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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

This time of year is the low point in the SCWD activity cycle. So I use my July-August column to report on the meeting dates we have set up for the 2017-2018 season of activity.

The annual SCWD Picnic will be held on July 15th at Little Amerricka Park. You can sign up for the picnic until July 8th. You can mail in the form from the Bad Order or you can sign up on the SCWD web site.

The regular meetings of the SCWD at the Zor Shrine Temple will be on:

- September 10, 2017
- October 1, 2017
- November 5, 2017
- December 3, 2017
- January 7, 2018 (Rail School)
- February 4, 2018
- March 4, 2018
- April 8, 2018 (Annual Meeting of the Membership and Board Elections)
- May 6, 2018 (Joint meeting with RRVD)

The SCWD Board of Directors will meet at the Fitchburg Fire Station on:

- August 14, 2017
- September 11, 2017
- October 9, 2017
- November 13, 2017
- December 11, 2017
- January 8, 2018
- February 12, 2018
- March 12, 2018
- April 9, 2018

Next SCWD Meet:

Sept 10th 2017 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

August 14th 2017 7:00 pm
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

Sept 17th 2017 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple

- May 14, 2018
- June 11, 2018

Any division member can attend the BOD meetings as an observer.

The regular meetings of the Youth Group will be at the Zor Shrine Temple on:

- September 17, 2017
- October 15, 2017
- November 19, 2017
- March 18, 2018
- April 15, 2018
- May 20, 2018

The Youth Group will tour the garden railroad at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens on December 17, 2017.

The Youth Group will attend our Rail School on January 7, 2018.

The Youth Group will have a display at the Mad City Train Show on February 17 & 18, 2018.

Any division member can attend the Youth Group meetings as an observer or a participant.

The Mad City Train Show will be on February 17 & 18, 2018.

The Train Show committee will meet on:

- September 6, 2017
- October 4, 2017
- November 1, 2017
- December 6, 2017
- January 3, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- March 7, 2018

Any division member can attend but be warned, if you attend you may get put to work!

We will be hosting the Capitol 400 Midwest Regional Convention April 13, 14 & 15, 2018.

The Convention committee will meet on:

- September 20, 2017
- October 18, 2017
- November 15, 2017
- January 17, 2018
- February 21, 2018
- March 21, 2018

The committee may also meet in August 2017.

Just like the Train Show committee, any division member can attend but if you do, you may get put to work!

The annual SCWD banquet will be held on May 18, 2018, at the Zor Shrine Temple.

Hope to see you all at the picnic.

Bob

Spring 2017 SCWD Railfan Trip Recap

Thirty two SCWD members and guests traveled to the Illinois Railway Museum on Saturday, June 10th for a whole day of viewing lots of full size railroad engines and cars plus numerous other railway related items.



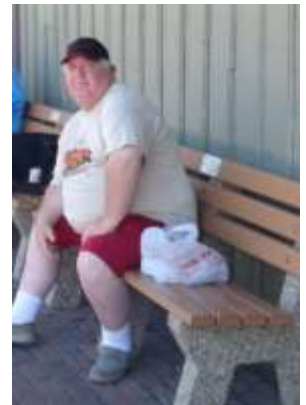
It was Railroad Post Office Day at the Museum, so they had RPO cars being pulled behind a Russian Decapod steam engine followed by connected passenger cars

available for riding. Picking up mail bags on the fly was demonstrated on each run.



In addition, period interurban electric railway cars were also available for riding on their mainline, plus an electric street car on their on-grounds track loop.

Although the temperatures were warm, a significant south breeze made the day on the grounds bearable and the smoke from the steam engine blow away from the museum grounds!



John Haverberg
SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinics Chair

I'm currently looking for SCWD members that want to do clinics for the next SCWD meet season beginning in September. It's worth a \$25 gift card to the Madison Hobby Stop.

I'm also looking for a few more clinicians for the April 2018 MWR convention that the SCWD will host.

Bob

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

After a quiet relaxing summer break, the monthly Popular Vote Model and Photography contests return at our September 10 meeting. We're starting easy. The contest theme is Boxcars. Everyone has boxcars on their layout and boxcar photos in their collections.



I hope we get a lot of entries. We have a lot of great modelers and photographers in our membership so please bring something in to share with the rest of us.

When I was a kid, boxcars were ubiquitous. Most trains included long strings of boxcars from railroads familiar and exotic. Boxcars comprise a smaller proportion of revenue cars than they did fifty years ago but still play an important role in the freight business.

Contest categories divide the cars according to size (larger or smaller than forty-five feet), and construction (steel or wood).

We want to encourage everyone to enter at least one contest this year. Contests are an easy way to contribute and be a more active SCWD member. Contests give participants positive feedback and enhance the quality of our monthly meetings.

Enjoy the rest of summer. We'll see you in September!

September 10 Contest Theme: **Box Cars**

- Cat. A Wood<45'
- Cat. B Wood>45'
- Cat. C Steel<45'
- Cat. D Steel>45'

Dave and Steve

In case you missed it last month, here is the entire 2017-18 Contest Schedule

Popular Vote Model and Photo Contests Themes: 2017-2018 Season

- September 2017 – Box Cars
 - Cat. A. Wood <45'
 - Cat. B. Wood >45'
 - Cat. C. Steel <45'
 - Cat. D. Steel >45'
- October 2017 – Circus Train
 - Cat. A. Wagon/Vehicle Loaded Flats
 - Cat. B. Animal Loads
 - Cat. C. Passenger Cars
 - Cat. D. Office, Publicity, Other Cars
- November 2017 – Trackside Industries
 - Cat. A. Chemical, Oil, Gas
 - Cat. C. Manufacturing
 - Cat. C. Agriculture, Forestry
 - Cat. D. Mining
- December 2017 – Interior Details: The Inside Story
 - Cat. A. Revenue Equipment
 - Cat. B. Non-Revenue Equipment
 - Cat. C. R.R. Structure
 - Cat. D. Non-R.R. Structure
- January 2018 – No Contest – Rail School
- February 2018 – Moving Forest Products
 - Cat. A. Logs and Pulpwood
 - Cat. B. Lumber
 - Cat. C. Finished Wood Products
 - Cat. D. Paper
- March 2018 – Specialty Freight Cars
 - Cat. A. Steel Industry
 - Cat. B. Specialty Food Product Cars
 - Cat. C. Automobile Industry
 - Cat. D. Oversize/Overweight
- April 2018 – No Contest – Project Model Contest
- May 2018 – Open Freight Cars w/Loads
 - Cat. A. Flat Cars
 - Cat. B. Gondolas
 - Cat. C. Hoppers
 - Cat. D. Other



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

If you were at the SCWD banquet last month, you saw a sneak peek at the preparations for the Capitol 400 Midwest Region convention the Division is hosting here in Madison on April 13-15, 2018. The committee is working hard to make this a really fun event. There will be lots of great activities for your enjoyment and maybe some information to help your own modeling.

But why go to a convention when you have monthly Division meetings? It's just more of the same. Well, yes and no. Yes, it is more camaraderie with likeminded model railroaders but also a chance to make new friends and learn about their part of the hobby, too. Yes, it is more clinics but many of the presenters will be from different parts of the Region. We are assembling a program of clinics that you haven't seen before on a wide variety of topics for beginners and advanced modelers and everyone in between.

To top off the clinics, we will have two special presenters. First will be Tom Garver who was an assistant to O. Winston Link, famous for his Norfolk & Western night photography. You'll hear more about Tom and his program on Link's photography in an upcoming Capitol 400 column. The other special presenter is none other than Model Railroader Magazine editor Tony Koester. Tony was famous for his Allegheny Midland Railroad and now, his Nickel Plate Road in the heartland of Indiana. Tony's clinics always provide lots of thought provoking ideas for your layout.

If you would like to see what prototype operations are all about, this is your chance. Four local layouts will be open for you to join their operating sessions. Signup will be on a first come/first assigned basis, so early registration is suggested.

Been working on some new models or taking some great photos? This will be the time to share them with others and have them judged by NMRA contest rules—and possibly earn a merit award toward an Achievement Award certificate. Full contest information will be forthcoming.

Our banquet Saturday night will be a great chance to meet other modelers from all over the Midwest Region and to see the model and photo contest winners. In addition, Tony Koester will be our guest speaker. Tony's wry humor will be in evidence as he discusses his 50+ year journey thru model railroading.

The Non-Rails haven't been forgotten, either. There will be craft projects and other activities throughout the convention as well as Project Linus. If you aren't familiar with Project Linus, it is a national activity to create handmade blankets, quilts and afghans for seriously ill children. Sewers of various skills come together to complete projects that are then distributed to needy children. Come see what it is all about.

After you have enjoyed these benefits of the convention, you can share your own love of the hobby by opening your layout for others to enjoy and learn from. See Phil Hottmann's column elsewhere in this issue.

So keep your ear to the rail for more information on the Capitol 400 or visit the Convention link on the SCWD website.

Ken Hojnacki
Convention Chair



2017 Summer Picnic – Bonus Layout Tour Opportunity Prior to Picnic!

Roy Grant will be opening his large N-scale, Omaha Western layout for viewing from 10 am to noon on Saturday, July 15th. He did so prior to the 2014 picnic but has since added extensively to his layout. His address is 1465 W. Medina Rd., Deerfield. From I-94 head north toward Marshall on STH 73. Take the first left onto Medina Rd and then go about 2 miles to his home on the left.

John Haverberg
SCWD Summer Picnic Coordinator

Layout Tours

2018 Regional Convention

Phil Hottmann

Layout Tour Chair



As you probably all know, we will be hosting a regional convention this coming April. We had 28 layouts open in 2011 when we last hosted this convention.

Although I have not talked to everyone, it looks like most of the layouts if they still exist will be open. We will also be looking for layouts that have not been open for this convention in the past.

Criteria for layout tours:

- 1) Layout must be able to run trains;
- 2) Some level of scenery should be completed;
- 3) Must be within 30 minutes driving time from the convention site or located along the route home for some of the conventioners.

Saturday Tours 1:00PM to 4:00PM (focus on the North and West side)

Sunday Tours 10:00AM to 4:00PM

I will be sending out emails later this month confirming the tours and collecting layout descriptions. If you are interested in being open and were not open for the last convention you should get in contact with me so you don't get left out!

2017/2018 season

We still need to provide a full season of layout tours for our monthly meetings. So, hopefully you can use these openings as a tune-up for the convention. If you have a particular month you would like to be open, please send me an email or give me a call.

The following are layouts we visited this past season, thanks to all for having us visit.

Phil



Paul Mangan



Jerry Lawler



Ken Gerstner



Bill Ehlert



Gary Giss



Al Potts



Bob Taylor



The *NMRA Turntable* is our newest electronic publication and it promises to bring exciting internet content to your email inbox. Every month our dedicated volunteers will be scouring the web looking for interesting, informative, entertaining model railroad content.

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Steve Stone

Just like a railroad turntable, the *NMRA Turntable* will present you with a wealth of tracks that can take your model railroad interests in any number of new directions!

Watch your inbox for the *NMRA Turntable*, arriving within the next few days! And watch for it near the middle of the month, every month!

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Ken Hojnacki

If you move, don't forget to notify Kathy Clancy the Bad Order Editor. Changing your address with the NMRA does not change it for Bad Order mailing. Thanks!





**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017**



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2015-2016 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017 by Superintendent Bob McGeever.

In attendance were Board members **Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy.**

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the April 2017 meeting were approved with amendments as to attendance.

Paymaster Report: Paymaster report was approved. Budget was approved.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Volunteer reports are being created in order to recognize volunteer contributions for the year.

Bad Order: Everything continues to operate smoothly

Clinics: There may be a slight increase in costs for clinics this year. There will also be a photography clinic. Bob Wundrock has lined up and details will be published in the Bad Order.

Contests: Nothing new. Dave Lendved has submitted the list of contests for upcoming year. Dave will proceed with the contest agenda based on BOD approved list of contests. Motion carried and BOD approved.

Modeling Project for 2016-2017: Phil Hottmann agreed to take on responsibility for the modeling project this year. Mike Vivion and several BOD members agreed to help Phil out as needed
Due to costs, there may be an increase in cost of participation or we may reduce the complexity of the project.

Door prizes (Banquet): Bill Weber will be responsible for the banquet door prizes. Marilynn Lawler has been in contact with Sue Bunce and made arrangements to have them delivered prior to the banquet.

Layout tours: We may provide additional uTube video tours of unique layouts. The board discussed including unfinished and smaller layouts included in the tours for the upcoming year. This will allow members to share their thought processes as they design and build new

layouts. It will also allow members to provide feedback/ideas to those building layouts.

Picnic: Picnic date is July 15 and Little Amerika was chosen for this summer. July 15th is the weekend of the 'Whiskey River Days'.

Rail show: See paymaster report. Final financials for the show indicate a small profit.

Spring Trip: Logistics have been confirmed for the trip. It was agreed that the Illinois Railroad Museum will be the destination. Date: June 10th. It will be a one day trip. Group will meet at the Zor Shrine parking lot and will travel from there. Meeting time will be 8am. We have 29 confirmed and a waiting list is being created in the event that we have cancellations.

Web Site: Paypal should be ready in early fall to gain experience with it for the 2018 show. Jerry Lawler has met with Tom Morrison to continue to move the development of the website forward.

Capitol 400: A one page notice web site has been created. Op session text is done. Video may be added. More coordination work with the hotel is underway. A promotional DVD will be created and sent to all divisions in the region.

Old Business:
BOD and Chairs for 2018 were elected.

New Business:
77 members and guests attended this year's banquet.

Annual Awards Activity for banquet
Hank Brown Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service –BOD Special Award Nominations – possible nominations discussed. The award presented will be simplified for future winners.

Adjournment: Jerry moved and Ken seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:25 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

Interactive Form - Fill in below.

SCWD 2017 Summer Picnic sign-up



The 2017 SCWD summer picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15th at Little Amerricka in Marshall WI.

From Little Amerricka web site: Whiskey River Railway Day - July 15th, 2017

Multiple trains will be running for our guests. All of our steam locomotives will be steamed up for operation at the park train station that day. Different locomotives will be switched around to pull our trains through out the day, this includes steam and diesel.

The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. We have arranged a picnic to be catered around 1 pm, and we will again have the Blue Rose Pavilion to enjoy the food and fellowship. Entrance to the park is free as is the lunch to all SCWD members and guests. Viewing of the railway equipment is also free. To ride the train around the 2 mile loop costs \$4.50. A wrist band can be purchased to allow you to ride all of the attractions including the trains. Wrist bands can also be purchased on-line ahead of time at a substantial savings at: www.littleamerricka.com .

Added bonus: Roy Grant will be opening his N-scale Omaha Western layout for viewing from 10 am to noon. He did so prior to the 2014 picnic but has since added extensively to his layout. His address is 1465 W. Medina Rd., Deerfield. From I-94 head north toward Marshall on STH 73. Take the first left onto Medina Rd and then about 2 miles to his home on the left.

You MUST sign up for this event so we know how much to tell the caterer to prepare. Guest(s) are welcome. If you haven't sign up already, please fill out the form below and mail or email to John Haverberg by July 8th.

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SCWD Annual Picnic - Saturday July 15th, 2017

Little Amerricka Park, Marshall, WI, Lunch at 1:00 pm.

Members and Guest(s) Names:

Address: _____

City: _____ WI Zip _____

Mail your reservation to:
John Haverberg
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Middleton, WI 53562

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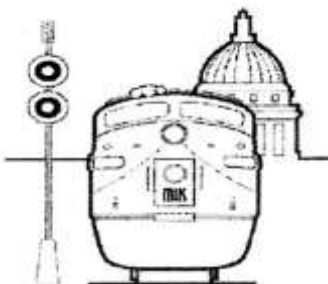
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