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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

October's meeting went very well. We had great clinics presented by Darin Umlauf on modeling Soo Line mail and express cars, and by Steve Lanphear on replacing track at the Rochelle diamond. We did have some trouble with Steve's videos not playing so we need to upgrade the software on the club laptop. Bob McGeever has kindly agreed to take care of that.

Last Friday I attended the memorial service for Ron Betlach. I was very impressed by the number of SCWD members that attended. This shows what our club is all about -- our love of trains and our support of one another. Sharon said that just one week before his passing, Ron had made a trip to the hobby shop, bought a car, assembled it, and ran it on his layout.

We are still looking for volunteers: someone to replace the clinics chair next year and someone interested in co-chairing the monthly layout tours.

I attended the meeting for putting together the February Rail Show. It appears that plans are well underway for another successful show.

November is typically when modeling season gets into full swing with a trip to Milwaukee for Trainfest. I hope to see you there and at our meeting on November 4.

Phil Hottmann
Superintendent

Next SCWD Meet:

November 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

November 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

November 18, 2018
Zor Shrine Temple



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The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinic Chair

For November we welcome back John Kelly with his latest presentation of "Milwaukee Road's Beer Line."

Madison railroad author John Kelly will talk from his recent book "Railroads of Milwaukee" and the hey-day of Milwaukee's beer industry in the 1950's and how the Milwaukee Road switched Schlitz, Pabst, and Blatz breweries plus 100 other businesses and industries along the 6.2-mile urban route. He will continue his talk through the 1980's with brewery buyouts and economic changes to both the Milwaukee Road and City of Milwaukee. John will also have several other of his railroad books available to purchase

Our second clinic will be by Bob Wundrock (geez, that's me). I'll be reviewing Model Railroader's Beer Line project layout including showing one of their ops videos.



Thanks to October clinicians
Darin Umlauf
and
Steve Lanphear
for their presentations.



See you all on November 4th.

Bob

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Dave Down
Contest Co-Chairs

The November 4 Contest theme is "Wood Construction". Using wood to construct models has many advantages. Wood is cheap, easy to cut and shape, and takes paint or stain readily. Best of all, wood is often the material used in the prototype. When modeling, nothing looks more like wood than wood! Models in this contest should be made substantially of wood. Some parts such as wheels, windows, roofs, trucks, doors, etc., may be made of other materials.



In the Photo Contest, prototype photos should show wood construction of rolling stock or structures. Model

photos can be photos of wooden models or any model of wooden rolling stock or structures.

November 4 Model and Photo Contests Theme: Wood Construction

- Cat. A Rolling Stock
- Cat. B Railroad Owned Structure
- Cat. C Industrial Structure
- Cat. D Commercial/Residential Structure

October 7 Popular Vote Contests Results: Oops!

Model

Cat. A Freight Car

- 1st Dave Casey: NOT&M Stock Car
- 2nd Jason Martin: Marklin WP Boxcar
- 3rd Ewing Rowe: N Scale Flatcar w/Squashed Brake Wheel



Cat. B Structure

- 1st Matt Baumgart: Car Shop
Doors Not Tall Enough
- 2nd Dave Casey: Humbird
Cheese-Warped Roof



Cat. C Mistakes/Unusual Construction

- 1st Todd Wegter: Wreck
Repaired SD70M



Cat. D Wrecks

- 1st Sean Hadfield: Shipwreck
"Lucky"



Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Freight Car

- 1st Ewing Row: Firewood?
- 2nd Steve Lanphear: Bunk Car Conversion
- 3rd Sean Lamb: Bad Order Sign

Cat. PB Structure

- 1st Steve Lanphear: Abandoned Building-Pikes Peak

Cat. PC Mistakes/Unusual Construction

- 1st Steve Lanphear: Repurposed Boxcar at Durango
- 2nd Ewing Row: Broom in Right-of-Way Marker
- 3rd Ewing Row: The 4014

Cat. PD Wrecks

- 1st Steve Lanphear: BNSF Grain Hopper Wreck

Model Photo

Cat. MB Structure

- 1st Ewing Row: Forest Fire Near Trestle
- 2nd Ewing Row: Something Fell
- 3rd Ewing Row: The End Is Near

Cat. MC Mistakes/Unusual Construction

1st Ewing Row: Rock Slide

2nd Ewing Row: Four to Fix

3rd Steve Lanphear: Bubba's Mason Jar Still

Cat. MD Wrecks

1st Steve Lanphear: Freight Wreck at Bridge

2nd Sean Lamb: Ntrack Derailment

3rd Steve Lanphear: UPS/Tank Car Wreck

AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki

AP Chair



It seems like the Capitol 400 was just last week but I am finally realizing I can get back to working on the railroad. My big goal for this year is to finish the scenery I need to have judged for the Scenery Achievement Award. This isn't as daunting as it may sound. Here are the requirements in brief:

Construct a completed section of a model railroad of at least sixty square feet in O scale, or forty-five square feet in S scale, or thirty-two square feet in HO scale, or eighteen square feet in N scale containing terrain, structures, background, lighting, and realism/conformity as combined to achieve a realistic effect in that particular model railroad scene. That's only 4'x8' in HO or 3'x6' in N. And you can use two separate areas for the judging as long as the total equals the required minimum. Next, prepare a set of photographs and a written description clearly describing the intended setting of the model railroad and the scenic details including towns or cities in the area being judged. Lastly, prepare a description of the materials and methods of construction used in creating various features of terrain, background and lighting. Pictures need not be publication quality, just illustrate some of the features and perhaps techniques used in your description. No scale drawings are required.

You need to include features such as embankments, water, streets, roads, structures which include bridges, trestles and buildings, good backdrop treatment, and lighting including room, structure and other lighting effects. No structures will be judged for construction, just appropriateness in the scene. The overall scene judged must be a believable, miniature representation of a prototypical railroad scene.

You do need to have structures "planted" rather than sitting atop the ground. You don't need a lot of structures but the more you add, the more points you can garner. Track should be ballasted and having different elevations

adds to the scoring, such as the land falling away from the ROW or rising above it or going thru a cut. The more techniques you use and the variety of materials used to achieve your realism, the higher the scoring potential. When your photos and description are complete, you can contact me and we can arrange a time to visit your layout and judge your scenery. If you have modules that meet the size requirements, those can be judged just like a permanent layout. In fact, an easy way to have them judged would be at the Train Show in February if the modules are part of a modular group display.

I'm finding little things to add to my area to be judged, like finally using that campfire LED I bought many years ago and almost couldn't find. I have some bigger projects to complete also but there is a fast-moving train visible at the end of the tunnel (which BTW is in the judging area). If you're interested in how the judging goes, ask me or Bob Wundrock or Fred Robinson or our latest Scenery award winner, Bill Clancy.

So what do you say? Can we make the "scene" together?

Ken

Youth Group

Steve Brist

The SCWD Youth Group members continued their efforts on the "New Uses for an Old Caboose" project at our October Meeting. Last month our members prepared the base for the dioramas, by cutting foam insulation rectangles and covering them plaster sheets. During our October meeting, Jerry Lawler helped our members paint the diorama bases. Jerry also distributed scenery materials, including plaster rocks, trees, Woodland Scenic grass and dirt, scale automobiles and other items that our members were able to take to use on their own at home. Next month our members will receive their caboose, and we will discuss ideas for using the caboose in the diorama. This year we are treating the annual modeling effort as a "project" rather than a "contest", in order to increase participation among our members. We hope to exhibit the finished dioramas in April.



Thanks to a donation from the family of a model railroader, we distributed more than two dozen HO scale plastic buildings to our members. These will be used either on their own layout or as part of the dioramas. We are thankful that model railroaders think of our Group as a place to “recycle” model railroading scenery and equipment.



Bob McGeever and Steve Preston were also present to help lead our members. We appreciate the efforts of SCWD members in support of Youth model railroading.

We ended the afternoon by operating trains on both our HO layout and the N Scale T-Trak layout. We used model trains that belong to the Youth Group and trains and locomotives brought to the meeting by our members. The Operating Session is usually a high point at our meetings. In fact, we have trouble getting our members away from the trains so we can conduct our business meeting.



Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 18 at 1PM at the Zor Shrine Building, 575 Zor Shrine Place. The November meeting will be our last meeting at that location in 2018, because in December we will make our annual trek to view the G scale train holiday exhibit at Olbrich Gardens. We look forward to getting together again in November.

See you then!
Steve

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann
Layout Tour Chair

With the Brewers playing on the radio, we had a nice trip to Waunakee to visit Paul Nelson’s Great Northern and then on to the North side of Madison to visit Ken Hojnacki’s New York, Ontario and Western Auburn Division Layouts.

It’s been a little while since the last time we’ve seen Paul’s layout. Paul shows that you can do a very nice layout in a bedroom-size room. With numerous lighting effects and detailed scenes, it was very nice to see this layout again.



Ken’s layout featured a new addition, expanding the operational aspect of his layout. Ken’s work is always very impressive.



For November we are still locking in the tours.

We will need layouts open for the rest of the year also. So if you’re interested in a particular month let me know.

Phil

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann

New uses for old cabooses

October was the last month to sign up for the project. So far we have 18 adults signed up and the youth group is planning to use this as their project this year.

It sounds like people are starting to gather ideas for the project. I'm looking forward to seeing some unique applications.

Project Guidelines:

Must complete diorama and bring to the April 2019 meeting.

Pay entry fee at sign up or pick up.

Project Rules:

1. Caboose must be modeled and added to a diorama.
2. Caboose may be altered as preferred, i.e. caboose is an ice-cream shop
3. Caboose must be mounted on a base and structure(s) and/or scenery detail must be added.
4. Overall diorama base dimensions cannot exceed 200 square inches for N scale and 400 square inches for HO scale.

Project awards

Awards are \$300 total in Gift Certificates to the Madison Hobby Stop.

Awards are in two categories: Adult and Youth.

Each category will have three places; first place \$75, second place \$50 & third place \$25

In the case of ties in a category, the award will be split equally.



SCWD Spring 2019 Railfan Trip

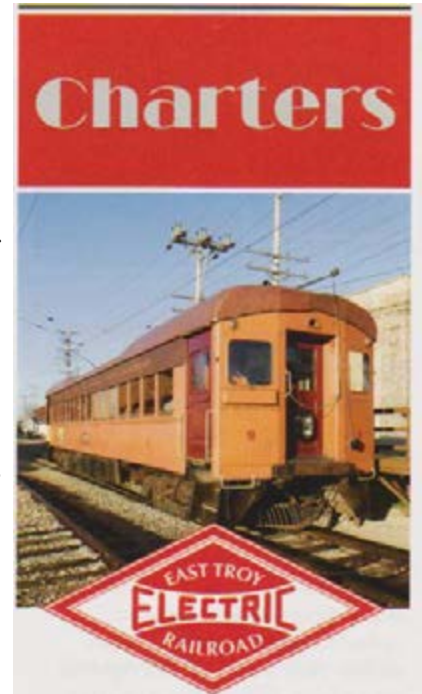
The SCWD Board approved sponsorship of a limited one day railfan trip for the spring of 2019. Contact has been made with the East Troy Railroad Museum and a tour arranged on their 14 mile round trip interurban trolley line for Saturday, May 4, 2019. In addition, Evan Richards, tour coordinator for the

museum, will be presenting a clinic on the history and equipment of the line at the February 3rd SCWD regular meeting. Contact has also been made with several model railroaders in the Whitewater and Ft. Atkinson areas who are willing to open their home layouts on May 4th for tours. A 31 passenger bus will provide the transportation from the Madison Zor Shrine parking lot to the East Troy Railroad Museum for the guided morning tour on the rail line and of their maintenance shops. The bus will then go to the home layout tours before returning to Zor Shrine in the early evening. We will try to limit the layout tours to half the bus at time through multiple visits to not over-crowd each stop.

This trip will be limited to a SCWD member and one guest per sign up. Cost per person will be \$25 plus driver gratuity for the bus and \$10 per person for admission to the museum. Details for a lunch stop have yet to be worked out (box lunch, picnic lunch, lunch at a local restaurant, etc) but the meal cost will be your responsibility, too.

Sign up for this trip will start at the February 3rd SCWD meeting and will be on a first come, first serve basis. A waiting list will also be maintained in case of dropouts. More details will be published as they become available.

John Haverberg
SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator





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If it's November it must be... NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD MONTH!

This is the time for you to promote our hobby by showing non-model railroaders what it's all about, and how much fun it is. Here are a few idea starters:

- Have a layout open house for your neighbors...just distribute flyers to several dozen houses near yours telling them you have a model railroad in your home, and this would be a great opportunity to sneak a peek.
- Take a train to work – bring a model to your workplace and put it in a spot where your co-workers can get a good look at it. If you're really ambitious, bring a different model every week...or every day!
- Hold a clinic or two at your local public library. Contact the library, tell them what you're doing, and book a time on a weekend or evening. Then hold a "How to get started in model railroading" clinic by showing pictures and having models that they can see and touch.
- Take a few dozen photos of your layout with your smartphone, then show them to your friends and co-workers. Tell them it's easy to get started in model railroading, and explain how much fun it is.

Those are just four ideas to get you started – you can undoubtedly think of more. The point is, if you want to see our hobby flourish, you've got to help it grow. And November is the month to do it. So get started!



Upcoming Rail Events

Thanksgiving Train Show
Friday, Nov. 23, 3:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25
11:00-4:00 pm

Holiday Train Show
Friday, Dec. 28, 3:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 29, 11:00-4:00 pm

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**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 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 September 10, 2018 by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. In attendance were Board members **Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, Ken Hojnacki, Jerry Lawler, Bill Clancy, and Phil Berry.**

Absent:

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

Paymaster Report: Report included banquet expenses. Motion to approve the Paymaster report for August. Motion made by Bob, and seconded by Bill and approved. BOD reported that the SCWD would be meeting at the Zor Shrine facility through 2019.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Nothing to report

Advertising: Nothing to report

Bad Order: Articles due by the 14th for publication

Club Liaison (Reports on activities with other clubs.)
Nothing to Report – Position remains unfilled.

Clinics: Clinics are set for season. October meeting clinics are set. One clinic will be on kitbashing by a guest and Steve Lanphear will be doing a clinic on rail work done at the Rochelle Double Diamond tracks and crossing.

Contests: The board agreed to continue with the video contest that was begun this year. Rules will be published in the Bad Order.

Themes for this year were published at the first meeting in the fall and will be listed in the Bad Order.

Modeling Project for 2017-2018: Theme for next year was announced at the first meeting in the fall. It will be ‘Repurposing Cabooses’. Phil Hottmann has agreed to remain as modeling project chair for 2018-2019. A num-

ber of members have already signed up.

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber is responsible for the meeting door prizes and has budget of \$1,000. He reports that all is well with meeting and banquet door prizes.

Layout tours: October layout tours will be in Waunakee and the north side of Madison. Paul Nelson and Ken Hojnacki will be hosting

Membership: Steve Preston’s efforts at the Rail Show were very successful. There will be some minor adjustments for 2019 based on lessons learned from this year’s first effort. A laptop will be provided to Steve to add new members.

Steve proposed providing several magazines to new members. These include the Atlas Wiring, and 7 Steps to HO Railroads. The Board agreed to purchase 10 of each for new members to help them get started with layouts.

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.

Publicity: Nothing new to report.

Rail School: The Division has acquired additional Blue Box models for distribution at the 2019 Rail School. We may need to get more based on a count of total existing and anticipated 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.

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**



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 1/2 the layouts from last year have responded. This is normal for the show.

Spring Trip: A discussion was held to talk about any upcoming rail fanning trip opportunities. John H. is coordinating. The Board discussed a range of possibilities including one and two day trips. The Board opted for a one-day trip due to summer scheduling conflicts. John will bring us more information as time passes.

Web Site: Nothing new to report.

Youth Group: The September meeting will be having the kids make the bases for the modeling project. The October meeting is scheduled to have the kids paint their bases and plan their diorama. Instead of a competition, having the kids create 'Show and Tell' dioramas was discussed and agreed upon.

Old Business:

Proposed changes to the Bylaws Election of BOD officers. Item was discussed at length at the August meeting. After much discussion it was determined that the SCWD BOD was operating within the by-laws and that no changes needed to be made.

New 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.

Adjournment: Dave Lendved moved for adjournment and Bill C. seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

**Thanks to Sean Lamb
SCWD**

Refreshment Chair

**for always putting
together the great snacks for
our monthly meet.
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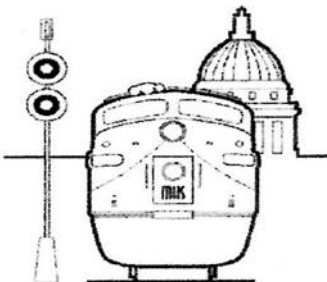
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Regular Meeting

Nov 4, 2018

Dec 2, 2018

Jan 6, 2019

Feb 3, 2019

BOD

Nov 12, 2018

Dec 10, 2018

Jan 14, 2019

Feb 11, 2019

Youth Group

Nov 18, 2018

Dec 16, 2018

Rail School

Train Show

Train Show

Nov 7, 2018

Dec 5, 2018

Jan 2, 2019

Feb 6, 2019

