

# THE OWL CAR

## WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

JANUARY 2011

**Trainfest**  
*America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show*

**November 12 & 13, 2011**

### UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting**  
dates on **Waukesha County**  
**Gandy Dancers website**

- **January 16, 2011**

**WISE Meet Best Western-  
Airport Milwaukee**

- **February 20, 2011**

**WISE Meet Country  
Springs Hotel - Waukesha**

- **March 20, 2011**

**WISE Meet Best Western-  
Airport Milwaukee**

- **WISE VIDEO SALE**

**JANUARY 16 AT  
DIVISION MEET**

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## NEW TO THE CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke

As contest chair I was able to inform the members in attendance at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meet, of a few changes going on with the contests. We are giving out a new, 1<sup>st</sup> place plaque, with the two \$10.00 gift certificates, in each category, at each meet. And we also will be giving out a new "BEST OF SHOW" plaque, along with the 2, \$10.00 gift certificates. Our Wisconsin state plaque is no more, and all of our new plaques will have a train engine picture on them.

For 3 meets we will be giving out different 1<sup>st</sup> place plaques. We know that you will want to collect them all when entering our different categories. Looking forward to seeing you and your entries at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meet.

## NMRA ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM JUDGING At MARCH 20 MEET

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# Superintendent's Corner

By Linda Sukup

Welcome to 2011!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and here's to an awesome 2011.

Our first meet of the New Year is January 16 at the Best Western on Howell Avenue. At this meet, we are introducing our revamped contests. Our Contest Chair, Bonnie Janke explained the changes at the December meet.

Trainfest is now behind us and was very successful. I want to thank John Tews again, the Trainfest Committee, the Board of Directors and all of you for coming out and making our event so great!

If anyone is interested in having their layout available for touring on January 16, send me an email. I can be emailed at [superintendent@wisedivision.org](mailto:superintendent@wisedivision.org)

The nomination committee is seeking nominations for all offices, such as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster. Contact Dick Cecil at [thececil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thececil@sbcglobal.net)

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# VIDEO SALE

**All remaining videos are now \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00**

The Division will continue its sale of VHS tapes for a limited period of time . Many of these tapes are not available anywhere else. Don't miss out on the great bargains. There are still many great tapes to choose from.

## DECEMBER CONTESTS

**By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair**

We had a very eventful time at our December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meet. All categories were represented by members of the Division. In the motive power diesel , Jim Sohns with his 1<sup>st</sup> place, Norfolk & Western EMD GP9 engine was great to see and Don Cook's 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Great Northern NW – 2, was well received. Jim Sohns entries in Freight Equipment were enjoyed by all with his 1<sup>st</sup> place, 40' gondola, Michigan Northern (at Ann Arbor), and his 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 50' boxcar, U.S. Lumber Bicentennial #11499 Ogden Corp. In our Prototype Photo area we had an 8'long table full of photos. It took most people in attendance several minutes to make up their minds on which photo to choose. Keith Schmidt took a 1<sup>st</sup> place with his Soo Line #1003, and Don Higgins, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his photo of Feather River, Fallen Flags. In the Train Related Craft area we had a tie which was decided by our Vice-Superintendent, John Shipman. Dianne Michel was our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner with her Counted Cross Stitch Baby Bib, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Bonnie Janke with her Thomas Pillow Case.

"BEST OF SHOW" was Don Cook's diesel engine the Great Northern NW-2.

If you have questions about our contest please get in touch with me. [yjanke@wi.rr.com](mailto:yjanke@wi.rr.com) or by phone 262-392-9698.

See you in the Contest Room in January.

December contest results on pages 5-6

## Upcoming Contests

1-16-2011

- Motive Power - Steam & Diesel
- Structures ( On & Off Line )
- General ( Dioramas & Trains )
- Model Photos

2-20-2011

- Traction / Electric
- Passenger Equipment
- Non-Revenue Freight Equipment
- Prototype Photos

3-20-2011

- Structures ( On & Off Line )
- General ( Dioramas & Trains )
- Model Photos
- Freight Equipment

4-10-2011

ALL CATEGORIES

## MEMBERSHIP

By Neil Michel

Please take a minute to sign in each month and receive a chance at a great door prize. How about a 6-month membership in the NMRA for only \$9.95? Membership application forms are available at the sign in table. This offer is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more.



Milwaukee Road "Skytop" Dell Rapids

## WISE Division Directory coming soon !!

## CLINICIANS NEEDED FOR 2011 MONTHLY MEETS

By Al Lederman Clinics Chairman

We need YOU to step forward and present a clinic. The topics can vary. If you gave a clinic at the national convention, we would like to have you do it for the division. If you know of someone who has a skill, please let me know. If you know of a railfan photographer who has given a presentation elsewhere, please let me know.

If there is anyone who is interested and needs help putting the clinic together on the computer, please ask. There are a number of people in the division who can help.

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Madison 608-829-3820

## Contest Results for December 2010



### **BEST OF SHOW**

Great Northern NW – 2  
Don Cook



### **Motive Power Diesel - 1st Place**

Norfolk & Western EMD GP9  
Jim Sohns



### **Motive Power Diesel - 2nd Place**

Great Northern NW – 2  
Don Cook



### **Freight Equipment - 1st Place**

40' Gondola Michigan Northern  
Jim Sohns





**Freight Equipment - 2nd Place**  
50' Boxcar U.S. Lumber Bicentennial #11499  
Jim Sohns



**Prototype Photo - 1st Place**  
Soo Line #1003  
Keith Schmidt



**Prototype Photo - 2nd Place**  
Feather River, Fallen Flags  
Don Higgens



**Train Related Craft - 1st Place**  
Counted Cross Stitch Baby Bib  
Diane Michel



**Train Related Craft - 2nd Place**  
Thomas Pillow Case  
Bonnie Janke

# **NMRA ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM JUDGING**

## **At MARCH MEET**

### **By Dr. Cedor Aronow**

That is the question the judges for the NMRA Achievement Program must answer when they are judging the quality of a model that the builder has asked them to evaluate for merit points. The NMRA Achievement program is a fun and educational way to have your work critiqued by judges who are familiar with building and modeling techniques. There are guidelines that are published by the NMRA for the judges to use as they evaluate a model for merit points. There is some leeway for the judges, but the points are awarded based on a matrix for each of the several categories that are judged for each model. The points awarded are not done so in an arbitrary manner. Guidelines must be followed.

Many modelers are reticent about entering a model into a judged contest at a National or Regional convention because of the notion that those judges are extremely stingy and picky in awarding points.

There is a difference between a contest and judging for merit awards. The judges always use the guidelines for awarding points but in picking the 1<sup>st</sup> place entry in a contest often involve some decision making on the part of the judges. Everything is judged for merit points, but the picking of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place award involves a somewhat different approach by the judges. A person can build a model it can be judged at anytime and does not have to be an entry in a contest. A modeler only has to contact the AP Chair in the Division or any of the officers of the Division and request judging of a particular model. The AP Chair then communicates with the modeler and judging is arranged. If the model is a structure that can be moved or a piece of rolling stock or motive power the judging is often done at one of the regular meets. For some of the categories such as scenery, electrical, mechanical, etc. the judges will come to the location of the layout and do the judging on site. The AP judges in the WISE Division are very flexible and accommodating to the modeler's needs.

Your AP judges are more than willing to answer any questions you may have regarding your work. We often are asked to look at a work in progress to give advice on how to bring the model up to the level that it can make enough points to earn a merit award certificate. Your AP judges are available to help you in your progress to earning merit awards and then moving on to receive a category certificate. We really want to see you succeed and will help you in any way we can. It is suggested you go to the NMRA site and go to the Achievement Program and inform yourself about the various categories and the requirements to earn a Category certificate. There are links to the judging criteria and it provides some interesting and valuable information as to how the judging is actually done.

Don't overlook some of the other categories in the AP program such as Association Volunteer, Author and Dispatcher. These are not modeling categories but are part of the road to becoming a Master Model Railroader.

At the March WISE Division meet, we will have judges available so bring in your models for judging or evaluation and advice. We are anxious to see you.

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## **WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

January 16, 2011 Meet Clinics at Best Western Hotel - Airport , Milwaukee

**Clinics:**

- **1pm Dave Stanley - TBD**
- **2pm Bob Miller - Indian Head Lines Dawn to Dark**
- **3pm Bob Baker - TBD**

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