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Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

Christmas time is upon us! I hope Santa brings you something that makes you smile :). If it's train related, so much the better. The Model Rail School is our January meet and it's always fun. Come assist with the Make and Take tables, or just enjoy the various clinics put on by our fellow members. If you have friends or neighbors that just got train sets or simply might have an interest, invite them to attend.

We discovered recently that Dave Donkle passed away over the summer. He passed on July 30th, 2023 and will be missed by all who knew him. Dave and his son Steve were regular clinicians at the Mad City Railroad Show and Sale, Dave doing buildings, and Steve with military open loads. One year they did weathering of rolling stock, and I have a caboose he did for me at that time. It will be a cherished item in my collection. For those of you that didn't meet him, he was interviewed several years ago and that footage is part of the 50th Anniversary video available on the division website.



I look forward to seeing you at the Rail School on January 7th.

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
Model railroading is fun!

Next SCWD Meet **RAIL SCHOOL**
Verona Senior Center, Verona
January 7, 2024 at 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:
January 9, 2024 at 7 PM
ZOOM Meeting



Next Youth Group
Verona Senior Center, Verona
January 13, 2024 1 PM



Model Railroad School

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Sunday, January 7, 2024, 1-4pm

Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St., Verona, WI

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*While supplies last.

Clinic Column

Ken Hojnacki

Our first clinician “loaded” us up with lots of great ideas for flat car and gondola loads. Bob Frankrone, the Love Those Loads guy from the NMRA Magazine, showed us lots of simple and some complex pieces based on real loads he has seen (or his wife photographed) and some fantasy pieces that look great, even though we don’t know what they are.

Continuing with the Year of Operations theme, Dr. Bill Clancy showed us how he operates his Rio Grande Pacific using Ship-It computer software for car routing. Bill runs lots of trains with lots of industries and cars to keep track of, so he lets the computer do most of the work that his “assistant” would otherwise have to do (Bill is the Superintendent of the railroad, after all).



Thanks to both for great clinics.

Because January is our Rail School, there will be no clinics next month.

As I mentioned last month, I have advised the Board that I will retire from the Clinic Chair position at the end of our meeting year in May. The Division will be looking for a new clinics chair. Please let Art Dawson know if you can help keep our monthly meetings lively and fun.

Ken

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

It seemed like everyone enjoyed seeing Larry Moore’s fine layout for the December meet. It was great to see another new layout again. This is just another example of some of the layouts out there that are not members of the SCWD. Maybe someday Larry will decide to join! Again, thanks to Larry for opening his layout to our club.



Due to the Rail School in January, we will not have a layout tour. It looks like we may have another new layout open for February.

I do have openings for the rest of the season. If you think you are interested, please let me know.

Phil

Modeling Project

Mike Vivion

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year and is making progress with your natural tress and mini-diorama. I look forward to seeing all your projects in April.

Mike Vivion
Modeling Project Chair



Janesville library's annual railroad slide show will feature Paul Swanson from the Lake States Railway Historical Association. He will present local steam and diesel slides. The presentation will be on January 16, 2024 at 6pm at the Hedberg Public Library, 316 South Main Street, Janesville.

Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair



Hi everybody, the Youth Group meeting this time centered on painting the cast rocks we made last month. Phil Hottmann showed the kids how to mix water and powder of different kinds to make colors to use on rocks. Phil had purchased some cheap paint brushes and a few other items to use for the class. Each of the kids could paint their rock castings the way they wanted. After several dips into different kinds of colors, they each came up with a very realistic colored rock formation. The older youth you see here painting is Art Jennrich. (Yes I know you have to be between 7-18 years old, but Art is a youth in mind and soul, which counts in our book) so we let him play with the other kids.



Next we let them set up some track and they made a layout on their own to run some engines and cars.

After the Rail School, we will show them how to add grass and bushes to their rocks.

Thanks to Phil Hottmann, Chris Bradley and SPECIAL GUEST KID ART JENNRICH and Steve Preston for the help in making this class.

Steve Preston
Youth Group Director and
Membership Chairman



AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki



In November, I travelled to Dave Casey's C&NW layout to evaluate it for his Golden Spike Award. This award is the introduction to the Achievement Program categories. The railroad and its models are not subject to evaluation for quality but there are criteria that need to be met, like ballasted track, different types of trackwork like turntables, crossovers, etc., and rolling stock. At the end of a very fun operating session, the crew witnessed the presentation of the Golden Spike pin to Dave, signifying he qualified for the award. Dave should be getting his certificate at the February meeting.



At the December meeting, Art Dawson was presented with the Association Volunteer Award for the many years he chaired our Rail Show Committee. Thanks for all the hard work, Art. Rusty Dramm received a doubleheader. Not only did Rusty earn the Dispatcher Achievement Award but he was also presented with his Merit Award certificate for his C&NW watchman's tower that we scored at our training session last month (pictures below). Congratulations to both our awardees.



Ken



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

Thanks to everyone who participated in the December contest. Results of the contest are below.

There is no contest in January as we will be holding our Rail School event. Check the website for the February contest. The theme is **Electric / Traction**.

December 3 Popular Vote Contest Results - Moving Forest Products

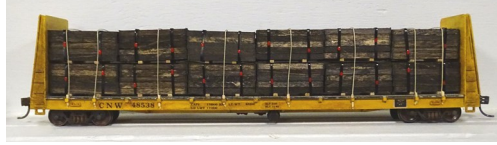
Models

Cat. A Moving Logs

1st Dave Casey: C&NW 48538 flat w/RR ties

2nd Jon Welch: Log car train

3rd Rusty Dramm: GN Log car (0-scale)

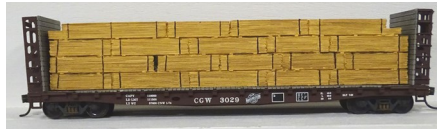


Cat. B. Moving Lumber

1st Dave Casey: C&NW 3029 flat w/lumber

2nd Dave Casey: C&NW 45103 flat with lumber

3rd Bob Stone: CN fat with bundled lumber



Cat. C Paper Transport

1st Dave Casey: LUNX 4348 Thrall box car

2nd Dave Casey: C&NW 520003 Hi-cube box car



Cat. D. Moving Wood Chips / Pulpwood

1st Dave Casey: C&GW 3006 flat w/pulpwood

2nd Dave Down: DSS&A gondola w/ wood chip conversion

3rd Dave Casey: C&NW 152795 box car w/ wood chip conversion



Photos - Prototype

Cat. PA Moving Logs

1st Ewing Row: Logs to paper mill

Photos - Models

Cat. MA Moving Logs

1st Ewing Row: Log unloading

2nd Ewing Row: Logs in sorter

3rd Ewing Row: Logs ready to unload

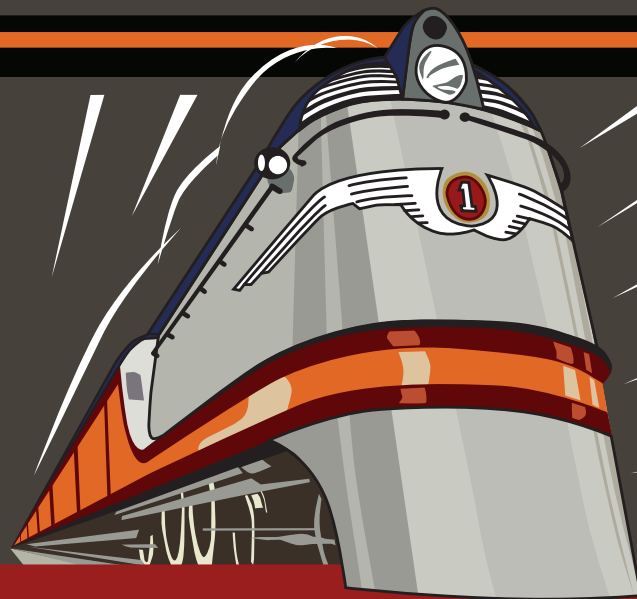
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1st Bob Stone: CN flat w/ lumber

2nd Bob Stone: GN box w/ lumber

Dave





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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.

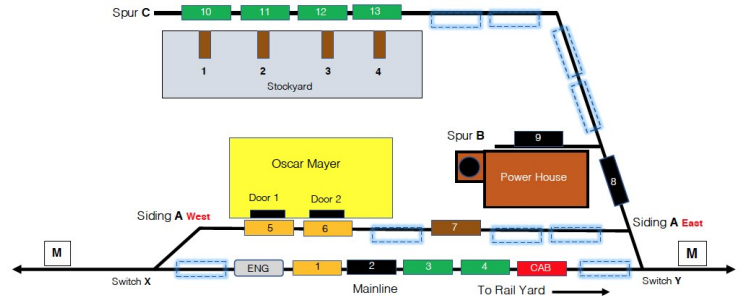
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Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net



OPS Puzzles

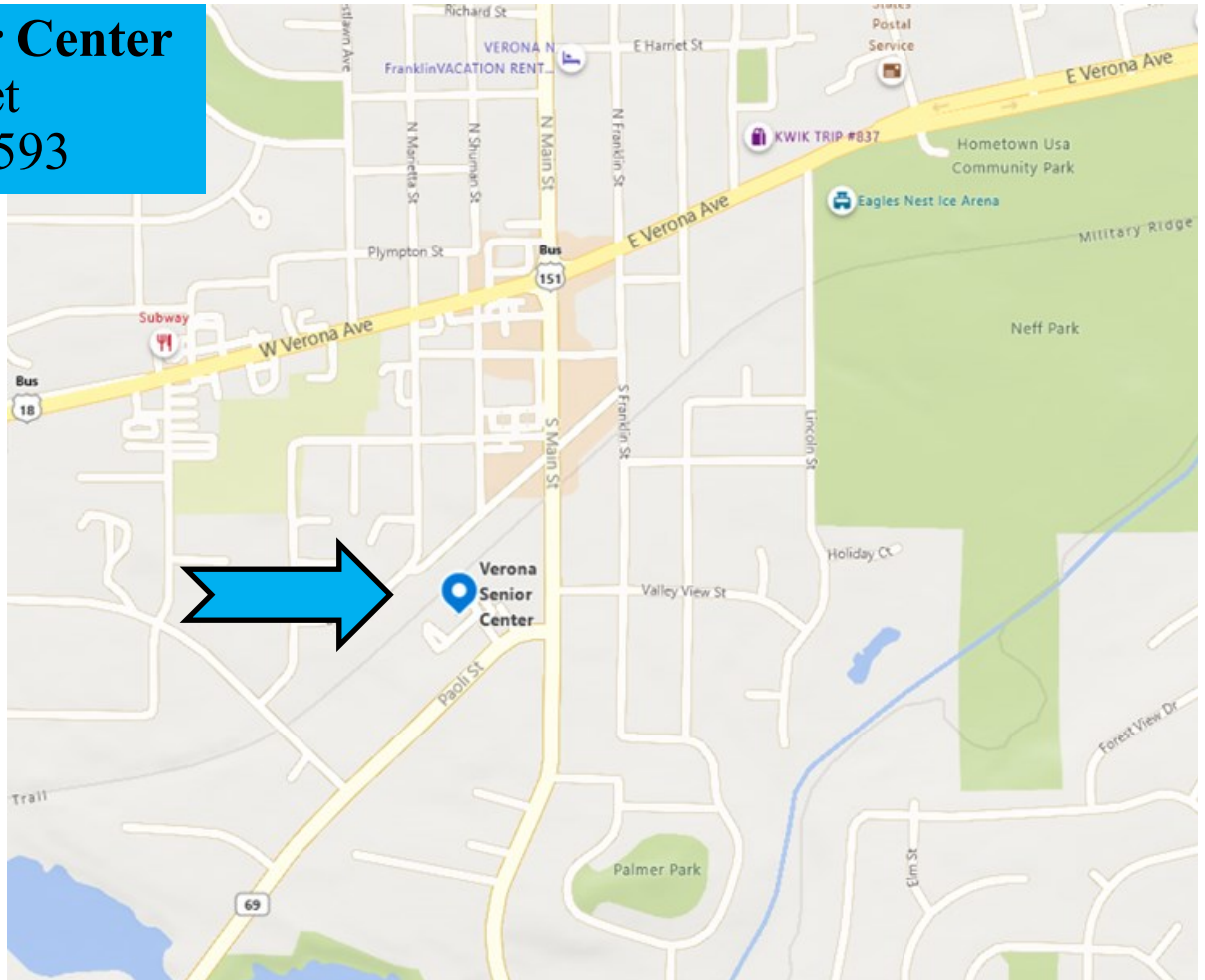


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

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

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

Verona Senior Center
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Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, 14 November 2023 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:39 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Art Dawson, Phil Hottmann, Chris Bradley, Bob McGeever, John Kosobucki, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, 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 Dingman, second by Hottmann, to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on October 10, 2023. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the highlights of the October paymaster report. Consignment sales income is down. Motion by Dingman, second by Kosobucki, to approve the September Paymaster Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - Ken Hojnacki organized an AP training session to allow members to become AP judges. He submitted a written report: "On October 21, 11 SCWD members and one member from the WISE Division attended the AP training session to learn how to evaluate cars, structures, and motive power. The presenter was Central Indiana Division Superintendent Dan Banks. Dan gave a thorough presentation and the attendees felt confident in understanding how models are viewed. I hope to have some of these members revitalize our model evaluation team. During the session, Rusty Dramm had a scratch built watchman's tower evaluated and it won 96 points, earning him a Merit Award, which has been submitted to National."

Advertising - Nothing to report

Bad Order - Articles are due for the newsletter by November 16th.

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 scheduled for the remaining monthly membership meetings. **SPECIAL NOTE: Ken Hojnacki has advised Superintendent Art Dawson that he will retire as Clinic Chair after the May 2024 meeting. A new chair will be needed for next season.**

Contests - Model and Photography - Nothing to report

Modeling Project - Mike Vivion distributed the supplies at the November SCWD membership meeting. Work on the "Natural Trees on a Diorama" project has begun. Supplies will be available at the December membership meeting for those people who did not pick up their supplies in November.

Door Prizes - \$25.00 Gift Certificates to **MADISON HOBBY STOP** will be purchased as needed.

Layout Tours - A new **Layout Tour Coordinator** is needed. Phil Hottmann is working on scheduling tours for the rest of the season. Phil is looking for newer layouts. 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 - A new FAMILY Membership was recorded at the November SCWD Youth Group meeting.

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 - Nothing to report. Planning will begin in early 2024.

Publicity - Nothing to report.

Rail School - January 7, 2024 - Art Dawson is compiling a list of people to present topics. The room layout at the Verona Senior Center is being planned. The "Clam Shell" layout will be moved to the main meeting room and the videos will move to a small room adjacent to the main meeting room. Model Railroading Topic presenters are needed

Youth Group - Steve Preston - Phil Hottmann presented a session on ROCK CASTING. While the modeling plaster was drying, Chris Bradley presented a session on adding weights to rail cars. SCWD adult members are encouraged to attend the SCWD Youth Group meetings and offer some assistance to the young members.

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.

Rail Show - Planning for the *56th Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale*, February 17-18, 2024, rail show has begun. Vendors and exhibitors are submitting their reservations. The floor plan will be very similar to the floor plan of February 2023. Dave Dingman and members of the Rail Show committee will be reviewing the format of the information filled out on the ticket stub for the February 2024 Rail Show.

Website - The *E-TICKETS* link for the *February 17 & 18 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale* is now working.

Old Business:

Social Media Publisher - Someone has expressed an interest in becoming the *Social Media Publisher*. Bob McGeever will be looking into the person's credentials and necessary FACEBOOK permissions needed to maintain the FACEBOOK updates.

New Business:

Nothing to report

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kosobucki, second by Preston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk



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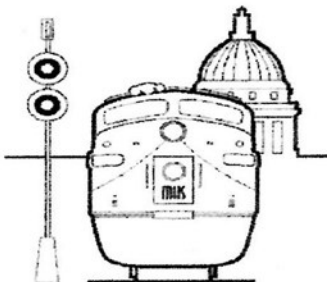
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SCWD 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group
January 7, 2024 Rail School	January 9, 2024	January 13, 2024
February 4, 2024	February 13, 2024	February 10, 2024
March 3, 2024	March 12, 2024	March 9, 2024
April 7, 2024	April 9, 2024	April 13, 2024
May 5, 2024	May 14, 2024	May 11, 2024
	June 11, 2024	
	August 13, 2024	

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