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Super's Report

Well, I did it again. I opened my big mouth and said yes. I agreed to run for the board and the next thing I know, I'm your new Superintendent! You can trust that I will do the best job I can in this new role.

The final meetings of the year have come and gone, spring has sprung, and summer seems to be here early. The spring banquet went well with excellent attendance of nearly 64 members. It's good to see the division youth group doing well. I attended their final meeting for the season, and it's in really good hands. The division has a lot of excellent modelers, and it would be wonderful to see some of you step up and demonstrate some of the modeling skills that these youngsters will be needing in the future. The next thing for the division is the picnic at Little Amerricka and I know I'm looking forward to it as it is always a fun time rain or shine. I hope to see you all there!

Many of you will have summer vacations and other outdoor activities to deal with instead of being down in the railroad room working. I likewise have summer vacation and fishing trips and other things in the works, but now that I can get to my layout, which is outside the house, I'm going to continue working on it and hope to have the main line laid by the time the Picnic rolls around. I encourage you as time allows to work on obtaining AP certificates towards your MMR. I will be working on the same. There is information on the program on the NMRA website as well as information from Ken Hojnacki who is the division AP chair. Please keep him in mind, his e-mail address is in the red book.

By the time you read this, I will have attended the Midwest region meeting in Peoria IL and a little bit of rail fanning along the way.

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent Model railroading is fun!

Next SCWD Meet

September 10, 2023 at 1 PM

Next Youth Group Verona Senior Center, Verona September 9, 2023 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:

June 13, 2023 at 7 PM ZOOM Meeting



AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki



At our April meeting, I talked with a few folks who expressed interest in attending a session to learn how to evaluate models for AP and contests. Before I set up a date for that training, I wanted to make sure I didn't leave anyone out. Here are the people I have noted as interested:

Bill Clancy, Al Potts, Rusty Dramm, Jerry Lawler, Dave Casey, Art Dawson and Chris Bradley.

If I have missed you, please email me at khojnacki@charter.net and let me know of your interest.

Ken

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

We wrapped up the season with a trip to Rockford for a dual meet. Interesting enough, they had a beautiful club layout at the meeting site. The meeting site was the Paulson Agricultural Museum which had many wonderful displays. The layout featured the K-D Line which depicted Rockford and the surrounding area. One of the structures had twelve different lighting effects created by an Arduino. The other two layouts were designed for operations. Both Gene Wheeler's C&NW Sterling Subdivision and Harold Hereen's TP&W were quite large with diverse operations. If you have interest in operations, these were wonderful to see.







Wheeler Layout





I'm putting together the lineup for the 2023/2024 season. I have a few layouts on my list but will need plenty more. So, if you're thinking about having your layout open, please let me know.

I appreciated all of you that had your layout open this past season. It adds so much to our meetings. I want to make sure we continue this for next season.

Phil

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

Hopefully everyone is heading into the summer months with lots of plans, ideas and trips. I am currently traveling in Utah and will be home in early June. I enjoy these trips because you never know when you will get a chance to see something you didn't even plan. On this trip we ended up overnight in Evanston, Wyoming with a bunch of extra time. I checked out the UP railroad station and got some pictures. The city has taken over some of the older RR buildings and restored them, including the roundhouse and the maintenance shops. We couldn't get into the buildings but we expect to go back. I also had an opportunity to go through the local museum which is quite small but very well done.

You may wonder what connection these meandering thoughts have to do with model and photo contests. When we stop to see the sights, especially when we don't know what we are going to see in advance, we are sometimes surprised by the things that catch our attention. This is the one of the joys and benefits of a hobby like model railroading. There is such a wide variety of interesting things to fuel our interest. What draws me to the hobby is the visual interest of RR buildings, especially stations, and the history. How did the RR develop in particular places and times? Our model and photo contests are a way to share with each other the things we find interesting about railroads, both models and the real thing.

Please take some time this summer to think about what it is you like most and how we can use our contests to share those things with the other members of the division. If you have a particular interest you would like us to use as the focus of a contest, send me your idea(s). My plan is to have the contest themes for the next year lined up in the next few weeks. That will give you all a chance to plan ahead and be ready to share your entries with the rest of us. If you have never brought a contest entry, this will be a good year to start. You don't have to have an entry in every contest, but make a goal to share one or two models you have built or acquired and photos should be even easier to share. In the meantime, happy modeling!

Youth Group

By Steve Preston

Youth group was kind of light this month since it was mom's day weekend. But we did have two guy's show up for some fun.

Charlie the youngest one and the tunnel builder, was more interested in building a layout in the other room more than anything. So Bill and Phil helped him put up a double track to run a couple of locos on it. Meanwhile Bakore the older one, put some of the final touches on his diorama. He had a sheet of paper where everything was to be meticulously put in proper order. He had laid his tracks and platform on the foam, then made sure it looked good before he hot glued it down. Then all the trees were planted in a certain spot, he looked like he completed the scene the way he wanted it. Meanwhile Charlie put some miles on by walking back and forth from the other room to get some rail cars from the boxes Phil had brought in. Soon Bakore and Charlie had a consist and a couple of locos getting a work out like they never had.

Next September we plan on showing them how to strip wires and do some soldering. We hope to see the whole group for the picnic. The group was attended by Phil, Bill, Steve, and special guest star as the new super Art Dawson in his first roll there.

Have fun all and a safe summer.

Steve Preston Membership Chairman and Youth Group Director

Clinic Column

By Ken Hojnacki

Summertime, and the livin' is easy. We tend to put our modeling on the shelf for the warmer months, but it is a good time to think about topics for our clinics for next year. I need your help if we want to continue to have a great slate of clinics at our meetings. Please consider sharing some modeling techniques or interesting rail subjects you have. If you need help putting it in a PowerPoint, I can help with that.

So, while you're sitting in the sun, with a cool drink in your hand, waiting for that next train to come along, give clinics a thought and let me know what you have to share.

Ken

Certificates of Appreciation from the SCWD for the 2022-23 Season

Bob McGeever Past Superintendent, Paymaster,

Rail Show Chair

Bill Clancy Board Member, Assistant

Superintendent, Rail School Chair

Bill Mitchell Board Member, Chief Clerk, Youth

Group

Dave Down Board Member, Model and

Photography Contest Director

Dave Dingman Board Member, AV Director

Steve Preston Board Member, Membership Chair,

Youth Group Director

John Kosobucki Board Member

Kathy Clancy Newsletter Editor, Advertising

Director

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Ken Hojnacki Clinics Planning Chair,

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Mike Vivion Modeling Project Chairman

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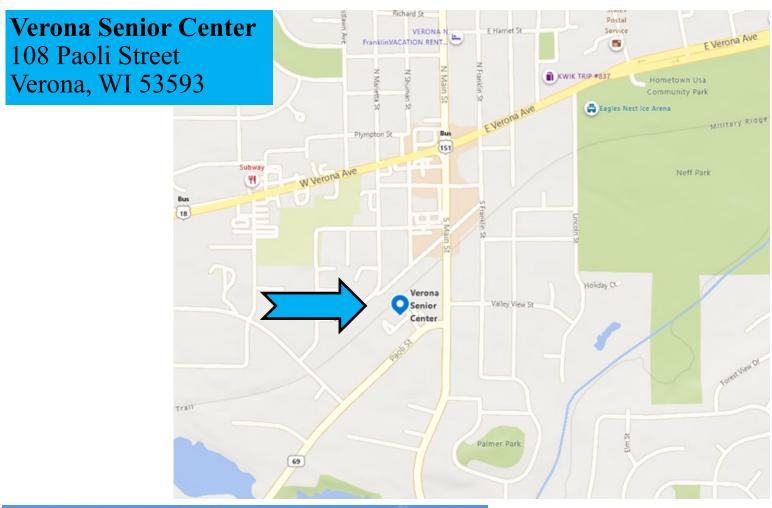
Chair

Chris Bradley Youth Group

Steve Lanphear Listserv Coordinator, Ops Puzzle

& Mystery Photo

Thank you to all!









SCWD 2023 Annual Summer Picnic Saturday, July 15, 2023



For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Amerricka Park in Marshall on their "Whiskey River Railway Day". The SCWD Board has agreed to do so again this summer on Saturday, July 15th. Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and catering is being arranged. The park opens at noon and closes at 5 pm. Lunch will be served starting at 1:00 pm. As was done in 2019 and 2022, the Board has decided to defray part of the catering cost by charging a \$5.00 fee 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. SCWD members and their families, Youth Club members and their families and other invited guests approved by the Board can attend the picnic. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, you will have to sign up and pay by Saturday, July 1, 2023.

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking directly at the Blue Rose Pavilion can be reached off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 just east of the Park's regular entrance.

SCWD 2022 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

SCWD Member and Family Attendee(s) names:	Cost(each):	
	Total Enclosed \$	

Please print and fill out the form and send with payment (cash or checks - payable to the SCWD) by 7/1 to:

John Haverberg 4797 Delmara Rd. Middleton, WI 53562

Any questions, contact me at E-mail address: haverdj@tds.net, Phone: 608-836-7963



SCWD Annual Banquet 2023 "Some of the Attendees"



































SCWD Awards



Corky McGeever Bob Davis Award For the Volunteer Spirt



Hank Brown Award
For Continuous Service



Dave Down Photographer of the Year



Phil Hottmann Bob Steele Award Division Superintendents

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 sewdmemberlist@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.

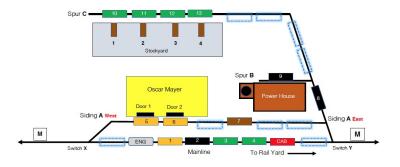
The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

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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 listsery, 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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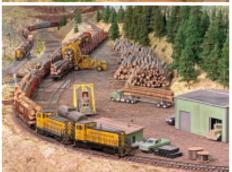


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Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, 10 April 2023 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:32 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, John Kosobucki, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, Steve Preston, Art Dawson, and Bill Mitchell were present. (Meeting start times may vary due to BOD members schedules.)

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 **RED BOOK**.

Minutes

Motion by Dingman, second by McGeever, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting which included corrections suggested by John Kosobucki. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever had presented the highlights of the Paymaster Report at the April 2nd membership meeting. He is still waiting for an invoice for the final payment for the use of the Dane County Alliant Exposition Center. Motion by Dawson, second by Down, to approve the February Paymaster Report as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles are due for the May newsletter by April 15th.

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 - Due to the joint meeting with the Rock River Valley Division in Rockford, there will be no clinics until the Fall.

Contests - Model and Photography - Dave Down informed the Board of Directors the results of the contests:

Dave Casey is the Modeler of the Year Dave Down is the Photographer of the Year

The contests are finished for the season. Dave is looking for ideas for the contests for the 2023-2024 year.

Modeling Project - Winter Scene Diorama Results from the April 2 Membership Meeting

HO First Place - Dave Casey HO Second Place - Phil Hottmann HO Third Place - Chris Bradley N First Place - Mike Vivion

Door Prizes - Nothing to report.

Layout Tours - A new Layout Tour Coordinator is needed.

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 - Steve Preston - Renewal Membership Letters have been sent out. There a still few members that are late in their renewal.

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 RED BOOK.

Picnic - The SCWD July Summer Picnic is scheduled for July 15, 2023, at **Little Amerricka Park** in Marshall on their "Whiskey River Railway Day". SCWD Youth Group members will pay \$5.00 to attend.

2023 Summer Picnic: Adults, Youth Group Members, Children Age 6 years old and above \$5.00 Children 5 years old and under FREE

Publicity - Nothing to report.

Rail School - The new Rail School Coordinator still needs to be found.

Rail Show - Bob McGeever informed the Board that his rail show budget will have less tables in 2024 compared to 2023.

Website - The website looks good. New video links have been posted.

Old Business:

Youth Group - Steve Preston - The SCWD Youth Group has moved the meetings to the Verona Senior Center. Steve has the dates for the 2023-2024 year. These dates will be locked in when the SCWD Monthly Membership meetings are scheduled at the Verona Senior Center. A field trip to the Union Railroad Museum at Union, Illinois, on the "Diesel Days" held on the weekend of August 11 - 13 weekend is being investigated.

Youth Group Notes - Youth 18 years of age and under are welcome to join the SCWD Youth Group. A parent or designated adult is required to attend with the youth. The Youth Group Committee is looking for more members. Also, SCWD members are needed to present model railroading topics.

Spring Banquet - The banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 5th, at the Verona American Legion Hall. Cocktails Hour is at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served around 7:00 pm. The event details will be published in the **BAD ORDER** as more details become available.

2023 Spring Banquet: SCWD/NMRA members Non-NMRA attendees Children 12 & under \$5.00

If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

Name Tags - Preston - An invoice for the total number of name tags will be sent when the remaining name tags are completed.

New Business:

April 2nd Annual Election and Officers Results

Art Dawson Superintendent
David Down Assistant Superintendent

Phil Hottmann
Bob McGeever
Phil Hottmann
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Bob McGeever
Phil Hottmann
Past Superintendent & ZOOM Meeting Coordinator
remain as treasure and February Train Show Coordinator

John Kosobucki Dave Dingman Steve Preston Bill Mitchell

Bill Mitchell Clerk

Annual Awards and Recognition Certificates - The Board of Directors discussed candidates who are eligible for the annual awards and recognition certificates. A motion was made by Kosobucki, second by Preston to approve the candidates. The members of the South Central Wisconsin Division will be recognized at the May 5th Banquet.

Mazomanie Historical Society Museum - The museum may be needing some help from the SCWD membership to move a model railroad layout from its current location to the museum. More information is needed.

May 7th Joint Meeting with the Rock Valley Division - The SCWD May meeting will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle 6950 Belvidere Road

Caledonia, Illinois 61011

A Constant Contact reminder will be sent to the SCWD membership.

2023-2024 SCWD Budget - Bob McGeever will be preparing the first draft of the SCWD budget in June.

2023-2024 SCWD Meeting Dates - Phil Hottmann will be compiling the SCWD membership meeting dates.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kosobucki, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

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Thank you!





SCWD 2023-2024 Annual Election of Board of Directors Meeting April 2, 2023

The South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association Annual Meeting for the Election of Members to the Board of Directors was called to order by Election Committee Chairman Bob McGeever at 1:05 pm.

This election meeting was held at the beginning of the April SCWD Membership Meeting at the Verona Senior Center.

Treasurer's Summary:

Bob McGeever presented a summary of the financial position of the organization and a few details about the 2023 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale.

Annual Election of Officers to the Board of Directors:

A request had been made that ballots be used for the election of SCWD Board members. The candidates names were read and the voting procedure was explained. At 1:09 pm, the annual meeting was suspended so that ballots could be cast and counted. The regular April monthly meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association began. During the break between presentations, members cast their votes.

After the regular meeting presentations were completed, the annual election meeting resumed at 3:36 pm. The results of the election are as follows:

Phil Hottmann Art Dawson David Down Dave Dingman Steve Preston John Kosobucki Bill Mitchell

(Note: The Board of Directors will decide who will be the Superintendent of the SCWD at the next BOD meeting.)

A motion was made by Don Swinton, second by Don Mayo, that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Sean Lamb, second by Art Dawson, to adjourn the annual election meeting. Motion carried. The annual election meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

With the adjournment of the annual election meeting, final regular meeting announcements were made.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk



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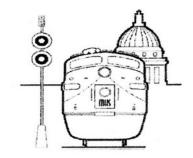
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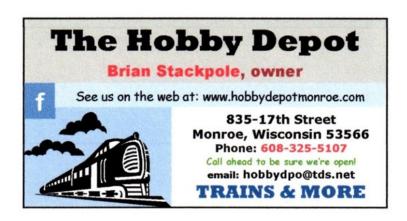


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SCWD 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule			
Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	
	June 13, 2023		
	August 15, 2023		
September 10, 2023	September 12, 2023	September 9, 2023	
October 1, 2023	October 10, 2023	October 14, 2023	
November 5, 2023	November 14, 2023	November 11, 2023	
December 3, 2023	December 12, 2023	December 9, 2023	

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