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## Super's Report

Phil Hottmann Division Superintendent

Finally, we were able to meet in-person for the first time in many months. Despite having a new venue and many road closures due to the Ironman Race we somehow managed to have a very successful meeting. It looks like we have a few things that our Zoom participants suggested we could do better. We will be working on those. I thought it was great that some of members could join without travelling. This may be a benefit for those that live farther away or those that do not want to travel due to the weather.

We need to thank Bob McGeever and Dave Dingman for all their hard work heading up the Hybrid meeting. With all these technologies it can be very frustrating at times.

All in all, I thought the Verona Senior Center worked well. We were able to leave the seating arrangement as it was so everyone was able to sit at a table. The large screen made it possible for people in the back of the room to see the presentation. This made it easy to return the room to the original configuration as required by the facility. Keep in mind that we need to leave room clean and ready for the next group. If we don't, we will be charged for cleaning.

Also, I would like to thank Sean Lamb for bring in the all the prepackaged treats. We did this to be as safe as possible.

Everyone I talked to really liked the main clinic on LCL (less than carload). This really provided insight as to this facet of the railroad. I think this demonstrated just how good the hybrid meetings can be.

## Next SCWD Meet VERONA SENIOR CENTER (Map Page 5)

October 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm

## **Next BOD Meeting:**

October 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm ZOOM Meeting



As we look forward, we are trying to determine if it's possible to put on the Rail School and Rail Show this season. We are keeping a close eye on the COVID situation.

Phil

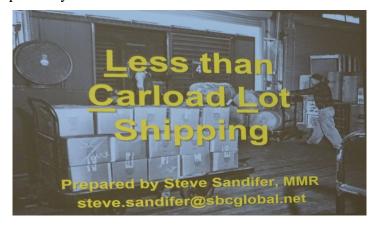




## Clinic Column

by Ken Hojnacki

Our first meeting in 18 months went off with just some minor hitches. This was our first attempt at a live clinic via Zoom for both in-house attendees and several members tuning in via Zoom as well. Steve Sandifer, MMR, gave a great clinic on Less Than Carload and Merchandise service from its history, to how the shipments we think of via UPS today were handled by the railroads, with illustrations from a number of railroads, primarily the Santa Fe.



Bob McGeever then presented the first of our What Have I Been Up To segments showing how he has approached scenery in the Janesville area of his Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. Thanks to Steve and Bob for a great start to the season.

This month's clinics will focus on topics related to this year's modeling project (See Mike Vivion's column in this issue). Steve Lanphear will begin by discussing the tools needed for successful cardstock modeling. He will then give us some information on how to get started building a paper model along with tips and tricks he has learned with his own buildings.

Next, Dave Down will pick up where Steve left off, and discuss how to get started once you have a plan, how to assemble your model and how to add detail that will make your model a standout. Several different plans will be used for illustration during the presentation.

Mike Vivion will then formally introduce the Division modeling project for this year. There will also be some videos related to paper building construction that will comprise the second presentation for the meeting.

Ken

## **Modeling Project**

By Mike Vivion

This year's modeling project will be a "Paper Model." Some amazing things can be done using paper images of real buildings, constructed in such a way that the realism is uncanny. This is not your old magazine cutout of a freight car side on a wood frame. These buildings have lots of detail, lighting and variety. And this will be more than simply a building. As in the past, the building should be incorporated into a module. Printouts of buildings will be provided to each participant as we have with previous project kits. Mike will present the actual model selected for this year's modeling project, together with the rules for this year's project, and how the models will be supplied for those participating in the project. We hope that a lot of members will elect to participate in this year's project and that Steve and Dave's clinics will provide a lot of useful information for making the project building and perhaps other paper models of your choosing. Full details will be provided at the meeting and will be printed in the November *Bad Order*. As usual, judging for this project will take place at the April 2022 meeting. Get ready to be challenged!



Mike

## **Contest Column**

Dave Down, Chair

We had a great turnout for our first meeting in a year and a half, and the participation in the model and photo contest was excellent. Results are listed below. There is no contest in October since we will be displaying and voting on the efforts of the 2019 model project. At last!

We will resume the popular vote contests in November when the theme is Freight Cars. The categories will be:

- A. Box cars and reefers
- B. Open cars (flats and gondolas)
- C. Hoppers (covered or open)
- D. Specialty freight (car racks, container well cars, etc)

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## **Contest Continued**

## **September 12 Popular Vote Contest Results**

#### **Models**

Cat. A Sheds, Shanties and Miscellaneous Structures

1st Dave Casey: Interlocking tower

2nd Phil Hottmann: Shed

3rd Dave Casey: Crossing shanty Cat. B Coal/Fuel/Sand/Water Facilities 1st Don Swinton: Elevated oil tank 2nd Don Swinton: Sand storage

Cat. C Stations / Terminals

1st Dave Casey: C&NW

Standard #2 station

2nd Rusty Dramm: C&NW

Ishpeming Depot

3rd Don Swinton: Small

station

Cat. D Car Servicing Facilities

(Repair shops, equipment cleaning, icing

facilities)

1st Dave Casey: Ice house





## **Prototype Photo**

Cat. PA Sheds, Shanties and Miscellaneous Structures

No entries

Cat. PB Coal/Fuel/Sand/Water Facilities

1st Ewing Row: Coaling tower Cat. PC Stations / Terminals

1st Ewing Row: Cheyenne, Wyoming station

Cat. PD Car Servicing Facilities

1st Ewing Row: North Platte engine servicing facility

2nd Ewing Row: North Platte engine maintenance

facility

#### **Model Photo**

Cat. MA Sheds, Shanties and Miscellaneous Structures

1st Ewing Row: Yard office

Cat. MB Coal/Fuel/Sand/Water Facilities

1st Ewing Row: Coaling tower Cat. MC Stations / Terminals

No Entries

Cat. MD Car Servicing Facilities 1st Ewing Row: Engine house

2nd Ewing Row: Diesel engine house

3rd Ewing Row: Roundhouse

Dave

## **Layout Tours**

Phil Hottmann Chair

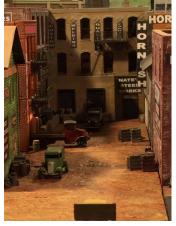
After seeing tons of photos of Jon Welch's layout on the Listserv I finally got to see this layout in-person.

Jon and his friends are doing a wonderful job building this layout. It looks like this will be a fun railroad to on in the future. Beyond that, a lot of the scenery has been completed with a lot of interesting, developed vignettes. I can see this was more than just building a layout, but also a tool for producing camaraderie. Keep up the good work!



We also had an opportunity to see Bill Clancy's layout. A lot of us have seen the layout during his fantastic operating sessions. If you get an invite, I encourage you to go. For those of you that haven't seen this layout in a while, Bill has done an awful lot of work over the last few years.





October tours will take us to Waunakee. We will be visiting Bob Gugel's layout and the Waunakee Society of Model Railroaders (WSMR). We had Bob's layout open about six years ago. Since then, Bob has completed more of his layout. I have been told that quite a bit of work has been done to the WSMR. I'm looking forward to seeing both of these layouts.

Phil

## **NMRA President's Message**

## Gordy Robinson MMR®

I hope we all are looking forward to attending in-person national conventions again in the coming years. Next year we will be in St Louis at a National Convention that's been 7 years in the planning having been moved from 2020 to 2022. In 2023 we will be in Dallas Fort Worth. Registration is open now for 2022 and will be shortly for 2023.



Unfortunately, we do not yet have a host committee in place for 2024 and are actively seeking bids from suitable host cities. Given that the world has probably changed forever, your Board is open to bids from cities that may have in the past considered themselves too small to host our national convention, but in the uncertain post-COVID world nothing is off the table. So please get in touch with the <u>President</u> or the <u>Meetings and Trade Shows</u> department if you want to discuss this further. Our national team is ready and willing to support you to make your bid.

## 2021-2022 SCWD Video Contest

Steve Lanphear

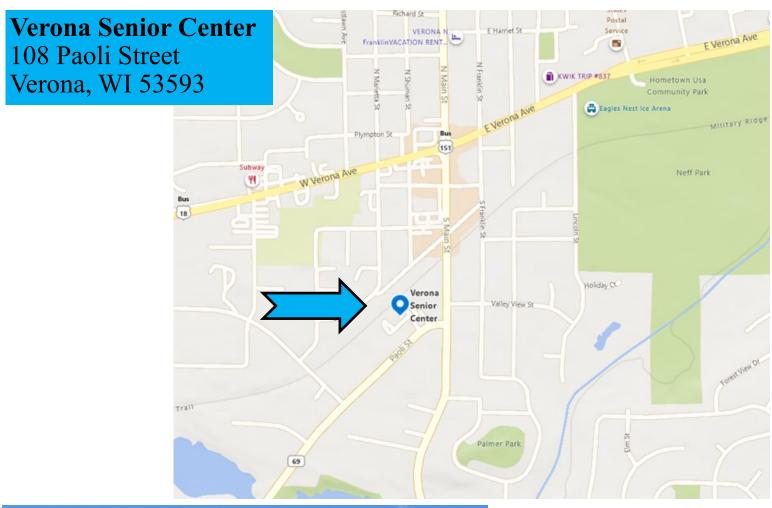
Planning To Get Out Of Pandemic Jail This Summer And Do Some Railfanning Or Visit Some Layouts? You could enter some of your videos in this Contest!

### **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 <u>must</u> 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 <u>less than</u> 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.







# 2021 NMRA Winnebagoland Division

Hurry!!! Sign up deadline is 9/25/21 You may also register at the door the day of the event!

## Fall Meet



## Saturday Oct. 2nd, 2021 at 8 AM - 5:30 PM **Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel** 1000 Cameron Way, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

#### 2021 Fall Meet Timetable

Bring your models to show off or enter in the modeling contest!!!

- 8:00am 8:45am: Meet Registration
- 8:45am 11.45am: Three back to back clinics featuring
  - Fred Firkus Vehicle Kitbashing
  - Chris Heili Consisting and Speed Matching Roundtable
  - Richard Cooke Resin Casting
- 12:00pm 1:30pm Lunch, Division meeting and awards
- 2:00pm 5:30pm Layout Tours

pics for the photo contest!!! Mike Paltzer Randy Williamson Pennsy Bill Meode And more in the works!

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Paul's Badger Mid Western PVMRC NMRC **Emory Luebke** 

2021 Fall Meet Registration (Checks Payable to Winnebagoland Division)

Phone #: Meet Registration Fee (Members \$8.00, Non-Members \$10.00) Boxed Lunch (\$15.00) Sandwich, side & Dessert. Choose (one) from the following: Ham Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_ Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_ For more info visit www.wld-nmra.com

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## 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 <a href="mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com">scwdmemberlist@frontier.com</a> 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@frontier.com



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 listsery, 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.



## Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, August 9, 2021 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Dr. Bill Clancy, Bob McGeever, Dave Dingman, John Kosobucki, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. Dave Down was unable to attend.

**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 REDBOOK.

#### **Minutes**

Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

### **Paymaster Report**

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the 2021-2022 SCWD Budget. Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to adopt the 2021-2022 SCWD Budget. Motion carried.

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the July Paymaster Report. Motion by Dr. Clancy, second by Preston, to approve the Paymaster Report as written. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Achievement Program** - nothing to report.

**Advertising** - nothing to report.

**Bad Order -** publishing is going well.

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 by the 14th of the month to SCWDKATHY@AOL.com via email with attachments in a WORD formatted document.

Clinics - clinic presentations are being lined up. In October, Mike Vivion will be doing a presentation on the upcoming Model Contest. Other presentations are being lined up for the remainder of the 2021-2022 year.

Contests - Model and Photography - the model and photography contests for September will be STRUCTURES. The Model and Photography Contest schedule will be published in the *Bad Order* editor.

**Modeling Project** - The project models built for the **April 2020** will be judged at the October SCWD meeting. The modeling project for 2021 - 2022 will be introduced by Mike Vivion at the October meeting with a clinic covering the models to be built for the April 2022 contest.

**Door Prizes** - Door Prizes will be awarded to attendees who are present (*in person or via ZOOM*) at the **end** of each membership meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Clancy, second by Kosobucki, to award **four** \$25.00 gift certificates to the **HOBBY STOP** hobby shop in Madison. Motion carried.

**Layout Tours - (REMINDER - A NEW CHAIRMAN IS NEEDED) -** Phil Hottmann has a list of layouts that may be open for tours and is in the process of scheduling the dates for these tours. The September layout tours have been scheduled.

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 information is in the REDBOOK.

**Membership** - Steve Preston stated that our membership register is up to date. All of our members need to keep their membership current.

If someone has problems renewing their NMRA-SCWD membership using the ON-LINE systems, please contact Steve Preston. His contact information is in the REDBOOK.

**Picnic -** The SCWD Family Picnic was held on July 17 at Little Amerricka Park in Marshall. **HY-VEE** catered the picnic. About 80 people attended. *Thank you, John Haverberg, for planning the picnic.* 

**Publicity -** on hold for now.

**Rail School -** Planning for our January Rail School has begin. Rail School will be held on January 9, 2022, at the Verona Senior Center beginning at 1:00 pm. This facility follows the current Dane County COVID-19 guidelines.

Verona Senior Center 108 Paoli Street Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Additional help will be needed to load the HO Train Layout and switching puzzles from the Storage Warehouse in Madison for transport to the Verona Senior Center, setup, and after the Rail School, load and return the layout and puzzles to the warehouse.

Rail Show - Planning for February 19th and 20th, 2022 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale event is continuing. Vendor tables and exhibitors are signing up to participate. The SCWD website has the Rail Show announcement on the calendar. The November TrainFest for 2021 at State Fair Park has been canceled. Our Rail Show should be well attended.

Bob McGeever is in the process of negotiating contracts with the Dane County Exposition Center for 2023, 2024, and 2025 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale.

Website - The www.nmra-scwd.org website is working very well.

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:**

**General Membership Meeting** - Bob McGeever and Dave Dingman will be looking at the technical issues for a combined in-person and ZOOM meeting. Bob has successfully connected the video camera to a laptop computer using a special cable. This will allow our *in person* speakers to be broadcast out on ZOOM. The September membership meeting will include a special "What are you working on?" from a few of our members. We are responsible for cleaning the Verona facility after our meeting so that the facility is ready for use on Monday morning.

#### Face masks are recommended if attending in person.

Special Note: If the Verona Senior Center is not available for use because of COVID-19 restrictions, our September meeting will be held via ZOOM.

**Social Media -** REMINDER - There is Still Need a Chairman / Co- Chairmen - *Question to the membership: "Are you familiar with FACEBOOK?"* Someone with "Social Media" skills will be needed to get our upcoming February 2022 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale information out on the INTERNET.

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.

**Tri-Meet** - The Wisconsin Southeastern Division, the Rock River Valley Division, and the South Central Wisconsin Division will begin planning for a "Tri-Meet" for May 1, 2022.

**Winnebagoland Division Workshop** - The Winnebagoland Division of the NMRA has extended the South Central Wisconsin Division an invitation to join their Division in workshop ZOOM sessions. Information will be sent out to our members via email as information becomes available.

### **New Business:**

**Youth Group** - Ideas to re-start the Youth Group are still needed. Location and storage of youth group materials is being investigated. If started, parents will need to accompany the youth to the youth group meetings.

#### **Support of Small Businesses:**

Our local hobby shops need our support. These hobby shops hobby materials and equipment as well as gift certificates or gift cards for later purchases. Call ahead for store hours and any special guidelines for each hobby shop.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Preston, second by Kosobucki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

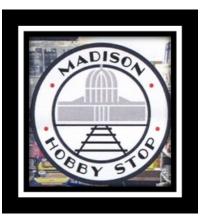
#### **Bill Mitchell - Clerk**

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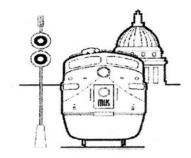
Thank you to everyone that came in and took advantage of the Anniversary Sale.

I appreciate your continued support.

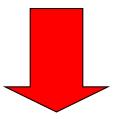


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Thank you!





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<sup>\* =</sup> Train Show Ticket advance sales

SCWD 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule		
Regular Meeting	BOD	
Oct 3, 2021	Oct 11, 2021	
Nov 7, 2021	Nov 8, 2021	
Dec 5, 2021	Dec 13, 2021	
Jan 9, 2022	Jan 10, 2022	
Feb 6, 2022	Feb 14, 2022	
Mar 6, 2022	Mar 14, 2022	
Apr 3, 2022	Apr 11, 2022	
May 1, 2022	May 9, 2022	
	June 13, 2022	



