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Update on Trainfest 2015, and the Call for Volunteers

by Ken Jaglinski - Trainfest Chairman

Trainfest 2015 is moving along quite well. We currently have 54 manufacturers (7 new), 31 Vendors (5 new) and 76 layouts and displays (6 new) registered for a total of 161 exhibitors, 18 of which are new. We have not heard from 32 manufacturers, 15 vendors and 18 layouts and displays that were in last year's show.

Our website is up for this year and online ticket sales are now available. Tickets pricing for this year is as follows:

	At the door	Advance
Adult 1-day	\$13.00	\$10.00
Adult 2-day	\$18.00	\$15.00
Kids 1-day	\$5.00	\$2.00
Kids 2-day	\$6.00	\$3.00
NMRA 1-day	\$10.00	\$10.00
NMRA 2-day	\$15.00	\$15.00

- Military, Veterans and Scout leaders in uniform are \$5.00
- Scouts in uniform are free and so are children 3 and under

Please take some time to visit our website, www.trainfest.com, and review everything being offered at the show. We have 56 clinics openings with 24 clinics already listed on the website. We expect to have a full clinic venue by November.

We will once again offer the Junior Engineer Program (Levels 1 & 2) where children 5-16 will be able to earn a membership card that will entitle them to discounts at four local hobby shops. A child will enter the program by coming to the WISE Division booth and signing up. They will receive a list of tasks they will need to complete. When they return to our booth, they will receive a certificate, their membership card, and a flier inviting them to our January meet. In subsequent years they may renew their membership by returning to Trainfest and performing new tasks to become a Level 2 or higher qualified engineer.

Also, we will once again offer the Make and Take Program sponsored by

William K. Walther's. Pre-registration by children 7-12 will entitle them to construct a Whistle Stop Station Kit in a 45 minute session. To help us staff both the Junior Engineer Program and the Make and Take Program, we will be asking exhibitors to provide one-hour service sessions to assist the WISE Division.

There are 29 layouts that will allow operation by anyone 5 or older under the guidance of their members. At the show these layouts will have a sign designating the fact that people can "Operate Here". In addition, MLES will once again provide train rides around the Kids Activity Zone. All in all it is stacking up to be one great show. Tell all your fellow modelers, friends and families to attend! If you can provide volunteer time please register through the website. We need as many volunteers as possible. See pages 3 and 4 for registration forms to sign up to help.

Help Needed for WISE Maker Faire Booth

Again this year the WISE Division will be having a booth at Maker Faire Milwaukee in the State Fair Park Exposition Hall on Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This new event, the first one was held last year, features "makers" of everything from robot wars to jewelry making to electronics. They will even have a location where you can learn to solder.

And what's really neat about this show is that admission is FREE. And it's held during the FREE Harvest Fair (they do charge for parking), so bring the family.

We need a couple of members to sit at the WISE Division booth there for two-hour time slots. Bring a small modeling project to work on, and be ready promote Division events and Trainfest. Contact Joe Russ at 262-408-1946 or jruss@execpc.com if you can help.

Boy Scout Merit Badge October 3

The WISE Division is once again hosting a Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge program on Saturday morning, October 3. Co-chairman Gary Children and Paul Podlaski need some help in the form of table captains that day from 7:30 a.m. until noon at the 84th St. location. If you can help contact Paul at pepodlaski@yahoo.com.

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Photo Upgrade Time for WISE Website

We are 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.

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Notes from the Super's Desk...

I would like to thank all the WISE Division members who voted in the past election. Also thank you for your support. Many of you will remember me as a former WISE Division Superintendent, serving from 1997 to 2001. Please remember that this is not my WISE Division, it still is your division. We need your help to keep the WISE Division a success. Attend the meets, enter the contests and participate. The first meet will be on September 20, 2015, at the Midway Hotel & Suites on Moorland Road in Brookfield, the same site as last year's meets. More information about the meet is in this issue of the *Owl Car*. Please note the dates and places for the coming WISE meets and other events.

Please volunteer to help at Trainfest as many volunteers are needed to make Trainfest successful. Fill in the volunteer

form in this issue of the *Owl Car*. Trainfest will have a new look to the floor plan this year. Gone is the manufacturer's location from the "c" area. Now the manufacturers will line aisles from the north main entrance toward the "c" area. For a better idea of what the floor plan will look like and other changes, go to the Trainfest website www.trainfest.com.

Shortly I will be heading to the NMRA convention, to be held in Portland, Oregon. The convention was last held in Portland 1994, and I'm looking forward to returning. If you are attending the NMRA convention please give me a holler, if you see me.

This summer I have been keeping myself busy. I volunteered to help build a church in Franklin. Since Memorial Day, we have worked 8 hours per day. With the drive, it's somewhere around a 10 or 11 hour day. It is very interesting, and on the hot and humid summer days, it's very tiring.

See you at the meets,
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The Editor Hoots...

I'm back on the handcar, again...

I'll spare you the singing, but yes, this does signal a change in newsletter editors as Harry Grieshaber has decided to step down. Thank you, Harry, for your two years as *Owl Car* editor and service on the board of directors.

Of course, that means we are now looking for a new editor. I've had the job a few times before, and while I know how to step in and do it, I do have other projects on my plate. If you are interested in being the *Owl Car* editor, produce 9 to 10 issue a year, and serve on the Division's board of directors, please feel free to contact Superintendent Kahrs or myself.

Joe Russ
Assistant Superintendent



2015 Trainfest Brochure/Poster Distribution Volunteer Form

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 late September to complete, starting in mid-August.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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

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? _____

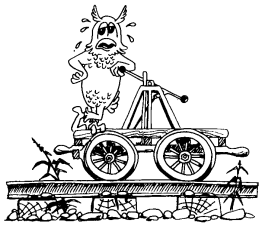
Best way to contact you? _____

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

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

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Attend the WISE Division's Model Railroad Meet

Schedule subject to change without notice

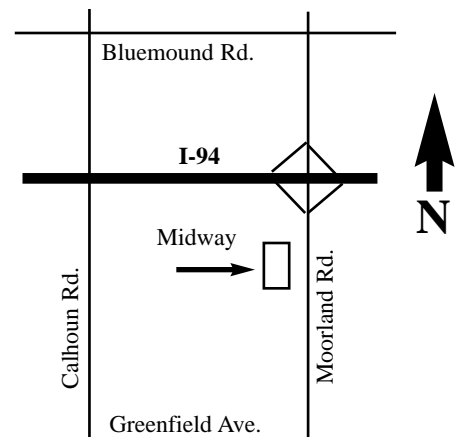


Sunday, September 20, 2015

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>Airbrushing with a Portable Spray Booth</i> Dave Evans shows there is a way to make air brushing more convenient and simple, by using a portable booth which can be stored on a shelf... really! Dave will explain this in both a Powerpoint presentation and demonstration.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Milwaukee Makerspace 101</i> Brant Holeman of Milwaukee Makerspace will give us an overview of the organization and what they offer. Makerspace has a 16,000 sq. ft. facility in Bay View which offers members access to a variety of tools, from a CNC machine to laser cutters to 3D printers, and other tools.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Change - A Look at the Effects of Time</i> Local railfan Rob Pfeiffer shows us how railfanning has changed over time.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

Future Event Dates	
Oct. 18.....	Roma Lodge, Racine
Nov. 14-15	Trainfest (extra fare)
Dec. 13.....	Country Springs, Pewaukee
Jan. 17.....	Midway Hotel, Brookfield
Feb. 20.....	Bus Trip to Mad-City Show

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



Don't Miss it! Dremel to give clinic at October 18 meet

The October WISE Division meet at Roma Lodge will feature a clinic/demonstration by representatives of Dremel on a number of their products. And afterwards they will be on hand in the swap/contest room to answer questions. This is the first time Dremel, located in Racine, has given a demonstration at a model railroad event in the area. This will be a great opportunity to find out the latest from Dremel, and have your questions answered. Make plans now to attend.

Changes in WISE Meets and Contests

The 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.

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

Milwaukee Optoberfest rolls Oct. 23 & 24

The annual Milwaukee Optoberfest rolls into action 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 there will be a special Beginners Session on Friday evening for those who haven't tried operating before.

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 on, and participate with operators from different groups (there will be operators coming from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois). Registration, and information on layouts, will be online.

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

Note: this is not a WISE Division event.

