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Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

Summer is upon us, and boy has it brought the heat! I hope it cools a bit before the summer picnic so we can enjoy it and the facilities at Little Amerricka without sweating too much. The form for the summer picnic is once again in this Bad Order. Please submit your reservation by July 6th.

We have a new Clinics Chairman. Bob Wundrock has agreed to serve in this role again for the Division this next season. He has done this before, and we thank him for his willingness to do this again. I look forward to seeing some excellent clinics, and if you're interested in presenting a clinic, let Bob know. His email is in the Redbook.

Summer brings on vacations, road trips, and the opportunity to do some railfanning. Enjoy and have a great summer, and we'll see you in September.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

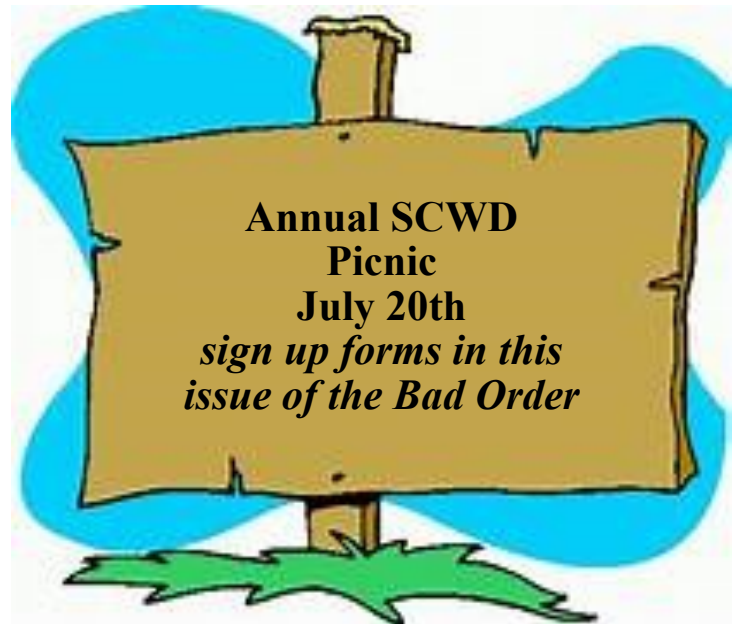
Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Next SCWD Meet
Verona Senior Center, Verona
September 8, 2024 at 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:
August 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM
ZOOM Meeting



Next Youth Group
Verona Senior Center, Verona
September 14, 2024 1 PM



Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

The SCWD BOD approved of me volunteering for Clinics' Chair. This may be the third or fourth time I've held the position. I'm still trying to be active in the SCWD.

As is always the case, the SCWD is open to all members volunteering to present 45-60 minute presentations at monthly meets. If you don't possess Power Point or other slide presentation software and have an idea for a clinic, I can be of assistance.

Much has changed since the first time I held this position. Many NMRA divisions are now "importing" clinicians from outside of their area virtually via Zoom. This will allow me to contact potential presenters from beyond our division and region.

I have done a few virtual clinics over the past couple years for the Sunrise Trail Division in Long Island New York as well as a recent one for the Fox Valley Division in Illinois.

I currently have a blank slate for the upcoming 2024-25 model railroad season. I'll try my best to schedule entertaining and informative clinics.

Bob

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

I'm hoping to have another great season of layout tours. I'm just starting to get some of the tours promised, but I still need quite a few more to fill out the schedule. Right now, I do not have any month solidified so there is an opportunity to get your preferred timing. It would be great to see a few new layouts like we did last season. Please let me know if you are interested on getting your layout on the tour!

Phil

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

There are a number of reasons why we have monthly popular vote contests. Primarily this is a way to encourage many of you to share what you are doing with your model railroading hobby. You may have your own reasons to participate, and the contests may expose you to new interests... whatever your interests the contests allow you to show each other what you are doing in the hobby.

As we begin the contest season in September, I will be sharing the photo contest guidelines in preparation for all the photos you will be submitting this year. I mistakenly mentioned these guidelines at one of our meetings as being available in the Red Book. They were not and are not. My apologies. The last time they were published was in 2018. Not exactly convenient. They are included on the next page. These will be published at the beginning of each contest year and updated as needed at that time. The guidelines will also be placed on the website with the posting of the contest themes.

In preparation for the 2024-25 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.

2024-2025 Contest Themes

- SEP - Hopper Car - open or covered
- OCT - Freight Depot
- NOV - Souvenir Car - Models: Convention, club, RR museum)
Photos: Tourist trains and RR museums
- DEC - Photo Match - no photo contest
- JAN - No contest (Rail School)
- FEB - Track maintenance equipment
- MAR - Open freight cars with loads
- APR - No contest (model project)
- MAY - Locomotives - diesel or steam

Dave

Popular Vote Photo Contest Guidelines

Photo entries should be either 4”x 6” or 5” x 7” in size in B&W or Color, larger photos will not be considered entries, but can be shown as “Display Photos”

There will be a maximum of four (4) categories for Prototype Photos and a maximum of four (4) categories for Model Photos. You may enter up to 3 photos in each category. Please try to limit your total entries each month to 12 photos.

Points are awarded in each category:

- 6 pts for First Place
- 4 pts for Second Place
- 2 pts for Third Place
- 1 pt. Maximum for entering any number of photos in either if none of your entries receive a place award

Each entry must be logged in on the appropriate category sheet, with the entry number placed on a photo tag that goes on or next to the photo.

Everyone who voted likes to see which photos received awards, and some would like to ask questions of the photographers, so if at all possible, at the end of the meet, please return to the contest area to see if anyone has questions about your photos before retrieving your entries.

Please vote for the best photo in each category.

Points from each monthly contest will be accumulated and the photographer with the most accumulated points for the year will be awarded “Photographer of the Year” at the Spring Banquet. [note: you have to be an NMRA member to receive that award]



**Keith Bulgrin received the
2024 Bob Davis Award for
Volunteer Spirit**

**(Keith Thomsen was announced
incorrectly at the Banquet)**



SCWD 2024 Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 20, 2024



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 20th. 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 12:30 pm. As was done in 2019, 2022, and 2023, 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 6, 2024.

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.

Added Attraction

Roy Grant will have his N-scale Omaha Western layout open from 10 am to noon. His layout in the house was on display prior to the 2017 picnic. He has now rebuilt the layout into a separate building. The property is about 2 miles west from the first intersection north of I-94 on STH 73 at West Medina Rd. The address is 1465 West Medina Rd, Deerfield, WI 53531 on the south side of the highway.



SCWD 2024 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 7/6/24 or bring the sign-up sheet and payment to me at a future SCWD monthly meeting. My address is:

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.

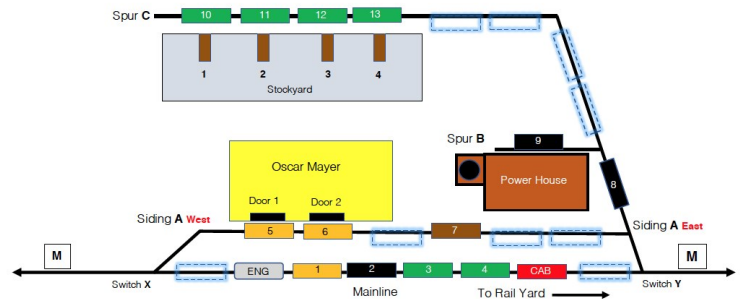
The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

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**, and **City/State** 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@mhtc.net



OPS Puzzles

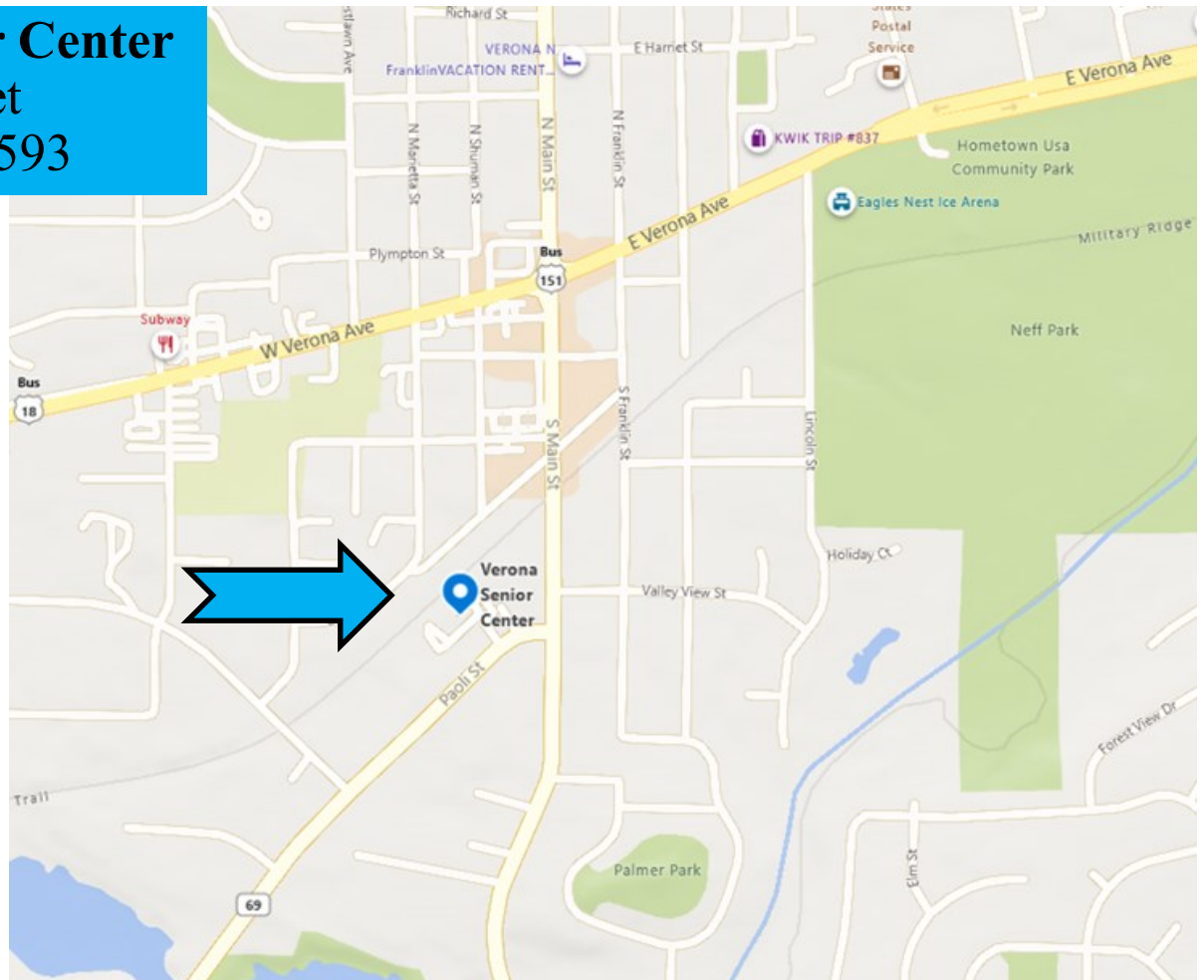


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

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

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli Street
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NMRA NEWS



The week-long **SurfLiner**
2024 NMRA National
Convention

is being hosted by the
Pacific Southwest Region of the
NMRA on
August 4-11, 2024 at





**Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
May 14, 2024
via Zoom meeting**



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:32 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, Chris Bradley, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. (Meeting date and start times may vary due to BOD members schedules.)

***BOD Meetings:** Members of the SCWD are invited to join a ZOOM 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 McGeever, second by Dingman to approve the minutes (with the grammatical corrections provided by John Kosobucki) of the SCWD Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by McGeever, second by Dingman to approve the minutes of the Annual SCWD Membership Meeting held on April 7, 2024. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the April Paymaster Report. Motion by Dingman, second by Down, to approve the Paymaster Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Picnic - The SCWD July Summer Picnic is scheduled for July 20, 2024, at Little Amerricka Park in Marshall on their “Whiskey River Railway Day”. The picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. The picnic reservation form is in the May **Bad Order** newsletter. Before the picnic, there will be a layout tour. See the picnic reservation form for the layout tour details. Picnic reservations must be received by **July 6, 2024**.

Adults, Children Age 6 years old and above \$5.00
Children 5 years old and under FREE

Achievement Program - Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles are due for the newsletter by May 19th.

***Special Note 2:** 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 3:** 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 - A clinic is being lined up for the September SCWD Membership meeting. The June Board of Directors meeting will include discussion to create a **Clinics Committee** for lining up clinics.

***Special Note:** A new Clinics Chairperson is urgently needed for next season. Ken Hojnacki has retired from that position after the May 2024 membership meeting.*

Contests - Model and Photography - Dave Down has the contest categories lined up for the 2024-2025 season which will be published in future editions of the **Bad Order** newsletters. Dave will be working on standardizing the recommend guidelines for the photograph categories

Modeling Project - Mike Vivion is reviewing suggestions for next season’s project. (From the April annual membership meeting: There was a tacit agreement from membership to have participation costs rise to from \$5.00 up to \$20.00 if needed.)

Door Prizes - Gift Certificates to **MADISON HOBBY STOP** will continue. A drawing for a book is also a door prize from the Dave Donkel estate.

Layout Tours - Phil Hottmann has started lining up layout tours for the SCWD 2024 - 2025 season.

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 RED BOOK.

Membership - Steve Preston reported that members with past due membership renewals have been notified

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.

Spring Banquet - The banquet was held on Friday, May 10th, at the Verona American Legion Hall. The event went very well, the food was good, and there was a good turnout. A motion was made by Mitchell, second by McGeever, to hold the 2025 Spring Banquet at the Verona American Legion Hall. Motion carried. *The tentative date will be Friday, May 9, 2025.*

Awards - The annual awards were presented at the May 10th Spring Banquet. The recipients were

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Madison Mac Award | no one qualified for the award this year |
| 2. Modeler of the Year | Don Swinton |
| 3. Photographer of the Year | Ewing Row |
| 4. Bob Davis Award | Keith Bulgrin |
| 5. Hank Brown Award | Ken Hojnacki |

Publicity - Nothing to report.

Rail School - January 5, 2025 - Planning will begin in September. Help is needed for the January Rail School. Ideas are appreciated.

Rail Show - The *57th Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale* will be held on February 15 - 16, 2025. Negotiations are in process for a contract with the Dane County Alliant Energy Center. Bill Mitchell is continuing to capture email addresses from the February 2024 ticket stubs.

Youth Group - Steve Preston - Donations are being received from a memorial that have been designated for Youth Group equipment or projects. Vendors and costs of Digital Command Control systems will be reviewed by the Youth Group Committee. (Those SCWD members who have DCC systems may wish to be involved with the review. Contact Steve Preston, Phil Hottmann, or Chris Bradley - contact information is in the RED BOOK)

Youth Group Notes: The SCWD Youth Group AND Members will be able to tour the Whiskey River Railway engine/locomotive shops on the morning of the July 20th SCWD Picnic.

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.

Website - Nothing to report.

Social Media - Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.



New Business:

Art Dawson submitted a tentative calendar for the SCWD 2024 - 2025 season. Some dates may be subject to change.

Membership Meetings	Youth Group	BOD - 6:30 pm
09/8/2024	09/14/2024	09/10/2024
10/6/2024	10/12/2024	10/15/2024
11/3/2024	11/9/2024	11/12/2024
12/1/2024	12/14/2024	12/10/2024
01/05/2025	01/11/2025	01/14/2025
02/02/2025	02/8/2025	02/11/2025
03/02/2025	03/8/2025	03/11/2025
04/06/2025	04/12/2025	04/15/2025
05/04/2025	05/10/2025	05/13/2025
05/09/2025 Banquet (tentative)		06/10/2025
07/19/2025 Picnic (tentative)		08/12/2025

A motion was made by Dingman, second by Down, to approve the SCWD 2024 - 2025 calendar. Motion carried.


Bill Mitchell - Clerk

For those members that participate in the listserv emails from Steve Lanphear, please remember to send him your new email if you change it! Changing your email with the NMRA does not change it on the listserv. His email is:

Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net

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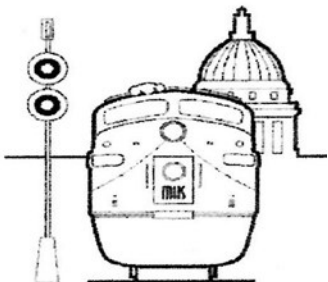
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* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

SCWD 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting

BOD

Youth Group

September 8, 2024
October 6, 2024
November 3, 2024
December 1, 2024

August 13, 2024
September 10, 2024
October 15, 2024
November 12, 2024
December 10, 2024

September 14, 2024
October 12, 2024
November 9, 2024
December 14, 2024

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Each Constant Contact e-mail includes links to update or unsubscribe your e-mail address. **Please do not use these links.** If you unsubscribe using the Constant Contact link, your e-mail address will be removed from the NMRA membership database, from the Midwest Region e-mail database and probably from your Division's records. If you get an e-mail that you don't want, just hit the delete key. Furthermore, if you use the update link, your change may not be timely posted to the NMRA membership database.

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