

THE OWL CAR

NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
of the National Model Railroad Association

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

October 2012

September Contests

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

November 10 & 11, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- WISE Youth Group meeting
dates on WISE website
- Division Meet
October 21, 2012
Best Western –Symposium &
Underwood Rooms
Brookfield, WI

2012 Trainfest Tickets on Sale

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- Division Meet
December 2, 2012
Best Western –Symposium &
Underwood Rooms
Brookfield, WI

2012-2013

Contest and Meet Info

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We had a great start at the 2012-2013 meets. We had a new location at the Best Western Plus Hotel, in Brookfield. And maybe our space was smaller than in the past, but we did have a great room for our contest. We had several people who were here from IL. that came prepared to enter items in our Divisions' Contest. We were glad to have them enter. Being a member of NMRA we as members can enter contests in any Division. But of course all rules apply. It must be your own work. We would like to thanks those who came from other areas and also those from our own Division who entered our Wisconsin Southeastern Divisions' Contest, but also those who came to see what the entries were and to be part of our popular vote contest. We again were impressed with all of our entries.

When looking over the list, for our October 21, 2012 meet, keep in mind what you have, from that list and what you could enter. Maybe it is something that you were getting ready to use for Trainfest and decided to bring it to the October meet and have a chance to win a first place plaque and two (2) gift certificates to spend at you favorite local hobby store. Or better yet to be able to win our "Best of Show" and two (2) gift certificates. We know modelers' are never done and are looking for new things to add to their layouts or maybe a club layout.



Best of Show
Jim Osborn
Scratch Built 1960's
CNW Engine House

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Superintendent's Corner By Joe Russ The Head Owl Hoots (new column heading)

"Volunteers, looking for volunteers." Yes, that's the call in your Division.

For starters, Trainfest 2012 is coming up on November 10 and 11, and elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a volunteer registration form. Please offer to do a shift at Trainfest as this is the Division's main fundraiser which keeps us operating throughout the year. Or perhaps help in the NMRA booth or NMRA test track. Contact Neal Michel or myself if you are interested in helping with either of the later.

Aside from Trainfest we are also looking for new clinicians and layouts to be open for the monthly meets. Everyone likes to be entertained and educated with the clinics presented at our meets, but it is becoming a bit harder to do that. Our collective pool of clinicians has been slowly dwindling over the years at a rate faster than we can replace them with new ones. So if you have a topic you would like to present, please let Clinic Director Ed Kofroth know.

And then we have the issue of layouts. Off the top of my head, I can think of four layouts that were open for the 2010 NMRA convention in Milwaukee which are no longer in existence. That's not a good trend, but I know there plenty of other layouts out there. If you haven't had your layout open before, or it's been a while since you were last open, please consider being open for two hours after one of our meets. Plus it is always fun showing off what you have built. Contact Layout Tour Director Tim Scott if you are interested.

Also, a reminder that that I am also looking for someone to take over webmaster duties for the Division. Experience with Wordpress and basic HTML are helpful, and experience with Facebook pages and groups are a bonus. This would be a great chance for someone who wants to get a bit more involved in the Division to do so. Please contact me if you are interested.

Unfortunately, I have a bit of sad news again this month. Another former WISE member has passed since my last column. Wayne Hammelman was a life member of the NMRA, and a long-time WISE board member until he moved to Texas in 2006. He was once a member of the Indian Head Lines, a member of the 1985 convention committee and the Division picnic chairman for a number of years. He and his wife relocated to Texas in 2006 where he rebuilt his HO Black Hills & Western railroad, and became an active member in the San Antonio Model Railroad Association. Wayne passed away on August 27 at the age of 74 after a battle with cancer.

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TRAINFEST Tickets

NOW ON SALE

Advance Tickets 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.

Metro Milwaukee Area:

Greenfield News and Hobbies - Greenfield
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Outside metro Milwaukee:

EngineHouse Service - Green Bay, WI
Lombard Hobbies - Lombard, IL
Madison Hobby Stop - Madison, WI
Park Lane Hobbies - Dyer, IN

Division Directories

We still have many WI SE Division Directories to hand out to our members. If you have not picked yours up or know of a friend who is a Division Member that hasn't picked theirs up, stop by the Video Library table at our monthly meets and do so, please. Thanks! Burnell Breaker

September Contest continued from page 1

You can look over the Contest Categories for the 2012-2013 in this Division Newsletter or at the Wisconsin Southeastern Division Website. Make a plan of what your needs might be for your layout that would also work to bring to the Contest Room at our meets each month.

And for the youth in this division remember we look forward to have you enter and the same rules apply. We need younger members in our division, to carry on this hobby.

If you need help in preparing your layout items and not sure how it is done, come to a meet or check with our Clinician Director to see if there is someone who might know how to complete an item. We are here to help all of our members.

Running the contest has been one of the most delightful things. And I as well as everyone else have the opportunity to learn.

Here is the list for the next contest categories.

10/21/2012

Motive Power – Steam - Passenger Equipment
Non – Revenue Freight Equipment - Model Photos

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WI SE Bus Trip

Destination Mad City Train Show on February 16, 2013. The price of 34 dollars per person includes the bus, admission to the show, coffee, soda, water and donuts on the Bus. Scheduled to arrive at show 9 a.m. and depart 3 p.m.

Pick up Points

College Av. SW lot

Watertown Plank Rd.

I-94 Barker Rd.(Goerke's Corners)

Pay At Dec, Jan Wise Meets

For More Information-Contact

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Details Coming Soon for

Great Midwest Train Show in Dupage, Illinois
Apr 14, 2013

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Getting back to old business, the resolution regarding the Division's logo was tabled again at the September board meeting. It will be brought up again at the October meeting. In the meantime, I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter. Please feel free to contact me at either a meet, Trainfest, by email or phone.

Hope to see you at the October meet, and Trainfest.
Joe Russ
Superintendent=

Clinics for October

By Ed Kofroth - Clinic Director

1pm Harry Evans – Scenery with mirrors. Using mirrors to enhance your scenery and make your layout look larger.

2pm Ken Jaglinski – Simplified Operation Ken will cover how to set up an operating format from beginning to end routing cars by car type and using train cards (3 x 5 index cards) for directions on what the train does. We will talk about layout types, types of trains to run, handling meets, what car types are used at each industry, and creating train cards and an operating sequence..

3pm Jim Kelly – Scratch Building N scale structures. A slide-show primer on the hows, whys, and wherefores of choosing materials and techniques for making unique models. Good for all scales. Jim was an editor at Model Railroader magazine for 25 years.

MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

Why join the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) ? As I mentioned last month, I am going to take a look at some of the reasons for joining the NMRA. This month I am going to focus on NMRA standards.

The NMRA came about in 1935 in an effort to bring organization to a model industry that was in a state of disorder. Each manufacturer did it's own thing and as a result one manufacturer's products could not be used with another's. The establishment of NMRA Standards ensured that products of various manufacturers could be used together on the same model railroad. The basic standards, though added to and refined over the years, have remained the same since developed in the 1930's. Modelers today take these model industry standards for granted and don't give enough credit to the early members of our organization for the rock solid foundation they gave the hobby of model railroading.

I'll wager that every HO modeler has an NMRA Standards gauge on his/her work bench for checking, track, turnouts and wheels. What kind of chaos would we have in DCC if it were not for the establishment of Standards and Recommended Practices for DCC equipment manufacturers? Manufacturers whose model railroad equipment passes inspection of the NMRA may display the Conformance/Inspection Seal of NMRA Conformance in their advertising and on their packaging. Go to www.nmra.org/standards/standards.html to find out more about NMRA Standards and Recommended Practices.

Just the work that is done by the NMRA in the area of standards for manufacturers is sufficient reason for the modeler to support the organization through membership.

Meet Attendance: If you attend one of our Division meets, please be sure to sign in and receive a chance at a great door prize. With a swap area, clinics, contests and layout tours there is something for everyone.

6-Month NMRA Membership Only - \$9.95 (This membership offer is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more.) Membership application forms are available at the sign in table.

September 2012 Contest Results



1st Place Freight Equipment
Don Cook
Central of New Jersey Box Car



2nd Place Freight Equipment
Charlie Schulz
Number Specific Weathered Pilsbury
Cylindrical Hopper



1st Place Non-Revenue Equipment
John Tews
Logging Bunk Car ON30



2nd Place Non-Revenue Equipment
Ed Varick
Flat Car with Still



1st Place Structures
Jim Osborn
Scratch Built 1960's CNW Engine House



2nd Place Structures
Kurt Wamser
Milwaukee Depot

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September 2012 Contest Results



Ist Place Photographs - Prototype
Keith Schmidt
Blowing Off Steam



2nd Place Photographs - Prototype
Don Cook
Milwaukee Rd. "Getting Orders at Rond Out"



Ist Place Photograph - Model
Don Cook
G.N. Electrics at Old Jct.



2nd Place Photograph - Model
Mike Hirvela
The Morning About Turn



Ist Place General
Jim Allen
Depot Diarama



2nd Place General
Burnell Breaker
O Scale Wicked Wanda's Brothel

Volunteers Are Needed For TRAINFEST 2012

Trainfest is arriving on November 10th and 11th. We will again need volunteer help to distribute programs, help with set up and manage other assignments. Please fill out the form below and mail or send an email to, volunteer@trainfest.com. Email is the best and easiest way for me to follow up with you. Thank you in advance for your help.

We will also need help on Friday, November 9th with directing traffic and other tasks needing to be done. In addition, we need a few people to help with closing the Expo Center. This consists of helping direct the vehicles out of the Expo Center. If you can help, please sign up below, then on Friday locate me, Ed Padgett or Cedor Aronow at the Trainfest office when you arrive.

I need a couple of people to work at the desk as a helper Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you could help, please let me know. Please add your phone and email.

Yes! I can help at the desk: Name: _____ Day _____; Time _____

Yes! I can help on Friday, November 9th Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We will need three people at each of the two doors for the 9am and 11am shifts. One of those volunteers will be counting children. That will require 6 people for each shift so volunteer. We want to make this a great show.

Yes! I can help distribute programs. Please circle your choice of time(s) you are available to work. Please report to Ed Padgett or the personnel at the Trainfest office fifteen minutes prior to your shift start. If you are in the building prior to your start time, you may check in early. That helps us know that the shifts are filled.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

OPENING

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AFTERNOON SHIFT 1

AFTERNOON SHIFT 1

AFTERNOON SHIFT 2

AFTERNOON SHIFT 2

CLOSING

CLOSING

Name _____

Mail form to:

Ed Padgett
S57, W22641 Woodside Ct
Waukesha, WI 53189

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

OR send Email to:

volunteers@trainfest.org
Or
epadgett@powercom.net

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Video Library

Burnell Breaker - Video Library Director

Your Video Librarian has been busy this summer acquiring new DVD's for the Division's Video Library. All of the titles listed below will be available for checkout at our October 21st meet. The usual policy remains for new titles, **LIMIT OF 2 PER MEMBER**. You can still check out up to a total of 6 titles per month. All are due back to the Video Library at the next month's meet, unless other arrangements have been made with the Librarian, me.

I will have the complete video library of VHS tapes and DVD's at the September 16 and January 20, 2013 meets. All DVD's and some VHS tapes will be available for checkout at all other meets this season, except for the final meet of the season on April 21, 2013, where all checked out videos **MUST** be turned in. Check out the listings on our website and if there are videos you want to see, let me know, I will make sure it isn't checked out and if not, bring along to the next meet for you.

NEW DVD's

Santa Fe Odyssey, Vol. 1
CSX Toledo Sub, Parts 1 & 2
Building the RGS, Vol. 1-9
Wisconsin Central, Vol. 1, The Northern Lines
Wisconsin Central, Vol. 2, Winter on the WC
Wisconsin & Southern
C&NW's Iron Ore Route
C&NW in Northwest Wisconsin

2012-2013 Meet dates and Location

All Meets for the 2012-2013 season will be held at the Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
1005 s. Moorland Rd. - Brookfield

October 21,2012 December 2,2012 January 20,2013 February 17,2013
March 17,2013 April 21, 2013 meets will be held in the Symposium & Underwood Rooms

Featured Contest Categories by Meet: 2012-2013

10/21/2012

Motive Power – Steam
Passenger Equipment
Non – Revenue Freight Equipment
Model Photos

12/02/2012

Motive Power – Diesel
Revenue Freight Equipment
Prototype Photos
Train Related Crafts

1/20/2013

Motive Power – Steam & Diesel
Structures (on and off line)
General (Dioramas & Trains)
Model Photos

2/17/2013

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

3/17/2013

Structures (on and off line)
General (Dioramas & Trains)
Freight Equipment
Model Photos

4/21/2013

All Categories Featured

Complete Contest Category List:

Motive Power—Steam	Motive Power – Diesel
Passenger Equipment	Non-Revenue Freight Equipment
Freight Equipment	Structures (On and Off Line)
General (Dioramas & Trains)	Traction/Electric
Model Photos	Prototype Photos
Train Related Crafts	

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- 12:30pm Meet Opens: Registration - Contest - Swap Meet

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- 3pm Jim Kelly – Scratch Building N scale structures

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