



THE WISE OWL CAR

Newsletter of the Wisconsin Southeastern
Division of the National Model Railroad
Association



December 2013

THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

First of all, thank you to all of you for making Trainfest 2013 another success. While we did not set another attendance record, we did have an attendance of 23,417 which is very respectable. Thank you to John H. Tews, MMR and the Trainfest committee for organizing the show, and all of you who volunteered in some way, for again helping to showcase the hobby of model railroading and what the WISE Division can do, which is what the show is about.

A reminder that with the change in the Division's constitution, which was approved at the October meet, we will have elections for two board members at the annual meeting at the April meet. Please let me know if you are interested in running.

And for those who haven't heard, the Canadian Pacific is once again running their Holiday Train and it will be passing through the Division on Wednesday, December 4. Be sure to get out to see it, and bring a non-perishable food item (or two) to donate. Schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

Sturtevant

5:35 p.m.

Amtrak Depot, 9900 E. Exploration Ct.

Milwaukee

7:15 p.m.

Amtrak Depot, 433 W. St. Paul Ave.

Hartland

9:00 p.m.

Parking lot adjacent to Cottonwood Ave & Pawling Ave

Columbus

10:30 p.m., Stop N' Go

Amtrak Depot

Finally, on behalf of the WISE Division I would like to wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season.

Hope to see you at the meet on December 1 at Country Springs.

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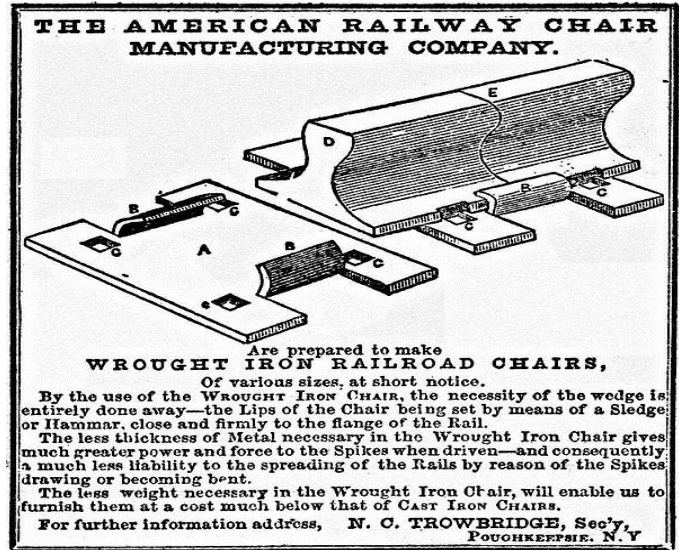
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Follow-up to PEAR-Rail Story

From Jerry:

This is the former C&NW line established in 1856, and now being reconstructed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the new owners of the rail line from Plymouth to Kohler. This past year the line had all the trees and brush cleared from fence line to fence line the entire 11 miles to be reconstructed, a total of 132 acres. With the large harvesting equipment on the property,

I think this short piece of old rail was disturbed which allowed one end to stick out of the ground. It should be noted we are currently in contact with Bedington Iron Works, Northumber, England and Ebbw Vale Iron Works, South Wales attempting to determine if our rail was produced in either of these mills. The mills are closed but a large historic center at both locations are very active. We will see where this leads us.



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News from the Librarian by Burnell Breaker

Your Video Librarian was bust at Trainfest acquiring new DVD's for the Division's Video Library. All of the titles listed below will be available for checkout at our December 1 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 only have the Division's DVD's at the December 1 meet. The complete VHS and DVD Video Library will be at the January 19, 2014 meet. 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 27, 2014 at the Country Springs Hotel, 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 and I will check if it isn't checked out and if not, bring along to the next meet for you.

Burnell Breaker
Video Librarian

NEW DVD's

Song of the Pioneer (C&NW)

Rolling the Freight (C&NW)

M&StL and CGW 1950's and 1960's Railfan Trips

Danger Lights (1930)

The Silver Streak (1934)

Lake Superior & Ishpeming, Volume 1 – Mine Trains

Lake Superior & Ishpeming, Volume 2 – Hill & Dock Trains

Cumbres & Toltec – Scenic Narrow Gauge Railroad

The Super Chief – The Whole Story

The Return of Milwaukee Road 261

Cascade Canyon Winter Train

Cass Railfan Weekend

The Clinic by Woodland Scenics

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 and do so, please.
Thanks! Burnell Breaker

Layout Tours

by Mike Carlson, Chairperson

Anyone desiring to open their layout for tours on Wise Division Meet days please contact the new Layout Tour Chairman Mike Carlson at [262-370-9321](tel:262-370-9321). We need layouts for the October 20th, December 1, January 19th, February 16, March 16, and April 27, meets. we are all looking forward to seeing your layouts. Thanks Mike Carlson

Bus Trip

by Art Oseland, Chairperson

Bus trip to Mad City Train Show, Feb 15, 2014.
\$35.00 Per Person includes admission to show, coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus.

Pick up points are Park & Ride lots: College Av. Southwest lot 7 a.m.; I-94 and 76th. St. 7:15 a.m.; I-94 Barker Rd. (Goerke's Corners) at 7:30 a.m. Arrive at the train show 9 a.m. Depart 3 p.m.

Pay at Dec. or Jan. WISE Meets. More information- Contact Art Oseland at sueoseland@aol.com, or Hp: [414-764-5375](tel:414-764-5375)

Trainfest 2013 Award Summary

Provided by John Tews, MMR 313

2013 Awards	Award		Group / Name	Description	Contact Information
Layout	Best of Show		Kosma Gypsy Trolley Line	Trolley Layout	Christine & John Kosma
Layout	1st Place		Midwest Division TCA	Layout	Jim Kleinschmidt - chairman
Module	Best of Show		Milwaukee Transit Archives	Wayne Hammekmann KK Valley Modules	John Glove - coordinator
Module	1st Place		North Shore and Western	Farm Scene	Mike Bychowski - built by Jeff Jarr
Display	Best of Show		Scenic Express	Scenery Display	Jim Elster
Display	1st Place		Duplainville Clock	Historic Railroad Watch/Clock Display	William Gallinsky
Honorable Mention	HM		SDRT	Six Dads Running Trains about dads getting together to run train	Mike Wood
Honorable Mention	HM		Cedar Creek Central	Mine scene	Allan Alsberg
Chairman's Award	#1		Kenosha Garden Railway	Roundhouse	Bill Zimmer, president
Chairman's Award	#2		Niagara Frontier	Sawmill	Neville Meades
Committee Award	#1		Northeaster Wisconsin Exhibition Railroading	Engine servicing facility	Todd Bushmaker
Committee Award	#2		Capital City N'gineers	Cirous scene	Kevin Bueys, Pres Built by Jamie Faust

Editorial Note: Award Summary Chart modified to fit page by removal of last column and Booth numbers.

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2013 Meet & Events Dates

Dec. 1	Country Springs Hotel– Pewaukee– see map direction below
Jan. 19 2014	Country Springs Hotel– Pewaukee
Feb. 16, 2014	Best Western Hotel– Brookfield
Mar. 16, 2014	Veteran’s Terrace– Burlington
Apr. 27, 2014	Country Springs Hotel– Pewaukee
June-July	No Meets-watch for Picnic information

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Membership

by Neal Michel, Membership Director

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 members for two years or more.) Membership application forms are available at the sign-in table.



Free Model Railroad Meet

Hosted by the WISE Division, NMRA

Attend our free meet and get your questions answered, and ideas on how to make the hobby more enjoyable. Open to the public!

Schedule subject to change without notice



Sunday, December 1, 2013

For more information: www.wisedivision.org

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 Categories: motive power-steam, passenger equipment, non-revenue and model photos
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Frugal Modeling Projects</i> Dave Nelson shows us some inexpensive modeling projects that can enhance your layout.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Army and Navy Steam Locomotives</i> Dave Myers returns to show us what kind of steam locomotives were used by the United States Army and Navy.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Milwaukee Road Memories</i> John Shipman will give us a look back at the days of the Milwaukee Road.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Rd., Pewaukee

The Wisconsin Southeastern (WISE) Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) serves the model railroaders in Southeast Wisconsin.

Events and News from Our Neighbors

Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders Ltd 17th Annual Artic Run Model Railroad Show and Sale

Sponsor: Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders Ltd

Event Start Date & Time: Saturday 1/18/2014 - 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday 1/19/2014 – 10 AM to 4 PM

Cost: \$3.00 Adults \$2.00 Ages 11 – 16 Free: Ages 10 and under

Description:

Fun for the whole family. Enjoy a convention center full (16,000 square feet) of trains, trains and more trains. Featured are operating model railroad layouts (some as large as 24' x 52'), a hands-on Thomas the Tank Engine layout for the children, swap/sales tables, hobby shop dealers and vendors. If you are just interested in watching trains, thinking of getting started in the hobby, or a seasoned model railroader there is something here for everyone. On a cold January week-end there is no better place to be than among friendly fun-loving model railroaders.

The show is sponsored by the Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders Ltd (a non-profit educational organization). Activities include promoting model railroading as a life long hobby and family activity, supporting community events and the Portage County Historical Society.

Event Venue/Location: Holiday Inn Convention Center

1001 Amber Avenue, Exit 158 East, I-39/51 @ Hwy 10. One mile east on Hwy 10 to Elizabeth Avenue (just past Fleet Farm).

Event Venue/Event Contact: Phil Gjevre, 1828 Marys Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (715) 341-8228, phil.jane.gjevre@charter.net

Event Website Address: www.trainweb.org/cwmr

Midwest Region 2014 Spring Convention 3 1/2 days of trains for 45 bucks!



The Fox Valley Division, along with assistance from the DuPage Division, will host Railfun 2014. Convention activities will be headquartered at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois on May 15-18, 2014.

The event features:

- A tour of the Kloke Locomotive Works that has built the Leviathan and York Locomotives and currently working on the Lincoln Funeral train. Free to registrants.
- A unique back shop, behind the scenes tour, of the Illinois Railway Museum -- including the private day run of the facility and train rides (Extra tour charge of \$7 for this event).
- 30 of the best Chicago Metro area layouts open for tours.
- 12 layouts hosting 21 Opsig style Operating Sessions.
- 19 rail and 5 non-rail one hour clinic slots – including 4 hands-on clinics.
- NMRA judged model and photo contests.
- A Popular Vote model contest.
- Sunday morning Awards presentations and 2 special programs by professional train photographer Mark Llanuza.
- Midwest Region Membership & Board of Director's meetings.
- Advance registration discount – Register now for 3 & 1/2 days of trains for only 45 bucks!

The hotel is located near major highways for easy access to tours with a variety of nearby restaurants and attractions. A special convention rate of \$89.99 + tax/ night, including breakfast and the run of the hotel facilities, has been arranged for those desiring lodging. No organized meals are planned at this year's event to maximize your hobby experience and minimize your convention costs.

All members are invited to attend! Guests are welcome. Registration is open now. Check out the Fox Valley Division's convention web site for the latest details of the event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Ops.

<http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/railfun2014/welcome.html>

Jim Osborn, Public Relations Trainmaster, Fox Valley Division