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Volunteers Needed for Trainfest 2015

by Ken Jaglinski - Trainfest Chairman
 Trainfest 2015 will once again fill two buildings and 230,000 square feet of exhibit space. As of now we have at least 211 exhibitors, 31 of which are new. New this year, besides the theme "Celebrate the Chicago & North Western" and the Historical Display on the C&NW, we will have a Trainfest store. Anyone can purchase Trainfest items on line via our website. Advance purchased items can be picked-up at the Trainfest office (no shipping fee) or they can be shipped after Trainfest closes. The store will offer a limited run C&NW Evans 5100 cu. ft. Boxcar in HO scale in two road numbers. We will also offer Giclee Prints of an original Larry Fischer piece of art commissioned by Trainfest. This art features the Milwaukee, Wis., C&NW station with the Cities 400, the Peninsula 400 and a streamlined 4-6-2 steam engine with a

string of head end cars at the station. We will also offer our pins and plaques from this year and previous year's Trainfests. The only way that Trainfest can be successful is with the help of many volunteers. We need YOU! Help guide future modelers age 8 -16 in the Make and Take area build a small snap together station structure that was kindly donated by William K. Walther's Inc. Or, you can help sign up a new crop of Junior Engineers. Even if you are at the show working a layout or display you can sign up to work a one hour session. There are many other places where people can help. So, if you are willing, please go to the website and complete the volunteer form or complete and return the form on page 5 Remember Trainfest is your show! Let me or other committee members know what you would like to see in the future.

Thirty-one Scouts Receive Railroad Merit Badge



On the Saturday morning of October 3, 31 Boy Scouts earned their Railroad Merit Badge thanks to the WISE Division. Co-chairmen Gary Children and Paul Podlaski, along with Brian Hechel, Bruce Warren, Linda Warren and Joe Russ worked with the Scouts at the Boy Scout offices on 84th St. They reviewed such things as railroad history, various freight cars, railroad jobs, railroad safety and, of course, model railroading. Thank you to co-chairmen Gary Children and Paul Podlaski, and their helpers, for making this educational service possible.

In Memoriam...

By Joe Russ
 Since the last Owl Car went to press, we have lost three well-known members or modelers.
Bob Keune
 On September 8 Bob Keune passed away at the age of 96. Bob was the NMRA's last surviving charter member, and you can read more on Bob in the October 2010 NMRA magazine. A life long O scale modeler, he was also a member of the Model Railroad Club of Milwaukee.

John Bassman
 In mid-September long-time Milwaukee Road Historical Association member John Bassman passed away. John was a dedicated volunteer and while he didn't attend many WISE Division meets in recent years, he regularly helped during Trainfest set-up.

Andy Sperandeo
 After a long battle with cancer, former Model Railroader Magazine Editor Andy Sperandeo passed away on October 2. During his tenure at Kalmbach, Andy gave many clinics at Division, Region and National conventions. He also loved operation, and was a regular participant in WISEop. The Division extends its condolences to the families of Bob, John and Andy. They will be greatly missed.



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Notes from the Super's Desk...

Trainfest is one month away. Ken Jaglinski and the Trainfest committee has everything in place for a great 2015 Trainfest.

Many volunteers are still needed to make Trainfest a success. Bob Henderson is in charge of volunteers. Use the form in this edition of the *Owl Car* to volunteer. The time that you offer, whether it's one or two hours or more, will help. Remember, Trainfest is part of your WISE Division, so please help your Division have a successful 2015 Trainfest.

For an idea of what Trainfest will look like, go to the Trainfest web site

www.trainfest.com and check out the floor plan.

Thank you for volunteering to make Trainfest great.

In September I was privileged to attend the funeral of Robert (Bob) Kuene. Bob was a charter member of the NMRA. I normally would not say privileged to attend a funeral, but Bob attended the early meetings when the NMRA was started. If it was not for Bob and others, there would not be an NMRA or the WISE Division.

See you at the meets,

Reid



Photo Upgrade for WISE Website

We are still looking at updating the pics on the header of the WISE Division's web site and need your help. The update would more reflect the wide-range of scales members model in, so we at least need one picture from a member's layout in N, HO, O, traction (any scale) and narrow gauge (any scale). Please contact Joe Russ at jruss@execpc.com if you have a photo you'd like to submit.

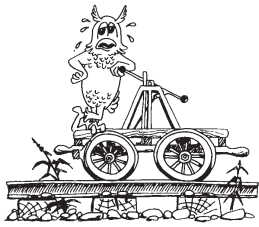
Job Opening at Wm. K. Walthers

A part-time position is open at our retail outlet, the Walthers Showroom. We are looking for an individual with a minimum of one year of marketing or sales experience who can provide outstanding service to internal and external model railroading clients. If you are interested, please send your resume to HR90@walthers.com



Brant Holeman discusses Milwaukee Makerspace during the September meet.

For more information visit www.wisedivision.org



Attend the WISE Division's Model Railroad Meet

Schedule subject to change without notice

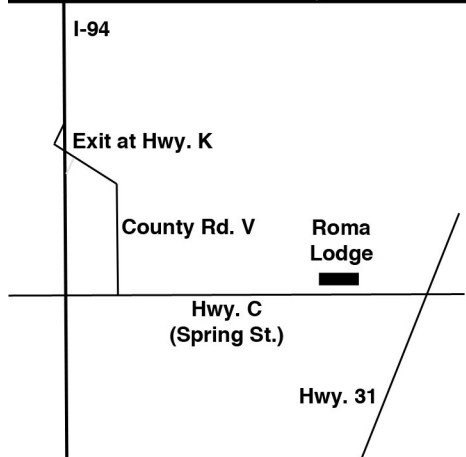


Sunday, October 18, 2015

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 Models in all scales welcome, as are photos and slides.
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Dremel Products - Presentation and Demonstration</i> Representatives of Dremel, the maker of motor tools, saws and a 3D printer used by modelers of all scales, will show their latest products. This is the first time they have presented at a WISE Division meet, and will be a great chance to ask questions about their various products.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Exploring Chicago using Metra and CTA</i> Have you railfanned Chicago lately? Rell Barrett shows us how to search out where to go and how to get there. Plan a great ride on the train!
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Laser Cutting 101 - Great Way of Fabricating Structures</i> From drawing to fabrication, Brant Holeman shows us how to let the machine do the work for you.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

<p>Future Event Dates Nov. 14-15 Trainfest (extra fare) Dec. 13.....Country Springs, Pewaukee Jan. 17.....Midway Hotel, Brookfield Feb. 20.....Bus Trip to Mad-City Show</p>

Roma Lodge
7130 Spring St.
Mt. Pleasant, WI



Changes in WISE Meets and Contests

Those of you who drink coffee at the meets will notice a donation jar by the coffee pot. As venues have been increasing the fee they charge for that service, we are trying to offset that expense. If you enjoy having coffee at the meets, please contribute.

A reminder that WISE BOD has decided to make some changes in our meets and contest. For starters, we will not be having a meet in February, only the bus trip to the South Central Wisconsin Division's Mad City show on February 20 (more information on that as the date approaches). At the meets, only NMRA members will be eligible for door prize(s). And in the Contest Room, for 1st Place and Best of Show winners, NMRA members will receive \$20 in award certificates while non-members will only receive \$10.



Some pictures of Steve Miazga's N scale layout from the September 20 meet.

Milwaukee Optoberfest Almost Full

There are still a limited number of openings for the annual Milwaukee Optoberfest on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24. A total of 14 layouts in southeastern Wisconsin, and one in northern Illinois, are scheduled to hold operation sessions over the two-day event. And, if interest warrants, there will be a special Beginners' Session on Friday evening for those who haven't operated before and are looking to give it a try.

The event is free and open to anyone

interested in operating. And this is a great chance to operate on layout that you might not otherwise get to operate, and participate with operators from different groups (there will be operators coming from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois). Registration, and information on layouts, is only available online.

For more information, or to be put on an email list for when registration opens, email Joe Russ at jruss@execpc.com.

This is not a WISE Division event.

The Contest Page



Neal Michael won Best of Show for his row of five buildings in HO scale.

By Dave Evans, Contest Director

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held at the Midway Hotel in Brookfield on September 20, 2015 (contested categories are in bold):

Best of Show, Neal Michael for his row of five buildings (HO)

Motive Power - Steam, 1st Place - No Contest
 Motive Power - Steam, 2nd Place - No Contest
 Motive Power - Diesel, 1st Place - No Contest
 Motive Power - Diesel, 2nd Place - No Contest
 Traction / Electric - 1st Place - No Contest
 Traction / Electric - 2nd Place - No Contest
 Passenger Equipment - 1st Place - No Contest
 Passenger Equipment - 2nd Place - No Contest
 Freight Equipment - 1st Place - No Contest
 Freight Equipment - 2nd Place - No Contest
 Non-Revenue Equipment, 1st Place - No Contest
 Non-Revenue Equipment, 2nd Place - No Contest
 Structures, 1st Place - No Contest
 Structures, 2nd Place - No Contest

Photographs - Prototype, 1st Place - Mike Janke for his WSOR Y202 at Harley

Photographs - Prototype, 2nd Place - Jim Sohns for his CNW in winter

Photographs - Model, 1st Place - No Contest
 Photographs - Model, 2nd Place - No Contest
 General, 1st Place - No contest
 General, 2nd Place - No contest
 Youth 8-17 years, 1st Place - No Contest
 Youth 8-17 years, 2nd Place - No Contest
 Train Related Crafts, 1st Place - No Contest
 Train Related Crafts, 2nd Place - No Contest

I would like to recognize and thank those individuals for their time and effort put into their models and photos. They are in no particular order: Jim Sohns, Dave Poquette, Neal Michael and Mike Janke.

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.

Get going on those models and photographs and we will see you in October.

The Editor Hoots...

In order for an organization to thrive, and even survive, its members have to step up to help. Some help can be in the form of large commitments, such as being a Division officer or serving on the Trainfest committee. Others can be smaller like offering to give a clinic or having your layout open for tour.

Elsewhere in this issue you will notice pleas for help for Trainfest. Aside from being one big educational festival regarding our hobby, it is also the fundraiser which makes such services as our meets, newsletter, bus trip, donations, etc. possible. It's your show and your Division, please help where you can.

Speaking of newsletter, we are still looking for a new editor. If you are interested please contact me.

Joe Russ
 Assistant Superintendent

2015 Trainfest Volunteer Form

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

What days/times are you available: Thur (8 am-3pm), Fri (8 am-8pm), Sat(8 am-6pm), Sun(8 am-8pm)

What time of day are you available for & for how long? _____

Best way to contact you? _____

Have you volunteered with Trainfest before? What did you do? _____

If yes, what year and where/what did you do? _____

Please return to: Bob Henderson, Trainfest Office Manager
 7824 Pathfinder Lane
 West Bend, Wi. 53090

Questions call at 262-692-6999 or email rhender1@charter.net

