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Sign up for May 7 Bus Trip to Swap Meet and Layout Tours



Left: Bus trip participants head off to explore the swap meet grounds upon arrival last year.

Seats are still available for the WISE Division Bus Trip to the Great Midwest Train Show in Wheaton, Ill. The trip will be Sunday, May 7 and fare is \$39 for adults, \$15 for those 17 and under with an adult.

Fare includes admission to the show, coffee, water and donuts on the bus.

We will have boarding at the College Ave. Southwest lot at 8:00 a.m.

After the swap meet we will be visiting three layouts:

- The Lisle Model Railroad Club's HO and HO_{n3} layout located in the basement of two-story farm house on Lisle Heritage Museum property.
- Ron Scharping's freelanced HO scale Tinkrin, Jawin & Eatin Railroad. It is a 24' x 24' point-to-point layout set in the 1960's. The layout's eight towns are

named after towns in Wisconsin. Scenic backgrounds and hills divide the scenes around the four peninsulas.

- Wayne & Bill Reid's N scale Cumberland Valley System. The 22' x 38' layout hosts the PRR/N&W/WM with a mainline run of over 130' and features Appalachian scenery, a large yard, branch line and freight and passenger service. Steam and diesel power of mid-1950's and realistic operating scheme covered many times in *Model Railroader* magazine and other model railroad publications.

Again, limited seating is still available at this time. To register please contact Art Oseland soon at raydenny1@aol.com, 414-764-5375, or be sure to see him at the April meet.

Video Library News

by Burnell Breaker

We are finishing up the job of transferring most of our VHS tapes to DVD's so the complete library can be enjoyed by everyone. These will be available at our September 17 meet at the Clarion Hotel, across from the airport.

Some of you may have overdue DVD's. Remember, the policy is to check out one month and return them at the next meet. All are due back to the Video Library at the next meet, unless other arrangements have been made with the Librarian, me.

All DVD's MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE APRIL 23, 2017 MEET at the New Berlin Ale House.

Scenes from the March Meet

If you missed the March meet at the Oconomowoc Historical Society, here are some pictures to show you what you missed...



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Notes from the Super's desk...

It seems the past two years have gone by so quickly, that if you had asked me, I'd have thought that I still had another year to be your Superintendent. I would like to thank the WISE Division members who have supported me and also the Division. Please continue your support of the new Superintendent and the WISE Division. I would also like to thank the WISE Division directors for all the work they have been doing and the privilege of working with them. There are positions on the WISE board that could use a chairman or some additional help. You don't have to be the chairman, but you could assist the chairman in using your time, talents or expertise. Give it some thought and ask the Superintendent where the Division could use your help...*Owl Car* editor, layout tour director, and membership director, just to name a few of the openings on the Board.

Ken Jaglinski has done a lot with Trainfest, and needs you to volunteer in many areas of Trainfest. Many of you have been part of Trainfest over the past years...thank you, and please continue with your help. Ken has many positions where he can use your assistance, whether it is for a couple hours or all day, just talk with Ken.

The April meet is the last meet until September 17, 2017. The September meet will be held at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center at 5311 S. Howell Ave. All meets following that are also scheduled to be held at the Clarion, so there's only one site to remember for the WISE Division meets.



The Editor Hoots...

It's spring, and time to get out. Of course, sometimes that means venturing indoors. Twice has been to shows at the Exposition Center we also hold Trainfest. At the recent home and garden show, I came across the Wisconsin Garden Railroaders booth showing the public an aspect of the hobby many may not know about (last year two landscapers featured a garden railroad in their displays).

After that came the Wheel & Sprocket Bike Sale. There I got talking to the DNR's representative of the Hank Aaron State Trail and learned they are doing a monument to the Milwaukee Road shops. That could be a candidate for a summer WISE Ride. Anyone game?

Anyway, it is interesting to see how these shows are set up compared to Trainfest. And, if you look, you can get a small railroading kick.

Another trip was to the Delavan Train Show. This free show attracts around 5,000 people over the weekend, with layouts in various buildings in town. While it requires a bit of walking, you can explore the town where 26 circuses once wintered. With any luck, I am looking into having a meet there during this event the first Sunday in March.

Joe Russ

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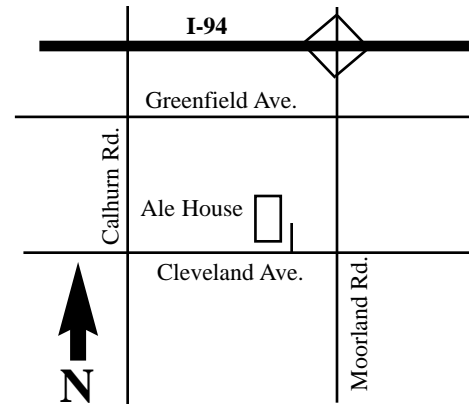
Schedule subject to change without notice



April 23, 2017

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>Hidden Gems Finally See the Light of Day</i> James Rindt shows color slides from the 1950s of Milwaukee Road, C&NW, Milwaukee streetcars and ore mining from MN. These slides have never been shown to the public before.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Bob's Travels</i> Bob Gallegos shows us some of his latest railfan adventures. To find out where and what, you'll have to attend.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>WISE Division Annual Meeting</i> The results of the Division's election will be announced, the budget will be reviewed and any other new business will be brought before the membership.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tour: (map distributed at 4 p.m.)

**New Berlin Ale House
 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.**



Upcoming Events

April 21-22 ...WISEop 2017

April 23.....Meet at New Berlin Ale House

May 7.....Bus Trip to Wheaton Swap

March Layout Tour Review

Thank you to Chuck Sable for having his C&NW Wisconsin Division open after the March meet.



Above: Chuck's layout features a lot of highly detailed scenes, such as this passenger depot.

Left: There was even some operating going on.

The Contest Page



Best of Show: Harry Evans HO scale Washington Hotel

By Dave Evans, Contest Director

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held on March 17, 2017.

Best of Show – Harry Evans for his HO scale Washington Hotel (above)



Passenger Equipment, 1st Place – Lee Oettinger for his Milwaukee Road 1948 Hiawatha Dome Car w/people

Passenger Equipment, 2nd Place – Lee Oettinger for his HO scale Milwaukee Road 1903 Observation Car



Freight Equipment, 1st Place – Lee Oettinger for his HO scale flat car with transformers based on RTE/ASEA Waukesha Electric Shipping

Freight Equipment, 2nd Place – Ed Varick for his HO scale Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul grain boxcar



Non-revenue Equipment, 1st Place – Lee Oettinger for his HO scale Milwaukee Road snow flanger kitbashed from an Athearn tender

Non-revenue Equipment, 2nd Place – Lee Oettinger for his HO scale Milwaukee Road snow plow

Structures, 1st Place – Harry Evans for his HO scale Washington Hotel (see Best of Show)

Structures, 2nd Place – Steve Miazga for his N scale Schneider & Leicktle structure

Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place – AL Lederman for his Daylight in Daylight Locomotive photo

Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place – Mike Janke for his BC Rail cowl unit at Horizon, Wisconsin photo.

I would also like to thank the following for their time and effort in entering the Popular Vote Contest. In no particular order: Harry Evans, Lee Oettinger, Ed Varick, Neal Michael, Carl Pripke, Steve Miazga, Al Lederman and Mike Janke. Regardless of any winnings, your participation is most appreciated.

Special mention: One entrant, Neal Michael, was unfortunate to have had one of his entries knocked off the table and onto the floor. I want to personally thank him for his entry and effort and the gracious manner shown by him upon learning of this misfortune. This incident also knocked his model out of the running for the structure category. Again, thank you for your understanding and entry. Please feel free to enter that model again at a later meet.

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. The Best of Show winner also receives a very nice Wisconsin shaped plaque which can be mounted and displayed on a wall. Remember, this is YOUR contest! Also, the April meet will be the meet for the judging of the Squares Contest. Be sure to bring yours.

Get going on those models, photographs, and squares and we will see you next month.

Midwest Region NMRA 2017 Spring Convention

“RRVD – Golden Rails” Registration Form

April 28, 29 & 30, 2017

FARES^{##}

(Spouse of a member will qualify for the member price)

	<u>NMRA</u> <u>Member/Spouse</u>	<u>Non-NMRA</u> <u>Member/Spouse</u>
Full Fare (Includes Banquet) ^{##}	\$50/\$50	\$60/\$60
Convention Only (No Banquet) ^{##}	\$40/\$40	\$50/\$50
Banquet Only ^{##}	\$30/\$30	\$30/\$30

^{##}Registrations received after April 14, 2017 or at the door will be \$10 extra

Activities Registration

- Friday Night Operating Session (indicate your preference, i.e., 1, 2, 3):
(Not a “layout tour;” you are expected to operate)

TO&W _____ CN&W _____ TP&W _____
- I expect to attend the Hobo Grill lunch at the Rochelle RR Park: # attending: _____

Enter Desired Meal Choice in the “Meal” column: B = Buffet (chicken & pork), S = Special Diet

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Add \$10 each for late registration: \$ _____
 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

^{**}Includes \$10 RailPass membership – must be eligible (either never been a member before OR haven’t been a member for 2 years or more; can join at RailPass rates **ONLY ONCE**)

NMRA #: _____ Phone #: (____) _____
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