



THE WISE OWL CAR

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Association



January 2014

THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

I hope that everyone had a good holiday season and had a chance to do some modeling now that the weather has prodded most of us to head to the basement. And you'll want to bring that latest modeling project to a future WISE Division meet so you can enter it in the contest. Yes, that's a subtle hint. We have added a new hobby shop to the winning gift certificate list. Sommerfeld's Trains and Hobbies in Butler are now joining the list of hobby shops you can win certificates for. Of course, you can't win

unless you enter, so check out the contest schedule and bring the appropriate model(s) or photos to the meet.

Our next meet will again be at the Country Springs. The December meet, and the January meet, will be in the Ballroom area, so enter from the east side of the building if you want to avoid the walk.

Finally, the Help Wanted Department. The WISE Board of Directors has decided to look into some alternative investments for a small portion of the Division's funds. A

committee has been established, and we are looking for someone from the membership with investment background to join the committee.

And we are also looking for a new web master to maintain the Division's web site.

Feel free to contact me if you are interested in helping in either area.

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Bus Trips by Art Oseland

Bus trip to Mad City Train Show, Feb 15, 2014

\$35.00 Per Person includes admission to show, coffee, sda, water and donuts on the bus.

Pick up points are Park & Ride lots: College Av.

Southwest lot 7a.m; I-94 and 76th. St. 7:15a.m.; I-94 Barker Rd. (Goerke's Corners) at 7:30a.m.

Arrive at the train show 9 a.m. Depart 3 p.m.

Pay at Jan WISE Meets. More information-Contact

Art Oseland at sueoseland@aol.com, or Hp: 414-764-5375

Achievement Program by Harry Grieshaber, Editor

At the December Board of Director's monthly meeting a brief discussion was held regarding the Achievement Program. It was quickly realized most of us could apply for and receive an Achievement Award in at least two of the categories: Official and Volunteer. However, due to a variety of reasons or excuses we have not done so. How many members out there are missing out

on receiving an award?*

Members may go to the website of the NMRA and look up Achievement Program and find the info on Official and Volunteer to see what you have to do to earn those awards.

LaRoye Chisley is the Achievement Award Chairperson and is looking forward to instructing and helping to processing your

award.

Please talk to LaRoye the next time you meet him at an event and ask questions, give input and receive your award for all of your efforts to make your railroad of the division a success.

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Contest List Categories for our meets

Youth 8 to 17 can enter at any time any categories

1/19/2014

Motive Power – Diesel
Revenue Freight Equipment
Structures (On and Off Line)
Train Related Crafts
Prototype Photos

2/16/2014

Motive Power – Steam & Diesel
Traction/Electric
General (Dioramas & Trains)
Model Photos Tractions/Electric

3/16/2014

Structures (On and Off Line)
Passenger Equipment
Freight Equipment
Prototype Photos

4/20/2014

All Categories

Complete Contest Category List:

Motive Power – Steam

Motive Power – Diesel

Passenger Equipment

Non – Revenue Freight Equipment

Structures (On and Off Line)

General (Dioramas & Trains)

Traction/Electric

Model Photos ; Prototype Photos

Train Related Crafts

Membership by Neal Michel

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.

Librarian by Burnell Breaker

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. All are due back to the Video Library at the next month's meet, unless other arrangements have been made with the Librarian, me.

Layout Tours by Mike Carlson

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 meets on February 16, March 16, and April 27, meets. We are all looking forward to seeing your layouts. We will have one layout open in Oconomowoc at the January Meet.

Thanks Mike Carlson

Contests by Bonnie Janke, Chairperson

We did have a contest at our December 1, 2013 meet. With Thanksgiving being so late this year we had a very busy four days and a meet on Sunday. Though the numbers were few, we looked forward to having members and friends come to see what was being offered in our contest room.

We had three categories entered but only one of those was a contest and that was in the Model Photo area. Keith Schmidt took a 1st place with his #903 of "Switching the Scrapyard". Dave Nelson, took a 2nd place with his model photo #902 at Knob Creek 81.

Even though we didn't have a contest in two other categories, Mark Willmering brought two entries in the Motive Power Steam Category with his #101 – "Great Northern" 0-6-0, and his #102 – U.P. Big Boy.

Bonnie Janke brought a Model Photo #901 – "Riding Passed the Indian Village. Yes we may have been few in numbers, but we did have a great time.

Let me give you all something to think about for our next meet dated January 19th, 2014. Look through those items that you may have thought of bringing to one of our meet contests, and finish one of your model items and look on our contest lists and see when you can entry it for one of our contests.

Also look over some items that maybe you had entered in the past that didn't win at that time but could be entered again now. Let's make January 2014 a re-enter time. Enter something that didn't win in the past but would have a chance to win now. You are allowed to enter 2 items per category and we would like to see more entries at our January 2014 meet. I did have someone come and ask about items that they had worked on some time ago and wanted to see if he might enter it now. It doesn't make a difference when you did the work. I will be looking forward to having most of our contest tables filled with many contest items at our next meet again at Country Springs in January.



BEST of SHOW : Christmas Train
by Bonnie Janke



1st. Place Model Photo:
Switching the Scrapyard
by Keith Schmidt



2nd. Place Model Photo:
Knob Creek 81
by Dave Nelson

2014 Meet & Events Dates	
Jan. 9, 2014	WISE BOD Meeting
Jan. 19 2014	Country Springs Hotel- Pewaukee **
Feb. 16, 2014	Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Mar. 16, 2014	Veterans Terrace- Burlington
April 27, 2014	Country Springs Hotel- Pewaukee
August	Picnic
Sept,	To Be Announced

For more information: www.wisedivision.org



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

UPCOMING CLINICS FOR January 2014

Opens at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m. **For this meet enter on the east side of the building at the Ballroom entrance. Catagories: Motive Power - Diesel; Revenue Freight Equipment; Structures (On and Off Line); Train Related Crafts; Prototype Photos
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Harry Evans - simple scratch building on the introductory level.
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Ken Jaglinski - Mountains and rock made form polyurethane foam. A light and inexpensive way to create rocky surfaces,"
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Harry Grieshaber- EasyMat "SoundGard" as a substitute to cork roadbeds.
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	Layout Tours (Maps to be distributed at conclusion of meeting)

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