



July 2017

WISE (bicycle) Ride on August 6

This year the WISE Division Bike Ride will be held on Sunday, August 6, on the old C&NW portion of the Oak Leaf Trail where 400 streamliners once roamed. The ride will start at 1:00 p.m. and we will meet at the Riverside Urban Ecology parking lot, 1500 E. Park Place, Milwaukee. The Urban Ecology center will be open from noon to 5:00 p.m. for those who want to look around visit the building.

The ride is free and open to non-NMRA members.

We will ride north on the C&NW line to the end of the C&NW portion of

the Oak Leaf trail. For those that are really ambitious, you can continue north on the trail which connects with the Interurban Trail that goes all the way to Sheboygan! On the way back we will stop at the Hubbard Park Lodge Beer Garden, located along the Oak Leaf trail, for refreshments. Refreshments will NOT be provided by the Division. If interested, contact Dave Poquette at dpoquette@wi.rr.com or 414-906-0678 by August 2.

In the case of questionable weather, watch for an email with updates on rescheduling.

Help Need for Maker Faire Booth

The Division will once again have a booth at Maker Faire Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Expo Center at State Fair Park (yes, the same place we have Trainfest). Makerfaire will take place Saturday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and we will need more help than in past years staffing the booth. You can bring a model along to work on while talking to attendees about our events and promoting Trainfest. And there is a lot of neat things to see at the show (including a class on soldering). Please contact Joe Russ at jruss@execpc.com or 262-408-1946 if you can help.

Slater wins Contest Participation Award

by Joe Russ

Congratulations to Mike Slater on winning the Division's Contest Participation Award for the third time since its inception, and for being the only winner. The award, given to the modeler who has the most entries in the Division's popular vote contest, was presented to Mike at the Board of Director's Appreciation Dinner on June 4 at the Thunder Bay Grille in Pewaukee.

It should be noted that this year Mike won by a very narrow margin of only two more entries than the runner up (that shows he is vulnerable). So start building your entries for the coming meet season and perhaps you too can take home this award.



Change in Meet Location

A reminder that the September and October meets will be at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center - Milwaukee Airport, 5311 S. Howell Ave., in Milwaukee. It is near the Airport Spur and south of the Best Western we used to meet at (don't go there). Use the lower entrance at the rear of the building. Watch for more information on the meets in the September *Owl Car*, on the Division's web site and Facebook page.



Changing of the Guard

If you missed the Division's annual meeting in April you missed the changing of guard after the election. Outgoing Superintendent Reid Kahrs (right) handed over the gavel to Superintendent-elect Peter Lakatos, who officially took office on June 1. Thank you to Reid for his service as Superintendent, again, and to Peter for stepping up to serve. Look for more information on the election in the next issue.

