

Happy Holidays!

<p>Next SCWD Meet Verona Senior Center, Verona December 1, 2024 at 1 PM</p> <p>Next BOD Meeting: December 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting</p> <p>Next Youth Group Verona Senior Center, Verona December 14, 2024 1 PM</p>	
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Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

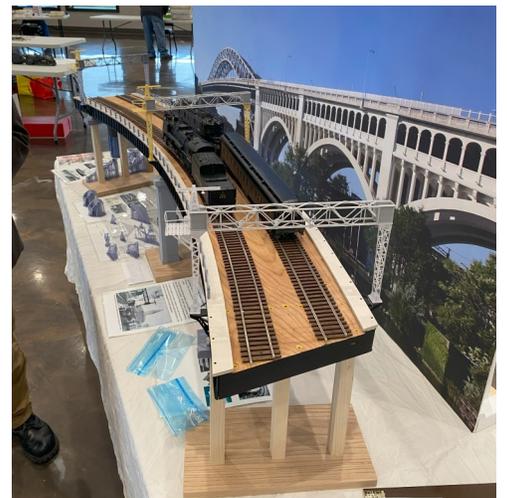
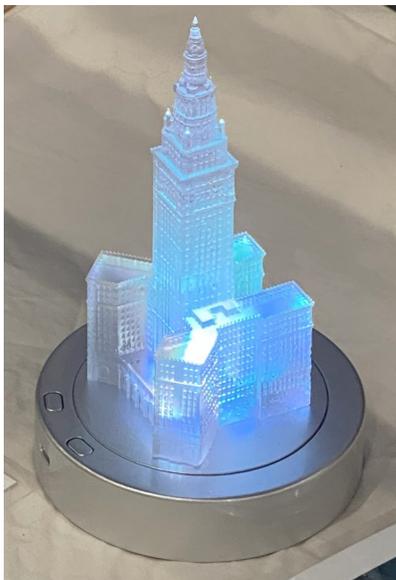
I spent several days in Angola, Indiana in late October attending a convention as mentioned in the last Bad Order. Conventions are fun to attend, and provide opportunities to spend time with friends, make new ones, and participate in excursions, clinics, banquets, and other activities depending on what the organizers make available. I encourage you to attend one if the opportunity arises. Below are some of the photos of the event.

We have a Rail School Chairman! Sean Hadfield has volunteered to take this on for us, so please help him if asked.

As mentioned at the last meet, I will be spending time out of state for a couple of months assisting my parents. I will be back in time for the Railshow in February, and look forward to seeing you then.

See you on December 1st at the next monthly meet!

Art Dawson
SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!



Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

Thanks to Mark Vaughan and George Bogatiuk for their clinics on LCL operations and Soundtraxx at our November meet.

In December I've reached out to Texas and Washington state for clinicians.

Our first clinician will be Burr Stewart from Seattle presenting "Why Model the Prototype?" He'll cover how he copied so many types of ideas from the prototype BN to design and run his layout. Check out his many videos on YouTube.

Our second clinic will be presented by Steve Sandifer from the Houston area. His clinic is "18 Years on the Howard Branch" It describes his prototype railroad (Emporia, KS, and the Howard Branch of the ATSF). He'll describe how he researched the area for photos, track plans and buildings and will show some structures he modeled.

See you virtually.
Bob



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Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Unfortunately, things did not work to have any tours for the November meeting.

We will have a tour for December. Don Mayo will be opening his layout for the first time. This is a new layout which is quite small, but he will show you what you can do as you scale down and move into a retirement center. Don will be able to do operations, but on a smaller scale from his previous layout.

If you are building a layout we would certainly like to get an opportunity to see your layout in the future. I would like to hear from you.

Phil

Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair



At the November Youth Group meeting, Phil Hottmann and Karl Hauth set up a rail yard to show the kids how to drop one car off at a location, then pick up another at a different one. As you can see, we had quite a good size spread. We let them use their cell phones to control engines using an app Phil had found. We had some difficulty with power though, seems we had hot and cold spots at different parts of the track. Karl made up some work sheets and laid out buildings representing different businesses with track going to each location. There the group had to pick up a car and drop it off and to keep going until the order was filled. Next time though, we should have the hot and cold spots for power tweaked enough to combat the messing around trying to get the locos running smoothly. But overall we had fun.

Thanks to Phil Hottmann, Karl Hauth and Chris Bradley for all your help.

Steve Preston
Youth Group Chair and
Membership Chair

Modeling Project

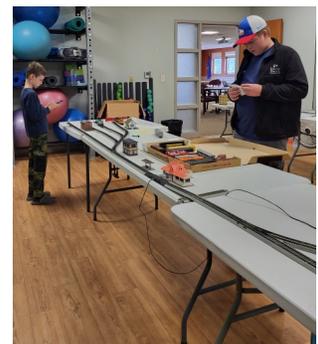
Mike Vivion

We currently have 13 people signed up for this year's modeling project. One more person has requested to sign up at the December meeting, so I will be bringing the kits for the project in for one last time. If you still want to participate in this year's project, this will be your last chance to sign up and get a kit.

For those who have signed up, I remind you that your mini-diorama has a six limit of two square feet, you are free to present the passenger car in any manner of your choosing (e.g., abandoned, a retail business, an eatery, etc.). Also, you are not required to have any track on your diorama, but you are free to use any other details (people, vehicles, scenery) as you prefer to complete your diorama.

Looking forward to seeing all your completed projects for popular vote at our April, 2025, meeting. The top three vote getters will receive gift certificates to the Madison Hobby. Get working on your projects!

Mike Vivion
Modeling Project Chair



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

The holidays are upon us. Halloween has come and gone, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas is on the horizon. However you celebrate, I hope you have the best of these special days with family, friends and your model railroad. The December contest at our next meeting is one we had about five years ago. We are doing a contest called Photo Match. This will only be a contest for models; there will be no photo contest in December.

This contest will be only of models which have been made to match a photograph. It doesn't matter where you obtain the picture since the photo is not the focus of the contest, but you will need to bring the picture as part of your entry.

Photo Match

- A. Power - Any kind of engine
- B. Passenger - Any car carrying or serving passengers
- C. Freight - Any freight revenue car
- D. Structure - Any structure

A reminder, there will be no contest in January because of the Rail School.

November 3 Popular Vote Contest Results — Souvenir Cars

Models

- Cat. A Tourist Train
 - 1st Bob Stone: Durango and Silverton Coach
 - 2nd Don Swinton: Cass RR box car
- Cat. B Convention Car
 - 1st Don Swinton: NMRA 50th Anniversary Coach
 - 2nd Don Swinton: Lake Junction Convention hopper
- Cat. C Historical Society or Model RR Club
 - 1st Don Swinton: SCWD freight car
 - 2nd Sean Hadfield: Soo Historical Society freight car
 - 3rd Sean Hadfield: SCWD 2020 patch freight car
- Cat D. Museum Car
 - 1st Dave Down: Circus World Museum - Delavan passenger car
 - 2nd Don Swinton: Lincoln Funeral Car



Photos - Prototype

- Cat. PA Tourist Train
 - 1st David Down: White Pass and Yukon - entering tunnel
 - 2nd David Down: Heber Valley RR passenger coach Minerva
 - 3rd Bob Stone: Durango and Silverton RR
- Cat. PC Historical Society or Model RR Club
 - 1st David Down: New London Museum - Soo Line caboose
- Cat. PD. Museum Car
 - 1st David Down: Circus World Museum - Delavan passenger car
 - 2nd David Down: Ringling Museum (Sarasota) - private coach Wisconsin

Photos - Models

- Cat. MA Stand Alone Freight Terminal
 - 1st David Down: Water Street Freight station

Dave

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.

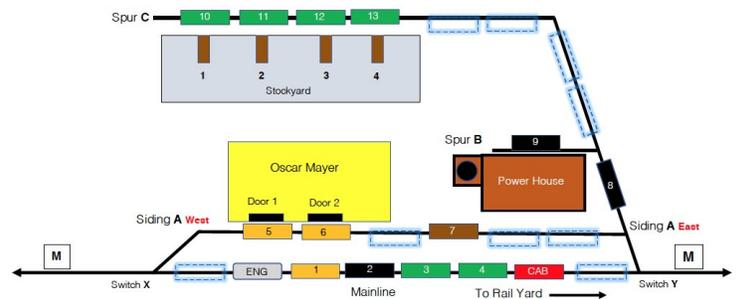
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OPS Puzzles

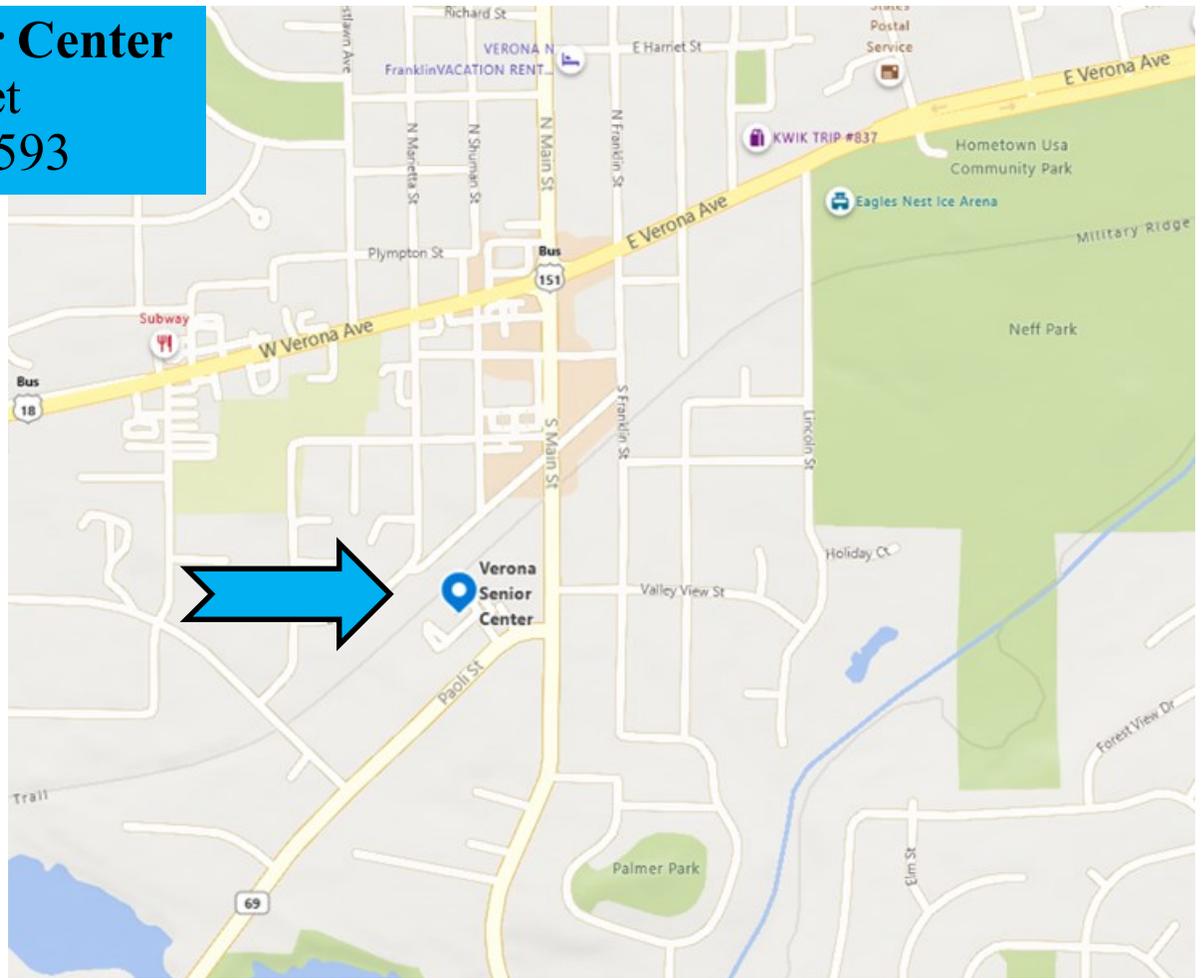


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

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**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
October 15, 2024
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:31 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Bob McGeever, David Dingman, Phil Hottman, Steve Preston and Chris Bradley were present. Bob Wundrock was also in attendance.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Bradley to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on September 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the September Paymaster Report. Motion by Bradley, second by Preston, to approve the Paymaster Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Picnic – Nothing to report.

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles have been submitted for the newsletter by October 18th.

Clinics - Bob Wundrock. The two clinics for November are by Mark Vaughan and George Bogatiuk (Sound Traxx).

Contests - Model and Photography – Nothing to report.

Modeling Project – Nothing to report.

Door Prizes – Nothing to report.

Layout Tours - Phil Hottmann is looking for layouts for November 3rd.

Membership - Steve Preston reported the membership renewals are current.

Spring Banquet - Nothing to report.

Publicity - A discussion on year-round advertising was postponed until the March Board of Directors meeting. Bob Belter has mentioned retiring from SCWD advertising.

Rail School - January 5, 2025 – Art is still requesting assistance with coordinating the Rail School for January 2025.

Rail Show - The *57th Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale* will be held on February 15 - 16, 2025. Vendor table reservations are still coming in. Multiple layouts have replied, reminders will be sent to the other layouts.

Youth Group - Steve Preston – October 12th meeting was well attended.

Website – Website hosting renewal is expected soon. Nothing else to report.

Social Media - Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Clerk resignation – Bill Mitchell has officially resigned as SCWD clerk and from the BOD effective Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

A motion was made by McGeever, seconded by Steve Preston, to accept the resignation and to appoint David Dingman as the new SCWD Clerk. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

David Dingman - SCWD Clerk



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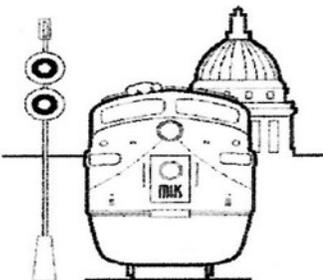
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Youth Group

December 1, 2024
January 5, 2025
February 2, 2025
March 2, 2025
April 6, 2025
May 4, 2025

December 10, 2024
January 14, 2025
February 11, 2025
March 11, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 13, 2025

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January 11, 2025
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March 8, 2025
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