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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent



In the spirit of the Holiday Season, Ellen and I decided to go see the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train arriving in Watertown. We decided to travel to Watertown rather than going to Columbus due to the earlier arrival time there.

Not sure of what to expect, we arrived in Watertown somewhat surprised to find that there was a large crowd gathered already. I would estimate around a thousand people. With a little snow in the air, it was a cold, crisp night. After waiting for quite a while, and having a little hot chocolate to take the chill off, the train finally arrived. The train was beautiful, all lit up with colored lights from the engine all the way to the back. The lights were in holiday designs of reindeer, snowmen, etc. and some were animated. Then, Willy Porter and The Trews entertained us from one of the box cars. The side panel of the box car folded down from the top and was used as a stage. I don't know how they kept their fingers and instruments warm enough to play. (See e-edition for photos in color!)



Next SCWD Meet:

January 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

January 6, 2019 Rail School
Zor Shrine Temple

John Haverberg is working on organizing a spring trip to the trolley museum in East Troy. So far 31 people are signed up for the trip which makes for a full bus. However, you can still get on a waiting list in the event that someone has to cancel.

My modeling is on hold until the completion of our new Crew Lounge (aka finished basement area). We are working on the flooring as I write this, then installing doors and finishing the electrical. I then hope to move on to some kit building after the first of the year.

Hope everyone's 2019 is off to a good start.

Phil Hottmann
Superintendent



The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinic Chair

Thanks to SCWD members Keith Thomsen and Mike Vivion for their Amtrak and layout construction clinics at December's meet.



Phil Hottmann and I are still looking for someone to take over the reins as the Clinics' Chair for the 2019-20 season. If you have any questions about what is involved in doing this task please e-mail me at: rwundrock@yahoo.com.

We don't have any clinics in January due to the Rail School. However, our current plans for February are to have an East Troy clinic and another on the historic "Alturas and Lone Pine" HO layout of Whit Towers.

See you then,

Bob

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Dave Down
Contest Co-Chairs

Our January 6 meeting is "Rail School" so we will not have Popular Vote Model and Photo Contests. The Contests return for the February 3 meeting. The theme will be "Specialty Passenger Cars". This will include Pullman operated cars, private cars, as well as business cars and even circus cars. We'll provide more details next month.

In the meantime, I'd like everyone to think about attending and entering contests at the joint regional convention in La Crosse next May. The People's Choice Award contests are easy and fun to enter. Form 901 can be downloaded from the NMRA site. Just fill it out and Enter!

People's Choice Award Categories:

- A. Model
 - a. Favorite Train
 - b. Locomotive (steam, diesel, or traction)
 - c. Rolling stock (freight, passenger, non-revenue)
 - d. Caboose

- e. Structure
- f. Display
- B. Arts & Crafts
 - a. General
 - b. Needlework
 - c. Railroadiana
- C. Photo (B&W or Color)
 - a. Model Print
 - b. Phototype Print
- D. Special Award Categories
 - a. Photo Match. We sought a description as to what this category entails. It "...is for models that are displayed along with a photo of them. The decision to be made [by popular vote] is how well did the modeler match his model to that photo."
 - b. Thumbs (this is a humorous/whimsical model flat car or gondola car with load described in an earlier email).

December 2 Popular Vote Contest Results: Kit-Bashed or Non-Typical

Model

Cat. B Freight Equipment

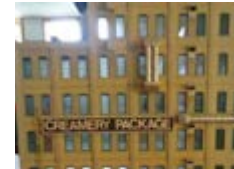
1st Don Swinton: 007 Bond Tank Car

Cat. D Structure

1st Ewing Row: Creamery Package

2nd Don Swinton: The Weber Company

3rd Ewing Row: Stamping Plant #4



Photo

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Passenger Equipment

1st Ewing Row: Cumbres & Toltec

2nd Steve Lanphear: Heavyweight Observation Car Interior

3rd Ewing Row: Chapel Car "Grace"

Cat. PB Freight Equipment

1st Ewing Row: TTX Tank

2nd Ewing Row: ETCX Tank Car

Cat. PC Non-Revenue Equipment

1st Ewing Row: Fix Track

2nd Ewing Row: Snow, Snow, Snow

3rd Steve Lanphear: CP Tie Unloader at Winona

Cat. PD Structure

1st Ewing Row: UP Engine Service

2nd Ewing Row: Cool Bridge

3rd Ewing Row: Tacoma Bridge

Model Photo

Cat. MA Passenger Equipment

1st Ewing Row: Trestle Traffic-UP E Units

2nd Ewing Row: Overhead View

3rd Ewing Row: Durango & Silverton

Cat. MB Freight Equipment

1st Steve Lanphear: Pickle Car

2nd Steve Lanphear: Bunk Car

3rd Ewing Row: Ore Not

Cat. MC Non-Revenue Equipment

1st Ewing Row: Small Crane on Flat Car

2nd Ewing Row: Weed Sprayer

3rd Steve Lanphear: Cat Mounted Crane for Retracking Cars

Cat. MD Structure

1st Ewing Row: UP Engine House

2nd Ewing Row: Bashed Campbell Grain Elevator Kit

3rd Steve Lanphear: Mining Hoist

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Layout Tour Chair



There will not be any tours after our next meet due to the Rail School in January.

We did not come up with any layouts for the December meet. As it was, the weather was not very nice so I think it all worked out okay.

I do have a number of people that are willing to be open near the end of the season. I am expecting to have layouts open for each month.

You may want to start thinking about opening your layout for next season. It is not too early!

Phil

Video Contest

Steve Lanphear

Video Contest Chair



Just a reminder that the SCWD 2018-19 Video Contest is underway and there are already two entries up and running on the SCWD web page (under Video Contest)! Entries are still being accepted up until February 1.

Here are things you need to know in order to participate:

- There are two categories: **Prototype** and **Model**
- The contest is open all who attend the SCWD meetings.
- The person submitting an entry must be the one who shot the video. You may have help from others in **editing** your entry.
- The video can be from any time period (it doesn't have to be taken just to enter this contest).
- It has to be a **maximum** of 5 minutes in length and the file has to be less than 2GB in size.
- Video must have a railroad theme.
- The video can have a title screen but this is not required. There should be no names or identifiers on it (this is a "blind" contest).
- For the **Model** category, the video can be on anyone's layout, not just your own. (But they can be from **your** layout.)
- First, Second, and Third place will be awarded in each category. No points will be awarded towards the annual Photographer of the Year award.
- Deadline for entries is February 1, 2019.
- Upload entries to the website listed on the SCWD website, Video Contest webpage.
- You may enter more than one video. (Maximum of 5 entries per person.)
- Voting starts on February 15 on the SCWD Video Contest webpage. Voting is closed at the end of the day, April 1.

Winners announced at the April 8 meeting.

Steve



Youth Group

Steve Brist

In December the SCWD Youth Group visited Olbrich Gardens for the annual Holiday Express train display. The Holiday Express trains are sponsored by the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society and include two complete G scale railroads, surrounded by vintage toys, ornaments, holiday books and hundreds of red and white poinsettias.

Our hosts were Donn and Rose Tolley, who operated equipment from their backyard Virginia & Truckee Railroad, and Paul Mangan, who runs the Cat Mountain Railroad.



About 17 young people, along with adult family members made the trip to see the trains. Each young person also received holiday cookies shaped like locomotives. The G scale trains we saw were battery powered and radio controlled. The V&T train pulled a long stretch of flatcars, each of which Rose Tolley had decorated with holiday themed loads, including Bambi, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, the Green Bay Packers and other themes. This visit was a great way to kick off the Holiday season.



Our members continue to work on the cabooses themed model project and Jerry Lawler distributed cabooses to the members who were present.

Our next activity is Model Railroad School, from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, January 6th. This event will be held in the basement of the Zor Shrine Temple, at 575 Zor Shrine Place. Youth and parents are needed to help assemble the freight car project for visiting kids to take home. Members who participate will receive a car to take home. Our members will also be demonstrating train operations on our HO layout and giving visiting kids an opportunity to operate their newly assembled freight car. This should be lots of fun for our members. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday January 6th.

Next month: Model Railroad Show, Feb 16-17!

Happy Railroading!

Steve





Model Railroad School

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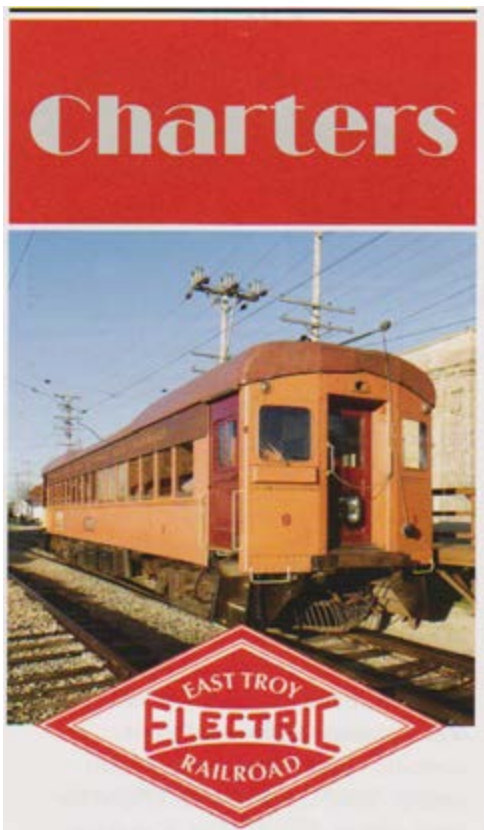
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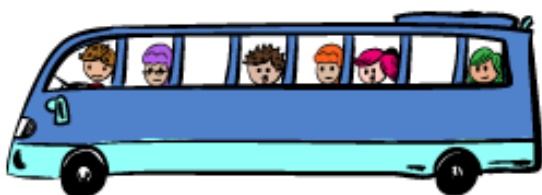
SCWD Spring 2019 Railfan Trip is on!!!

As reported in the two previous Bad Orders, the SCWD Board has approved sponsorship of a limited one day railfan trip for the spring of 2019. Planned is a 14 mile round trip on the East Troy Railroad Museum trolley line and a visit to their maintenance shops on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Contact has also been made with several model railroaders in the Whitewater and Ft. Atkinson areas who are willing to open their home layouts for tours. A 31 passenger bus will provide the transportation for the day. This trip will be limited to a SCWD member and one guest per sign up at a cost of \$35 per person for the bus and Museum fees. Lunch will also be at your cost.



Because non-refundable security deposits needed to be made for the bus and Museum, the Board asked for a "show of interest" at the Dec. 2, 2018 SCWD regular meeting to ensure there would be enough folks to fill the tour. 31 names were signed up at the meeting, so the trip will proceed. However, I will also maintain a "waiting" list on a first come, first serve basis in case of dropouts. If you think you want to go and haven't yet signed up, please contact John Haverberg at 608 836-7963, or e-mail: haverdj@tds.net to be added to the standby list. Pre-payment will be due by the April 7th SCWD meeting for all attendees.

John Haverberg
SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator



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**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2018**



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2017-2018 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2018 by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. In attendance were Board members, **Bob McGeever, Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, and Bill Clancy.**

Absent: **Ken Hojnacki, Dave Lendved**

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the Minutes for the October 2018 meeting was made by Bob McGeever and seconded by Bill Clancy. Minutes were approved.

Paymaster Report: Report was given by Phil Berry. Motion to approve made by Steve Preston, seconded by Phil Berry. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Tom Morrison has added text to the effect that this January's Rail School will include 'Live Demonstrations' of various aspects of building scenery and rolling stock. Copy of advertising flyer was shared with the Board

Bad Order: Production and distribution is going smoothly. Articles due by the 14th for publication

Club Liaison (Reports on activities with other clubs.) Position remains unfilled. Board discussed several possibilities for getting this function restarted. Discussion of liaison role: Discussion centered around the fact that role may not be relevant as club related information is increasingly shared using online technology.

Clinics: Clinics are set for season. Board discussed options for a chairman for clinics next year as Bob Wundrock has indicated a desire to step down. Board also discussed logistics for replacing Bob. It was determined that the organization needs to update its list of modelers who have the expertise to deliver clinics. An effort will be made to solicit members for possible inclusion in the updated list of clinic providers.

Contests: The board agreed to continue with the video contest that was begun this year. Rules are published in the Bad Order. Dave is set to go for December.

Modeling Project for 2017-2018: Theme for next year

was announced at the first meeting in the fall. It will be 'Repurposing Cabooses'. 18 adults have already signed up to participate. Jerry said that the count for the Youth Group is 14 HO cabooses and 1 N scale. He will be responsible for distributing them at the December meeting at Olbrich Gardens and the January Rail School. Any not picked up will be distributed at the Rail Show and March meeting.

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber has purchased door prizes for the year.

Layout tours: Phil Hottmann has stated that he would like to step down from this position next year. A discussion of potential new chairperson was conducted and several members were identified. We will reach out to them as to their interest.

Membership: Steve Preston's efforts at the Rail Show were very successful again this month. He recruited two parents of children attending the Youth program and will continue his recruiting efforts with both the Youth Group and General membership. He is providing several magazines to new members. These include the Atlas Wiring, and 7 Steps to HO Railroads. The Board agreed to purchase these magazines for new members with the goal being making their introduction to the hobby, easier.

Picnic: BOD agreed to return to Little Americka in 2019 as it has activities/rides for kids as well as a nice facility for the adults. We will again try to schedule the picnic at the same time as the park's Whiskey River Days festival. Date: TBD. John Haverberg is handling this event.

Rail School: The Division has acquired additional Blue Box models for distribution at the 2019 Rail School. It appears that we have sufficient quantities to meet our needs for this year's program. We may need to revisit model availability next year based this year's attendance. The date for the Rail School will be January 6, 2019.

Bill Clancy agreed to coordinate the 2019 Rail School. He recruited Mike Vivion, Ken Hojnacki, and Phil Hottmann to supervise the Rail School activity. They will develop a theme for the school and set up teams of members to work on various aspects of the school with a slightly different approach. The group will keep the Board apprised as the plan takes shape. They will make an announcement at the October meeting and call for support with setup and other tasks as needed.

The Superintendent asked for volunteers to help him with set up and takedown of the Rail School room setup. A

number of members agreed to come early to help set up and to stay later to help take down. This worked well in 2018 and the plan is continue this approach for 2019.

Rail show: Bob reports that about 24 layouts from last year have responded and agreed to participate. Approximately 100 tables have been reserved. This is normal for the show. There are several new layouts in the show. Several other layouts have been updated. Bob also stated that the 'Tool Man' vendor has agreed to participate again this year.

New for this year will be a marketing campaign using social media. This was proposed to the show committee last month. Phil Berry proposed this activity based on his company's use of social media (Facebook). Bob Boelter who is handling the show marketing supported this strategy as being potentially effective in reaching the show's target market. The show chair (Bob McGeever) led the discussion and the committee voted to proceed. As more details become available, they will be shared with the committee and the Board. The cost of this initiative will be approximately \$2,200.

The show committee agreed to drop the Beltline sign for the show to help cover the costs of the social marketing campaign. The balance of the costs will be paid for with internal funds.

Spring Trip: A discussion was held to talk about any upcoming rail fanning trip opportunities. John Haverberg is coordinating. Board had an excellent discussion and is looking at a trip to a day trip to the East Troy Railroad Museum. Several options for the trip included lunch offsite given the limited options on site. Additionally, the Board discussed the possibility doing several layout tours on the return trip with a return time of approximately 7pm.

First choice for dates was May 4, 2019 and second choice was April 27, 2019. Board agreed to bring this to the November general meeting for a discussion with membership. May 4th was agreed to as the best date.

East Troy Railroad Museum has offered to provide a limited clinic on the museum to generate interest this rail fanning outing.

John will announce the trip at the December meeting and ask for a show of hands as to level of interest and report back to the Board.

Youth Group: The November meeting had the kids painting the bases that they made last month for the

modeling project. Jerry secured a significant quantity of scenery materials and will be distributing these materials to the kids to help them plan their diorama design. (special thanks go to Jim Feldman, Jerry Lawler, Bill Marks and Bob McGeever for their contributions. If I've forgotten any other donors, I apologize and please let me know so that the Board can recognize their contribution.) Instead of a competition, having the kids create 'Show and Tell' dioramas was discussed and agreed upon.

The December meeting will be the kids assisting adults at Olbrich Gardens holiday display of the G scale layout of the Garden Railroad group.

Old Business:

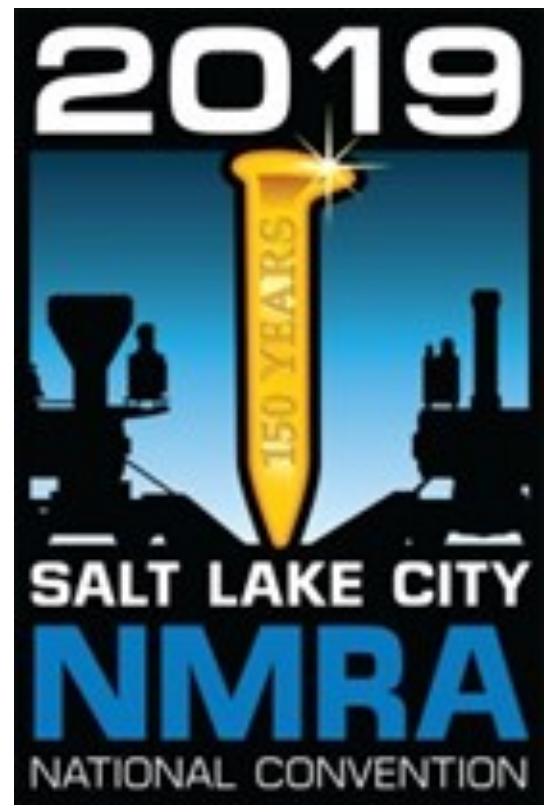
Rail Show new trains – Discussion to replace the wooden Brio trains used by the children's play area at the Rail Show. Research will be done to determine costs and availability. Several members are working together on this and will keep the Board apprised of the efforts and results.

New Business:

BOD agreed to purchase a new copy of MS Office for the SCWD laptop.

Adjournment: Steve Preston moved for adjournment and Bill C. seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler,

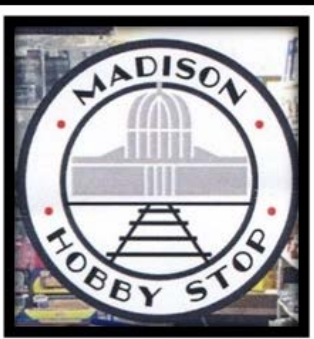


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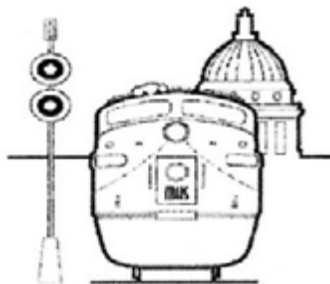
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Regular Meeting

Jan 6, 2019
Feb 3, 2019
March 3, 2019
April 7, 2019

BOD

Jan 14, 2019
Feb 11, 2019
March 11, 2019
April 8, 2019

Youth Group

Rail School
Train Show
March 17, 2019
April 21, 2019

Train Show

Jan 2, 2019
Feb 6, 2019
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