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## Super's Report

Phil Hottmann  
Division Superintendent

We had over 170 people attend the Rail School this year. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a very successful event. Even though I was busy demonstrating static grass pine trees, I was still able to see that there was a lot of interest in the cardstock constructed structures as well as the other demonstrations. It looks like we did a better job promoting the event and Bill Clancy did a great job lining up demonstrations of some aspects of modeling that we have not featured before that piqued a lot of

### Next SCWD Meet:

February 2, 2020 at 1:00 pm  
Zor Shrine Temple

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### Next BOD Meeting:

February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
Culver's Restaurant  
2102 W. Beltline Hwy.

### Next Youth Group Meeting:

February 15-16, 2020  
Model Railroad Show

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## MODEL RAILROAD SHOW AND SALE

Sat. Feb. 15, 9AM-5PM • Sun. Feb. 16, 9AM-4PM  
Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall, Madison, WI

**Four HO train sets given away each day!**

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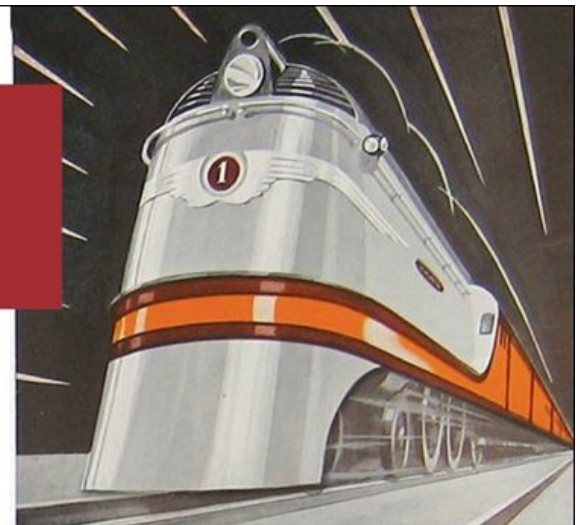
Includes two adults (regular or senior) and two kids (5-15)

Adults \$12 (16 & older), Seniors \$11 (65 & older)

Children \$6 (age 5-15), Kids under 5 FREE

Active duty military \$11. Two day pass \$16. Parking fee not included.

All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



One of the Midwest's best model RR events showcasing beautiful model train layouts in Z, N, HO, S, O and G scale; classic toy trains; historical exhibits & railroad videos. Kids can build a giant wooden train layout or run or ride a model train. **300+ vendor tables** of model train merchandise including tools, railroad collectibles, videos, books, clothing and artwork. Hourly door prizes for adults. Kids, age 5-15, can register to win a train set!

interest. Bill would like to add a few new ones for next year as well.

The Train Show is fast approaching and I'm looking forward to a successful year. Bob McGeever stated that we have sold more vendor tables than anticipated. With the company store having a very large inventory, that should be great news for people looking to pick up a few bargains. The only thing that concerns me is the crazy weather we have been having this year. Who knows what kind of weather may show up that weekend!

Phil Hottmann  
Superintendent

## Clinic Corner

By Bob Wundrock  
Clinic Chair Emeritus

For February's meet Phil Hottmann will present "What I know about signs for model railroads."

His experience with signs comes from his kits produced by Fine Scale Miniatures, Sierra West, Smoky Hollow Productions and Master Creations.

He'll cover how signs add visual interest to structures and dioramas.



The first clinic I'll present is titled "Tod und Verklarung (death and transfiguration)." I'll be covering estate planning and my late layout.

Hope to see you then.

See you,  
Bob

## Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

The Holidays are past and the new year is already almost a month old. Time does not slow down for us. Keeping that in mind, the model and photo contests at our February 2 meeting are rapidly arriving. The theme is **Non-Revenue Equipment**. Railroads owned all kinds of equipment to meet their needs for maintenance, construction, repair, and running the railroad. (Some of that equipment was very unique. ) The categories are:

Cat. A Locomotives

Cat. B M.O.W. Equipment (snow plows, bunk cars, tool cars, etc.)

Cat. C Cabooses

Cat. D Other-i.e. Inspection Cars, Business Cars, Test Cars, etc.

Looking forward, the March contests will be split again between models and photographs.

The model contest will be: **Against the Backdrop – Very Narrow Scenery**

Cat. A Structures

Cat. B Trees and Foliage

Cat. C Cliffs, Rock Walls, Hills

Cat. D Retaining Walls, Tunnel Portals

The photo contest will be: **Section Gang Work**

Cat. A Track and Tie Work

Cat. B Rail Grinding

Cat. C Ballast

Cat. D Signal Maintenance

Dave and Dave

## Project Model Contest DPM Diorama

Dave Lendved

There are only two months left to finish up your diorama for the Project Model Contest in time for our April 5 meeting. The \$15 entry fee will be refunded upon entering a model. O scale modelers provided their own kits and do not pay the fee or receive a refund. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen by popular vote. Gift certificates for Madison Hobby Stop will be awarded.

Good luck to everyone. I can't wait to see what our talented members come up with.

Dave





**All Aboard  
for Model**

# **RAILROAD ADVENTURE!**



**Blast from the  
Past!**

**Recently given  
to Bob McGeever  
a 1996-97  
SCWD Flyer**

Would you be interested in an afternoon of live demonstrations of modeling techniques plus video and slide shows about prototype railroads? Photo and model contests to look at or enter? Of course, refreshments and door prizes? All followed by a visit to a fellow modeler's home layout for ideas and inspirations.

Then join us at the next meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association. We welcome modelers in ALL gauges and scales - both novices and experts, and you don't have to be a NMRA member to attend the meetings. Your first meeting is free (after that we ask that you kick in a nominal \$1 towards the cost of the room).

Our regular meetings are at the Fitchburg Community Center on Lacy Road off Fish Hatchery south of the Beltline (generally the first Sunday of the month), from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. If you go on the layout tour you can figure on spending another hour.

In addition to our meetings, we produce a Model Railroad School for beginners in January, a Train Show at the Forum in February, a banquet in May and a picnic in July, with a Swap Meet in October. We have several programs to encourage young people's interest in model railroading and provide 64 of the libraries in our area with books and magazines on model railroading.

The 1996-97 season promises to be the biggest in the more than 25-year history of the SCWD as next July 27-August 2 we host the National Convention of the NMRA, co-sponsored by the N-Gaugers and the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society. There'll be a weeklong schedule of clinics, more than 50 home layout tours, plus visits to major railroad attractions and other major tourist sites. Won't you help us?

## **Come join us!**

(See our meeting schedule on the other side.)



## SCWD 1996-1997 MEETING SCHEDULE

SEP 8 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
OCT 6 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
OCT 20 —	<b>MR &amp; RRiana Show &amp; Swap</b> <b>9 am - 4 pm Quality Inn South</b>
NOV 3 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
DEC 1 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
JAN 5 —	Rail School, FCC 1 pm
FEB 3 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
FEB 15-16 —	<b>*** TRAIN SHOW ***</b> <b>Dane Co. Expo Center</b>
MAR 3 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
APR 7 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm
MAY 5 —	Regular Meeting, FCC 1 pm with Rock Valley Div., MWR
JULY —	Annual Picnic, TBA
JUL 27-AUG 2 —	<b>NMRA Nat'l Convo</b> <b>Holiday Inn West, Madison</b>

## COME JOIN US!

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FCC: Fitchburg Community Center located on Lacy Road, east of Fish Hatchery Road, south of the Beltline (Hwys 12/18)



## Enjoy receiving interesting rail photos, model railroad tips and challenging Mystery Photos??

Join The 75+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 4 - 6 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, and a monthly Mystery Photo contest. The listserv has been running this since April 2012 ( that will be 7 years this coming April), 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, so no one knows the identity or email addresses of the participants. Once a month, I send out a Mystery Photo, and then if you know the answer or do a little research , you send an email back to [scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com) . About a week later, I post the answer and a list of the names of those who sent in answers that month. The answer often includes parts of the best correct answers received.

**\*\*Note:** If you used to be on the list but stopped receiving this, probably if you changed your email, just send your name and new email address to the email address below \*\*

Please realize that a lot of email client programs treat all BULK emails as SPAM or JUNK. To avoid missing out on things I send, just add [scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com) as a contact in your contact list.

I only send photos with credits and club announcements, no political stuff, jokes or other non-rail things. If you have photos you would like to share with the group, or want to send me comments, corrections or questions, send an email to: [scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com)

Here is a sample of what you will receive:

Thanks to Tracy Marphat for sharing this photo:



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Steve Lanphear  
SCWD listserv Coordinator  
[scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com)

## Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

We have a new layout to see after the February meet. Jerry Lawler has built a new layout (I think Bill Marks may have helped a little bit). Jerry is modeling Madison, so this should be great to see.

For March, Bob McGeever's layout is scheduled to be open. I think Bob's been so busy with the show and his many other activities he has not gotten as much done as he had hoped. If you would like to fill this spot, we could make the change. Just let me know.

Phil





# SCWD 2020 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



The 2020 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on **Saturday, July 11th** 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, again, 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 7/3/2020 to determine catering amounts.**

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## **SCWD 2020 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet**

**Member and Guest(s) Names:**

**Cost-Each**


**Total \$ enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print and fill out the form above and return with payment (cash or checks, only) to:**

**John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd., Middleton, WI 53562**

## A Long Time Member Passes

By Ken Hojnacki

Fred Terbilcox joined the NMRA in 1968 and was one of 13 SCWD members in the NMRA for 50 years or more. He was also a Life NMRA member. Fred joined the Division soon after its charter. According to Don Mayo, Fred was very active in the SCWD in the 1970s and made the first ticket booths for our early Rail Shows. Fred earned the Achievement Awards for Volunteer and Civil Engineer in 1971. Fred lived in the Madison area until moving to Baraboo a few years ago. While not able to attend meetings in recent years, he had been seen at our Rail Shows in the not-too-distant past.



Fred passed away on New Year's Day 2020. His full obituary can be found at: <https://baldwinfuneralobituaries.blogspot.com/search?q=terbilcox>

## SAVE THE DATE

Annual SCWD Banquet

Friday, May 8, 2020

Details in Future Bad Orders



## SCWD 2019-20 Video Contest Guidelines

Steve Lanphear

This year's SCWD video contest will be open for submitting entries on November 1, 2019.

Here are the things you need to know:

- There are two categories: **Prototype** and **Model**.
- The contest is open to those who attend the SCWD meetings.
- The person submitting an entry must be the one who took the video, however 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, but can be any size less than that and the file has to be less than 2GB in size.
- All videos must be on a railroad theme.
- The video can have title screen but not necessary, however there should be no names or identifiers on it (it is a "blind" contest).
- For the **Model Category**, the video can be of anyone's layout, not just your own.
- First, second and third place will be given for each category (no points given toward annual Photographer contest).
- Deadline for Entries – **March 1** (you will upload all entries to the website listed on the SCWD website, Video Contest webpage).
- You may enter more than once (max. of 5 entries per person).
- Voting starts **Mar 10** on the SCWD Video Contest webpage.
- Voting will be closed on end of day **April 15**.
- Winners will be announced at the May Meeting.





# Youth Group

Steve Brist

One of the highlights of the year for Youth Group members is the annual Mad City Train Show in February. Not only do we get to see all the layouts and vendors, we also get to promote the Model Railroad hobby, through demonstrations of our HO and N scale layouts. Because our HO layout has double track, with separate controls for each loop, we designate one loop to be operated by young people visiting the show. We have a lot of fun showing the visitors how to operate the locomotive and trains in a realistic manner. We usually have a few Life Like or Tyco locomotives designated for use by the visitors. After all we do get some derailments!

One of our main goals is to recruit new members at the Train Show. We collect names and email addresses and then follow up after the Show.

Our members and their families volunteer to work two hours shifts at our booth. As I write this column in early January, we already have every shift filled. Volunteers receive badges to the show for admission. Members are reminded that the pick-up location for Train Show badges has move to an area near the inside of the loading dock. If you have not signed up yet and would like to participate as a volunteer, you should be able fill out a badge at the entrance. Send me an email and I will put your name on the list at the door.

Thanks to all of those who volunteered at the Model Railroad Rail School. Bad Order newsletter editor Kathy Clancy has taken the photos that accompany this article. Thanks to Kathy for these photos. Happy railroading! See you at the Show!

Steve

## Rail School 2020









## Thank You Rail School Clinicians and Volunteers!













*And from the NMRA.....*

## **Clinics, clinics and more clinics this summer in St. Louis!**

We're working on clinics and have numerous talented modelers committed to sharing their knowledge and expertise with those coming to the convention.



You'll find clinics covering various diverse topics and some clinics will even give you hands-on experience.

We'll be the first convention to work with Mike Skibbe, the new Railroad Prototype Modeling Director. Mike currently is part of the crew running the fabulous and information-packed Chicagoland RPM meet held in October each year. Mike will be working to sharpen the focus on achieving prototype goals in modeling, scenery, and operations.

We have commitments from clinicians whom you have read about in the various magazines. *Model Railroader* magazine's Cody Grivno will talk about the Minnesota Northern Warroad Subdivision and *Model Railroad Hobbyist* editor Joe Fugate will have a clinic on his railroad, the Siskiyou Line, Painting in a Post-Floquil World, and Making It Run Like A Dream. Doug Harding will give a number of clinics on the livestock industry and the railroads. *NMRA Magazine's* Mark Juett will discuss operations, weathering and all things electronic. Seth Neuman will talk about layout design and railroad communications. Jim Sacco of City Classics will provide a number of clinics about modernizing buildings, Sinatra streets, and the hobby industry. Carl Sexsmith will cover building a town from the prototype, and Gregory Madden will talk about prototype car forwarding. Gary Hoover will present a clinic on modeling the N&W in the 1950s.

Other modelers who have committed to presenting in St. Louis are Bill Darnaby, Mont Switzer, Michael Gross, Frank Peacock, Neal Schorr, Jack Hamilton, Dave Capron, Leslie Eaton. And of course we have many more modelers who will present.

Our clinic list will go public a few weeks after the general registration is available on the web. It will be delayed to allow clinicians to advise us of their tour schedule so we can minimize changes in the clinic schedule.

Come to St. Louis and learn from our various clinicians who will share their knowledge and inspire you to improve your skills.

Visit our website at [www.Gateway2020.org](http://www.Gateway2020.org)!

## **Our website's "Beginner's Guide" gets a new beginning**

By [Bruce De Young](#), MMR®  
Education Department Manager

The Beginners' Guide sits on the public side of the NMRA website and is intended to serve as an introduction to scale model railroading for those thinking of entering our hobby. The current Guide has served us since the beginning of the website and much of it came by scanning existing print material. However, much of the material is now dated and as has been mentioned many times, its structure is "print based" rather than "digital content based." Therefore, the NMRA Board decided that it was time for a "re-do."

Not surprisingly, when the Board, Officers, and Department Managers were discussing this project, eyes turned towards the Education Department. So that's how something got added to my "to-do" list. I asked President Pete Magoun to put out an "all call" for volunteers for this project, and we were delighted to get a good response. So now a committee of eleven members with representation from eight NMRA Regions will tackle the job.

The goal is to produce a Guide that will take a beginner from the purchase of a train set to making a small operating layout. New content, photos, and videos will be incorporated into the Guide. The planned roll-out of the new Beginners' Guide is late 2020.



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting  
7:00 pm, December 8, 2019  
Culver's at Todd Drive**



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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Hottmann

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Clancy, second by Feldman to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Paymaster Reports:**

Paymaster reports for December were reviewed and placed on file.

**Committee Reports:**

Committee reports were reviewed.

We are still looking for new Chairs for Clinics, and Layout Tours.

**Old Business:**

Red Book

Constitution and bylaws were reviewed.

Changes to bylaws were proposed for approval at Jan BOD meeting.

**New Business:**

None.

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

Minutes by acting Clerk McGeever.





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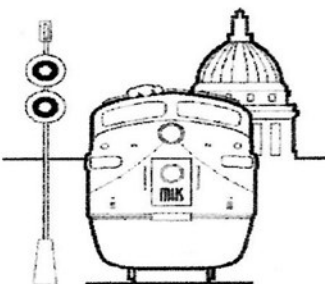
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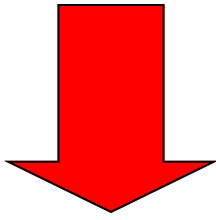
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\* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

### 2020 Meeting Time Table

**Regular Meeting**

Feb 2, 2020  
March 1, 2020  
April 5, 2020  
May 3, 2020

**BOD**

Feb 10, 2020  
March 9, 2020  
April 13, 2020  
May 11, 2020  
June 8, 2020

**Youth Group**

Feb 16, 2020  
March 15, 2020  
April 19, 2020  
May 17, 2020

**Train Show**

Feb 5, 2020  
March 4, 2020