

January 2016

February 20 Bus Trip to Mad-City Show to again visit C&NW #1385

As we don't have a meet in February, be sure to sign up for the Division's bus trip to the NMRA SCW Division Mad-City Train Show in Madison on Saturday, February 20. After visiting the show, we will once again be taking a side trip to Middleton to see the progress on the restoration of C&NW #1385 at Spec Machine.

Fare of \$37 for adults, \$15 for those 17 and under who come with with an adult. It includes bus ride, admission to show and snacks on the bus. To register see Art Oseland at the January 17 WISE meet, call him at 414-764-5375 or email him at raydenny1@aol.com.



Boarding locations and times are:

- **College Ave. Southwest Park & Ride** lot at 7:00 a.m.
- **State Fair Park & Ride** lot I-94 and 76th. St. at 7:15 a.m.
- **(Goerke's Corner) Park & Ride** lot I-94 & Barker Rd. at 7:30 a.m.

Video Library Update

by *Burnell Breaker, Video Library Director*

There are many new DVD's available to check out from the WISE Division Video Library. I have made some purchases of new DVD's and we are in the process of transferring many of our older VHS tapes to DVD. These new purchases and recently transferred titles will be available for WISE Division members to check out at our January 17,

2016 Beginner's Meet. Please check out the VHS and DVD listings on the website and if there is a specific tape or disk you wish to check out, please contact me and I will have it set aside for you at the next meet. Remember that all items checked out are due back at the next meet unless other arrangements have been made with me. If there is a title you think the Division should add to the Video Library, let me know as well.

WISE Division Membership Directories are still available. Each member gets 1 complimentary copy. Pick up your copy at the next meet at the Video Library tables.

Happy New Year!

Planning Begins for WISEop 2016

WISEop, the Division's operating weekend, will be Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. It will have up to 15 layouts (as of this writing seven have already committed) so it is a great chance to operate on layouts you may not otherwise have the chance to. And for those of you who want to try operation for the first time, we will once again be having a special Beginners' Session on Saturday afternoon. And NMRA members will get a week to register before non-members. Registration will be done online starting at the end of March or early April, so watch the *Owl Car* and the web site for information as the date nears.

We Need a Few New Board Members

It's time to step up. Step up and help run your Division. The election of two of five board of director positions will be taking place this spring. We will also be looking to appoint a new Paymaster (treasurer) and perhaps a Chief Clerk (secretary). Bob Sherman, our current Paymaster, has served for 25 years and is looking to to step down. Chief Clerk Al Lederman is also looking to step down after years of service.

Many of the current board members have served for a number of years and are looking to work on other projects, like their layouts.

If you are interested in running for a board position, or to be considered for one of the appointed positions mentioned above, contact Joe Russ at (262)-408-1946 before February 5.

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Notes from the Super's Desk...

Wishing everyone a happy New Year. I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season. I assume that you also had a chance to work on some of your model railroading projects. If you have finished a structure, car, locomotive or other, why not bring that project to the January meet and enter it in the contest. We are hoping that some of the depots that were assembled at Trainfest will be entered in the contest also.

Our January meet (Beginners' Meet) will be at the Midway Hotel and Suites. There will be no February meet, The WISE Division will have a bus going to Mad City Train Show on Saturday, February 20. There are more details in this *Owl Car* or contact Art Oseland at 414-764-5375 or raydenny1@aol.com. The March meet will be at the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society & Museum in Oconomowoc, Wis.

An election committee has been appointed for the April elections, Joe Russ is the Chairman. There are openings on the WISE Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a board of director position either contact Joe at 262-408-1946 or jruss@execpc.com or me at 262-628-8489 or rkahrs@charter.net.

This year the NMRA National convention will be held in Indianapolis. "Highball to Indy" will be held July 3 to July 10. Consider attending the National convention as it will be a great convention. The host committee has hosted Midwest regional conventions before, and they always have good conventions. There will be many clinics, tours both prototype and layouts, operating sessions and a good non-rail program. To find more information go to the Convention website:

<http://www.nmra2016.org>. The registration fees will increase on February 1, 2016, so if you plan on attending and want to save some money, register before the price changes. If you wait, you can still register when you attend, but the cost will be higher. But if you register before the February deadline, you will have the opportunity to pick your tours and have a better chance of getting them.

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The Editor Hoots...

Happy Birthday to us, Happy Birthday to us... OK, you DON'T want to hear me sing, but the Division is now 50!

Over the next few issues you will see some of the the things that got us this far (see more on Page 5). But if you have any short stories to share, feel free to submit them.

We are also facing some headwinds. A glance to the left will show some empty board positions that need filling. As an organization we can't keep thinking, "Let (insert a member's name here) do it. He/she always steps up." We've gone through a generation (and some have served a generation) of board members, and the hobby has changed a lot in the last half-century. We could use some fresh, new blood to lay the groundwork for the next 50 years.

Joe Russ



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It's a WISE Anniversary... Fifty is Nifty

Yes, on January 9 the WISE Division turned a milestone year of 50! And to kick off the year-long celebration in the *Owl Car*, below is a copy of our

Charter which made everything we've done the past half-century, from the monthly meets, to the special run kits, to the conventions, to the Travel in Style

trips and to the open house that became Trainfest, possible. Some of those things mentioned will be covered in upcoming issues.

CHARTER
WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

This certifies that the

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

having fulfilled the requirements stated in the Constitution of the MIDWEST REGION of the NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC., is hereby granted a charter for the formation of a Division of the MIDWEST REGION, NMRA, subject to the following provisions:

1. The WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION shall consist of all the members of the National Model Railroad Association residing within the following areas: Wisconsin counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha.
2. Within a period of six calendar months after the granting of this charter, the Division shall present a constitution to the Board of Directors of the Midwest Region, NMRA. This constitution shall provide:
 - a. That the Division shall support the Midwest Region and the National Model Railroad Association,
 - b. That the Division shall meet at least once a year within the geographic limits of the Division,
 - c. That the payment of divisional dues shall not be a prerequisite for membership in the Division,
 - d. And for the election of a chief executive officer.
3. The duly elected chief executive officer of the Division shall become a Director of the Midwest Region as provided in the Constitution of the Midwest Region, NMRA. Said chief executive officer, or his proxy by written certification, shall attend a minimum of 50% of the Midwest Region Board of Directors' meetings, regularly scheduled by duly written notice from the Secretary of the Region.
4. No Divisional activity shall be scheduled or held on the same date(s) as those of the Regional Conventions (Spring and Fall), which would interfere with the attendance of the membership of the Division at the Regional Conventions. Divisional officers and members shall be encouraged to attend the Regional Conventions and a quorum of the Divisional Officers shall attend the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region at the Spring Convention duly set and announced.
5. The Board of Directors of the Midwest Region, NMRA, reserves the right to revise the geographic limits of the Division.
6. The Board of Directors of the Midwest Region, NMRA, reserves the right to rescind this charter for just cause. Failure to comply with any of the provisions set forth above will subject the charter to review and possible revocation.

Granted this ninth day of January, 1966.

By the Board of Directors of the Midwest Region, NMRA.

(Original signed by:

Willard Gardner, President
Kenneth Curtiss, Head of Department on Divisions
John Smallshaw, Superintendent, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
Wally Lloyd, Chairman, Committee on Divisions)

The Contest Page



Best of Show, Steve Miazga for his N scale structure The Ridge View

By Dave Evans, Contest Director

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held at Country Springs on December 13, 2015:

Best of Show – Steve Miazga for his N scale structure “The Ridge View” (top of page)



Motive Power - Diesel, 1st Place - John Sohns for his HO scale GE U28B Rock Island #259

Motive Power - Diesel, 2nd Place - Mike Janke for his HO scale WSOR #3807

Structures, 1st Place – Steve Miazga for his N scale structure The Ridge View (top of page)

Structures, 2nd Place - Ted Zoeger for his HO scale structure Hailey Snack Stand

Photographs - Prototype, 1st Place - Mike Janke for his photo “WSOR 1502 at Cutoff”

Photographs - Prototype, 2nd Place - Mark Willmering for his photo “2-6-6-2T Black Hills Central”

Photographs - Model, 1st Place - Ted Zieger for his photo “Scenic Train”

Photographs - Model, 2nd Place - Mike Janke for his photo “WSOR 4030 Rounding the Bend”

I would also like to thank the following for their time and effort in entering the Popular Vote Contest. In no particular order:

- Jim Sohns for his Box Cab 2-4-0 traction
- Mike Janke for his WSOR 3807 diesel
- David Nelson for his Northern Pacific Cement covered hopper
- Dennis Janssen for his Wicked Wanda N scale structure
- Ted Zieger for his Al Gas Station structure and Hailey Snack Stand structure
- Steve Miazga for his Highland Junction Depot structure
- Bob Gallegos - Steam and Fog prototype photo
- Mark Willmering - for his BNSF & UP at Powder River prototype photo
- Mike Janke for his WSOR 1505 at Fox Lake prototype photo
- Peter Lakatos - Flats with Excavators prototype photo
- Dianne Michel - Train Christmas Stocking train related craft

Get going on those models and photographs and we will see you in January!

*Happy New Train Year....
Dave Evans*

December Layout Tours

A thank you to the two layouts on tour for the meet. Kurt Wamser opened up the G gauge layout at the Country Spring’s Christmas display (left) early for us, and Jim Kelly opened his N scale Tehachapi Loop layout (right) for us to enjoy. Thank you, guys.





Free Model Railroad Meets

Hosted by the WISE Division, NMRA
- Public Welcome -

Visit www.wisedivision.org, call 262-408-1946 or see the back side for information

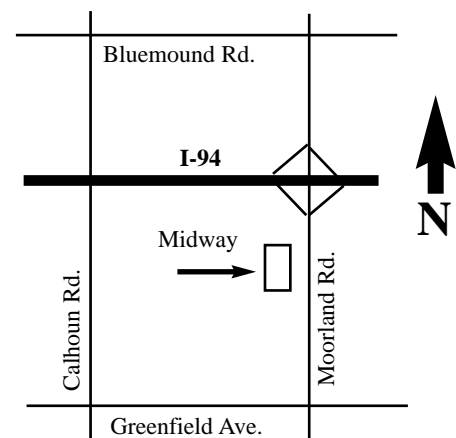
Schedule subject to change without notice



Beginner's Meet Sunday, January 17, 2016

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 for all categories
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Benchwork Basics</i> Dave Evans, WISE Division contest director, reviews the basic types of benchwork, from modular to traditional. He will show construction styles and various materials which can be used.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Basic Electricity</i> Trainfest Chairman Ken Jaglinski will cover basic wiring for model railroads. Power packs, multiple train operation and DCC (Digital Command Control) will be covered.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Scenery Making Tips II - The Basics</i> WISE Division Assistant Superintendent Joe Russ will demonstrate how to make basic scenery using cheesecloth, newspaper and molding plaster.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

Midway Hotel & Suites
 1005 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield



Upcoming Event Dates:
February 20 - Bus Trip to Madison
March 20 - Meet at Oconomowoc Museum
April 17 - Meet at Midway Hotel
April 29 & 30 - WISEop

Trainfest 2015 Display Award Winners

by Joe Russ

And finally, here are the rest of the award winners from Trainfest 2015 – the displays.



Best of Show - Display

The Woodland Scenics booth had a great display of their new products, as well as an engaging live demonstration.

1st Place - Display

The National Railroad Museum in Green Bay had an excellent display following the Celebrate a Railroad theme of the C&NW.

