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Super's Report

Hi all! Summer is here, vacations, family outings and railfanning are upon us. Speaking thereof, join us for the annual SCWD Picnic at Little Amerricka on July 15th! The signup sheet can be found in this newsletter if you haven't already signed up. It promises to be a good time, with good food, fellowship, and if you wish to ride any of the amusements, they open the park at noon. Our lunch is being served at 1:00. The park is celebrating Whiskey River Railway Day, where they will be using all the engines they have, including all 4 steam engines through the course of the day. If you would like to see them steam up and bring these beauties out of the roundhouse, they have agreed to allow us to watch the operation beginning at 10 am in the morning in their roundhouse area behind the park.

Next SCWD Meet

September 10, 2023 at 1 PM

Next Youth Group

Verona Senior Center, Verona

September 9, 2023 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:

August 15, 2023 at 7 PM

ZOOM Meeting



Vacations and railfanning go together nicely, whether planned or accidental. I attended the MWR BOD meeting in Peoria, IL and stayed overnight so I could chase the old NKP line from there to Bloomington, now owned by Norfolk Southern. Interesting drive on the back roads, things you don't see from the interstate highway. The annual family fishing trip at the end of May always provides a view of the fracking sand operation and miles of covered hoppers on their siding, and what appears to be a small collection of old engines and other cars, some belonging to the Wisconsin and Southern, a bit further north, right along US 54 north of Eau Claire. It's just not convenient to stop and take pictures. Sometimes even business trips afford an opportunity, if fleeting. I managed to catch a Cal Train commuter set fly by on film when visiting a customer in San Carlos, CA in early June.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic on July 15th, and at our first meeting when the season starts again on September 10th.

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

We wrapped up the season with a trip to Rockford for a dual meet. Interesting enough, they had a beautiful club layout at the meeting site. The meeting site was the Paulson Agricultural Museum which had many wonderful displays. The layout featured the K-D Line which depicted Rockford and the surrounding area. One of the structures had twelve different lighting effects created by an Arduino. The other two layouts were designed for operations. Both Gene Wheeler's C&NW Sterling Subdivision and Harold Hereen's TP&W were quite large with diverse operations. If you have interest in operations, these were wonderful to see.

I'm putting together the lineup for the 2023/2024 season. I have a few layouts on my list but will need plenty more. So, if you're thinking about having your layout open, please let me know.

I appreciated all of you that had your layout open this past season. It adds so much to our meetings. I want to make sure we continue this for next season.



Phil

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

In the last column I asked you to “think about what it is you like most and how we can use our contests to share those things with the other members of the division.”

If the response I got is any indication, most of you are not really interested in railroads at all, OR, you are so busy with your models you didn't have time to send me any ideas. I'm guessing you all are very busy. Me, too.

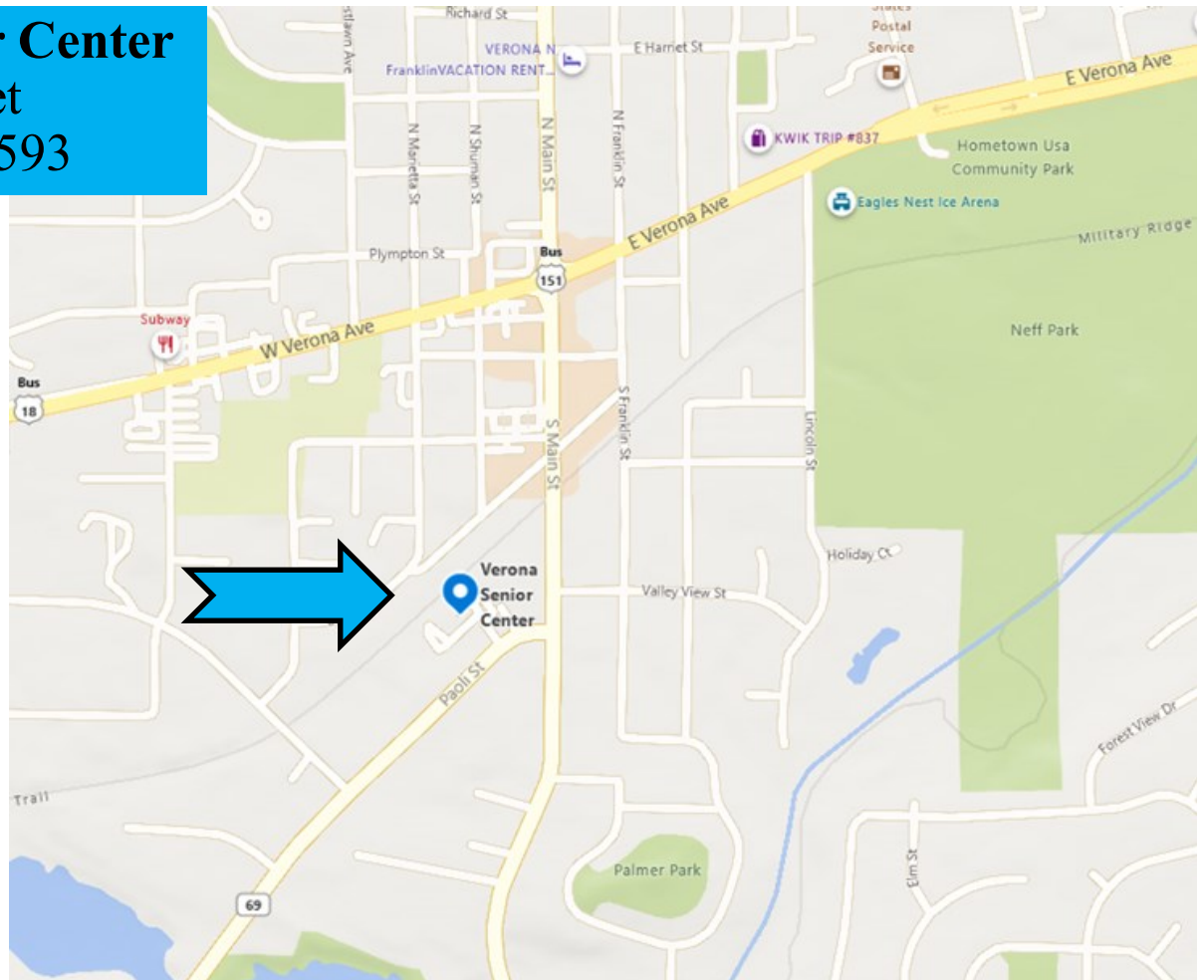
In preparation for the 2023-24 contests, here is a list of the contest themes. Hopefully this will give you time to get your entries lined up so we can have another interesting season of contests. Until then, happy modeling and happy traveling.

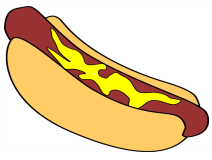
2023-2024 Contest Themes

SEP	Bridges and Culverts
OCT	Stations and Terminals
NOV	Trackside Industries
DEC	Moving Forest Products
JAN	No contest (Rail School)
FEB	Electric / Traction
MAR	Retired / Repurposed
APR	No contest (model project)
MAY	Cabooses

Dave

Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli Street
Verona, WI 53593





SCWD 2023 Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 15, 2023



For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Amerricka Park in Marshall on their “Whiskey River Railway Day”. The SCWD Board has agreed to do so again this summer on Saturday, July 15th. Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and catering is being arranged. The park opens at noon and closes at 5 pm. Lunch will be served starting at 1:00 pm. As was done in 2019 and 2022, the Board has decided to defray part of the catering cost by charging a \$5.00 fee 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. SCWD members and their families, Youth Club members and their families and other invited guests approved by the Board can attend the picnic. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, **you will have to sign up and pay by Saturday, July 1, 2023.**

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking directly at the Blue Rose Pavilion can be reached off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 just east of the Park’s regular entrance.

SCWD 2022 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

SCWD Member and Family Attendee(s) names:

Cost(each):

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please print and fill out the form and send with payment (cash or checks - payable to the SCWD) by 7/1 to:

**John Haverberg
4797 Delmara Rd.
Middleton, WI 53562**

**Any questions, contact me at E-mail address:
haverdj@tds.net, Phone: 608-836-7963**



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@mhtc.net 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.

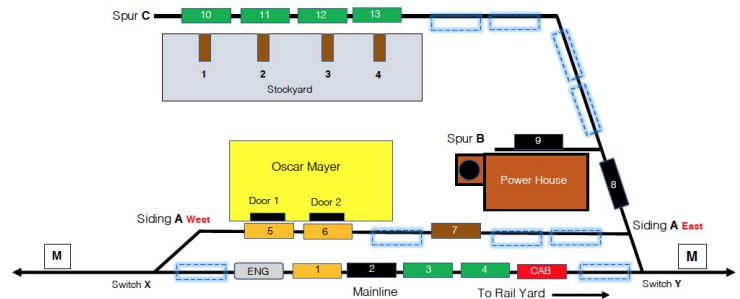
The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

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Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net



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.



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SIG ACTIVITIES

LAYOUT TOURS

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CONTEST AND DISPLAY

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RAIL TOURS

- Texo Grain Mill
- Private Railcars
- TexRail Back Shop
- Texas State Railroad
- Trinity Rail Car Plant
- BNSF Intermodal Yard
- Six Flags Railroad Shop
- Grapevine Vintage Railroad
- McKinney Ave Trolley Shops
- Trinity Tank Car Cleaning Plant
- BNSF National Operations Center
- Museum of the American Railroad
- BNSF Private Western Art Collection
- T&P, Santa Fe, & Dallas Union Stations
- Fort Worth & Western Railroad Back Shop
- Union Pacific Dallas International Terminal
- Light Rail & Commuter Shops (DART & TRE)

GENERAL INTEREST

- George W Bush Library
- Fort Worth Stockyards
- Grapevine Wine Tour
- Sixth Floor Museum
- Fort Worth Modern
- Holocost Museum
- Kimbell Museum
- Globe Life Park
- AT&T Stadium
- Dealey Plaza

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Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, 9 May 2023 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Phil Hottmann, John Kosobucki, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, Bob McGeever, and Bill Mitchell were present. Dave Down was unable to attend. (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 Art Dawson 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 Hottmann, second by Dingman, to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on April 10, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

Annual Minutes

Motion by Hottmann, second by Dingman, to approve the minutes of the SCWD Annual Membership meeting held on April 2, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever had presented the highlights of the Paymaster Report at the April 2nd membership meeting. He is still waiting for an invoice for the final payment for the use of the Dane County Alliant Exposition Center. Motion by Dingman, second by Preston, to approve the April Paymaster Report as written. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles are due for the June newsletter by May 13th.

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 finished for the 2022 - 2023 season. Members, please think about a clinic you would enjoy presenting.

Contests - Model and Photography - Contests are finished for the 2022 - 2023 season. Dave Down is looking for ideas for the contests for the 2023-2024 year.

Modeling Project - Nothing to report. Ideas for the 2023 - 2024 season are needed.

Door Prizes - Gift Certificates from the HOBBY STOP are working very well. Gift Certificates will continue for the 2023 - 2024 season.

Layout Tours - A new Layout Tour Coordinator is needed. Phil Hottmann is in the process of lining up tours. More members are encouraged to open up their layouts for 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 - Renewal Membership Letters are being sent out. There are still a few members that are late in their renewal. The National Model Railroad Association is in the process of setting up a new Membership Database. When the new system is implemented, the local divisions will be responsible for pulling the membership reports. More information will be coming from the NMRA when the system goes "LIVE".

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 - Saturday, July 1, is the due date to sign up for the SCWD July Summer Picnic scheduled for July 15, 2023, at **Little Americka Park** in Marshall on their "**Whiskey River Railway Day**". SCWD Youth Group members will pay \$5.00 to attend.

2023 Summer Picnic: Adults, Youth Group Members, Children Age 6 years old and above \$5.00
Children 5 years old and under FREE

Publicity - Nothing to report.

Rail School - January 7, 2024 - The new Rail School Coordinator still needs to be found. Dr. Clancy is willing to provide information.

Rail Show - Bob McGeever will be working on contracts for the Alliant Energy Center for the February 2024 and February 2025 season. Vendor invitations will be sent out when the 2024 contract is signed. Bob is also looking for a Vendor Manager to assist the vendors at the shows. The floor plan for 2023 will be used for 2024 with some minor modifications.

Website - The website looks good.

Old Business:

Youth Group - Steve Preston - The SCWD Youth Group meetings at the Verona Senior Center are working very well. Steve is coordinating a tour of the Little Amerricka shops and "Steam Up" of the locomotives at 10:00 am on the day of the July 15 SCWD Picnic. A field trip to the Union Railroad Museum at Union, Illinois, on the "Diesel Days" held on the weekend of August 11 - 13 is being investigated. The budget for the museum event will be discussed during a future SCWD Board 2023 - 2024 budget meeting.

Youth Group Notes - Youth 18 years of age and under are welcome to join the SCWD Youth Group. A parent or designated adult is required to attend with the youth. The Youth Group Committee is looking for more members. Also, SCWD members are needed to present model railroading topics.

Spring Banquet - The banquet held on Friday, May 5th, at the Verona American Legion Hall, was well attended. The menu was good.

Friday, May 3rd, 2024, is the date for the 2024 Spring Banquet to be held at the Verona American Legion Hall.

Open Position on the Board of Directors - The election of a new Superintendent has created an **OPEN POSITION** on the SCWD Board of Directors. Possible members need to be asked to serve. The Board of Directors will appoint the person for the open position.

New Business:

A contract with the Verona Senior Center for our 2023 - 2024 Membership and Youth Group meetings needs to be confirmed.

A motion was made by Hottmann, second by Preston, to hold the SCWD Board of Directors meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Tuesday meetings fit into the existing BOD members weekly schedules. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kosobucki, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

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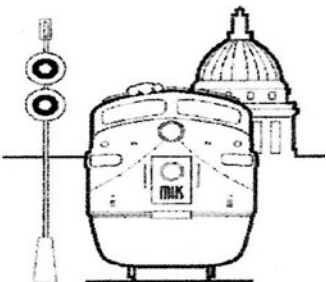
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SCWD 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group
	August 15, 2023	
September 10, 2023	September 12, 2023	September 9, 2023
October 1, 2023	October 10, 2023	October 14, 2023
November 5, 2023	November 14, 2023	November 11, 2023
December 3, 2023	December 12, 2023	December 9, 2023

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