



THE WISE OWL CAR

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THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

The new year is bringing some new changes to the Division. And as many of you may have heard by now, change is in the air for Trainfest. At the January WISE Board of Director's meeting, Trainfest Executive Director John Tews announced he was retiring as of the closing of the books for the 2013 show. It was quite a surprise. I would like to thank John for his more than 20 years of service to the Division through his work on Trainfest. Thank you, John.

About a week after that meeting Executive Committee met to discuss

appointing current Assistant Superintendent Ken Jaglinski as the new Trainfest chairman. Thus I will be appointing Ken as chairman, and asking for the board's confirmation of that appointment, at the next board meeting.

Ken will bring a wealth of experience to the position. A life-long model railroader, he has been an NMRA member for over 20 years. He has served as the Division's assistant paymaster, was the co-chairman for the NMRA's 75th Anniversary Convention in 2010 where he handled the articles for publication to

promote the convention, the opening picnic and catering for the bus tours. Professionally he also brings a successful business background to the show.

Of course, this will lead to some other changes and volunteer opportunities within the Division we will need people to step up for. Ken has relinquished his duties as Assistant Paymaster, so we will be looking for someone to step into the position. Also, there may be new opportunities on the Trainfest committee as well. If you are interested please contact me.

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Bus Trips by Art Oseland

Still a go for Mad City Train Show, we have 25 signed up and the deadline to get on the trip is Feb 10th. Cost is \$35 per/person. Coffee and donuts included!

Next trip is to the Du-Page II. Train show

May 4th. After our time at the show we will visit the Prairie State Railroad Club Plowmen Park in Big Rock, IL.

The club utilizes a 1:8 or 1-1/2" scale and has track for a round trip around the railroad of

about one mile. It is located next to a busy Burlington Northern Railway freight line. To see more of the club to to: prairiestaterr.org

Cost might be around \$36 per/person.

WISE Picnic by Mark Willmering,

WISE Picnic

Hello everyone my name is Mark Willmering and I am the new picnic coordinator. I know there is still snow on the ground, (as of this writing) but consider this a save the date notice. This year's picnic will again be at the Little Oak Picnic area at the Milwaukee Co. Zoo on August 3, 2014. We will have a different catering company

this year, Bunzel's Old Fashioned Meat Market. I have had their food many times and I'm sure you will not be disappointed.

There is another idea that I have been talking to some members about and that is to change the venue. Some thoughts have been East Troy R.R. Museum, Milwaukee Light Engineering Society, (if they would have us) and

Little America. Nothing is set I'm looking for your thoughts at this time. I'm usually at the meets or I can be reached at mwillmering@aol.com, or 414-258-3944. Let me know what you think.

Mark

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Layout Tour for February by Mike Carlson

I am trying something new for February. I have decided to give the members an advanced look at the layout we will be seeing. At the end of the meeting a map will be given out with directions to the host's home.

This month's Layout Tour is the: "The Northwest Timberline"

This is a fully scenic HO scale logging layout. It features a switch back that allows the trains to move from the lower level to the upper level. It is U shaped covering an area which is 4 X 20 X 28 feet. It contains a newly constructed 3.5 x 7 foot peninsula that is modeled showing a lumber company with all the buildings that go with the saw mill itself. They are made up using laser kits from Master Creation and B.T.S. Along with a Scratch built Slash burner and conveyer carrying wood cut offs from the saw mill to the Slash burner.

The layout has 4 sawmills on it and can run 6 trains at the same time. There are many mini scenes showing various logging riggings and loggers working in the woods. Above the layout there are logging artifacts displayed, ranging from Oxen shoes to cant hooks.

The layout portrays the western part of the United States along with the town of Skykomosh WA, It was featured on the television series TRACKS AHEAD, and was on tour for the 1985 and 2010 National Convention. This layout was also featured in the Jan, 2010 NMRA magazine SCALE RAILS. Another new addition is a separate Diorama modeling the Milwaukee Road EVERETT STREET Station and shed with interior decor, and the outdoor Milwaukee Road sign that lights up, is circa 1943 just post a series of renovations.

Hope to see you there.

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.

WISE Membership Numbers:

Feb. 241 members Jan. 239 members

Jan. 2014 Meet Attendance: 60 total /45 NMRA

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

Librarian by Burnell Breaker

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

Some of you have overdue DVD's and VHS tapes. Remember, the policy is to check out one month and return them at the next month's 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.

All DVD's and some VHS tapes will be available for checkout at the February 16 and March 16 meets. The final meet of the season is April 27, 2014 where all checked out videos **MUST** be turned in.

Contests by Bonnie Janke, Chairperson

What a day we had at our January Meet at Country Springs Hotel. We thankfully had a great time with all the entries in the contest room. I know that I had some who said that they still had things to enter in one of our Meet Contests. We would still like to encourage all who have items in one of our next categories and have not won in any of the contests that we've had that you try again to bring and re-enter at the February meet Contest. We did have several who entered that showed their talents in the modeling field. If you don't try you will never know just what you can do. I was one of those people but have found joy in doing things that I thought I would not be able to do. We have clinics at our meets that could help you. So please take advantage with one or all of our clinics. Let me also say congratulations to those who came and entered our WISE Contest Meet. Here are the Categories for the February 16, 2014 Meet.

January Contest Results:

"BEST OF SHOW": Structures #704 – Carnation Milk Products Head Quarters Bldg. by Harry Evans

Motive Power Diesel:

1st Place: #203 – Stewart RS-3 by Neal Michel

2nd Place: #201 – Milwaukee Rd GP20 #964 by Randy Bingham

Freight Equipment

1st Place: #502 – Soo Line Reefer #15608 by Randy Bingham

2nd Place: #501 – Milwaukee Road Boxcar #19042 by Randy Bingham

Structures

1st Place: #703 – Avenue Liquor Store by Edward Varick

2nd Place: #704 – Carnation Milk Products Head Quarters Bldg. by Harry Evans

Prototype Photo

1st Place: #806 – Steam Engine by Mark Willmering

2nd Place: #805 – Toasters in the Snow by Al Lederman



BEST of SHOW: Carnation Milk HQ. by Harry Evans



1st. Motive Power Diesel: RS-3 by Neal Michel

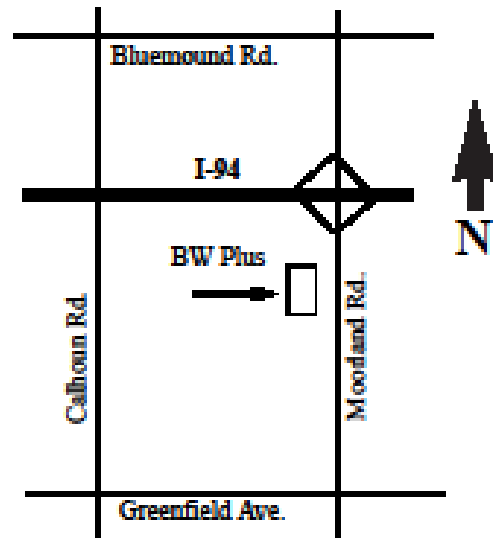


1st. Freight Equipment: SOO Line Reefer by Randy Bingham

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2014 Meet & Events Dates	
Feb. 12th , 2014 16	Bd. Of Directors Mtg. Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Mar. 16, 2014	Veterans Terrace– Burlington
April 27, 2014	Country Springs Hotel– Pewaukee
August 3	Picnic Milwaukee County Zoo
Sept,	To Be Announced
Oct.	To Be Announced

**Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
1005 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield**



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UPCOMING CLINICS FOR February 16, 2014

Opens at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m. Catagories: Motive Power - Steam & Diesel; Traction/Electric; General (Dioramas & Trains); Model Photos
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Bob Galllegos– Railroad Slides
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Bob Frey – DCC basics
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Dave Nelson – Slide presentation on Wisconsin Railroads
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)

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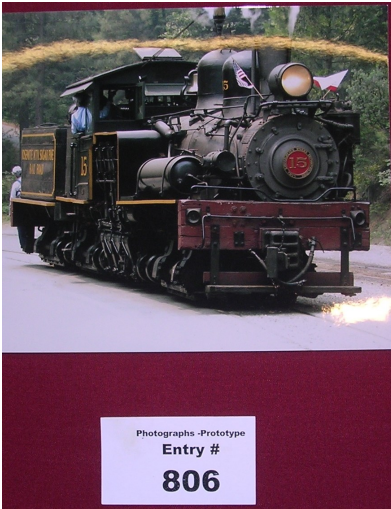
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In another departure, I have been informed that current Achievement Program Director LaRoye Chisley is not interested in serving another term on the board. He will be greatly missed, but considering he served on the board for over 40 years, I think everyone will agree he has gone above and beyond his service to the Division. Thank you, LaRoye, for your years, no, decades, of service to the Division. LaRoye has offered to continue as AP chairman, if a replacement can't be found, but I would like someone to help him with those duties.

Aside from the above, a reminder that we also need a volunteer to serve as Division webmaster, and a member with an investment background to serve on a committee to look at investment opportunities for the Division.

This is your Division, so please consider stepping up and helping in 2014.

Contests Results (Continued from page 4)



1st. Place: Prototype Photo: Steam Engine by Mark Wilmering



1st. Place: Structures: Avenue Liquors by Ed Varick

From the Editor

I have received quite a few emails from our membership regarding the receiving of the paper copy of the Owl Car vs. the electronic copy. Some have told me they are still receiving the paper copy after requesting only the electronic copy.

Each month a membership roster is sent to me and the names of those members wishing to opt out are deleted. This list is then forwarded on to the printer along with the current month's Owl Car. This practice leads to the potential of some members names removed months ago are now back on the list or the printer using an older mailing list.

To correct this potential problem I am looking into having a roster master file where only authorized users may make changes.

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>

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