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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

We may have only two Zoom membership meetings left. Hurray! With a lot of us receiving doses of the COVID vaccine it looks like we'll be able to meet in-person starting in September. At this point we are not sure of the location. We understand that the sale of the Zor facility has not gone through. If we can, we'll try to book that again. The BOD has stated that they would like to continue meeting virtually. I like that idea just for the amount of time it saves. One other benefit we should take advantage of is the ability to share documents during the session.

The April edition of the Bad Order is not being sent via email. Instead, going forward Kathy will send out an email when the newsletter is available on the SCWD website. This might be a little bit of an inconvenience, but it will be good for members to visit the website for all of the other information provided there such as contests, elections and other club activities.

The Children's Museum is preparing to re-open and we have been notified that they would like some updates to the Model Railroad that our group created. Some of the original creators of the layout have gotten together to start working on this.

It looks quite good for us to be able to gather for the Summer Picnic. Be sure to sign-up when the registration form is available.

I would like to thank Jim Feldman for participating on the Board the last several years. He is currently planning to move to Florida and has already dismantled his layout. We appreciate his input to the club, and I have especially enjoyed his articles on railroad history that he has contributed to the Bad Order.

Phil

Next SCWD Meet

April 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm
ZOOM Meeting

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Next BOD Meeting:

April 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm
ZOOM Meeting



Clinic Corner

Mike Vivion, Clinic Chair

I am pleased to tell you that we have a very special and unique clinic scheduled for our April 11th Zoom meeting, and I hope you all will be present to hear "*Fifty years of model railroading*" presented by Jim Kelly. In case you are unaware, Jim Kelly was an editor at *Model Railroader* magazine for 25 years (1977-2002), and retired as managing editor. He's been an adult model railroader for fifty years and has a 20x20-foot N scale layout in his basement. He's been a member of the NMRA since 1970 and is an active (although not very) member of the WISE Division. Jim will discuss his time at MR and his model railroading adventures, especially with N scale. Even if you are not interested in N scale, don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Jim speak about his career in the hobby of modeling railroading.

See you on the 11th.

Mike

Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved
Contest Co-Chairs

We were finally able to get the photo contest up and running. The March theme was “Old and Rundown,” in four categories:

- 1. Engines, 2. Structures, 3. Non-Revenue Cars, and 4. Revenue Cars.

Here are the results for models:

MA Model Engine

1st – Steve Lanphear - diesel scrap yard



MB Model Structure

1st – Steve Lanphear – haunted house



PA Prototype Engine

1st - Dave Lendved - steam engine graveyard



- 2nd - Dave Down - rusted steam switcher
- 3rd - Bill Mitchell - UP Big Boy

PB Prototype Structure

1st - Dave Down - Heber City station on blocks



- 2nd - Dave Down - abandoned grain elevator in Utah
- 3rd - Ken Hojnacki - O&W engine house

PC Prototype Non-Revenue

1st - Dave Lendved - snowplow in Spooner



- 2nd - Ken Hojnacki - wood “bobber” caboose
- 3rd - Mike Vivion - 1949 Burrow crane in Alabama

PD Prototype Revenue cars

1st - Ken Hojnacki - O&W Passenger car



- 2nd - Ken Hojnacki - shell of passenger trolley
- 3rd - Dave Lendved - rusty derelict combine

May Photo Contest

As with most new things we had to learn how to navigate a different approach to our photo contest last month. Thanks to all of you who stuck with it as best you could. Our next photo contest will start April 8th and go to the 28th. Please send your entries to me at dfdown2000@yahoo.com. It would be best to get your photos to me no later than April 7th since voting will open on the 8th.

The May theme is **Trackside Industry** in four categories for models and 4 categories for prototype. Category A is Manufacturing/Warehousing; B is Chemicals/Fuels; C is Agriculture/Forestry; and D is Mining.

Instructions for voting:

The contest access is: <https://pollunit.com/polls/tistj0mh6fglaxioxbuusg> (if this doesn't take you to the contest, copy and paste into your browser)

You can look at the contest photos as soon as they are loaded, but voting will not start until April 8. Voting will end on April 28.

When you enter the site the following steps should be followed:

1. Just above the pictures on the right hand side is a sort option. Select sort by Title. This groups the pictures in each category near each other. (They will not be grouped in numerical order, but I don't control that.)

2. After you sort the photos by title, then, if the photos are not labeled with the category and number click on the "information dot" on any one of the photos and all the labels will show up.



3. Below each picture there are two boxes. The box on the left has a black dot, the box on the right is blank and shows a check mark if you pass the cursor over it. When you select a picture as your choice for the category, click on the box with the check mark. If you change your mind you can click on the box with the dot in it to remove the checked box. Select only one photo in each category.

4. When you are finished, close the site.

If you go back to the site your votes will be visible, but

not any others.

If you have problems with voting or using the site, please let me know. Because our instructions were not complete, some of you did not vote in the last contest. We do not want to leave anyone out.

Winners will be acknowledged at the May meeting.

Dave

A few words from the NMRA president Springing Forward

The month of March is upon us, closing out the longest month (if you count by "Winter") or the shortest month (by calendar days) of the year. The groundhog had his say several weeks ago, but where I live the first reliable sign of impending Spring arrived a couple of days ago, when the plow cleared the parking lot of the local soft-serve ice cream joint. This has been a reliable harbinger of Spring for decades here, and I'm all for it.

We've just wrapped up the (virtual) Winter Board of Directors meeting, and are about to start a series of meetings with Region Presidents to go over the new Region President's Handbook and its expectations for better communications and administration of Regions. And we're working on the NMRA2025 Long Range Plan. So your Directors and Officers are indeed busy volunteers.

With that said, we all know that there are folks who are the real unsung heroes in every Region and Division. The best way to describe them is "there." Whenever something is doing or is about to need help, they are "there." These folks are the quiet ones, just volunteering and getting the job done all the time, year in and year out. It's time to recognize their contributions to our Association. Nominations for the NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division are due to your Region President in time for your Region President to submit the nomination to the [Vice President Special Projects](#) by 15 March. You know who these people are... let's say "Thanks!"

And despite the knowledge that Spring is in the air, Ol' Man Winter is not giving up so soon; the white gifts from above are arriving in my yard once again. This is probably a good time to go clean some track, run the railroad and fix any glitches that show up so that when we are once again able to gather together, the railroad runs flawlessly. Or spring into a new project that expands your empire, your skills and your joy in this great hobby. Make it a great day, all, and stay safe!

High Green!



AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki



The Midwest Region has lost another Master Model Railroad, Marion Brasher of the Illinois Valley Division. He was MMR 370.



It is sad to hear of more MMRs passing as they have provided inspiration and guidance to many of us modelers. I have known a number of MMRs beyond the four we currently have in the Division: Bill Ehlert, Tom Eckstein, Al Potts and Bob Wundrock. Each has provided me with some inspiration over my many years as an NMRA member and all MMRs are happy to help others aspiring to this designation.

There have been others who have almost made it but for various reasons, missed by just a few certificates. Hank Brown, one of our Division members, comes to mind. Hank was so close to achieving his goal when health issues took him too soon. I have mentioned before in this column that I have one certificate to go for my own MMR—Cars. Where am I on that? About in the same place I was several months ago when I last wrote about it—stuck. Its hard to get started or take that next step because we're not sure how to or afraid of messing up and having to start again. I think procrastination kills more successful projects than bad execution; it has in my case. I have found guidance here and there in clinics and articles and the Modeling With The Masters at National conventions but tremble still when I reach a difficult part of the task. I wish I were more like Greg Condon or Bob Wundrock and could just plow ahead and work on a

project until it is finished. I keep distracting myself and here we are, one COVID year of quarantining later and the first car is only a few parts waiting to be finished and assembled.

One of my wife Shirley's bucket list items is to pin my MMR pin on me and I really want to help her achieve that goal. I'm sure you have lots of goals relating to your model railroad also and distractions are easy to succumb to. But as the years pass, it becomes more and more apparent that we have less time to accomplish those goals. Sometimes I just need to kick myself in the butt and tell myself to just do it. I'll bet you have some of those projects, too. So tomorrow, I'm going down to the workshop, clear off my work space (again) and get those boxcar ends sanded down to match the roofline, then start drilling holes for grab irons. And I'm going to put aside those other projects until I can get more done on the car. Maybe I'll put a motivational sign up to remind me to put my nose to the workbench. Time waits for none of us to finish our projects. So maybe you can look at what occupies your time now, see where you can fit in some to work on that project you have been putting off, and find satisfaction in a project completed. Tempus fugit.

Ken

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

At the March meeting Cheryl Mitchell presented her super-sized layout. This project was a combined effort with her brother and her husband. All the members of this group were railroad employees. It was interesting to see their approach. Cheryl has a lot of work remaining to complete the layout. If you're interested in helping out, she is looking for some assistance.

I'm still working on firming up our tour for the April meeting. If you are interested in presenting your layout we could possibly put you in. You can just take some photos like Cheryl did as this made a very nice presentation.

Phil




From the Editor

Kathy Clancy

Exciting news everyone! We might be partnering with the Midwest Region and the Fox Valley Division to use an email delivery system called Constant Contact. Before we commit to it, we will give it a trial run.

We will use Constant Contact for the May 2021 Bad Order. SCWD members will receive their monthly email with the Bad Order link from Constant Contact. Below is a sample of how the email will appear.

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The BOD and I believe this new partnership should resolve our distribution issues with the Bad Order. If things work well with the May edition, then we will switch to the Constant Contact email delivery for future editions.

Only SCWD members in good standing with their NMRA membership will receive the Constant Contact email notice as our mailing list comes directly from the NMRA's SCWD membership roster. If you do not receive the email with the Bad Order link in May, it might be because your NMRA membership has lapsed or you have a new email that you haven't given to the NMRA. If you need to update your email address with the NMRA, please go to their website and update your information. The direct way is to log on to the "Members" page of the NMRA website, choose the "View your NMRA membership" box on the right side of the screen, scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Update". Enter the new email address in the appropriate box and click "Submit". If your membership has lapsed, you will be placed back on the monthly Member-only email list once you renew your membership. If you are in good standing with the NMRA and do not receive the May Bad Order email by April 30th, please contact me immediately at scwdkathy@aol.com.

Watch for more information in the coming months about how we will use Constant Contact to communicate with the Division.

Kathy Clancy
Bad Order Editor

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 Corner**, 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.

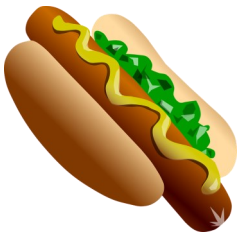
Steve Lanphear
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If you wanted to start with the OPS Puzzles, but didn't have time, soon we will have a section on the SCWD Website that will have all of the 7 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts, diagrams, and solutions 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 Amerricka 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 6 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 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 east of the Park regular entrance.

SCWD 2021 Annual Picnic Sign-up Sheet



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

Railroad Bridges

By Jim Feldman

Among the explosion of new technologies introduced by the railroad industry in the 19th century was the development of bridge building techniques.

Ancient Bridges

The bridges of prehistory were accidental, a tree fallen across a stream, or vines tangled near a ravine. But very early, people started building them deliberately. Their first attempts simply mirrored nature with logs and stone fill. Rope bridges, a simple type of suspension bridge, were used by the Inca civilization in the Andes Mountains of South America. The Chinese had arch and suspension bridges as early as 300 BC.



Bridge over the River Meles
Izmir Turkey 850 BC.

Arkadiko Bridge Argolis,
Greece c. 1300 BC



The Greeks developed a mathematical and geometric basis for bridge construction but as usual they didn't do much with it but left it to the Romans who by utilizing the Greek description of the arch added their own discovery of concrete and became the bridgebuilding masters of the ancient world. Some of their bridge and aqueducts are still in use two thousand years later.



Puente Romano across the Guadiana River in Spain. 752 meters long and still in use

Wooden Bridges

Early wooden bridges of course have not survived the way stone ones have but the biggest wood bridges were built in the era of photography.

As the UP and SP built the transcontinental railroad across the country, they encountered mountains, rivers, valleys and grades that were beyond any known bridge technologies. No bridge in history had been required to span such rugged terrain, traverse such sharp curves or carry such loads. Fortunately, a Massachusetts engineer designed and patented the Howe Truss which allowed fast and sturdy construction both on and off site. Construction crews worked just ahead of the track layers and had to build quickly. Wood was so plentiful, available and cheap that it was always the first option. Some truly spectacular wooden bridges were built. They were always regarded as temporary and as soon as possible they were replaced with steel, iron, and later concrete or just fill. The railroad coincided with the development of very large earth movers, so some valleys and ravines were just filled in and the line built on the fill.



Dale Creek Trestle Bridge 1858 150 feet high and 650 feet long. It was twice replaced with steel.



Goat Canyon Trestle built 1932. 750 feet long and 200 feet high. Southern California. The biggest wood trestle in the world. Currently out of service but undergoing repairs.

Jim Feldman, SCWD Member



SCWD Members,

Since the SCWD will not be holding division meetings for the foreseeable future, the 2021 election for the Board of Directors will have to be conducted on line. We will use the same process we used for the 2020 election.

You will find the ballot on our web page at:

<https://www.nmra-scwd.org/bod-vote-2021.html>.

Only vote for 4 of the 7 candidates. The voting will commence on March 8th and conclude on April 8th. The results will be announced at the April 11th Division Zoom meeting.

You must fill out the form with your name and NMRA membership number. You must be a member in good standing with the NMRA and a member of the South Central Wisconsin Division to vote in this election.

Your vote will remain anonymous as I am the only one who will see the ballots. Believe me, memory is just not good enough these days for me to remember who you all voted for. All the ballots will be deleted as soon as I tabulate the votes and announce the results.

Bob McGeever
SCWD Elections Chair

Candidates in alphabetical order:

Dr. Bill Clancy



Although I didn't have a Lionel nor an American Flyer train, I found myself at age 12 a very enthusiastic builder of Strombecker wooden HO rail cars. Unfortunately, I had to put my enthusiasm on hold for many years. Sports took up all of my free time both in high school and college as I had an athletic scholarship that was year round. Then came med school and orthopedic residency. After serving my two-year draft obligation as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery and Head Team physician for the United States Naval Academy, I accepted the position at the UW as Head Team physician and orthopedic surgeon for all the UW teams and started the UW Hospital Sports Medicine program. I became a member of the SCWD in 1977 but had little time to be active because of my weekend team coverage and Sunday athletic clinic.

In 1989 I moved to Birmingham, Alabama to develop the Alabama Sports Medicine Clinic and with a little more time on hand, I built two large HO layouts.

In 2010 at the request of the UW, I returned again as Chair of Sports Medicine and Head Team physician for UW athletics. In 2014, I retired and became active again with the SCWD. I have been chairman of the Rail School for the past two years and co-chairman of the train show layout awards committee and now am one of the Clinics co-chairman. I have served on the Board of Directors for 6 years and I am still very enthusiastic about providing our division with as much upgraded knowledge as possible. The board members over my past few years have been great and they continue to push us forward. I would like to continue with them.

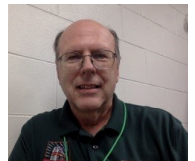
David Dingman



With retirement starting to become a light at the end of the tunnel and another weekend spent at the Mad City Model Railroad Show, I decided to join the NMRA and SCWD in the spring of 2016 to become more actively involved in model railroading again. I have participated in the Mad City Model Railroad Show as a volunteer for the last several years to become better acquainted with the members of the SCWD and also help support the division. I was recently honored by being asked about becoming a member of the SCWD Board of Directors.

My first memories of trains involve watching prototype trains maneuver around the Los Angeles area then riding on an ATSF passenger train to San Diego and back. I remember being thrilled to see a real operating steam locomotive and train up close at Disneyland when I was 7 years old. A short time later my father acquired a friend's model railroad layout (12' x 16') that had both O and HO scale track and trains running at the same time. That instilled a lifelong love of both model and prototype railroading. Interest in model railroading survived a very challenging test during the next forty plus years as college, multiple moves and work all limited participation to reading Model Railroader magazine and going to model railroad shows.

Dave Down



Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Down and I am running for re-election to our Division's Board of Directors. I have been interested in model railroading starting with my first train when I was 8 years old. I had a large American Flyer set which was big enough to run around both our living room and parlor. My father also introduced me to HO trains when I was 12 when he gave me a refrigerator car (which I still have). While I was in college my parents moved and had an auction, which was the last

time I saw the American Flyer. After that time I was pretty much a closet model railroader until I approached retirement.

During the next 45 years I read magazines, acquired some engines and cars, and started work on a couple different layouts. Work took me on the road and gave me too many chances to procrastinate, so when I approached retirement I set a goal of becoming a model railroader for real. I decided to become a member of the SCWD in the fall of 2015 with the goal of meeting and getting to know people who have already had success in the hobby, and to find which aspect of the hobby will give me the most satisfaction. As a result, I have acquired a model railroad layout based on the Soo Line (Bill Ehler's Rugby Junction) and hope to have it ready soon for visits, virtual or in person, as the pandemic allows.

It seems obvious to me the SCWD can only be successful in building the hobby when it is effective in helping modelers develop their skills and expand their interests. And it also seems obvious to me the SCWD will only grow and achieve success when its members use their abilities and skills to make the SCWD relevant to its members. I am running for the Board of Directors in an effort to give back to the organization and the hobby. My goal is to encourage others to get involved and to make SCWD an attractive organization to current, new, and future members.

Phil Hottmann

I have been a model railroader for 28 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D as Superintendent and have also been organizing our layout tours.



My focus in the hobby has been on highly detailed and weathered structures. I find this hobby to be extremely interesting and challenging. With recent developments in digital technologies, we have seen a new level of realism. This has also reduced the amount of effort required and has created a real boost to the hobby.

I have enjoyed attending the SCWD meetings and have often been amazed at all of the information provided by the members and for the members. I would like to see the division continue to grow and develop and serve on the Board for another term.

John Kosobucki

As is often the story in model railroading, I was introduced to trains by my parents at Christmas time when I was 7 years old. The Lionel freight train set I received then is still operational, and occupies a 4 x 8 space in the basement along with a



few accessories, scenery, and some upgrades. I was introduced to model railroad operations by the late Hank Brown when I was investigating a burglary to one of his properties, and he invited me to see his layout and become one of the regular operating crew. I became an NMRA, and SCWD member in 1997.

We have some truly talented members of the SCWD, and I am utterly amazed at the detail and workmanship so many of them have accomplished on their layouts. I have been honored to operate on several of these layouts that belong to the best modelers I know.

Outside of the hobby, my professional life included 8 years as a journal clerk for the Wisconsin State Senate; 20 years as a deputy and sergeant for the Dane County Sheriff's Office; and 11 years as the site administrator for a national phone company that contracted with the Dane County Jail for inmate phone service.

As many of you have, I too have volunteered for many years at the SCWD Annual Train Show in Madison. It is great that so many of you have answered the call to make this annual event the success that it is. However, there is so much more that goes on behind the scenes for months and months leading up to this two-day event. Your SCWD BOD plays a significant role in making all of this happen.

I was honored when asked to throw my hat into the ring to run for a position on the SCWD Board of Directors. As the new guy, I know there will be a lot to learn, but I want to serve you, the members of the SCWD, and would be honored to have your vote.

Bill Mitchell

I have been always interested in electric trains. We would go to Madison to SEARS on East Washington Avenue to do our Christmas shopping. In one of the aisles near the tool section was SEARS themed 3 rail train set up. I

received a Marx clockwork train from an aunt for my birthday. My Mom finally hid it one day because I was not strong enough at the time to wind the clockwork mechanism on the locomotive. I had been exposed to the MODEL RAILROAD magazine at the public library when I started attending school in New Lisbon. Around the age of 7 my uncle gave me his old American Flyer train set when he went off to college. S gauge was a bit big. My first TYCO HO train came from the JC Penney Christmas toy catalog (with JC Penney white box car). I set it up on a 4 x 8 sheet of plywood up in my attic bedroom. Two turnouts and some additional track sections were added when I had saved up enough from picking rock for the farmer next door.



When I was around 14, I became a member of the National Model Railroad Association but did not know that the South Central Wisconsin Division existed. In 1976. I attended my first SCWD February train show at Edgewood College. Fast forward to when the SCWD had moved to the Alliant Energy Exposition Center just after moving to the Madison area for my first job out of college. I was contacted by a Tom Fleury from the SCWD to consider "watching" the wooden toy train layout room when the SCWD had received some wooden toy trains for the children. With my son in Cub Scouts, this was a way to see the show for FREE and check out the show. I became a LIFE member of the NMRA in 1988.

Paul Mangan, Train Show Volunteer Coordinator, continued to ask (and I accepted) to volunteer at the February shows Wooden Toy Train Room with my Cub Scouts and my Boy Scouts. When a vacancy occurred on the SCWD board, I contacted Bob McGeever to express the interest in the Clerk position. I was appointed to fill the empty position and then was elected to the board in the next Spring election. I enjoy being a member of the SCWD board and would like to be

re-elected for the next year. I would be like to continue as a member of the Board of Directors in the position of Clerk.

Steve Preston



Like all kids, I got interested in trains when I was a young lad. I got my first set at 7 years old but it was a short lived love affair since it came to a sad end about 8 months later. Well at the ripe old age of 42, I found my first new set. It was a "MOPAR" Lionel set of a limited edition. I soon grew from there. I wanted to know more about building and modeling and that's when I came to my first train show. I found one of the SCWD's membership forms, and I joined about 6 years ago – well the rest is history.

I would like to run for the board, not only to see what goes on behind the scenes, but to hopefully bring in some fresh ideas. From there I might get a better understanding of how things work, but also to help me grow possibly in our organization. Thank you for your support.





**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, February 8, 2021
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, Jim Feldman, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. David Down was unable to attend. John Haverberg was also in attendance. The published agenda was modified to allow John to present an update on his committee assignments.

Haverberg Committee Reports:

Picnic - John Haverberg has confirmed the reservation with **Little Amerrika** in Marshall to use the Blue Rose Picnic Pavilion for our SCWD July Summer Family Picnic to coincide with "Whiskey River Railway Days" on Saturday, July 17th. John has confirmed with the Fitchburg **HY-VEE** to cater the picnic. John will need to inform **HY-VEE** the count of people attending by the middle of June. The cost for the last Summer picnic for about 109 people attending was \$1560.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Clancy, second by Feldman, to have the SCWD fund the entire cost of the Summer Family Picnic for SCWD members, families, and invited guests. Motion carried.

More details will be presented to the membership as July gets closer. John will be putting an announcement and R.S.V.P. form in the Bad Order Newsletter. NOTE: Dane County COVID-19 "social distancing" protocols will still be in place.

Advertising - John Haverberg reported that no mention of our "ZOOM" Monthly Membership Meetings are being published. Publication of SCWD events will begin when the SCWD starts in-person meetings.

Trips - John Haverberg will not be scheduling any rail fan trips until at least 2022.

A "Thank You" to John for his committee report presentations. John then left the "ZOOM" meeting.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Motion by Mitchell, second by McGeever, to approve the Paymaster Reports as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - The achievement program has been temporarily suspended.

Awards - no updates

Bad Order - The February "**BAD ORDER**" newsletter is published on the SCWD website. *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 lined up David Popp from Kalmbach Publishing to present "Canadian Canyons" at the March SCWD Membership Meeting. Bob McGeever is investigating the possibility of inviting members of other NMRA Divisions to join the ZOOM meeting. One of the concerns is the capabilities of "ZOOM" with a very large number of participants.

Contests - Model and Photography

As announced at the February 8th SCWD Membership Meeting, Dave Down is working out the technical difficulties and other problems with the **PHOTOGRAPHY Only** contest. Please check out the "Bad Order" for information on the submission process. **REMINDER: Images that are sent to Dave 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 - (Paused until the next "Live" Monthly Meeting)

Door Prizes at the Monthly Meeting - The Hobby Stop is given the names of the winners of the monthly door prizes.

Layout Tours - (REMINDER - A NEW CHAIRMAN IS NEEDED) - Phil Hottmann is in the process of lining up layout tours for the rest of the year. The SCWD is always looking for more people to host virtual layout tours.

Membership - Steve Preston is keeping the membership roster current. Reminders are being sent out to the SCWD members that are behind on their renewal registration fee. The action of removing inactive members from the roster will be decided at the April SCWD Board of Directors meeting. We know that some of our members are experiencing difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are encouraging all our members to keep their membership current. *Please renew your membership as soon as possible to keep your continuous membership in good standing.*

Rail School - Planning for the January 2022 Rail School will begin later this year.

Rail Show - Bob McGeever is beginning his planning for the February 19th and 20th, 2022 Rail Show. 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!

Old Business:

Commission Sales - Consignment sales of Company Store items at the **Hobby Stop** is working. At this time, there will not be any **LIONEL** items consigned to a hobby shop specializing in **LIONEL** items in Butler.

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 February 26th 5:00 pm. An email announcement will be sent out.

Joint Train Show with the WISE Division - Bob McGeever has asked the member of the WISE Division for more information and has not received any response. At this time, the discussion seems to have ended.

Social Media - REMINDER - There is Still Need a Chairman / Co- Chairmen - 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:

Elections - The Spring election for the SCWD Board of Directors will be held in April. Jim Feldman will not be running for re-election. Members of the Board are looking for candidates to fill the position. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the board please contact Bob McGeever or Phil Hottmann. Their contact information is in the RED BOOK.

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 McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

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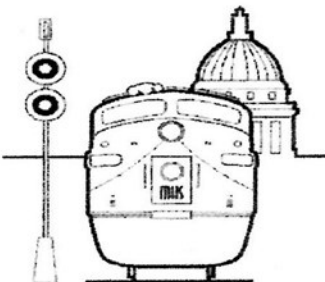
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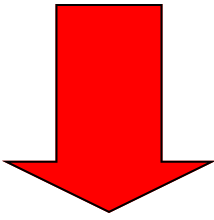
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SCWD 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	BOD	PICNIC (TENTATIVE)
April 11, 2021	April 12, 2021	
May 2, 2021	May 10, 2021	
	June 14, 2021	
		July 17, 2021



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