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Super's Report

Bob McGeever Division Superintendent

Some odds and ends the day before the Train Show set up.

As readers of the Bad Order know, this year's Rail School was Andy Potts last year running the event. We all need to thank him for his many years of service as the Rail School Chair.

Bill Clancy has volunteered to become the new Rail School Chair. But he has a condition. He wants to be one of a group of three people who will organize the school going forward. So if you are at the Train Show or the March meeting and you see Bill walking towards you with a big grin on his face, be forewarned! He is thinking you would be a great addition to the new Rail School team. And he can be very persuasive.

Bill's desire to develop a team for the Rail School is a good idea. The SCWD has tended to use one person "teams" for the last decade or so when a two or three person team would be a better idea. We are pretty good at setting up a team for a big project like the Train Show or the Regional Convention but not for the smaller reoccurring events. A team for Rail School would be a good start.

Jerry Lawler has also completed tabulating the survey he conducted with our membership. One of the survey results was a lot of our members are using the NMRA website. This is a good thing. But, the mothership has made some changes in the website that effects how members access the Members Only content. You may

Next SCWD Meet:

March 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

March 18, 2018 Zor Shrine Temple

have to re-register to access the content. This was explained in the NMRA Magazine. This may not be such a good thing as not every one of you subscribes to the magazine. Below is a link that will help you get re-registered:

https://www.nmra.org/frequently-asked-questions-faq

If you are able to sign in to the Members Only content through the Registered Member Log-In page and access the NMRA@Home section then you are good to go.

When we asked you "How are we doing?" the answer was pretty good. There are things we can work on to do even better. More details on the results of the survey in a future Bad Order.

Bob



Steve Brist our SCWD Youth Group Chairman found this authentic photo taken for a US Government Program during WWII



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

Registrations are coming in and operating sessions are filling up. If you haven't registered yet, remember the Early Bird date is March 31st to get the discounted fare.

We have a great menu for the banquet that will include Chicken Caprese, Baked Atlantic Salmon and a mouth watering Bourbon BBQ Beef Brisket—accompanied by Tony Koester's after dinner tales of model rails he has known.

Thanks to everyone who signed up at the last meeting to help during the convention. I received a lot of Friday



volunteers but only one for Saturday. If you can help Saturday, please email me at capitol400@charter.net with your availability. We need help with registration beginning at 7:30am to noon and clinic room monitors from 8am to 4pm. In the next few weeks, I'll be contacting those volunteers about specific assignments.

Hope to see you all aboard the Capitol 400.

Ken Hojnacki Convention Chair

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Layout Tour Chair

For the March meet we'll be traveling down to Stoughton to visit Bob McGeever's new N scale layout. Here is a photo Bob's old layout.



Although the scenery work has not been started, it will be great to see Bob's new design in his expanded basement.

Phil

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann Modeling Project Chair

You have just over one month to finish your project.

Remember that there are three awards for the contest winners \$75, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates at Madison Hobby Stop.

Good luck.

Phil



All Photos of the 2018 Rail Show including the Layout winners, are posted in the e-edition of the Bad Order Be sure to check it out!!!

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock Clinics Chair

For March I'm happy to have prolific railroad photographer Otto P. Dobnick present two clinics.

Clinic No. 1 — The Wisconsin Central: A Trainload of Ideas for Modeling

This will be a look back at the basics about the WC; what it looked like, where it went, and what types of lines, trains, traffic, customers, and equipment it had.

Clinic No. 2 — The Wisconsin Central: Not Your Typical Regional Road

Part 2 of this WC story will show some interesting traffic and operational aspects of the WC that made it different from other regional railroads, focusing on ideas for model railroading.

Otto P. Dobnick is retired from a thirty year career as a transportation planner for Southeastern Wisconsin where he was very involved with the forecasting, design, sizing, and analysis of a wide range of existing and proposed passenger rail transit, freight railroad, and airport projects, facilities, and services. Prior to this, he worked building and repairing railroad tracks."

These clinics will be a bit "retro" as Otto will use a slide projector.

Thanks again to Rob Robinson for his very interesting February presentation on railroad "navies" of the New York area. And thanks to all who braved the weather to attend and also see my clinic on the Sunset Valley.

See you in March.

Bob





Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear Contest Co-Chairs

The March contests theme is: Specialty Freight Cars. We are referring to freight cars that have a special purpose. For example, Schnabel cars are designed to carry oversized and overweight loads. Also included are cars designed to carry particular loads, such as steel coil cars, hot bottle cars, ore jimmies or auto-racks. Railroads, along with the industries they serve, have developed many cars to meet the unique requirements of non-typical freight shipment.

March 4 Photo and Model Contests Theme: Specialty Freight Cars

Cat. A Steel Industry Cars

Cat. B Agriculture/Food Product Cars

Cat. C Automobile Industry Oversize/Overweight/Other

We want to remind everyone that the Video Contest voting is underway as of February 15. **The deadline for voting is April 1**. Just go to the SCWD website and click on the Contests button. View the Videos and VOTE!



February Popular Vote Contest Results for Model: Moving Forest Products

Cat. A Logs and Pulpwood

1st Jerry Lawler: Log Train w/Climax Power



2nd Don Swinton: Cass Scenic w/Shay Power 3rd Skip Streng: D&C A A Engine, Work Flatcar, Log Boggies

Cat. B Lumber

1st Dave Casey: C&NW 41503 42' "Fishbelly" Flat



2nd Dave Casey: C&NW 3029 53' Bulkhead Flat 3rd Dave Casey: C&NW 114745 Composite Gondola

The January 2018 SCWD Board of Directors meeting was cancelled. Therefore no meeting minutes will be published this month.

Cat. C Paper

1st Dave Casey: LUNX 4348 55' Thrall Door Box

"Weyerhauser"

2nd Dave Casey: C&NW 520003 50' High Cube Box

Cat. D Finished wood Products, Other

1st Dave Casey: C&NW 46195 53' AAR Flat w/ Utility

Pole Load

2nd Don Swinton: SOO 54309 40' Flat w/ Utility

Pole Load



Dave and Steve

Save the Date For the SCWD Summer Picnic!!!

Saturday, July 14, 2018 Little Amerricka

Sign up and Details in Future Bad Orders



Save the Date It's Banquet time!!! Friday, May 18, 2018

Details to follow in future Bad Orders



AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki AP Chair

At the February meeting,
Dave Lendved and Bob McGeever were awarded the
NMRA Achievement Award for Association Volunteer.



Dave has been a director, contest chair and Rail Show volunteer for many years.

Bob has been our superintendent for the last four years plus having been chief clerk, Rail Show volunteer and now the Rail Show Chair.

Both have given up modeling time to make our enjoyment of the hobby and Division activities the great times they are.

Congratulations, guys! Ken



Clipper City Model Railroad Club Spring Train Show

Manitowoc County Expo Grounds Manitowoc, Wisconsin Friday, April 20, 3-6 PM Saturday, April 21, 12-4 PM Sunday, April 22, 12-4 PM

Exhibits include N, HO, S, O, and G and the Museum Room

Hope you can join us!!!

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April Is Also Election Time!

I remind everyone that we are holding our annual election of the SCWD Board of Directors at our April 8th meeting. I am pleased to announce that this year we currently have a slate of seven candidates running for the seven board positions. If anyone else is interested in running please contact me as soon as possible. Photos and bios of the candidates follow below (in alphabetical order). If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to vote absentee, please send me your selections via email or mail (see the Red Book for my contact information). Only current SCWD members are eligible to vote. I must receive absentee ballots not later than Friday, March 30th, for them to be counted.

Mike Vivion
Past Superintendent and Elections Committee Chair

Phil Berry

I have been an SCWD board member for the past 8 years. I've held the Position of Clerk (secretary) and for the past 6 years have served as the Pay Master (Treasurer). This has involved a fair amount of work counting, depositing, and managing the money of the SCWD, filing the taxes, and producing the financial statements of the SCWD. If re-elected to the board I would like to continue as the Pay Master.

My day time job is a Product Manager for TDS Telecom, part of the TDS family of companies (TDS Telecom, TDS Metrocom, and US Cellular). I manage the revenue budget and related expenses for this part of TDS. I am fortunate to have my own little piece of TDS that I get to manage as if it were my own and that experience has really helped me in my role as Pay Master over the past 6 years.

When I'm not at work or at a baseball game I am in the basement with the trains.

Dr. Bill Clancy

My passion for model railroading began in the 1950's as 12 year old building Strombecker wooden freight cars and built a very, very small railroad. As a competitive athlete through high school and college followed by medical school and orthopedic residency, I had no time to devote to it.

I left the U.S. Naval Academy as Head Team Physician to come to Madison in 1974 to be the U.W. Head Team Physician and orthopedist and started the U.W. Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic and program. Between clinics and team coverage, I had little time available but managed to build a small layout with the guidance of Pete Olson and Al Potts.

In 1989 I left for Birmingham, Alabama. With a little more time available, I built two large HO layouts. In 2010 at the request of the U.W., I returned as Head of Sports Medicine and Head Team Physician and retired four years ago which allowed me and my wife to go full steam ahead with my passion.

I first joined the NMRA and the SCWD in approximately 1979. In October of 2013, I started building a large HO layout which is now up and running.

I really enjoy the monthly SCWD meetings particularly the clinics but even more the wealth of knowledge and friendships of the members who graciously share their skills and knowledge which I sorely needed and will need more in the future.

Having been elected to the SCWD Board of Directors for the past two years, I have had the opportunity to become more active in our Division. It was a great eye opener to see how passionate and hardworking the board members were in trying to advance interest, provide more relevant information and make our monthly meetings more meaningful for our membership. I certainly would like to continue on the Board of Directors to help advance the vision of the Division.

Ken Hojnacki

I have been an NMRA member since 1962 and a Life member for around 40 years. I have served the SCWD as a director and Achievement Program Chair since 2015, led two construction projects for members and participated in the Rail School and Train Show a number of times. I am currently serving as Chair of the Capitol 400 Midwest Region convention.

The SCWD has a lot going for it and from my perspective of having been in three other Divisions over the years, we have a great member program that is reflected in high attendance. We have a number of challenges facing us, not the least is the graying of the leadership pool. I believe I can continue to help the Division stay a vital advocate for the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA, without which, none of the Division activities would exist.

Phil Hottmann

I have been a model railroader for 28 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D as Assistant 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.

Jerry Lawler

I am a native Madisonian who has lived and traveled around the world. I recently retired and have an interest in helping the division grow the model railroad hobby in whatever I can contribute. Like many of my contemporaries, I had an HO railroad in the 1950s with my 4 older brothers. 15 years ago while living in Cleveland, I began to put up an HO layout around our Christmas tree and last year as I approached retirement, I decided to become an active modeler and began to create a layout. With the help and support of a number of the division members, I have created a nice layout (in progress) and will like to become a board member to help the division grow our hobby.

My best train ride has been from Columbus, WI to Mexico in 1967. Other great train experiences that I've had include taking the train from Cuzco, Peru to Macchu Picchu, the trans-Siberian Railroad from Kurgan, Russia to Ekaterinenburg, Russia, and the Durango to Silverton rail.

Dave Lendved

Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Lendved. I'm running for re-election to the Board of Directors. I've served for one year on the BOD and it has been an eye-opening experience. It takes a lot to keep our division going. I want to help.

My earliest railroad memory is seeing the old black Whitcomb switcher trundling across the 8th street bridge in Sheboygan, WI. The bridge would not support a steam locomotive, so the CNW ran the small diesel to switch the Sheboygan Coal Co. The Chicago Northwestern was our "Home Road" and I'm still partial to the Northwestern Line.

In the 1960's I had an N scale empire in our front porch. The oversized wheels and gigantic couplers look a little silly now. But it was fun. In 1999, I started my current (and still evolving) layout. I'm amazed at the variety and quality of the equipment now available. I joined the SCWD sometime around the turn of the millennium.

My favorite aspects of the hobby are watching trains (model and prototype) and reading about the history and operations of the railroads.

Whether I am voted onto the BOD or not, I intend to help make this organization a success.

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.





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Bad Order on our web





Dave Down

Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Down and I am running for a seat on 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.

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.



Call For Entries!

Do you have scenes on your layout that you have spent hours and hours perfecting and detailing to a level of stunning railroad realism? Do you then add beautifully weathered and detailed locomotives and rolling stock? If you do why not inspire others with your work by submitting photos for possible selection for the Annual NMRA Calendar.

Let's face it, the SCWD has been under represented in the calendar over the years. We have some very talented modelers and we should let other Divisions know it. Here are the submission guidelines:

- Photos must be horizontal (landscape) format.
- 35mm slide (100 ISO or slower).
- Digital files must be 300 pixels per inch and 8" x 10" (minimum size of 7.2 megapixels) Tiff (preferred) or jpeg files (highest quality only).
- Write a caption descibing the action, the scale, the builder and the photographer on a separate piece of paper or as a text file on your CD or DVD.
- Submit no more than your four best scenes.
- Include your address, phone number and email address. Submissions will not be returned.

By submitting images for the NMRA Calendar, you are giving permission to the editors to alter them as needed (cropping and color correction). Be sure to indicate specifically if you do NOT give permission to alter your images.

Send to: NMRA-ATTN: Calendar Project PO BOX 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328 UPS/FedEx: 8414 Gulf View Dr. - Suite A Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Photos must be received by July 1, 2018. Questions? Contact Mide Brestel Phone 513-661-2141 or 5132-481-0185 or Tom Morrison (SCWD member) at tmor51@icloud.com (in the Red Book).

Youth Group

Steve Brist

SCWD Youth Group members demonstrated our HO and N scale layout operations at the February MadCity Train Show at the Alliant Energy Center. The Youth Group uses the Train Show to reach out to potential new members. We first talk to our visitors and find out whether they are from the Madison area and are the right age to join our Group. Then we give them a brochure, get an email address and invite them to our next meeting. We made a good number of contacts with potential new members who we hope to see in March. Ironically, some of the most enthusiastic kids were under 8 years old and too young to join our Youth Group.

It is train operation that gets the attention and draws in new members. We are lucky to have had a location for our layouts that is in a high traffic area, close to the entrance. Our location meant that we were one of the first layouts to be seen by Train Show attendees. Our members were kept busy running trains, and because our HO layout is double tracked we were often able to let potential new members "put their hand on the throttle" and run one of the trains. This was fun for both our members and visitors.

Thank you to all the Youth Group members, their parents and the adult SCWD members who helped with our Train Show activities. We couldn't have done what we did without a lot of help and support from the SCWD. We have layouts and equipment that function well and make a good impression on the public.

In March, we will resume our regular meetings at the Zor Shrine Building, on Madison's west side. I am still looking for adult SCWD members who are willing to present a clinic or demonstration to our members. Our meetings are usually on the third Sunday of the month. We want to expose our members to aspects of the model railroading hobby that they can apply to their

own layouts and equipment. If you are interested, please contact me.

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 18, at 1 PM, 575 Zor Shrine Place.

Happy Railroading! Steve















Special Thanks

Bob McGeever Rail Show Chair

Paul Mangan Volunteer Coordinator











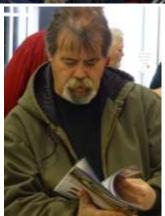


































































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Chippewa Valley N-Gineers 1st Place—N/Z



Capital City "N" Gineers 2nd Place—N/Z



Ron Schlicht American Flyer Trains 1st Place—G/HiRail



Beaver Dam Train Club 2nd Place—G/HiRail



WIZ KIDZ 3rd Place—N/Z



S-Gauge Wisconsin 3rd Place—G/HiRail



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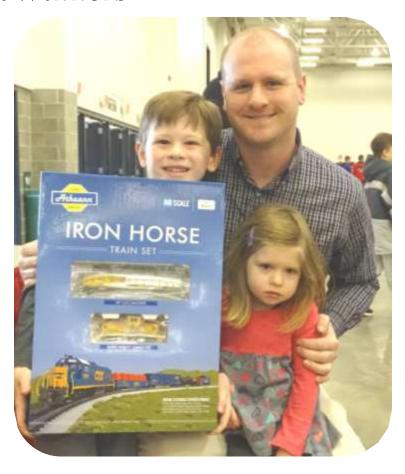


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April 13, 14 & 15, 2018

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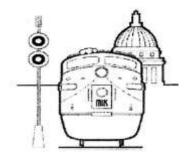
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