

**July-August 2025**

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## Super's Report

Art Dawson  
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

Summer is upon us with the temperatures rising! I'm trying to spend time out in the Depot so I can have it open for a visit this fall. Those traveling for vacations and such this summer, try to get some pictures for the photo contests this next season so we have more competition. The list of themes is later in this issue.

The Summer Picnic is coming up on July 12<sup>th</sup>! Please get your reservation mailed in for this soon. John needs to have a head count by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Roy Grants N Scale layout near the picnic will be open to visit beforehand from 10 am to noon. This is a new layout for Roy, and he does excellent work. Details are also in this copy of the Bad Order.

The National Convention is the week after the Picnic, and is being held in Novi, MI., which is near Detroit and only a 6-7-hour drive away. Please consider joining us as there is a cap on the number of attendees.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Thanks!

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent  
Model railroading is fun!

**Next SCWD Meet**  
**Verona Senior Center, Verona**  
September 7, 2025

**Next BOD Meeting:**  
July 8, 2025, 6:30 PM  
ZOOM Meeting



**Next Youth Group**  
**Verona Senior Center, Verona**  
September 13, 2025



## Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

When the New Year rolls around we often make resolutions based on things we want to accomplish. There might be things we might want to do better than we have in the past; things we haven't done before; things we procrastinated about. Well, we are going to be heading into a new SCWD year in September and that gives you an opportunity to make model railroad resolutions. (Or at least pretend to make resolutions like we do in January.).

This year make a resolution to participate in at least one contest.

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.

In preparation for the 2025-26 contests, here is a list of the contest themes. This will give you time to plan your entries so we can have another interesting season of contests. These themes will also be published on the website. Until then, happy modeling and happy traveling.

### **2025 - 2026 POPULAR VOTE MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS**

<b>September:</b>	<b>Freight Cars</b>
<b>October:</b>	<b>Passenger Cars</b>
<b>November:</b>	<b>Railroad Structures</b>
<b>December:</b>	<b>M O W Cars</b>
<b>January:</b>	<b>No contest (Rail School)</b>
<b>February:</b>	<b>Snow</b>
<b>March:</b>	<b>Interior Details (cars and buildings)</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>No Contest (model project)</b>
<b>May:</b>	<b>Circus</b>

## Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

I'm hoping you are all having a great summer. I'm still in the process of putting together the tours for next season. We will be having a joint meeting with Rockford Group in May, so this is an opportunity to open your layout to a larger audience. If you would like to have your layout open, please get in touch with me. I'm looking forward to having a great season!

Phil

**The BOD meeting for June 10th  
was cancelled.**

**The minutes for the  
May 13th BOD meeting will not be  
considered for approval until the  
July 8th meeting.**

**David Dingman - SCWD Clerk**



# Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

This month since we have no meetings, and I don't have any clinician info, I thought I'd present a "mini clinic."

The title is "How I make my own shrubs or weeds with static grass." The numbered photographs are at the end of this clinic column.

This may not be a new idea, in fact I modified it from a video I saw on YouTube.

On that video the modeler used part of this technique with his static grass applicator. Since I didn't want to drag out my applicator, I thought I'd modify the technique a bit.

I used a piece of Parchment Paper (1) taped to a table. For my glue I used Matte Medium (2). Matte Medium remains flexible after drying. In my case I used 4mm static grass (3).

I applied a stream of Matte Medium and spread it out to a desired shape. I used a stick to spread it out (4).

I then poured some static grass over the Matte Medium. Pour enough so that you have a pile over the medium. You'll be able to recover the excess later. Then tamp the grass down. I used a paint brush (5).

Let it sit for 24 hours.

Once dry, you can peel off the grass patch. Shake off the excess grass and save for re-use (6).

You can use the remaining patch as is by gluing onto your layout, or you can cut to shape. I cut a straight line on one patch to use tight to a building base (7).

The advantage to creating this grass patch "off-layout" is that it's easier to recover the excess grass for re-use...and it keeps any errant Matte Medium from a building base.

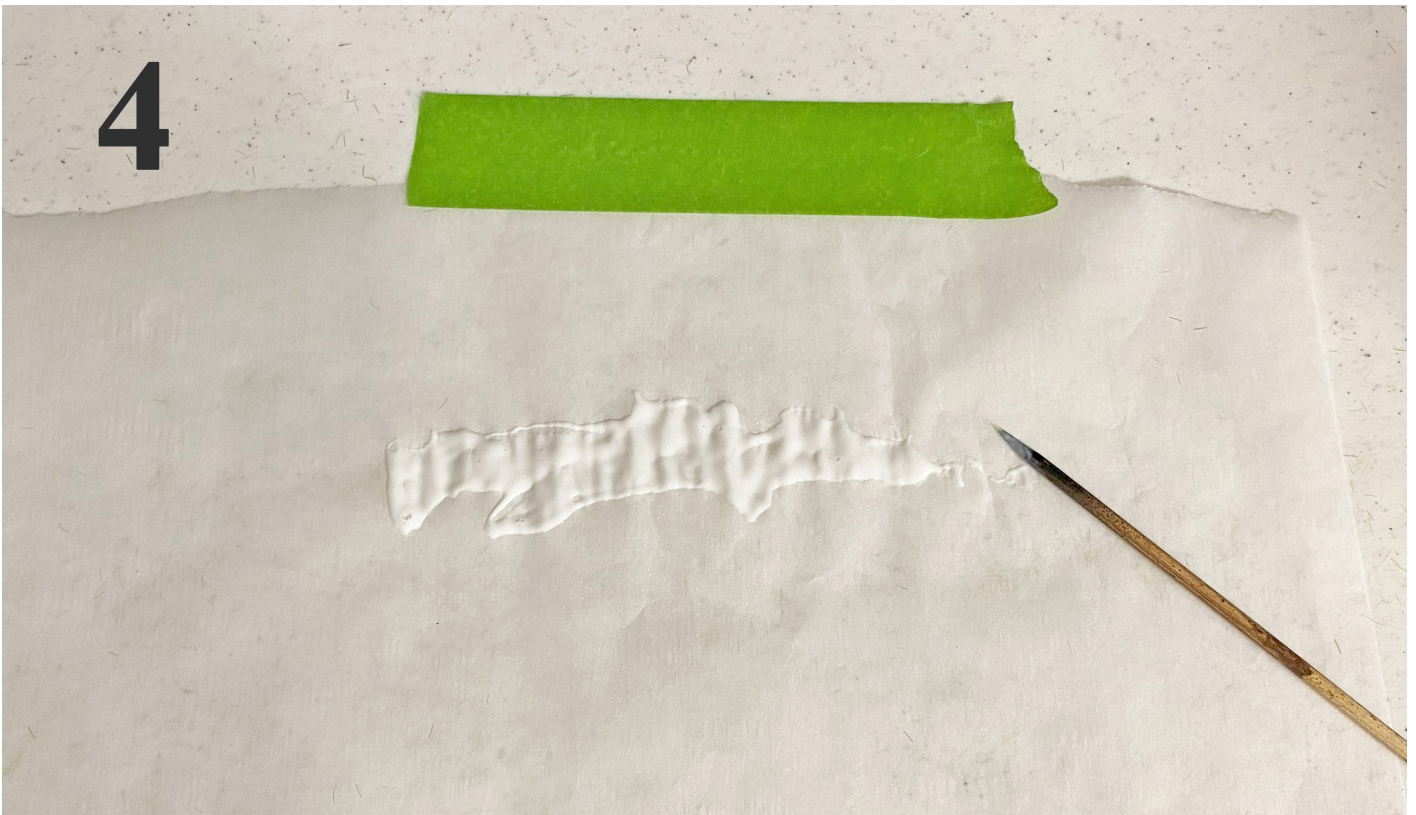
I have also used "dry brushing" on some patches to vary the color and add some small "blooms."

See you virtually.

Bob





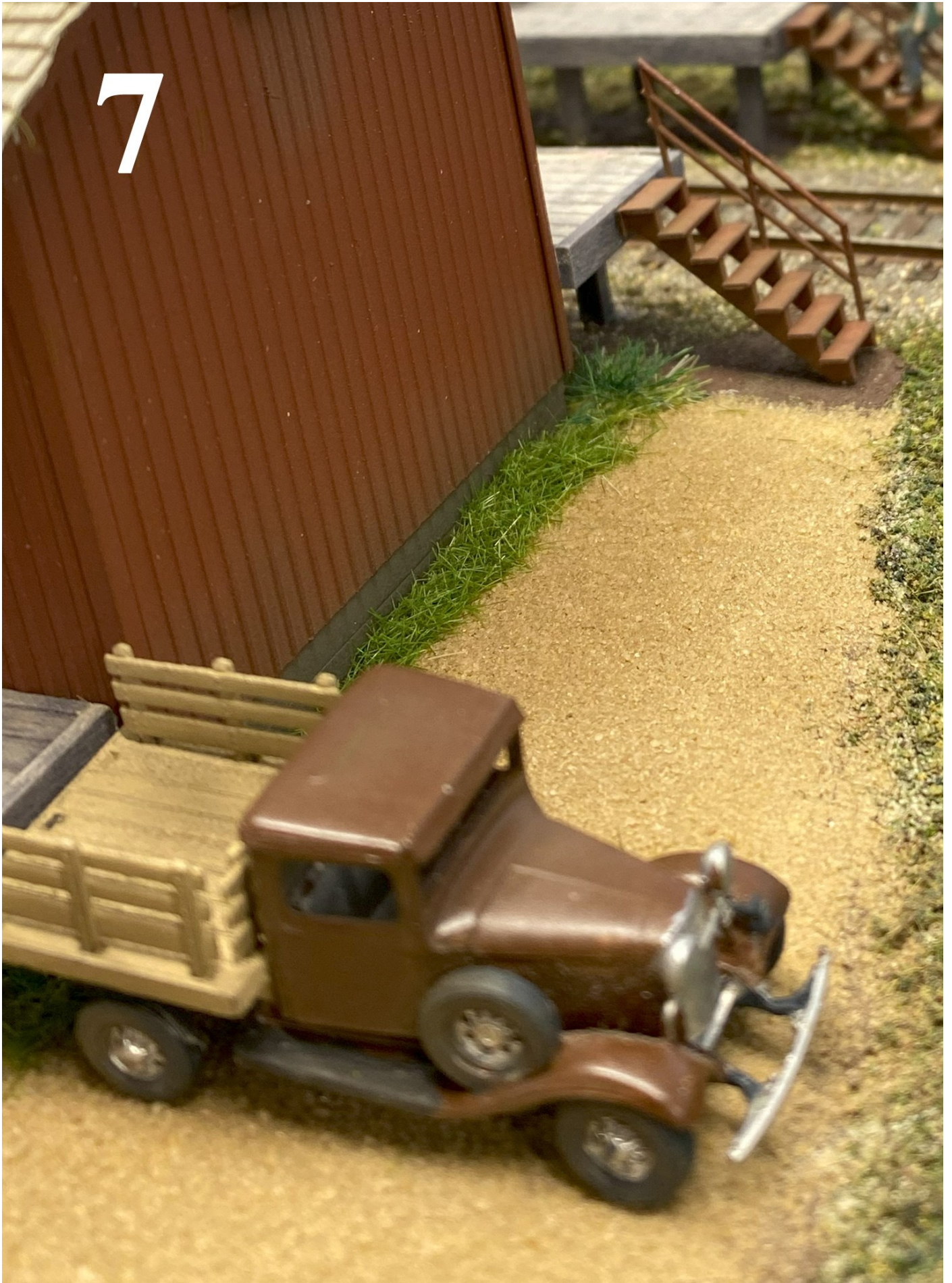








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# SCWD 2025 Annual Summer Picnic

## Saturday, July 12, 2025



For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Americka Park in Marshall. The SCWD Board has agreed to do so, again, this summer on Saturday, July 12. Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and catering is being provided by Angelo's, used in 2024. 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, 2023, and 2024 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 July 1, 2025. Please indicate ages for kids under 12 to help in planning for quantities for kid's meals. 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.

**Added Attraction** Roy Grant will have his N-scale, Omaha Western layout open from 10 am to noon on July 12th. The layout in his house was on display prior to the 2017 picnic. He has now rebuilt the layout into a separate building. His 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.

### **SCWD 2025 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet**

SCWD Member and Family Attendee names and ages for those under 12 years old

Cost(each):


Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print and fill out the form and send with payment (cash or checks - payable to the SCWD) by 7/1/25

Thanks. 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.



# **The Pacific and Eastern Railway A Gem Tucked Away in Greencastle Indiana**

by John Robert Coy, MMR 730

*The following was submitted by  
Superintendent Art Dawson for  
publication  
in the Bad Order*

There are so many great and interesting things going on in the Midwest Region; that unfortunately you are just never going to know or hear about.

Our Region covers Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and western Kentucky. That is a fair amount of real estate, and a bunch of ground to cover!

This story actually started at my church many years ago when I met Rod Weinschenk at St. Stephens' Lutheran Church in Plainfield, Indiana. We saw each other on a fairly regular basis, and neither of us ever happened on the subject of model railroading.

One day, many years ago, I was sitting in the Narthex and gazing at my model railroading magazine. By chance, Rod saw me and the rest is history. Rod told me that he had N scale trains and explained how he painted and detailed N scale figures. How do you see them? That was my question.

I invited Rod over to Connie Coy's and my O Scale Glacier Line layout; which uses 3-rail track in a realistic setting—Marias Pass in the area of Glacier National Park. It wasn't long until Rod became a core member of our Glacier Line Crew operating and even earning the AP Chief Dispatcher certificate! Rod, and his wife Staci, began buying more and more O gauge model trains.

Somewhere, somehow, someway, Rod became involved with a modular 3-rail club: The Pacific and Eastern. This group has been around a long while and brings their layout to display at NMRA shows.

This club was very fortunate to have had Rod become involved as there were issues that needed to be addressed and it seemed like fate sent Rod to this club.

Rod became this club's President and he even managed to get the Club a space to set-up the layout in the Putnam County Museum. The museum is located on the north edge of Greencastle 1105 N. Jackson Street, Greencastle.

I was inspired to write this to make more people aware that a good-sized model railroad club is based in Greencastle, Indiana. You just never know.

Greencastle is in Putnam County, Indiana. In mid-May 2025, approximately 90 South Putnam Elementary 2nd graders, adult escorts, and teachers toured the museum. Rod provided them some education and entertainment with an operating session of sorts.

Quote of the day! It came from one of the kids: "This is the greatest day of my life, these trains!"

Truly, it is a great day when the National Model Railroad Association can "bring" model railroading to children.

It is a blessing that NMRA Member Rod Weinschenk, who is also the Regional Chairman of the Audit Committee, and also the President of the Pacific and Eastern Railway, managed to get the Putnam County Museum to provide a space for the club.

Greencastle has a long railroad history which is on display and available at the museum.

Countless people, including many children, have been exposed to model railroading due to the tremendous efforts of NMRA Member Rod Weinschenk. He is a great Ambassador for the hobby and NMRA!

The only bad is Rod doesn't get to the Glacier Line nearly as much as he used to. The Crew misses him here, but he has done himself proud and brought the Pacific and Eastern Railway to Greencastle, where many folks have enjoyed it tremendously.

If you are close to Greencastle or will be passing through, look up the Pacific and Eastern Railway club and stop in! Or, look for the club at many NMRA Midwest Region train shows!

This is a very friendly and good group of people! Many of whom are NMRA Members! I wonder if I could convince the club to become an NMRA club? That's a story for another day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROD WEINSCHENK!!!  
Thank you for promoting the hobby to young and old!



## 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](mailto: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.

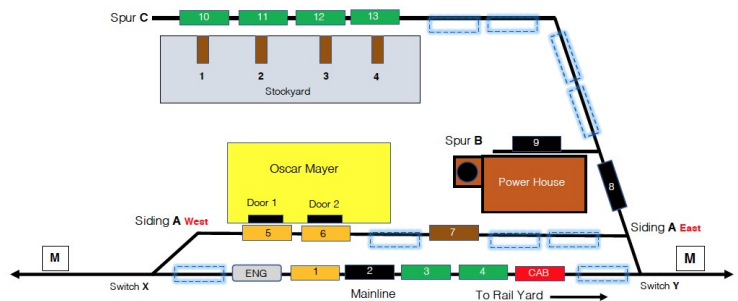
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Steve Lanphear  
SCWD listserv Coordinator  
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**NEW EMAIL**

## OPS Puzzles

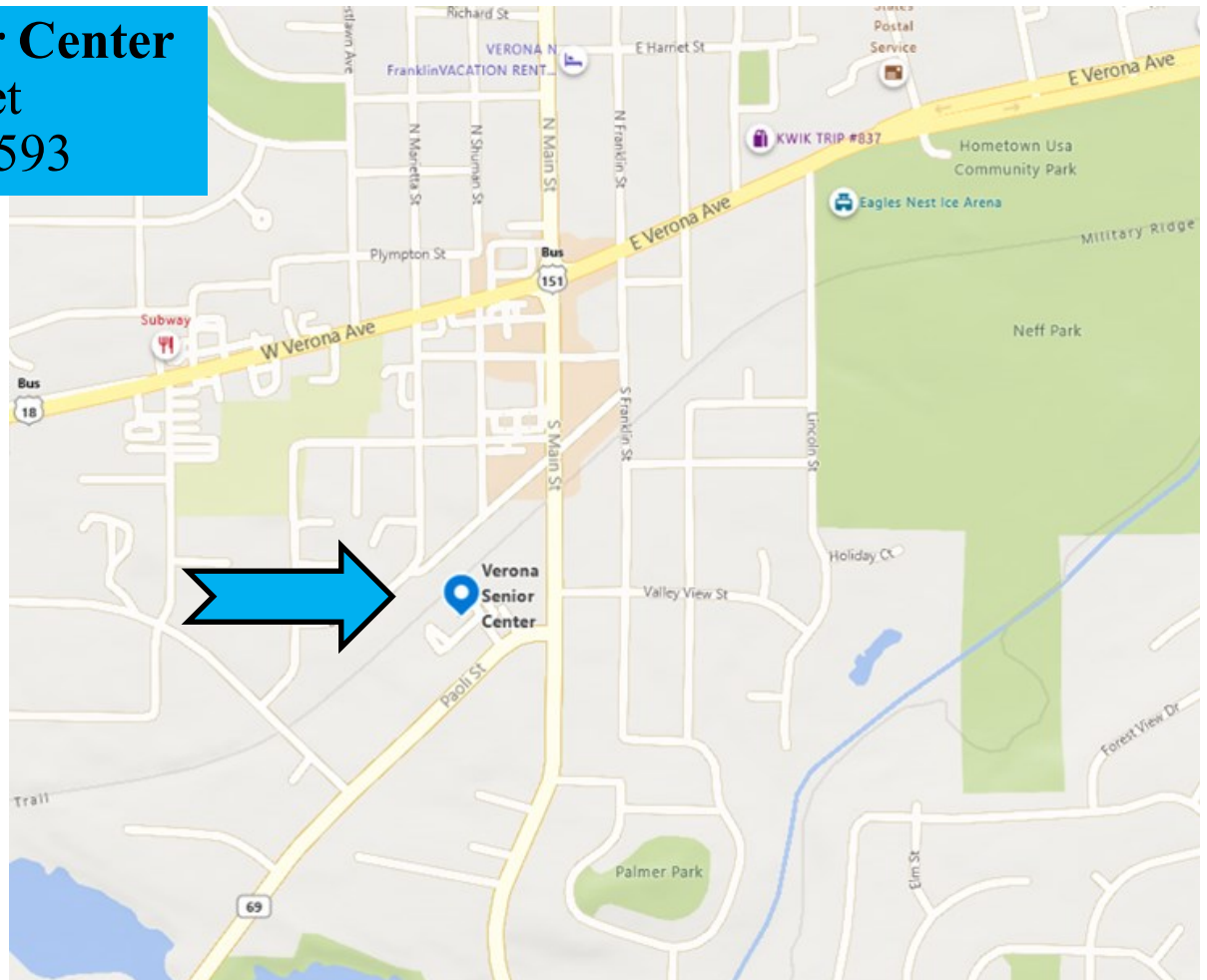


OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

[www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html](http://www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html)

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

**Verona Senior Center**  
108 Paoli Street  
Verona, WI 53593







# NMRA NEWS



## **STATION No. VI NMRA National Convention**

Barrie Hensel

Station No. VI publicity chairman

Hello NMRA members! The 2024 NMRA National Convention is complete and the 2025 National convention

– **STATION No. VI** –

is heading down the track at full steam ahead!

Registration is open and we already have over 100 registrations.

Go to

**[nmra2025.com](http://nmra2025.com)**

to see all of the event details and the registration page.



# We're looking for a few good layouts...

## ...12 to be exact!

You're proud of your model railroad. Why not share it by submitting a photo or two (up to four) for the 2026 edition of the NMRA Model Railroad Calendar?

The calendar is distributed to every U.S. member as a fundraiser every November.

It's easy to submit your photos. Just visit [www.nmra.org/printed-calendar](http://www.nmra.org/printed-calendar) and you'll find answers to all your questions, along with a detailed explanation of the photo requirements and how to submit. *Photo tips videos too!*



### More questions?

Just drop an email to [calendarphotos26@nmra.org](mailto:calendarphotos26@nmra.org) or call Gerry Leone at 952-334-3445. This email address is updated yearly and previous addresses are no longer active.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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). Please indicate if you do **NOT** want your photos altered when you submit them. Your photos may also be used for NMRA promotional purposes however, you do retain ownership of your images.

2015, photo by Greg Komar, On30 modeling by Jim Gore, MMR, Santa Clara, UT.  
2019, photo and HO scale modeling by Jerry Lauchle, MMR, State College, PA.  
2022, photo and O scale modeling by John Sethian, Exton, PA.  
2023, photo and HO scale modeling by Richard Walz, Northampton, MA.  
2024, photo and HO scale modeling by Larry Blaylock, Kansas City, MO.

Photos may be submitted between January 1 and the final deadline of **July 15, 2025** for consideration.



**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:**

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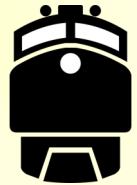
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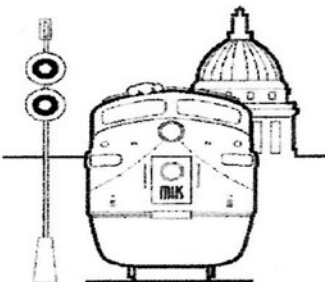
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### SCWD 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

#### Regular Meeting

September 7, 2025  
October 5, 2025  
November 9, 2025  
December 7, 2025  
January 4, 2026  
February 1, 2026  
March 1, 2026  
April 12, 2026  
May 3, 2026

#### BOD

July 8, 2025  
August 12, 2025  
  
September 9, 2025  
October 14, 2025  
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#### Youth Group

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