



# THE WISE OWL CAR

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## THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

For those of you who didn't go on the February 15 bus trip to the SCWD's Mad-City Train Show, you missed a great time. Our neighboring Division once again put on a fantastic show, and afterwards we went to Middleton to see the restoration progress on C&NW No. 1385. The Division will be running another bus trip on May 4 to the Great Midwest Train Show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Fare is \$36 and will also include a visit to the State Railroad Club. See Art Oseland at the March or April meet to

sign up.

On April 5 the Division will once again host the WISE Division Operating Day. As of this writing there are 10 layouts participating. NMRA members will get to register a week before it is open to non-members. Look for more information on layouts and registration on the Division's web site.

Sadly, on January 29 the model railroad community lost a great contributor. Bill Bedell. Bill gave many clinics at WISE Division meets

on ships and railfanning over the years, and exhibited at Trainfest. He will be greatly missed, and the WISE Division extends its condolences to Bill's family and friends.

See you at the March meet in Burlington.

Joe Russ

Superintendent

Elections for new board members at next month's meet. Watch for details in the April Owl Car.

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## Bus Trips by Art Oseland

Next trip is to the DuPage Il. 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: [prairiestaterr.org](http://prairiestaterr.org)

Cost will be \$36 per person. Please register and pay at the table set up for the March and April meets.

**TRAINFEST 2014** by Ken Jaglinski

If you would like to participate in Trainfest 2014 as a Manufacture, Demonstrator, or Layout Group or if you have never participated in Trainfest and you have not received an application please email kenj@trainfest.com to request this information. Please

**WISE Picnic** by Mark Willmering

WISE Picnic

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. Mark

**Operating Day** by Joe Russ

WISE Division Operating Day

Once again the WISE Division will be hosting an Operating Day. The date is Saturday, April 5 and so far there are ten layouts scheduled to participate. Like last year, there will be a Beginner's Session for those who haven't tried operating before to try their hand at making up trains using a switchlist and running a train over a railroad with a dispatcher.

And like last year, NMRA members will get to register a week before registration is open to everyone.

Look for a link to a web page for this free event on the WISE Division's web site the first week of March.

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## Layout Tours for March by Mike Carlson

### March Layout Tours

This month we have two layouts open for viewing.

The Tri County Model Railroad club moved to Union Grove, Wisconsin in January of 2008 and started construction in April of that same year on their 2500 square foot HO layout. The 410 foot mostly double track mainline was completed about a year later, along with a 110 foot branchline. The theme of the layout is the upper Midwest, spanning the era from the 1950's to present. The club uses the NEC DCC operating system. The scenery on the layout is over around 35% complete with several more areas nearing completion.

If you cannot visit the layout in person on the day of the meet you can view photos of the layout on their website: <http://www.tricountymodelrailroadclub.com/>

The other layout open for the March meet is Andy Breaker's Chicago, Milwaukee, & Lakeshore Electric Railway, which is an HO scale traction layout, featuring models of the North Shore Line; South Shore Line; Chicago, Aurora, & Elgin; and Illinois Terminal. The layout is roughly 11' x 7' and represents a typical Midwestern interurban railroad. Some features of the layout include; two freight yards; industrial switching; fast, interurban mainline running; street running; and a model of the TMER&L 'Public Service Building'. The entire layout is set-up for overhead wire operation and two DC walk around throttles run the layout. Computer generated switch lists dictate freight car movements and passenger trains.

I have one layout tour for the April meet in the Pewaukee area. If anyone else desires to be open in April please call me Mike Carlson at 262-370-9321.

## 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

## 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

Though the numbers may have been fewer than we had hoped we still did have a contest at the February 16, 2014 meet. We are thankful for those who came prepared to enter the WISE Division's Contest. We are coming closer to only having 2 (two) more meets till next September, we are hoping to have more of our modelers come and enter something for the next two meets. (3-16-14 & 4-20-14) You are the ones who contribute to our monthly meets.

We had several people who did come into the contest room to see what entries that we had and some of the people were disappointed. I hear all the time that some modelers have something that they are working on or that they forgot to bring to our meets. What can I as the contest chair do to help you bring entries to our meets or do you need a better way of knowing just what is going to be featured. May I again try by letting you know what will be at the next two meets?

Contest Categories by Meet 2014:

3/16/2014	4/20/2014	Motive Power Steam & Diesel
Structures (On and Off Line)	All Categories	Passenger Equipment
Passenger Equipment		Non-Revenue Freight Equipment
Prototype Photos		Freight Equipment
		Structures (On & Off Line)
		General (Dioramas & Trains)

**BEST of SHOW: #101 CNW Class J-4 # 2808** by Andy Breaker



**1st. Traction: #303 2 car CA&E Interurban Train** by Andy Breaker



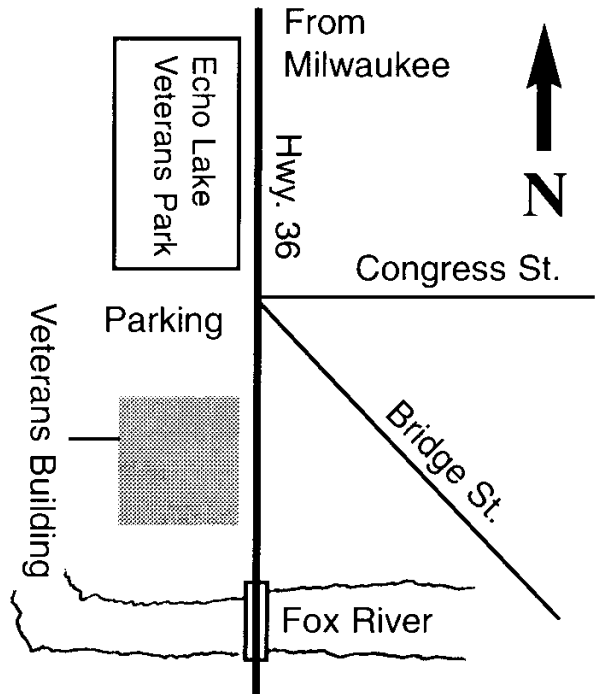
**Model Photo# 904: Cattle Country** by LaRoye Chis-



2014 Meet & Events Dates	
March 12th , 2014 16	<b>Bd. Of Directors Mtg.</b>  <b>Veterans Memorial Building</b> <b>588 Milwaukee Ave.</b> <b>Burlington Wi</b>
April 5, 2014 27	<b>Operating Days</b>  <b>Elections of Board Members</b> <b>Country Springs Hotel-</b>
May 4, 2014 15-18	<b>Great Midwest Train Show-</b> <b>DuPage</b>  <b>Midwest Regional Convec-</b> <b>tion Schaumberg</b>
August 3	<b>Picnic Milwaukee County Zoo</b>
Sept,	To Be Announced

**Veterans Memorial Building**

588 Milwaukee Ave. in Burlington, Wis.



**UPCOMING CLINICS FOR March 16, 2014**

Opens at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m. Catagories: Structures (On & Off Line), Passenger Equipment. Protoyp Photos
1:00-1:45 p.m.	John Lauber- Movies on the North Shore and South Shore Lines
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Keith Schmidt-Prototype scenes of the Milwaukee area and 2013 RR Trips
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Andy Sperandeo- Ready to Run in 3 Hours
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	Layout Tours (Map to be distributed at conclusion of meeting)

**Anyone interested in giving a clinic this fall and/or beyond please contact Ed Koforth, Clinic Chairman.**

## Upcoming News & Events

### Bus Trip



*All Aboard!*

Leave the driving to us and relax.  
Put this date on your 2014 calendar.

#### BUS TRIP

**Great Midwest Train Show**  
**DuPage County Fairgrounds**  
**Wheaton, Illinois**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

**\$36.00** per person  
admission to Great Midwest Train Show  
coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus

Visit the Prairie State Railroad Club in the afternoon

Pick up 8:00 a.m. College Avenue-Southwest Park & Ride lot

Sign up and pay at  
February, March or April WISE meets.  
Don't wait and get left at the platform!

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### News at MSOE

WISN TV on their Milwaukee Event Calendar reported on an Art Exhibit at the Grohmann Museum at MSOE:

**"Trains that Passed in the Night"**—

Railroad Photographs of O. Winston Link

The 36 framed pieces will be on display from Jan. 17th thru April 27th, 2014.

For the full article and directions go to the following link WISN:

<http://www.onmilwaukee.com/myOMC/events/58863>

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I'm usually at the meets or I can be reached at [mwillmering@aol.com](mailto:mwillmering@aol.com), or 414-258-3944. Let me know what you think.

**From Gordy Sauve the editor of the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders newsletter "The Crummy" comes a link to the North Platte Canteen from WWII.**

Great and inspiring story, but not what I was expecting. I expected to see the North Platte yard and a lot of train action. But this is great history and very heart warng. Gordy

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO WATCH....YOU'LL NOT REGRET A MINUTE!! [http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=07DGeLvDw8I](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=07DGeLvDw8I)

## 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