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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent



Some of you may have noticed that as I wind down my tenure as the Superintendent of the SCWD my columns are getting shorter and shorter. This will be a short but important one.

When I took on the job of Superintendent I knew there were some issues that might need to be dealt with.

Like finding a new meeting hall. We did that.

Like figuring out who was going to take over the rail show from Art. We did that.

Like figuring out who would be the next convention chair. We did that.

Like figuring out who was going to take over the rail school from Andy. We did not have to do that! Thank you Andy and please hang in there for a few more schools.

Like figuring out who would be the next Superintendent. We haven't quite got this one figured out yet.

Like figuring out how to increase the membership of the SCWD. I never really got around to this one. And I should have. To be honest, I don't have much in the way of ideas on this topic. We have been holding our own for total members at a time when we probably should have been growing. We are fortunate to be located in an area that is growing in population and

Next SCWD Meet:

January 7th 2018 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

January 8th 2018 7:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

January 7th 2018 1:00 pm
Rail School



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fairly well off. There are lots of model railroaders in our region that are not part of our division. Many may not even be aware of our division. Someone who is already into the hobby but not a member of our division should be to us what a salesman would call a “hot prospect”. They are already interested in what we have to sell, so to speak.

There are two things we will need to increase our membership:

1. Some good ideas on how to do it.
2. Folks to carry out the ideas.

Steve Preston, Paul Mangan and Jerry Lawler are working on ideas for recruiting new members. I am setting aside space in the floor plan of the train show so that they can locate our membership booth between the show office and the Girl Scouts cookie sales booth. We will have lots of foot traffic and show staff in that area. Now we need a recruitment program to take advantage of the location! If any of you have ideas on this topic, please contact them. And if you have the time, please join them in their efforts.

Hope to see you at Rail School,

Bob



Bob McGeever and Fred Robinson

Receive the NMRA
Association Official
Certificate of Achievement Award
at the December Meet
Congratulations!!!!

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

Just a reminder to everyone that there will be no contests at the January 7 meeting because Rail School will be in session.

The next Popular Vote Contests will be at the February 4 meeting. The theme will be: Moving Forest Products. We'll have more on that in the next Bad Order.

Meanwhile, we want to remind everyone that the SCWD Video Contest is underway! 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.
- 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, 2018.
- 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.

Dave and Steve

December Popular Vote Contest Results

Interior Details: The Inside Story

Model Contest

Cat. B Non-Revenue Equipment

1st Webb Winn: MKT Caboose Interior

Cat. C R.R. Structure

1st Phil Hottmann: Watering Stop

2nd Don Swinton: CSX in Prince, WV

3rd Bill Clancy: DRGW Passenger Station

Cat. D Non-R.R. Structure

1st Bill Clancy: Catherine Street Stores

2nd Dave Casey: Dairy Queen

3rd Webb Winn: Hotel Ballroom



Photo Contest

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Revenue Equipment

1st Steve Preston: Kitchen Car

2nd Mail Car

Cat. PB Non-Revenue Equipment

1st Steve Preston: Private Car

Cat. PC R.R. Structure

1st Jerry Lawler: CTC Board from the IC

2nd Jason Martin: Train Barn at the Illinois R.R. Museum

Model Photo

Cat. MC R.R. Structure

1st Bob Wundrock: St. Paul Freighthouse Interior

2nd Bob Wundrock: St. Paul Freighthouse Dock

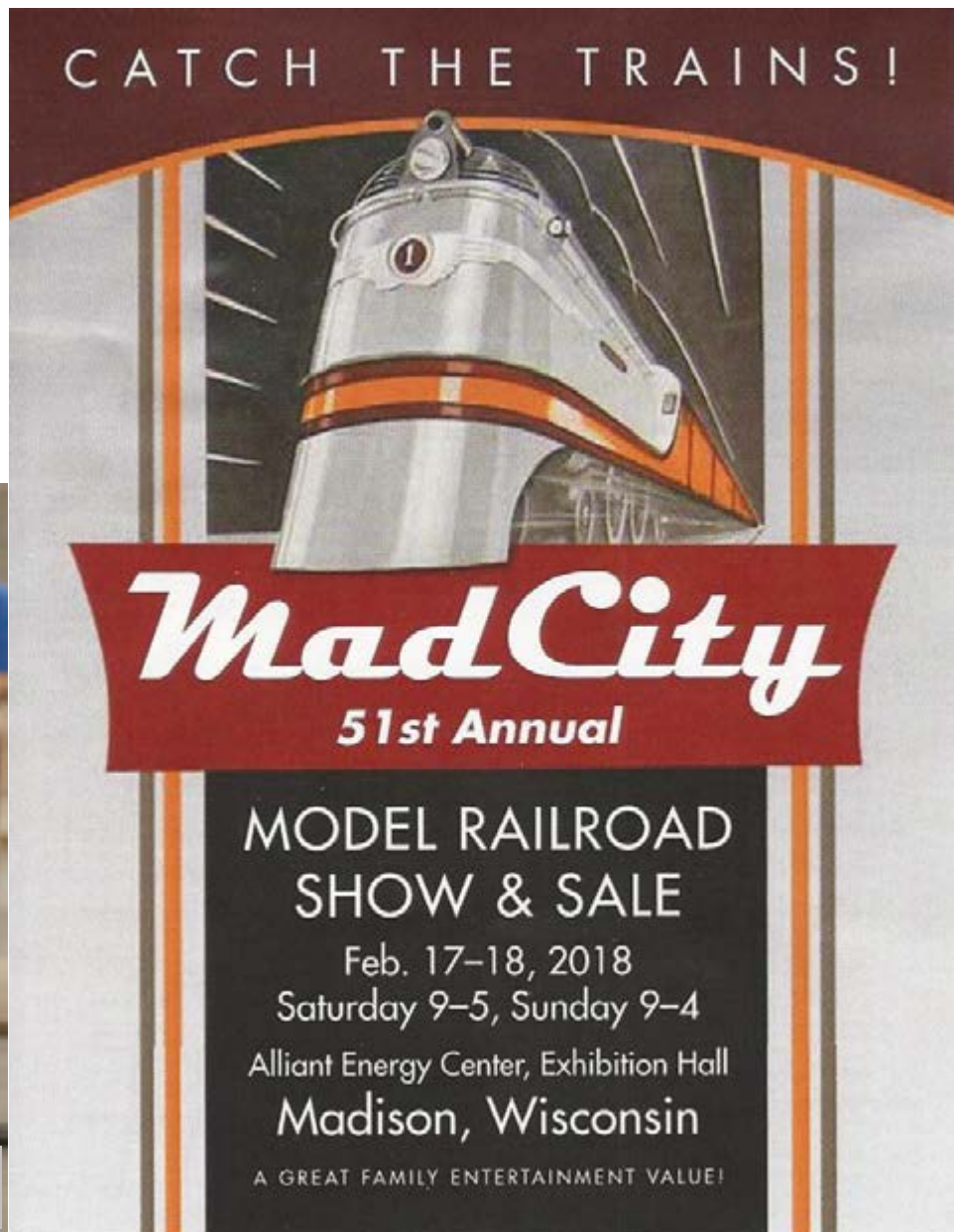


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Hank Koshollek

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinics Chair

Thanks again to Bob Boelter and Donn Tolley for their presentations at the December meet.



Since we have the Rail School in January, the next clinics will be at the February 4th meet. As a preview, one of those in February will be about railroad navies. The other will be about the layout below.



See you then,
Bob

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann
Modeling Project Chair

The kits are now out and it sounds like a few people have started them.

We're going to do a work session with the Youth Group at the Rail School. So if you interested, you can come and find out how this kit goes together.

Phil



Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann
Layout Tour Chair

We did a virtual layout tour at December's meeting. I think most people found Jack Burgess's layout to be quite interesting.



Modeling a prototype definitely has a number of advantages over a free-lance design. It certainly helped in the planning stages of his multi-deck layout. It also defined exactly what structures were going to be put on his layout. I found it almost disturbing that he never built a structure kit.

In February we'll do another virtual tour unless I can find someone willing to be open.



Convention Layout Tours

Hopefully everyone is preparing to have their layouts open in April. I think we're very close to having a finalized list.

If you're planning to be open and we having heard from you, please let us know as soon as possible.

Phil



NMRA MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION MADISON, WISCONSIN • APRIL 13-15, 2018

As you read this, our Capitol 400 Midwest Region Convention is just three months away. If you haven't been to the Convention website lately, you'll find a partial list of the topics for the clinics to be held Friday night and Saturday. We talked about Tony Koester and Tom Garver's clinics in the November Bad Order so I won't go over them again except to say that we're sure there will be high interest in both, so they will be presented unopposed; Tom's O. Winston Link clinic at 9:30 Saturday morning and Tony Koester's "Lessons Learned Building Two -- Now Three! -- Layouts" at 11.

Here is the updated list of clinics from Bob Wundrock, our Clinic Chair.

Keith Thomsen: Early Amtrak
 Sean Lamb: How To Build It Wrong
 Steve Lanphear: Repairing The Rochelle Diamonds
 Phil Berry: Intro To JMRI - Java Model Railroad Interface
 Mike Vivion: "Montana & Boca Grande"
 David Leider: "Marketing Wisconsin Potatoes and the C&NW's Wood Street Potato Yard"
 Capt. Al Nelson: "Welcome Aboard"
 Dave Nelson: Weathering
 Gregg Condon: "Layout Construction Efficiencies"
 Chris Heili: Arduino Controllers [In Two Parts]
 Dave Rickaby: "Model Railroad Photography"
 Bill Clancy: Designing and Building the Rio Grande Pacific
 Tyrone Johnsen: Modeling An Operating Railroad Museum
 Rich Mahaney: Caboose Clinic

So you see, there will be lots of choices among these topics and we're sure you'll find something helpful in each of them. The Registration Form is elsewhere in this issue. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Ken Hojnacki
 Convention Chair

**UP, BNSF,
 KCS and
 more... boy
 are we
 planning
 tours!**

We've been working diligently on tours for the convention over the past month

and think that you'll be delighted to hear about what we already have approved and what's in the works.



Many of you asked at the 2017 Orlando Convention if we were going to be able to schedule a tour of the UP Harriman Dispatching Center in Omaha, NE. I'm pleased to announce that the UP Railway has agreed to allow two tours during the week of the Convention. This will be an all-day tour as it is roughly 3.5 hours from the hotel to the UP Headquarters in Omaha. This is truly a great opportunity at an inside look of UP's operations, so once this tour is posted for sale on the KC2018.org website, make your reservations fast.

UP isn't the only game in town. BNSF has their largest yard on the BNSF System just minutes from the convention hotel. The committee is hard at work securing tours of the Hump Yard and the locomotive shops at Argentine Yard.

KCS has their corporate headquarters located just on the other side of downtown from the convention hotel. They have their dispatching center located in their corporate office and it is a beautiful office building.

But we're not just focused on trains in Kansas City. We've got a full lineup of non-Rail activities planned for the week as well. The Kansas City Royals Baseball Club will be in the middle of a home stand during the convention. The World War I museum is within walking distance of the hotel and the Steamboat Arabia museum is accessible from the KC Streetcar in the River Market area.

All of the tours will be finalized by February 2018, so keep checking the convention website at kc2018.org. Get your caboose to Kansas City!!!



Capitol 400 Midwest Region NMRA 2018 Convention

April 13, 14 & 15, 2018

www.nmra-scwd.org/convention



Registration Form

ALL FARES INCLUDE BANQUET

Registration Type	Fare	Number	Total
Rail Early Full Fare	\$55		\$
Non-Rail Early Full Fare	\$40		\$
Banquet Only	\$30		\$
Rail Full Fare After March 31, 2018	\$65		\$
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Non-NMRA members add \$20 for 9 Month NMRA Rail Pass	\$20		\$
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Total Enclosed			\$

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Operating Sessions will be held Friday afternoon from 1pm to 4:30pm and Friday evening from 6:30pm to 10pm. You can sign up for afternoon, evening or both. Indicate your layout preference—1st and 2nd for each session. See layout descriptions in the Operating Session section of the Capitol 400 website: <http://www.nmra-scwd.org/convention.html>

Afternoon Session 1-4:30pm

Bill Clancy Rio Grande Pacific _____

Bob Wundrock RLD&M _____

Evening Session 6:30-10pm

Bill & Rose Weber Union Pacific _____

Ken Hojnacki & Peter Reinhold NYO&W _____

Crew assignments will be based on first received/first assigned. A waiting list will be created if needed. You are expected to operate; there will be plenty of opportunities to view the layouts at regular tour times. You will be notified of your assignment via email so be sure to include it below. The Committee reserves the right to cancel or change layouts.

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Youth Group

Steve Brist

In December, the SCWD Youth Group visited the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society's G scale Holiday Trains at Olbrich Gardens in Madison. We were hosted by SCWD members Paul Mangan and Donn and Rose Tolley. Twenty Youth Group members and their families saw Paul's Cat



Mountain Railroad equipment and Donn and Rose's Virginia & Truckee Locomotives steam through two Wild West themed layouts, complete with a gold panning operation with running water, two large horses sculpted from horseshoes and hundreds of poinsettias and desert plants. We were impressed by this year's decorations, which even included an old time Wild West saloon. It was a great way for our group to celebrate the holidays together. Thanks to Paul, Donn and Rose, along with

the adult SCWD group for hosting us at this event. Thanks also to the Bradley family for bringing extra cookies for our members.



The New Year will bring more fun activities. On Sunday, January 7th we will help with the "Make and Take" model kit assembly. The time is 1 to 4 PM. Families who help with this project will get a kit of their own to take home. This will be in place of our regular January meeting, and will take place at the Zor Shrine, our regular meeting place, at 575 Zor Shrine Drive.



The weekend of February 17 and 18 are the dates of the annual Mad City Train Show. Members who help staff the Youth Group booth and layouts will receive free admission to the Train Show. This is one of the highlights of the year for our members.

We had great meetings this fall, thanks to the support of SCWD adult members. We look forward to more fun in 2018!

Happy Railroading!
Steve



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**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017**



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 8, 2017 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy.** Absent: Phil Berry

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the October 2017 meeting were approved with amendments as to attendance.

Paymaster Report: Paymaster report for October 2017 was placed On Hold due to the absence of Phil Berry.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Two certifications have arrived and will be presented at the December meeting.

Club Liaison: Nothing to Report – Position remains unfilled.

Clinics: Refer to the 2018 schedule published in the Bad Order clinic subject

Contests: Video contest rules have been published on the web site. These may be shown at some point at the Capitol 400.

Modeling Project for 2016-2017:

Phil Hottman took on responsibility for the modeling project this year. Mike Vivion and several BOD members agreed to help Phil out as needed. Modeling area will be building flats. N scale models of the building flats will be available at the December meeting.

Phil has handed out some already and will provide a count at the December meeting.

Due to costs, there may be an increase in cost of participation or we may reduce the complexity of the project. It is hoped that cost will remain at \$10 per model.

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber is responsible for the meeting door prizes and has budget. He reports that all is well with meeting door prizes.

Layout tours: No in home layout tours are scheduled for December. The division will be presenting video layout

tours from the web.

Membership: Steve Preston and Paul Mangan are working together on this. The SCWD will have a membership booth next to the Division Office at the train show.

Rail School: Rail School is scheduled for the January meeting. Andy has agreed to coordinate the event again this year. The Superintendent will be asking for volunteers to help him with set up and takedown.

Rail show: Superintendent reported that we will have several new vendors and exhibitors for this year's show. The floor plan layout is proceeding as planned.

Web Site: Issues remain with the idea of e-tickets for the show. There is a ticket processing fee which has a cost that may make e-ticketing too costly to pursue. This issue is being further researched.

Youth Group: Jerry Lawler is now assisting Steve Brist with the Youth Group.

Capitol 400: A one page notice web site has been created. Op session text is done. Video may be added. More coordination work with the hotel is underway. Layout tours are currently being scheduled. A promotional DVD will be created and sent to all divisions in the region. Video and website page were previewed at September meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler,
SCWD Chief Clerk



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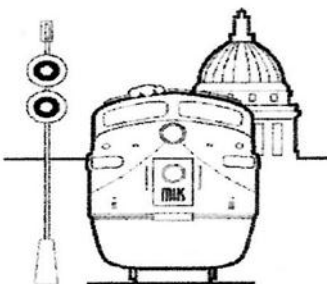
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Feb 4th 2018

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Jan 8th 2018

Feb 12th 2018

Mar 12th 2018

Apr 9th 2018

Youth Group

Rail School

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Mar 18th 2018

Apr 15th 2018

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