

# THE OWL CAR

## WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

**Trainfest**  
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

**MARCH 2012**

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to pick up your Member ship Directory. We have them at the Video Library tables in the Contest Room. Each WISE member gets 1 complimentary copy.

**November 10 & 11, 2012**

**UPCOMING EVENTS :**

- **WISE Youth Group meeting dates on WISE website**
- **March 8-11, 2012  
NMRA - MWR Regional Convention - Springfield, IL  
Information at [www.railsplitter2012.org](http://www.railsplitter2012.org)**
- **March 18, 2012  
WISE Meet - Best Western Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield**
- **WISE MEET & Annual Meeting  
April 15, 2012  
Country Springs Hotel  
Pewaukee, WI**
- **WISE Bus Trip  
April 28, 2012  
Titledown Train Show  
Info on page 3**

**FEBRUARY CONTESTS**  
**By Bonnie Janke Contest Director**

First I would like to let you know that we are looking for Train Engine Photos' (both Diesel & Steam) to be used for our 1<sup>st</sup> Place and "Best of Show" plaques at our September 2012 – May 2013 meets. Please get in touch with me by e-mail [yjanke@wi.rr.com](mailto:yjanke@wi.rr.com) or by phone 262-392-9698. We need to have these photos by the end of March.

Thanks in advance for your help with this matter. Although our numbers were small we had several people who did come to enter our contest. Since I have been the Contest Chair, we did have a first and that was that we had a Prototype Photo who won our "Best of Show". Richard Cecil, Fred Janke, Bonnie Janke, Tom Mabie and Wendy Mollenhauer, all brought photos for our only category entered.

Our "BEST OF SHOW" was won by Wendy Mollenhauer, with her entry of an NKP 765 at Quad Cities.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner was by Richard Cecil, with his IC – SD 501 in Dubuque, IA.

And in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place we had Wendy Mollenhauer, with her NKP 765 at Quad Cities.

We hope that some of our Division Members are working on their entries for our March 18<sup>th</sup>, meet and hope to see a VERY busy contest room. Looking forward to seeing you in our WISE Division Contests, also let me give you information on what you might want to work on and complete to enter in our Contests.

**Results on page 3**

**3/18/2012**

Structures (on & off line)  
General (Dioramas & Trains)  
Freight Equipment  
Model Photos

**4/15/2012**

**All Categories Featured**

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**Youth Group**  
Mark Hintz

From the Superintendent:

I am going to start off this month's column with a few words of thanks. The first goes to Mark Hintz who has graciously stepped forward to be the coordinator for the Division's youth group. Thank you, Mark. Look for more updates on the activity of this group in future issues.

The other goes to Art Oseland for organizing the Division's bus trip to Madison for the Mad City Railroad Show hosted by the South Central Wisconsin Division on Saturday, February 18. Thank you, Art. Twenty-six of us had nice relaxing bus ride, and the show was fun as always. And I'm not just saying that because I won a door prize.

For those who missed it, or want to go on another trip, we have a bus trip scheduled to the Title Town Train Show in Green Bay on Saturday, April 28. Fare is \$41 per person, and will also include a visit to the National Railroad Museum. See Art at the March or April WISE Division meets if you are interested in going.

And we have a new volunteer opportunity in the Division. I am looking for someone to take over the duties of Division webmaster. Assistant Superintendent Kurt Wamser has done a good job of maintaining it since the redesign, but with his other duties it would be nice to spread out the workload. If you know HTML, and Wordpress, and have some time and talent to contribute, please contact me at [jruss@execpc.com](mailto:jruss@execpc.com).

Finally, a reminder that if you are on Facebook be sure to visit the WISE Division, NMRA page for meet reminders, pictures from previous meets, and other news.

See you at the March meet.

Joe Russ=

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**MEMBERSHIP**

By Neal Michel Membership Director

We would like to see more of our Division membership (270+) attend our meets. With a swap area, clinics, contests, and layout tours there is something for everyone.

Take a minute to sign in and receive a chance at a great door prize. How about a 6-month membership in the NMRA for only \$9.95? Membership application forms are available at the sign in table. This offer is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more.

**In case of ... bad weather** WISE meet cancelations will be posted on the "Home" page of the WISE website along with posting with Milwaukee TV channels 6 and 12.

## NMRA AP Merit Point judging available at March 18 meet

A reminder that NMRA AP Merit Point judging will be available at the March 18 meet. If you are going to submit a model, or models, for judging, please contact Cedor Aronow at either 262/242-0108 (home) or 262/957-7913 (cell) before the meet.

## VIDEO LIBRARY

By Burnell Breaker Video Library Director

There has been a good response to the new DVD's and checking videos out from the Video Library. Please keep it up. It is your FREE Video Library. Also, if you see a DVD that you think would be a good addition to our library, give me the information and I will look into purchasing it for our library.

We have 5 new titles that are now available. The first one completes the "Building the D&RG Narrow Gauge" series that we only had 1 or 2 parts of. The next DVD is "Denver & Rio Grande Western and the Bumblebee #268". Incredible footage from the 1950's. "The Nickel Plate" and "The Boston & Maine" are our next 2 new DVD's. Finally, our last new DVD is "California Zephyr-The Ultimate Fan Trip".

For March I am restricting new DVD checkouts to only 2 titles per month, so every member has a chance to check out and view these new DVD's. You can still check out a total of 6 videos per month. I will have all DVD's available for checkout at our March 18 meet. If there is a VHS tape you wish to check out, let me know and I will bring it along to the March 18 meet.

ALL DVD's and TAPES MUST BE RETURNED BY THE APRIL MEET.



## WISE BUSTRIPS for 2012 GREENBAY

Green Bay Titledown Train Show and National Railroad Museum Saturday, April 28, 2012

Price per person is \$41 which includes coffee, donuts, water, and soda on the bus, bus fare and admission into the show. Lunch on your own. Departing Milwaukee locations 7a.m. return by 6p.m. Payment is due at Mar, Apr Wise meets.

## MISTER PARK RANGER ...

By Ed Varick Picnic Director

Did you remember to mark Sunday, August 5 on your calendar? That's the day we (the WISE Division) are coming to have our annual famous Family Pic-n- Nic. BooBoo and all the division members are looking forward to that fabulous Zoo catered lunch and all around good times with fellow model railroaders and their families. Signed . . . YOGI

P.S. This year the menu is a little bit different, but ticket prices are the same. Watch the OWL CAR

for more information. Keep the date open;  
**Sunday, August 5, 2012**



Best of Show & 2nd Place Prototype - Photo  
Wendy Mollenhauer  
NKP at Quad Cities

1st Place - Prototype - Photo  
Richard Cecil - IC SD501 in  
Dubuque, IA

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March 18,2012 Best Western Plus Midway Hotel  
1005 s. Moorland Rd. - Brookfield

- **12:30pm Meet Opens: Registration - Contest - Swap Meet**

#### Clinics:

- **1pm & 2pm combined**

Jeff Plale - Commissioner - State of Wisconsin Railroads

Gary Children – Operation Lifesaver

- **3pm Roger Blocks – Update on the Thomasville region of the CNW**

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