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Super's Report

Bob McGeever

Division Superintendent

A few words about the Company Store and SCWD finances this month.

Despite all the work we put into the annual Train Show, our goal is to almost break even on the show. Some years we make some money and some years we lose some money. When we make money most of it goes into our reserves. We do not purchase event insurance to cover us for low show attendance caused by bad weather. We self-insure for that by building up our reserves. We have tapped into the reserves several times in the past decade. There was an ice storm on the Sunday of the first show I worked. I think we had more vendor, layout, and SCWD staff in the hall than we had paying customers. We did not make money on that show. But we had healthy reserves so we survived.

The Company Store is an important source of funds to run the division. Many years it can cover the majority of our expenses. The Company Store is not just our sales booth at the train show. The Company Store and the Estate Planning Chair work together to provide a service to our members and members families. Eventually, every model railroad has to be taken apart. Sometimes the modeler is downsizing and must give up the layout. Sometimes health issues force the modeler to give up the layout. Sadly, often the modeler has passed away.

For all the time we spend planning the construction of our layouts, very few of us have a plan to de-construct it. There are a lot of items on or attached to a layout that have some resale value. This is where the Company Store and the Estate Planning Chair can help

Next SCWD Meet:

October 1st 2017 1:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

October 9th 2017 7:00 pm

Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

October 15th 2017 1:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

members of the division. Items of value can be sold by the store on consignment or donated to the SCWD for resale to fund the division.

Informally, the Company Store has also been providing a tear down service for layouts when the items of value have been donated to the SCWD. At a minimum, we collect the items of value from the layout. Sometimes we break out the power tools and remove the whole layout. I am looking for some new volunteers to help with this service. I won't name any names but the current crew is starting to "age out" of demolition work. We could use a couple of young guys in their 50's or early 60's on this crew.

It is unfortunate that a good year for the Company Store usually means some of our members have had a bad year. So far this year, the Company Store is not having a good year. This is good for our members so I am not complaining.

It looks like this is would be a good year to clean out our model railroad closets and donate to the Company Store. Most of us have good quality stuff we are never going to

use just taking up space. By donating some of it to the Company Store you can pay some of the rent on our meeting hall or fund the annual picnic and banquet.

Hope to see you at the October meeting.

Bob

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinics Chair

For the October 1st meet the SCWD welcomes back Dave Nelson of the WISE division. Dave always has a wealth of modeling ideas and tips for us.

He will present two clinics:

The first will "Open Loads" - Using prototype slides/digital images he'll show the variety of open loads for flat cars and gondolas, with some emphasis on how certain loads are braced and secured.

The second is "Track Laying for Beginners." Originally designed for a "beginner's meet," its real emphasis is ideas and suggestions for experienced modelers on how they can help a new modelers with the track laying.

Thanks to our September clinicians. Cody Grivno of Model Railroader magazine.



And Steve Lanphear for being my



co-clinician for our second clinic.

Bob

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann
Modeling Project Chair

We had a very good response at the September Meet with over 20 people signing up for the Project. So far, we have people signing up for both HO and N gauge.

If I have enough interest, I might be able to product an O gauge kit as well.



The deadline to sign up is October 1st at the end of the meet.

I'm looking forward to the creative ideas that may be added to the structure and scene.

Phil

Modeling Project Rules:

1. There may be only one entry per person
2. There will be one contest for Adult and one for Youth.
3. The adult category entry fee is \$10 regardless of scale. Youth entry fee is \$5 or an amount determined by the Youth Group.
4. Project guidelines:
 - a. Sign up at the September or October meetings.
 - b. Pay the entry fee at sign-up or when the kit is picked up.
 - c. Complete your diorama and bring the project to the April 2016 SCWD meet.
 - d. Entries will be judged by popular vote at the April 2016 meet.
 - e. Entry fee will be returned only if the project is completed and entered for judging.
 - f. Placings will be determined by popular vote, and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
5. Project rules:
 - a. Must utilize the kit provided in some fashion. Modifications are allowed.
 - b. Base must be no larger than 100 square inches (HO), 25 square inches (N) or 400 square inches in O.
 - c. Backdrop should be included, but not mandatory
 - d. Track and rolling stock can be part of the diorama.
 - e. Kit contains material to construct the basic building; walls, windows, dock material, roof and roofing materials.
 - f. Additional materials may be used, e.g. ground cover, ballast, buildings, track and scenery material.

Prizes:

- a. Awards total \$300 in gift certificates from The Madison Hobby Stop.
- b. 1st place is a \$75 gift certificate, 2nd place is a \$50 gift certificate, and 3rd place is \$25 gift certificate for both Adult and Youth entries.



Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

In 1872, the P.T. Barnum Circus had grown too large to be transported efficiently on horse-back and wagons. Barnum and his partners decided to use a dedicated train for transport between venues. Unhappy with the Pennsylvania Railroads poorly maintained equipment, the Circus purchased their own cars and the Circus Train was born.



Barnum's was the first of many circuses to crisscross the United States over the next 145 years. The Circus Train was a unique American innovation. Barnum's system of runs, crossover plates, ropes and pulleys along with snubber posts, was devised to get wagons on and off flatcars. Similar technology was adopted by class 1 railroads for TOFC service in the 1960's.

The Circus Train provided a setting for many famous books and movies. The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Red Unit was the last Circus Train. Its last run was in May.

October 1 Contest Theme: **Circus Train**

- Cat. A Wagon/Vehicle Loaded Flats
- Cat. B Animal Loads
- Cat. C Passenger Cars
- Cat. D Office, Publicity, Other Cars

September 2017 Popular Vote Contest Results Box Cars

Model Contest

Cat. A- Wood <45'

- 1st Dave Casey: CMO #32994 Outside Braced Box Car
- 2nd Don Swinton: CUOVI
- 3rd Ken Soroos: SOO Box



Cat. C- Steel <45'

- 1st Chris Roeben: GN #18609 (Popular Vote Winner)
- 2nd Bob Stone: GN #3515 Single Door
- 3rd Dave Casey: KCL #20727



Cat. D- Steel >45'

- 1st Dave Casey: CN&W #152793 Waffle Side
- 2nd Don Swinton: GB&W 15330 Yellow Paint Scheme
- 3rd Chris Roeben: BN #239541



Photo Contest

Prototype

Cat. PA-Wood<45'

- 1st Bob Wundrock: SOO #75618
- 2nd Ewing Row: D&SNG #3631
- 3rd Ewing Row: D&SNG #3273

Cat. PB- WOOD >45'

- 1st Don Swinton: "For Interplant Use Only"
- 2nd Don Swinton: Yellow Box Car

Cat. PC-Steel <45'

- 1st Don Swinton: Manufacturers Railway Co.

Cat. PD- Steel >45'

- 1st Ewing Row: BNSF #726530 High Cube
- 2nd Ewing Row: NS #473141

Model

Cat. MA- Wood <45'

- 1st Bob Wundrock: RLDM #103
- 2nd Bob Wundrock: Box Cars at Loading Dock

Cat. MC- Steel <45'

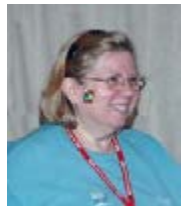
- 1st Ewing Row: Crossed Out SP
- 2nd Ewing Row: SP "Hydra Cushion"
- 3rd Ewing Row: Erie Boxcar on Girder Bridge

Dave and Steve



Midwest Region News

It is with great sadness that we announce Ingrid Drozdak, otherwise known as the 'Tree Lady,' has lost her battle with cancer.



Trains and the NMRA have been a part of Ingrid's life for many years. She served the NMRA in many capacities at the National, Region, and Division levels. Her most recent positions being the Midwest Region's Photo Contest Chairperson and the Fox Valley Division's Assistant Superintendent.

She often shared her Z Scale traveling coffee table layout with the public at train shows. As the 'Tree Lady,' she also taught others to make model trees with various materials from scavenged plant life through commercial ready-made kits. Her lively & energetic clinics on scenery development were always popular with our membership throughout the region.

Ingrid will be missed by many.

*Sincerely,
Steve Studley,
President MWR-NMRA*

Attention! The Rock River Valley Division Train Show, usually held in Rockford, will be moving next year to Belvidere IL. The show dates are March 24, & 25 2018. The location will be the Belvidere North High School, 9393 Beloit Road, Belvidere IL, 61008.

Paul Mangan
Past President Midwest Region



**NMRA MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION
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If you were at the September SCWD meeting, you saw, after much trial and tribulation, the promotional video for the Capitol 400 convention which has been sent to each Division in the MidWest Region. Some of you may even have been able to hear the audio—Bob says he'll run it again with speakers in October.

The Capitol 400 webpages went live on September 1st thanks to the superb efforts of Tom Morrison. If you haven't visited them yet, just go to the SCWD website at www.nmra-scwd.org. There is a link to the video on the front page as well as a "Registration Open Now" button that will take you to the Registration page. Click on the Convention title on the menu bar across the top of each page and links to each convention topic's page will drop down. There are lots of details about the operating sessions, layout tours, clinics and more.

You can download the Registration Form and fill it in on your computer, then save a copy and print it. Send your form and your check to Keith Thomsen, the Registration Chair, at the address on the form. Sorry, we can't accept credit cards.

We will shortly have an update on some of the great clinics you'll be able to see as well as information on Non-Rail Activities.

After the first of the year, we will be looking for help with the registration table and other areas at the convention site. We may also have a presence at this year's Rail Show, so there may be an opportunity to help there, as well.

Keep your ear to the rail for more Capitol 400 information. And be sure to register!!!

Ken Hojnacki
Convention Chair

**From the "Non-Rail guest"
Department for the Capitol 400:**

We are making tote bags for the non-rail guests who will join us at the convention. Everything is cut and ready to go, and the sewing is simple straight seams. We had a "Bag Lady" party on September 10 at Haverberg's while SCWD members were at their regular monthly meeting.



Next sewing session is October 1, also during the SCWD meeting. Anyone who would like to chat, get better acquainted with club "auxiliary members", please join us. You bring your sewing machine, we will show you how to help. Think of it as practicing for Project Linus at the convention!

We will have some special programs at the convention. Do we have local talent who can help us make our guests feel welcome? Do you have a craft/hobby that you can demonstrate or display? Do you have a hobby or passion (i.e. antiques, nutrition, nature, history, etc.) that you can present as a clinic/discussion group?

Can we count you in? We want our guests to go home knowing that they made some new friends in Madison at convention time!

Judy Vivion. 271-3563. vivion2@tds
Diana Haverberg. 836-7963. haverdj@tds.net

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann
Layout Tour Chair

Thanks to Paul Mangan for opening his layout for the September meet. Cat Mountain was up and running after the great storm of 2017.



With the Regional Convention coming up this Spring I'm having a somewhat difficult time finding layouts to open up for our meets. We may end up doing some videos for the October meeting.

I do have openings available for the rest of the season. So if you're interested please let me know.

Phil

Youth Group

Steve Brist

The SCWD Youth Group discussed plans for the upcoming year at our first meeting on September 17th. Our tentative plans are monthly meetings on the third Sunday of the month from September through November, a field trip to the G scale trains at Olbrich Gardens in December, Rail School in January, Mad City Train Show in February, and then resuming monthly meetings March through May.



We are pleased to have a good crew of SCWD adult members helping lead our meetings. Bob McGeever regularly attends our meetings and takes care of setting up our N scale modular layout. Paul Balfe travels from Whitewater each month. He brings his tool box and troubleshoots locomotives and equipment. Jerry Lawler took charge of the still new HO layout he helped build and made sure everyone got a chance to run the trains.



Some of our newer members were excited to be given their own N scale module, which they can take home and add scenery and structures. These were available thanks to Bob McGeever's efforts over the summer, along with SCWD funding.



Our next meeting will be 1 PM Sunday October 15th, at the Zor shrine building. Paul Balfe has offered to present a clinic on track laying for our October program. We are seeking additional clinics for future meetings. If you are interested in doing a clinic in the future at one of our meetings, let me know.



We had a good turnout of young people at our first meeting, and I appreciated the adult assistance helping our members. We look forward to another successful school year of model railroading.

Steve



**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes*
August 14, 2017**



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 August 14, 2017 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy, and Phil Berry.**

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the June 2017 meeting were approved with amendments as to attendance.

Paymaster Report: Paymaster report for July 30, 2017 was approved. Budget for 2018 was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Advertising rates were frozen for 2018.

Club Liaison: Nothing to Report – Position remains unfilled.

Clinics: 2018 schedule published in the Bad Order.

Contests: Information to be published in the Bad Order.

Modeling Project for 2016-2017:

Phil Hottman agreed to take on responsibility for the modeling project this year. Mike Vivion and several BOD members agreed to help Phil out as needed. Modeling area will be building flats. Phil will bring sample to September meeting .

Due to costs, there may be an increase in cost of participation or we may reduce the complexity of the project. It is hoped that cost will remain at \$10 per model.

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber will be responsible for the meeting door prizes and has budget.

Layout tours: Paul Mangan will be hosting a September layout tour. We may provide additional YouTube video tours of unique layouts. The board discussed including unfinished and smaller layouts included in the tours for the upcoming year. This will allow members to share their thought processes as they design and build new layouts. It will also allow members to provide feedback/ ideas to those building layouts.

Web Site: Paypal should be ready in early fall to gain experience with it for the 2018 show.

Capitol 400: A one page notice web site has been created. Op session text is done. Video may be added. More coordination work with the hotel is underway. A promotional DVD will be created and sent to all divisions in the region. Video and website page will be previewed at September meeting

Old Business:

BOD and Chairs for 2018 were elected.

New Business:

Adjournment: Bill Clancy moved for adjournment and Dave Lendved seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:25 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

*Minutes condensed for publication in the Bad Order

Rail School 2018

Andy Potts
Rail School Chair



While it might not seem like it, the SCWD Rail School is fast approaching. The school is on January 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Zor Shrine Temple. The Rail School is an opportunity for the SCWD to showcase its wealth of talent and share it with the community.

Please consider signing up as a clinician for the school. There are many fine modelers in the division and I know that the clinicians who volunteer are greatly appreciated by the school's attendees. If you're stumped as to what to present, here's a partial list of past displays to get you thinking: layout/track planning, benchwork, electrical wiring, DCC, locomotive maintenance, weathering, decaling, figure painting, structure building, scenery, backdrops, photography and many more.

Please be sure to sign-up in advance if you would like to be a clinician. While I try keep an extra table or two open for people who sign-up the day of, I cannot guarantee you a spot if you don't sign-up ahead of time.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the October, November and December regular meetings. Additionally, feel free to contact me at [\(608\) 213-1757](tel:6082131757) or arpotts@uwalumni.com if you would like to sign-up.

As you may know, the Badger State Trail multi-use path is built on the former right-of-way of the Illinois Central line from Freeport to Madison. In 1888 the IC built a depot near CTH M and Wendt Road at the unincorporated village of Fitchburg.



The depot was torn down in 1939 after passenger service was discontinued around 1926.



In 2013 the City of Fitchburg and Fitchburg Historical Society placed an historic marker at the site of the depot.

Now, several groups are looking to build a replica of the depot adjacent to its original location. The replica depot will serve as a trailhead for the bike path, act as an historical museum for Fitchburg and the rail line, and provide a

community meeting place. Bike Fitchburg and the Fitchburg Chamber & Visitors Bureau have secured \$157,500 in matching funds from the City of Fitchburg and are beginning to gear up their fundraising efforts. Stay tuned for updates.

Andy Potts



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BOB BOELTER'S O SCALE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD HAS MOVED TO STONEFIELD



The model railroad has been donated to the Wisconsin Historic Site in Cassville to be rebuilt in one of the village's buildings (see stonefieldhistoricsite.org). Funds have to be raised for the reconstruction. Contributions can be made to Stonefield Historic Site, 12195 County Highway V V, Cassville, WI 53806 and identified for "Stonefield Model Railroad". If you'd like to help in other ways contact Bob at bboelter1@gmail.com



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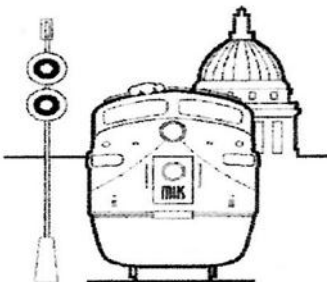
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2017-18 Meeting Time Table

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Train Show	Convention
Oct 1 st 2017	Oct 9 th 2017	Oct 15 th 2017	Oct 4 th 2017	Oct 18 th 2017
Nov 5 th 2017	Nov 13 th 2017	Nov 19 th 2017	Nov 1 st 2017	Nov 15 th 2017
Dec 3 rd 2017	Dec 11 th 2017	Dec 17 th 2017	Dec 6 th 2017	
Jan 7 th 2018	Jan 8 th 2018	Rail School	Jan 3 rd 2018	Jan 17 th 2018

Registration now open: <https://www.nmra-scwd.org/capitol-400.html>

