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Super's Report

Phil Hottmann
Division Superintendent

As this season is quickly coming to a close, we are glad to be getting back to some sort of normalcy with the May Meeting, Banquet and Summer Picnic all on the schedule.

I would like to thank all of the Board Members for returning for another year. The club depends on its volunteers; without them the club would not exist. If you haven't volunteered to be on the Board before, please consider this for next season. We always need new blood and ideas to keep thing fresh. I know our membership is getting older, so we do need to work on getting some new younger members. I was glad to hear that Covid brought some people back to the hobby. I'm also glad to see several TV ads that feature model railroading. I recently saw a "Rebelsi" ad that was nicely done. A "Gorilla Glue" commercial was the other. Maybe model railroading will become mainstream again.

I'm hoping everyone that can makes it to the banquet. May 1st is the final day to sign-up. You can bring your registration and payment to the meeting on May 1st.

Many thanks to Mike Vivion for running the modeling project again. Although there was a limited number of entries, all the models were really well done. The whole idea of paper models is surprising. It just goes to show what can be done with this medium. I was one of those who did not complete their entry.

Next SCWD Meet (Joint Meet)

VERONA SENIOR CENTER (Map Page 9)

May 1, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Next BOD Meeting:

May 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting



It was suggested that we do some Happy Hours again. The thought was to do them via Zoom, but I think we could do them in-person. I was thinking if you had a favorite location and the weather cooperates, we could meet at an outdoor venue. We could send something out via Constant Contact a couple days before the proposed event. We could keep these very informal. There are plenty of outdoor venues around the area and it would be nice to get together with everyone.

Phil



**Sign up for the
fun
SCWD events**

**Banquet
Picnic**

**May 6th
July 16th**

*Sign up forms are on
page 4 and 10*

Clinic Column

by Ken Hojnacki

My thanks to Keith Thomsen for not only helping to create and present Part 1 of our trip out west last fall to the California Railroad Museum and the Virginia & Truckee Railroad but also for

agreeing to join me on this trip and make it even more special. As we said in our closing, September will bring Part 2 where we will get a

behind closed doors look at the collection of the Nevada State Railroad Museum and TRAINS Magazine and Nevada Northern Railway's 81 for 81 steam weekend.

Thanks also to Bob Wundrock for bringing us up-to-date on happenings on the Rice Lake, Dallas and Menomonie. Bob has really been getting a lot done and will have more to show in upcoming meetings.

For our joint meeting this month, we will welcome back Dave Nelson, the Frugal Modeler. Dave's clinic "A Closer Look at Track" is an updated examination of track from roadbed to ballast, ties and rails, and all the devices and factors that come together in railroad track. We all want our trains to remain on the rails so I'm sure we'll get some good tips from Dave.

Next will be "The Wizarding World of Welch"; Jon Welch will show us how he built that stone arch bridge seen on Steve Lanphear's Division Newsgroup a while back, as well as other rockwork he has made, finishing roadways and how he is populating his expanding forests. Jon always comes up with some innovative techniques, so this should be a real treat.

This will be the last meeting of the current "season," so that means we will all have a few months to work on our railroad projects. If you're working on something that would make for an interesting clinic, please let me know. Even if you can't do a clinic, I know we all love to see what others are doing railroad-wise, so please consider the What Have I Been Doing feature for next season's meetings. All you need to do is show us a few photos of what you have been working on—10 to 15 minutes max—so we can share them at the meeting. If you need help getting pictures together in a viewable format, let me know and we can arrange to put them into a Power-Point that can be shared with in person attendees as well as Zoomers.

Ken



Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

We did not have a popular vote contest in April when we were receiving the Model Project entries for 2021-22. Hopefully you had a chance to look at all the entries. We will return to the popular vote contests in May for the last time this season, so it will be good to get a great turnout before heading into the summer.

The theme for May is **Passenger Cars**. The categories are:

- A. Coach
- B. Diner
- C. Sleeper
- D. Observation

I would like to thank everyone who brought in entries over the course of the year. I never fail to be impressed with the quality, skills and range of interests represented by your modeling and photography.

If you have ideas/suggestions for contest themes for our contests in 2022-23, send me an email and let me know. (dfdwn2000@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you and seeing your models and photos next season.

Happy modeling!
Dave

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- Make sure your information is correct.
- If not, please go to:

nmra.org/request-membership-info-changes

to submit a request for changes to be made.

Thank you!

Modeling Project

By Mike Vivion

For those of you who missed the April meeting or joined us virtually, I am pleased to announce the winners of this year's modeling contest. We had 21 people signed up to participate, and four HO and 2 N scale dioramas completed and brought to the April meeting. On the basis of favorite model for each scale as voted by the meeting attendees, the winners were: HO 1st place = Ewing Row, HO 2nd place = Dave Casey, HO 3rd place = Don Swinton, N Scale first place = Mike Vivion, and N 2nd place = John Haverberg. Photos of the winning dioramas are shown below. Note, anyone who wishes to show a diorama, whether partially or fully completed, is invited to bring it for display to the May 1st Division meeting.

Also, I still have a couple of sets of the yardstick printouts available and will give them to anyone who would like to try their hand at building a paper building.

Lastly, we are already looking for suggestions for next year's modeling project. If you have an idea to suggest, please tell me, David Down or Steve Lanphear.

Thanks again to everyone for making this year's modeling contest a success.

Mike



HO First Place
Ewing Row



HO Second Place
Dave Casey



HO Third Place
Don Swinton



N First Place
Mike Vivion

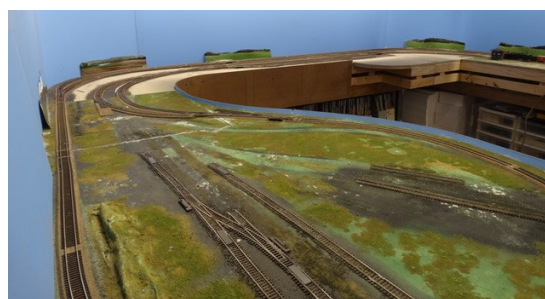


N Second Place
John Haverberg

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Chair

It was great to see a new layout being started after last month's meeting. Dave Down is utilizing portions of Bill Ehler's layout. It was not only good to see portions of the layout being reused, but a lot is being reconfigured. I'm sure over the years this layout will take shape. Thanks to Dave for being open.



We also had Jerry Lawler's open. Jerry has been doing plenty new work and it's really taking shape. It was great to see that Jerry had several youths operating the layout. Jerry is trying to make his layout fun for everyone. Great job!



For the joint meeting in May we have three layouts open, Bill Weber, Dr. Bill Clancy and John Schaffer. It's the first time we'll be seeing John's layout. From the photos I've seen he has been doing some really nice work.

I'm just starting to get the line-up for next season. I have a few on the list but need plenty more. Please consider being open and let me know which month works best for you.

It would really be nice to get a new chairman for layouts. If this is something you're interested in let me know.

Phil



It's banquet time!

May 6th 2022

To be held at the:
American Legion Hall
207 Legion Street
Verona, WI 53593
Cocktails at 6pm



Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

Reservations must be received by May 1st

Cost of meal: SCWD/NMRA members, \$15.00

Non-NMRA attendees, \$25.00

Children 12 & under, \$5.00

Name:	Rail	Non-Rail	\$

Note: If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

Make sure you indicate rail or non-rail. If more than 4 then add to a separate piece of paper and send it along with your reservation

Address: _____
City: _____ WI Zip _____

Send your reservation to:
Phil Hottmann
1147 Willow Run
Verona, WI 53593

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Checks should be made payable to the S.C.W.D.



SCWD Electronic Red Book



A revision to the SCWD Electronic Red Book has begun! The first edition was sent to all members two years ago. I hope to have the second edition to the membership by September 2022.

The Electronic Red Book is a benefit of your NMRA/SCWD membership which means if you are not in good standing with the NMRA during the month of publication, **YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED in the Electronic Red Book, nor will you receive one!** So please keep your NMRA membership in good standing by renewing your NMRA membership if it is lapsed. This is your responsibility.

For those members that joined after the first edition, you should have received a “Welcome Email” from me which included an opt-in form for the Electronic Red Book, the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Electronic Red Book. If you did not return your opt-in form to me, I will be sending you an email with another form to opt-in. You must return the form to me to be placed in the Electronic Red Book.

All members in good standing with the NMRA will receive the Electronic Red Book whether you opt-in or not, it is benefit of your membership. So don't be left out, stay current on your NMRA dues and opt-in!

Any member that did not opt in the first time and would like to be included in the upcoming Electronic Red Book, please print, complete, and mail to me the opt in form on the next page. All members that were in the first edition do not need to do anything, unless your information has changed. If it has, please send me an email with the changes.

Thanks everyone, more information will be coming in future Bad Orders.

Kathy Clancy
Publications Chair
scwdkathy@aol.com

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SCWD Electronic Red Book



Part II
Membership Roster and
Award Recipients



Electronic Red Book Opt-in Form

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE
ELECTRONIC RED BOOK,
PRINT AND FILL OUT THIS
OPT-IN FORM AND
MAIL TO ME!**

The following is the information I will need from you for inclusion in the Electronic Red Book roster. If you want to be included in the Roster, please complete this form and return to me. Keep in mind that your NMRA membership dues must be current and you must live in the boundaries of the SCWD to be included.

If you are new to the Division AND want to be included in the Red Book, please fill in all pertinent information.

Please Print LEGIBLY!!!

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone: _____

Scale: _____

Layout status: _____

Layout name: _____

Favorite prototype: _____

Do you wish Layout help? YES or NO (please circle)

Willing to work on other layouts: YES or NO (please circle)

☐ Please include my above information in the Electronic Red Book.

☐ I do not wish to be included in the next Red Book

Please sign and Date: _____

Mail to: Kathy Clancy
SCWD Roster
3940 Trempealeau Trl
Verona, WI 53593

Still relevant after more than 20 years

At my age I'm past the need or desire to be looking for business. I can't help reflect, though, on some logo designs I produced for the NMRA that are living on

I worked on the design for the Lake Junction logo back in 1997 while I chaired the convention's publicity committee. Concurrently, the NMRA people responsible for the National Train Show, that accompanies each national convention, asked if I would design the show's logo.

Then at the 1999 St. Paul NMRA National, I met with two committee members for the pending St. Louis convention. They were impressed with the Madison logo and branding and proceeded to retain me to design their 2001 logo.

The story of the National Train Show logo has been a bumpy one. It was used for a few years, then seemed to become a political football. Lo and behold, it's been back in use for the last five years, or so.

I did a clinic on logos for conventions and shows at the Toronto National in 2003. Part of the discussion pertained to the tensions between literal and figurative thinking. For example, to those in the know, the typography in the St. Louis logo also represents the Eads Bridge, the oldest bridge crossing the Mississippi River terminating at the base of the Gateway Arch. I was gratified to have one of the St. Louis committee members attend the clinic.

Now as we approach the 2022 St. Louis NMRA National, their logo lives on...only having to change two numbers.

Meanwhile back at the SCWD, we're very fortunate to have the talents of Tom Morrison design and maintain the logo and branding for the Mad City Model Railroad Show. It has already demonstrated that it stands the test of time.

Bob Boelter, SCWD Member





*Clerk's Note - The election for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors was held in April 2021 by electronic ballot due to the COVID-19 public gathering restrictions in place during the first few months of 2021. The results of the 2021-2022 were published in the **May 2021 Bad Order**. This 2022-2023 election meeting summary is being provided to the members of the SCWD to inform the entire membership of the results of the April 2022 annual election meeting. At the **annual membership meeting to be held in 2023** the following summary will be approved as presented or corrected to become the official **MINUTES** of the 2022-2023 annual election meeting.*



SCWD 2022-2023 Annual Election of Board of Directors Meeting Summary **April 3, 2022**

The South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Association Annual Meeting for the Election of Members to the Board of Directors was called to order by Election Committee Chairman Bob McGeever at 1:04 pm.

This election meeting was held at the beginning of the April SCWD Membership Meeting at the Verona Senior Center.

Treasurer's Summary:

Bob McGeever informed the membership in attendance that the February 2022 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale broke even on revenues versus expenses.

Annual Election of Officers to the Board of Directors:

There were no other nominations for the Board of Directors offices. The current board of directors has consented to continue as members of the board in their current positions. The current board consists of the following members:

Phil Hottmann
Steve Preston

Dr. Bill Clancy
John Kosobucki

David Down
Bob McGeever

Dave Dingman
Bill Mitchell

Bob McGeever proposed that the slate of officers be approved by acclamation. A motion was made by Don Swinton, second by Pat Harding, that the slate of candidates be approved by acclamation. Motion carried.

SCWD Board of Directors for 2022 - 2023:

Phil Hottmann
Dr. Bill Clancy
David Down
Dave Dingman
Steve Preston
John Kosobucki
Bob McGeever
Bill Mitchell

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent

Past Superintendent and Paymaster
Clerk

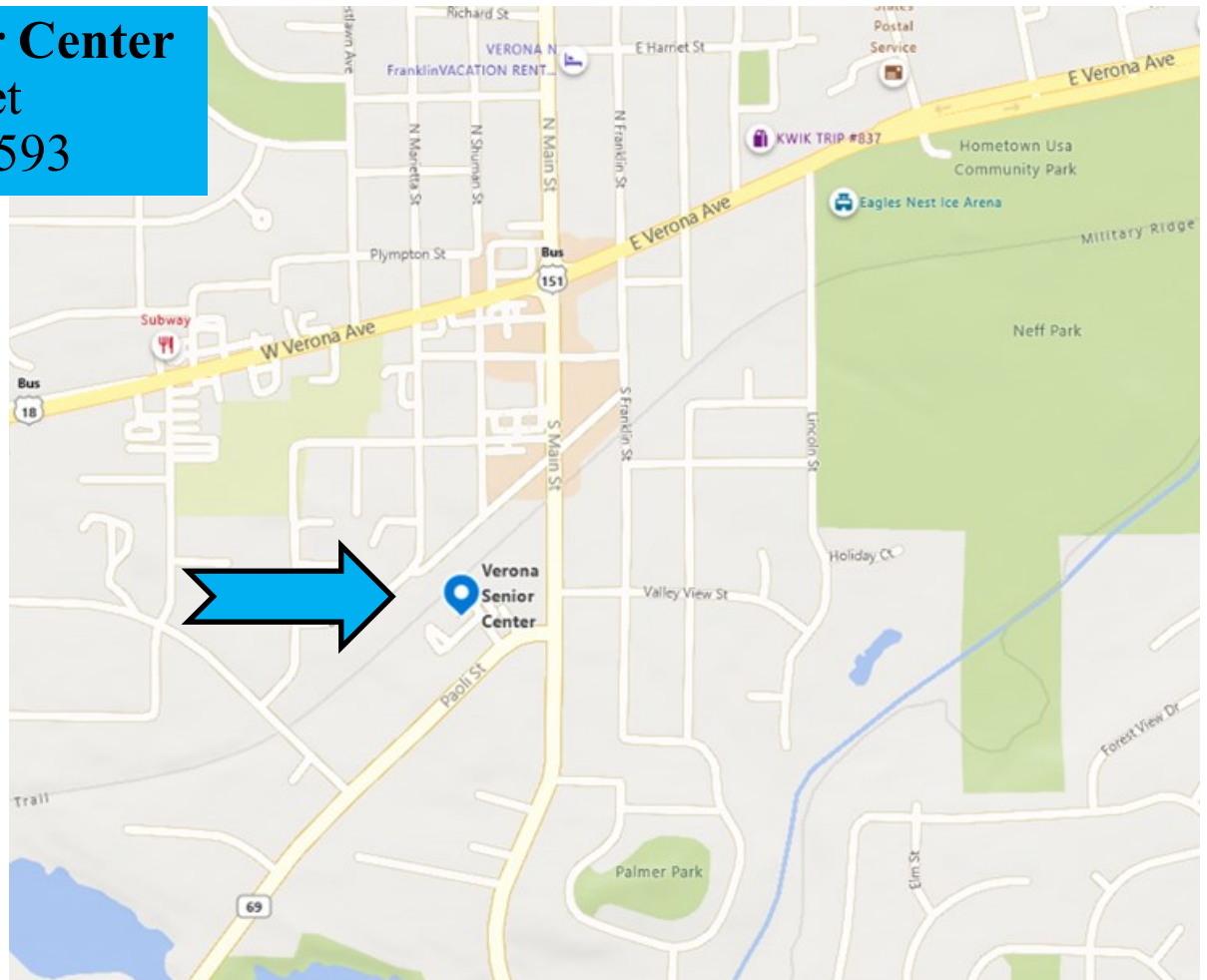
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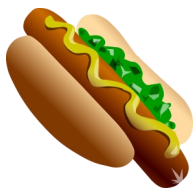
A motion was made by Sean Lamb, second by Dr. Bill Clancy, to adjourn the annual election meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

With the adjournment of the annual election meeting, the April SCWD Membership Meeting continued.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk

Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli Street
Verona, WI 53593





SCWD 2022 Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 16, 2022



For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Americka Park in Marshall on their “Whiskey River Railway Day”. The SCWD Board has agreed to do so again this summer on Saturday, July 16th. 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 1 pm. As was done in 2019, 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, their direct families and other Division invited guests can attend the picnic. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, you will have to sign up and pay by Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Little Americka 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.

FUN!

SCWD 2022 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* only) by 7/2 to:**

John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd, Middleton, WI 53562

Any questions , contact me at E-mail address: haverdj@tds.net, Phone: 608-836-7963

2021-2022 SCWD Video Contest

Steve Lanphear

Planning To Get Out Of Pandemic Jail This Summer And Do Some Railfanning Or Visit Some Layouts? You could enter some of your videos in this Contest!

SCWD 2021-22 Video Contest Guidelines

This year's SCWD video contest will be open for submitting entries on November 1, 2021.

Here are the things you need to know:

- There are two categories: **Prototype** and **Model**.
- The contest is open to those who attend the meeting.
- The person submitting an entry must be the you may have help from others in editing.
- The video can be taken at any time (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.
- All videos must be on a railroad or layout.
- The video can have title screen but it is 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 2022 Meeting.

**CONTEST OVER
WINNERS TO BE
ANNOUNCED AT
MAY MEETING!**

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If you need to change your email address with the NMRA please follow these directions:

The direct way is to log on to the "Members" page of the NMRA website, choose the "View your NMRA membership" box on the right side of the screen, scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Update". Enter the new email address in the appropriate box and click "Submit".



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Four Full Days
Three Regions
Two Day Train Show
One Convention
May 18-22, 2022

Clinics
Layout Tours
Ops Sessions
Prototype Tours



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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@frontier.com 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??**

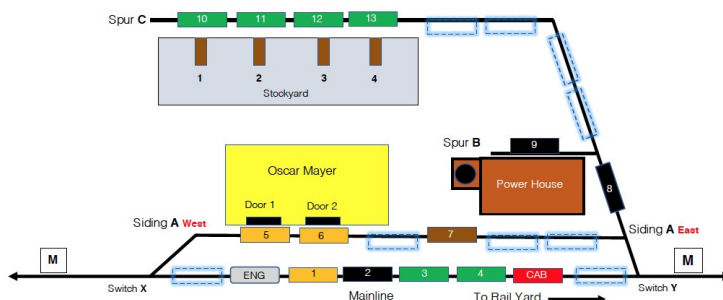
Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers 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@frontier.com

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.



Minutes SCWD Board Meeting 7:00 pm, 14 March 2022 via Zoom meeting



The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 7:01 pm by Superintendent Phil Hottmann. Phil Hottmann, Bob McGeever, Dr. Bill Clancy, John Kosobucki, Dave Down, Dave Dingman, Steve Preston, and Bill Mitchell were present. John Haverberg attended for a short time to report on the July picnic.

BOD Meetings: Members of the SCWD are invited to join a Board of Directors meeting. Meeting dates are published in the **Bad Order**. Send a request to Phil Hottmann or another member of the SCWD Board for a ZOOM link to the upcoming meeting. The members' contact information is in the **REDBOOK**.

Summer Picnic

John Haverberg has reserved the Rose Picnic Pavilion at Little Americka, Marshall, Wisconsin, for our July 16 Summer Picnic. July 16 is also the date of Little Americka's "Whiskey River Railway Day". An announcement for our SCWD Summer Picnic will appear in the "BAD ORDER" newsletter. John presented different options for the catering of our picnic.

Motion made by Dr. Clancy, second by Dingman, to use Hy-Vee as the caterer and to charge \$5.00 for each person age 6 and above. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Bob McGeever presented the high points of the February Paymaster Report. The Company Store sales are keeping our budget on track and will hopefully allow our organization to break even for this SCWD 2021 - 2022 year.

Bob presented the proposed February 2023 Madison Model Railroad Show and Sale Ticket Prices:

Day of Show	New Price	Old Price
Adult - 16 to 64	\$14.00	\$12.00
Senior - 65 & Up	\$13.00	\$11.00
Active Duty	\$11.00	\$11.00 - no change
Child - 5 to 15	\$6.00	\$6.00 - no change
Two Day Pass	\$18.00	\$16.00
Family Pass	\$36.00	\$32.00
Advance Tickets		
Adult - 16 & Up	\$13.00	\$11.00
Child - 5 to 15	\$5.00	\$5.00 - no change
Two Day Pass	\$17.00	\$15.00

Motion by McGeever, second by Dr. Clancy, to approve the February 2023 ticket price structure. Motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, second by McGeever, to approve the February Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program - nothing to report.

Advertising - nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles for the April **Bad Order** need to be submitted to Kathy, our Bad Order Editor, by March 18.

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 - There will be no clinics presented at the April membership meeting due to the Modeling Contest and the Board of Directors election. Clinics are being lined up for our May membership meeting.

Contests - Model and Photography - Dave Down is looking new ideas and categories for the 2022 - 2023 contests. He stated that the May model and photography contest will be the last for the SCWD year and the results will be tabulated along with the results of the previous contests. Contest winners will be announced and awards will be presented at the May SCWD Banquet.

Modeling Project - The models will be judged at the April 3, 2022 membership meeting.

Door Prizes - Door prize winners need to pick up their Gift Certificates in a timely manner.
(Reprint from the January 2022 minutes - "Beginning on March 1, 2022, all door prize gift certificates must be picked up from the **HOBBY STOP** in 3 months or the gift certificate will be forfeited.")

Layout Tours - Layout tours are being lined up for April and May. The May layout locations should be fairly close together.

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 - "Past Due Membership Registration" notices will be sent out.

Reminder - The National Model Railroad Association dues will increase in April. Renew your membership before April to save on your membership fee.

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 REDBOOK.

Picnic - Our picnic discussion was the first topic of our meeting. The summary is at the top of the minutes.

Publicity - nothing to report.

Rail School - Our next Rail School will be held in January 2023. One switching layout needs to be rehabilitated and another rebuilt before the Rail School. A third switching layout is needed. SCWD members are needed to provide "Blue Box Railroad Car" assembly assistance and to provide demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Rail Show - Bob McGeever is waiting for the final invoice from the Dane County Exposition Center management. A small batch of 2023 show flyers will be printed for early event promotion.

Train-Fest (<https://www.train-fest.com/>) will be held in November in the Milwaukee area. The November date and location have yet to be announced. This event could be an opportunity to promote the SCWD February 2023 show.

Website - www.nmra-scwd.org - A more secure solution to sending SCWD members only information through Constant Contact email system is being investigate.

The www.nmra.org website is **UNDERUSED** by its members. There is a direct link from our SCWD website to the National Model Railroad Association website. You will need to register your NMRA membership to view the "members only" information on the different pages of the NMRA website.

Old Business:

Banquet - Phil Hottmann will be looking at the American Legion Hall in Verona as the location for our May SCWD Banquet. This facility can also cater the banquet. The information gathered will be presented to the SCWD Board of Directors in a SPECIAL MEETING to finalize and approve the May banquet location, date, and caterer.

Involvement with Local Model Railroad Clubs - Investigations are continuing to try to involve local model railroad clubs with joint clinics and layout tours.

Youth Group - Youth are needed to keep our Model Railroading Hobby alive. These are the initial topics to be addressed for a successful outcome:

Membership - requirements for minors and parents

Meeting locations and dates - identify facilities that could be available, cost

Program - clinics and other presentations geared for younger people

Steve Preston, Dave Down, and Bill Mitchell will be putting together an outline of what is needed to get the SCWD Youth Group re-organized to present to the SCWD Board of Directors and the SCWD membership.

Elections - Elections will be held at the April SCWD membership meeting to fill the membership of our Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in a nomination to the Board of Directors, please contact Bob McGeever. His contact information is in the **RED BOOK**.

Congratulations - Congratulations and Thanks go to Bob McGeever and the SCWD members who made our February 2022 Model Railroad Show and Sale a success after a 2 year hiatus.

New Business:

May 1 SCWD Membership Meeting - A joint South Central Wisconsin Division and Rock River Valley Division meeting will be held at Verona Senior Center meeting facility on May 1. Bob McGeever will be contacting the Rock River Valley Division Superintendent to confirm this meeting with all the RRVD members.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kosobucki, second by McGeever, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Bill Mitchell - Clerk



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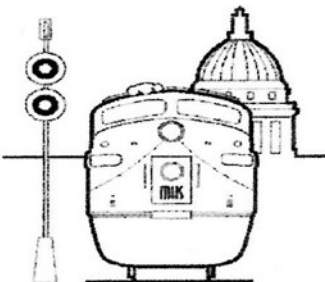
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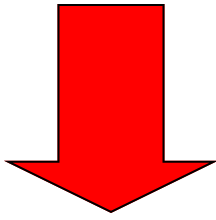
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