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## Super's Report

Phil Hottmann  
Division Superintendent

We just finished off the year with recent trips to Rockford for the joint meet and to East Troy for our Rail Fan Trip.

Both trips were very enjoyable. We had almost perfect weather both days. John Haverberg worked his magic and pieced together a number of elements to create this trip to East Troy, and everything seemed to work just as he planned it. Thanks again to John for all of his work.

In Rockford, we were well represented by the SCWD. They presented an interesting clinic involving paper models made from card stock. The card stock was printed from downloads from the internet. We are considering this method for our modeling contest for next season. When visiting one of the layouts on the Rail Fan Trip there was a layout with four structures produced from paper. I was able to locate two of them, but did not find the other two. I was somewhat surprised that I did not identify the others.

Rockford provided two excellent layout tours. We first stopped at Jim McQueeny's layout featuring both standard and narrow gauge. The layout is impressive due to Jim's prolific work. Each time we visit this layout we are treated with extensive amount of new work.

Our second stop was at Dick Caudle's. I think this was the first time I have seen this layout. Dick's water front scenes are just incredible. I was so impressed with some of his ships I am now considering adding one of these scenes on my own layout.

### Next SCWD Meet:

September 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm

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### Next BOD Meeting:

June 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

### Next Youth Group Meeting:

September 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Zor Shrine Temple

As of this writing, we are heading off to the joint regional convention in La Crosse. I am looking forward to some great clinics and seeing some new layouts.

I hope to see you at the picnic on July 13!

## Jim McQueeny



## Dick Caudle



Phil Hottmann  
Superintendent

## AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki  
AP Chair



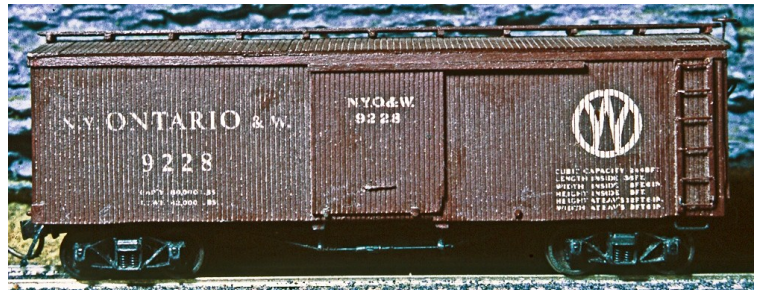
When I decided to pursue being a serious model railroader over 50 years ago and joined the NMRA, I was a teenager who thought building models would be a breeze. Those were still the days of cardstock freight car sides, paper buildings and using all sorts of household-found items as modeling material. Detail parts were crude and few in number and scratchbuilding was mainstream. I tried my hand at a coal tower for my American Flyer layout using quarter inch plywood and scrap pieces from my godfather's woodshop. Suffice it to say, it turned out exceedingly bad. There weren't a lot of plastic kits available, so I tackled a Varney Casey Jones 4-6-0 kit, then, after finding a Canadian Railway Models O&W boxcar kit at a Niagara Frontier Region convention, I tried my hand at some real construction. The car came out pretty well, including full brake rigging which was not part of the kit. It got a Third Place at an NFR convention contest.

Would it win a merit award today? I doubt it—there was no AP program back then so merit awards weren't something I strove for. Over the last few decades, the proliferation of plastic car and structure kits and greater demands on our time have made scratchbuilding seem

not only difficult but tedious. Many of us have a hard time getting a layout built, let alone building cars and structures to populate it. And many of us think we don't have the skills to build from sticks of wood or styrene.

I started building a tool house for my then-Sn3 railroad with a merit award in mind. I carefully began cutting wood, pre-staining and painting, and carefully gluing it together. I think it went very well, but then, I burned out after the Madison National and it still waits to be finished. However, that attempt improved my skills at cutting and assembling a wood structure. Now I am trying to overcome my fear of working with styrene—a work still in progress—but I am learning how to apply some of the same techniques I use with wood to the styrene.

My point is, your first attempts at a craftsman kit or a scratchbuilding project may not be an award winner. But if you approach it as a learning experience and are not afraid to chuck a bad job out and start again, one day you will look back on your efforts and realize you have learned to become a better modeler. Do what I do—ask other SCWD members for advice on how to do things. Our three active MMRs, Bill Ehlert, Bob Wundrock and Al Potts, will be happy to provide suggestions. And bringing that model in for merit award judging is a great way to find out where you can improve your models in response to the judges' comments. Remember, you're not competing against anyone but your own skills. It doesn't have to be a big or complex model. A simple model will get you started so the lessons learned from the judges will help you when you are ready to create that model of your hometown depot or the house where you grew up.



Start small and simple, build your skills, get feedback. I still intend on finishing that tool house even though I am no longer in Sn3. I want to know what I did well and how I can do better. And as an added benefit, I might get some of the requirements for an AP award completed at the same time.

Ken



## The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock  
Clinic Chair

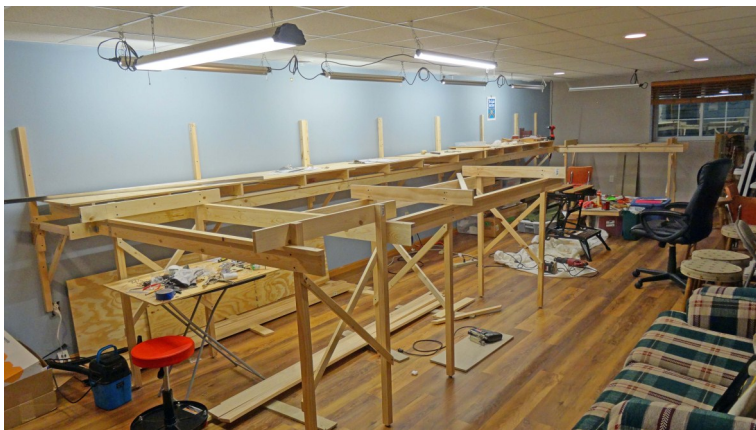
Because summer will be here soon, (so I am told), we may have thoughts of other than model railroad activities. I'm still trolling for clinicians.

I currently have September, October and November clinics scheduled. I also have a plan for December, although the clinician doesn't know it yet. I'll twist his arm yet this week.

The February through May 2020 clinics are not yet clear (a bit of irony there). So, if you have a subject and material of which you can present for 45-55 minutes, please contact me...sooner than later. I work on the schedule months in advance.

I've also learned that an SCWD member's layout is planned to be featured in the September Model Railroader. Keep an eye open for that.

Several of you have asked if I was building a new layout. Yes I am. I have the supporting L-girders and some plywood already in place (photo below). I may be starting on trackwork before the end of summer...budget permitting.



I'm also still looking for an interested member to train as the Clinic Chair.

See you,

Bob (rwundrock@yahoo.com)

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## Youth Group

Steve Brist

The SCWD Youth Group had a demonstration of a small live steam engine at the May meeting. One of our members, Lloyd, showed us how a fire makes steam and how steam can be made to do work. We then discussed how this related to the operation of prototype steam locomotives. Lloyd is an active member of the Rock River Threshere and the Riverside & Great Northern Railway. Last fall, he completed "Steam School", a training program on the safe operation of steam tractors and other equipment. Thank you Lloyd for an interesting program.



Since this was the last meeting of the school year, we also finalized our plans for the summer. The SCWD Picnic is July 13, and we hope to also visit the steam railroad roundhouse before the picnic at Little Amerricka. Members are reminded that the registration for the summer picnic is due on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the Friday the week before the Picnic. Our members also voted to take the summer field trip to Midcontinent Railway Museum and the Riverside & Great Northern Railway at Wisconsin Dells in August.

We want to thank our adult volunteers who have helped us throughout the year, including Jerry Lawler, Steve Preston, Bob McGeever and Paul Balfe. They have all been a big help. Paul Balfe was again at our meeting and spent quite a bit of time troubleshooting a member's HO steam engine. We appreciate all our adult volunteers.

We also discussed to possible idea of having separate programs for our older and more experienced members. We will be looking into this and we may need more clinics and volunteers to make this work.

And thanks again to the SCWD for sponsoring our Youth organization. The SCWD literally pays the rent for us. We don't charge dues, but we hope we pay back

what we receive in the form of more interest and participation in the model railroad hobby. Happy Railroading!

See you then!

Steve



## Contest Column

Dave Down and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

A quick thank you to all of you who submitted contest entries during the past 9 months. We had a good year with contest entries, especially in the photo contest.

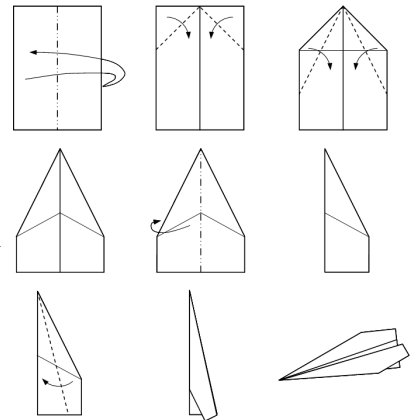
In 2017-18 there were seven contest months compared to six contest months in 2018-19. There were 59 photo entries in 2017-18 and 170 entries in 2018-19. There were 135 model entries in 2017-18 and 81 entries in 2018-19.

The Popular Vote Model and Photo Contest themes have been published for 2019-20 and we hope you have been making your plans for each contest. The contests will resume in September with the theme "Favorite Train". We can learn all sorts of new things by sharing what we know and finding out what other modelers are doing. Have a great summer.

## Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann and Dave Lendved, Co-Chairs

We are considering utilizing paper models for our modeling project this year. Although they have a reputation for being rather cheap looking, we have seen examples of some compelling work. On our recent Rail Fan trip, we visited an O scale layout that features four structures built from printed card stock. I was only able to spot two of them. I think you may be able to do some interesting things if you combine these paper elements with other materials such as wood and plaster castings.



Since the world is going digital, it might make sense to embrace some of the available technologies which make it possible to download building designs that you can print on paper stock and make your own building. We would provide the digital file for you to print out and create your own masterpiece. This also may appeal to the younger members or the youth group.

Phil and Dave





# SCWD 2019 Spring Railfan Trip Report

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, SCWD sponsored a railfan trip to East Troy Railroad Museum followed by tours of three home layouts in the Whitewater and Ft. Atkinson areas. Attendees got to ride on a charter 14 mile round trip from East Troy to Mukwonago and back on a vintage electric trolley. The ride included two stops for run-by photography and a visit to their new maintenance shops. A presentation on the history and facilities of the Museum had been made by Evan Richards from the Museum at the February 2019 SCWD regular meeting. It turned out that Evan was also the motorman for the trolley ride. Following lunch at Culver's in Whitewater, the group toured Paul Balfe's HO Great Northern RR and Ed Erdman's large O-scale Hi-Rail layouts in the Whitewater area and Skip Streng's On3 Isle Royale Cooper Mining RR in Ft. Atkinson. The layout modeling was all inspiring; the weather was great for a change, and lots of photos and videos were obtained by many during the day. Following are a few of those photos from Mike Vivion.

John Haverberg, SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator



Paul Balfe  
Above and Below



Skip Streng (Above)



Ed Erdman (Below)





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Or go to the Division Information page and fill out the contact information section.

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## SCWD 2019 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

The 2019 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on **Saturday, July 13th** during Whiskey River Railway Day at Little Amerricka, Marshall, Wisconsin. The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. SCWD will have a catered picnic lunch served at the Blue Rose Pavilion starting at 1 pm. Entrance to the Park, parking and use of the pavilion are free. However, to help defray some of the cost for the catered lunch, SCWD Board has decided to charge 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.

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking at the pavilion can be reached directly off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 east of the Park entrance.

Sign-up and payment is needed by 7/6/2019 to determine catering amounts.

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### SCWD 2019 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

Member and Guest(s) Names:

Cost-Each

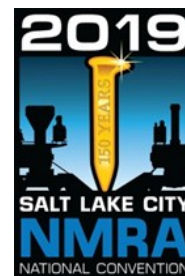

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**Please see pages 10 - 13  
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Banquet photos**



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for all the  
information!



**The April SCWD BOD Minutes  
are posted in the e-edition of the  
Bad Order this month**

## FROM THE BAD ORDER EDITOR



As you read last month, starting with the September 2019 issue the Bad Order will only be available electronically. The June and July/August issues are the last two print editions.

Our membership will receive an email every month with an attachment to download the current Bad Order. If you are unable or don't wish to download the attachment, you always have the option of going to our website to read the current and past issues of the Bad Order. Just click on the link at the top "Newsletter". If you're unfamiliar with our website, now would be a good time to get familiar with it, <https://www.nmra-scwd.org/>, check it out!

A few of our members have already contacted me to verify their email address, thank you! I am planning on sending a "test" email to our membership in late July or early August. Everyone that I have a current and correct email for should receive it.

For those members that have NOT given the NMRA their email, please do so as soon as possible by contacting them at [nmrahq@nmra.org](mailto:nmrahq@nmra.org). I have been instructed by the Board to send a notice via US mail to those members that don't have an email listed with the NMRA. So if you want to receive the Bad Order by email starting with the September issue, please give the NMRA your email address. If you do not, I will not have your email and you will not receive the electronic Bad Order.

If you have any questions please contact me or the Board of Directors.

Kathy Clancy  
[scwdkathy@aol.com](mailto:scwdkathy@aol.com)

## Lights! Action! Camera! Time for your 2020 NMRA Calendar photo entries!

By Mike Brestel, Calendar Project Chair

You're proud of your model railroad. Why not share it by submitting a photo or two for the 2020 edition of the NMRA Model Railroad Calendar? The calendar is distributed to every U.S. member as a fundraising project. To have your layout photo considered for inclusion, just follow these easy steps:

- 1 . Take a horizontal (landscape) format photo of your layout.
- 2 . Submit your photo as a digital file, as a 35mm or medium format slide (100 ISO or slower), or as a 35mm or medium format color negative (200 ISO or slower). Digital files must be at least 300 pixels per inch and 8" x 12"(minimum size of 8.6 megapixels - larger is better). Accepted file types are tiff (preferred) or jpg (highest quality only).
3. Write a caption describing the action in your shot, the scale, the builder, and the photographer. Include that information on a separate piece of paper, or as a text or .doc file on your submission CD or DVD.
- 4 . Please limit your entries to no more than your four best scenes.
- 5 . Be sure to include your address, phone number, and email with your submissions. By submitting images for the NMRA Calendar, you are giving permission to the editors to alter them as needed (cropping, smoke and lighting effects, etc.). Be sure to indicate specifically if you do NOT give permission to alter your images.

Send to : NMRA - ATTN: Calendar Project, PO Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328

UPS/FedEx address: 8414 Gulf View Dr. Suite A, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Photos must be received by July 1, 2019 for consideration.

Questions? contact Mike Brestel at 513-661-2141 or 513-481-0185.



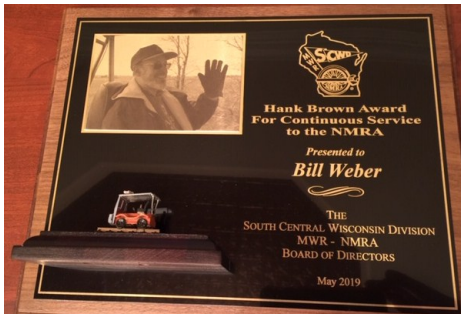
# Meet the 2019-2020 SCWD Board of Directors



Pictured left to right. Phil Hottmann, Superintendent; Bob McGeever, Paymaster; Jerry Feldman, Dave Down, Jerry Lawler, Chief Clerk; Steve Preston, Dr. Bill Clancy, Asst. Superintendent; Dave Dingman

## 2019 SCWD Awards

**Hank Brown Award  
Bill Weber**



**Bob Davis Award  
Webb Winn**



**Modeler of the Year  
Don Swinton**



**Photographer of the Year  
Ewing Row**



**Certificate of Achievement  
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Jerry Lawler**





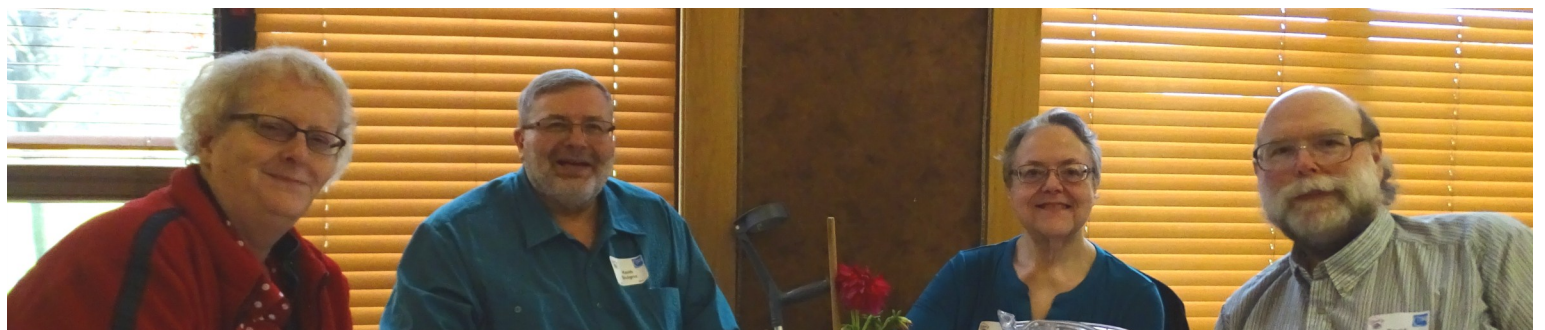
# 2019 SCWD Annual Banquet

















## **We need a Content Manager for [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)**

By Gerry Leone, Vice President / Special Projects

In 2019, not only is the web an important tool, but *what's on the web* makes all the difference in the world. That's why, prior to doing an update to our website at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), we're looking for a volunteer who can help generate and manage what's on our website.

Here's the official job description:

The NMRA is looking for a Content Manager for our website. The Content Manager will be responsible for researching, creating, editing, improving, updating, and maintaining content to help the website remain fresh, so that it becomes a member benefit, and attracts new members. The content should be in line with marketing goals, and may be written material as well as video and audio files. The Content Manager will work with other volunteer member content providers.

Our ideal candidate is a person with demonstrable creative writing skills. The Content Manager will perform well under deadlines and be detail-oriented.

Responsibilities:

- Develop content strategy aligned with short-term and long-term marketing goals
- Collaborate and work closely with our marketing team to plan and develop site content
- Create, or oversee the creation of, engaging content
- Edit, proofread, and improve writers' posts
- Find and oversee content writers

This is a volunteer position. If you're interested, please send your questions and/or qualifications and an estimate of the amount of time you can spend per week on this position to me, Gerry Leone.

Thanks!

Board Members Present: Bill Clancy, Phil Hottmann, Steve Preston, Jim Feldman, Dave Dingman, Dave Down, and Bob McGeever.

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

This is the first meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Board.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the March meeting were not available. Will be reviewed at the May meeting.

### **Paymaster Reports:**

Paymaster report for March was reviewed.  
 Motion by Feldman, second by Dingman to approve.  
 Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

Committee reports were reviewed.  
 We need to recruit new Chairs for Clinics, and Layout Tours.

### **Old Business:**

None presented.

### **New Business:**

BOD and Chairs listing for 2019 -2020 season reviewed and updated. Will be published in Bad Order and on web.

Banquet planning reviewed.

Railfan trip has sold 28 of 30 bus seats.

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

Minutes by acting Clerk McGeever.



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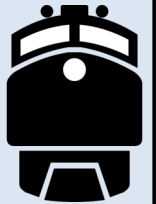
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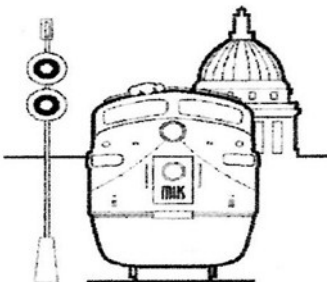
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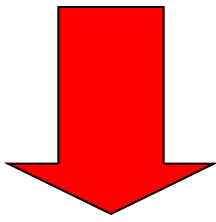
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**2019-20 Meeting Time Table**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>BOD</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Train Show</b>
	June 10, 2019		
	Aug 12, 2019		Aug 7, 2019
Sept 8, 2019	Sept 9, 2019	Sept 15, 2019	Sept 4, 2019
Oct 6, 2019	Oct 14, 2019	Oct 20, 2019	Oct 2, 10`9
Nov 3, 2019	Nov 11, 2019	Nov 17, 2019	Nov 6, 2019