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## Super's Report

Phil Hottmann  
Division Superintendent

Well, the Mad City Train Show just finished up. I do not know the final numbers, but it looked like we had a successful show. The weather was great, although when we got to the storage unit on Friday morning it was about 5 below. Fortunately, it was sunny with very little wind. We had a large crew and we loaded hundreds of boxes full of the company store items. The storage unit was completely full. This was an unbelievable amount! We had enough help that we just formed a bucket line and had the truck loaded in less than an hour.

It's amazing to me how everyone participates in this event. I can't even imagine how much time and effort goes into the planning and implementation by so many members who pitch in to do whatever needs doing. With so many items in the company store it obviously took many hours to catalog, price and store all these items. A special thanks to Corky, Bob and Webb for all their work.

Of course, a lot of the success of the show goes to Bob McGeever and the show committee. They introduced several new items this year.

1. Online advanced ticket sales
2. Credit card sales for ticketing and at the company store
3. Social media

It wouldn't be a show without all the layouts and displays. We need to thank all the people that are involved with those groups.

Dave Lendved will be stepping down as the Modeling Project Chair after this season so we are looking for someone new to take this on. This project is not time-intensive for the Chair. If you are interested, please contact me.

### Next SCWD Meet:

March 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm  
Zor Shrine Temple

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### Next BOD Meeting:

March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
Culver's Restaurant  
2102 W. Beltline Hwy.

### Next Youth Group Meeting:

March 15, 2020  
Zor Shine Temple

## Project Model Contest DPM Diorama

Dave Lendved



This Year's Project Model Contest is at the April 5 meeting. There will be no regular model and photo contests that day. Project Model and Video contests will be in their place. First place prize in the Project Model contest is a \$75 gift certificate for Madison Hobby Stop. Second place is \$50 and third is \$25. Remember the rules:

1. DPM kit must be assembled and part of the diorama.
2. The kit may be altered or modified.
3. Some recognizable part of the original should be visible.
4. Diorama should have scenery and details.
5. Size of diorama not to exceed 200 square inches (150 square inches N-scale)

It's always great to see the skill and creativity of our members in these contests. Thanks to all who are entering a project model this year.

Dave

## Clinic Corner

By Bob Wundrock  
Clinic Chair Emeritus

### TECHNOLOGY!

Steve Sweeney will travel from the Milwaukee area to do two technological clinics at our next meet.

Clinic 1: The VERY basics of controlling your layout with an Arduino

Model railroaders expect a lot from electronics. They want automation, sound, lighting, signaling, and relay controls to automate and simplify operations and have fine control over their layout. This clinic will cover the basics of the “many hats” an Arduino can wear when it

comes to layout control (i.e. besides direct connected to sensors, controls and lights, it can be a DCC decoder, LCC node, C/MRI node, Loconet node, etc.)



Clinic 2: A Deeper Dive into using an Arduino as a C/MRI node

The C/MRI system created by Dr. Bruce Chubb in 1985 and has a long and proven history of being a dependable layout control system. This clinic will demonstrate two use cases of an Arduino utilizing the C/MRI protocol for servo control (turnouts) and push buttons/LEDs (control panel). The demonstration will be done on the famous John Allen’s Timesaver Puzzle in N-Scale and will show the Arduino C/MRI node integrated into JMRI.

Thanks again to Phil Hottmann for sharing his expertise last month in his signs clinic. I hope you also found my clinic on Tod und Verklarung helpful.

Hope to see you then.

See you,  
Bob



## Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

The Mad City Railroad Show has come and gone, leaving us with tired feet, renewed connections with old friends, visits with our favorite vendors and inspiration from all those layouts. We’ve seen some of them many times but this time our imaginations have been triggered with a new idea. This is the food that motivates our modeling and photography.

In March we are trying a new modeling theme:  
**Against the Backdrop – Very Narrow Scenery.**

All of us have had to deal with backdrops as part of trying to make the very shallow parts of our layouts look like there is a lot more there than is really possible. This is a chance to show off some of your efforts. We are hoping you have models you can share without having to dismantle your layout. The categories are:

- Cat. A Structures
- Cat. B Trees and Foliage
- Cat. C Cliffs, Rock Walls, Hills
- Cat. D Retaining Walls, Tunnel Portals

The photo theme will be: **Section Gang Work.**

- Cat. A Track and Tie Work
- Cat. B Rail Grinding
- Cat. C Ballast
- Cat. D Signal Maintenance

Just a reminder to keep working on your **Project Model** dioramas. April is coming fast.

The next popular vote model and photo contest will be in May. The theme is **Power**. The categories are (Cat. A) Steam, (Cat. B) Diesel, (Cat. C) Electric, and (Cat. D) Gas/Other. We’ll see you all in March.

**February 2 Popular Vote Contests Results:**  
**Theme – Non-Revenue Equipment**

### Model

**Cat. A Locomotives:**

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Casey – C&NW F7A #401 business power



2<sup>nd</sup> Don Swinton– Santa Fe diesel

**Cat. B M.O.W Equipment:**

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Casey – C&NW rotary snowplow #6407



2<sup>nd</sup> Skip Streng – Snow plow and tender

3<sup>rd</sup> Don Swinton – heavy crane

**Cat C. Caboose:**

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Casey – C&NW transfer caboose #9060



2<sup>nd</sup> Don Swinton – MOW caboose

3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Casey – C&NW wide vision caboose #261541

**Cat. D Other (Inspection Cars, Business Cars, Test Cars, Etc.):**

1<sup>st</sup> Skip Streng – Pile driver



2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Casey– C&NW 8,000 gal tanker

3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Casey – C&NW ballast hopper #201824

**Photo**

**Prototype Photo**

**Cat. PA Locomotives:**

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Lanphear – Burlington junction switcher

**Cat. PB M.O.W Equipment:**

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Lanphear – Tie unloader (Winona yard)

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Lanphear – Ballast cleaner (Weston, IL)

3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Lanphear – On-rail weed sprayer (Galesburg, IL)

**Cat. PC Caboosees**

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Lanphear – BN caboose (Galesburg yard)

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Lanphear – SOO caboose (Winona yard)

**Cat. PD Other:**

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Preston – Circus advertising car

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Preston – Circus animal car

3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Preston – Circus business car

**Model Photo**

**Cat. MB M.O.W Equipment:**

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Lanphear – Tie unloader

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Lanphear – Rail repair car

Dave and Dave

## Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

When Jerry mentioned he was moving to a new home, it made me wonder how much room will he have for his new layout? And when I entered his basement, Jerry's wife Marilyn was showing off her new quilting space which was beautiful. I thought it was funny that the first thing she said was "I told Jerry he could move the wall," meaning that he could have used more space than he actually did. As it turns out Jerry has a nice size layout, not too big and not too small.

Modeling the city of Madison gives Jerry a lot of opportunities to duplicate structures that were around in the late 40's. He has modeled the round house and train station on West Washington Avenue, along with various other downtown buildings. I can really see the benefits of prototype modeling.

The other surprising thing is that they just moved into this house in August. Jerry and Bill Marks got this layout up and running in just a few months.



For March we will be visiting Bob McGeever's layout in Stoughton. Bob has been a little busy lately but plans on doing quite a bit of scenery work as soon as the Train Show is over. It will be nice to see this layout with a little more scenery, and of course Bob is famous for his spectacular trees.

Phil

## Youth Group

Steve Brist

The SCWD Youth Group operated two layouts at the February 2020 Mad City Train Show. Our main goals are to demonstrate that young people are interested in the model railroad hobby and to seek our potential new members for the Youth group. We were very successful in getting names and email addresses for a good number of potential new members. We emphasize that young people will get an opportunity to operate our HO scale layout and our N scale T Trak layout at our monthly meetings. Thanks to the support for the SCWD, there are no separate dues to join our Youth Group.



Again this year, we allowed kids who are visitors at the Show to operate one of the trains on our double tracked HO layout. This works because the two transformers are



diagonally across from each other, so one transformer is on the "public" side of the layout. Our members continue to operate club and their own equipment on the inside track. So the outside track is for the public. I am happy to report that although the outside loop was "high speed" rail, that no equipment was damaged due to derailments, wrong switches or cars coming loose.

We had a full roster of volunteer Youth Group members filling the shifts at our layouts. Working and attending the Train Show is one of the model railroading highlights of the year. Also, one rewarding fact is that several of our past members, who are now adults, stop by to say hello and find out what the Youth Group is currently doing. The fact that they still attend the Show demonstrates that they are still interested in model railroading.



Thanks to the SCWD adults who helped transport our layouts and rolling stock to and from the Alliant Center, and those who helped with setup. Now after the hiatus from monthly meetings, due to the Olbrich Gardens field trip, Rail School, and the Train Show, we will again pick up our monthly meetings at Zor Shrine. Our monthly meetings are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. So we hope to see our young members again on March 15, at 1PM for our next meeting. See you then!



Steve



# The Great Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale 2020

By Paul Mangan

On behalf of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the NMRA I would like to reach out to all who volunteered for this year's show and sale and salute you with a large Thank You.

When back in 2007 I was elected Superintendent I needed to find someone to take on the position of volunteer coordinator. As I started looking around I found that person in the mirror. Frankly, I had thought for a while that I wanted to do this job.

Just as I had never been a Superintendent before I never had done this before either. I learned a lot in a short period of time. One evening while visiting with one of our past supers, Hampton Rothwell, the discussion of volunteers came up. Hampton was very well educated and told me that less than 10% of the world's population volunteers for anything. He also said "always treat your volunteers with respect and dignity". So the journey began in 2007 and I have enjoyed every show because of the volunteers we have in the SCWD. So the lesson from Hampton was well learned.

It was not easy to give up the position because I have always enjoyed working with people. This year was no exception. This year's total number of volunteers added up to over 110 including the company store, traffic control folks, truck loading, set up the tear down crew, office staff, ticket sellers and checkers, award judges, our show chair and board and also the scouts.

David Down has taken on the job and knowing Dave I know he will do a fine job. I'm not going to stop volunteering.

Thanks again to all of you who over the years worked on the show staff.

Paul Mangan





# SCWD Board of Directors Election Preview

(Candidates in alphabetical Order)

## Dr. Bill Clancy



Although I didn't have a Lionel nor an American Flyer train, I found myself at age 12 a very enthusiastic builder of Strombecker wooden HO rail cars. Unfortunately, I had to put my enthusiasm on hold for many years. Sports took up all of my free time both in high school and college as I had an athletic scholarship that was year round. Then came med school and orthopedic residency. After serving my two-year draft obligation as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery and Head Team physician for the United States Naval Academy, I accepted the position at the UW as Head Team physician and orthopedic surgeon for all the UW teams and started the UW Hospital Sports Medicine program. I became a member of the SCWD in 1977 but had little time to be active because of my weekend team coverage and Sunday athletic clinic.

In 1989 I moved to Birmingham, Alabama to develop the Alabama Sports Medicine Clinic and with a little more time on hand, I built two large HO layouts.

In 2010 at the request of the UW, I returned again as Chair of Sports Medicine and Head Team physician for UW athletics. In 2014, I retired and became active again with the SCWD. I have been chairman of the Rail School for the past two years and co-chairman of the train show layout awards committee and now am one of the Clinics co-chairman. I have served on the Board of Directors for 5 years and I am still very enthusiastic about providing our division with as much upgraded knowledge as possible. The board members over my past few years have been great and they continue to push us forward. I would like to continue with them.

## David Dingman



With retirement starting to become a light at the end of the tunnel and another weekend spent at the Mad City Model Railroad Show, I decided to join the NMRA and SCWD in the spring of 2016 to become more actively involved in model railroading again. I have participated in the Mad

City Model Railroad Show as a volunteer for the last several years to become better acquainted with the members of the SCWD and also help support the division. I was recently honored by being asked about becoming a member of the SCWD Board of Directors.

My first memories of trains involve watching prototype trains maneuver around the Los Angeles area then riding on an ATSF passenger train to San Diego and back. I remember being thrilled to see a real operating steam locomotive and train up close at Disneyland when I was 7 years old. A short time later my father acquired a friend's model railroad layout (12' x 16') that had both O and HO scale track and trains running at the same time. That instilled a lifelong love of both model and prototype railroading. Interest in model railroading survived a very challenging test during the next forty plus years as college, multiple moves and work all limited participation to reading Model Railroader magazine and going to model railroad shows.

## David 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.

### Jim Feldman

Hello SCWD members. My name is Jim Feldman. I am a retired Electrical Engineer. Although we moved a lot, my family always had a modular HO layout since my dad was, in his youth, a Union Pacific employee.



I've been a Division member since 2009 and model in HO scale in the diesel era. I run DCC only with JMRI control. My layout (in progress) was built with the kind and expert assistance of many Division members. I would like to return the favors the Division has done me by serving on the board.

### Phil Hottmann

I have been a model railroader for 29 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D Superintendent and have also been organizing our layout tours and modeling project.



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.

### 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.





# SCWD 2020 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



The 2020 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on **Saturday, July 11th** 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. Entrance to the Park, parking and use of the pavilion are free. However, to help defray some of the cost for the catered lunch, SCWD Board has decided to charge a **\$5.00 fee, again, for each attendee six years old and above**. Five and under get the meal for free. Railway equipment can be viewed for free, but train and other rides require purchased tickets from the Park.

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 and payment is needed by 7/3/2020 to determine catering amounts.**

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### **SCWD 2020 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet**

**Member and Guest(s) Names:**

**Cost-Each**


**Total \$ enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Enjoy receiving interesting rail photos, model railroad tips and challenging Mystery Photos??

Join The 75+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 4 - 6 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, and a monthly Mystery Photo contest. The listserv has been running this since April 2012 ( that will be 7 years this coming April), 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, so no one knows the identity or email addresses of the participants. Once a month, I send out a Mystery Photo, and then if you know the answer or do a little research , you send an email back to [scwdmemberlist@frontier.com](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com) . About a week later, I post the answer and a list of the names of those who sent in answers that month. The answer often includes parts of the best correct answers received. 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** 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](mailto:scwdmemberlist@frontier.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

Annual SCWD Banquet

Friday, May 8, 2020

Details in Future Bad Orders



## SCWD 2019-20 Video Contest Guidelines

Steve Lanphear

**Deadline March 1st**

This year's SCWD video contest will be open for submitting entries on November 1, 2019.

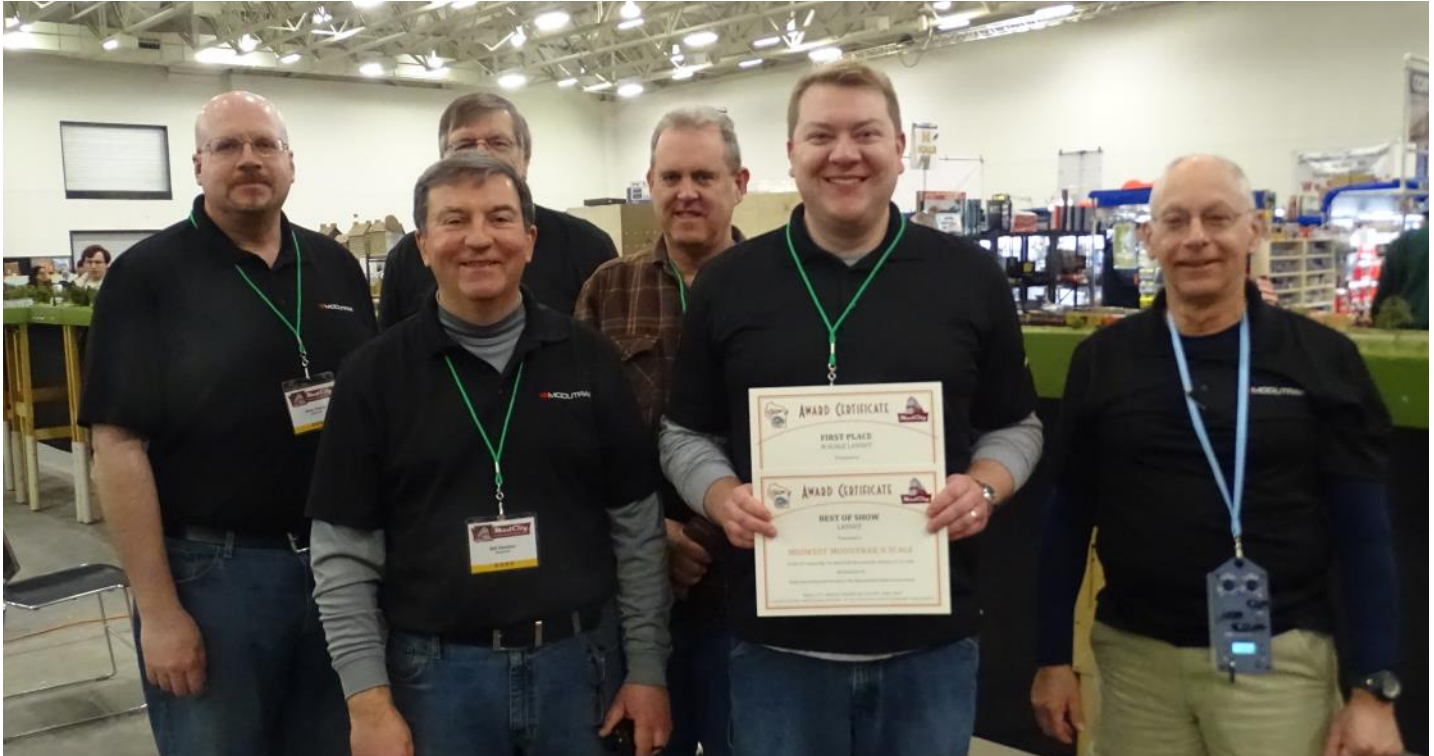
Here are the things you need to know:

- There are two categories: **Prototype** and **Model**.
- The contest is open to those who attend the SCWD meetings.
- The person submitting an entry must be the one who took the video, however you may have help from others in editing your entry.
- The video can be from any time period (it doesn't have to be taken just to enter this contest).
- It has to be a **maximum** of 5 minutes in length, but can be any size less than that and the file has to be less than 2GB in size.
- All videos must be on a railroad theme.
- The video can have title screen but not necessary, however there should be no names or identifiers on it (it is a "blind" contest).
- For the **Model Category**, the video can be of anyone's layout, not just your own.
- First, second and third place will be given for each category (no points given toward annual Photographer contest).
- Deadline for Entries – **March 1** (you will upload all entries to the website listed on the SCWD website, Video Contest webpage).
- You may enter more than once (max. of 5 entries per person).
- Voting starts **Mar 10** on the SCWD Video Contest webpage.
- Voting will be closed on end of day **April 15**.
- Winners will be announced at the May Meeting.





**Congratulations to our  
Train Show Layout Winners**



**First Place N Scale and Best in Show  
Midwest Modutrak**



**Second Place N Scale  
Capital City N'Gineers**



**Third Place N Scale  
Chippewa Valley N-Gineers**



**First Place HO  
Wisconsin & Michigan Model Railroad Club**



**Second Place HO  
Newer Industries**



**Third Place HO  
Cedar Creek Central Railroad Club**



**First Place G Scale/Hi-Rail  
Ron Schlicht American Flyer Trains**



**Second Place G Scale/Hi-Rail  
Wisconsin Garden Railway Society**



**Third Place G Scale/Hi-Rail  
S-Gauge Wisconsin**



**First Place Z  
Wiz Kids**

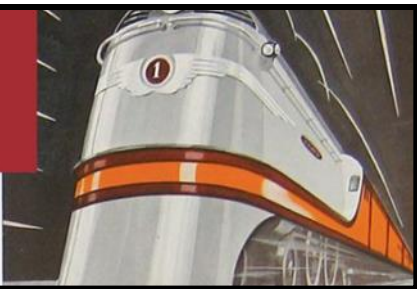


**Second Place Z  
The Royal Train**



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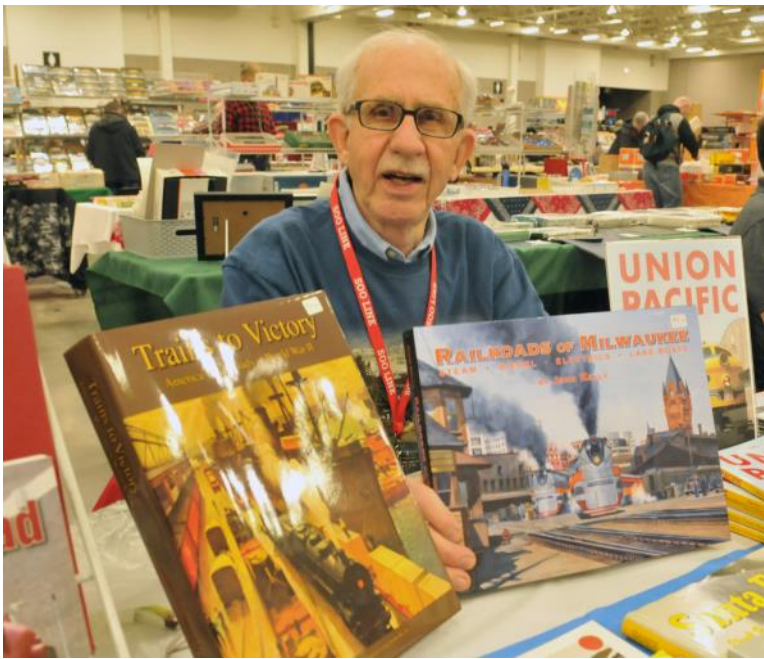
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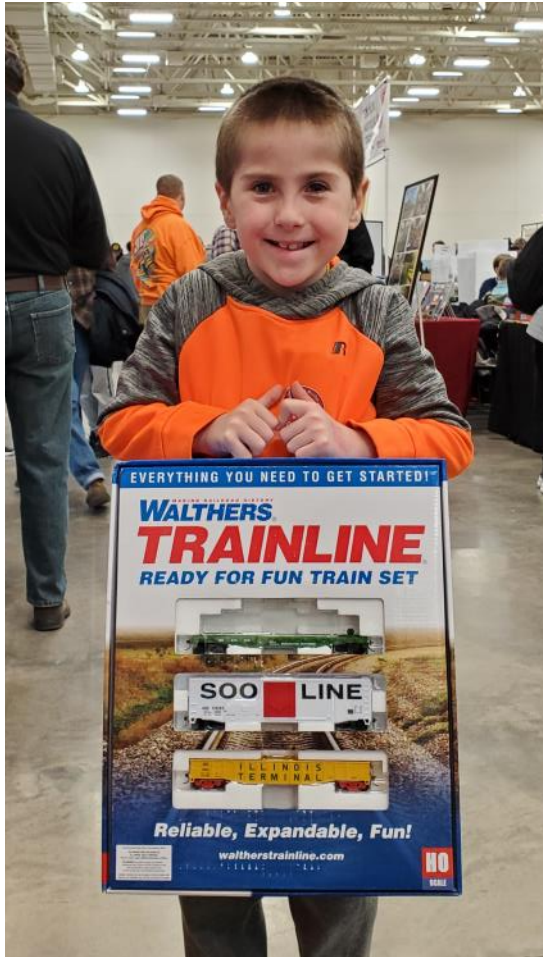
and just a few more photos  
taken by Kathy Clancy





# Some of the (very happy) Train Set Winners

Photos by Mike Vivion





**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting  
7:00 pm, January 13, 2020  
Culver's at Todd Drive**



Board Members Present: Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Steve Preston, Jim Feldman, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, and Bob McGeever.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Hottmann

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Down, second by Dingman to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Paymaster Reports:**

Paymaster reports for January were reviewed and placed on file.

**Committee Reports:**

Committee reports were reviewed.

We have a team for the Clinics Chair: Mike Vivion, Bill Clancy, and Ken Hojnacki

We are still looking for new Chair for Layout Tours.

**Old Business:**

Red Book

Motion by Dingman, second by Down to strike "once in a lifetime" form Madison Mac Award. Also, add Modeler of the Year history to the new Redbook

New Meeting location

Once we get past the train show this project will have to kick into high gear.

**New Business:**

None.

Motion by Down, second by Dingman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by acting Clerk McGeever.

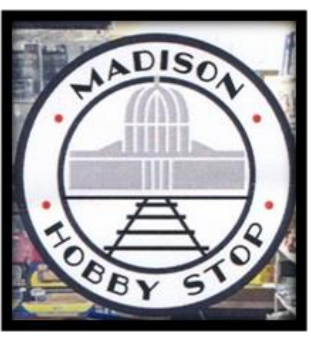
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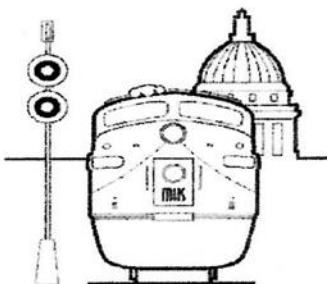
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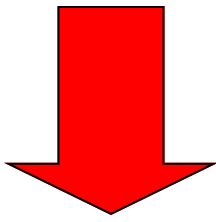
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\* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

**2020 Meeting Time Table**

**Regular Meeting**

March 1, 2020  
April 5, 2020  
May 3, 2020

**BOD**

March 9, 2020  
April 13, 2020  
May 11, 2020  
June 8, 2020

**Youth Group**

March 15, 2020  
April 19, 2020  
May 17, 2020

**Train Show**

March 4, 2020