



THE WISE OWL CAR

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THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

Time for Division elections is quickly approaching. The positions open are the offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and two board of the four board positions up for re-election/appointment this year. Officers serve two-year terms while board members serve three-year terms. If you are interested in running for an office or board position, please contact election/nominating committee chairman Reid Kahrs at [262-628-8499](tel:262-628-8499) (rkahrs@charter.net), or committee members Dave Nelson or LaRoy Chisley.

We also have three critical openings on the WISE Board of Directors. Al Lederman will be stepping down as Chief Clerk (secretary) in April. Membership Director Neal Michel has indicated he would like to turn the membership duties over to someone else, and Layout Director Mike Carlson has resigned. A thank you to Mike for his service to the Division on the board of directors and Trainfest committee. These are great opportunities meet other modelers and learn more about the hobby, the NMRA and the Division, and are vital to the Division's operation. Please consider volunteering.

For those wondering about the proposed increase in Trainfest admission rates, that vote was tabled until the board's February 11 meeting.

On the topic of elections, please take the time to mail in your ballot for the NMRA election (which you should have received either separately or via the NMRA magazine). They need to be post marked by March 1.

A reminder to register for the Division's upcoming Bus Trip on February 21 to the Mad-City train show in Madison. Either contact Art Oseland or see him at the February 15 meet.

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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.

See the adjoining flyer for the DuPage Show to be held in May.

More information-Contact Art Oseland at raydenny1@aol.com, or H: [414-764-5375](tel:414-764-5375)



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

BUS TRIP
Great Midwest Train Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds
Wheaton, Illinois
Sunday, May 3, 2015

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

Visit the Kishwaukee Valley Club and
Pete Walton's Great Midwest Railroad 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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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.

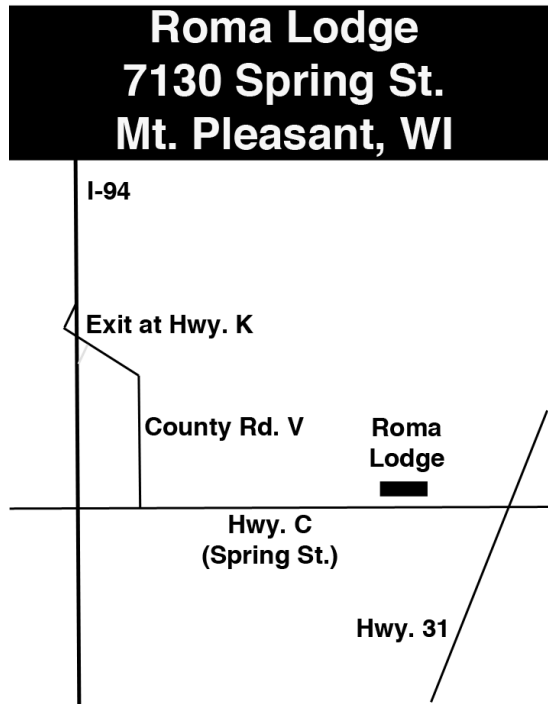
December Meet Attendance: 61 signed in. 44 indicated that they are NMRA members. NMRA Division membership is: 221.

Picnic by Mark Willmering- Chair

Hello all, I hope you had a great Christmas and Santa brought you lots of train stuff. Here we are in a new year and this year we will be at a new location for our annual picnic. The Milwaukee Light Engineering Society has agreed to host our picnic. The date will be August 2, 2015. You can access the M.L.E.S. web site at mlesr.org for the location and directions to their facility. We will have door prizes again, I hope to get more N Scale, and Bunzels Old Fashioned Meat Market will provide the food again. Of course there will be train rides.

So mark your calendar for August 2, 2015. Mark Willmering mwillmering@aol.com

2015 Meet & Events Dates	
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



Clinics For February 2015

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.	<p>Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m..</p> <p>The February Categories for the Popular Vote Contest are:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Category Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>#100</td> <td>Motive Power - Steam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#600</td> <td>Non - Revenue Equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#700</td> <td>Structures</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#800</td> <td>Photographs - Prototype</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#1200</td> <td>General</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#1300</td> <td>Youth 8 - 17 Years</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#1400</td> <td>Train Related Craft</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>> BEST OF SHOW AWARD <</p>	Category	Category Description	#100	Motive Power - Steam	#600	Non - Revenue Equipment	#700	Structures	#800	Photographs - Prototype	#1200	General	#1300	Youth 8 - 17 Years	#1400	Train Related Craft
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1:00-1:45 p.m.	Mark Willmering - Colorado R.R. Museum																
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Rell Barrett – Photos from around the Racine area. They have never been shown before. Rell has Amtrak, Chicago, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine, North Shore and other locations.																
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Mike Slater – Freemo Modular Standards																
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards																
4:00-6:00p.m.	Tri-County Model Railroad Club and the Union Grove Model Railroad Club, both in Union Grove																

Contest By Dave Evans, Chair

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held in Brookfield on January 18, 2015

Best of Show, Wayne Schroeder for his Great Northern Steam Mikado.
Structures, 1st Place - Ed Varick for his Original Harley Davidson Factory
Structures, 2nd Place – Doug Bakus for his Trackside Manufacturing Co.
Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place Keith Schmidt for his Rural Grade Crossing (SOO 1003)
Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place John Shipman for his 2719 in Duluth Early October

I would like to recognize and thank those persons for their time and effort put into their models and photos. They are: (not in order) John Shipman, Keith Schmidt, Doug Bakus, Ed Varick, Wayne Schroeder and Dennis Rygiewicz.

I encourage anyone who may attend the meets to feel free to enter a model or photograph, and even better, multiple entries. (Limit to two per category) While we are pleased to see NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) members who have entries in the popular vote contest, it is not a requirement and the contest is open to anyone. It does not have to be a new or recent model or photograph in order to enter. The benefits are the satisfaction of having one's entry recognized and award certificate for 1st and 2nd place winners. Also, the 1st. Place winner for each category gets a choice of gift certificates to selected hobby shops. The Best of Show winner also receives a very nice plaque which can be mounted and displayed on a wall.

Contest Best of Show



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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.

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.