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Next SCWD Meet
Verona Senior Center, Verona
February 2, 2025 at 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:
February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM
ZOOM Meeting



Next Youth Group
Verona Senior Center, Verona
February 8, 2025 1 PM

Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

Happy New Year!

The new year finds me spending the month in southern Texas with my parents, enjoying a roller coaster of temperatures, ranging from 80 to 32 over the last few days. I know it's cold up north, hopefully it's a bit more stable.

I hear the Rail School went well, was well attended and lots of good questions were asked by all, including some new Youth Group members signed up!

The February meeting will be run by your Assistant Superintendent, while I attend via Zoom. I will see you then and at the Model Railroad Show.

Thanks,

Art Dawson
SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

For the February layout tour we are going to visit John Krueger's Great Northern layout. It's been a few years since we last saw John's layout. It's always great to see progress on these large layouts! I appreciate that John volunteered to open his layout again.

Phil

SCWD Train Show 2025

The 2025 Train Show is scheduled for February 15 and 16, 2025. As usual, we need to field enough volunteers to run a show of this size. Over the next two weeks we will be contacting you to confirm your availability to work one or more of the various jobs during the show and during setup.

Volunteers will be needed for setup on Friday morning, 2/14 (includes breakfast for the crew going to the storage shed), and both days of the show.

Please know we are not pressuring you to give us a positive response. (But we really do want you to give us a positive response.) After all, this is the hobby you love and the volunteer opportunities begin on Valentine's Day. We assume you know what works best for you and your family.

Thank you to those of you who have already responded; we will be in touch shortly.
For the rest of you, a timely response will be appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact our
Train Show Volunteer Coordinator (Dave Down).

Email: dfdown2000@gmail.com

Or

Phone: 608-235-5436
(Leave a voice message)

Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

It's been a couple months since we had a regular meet and clinics.

I have some good clinics to take the SCWD down the home stretch of the model railroad season.

For February we'll have Keith Kohlmann present "The Milwaukee Road at Sturtevant, Wisconsin: From Prototype to Model." He used the Milwaukee Road junction at Sturtevant, Wisconsin as the basis for the construction of four Modutrak modules.

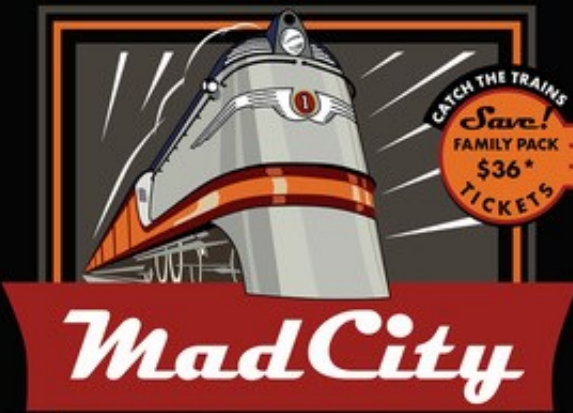
The process of creating this iconic location in miniature is shown from beginning to finished model.

Photos of these modules appeared in *Great Model Railroads 2024*, and in several issues of *Railroad Model Craftsman* and *N Scale Railroading*.

Get an insider's view of all phases of construction using lightweight, portable methods to create a realistic, prototype-based model railroad.

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?

See you virtually.
Bob




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Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

It is February and our popular vote contests will resume. The contest theme in February is **Track Maintenance Equipment**. As we go into the new year the condition of our track is foundational to the performance of our railroads. Since I cannot claim to know much about track maintenance in general, I am looking forward to this contest to learn how many of you view maintenance through your models.

December's contest was models made to match a photograph. It didn't matter the source of the picture. It could be one the modeler took or one found somewhere. There was no photo contest in December.

Track Maintenance Equipment

- A. Maintenance of way rail cars
- B. Speeders or inspection vehicles
- C. Specialized equipment - rail grinders, tie replacers, etc.
- D. Other - anything that does not fall into categories A, B & C

Dave

Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair



First of all, I would like to welcome 3 new members to our group. They are Emerson Palmer and his dad Brandon, Teddy Harrison and dad Paul, and Cillian Sweeney and dad Kieran.

After the new members were introduced, they were given their tools and some supplies to start out fresh with their projects. They dove in right with their work to start on laying out their own versions of what their dioramas were going to be. With the help of their dads, some had a good idea of what they wanted to do.

As for the seasoned members in our group, they also made good progress on their work from last time and all will hopefully come to completion in a few months.

Thanks to Phil Hottmann and Karl Hauth for your help.

Steve Preston
Youth Group Chair and
Membership Chair



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Thank you!



Modeling Project

Mike Vivion

Sign-up for the 2024-25 Modeling Project closed at our December meeting. There were approximately twenty members who signed up. By the time you read this column, you will have about two months left to complete your project. You will need to bring your completed project to our April 6, 2025, meeting for popular-vote judging. In case you are still looking for ideas to complete your project, the photos shown below may give you some ideas.

Mike Vivion

Model Project Chair

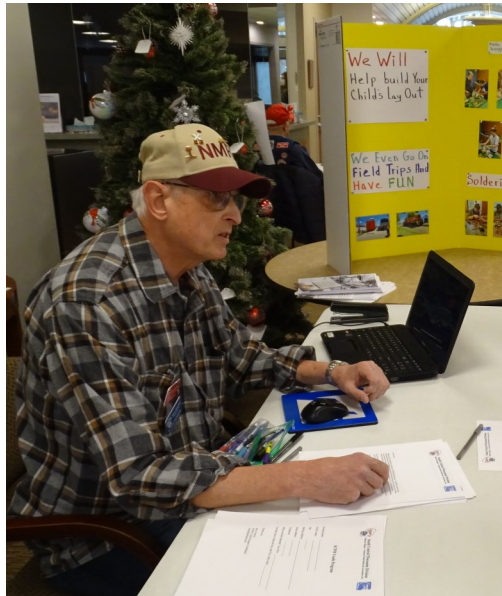


RAIL SCHOOL 2025



**Thanks to Sean Hadfield
2025 Rail School Chairman
and all our
Clinicians!**







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 scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net 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??**

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.

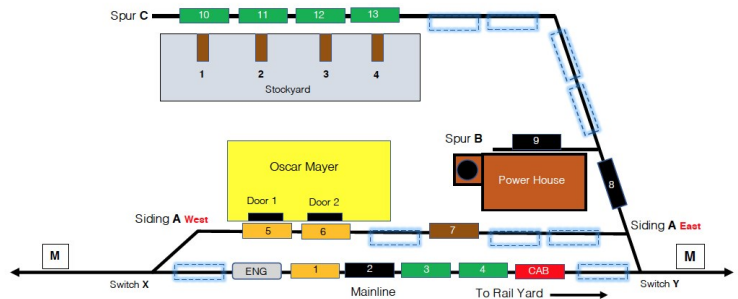
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Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net

NEW EMAIL

OPS Puzzles

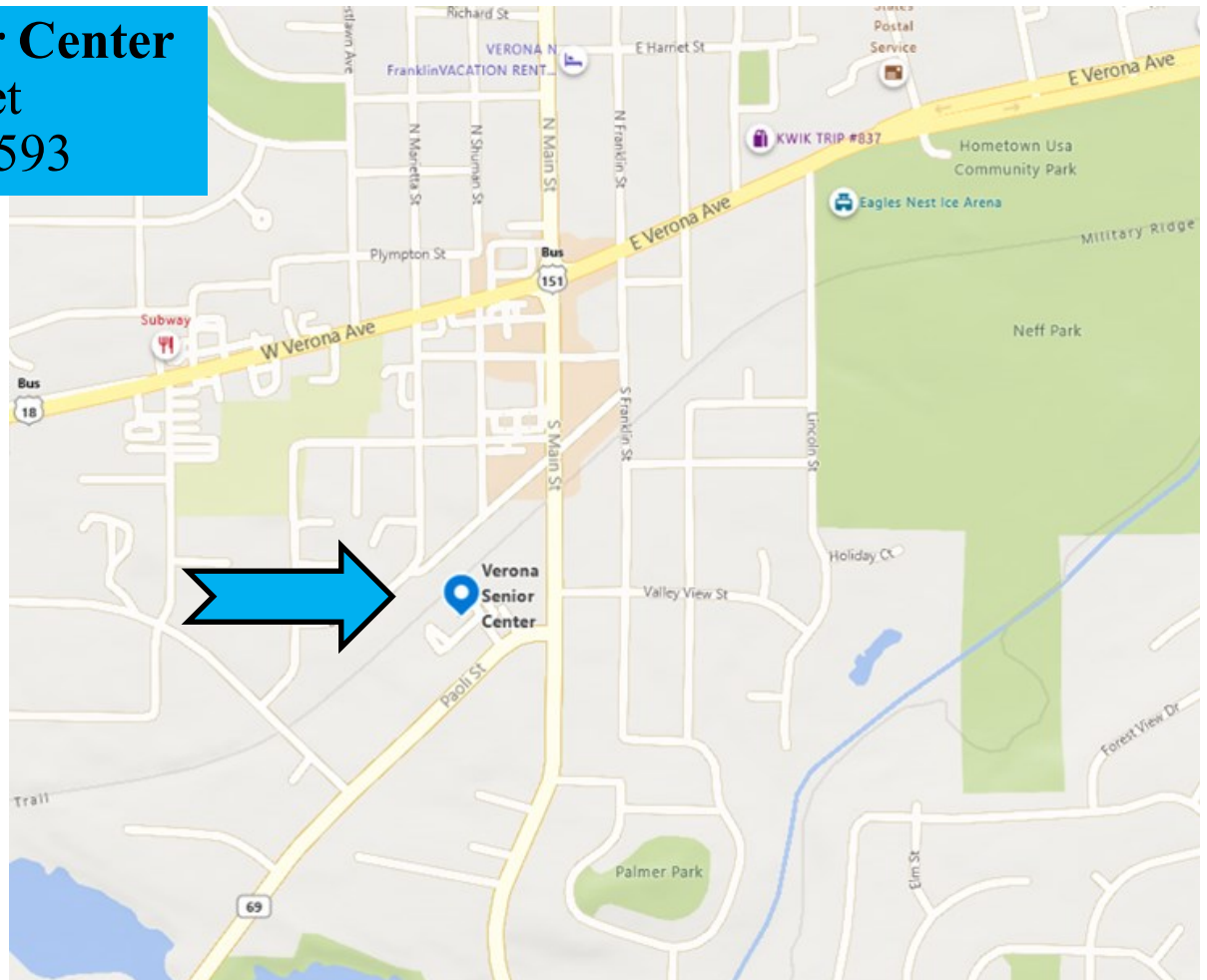


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

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NMRA NEWS



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

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



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
December 10, 2024
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:36 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Bob McGeever, David Dingman, Phil Hottman and Steve Preston were present.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Preston to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on November 12th, 2024. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

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

Committee Reports

Picnic – Nothing to report.

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles have been submitted for the newsletter by December 15th.

Clinics – Nothing to report.

Contests - Model and Photography – Nothing to report.

Modeling Project – Nothing to report.

Door Prizes – Nothing to report.

Layout Tours – Bob McGeever is scheduled for April 2025.

Membership - Steve Preston reported some members in the 30 day window for renewing membership.

Spring Banquet - Nothing to report until after Rail School in January.

Publicity – Nothing to report.

Rail School - January 5, 2025 – Sean Hadfield will be coordinating the Rail School for January 2025.

Rail Show - The *57th Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale* will be held on February 15 - 16, 2025. Vendor table reservations are still coming in. Majority of layouts have accepted the invitation. Rail Show committee meetings have started.

Youth Group – Nothing to report.

Website – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Art Dawson is taking over maintenance of the Red Book from Kathy Clancy. He will work with Tom Morrison to distribute updated Red Book after the Rail Show.

Steve Preston will check with Bad Order Editor about adding 'New Member' column.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Dawson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

David Dingman - SCWD Clerk



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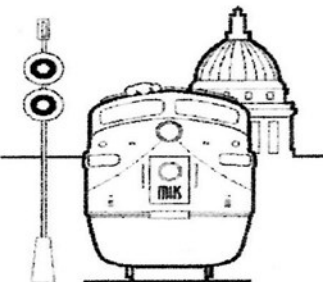
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SCWD 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2025
March 2, 2025
April 6, 2025
May 4, 2025

BOD

February 11, 2025
March 11, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 13, 2025

Youth Group

February 8, 2025
March 8, 2025
April 12, 2025
May 10, 2025

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