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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

With the 2020-2021 season wrapping up, we are starting to prepare for next season. The Verona Senior Center has now been reserved as we plan to meet in-person starting in September. Even when we are able to meet in person, we don't plan to abandon our virtual capabilities. We are preparing to have Zoom access for those who do not want to travel to the meeting site. This will also allow us to have virtual clinics and possibly some layout tours.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the summer picnic. It's important to get your reservation in so we get an accurate count for the caterer. It would be great to see everyone again!

We are using "Constant Contact" to reach out to you regarding events and notifications. Please note that if you let your NMRA membership lapse, you will be taken off the list.

The Model Project will begin again once we start meeting in-person. Our plan at this point, is to bring in our entries in October for judging. As for myself, I need to get back working on it again. Mike Vivion has volunteered to take over as chairman for the 2021-2022 season.

The Model Contest will also start up again once we start meeting next season--which is looking like it will be very busy! We are looking at getting back to all of our normal activities. Rail School, Rail Show and the Banquet to name a few. We are also pursuing a Tri-Meet with the RRVD and WISE divisions for next May.

Next SCWD Meet

Sept 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm

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Next BOD Meeting:

June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting



We have one last Happy Hour scheduled for May 28th. It might be a good way to kick-off the Memorial Day Weekend. Hope to join you all then.



Phil

Clinic Corner

Mike Vivion, Clinic Chair

As we enter our Summer break, I just want to take a moment to thank again all of our clinicians who presented since last September and thru this May. I also want to thank the SCWD BOD and you, the members, for allowing me to serve as Clinics Chair during this time period. I hope you all have enjoyed the clinics as much as I have enjoyed interacting with the clinicians. At this time, I am not sure who will be Clinics Chair in the Fall. but I am sure you should contact Phil Hottman or another Board member as soon as possible if you are interested in serving in this position. Hope everyone has a great Summer and remember model railroading is (or should be) fun!

Mike Vivion
Clinics Chair (for the last time)

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.

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

At this point we are planning to meet in-person next season. Given that, I'm lining up tours for the season. So far, I have a number layouts on my list that will be open.

I just need to figure out the pairings and the appropriate month. I may have a couple of available spots. If you would like to get on my list, please contact me.

It should be a great season. We have a few layouts that haven't been on the tour before. I think most of the others have been doing significant amount of new work. It all should be great to see. I'm looking forward to it!

If you're thinking about getting more involved with the club, you might consider taking over the layout tour chairman spot. Most of the work is done for the upcoming season, so you will be able to ease into it.

Phil



Ramblings from the Region for May

By Bob McGeever

An exciting event coming up next year! See the next page for the flyer. Key points from the organizing committee:

The RPM Conference has joined with the NCR, MWR, and MCR to bring to model railroaders INDY JUNCTION 2022 from May 18 to 22, 2022.

Some details of what that means for Indy Junction 2022 attendees:

- **The RPM Conference has a 27 year history in the Chicagoland area, and will be bringing the best features of those events to Indy. The group is looking forward to being back in person and celebrating the camaraderie of model railroading by sharing information and modeling techniques.**
- **The heart of RPM Conferences is presentations and there will be a full slate of 30+ presenters planned to run 3 to 4 at a time. This will be in addition to all the NMRA clinics. Attendees can attend all clinics on the same ticket.**
- **All convention participants will have access to all convention activities, with the single exception of the NMRA judged contests, which are open to NMRA members only.**
- **The RPM Conference will have an open model display room; a feature of all RPM events. In addition, the Modutrak display layout and other RPM Conference displays from RPM Chicagoland events will be present.**
- **The NMRA clinics will be primarily in the morning and most evenings with the afternoon available for layout visits and operating sessions.**
- **The RPM clinics will be morning, afternoon, and some evenings. Those attendees who do not wish to travel or operate can attend the afternoon RPM clinics.**
- **A Friends of the Freight Car dinner is planned as part of the RPM style activities. Dinner, with a feature presentation, is planned for this event.**

That's some great news for all Indy Junction 2022 attendees. We've also revised the event logo to show the inclusion of the RPM Conference.

Don't forget to put Indy Junction 2022 on your calendar !

One question that has started to come up, "When and where can I sign up for the INDY JUNCTION 2022 Convention". The answer is soon and on the website. The Registration Committee is hard at work getting registration ready for prime time. We promise as soon as it's available, we'll get that word out.

Meanwhile, encourage members of your region, division or group to sign up on the website to receive the latest INDY JUNCTION 2022 information.

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NMRA 2021 Rails by the Bay

NMRA 2021 Rails By The Bay, NMRA's 2021 national online virtual convention on July 6-10, 2021, has several exciting announcements. The convention has booked a first group of 20 layout tours by video. Layout names, owners, and complete descriptions are at pcrnmra.org/NMRA2021/layouts.html.

There are nearly 30 clinics lined up. Most will be pre-recorded, with live Q&A after the clinic ends, to allow maximum video quality plus interactivity. For a complete current list visit pcrnmra.org/NMRA2021/clinics.html.

Well-known actor, modeler and railfan **Michael Gross** will be offering a special video address during the week. Michael's past convention banquet talks have earned accolades.

Online registration, with payment by PayPal, is now available. The all-inclusive fee for a full five days of video content, Q&A, plus other bonuses, is just \$49 or less than \$1.25 per hour. Video content will be available to registrants for at least two weeks after the convention.

Register online today at pcrnmra.org/NMRA2021/registration.html.

SCWD listserv starts a new idea for "stuck at home" model railroaders

"I know that these are difficult times for all of us, but if we could pull together as model railroaders and share what we have been working on in our basement train rooms now that we have more time, perhaps we can all get some inspiration from our fellow SCWD members" said Steve Lanphear who manages the SCWD listserv.

We started a **Modelers Comer**, where we post photos of work in progress or work completed on your layouts. We figured that since we aren't having photo and modeling contests, clinics or layout visits, maybe we could share progress or ideas that we are working on.

Here's how it works: you send me a photo or photos, along with a brief description and I post it on the listserv for all to see. If you would like feedback from the group, let me know and I will include your email in the post, but that is **optional**. That way if one of you has a question they can contact you directly.

And from that day on March 29, 2020 to the present, we have had upwards of 150 posts from our modelers. We hope to continue this for as long as it is of interest to our members. **If you are not on the listserv, just send an email to the address below requesting to be added to the list!**

Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@frontier.com

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, 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
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If you wanted to start with the OPS Puzzles, but didn't have time, soon we will have a section on the SCWD Website that will have all of the 7 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts, diagrams, and solutions so you can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try. This will be available to all who visit our website!

Stay tuned for more info on when it will be ready...

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.



SCWD 2021 Annual Summer Picnic



As most of you know, the 2020 SCWD Summer Picnic was canceled due to the covid-19 pandemic. With encouraging words on the status of vaccine inoculations, the SCWD Board has approved proceeding with planning for 2021. For the past several years, we have held the catered picnic at Little Americka Park in Marshall on their “Whiskey River Railway Day”. We will do so again this summer on July 17th with the caveat that Federal, State and local health directives allow us to do so. Masks except when eating may be required.

Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and with HyVee for catering the event. The park opens at noon and closes at 5 pm. Lunch will be served starting at 12.30 pm. Entrance to the Park, parking and use of the pavilion are free. Also, the Board has decided to cover all the cost of the lunch this year. Railway equipment can be viewed for free, but train and other rides require purchased tickets from the Park. SCWD members, their direct families and other Division invited guests can attend the picnic. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, you will have to sign up by Saturday, June 19th.

Little Americka 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 east of the Park regular entrance.

SCWD 2021 Annual Picnic Sign-up Sheet

FUN!

SCWD Member and family attendee(s) names:

Please print and fill out the form above and return by June 19th to:

John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd, Middleton, WI 53562



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, April 12, 2021
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, John Kosobucki, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. David Down was unable to attend.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

The April paymaster report will show some income from the consignment sales from **Madison Hobby Stop**. Motion by Preston, second by Dingman, to approve the Paymaster Reports as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Elections and Positions - COVID-19 public gathering guidelines required that the annual election of members of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association use electronic balloting procedures. Paymaster Bob McGeever coordinated the election process and counted the ballots.

Here is the SCWD Board of Directors for 2021 - 2022:

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| Phil Hottmann | Superintendent |
| Dr. Bill Clancy | Assistant Superintendent |
| David Down | |
| Dave Dingman | |
| Steve Preston | |
| John Kosobucki | new member to the Board |
| Bob McGeever | Past Superintendent and Paymaster |
| Bill Mitchell | Clerk |

Thanks go to **Jim Feldman** for serving as a member of the SCWD Board of Directors. We also welcome **John Kosobucki** as our newest member to the SCWD Board of Directors.

Achievement Program - Ken Hojnacki is working on certificates.

Advertising - No updates at this time.

Bad Order - Thanks go to Kathy Clancy for providing the detailed summary of the problems and steps being taken for electronic distribution of the Bad Order Newsletter in the March 8, 2021, SCWD Board of Directors Minutes. Electronic distribution of the Bad Order using the "Constant Contact" email system will start with the May Bad Order. If all goes well, the distribution using Constant Contact will continue. The email list comes directly from the NMRA membership list, so please keep your membership active and your email current with the NMRA. The Guest List of recipients of the Bad Order has been updated by Bob McGeever.

Special Note: *Kathy, our newsletter editor, is always in need of articles. Please submit articles by the 14th of the month to SCWDKATHY@AOL.com via email with attachments in a WORD formatted document.*

Clinics - Mike Vivion has a clinic lined up for the May SCWD membership meeting.

Contests - Model - The model will re-start when face to face meetings are held.

Contests - Photography - Check out the most current Bad Order Newsletter for the next ON-LINE photography contest. **REMINDER: Images that are sent to Dave Down need to contain the image in a JPEG image file format accompanied by comments that may contain location, date, and person submitting the images.**

Modeling Project - A Model Project Coordinator is needed. More ideas for the next model contest are needed. A possible modeling project could be "printed" paper models.

Door Prizes - Rusty Dramm and Steve Lanphear were the door prize winners from the April membership meeting. Winners names have been sent to Chris at **The Madison Hobby Stop**.

Layout Tours - REMINDER - A NEW CHAIRMAN IS NEEDED) - Phil has lined up a layout tour for the May SCWD membership meeting. Once the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings are raised, we are hoping that our members will be willing to open up their layouts to show all of us what they have been working on under the COVID-19 situation. Fall layout tours are needed. The SCWD is always looking for more people to host virtual layout tours and future face to face tours. Please contact Phil Hottmann about the possibility of opening up your layout for a virtual or face to face tour. Phil's contact information is in the **REDBOOK**.

Membership - Steve Preston is keeping the membership roster current. The "Constant Contact" communications software should allow the tracking of memberships easier. Our members are encouraged to keep their membership current. **Please renew your membership as soon as possible to keep your continuous membership in good standing.**

New Members - The SCWD welcomes new members **Mark Olsen, Mike Bearden, and Chris Bradley.**

Picnic - The SCWD July Summer Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. Note that our group will start gathering at the Blue Rose Pavilion at **Little Americka Park** in Marshall on their "Whiskey River Railway Day" at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. An announcement and reservation form to attend the July 17th picnic is on a page in the **"Bad Order"**. **The announcement contains the COVID-19 guidelines.**

Rail School - Planning for the January 2022 Rail School will again be coordinated by Dr. Bill Clancy. Two switching layouts will be available. Rail School is the "introduction" to our February Rail Show.

Rail Show - Bob McGeever is continuing his planning for the February 19th and 20th, 2022 Rail Show. He will be re-establishing contacts with the Alliant Energy Exposition Hall / Dane County Fairgrounds staff. Bob and Sue Bunce will begin work on vendor and exhibitor invitations. The SCWD website viewers are being invited to attend our rail show on February 19th and 20th, 2022.

Website - The www.nmra-scwd.org website is looking good! 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. You will need your NMRA membership number to view the "restricted" information on the different pages of the NMRA website.

Old Business:

Commission Sales - Consignment sale income from Company Store items at the **Madison Hobby Stop** is almost covering our monthly door prize costs.

Happy Hour - The last Happy Hour event had quite a few members attending. The attendees enjoy the discussions. The next SCWD "ZOOM" Happy Hour event will be April 23rd at 5:00 pm. An email announcement will be sent out. If you have not participated recently, check it out!

Social Media - REMINDER - There is Still Need a Chairman / Co- Chairmen - Question to the membership: "Are you familiar with FACEBOOK?" 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.

New Business:

Madison Children's Museum - Model Railroad Exhibit - The group that is working on the exhibit is waiting for some direction from the museum people.

Youth Group Potential Sponsoring Organization - Bob McGeever is looking at **"The Toy Train Collectors Association"** as possible sponsor for a youth group.

Face to Face Meeting Location - At this time, our SCWD Monthly Membership face to face meetings are planned to be held at the new facility in Verona.

Support of Small Businesses:

Our local hobby shops are continuing to be affected by the State of Wisconsin and local COVID-19 rules. Most hobby shops are now open. These hobby shops offer gift certificates or gift cards for later purchases. Call ahead for store hours and guidelines for each hobby shop.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Preston, second by McGeever, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

**The MWR Spring
Convention
PREVIOUSLY
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FOR
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has been
CANCELLED**



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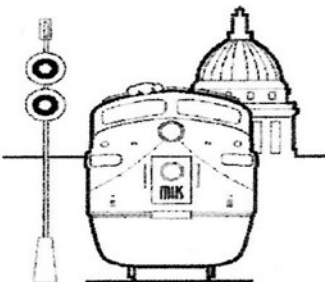
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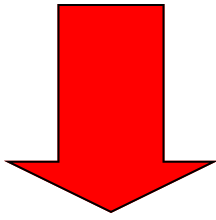
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SCWD 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting

Sept 12, 2021
Oct 3, 2021
Nov 7, 2021
Dec 5, 2021

BOD

June 14, 2021

Sept 13, 2021
Oct 11, 2021
Nov 8, 2021
Dec 13, 2021

PICNIC

July 17, 2021

