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Sat. Feb. 19, 9AM-5PM • Sun. Feb. 20, 9AM-4PM, 2022
Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall, Madison, WI

Next SCWD Meet
VERONA SENIOR CENTER (Map Page 6)
 February 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Next BOD Meeting:
 February 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm
 ZOOM Meeting



Clinic Column

by Ken Hojnacki



Many thanks to Sean Lamb for his in-depth program on the Burlington Zephyr at our October meeting. Having seen the “Pioneer Zephyr” when it was next to the German submarine outside the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, I learned a lot more from his presentation. And I hope you enjoyed the 1934 movie “The Silver Streak” filmed shortly after the Zephyr went into service.

For February we’re “digging” into a scenery clinic and warming up with a look at fire engines. Dr. Bill Clancy has been experimenting with the use of colored grout for dirt and gravel scenery. The results are outstanding. Bill will show us how easy this is with his live presentation and online videos. It’s so simple even I could do it.

Our second program will be a Zoom presentation by Edward M. Koehler Jr., Honorary Battalion Chief of the Fire Department, City of New York and a member of the Sunrise Trail Division. We like to include fire equipment in our scenery but we probably don’t know much about the different types of equipment and correct timelines. Ed’s clinic Firefighting And Your Model Railroad will give us all a better idea of how to make our model firefighting scenes more realistic.

So come on board. Ken

Super’s Report

Phil Hottmann
 Division Superintendent

We are getting close to the Rail show once again! It seems like quite a while since the last one. If you are like me, we are hoping for a great show. I still believe there is a pent-up demand for our show. With all the latest COVID activity, there is no guarantee we will be successful. Bob and many others are doing all they can to make this show profitable. One thing we can all do is help get the word out.

I apologize for the issue we had with the Zoom invite at the last meeting. I assume there were several of you that tried to login. We will be sure to correct this for the next meeting.

Unfortunately, we have lost two more of our members this month. Dave Jenkins passed away on January 9th and the family is planning a service in the Spring. John Van Roo recently passed away on January 14th and his service is this coming Saturday, January 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbus.

I hope to see you all at the show!

Phil

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MadCity Train Show Volunteers

As you read this we are fast approaching the train show for 2022. We are in a fairly unique situation since we did not have the train show in 2021 due to all the uncertainty and restrictions surrounding the current pandemic. A lot of those uncertainties have followed us into the planning for the 2022 show. The most notable effect was the late decision to go ahead with the show, which put us rather far behind our desired timetable to get things organized. I recently found a message from Paul Mangan back in 2018 or 2019 when he was actually scheduling volunteers starting in September before the next show. That obviously didn't happen this year.

That said, I am trying to get all the volunteer time slots filled now, recognizing that not everyone is able to help out in ways they may have done in the past. Everyone has been very helpful and forthcoming in helping this happen. The bad news is how short the time frame became, but there is really good news, too. We will have a fair number of new volunteers who have not worked our train show before.

Please know we are doing what we can to ensure the safety of all our volunteers as best we can to mitigate the exposure risks during the show.

1. We ask all our volunteers to mask up during the show.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available in the ticket both and at the information desk.
3. Shields will be placed on the ticket booth windows to reduce exposure.
4. A shield will be placed on the information booth
5. There may be other areas with shields as planning continues.

Dane County does NOT require proof of vaccination for activities in the Alliant Center. There are requirements in other county buildings on the grounds, but not in the Alliant Center.

We are looking forward to having a good show this year, and it is only possible because of the work of all of you, our volunteers.

Dave Down
Volunteer Coordinator
MadCity Train Show
608-235-5436. (Leave message)

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

It was great to have my layout open once again. To me it seems like I'm not getting anything done because I see the layout almost every day. To someone who hasn't seen it for several years it does look like I am making progress. I do appreciate all of the nice comments, it does inspire me to continue working on the layout. Now that I am retired, I am hoping to get a lot of the areas finished soon.

For February I am suspending tours due to all of the other activities that are going on. We will return with tours in March.

Phil



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

We had our first January contest since I joined the NMRA, and it was mostly a no-show. Congratulations to Don Swinton for bringing in a model in the category I mistakenly thought would be least likely to have an entry: Snow - people with shovels. Needless to say, Don took first place, and even though his was the only entry, it was a good one and deserving of a win.

In February the rest of us have a chance to bring our contests back to a more normal level of participation. The **February** theme is **Non-Railroad Structures** (but served by railroads).

For this contest, Non-Railroad Structure means a structure not owned by the railroad.

- A. Manufacturing (non-food)
- B. Manufacturing (food)
- C. Warehousing
- D. Commercial (i.e. lumber, coal, implement dealer, etc.)

The **March** contest theme is **Open Freight Cars**.

- A. Open Hoppers
- B. Gondolas
- C. Flat Cars
- D. Miscellaneous (Any open car that doesn't fit in the first three categories)

Good luck and I'm looking forward to seeing all your entries, especially in the Miscellaneous category!

January Contest: Snow Model Contest

Cat. D. People with snow shovels

1st Don Swinton:
Workers clearing ice from switch points

Happy modeling!
Dave



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2021-2022 SCWD Video Contest

Steve Lanphear

Planning To Get Out Of Pandemic Jail This Summer And Do Some Railfanning Or Visit Some Layouts? You could enter some of your videos in this Contest!

SCWD 2021-22 Video Contest Guidelines

This year's SCWD video contest will be open for submitting entries on November 1, 2021.

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 or model 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 2022 Meeting.

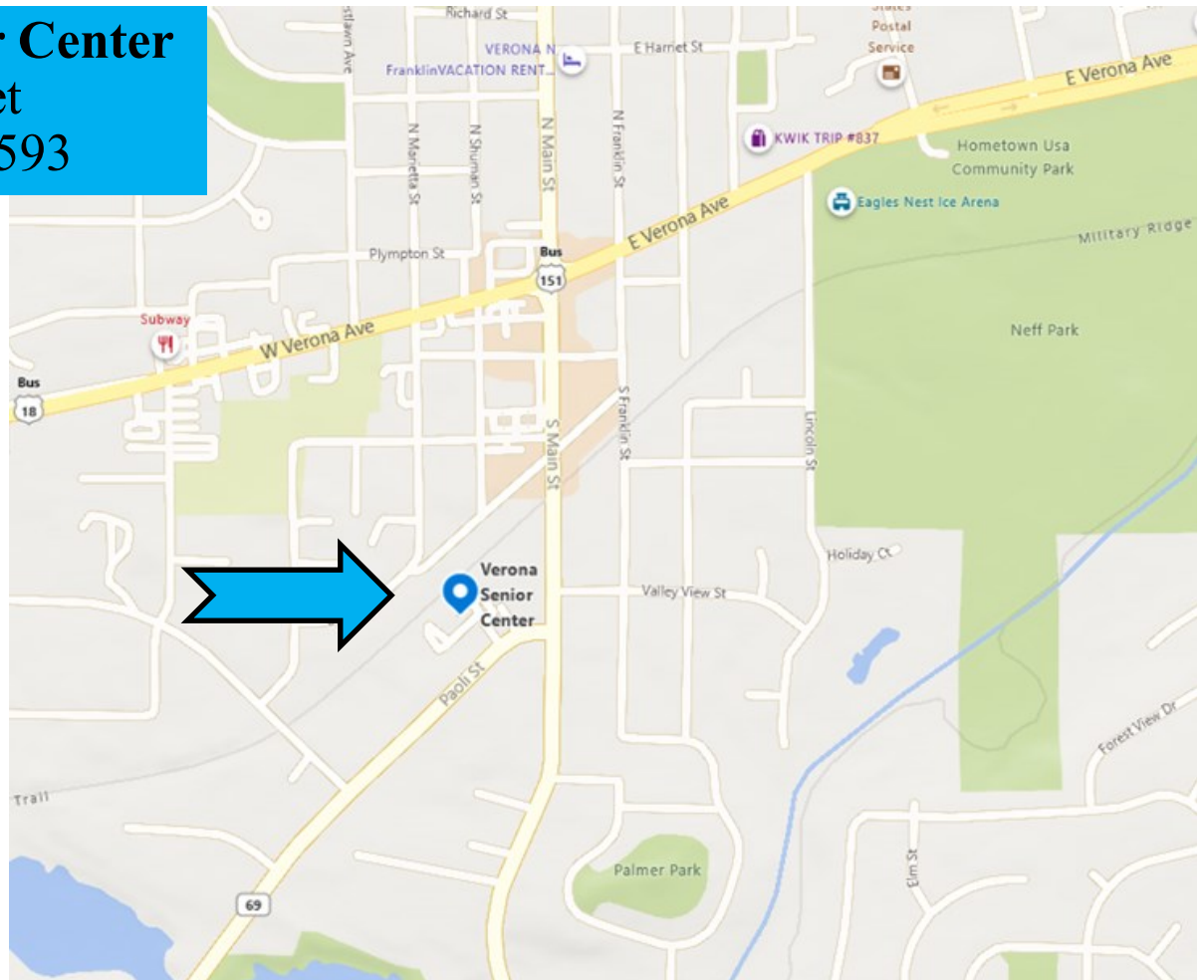
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If you need to change your email address with the NMRA please follow these directions:

The direct way is to log on to the "Members" page of the NMRA website, choose the "View your NMRA membership" box on the right side of the screen, scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Update". Enter the new email address in the appropriate box and click "Submit".

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NMRA President's Message

Gordy Robinson MMR®



Traditionally your Board of Directors has met in person twice a year and all business has had to wait for those meetings in February or summer before being concluded or moved forward. Always having the directors on the extra board, and with online meetings now being the norm for conducting business, I took the opportunity to call an additional Board of Directors meeting in December 2021. This allowed business to continue rather than stalling for nearly three months. What follows is a summary of the meeting. The full minutes will be posted on the NMRA website and you can read more in the NMRA Presidents Car in the February NMRA Magazine.

For many years we have provided certificates to recognize those who have been NMRA members for 25 and 50 years. The Board of Directors has expanded this program so that US and Worldwide members will now be recognized with a certificate for reaching 2, 5 and 10 years of membership in addition to the current 25 and 50 years.

Every two years the Board is asked to review the dues charged to US members. Any increase is tied to the consumer price index (CPI-E). Therefore, the dues will increase from \$50/year to \$54/year for US members starting April 1st 2022.

The audit of the financial accounts for 2020 was accepted by the Board. The NMRA IRS Return form 990 for 2020 has been posted onto the NMRA website and the Auditor's Report has been added to the members' only section.

The NMRA Digital Publications project team asked that the Board adopt a digital NMRA Magazine as part of the standard membership benefits. The current print magazine will continue. This was accepted by the Board and therefore the NMRA will provide a Digital NMRA Magazine to all members from April 2022. The team will provide more information so I won't say more here other than to thank all of those who have led this project and the members who have provided such valuable input and feedback.

The next 12 months offer us a great opportunity to expand and grow our organization for the future. Digital publishing is now well on the way, an NMRA App will be available, and work is about to start on a major education delivery project. The future is certainly looking more promising than it did 20 months ago. Thank you for all of your efforts in 2021. It is now time to once again set your goals for the New Year and look for new opportunities. I hope that in doing so you are all richly rewarded for your efforts and achievements in the coming year.

It's never too late to dump that gym membership idea and think about spending that time you won't be spending in the gym by volunteering with the NMRA either locally or nationally. We are all the NMRA and the NMRA is only going to be as good as all of us when we work together.

Happy New Year

Gordy



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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@frontier.com 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??

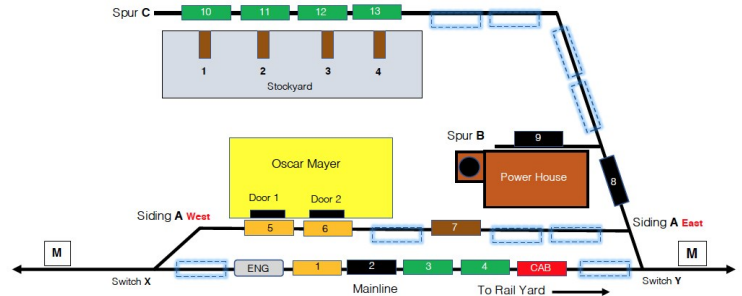
Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers Corner, and OPS Corner Puzzles. The listserv has been running this since April 2012, and it has been quite popular.

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.

Please save this email so you know how to get a hold of me. So, if you would like to try out this FREE member service, just send me your **Name** and **email address**, and **City/State** to the address below. You may drop out at any time by sending an email stating such to the same address below.

Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@frontier.com

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.



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, 13 December 2021
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:59 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, John Kosobucki, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present.

BOD Meetings: *Members of the SCWD are invited to join a Board of Directors meeting. Meeting dates are published in the **Bad Order**. Send a request to Phil Hottmann or another member of the SCWD Board for a ZOOM link to the upcoming meeting. The members' contact information is in the REDBOOK.*

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dingman, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the November Paymaster Report. Consignment sales at the Hobby Stop hobby shop are doing well. Motion by Down, second by Dingman, to approve the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - nothing to report.

Advertising - nothing to report.

Bad Order - Kathy, our Bad Order Editor, is always looking for more articles for the newsletter.

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 - Clinics are being lined up for January.

Contests - Model and Photography - Participation in the contests is appreciated. The published schedule in the **Bad Order** is on track.

Modeling Project - So far, about 21 or 22 people have paid the entry fee to participate in the modeling project. A few more people signed up at the December membership meeting.

Door Prizes - SPECIAL NOTE - *The Door Prize Winners need to pick up their outstanding gift certificates in a timely manner.*

Layout Tours - The January layout tours have been scheduled.

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 REDBOOK.

Membership - One or two prospective members may be attending the January membership meeting.

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 REDBOOK.

Picnic - nothing to report.

Publicity - nothing to report.

Rail School - The January Rail School that is usually scheduled for January will be postponed until January 2023. The monthly SCWD general membership meeting will be held instead.

Rail Show - Bob McGeever has delivered our February Rail Show fliers to Olbrich Gardens to be available to attendees of the "Holiday Express" event. Bob is also looking at credit card readers to be used for show admissions. The E-Ticket website will be up and running to allow for pre-ticket sales. A down payment will be dropped off for the use of the Alliant Energy Center. A few parking passes for volunteers will also be picked up

Website - The www.nmra-scwd.org - A motion was made by Down, second by Dingman, to renew the website / domain name registration fee for 2 more years with "GoDaddy.com". Motion carried.

The www.nmra.org website is *UNDERUSED* by its members. There is a direct link from our SCWD website to the National Model Railroad Association website. You will need to register your NMRA membership to view the "members only" information on the different pages of the NMRA website.

Old Business:

Social Media - Now that the February 2022 Rail show and Sale is scheduled, getting information about the event needs to go out to the general public. A **Chairman / Co-Chairmen** with "Social Media" skills is still needed to get our upcoming February 2022 **Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale** information out on FACEBOOK.

NOTE: Without our physical presence in the Model Railroading hobby, a need exists to put information about the hobby and our Division out on the internet. "Facebook" could become a very good platform to get information out to the world. The Board of Directors are looking for some members who have a good understanding of "social media" including Facebook to become the SCWD Social Media Chairman. Anyone interested should contact Superintendent Phil Hottmann or another member of the Board of Directors.

EBAY - Company Store Sales - Currently on hold

New Business:

Fred Robinson, Richland Center, and a member of our South Central Wisconsin Division passed away in November.

Our Rail Show committee is investigating the idea of donating complimentary tickets to our 2022 February Rail Show to a Veterans organization. This topic will be discussed in at the January BOD meeting.

The Spring Banquet event discussion will begin in January.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Preston, second by Kosobucki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

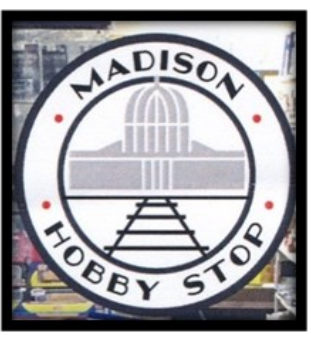
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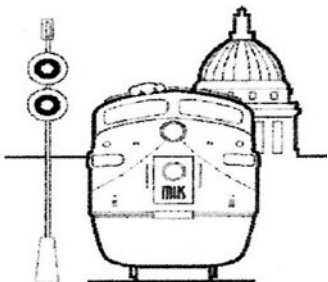
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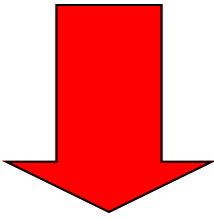
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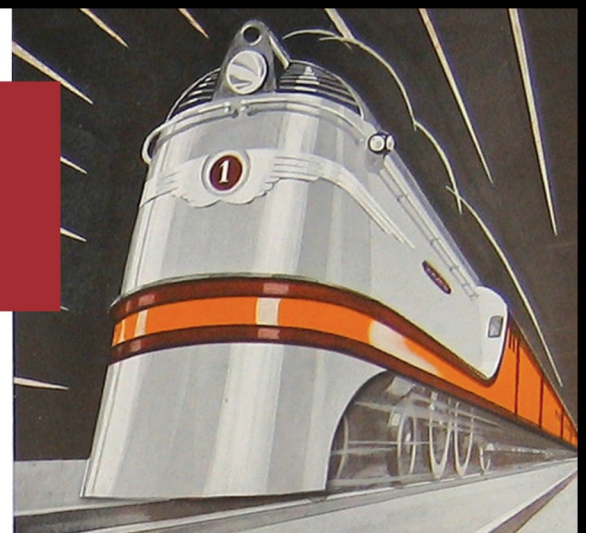
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