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Super's Report

Art Dawson **Division Superintendent**

Hello fellow modelers,

Summer temperatures are hanging around, and the trees are beginning to change. When we next meet I will be retired and spending more time on this hobby and other projects around the house.

Since the last meet, we have lost another member, Steve Stone. He was a friend and had wonderful layout. I always enjoyed seeing his '63 Corvette. He will be missed by one and all. I want to encourage you to participate in this years modeling contest. These old passenger car kits are basically a box of sticks and a little bit of embossed metal. It's a big change from a box of molded plastic parts that go together in 15 minutes or less. It looks like fun! Please consider giving it a try. Be sure to see Mike Vivion at the next meet.

I'm still looking for a Rail School Chairman, and anyone who would like to volunteer at the Regional level. There are positions of President, Vice President, and three Directors-at-Large up for grabs. The Regional Board of Directors only meets twice a year, April and November, and this is a Zoom meeting, so no travel is involved. Bear in mind that the term is only for 2 years, 4 meetings in all, and only 3 years of service qualifies you for the AP certificate for Association Official. It's an easy way to obtain a certificate as there is not much effort involved, especially as a Director-at-Large! If you are interested, send me or a member of the Board an email (they are all in the Red Book) for the details or find me at the next meet on October 6th.

Next SCWD Meet Verona Senior Center, Verona October 6, 2024 at 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:



October 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Next Youth Group Verona Senior Center, Verona October 12, 2024 1 PM

October will be here in the blink of an eye, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and enjoying our clinics, contests, and layout visits.

That's all for now!

Art Dawson SCWD Superintendent Model railroading is fun!



Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

Thanks to Brian Sheron MMR and Dave Ackmann for their presentations at our September meet.

My plans for clinics from October through April include several modelers from outside of the SCWD.

For October we'll have Gary Saxton present "Thin and Light Benchwork for Sectional and Multilevel Layouts."

Then SCWD member Phil Hottmann will present "What is a Negative Ion Generator and why are they in a static grass applicator." In it he'll cover the many applicators on the market now, the different types and the different ranges of power. Does it make more sense to buy an applicator or make one yourself?

We still have a few slots left over from November through April if any of you might be interested in presenting to the SCWD membership.

Let me know if you'd need help assembling a Power Point.

See you virtually. Bob

Youth Group



Steve Preston, Chair

On Saturday August 24th, The Youth Group met at the Illinois Rail Museum at the entrance gate at 9:00 am. We were the first ones there and eager to go. Once we got in, the Youth Group were off and running to explore the vast amount of rail equipment in that vast complex. It was a surprise to see Bob and Corky McGeever there with their grandson Jeffery. I think it was Jeffrey's first time at the museum.

It was a hot and muggy day and overall traffic was light. The trains only ran each hour instead of every ½ hour. This made for a long waiting period between rides on the trains which was a bummer. But I think everyone had a fun day, which I guess counts overall.

Next year some were talking about going to Green Bay or even to North Freedom for a different adventure, we'll see what happens.

Steve Preston Youth Group Chair and Membership Chair



AP Corner By Ken Hojnacki



With the outdoor task season coming to an end, I am looking forward to diving back into my car building for my last Achievement Award requirement. Attending the Surfliner 2024 National Convention in Long Beach, I thought I would take advantage of the training in AP evaluation the Division provided. While my schedule at the convention didn't allow me to devote the whole day to model review, I was able to act as an alternate, helping to score the Construction portion. In that category, we looked at the Quality of the work and the Complexity. The Quality look at how well the pieces fit together and how well the model matched prototype practices, such as wall bracing, window and door construction, etc. The Complexity portion looked at how difficult the model was to construct. For instance, were there complex rafters, curved walls, multi-slope roofs, etc.? A team of three people reviewed the entrant's information relating to the construction of the model to ensure they were clear on how the model was built. I contributed on most of the models entered in the structures contest.

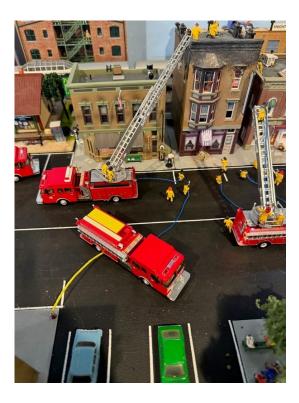
During our Division training, our instructor, Dan Banks, had us evaluate a model to see how well we had learned the basics of evaluation. Those who attended were pretty close to unanimous in our scores at that time. I was extremely pleased that because of that training, I was in agreement or within a point or two of the other evaluators on each of the models, confirming Dan taught us well. It was enlightening to see how seasoned judges looked at models and what areas the modeler fell short on. One big issue I took away was on a model that, because of the unusual size of doors and windows, we were not sure what scale the model was supposed to be and the modeler didn't put anything on his paperwork to help us out. HINT: if you are entering a model of any kind, be sure to note the scale prominently on your paperwork.

Unfortunately, because of the need to reconfigure the room the models were in, the viewing period the next day was so short, I was unable to see the models so I could see how the ones I scored came out. I'll have to wait for the review in an upcoming NMRA Magazine for that. But it was a great learning experience, and I am seriously thinking about going to the next National in Novi, Michigan to participate in a full day of evaluations. If you get the chance to eavesdrop on an evaluation, while you can't say anything, you can pick up a lot on how to improve your own models.

Ken

Layout Tours Phil Hottmann

Thanks to Jon Welch for opening his layout for the September meet. I was not able to attend but Jon stated that a good number of people attended. It sounded like some of his new scenes were a success.



For October we have two layouts in Deforest. First, we have Bob Wundrock. Bob has been adding some wonderful scenes recently. The second layout is John Mueller. As you know John has one of the most beautiful layouts in the area. This will give us an opportunity to see the new addition he has been working on. I can't wait to see it.

I'm still searching for more layouts to complete the season. If you are interested, please contact me.

Phil

In Memoriam, Steve Stone

Sadly, we have lost another model railroader. Steve Stone passed away about two weeks ago. He had health problems starting about 2 years ago and hasn't attended any meetings since. He was an interesting guy and besides his passion for trains I would also see him at car shows with his beloved '63 Corvette he bought new when he was 18, and he loved talking about it.

He and his wife Marilyn visited all 50 states and most of Canada in that Corvette, pulling a trailer behind it and tent camping. He had the record for documented mileage on the car, over 630,000 miles! He was on his third engine in the car and he died from a heart attack on their last trip. Glad he passed while doing what he loved.

Marilyn will be moving to Iowa with Steve's son Tom and family. An obituary and funeral plans have yet to be finalized at this writing.

Tom Morrison





Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

By the time you read this summer will be over, which means we are heading into the heart of our meeting season. September will be over, Halloween and Christmas will not be far off. So, to keep from getting swept up in all the fall activities, the SCWD contests are there to help keep you focused on the truly important things in life Model railroading at its best.

We have completed the first contest of the new year (see the results below) and are moving on to the October contest. In October we will focus on Freight Stations.

October: Freight Station

- A. Stand Alone Freight Building.
- B. Freight / Passenger Combination Building
- C. Rail / Marine Freight Terminal
- D. Open Freight Platform (with or without office)

Remember, if you have a model on your layout that you don't want to take off the layout, take a picture and enter it in the photo contest.

September 7 Popular Vote Contest Results — Hoppers

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Cat. A	A Open Hopper without load		
	1st Dave Casey:	Great Northern hopper	4
	2nd Don Swinton:	CB&Q Hopper	
	3rd Bob Stone:	Great Northern 2-Bay Hopper	
Cat. B	Open Hopper with	load	

Cat. DSpen Hopper with load1st Dave Casey:C&NW MOW Hopper with ballast load2nd Don Swinton:NW Hopper with coal load3rd Bob Stone:GN Hopper with coal loadCat. CCovered Hopper

1st Dave Lendved:LS&BC dedicated hopper2nd Bob Stone:Northern Pacific covered hopper3rd Dave Casey:C&NW covered hopper

Photos - Prototype

Cat. PA Open Hop	oper without load
1st: Ewing R	ow: Empty ballast hopper
Cat. PB Open Hop	oper with load
1st: Ewing R	ow: Ballast hopper with full load
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1st: Dave Do	wn: Green Saskatchewan grain hopper
2nd: Ewing I	Row: White covered hopper

Photos - Models

Cat. MA Open Hopper without load			
1st Ewing Row:	Empty ore hopper at mine		
Cat MB. Open Hopper with load			
1st: Ewing Row:	Hopper ready to unload		
2nd: Ewing Row:	Hopper with short load		
3rd: Ewing Row:	BN Hopper		

Dave







SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention

By Ken Hojnacki



I had the pleasure of attending the NMRA National Convention in Long Beach, California in August. While driving around the Los Angeles area is not for the faint of heart or anyone who wants to get somewhere quickly, the convention was a good one. There were lots of good clinics, so many I couldn't work all of them into my schedule and lots of layout tours. I picked up some great tips on scratchbuilding with styrene and programming decoders with JMRI DecoderPro. I was able to operate on two great layouts: Joel Morse's NYO&W (how could I pass that up?) and Dave Heine's Milwaukee Road Chicago area switching layout. I also offered to help judge the model contest and did get some time in doing that (see AP Corner for more details).

Issues with a venue for the National Train Show meant relocating it to the hotel, creating a much smaller show. Unfortunately, there were fewer manufacturers displaying, but I did manage to pick up a few goodies—oh boy, more freight cars! There were great modules in scales from Z to S. I was amazed at how much detail was on the Zscale modular layout and it ran as well as any scale. There was also an HO FREEMO layout that attendees could operate on, and I had fun doing that twice.

Next year is the 90th anniversary of the NMRA and the convention will be held in nearby Novi, Michigan, which is a suburb of Detroit. The venue is out of the downtown area and should mean less expense and they promise lots of great tours and other activities, so mark your calendars. I am planning on it so maybe I can improve my evaluation skills and operate on more great layouts.



Overall view of Joel Morse's NYO&W railroad. Lack of basements meant lots of garage layouts.



For some reason, all my trains were on the O&W.

My first was the pickup (local) arriving in Delhi.



Mike Heine packed a lot of railroading into a small addition to his garage. This was also one of the Milwaukee switch jobs I ran. His night lighting was outstanding.



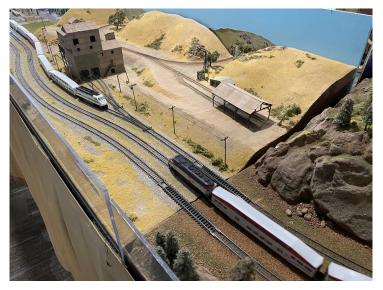


The National Train Show was small but with some great modular layouts to see.



Fun switching on the FREEMO layout.



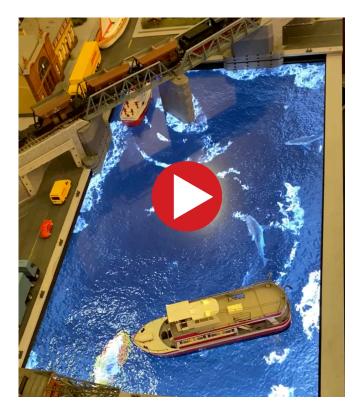


European railroading was there in HO and N scales.





This Zscale layout was fantastic.



This display was amazing. The waves, whales and sharks were projected from below and a sensor followed a transponder-type device on the bottom of the boat, making it sail around.

Clicking on the image will take you to the SCWD video page on Vimeo (like YouTube).

Ken Hojnacki SCWD Member

Many thanks to Ken Hojnacki for the great article on the NMRA SurfLiner convention!

The Bad Order Staff

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 <u>scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net</u> 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??

NEW EMAIL

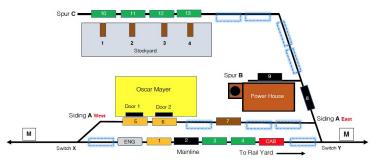
Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers 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.

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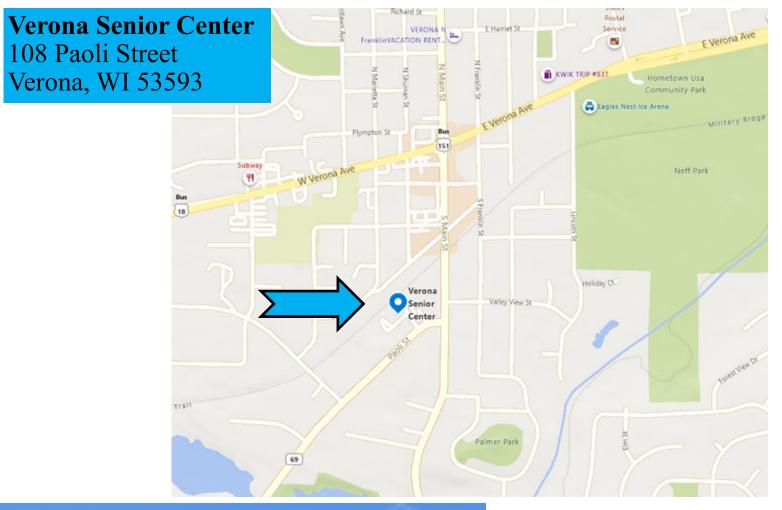
OPS Puzzles



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.













STATION No. VI NMRA National Convention

Barrie Hensel Station No. VI publicity chairman

Hello NMRA members! The 2024 NMRA National Convention is complete and the 2025 National convention

- STATION No. VI -

is heading down the track at full steam ahead!

Registration is open and we already have over 100 registrations.

Go to

nmra2025.com

to see all of the event details and the registration page.



Minutes SCWD Board Meeting August 20, 2024 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:40 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, and Bill Mitchell were present. Steve Preston joined the meeting a bit later. Chris Bradley was unable to attend. Bob Wundrock, new Clinics Chairperson was also in attendance. (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**.

<u>Minutes</u>

Motion by McGeever, second by Dingman to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on June 11, 2024. Motion carried. (*The June 11 meeting NOTES were submitted to meet the Bad Order Newsletter September publication deadline.*)

Paymaster Report - Final Report for 2023 - 2024

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the July Paymaster Report. Motion by Dingman, second by Dawson, to approve the Paymaster Report. Motion carried.

2024 - 2025 Budget

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the proposed 2024 - 2025 SCWD Budget. Motion by Down, second by Dingman, to approve the 2024 - 2025 Budget. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Picnic - Bob McGeever has signed and John Haverberg is in the process of submitting the application for funds from the National Model Railroad Association member retention program.

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles have been submitted for the newsletter by September issue.

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 - Bob Wundrock provided an update on the clinic schedule for the 2024 - 2025 season. He still has to schedule 3 clinics. Unless there are some ZOOM technical issues, Bob is planning on introducing the clinics (via ZOOM) at the monthly membership meetings.

Contests - Model and Photography - Dave Down will be sending the contest themes to Tom Morrison to be listed on the *https://www.nmra-scwd.org/* website.

Modeling Project - Mike Vivion has a supply of old HO passenger car kits that were donated to our organization. It's been suggested to use these passenger car kits as a basis for an HO diorama. This HO diorama idea will be presented at the September membership meeting. The project rules and fee will need to be announced.

Door Prizes - Gift Certificates to MADISON HOBBY STOP have been purchased for the 2024-2025 SCWD Membership meetings.

Layout Tours - Phil Hottmann has a few openings for layout tours for the SCWD 2024 - 2025 season.

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 RED BOOK.

Membership - Steve Preston reported membership renewals are current.

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.

Spring Banquet - Nothing to report.

Publicity - Nothing to report.

Rail School - January 5, 2025 - Someone is needed to coordinate the Rail School for January 2025. Planning will begin in September. Help will be needed for the January Rail School. Ideas are appreciated.

Rail Show - The 57th Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale will be held on February 15 - 16, 2025.

A new advertising lead person is needed.

Peter Wigglesworth is retiring from the Rail Show Unloading / Loading Coordinator. A new Thursday and Sunday Rail Show Unloading / Loading Coordinator is needed to replace Peter.

Youth Group - Steve Preston - Some of the youth group members and families will be going to the Illinois Railroad Museum on Saturday, August 24. Youth Group meetings will start up again in September. Phil Hottmann and Chris Bradley will investigate recommended vendors for Digital Command Control systems that may be of interest to our youth group members. DCC systems and components will be presented at some of our youth group meetings. (Those SCWD members who have DCC systems may wish to be involved with the review. Contact Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, or Chris Bradley - contact information is in the RED BOOK)

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 looks to be in good order.

Social Media - Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

A new HP Windows 11 basic laptop computer was requested for Zoom Meetings. The old Windows XP laptop computer is becoming unable to handle the ZOOM system properly. The ZOOM license will reside on the new laptop. Bob McGeever and Dave Dingman would coordinate the setup of the computer for the ZOOM software and license.

Motion by Mitchell, second by McGeever, to purchase a new HP Windows 11 basic laptop computer system for under \$450.00. Motion Carried.

<u>Adjournment:</u>

A motion was made by Preston, second by McGeever, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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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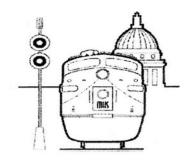
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Youth Group

October 6, 2024 November 3, 2024 December 1, 2024 January 5, 2025 October 15, 2024 November 12, 2024 December 10, 2024 January 14, 2025 October 12, 2024 November 9, 2024 December 14, 2024 January 11, 2025

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