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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann Division Superintendent

For most of us this time of year starts out with a trip to Milwaukee for TrainFest. Even though you try to take it all in, I'm sure there are a lot of things you just don't have a chance to see. I guess I'm always on the look-out for new kits or products. Since I usually build

wood structures, I didn't see very many laser-cut kits this year. I did see that Woodland Scenic has a new line of static grass products and applicators. I did spot a couple of pine trees made with static grass that I thought looked really nice.

My overall impression of the show was encouraging. I thought

I saw quite a number of young adults along with a long line of people at the Make and Take area.

We did find two people interested in working with Webb Winn on Estate Planning. Many thanks to Jerry Lawler and Bill Marks for volunteering.

We are still looking for a replacement for Bob Wundrock as the Clinics Chairman for next year. If you think you're interested, please let me know.

Phil Hottmann Superintendent

Next SCWD Meet:

December 2, 2018 at 1:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

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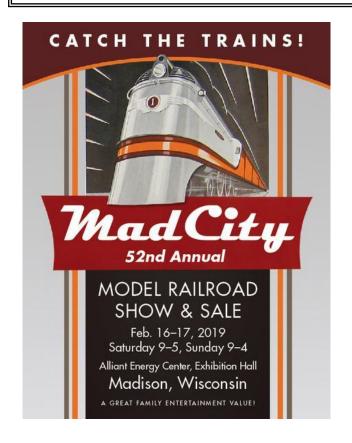
Next BOD Meeting:

December 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

December 16, 2018 Zor Shrine Temple



The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock Clinic Chair

For our last SCWD meet of 2018, I'm pleased to have two SCWD members present clinics.

Keith Thomsen will present "Amtrak Begins". How did Amtrak come to be, from where did it come and what did its' beginning look like? He will present a photographic record of the first day of Amtrak in Chicago and a "check in" a year later.

Mike Vivion will then present the "Montana & Boca Grande." Mike as a professional layout builder will take you through steps of building this freelance HO layout. He will show construction from bare walls to "almost completed."

Thanks to railroad author John Kelly for his November presentation on the Milwaukee Road "Beer Line" and its operations in Milwaukee.

I also hope you enjoyed my follow-up on Model Rail-roader magazine's project layout on the Beer Line.

Superintendent Phil Hottmann is still looking for my successor as clinics' chair for the 2019-2020 SCWD meetings' year. I'd like to get an interested member involved in the scheduling process by early 2019. My process is to begin scheduling six months in advance of meets.

See you all on December 2nd.

Bob



Check out the video contest page on our website for instructions on how to enter the 2018-19 SCWD Video Contest Deadline for entries is February 1st

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Dave Down Contest Co-Chairs

"Kit-Bashed or Non-typical" is the theme for the December 2nd Popular Vote Contests. We all know what "Kit-Bashed" means. You take parts from different models, spare parts boxes, junk drawers or dark corners of the floor. Then you paste them together and have a unique model. The kit-bashed model can often be a "good enough" facsimile of a prototype or another free-lanced piece for a freelanced layout. Prototype railroads often created their own 1:1 "non-typical" rolling stock in their carshops and yards. The principle is the same: Use what you have to make what you need.

In the contests, we're looking for kit-bashed models, photos of kit-bashed models, and photos of prototype non-typical or improvised construction.

December 2 Model and Photo Contests Theme: Kit-Bashed or Non-Typical

Cat. A Passenger Equipment

Cat. B Freight Equipment

Cat. C Non-Revenue Equipment

Cat. D Structure

November Popular Vote Contests Results Wood Construction

Model Contest

Cat. A Rolling Stock

1st Ewing Row: Circus Business

Car

2nd Phil Hottmann: C.O.&G. Gondola 3rd Bill Ehlert: Kokomo & New Buffalo

Cat. B Railroad Owned Structure

1st Bill Ehlert: Colgate Station

Depot 1886

2nd Don Swinton: Water Tower w/

Windmill

3rd Dave Casey: C&NW Standard #3 Depot

Cat. C Industrial Structure

1st Bill Ehlert: Cato Mill & Feed

- Cato, WI

2nd Dave Casey: Kowalla Ice House

3rd Skip Streng: Milk Station

Cat. D Commercial/Residential Structure

1st Don Swinton: Gas Station

Diorama







2nd Skip Streng: "O" Scale General Store 3rd Dave Casey: Ogden Book Store

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Rolling Stock

1st Ewing Row: Rio Grande Excursion Car

2nd Sean Lamb: Circus Horse Car

3rd (tie) Ewing Row: D&RGW 3524 Wood Boxcar

3rd (tie) Dave Down: Old Work Car **Cat. PB Railroad Owned Structure**

1st Ewing Row: Water Tower and Steam Locomotive

2nd Dave Down: Trestle-Fall Down 3rd Dave Down: Heber City Station Cat. PC Industrial Structure

1st Sean Lamb: Barn

Model Photo

Cat. MA Rolling Stock

1st Dave Down: Peerless Reefer 2nd Ewing Row: URT Reefer

Cat. MB Railroad Owned Structure

1st Ewing Row: High Wooden Trestle 2nd Ewing Row: Bridge w/Log Truck 3rd Ewing Row: McClane Creek

Cat. MC Industrial Structure 1st Sean Lamb: HO Scale Sawmill 2nd Ewing Row: Lucky Lass Mine

3rd Ewing Row: Mine

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Layout Tour Chair

Thanks to Jerry Lawler who convinced Bill Marks to open his layout for the November Meet. I think everyone who made the trip enjoyed Bill's layout. Bill and his crew had numerous trains running along with his hump yard in action. Bill's work is always well engineered and it's good to see backdrop painting and scenery going in.



Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann

October was the last month for signing up for the project. So far we have 18 adults signed up for the project and the youth is planning to use this as their project this year.

It sounds like people are starting to gather ideas for the project. I'll looking forward to seeing some unique applications.





We're still working on the December line-up; we're hoping to have at least one layout open.

Phil

Youth Group

Steve Brist

An enthusiastic group of kids and adults met at the November SCWD Youth Group meeting. This was our last regular meeting at the Zor Shrine Building until after the Mad City Train Show in February. We are looking forward several great activities in the coming months.



In December we will make our annual holiday field trip to Olbrich Gardens to see the G scale train exhibit. We will be hosted by adult SCWD members who are operating their trains at Olbrich Gardens. This event will be Sunday December 18 at 1 PM.

On January 6, at 1 PM, our youth members will be at the annual Rail School. Youth Group parents will assist with the assembly of the model kits that are a take away project for visiting young people. The Youth Group members will be operating their HO scale layout, so that the visitors can watch a locomotive pull their newly assembled model car. Jerry Lawler will be present to help Youth Group members work on their dioramas for the "New Uses for Old Cabooses" project. The diorama work will be one of the demonstrations to the public at Rail School

Our Youth Group members were excited to receive an invitation to an Operating Session at the layout of SCWD member Bill Marx. We are looking forward to scheduling this activity in the near future.

On the weekend of February 16-17, our members will take part in one of the highlights of the year, the annual Mad City Train Show. Not only will we be operating our club HO and N scale layouts, but our members have also been invited to bring their T Trak modules to operate as part of a large layout at the Show.

We have a great group of SCWD adults who have been regularly attend our meetings. Our thanks to Paul Balfe, Bob McGeever, Steve Preston and Jerry Lawler for their help at our November meeting. We also want to thank Bill & Jane Albert for arranging a donation of equipment to the Youth Group.

With all the scheduled activities in the coming months, we expect our enthusiasm for model railroading to be sustained over the winter months.

Happy Railroading!

Steve







Model Railroad School

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A Christmas Tradition

By Jim Feldman

Polls conducted by the NMRA suggest that half or more of model railroad enthusiasts started with a simple train

around a Christmas tree. A reasonable person might wonder how trains became associated with Christmas. No clear evidence points to trains involved in the trip to Bethlehem or the arrival of the wise men. Still



there are a number of good reasons for it.

The association goes back into the late 19th century. A common Christmas gift was a push toy, something with wheels that could be pushed (or pulled) along the floor by a child of any age. Among the cars, tractors, automobiles, wagons and ponies were wooden locomotives. Within a few years (by 1900) there were windup locomotive toys. There was not yet any obvious reason that trains made a gift for Christmas instead of a birthday present or any other occasion. In a few years powered trains became available, mostly from Märklin, a German



company.
Most of these
were large and
driven by live
steam, not a
device you
want to put
under a dry
tree, so they
stayed outside.

But in 1901 Lionel released a small low voltage AC powered train that was safe to operate indoors. Although Lionel intended the train to be a store window display to attract shoppers to the store's shop window, customers often requested the train itself and Lionel began marketing directly to consumers. Because the Lionel appeared in store windows around the holidays, the association of toy trains with Christmas was emphasized. These trains were designed around the so called "Standard Gauge", a totally arbitrary (rails spaced at 2 1/8th inches) conceit on



Lionel #6 Standard Gauge 4-4-0 Loco and 8 wheel Tender circa 1906

the part of Lionel. This was too large to leave the train up after the holidays so smaller gauges were tried. The most successful was O gauge half of "standard".

The next development came when the simple circle track became boring and consumers asked for and got turnouts, switches and additional track. Needless to say, it was not just the children that wanted this expansion. The model train hobby was born. Now the train was not running just at Christmas but often had a permanent place to stay up all year. Space requirements led to experiments by Lionel, Märklin and American Flyer in smaller scales. At first the trains were powered by windup mechanisms but by 1910 nearly all had acquired battery or AC power. Also around this time, small buildings appeared and small towns appeared under the tree.

WWI reinforced the association of trains with Christmas, since soldiers coming home for holidays almost invariably arrived (and departed) by train. In fact almost all distance travel by relatives and friends common at the holidays was done by rail. Of course this was true of almost all package delivery as well. This function of loved ones coming and going and package delivery are major factors in the association of trains with Christmas.

After WW II HO scale had won the day and good sized layouts became common. They were small and safe enough to run under the tree. But since HO was too small to make much of an impression around the tree, some people kept a Lionel O scale train just for the tree. In the 1960s, as television, movies and other time demands grew more important, model trains, just like real trains faded in popularity and Christmas trains began to disappear. A few scattered events have started to reverse the trend.

The 1970s saw the emergence of the Christmas village hobby. Supported by Department 56's ceramic structures, many villages did without a train entirely although they were roughly O scale. Hawthorne Village contributed structures and a custom Bachman train to add to the more elaborate villages.

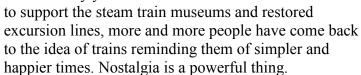
In 1979 a British series of Thomas the Tank films were made from stories originally published in the 1930s. The television series, the movie, the books and the merchandized toys modeled after Thomas were so beloved that they hooked a whole young generation of train

enthusiasts (and some of their parents).



A few years later, the immensely popular Harry Potter books and movies featured the Hogwarts express train introducing another generation to the romance and magic of trains. The Christmas movie Polar Express cemented the connection of Christmas happiness with trains.

As very popular full sized Christmas excursion trains popped up all over the country in the last thirty years as fund raisers



Like the department stores of old, public spaces have gone back to using trains as attention getters. The Wisconsin state Christmas tree at the capitol is encircled by a model train. Some stores, malls and botanical gardens do the same.

Jim Feldman, SCWD Member

Salt Lake City's "Early Bird Special" ends soon!



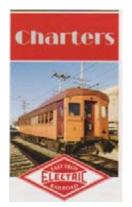
There's not much time left to save a bunch on 2019 National NMRA Convention registration. The "Early Bird Special" of \$119.00 is going away soon. This is a great Deal! Don't miss out. Register today at http://www.nmra2019slc.org/registration/.

We've got a full schedule with a ton of things to do: 150+ clinics, free admission to the National Train Show, great prototype tours, the 150th anniversary celebration of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory, Utah, and special guests like the world famous Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and dinosaurs.

It's fun for the whole family! Take advantage of our "Early Bird Special" now, before time runs out.

SCWD Spring 2019 Railfan Trip "Show of Interest"

As reported in the November Bad Order, the SCWD Board has approved sponsorship of a limited one day railfan trip for the spring of 2019. Planned is a 14 mile round trip on the



East Troy Railroad Museum trolley line and a visit to their maintenance shops on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Contact has also been made with several model railroaders in the Whitewater and Ft. Atkinson areas who are willing to open their home layouts for tours. A 31 passenger bus will provide the transportation for the day. This trip will be limited to a SCWD member and one guest per sign up at a cost of \$35 per person for the bus and Museum fees. Lunch will also be at your cost.

Because non-refundable security deposits need to be made for the bus and Museum, the Board has asked for a "show of interest" to ensure there is enough folks to fill the tour. Therefore, such a request will be made at the Dec. 2, 2018 SCWD regular meeting. If enough members/guests say "yes", signup will begin at that meeting on a first come, first serve basis. A waiting list will also be maintained in case of dropouts. Pre-payment will be due by the April SCWD meeting.

John Haverberg SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator





SCWD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 8, 2018



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2017-2018 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2018 by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. In attendance were Board members Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, Ken Hojnacki, Jerry Lawler, and Bill Clancy.

Absent: Phil Berry

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the Minutes for the June 2018 meeting was made by Bob McGeever and seconded by Bill Clancy. Minutes were approved.

Paymaster Report: Report was given by Bob McGeever who discussed the report with Phil Berry as Phil was unable to attend the meeting. Motion to approve the paymaster report was made by Bill C. and seconded by Ken H.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Tom Morrison has added text to the effect that this January's Rail School will include 'Live Demonstrations' of various aspects of building scenery and rolling stock.

Bad Order: Production and distribution is going smoothly. Articles due by the 14th for publication

Club Liaison (Reports on activities with other clubs.) Position remains unfilled. Board discussed several possibilities for getting this function restarted.

Clinics: Clinics are set for season. Board discussed options for a chairman for clinics next year as Bob Wundrock has indicated a desire to step down. Board also discussed logistics for replacing Bob. It was determined that the organization needs to update its list of modelers who have the expertise to deliver clinics. An effort will be made to solicit members for possible inclusion in the updated list of clinic providers.

Contests: The board agreed to continue with the video contest that was begun this year. Rules will be published in the Bad Order. Board discussed making contest entries more broadly available for viewing.

Themes for this year were published at the first meeting in the fall and will be listed in the Bad Order.

Modeling Project for 2017-2018: Theme for next year was announced at the first meeting in the fall. It will be 'Repurposing Cabooses'. 18 adults have already signed

up to participate. Jerry L. will check with the Youth Group and assess interest and report back to Board next month

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber has purchased door prizes for the year.

Layout tours: October layout tours were held in Waunakee and the north side of Madison by Paul Nelson and Ken Hojnacki will be hosting

Membership: Steve Preston's efforts at the Rail Show were very successful again this month. He recruited two parents of children attending the Youth program and will continue his recruiting efforts with both the Youth Group and General membership. He is providing several magazines to new members. These include the Atlas Wiring, and 7 Steps to HO Railroads. The Board agreed to purchase these magazines for new members with the goal being making their introduction to the hobby, easier.

Picnic: BOD agreed to return to Little Americka in 2019 as it has activities/rides for kids as well as a nice facility for the adults. We will again try to schedule the picnic at the same time as the park's Whiskey River Days festival. Date: TBD. John Haverberg is handling this event.

Rail School: The Division has acquired additional Blue Box models for distribution at the 2019 Rail School. It appears that we have sufficient quantities to meet our needs for this year's program. We may need to revisit model availability next year based this year's attendance. The date for the Rail School will be January 6, 2019.

Bill Clancy agreed to coordinate the 2019 Rail School. He recruited Mike Vivion, Ken Hojnacki, and Phil Hottmann to supervise the Rail School activity. They will develop a theme for the school and set up teams of members to work on various aspects of the school with a slightly different approach. The group will keep the Board apprised as the plan takes shape. They will make an announcement at the October meeting and call for support with setup and other tasks as needed.

The Superintendent asked for volunteers to help him with set up and takedown of the Rail School room setup. A number of members agreed to come early to help set up and to stay later to help take down. This worked well in 2018 and the plan is continue this approach for 2019.

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Bad Order on our web

Rail show: Bob reports that about ³/₄ the layouts from last year have responded. This is normal for the show. There are several new layouts in the show. Several other layouts have been updated

Spring Trip: A discussion was held to talk about any upcoming rail fanning trip opportunities. John Haverberg is coordinating. Board had an excellent discussion and is looking at a trip to a day trip to the East Troy Railroad Museum. Several options for the trip included lunch offsite given the limited options on site. Additionally, the Board discussed the possibility doing several layout tours on the return trip with a return time of approximately 7pm.

First choice for dates was May 4, 2019 and second choice was April 27, 2019. Board agreed to bring this to the November general meeting for a discussion with membership.

East Troy Railroad Museum has offered to provide a limited clinic on the museum to generate interest this rail fanning outing.

Youth Group: The October meeting will be having the kids painting the bases that they made last month for the modeling project. Additionally, Jerry has secured a significant quantity of scenery materials and will be distributing these materials to the kids to help them plan their diorama design. (special thanks go to Jim Feldman, Jerry Lawler, Bill Marks and Bob McGeever for their contributions. If I've forgotten any other donors, I apologize and please let me know so that the Board can recognize their contribution.) Instead of a competition, having the kids create 'Show and Tell' dioramas was discussed and agreed upon.

Old Business:

Rail Show new trains – Discussion to replace the wooden Brio trains used by the children's play area at the Rail Show. Research will be done to determine costs and availability. Several members are working together on this and will keep the Board apprised of the efforts and results.

New Business:

BOD agreed to purchase a new copy of MS Office for the SCWD laptop.

Adjournment: Dave Lendved moved for adjournment and Bill C. seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

News from the WGRS

Paul Mangan

As I write this column while looking out the window at the snow that fell overnight, a smile is on my face as it is set up day at Olbrich Gardens for the annual Holiday Express. The Holiday Express is a combined effort by Olbrich Gardens and the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society that creates a train layout with a special theme each year to bring out the holiday spirit in all of us. This year's theme has finally been released. It was top secret until now. The title is "I Spy". That's all I am allowed to say at this time. (I need to get a top secret clearance because I leak like a sieve).



The members of the WGRS run the trains each day from 10:00 to 4:00. This year the event is held from December 1st to December 31st at Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue in Madison, Wisconsin.

As most of you know, there are some SCWD members who also belong to the WGRS i.e., Donn Tolley (past WGRS President) and Rose Tolley, Steve and Carol Culbertson, Othmar Vorburger along with my wife Kathy and I just to name a few.

Our SCWD Youth Group stops in each year to observe the layout and occasionally I'll give one or two the throttle. This year the date for this youth group meet is Dec. 16th.

Hope to see you all and a big Ho Ho Ho!

Paul



Mid-Continent Railway Museum North Freedom, WI

Rich Mahaney, NMRA NCR Division 9

This past weekend I served as a dinner banquet speaker for an annual dinner and fundraising event for the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in Baraboo, WI. The railway museum is actually located about 5 miles to the west of Baraboo in the small town of North Freedom, WI. I presented a new version of my Second Lives OF Cabooses" presentation for about 50 or more attendees at the dinner on Saturday night at the Baraboo Country Club. Very nice meal, lots of fun and we (Jill and I) enjoyed meeting people we did not know and making a number of new friends. But part of the weekend was spent on Saturday and Sunday at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum grounds photographing railroad equipment and walking around! If you have never been to this railroad museum, please put it on a list of places to visit in 2019! I had visited the museum with my grandson Owen in 2007 or 2008, so I knew what to expect, but was excited about seeing the new additions and the restoration work, but was sad to see the damage and hear the terrible flood stories from his past September of 2018. There are plenty of images and videos on the internet of the flooding waters that were taken when the water was up to the bottom of the rail cars and throughout the buildings. You can always help them out with donations as part of their recovery program. The museum was also damaged by a serious flooding event in 2008.

In 1959, a group of rail enthusiasts from the Milwaukee, WI area had joined together to form the Railroad Historical Society of Milwaukee. With the group's first acquisition of the Consumers Company #701 steam locomotive, the search for a home for their collection began. An agreement was reached with the Hillsboro & North Eastern Railroad diesel-powered train rides over their line beginning in 1962 under the name Mid-Continent Railway Museum. When it was learned the North Freedom branch line was available in 1962, the line was quickly purchased and the small collection of cars and locomotives were moved to North Freedom in 1963. By the summer of 1963, the move was finished and repairs to steam locomotive C&NW #1385 were completed, allowing steam train rides to be offered for the first time that summer. Train rides have been offered out of North Freedom by the museum every year since and a small train yard was gradually built to hold the growing collection of preserved rail equipment.

The museum roster has over 500 people each year that help out and volunteer time for a variety of activities. Serving as guides for visitors, working on the railroad, restoring equipment and buildings, maintaining the grounds keeps this gang of people busy year around. The museum provides train rides on their seven-milelong track, which goes to an old iron mine and community. The have tourist train rides, dinner trains, theme train rides (like the snow train, Santa train, fall color trains, and more), check out their website for more information, dates and prices. There is always something special happening at the railroad museum.

The museum has thirteen steam locomotives and three diesel engines on the property, plus more than 100 pieces of rolling stock. Passenger cars, box cars, cabooses, refrigerator cars, tank cars, hoppers and gondolas, just to name a few examples. They even have the only surviving WI "fish car" which was used to stock WI streams and lakes with fish. There is a car like this north of Petoskey, MI at a MI DNR Fish Hatchery to tour when you are "up north" some time. Each year about 20,000 people visit the museum; maybe we get some MI rail fans over to help push that visitor number closed to 21,000 in 2019 and beyond. If is a great railroad museum to make a visit too, maybe you can get ideas for model railroading projects your working on from their collection. Don't forget to take extra digit film chips with you, so you don't run out of film. Visit the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in 2019 and beyond and have fun!

Rich



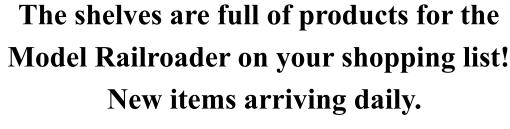


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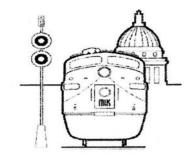


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Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Train Show
Dec 2, 2018	Dec 10, 2018	Dec 16, 2018	Dec 5, 2018
Jan 6, 2019	Jan 14, 2019	Rail School	Jan 2, 2019
Feb 3, 2019	Feb 11, 2019	Train Show	Feb 6, 2019
March 3, 2019	March 11, 2019	March 17, 2019	March 6, 2019

