



THE WISE OWL CAR

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



December 2014

THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

Another Trainfest is past, and a big thank you to chairman Ken Jaglinski, the Trainfest committee and everyone who volunteered to help to make the show possible. While attendance was down, there were new features which turned out to be quite popular, like the clinics, the Make 'N Take and the MLES train ride. I received a lot of compliments on the show and all of that credit goes to the new Trainfest committee. They had a learning curve, tried some new things and rose to the challenges a show like this brings.

The best compliment, from some modelers from Canada, was in bit more encompassing in that, "Everyone in Milwaukee is so friendly."

Going to events earlier in the fall, a thank you also goes to WISE Division Boy Scout Merit Badge co-chairs Gary Children and Paul Podlaski, and a few helpers. Thirty-three Boy Scouts received their Railroad Merit Badge on the morning of Saturday, October 4. A thank you goes to Fred and Bonnie Janke, Bruce and Linda Warren, Tim Thur, and Brian Hechel for also helping with this event.

The October meet was a mixed bag. While we had three great clinics, a full contest and a layout tour that featured G, HO and N scales, our attendance was low. Yes, it was a bit of a drive to West Bend, but the Division does cover seven counties so we like to move the meets around as it particularly makes it easier to see layouts in that area.

Also, a reminder that the doors to our meets officially open at 12:30 p.m. and our rooms are reserved starting at 11:30 a.m. to allow for set up. This includes the swap room. No seller should be arriving before that time to set up and get a table (as was an issue at the last meet).

Finally, congratulations are in order to Youth Group Director Mark Hintz and his wife, Debbie, on the birth of their daughter, Faith Hintz, just before 8 a.m. on November 11. Be sure to congratulate Mark and Debbie when you see them.

Hope to see you at the December 7 meet in Brookfield.

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Video Library by Burnell Breaker

I have acquired new DVD's for the Division's Video Library. They are now available to be checked out. 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 will be available for checkout at the December 7 meet. If you checked out DVD's or VHS tapes at the September 21 meet, they need to be returned at the December 7 meet.

Check out the listings on our website and if there are videos you want to see, let me know, I will make sure that it isn't checked out and if not, bring along to the next meet for you. Also, if you see a DVD advertised and you think it would be a great addition to our video library, let me know.

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Layout Tours by Mike Carlson

We will be visiting Mark Digerness' West Wisconsin Railroad, which is loosely based on the C&NW in central and Northern Wisconsin in and around Eau Claire. Mark models the 1990 era from Chicago to Superior, Wisconsin utilizing a single track 300 foot main line, on a triple deck layout connected by a helix. The layout contains loop staging yards and two branch lines. The layout measures 27' x 27' with the scenery being 75% complete. The control system is NEC DCC and the railroad utilizes a car card system. Do not miss this one if you have not seen it yet.

We are looking for layouts for the February meet that we are having in Racine anyone interested in opening their layout give me a call at 262-370-9321. We also have openings for the March and April meets.

Mike Carlson- Layout Tour Chairman

Junior Engineer Program

I want to thank all of the volunteers who worked on the Junior Engineer Program at Trainfest. The first year of the program was a great success and well received by the public, manufacturers, vendors and modular layout owners.

We signed up 353 Junior Engineers at the show, who we hope will be back next year, and will eventually become regular model railroaders helping the hobby to grow. Thanks again for all of your understanding, patience, and good will in making this program the huge success it is.

Mike Carlson

Junior Engineer Superintendent

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.

October Meet Attendance: 37 signed in. 22 indicated that they are NMRA members. NMRA Division membership is: 225.

Youth Group by Mark Hintz, Chairman

Youth Group has two new members as of Trainfest. That brings us to 11 regularly-attending members.

Layout has been set up, and will be running for the WCGD Open House on 12/6 (4-9PM).

We are looking for volunteers to do youth-oriented clinics at some of our Youth Group meetings, starting in January. Email me, or see me at the open house.

Contest By Dave Evans, Chair

October Contest Results:

BEST OF SHOW / Mike Slater (IHB Slug Set)

Motive Power – Steam 1st Place / Jim Rindt (N scale 2-8-0 Santa Fe Steam Locomotive)

Motive Power – Steam 2nd Place / Mike Slater (GBW 255 Steam Locomotive)

Motive Power – Diesel 1st Place / Mike Slater (IHB Slug Set)

Motive Power – Diesel 2nd Place / Jim Sohns (EMD GP-38-2 Illinois Central #1776)

Non-Revenue Equipment – 1st Place / Mike Slater (Milw. Road Caboose)

Non-Revenue Equipment – 2nd Place / Jim Sohns (Caboose for Frisco #1250 Bicentennial)

Structures 1st Place / Jim Rindt (CN Cherry Street Tower in Toronto, Ontario)

Structures 2nd Place / Neil E. Thompson (Building, Fruit and Vegetable Stand)

Photographs – Prototype 1st Place / Jim Sohns (Milw. Road caboose track at Burnham Yard)

Photographs – Prototype 2nd Place / John Shipman (CN 5788 @ Grand Avenue)

We wish to thank all participants for their entries and hard work which helps promote the hobby for everyone. They are: Jim Rindt, Mike Slater, Jim Sohns, Peter Rindt, John Shipman, Neil E. Thompson and Tim Scott

Editor's Note: No photographs for 1st and 2nd place in the Photographs category were supplied.

Contest Best of Show and 1st Place Awards photographs



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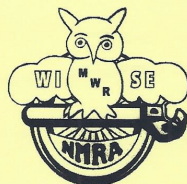
Members Assistance

HAMMELMAN HO MODELS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT MEETS

Many W.I.S.E. Division members will recall the late Wayne Hammelman, formerly of Oak Creek, WI and New Braunfels, TX. Wayne was a prolific scratch modeler and painter of train and traction models for both his Black Hills & Western RR and Kinnickinnic Valley Light Heat & Traction layouts. The latter made a return trip to Trainfest last year, winning Best of Show for Layouts. His entire city block module of the North Shore Line's Milwaukee depot is on permanent display at the *Milwaukee Transit Archives & Museum* in West Allis (<http://milwtransit.org/WP/>).

At the request of Wayne's wife, Lois, his collection of HO model trains and trolleys will be liquidated over time by the Museum. Most, but not all, of the traction models have been sold to friends of his in the hobby through a semi-private sale or at the Hoosier Traction Meet. What remains of the traction, and all of the train engines and cars, will be offered soon, as we promised, to local and area modelers, starting with W.I.S.E. Division members, and to members of the San Antonio Model RR Association.

We are still sorting and pricing models, with help from lists that Wayne created, so it may not be possible to get out lists in advance of our sales. We likely will offer models in groupings over time, adding new ones as others sell and we get to pricing them. First up will be his Black Hills & Western steam and diesel passenger trainsets, freight engines, and BH&W logo cars. Next will be Milwaukee Road and C&NW engines and cars. Look for us at Division Meets in October in Washington County, and in December in Brookfield. Jan-Feb-Mar will take us to the Tri-City Meets in Racine, perhaps to the March 8 Metro Model RR Club Train Show in Cedarburg, and to select W.I.S.E. Meets in the spring. Because of Wayne's longtime close ties with the Division, our goal is to give W.I.S.E. members first crack at new offerings as they arise.



All Aboard!

Leave the driving to us and relax.
Put this date on your 2015 calendar.

BUS TRIP
Mad City Train Show
Saturday, February 21, 2015
Arrive 9:00 a.m. Depart 2:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

admission to the Train Show
coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus

Pick up at Park & Ride lots

College Avenue (southwest lot - 7:00 a.m.) State Fair Park (I-94 and 76th Street - 7:15 a.m.) I-94 & Barker Road (Goerke's Corner - 7:30 a.m.)

Sign up and pay at
December and January WISE meets.

Don't wait and get left at the platform!

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Bus Trips by Art Oseland

Hello All

Bus confirmation with Badger Coach for Mad City Train Show Feb. 21, 2015. Also, confirming the DuPage Train Show May 3, 2015.

More details to come.

More information-Contact Art Oseland at sueoseland@aol.com, or H: [414-764-5375](tel:414-764-5375)

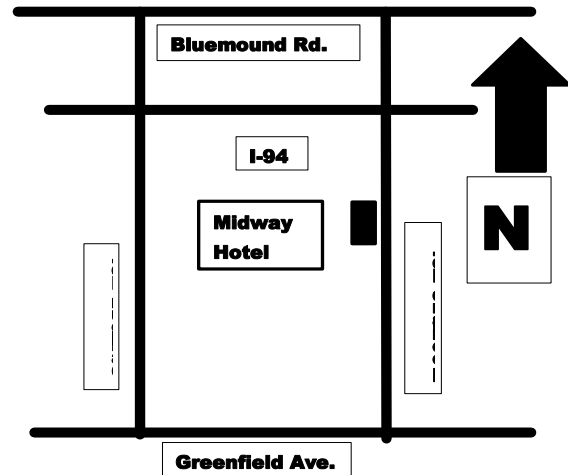
2014-2015 Meet & Events Dates

Dec. 7, 2014	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Jan. 18, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Feb. 15, 2015	Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI
March 15, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Apr. 26, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western

Midway Hotel & Suites, Brookfield

1005 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield

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Clinics For December 2014

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m. Catagories: Motive Power-Steam/Diesel; Freight Equipt.;Photographs-Prototype/Model; General; Youth 8-17 Years; Train Related Craft Dealers: Setup starts NO EARLIER than 11:30AM
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Mark Willmering - Colorado Railroad part 1
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Mark Willmering - Colorado Railroad part 2
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Michael Pate –Building the Railroad @ Maxim's: Out of the Woods and into the Restaurant
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	Layout Tours to Mark Digerness' (Maps to be distributed at conclusion of meeting)