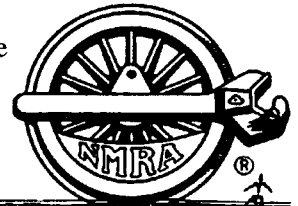




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Special Diorama Contest for 2017

By *Dave Evans*

Greeting to WISE Division and NMRA members! May this season be all that you want it to be and to all a very cheerful, safe and Happy New Year. The WISE Division Assistant Superintendant Joe Russ and I would like to extend an invitation to participate in a "FILL IN THE SQUARE" contest. This would entail obtaining a minimum 12 inch by 12 inch foam square at the January 15 WISE Division meet in order to create your own MINI SQUARE diorama. Some of the squares may not be exactly 12 inches by 12 inches but should be close. These MINI Squares should consist of the following as a minimum to be considered.

1. Must have a minimum of 2" of track based on the scale being modeled. HO as an example.
2. Must make use of some type of scenery material. Foam, plaster, paper, etc.
3. If structures are included, a minimum of one (1) structure needs to be railroad-themed.

That's it! Now is time to use your imagination and to have some fun. Your "creation" should be brought to the April 23, 2017 meet for Judging and recognition. We will also have the traditional categories and contest as well that month. Hope to see you and your MINI SQUARE there!

WISE Bus Trip February 18

The WISE Division Bus Trip to the Mad City Train Show will be on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Fare will be \$37 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 three at Park & Ride lots:

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

Contact Art Oseland at raydenny1@aol.com, or 414-764-5375, for more information or see him at the January 15 meet to register.

In Memoriam

In the past few months, the Division has lost a member and an adopted member.

On November 1 WISE Division member John Marshall passed away at the age of 74. John was a long-time member and an HO scale modeler whose layout was on tour for the December 2011 meet. He was also the past owner, and president, of Waukesha Rubber Company.

And on December 19 Don Cook, MMR, lost his short battle with cancer. While Don lived in Waukegan, Ill. and was a member of the Fox Valley Division, he was a frequent participant in WISE Division meets and WISEop.

There was a picture of Don's HO scale Great Northern layout in the January issue of *Model Railroader* on page 81 in the Trackside Photos section.

Both will be greatly missed.

Video Library News

by *Burnell Breaker*

We have acquired Andy Sperandio's DVD collection and have them available for members to check out. We also have been converting our VHS tapes to DVD's and as they are done, I will have available for check out, as well.

We have purchased many of the *Model Railroader Video Plus* DVD's, which will be available for check out at our January 15, 2017 meet.

I will have the DVD video library at the January 15 and March 19 meets. The final meet of the season is April 23, where all checked out videos MUST be turned in.

Check out the listings on our website and if there are videos you want to see, let me know, I will make sure it isn't checked out and if not, bring along to the next meet for you.

Remember – This is YOUR Video Library. Let's use it!

Division Directories

by *Burnell Breaker*

A reminder that we still have many WISE Division Directories to hand out to our members. If you have not picked yours up or know of a friend who is a Division Member that hasn't picked theirs up, stop by the Video Library table at our monthly meets, ask me if that person has gotten theirs, and if not, take it along for them. Thanks!

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Notes from the Super's desk...

Thank you to Trainfest Chairman, Ken Jaglinski and the Trainfest committee for a great 2016 Trainfest. Members of the Trainfest committee are Harry Grieshaber floor director, Bob Henderson office director and volunteer coordinator, Keith Schmidt security, Mark Willmering ingress/egress, Ted Zieger office, LaRoye Chisley make & take, Skip Meracle and Dennis Janssen clinics, Rob Prox and Dave Evans Junior Engineer Program, and Burnell Breaker trolley barn director. I'm sorry if I have omitted any others. Next time you see one of these Trainfest committee members, say "thank you" for all their work. Also I would like to thank the volunteers and the attendees who helped with the various club layouts or displays. The results of their work were not as good as expected, but I believe that there were people that attended Trainfest and went home very happy.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the bus trip to the Mad City Train Show on February 18. If you do not attend the January meet, you will have to contact Art Oseland (414)764-5375 or e-mail him at raydenny1@aol.com.

The Midwest Region 2017 regional convention will be hosted by the Rock River Valley Division. The Rock River Valley Division would like you to join them and celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The convention will be held on April 28, 29 and 30, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Rockford, Illinois. I have attended more than five regional Conventions hosted by their Division and have always had a great time. There will be operating sessions, numerous clinics, many great layouts to tour, a silent auction, photo and model contests. The registration fee of \$ 50.00, includes admission to all activities and a banquet dinner with a great program presented by Randy Garnhart and Jerry Pyfer. Please go to the convention web site at www.rrvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention for more information and a registration form [the registration form is also on page 5 - ed].

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you in January at the Midway Hotel and Suites (Best Western).

See you at the meets,

Reid

The Editor Hoots...

Happy New Year, everyone.

The first half of 2017 promises to be an active one for the Division. Three more meets, the bus trips, WISEop (likely in April), a new opportunity to participate in the Division's popular vote contest and hopefully a few more WISE (bicycle) Rides on a local rail trail. Plus there is a new Division web site in the works. And let's not forget Division elections.

All of which is made better with your participation. So please, add being more active in the Division to your New Year's Resolution. Model railroading is more fun when we share the fun with everyone.

Joe Russ

Owl Car editor

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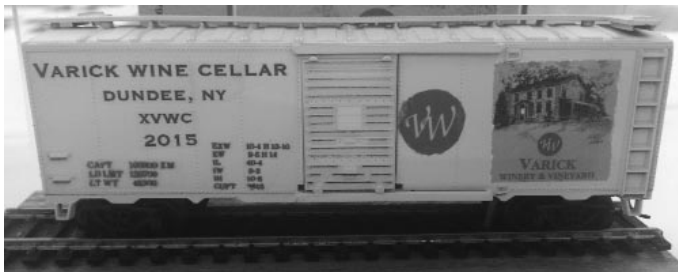


Best of Show: Steve Miazga for his N scale O'Malley & Pospachala Meat Packing structure

By Dave Evans, Contest Director

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held on October 16, 2016.

Best of Show – Steve Miazga for his N scale O'Malley & Pospachala Meat Packing structure (above)



Freight Equipment, 1st Place – Ed Varick for his HO scale Varick Wine boxcar

Freight Equipment, 2nd Place – Mike Slater for his O scale WISE Division #200 Boxcar

Structures, 1st Place – Steve Miazga for his N scale O'Malley & Pospachala Meat Packing structure (pictured at top of page)

Structures, 2nd Place – Harry Evans for his HO scale Watertown Jct. Tower (Duplainville Tower)

Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place – Mark Willmering for his Great Smokey Mountain 1702

Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place – Steve Miazga for his WC-Lo-39 meets Escanaba -Pembine Turn at Hermansville, MI - Summer 1997

Photographs – Model, 1st Place – Mike Janke for his “At the Sawmill”

Photographs – Model, 2nd Place – Carl Pripcke for his Norman Mining Shay #1

For the month of October we had 23 entries in the Poplar Vote Contest by 10 entrants.

Thanks to everyone who participated either by entries and/or by voting.

Anyone can enter. Everyone has an equal chance as this is a popular vote and not based on technical know how or ability. We even had one Best of Show Winner who's structure had alligators crawling around on the roof! If you made it.....come on down.

This truly is a hobby that is what you make it. See you in the Contest Room.

October Layout Tour Review

Thank you to John Lehnen for having his C&NW Lakeshore Division open after the October meet.



Above: A freight rolls across a bridge on its way to Green Bay.

Left: Steve Miazga checking out Manitowoc yard.



Free Model Railroad Meet

Hosted by the WISE Division, NMRA

- Public Welcome -

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

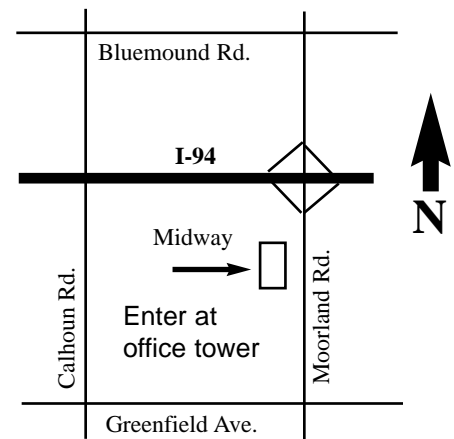
Schedule subject to change without notice



January 15, 2017

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| 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>Track laying for beginners (and others)</i> Dave Nelson shows some simple ways to temporarily secure train-set type track to a table top, and move on to more permanent installations using sectional or flex track on cork roadbed. |
| 2:00 to 2:45 | <i>Scenery Making Tips - The Basics</i> Joe Russ presents a live demonstration on how to build basic scenery for any scale model railroad using cheesecloth and plaster. He will also cover the new WISE Mini-Square Contest. |
| 3:00 to 3:45 | <i>Getting Started</i> Roger Blocks presents a clinic on starting in the hobby. |
| 3:45-4:00 | Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards |
| 4 - 6:00 | Layout Tour: a new HO Soo layout (map distributed at 4 p.m.) |

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



Upcoming Events

February 18...Bus Trip to Madison
March 19.....Meet at Oconomowoc Historical Society
April 23.....Meet at New Berlin Ale House

It's a WISE Anniversary... to be continued

Looking back at major parts of the Division's history the past year have been fun, for myself and hopefully for you as well. And while I had planned on having a page of information on the special run cars the Division has done over the years. But life, and finding all the information, have chewed away at the time I hoped to commit to that project. Of course, there's more to the Division's history than can fit in a few issues. So look for more articles as we roll into our next fifty years.

- Joe Russ

Garden Railway returns to the Domes

After having the show cut short last year due to maintenance issues at the Mitchell Park Domes, a garden railway exhibit will once again grace the facility's multi-purpose dome. The exhibit, titled the Great Train Robbery, will run from January 14 through April 2. Call (414)257-5600 for more information.

April Contest Help

Due to a technical glitch, the results from the April meet have been lost. If you won first place or second place in a category at that meet, please contact Dave Evans sniart1951@aol.com or Joe Russ at jruss@execpc.com so the results can be in a future issue. So far we have:

- Best of Show - John Drechsler
- First Place Structures - John Drechsler
- First Place, Revenue Equipment - Ray Meyer

There were more and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Wilson Park Senior Center Club looking for members

The ranks are thinning at the Model Railroad Club that meets at the Wilson Park Senior Center at 2601 W, Howard Ave., in Milwaukee (S 26th St. and Howard Ave.). The model railroad club there currently has open memberships and features a large new HO layout with track installed and wired for DCC. Scenery has just started. There is also a small N scale DC layout that is almost complete.

The club meets on the following afternoons:

Monday—N scale
Wednesday and Thursday—HO

If your age and schedule fit, check them out. For more information call Ray Saron at 414-355-1217 and leave a message.

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

| <u>Name</u> (PLEASE PRINT) | Circle One for each registrant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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 #: (____) _____
 Street: _____ E-mail: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: “RRVD – Golden Rails”
 c/o Don Brindle – Registrar
 3159 Far Hill Rd
 Rockford, IL 61109

Office Use Only

Am’t Rec’d: \$ _____
 Check No.: _____
 Op Session Status: _____

Make checks payable to: “Rock River Valley Division - NMRA” (No cash, please)

Additional registration forms available for download at www.2017mwrconvention.com.

