

THE OWL CAR

NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
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Summer 2012

November 10 & 11, 2012

HEY! LOOKEE HERE ...

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting**
dates on **WISE website**

- **WISE Summer Picnic**
August 5, 2012
Milwaukee Co. Zoo

- **WISE Meet**
September 16, 2012
Best Western
Brookfield, WI

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Yogi Bear and BooBoo are planning a "better than the aaaveraaage pickanick" on Sunday, August 5 at their home (the Milwaukee County Zoo) starting at 9:00 a.m. would you like to join them? Just look for the reservation form in the July Special issue of the OWL Car.

They have managed to hold the prices the same as last year . \$13.00 for adults 13yrs. and up; \$5.00 for children 12yrs. and under; 2 yrs. and under free.

The menu includes . . . pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, veggies, fruit plate, ice cream, corn on the cob and soda. Lunch is served about 12:00 with prize drawing for the little ones about 11:00 a.m. Adult drawings after lunch. This year we predict no rain (we hope) but the outing goes on rain or shine.

Be sure to watch for the Special Owl Car and make your reservations to join Yogi and BooBoo.

Your Picnic Committee

Youth Group

Great things going on with our youth program! A youth group committee has been organized with the current members being: new youth group coordinator Mark Hintz, Don Wehrheim Vice President Waukesha County Gandy Dancers, Joe Russ, Bonnie Janke, John Tews, Bob Sherman and Kurt Wamser.

The youth group received 2 generous donations. The first being a New Digitrax Super Chief DCC with throttle and booster presented by John Tews at the 2012 WISE annual meeting to Bonnie Janke representing the youth group. The second was a power supply to go along with the new Digitrax Super Chief presented by John Shipman to youth coordinator Mark Hintz.

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Youth Group
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Hi all,

As the WISE Division's 2011/2012 meet season has come to a close, I would like to thank all of the clinicians and layout hosts who made the meets possible. If you have a clinic you would like to give next season, or have your layout open for tour, please contact Clinic Director Ed Kofroth or Layout Tour Director Tim Scott, respectfully. Everyone likes to see something new so if you have a topic you would like to give a clinic on, or want to show off your layout, please consider it next season.

By the time you read this, the Tri-Division meet in Madison on May 6 will be history (if not, call me if you want to car pool). I will give a report in the next Owl Car.

The next event on the Division's agenda will be the picnic on Sunday, August 5 at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Mark your calendar now and look for more information in the next Owl Car.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.

Joe Russ=

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Thank you to Mike Janke for the use of his personal DCC system for the youth layout over the past years. Thank you also to Jenny Janke for the help with the youth group as previous coordinator and in locating a home for the group.

The youth committee has met a couple of times and has developed the "Youth Group Policies and Guidelines". The "Youth Group Policies and Guidelines" recently approved by the board of directors will soon be posted to the division website for reference. The board also approved the purchase of storage cabinets at the recommendation of the committee. These cabinets store supplies and youth member's projects, presents a clean and professional look.

Our thanks to Mark Hintz, Don Wehrheim for their time in the organizing and inventorying of the supplies on hand. The youth are looking for those members that would be able to teach them a specific part of model railroading or if you would be a part of the youth committee please use the "Contact Us" link on the Wisconsin Southeastern website or Joe Russ.

Trainfest Tickets are

NOW ON SALE

The Early Bird ticket sells for \$8 each, now through July 31, 2011.

Starting August 1, 2011 until Trainfest, Advance Tickets will be on sale for \$10 each.

Friday Product Showcase ticket now on sale. The \$40 special Friday Products Showcase ticket includes access to the manufacturers show, dinner and gift bag on Friday along with admission to Trainfest Saturday and Sunday.

Kids coupons available from the Trainfest website.

Tickets are on sale at the following Supporters and Friends of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Trainfest.

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The Electronic Age

By Kurt Wamser Newsletter/Website Director

SORRY; this issue is out a bit behind schedule. We live in the electronic age and when my computer quit; (the one that I do the newsletter from) it has become my new challenge. Some material lost, but the majority was saved and transferred; and then onto reloading operating programs and learning Windows 7, and up and running again. What did we do before computers? Oh! There was more time to run trains!

April Contests

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

We had a great time at our April 15, 2012 Meet, held at Country Springs Hotel. We were happy to see that some of our members had made a choice to bring and enter items in our Wisconsin Southeastern Division's Contest.

All those present enjoyed the "BEST OF SHOW" entry by Harry Evans', "Wally's Walleye Resort" Structure.

John Tews', "On30 Logging Locomotive" and Robert Stewart's "Southern Pacific #7341" were the winners in our Diesel Power category.

In our Prototype Photo contest Paul Wussow's "Night Train" photo and Robert Stewart's

"Milwaukee 261" were our 1st and 2nd place winners.

In the Model Photo contest we had 1st place, Paul Wussow's "Work shed w/Hills" photo and in 2nd

place, Paul Wussow's "Old #1".

And last, but not least was our Train Related Crafts entries. Aaron Keller entered his "Union Pacific Oil Painting and Dianne Michel entered her "Counted Cross Stitch Train Bib". I have to say that as contest chair I have one of the best jobs in this division, because I get to greet each of those who have brought their entries to our meets.

With a break from meets, for the next couple of months, gives us all time to do some rail fanning and to enjoy making plans to work on some of our modeling skills. In September we will be featuring all categories. Please look over that list and decide which of your wonderful modeling skills you will be bringing to that September meet. Our numbers have been few in the past months and I know we have people who have things done or about done that we would love for you to share. Please come ready to enter and have that winning feeling. You will only be able to take home maybe a "BEST OF SHOW" or a 1st Place plaque, not to mention two \$10.00 gifts certificates to spend at one of our local hobbies stores and to continue to get those things needed to enjoy your train hobby. Maybe work on more than one entry and get set up for more than one month. Hope to see more of you at our September Meet with many entries.

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Contest Categories for September 16th 2012 meet-

All Categories Featured:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Motive Power - Steam | Motive Power – Diesel |
| Traction/Electric | Passenger Equipment |
| Freight Equipment | Non-Revenue Equipment |
| Structures | Photographs – Prototype |
| Photographs – Model | General |
| Youth – 8 to including 17 | Train Related Craft |

Video Library

By Burnell Breaker Video Library Director

Thank you to everyone for turning in all of the videos to our Video Library at our April meet. I have some newly purchased DVD's that will be available for check out this fall.

If you do wish to check out videos over the summer, please contact me. My phone number and email address are listed with all of the other directors.

I will have the division's complete library with me and available for checkout at the September 16 meet.

Have a great summer!



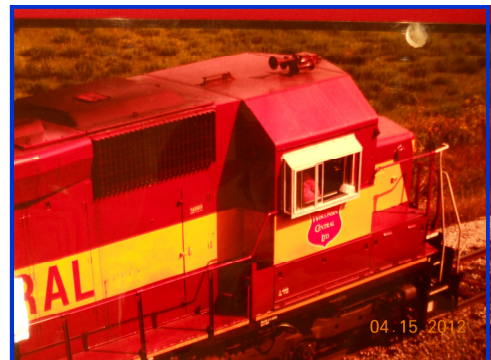
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Motive Power - Diesel 1st Place
John Tews
On30 Logging Locomotive



Motive Power - Diesel 2nd Place
Robert Stewart
Southern Pacific #7341



Prototype Photo 1st Place
Paul Wussow
Night Train



Prototype Photo 2nd Place
Robert Stewart
Milw 261



Model Photo 1st Place
Paul Wussow
Workshed w/Hills



Model Photo 2nd Place
Paul Wussow
Old #1



Train Related Crafts 1st Place
Aaron Keller
Union Pacific Oil Painting



Train Related Crafts 2nd Place
Dianne Michel
Counted Cross Stitch Train Bib

MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

We would like to see more of our Division membership (250+) attend our meets. With a swap area, clinics, contests, and layout tours there is something for everyone.

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.

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