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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

As I write this, Trainfest has just concluded. I usually go to it with a shopping list to support the next few months planned activity on the layout. Scenery supplies are always high on the list. My first stop is the Scenic Express booth to pick up some more Super Sage and Super Trees. They come in big boxes so I like to buy them first and stash them in the trunk of my car early in the day. Things were different this year. What I will need in the next few months are things like furring strips, seven inch by eight foot strips of Masonite, spools of color coded 18, 16 and 14 gauge stranded wire, and 4x8 sheets of extruded polystyrene insulation. Since Home Depot doesn't participate in Trainfest, it was unlikely I would find much of this at the show. Or fit much of it into a Honda Civic to haul it back to Madison. I really like lumber yards that deliver.

One of the activities at Trainfest I have not participated in very often is the clinics. There are four conference rooms above the front lobby that they use for clinics. The first clinic start at 10 am, the last one at 4 pm. This year I had the time to check them out. One of our own, Larry Bunce put on a clinic covering the Milwaukee Road dining service.

There was a clinic on making trees for the northern forest. I just had to go to that. The clinician demonstrated the art of making bottle brush pine trees. I am going to have to try to make them the way he did. They looked great.

I went to the clinic that covered the basics of using the Micro-Mark laser cutter. A laser cutter is a lot more complicated than a Cricut machine and a lot more

Next SCWD Meet:

December 4th 2016 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple
575 Zor Shrine Place
Madison WI



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Next BOD Meeting:

December 12th 2016 7:00 pm
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

December 18th 2016 1:00 pm
Olbrich Gardens

capable. One nice thing, you don't have to create 3D drawings to use it.

I also attended a clinic given by Joe Fugate of Model Railroad Hobbyist on acrylic painting in a post-Floquil world. MRH has put together a book on the topic. It is available free to subscribers as an e-book or it can be ordered as a hard copy. The folks at MRH have spent a lot of time on this topic. The book will save me a lot of time in the future. MRH thinks the future of solvent based hobby paints is limited. Increasing regulations on the solvents will make the paints un-available or un-affordable. They strongly suggest that we all get used to working with acrylics.

The bottom line is that I found the clinics very helpful. The hour I spent in each of them could save me hours on future projects. Projects that won't include lumber and drywall screws. Next year, if you have a chance, check them out.

Hope to see you at the December meeting,

Bob

The Clinic Corner

Steve Lanphear and Bob Wundrock pinch-hitting for Clinics Chair Fred (Rob) Robinson

For the December meet we will have two clinics. The first is by SCWD member Steve Lanphear.

Steve will present "Railroad Snow Removal: 1800s to present." The presentation will include photos and videos detailing how snow has affected rail travel and the many ways railroads have developed over time to remove the snow and keep running.

The second clinic slot has yet to have a firm commitment as of this writing.

Remember SCWD members, when you present a clinic with handouts, you accumulate points toward your "Model Railroad Author" AP certificate. Please check out the NMRA web site for the necessary requirements or see AP chair Ken Hojnacki.

Many thanks to Dave Nelson for his excellent clinic on weathering at the November meet.



Steve and Bob

Capitol 400

Midwest Region Convention 2018

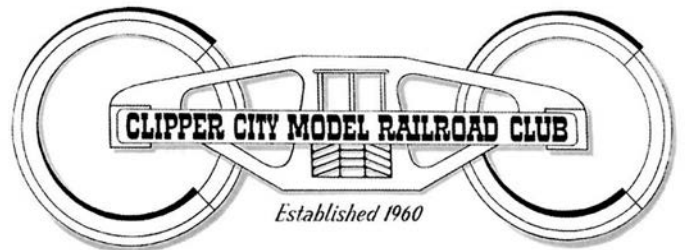
Ken Hojnacki
Convention Chair

All aboard for the Capitol 400! Mark your calendar for April 13-15, 2018 for the Midwest Region Convention to be held in Madison at the Radisson Hotel just off the Beltline. A full lineup of activities is now being organized. These will include operating sessions on some local railroads you may not have operated on before. The SCWD tradition of fine clinics will continue with some exciting topics and presenters. And we are looking for layouts willing to be open for on-your-own layout tours on Sunday morning and afternoon.

If you are willing to be open for the layout tours, let Phil Hottmann know. This is a great motivator to get your layout in shape and maybe finish a few projects you have been putting off. We would also like to get some photos of area layouts for convention advertising, which will start at the Rockford convention in April of 2017. Sean Lamb has volunteered his services to take photos and he would need to accomplish this no later than January, so let Phil know as soon as possible if your layout can be photographed.

More details will be available as plans are firmed up and we will need volunteers to help out with various duties during the convention.

Ken



Clipper City Model RR Club

Holiday Open House
Manitowoc County Expo Grounds
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Exhibits include the following gauges:
N, HO, S, O, & G and a Museum Room
Tuesday, December 27 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday, December 28 3 p.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday, December 29 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come Join Us!!!



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

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

“Winter’s Coming.” That is the motto of the Stark Clan on “Game of Thrones”. It’s a fitting slogan for all of us in Wisconsin and the upper Midwest. Railroads in the Upper Peninsula often face annual snowfall totals of 300 to 500 inches! Snow and ice can bring operational problems for railroads. Snow can foul switches, obscure signals or bring a 500,000 pound locomotive to a stop.

The theme for the December contest is “Snow” and how railroads deal with it. The categories are:

- A. Men with Shovels/Other
- B. Locomotive Mounted Plows
- C. Plows and Flangers
- D. Rotary Plows



Here are the November Contest Results
Dioramas Scenes

Model Contest

Cat. A Track, Switches, Etc.

- 1st Al Potts: FEC
- 2nd Don Swinton: EZ Water Diorama

Cat. C R.R. Structures

- 1st Pete Olson: G-Scale Station Platform Scene

Cat. D. Non-Railroad Structures

- 1st Phil Hottmann: Pool Hall
- 2nd Jason Martin: Roadside Attraction



Popular Vote Winner and
Cat D 1st Place:
Pool Hall by Phil Hottmann



Cat A 1st Place:
FEC by Al Potts



Cat C 1st Place
G-Scale Station Platform
by Pete Olson

Photo Contest

Prototype

Cat. PA Track, Switches, Etc.

- 1st Ryan Lamb: Track Work on the U.P.
- 2nd Art Jennrich: Tracks
- 3rd Sean Lamb: Switch Lamp in Snow, North Freedom

Cat. PB Bridges, Culverts, Tunnels

- 1st Art Jennrich: Lift Bridge
- 2nd Art Jennrich: Swing Bridge

Cat. PC R.R. Structures

- 1st Sean Lamb: I.C. in Madison
- 2nd Sean Lamb: Elburn Metra

Model

Cat. MA Track, Switches, Etc.

- 1st Ryan Lamb: D&RGW Turntable

Cat. MB Bridges, Culverts, Tunnels

- 1st Sean Lamb: Milwaukee Road Rondout

Cat. MC R.R. Structures

- 1st Sean Lamb: Junction City Station
- 2nd Sean Lamb: Little Amerricka Roundhouse
- 3rd Ryan Lamb: Brookston Station

Dave and Steve

Modeling Project participation stands at 33 youth and adults

Ewing Row
Modeling Project Chair

This year’s modeling project, building a flat car from a kit, has 33 adult and youth participants. For the past nine years average total participation has been 32; so we have another average year. The bright spot is the Youth Group with 13 members reserving kits, the same number as the previous year and considerably higher than the previous eight years.

Usually about half the adults complete their projects and bring them to the April SCWD meet. Ten of 13 youth modelers last year displayed their finished efforts at the meet, an extremely high percentage of fulfillments.

Of interest to me is the cost of the kits. Thus far, and I anticipate no further spending on the project, I have spent \$221.49 on materials for the kits. When you divide that cost, what looks like a large total, by the number of kits, 33, cost per kit comes in at \$6.71, a reasonable figure and less than last year’s number.

However, I’ve had some help, free help. Ken Riegle supplied the bulk of the weight, lead sheeting, that youth modelers will use to add ounces to their projects. In addition, he supplied Kadee coupler pockets and brake

wheels. Also, my parts box is a little less full than it was at the beginning of the kit building. If I had to charge minimum wage for the amount of time I put in gathering materials and putting kits together, SCWD couldn't afford the project. However it is a labor of enjoyment.

Thanks to all who signed up. See you April 2017 if not before.

Ewing



Midwest Region News



Trainfest 2016 is now history. A very large gathering of people on both days of the show came out to take in the wonderful world of model railroading. I personally was set up with Madison HoTrak modular group in the main hall. Other Madison area groups there were Cap City N'engineers, Sandhouse Crew and WGRS. Almost everything you can think of in this hobby could be found within the area of State Fair Park. Thanks to all of you from the SCWD who stopped by just to say hi and chat with us for a while. Also a big thanks to the Wise division and the Trainfest Staff for a job well done.

I did have the honor of chatting for a while with NMRA Vice President Clark Kooning MMR. I first met Clark at the NMRA convention in Toronto Canada when I attended one of his clinics. Clark usually comes each year to Trainfest with a group from Toronto that put on some great clinics. This year he was spending more time just enjoying the show. I handed him some Mad City show fliers and invited him to our show in February.

The end of 2016 will be here soon and all of the holiday events will be starting up. Check out the events in your area that involve trains. Helping to support these events helps to keep the hobby alive.



The next MWR Convention will be in Rockford IL on April 28, 29 & 30, 2017. The convention is named "**Golden Rails**" and is the celebration of the Rock River Valley Division's 50th anniversary. The convention hotel is the Holiday Inn at Rockford IL.

Come on down and help them celebrate their anniversary and our hobby.

Go to their web site; www.rrvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com/ for all the information you would need to get signed up.

Have a Happy and Safe Happy Holiday season!

See You by the Rails

Paul Mangon

President

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

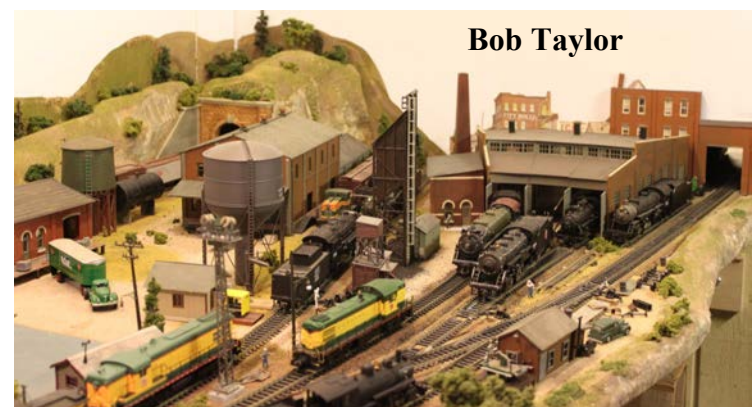
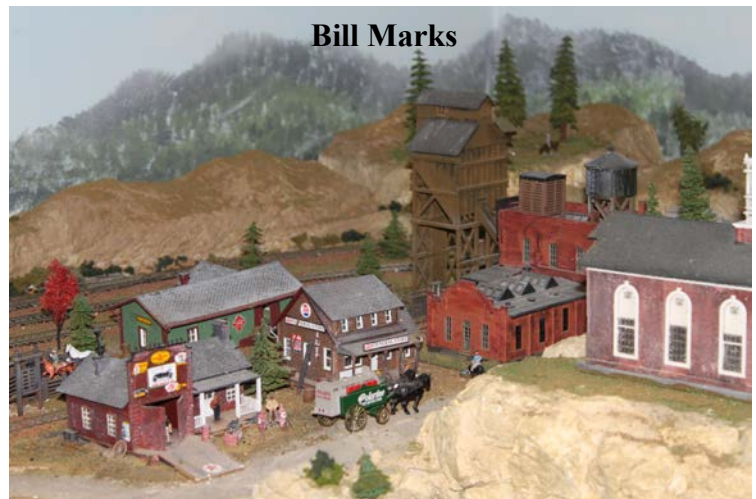
We had planned to show some of our favorite YouTube videos after the November meeting.

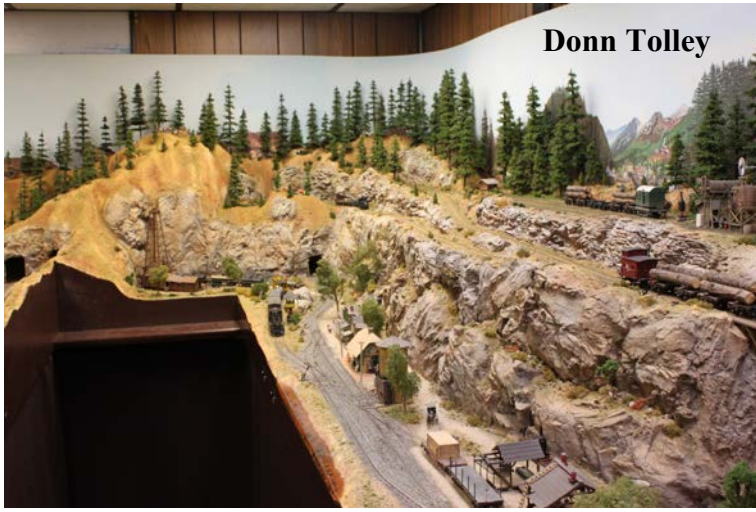
The meeting went long due to the two clinic sessions and with the Packer game on there was little interest so will do this another time.

For December Bill Ehlert will be open and I'm still hoping to get a second layout.

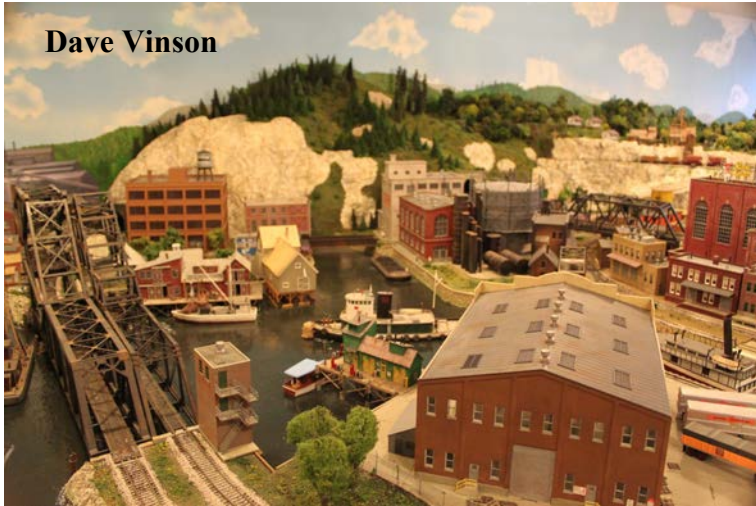
Since we didn't have any layout tours last month, here are some photos of past tours courtesy of Steve Lanphear.

Phil

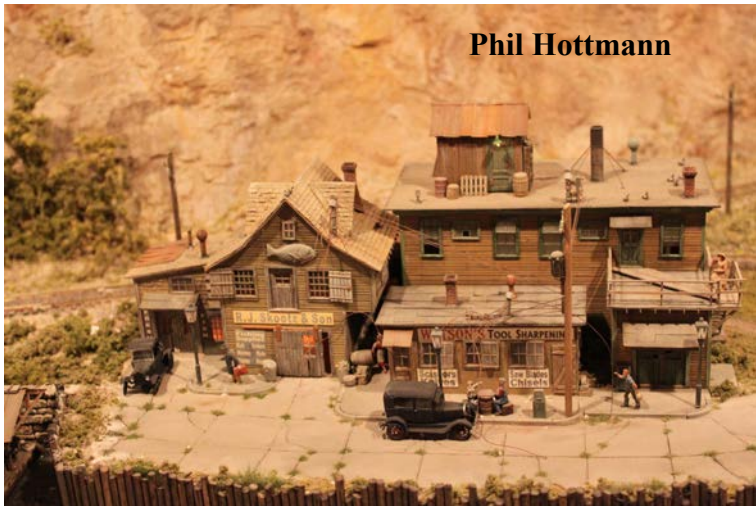




Donn Tolley



Dave Vinson



Phil Hottmann

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Youth Group

Steve Brist

SCWD member Ewing Row, along with Chris Roeben, led the Youth Group in assembling their Model Contest Flatcars at the November Youth Group meeting. Ewing first distributed the kits to Youth Group members and gave an overview of the assembly process. Chris helped mark the points where the bolsters and other parts would be attached to the car. Ewing guided the process of attaching the weight, the car deck and the couplers. Some members got so far in the process that they mounted trucks on the flatcar and tested their cars. Others got distracted by the model railroad layout operations and didn't get quite as far.



When the flatcars are completed, they may be entered into the SCWD Model Contest in April and be eligible for prizes. Plus those who complete the car and bring it back receive a refund on their deposit. We were happy that nearly everyone present signed up for the contest and just about everyone made progress on their flatcar. We want to thank Ewing Row for all the time he put into this project. He found or made all the parts for our kits, and attended two of our meetings to help Youth Group members participate and assemble their flatcars. Special thanks also to Chris Roeben for rearranging his work schedule to help on this project.



Paul Balfe was present again with his toolbox and helped trouble shoot engines. We again thank him for his efforts. We enjoy having him at our meetings. We ended the meeting with operating sessions on our HO and N scale layouts.



Next month in December, we will take our annual field trip to Olbrich Gardens to see the Holiday G scale train exhibit. We expect to meet at Olbrich, 3330 Atwood Avenue, at 1 PM on Sunday, December 18th. The Club will pay admission charges.

Best wishes to everyone for Happy Railroading in 2017!

Steve



SCWD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 10, 2016



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2015-2016 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 2016 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Bill Clancy, Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki and David Lendved.**

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the September 2016 were approved

Paymaster Report: Phil B. was unable to make the meeting and no paymaster report was made.

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Ken has a list of volunteer certificates in process. It was suggested that we promote the Association Volunteer Award through handouts at the meetings.

Clinics: There will be an upcoming 2 part weathering clinic.

Contests: David Lendved would like the leadership to

do more to promote contest participation during meetings. He would also like the division to create an improved display for the photos. (No action has been taken to date.)

Modeling Project for 2016-2017: Construction of a Flat Car. Approximately 16 members have signed up for the project as of the date of this BOD meeting. Members will again be encouraged to sign up at the October meeting.

Make and Take Activity: Ken presented the subject for this year's Make and Take activity. This year's project will be making loads of poles for railcars at the September meeting. These poles will work well with the modeling project flat car. The 'Make and Take' activity has 16 HO and 5 N Scale participants.

Door prizes: It was determined that there are enough on hand for next two meetings.

Layout tours: There are no layout tours scheduled for the November meeting. There was a discussion of possibly streaming a Utube video. Possible videos included the Oregon Railroad, The Pasadena Railroad, or a video from the Model Railroad Academy (Allen Keller Videos).

Rail show: The November meeting will be online due to the Presidential election and related scheduling conflicts.

- The SCWD Membership booth is being updated and refreshed by Bill Marks with assistance from Jerry Lawler. The track will be repaired and new lights added. Bill and Jerry did not have the rolling stock for the booth and Bob McGeever will locate them and make them available to Bill and Jerry.
- There has been a request for long sleeve shirts for the volunteers at the show. Paul is researching this and will report to the board
- More structure is being added to the layout judging at the show. Ken and Bill Clancy will be co-Chairs of the layout judging at the show.
- Bob Boelter has secured 2 Round Trip tickets on Amtrak for a prize giveaway at the show. There was a discussion of limitations and parameters of this type of donation/giveaway to ensure that we comply with State law.

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It's time to thank those that make the SCWD run!

Board of Directors

Dave Lendved, Phil Hottmann, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy, Phil Berry, Mike Vivion, Bob McGeever and Jerry Lawler



and those that make it fun!!!



Our Rail School Clinicians



Our Train Show Committee



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Our Youth Group Committee

Thank you from the SCWD Members

Apologies to those that serve on a committee but weren't included in the photos!

Rock River Valley Division - NMRA



HOLIDAY INN ROCKFORD, IL
APRIL 28, 29 & 30, 2017



Home Timetable Registration/Fares Map
Clinics Contest Operating Non-Rail Activities

The members of the Rock River Valley Division would like to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Division with you. We are hosting the 2017 Midwest Region Convention with layout tours featuring many great railroads in our Division, operating sessions on some fine layouts, numerous clinics - some yet to be confirmed - which will include some well-known clinicians, a silent auction (bring items to sell), a photo and model contest, a few great non-rail activities showcasing the Rockford area and a not-to-be missed banquet program by Randy Garnhart and Jerry Pyfer.

www.rrvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com



*From the
Bad Order
Staff*



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Exhibition Hall
Madison, WI

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9:00am - 5:00pm



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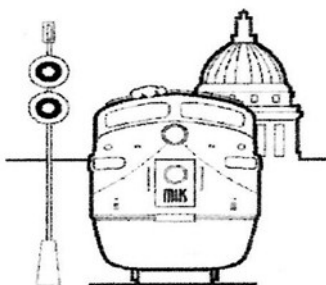
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Web Site: Tom Morrison has full control now as administrator. Tom reached out to Jerry Lawler who has volunteered to help Tom with the web site. Jerry now has administrative rights to both the current web site as well as the new Go Daddy site and has begun a content review.

Youth Group: It was agreed that the out of date layout be torn down and disposed of.

Old Business

1. Mike suggested an award be considered for SCWD member(s) who have demonstrated consistent volunteer effort to the Annual Rail Show over several years. Nominee(s) to be chosen by the Rail Show Chairperson/ Rail Show Volunteer Coordinator/and/or SCWD Superintendent. Decision to proceed with this award was deferred to the next Board meeting for further evaluation.

2. Wes Peat's Speeder: John is storing it safely at his house until a decision can be made as to appropriate disposal. Bob has asked SCWD members who are also active at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum whether MCR would be able to display and perhaps run the "Speeder" there. Questions of estate and ownership would have to be answered first before SCWD could accept or transfer ownership. Bob will follow up with Paul Mangan who

will discuss issues with Margaret. John thanked SCWD member Chuck Jordon,

New Business

Membership Booth: SCWD may be hosting the 2018 Regional Convention. Rockford will be host in 2017. Divisions throughout the region routinely rotate hosting this event. Preliminary discussions were begun at the meeting.

Adjournment: Jerry moved and Ken seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

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* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

2016 - 2017 Meeting Time Table			
Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group	Train Show Committee
Dec 4 th 2016	Dec 12 th 2016	Dec 18 th 2016 Olbrich	Dec 7 th 2016
Jan 8 th 2017 Rail School	Jan 9 th 2017	Jan 8 th 2017 Rail School	Jan 4 th 2017
Feb 5 th 2017	Feb 13 th 2017	Train Show	Feb 1 st 2017