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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

If all goes as planned, this could be my last Superintendent's report for a long time (Shame you can't see the smile on my face as I typed that). Phil and I have not worked out who will write the June report. I will miss the job but it really was time to move on to being the Past Superintendent. And now Mike Vivion, after at least decade on the BOD, can go back to being just a regular member. Also, I need to put more time into my other SCWD job as the Train Show Chairman.

It has been a real honor to be the Superintendent of the SCWD. The support you all gave me during my tenure is greatly appreciated. I could not have done the job without your help. Please give Phil the same support you gave me.

There will be at least one change in the BOD by this time next year. Phil Berry has announced that, after many years of service to the division, this will be his last year as our Paymaster.

Serving on the BOD is not the only way you can contribute to the SCWD. We are a volunteer organization. We depend on every member to pitch in when they can. We have over a dozen committee chair positions that are vital to the function of the division. Currently, the committee chair is usually the only member of the committee so we have lots of opportunities for folks to pitch in!

One last detail to cover on my way out the door. At the last BOD meeting we discussed the awards presentations at the annual banquet. Every year we give out a

Next SCWD Meet:

Joint meeting with Rock River Valley Division

May 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

May 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

Next Youth Group Meeting:

May 20, 2018

Zor Shrine Temple

Banquet

May 18, 2018

Zor Shrine Temple

handful of major awards and a growing number of certificates of appreciation to folks who pitched in on a project. While it is important to recognize the folks who have pitched in, the list was getting longer every year as I got better at keeping track of who pitched in on projects. My first draft of the list for this year started with 75 names. It will probably break 100 by the time I am done. This will use up way too much time at the banquet. And I always list all the folks who got a certificate in a Supers report so things are getting a bit redundant. So this year we are going to just hand out the major awards at the banquet and use a Superintendents report in the Bad Order to recognize all the folks who pitched in on a project. Phil might want me to write that report.

Hope to see you at the May meeting,

Bob McGeever
Past Superintendent

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock
Clinics Chair

For our May joint meet we will have two SCWD'ers doing clinics.

Sean Lamb will present "Photography for model railroaders and railfans."

So you're researching a prototype and you need to take photos of a structure or some rolling stock so you can model it?

Are you writing an article about your model's construction? Have you already built the model and you need to show it off? Or do you just want to make better photos of the trains and models that you see?

Just like in model railroading, there is always something to learn in photography.

In his clinic, professional photographer Sean Lamb will take you on a tour of some historic rail and model photography both for inspiration and for study and he will give you tips that will help you recreate those photos and make better photos on your own. It's not all about the gear.

With this knowledge just before summer, you can raise the competition level in next year's division and region photo contests.

Our second clinic, by Ken Hojnacki is titled: "The Years I Missed--Living the Steam to Diesel Transition Era."

Being too young to witness the switch to diesels in the U.S., Ken traveled to China to search out the last stand of regular service steam locomotives in the world as Chinese diesels and electrics pushed steam aside and recreated the transition era he missed here.

Thanks again to David Leider for double-duty at our April meet.

See you May 6th.

Bob



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 describing 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, color correction, etc.). Be sure to indicate specifically if you do NOT give permission to alter your images.

**Send to: NMRA-ATTN: Calendar Project
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Soddy Daisy, TN 37379**

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



Welcome our new SCWD BOD

Phil Berry, Bill Clancy, Ken Hojnacki, Dave Lendved,
Superintendent Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever,
Steve Preston, and Jerry Lawler

Youth Group

Steve Brist

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our April meeting due to the very bad winter weather that day.



I look forward to seeing everyone at our last meeting of the season on May 20th.

Happy Railroading!
Steve

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann
Layout Tour Chair

It was our first visit to Jim Feldman's HO scale layout. Starting out as a 4 by 8 foot layout it has now expanded to a much larger L shape. It's too bad that Jim is talking about moving in a couple of years.



For May we are going to visit the layouts of Phil Berry, Jerry Lawler, Webb Winn, and Gene Wilcox.

Phil

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

Our May 6 meeting will be the last Photo and Model contests of the season. Thanks to everyone who participated by sharing a model or photo this year. Entering the popular vote contests is an easy way to contribute to our division.

We broke ground this year with the first SCWD Online Video Contest. This contest has attracted some attention from the Midwest Region and even national attention from the NMRA mothership. The entries all had to be video taken by the individual but could be assisted in the editing process. The video had to have a railroad theme; maximum length was set at 5 minutes, with titles and sounds optional. The maximum size was set at 2.0GB.

A total of 7 videos were submitted by 5 different individuals by the Feb. 1 deadline. There were two categories: Model railroads, and Prototype railroads. Viewing of the submitted videos began Feb. 15 and continued through Apr. 1, with results presented at the April 8 Meeting. The results were:

Model Contest

1st Place - Ken Hojnacki
2nd Place – Bob Wundrock

Prototype Contest

1st Place – Ken Hojnacki
2nd Place – Tom Morrison
3rd Place – Steve Stone



Jerry Lawler received a Certificate of Recognition.

Congratulations to all our winners.

Please visit the SCWD website and view the videos under the Contests menu through the end of the summer!

Special thanks to Steve Lanphear and Tom Morrison for making it happen. The Video Contest will be back next year, so shoot some video over the summer and get it entered next fall.

May 6 Photo and Model Contests Theme:

Open Freight Cars w/Loads

Cat. A: Flat Cars
Cat. B: Gondolas
Cat. C: Hoppers
Cat. D: Other

Dave and Steve



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

The Good, the Great and the Ugly

As I write this, it is Sunday morning of our Capitol 400 Convention and I'm looking forward to sleeping in tomorrow. The Good? Our unofficial attendance was a fantastic 153 Rail, 36 Non-Rail and 15 Banquet registrants, the biggest Midwest Region convention in many years. Nearly 50 people enjoyed the Friday night operating sessions on the railroads of Bill Clancy, Bob Wundrock, Bill and Rose Weber and myself. The Great? There were some great clinics on a variety of topics and the room was jammed for the fantastic O. Winston Link presentation by Tom Garver and Tony Koester's thought provoking presentation on layout design. The banquet room was filled Saturday night for a wonderful meal. At the members meeting afterwards, it was announced the Midwest Region would hold a joint convention in 2019 with the Thousand Lakes Region in LaCrosse. Watch for more details. Awards were presented for some outstanding models and photographs in the judged contests. And Tony Koester kept us in stitches as he recounted stories about famous model railroaders he has known. The Ugly? The weather. Some folks braved the pouring rain and wind to visit a number of layouts Saturday afternoon. The rain turned to snow and sleet Saturday night and I am wondering this morning if anyone will venture out to layouts today.

I want to thank a great group of people who did the heavy work of putting this convention together: Bill Clancy, Paul Mangan, Don Mayo, Mike Vivion, John Haverberg, Diana Haverberg and Judy Vivion who put together the Non-Rail activities, Phil and Ellen Hottmann who organized the layout tours, Bob McGeever who made sure all our Audio Visual needs were met, Bill Weber who handled the door prizes, and especially Bob Wundrock who put together a great lineup of clinics, Keith Thomsen who handled registration and Kathy Clancy who valiantly put up with my edits to create a great convention book. And to all the Division members who helped with setup and the registration desk, clinics and everyone who opened their layouts

to visitors and wet feet. To paraphrase Paul Mangan, SCWD members are the best when it comes to putting on great model railroad events. Now I'm going to see if anyone braves today's weather to visit the O&W Auburn Division, then take a Rip Van Winkle-length nap. Maybe I'll wake up in time to see you at the May meeting.

Ken Hojnacki
Convention Chair



Look for all the photos of the Capitol 400 elsewhere in the Bad Order and in the e-edition on our website.

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann
Modeling Project Chair

We had a number of great entries in the model contest. I thought that some of them were very creative. My hope was that this would give some people an opportunity to work with wood models for the first time.

In the adult category Ewing Row finished first, Jerry Lawler finished second and Bill Clancy finished third. We had one entry in the youth category and Skylar Adkins was awarded the first place prize.



**1st
Ewing Row**



**2nd
Jerry Lawler**



**3rd
Bill Clancy**



**Youth 1st
Skylar Adkins**

Thank You Capitol 400 Clinicians



Captain Al Nelson



Tom Garver



Peg Eklund



Bob Wundrock



Keith Thomsen



Tyrone Johnsen



Phil Berry



Steve Lanphear



Dr. Bill Clancy



Gregg Condon



Dave Leider



Chris Heili



Barb Stock



Tony Koester



Rich Mahaney



Mike Vivion



Dave Nelson



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2017-2018 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 2018 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Dave Lendved, Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy, and Phil Berry.**

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the Minutes for the February 2018 meeting was made by Dave L. and seconded by Mike V. Minutes were approved.

Paymaster Report: Motion to approve the Paymaster report for the February 2018 meeting was made by Dave L. and seconded by Mike V. Minutes were approved.

BOD reported that the SCWD would be meeting at the Zor Shrine facility through 2020.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: The entire advertising budget for the 2018 Rail Show of \$26,000.90 has been spent.

Bad Order: The editor of the Bad Order will continue her monthly review of the NMRA membership list she receives. New members from the previous month are added immediately to the Bad Order mailing list. SCWD members that are not listed for 3 consecutive monthly reports are dropped from the Bad Order mailing list. Only NMRA/SCWD members in good standing will receive the paper edition of the Bad Order.

Clinics: All meetings have clinics linked to them. Refer to the 2018 schedule published in the Bad Order clinic subject.

Contests: Video contest received 7 entries and the agreed that this was a very good response for the first year of the contest. This month's contest received 41 rail cars and more than a dozen photographs. This is also an increase in participation from previous years. The Board also discussed ways to increase member participation in this contest as well.

Modeling Project for 2017-2018:

30 'Flats' for the modeling contest have been distributed. 25 adults and 5 youth group members have purchased a flat to enter in the contest. Several 'N' scale kits were distributed as part of the project/contest. Judging will occur at the April meeting

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber is responsible for the meeting door prizes and has budget. He reports that all is well with meeting door prizes.

Layout tours: No in home layout tours were scheduled for Jim Feldman will have layout tour in April. April will have only one tour because of the scheduled SCWD Annual Membership Meeting.

Membership: Steve Preston's efforts at the Rail Show were very successful. He was able to sign

up approximately 12 new members. There will be some minor adjustments for 2019 based on lessons learned from this year's first effort.

Picnic: BOD agreed to return to Little Americka in 2018 as it has activities/rides for kids as well as a nice facility for the adults. The picnic will be scheduled at the same time as the park's Whiskey River Days festival. The date will be July 14.

Rail School: Bill Clancy agreed to coordinate the 2019 Rail School. His plan is to recruit several other seasoned SCWD members to work with him on the clinic. They will develop a theme for the school and set up teams of members to work on various aspects of the school with a slightly different approach. The group will keep the Board apprised as the plan takes shape.

The Division has acquired additional Blue Box models for distribution at the 2019 Rail School.

The Superintendent asked for volunteers to help him with set up and takedown of the Rail School room setup. A number of members agreed to come early to help set up and to stay later to help take down. This worked well in 2018 and the plan is continue this approach for 2019.

Rail show: Phil B. reported the financials associated with this year's show. Attendance was down noticeably this year. This led to an in-depth wide ranging discussion of reasons this may have occurred. A range of strategic alternatives was discussed and a formal Rail Show report will be written.

Spring Trip: Because SCWD is hosting the Capitol 400 meeting, there will be no spring trip.

Web Site: Issues remain with the idea of e-tickets for the show. There is a ticket-processing fee which has a cost that may make e-ticketing too costly to pursue. This issue is being further researched. It would seem to be

Youth Group: Jerry Lawler continues to assist Steve Brist with the Youth Group. The March Youth Group program will include an in depth clinic on weathering of rolling stock. The kids will use their existing group rolling stock to weather.

The April meeting will feature a clinic on making rock mountains from plaster material. Bill Marks, Jerry Lawler, and Mike Vivion have donated their moulds for the kids' use.

Publicity: Nothing to report. Costs were included in the document submitted by Bob Boelter.

Capitol 400: More coordination work with the hotel is underway. The division has secured at no cost, additional screens and projectors from the hotel. Layout tours are currently being scheduled. A promotional DVD has been created and sent to all divisions in the region. Video and website page were pre-viewed at September meeting. The clinic schedule has been set.

New Business:

Jerry expressed a willingness to reach to two large regional businesses and asking them if they would consider becoming an underwriting for the Rail Show. This would provide increased financial security to ensure the financial health of the show. We are currently in preliminary discussions with a third corporation who had reached out to us and our follow up actions companies 2 and 3 will likely be based on what happens with the discussions with company #1.

The SCWD was approached about hosting the MWR Fall Meeting. This was discussed and the Board voted to volunteer to hold it.

Year End Banquet: Some of the year-end banquet details were discussed. These included:

- Past Superintendent Award
- Bob Davis Award for Volunteerism
- Modeling Achievement and Madison Mac 'Modeler of the Year'.
- Photographer of the Year award
- Hank Brown Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service

Jerry brought up for discussion, the possibility of creating a display board of local model railroad layouts. These layouts would be submitted to the SCWD for display on a board at the Rail Show in 2019 and/or the SCWD web site sooner. The Board suggested that Jerry develop a more fully developed plan and present to the Board at a future date.

Adjournment: Ken Hojnacki moved for adjournment and Dave Lendved seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk



Non-Rail Activities



Project Linus



From your incoming Superintendent

Phil Hottmann

As the new superintendent, I'm looking forward to the new challenges.

I know that we have a few people that have been long time volunteers will be leaving their positions. So we'll be looking for replacements. Fortunately, we have some new people on the Board that will be bringing new energy.

Attending the Regional Convention Banquet over the weekend, I was inspired by are almost 200 attendees. We sure want to keep this good thing we have going.

Phil

For more SCWD and NMRA news and information go on-line to our web site at www.nmra-scwd.org and visit the **Bad Order on our web**





It's banquet time!

May 18th 2018

To be held at the Zor Shrine Temple
575 Zor Shrine Place, (upstairs)
Madison WI

Cocktails at 6pm



Make sure you get what you want from the bar prior to dinner.
The bar closes at 8pm for the evening.

Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

Reservations must be received by May 11th.

Cost of meal: SCWD/NMRA members, \$12.00

Non-NMRA attendees, \$25.00

Children 12 & under, \$6.00

Name: _____ **Rail** _____ **Non-Rail** _____ **\$** _____

Note: If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

Make sure you indicate rail or non-rail. If more than 4 then add to a separate piece of paper and send it along with your reservation

Address: _____

City: _____ WI Zip _____

Send your reservation to:
Bob McGeever
309 W. Randolph St.
Stoughton, WI 53589

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Checks should be made payable to the S.C.W.D.

SCWD 2018 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



The 2018 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on **Saturday, July 14th** during Whiskey River Railway Day at Little Amerricka, Marshall, Wisconsin. The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. SCWD will have a catered picnic lunch served at the Blue Rose Pavilion starting at 1 pm. Parking, entrance to the Park, and the meal are free to SCWD members and guests. Railway equipment can be viewed for free but train and other Park rides require purchased tickets. Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking at the Pavilion can be reached directly off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 east of the Park Entrance.

Sign-up needed by July 7 for catering #'s.

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SCWD 2018 Annual Picnic Sign-up Sheet - Member and Guest(s) Names:

**Send reservations to: John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd., Middleton, WI 53562
or e-mail to: haverdj@tds.net**



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The model railroad has been donated to the Wisconsin Historic Site in Cassville to be rebuilt in one of the village's buildings (see stonefieldhistoricsite.org). Funds have to be raised for the reconstruction. Contributions can be made to Stonefield Historic Site, 12195 County Highway V V, Cassville, WI 53806 and identified for "Stonefield Model Railroad". If you'd like to help in other ways contact Bob at bboelter1@gmail.com



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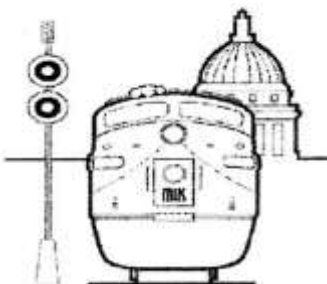
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The annual business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bob McGeever at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the April 2, 2016 annual business meeting, handed out earlier, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Sean Lamb, seconded by Don Swinton and unanimously approved to accept as presented.

Election chairperson, Mike Vivion, introduced the candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Seven candidates were running for the seven positions available. They were: Bob McGeever, Phil Hottmann, Phil Berry, Bill Clancy, Jerry Lawler, Dave Lendved, and Ken Hohnacki. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Fred Robinson, seconded by Jerry Lawler to close the nominations and for all those nominated be elected by unanimous ballot. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ballots with all eight candidate names were handed out to only SCWD members who were asked to vote for four of the seven to hold the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, and Chief Clerk.

The business meeting was suspended at 1:15 pm to tally the ballots.

The business meeting was re-convened at 1:30 pm. Mike announced that Bob McGeever was re-elected as Superintendent. A motion was made by Sean Lamb, seconded by Don Swinton and approved unanimously to destroy the ballots.

Paymaster Phil Berry gave the yearly treasurer's report summary indicating an anticipated positive cash flow for the year. Attendance was up slightly at the Annual Train Show, but SCWD will break even or for the event based on the ticket sales, vendor and exhibitor table fees, and excellent sales at the Company Store. After further discussion, a motion was made by Sean Lamb, seconded by Don Swinton and approved unanimously to accept the report as presented.

A motion was made by Don Swinton, seconded by Fred Robinson and approved unanimously to close the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

From the NMRA

We want your comments on our two handbooks

By

[Mike Arnold](#)

Atlantic District Director

Currently the NMRA website contains two documents, "The Regions & Divisions Handbook" (<https://www.nmra.org/regions-and-divisions-handbook>) and the "Division Superintendents' Handbook" (<https://www.nmra.org/regions-and-divisions-handbook>) both of which are in need of an update. I've been charged with those updates and would appreciate your input as to what you would like to see added to or deleted from these handbooks. What's important to you? What's not? What subjects have we missed?

Please send all suggestions, thoughts, and comments to me by June 1, 2018, at atldir@nmra.org.

Headquarters is a busy place!

Most members would be surprised at how busy the five folks at Headquarters really are! In her report to the board, NMRA Chief Administrative Officer Jenny Hendricks noted that:

Headquarters had almost **20,000 direct member interactions** in the past six months. These are over and above the normal membership renewals.

In the past six months, HQ processed **10,406 membership renewals** -- that's an average of 1,734 every month, or almost 90 per day!

Besides membership issues, the HQ staff takes care of year-end financial closes; working with the annual auditors; sending out promotional packets for Division and Region train shows; processing donations of books, slides, models and photos; handling Kalmbach Library requests; soliciting and registering vendors for the National Train Show; and signing up new members at select World's Greatest Hobby shows.

Whew!





Planning Committee







Operating Sessions





**And a visit from
Tony Koester**



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