee(s) to be chosen by the Rail Show Chairperson/ Rail Show Volunteer Coordinator/and/ or SCWD Superintendent. Decision to proceed with this award was deferred to the next Board meeting for further evaluation.
- 2. Wes Peat's Speeder: John is storing it safely at his house until a decision can be made as to appropriate disposal. Bob has asked SCWD members who are also active at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum whether MCR would be able to display and perhaps run the "Speeder" there. Questions of estate and ownership would have to be answered first before SCWD could accept or transfer ownership. Bob will follow up with Paul Mangan who will discuss issues with Margaret. John thanked SCWD member Chuck Jordon,

New Business

None

Adjournment: Jerry moved and Mike seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 9:05 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

Rock River Valley Division - NMRA



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Registration/Fares Non-Rail Activities



The members of the Rock River Valley Division would like to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Division with you. We are hosting the 2017 Midwest Region Convention with layout tours featuring many great railroads in our Division, operating sessions on some fine layouts, numerous clinics - some yet to be confirmed - which will include some well- known clinicians, a silent auction (bring items to sell), a photo and model contest, a few great non-rail activities showcasing the Rockford area and a not-to-be missed banquet program by Randy Garnhart and Jerry Pyfer.

www.rrvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com

The NMRA Joins the YouTube Community!

By Christina Ganzer NMRA Marketing Consultant

As the NMRA strives to expand its social media presence, we are proud to announce the launch of the official NMRA YouTube Channel, NMRA ORG! The plan is to post informative, educational, interesting and entertaining video content for NMRA members and nonmembers, as well as provide "sneak peaks" of new NMRA Members-Only content. (The full videos will only be accessible on the Member portion of the NMRA website.) The YouTube Channel is currently located at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHw-7-1FWB5zQgTM0ZVY-Yw, but we should have a custom URL sometime soon. For now, just use that link.

Video content will be created by members, provided by key model railroading partners and shared from other interesting and relevant YouTubers. We hope to provide our viewers with a "one stop shop" for the best in model railroading videos.

We invite all members to visit the channel frequently, share the content with fellow hobbyists and feel free to send your own video creations to us for addition to the NMRA library. Videos, or their download links, can be emailed to marketing@nmra.org. Please note that we can't accept copyrighted material without the express written permission of the content owner. Doing so would place us in violation of both copyright laws, as well as YouTube policies.

The NMRA YouTube Channel joins our Facebook page (facebook/nmra.org), Twitter feed (@nmraonline) and new Instagram account (nmra online). We've gained almost 3000 new Facebook followers since February, have just over 600 Twitter followers and are building our Instagram account. The NMRA would love to feature your photos on Instagram, and we welcome members to send images to marketing@nmra.org. Please include your name (and Instagram name, if applicable), Region and Division, and a brief description of the picture.

Join in the fun on the NMRA's social media channels! Remember, Without the support of talented NMRA members just like you, our social media presence could not have grown so quickly!

Dozens of new videos streaming online at our NMRA website!

By Gerry Leone, MMR Vice President / Special Projects

Our website features over two dozen new videos for your enjoyment! Most are "Members Only" benefits.

"Introduction to Layout Command Control (LCC)" is a recording of the clinic given by the OpenLCB team in Indianapolis. The clinic was recorded from the audience and only has ambient sound, but it is nevertheless extremely informative. If you're curious about what LCC can do, watch this clinic. You'll find it at http://www.nmra.org/introduction-layout-command-control-lcc on our website.

Model Railroader Video Plus donated a 12-minute overview of highlights of last July's "Highball to Indy" convention in Indianapolis. Just ignore the video's dorky host and you'll hear interviews with President Charlie Getz, a founder of Operations Roadshow, and two members of the LCC team who demonstrate the simplicity of LCC signalling. That video will be posted to

our <u>main homepage</u> soon (if it's not there already), so members and non-members alike can see what a great convention "Highball to Indy" was. Look for it in the "slideshow" on the homepage.

Watch for more Model Railroader Video Plus videos on our website at http://www.nmra.org/members/videos in the near future. These videos are generous donations by Model Railroader Video Plus to the NMRA in exchange for us sending you promotional emails.

TrainmastersTV (part of *Model Railroad Hobbyist* magazine) has also donated a dozen videos to the NMRA in exchange for promotional emailings. These videos will be posted soon to http://www.nmra.org/members/videos. and feature a wide range of interesting subjects.

All of these videos are entertaining and great tools to help your modeling. Again we want to thank Model Railroad Academy, Model Railroader Video Plus, and Trainmasters TV for their generosity!



BOB BOELTER'S O SCALE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD HAS MOVED TO STONEFIELD



The model railroad has been donated to the Wisconsin Historic Site in Cassville to be rebuilt in one of the village's buildings (see stonefieldhistoricsite.org). Funds have to be raised for the reconstruction. Contributions can be made to Stonefield Historic Site,12195 County Highway V V, Cassville, WI 53806 and identified for "Stonefield Model Railroad". If you'd like to help in other ways contact Rob at

in other ways contact Bob at bboelter1@gmail.com

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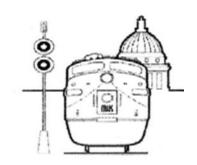
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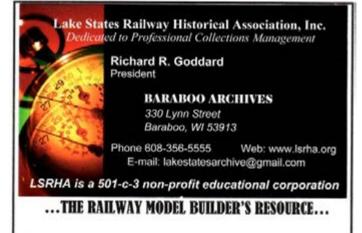
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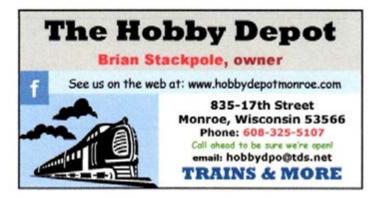
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2016 - 2017 Meeting Time Table			
Oct 2 nd 2016 (Nov 6 th 2016)		Youth Group Oct 16 th 2016 Nov 20 th 2016	Train Show Committee Oct 5 th 2016 Nov 2 nd 2016 Dec 7 th 2016



^{* =} Train Show Ticket advance sales