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Super's Report

Bob McGeever

Division Superintendent

First, a sad note. Most of you know by now that the Division lost Wesley Peat and Eunice Johnson in a house fire two weeks after the Rail Show. They will be missed.

We have made it to March so that means the 49th Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale has come and gone. A big thanks goes out to all of you who volunteered at the show. The show wouldn't happen without your efforts.

We made a few changes at the show this year I would like to mention.

When we moved the show into Halls B, C, and D the focus was on setting up the show in the new space. We were not too concerned with the ticket selling. We figured we would set up the two booths at the entrance to the show, hang some curtains to form aisles like we did before and things would be fine. Wrong. So this year we started selling tickets at 8:30 and changed how the lines formed in front of the ticket booths. We had separate lines for ticket holders and ticket buyers. I know, it seems so obvious now. It made a big difference in how quickly we got folks into the show on Saturday morning. Based on suggestions from the ticket booth volunteers, we will refine the plan for next

Next SCWD Meet:

April 3rd 2016 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple
575 Zor Shrine Place
Madison WI

Clinics: See page 3

Model & Photo Contests:

See Page 2-3

Next BOD Meeting:

April 11th 2016 7:00 pm
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

April 17th 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

year. It should work even better. The rebuilt ticket booths were also well received. The ticket booth team plans to fix some issues with the doors for next year.

This year we had a team of volunteers tasked with the show judging. This worked much better than what we have done for the past few years. So we will do it again next year. We will refine this process next year to avoid the scheduling conflicts some of the judges had with their time in the ticket booths. You don't have to volunteer to be a judge and sell tickets. Either one could count as your volunteer time at the show.

There are some upcoming events to be mentioned.

The annual Banquet is set for Friday, May 13. I just couldn't resist a date like that. You will find the signup sheet in this edition of the Bad Order. We will have signup sheets at the Division meetings.

Based on the number of folks who have signed up, the spring trip to Galesburg is on. You will find further info in this edition.

Our April Division meeting is our annual meeting of the membership and elections for the Board of Directors. Right now we have just enough volunteers to fill the board positions. You will find more info in this edition.

Our May Division meeting is our annual joint meeting with the Rock River Valley Division. We will also be hosting the semi-annual Regional meeting that day. We will need some volunteers to arrive real early to set up the facility for the Regional meeting. More to follow on this topic at our next meeting.

Hope to see you at the April meeting,

Bob
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Ready to go with your H2O?

Ewing Row
Modeling Project Chair

Sometimes a story just doesn't hold water. Hopefully your efforts on your Modeling Project do. Time is short, too short; you'll have to hurry to finish prior to April 3rd's SCWD monthly meet.

Sprinkle, moisten, dampen, spray, splash, soak, douse, souse, drench, saturate, hose down: all are verbs that refer to water. However, none describe what participants must accomplish with this year's Modeling Project. The challenge is to model water on your diorama. There are a number of products that make it less difficult than it would be without them. Modelers are free to choose whatever they wish.

What if you choose real water? You could have a water tight depression on your diorama, go into the bathroom at the Zor Shrine, obtain a cup of water and fill your pond, river or lake. Is that acceptable? Simple answer: NO.

Best of luck to all participants. Youth Group members, be sure to bring your completed entries on April 3. You could earn either a \$75, \$50 or \$25 gift certificate at the Madison Hobby Stop. The prizes are equal to those offered in the adult popular-vote contest.

Also, there are two entry possibilities: April Fool (frivolous) or serious. Both themes are judged as one category.

Ewing
⊗

AP Corner:
Ken Hojnacki
AP Chair



Several members participated in our first hands-on clinic to build their own coil steel loads and carriers. While the clinic ran a little longer than anticipated, hopefully everyone had a good time and took home some new confidence in scratchbuilding with styrene and wood. Let me or Bob McGeever know how you liked the experience. If there is interest, we will work on having other small building projects for future meetings. Ideas on what might be good projects are always welcome.



Ken
⊗

Contest Column:

David Lendved
Contest Chair

Because the Modeling Project Contest will take place at the April 3 meeting, the regular next Model/Photo contest will be at the May meeting. I hope everyone is putting the finishing touches on their "Water Feature" dioramas. It's great to see the results of a more serious and prolonged modeling effort.

Remember the theme for the May contests is “Agriculture and Railroads”. This is our joint meeting with the Rockford Division so let’s show them what we can do!

Categories are:

- A. Ag. Loading Facilities (Feedmills, Elevators, etc.)
- B. Ag. Product Freight Cars (Covered Hoppers, Food Tank Cars, etc.)
- C. Ag. Supply Freight Cars (Farm Machinery loads, Fertilizer, etc.)
- D. Farm Buildings

The results for the March contest are posted in the e-edition of the Bad Order on our website.

Top Vote Getter for March was:



Dave Casey
GN 8969
w/ gravel load

Dave
⊗

Layout Tours:

Phil Hottmann

I appreciated that Bob McGeever was able to show his layout before it was torn down. His layout was wonderfully done. His trees were absolutely beautiful. Perhaps in a few years we will be able to see the start of his new layout under the new addition to his house.

Also thanks to Phil Berry for opening his layout. It’s always great to see Phil’s layout.

For April’s meeting we will travel to Waunakee to visit Al Hinck’s and the Waunakee Depot layout

Phil
⊗



Bob McGeever



Phil Berry

The Clinic Corner:

Fred (Rob) Robinson

There are no clinics scheduled for April. Time must be made for elections and model project judging.

We will have clinics at the May joint meeting with Rock River Valley.

I am on the prowl for new clinics starting in September and beyond.

Rob
⊗

Final Election Update:

Mike Vivion

As is done every year in April, SCWD Board of Directors elections will be held at our **April 3rd monthly meeting**. This year three current Board members, John Haverberg, Alan Paine and Fred (Rob) Robinson have decided to not stand for re-election. On behalf of all members of the SCWD, we extend a thank you to these members for their service on the Board. We are fortunate that three other SCWD members, Ken Hojnacki, Dave Lendved, and Jerry Lawler have stepped up and are running for the Board. Since the four remaining current BOD members are standing for re-election, we have a full slate of 7 candidates for the 2016-2017 BOD (see their bios as follows). Note, if no one else contacts me prior to April 3rd or steps up at the meeting to state a desire to run for the BOD, then all seven candidates will automatically become BOD members. Then, we therefore will be voting on the ballot for only four of the 7 candidates in order to determine the order from which the officers will be selected according to the by-laws.



Bob McGeever

My wife and I have been rail fans all our lives. I got interested in model trains as a kid when my dad gave me and

my brother his childhood Lionel train set. I spent the first 30 years of my married life intending to build a model railroad. My boys and I went to the train show every couple of years and dreamed of what we could do with half the basement. Time passed, the boys grew up and I found I finally had the time to build a model railroad.

I started the planning a layout about 12 years ago. I'm working in N scale using the WSOR as my prototype. It supports my interest in lots of local freights in limited space, it runs through the town I live in, and I really like the color scheme on their locos. I have what I call my second draft up and running. The third draft is in the planning stage and construction will start in the spring. With each draft it gets bigger.

I joined the NMRA in 2010 to learn from other people with more experience. I have had the honor of serving on the BOD since 2011 as the Clerk and the Superintendent.



Dr. Bill Clancy

My passion for model railroading began in the 1950's

as 12 year old building Strombecker wooden freight cars and built a very, very small railroad. As a competitive athlete through high school and college followed by medical school and orthopedic residency, I had no time to devote to it.

I left the U.S. Naval Academy as Head Team Physician to come to Madison in 1974 to be the U.W. Head Team Physician and orthopedist and started the U.W. Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic and program. Between clinics and team coverage, I had little time available but managed to build a small layout with the guidance of Pete Olson and Al Potts.

In 1989 I left for Birmingham, Alabama to help develop the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center. With a little more time available, I built two

large HO layouts. In 2010 at the request of the U.W., I returned as Head of Sports Medicine and Head Team Physician and retired two years ago which allowed me and my wife to go full steam ahead with my passion.

I first joined the NMRA and the SCWD in approximately 1979. In October of 2013, I started building a large HO layout which is now up and running.

I really enjoy the monthly SCWD meetings particularly the clinics but even more the wealth of knowledge and friendships of the members who graciously share their skills and knowledge which I sorely needed and will need more in the future.

Having been elected to the SCWD Board of Directors this past year, I have had the opportunity to become more active in our Division. It was a great eye opener to see how passionate and hardworking the board members were in trying to advance interest, provide more relevant information and make our monthly meetings more meaningful for our membership. I certainly would like to continue on the Board of Directors to help advance the vision of the Division.



Dave Lendved

Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Lendved. I'm running for a seat on our division's Board of Directors. After fifteen years of enjoying the

benefits of our club, I want to step up and take a larger role.

My earliest railroad memory is seeing the old black Whitcomb switcher trundling across the 8th street bridge in Sheboygan, Wi. The bridge would not support a steam locomotive so the CNW ran the small diesel to switch the Sheboygan Coal Co. The Chicago Northwestern was our "home Road" and I'm still partial to the Northwestern Line.

In the 1960's I had an N scale empire in our front porch. The oversized wheels and gigantic couplers look a little silly now. But it was fun. In 1999, I started my current (and still evolving) layout. I'm amazed at the variety and quality of the equipment now available. I joined the SCWD sometime around the turn of the millennium.

My favorite aspects of the hobby are watching trains (model and prototype) and reading about the history and operations of the railroads.

Whether I am voted onto the BOD or not, I intend to help make this organization a success.



Jerry Lawler

I am a native Madisonian who has lived and traveled around the world. I recently retired and have an interest in helping the division grow the

model railroad hobby in whatever I can contribute.

Like many of my contemporaries, I had an HO railroad in the 1950s with my 4 older brothers. 15 years ago while living in Cleveland, I began to put up an HO layout around our Christmas tree and last year as I approached retirement, I decided to become an active modeler and began to create a layout. With the help and support of a number of the division members, I have created a nice layout (in progress) and will like to become a board member to help the division grow our hobby.

My best train ride has been from Columbus, WI to Mexico in 1967. Other great train experiences that I've had include taking the train from Cuzco, Peru to Macchu Picchu, the trans-Siberian Railroad from Kurgan, Russia to Ekaterinenburg, Russia, and the Durango to Silverton rail.



Phil Berry

I have been an SCWD board member for the past 8 years. I've held the Position of Clerk (secretary) and for the past 6 years

have served as the Pay Master (Treasurer). This has involved a fair amount of work counting, depositing, and managing the money of the SCWD, filing the taxes, and producing the financial statements of the SCWD. If re-elected to the board I would like to continue as the Pay Master.

My day time job is a Product Manager for TDS Telecom, part of the TDS family of companies (TDS Telecom, TDS Metrocom, and US Cellular). I manage the revenue budget and related expenses for this part of TDS. I am fortunate to have my own little piece of TDS that I get to manage as if it were my own and that experience has really helped me in my role as Pay Master over the past 6 years.

When I'm not at work or at a baseball game I am in the basement with the trains.



Phil Hottmann

I have been a model railroader for 28 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D as Assistant Superintendent and have also been organizing our layout tours.

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.



Ken Hojnacki

I became an NMRA member 54 years ago, in 1962, and am a Life Member. I started with American Flyer before that date and

eventually switched to HO. Except for a mid-life crisis prior to the 1997 National when I switch to Sn3 for a short time, I have been an HO modeler of the New York, Ontario & Western for most of those years.

I have served in the position of Chief Clerk, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Keystone Division 2 of the Mid-Central Region. I also served on a number of committees in that Division and also the SCWD. I am currently the SCWD Achievement Program Chair.

I have also been active with full-size trains for over 40 years and am currently a steam and diesel qualified engineer at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom.

I believe that the NMRA is the reason we have so much to enjoy about this hobby. Beyond the standards that allow all manufacturers' products to

operate on our layouts, it is the NMRA that has made possible our monthly meetings, our conventions and bringing us all together to learn and enjoy this hobby. We face many challenges to bring new members into the hobby and the NMRA and to find ways to provide all of our members with interesting activities that educate us and challenge us to be better modelers. I would like to help in that effort.



Midwest Region News

Within the Midwest Region, train shows are still hailing in the arrival of spring. I rode down to Harper Colledge on March 5th with Mike Vivion, Superintendent Bob McGeever and Larry Bunce. We had a fun filled day as we attended the High Wheeler train show. There was a good sized crowd on hand and they had some wonderful layouts on display and a lot of vendors to satisfy that itch before the indoor modeling season ends.

After I travel up to LaCrosse WI on Mar. 12 & 13 for the LaCrosse and Three Rivers train show I then head down to the Rock River Valley Division for their annual train show on March 19 & 20 at Jefferson High School in Rockford.

Speaking of the RRVD, The combined meeting of the SCWD and RRVD is on May 1st this year at the Zor Shrine hall on Madison's west side. (please go to the SCWD web site for a map of the meeting area. www.nmra-scwd.org) The National Convention will be in Indianapolis this year sponsored by the Central Indiana Division and this means the MWR will not have a spring convention. The SCWD has agreed to host the spring MWR Board of Directors meeting prior to their meeting on the 1st of May. The Board meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. Any NMRA member is invited to attend these meetings and observe what transpires.

The annual meeting of MWR members will be conducted at the start of the SCWD regular meeting that begins at 1:00.

Please be aware that there are two Region meetings; 1st the regular Board of Directors meeting that starts at 10:00 am. and the meeting of Midwest Region

members that will begin shortly after the regular meeting of the SCWD starts.

If you haven't heard me talk enough about conventions and train shows, here is another one.

National Conventions:

Looking forward to summer 2016, The Midwest Region's Central Indiana Division (CID) will be hosting the Highball to Indy National Model Railroad Convention. National conventions are a great way of celebrating our hobby and enjoying the fellowship with a large gathering of our members.



For more information on the National convention please visit the NMRA web site at www.NMRA.org Or go to our electronic edition for a sign up form at www.nmra-scwd.org and you can be on board.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there as I hope you can join us for a great time.

One final note; the fall Midwest Region Board meeting is being planned to be held at Michiana Division at the close of the EduTrain conference. The conference is Friday September 30 and October 1st. The Board meeting will be on October 2nd and come to order at 10:00.

Anyone who has not attended this event should think about giving it a try. It is a nice way to start out the modeling season.

Paul Mangan
President
Midwest Region



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



In Memoriam Wesley Peat



Wes joined the NMRA and the SCWD in May of 2009. Immediately after signing on he became very active in our division. Soon after he and Chuck Jordan began setting up an NMRA/SCWD information table at the Iowa County Fair every fall to inform people about the NMRA and our division. Wes recruited some people from Iowa County who are now members.

He didn't stop there though; he began volunteering at our train show. When the opportunity became available to drive the rental truck, go over to our storage locker to load all our necessities and bring it all back at the end of the show, Wes gladly took this position on.

Wes and Eunice were always friendly and ready to help whenever they could. We at the SCWD would like to express our sincere condolences to the families of Wesley Peat and Eunice Johnson. They will both be missed.

Paul Mangan



Wesley Peat and Eunice Johnson

2016 Spring SCWD Railfan Trip Information – It's A GO!

A SCWD sponsored two day railfan trip has been planned to Rochelle and Galesburg, Illinois for **May 20&21**. The itinerary will be a repeat of the trip SCWD sponsored in April 2011 as follows: leave Madison at 8:00 am on Friday; stop at Rochelle Railroad Park (viewing of UP & BNSF crossing diamond) in am; lunch in Rochelle; Galesburg by 3:00 pm for railfanning at local park; dinner and overnight in

Galesburg; breakfast at motel on Saturday; 9:00 am to noon a tour of BNSF diesel maintenance/repair facility, yard tour, hump tower tour, remote engine demo plus Hwy 10 bridge photo op of the yard; lunch in Galesburg; Galesburg Railroad Museum in afternoon and arrival back in Madison by 6:30 pm. Attendees will be responsible for cost of tour bus rental, motel room, all meals and museum entry fee. Cost, per person, for the bus, motel room, and museum is \$125. The total cost for those three items (made out to SCWD) will be required by the May 1, 2016 SCWD general meeting and can be brought to the April or May SCWD meetings or mailed to John Haverberg at 4797 Delmara Rd., Middleton, WI 53562. Meal costs will be on your own except for the Saturday breakfast at the motel included in the rate. Attendance is limited to SCWD members and one guest each. Bus size is limited to 31 attendees with a minimum of 25 signed up needed to go. As of 3/14/2016, 29 folks have signed up. If more are interested in going, contact John Haverberg at: 608 836-7963 or haverdj@tds.net. He will set up a waiting list and let those interested know immediately of any openings.

2016 SCWD Summer Picnic

The 2016 Summer Picnic will be held, again, at Little Amerricka, Marshall during their July 23rd Whiskey River Railway Day. The meal will begin at 1:00 pm in the large Blue Rose pavilion. All SCWD members and their guests are invited. There is no admission fee to the amusement park or cost for the picnic food. Rides on the trains or other attractions will be at park rates, but discounts are available if ordered ahead of time from Little Amerricka. Sign up ahead of time with SCWD is required to determine the amount of food and beverages needed and can be done at the April or May meetings or directly with SCWD Picnic Chair, John Haverberg at: 608 836-7963 or haverdj@tds.net

Youth Report: Steve Brist

Youth Group members welcomed four new members and participated in a great clinic at our March meeting. Youth Group parent Mike Breitenfeldt led the members in a hands on clinic on "Using Everyday Things Found Around the House for Modeling". For example, Mr. Breitenfeldt used dried coffee grounds to simulate a freshly plowed field. He showed members

how to use native plants to create trees and gave members the chance to make their own trees to take home. Members were very attentive and excited about the clinic. We thanked him for a very educational and informative clinic. Paul Balfe was also at our meeting and again spent his time at the meeting changing out couplers and troubleshooting engines. The four new members learned about our club from the Train Show and Rail School.

Our next meeting will be April 17 at 1 PM. Members are also reminded that the judging for the modules entered into the modeling contest will be at the adult meeting on April 3, at 1 PM, at the Zor Shrine Building. Those who come to the judging will be eligible for prizes and will get their \$5 deposit back. We will also display and discuss the modules at our April 17 Youth Group meeting. See you then!

Happy Railroading!

Steve



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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 Bob at bboelter1@gmail.com



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It's Banquet Time!

Friday - May 13th 2016

Zor Shrine Temple (Upstairs)

575 Zor Shrine Place

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

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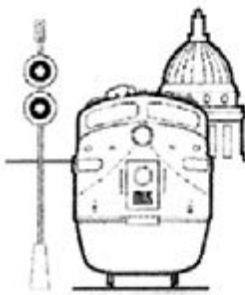
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**SCWD Board of
Directors Meeting
Minutes
February 15, 2016**



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2015-2016 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:08 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2016 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members McGeever, Mike Vivion, John Haverberg, Phil Berry, Phil Hottmann, Bill Clancy, Alan Paine and guests Jerry Lawler and David Lendved. Bob declared a quorum present.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Bill Clancy, seconded by Mike Vivion and approved by the Board to accept the minutes of the 1/11/2016 Board Meeting as presented.

Paymaster Report: Phil B. presented the Paymaster report for January 2016. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Mike and approved by the Board to accept as presented.

Committee Reports:

Bad Order: With the late February date for the BOD meeting, Kathy Clancy needs all reports and articles in as soon as possible.

Clinics: Hands on, steel coil loads for March meeting

Layout Tours: Bob McGeever, Phil Berry for March meeting, Waunakee layouts for April.

Membership: Bob would like to put the SCWD booth at the Rail Show near the Kalmbach booth starting in 2017 to encourage new SCWD memberships.

Picnic: John indicated that he has reserved the large pavilion at Little Amerricka on Saturday, July 23rd, Whiskey River Railway Day as was done the last two years. Caterer has yet to be chosen. Board agreed to have John announce the picnic date and location.

Publicity: John has added Rail Model Hobbyist as a source to list the monthly SCWD meetings.

Rail show: 2016 show is on target for next weekend.

Website: Tom Morrison has taken over administrative duties. Jerry Lawler is interested in helping with web site.

Youth Group: Mike asked if youth group might be interested in HO Trak modules as their "club" layout rather than a dedicated fully fixed HO layout. Bob said that should be investigated.

Old Business:

- 1) John discussed progress on setting up a railfan trip to Galesburg, Illinois. Details are still tentative until Jim Clayton from the Galesburg Railroad Museum confirms the visit to the BNSF yard and shops will be acceptable to the company. Jim hopes to have the okay by the end of February. Board agreed that John can proceed with exploratory announcement to the Division and provided some limits and restrictions for such a trip.
- 2) Mike, as the nominating committee chairman for the BOD member elections, asked again if any existing members were not going to run again in April for the Board. Three current members said they would not. Mike will continue to solicit for new candidates to run.

Adjournment: Bill moved, Mike seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:26 pm.

Respectively submitted by

John Haverberg, SCWD Chief Clerk

March Model/Photo Contest

Results:

Dave Lendved
Contest Chair

Model Contest

Cat. A Flatcars

1st Ewing Row: Flatcar with Grader

2nd Dave Casey: ATSF 94138 w/ pipe load

3rd Don Swinton: Flatcar w/ boat load

Cat. B Gondolas

- 1st Bob Wundrock: SOO Line w/ pulpwood
- 2nd Dave Casey: CNW 114745 Composite w/lumber
- 3rd P. Hottmann: D&RGW 1039 High side gondola

Cat. C Hoppers

- 1st Dave Casey: GN 8969 Hopper w/ gravel load
- 2nd Dave Casey: TP&W 3-bay Hopper
- 3rd Don Swinton: ILC Hopper

Cat. D Intermodal

- 1st Dave Casey: CNW 42707 TOFC w/ CNW trailer
- 2nd D. Casey: CNW 48971 TOFC w/ REA trailer
- 3rd Jason Martin: Lehigh Valley 66392

Photo Contest

Cat. PA Flatcars

- 1st Ewing Row: Flat w/ tractor load
- 2nd Ewing Row: Flat w/ pole load
- 3rd Steve Lanphear: Flat w/ bulldozer load

Cat. PB Gondolas

- 1st Steve Lanphear: Rio Grande Ballast Gondola
- 2nd Steve Lanphear: CP Rail Ballast Gondola

Cat. PC Hoppers

- 1st Ewing Row: "Junk" Hopper
- 2nd Steve Lanphear: BNSF Hopper

Cat. PD Intermodal

- 1st Steve Lanphear: Galesburg UP Mod train
- 2nd Steve Lanphear: Big over Small Modular

Cat. MA Flatcars

- 1st Steve Lanphear: Bulkhead Flat w/ logs
- 2nd Ewing Row: Spline car
- 3rd Charles Karpelenia: Flatcar w/ load

Cat. MB Gondolas

- 1st Steve Lanphear: Scrap metal Gondola

Cat. MC Hoppers

- 1st Ewing Row: Ore "Jimmies"



A few words from the President of the NMRA

Comments on Mid-Year

I have literally just returned from our annual Mid-Year Board of Director's meeting this year held in Atlanta Georgia. Why Atlanta? Actually to save money as funny as that may sound. It turns out that Atlanta is near many Directors, officers and staff. CAO Jenny Hendricks is an easy drive away; two Directors live in town with another a few hours

drive away and our Secretary is also based in Atlanta. Atlanta has a major airport, one of the busiest in the US, and generally, fares are reasonable. We met at a well-priced Airport hotel that included breakfast and dinner. So add generally mild winter weather and you have a winning combination. And the SER Piedmont Division was fabulous, with Division members attending and arranging for a Saturday no-host dinner and visit to a layout of one of our newest MMRs after our business was done.

This meeting was fairly non-controversial with many items of business but few motions and few issues of major concern. Atlantic Director Kathy Millatt will report in the *NMRA Magazine* on the highlights of the meeting and its minutes will be available on the web. So check those out.

This was the last full meeting for Western Director Jack Hamilton who cannot run for another term due to term limits. We wished him well and thanked him for his numerous contributions over the years he served. Jack redefined the post of "Lead Director", infusing that job with energy and working on many projects including the Long Range Plan, "NMRA 2019". Most recently, he headed our Recruitment and Retention committee ("R&R").

But you know the highlight of this and every other meeting? The dedication of a room full of folks and the hundreds behind them, to the NMRA. Some isolated examples. IT manager Ben Sevier not only dedicates hundreds of hours to our web and IT services but spent days prior to the meeting in nearby Soddy Daisy upgrading our member data base to modernize it. Our VP, Special Projects Gerry Leone, who produced and arranged for our use of a commercial video, some 58 minutes long, on attending a NMRA convention. He and Chuck Diljak produce the free eBulletin every other month. Our Department managers who keep the machinery humming smoothly and invest countless hours doing so. Secretary John Stevens who not only keeps the minutes but helps with the Boy Scout program, the surplus MDC car shells effort and even hosting a Delta Air Museum tour for Atlanta meeting attendees. CFO Frank Koch who not only keeps us solvent but also spends a lot of time assisting headquarters on a myriad of issues. Each Director who contributes through projects and

regional convention attendance. Our RAC Director, Steve August who has reinvigorated the Regional Advisory Council ("RAC") made up of region presidents, presenting almost all region's reports for mid-year. Our Pacific and Atlantic directors who spend 15 plus hours on flights to and from the US just to work in a stuffy room to improve the organization. Kathy even was nice enough to transport some UK kits for me otherwise not easily attained in the US. Our lead Director Pete Magoun who works closely with me to address problems and issues, 24/7. And our wonderful CAO Jenny Hendricks whose dedication to the NMRA far exceeds her pay. She oversees an excellent staff working hard to keep us going.

This list is far from inclusive! Indeed, I could write many columns about the solid people who keep us strong on every level. They and you ARE the NMRA. I am proud to be a part of such a fabulous team. The next time you hear someone grouse about the NMRA and what it has or has not done for him or her or for the hobby, remember the mid-year. Remember all the folks who came from around the world just to spend days in a meeting room so you would not have to. Who sacrifice their hobby time to improve yours.

Those are my thoughts; what are yours?

[Charlie](#)



More from the Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale Feb. 20-21, 2016

Train Set Winners







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**And the Passing of the Baton to
Bob McGeever from
Art Dawson**



Photo by Mike Vivion



27th Annual Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show & Model Contest. Saturday-Sunday June 18 -19, 2016

(Sponsored by the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders)

Clipper City Model Railroad Club

Friday, April 29, 3-7 PM
 Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1, 11 AM-4 PM

Spring Open House
 Manitowoc County Expo Grounds
 Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Exhibits include: N, HO, S, O, and G Gauges and a Museum Room

A fun filled family event featuring activities for children as well as adults. Operating model train layouts, demonstrators, exhibitors and vendors from throughout the upper Midwest will be on hand to entertain, answer questions and sell you the latest in model railroading fun. Enjoy the food and strawberry short cake at Virgie's Railroad Diner. Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM. Waupaca Recreation Center, three blocks east of downtown at the intersection of School, State and Badger Streets. FREE.

For information see www.wamrltd.com, call the event chairman, Roger Hildebrandt at (715) 258-8218.

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Hobby Horse – 1769 Thierer Road – Near East Towne, Madison WI
 The Hobby Depot – 835 17th Street – Monroe WI
 Madison Hobby Stop – 6622 Mineral Point Rd (inside Clock Tower) – Madison WI *

* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

2015 - 2016 Meeting Time Table			
Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Banquet
April 3rd 2016	April 11th 2016	April 17th 2016	
May 1st 2016	May 9th 2016	May 15th 2016	May 13th 2016
	June 13 th 2016		