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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

A few words about layout tours.

Phil Hottmann has reported that he is challenged to fill out a schedule of layout tours this year. Seems like some of us are working on the layout to prepare it for the spring convention. Others of us are just a little bashful about showing our layouts because they are not yet done, they are too small or some other reason.

My excuse for not hosting another tour was that I didn't have a layout last March. I had a pile of foam sheets waiting to be applied to the wood frame. I am making progress. I should be able to run trains later this year. I plan to have an open house next March. The layout will not be finished. It will probably be a plaster gauze desert with no structures. But I will be running trains! And there will enough of the layout completed that visitors should be able to understand what I am up to. I think of it as a progress report that is open to the division members. I am hoping to make it an annual event.

So even if your layout is still a "work in process", don't be shy. It is always interesting to see how somebody else builds a layout.

A few words about the NMRA web site.

Part of being Superintendent is occasionally going out to the NMRA web site to see what's new with the "mother ship". It looks like Gerry Leone was pretty busy at the Orlando Convention. Thirty two new convention clinic videos have been posted. I've

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November 5th 2017 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

November 13th 2017 7:00 pm
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

November 19th 2017 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

watched the first two. The video and sound quality is pretty good. Watching these videos won't make up for not being able to attend the convention but it helps. Even if I had been able to go, I doubt I could have made it to all 32 of the clinics.

Hope to see you at the November meeting.

Bob



Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

The theme for the November model and photo contests is Trackage Industries.

It is the freight customers who provide the revenue to build and operate the very capital intensive railroad business. In Europe, rail lines were built, primarily to provide passenger and mail service between existing population centers. In America, especially in the West, rail construction often stimulated settlement. Railroads built towns and encouraged immigration to generate traffic on their lines. Industries, such as mining and agriculture, encouraged the construction of thousands of miles of track. The improved transportation network encouraged the location of many industries along the way. Trackage industries could be anything from a small open area on spur to dump coal or firewood, to a giant steel mill with an intricate web of sidings, spurs and lines and even its own power and rolling stock. Rail served industries provide a setting and a purpose for our model railroads.

Members may notice that we tweaked the categories a little this month. This is to expand the pool of entries.

November 5 Photo and Model Contest Theme:

Trackage Industries

- Cat. A Chemical, Oil, Gas
- Cat. B Manufacturing
- Cat. C Agriculture, Forestry, Mining
- Cat. D Freight Transfer, Storage, Other

October Contests Results: Circus Train

Model Contest

Cat. A Wagon/Vehicle Loaded Flats

1st Ewing Row: W.C. Coup New United Monster Shows #56

2nd Ewing Row: Greater Norris & Rowe #64
3rd Ewing Row: Gollmar Bros. #52

Cat. B Animal Loads

1st Ewing Row: Walter L. Main #60

2nd Ewing Row: Strate Shows #44

3rd Ewing Row: Sells Bros. #49

Cat. C Passenger Cars

1st Ewing Row: Circus World Museum #47 The Delavan



2nd Ewing Row: Wonderful Wisconsin

3rd Ewing Row: Schlitz Circus Parade

Cat. D Office, Publicity, Other Cars

1st Mike Vivion: N Scale RB&BB Advertising Car #1
(Popular Vote Winner)



Photo Contest

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Wagon/Vehicle Loaded Flats

1st Ewing Row: 8 Cars w/Circus Wagons

2nd Ewing Row: Bell Wagon

3rd Ewing Row: Shoe Wagon

Cat. PB Animal Loads

1st Steve Preston: RB&BB Animal Car

Cat. PC Passenger Cars

1st Steve Preston: Al G. Barnes & Sells

2nd Steve Preston: Passenger Car End View

Model Photo

Cat. MA Wagon/Vehicle Loaded Flats

1st Ewing Row: Gollmar Bros. #52 w/4 Wagons

2nd Mike Vivion: Circus Train Unloading

Cat. MD Office, Publicity, Other Cars

1st Ewing Row: Parade and Big Top

2nd Ewing Row: Settin' Up

Dave and Steve

Dave Casey
Receives his
2017 Modeler of the Year Award



The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinics Chair

For our November clinics we will have a two-part new technology presentation.

Chris Heili of the Winnebagoland division will cover various aspects of Arduino micro-controllers.

The first clinic will be: Arduino on your Layout - Part 1
A high-level overview of Arduino do-it-yourself electronics projects for your model railroad. He will explore the many uses and discuss the pros and cons of do-it-yourself vs buying commercially available products.

The second clinic will be: Arduino on your Layout - Part 2
An absolute beginners guide to getting started with Arduino. Where do I start? What do I need? Where do I buy it? Is this for me? Get the answers to these questions as he will walk you through the steps needed to begin your Arduino experience.

Thanks again to Dave Nelson
(A.K.A. the Frugal Modeler) for his
October clinics.



Bob

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann
Layout Tour Chair

For our November meet, Ron Halvorson will be providing a tour of his Union Pacific - Pocatello Division.

With the Regional Convention this year I am finding that most people are concentrating on working on their layouts and are not willing to be open for the monthly meetings. So, if anyone would like to be open for a tour after the meeting please get in touch with me.



Phil

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann
Modeling Project Chair

We have had great response with 25 entries with the adult group. I'm will be meeting with the Youth Group today and hope to get a good response from them as well.

I published the contest rules in the October Bad Order.

There have been some questions as to what could also be included in the diorama. Additional structures and other items such as track work, scenery and backdrops can be added as long as you stay within the area allowed by the rules.

I'm currently constructing 30 HO scale kits. If there is any remaining at the November Meeting you might be able to still sign up for the contest.

Phil

Correction from the rules posted in the October Bad Order. The project is due and will be judged in April of 2018, not 2016 as published last month.





Midwest Region News

You know that Fall is in the air when you see the train shows begin to start up again. I didn't make it down to Monroe this year because I had plans to go out of town for a long weekend. I did talk to some SCWD members that went down and they had a very good time.

November is upon us and with that comes Trainfest, America's largest operating model Railroad show taking place this year on November 11 & 12 at State Fair Park in Milwaukee. The hours are 9 am to 5 pm each day. To the veterans who have been there in the past it will be another great show I'm sure.



Also at Trainfest the Midwest Region Board of Directors will be holding it's Fall Board meeting. The meeting will commence on Nov. 12th at 10:30 am. If you are an NMRA member you are invited to come in and observe these meetings and see what transpires. Perhaps you may want to run for a position on the board, after all, there are four director positions open for this spring's election. This is an opportunity to meet other members in the region.

On behalf of the MWR, I'd like to thank the Wise Division and the Trainfest staff for hosting our meeting.

Further down the road, on the third weekend in February (Feb 17 & 18) the South Central Wisconsin Division will present it's 51st annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale in Madison, Wisconsin. 100,000 sq.ft. of Trains, Vendors and Clinics. Show opens each day at 9:00am. Ticket booths will start selling tickets at 8:00 on Saturday and 9:00 on Sunday. The show runs till 5:00 pm each day.

Midwest Region Spring Convention 2018:

The Capitol 400 is the name of the convention to be held on April 13 – 15, 2018 at the Raddison Hotel on Madison's west side. The convention committee is assembling a great venue of activities for both rail and non-rail.

For more info go to the SCWD web site nmra-scwd.org and click on Capitol 400 for all the information you need.

Paul Mangan
Past President Midwest Region



NMRA MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION MADISON, WISCONSIN • APRIL 13-15, 2018

The Capitol 400 will be arriving in just six months. Registrations have begun to come in—have you sent yours yet? There will be lots of activities to take in and I hope you get to enjoy all of your favorites. It's hard to juggle priorities with so many choices but you'll find lots to choose from. Clinic Chair Bob Wundrock has put together a great selection of clinics not seen before at our Division meetings. Here's just a sampling:

Great Lakes Shipping, Model Railroad Photography, Introduction to Arduino Micro-Controllers, three layout construction clinics, Introduction to JMRI (decoder programming), First Day of Amtrak in Chicago and Styrene Scratchbuilding. These are just some of the topics.

And don't forget our two special clinics: MR Editor Tony Koester will give us an update on his Nickel Plate Road layout with lessons he learned from the process. Also, Tom Garver, an assistant to renowned photographer O. Winston Link will give us an indepth look at Link's photography—not only on the N&W and not only trains—and some model railroad subjects, too. I have seen this program previously and didn't know about Link's model interest, so this will all be new to me. This program has not been presented to any model railroad group before and has been expanded to include the modeling just for us, so you don't want to miss this one.

The Registration Form is located in this issue or you can go online to nmra-scwd.org for all the information and download a copy from there.

Remember, you must be an NMRA member in good standing to attend the Rail program at the convention. And be sure to register!!!

Ken Hojnacki
Convention Chair

Capitol 400 Midwest Region NMRA 2018 Convention



April 13, 14 & 15, 2018

Registration Form

ALL FARES INCLUDE BANQUET

Registration Type	Fare	Number	Total
Rail Early Full Fare (Must be received by March 31, 2018)	\$55		\$ 0
Non-Rail Early Full Fare (Must be received by March 31, 2018)	\$40		\$ 0
Banquet Only	\$30		\$ 0
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Please indicate any special dietary restrictions for the banquet:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING OPERATING SESSIONS

Operating Sessions will be held Friday afternoon from 1pm to 4:30pm and Friday evening from 6:30pm to 10pm. You can sign up for afternoon, evening or both. Indicate your layout preference—1st and 2nd for each session. See layout descriptions on the Operating Sessions page of the website: <http://www.nmra-scwd.org/operating-sessions.html>

Afternoon Session 1-4:30pm

____ Bill Clancy Rio Grande Pacific
____ Bob Wundrock RLD&M

Evening Session 6:30-10pm

____ Bill & Rose Weber Union Pacific
____ Ken Hojnacki & Peter Reinhold NYO&W

Crew assignments will be based on first received/first assigned. A waiting list will be created if needed. You are expected to operate; there will be plenty of opportunities to view the layouts at regular tour times. You will be notified of your assignment via email so be sure to include it below. The Committee reserves the right to cancel or change layouts.

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Youth Group

Steve Brist

A contest and a clinic were on the agenda at the October SCWD Youth Group meeting. And we had great participation from five SCWD adult members who helped lead our youth members.

SCWD member Phil Hottmann was present to explain this year's Annual Model Contest. The model is a trackside structure that can be placed against a backdrop on a layout. All the basic parts, wood and plastic, are included as part of the kit. Youth Group members may obtain a kit for \$5.00, which will be refunded if the project is completed and then brought back to our April meeting. Additionally, if the completed project is brought back to the SCWD adult meeting in April, our members could win one of three gift certificates of \$75, \$50 or \$25.



Paul Balfe, who regularly attends our Youth Group meetings, presented a clinic on track laying, using flex track and cork ballast. He showed how to create curves that have a larger radius than sectional track. He explained how he created a template to make establishing the curve easier. He used a water soluble sealant to fasten both the cork roadbed to the plywood and the track to the cork roadbed. He showed us how he cut and joined the rails. This was the first time that most of our members has seen track laid in this fashion. It was great exposure to advanced modeling techniques.



In addition to Phil and Paul, SCWD members Bill Marks, Jerry Lawler and Bob McGeever also helped at our meeting. Bill and Jerry helped supervise the operation of the HO layout operations and Bob set up and tore down the N scale "T-trak" modules.

We also talked about Milwaukee's Train Fest, November 11 and 12, held at the State Fairgrounds in West Allis.



Our next meeting is November 19th at 1 PM. We expect to devote some time to the model contest project and we will have our regular operating sessions. We hope to see our Youth members again in November.

Happy Railroading!
Steve

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 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.

Thank you!
Andy

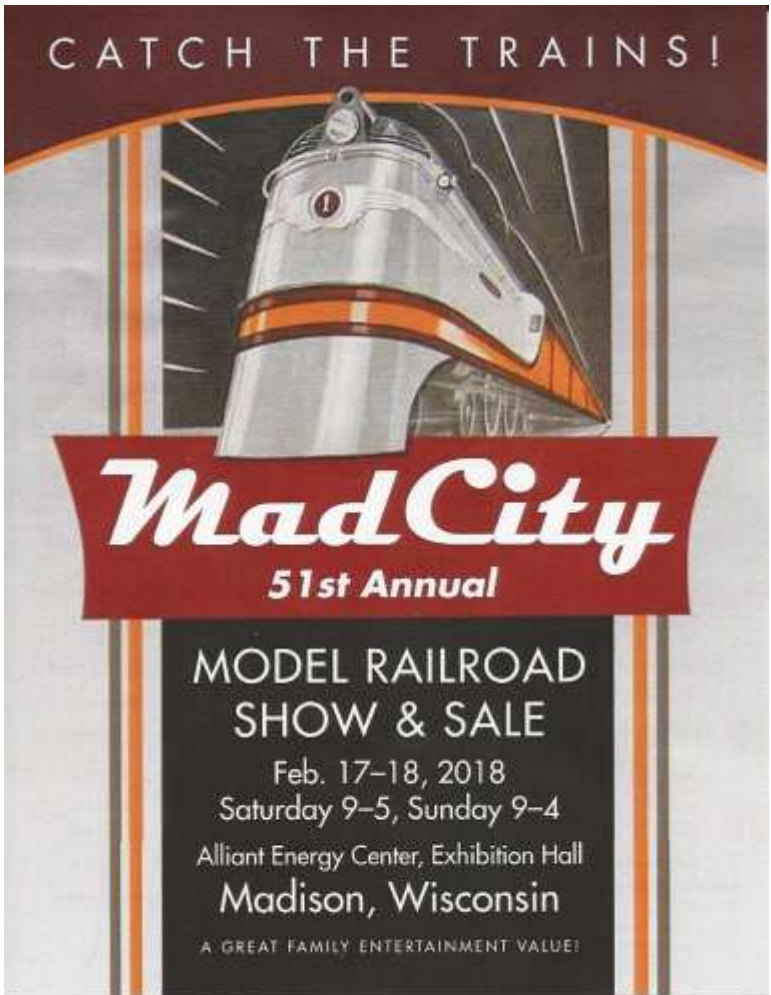


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BOB BOELTER'S O SCALE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD HAS MOVED TO STONEFIELD



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



Visit gwrr.org for layout pictures and more information

And a fun idea from another NMRA Division:

The North Central Region (NCR) Caboose Modelling Challenge

On September 17, 2017, Rich Mahaney, NCR Director-At-Large, gave the breakfast banquet presentation at the NCR Convention in Grand Rapids, MI. His topic was the second lives of cabooses. Rich using lots of slides illustrated how old cabooses had found “second lives and uses”. Looking at caboose images from across the United States, Rich illustrated how old cabooses are still in railroad service, how cabooses are used for businesses, motels and storage, how cabooses are used as information booths, and how cabooses are used in parks, by train stations and in railroad related museums.

At the end of Rich’s interesting presentation, Rich challenged all of the NCR members to design and build a small diorama involving “a caboose in a second life of service”. These dioramas would be built over the winter and spring months and then brought in for a “show and tell” session at the Division level and then brought to Lansing, MI for the NCR Convention to be displayed in October 2018.

Rich’s rules were very simple:

1. Select an old caboose or purchase a caboose for the challenge, it does not matter what scale the caboose is.
2. Obtain a piece of foam board that is 12 inches by 12 inches or so. The foam board could be bigger if needed based on your diorama design. The thickness of the foam board is the modelers choice.
3. Select a modelling plan for the caboose in its second life and get started.
4. Each NCR Division needs to set a deadline and date to show off the complicated diorama at the Division level meeting.
5. There are no rules, no judging, and no competition!!
6. If the modeler wants the diorama judged for MMR points or an award, that is up to the individual modeler and their division.
7. Have fun, be creative and enjoy the modeling challenge!!
8. Some ideas: caboose in a park on display, caboose on display next to a train station, caboose as a ticket

stand, caboose as an office, caboose as an ice cream stand, caboose as an information booth, caboose as a kid’s playhouse, caboose as a railroad crew office in a yard, caboose on display in a railroad museum, caboose as a motel room or bed and breakfast or as a camp bunkhouse, caboose as a storage building, caboose holding a morel railroad layout, attached to another building for a specific use, etc.





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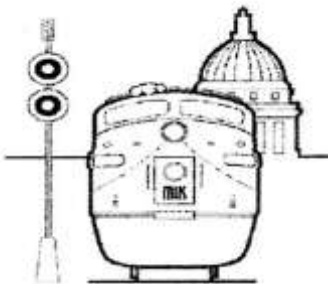
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Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Train Show	Convention
Nov 5 th 2017	Nov 13 th 2017	Nov 19 th 2017	Nov 1 st 2017	Nov 15 th 2017
Dec 3 rd 2017	Dec 11 th 2017	Dec 17 th 2017	Dec 6 th 2017	
Jan 7 th 2018	Jan 8 th 2018	Rail School	Jan 3 rd 2018	Jan 17 th 2018
Feb 4 th 2018	Feb 12 th 2018	Train Show	Feb 7 th 2018	Feb 21 st 2018