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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

It's surprising how fast the summer has gone by. It's already time to start thinking about the upcoming season. Again, this year we will be meeting at the Verona Senior Center.

I would like to thank John Haverberg for lining up the Summer Picnic. This year we had great weather and despite a couple of issues with the caterer everything went off extremely well. I think my brother enjoyed opening his home and seemed to appreciate all who attended. Even though it was not really a railroad-oriented tour the air flight demonstrations, car, and model shop tour were very interesting.

As you probably have already heard we did lose a valued member of our club. Sue Bunce passed away on July 29th. For many years Sue lined up all the vendors for our Train Show. Her connection to vendors I'm sure helped us out immensely. We will miss her fantastic spirit and everything she brought to the division.



It's important that we bring new members to our division. As mentioned before we are getting older, and we'll need new, younger members to sustain our normal activities. So please be on the look-out for new potential members.

I'm looking forward to the start of a new season and hope to see you all at the September meet.

Phil

Next SCWD Meet

VERONA SENIOR CENTER (Map Page 6)

September 11, 2022

Next BOD Meeting:

September 12, 2022 at 7 PM

ZOOM Meeting



Modeling Project

Mike Vivion

At this time, the exact project for the 2022-2023 year has not been defined. One area currently being considered is the use of snow for the project. Perhaps the project would be making a mini-diorama (similar in size to this past year's project) that requires use of snow in the scenery. Feedback on this idea would be greatly appreciated as soon as possible. Or if you have another idea for the project, please submit it to me via [email: vivion2@tds.net](mailto:vivion2@tds.net) as soon as possible.

Thanks, we welcome your responses.

Mike



Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

This season will start off with two great layouts.

There are things in common about Kerry Denson and Bob Boelter as model railroaders. They have a history of being lone-wolf modelers, enjoying every aspect of the hobby from design, building, wiring, etc. The one big difference is Kerry's railroad is a display and Bob's is meant for operation.

Kerry Denson's Display Layout

The HO railroad measures 26 by 8 feet and is in a dedicated room. It is operated from the center with access from a duck-under through a door. The exterior of the railroad is furniture-grade wood. The scenes are mostly rural Midwest, with small towns and farms.



A variety of trains operate representing a number of railroads common in Wisconsin. Kerry is a master at detailing and weathering every aspect of each scene and the rolling stock.

Bob Boelter's Large Scale Indoor Switching Layout

The railroad features an urban area of the Milwaukee Road's "Beer Line" It is an L-shaped, point-to-point, island layout that runs from one room to another. Most structures are two-sided flats with facilities for Schlitz and Pabst breweries, as well as a few other industries. The era is circa 1980. Despite the railroad's G gauge tight radius on its one curved track, it can comfortably handle 50-foot refrigerator, box and covered grain-hopper cars.



Both layouts are located in Lake Mills, so this is a little longer drive than normal. Since the weather is typically good in September it should be a nice drive.

I still have a number of openings for the rest of the season. Let me know if you are interested in showing your layout. It would be great to see some layouts we have seen before or haven't seen for a while.

Phil

Clinic Column

By Ken Hojnacki

To start off a new year of SCWD meetings, I hope you'll enjoy the clinics we have lined up. Not necessarily in this order, Keith Thomsen and I will do Part 2 of our western adventure that we introduced at our May meeting. This time, we will look "behind the round-house doors" at the Nevada State Railroad Museum to see some rare items in their collection; some beautifully restored and some waiting their turn. Once again, I'm sure Donn Tolley will help flesh out any information we might miss regarding their Virginia & Truckee collection. Then it's on to the main target of the trip, the 81 for 81 Weekend at the Nevada Northern Railway. *Trains* magazine was celebrating its 81st anniversary and late editor Jim Wrinn arranged with the Nevada Northern to help celebrate by teaming up with their newly restored Baldwin 2-8-0 #81 for three days of freight trains, passenger trains, doubleheaders, a steam crane and shop tours. I call this the East Broad Top of the West because the location is just as Kennecott Copper left it when they shut down the railroad and donated the railroad and shop complex to local organizations.

In a past edition of the *NMRA Magazine* I noted that NMRA President Gordy Robinson had participated in several Zoom meetings with Divisions and Regions around the country. He was even at the Indy Jct. convention last May. Well, it never hurts to ask, so I did. Gordy has consented to offer a few words on the NMRA and to show us his modeling endeavors. And living in northern Scotland, you'll never guess what he models. He models the favorite railroad of our own Bob McGeever—the Wisconsin & Southern. It will be interesting to hear his comments on the future of the NMRA and to see how this American shortline translates into Scottish.



So join us for our 2022-23 season opener.

Ken

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

Hi everyone. We are well into summer and I look forward to seeing all of you again September. Our contests this year will give us a chance to see your modeling efforts and photos of your activities and interests during the coming months.

The September contest theme is Tourist Trains. The sub categories for models and photos are:

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

At the end of this column is a listing of the contests and themes for the entire year. Use this information to plan ahead for the monthly contests.

See you soon!

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



SCWD Electronic Red Book



A revision to the SCWD Electronic Red Book has begun! The first edition was sent to all members two years ago. I hope to have the second edition to the membership in September 2022.

The Electronic Red Book is a benefit of your NMRA/SCWD membership which means if you are not in good standing with the NMRA during the month of publication, **YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED in the Electronic Red Book, nor will you receive one!** So please keep your NMRA membership in good standing by renewing your NMRA membership if it is lapsed. This is your responsibility.

For those members that joined after the first edition, you should have received a “Welcome Email” from me which included an opt-in form for the Electronic Red Book, the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Electronic Red Book. If you did not return your opt-in form to me, I will be sending you an email with another form to opt-in. You must return the form to me to be placed in the Electronic Red Book.

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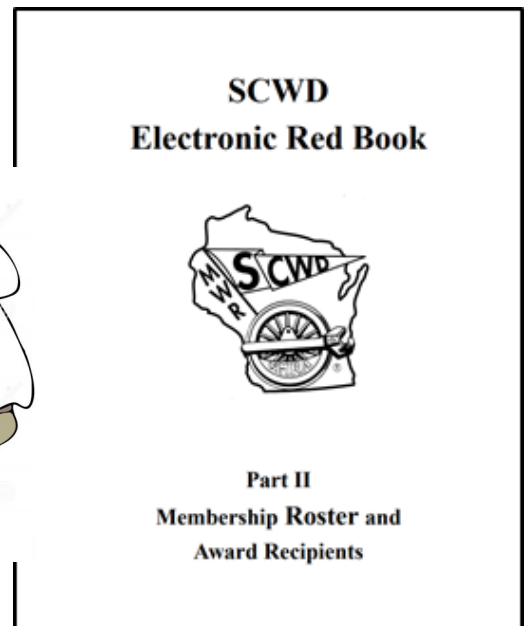
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Thanks everyone, more information will be coming in future Bad Orders.

Kathy Clancy
Publications Chair
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The following is the information I will need from you for inclusion in the Electronic Red Book roster. If you want to be included in the Roster, please complete this form and return to me. Keep in mind that your NMRA membership dues must be current and you must live in the boundaries of the SCWD to be included.

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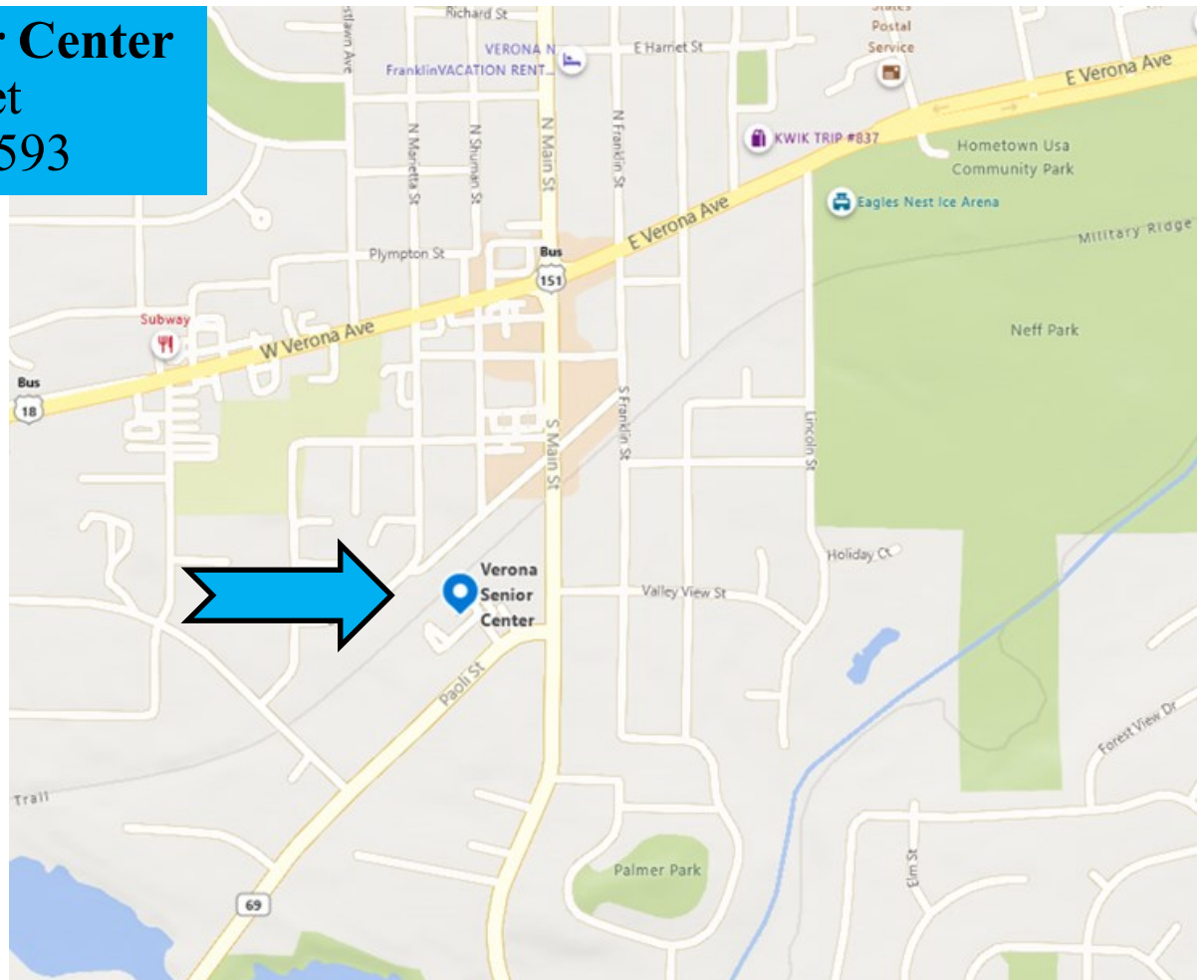
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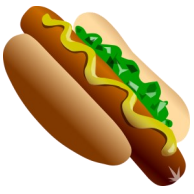
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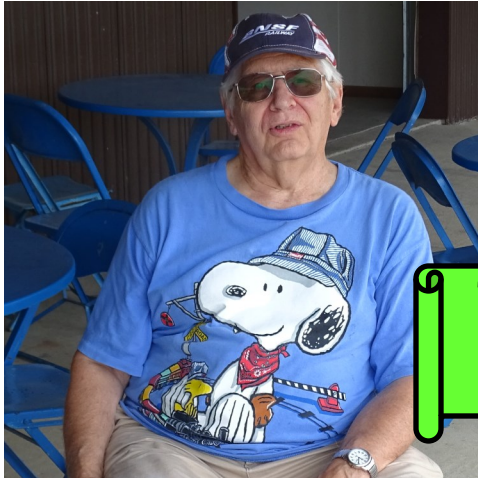
Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli Street
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SCWD 2022 Annual Summer Picnic Saturday, July 16, 2022



FUN!



Thanks to John Haverberg
for planning a
wonderful picnic!







McFarland Cub Scout Pack 53 waiting for entire passenger car



2022 Summer Picnic Review – John Haverberg, Picnic Chairperson

First, I want to thank Phil Hottmann and his brother, Wendell, for hosting a tour at Wendell’s house before the Picnic on July 16th. Wendell’s car collections, his model aircraft, all his awards, and his workshops were **IMPRESSIVE**. And arranging a model plane flight demonstration was icing on the cake!

Second, about the Picnic. I hope attendees were able to get a decent lunch among the various snafu’s with the catering. Although I tried hard to work ahead of time with HyVee to keep costs down, and yet provide the service, not everything went as planned. Like many other organizations, HyVee is experiencing a high turnover, and lack of staff which affected preparation and delivery. [Note: if I remain Picnic Chairperson, I will guarantee that there will be ketchup and mustard for the hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats at future picnics (even if I have to bring them myself!)] The good news is that with member contributions, support from NMRA, and catering adjustments, the picnic cost to SCWD was significantly reduced from past years. And the weather turned out great with plenty of time to ride trains!

John

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@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??

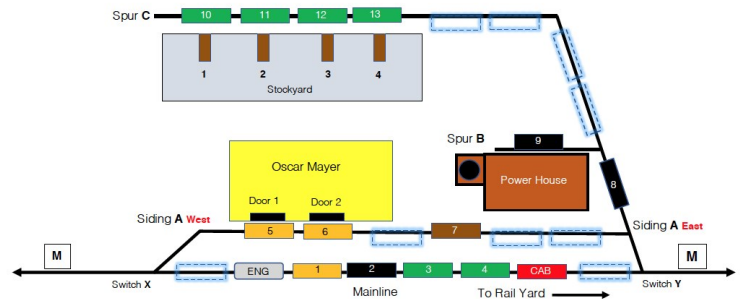
Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers 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
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@frontier.com

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



Volunteers Needed

The NMRA is run by volunteers. Get involved by contributing your expertise and time.

General Counsel

The NMRA is seeking expressions of interest of members to serve as General Counsel to the Board of Directors and the officers of NMRA. The primary role of NMRA General Counsel is to advise the Board and officers concerning policy decisions, to prepare or review contracts and other legal documents concerning transactions, and to ensure compliance with Ohio law concerning corporate meetings. Applicants should be admitted to the State Bar of at least one US state and hold an active license to practice or the ability to convert an inactive license to active, have at least 10 years of experience in full-time legal practice, preferably in corporate or transaction matters, and either hold professional liability insurance that is currently in force or have the capability to obtain it. Experience in Ohio corporate law is a plus. Experience working with non-profit boards is a plus. To express interest, send email with a resume or CV and statement of qualifications to president@nmra.org

New Volunteers

All NMRA Departments are actively recruiting new volunteers year-round, so if you want to share your experience & skills and help the NMRA deliver something you are really passionate about, then please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Gordy Robinson
NMRA President
president@nmra.org



The NMRA has a new SIG - Women in Model Railroading

We are excited to offer the opportunity to women around the world to become members of this new Special Interest Group - **Women in Model Railroading!** As a recognized SIG within the NMRA, we expect this group to be vibrant in the world of model railroading. The purpose of the Women in Model Railroading (WIMRR) SIG is to introduce, encourage and connect women in or interested in the hobby of model railroading. The SIG is designed for education, enrichment, social interactions, and all-around fun. This group is meant to be inclusive and supportive of all women in the hobby and railfan world. We plan to host a few social meetings per year including online and at train shows/conventions around the country. The SIG will provide women in their local NMRA regions the support needed to create activities or gatherings, in order to grow the hobby and remove perceived barriers for women modelers.

Join our Facebook Pages:

"[Women in Model Railroading](#)" is for women in the model railroad hobby to share their world.
"[The Steam Sisters Group](#)" is for women railfans to share their photos of steam AND diesel trains.

Visit the SIG page: <https://www.nmra.org/sigs/women-in-model-railroading>

Join: Please use this link to join the SIG: <https://forms.gle/aKPhcXU1sthKW1MQ8>

Contact: wimrr@nmra.org



**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, 13 June 2022
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:32 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, John Kosobucki, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. (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**.*

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dingman, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the May Paymaster Report.

Motion by Dr. Clancy, second by Dingman, to approve the May Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - nothing to report.

Advertising - nothing to report.

Bad Order - articles are due August 10.

***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 our new season beginning with the September membership meeting.

Contests - Model and Photography - Dave Down is finalizing the list of themes and categories for the 2022 - 2023 contests. Some of the themes and categories will be repeated from past years. The list will be published in the **Bad Order**.

Modeling Project - Ideas are still in the formulation stage.

Door Prizes - Door prize certificates need to be picked up at the SCWD Monthly Membership Meeting or mailed to the ZOOM attendees. Attendance at the end of the meeting is required to be eligible for the door prize.

Layout Tours - Phil Hottmann is working on commitments for the September and October 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 has sent out a reminder to those members in arrears to re-new their membership.

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 - John Haverberg continues to receive reservations for the July Summer Picnic. Phil Hottmann's brother Wendell, will be opening up his collection of full size automobiles, model airplanes, and other hobby collections to be viewed while on the way to Little Americka Park in Marshall. Phil will be sending out a "Constant Contact" notice as the picnic date gets closer.

Publicity - nothing to report.

Rail School - January 8th, 2023 - Dr. Clancy will be checking out the floor space at the Verona Senior Center to determine how much floor space would be needed for the possible demonstrations, exhibits, and hands-on activities.

Rail Show - February 19th and 20th, 2023 - Bob McGeever will begin the initial preparations for the show with the Alliant Energy Exhibition Hall management team. The SCWD will host a booth to provide information for the Mad City Rail Show and Sale in Madison at **Train-Fest**, November 12-13, 2022, Wisconsin State Fair Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Members of the SCWD will be needed to staff the booth at certain times of each day.

Clerk's Note - Check out the website for Train-Fest (<https://www.train-fest.com/>)

Website - www.nmra-scwd.org - The SCWD website registration fees have been paid.

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 - nothing to report. (The top priority to get the youth group restarted is finding a facility to host the meeting and provide some storage space for the youth model railroad layout and equipment. Ideas for locations are needed.)

Awards and Plaques - Awards and plaques still need to be purchased and assembled. There will be some material costs incurred.

Banquet - One more reservation fee invoice for the Spring SCWD Banquet held at the American Legion Hall in Verona is in the process of being paid.

New Business:

Don Herling "Madison Mac" Award - Dr. Clancy provided a summary of the history of the **Don Herling "Madison Mac" Award** to members of the Board of Directors before the June meeting. Thanks go to Al Potts for providing some of the history. John Kosobucki provided the Bylaw amendment to properly describe the criteria to earn the **Don Herling "Madison Mac" Award**:

Amendment to SCWD Bylaws - Awards

9) Awards

D. Don Herling "Madison Mac" Award

1. The award is given only once to a member of the SCWD who has won a Model Achievement Certificate Award judged at a regional or national NMRA event.
2. Presented by the Superintendent.
3. There are no restrictions on the awarding of the other Division awards to the modeler receiving this award.

A motion by Dr. Clancy, second by Kosobucki, to approve the Amendment to the SCWD Bylaws - Awards. Motion carried.

Because Microsoft Publisher software may not be accessible for all members of the SCWD, Kathy Clancy and Bob McGeever will convert the Microsoft Publisher electronic copy of the Bylaws that are published in the RED BOOK to a version of Microsoft Word for ease of maintenance.

Magazines from Kerry Denson - Kerry has offered to donate his trains and model railroading magazines to the SCWD. A motion was made by McGeever, second by Dingman, to not accept magazine donations due to storage and disposal problems. A person may bring magazines to the monthly meetings but will be responsible for taking the magazines back home if not given away. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

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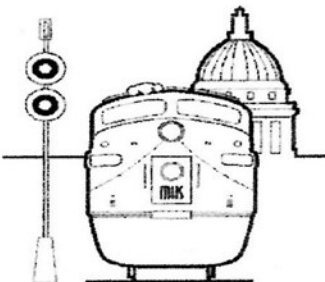
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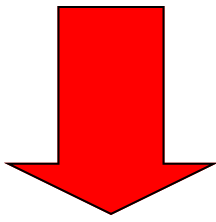
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* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

SCWD 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting

September 11, 2022
October 2, 2022
November 6, 2022
December 4, 2022

BOD

September 12, 2022
October 10, 2022
November 14, 2022
December 12, 2022

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