



THE WISE OWL CAR

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THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,
With the changes in the Trainfest committee, Assistant Superintendent Ken Jaglinski relinquished his position as assistant paymaster. Fortunately, a new volunteer came forth in a rather timely manner. Dennis Janssen was approved by the WISE board of directors as the new assistant paymaster at the March meeting and will

be assisting Paymaster Bob Sherman with his duties. Welcome aboard, Dennis.

In this issue you will notice a mail-in ballot for WISE Division elections for board positions. This is the first year we are doing this, thus the reason the newsletter is out early. It's your Division, so please vote.

Now that I've taken care of business matters...

The March meet in Burlington went very well and the contest tables were packed. Thank you to all who came and entered.

April 5 is the WISE Division Operating Day. As of this writing there are still a few positions available, so the interest in that has been very good as well.

And don't forget the bus trip on May 4. Look else-

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WISE Division Operating Day by Joe Russ

Spots are filling up fast!

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.

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

Library 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.

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. 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 VHS tapes MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE APRIL 27, 2014 MEET at the Country Springs Hotel.

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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.

The attendance figures for the March Meet are: 53 in attendance and 44 indicated that they are NMRA members. NMRA Division membership as of the end of February is 244.

Layout Tours by Mike Carlson

April 2014 Layout Tours

At the April meet we will visit two layouts. The Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club located in New Berlin, Wisconsin will have their doors open for us. The layout is on two levels and is arranged in three major divisions. Visit their website at www.milw-lrrc.com for a complete description of the layout and history of the club.

Steve Miazga N scale Missabe Junction Railway will also be open at the April meet. Steve's magnificent layout was featured in last years November issue of Model Railroader magazine pages 34 thru 39. I suggest you read up on Steve's 14 x 18 layout, so you can fully enjoy the layout when you visit.

I would like to thank all of the layout owners who shared their creations with us, over the past eight month model railroad season. We truly appreciated your graciousness and hospitality. Thanks again for helping making the WISE Division a great organization

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). Thanks Mike Carlson

Contests by Bonnie Janke, Chairperson

Would first like to thank all of those who came and entered the WISE Division Contest, on March 16th, 2014. We had a great meet in Burlington and had many who came prepared to enter our contest.

We had those who just kept looking over the entries and came back again later to make their voting choices. When you see this happening we know that we had something special in our contest.

With our next meet on April 27th 2014 I would like to encourage you all to look over something that you are just about ready to be completed, a model or prototype photo that just needs to be entered. Or any of the items on our contest list that you have been thinking about entering in one of our contests. Also if you have an item on the list that you entered before and it didn't win a seconded place, you can enter that item in this contest at Country Springs Hotel. We have such good modelers in our WISE Division and my hope is that they will show up and enter something in our last contest for the 2013-2014 season.

We heard that there are some who have just been waiting for this next meet and I would just love it if we had so many who came and prepared to enter something in our contest room. If you have questions please get in touch by e-mail yjanke@wi.rr.com or give me a call 262-392-9698. I'm always happy to hear from you. Will you be one of those who join us at the meet? Our next contest categories are:

April 27th 2014 WISE DIVISION Contest Categories

Motive Power Steam/Diesel	Passenger Equipment
Non-Revenue Freight Equipment	Freight Equipment
Structures (On & Off Line)	General (Dioramas & Trains)
Traction/Electric	Prototype & Model Photos
Train Related Crafts	Youth (8 to 17) Youth can enter any categories

WISE Division Meet Contest Report of Winners on 3/16/2014 Photos of the 1st

(Editor's Note: Place Awards will be shown in the May addition of the Owl Car.)

"BEST OF SHOW"

#701 – "Engine House" by Dave Evans

Passenger Equipment

1st Place - #402 – "Algoma Central Passenger Car" – by Mike Slater

Freight Equipment

1st Place - #506 – "Mega Log Hauler" – by Ed Varick

Structure

1st Place - #701 – "Engine House" by Dave Evans

Prototype Photo

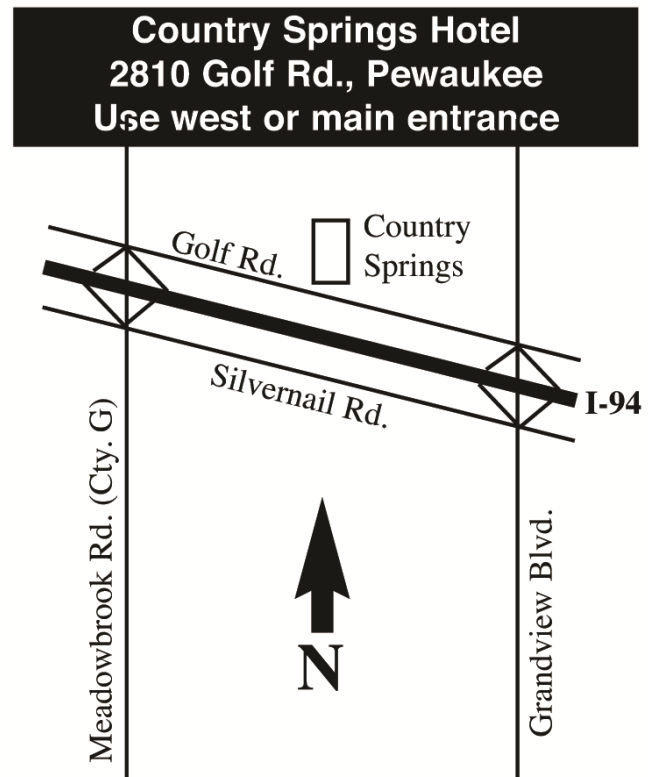
1st Place - #810 – "Nickel Plate 765 Wabash Cannonball" by Keith Schmidt

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR April 2014

Opens at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m.. Categories:
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Rob Pfeiffer– Prototype RR
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Dave Rohr, Lionel Club– History of the Lionel Club from 1947
3:00-3:45 p.m.	WISE Division Annual Meeting
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	Layout Tour : The Lionel Club will have an Open House after this meet.

2014 Meet & Events Dates

April 5th	Operating Day
9th	BOD Meeting
27, 2014	Country Springs Hotel– Pewaukee
May 4th	Great Midwest Train Show— DuPage, IL
15-18	Midwest Regional Convention— Schaumburg IL
August 3	Picnic– Milwaukee Zoo
Sept,	To Be Announced



Trainfest by Ken Jaglinski, Chairman

Trainfest 2014 is progressing along nicely. Contracts are in place with State Fair Park, for the facility, with Mercury Communication, who handles advertising, and with Arenas Americas (formerly Karl's) who provides the booth setup and all the tables and chairs needed throughout the show floor. As of this date we have received 60 applications for space. So far we have a nice mix of manufacturers, vendors, layouts, and displays. We are still in the process of verifying information in our data base and sending out applications. So if you know of someone who had been a participant in Trainfest in the past and has not received an application, have them contact me directly at kenj@trainfest.com to request an application. In addition, if you know of someone who has never participated and would like to, have them contact me as well.

The only way that Trainfest can be successful is with the help of many **volunteers**. We need **you** to help disseminate posters and brochures throughout the various communities in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and Chicago. This work needs to be done in late September or early October. We will also need help at the show to run a **make and take** area helping future modelers age 8 -16 build a small structure or piece of rolling stock. Even if you are at the show working a layout or display you can sign up to work a session which will last approximately 30 – 45 minutes. There are many other places where people can help. So, if you are willing, please let me know via email.

I believe that the only way we are going to place the model railroading spark in the younger generation is to have a **hands on experience**. In our application we have asked layout owners "are you willing to let a person age five or older operate on your layout for a short period of time under your guidance?" Response to date has been very positive with 70% of the layouts agreeing to participate. We will have special signage at the show indicating the location of these layouts.

Remember Trainfest is your show. Let me or other committee members know what you would like to see in the future.

Ken Jaglinski

Committee Chair

Bus Trips by Art Oseland, Chairman

The 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 to: prairiestaterr.org

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



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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2014 WISE DIVISON ELECTIONS for Board of Directors

Instructions:

All Ballots **Must** Be Mailed to: WISE Division Election Committee
286 Woodland View Ct.
Colgate, WI 53017

All ballots must be **postmarked by April 23, received by April 26** and include your **NMRA #** for verification. Only vote for **TWO** candidates

Name (Please Print) _____ NMRA # _____ (required)

Gary Children: Candidate for WISE Division BOD

I am running for a position on the WISE Division Board of Directors. I have been a board member for several years and enjoy working with people from our division. I have served in various positions: 10 years as Layout Tour Chair; 20 years as Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge leader (continue to help out every October at the Scout Center).

As a board member I work for all four days at Trainfest: first 2 days at the check-in table in the Manufacture's Show (C Section) and the remaining two days in the NMRA Booth promoting both the NMRA and the WISE Division and at Regional conventions. I was Vice Chairman at the 2010 NMRA Convention here in Milwaukee and was at judging models at the 2009 NMRA Convention in Hartford. I model S-Gauge. Thank you for your vote.

Bob Henderson: Candidate for WISE Division BOD

Bob has been a long time model railroader since his teens. He started with O Scale and changed to HO in the 70's. He was formerly Director of Engineering for EWC a local company, and more recently retired from GE medical systems. Bob served his country in Viet Nam as a member of the US Air Force.

Bob served the WISE Division as a Board member in the late 70's and also owned a local hobby shop that leaned heavily towards model railroading. The hobby shop was sold when Marquette Medical Systems sent him to work in South Florida. Upon his return to Wisconsin he reentered the hobby. (No basements in South Florida). The last 14 years he has been an active participant in a local round robin group. Bob models the Soo Line from Minneapolis MN. to Waukesha WI.

Bob strongly feels that the future success of the WISE Division relies with growth of the membership. He would like to use his years of experience to help achieve that goal.

Ed Koforth: Candidate for WISE Division BOD

I have been into trains since the age of 3. I model the Pennsylvania RR. I am a member of The Milwaukee Light Engineering Society and am currently constructing a Pennsy GG1. I was on the clinic committee for the 2010 NMRA National convention in Milwaukee and the current WISE Division Clinics Chairman.

Write In Candidate (must be an NMRA Member):
