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NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
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November 9 & 10, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS :

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Brookfield, WI
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February 2013

January Contests

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

We had a very interesting day in the Contest Room on Sunday January 20th, 2013. With five different categories, we were only blessed with two contests, Structures and Model Photos.

Steve Miazga with his scratch built “N” Scale Structure “The Old Homestead” was not only our 1st place winner in the Structures category, but Steve also won our “BEST OF SHOW” plaque. It’s always great to see great modeling being presented at our South-eastern Division, Inc. of NMRA meets. Nate Kraines 2nd place winner, did try to give Steve competition with his “Timber HWY Bridge” as well as Fred Janke with his “Janke Auto Service Shop”. I also took a chance to bring my “Fire Department” building. We look forward; to see all of these people, who entered, bring more of their modeling skills to our meets.

Barb Smith was kind enough to bring us a 1st place winner, with her Model Photo of the Coal Hopper. And Dewane Nerison entered his 2nd place winning Model Photo “The Michipicoten at Ore Dock, on the AS&R Railroad”.

We had several good Model Photos and this is the second time that Dewane Nerison has entered our NMRA Contests. Have you taken a look at what we are going to be featuring at our next meet? Do you think that you can do better than what others have brought to our meets? Maybe you would like to win \$20.00’s worth of gift certificates to go shopping at your favorite Hobby Shop! Then look over the categories lists and let us see you at our next meet on February 17th, 2013, with your entries

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In case of ... bad weather WISE meet cancelations will be posted on the "Home" page of the WISE website along with posting with Milwaukee TV channels 6 and 12.

Superintendent's Corner

By Joe Russ

The Head Owl Hoots

While winter has set in, the Division keeps rolling along with a number of projects.

By the time you read this, the Constitution & Bylaw Committee will hopefully have their work finished on the two documents and submitted them to the board of directors for review.

And the Division Logo & Brand Committee will be getting underway to review what changes, if any, are needed to the Division's logo.

Also by the time you read this, the Nominating Committee will have submitted at least one name for each of the four elected offices to the board of directors. There is still time to get your name on the ballot if you are interested in running for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster and Chief Clerk. Contact Reid Kahrs at 262-628-8489 or email him at rkahrs@charter.net.

The Division is still looking for a new Achievement Program Director, and also a web master to handle the web page. If interested, please contact me.

At the January meet I asked those in attendance what they thought of a donation to "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento the NMRA is raising funds for. This was in response to a request I received from the NMRA about the Division making a donation to the project. From those in attendance it seemed something over \$2,500 would be appropriate, and the WISE board of directors will be taking this under advisement at their next meeting.

The WISE Division has once again been invited to join the South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD), NMRA and the Rock River Valley Division, NMRA for a Tri-Division meet. The meet will be held April 28 at the Midway Village Museum in Rockford, Ill. I'll have more information on clinics and tours for this event as the date approaches. Last year the SCWD hosted it and eight WISE Division members car pooled to the meet. It was a good opportunity to see some different clinics and layouts, and mingle with fellow NMRA members.

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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. Last month I explained the main focus of the NMRA Achievement Program the Master Model Railroader (MMR). This time I will provide some information on the **Golden Spike Award**.

The requirements for the Golden Spike Award are less challenging than those for the Master Model Railroader. The focus is on familiarity with the different aspects of model railroading rather than a high level of expertise.

There are three categories covered under the Golden Spike Award:

1. Rolling stock (Motive Power and Cars) requirements: Display six(6) units of rolling stock (scratchbuilt, craftsman, or detailed commercial kits).

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures and Scenery) requirements: Construct a minimum of eight(8) square feet of layout. Construct five(5) structures (scratch built, craftsman, or detailed commercial kits).

3. Engineering (Civil and Electrical) requirements: Three(3) types of trackage are required (turnout, crossing, etc). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used. All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (Double track main, single track main with sidings, block or command control etc.).

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Membership Continued

Provide one additional electrical feature such as powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

The Golden Spike Award is a good way to start before jumping into the MMR. There is more detailed information about the Golden Spike Award on the NMRA web site Give it a look!

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.

GUESS WHAT . . .

By Ed Varick Picnic Director

It's that time to mark your calendars
. . . Sunday, August 4, 2013.

What for you ask?

The **Annual WISE Division Picnic**
happens on that date.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is the site and fun
is in store.

Watch the Owl Car for more
information as the date gets closer.

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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We have noticed things have looked kind of bare in the contest room at the meets. If you've been working on a modeling project please consider bringing it to a meet. You can't win if you don't enter.

Hope to see you at the next meet.

Joe Russ

Superintendent

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.

February Clinics

Ed Koforth - Clinics Director

1 pm **Rell Barrett** – Railfanning the Chicago area in the 60s and the 70s. E8s, Broadway Limited, Rock Island Rockets, 20th Century Limited.
Time to roll the clock back to the 60s!

2 pm **Bob Gallegos** - "Whole lot of stuff part 2"
(Railfanning)

3 pm **Dave Myers** - Slide and lecture program about Civil War Railroads

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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January 2013 Contest Results



Best Of Show & 1st Place Structures
Steve Miazga
"The Old Homestead"



2nd Place Structures
Nate Kaines
"Timber HWY Bridge"



1st Place Model Photo
Barb Smith
"Coal Hopper"



2nd Place Prototype Photo
Dewane Nerison
"The Michipicoten at ore dock at the
AS&R Railroad"



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WISE Youth Group

By Kurt Wamser Asst. Superintendent

On February 2nd, was a great day to stop in and visit the WISE Youth Group and also deliver the beginners scenery kits.

I had the opportunity and to meet and visit with parents of our 2 new members to the youth program. Mark Hintz, the Youth Group Coordinator orientated the new members along with working with the other members. Each member received a Woodland Scenics "Basic Diorama Kit". The idea for this goes back a bit to when Bob Sherman was in charge of the program and he conveyed to the Youth Committee members, the benefits and how it is a good starting point. Each member gets to try their skills and be a stepping stone to working on one of the modules of the layout. The diorama kit gives them other opportunities to enter the popular vote contest and have some materials to start on a module.

The Woodland Scenics kits are provided to each youth member by the WISE Division at no charge.

A BIG Thank You to Tom Palmer owner of South Side Trains in Milwaukee for assisting in providing these kits for our youth group.

I would encourage any of you with some time and would like to help teach what you know to our next generation of model railroaders; contact Mark Hintz, or any WISE board member. It is exciting to see the young minds at work.

The youth group meeting dates and times are listed on the division web site along with the Waukesha County Gandy Dancers website.

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

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

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

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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February 17, 2013 Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
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• **12:30pm Meet Opens: Registration - Contest - Swap Meet**

Clinics:

- 1pm** **Rell Barrett** – Railfanning the Chicago area in the 60s and the 70s
- 2pm** **Bob Gallegos** - “Whole lot of stuff part 2” (Railfanning)
- 3pm** **Dave Myers** - Slide and lecture program about Civil War Railroads

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