



THE WISE OWL CAR

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Division of the National Model Railroad
Association



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THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

WISE Division Operating Day (or WISEOP, for short) 2015 on April 10 & 11 was a success, with 40 members and modelers participating. Due to illness, and other reasons, only 10 of the 13 layouts were able to participate, but openings were made for every operator who still wanted to operate. And the Beginners' Session was popular again, so much so that it was even overbooked. Thank you to the layout owners, including two local clubs, who made this event possible.

I want to thank all of you who voted in our first election with mail-in ballots that included officers. With well over 50 ballots cast, it was certainly on par with some of our previous in-person elections. Thank you to chairman Dave Nelson and the nominating/election committee for their efforts in making this work. Congratulations to Superintendent-elect Reid Kahrs, and to returning board members Dave Evans and Art Oseland. They will take office on June 1.

I should add that we have a new contest award to present. It is for the modeler who has participated the most in the Division's popular vote model contest. And the award for the 2014/2015 goes to Mike Slater. Congratulations, Mike!

Art Oseland deserves a big thank you for running another successful, and fun, bus trip to the swap meet at the Du Page County Fairgrounds. For the most part the rain stayed away whenever we were off the bus, and we saw some excellent layouts on the way home. Those who didn't go missed a really good time.

This is my last column as Superintendent, at least for a few years, I think. It seems that ever since then-Superintendent Mel Andresen asked me to bring the Owl Car newsletter back to life in 1986, some positions come back to me, or I to them. The Owl Car came back to me three times, and now Assistant Superintendent again (thank you for your continued support). So, who knows what the future holds. In the meantime, I will be working on the meets and would like a few more members to step forward to help with planning for our 50th anniversary year, which is in 2016 (yes, that's a hint).

And I must recognize the board members who have served with me over my two terms. Thank you for serving, and your commitment to the hobby and the Division. And I wish to thank you, the membership, for your support. I hope all of you give Superintendent-elect Kahrs the same support.

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Contests by Dave Evans, Chairperson

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held in Brookfield on April 26, 2015

Best of Show, Dave Poquette for his 1935 Residential House

Motive Power – Diesel, 1st Place – Andy Breaker for his Pacific Electric VO-1000 Diesel

Motive Power – Diesel, 2nd Place – Mark Willmering for his FM Trainmaster

Non-Revenue Equipment, 1st Place – Mark Willmering for his Crane Tender

Non-Revenue Equipment, 2nd Place – Andy Breaker for his Illinois Terminal Bay Window Caboose

Structures, 1st Place – Mark Willmering for his HO Steam Donkey

Structures, 2nd Place – Dave Poquette for his 1935 Residential House

Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place – Mark Willmering for his #486 Steam Engine

Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place – Al Lederman for his Iowa Pacific

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: Al Lederman, Ted Zieger, Mark Willmering, Katie Willmering, Steve Miazga, Andy Breaker, Ed Varick, and Dave Poquette.

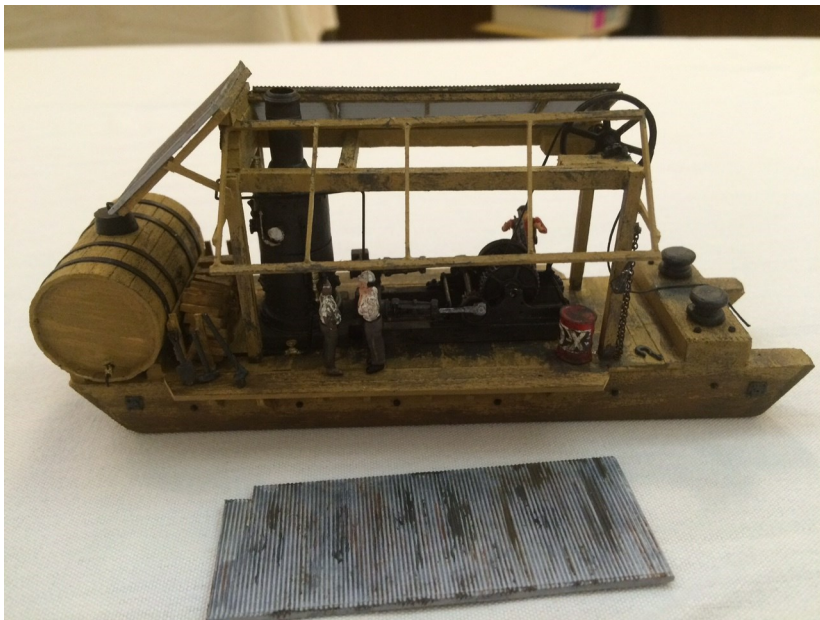
I encourage **anyone** who may attend the meets to feel free to enter a model or photograph, and even better, multiple entries. (Limit to two per category) While we are pleased to see NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) members who have entries in the popular vote contest, it is **not a requirement** 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.

Have a good summer and see you in the fall!

Dave Evans



Best Of Show: Dave Poquette's 1935 Residential House

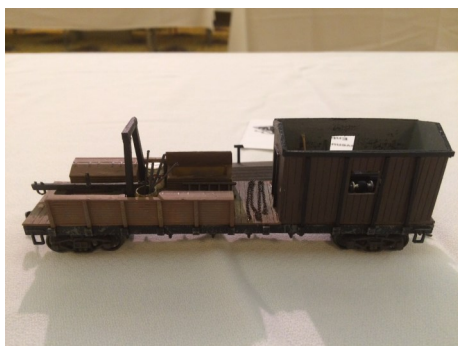


First Place Structures:

Mark Willmering for his #486
Steam Engine Donkey

First Place Diesels:

Andy Breaker for his
Pacific Electric VO-1000 Diesel



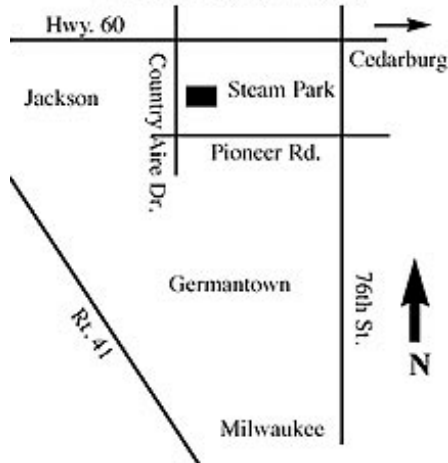
First Place Non Revenue:

Mark Willmering for his Crane
Tender

Map to MLES:

MLES Steam Park - Jackson

Country Aire Dr. (Cty. Hwy. M) &
Pioneer Rd. (Cty. Hwy C)



Trainfest Volunteers Needed by Bob Henderson

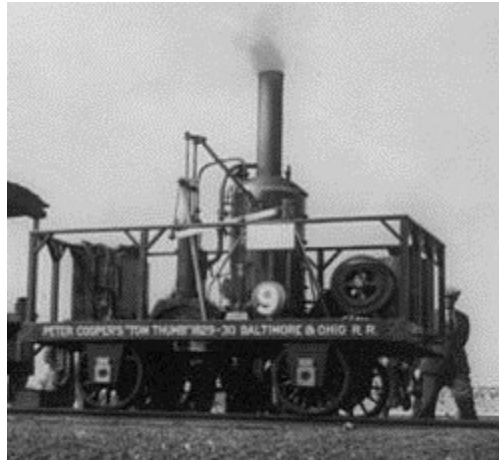
2015 Trainfest Brochure/Poster Distribution & Volunteers Needed

We need people to distribute posters and brochures to various commercial and public places. We have lists of places to go and areas to visit, grouped by local. (Ex. Dousman, Wales, North Prairie). I will deliver the materials to you. We have to mid-September to complete, starting mid July.

Forms will be in the July issue of the Owl Car.

WISE Division Picnic

IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN



The WISE Division Family Picnic

August 2, 2015

Milwaukee Light Engineering Society

2620 N. Country Aire Dr. Cedarburg, WI

Send registration form to Mark Willmering by July 22, 2015

11:30 a.m. Catered lunch by Bunzel's Old Fashioned Meat Market

12:30 p.m. Prize Drawing for NMRA Members

Then ride the trains

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair

WISE Division 2015 Picnic Registration Form

NAME & NMRA

ADULTS & TEENS (13 & OLDER) _____ x \$14=\$_____

CHILDREN _____

PLEASE LIST FIRST NAME AND AGE OF CHILD

Make checks to WISE Division and send form with **SASE** to:

Mark Willmering

2404 N. 116th St.

Wauwatosa, WI 53226

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The past four years as Superintendent have been an interesting, and, at times, challenging learning experience. Even though I had served in other board positions before, it was a position I had to spread my wings for a bit, but it was worth it. I didn't accomplish everything I had hoped, so there are a few more projects I want to complete. As a WISE past-superintendent, Wayne Schroeder, told me, you shouldn't leave until you've completed what you wanted to. So, on that note, anybody want to organize, or help organize, a Division bike-ride on a local rail-trail this summer? Yes, that was one of the things I didn't get to.

See you at the Division picnic.

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