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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

Just a few items to talk about this month.

The first item is the Midwest Region Convention for 2018.

Those of you who have been members for a while know that the Midwest Region likes to rotate through the Divisions as the host for the Regional Convention. The last time the SCWD hosted the Convention was spring of 2011. We called it the Badgerland Express and it was quite successful. The Rock River Valley Division is hosting the spring 2017 Convention. Our place in the rotation means we should be the host for the 2018 Convention.

You will find information about the RRVD's Golden Rails Convention starting in the October Bad Order. It will be held on April 28, 29 & 30, 2017, in Rockford. Registration materials are available at <http://www.2017mwrconvention.com/>. The convention will also double as the Midwest Region spring board meeting.

Ken Hojnacki has volunteered to be our Convention Chair for the spring 2018 convention. He will be working with the veterans of the last convention to get things started. We will probably be hosting the spring 2018 Midwest Region board meeting as part of the convention.

The second item is the annual call for Train Show volunteers. Paul Mangan is in his last year as the Volunteer Coordinator for the show and he is not kidding

Next SCWD Meet:

November 6th 2016 1:00 pm
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575 Zor Shrine Place
Madison WI

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Next BOD Meeting:

November 14th 2016 7:00 pm
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

November 20th 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

about it. So if you are interested in the job and would actually like to get trained by the person who is currently doing it, now is the time to step up.

We need:

- Ticket Booth staff.
- Company Store staff.
- Show Office staff.
- Truck Crew staff to set up and tear down the ticket booths, membership booths and the like. Also to hand out the badges all day Friday and Saturday morning.
- Show Judges for the layouts, clinics and exhibits.

Paul will be recruiting at our Regular meetings. Bill Clancy and Ken Hojnacki are the crew chiefs for the Show Judges since Fred is still under the weather. One thing we want to do a little different this year is to be sure we haven't booked the same person to be in a ticket booth, working at the company store, or show judging all at the same time. If you find yourself with a schedule conflict, speak up and we will fix it.

The third item is another position vacancy. Ewing Row has announced that this is his last year as the Modeling Contest chair. If you are interested in taking over from him, step forward now and he can start your training.

Hope to see you at the November meeting,

Bob

The Clinic Corner

Steve Lanphear and Bob Wundrock pinch-hitting for Clinics Chair Fred (Rob) Robinson

For the November meet we will be featuring a two-part clinic on weathering by WISE member Dave Nelson.

His clinic will feature prototype photos of common weathering patterns in rolling stock and demonstrations of some easy weathering techniques. He will either refer to, or recommend, these articles in Model Railroader or the NMRA Magazine on weathering:

"Realistic Weathering in 3 Easy Steps" by John Feraca, NMRA Magazine, March 2016. These have quickly become my weathering "basics." The three steps: spray with DullCote; brush on an alcohol/India ink mix; apply pastels or powders. It takes practice to get the hang of this.

"Enhance the Deck of a Ready-to-Run Flatcar" by M.R. Snell, Model Railroader, November 2014. Matt Snell uses a large shop file to "torture" the plastic decks. My own refinement is to use a drywall screw. Almost any article by Matt Snell contains good weathering advice.

A different approach is "Weathering a Flatcar Deck" by Lou Sassi. Model Railroader, June 2009. Any weathering article by Lou Sassi will have great tips.

"Wood Meat Reefer Weathering" by Mont Switzer, NMRA Magazine, May 2015. Good ideas for any house car. Switzer uses "media blast" to weather engineering plastic trucks, which resist paints. Details such as doors are highlighted using a #2 pencil. He uses a mask to air-brush the effects of grime from wheels on the car ends. My clinic will show both the pencil outline and mask ideas.

"Weathering a Cement Hopper" by Mont Switzer, Model Railroader, March 2009. Switzer uses real anchor cement to model the spilled cement on covered hoppers. Any article by him is useful.

"Weathering Cement Cars" by Roger Walker, NMRA Magazine, October 2010. A foam core mask creates

certain effects on the sides of cement cars. Walker has good advice on the use of chinks. I suspect his article on weathering Canadian grain hoppers in the January 2011 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman is good, too.

"The Mighty Slab-Side Hopper" by Bob Rivard, NMRA Magazine, October 2014. Rivard uses AIM Powders very effectively. Yet another very reliable author for weathering ideas.

"Add Wear and Tear to a Steel Gondola" by Tony Koester, Model Railroader, January 2011. Koester heats the car sides to the melting point with a soldering iron (I have used a wood burning tool), then pushes out dents from the car interior using the rounded end of a hobby knife. I'll show this. It takes practice!

"Weathering Freight Cars" by Seth Puffer, Model Railroader, Paint Shop, May 1996. A general all around overview by a very fine modeler.

Thanks to Ken Soroos and Bob Wundrock for their excellent clinics at our October meet.



Steve and Bob

AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki
AP Chair



At the October meeting, Phil Hottmann was honored with the NMRA Achievement Award for Association Volunteer. Phil has been our Assistant Superintendent for many years as well as the Layout Tour Chair, providing us with lots of great layouts to visit after our meetings. Congratulations, Phil.



For those who have signed up for the March Make & Take pole project, poles are taking shape, ready for staining. If you're building the model project flat car to accompany your pole load, the cool weather should encourage you to start building. I know I want to finish the poles so I can start on my own flat car!

Ken

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

One thing that makes model railroading different from other modeling hobbies is the context in which we display our models. We don't just model trains. We model trains, tracks, roads, buildings, people, mountain, you get the idea. A model train layout represents a slice of our own world. It can be recreating a prototype or a totally invented world, or anything in between. We don't just build a model steam locomotive and set it on a shelf, we put it in context.

The theme for the November Model/Photo Contest is "Dioramas—Scenes". The dioramas may or may not include locomotives, cars or equipment. The important thing is to include the model in a scene. Please try to keep the size of your diorama reasonable.

On the Photo side, model photos can be photos of a diorama or photos of scenes on a layout. Prototype photos should include both elements we're looking for, i.e. the subject and the scene in which it resides.

Categories for the November contests are:

- A. Tracks, Switches, Etc.
- B. Bridges, Culverts, Tunnels
- C. R.R. Structures
- D. Non-Railroad Structures

Here are the results from the October Contests (Electric):

Model Contest

Cat. A Trolleys & Railcars

- 1st Bob Wundrock >
- 2nd Al Potts
- 3rd Rusty Schramm

Cat. B Freight Motors

- 1st Rusty Schramm >
- 2nd Al Potts
- 3rd Rusty Schramm

Cat. C Passenger Motors

- 1st Rusty Schramm >
- 2nd Don Mayo
- 3rd Cheryl Mitchell



Photo Contest

Prototype

Cat. PA Trolleys and Railcars

- 1st Steve Preston
- 2nd Bob Wundrock
- 3rd Ewing Row

Cat. PB Freight Motors

- 1st Al Potts
- 2nd Dave Down
- 3rd Dave Down

Cat. PC Passenger Motors

- 1st Ewing Row
- 2nd Dave Down
- 3rd Dave Down

Dave and Steve

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**





Midwest Region News

It has been a busy start to the new modeling season with most divisions getting their meets started. Superintendent Bob Blake and the Michiana Division once again hosted their major event called EduTrain. This is an event that is two days of high quality clinics and workshops along with layout tours and model contests. This year's event was called 'Modeling like a PROto-type' and was held Sept. 30 – Oct. 1st at the Notre Dame campus in Indiana. Mike Vivion and Gary Children accompanied my wife Kathy and I to attend this gathering of modelers.

I didn't ask Bob what the final attendance was but to me it appeared to be well attended. Whenever gatherings such as this happen I always run into people that I have met at other events. Meeting people at conventions both national and regional or just visiting at other divisions in the MWR always starts long lasting relationships.

One acquaintance I ran into while checking out the model room was Rod Thomson. Rod has connections in Mount Horeb and has stopped at our meetings occasionally while heading back to Michigan. On one visit he brought in a model of the Mineral Point Acid Plant that he had been working on. See the photo at the end of this article of the entire plant as it stood in 1917. He said he may stop by with it on another trip to Wisconsin. What a beautiful piece of work.

I would like to thank Bob Blake and the Michiana division for also hosting the Midwest Region Fall Board of Directors meeting on Sunday Oct. 2nd.

Our next MWR Board meeting will be at the Midwest Region spring convention in 2017 in Rockford IL on April 28, 29 & 30, 2017. The convention is named "Golden Rails" and is the celebration of the Rock River Valley Division's 50th anniversary. The convention hotel is the Holiday Inn at Rockford IL. Come on down and help them celebrate their anniversary and our hobby. Go to their web site: <http://www.rvvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com/> for all the information you would need to get signed up.



Next up will be **Trainfest 2016**. WOW! Is it that time of year already? Yup, it is. November 12th and 13th are the dates and the times are 9:00 to 5:00 each day. The WISE Division will have the red carpet out to welcome one and all. The theme featured railroad this year is the Milwaukee Road.

Trainfest is America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show. I will be there as usual with Madison HoTrak so if you are coming to Trainfest stop by the HoTrak display and say hi to us. We're looking forward to a wonderful show as usual. Discount Tickets are available on line at: www.Trainfest.com



RodThomson's Mineral Point Acid Plant

The Holiday season will be here soon, so please be careful and safe out there!

See You by the Rails

Paul Morgan

President
Midwest Region / NMRA

The Wreck of the 4005

Jim Feldman, Guest Contributor

In the eighteen years and approximately twenty million operating miles, the twenty-five Union Pacific Big Boys were in involved in just one serious accident.

This remarkable safety record was due mainly to the extremely conservative design standards used by ALCO, the designer and manufacturer. A second factor was the relatively low operating speeds. Although designed for smooth operation up to 60 MPH and once reaching 80 MPH, the typical operating speeds were kept under 40 MPH.

On April 27, 1953, Big Boy 4005 left Rawlins Wyoming for Green River Wyoming, pulling 62 cars containing general merchandise and several dozen Iowa hogs. The head end crew consisted of Engineer Leo Murry, Fireman Lawrence (Ed) Endres, and Brakeman James R. Ander-ton. Conductor James Walker and Brakeman Ivan Shuri-gar made up the rear end crew.

The trip began uneventfully and the engine reached Wamsutter Wyoming, a little after 10 A.M. About the same time, a section gang on a MOW car had picked up a load of ties at Red Desert Wyoming. At Red Desert they were approached by a sheep herder requesting assistance in getting his flock, probably about a thousand head, safely across the tracks.

The foreman misread the track lineup which listed two westbound and one eastbound train on that stretch. He explained to his crew that they would open the switches to the Red Desert siding after one westbound and one eastbound trains had passed. He stationed a man at the switches at both ends of the siding and demonstrated how to throw the switches. These switch operations would have displayed a red signal to warn any oncoming traffic to slow down. At a hand signal from the foreman, the two crewmembers opened the switches. According to later testimony, the eastern switch operator saw 4005 bearing down on him and made a desperate but futile effort to close the switch.

The biggest steam locomotive in the world entered the open switch at fifty miles per hour. The locomotive, tender and the first eighteen cars derailed immediately.



The locomotive tipped over on its left side. The cab was destroyed, killing the engineer and fireman instantly. The brakeman was alive but pinned in the wreckage. The rear crew was unhurt and walked into Red Desert and called dispatch with the news. Rescue personnel began trying to save the trapped crewman, but the presence of live steam hampered their efforts, as did the arrival of numerous crazed 600 pound hogs who attacked rescuers. The high-

way patrolmen began shooting the hogs to protect the rescue crews. There was some confusion when two res-cuers reported that they had spoken to the engineer and firemen. It later transpired that they had only talked to each other on opposite sides of the train. A doctor was able to inject Anderton with morphine to relieve the pain of his crushed leg. When finally extracted he had burns over 80% of his body in addition to severe trau-matic injuries. He died the next morning at 10:30. He said to rescuers:

“He threw it right in front of us. The switch, they threw it right in front of us, they didn’t give us a chance.” One can imagine the screaming in the cab just before the im-pact. “Red Switch! Red switch! Big Hole! Big Hole!” (The UP term for emergency braking).

Rail traffic was restored about nine hours after the acci-dent by the installation of a shoofly around the site and the rerouting of some traffic to Cheyenne.

The UP and Interstate Commerce Commission conclud-ed that the fault lay with the crew foreman and one sec-tion worker, a Puerto Rican who spoke little English and was on his first day with the UP. The coroner’s inquest found the foreman guilty of negligence. He died in Gilmer Texas in 2015.

4005 was towed to Cheyenne, rebuilt and put back in service and was unsuccessfully converted to burn oil. It was the last Big Boy to pull the Wasatch grade. Plans to ship it to Argentina fell through and it was instead do-nated to the Forney Transportation Museum in Denver where it still resides.

Jim Feldman, SCWD Member

Thousands of negatives still need



your positive support.

So do the thousands of plans, photos, and slides from our Kalmbach Memorial Library that we’re working to digitize so that members can access them from their own computer. The good news is that the scanning is well underway. The better news is that our image library is even larger than we thought!

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Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Thanks to Jerry Lawler and Ken Gerstner for opening their layout for the October meet.

It was great to see a new layout being started by Jerry. He has a good start and we look forward to what he has in store over the next couple of years.



Jerry Lawler, Photo by Steve Lanphear

Ken had some new additions to his already beautiful layout. If you haven't seen Ken's layout before, it's something you don't want to miss.



Ken Gerstner, Photo by Steve Lanphear

I did not find anyone willing to open up for the November meet, so we're planning to view some of our favorite layouts over the internet.



Phil

Adult flat-car kit signup stops at 20

Ewing Row
Model Project Chair

Following the September and October SCWD meetings, total signup for the flat-car kit Modeling Project ended at 19 people for 20 kits. Obviously one person signed up for two kits, one HO and the other N scale. Of the total kits, 17 are HO scale and only three are N. At this writing, only two have not paid the entry fee.

There is one person who paid, but I cannot read the person's name. It could be Milt Green; I think the initials definitely are M. G. Also, the person did not indicate the kit scale. Please email or call me if you know the person or are the person.

I've seen one kit that is nearly complete. I can tell you the competition will be tough again this year. If you have any questions about the kits, contact me. I have made both HO- and N-scale kits.

At the Youth Group meeting on Sunday October 16, the Modeling Project chair presented the program about this year's flat car project. There was considerable interest in building a Styrene flat car using the materials and plans included in the kit. Nine members signed up for 10 kits, eight HO and two N-scale kits. They will be presented to those signed up. The November meeting will be getting a good start on the kits.

Good luck to all participants!

Ewing

Youth Group

Steve Brist

Learning about this year's model contest was one of the highlights at the October SCWD Youth Group meeting. Ewing Row, the SCWD Model Project Chair, was on hand to explain this year's contest details. Youth members will build either an HO or an N scale flatcar from scratch, using styrene plastic parts. The entry fee for youth is \$5, which will be refunded if the flatcar project is completed and displayed at the April meeting. The kits will be distributed at the November 20th Youth Group meeting. We also plan to start assembling the flat cars at that meeting. If you haven't yet signed up, contact me before the meeting for information. There will be three Youth prizes of gift certificates to Hobby Stop awarded to contest winners.

We also operated our T Trak layout and the new HO portable layout. Paul Balfe was present with his toolbox, and helped trouble shoot some engines. Paul also donated some Great Northern rolling stock to go with the GN engines he previously donated.



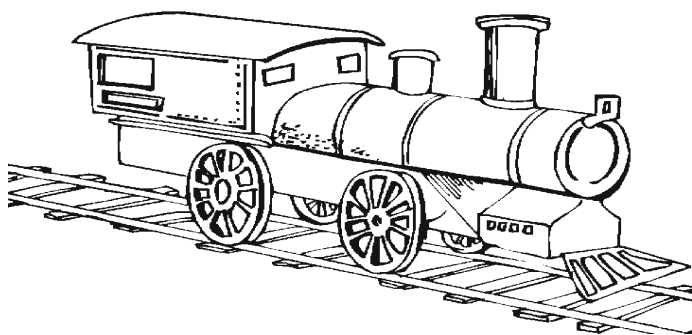
We also want to recognize the efforts of SCWD Superintendent Bob McGeever for his hands on participation with the Youth Group. He is the first to show up and the last to leave. Maybe this is partly because he has the building keys, but he has been at virtually every Youth Group meeting since he became Superintendent. We thank him for his efforts on our behalf.

The November 20th meeting promises to be busy and fun. We hope to see lots of youth members present to take part in assembling the flatcar kits. Happy Railroading!

Steve



Youth Group with R&GN touring Dells Area
Photo by Sean Lamb



**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2016 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Berry, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki and David Lendved.**

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the August 2016 were approved

Paymaster Report: Phil B. presented the Paymaster report for August 2016. Monthly update reflected the revenue for Bad Order advertising. A motion was made by David, seconded by Mike and approved by the Board to accept as presented.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Sales for Bad Order advertising is paid up. It was noted that there is space available for more advertising.

Achievement Program: Ken provided the board with an overview of the AP program and some thoughts as to how we can continue to try and promote it and get more member participation. It was suggested that we promote the Association Volunteer Award through handouts at the meetings.

Bad Order: No Updates

Club Liaison: No updates were provided. The idea of trying to build on the division relationship with WISE was discussed.

Clinics: September clinics included a demonstration of 3-D printing by Joe Russo from the WISE Division in Milwaukee. Additionally, the new SCWD Youth layout is complete. Bill Marks assisted by Jerry Lawler, provided a clinic on its construction. Both clinics were well received and clinic leaders ably answered a wide range of questions. Bob Wundrock will be presenting a clinic on using photographs for layout backdrops.

Contests: David Lendved would like the leadership to do more to promote contest participation during meetings. He would also like the division to create an improved display for the photos.

Modeling Project for 2016-2017: Construction of a Flat Car. Approximately 16 members have signed up for the project as of the date of this BOD meeting. Members will again be encouraged to sign up at the October meeting.

Make and Take Activity: Ken presented the subject for this year's Make and Take activity. This year's project will be making loads of poles for railcars at the September meeting. Ken will provide an update at the October meeting. These poles will work well with the modeling project flat car.

Door prizes: It was determined that there are enough on hand for next two meetings.

Layout tours: Jerry Lawler and Ken Gerstner hosted the October layout tours. Jerry is a novice modeler and this will provide him with an opportunity to get member feedback on ways to improve his layout. Ken is a seasoned modeler with a mature layout that has been on the tour previously, though not for several years.

Picnic: No Updates

Rail School: No updates

Rail show: 2017 Mad City Rail Show planning committee has been being formed and has held meetings in both September and October. Mike Vivion will manage the acquisition of show door prizes including the trainsets.

Web Site: Tom Morrison has full control now as administrator. Tom reached out to Jerry Lawler who has volunteered to help Tom with the web site. Jerry now has administrative rights to both the current web site as well as the new Go Daddy site and has begun a content review.

Youth Group: Bill as the leader of the layout build with assistance from Jerry Lawler designed and built a new layout for the youth group. The layout received overwhelming positive response from the general membership as well as the youth group. The quality and workmanship of the layout are second to none. It has been enthusiastically adopted by the youth group. Bill submitted an expense list to Bob McGeever who reviewed it and forwarded it to the Paymaster for payment.

Old Business

1) Mike suggested an award be considered for SCWD member(s) who have demonstrated consistent volunteer effort to the Annual Rail Show over several years. Nominee(s) to be chosen by the Rail Show Chairperson/

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The members of the Rock River Valley Division would like to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Division with you. We are hosting the 2017 Midwest Region Convention with layout tours featuring many great railroads in our Division, operating sessions on some fine layouts, numerous clinics - some yet to be confirmed - which will include some well-known clinicians, a silent auction (bring items to sell), a photo and model contest, a few great non-rail activities showcasing the Rockford area and a not-to-be missed banquet program by Randy Garnhart and Jerry Pyfer.

www.rvvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com

Rail Show Volunteer Coordinator/and/or SCWD Superintendent. Decision to proceed with this award was deferred to the next Board meeting for further evaluation. 2)Wes Peat's Speeder: John is storing it safely at his house until a decision can be made as to appropriate disposal. Bob has asked SCWD members who are also active at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum whether MCR would be able to display and perhaps run the "Speeder" there. Questions of estate and ownership would have to be answered first before SCWD could accept or transfer ownership. Bob will follow up with Paul Mangan who will discuss issues with Margaret. John thanked SCWD member Chuck Jordon

New Business

Membership Booth: A discussion of the division's needs for repair of the Membership Booth occurred. Given Bill Marks' skills and willingness and Jerry's willingness to help Bill to take on the repair of booth, it was moved and seconded to ask them to take this task on. Jerry will report to the board at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Jerry moved and Ken seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 9:05 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk



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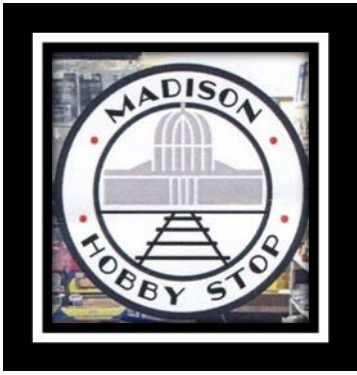
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The model railroad has been donated to the Wisconsin Historic Site in Cassville to be rebuilt in one of the village's buildings (see stonefieldhistoricsite.org). Funds have to be raised for the reconstruction. Contributions can be made to Stonefield 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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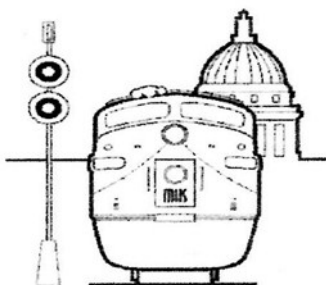
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2016 - 2017 Meeting Time Table

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Train Show Committee
Nov 6 th 2016	Nov 14 th 2016	Nov 20 th 2016	Nov 2 nd 2016
Dec 4 th 2016	Dec 12 th 2016		Dec 7 th 2016
Jan 8 th 2017 Rail School	Jan 9 th 2017	Jan 8 th 2017 Rail School	Jan 4 th 2017



*Happy Thanksgiving
from the
Bad Order Staff*