

THE OWL CAR

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

Trainfest
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January 2013

December Contests

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

November 9 & 10, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- WISE Youth Group meeting
dates on WISE website
- Division Meet
January 20, 2013
Best Western –Symposium &
Underwood Rooms
Brookfield, WI
- Bus Trip - Mad City Train show
February 16, 2013
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All though the numbers were few at the December meet, we did have some who came prepared to enter our Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. NMRA contest. With the four categories we had, only two categories were contests. In the Freight Equipment area we had a member Dewane Nerison, bring a fine example of weathering on his Gondola Car w/steel coil load. Dewane was entering for the first time in our Division. He also took home a 2nd place in that category. Congratulations Dewane Nerison. Spoke to Dewane before he left the meet and he said he plans on coming and entering again next month. We are looking forward to see what Dewane brings in January.

Another member Jim Zeren, who hadn't been to a meet for a while also came, prepared to enter our contest. Jim not only took a 1st place in the Freight Equipment category, he also took home our "Best of Show" plaque, with his Colorado & Southern Box Car w/figures. And he also was the winner of our door prize. Jim I know will be spending a lot of time at the hobby store shopping for more modeling items. Congratulations Jim Zeren.

In our Prototype Photo contest we had several entries. Jim Sohns was our 1st place winner with his photo of CNW South Bound Freight near Dale, WI. Our 2nd place winner was Al Lederman with his "Happy Holiday" Kenosha Trolley. Congratulations to both Jim Sohns and Al Lederman. As I have said in the past if you don't enter you can't win. Start planning ahead using the list provided in our newsletter to decide what you might want to enter in our contests at the Division meets. In January the fun continues and here is the list of categories for 2013.

1/20/2013

Motive Power – Steam & Diesel

General (Dioramas & Trains)

Structures (On and Off Line)

Model Photos

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Superintendent's Corner

By Joe Russ

The Head Owl Hoots

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, and unwrapped a few model railroad gifts in the process. The WISE Division could use a few gifts as well, as in the gift of your time.

A few weeks ago Ted Lewtas, the Division's Achievement Program Director, tendered his resignation due to personal reasons. Ted is willing to help as an assistant, and a judge, and still plans on being very active in the Division. A thank you goes to Ted for his years of service on the board of directors as layout tour director, director-at-large and achievement program director. In the meantime I am looking for someone who is an active modeler, has some familiarity with the NMRA's Achievement Program (and is willing to learn more) and is able to attend board meetings one night a month. If you are interested, please contact me.

And the nominating committee is looking for candidates for Division officers for Division elections coming up in April. Reid Kahrs is chairman with Dave Poquette and Mike Hurlburt filling out the committee. If you are interesting in running for office in the Division, please contact Reid Kahrs at 262-628-8489 or email him at rkahrs@charter.net.

Yes, there has been some movement on the logo and branding resolution for the Division. Richard Cecil presented a substitute resolution to develop and implement a new logo and brand, which was approved by the board of directors. In accordance with that resolution (which you can read on the Division's web site), I am putting together a committee to look into such changes. A few members have already stepped forward, and I am looking for at least one more to round out that committee. Please contact me if you are interested.

Now, on to the fun stuff.

In December I, along with Wayne Dunbar, set up the trains around the Christmas tree at the Ronald McDonald House. It is the 23rd year we have done this, and while Wayne had talked about retiring after last year, a bit of arm twisting got him to stay on board until the 25-year mark. Thank you, Wayne.

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MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

Why join the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)? Again this month we will continue to investigate the many reasons for joining the NMRA. This month I am going to focus on the **Achievement Program (AP)**.

In 1960 Hal Carstens, then editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, first proposed an awards program for model railroaders. Two committees investigated the concept and a proposal for an "Achievement Awards Program" was formally adopted as an NMRA activity by the Board of Trustees at the Cleveland convention in 1961.

The AP is a system of requirements for demonstrating a superior level of skill in the various aspects of the hobby. It includes not only building various types of models, but also construction of projects in scenery, structures, track work and wiring. It also provides recognition for service to the hobby and the NMRA. The goal of the AP is to achieve the title of Master Model Railroader (MMR). There is also the Golden Spike Award which we will look at next month.

An NMRA member qualifies as a Master Model Railroader (MMR) when he/she has obtained at least seven of the eleven Achievement Certificates provided that he/she has earned at least one Achievement Certificate in each of the four areas of the Regulations. The eleven categories are: motive power, cars, structures, scenery, prototype models, civil, electrical, dispatcher, official, volunteer, and author. There are 5 requirements that are common to all categories and each category has specific requirements pertinent to that category. Space for this column does not permit a listing of all the requirements for each of the categories. I recommend that you go to www.nmra.org for complete information on the NMRA Achievement Program (AP). This program is another wonderful benefit of NMRA membership.

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Membership Continued

John Tews is the only active member of the WISE Division who is a Master Model Railroader (MMR).

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 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.

2013 Bus Trips

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

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Great Midwest Train Show April 14, 2013 Dupage, Illinois

The price of 36 dollars per person includes the bus, admission to the show, coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus. Visit the Elmhurst Train club after attending Great Midwest Train Show.

Depart 8am College Ave. park and ride southwest lot

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Division Directories

We still have many WISE 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, ask me if that person has gotten theirs, and if not, take it along for them.

Thanks! Burnell Breaker

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Setting them up this year was another new challenge as the House is on their third different tree (this one donated by Kohl's), and size, in four years and we had an audience with small helpers. By the time you read this the trains and tree will be down for another season, but as of this writing they have been running well. I should add that the House will be breaking ground for an expansion this spring that will double its size, so the trains the Division donated will be bringing joy to more families when that is complete in 2014.

Finally, the Division will be making a \$500 donation to the Oconomowoc Historical Society toward the maintenance of their model railroad display. Those who attended the layout tour there at our October meet got to see their top-notch facility and our donation will help support their preservation and educational efforts.

Hope to see you at the January meet.

Joe Russ
Superintendent
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January Clinics

1 pm **Ingrid Drozdak** – “The Tree Lady” Ingrid will demonstrate how to make trees, bushes and other foliage for your model railroad. These techniques will work for any scale.

2 pm **John Drozdak** – “Weathering Your Rolling Stock” John will show methods on how he makes that new locomotive or piece of rolling stock look more used and aged, with his “weathering” techniques.

3 pm **Ted Lewtas** – “Airbrushing” Ted will cover the basics of using an airbrush for painting and weathering your models. The airbrush is one of the most useful tools a model railroader can have. This clinic will show you what you need to get started and explains the basic techniques for selecting paint, preparing the model surface, masking, brushing, and cleanup and maintaining your airbrush. The clinic will show how a good decal job begins with a good paint

WISE Division logo and brand review

By Joe Russ

Richard Cecil presented a substitute resolution to develop and implement a new logo and brand, which was approved by the board of directors. In accordance with that resolution (which you can read on the Division's web site). While a few members have already stepped forward to serve on that committee, we could use at least one more. Please contact Joe Russ at 262-408-1946 or [jruss@execpc.com](mailto:j russ@execpc.com) if you are interested.=

WISE Division Nominating Committee

By Joe Russ
In case you haven't heard, the nominating committee is looking for a few good candidates for Division officers. If you are interested in serving as Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster or Chief Clerk, please contact committee chairman Reid Kahrs at 262-628-8489 or email him at rkahrs@charter.net.

December 2012 Contest Results

All Photos by Dick Cecil



Best Of Show & 1st Place Freight Equipment
Jim Zeren
Colorado & Southern Box Car W/figures ON30



2nd Place Freight Equipment
Dewane Nerison
Gondola Car w/Steel Coil Load



1st Place Prototype Photo
Jim Sohns
CNW South Bound Freight near Dale, WI



2nd Place Prototype Photo
Al Lederman
"Happy Holidays" Kenosha



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Video Library

Burnell Breaker - Video Library Director

Another new DVD has been acquired for the Video Library. It is "Model Railroading Unlimited" that Chooch Enterprises and Liberty Pictures produced in 1975. It is the complete 30 minute uncut version with the dancing girls!

All of the new titles listed below will be available for checkout at our January 20, 2013 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 January 20, 2013 meet. All DVD's and some VHS tapes will be available for checkout at the February 17, 2013 and March 17, 2013 meets. The final meet of the season is 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

Model Railroading Unlimited
 Wisconsin Steam Stories
 Steam: Trackside & Inside
 Steamin' Summer, Volume 1
 Steamin' Summer, Volume 2
 Steamin' Summer, Volume 3
 Big Steam on the Mainline

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

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

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
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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

December 2, 2012 Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
1005 s. Moorland Rd. - Brookfield

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

Clinics:

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| 1pm | Ingrid Drozdak – “The Tree Lady” |
| 2pm | John Drozdak – “Weathering Your Rolling Stock” |
| 3pm | Ted Lewtas – “Airbrushing” |

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