

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

FEBRUARY 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**
 - **February 20, 2011**
WISE Meet Country Springs Hotel - Waukesha
 - **March 20, 2011**
WISE Meet Best Western-Airport Milwaukee
 - **April 10, 2011**
WISE Meet Annual Meeting Election of Officers Best Western- Airport Milwaukee
- **WISE VIDEO SALE FEBRUARY 20th AT DIVISION MEET**
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WISE BUS TRIP

Save money, ride in comfort with fellow model railroaders, to the MAD CITY MODEL RAILROAD Show in Madison Wisconsin on Saturday February 19th 2011.

Your fare of only \$30 dollars includes; bus fare, admission into the show along with coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus.

The bus will make it's first of 2 pickups starting with the College Ave. park and ride at **7 am**- meet in the **SOUTH-WEST** lot. The second pickup will be at the Watertown Plank Rd park and ride off Hwy 45 at **7:30am** then departing for Madison. Bus will is scheduled to depart show at 3pm returning to Milwaukee.

Should you decide to join us, the sooner the better to make the call to Art Oseland or Reid Kahrs being the Bus will fill fast. You can reach Art @ 414-764-5375 or Reid @ 262-628-8489.

Looking forward to you joining us, these trips are always fun filled and a chance to share ideas.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Linda Sukup

As I write my column for February, there is good news. We are having a bus tour to Mad City, February 19, 2011. Art Oseland and Reid Kahrs have agreed to handle this. So if you are interested, please contact Art at sueose-land@aol.com for further information. Thank you very much Art and Reid.

The next meet is February 20 at Country Springs in Pewaukee.

Please consider entering the contest that is being held at every meet. In March, there will also be the NMRA AP judging.

There are a couple of more things that are in the works, but that will be announced in February at Country Springs along with the layout tours.

The election of officers is April 10 along with the annual meeting. If you are interested in running for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk or Treasurer, see Dick Cecil or email him at thececil@sbcglobal.net.

I am hoping to see you at the meet in Pewaukee.

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VIDEO SALE

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

The February Meet at Country Springs in Pewaukee will be the last chance to purchase any of the remaining VHS tapes from the Division library. Don't miss out on the opportunity. Many quality tapes are still available.

JANUARY CONTESTS By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair

As I prepared for the new changes in our contest; I looked forward to those of you who have entered something in one of our categories. One of our changes if you haven't heard as yet is that we are giving out, 1st place plaques, and we have a new BEST OF SHOW plaque. In both of those cases there are two \$10.00 gift certificates given, from some of our local hobby stores along with giving NMRA members a discount when we shop in their stores.

I spoke with the winners who received one of our new plaques. Ted Lewtas received our Best of Show plaque, for his B&M American 4-4-0 No. 939 Steam Engine. In speaking to him, asked what he thought about the new plaques. His response was, he had won other Best of Show plaques, in the past, and was looking forward to adding this new plaque to the rest. When asked what he might say to others who are thinking of entering one of our contests, and hadn't as yet, he said, "Don't be afraid to enter, this is a chance to challenge yourself to learn more about modeling, and if you don't know how, you can call on just about anyone on the WISE board for help, or another member of the NMRA in our area.

Andy Breaker, Neal Michel, Burnell Breaker, and Mike Janke; all received one of our 1st place plaques, at our January 16th meet. Some of their comments about their plaques were, "that it was terrific, new & different, great fun to win one, liked the new plaques, and glad to add it to their walls to display". Andy Breaker also said that he plans ahead, and has entries ready for the next few months of meets.

Have you entered something in one of our contest in the last 3-6 months? If not, you are missing out on sharing your talents in modeling, picture taking, or any of the other things that you might share, with others who attend a monthly meet.

With the input we have received, will be changing up a few more things in the near future. One change is coming up at the February 20th meet, at Country Springs. In our prototype photos we will have separate contests in the diesel, steam, and other photos, unless we have only one photo in each of those categories. Then we will put all together in one category. So go thru your prototype photos and pick out one or two that you would like to enter. If you have questions please get in touch by phone 262-392-9698 or e-mail yjanke@wi.rr.com

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Upcoming Contests

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

It is always good to see everyone at our meets. While your there take a minute to sign in 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.

WISE Division Directory coming soon !!

CLINICIANS NEEDED FOR 2011 MONTHLY MEETS

By Al Lederman Clinics Chairman

Thankyou to all of you that have presented a clinic this season. The topics and information during the clinics have been educational and entertaining; and some have even taken away a new idea. We still need more volunteers to step foreword and present a clinic and your topic can vary. Should 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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Greenfield 414-281-1800

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Waukesha 262-544-4131

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Plymouth 920-893-9552

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Green Bay 920-490-4839

Madison Hobby Shop
Madison 608-829-3820

Contest Results for January 2011



BEST OF SHOW

B&M American 4-4-0 No. 939
Ted Lewtas



Motive Power Diesel - 1st Place
FA2&FB2 SOO LINE
Neal Michel



Motive Power Diesel - 2nd Place
Seaboard Air Line ALCO RS-3
Larry Sukup



Motive Power Steam - 1st Place
CNW 4-8-2
Andy Breaker



Motive Power Steam - 2nd Place
B&M American 4-4-0 No. 939
Ted Lewtas



Model Photo - 1st Place
"South Beaver Dam Depot"
Mike Janke



Model Photo - 2nd Place
Garden Railroad w/ Water Tower and
Cheesie Engine
Bonnie Janke



Structures - 1st Place
Caboose and Fuel Oil Shed
Burnell Breaker



Structures - 2nd Place
Fire House
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 1st 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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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February 20, 2011 Meet Clinics at Country Springs Hotel - Waukesha

Clinics:

- 1pm **Harry Evans “ Making Photo Backdrops”**
- 2pm **Bob Gallegos “ Why Isn’t There a Song for Route 54”**
- 3pm **Roger Blocks “ The Basics of Wiring a Layout”**

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