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## Super's Report

Phil Hottmann  
Division Superintendent

Now that summer has arrived, you would think that we would be focusing on activities outside of the basement. We are still trying to finish our lower great room (crew lounge) and installing a couple of sections from Tom Eckstein's layout. My main goal is to connect these sections to my existing layout so I can run a point-to-point operation. This will get me one-step closer to possibly running some ops sessions.

I am looking forward to another trip to Little Amerricka for the summer picnic. Even though we have been there for the last few years, this is such a wonderful location for this event. I just love seeing all of their steam locomotives in action. Of course, this includes a trip on their train. I hope you all can attend.

We are working on the possibility of a Tri-Meet in May. The Wise Division expressed interest meeting with us.

We met last week at Bill and Kathy's home to work on the Rail School program for next season. This was one of the best meetings ever. Maybe because it included a wonderful lasagna dinner. We discussed a number of ideas. I believe we will be keeping this event interesting and viable for everyone.

Thanks to Bob Wundrock who has been continuing to set up our clinics. Knowing that Bob wants to relinquish his duties, we do need a replacement. Please consider this.

### Next SCWD Meet:

September 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm  
Zor Shrine Temple

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### Next BOD Meeting:

August 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Culver's Restaurant  
2102 W. Beltline Hwy.

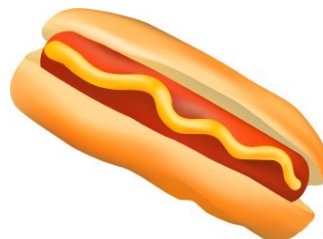
### Next Youth Group Meeting:

September 22, 2019 at 1:00 pm  
Zor Shrine Temple

I hope you all have a great summer. I hope to see most of you at the picnic.

Phil Hottmann  
Superintendent

**Don't miss it!**  
You can still sign up for the  
SCWD Summer Picnic  
See page 8 for details



# Sneak Peek—The Race to Promontory

Ken Hojnacki

In May, I ventured to Wyoming and Utah to see the Union Pacific Big Boy on its maiden trip to Ogden in conjunction with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit, Utah in 1869. I chose to take the Trains Magazine Bus Chase westbound from Cheyenne to Ogden. I headed to Denver on Amtrak's California Zephyr and arrived in Cheyenne in time to see #4014 head out on a test run on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unfortunately, piston packing problems cut the test run short and she was towed back to the steam shop for a day of feverish work to correct the problems.



The next day, the sunrise cast a golden glow on the train as it raced west of Rawlins.



After a “christening” ceremony at the Cheyenne depot Saturday morning, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Big Boy #4014, 4-8-4 #844 and SD70 #8937 led the special train on a five day journey to Ogden, Utah, the closest track location the Big Boy could get to Promontory. We were able to catch the train in a number of locations heading west, including Laramie.



The weather was perfect until the last day. Leaving Evanston, Wyoming, it was 38 degrees, wind 25-30mph, rain and snow. And this was the best part of the route—Echo and Weber Canyons. Oh, well, it was still great to see.



I think the population of Wyoming doubled that first two days, as the traffic heading west was at least two miles long.



After a ceremony in Ogden where 4014 and 844 did a nose-to-nose pose,



it was on to Promontory for the May 10<sup>th</sup> celebration.



The week of historic events ended with the return via the California Zephyr from Salt Lake City. Want to see and hear more? Come to the December meeting where I will present a full report.

Ken

## Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

Our new contest season is rapidly approaching, so we want to encourage everyone to get started on his or her entries.

The Video contest will start accepting entries in November (through March 1). The two categories will be Prototype and Model. Voting will be concluded by April 15. We will have a review of the rules in the next issue of the Bad Order.

The Popular Vote Contests' theme for the September 8 meeting is "Favorite Train". It can be your favorite train to look at or your favorite train to run. Maybe it is a

favorite because it was your first train, or because it brings back a special memory. You decide, and we hope you will share your choice with the rest of us.

Thanks for participating.

### September 8 Photo and Model Contests Theme: Mini-Convention

Cat. A Steam

Cat. B Diesel

Cat C. Electric

Cat. D Gas/Other

## Modeling Project Contest

Dave Lendved

**HO scale - DPM "Kelly's Saloon"**

**N scale - DPM "Cricket's Saloon"**

This year's Project Model Contest is a simple plastic Design Preservation Models structure as part of a small diorama. The cost to participate is \$15 which will be returned upon entering a model at the April SCWD meeting. Entries will be accepted at the September and October meetings. Fees need to be paid at or before the November meeting.

Contest rules and more information will be available in the next Bad Order and at the September meeting.

Dave



## Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Next season is not far away. I need to start piecing together the tours. I have a number of layouts slated to be open this season including several that we have not seen before.

We will be starting the season with John Welsh for the September meet.

Phil



# Youth Group

Steve Brist

Remember how cold it was in February? Remember the endless rain this Spring? Thank goodness summer is here and it is time for rail fanning. The Youth Group has several rail fanning activities for our members in the coming weeks, but the fun has already started.

The summer season started with the simultaneous operation of two steam locomotives at the Illinois Railway Museum on Memorial Day weekend. Frisco Decapod 1630 was joined by newly restored J Neils Lumber Company Shay #5. The Decapod (2-10-0) has been running for 5 or 6 years but Memorial Day weekend was the first weekend that the Shay operated in about 20 years. It was great fun to see both of these engines in service.



On the morning of July 13, Youth Group members will be at the roundhouse at Little Amerricka's Whiskey River Railway to watch the train crews fire up the 16 inch gauge live steamers that will pull the trains and

entertain the guests at the SCWD Summer Picnic. Members are reminded that fees and reservations must be received for the Picnic by Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, a week before the Picnic. There is no charge for the roundhouse visit, but there is a charge to ride the train. The registration forms may be found online in the SCWD Bad Order Newsletter.

In August, we will be visiting both the Mid-Continent Railway Museum and the Riverside & Great Northern Railway. We will ride trains at both locations, as well as tour the grounds and view the equipment. This should be a fun day for our members.

In September, we will be back at our first monthly Youth Group at the Zor Shrine Building. The meeting is tentatively set for September 22, a week later than our normal meeting. At that time we will again be indoors doing model railroading, where we are the engineers who run the trains. And we will have memories of a train filled summer to inspire our modeling.

See you then!

Steve



# The 2019 Joint Thousand Lakes Region/Midwest Region Convention - LaCrosse

By Bob Wundrock

The combination convention provided viewing more contest entries than I've ever seen at regional. It also provided an opportunity to meet other modelers outside the region.

One modeler, Rod Thomson, from Stevensville, Michigan entered a module depicting a 1917 scene of Montfort, Wisconsin. It featured many scratch built items including the still-existing coaling tower and early 20th century farm implements. It won best-of-show for his category.

The Friday tours included a drive through Stella-Jones tie manufacturing in Bangor. Over a million per year are produced. After a buffet lunch, we toured the L.B. White manufacturing plant. They specialize in large BTU portable heaters. The last stop was Copeland Park, home of a Burlington 4-6-4 and the old Grand Crossing tower.

I didn't have the opportunity to visit more than a couple layouts. One, a Milwaukee Road layout by Al Lesky, I operated on that Saturday afternoon. The other I visited on the way home; the superb layout of Dave Casey in LaValle.

I opted to attend some of the many clinics, while also conducting one myself.

I got to meet Gerry Leone and sit in on his model photography clinic. I've seen Gerry for years on MR's Video Plus. When I described him as a retired public relations guy, he corrected me and said he was in advertising. He said that comparing the two professions was like comparing a brain surgeon to a knee surgeon...they're both surgeons. As on Video Plus, he was very smooth and humorous in his presentation.

Another clinic of note was by a modeler that once worked for the Alaska Railroad. While a continuum of slides was projected, this guy told one railroad anecdote after another...for an hour. Very interesting to me.

The hotel had some issues with lost reservations and meals. However the Saturday banquet was well-presented.



Module - Rod Thomson's Montfort entry



Ties - Hundreds piled at the Stella-Jones plant



Gerry Leone and his model photography clinic

Operating at Al Lesky's



# Project ♥ Linus



**“Providing Security Through Blankets”**

By Diana Haverberg

I’m sending you a “wrap up” about the Project Linus at the convention in La Crosse. We kept it going, and we are happy about that. We did have some visitors poke their heads into the room to inquire what we were doing, and a few more might have joined us if they had known this project would be there. Project Linus has been a tradition at model train conventions. Sandy Robinson and I set up project materials at the convention. Kathy Mangan has taken on Project Linus leadership at several conventions, but she could not attend the LaCrosse convention. She was there in spirit, because she and I prepared fleece fabric according to instructions/guidance we received last year at the convention in Madison. The fleece was cut and fringed so that other non-rail attendees could help finish some cuddly blankets for children in the hospital. All of the blankets turned in or created at the LaCrosse convention will go to the Dane County chapter of Project Linus for area distribution.

The easy project was tying fleece blankets. We brought 13 precut fabric panels, and a couple of additional convention attendees did help get all of them tied. One picture shows the fun close up of the tiger/leopard design and the second picture shows the four patterns we offered to work on.

Our other projects were quilts that were brought in already finished and a few that were completed at the convention. The next two photos show Linda Swett’s beautiful work. Linda came to the convention from Illinois. She brought in three quilts that she had started at the national convention last summer and finished at home later. She sewed from start to finish the princess quilt (border of little girls print) at this LaCrosse con-

vention. Try to imagine how much fun it is to see bits of fabric turn into something so lovely right before your eyes.

I brought three completed blankets and did one quilt at the convention. The vehicles print and the hands-all-over print are flannel baby blankets, the kind of blankets given out in NICUs for premature babies. Here in the Madison hospitals, new parents get to choose a blanket when their baby is born. The next photo has simple squares sewn together. The one of the left has great texture with a velvety animal fur look. I sewed the one on the right, which has African animals on it, from start to finish at the convention. The local Project Linus in Dane County provided a precut kit for that one. I’m sure the animal prints will spark the imagination of any child.

Sandy Robinson sewed the “Riding the Rails” pattern for both of these quilt tops. This is based on a pattern that was shared at the national convention.

With the pictures shown here and the fleece blankets not shown, we have 23 blankets to donate to Project Linus. Sandy, Kathy and I will get together and sew more soon, as we have some kits cut and ready to work on. We truly enjoy doing this kind of project at conventions, and it is a great way to get acquainted with new people.





## Minutes SCWD Board Meeting

7:00 pm, May 13, 2019

Zor Shrine Temple

Board Members Present: Bill Clancy, Phil Hottmann, Steve Preston, Jim Feldman, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, Jerry Lawler, and Bob McGeever.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Hottmann.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed.  
Motion by Clancy, second by Down to approve as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Paymaster Reports:**

Paymaster reports for April were reviewed.  
Motion by Clancy, second by Down to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

Committee reports were reviewed.  
We are still looking for new Chairs for Clinics, and Layout Tours.  
The modeling project may be a card stock building.  
The Rail School committee will be meeting this summer.

### **Old Business:**

Newsletter transition to e-publishing reviewed. A couple of division members do not have email and we are working on how to get them a newsletter.

### **New Business:**

A draft 2019 – 2020 budget will be presented at the June meeting.

Preston reported that he has almost used up the supply of introductory books we give to new members. Motion by Clancy, second by Dingman to purchase the same number of books we bought last year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Feldman, second by Dingman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by acting Clerk  
Bob McGeever.



## SCWD 2019 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

The 2019 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on **Saturday, July 13th** during Whiskey River Railway Day at Little Amerricka, Marshall, Wisconsin. The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. SCWD will have a catered picnic lunch served at the Blue Rose Pavilion starting at 1 pm. Entrance to the Park, parking and use of the pavilion are free. However, to help defray some of the cost for the catered lunch, SCWD Board has decided to charge a **\$5.00 fee for each attendee six years old and above**. Five and under get the meal for free. Railway equipment can be viewed for free, but train and other rides require purchased tickets from the Park.

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking at the pavilion can be reached directly off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 east of the Park entrance.

**Sign-up and payment is needed by 7/6/2019 to determine catering amounts.**

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### SCWD 2019 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

Member and Guest(s) Names:

Cost-Each

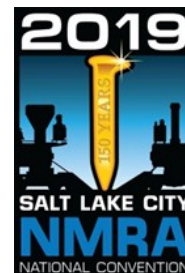

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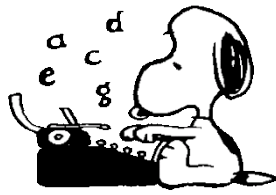


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## FROM THE BAD ORDER EDITOR



## Attention SCWD Members!!!!

The time is near, are you ready?

Soon, you will all be enjoying the Bad Order electronically!

As you have read in the last few months, the Bad Order is going totally electronic as of the September 2019 issue. As I mentioned, I will be sending a “test group email” to all those that are in my member database. How do you get in my database? It’s very simple:

1. You stay current on your NMRA dues
2. You make sure the NMRA has your email address ([nmrahq@nmra.org](mailto:nmrahq@nmra.org))

That’s it.

So, sit back, and enjoy reading your monthly Bad Order at your leisure, anytime anywhere, on your computer or other device, all in living color.

Keep an eye on your email mailbox in July for my “test email”. You don’t need to do anything; it is my way of checking the email addresses in my huge database.

After this issue of the Bad Order, it’s time to say good-bye to our paper edition and hello to the new and improved electronic edition in eye opening color!

If you have any questions please contact me or the Board of Directors.

Kathy Clancy  
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## Lights! Action! Camera! Time for your 2020 NMRA Calendar photo entries!

By Mike Brestel, Calendar Project Chair

You're proud of your model railroad. Why not share it by submitting a photo or two for the 2020 edition of the NMRA Model Railroad Calendar? The calendar is distributed to every U.S. member as a fundraising project. To have your layout photo considered for inclusion, just follow these easy steps:

- 1 . Take a horizontal (landscape) format photo of your layout.
- 2 . Submit your photo as a digital file, as a 35mm or medium format slide (100 ISO or slower), or as a 35mm or medium format color negative (200 ISO or slower). Digital files must be at least 300 pixels per inch and 8" x 12"(minimum size of 8.6 megapixels - larger is better). Accepted file types are tiff (preferred) or jpg (highest quality only).
- 3 . Write a caption describing the action in your shot, the scale, the builder, and the photographer. Include that information on a separate piece of paper, or as a text or .doc file on your submission CD or DVD.
- 4 . Please limit your entries to no more than your four best scenes.
- 5 . Be sure to include your address, phone number, and email with your submissions. By submitting images for the NMRA Calendar, you are giving permission to the editors to alter them as needed (cropping, smoke and lighting effects, etc.). Be sure to indicate specifically if you do NOT give permission to alter your images.

Send to : NMRA - ATTN: Calendar Project, PO Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328

UPS/FedEx address: 8414 Gulf View Dr. Suite A, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

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Questions? contact Mike Brestel at 513-661-2141 or 513-481-0185.

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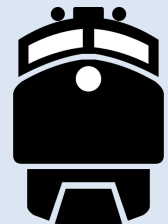


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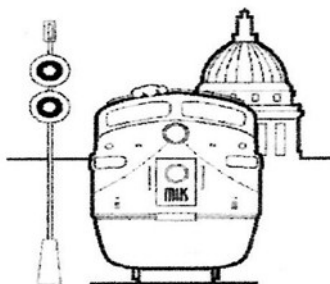
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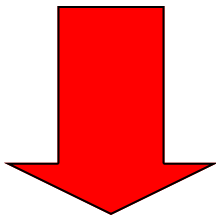
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<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>BOD</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Train Show</b>
Sept 8, 2019	Aug 12, 2019	Sept 22, 2019	Aug 7, 2019
Oct 6, 2019	Sept 9, 2019	Oct 20, 2019	Sept 4, 2019
Nov 3, 2019	Oct 14, 2019	Nov 17, 2019	Oct 2, 10`9
Dec 1, 2019	Nov 11, 2019	Dec 15, 2019	Nov 6, 2019
	Dec 9, 2019		Dec 4, 2019