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Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

We had a very nice turnout for the October meet, and I'm expecting to see all or more of you at the November meet. Consider bringing a friend or neighbor and introduce them to the world of model railroading!

Mike will be distributing the materials for this year's modeling project to those of us that signed up, and at last count there were 18 of us.

Our clinician from last month, Brian Sheron, MMR, has provided us with a slide show tour of his layout and all it's details. It is posted on the Division website under Clinics.

By the time you read this we will have a fresh crop of AP model and contest judges as training is being held on October 21st at the Verona Senior Center for this purpose.

We are still in need of a Social Media Chairperson. If you have Facebook skills, please volunteer to lend us a hand with this as we are always looking to keep the hobby in the public eye and find new members.

I look forward to seeing you at the meet on November 5th.

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Next SCWD Meet

Verona Senior Center, Verona

November 5, 2023 at 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:

November 14, 2023 at 7 PM

ZOOM Meeting



Next Youth Group

Verona Senior Center, Verona

November 11, 2023 1 PM

Clinic Column

Ken Hojnacki

While I wasn't able to be at the meeting, from all accounts Brian Sheron MMR gave interesting clinics. Brian will return at a later date with more. This month, Ken Mosny will return with two clinics. From the top down---our usual view of our model world---the first thing we see are the roofs of buildings. Making them look realistic is a demanding job. Ken will show us his technique for building great looking wood shingles. It's a cut above.

We all have left over parts from kits or building projects. If you are like me, you hate to throw even the smallest piece of styrene or extra car part away. Ken will give us some ideas of what to do with those seemingly unusable pieces from our Junk Box. I bet there will be lots of great ideas there.

So come join us.

Ken

Modeling Project

Mike Vivion



As I announced at the September and October meetings, this year's project is "Making Natural Trees". I am pleased to announce that 18 members have signed up to participate, which is 90% of the number I had hoped would sign up. If anyone else wants to participate, please contact me via email or phone (See the Red Book for my contact information). If you have not contacted me by the time you are reading this, then you are probably too late to sign up. I must hear from you no later than October 31st, and hopefully earlier. I will not be accepting sign ups at our November meeting, as I plan to deliver materials at that meeting to all who have signed up.

I listed the rules for this year's modeling project in my column in the last issue of the Bad Order. I will try to get those listed at our web site under "Modeling Contest" shortly.

Again thank you to all who sign up for this year's modeling project, I look forward to seeing your finished mini-dioramas at our April, 2024, meeting.

Mike Vivion
Modeling Project Chair

In Memoriam SCWD Member

Dr. Edwin E. "Ned" Ferguson Jr., age 78, of Middleton, passed away on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023. A memorial gathering will be held at GUNDERSON EAST FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday Oct. 27, 2023.



Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

I hope everyone that toured Ken Kenyon's West Lumber and Lugerville Railroad layout appreciated what Ken was attempting to recreate.

Even though Ken's layout was relatively small it gave Ken the ability to represent places his father and grandfather worked and lived. Ken was also able to create an operations list with the use of JMRI. Maybe Ken will get inspired to expand his layout, it looks like his basement has plenty of room.



I hope this inspires more people with smaller layouts to show there's in the future.

Things have not fallen into place for the November's tours, so it looks like we may not have any. If you have a layout started and would like to have it open just let me know.

Phil

Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair



Hi everybody, the Youth Group on Saturday was a bit small, but had a good impact on those who showed up. First of all, our clinic was on soldering techniques and splicing wires. Chris Bradley gave a great demonstration on how to solder wires, we showed them how to strip and splice wires that were commonly used on layouts. We then showed them how to use wire nuts and different types of splices with heat shrink. These lessons are good for kids to know how to safely solder and give them an opportunity to get hands on experience with the electrical aspect of their layouts. Phil Hottmann had some switches that the kids could solder wires on terminals, I had some alligator clamps that they could solder to and crimp the wire to it at the same time for a firm grip. Each one of the group had done a great job of soldering for their first time out. There were no burnt fingers or smoke alarms going off during class, which was a good sign. Each youth was given a pair of wire stripper/ crimpers to keep for future use.

Thanks to all of those who helped out for our clinic: Phil Hottmann, Bill Mitchell, Chris Bradley, Art Dawson, Steve Preston, and special guest star, Bill Marks who gave some support to our clinic.

Thanks guys for a great job done!

Steve Preston
Youth Group Director and
Membership Chairman



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

Thanks to everyone who participated in the contests last month. We had a good number of entries and a good variety as well. I want to remind you to look at the rules for the photo contests in particular since we had some pictures that were larger than the size allowed in the rules.

Now we get to move on to the next contest. For our meeting on November 5 the theme is trackside businesses and industries. There are lots of options in a theme like this and I hope you all find some way to participate.

November theme is **Trackside Industries**

- A. Agricultural (grain elevator, feed mill, farm machinery, etc.)
- B. Dry Bulk Industry (plastics, glass, consumer goods, warehousing).
- C. Forest Products (lumber, paper, etc.).
- D. Mining and Minerals (iron, coal, steel gravel, sand etc.)

The following month (December) the theme is **Moving Forest Products**.

- A. Logs
- B. Lumber
- C. Paper
- D. Wood chips, Pulpwood

Good luck and happy modeling!

October 1 Popular Vote Contest Results - Stations and Terminals

Models

Cat. A Passenger Stations (Frame construction)

1st Al Potts: Sarahville station



2nd Don Swinton: Red station

3rd Jason Martin: Re-purposed station (Candy shop, Ice Cream parlor)

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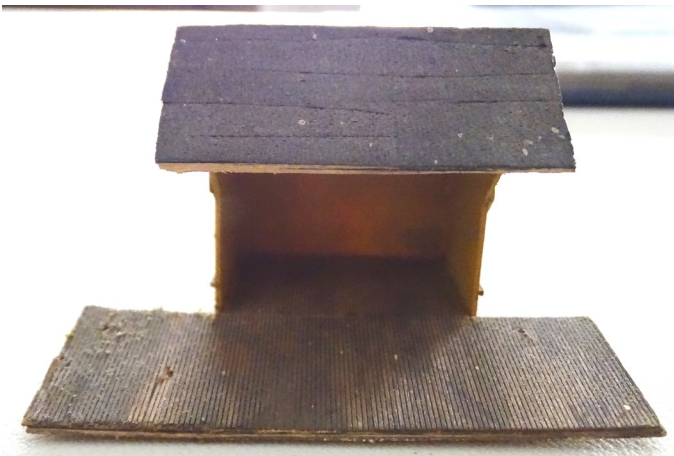
Cat. B Passenger Stations (Brick or stone construction)
 1st Al Potts: Cheyenne, WY depot



Cat. C Freight Depot
 1st Don Swinton: Small Freight Depot



Cat. D Commuter, Flagstop Station
 1st Al Potts: Small wood shelter stop



Photos - Prototype

Cat. PA Passenger Stations (Frame construction)
 1st Bob Stone: East Glacier Depot
 2nd Don Hendrikse: Zachow C&NW Station
 3rd Jim Thayer-Hart: Presque Isle LST
 Cat. PB Passenger Stations (Brick or stone construction)
 1st Thomas Calaci: Longview, TX station (tie)
 1st Thomas Calaci: Chicago Union Station (tie)
 2nd: Bob Stone: Great Falls, MT - GN station (tie)
 2nd Dave Down: Brigham City, UT - UP station (tie)
 3rd Jason Martin: Wis Dells Amtrak Station (tie)
 3rd Thomas Calaci: Chicago Union Station (tie)
 3rd Jim Thayer-Hart: San Diego-Santa Fe Station (tie)

Cat. PC Freight Stations
 1st Ewing Row: Glen Haven bridge
 Cat. PD Commuter Stations
 1st Dave Down: Provo, UT - Front Runner station

Photos - Models

Cat. MA Passenger Station (Frame construction)
 1st Phil Hottmann: Knob Creek station
 2nd Phil Hottmann: Brownsville Station
 3rd: Dave Down: Rugby Junction, WI - Soo Line
 Cat. MB Passenger Station (Brick or stone)
 1st Art Dawson: Union Station - Tacoma Washington

Dave

2023-2024 Contest Themes

SEP	Bridges and Culverts
OCT	Stations and Terminals
NOV	Trackside Industries
DEC	Moving Forest Products
JAN	No contest (Rail School)
FEB	Electric / Traction
MAR	Retired / Repurposed
APR	No contest (model project)
MAY	Cabooses



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.

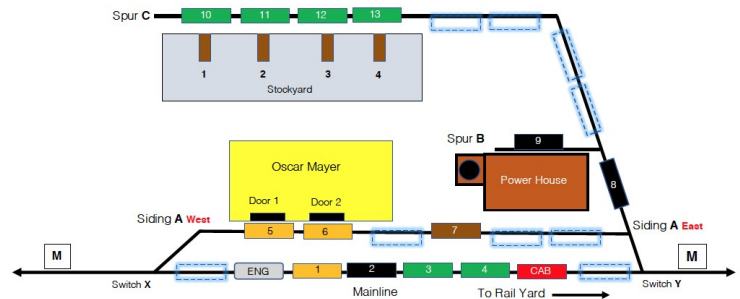
The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

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



OPS Puzzles

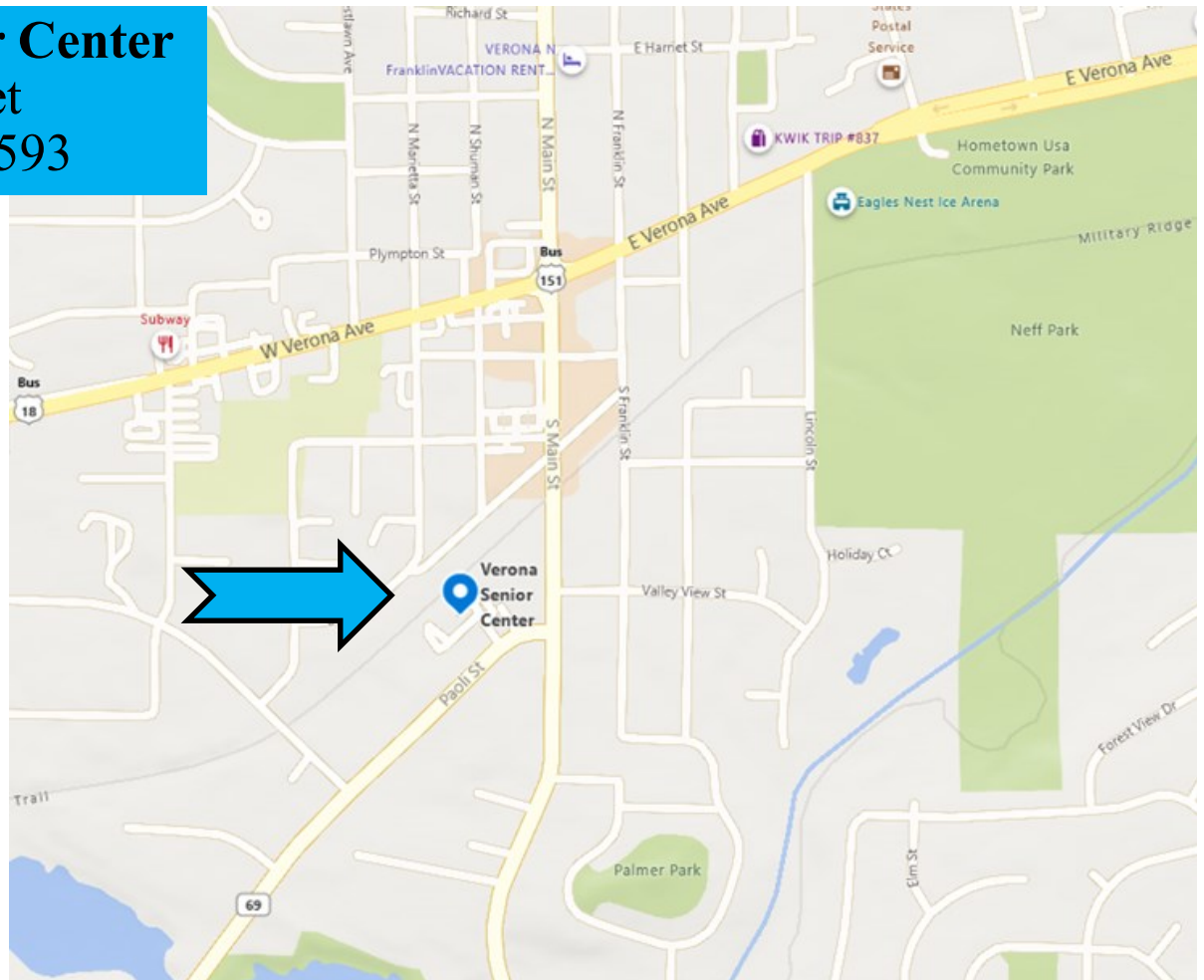


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

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

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

Verona Senior Center
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NMRA NEWS



The week-long **SurfLiner**
2024 NMRA National Convention
is being hosted by the
Pacific Southwest Region of the NMRA on
August 4-11, 2024 at
The Westin Hotel in
Long Beach, California.



Train shows/swaps WI & Northern IL

*Thanks to Bob McGeever for
passing along
this information*

Monthly shows

DuPage County Fairgrounds - Wheaton IL <https://www.trainshow.com/> 11 months Aug > June. Typically, on first Sunday - Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 2023, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, June 2, Aug 4, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 2024

Lionel Railroad Club – New Berlin WI www.milw-lrrc.com Oct > March - 3rd Sunday, except February, which is on the 4th Sunday. Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17 2023, Jan 21, Feb 25, Mar 17 2024. New Berlin Entertainment Center - morning

K-Town Swap Union Hall, 3030 39th Ave – Kenosha, WI (no website that I've found) Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17 2023, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10 2024. Bill 262-331-0392. (I've tried to calling Bill multiple times in 2023, never returned the call, so good luck)

WISE Div Meet – Oct 15, Nov 19 2023, Feb 25, Mar 17 2024. New Berlin Entertainment Center - afternoon
<https://www.wisedivision.org/>

One day or weekend per year

Green County Model Railroaders, Stateline Ice Expo, Monroe, WI – typically 3rd or 4th weekend in September, Sept 23 & 24, 2023 <https://gcmrrinc.org/show> Admission price NOT listed on flyer, rumor is \$4.

Jackson, Washington County Fair Park - October 8, 2023 – Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers Club - <http://kmsrrclub.org/id3.html>

Marshfield, WI – Oct 21 & 22, 2023. Hub City Model Train Show.

WISE Div Train School - Jan 14, 2024 - Hoepfner-Horn Bros. VFW Post 5716 <https://www.wisedivision.org/>
4000 foundation – Great Tri-state Rail Sale – La Crosse Center - January 27, 2024 - <https://www.4000foundation.org/>

Mad-City - Alliant Energy Center, Rim Rock Rd, Madison, WI - 3rd weekend in February, Feb 17 & 18, 2024 <https://www.nmra-scwd.org/mad-city-show.html>

March O Scale Meet March 14, 15, 16, 17, 2024 <https://marchmeet.net/WP/>

Lena IL Lena-Winslow Elementary, March 23 & 24, 2024 – typically 3rd or 4th weekend in March - <https://www.facebook.com/lenadepotstovegang/>

Cedarburg – Ozaukee County Fairgrounds – April 7, 2024 – Metro Model Railroad Club - <http://members.trainorders.com/scrimjimmy/spring.html>

Green Bay – Title Town Train Show – May 4 & 5, 2024 - <https://www.ttsgbllc.com/>

4000 foundation – Rail Fair, Copland Park, La Crosse, WI July 13, 2024 <https://www.4000foundation.org/>

Unknown date

Onalaska, WI (Lacrosse) – Onalaska Omni Center, typically March (La Crosse and 3 Rivers Model Railroad Club) (Saturday & Sunday)

Waupaca WI – Strawberry fest June – but in 2023, they said it will their last RR show. <https://www.facebook.com/wamrltd>



Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, 11 September 2023 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:08 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Phil Hottmann, Chris Bradley, Bob McGeever, John Kosobucki, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. (Meeting date and start times may vary due to BOD members schedules.)

BOD Meetings: Members of the SCWD are invited to join a ZOOM Board of Directors meeting. Meeting dates are published in the **Bad Order**. Send a request to Art Dawson or another member of the SCWD Board for a ZOOM link to the upcoming meeting. The members' contact information is in the **RED BOOK**.

Minutes

Motion by Kosobucki, second by Down, to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on August 15, 2023. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the August paymaster report. Motion by Mitchell, second by Preston, to approve the August Paymaster Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - Ken Hojnacki has scheduled an achievement program judges training session for October 21 at the Verona Senior Center. People interested in attending this training session need to contact Ken (contact information in the **RED BOOK**).

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles are due for the newsletter by September 16th.

Special Note 1: The email list comes directly from the NMRA membership list, so please keep your membership active and your email current with the NMRA. All SCWD members are requested to inform the NMRA when their email address changes.

Special Note 2: Kathy, our newsletter editor, is always in need of articles. Please submit articles as soon as possible to have them included in the next publication of the Bad Order to SCWDKATHY@AOL.com via email with attachments in a WORD formatted document.

Clinics - Clinics are scheduled for the remaining monthly membership meetings. Members, please think about a clinic you would enjoy presenting next year.

Contests - Model and Photography - Dave Down will be publishing the list of contests in the Bad order for the 2023-2024 year. The September membership meeting had a good turnout of entries.

Modeling Project - Mike Vivion presented the "Natural Trees on a Diorama" project at the September membership meeting. No commercial trees will be allowed. Please sign up and pick up the modeling supplies at the October membership meeting.

Door Prizes - Four \$25.00 Gift Certificates to **MADISON HOBBY STOP** will continue to be presented during the monthly membership meetings for the 2023 - 2024 season.

Layout Tours - A new Layout Tour Coordinator is needed. Phil Hottmann has lined up a tour for the October meeting. He will be working on scheduling tours for the rest of the season. More members are encouraged to open up their layouts for tours.

Our SCWD organization is always looking for more people to host virtual or in-person layout tours. Please contact Phil Hottmann about the possibility of opening up your layout for a virtual or in-person tour. Phil's contact information is in the REDBOOK.

Membership - Steve Preston - Membership registrations are up to date. Only one membership is past due.

The current SCWD membership list is sent to Steve Preston on a monthly basis. The email address of the SCWD members associated with the membership list is used for the Constant Contact electronic communications system. Each member is responsible for making sure that their email address is valid. If someone has problems renewing their NMRA-SCWD membership using the ON-LINE systems, please contact Steve Preston. His contact information is in the RED BOOK.

Picnic - Nothing to report.

Publicity - Nothing to report.

Social Media - Someone familiar with **FACE BOOK** is needed to become the **Social Media Publisher**. The SCWD organization information needs to be accessible to the public.

Rail School - January 7, 2024 - Chris Bradley and Art Dawson will be the Rail School Coordinators. Planning tasks included room layout and tables needed, access to electricity, people to put on demonstrations, and **Blue Box Kit** assembly assistance.

Rail Show - Planning for the February 2024 rail show has started. Invitations have been sent out to vendors and exhibitors.

Youth Group - Steve Preston - Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, and Bill Mitchell moved the Youth Group materials from the "Company Store" storage unit in Madison to the "Youth Group" storage unit in Verona. This allows the company store to have more room and the Youth Group materials are conveniently located in Verona. At the September Youth Group meeting, Chris and Levi Bradley put on an excellent Kadee Coupler installation demonstration. The October meeting will cover soldering techniques. Details about the April Modeling Contest will be presented.

Youth Group Notes - Youth 18 years of age and under are welcome to join the SCWD Youth Group. A parent or designated adult is required to attend with the youth. The Youth Group Committee is looking for more members. Also, SCWD members are needed to present model railroading topics.

Website - The website needs some updates to reflect the 2023-2024 season.

Old Business:

May Annual Dinner - The date of the SCWD Annual Dinner has been moved to May 10, 2024. The dinner will still be held at the American Legion Hall in Verona. This will allow our members the opportunity to attend the NMRA Midwest Region Convention on May 2 - 4, 2024, in South Bend, Indiana.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Preston, second by Kosobucki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk



For those members that participate in the listserv emails from Steve Lanphear, please remember to **send him your new email if you change it! Changing your email with the NMRA does not change it on the listserv. His email is:**

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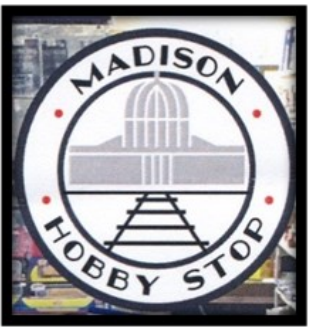
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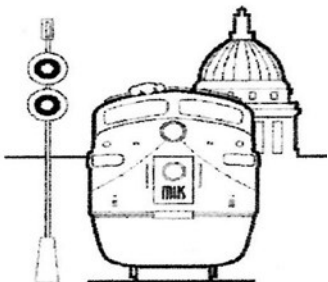
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SCWD 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group
November 5, 2023	November 14, 2023	November 11, 2023
December 3, 2023	December 12, 2023	December 9, 2023
January 7, 2024 Rail School	January 9, 2024	January 13, 2024
February 4, 2024	February 13, 2024	February 10, 2024
March 3, 2024	March 12, 2024	March 9, 2024
April 7, 2024	April 9, 2024	April 13, 2024
May 5, 2024	May 14, 2024	May 11, 2024
	June 11, 2024	
	August 13, 2024	

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