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Sunday, January 5, 2020, 1–4pm
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Hosted by the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association.

Next SCWD Meet:

December 1, 2019 at 1:00 pm
 Zor Shrine Temple

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Next BOD Meeting:

December 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm
 Culver's Restaurant
 2102 W. Beltline Hwy.

Next Youth Group Meeting:

December 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Olbrich Gardens Holiday Express!

Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
 Division Superintendent

When visiting Trainfest on Saturday I was a little concerned that I didn't see a lot of younger modelers. However, on Sunday there seemed to be a much younger crowd. And when I was leaving the building on Sunday there was a very young child laying face-down on the ground crying, kicking and screaming. His mother had her phone out. I asked if he didn't want to leave the show and she said yes. I told her that I should have taken of video of that, and she said she just did. I don't know about the number of future modelers, but I'm pretty sure we can count on this one. I was probably the same way at that age.

There were some interesting new products at the show. One company is producing an LED light engine and a variety of light fixtures. This one light source could power up to 30 lighted structures or lamps using fiber optic cabling. Lighting without wiring!

Another company produced a system which identified each piece of rolling stock as it passed over a special sensor. He showed me how this created a list that was downloaded to his smart phone. This would be particularly helpful doing operations. Mike Vivian thought this could be a real benefit for the N scalers.

This year the SCWD had a table at the show selling and promoting our show. Bob McGeever even had the ability to do credit card sales for the first time. Even though we did not sell a lot of tickets, a large group of staff did an excellent job of handing out fliers and promoting the Show. I'm optimistic that this will pay off at our show. Great job Bob and everyone that worked.

Phil Hottmann
Superintendent

**THANK
YOU**

Modeling Project Contest

DPM Diorama

Dave Lendved

The Project Model contest is officially underway! All 14 adult contestants have received their HO and N scale DPM kits. In addition, a couple members asked if they could enter O scale kits. The Project Model committee, (me), decided that's fine as long as they provide their own kits. The DPM kit in O scale is called "Birdies Tavern". These models will be competing with their smaller HO and N scale brethren.



Here's an idea to jazz up your simple plastic model kit. Check out the Roomettes Interiors for DPM structure models. <https://roometteslighting.com/> Happy Modeling!

Dave



Some SCWD members hard at work ready to sell Mad City Show tickets at Trainfest
L-R Bob Wundrock, Steve Lanphear, Dave Dingman and Corky McGeever

Photo by Bob Boelter

Clinic Corner

By Bob Wundrock
Clinic Chair Emeritus

BIG BOY SPECTACULAR!

December's clinics will be about Union Pacific's Big Boys.

Our first clinic will join Ken Hojnacki on his once-in-a-lifetime trip chasing UP 4014, the Jupiter and UP 119.

Many of us saw the Union Pacific Big Boy when it traversed Wisconsin this summer. In May, Trains

Magazine sponsored a bus chase of the largest steam locomotive in the world from Cheyenne, Wyoming to Ogden, Utah to participate in the festivities accompanying the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike.

Ken just had to see its first run, so he joined the Cheyenne to Ogden chase. And since he was already there, he also attended the celebration at Promontory Summit on May 10.

The second clinic will be the historic UP film, "Last of the Giants," courtesy of Al Potts.

Thanks to Den Adler for presenting at our November Meet.



See you,
Bob



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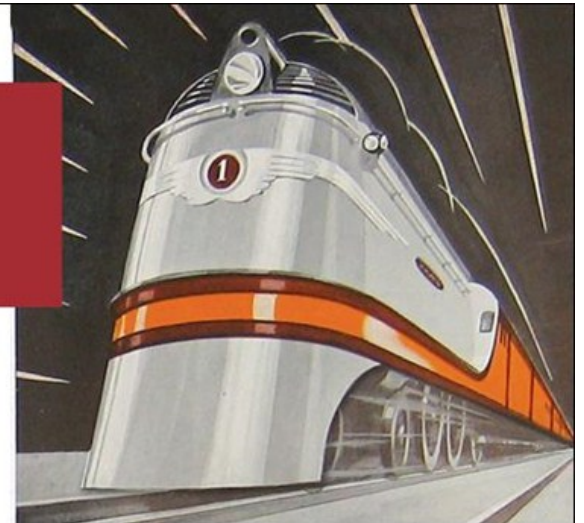
Includes two adults (regular or senior) and two kids (5-15)

Adults \$12 (16 & older), Seniors \$11 (65 & older)

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All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



One of the Midwest's best model RR events showcasing beautiful model train layouts in Z, N, HO, S, O and G scale; classic toy trains; historical exhibits & railroad videos. Kids can build a giant wooden train layout or run or ride a model train. **300+ vendor tables** of model train merchandise including tools, railroad collectibles, videos, books, clothing and artwork. Hourly door prizes for adults. Kids, age 5-15, can register to win a train set!

Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

We have two December contest themes. The model contest theme is **Photo Match**. As modelers we often find pictures of buildings, cars, engines or scenery that catch our attention and inspire us in our modeling. So, our December contest is to bring a model of something you found in a picture and decided to create in model form. The picture does not have to be taken by you. It may come from a book or magazine, or maybe from a friend. The contest will be determined by how well your model matches the picture.

The photo contest theme is **Railroad Devices**. The categories are Signals, Tools, Railroad Signs, and Other (Vehicles, Generators, Towed Equipment, etc.) Railroads have all kinds of things they use to run the railroad, so you should have an opportunity to show off some of the interesting things you have found.

January will not have a contest because of the scheduled Rail School.

A reminder that the February contest is **Non-Revenue Equipment**. The categories are Locomotives, M.O.W. Equipment, Caboose, and Other-i.e. Inspection Cars, Business Cars, Test Cars, etc.

November 11 Popular Vote Contests Results:

Cranes

Model

Cat. A Heavy Rail Mounted Crane:

1st Matt Baumgart – W&UM heavy crane



2nd Phil Hottmann – Knob Creek crane

3rd Dave Down – PRR heavy crane

Cat. B Medium/Light Duty Rail Mounted Crane:

1st Don Swinton – Blacksmith car with crane

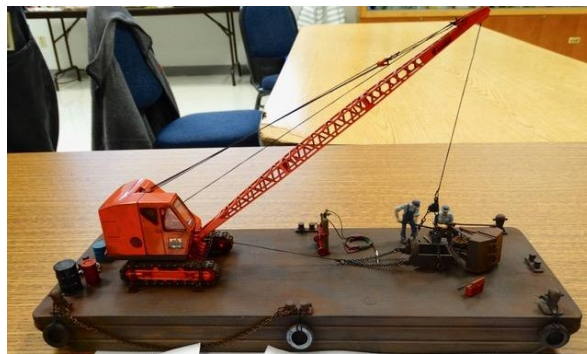


2nd Bob Stone – BN light crane

3rd Donn Tolley – Light crane

Cat C. Non Rail Mobile Crane:

1st Skip Streng – Crane on barge



2nd Jim Lane – Crane on flatcar

3rd Phil Hottmann – Small crane

Cat. D Fixed/Overhead/Industrial Crane:

1st Don Swinton – Pedestal mounted crane



Photo

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Heavy Rail Mounted Crane:

1st Mike Vivion – Heavy crane at IRM

2nd Steve Lanphear – Brownhoist at Prairie du Chien

3rd Steve Lanphear – Heavy duty crane at Duluth RR Museum

Cat. PB Medium/Light Duty Rail Mounted Crane:

1st Dave Down – MobilGrain light rail crane

2nd Mike Vivion – Crane at Heart of Dixie RR Museum

3rd Steve Lanphear – Log loader at Duluth RR Museum

Cat. PD Fixed/Overhead/Industrial Crane:

1st Dave Down – Vancouver container cranes

2nd Steve Lanphear – Galesburg diesel maintenance crane

Model Photo

Cat MA Heavy Rail Mounted Crane:

1st Mike Vivion – Crane on Tom Miller fine-scale layout

2nd Steve Lanphear – Heavy duty crane at train wreck

3rd Bob Stone – GN 250 ton crane

Cat MB Medium/Light Duty Rail Mounted Crane:

- 1st Dave Lendved – CNW X262025 with tender
- 2nd Bob Stone – BN light duty tie crane
- 3rd Steve Lanphear – On rail loader crane

Cat MC Non Rail Mobile Crane:

- 1st Steve Lanphear – General yard work crane
- 2nd Mike Vivion – NTRAK @ 2016 NSE convention
- 3rd Steve Lanphear – Re-railer crane

Cat MD Fixed/Overhead/Industrial Crane:

- 1st Mike Vivion – Crane on Ron Betlach layout
- 2nd Bob Wundrock – St. Paul crane
- 3rd Steve Lanphear – Dock crane loading lumber

Dave and Dave

2020 SCWD SUMMER PICNIC

The SCWD Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Little Americka Park, Marshall, Wisconsin.



The SCWD Board has decided to request \$5.00 payment for all attendees 6 years old and up, again this year, to help with the catering costs. Sign-up sheets and payment methods will be made available in early 2020 at SCWD meetings and in the Bad Order. The date is the Whiskey River Railway Day at the Park when both diesel and steam engines will be used to pull the Park passenger trains.

John Haverberg, SCWD Picnic Chairperson

Wicked Memories Part 2

Rusty Schramm

One fine winter day, Gary Sanderson and I drew the assignment of working the yard. The trainmaster gave me a couple of what we called, hard cards. These are cards about 10 inches high and 3 inches wide with car numbers listed from top to bottom. These are the cars that we find in the yard and make into a train. You want to keep each station together in a block.

It was a jolly switching puzzle that went well into the early afternoon. I needed a covered hopper and I found it at the bottom of a long string of cars coupled ahead of 3 passenger cars that are used for excursions. There was a coach, a baggage car (used as a HEP power car) and at

the bottom, a diner. All of this was about 5 car lengths upgrade from the grade crossing of the street behind the Janesville roundhouse.

The engine we needed was at the end of some 20 freight cars. I went to uncoupled it from the 3 passenger cars, but the couplers were tight and I couldn't lift the pin. I needed to call for slack but looking for a piece of wood to block the passenger car wheels just in case nobody tied down a handbrake instead of just hanging them on the string of freight cars. (Passenger cars have handbrakes but they are on the inside.) The only wood I found was a rotten piece of tie which I placed and told Gary to "bunch em up". He shoved into the string and I could hear the slack running down until it got to me which eased the couplers and I pulled the pin.

You guessed it, the 3 passenger cars eased away crushing the tie and started to roll. Oh boy, now what! I had 90 tons of steel rolling downhill and I needed to stop them. No more wood in sight, I starting running to the head end and I remembered that the baggage car had an external brake wheel which I found was coupled to the coach. More so, the brake was on the other side and there was a diaphragm between the cars.

I called for help on the radio while racing for the head end of the diner. The cars were picking up speed and the crossing signals lit and started ringing. I heard Gary relay to the roundhouse as I ran with my rubber overshoes, winter gear and radio vest as fast as I could. I got to the front and swung aboard as we went through the crossing at 4-5 MPH and gaining every second. I knew there was a switch thrown against us up ahead and in two blocks the track ended. This was a mess I needed to fix real quick!

I inched my way across the car end and grabbed the door, it was locked, but as luck would have it, the key was still in the lock. I raced through the diner and could see men running towards us from the roundhouse towards the switch and another to the baggage car. I found the handbrake in the vestibule past the kitchen and began pumping furiously. Slowly the brakes took hold and we came to a stop.

With my heart pumping and my lungs on fire, I got down on the ground and Gary asked "what happened?" "They didn't set a brake, but they did lock the door!!"

He just shook his head and walked away and the yard returned to normal once again. Just another day on the wacky WICT.

Rusty Schramm, SCWD member

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Our visit to Sun Prairie in November yielded an interesting layout. Stan's layout is ambitious because he is modeling both Chicago and Milwaukee. He even included an elevated section of trackwork representing some of the downtown trains. I thought his use of steel heavy-duty industrial shelving units was an interesting and practical approach to benchwork.



Photos by Ken Hojnacki



For December we will be traveling to Verona to visit Don Mayo's and my layouts.

If you haven't seen Don's in a while, they have been steadily completing scenery. A lot of the scenery is now complete.

Then you can travel up the street to mine. As you may know I have been integrating a couple of sections from Tom Eckstein's layout. This section of the layout is about 40 feet long and is completely new construction.

I have also completed several Fine Scale Miniature kits over the last couple of years with track work added in another section.

Phil

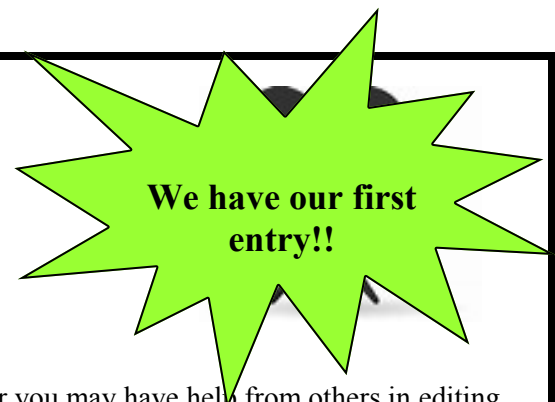
SCWD 2019-20 Video Contest Guidelines

Steve Lanphear

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.



Youth Group

Steve Brist

Bob McGeever continued his demonstration of hard shell scenery techniques at the November meeting of the SCWD Youth Group. A large group of parents and young people watched as Bob attached track to the road-bed and prepared locations where water will become part of the diorama he created. Bob will continue this project at the next regular Youth Group meeting.



We were also able to observe the operation of a G scale live steam locomotive at our meeting. Lloyd, one of our SCWD Youth Group members is active at several heritage railroad operations, including the Rock River Threshere, Mid-Continent Railway Museum and the Riverside & Great Northern Railway. He brought a Mamod live steam locomotive to our meeting, fired it up and pulled back on the throttle. The locomotive ran on rollers, without track, and was fun to watch.



Thanks to Bob and Lloyd for great demonstrations. The meeting concluded with operating sessions on our HO and N scale layouts; including operation of youth group members own locomotives.

Our November meeting will be our last at Zor Shrine until March. On December 15 we will meet up at 1 PM at Olbrich Gardens on Atwood Avenue in Madison to enjoy the annual Holiday Express G scale train display, presented by the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society.

On January 5th, at 1 PM, we will help with the annual SCWD Rail School at Zor Shrine. Members who volunteer to help will receive an HO scale “make and take” railcar kit.

On the weekend of February 15 and 16, we will be operating our layouts at the Mad City Model Train Show at the Alliant Energy Center. We also have an opportunity to participate in an “early bird” model train sale at the Company Store at the Train Show on Friday February 14. We have some great events the next 3 months, and we look forward to memorable experiences with model railroading.

Steve



AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki



At the October Youth Group meeting, I had the pleasure of surprising long-time Youth Group volunteer and chair Steve Brist with the NMRA Volunteer Achievement Award. Steve has dedicated his time to helping encourage youth to become the next generation of SCWD model railroaders, including organizing field trips and modeling projects.

Congratulations, Steve.

Ken



For 2020 I covered NMRA meeting and convention activities that are happening in the May through July time frame – the peak railfan trip time – at our November SCWD meeting. They included the May 1 SCWD/WISE/RRVD tri-meeting to be held here in Madison; the May 14-17 Midwest Regional “Peoria Rocket 2020” NMRA convention in Peoria, IL; the July 11 SCWD Picnic at Little Amerricka; and the National “Gateway 2020” July 12-18 Convention in St. Louis, MO. Both the Conventions have railfan trips as part of their offerings and both are within reasonable driving range to attend by car from Madison. Therefore, I have suggested NOT holding an SCWD sponsored railfan trip for 2020, but rather plan for a more ambitious, two night trip to the Duluth/Superior area for 2021. There is a great railroad history involving the port cities along Lake Superior that we can explore with rail trips and prototype museums/displays to visit. I received enough positive response to look into this option further.

John Haverberg,
SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator

SCWD Railfan Trip Update

John Haverberg



As a service to members, the SCWD sponsors Railfan trips to locations around the Midwest. The intent is to provide members bus travel to sites where prototype 1:1 scale railroad equipment and facilities can be viewed and pictures taken along with group discounted museum and tour fees. Attendees are expected to pick up the actual costs, but SCWD takes care of early deposits needed to hold the bus and site travel dates plus making travel arrangements like overnight accommodations. Viewing model layouts outside the local Division sometimes rounds out the trips.

Several factors go into planning railfan trips. Many facilities with outside displays are not open during late fall, winter or spring months especially if only staffed by volunteers. Enough SCWD members/guests have to agree to go to justify the cost of a bus. The bus cost remains the same whether it is all full or only half full. Sometimes museum and tour fees are discounted if enough people attend. Drop outs legitimately happen – waiting lists help but put a strain on future planning. Longer trips require over night stays and therefore added expenses for attendees. Meal locations have to be determined that can handle bus tours. And other activities the Division, Region or National NMRA has planned may influence railfan attendance.

NMRA publications from 1935-1946 needed for our collection

Maybe you didn't know that the NMRA has a complete set of model railroading publications from the very earliest days of the hobby, and a complete collection of NMRA publications from 1947 to the present.

However, our collection of publications for the period from 1935 to 1946 has a lot of holes in it. So we're looking for donations from any members who may have these issues.

The issues can be sent to NMRA Headquarters:
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37379-2000.
We'll send you an acknowledgement letter so you know we got 'em!

Thanks!



Railroad Prototype Modelers Conference

By Ken Hojnacki

In late October, Bob McGeever joined Pete Reinhold, Keith Thomsen and me for his first trip to the Railroad Prototype Modelers Conference in Lisle, IL.



This is like a regional convention but attracts folks from coast-to-coast in the US and Canada. Three days and two nights are filled with clinics on prototype operations, prototype cars and locomotives and all sorts of ideas and techniques on how to create the real railroad world in miniature.

We started on Wednesday by visiting five hobby shops in the Chicago area on our way to Lisle. Some were great, some were so-so but we all found something to add to our collections. Wednesday night, we had the pleasure of visiting Bill Darnaby's Maumee Route. (below picture). This large multideck layout has been featured many times in the hobby press and is one of the premier layouts for real prototype operation.



Bill Darnaby reluctantly consented to a photo with me



The formal programs began on Thursday with several clinics, two modular layouts—Modutrak N and HO



and many vendors hoping to fulfill our modeling desires.



There were dozens of scratchbuilt and kitbashed cars and locomotives from Nscale to O on display. We each had our favorite clinics, from Jason Klocke's excellent clinic on his Chicago Great Western layout to Tony Thompson's freight movement clinic, to weathering, to building various freight cars and specialized tools. There was no lack of interesting things to do and see while leaving plenty of time to visit the vendors. The Thursday and Friday evening sessions featured presentations by Mike Schaefer on the Illinois Terminal and a Jim Boyd retrospective by Craig Willet and a roundtable on prototype vs. proto-freelance model railroads.

The closing event was the after party at Lombard Hobbies Saturday night where we were parted with the last of our railroad dollars. As always, we had a great time and Bob can't wait to go again. We've got him hooked! If you would like to learn more about and see more photos of the conference, you can go to their website:

www.rpmconference.com



Diamond at Fairmont



Fantastic blending of real scenery with backdrop



Railfans were out in force



Actor Michael Gross, an avid modeler and RPM attendee, checks out a Metra train

Maumee yard engine on spot for its next move



Bob and Peter checking out the Nscale layout



Beautifully done coke ovens



Can you see the fence and telegraph wires?



The 2019 Holiday Express December 7th through December 31st

It is getting closer to the holiday season but the way this past fall has gone you would think that winter is here now! When the snow covered my tracks on the Cat Mountain I decided to shut it down for the winter. The weather this past summer was not the best for garden railroading. I hope that it is better next season.

December is now on the horizon and for those of us in the WGRS we look forward to the yearly event at Madison's Olbrich Gardens as they present the 2019 edition of "the Holiday Express". It is too early to give out the theme for the 2019 season as it has not been released. It is more than likely in a flower pot in a secret location to be held under wraps till opening day Dec. 7th.

For you SCWD members who have never been to this event it is open to the public daily from 10 am to 4 pm with the exceptions for Dec. 24th (2 pm closing) and (closed all day) on Dec. 25th.

Volunteers from the WGRS set up the train room and are sworn to keep the theme a secret. They also bring their own trains and run them as well. To run the trains they sign up for time slots during the season.

There are members from the SCWD who are also members of the WGRS.

On December 15th the SCWD Youth group will be making their yearly trip to the Holiday Express. Donn Tolley and I usually run the trains that day.

Admission for adults is \$6, children 3 – 12 is \$3, and children under 3 are free.

See you there,
Paul Mangan





**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
7:00 pm, October 14, 2019
Culver's at Todd Drive**



Board Members Present: Phil Hottmann, Bill Clancy, Steve Preston, Dave Dingman, and Dave Down

Absent: Bob McGeever, Jim Feldman, and Jerry Lawler

Other Attendee(s): John Haverberg, Picnic and Railfan Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Clancy.

Minutes:

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed.
Motion by Dingman, second by Down to approve as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Paymaster Reports:

Paymaster reports for September were reviewed.
Motion by Clancy, second by Hottmann to approve as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Committee reports were reviewed.

We are still looking for new Chairs for Clinics, and Layout Tours.

John Haverberg presented that the Little Amerikka site was still a good site for our annual summer picnic. The price is to stay at \$5.00 per person.

John also discussed the possible of a Railfanning trip. He was asked by the board to make a presentation to the membership at our November meet with the details.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The board was instructed to review the SCWD Constitution and Bylaws prior to the next scheduled board meeting on November 11th.

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

Minutes by acting Clerk Steve Preston

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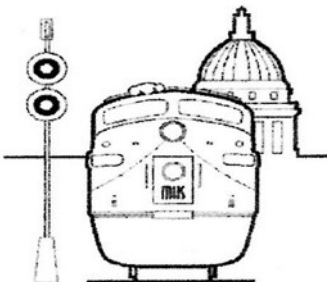
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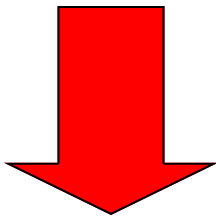
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Regular Meeting

Dec 1, 2019

Jan 5, 2020

Feb 2, 2020

March 1, 2020

BOD

Dec 9, 2019

Jan 13, 2020

Feb 10, 2020

March 9, 2020

Youth Group

Dec 15, 2019

Rail School

Feb 16, 2020

March 15, 2020

Train Show

Dec 4, 2019

Jan 8, 2020

Feb 5, 2020

March 4, 2020

Seasons Greetings

