



THE WISE OWL CAR

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Association



April 2015

THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

It's election time, and as you will see there is a ballot in this issue. Fortunately we had a candidate step forward at the last minute to run for superintendent. Please take the time to vote for all the positions, and mail it in.

WISE Division Operating Day (WISEop) 2015 is coming up on April 10 & 11. As of this writing there are still a few positions left, so if you are interested, use the link at the Division's web site (www.wisedivision.org) to check on what is available and to register. Registration closes April 3.

Also, a reminder that the

Midwest Region convention is coming up the following weekend, April 17-19, just a bit up the road in Manitowoc, Wis. They have a good program lined up, so be sure to check it out. Again, there's a link from the Division web site for more information.

And let's not forget that in May we have another bus trip. This one is to the swap meet in DuPage, and then to see two model railroads. Cost is \$36 and either contact Art Oseland or see him at the April meet.

I will wrap up this column by saying thank you to all of you for your support during my term as superin-

tendent the past four years. It has been a pleasure, at times a challenge and certainly a learning experience, which wouldn't have been possible without your help. As I am running for assistant superintendent I don't plan on retiring anytime soon, but would like to continue what I started with the meets, WISEop and hopefully some other events to come.

Hope to see you at the April meet.

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PLEASE NOTE: under the newly revised WISE Division bylaws, the elections and thus the ballot are now done entirely by mail so please review this ballot and the instructions carefully. The election results will be revealed at the next meet. There will be NO voting at the meet.

Contests by Dave Evans, Chairperson

Greetings:

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held in Brookfield on March 15, 2015

- Best of Show, Ed Varick for his Town of Lake Tower
- Structures, 1st Place – Dave Evans for his Dungannon Sand House
- Structures, 2nd Place – Ed Varick for his Town of Lake Tower
- Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place – Harry Evans for his photo of C&NW #1097
- Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place – Thomas Mabie for his Snow Train North Freedom

I would like to recognize and thank those persons for their time and effort put into their models and photos. They are in no particular order: Thomas Mabie, Bob Gallegos, John Shipman, Peter Lakatos, Steve Miazga, John Schoonerberg, Ed Varick, Harry Evans and Dave Evans

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 1s. 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.

April 26th 2015 WISE DIVISION Contest Categories

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| Motive Power – Steam | Motive Power – Diesel | Traction / Electric |
| Passenger Equipment | Freight Equipment | Non-Revenue Equipment |
| Structures | Photographs – Prototype | Photographs – Model |
| General | Youth 8-17 Years | Train Related Crafts |

See you in April

Dave Evans



First Place Structures:
 Dave Evans':
 Dungannon Sand House

Best Of Show: Ed Varick's Town of Lake



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.

Last months meet attendance was 59 with 43 NMRA members attending. Division membership is 222 members.

Upcoming Events / Bus Trips



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!

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT
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Waupaca Area Model

Railroaders

26th Annual Strawberry Fest - Train

Show & MODEL CONTEST

Saturday, June 20 - 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, June 21 - 10 AM to 3 PM

Waupaca Recreation Center, three blocks east of
downtown at the intersection of School, State &
Badger St

For show information see our website:

www.wamrltd.com or www.WaupacaEvents.com

2015 NMRA Midwest Region Spring

Convention – the Lake Shore Limited

The WinnebagoLand Division will host the Lake Shore Limited, the
Midwest Region's spring convention. Convention activities will take
place at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Wisconsin on April 17-19, 2015.

The Holiday Inn Manitowoc, 4601 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc, WI
54220; (920)682-6000, was completely remodel in 2014, is located off
Interstate 43 and Hwy 151 with easy access to the operating session
layouts and layout tours as well as a variety of nearby restaurants. Go
to the WinnebagoLand Division's website for the latest details of the
event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Opera-
tions. Registration forms are available on the website.

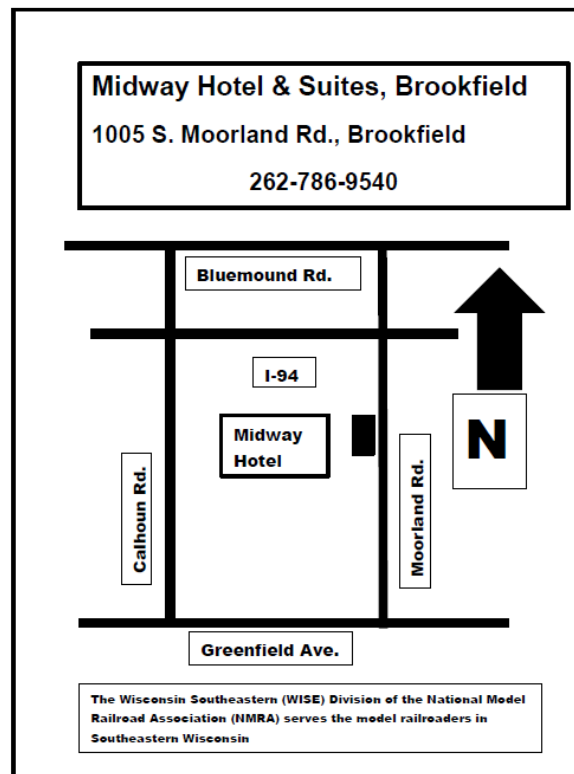
Go to: <http://www.wld-nmra.com/?action=meets>

Clinics For April 2015

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m.. Dealers: Setup starts NO EARLIER than 11:30AM
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Steve Miazga- Cadrail Demo
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Bob Fry- Measure Your Diesel Horn
3:00-3:45 p.m.	WISE Business Meeting
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	To Be Announced

2015 Meet & Events Dates

Apr. 26, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield
Note Date: One week later than usual.	Formally Best Western
Aug. 2, 2015	Picnic at MLES



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. Thanks! Burnell Breaker

Some of you have overdue DVD's. 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.

The final meet of the season is **April 26, 2015** where **ALL CHECKED OUT VIDEOS MUST BE TURNED IN.**

Elections Biographies

Reid Kahrs: Candidate for WISE Division **Superintendent**

I joined the NMRA after attending the 1985 convention held in Milwaukee. I've been a (WISE) Wisconsin Southern Division board member, serving as a Division Director, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Chief Clerk. During the twenty five years on the WISE board I've helped at Trainfest with setup, during Trainfest and take down. I was the chairman for the 2010 NMRA convention held in Milwaukee. I am a member of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and belong to NMRA Operations SIG.

My wife Chip and I currently live in Colgate. During the years since moving here I have been preparing the basement for my layout. I have been operating on many home layouts and with operations sig groups during the past 8 to 12 years.

I enjoyed my previous terms with the WISE division and would like to be elected again to serve you as Superintendent. Thank you for your vote.

Ken Jaglinski Candidate for WISE Division **Assistant Superintendent**

I will once again run for the position of Assistant Superintendent which I currently hold. In addition, I am currently the Chair of the Trainfest Committee and have participated as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. I was co-chair for the NMRA National Convention held in Milwaukee in 2010 and was responsible for publicity, the welcome picnic and the food for the bus tours. I model in HO and HOn3 and have a fully completed DCC layout which was featured in "Scale Rails". I hold operating sessions on a regular basis and invite newbies to come and join the fun. I feel that I can help the Division from a business perspective since I have a MBA from the Executive Program at UWM and have

Joe Russ: Candidate for WISE Division **Assistant Superintendent**

During the four years I have served as Superintendent there were a number of changes including a revision of the Division's constitution and bylaws, the start of a new event - WISE Operating Day, creation of a Facebook page and implementation of free email software that reduced cost. I have only missed one bus trip, one meet and not one board meeting during my term.

Over the years I have served as newsletter editor, membership director, chief clerk and assistant superintendent. When current Assistant Superintendent Ken Jaglinski took over as Trainfest chairman, I assumed the meet duties. Thus I am ready for the upcoming season and for 2016, our 50th year, and would like to try events like a Division bike ride on a local trails and a work-day at a railroad museum. Thank you for your support the past four years, and I appreciate your vote for assistant superintendent.

Art Oseland: Candidate for WISE Division **Board of Directors**

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1999 and currently I am the Bus Tour Director for WISE DIV. I help out at Trainfest as a volunteer where needed. Past President of Mid-Continent RR Museum also an active conductor during the summer season and a member since 1985. Also Past President of the Milwaukee Lionel Club and member for 36 years.

Dave Evans: Candidate for WISE Division **Board of Directors**

My name is Dave Evans and while some of you might know me from the Contest Room, I will be running for the Contest Director Position again. I've been involved with the N.M.R.A. going back to the 1980's off and on. My first entry in the popular vote contest won 1st. Place for Structures and Best of Show in 1991. I currently model HOn3 but started out in N gage in the early 1970's. In that span of time my modeling skills have increased and along the way I have met many wonderful people who make up our hobby. I would like to use my knowledge and my association with people like you to help give back and make this hobby better for everyone. I ask for your blessing and support in order to make the Popular Vote Contest experience enjoyable for all.

2015 WISE DIVISION ELECTIONS Note:

All Ballots **Must** Be Mailed to: Dave Nelson Attn: WISE Division Election Committee
1506 East Fox Lane
Fox Point, WI 53217

All ballots must be **postmarked by April 22, received by April 25** and include your **NMRA #** for verification. Vote for **One** candidate for Superintendent, **One** candidate for Assistant Superintendent and no more than **Two** candidates for the Board of Directors.

Note: NMRA does not allow FAMILY MEMBERS to vote, nor does the Midwest Region.

Article IV, Membership and Dues, of the NMRA Regulations includes the following provision in Section 2:
“B. Each member in the above classes, including Honorary Life Member, shall have the right to:”
“4. Except for Family Members; and Sustaining and Corporate Members other than individuals, the right to vote and run for an elective office in any Region or Division of which the member is a resident member, subject to any qualifications and conditions

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

Reid Kahrs: Candidate for WISE Division **Superintendent**

Write In Candidate for Superintendent (must be an NMRA Member):

Ken Jaglinski: Candidate for WISE Division **Assistant Superintendent**

Joe Russ: Candidate for WISE Division **Assistant Superintendent**

Write In Candidate for Assist. Superintendent (must be an NMRA Member):

Dave Evans: Candidate for WISE Division **Board of Directors**

Art Oseland: Candidate for WISE Division **Board of Directors**

Write In Candidate for Board of Directors (must be an NMRA Member):
