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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

We had a very good crowd at the Rail School. It was great to see all of the young people so interested in model railroading. Over 200 folks attended the school including 49 of our members. Steve Preston signed up 18 youth to join our Youth Group which will be starting this month at Noble Knights. Many thanks to Bill Clancy for organizing the Rail School this year. It went off without any issues. I also noticed that there were a number of members there volunteering to help out. It was great to see all of this cooperation.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Rail Show coming up this month. Hopefully we will have great weather and wonderful attendance. Bob McGeever has been working extremely hard to get the show going this year. The passing of Sue Bunce and new restrictions on the Alliant Center have all added to the work load. You all may be aware that Dave Down had triple bypass surgery, but still plans to handle the volunteer staff for the show.

We are still working on the Youth Group program for this season. We may be looking for volunteers to present different programs at the youth group meetings. If there is something you think the youth group would be interested in, we would love to hear your ideas.

Chris Roeben has volunteered to be the chairperson for social media. It seems that we need to have a greater presence in these areas to reach younger individuals. We would love to see younger generations starting to join our division.

Phil

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

Rusty Dramm will be open for our February meeting. You may remember Rusty's model contest entry last year. It was a meat market representing his family's business from years past. This is an excellent representation of the quality of the work he does. I'm looking forward to visiting this great "O" scale layout again. If anyone else in the Waunakee area would like to be open, we could include you as well.

In March we are planning tours in Fitchburg and April in Sun Prairie. If you live in those areas and would like to have your layout open please contact me.

Phil

Clinic Column

By Ken Hojnacki

Now that we have rested up from all that learning at the Rail School, it's time to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Al Potts has inspired us with his great interior detailing and lighting in buildings on his Union Pacific. Inspired so much that Bill Clancy had to dive in and bring the hundreds of buildings in Denver and environs to life on the Rio Grande Pacific. If you haven't seen Bill's layout recently, you'll be in for a treat. Bill will enlighten us with his approach to interior detailing, various products he has used and his experience with lighting with LEDs.



For our second program, our friend Ed Koehler will return to take us to coal country. Coal was wealth; but the men who extracted it from the ground were far from wealthy. Ed explores several 'coal patch' communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These were communities built by the coal companies themselves to house their miners. The presentation features mining communities that date from the late 1850's up to the early years of the Twentieth Century. Through this presentation we will visit Eckley, Robertsdale and two communities built by the Coleman and Weaver partnership.

So join us for this look inside and out.

Ken

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nmra.org/request-membership-info-changes

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Thank you!

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped with the December meeting contest. As some of you know, I had open heart bypass surgery on Tuesday after that meeting, so I was in the hospital during the December meeting. I was sorry to miss, but as you can imagine I was a little preoccupied.

However, the contests go on! February is fast upon us and we have another contest set up for our meeting on February 5. The theme is non-trackside buildings. All our layouts have buildings as part of the overall scenery to set the time and place of our railroads. These buildings are important to create a sense of place but are not directly served by the railroad.

February: Non-trackside building

- Commercial, retail, factory
- Residential (house, apt.)
- Farm
- Miscellaneous

Dave

Save the Date

SCWD Annual Banquet

Friday, May 5, 2023

More information in Future Bad Orders



2022 - 2023 POPULAR VOTE MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST THEMES

September: Tourist Train

- East. (More than 2 states from Mississippi)
- Central. (2 states on either side of Mississippi)
- West. (More than 2 states from Mississippi)
- Free lance (Model) Foreign (Photo)

October: Box Cars

- Wood
- Outside braced
- Double door
- All door

November: Kit built. (You bought it, you built it)

- Locomotive
- Freight car
- Passenger Car
- Non-revenue
- (Photo contest will be models only, no prototype)

December: Reefers

- Ice
- Mechanical
- Cryogenic
- Milk

January: No contest. RAIL SCHOOL

February: Non-trackside building

- Commercial, retail, factory
- Residential (house, apt.)
- Farm
- Miscellaneous

March: Off-track vehicles

- Commercial trucks/vans
- Automobiles/pickups
- Agriculture
- RR maintenance trucks and equipment (non-rail)

April: No Contest. MODEL PROJECT

May: Bridges -Truss (deck or through)

- Girder (deck or through)
- Stone
- Concrete

Special thanks to all the 2023 SCWD Rail School demonstrators and volunteers who helped make the school a great success:

Bob Boelter, Chris, Levi, and Owen Bradley, Dave Casey, Steve Culbertson, Art Dawson, Dave Dingman, Larry Enlow, Larry Goss, Bill Harris, Ken Hojnacki, Phil Hottmann, Paul Hughes, Art Jennrich, Rick Koeritz, Sean Lamb, Paul Mangan, Bill Marks, Jason Martin, Don Mayo, Bob McGeever, Bill Mitchell, Tom Morrison, Mark Olsen, Al Potts, Steve Preston, Don Swinton, Jim Thayer-Hart, Keith Thomsen, Mike Vivion, Bill Weber, and Jon Welch.

If I have missed anyone, my apologies and my thanks!

Dr. Bill Clancy
SCWD Rail School Chairman

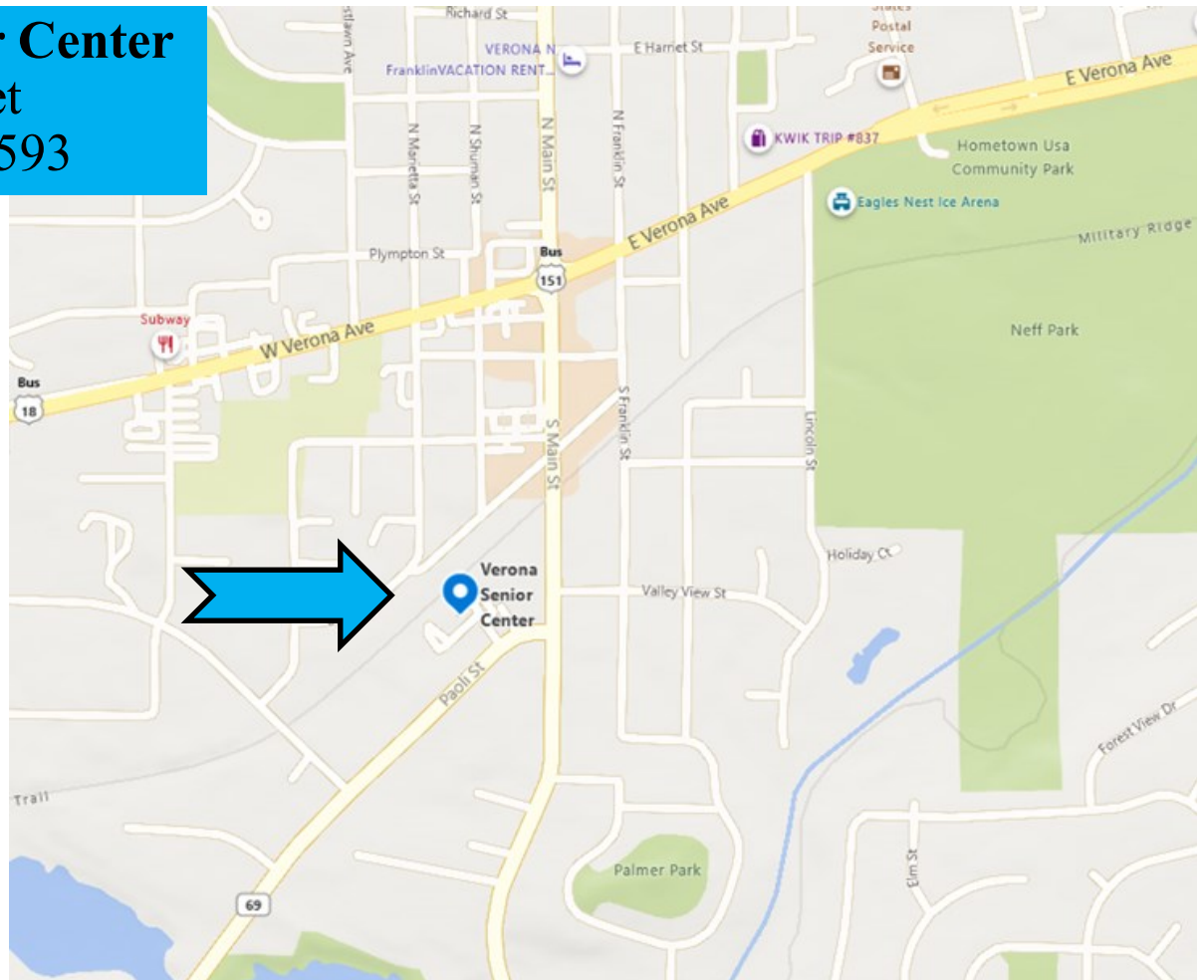








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Verona, WI 53593



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 scwdmemberlist@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.

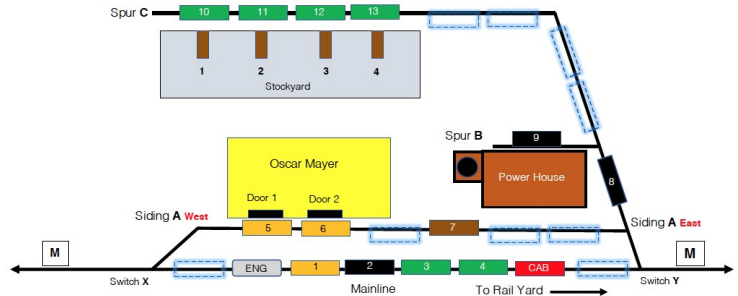
The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

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
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net



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 listserv, 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.



NMRA NEWS



President's Message

Happy New Year to you all.

The beginning of a new year sets many of us racing off to make lists and plans for the year to come. I know some of you will be busy making a list of projects to work on –improving a section of your layout, fixing some gremlin that caused nightmares during your holiday op session, or taking the next steps towards an AP certificate.

The National NMRA team are no different and whilst we missed our deadline to bring the NMRA Interchange to you by Thanksgiving, I am happy to report that we are now piloting the system with three divisions, and the testing of our automated enrollment process is almost complete. This should allow us to make the NMRA Interchange available to all NMRA members towards the end of January. We'll send out an NMRA Dispatch when enrollment begins.

The NMRA Interchange is an online community for NMRA members, where members can share their modeling and chat live with NMRA members from across the world. You'll need to be an NMRA member at the point that you join the Interchange. The software isn't owned by the NMRA but it will be moderated by NMRA volunteers, unlike other social media platforms we currently use. The pilot divisions (James River MER, Twin Cities TLR, Central Indiana MCR) are already adding events to the Interchange and helping us find what works and what doesn't in the system.

I am hoping that enrollment will start this month before the NMRA Winter Board meeting at the [Amherst Railroad Hobby Show](#) in Springfield MA. The meeting will take place on Friday 27th January from 11-4pm. Members are welcome to come and observe the meeting, but must register with the Secretary by emailing secy@nmra.org. If you don't want to attend the meeting but do want to speak with me or another member of the national team you can do so by visiting the NMRA booth in the Better Living Centre (booth 29) on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th.



Gordy
Gordy Robinson MMR®
[NMRA President](#)

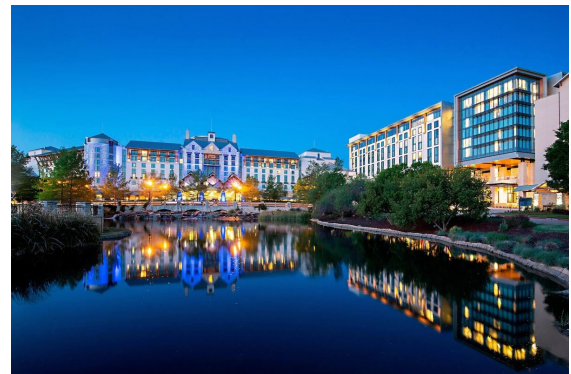
2023 National Convention



Welcome to the 2023 Texas Express

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The 2023 National Convention is the [Texas Express](#), to be held August 20-26, 2023 in Grapevine, Texas in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area. The venue is the [Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center](#):



Check the [convention website](#) for up-to-date information. Please note that the \$100 surcharge that was listed for those attendees who do not wish to stay at the Gaylord was **removed**. The surcharge was typically used in past Lone Star Region Conventions, and it was inadvertently added to the 2023 National Convention registration. We realize this caused some angst among members, and we do apologize.

If you need to contact any member of the Convention Committee, visit:
2023texasexpress.com/committee.html

The 2023 Texas Express Committee is looking forward to seeing y'all in Grapevine!



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CLINICS

SIG ACTIVITIES

LAYOUT TOURS

OPERATION SESSIONS

CONTEST AND DISPLAY

FREEMO-N OPERATIONS



RAIL TOURS

- Texo Grain Mill
- Private Railcars
- TexRail Back Shop
- Texas State Railroad
- Trinity Rail Car Plant
- BNSF Intermodal Yard
- Six Flags Railroad Shop
- Grapevine Vintage Railroad
- McKinney Ave Trolley Shops
- Trinity Tank Car Cleaning Plant
- BNSF National Operations Center
- Museum of the American Railroad
- BNSF Private Western Art Collection
- T&P, Santa Fe, & Dallas Union Stations
- Fort Worth & Western Railroad Back Shop
- Union Pacific Dallas International Terminal
- Light Rail & Commuter Shops (DART & TRE)

GENERAL INTEREST

- George W Bush Library
- Fort Worth Stockyards
- Grapevine Wine Tour
- Sixth Floor Museum
- Fort Worth Modern
- Holocost Museum
- Kimbell Museum
- Globe Life Park
- AT&T Stadium
- Dealey Plaza

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**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, 12 December 2022
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:08 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, John Kosobucki, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. John Haverberg attended as a guest. Dave Down was unable to attend. **(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.*

Spring Trip

John Haverberg joined the meeting to present some ideas for the Spring Trip. Bob McGeever will communicate with the Superintendent of the Wisconsin Southeast Division to get contact information for the model railroad clubs in the Milwaukee area. We are hoping that some of the clubs could possibly host a tour of their club layouts. Once communications are established, John will follow up with those individuals to see when the clubs could be open for a tour. Kalmbach Publishing and Walthers layout tours were also discussed. Due to the COVID-19 situation, home layouts will not be included in this year's Spring Trip due to the number of people in the tour group.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dingman, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented highlights of the November paymaster report. Financial activity will be picking up in December as payments are received for vendor tables for the 2023 February Model Railroad Show and Sale. The first rental payment for the Exposition Center will be made in late December.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Kosobucki, to approve the November Paymaster Report as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - nothing to report.

Advertising - nothing to report.

Bad Order - articles are due December 18 for the January newsletter.

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 - Clinics are being lined up for the February membership meeting. The Rail School will take the place of the January regular membership meeting clinics. Some clinics still need to be scheduled for 2023.

Contests - Model and Photography - Results of the model and photography contests held at the December membership meeting will be published in the January **Bad Order**. Contest will resume at the February membership meeting.

Modeling Project - The materials for the "Ice and Snow" diorama project have been distributed.

Door Prizes - Bob McGeever will be purchasing gift certificates for the February membership meeting.

Layout Tours - The layout tours are lined up for February. Phil is still looking for future layout tours to be scheduled. We need members to suggest layouts to be set up for tours.

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 - The membership list is up to date. There are one or two people that may be interested in joining our organization.

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 - nothing to report.

Publicity - Rail School fliers are being distributed at grocery stores and libraries. The May SCWD membership meeting location will need to be finalized and announced.

Rail School - January 8th, 2023 - Dr. Clancy is completing the plans and lining up volunteers
Transportation has been arranged for hauling the "clam shell" layout from the storage locker and back
BLUE BOX kits are ready to pick up from the storage locker.
The tool kits have not yet been located.
Videos are being lined up
Some of the supplies have been purchased
Assistance is needed for the 12:00 noon setup and clean-up / take down after the event
A request for volunteers will be sent out to all SCWD members asking for assistance

Rail Show - February 19th and 20th, 2023 - Bob McGeever has the floor plan drawn up. The first rental payment will be made in late December. Advance ticket sales are coming in.

Website - www.nmra-scwd.org - Tom Morrison will be invited to attend the January Board of Directors meeting to provide more information on the use of VIMEO at \$7.00 per month. VIMEO will allow videos to be posted on the website without opening it up to everyone on YOUTUBE.

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 website. You will need to register your NMRA membership to view the "members only" information on the different pages of the NMRA website.

Old Business:

Youth Group - A group of people have been invited to attend a ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 pm to begin finalizing plans for the Youth Group startup: Meeting location, membership, and program content. Membership application forms will be available at the January Rail School.

New Business:

Video Contest - The video contest will not be held in 2023. The contest may resume for 2024.

Spring Banquet - Phil Hottmann will be checking out May dates that are available with the Verona American Legion Hall.

Adjournment:

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

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

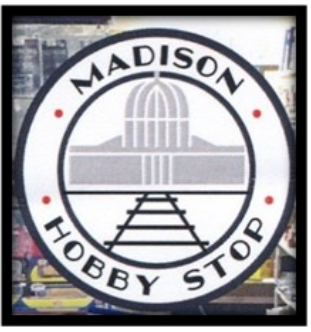
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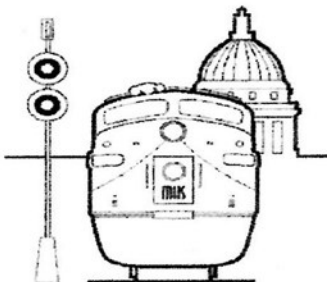
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* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

SCWD 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2023
March 5, 2023
April 2, 2023
May 7, 2023 (Rockford)

BOD

February 13, 2023
March 13, 2023
April 10, 2023
May 8, 2023
June 12, 2023

August 14, 2023

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