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THE “INTERIM” HEAD OWL HOOTS

Burnell Breaker

Greetings WISE members!

Another season of meets and events is almost over. Soon summer will be here and it will be time to go railfanning and riding trains. Remember to take pictures and think of giving a short presentation about your railfanning adventures or train rides at one of our upcoming meets next season. Your presentation doesn't need to be a fancy PowerPoint show. Load your pictures onto a flash drive and they can be shown as is with some narration from you. Even if it's only 10-15 minutes long, it will still be interesting to everyone.

Regarding the 2024-2025 season, we are hoping to have it ready to announce at our March 17 meet. I can tell you we will be moving our meets to the New Berlin Public Library, 15105 Library Lane. It is located just east of Moorland Road, off National Avenue. They have a very nice community meeting room with an overhead projector, screen, and WiFi. We are hoping to Zoom or Facebook Live our meets, so people can also attend online and bring in clinicians online. Plus, the price is right – FREE – since we are a non-profit organization based in Waukesha County. Because this is a public facility, we cannot charge admission or sell.

We will have a booth promoting the WISE Division at Trainfest 2024. Great Train Shows, who paid us for the rights to use the Trainfest name and logo this year decided to produce the show at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee. We will see how it goes.

Lately we've had a very poor attendance at the layouts that have been open after our meets. It has been suggested that we organize a weekend or a couple of weekend days of only visiting area layouts. To do this, we need layouts. Contact our layout tours chairman, Jon Dettmann, at layouts@trainfest.com with your information. No layouts, no tours.

We have decided to donate the “Celebrate A Railroad” historical panels to their respective railroad historical societies. We were approached by the Great Northern Historical Society about renting or purchasing the GN panels. After finding out from the Milwaukee County Historical Society, which was storing them for us, that there have been only one or two rentals since 2015, we decided to donate them. All the participating groups have agreed to accept our donations and will pick them up from the MCHS.

This is YOUR Division and if you want to see something done, step up and help. Right now, about 12 of us are doing all of the work and it gets a bit tiring at times. We need to attract new and younger members as we look to the future of the hobby and the WISE Division. If we can attract new and younger members, it will help to ensure the long-term health of the Division.

Model Railroad is Fun!

Burnell

Upcoming Division Events:

Executive Committee Meetings
March 13 7:00pm
Milwaukee Lionel Railroad Club

WISE Division Meeting
March 17 1:00pm
New Berlin Entertainment Center

About Railroadiana

For as long as there have been trains, the railroad has held a fascination for many. At one time, riding the rails invoked images of glamour, excitement, and adventure. The images of today's railroads, however, are of freight cars and rail yards. For the most part, the romance and glory of the great age of railroads has passed from the scene.

Lanterns

Of the various types of collectibles that reflect the great age of American railroads, lanterns are among the most popular. Their appeal is due to a variety of reasons. They remind people of era when trains were run by steam power and when most facets of personal and community life had some connection with the railroad.

For some collectors, lanterns provide a tangible connection with working railroaders who were part of this now vanished era and who used lanterns daily as a tool of the trade.



Still other collectors appreciate the design of railroad lanterns whereby metal, and glass are combined in an industrial artifact that was designed purely for function, but which still had esthetic appeal. For these and other reasons, railroad lanterns are enthusiastically collected by growing number of people in the hobby.

Over the few decades, a common approach to classifying lanterns has gradually evolved among collectors. The terms used here are sometimes quite different than what is found in original manufacturers' catalogs and railroad rule books. However, such terms serve the purpose of allowing collectors to have a common understanding of what everybody's talking about.

Collectors usually make a distinction between lanterns and lamps. A Lantern is essentially a metal "cage" containing a transparent or translucent globe that protects an interior light source. This definition applies to lanterns using combustible fuel rather than electric lanterns which usually have exposed light bulbs instead of a globe. Lamps are essentially a solid metal cylinder with one or more lenses used to transmit light from an interior light source. One type of lantern, the Inspector's Lantern, does have a substantial metal body, however, it also has a globe which, for purposes here, places it in the lantern category.

There are perhaps five basic categories that collectors use to classify railroad lanterns. These are: Fixed Globe Lanterns, Tall Globe Lanterns, Short Globe Lanterns, Conductors' Lanterns, and Inspectors Lanterns.



**Wisconsin Southeastern Division
Midwest Region
of the
National Model Railroad Association**

2023-2024 Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 15, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Monthly Meet - New Berlin Entertainment Center

16000 West Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin

(Non-members - \$5.00, Buy-Sell-Trade, Contests, Clinics, Layout Tour)

Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Monthly Meet - New Berlin Entertainment Center

16000 West Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin

(Non-members - \$5.00, Buy-Sell-Trade, Contests, Clinics, Layout Tour)

Sunday January 14, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Train School - Hoepfner-Horn Bros. VFW Post 5716

FREE ADMISSION - 17980 West Beloit Road, New Berlin

Learn about this great hobby and all it offers from local modelers.

Stations will be set up to discover different aspects of the hobby.

Saturday & Sunday, February 17-18, 2024

Mad City Train Show - Alliant Energy Center, Madison

(Extra Fare Event)

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Monthly Meet - New Berlin Entertainment Center

16000 West Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin

(Non-members - \$5.00, Buy-Sell-Trade, Contests, Clinics, Layout Tour)

Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Monthly Meet and Membership Meeting

New Berlin Entertainment Center

16000 West Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin

(Non-members - \$5.00, Buy-Sell-Trade, Contests, Clinics, Layout Tour)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

East Troy Electric Railroad

WISE Division members and their families only - pre-registration required

(Extra Fare Event - Train Ride, Car Barn Tours, Lunch)

**NEW - BRING & BRAG about your recent acquisitions,
layout progress or rail adventures at the Meets!**

see back side for contact and more information



Trainfest®

America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

November 23 – 24, 2024

Trainfest 2022 was a huge success!

Our attendance for the show was 20,557!

Thank you to everyone who exhibited, attended, participated, and supported Trainfest 2022.

We could not have done it without you.

We sincerely appreciate all the positive feedback and suggestions we have received about the show.

The next Trainfest is planned for November 23-24, 2024. Between now and then we will be using all the feedback and suggestions we received to build the best Trainfest possible. Our goal is for Trainfest 2024 to amaze and delight everyone from the most sophisticated hobbyist to families and kids of all ages.

Exhibitor sign up for the 2024 show will be available on <https://www.train-fest.com> soon and tickets will go on sale in the Summer of 2024. The next update to this page is planned for January 1, 2024.

Once again thank you for your support.



Membership

Gary Hendrickson

Twenty-six members and 4 guests enjoyed two great clinic presentations at our February meet yesterday (2/25). As of the end of January our division membership roster stands at 137, This is up several from a year ago and up a couple from last fall. So, we are holding our own, and beginning to trend up a bit.

I'm running a small, but serious campaign at home to lighten the ship. I started last month, bringing in a half-dozen boxes of various magazines and literature to our Train School, free for the taking. After yesterday, I'm down to 3 boxes! I'll bring 'em back next month. After some discussion at an operating session Saturday evening, Midwest Vice President and Fox Valley Division Superintendent Mike Hirvela dropped into our meet, bringing with him a big lot of tools for scenery and materials for give-away. Mike left with quite a bit less than he brought in.

In the Spring issue of the Midwest Region newsletter Waybill, Region President Bob McGeever writes about the membership renewal process and how at times it's tending to overload the staff at NMRA HQ in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. The situation is that although there is an automated membership renewal system available for our use online, a great majority of the NMRA membership are still using the labor-intensive handwritten renewal forms.

When your time comes to renew your NMRA membership, go ahead and use the much simpler online renewal method. On the NMRA website, sign in with your membership number and head over to the renewal page.

There you will find your membership renewal form all filled out for you. All you have to do is update your address etc. changes you may have and make your selection of the renewal options. The payment process is secure. Doing this greatly automates things for the staff, making your renewal an easy-peasy process for them.

See you at the March Meet, if not before,

Gary



Just a Chuckle or Two

Why can't the train engineer be shocked?

Because he's not a conductor.

Why was the train late?

It kept getting sidetracked.

How does a train know that another one is coming.

It listens with its engine-ears.

Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven

Ken Mosny

This is a 10-part series in the RRVD Flimzie about building a 0-6-0 locomotive.

Scratch-Building a Boiler

Before we start to make the boiler, one thought. I have been building models since I could squeeze a tube of glue and scratch building since 12 or so. One thing I have learned is that if you are not happy with something, and you can't fix it, throw it away and start over. You just learned a way not to make it.

Having considered kit bashing several existing boilers, in the end I decided to scratchbuild one. Unlike tapered shell boilers, this one has a straight shell. That makes it very easy to build. Photo 1 compares the tapered and straight types. I chose to make the boiler larger than the reference drawing for two reasons. First, the MDC cab was already sized to fit a boiler 67" scale (HO 0.770") in diameter. Second, I decided to cut off and use the smokebox with all its rivet detail from the original MDC 0-6-0 boiler.



Photo 1

Unfortunately, 0.770" diameter plastic tube for the boiler is not to be found. Rummaging through the household plumbing supply produced a length of schedule 40 1/2" PVC pipe 0.840" OD x 0.602" ID. I turned the outside diameter of the PVC pipe to 0.770" in my lathe and was off and running. The final wall thickness of about 0.08" was a good fit.

If you don't have the means to turn a tube, 0.750" diameter ABS tube is available. The inside diameter is 0.500" which is a little tight for a motor, but you could hand drill the inside to 0.625" or carve clearance with a Dremel tool as needed. To increase the outside diameter to 0.770", wrap it with 0.010" thick styrene. Leaving an end unwrapped would make a smokebox of the correct diameter, a plus. To glue the thin styrene in this kind of application, I have used water-based contact cement. Solvents get trapped and keep softening the plastic.



Photo 2

Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven (continued)

An alternative is to modify the cab to fit a 0.750" tube. This could be done by gluing a thin strip of styrene, 0.010" or 0.015" thick, in the round end of the cab. A plus is that the slightly smaller diameter boiler would fit available smokebox front castings better, but you could not use the too large diameter smokebox salvaged from the MDC 0-6-0. Your choice.

Once the tube is cut to length and the ends made very square, the next step is to establish accurate lines to drill holes for the cab, dome, stack, and other mountings. If these lines are not exactly parallel with the boiler axis, the domes, stack, and cab will not line up. The error will be obvious. Cradle the boiler tube in a vise with smooth, flat top jaws. Using a sharp hard pencil like a 4H drafting pencil, lightly draw a line along the top of a vise jaw resulting in an accurate line parallel to the boiler axis, photo 2. You will also need a line on the bottom of the boiler exactly opposite the one on the top. To mark the location of this line, wrap a strip of paper tightly around the tube and tape it. Slice the strip of paper with a hobby knife creating a strip whose length is the circumference of the tube. Fold the strip of paper in half to find the center. Wrap the strip around the tube again lining the cut with the top line. At the center fold on the opposite side, mark the bottom of the tube in two locations, photo 3. Pencil a line through these marks for the bottom line. Be as accurate as you can so the boiler is not crooked.



Lay out the holes for the domes, bell and cab screw with a divider and prick punch by twirling a scriber with your fingers. Position and mark the front of the cab location with the pencil. With dividers, transfer the location of the cab screw hole, mark, and center punch as above. If the cab you have does not have a screw boss here, add one with a block of styrene for a plastic cab, tapped brass block soldered for a brass cab, or epoxy a tapped block for a diecast cab. This is a temporary cab mounting which will not be needed later. With a pin vise, drill the dome holes 0.062" (1/16") diameter for #0 screws and the cab hole 0.093" (3/32") diameter for a # 2 screw. Start by drilling these holes as just a drill point and observe that they are drilling true to the line. If they aren't true to the line, while the hole is just a drill point, you can still angle the drill pushing it to the correct location. You will also need to drill access holes in the bottom of the boiler to screw on the domes and cab.

Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven (continued)

Prepare the domes to mount on the boiler. It is likely that the curvature of the domes will not match the boiler so this will need to be tuned for a good fit. I 3d printed my domes with a relief in the bottom to make it easier to sand this contour, photo 4.



Plastic domes can be sanded without this relief, but it is easier with it. As you draw the dome back and forth along the sanding form, photo 5, the dome can tend to rock slightly making the center stand proud of the edges leaving a visible gap. Metal domes are even worse because they are harder to sand. If you have a way of making this relief, the better. Drill a 0.156" (5/64") diameter hole in back center of the domes and Tap 0-80 for a metal dome. Mount the domes with #0 sheet metal screws or 0-80 machine screws and observe that they are all straight with the cab. You can enlarge the holes in the boiler to correct the position if they are a little off.

Now, saw the smokebox off the original boiler if you are going to use it. Cut off the headlamp. Cut off the stack, too, if it is to be replaced, and file the top smooth being careful to preserve the rivets. Wrapping the rivets in tape can help to avoid damage caused by a slip of a file. Mount the new stack, if needed, with a #0 sheet metal screw. Check with a square to make sure the end of the smokebox is perpendicular and glue it on to the boiler using CA. Tack glue it first and view it from all angles to be satisfied that the smokebox is straight by sighting with the domes and cab mounted photo 6. You can always break a tack glue loose for adjustment if required. Note that in the pictures the boiler has a white smokebox, because I made a second boiler for this locomotive to take the photos. Rivet detail can be created with rivet decals from Archer or Micro Mark on this smokebox. Make sure that everything looks straight, and then, flow CA at the smokebox joint from inside the boiler.

Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven (continued)



Photo 6

Next, mark a slot centered on the bottom and cut out the bottom of the tube to fit over the motor and gears, photo 7. I start with a 0.500" wide slot and widen it if required after the running boards are mounted. Make the slot just big enough to clear the motor and gears. You can file or mill some of the excess metal off the frame to make the gear mounts a little smaller as I did. Mount the boiler with the front screw, make sure the boiler is level with the frame, and the height is to your liking. Mark the location of the rear cab mounting key. Using one of various methods for the cab mounting discussed in the previous article, make a new cab mount for a shortened frame. PVC is tough and difficult to cut by hand. I use a Dremel tool with a toothed cutter for the rough cut and finish with a sanding drum using the lowest speed I can to avoid melting the PVC.



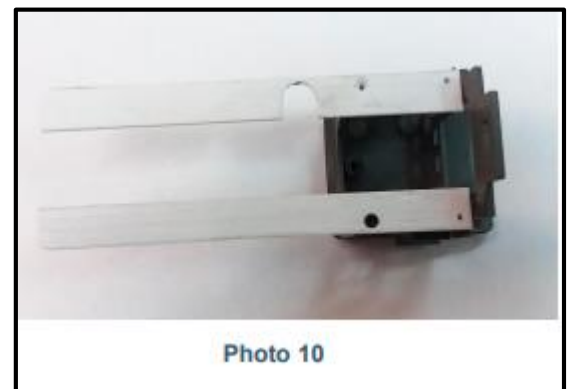
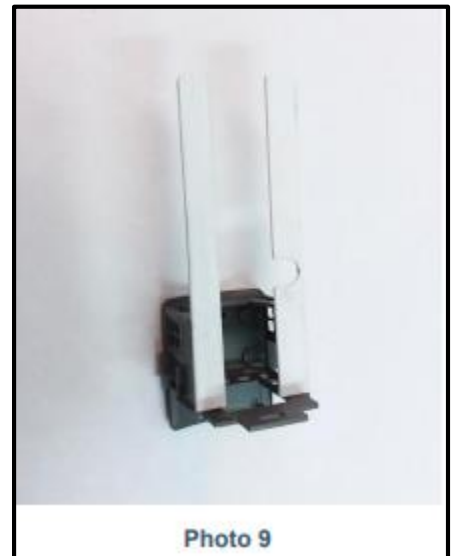
Photo 7

The boiler bands come next. I made these from 0.010" thick by 0.030" wide styrene which is thicker than scale but is visually good. You could make them from 0.005" styrene, file card stock or even paper. Using drafting dividers, transfer locations with light scratch marks on the bottom and top of the boiler. Cut a strip of band material to go around the boiler and tack one end at bottom center with CA. Wrap it tightly around the boiler and using a fingernail, push a dent in the band butting up to the end at the bottom. Tack with CA at that end. For the bands that only go to the motor slot in the bottom of the boiler, I simply fold the ends around the edge of the slot and tack them with CA there. Since only the bottom ends of the bands are glued, slide the upper parts of the bands until they are straight, and then flow water thin CA at the edge of the bands with a forked applicator to permanently attached them. Excess CA can be mopped up by wiping with a tissue.

Note that there is a small tab filler at the bottom back of the MDC old timer cab where it rests on the running boards. With a sharp hobby knife, trim out this tab so your running board will go all the way to the back of the cab, photo 8. Remount the boiler to the frame. When you are absolutely satisfied with the fit of the boiler to this point, it is time to make the running boards and mount the cab permanently. Remove the cab and add running board mounting blocks. Glue a square strip of styrene at the inside bottom of the cab sides which will be drilled later for the running board mounting screws. It is important that these be absolutely flush with the bottom of the cab.

Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven (continued)

I usually position the strips a little proud and sand them flush. Cut running boards from 0.030" or 0.040" thick styrene. These strips are as wide as a little proud of the outside of the cab to touching the boiler bands and extend to the smokebox. The shape of these boards varies from uniform width to tapering narrower after about the first band to narrowing without a taper. Unless you have a specific drawing or photo, it is up to you. There is a cutout for the air pump on one side. In 1900, the running boards generally stopped at the smokebox. Remount the cab. Positioning the running boards against the boiler bands, lightly tack glue them to the cab with MEK, photo 9. Drill and countersink mounting holes for #0 flat head sheet metal screws in the cab mounting blocks. Drill the 0.045" diameter tap drill through both pieces first, so the holes are aligned, and then countersink the running board, photo 10. You may wish to be mindful of any tanks or pipes when positioning the screws if you want to remove the cab later, but usually after all these details are added, the cab is not removed again. Pry the running boards off the cab and screw the cab to the running boards, photo 11.



Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven (continued)

Other than scraping off and replacing the molded handrails with wire, the cab will need a few other modifications. The back of the cab support was altered to look better by filing round notches in it, photo 12. The half round notch in the cab mounting slot is to pass the wires to the tender. The hole in the front that passes over the boiler is straight at the bottom and needs to curve around the new boiler. This will require two patches of styrene in the lower front corners, photo 13. These need to be sanded carefully for a good fit to the boiler. I used a scrap of slightly undersized turned boiler tube with 320 wet or dry paper glued to it for a sanding form to get the shape correct. You can also make a sanding form by wrapping tape around an undersized rod to increase its diameter to the correct size.

Gluing the running boards to the boiler and getting them straight can be difficult. I have more than once had to do it several times before I was satisfied so don't be afraid to rip it apart and try again. Screw the cab and running boards to the boiler. At the seam of the running boards and the boiler under the cab, run a fillet of E6000. I find that thinning a dab of E6000 with a few drops of toluene, about 50/50, on my glue pallet allows it to flow into the joint and self-level, photo 14. Note the blue modeling clay in the cab to help get the position just right. I often use clay for positioning parts because it is easy to "mush" the parts around.



Photo 12



Photo 13

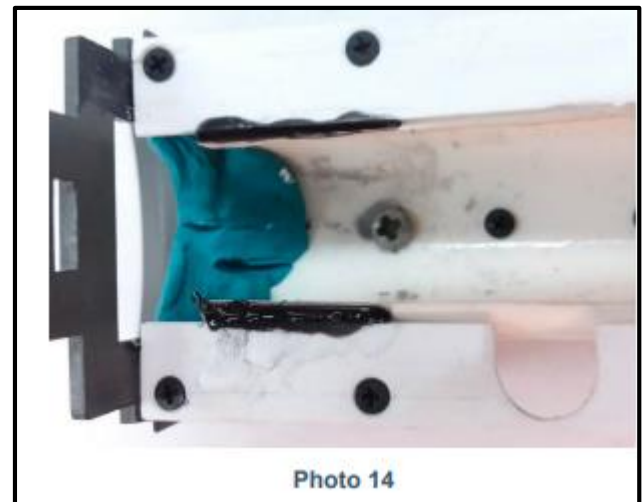


Photo 14

Making A Silk Purse – Part Seven (continued)

The backhead and cab floor are next. The backhead is 0.040" styrene glued to the back of the boiler with CA and filed with a rounded edge. You can detail the backhead as much as you want, but since it really can't be seen, I did not detail this one. At the bottom of the backhead it extends 0.500" wide to the frame. Fabricate the cab floor from styrene, photo 15, and glue the floor in position to the backhead and running boards, but not the cab. The cab needs to be removable until it is painted inside. The top center floor of the cab should be flush with the top of the rear cab support.

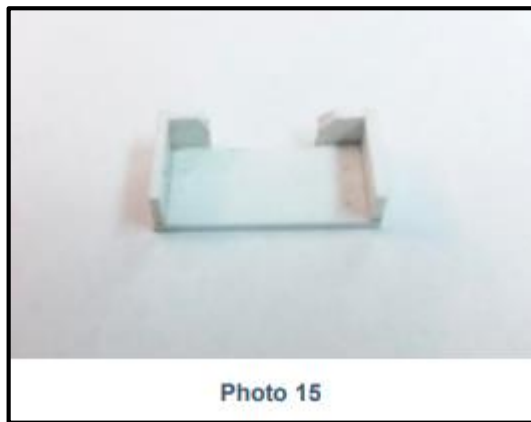


Photo 15

Add the running board support brackets. These are made from 0.020" diameter brass wire flattened on the end. Holes are drilled in the boiler for the round end, the brackets are bent and glued to the running boards and into the holes with water thin CA. See photo 16. If a hole position is not to your liking, it can be filled with CA, sanded smooth and drilled again. This flattening procedure is described in my Bits and Pieces clinic. At this point, the cab is attached with the mounting screws through the running boards and the temporary screw through the boiler is not needed.

Next month this series will end with the final details being added, the painting, and decaling.

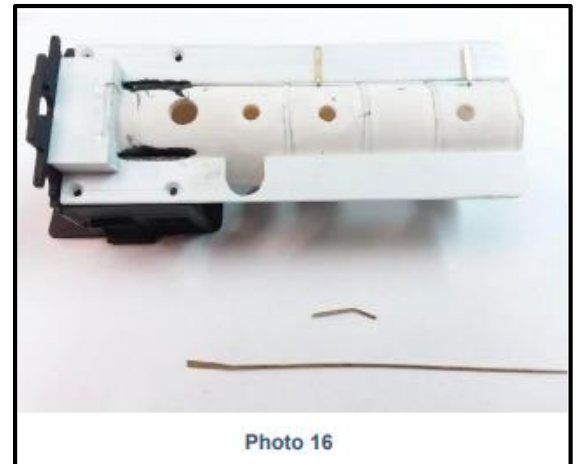


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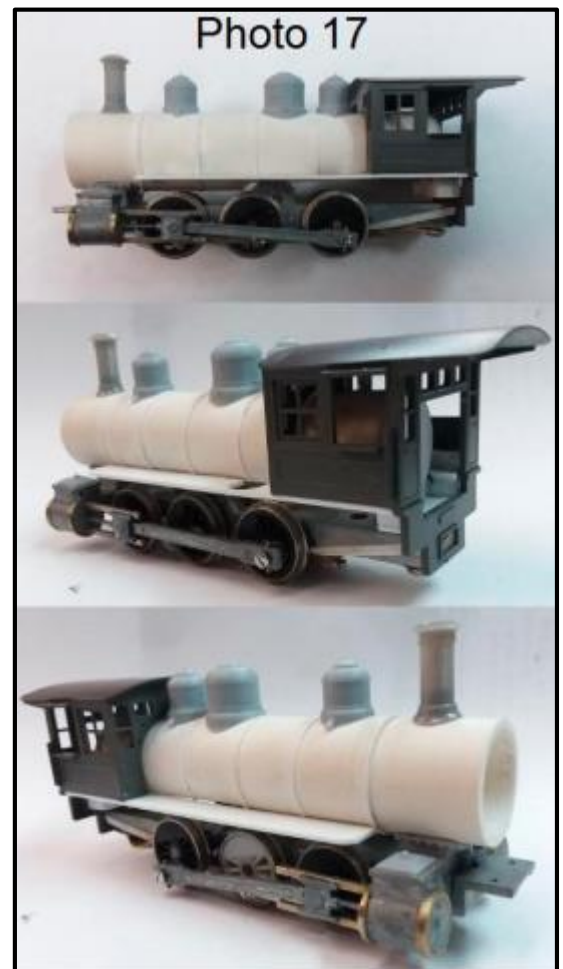


Photo 17

The Second Life of a Collection: Estate Planning

It is a fact for every railroad modeler. At some point, through illness or death, our layouts will be dismantled, and our collections will need to be disseminated. We hope that our layouts and collections are passed on to fellow modelers who will value our work, our effort, and our investment as much as we do. But how do we know for sure?

Your “railroad empire” should receive the same consideration in your estate planning as any of your assets. You likely spent considerable money and time purchasing and caring for your trains and, therefore, no one knows your collection like you do. So, it is essential to have a plan in place for the distribution of your collection.

To begin, it is important that you have an inventory list of your collections with current values attached. Value and disposal misconceptions are common among survivors. They may attach great value because an item is “old” or little value because it is perceived as a “toy.” Then, there are numerous disposal options for your survivors to consider. For example, eBay is an option that quickly comes to mind, but selling items this way requires time and effort to photograph, list, pack and mail those items.

Some hobby shops will buy estates outright or on a consignment basis. An outright sale can be as much as 60% below retail value. Selling on consignment means that you retain the risk that the items do not sell, but the shop handles the selling of the items usually with a percentage of the proceeds.

Also, some shops will cherry pick the collection for the items that will easily sell, leaving the rest of the collection to be sold elsewhere.

In addition, there are companies that will buy estates and often advertise in major model railroad publications. However, just like a hobby shop, your survivors will receive wholesale value for the collection.

Another option is a trade show. While renting a table is inexpensive, trade shows require that the seller has some knowledge of the items’ value and is ready to label everything, staff the table and be prepared to take home the items that have not sold.

A final opportunity would be to donate the materials to a nonprofit model railroad organization should your survivors not need to sell the items for income, but rather want to pass on the items to someone who would appreciate their loved one’s collection.

While the topic of giving our collections a second life is unpleasant, it is increasingly urgent as we age. But for our survivors, it is the best way to keep our memory alive by ensuring that those who remain in the hobby can acquire some of our collections and enjoy them just as much as we did.

Excerpts from Facing the Grim Reaper:
Disposition of a Model Railroad Estate June 27, 2018
[Estate Planning | National Model Railroad Association \(nmra.org\)](https://www.nmra.org/estate-planning)

Update on the Staeger Collection:

There have been several interested parties, but we are still in negotiations. It should be noted that the layout is not really a portable layout that can be moved often. It is considered a sectional, not a modular layout.

The Largest Train Show in America

David Mielke and John Peacy

The 54th annual Amherst Train Show was held on January 27 – 28, 2024 in Springfield, MA at the Springfield Fairgrounds. This show is publicized as being the largest railroad-theme train show in America. The event occupied 350,000 square feet in four buildings on the Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds. It covered all facets of the railroad hobbies - model railroads, railroad art and photography, railroad history and preservation, tourist railroads, railroad artifacts, and railroad books and videos. Over 26,157 attended the show with a record attendance on Saturday.

My brother, John, and I planned months ago to attend both days of the show and make the 14-hour trek to Massachusetts. The drive was long, but worth it. But, next time, we'll fly. We found lodging at the Hampton Inn, just a few miles from the show. The hotel was great, but there were very few restaurants to be found. Note to self: bring your own food!!!

The Amhurst Train Show is the East Coasts' version of our Trainfest with vendors, manufacturers, and model layouts. The show's coordinators had set up the show to accommodate the large crowds with wide aisles, good lighting, and adequate staffing. Even better, is that CSX has a large yard just perfect for railfanning.

Our old friends from Walthers, Desplains Hobbies, Lombard Hobbies, Springcreek Hobbies, just to name a few, presented their wares. They were among the many vendors who offered an excellent selection of model equipment, even a few different items I hadn't seen before. One vendor had set up a booth with multiple 3D eyed cameras that were coupled together with a computer and 3D printer.

To what ends, you ask? To make a 3D print of a Mini-me (or Mini-you) in any scale that you wish. Needless to say, this exhibitor was very busy.

Tangent showed off their new line of cabooses with lights that were not DCC controlled, but rather controlled by a reed switch. When asked about midwest roads his answer was, to save you money, wink-wink. CNW crossed fingers. The 1/87 Scale Vehicle Group were among the vendors with kits and displays. Their 3D printed models were exceptional. One of their members had constructed what I would call a Manitowoc model 4100 crawler crane costing \$1,200. Then, to make it even more impressive, he picked up an RC controller and made that crane move and operate.



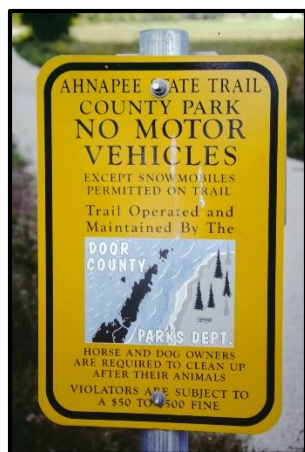
The Largest Train Show in America (continued)

There was no shortage of modular layouts, everything from G, O, Lego, HO, N and Z. One layout that drew my attention was a Steel mill complete with three blast furnaces and BOF (Bosic Oxygen Furnaces.) Another had a large grain elevator in G scale. Yet another HO scale modular had a working hump yard with electronically controlled retarders (with 4 working 3-way turnouts.) The largest of these layouts measured 30' by 150'. Some of the layouts had great scenery and others had good themes. Overall, a very nice variety of layouts were presented at the show.

To learn more about the show and for a recap of the manufactures at the show, go to the YouTube channel and search NSmodeler24.

In closing, the 54th Amhurst Train Show was a great show and a great time. It could be something for your bucket list. It was on our lists and now that we have had a chance to experience it, we're onto what is next.

March Clinics: Railroads of Oshkosh and Rail-to-Trails



Our March meeting will see the Annual Meeting of members, but we also have two good clinics for your enjoyment. Dave Poquette, in addition to being a railfan and skilled modeler is also an avid bicyclist, and his March program will combine those interests and focus on some of the many bike and hiking trails that are former railroad lines. You won't see trains, but there is still plenty of railroad infrastructure on these trails, including bridges, culverts, elevated rights of way, and now and then a depot or other structure. We'll ride along with Dave for some "rare mileage."

Brian Siegl is a railfan with a strong bent for railroad history and he has made Oshkosh, WI, one of his special studies. Oshkosh is an old lumber and industrial city with a strong heritage in both railroad and water transportation. Many of us are familiar with the Soo Line and Chicago & North Western presence in the city, but a bit less well-known is that the Milwaukee Road also had a branch leading to Oshkosh. Brian's presentations are always well-documented and reflect his thorough research, and he is tailoring this clinic to have a modeling focus, particularly on bridges.



Division Video Library

A reminder for everyone that the Division's Video Library is available for members to checkout DVDs.

As I stated after the Division went inactive, I cannot do both jobs of being the Interim Superintendent and Video Librarian, bringing and managing the Video Library at our meets. If you would like to checkout any DVDs, look at our catalog on wisedivision.org and contact me with the number and title of the one(s) you would like to view. I will bring them to our next meet or you can pick them up at my business. The DVDs are currently stored in my company's warehouse in Caledonia.

If you are interested in taking over the Video Library, contact me. It's an easy job, where you need to bring the Video Library to our meets and manage the checking out and receiving of them from the members.

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We are in need of layouts to visit after our monthly meets. The information we have is over 10 years old and it needs to be updated. Many WISE members have moved or passed away since our last directory was published in 2011. If you would like to have your layout open to visit after one of our meets, let us know. You can send your railroad name, scale and contact information to layouts@trainfest.com. We do have a new layout tour coordinator and his name is Jon Dettmann. Jon lives on the east side of Milwaukee and models the C&NW in N scale from Fond du Lac to Marshfield in 1939. Help Jon out to get a new database of layouts available to visit by sending him your information.

A Note from the Editor:

Thanks for all the leads that you have been submitting. It has been a tremendous benefit to have several items to use as fill. It certainly is a time saver for me, and it makes the Owl Car more relevant to the Division. One type of submission that would be most welcomed are photos: operating photos, rail fanning photos, photos of rolling stock, etc. When submitting a photo, please be sure to include some information about what the readers are viewing.

Remember to send everything for the Owl Car to owlcar@trainfest.com. The deadline is the 20th of each month for the next month's issue.

Your Editor
Cindy Mielke

Pics From the Rails



4003 is a GE 8-40-B



3398 is a EMD SD-40-2

Both units were laying over for the weekend in the CSX Springfield, Massachusetts yard.



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AP Achievement Program

Dave Poquette

To most NMRA members, the NMRA Achievement Program (AP) is a way to achieve the Master Model Railroader (MMR) status. You must earn 7 certificates in 4 different categories (model railroad equipment, settings, engineering and operation, service to the hobby). Each category is broken down into subcategories as follows:

- Model railroad equipment
 - Motive Power
 - Cars
- Settings
 - Structures
 - Scenery
 - Prototype Models
- Engineering and Operation
 - Civil Engineer
 - Electrical Engineer
 - Chief Dispatcher
- Service to the Hobby
 - Association Official
 - Association Volunteer
 - Author

Obtaining the MMR status can be a daunting task. It takes commitment and many hours to achieve. The process is well worth the effort. I am currently going through the process and have spent countless hours achieving 5 AP certificates and 3 merit awards towards a 6th certificate, structures. I feel that going through this process has made me a better modeler in many ways. I only wish I could have saved that switch tower that I made from cardboard or even the Revell models that I built when I was knee-high to a grasshopper so that I can compare it to the models that I'm building now.

You can find more information about the Achievement Program at <http://nmra.org>

and click on the Education tab. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Division Leadership section of this newsletter.

If you don't feel like this is "your cup of tea", then at least consider earning a Golden Spike Award. Unlike the AP, you don't need to have your models judged nor do you have to earn 7 certificates. You just need to have built a layout that meets certain requirements:

- Display 6 pieces of rolling stock. These can be scratch built, craftsman kit, super detailed commercial kits.
- Construct a minimum of 8 square feet of model railroad or module(s) including scenery in any scale.
- Construct 5 structures. These can be scratch built, craftsman kit, or super-detailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.
- Three types of track are required (turnout, crossing, cross-over, etc). All track must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial track can be used.
- The track must be wired so that 2 trains can be operated simultaneously.
- One additional electrical feature must be used. This can be powered turnouts, turnout indicators, lighted building, signaling, etc.

Most of you may already qualify for a Golden Spike Award. If you think you do qualify for a Golden Spike, fill out the attached form and contact me. I will come to your layout to see if you qualify. Please message me at ap@trainfest.com.

	<p style="text-align: center;">ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD APPLICATION FORM FEBRUARY 2019</p>
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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM AND SEND TO YOUR DIVISION OR REGION AP MANAGER

Member Name: _____ NMRA#: _____ Expiration: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Country: _____ Zip/Post Code: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Region: _____ Division: _____

- The Golden Spike Award (GSA) will be awarded to any NMRA member who completes the Qualifications Checklist, obtains the necessary signatures (Division AP Manager or some local NMRA member approved by the Division AP Manager), and if the applicant does not already hold MMR status.
- The GSA will be administered by the Division and Region AP Managers.
- AP requirements and definitions apply for scratch building and super-detailing.
- The Division AP Manager will submit the signed form to the Region AP Manager who will issue the Golden Spike Award certificate.
- The Region AP Manager will then forward the completed form to the National AP Manager so that an announcement can be made in the NMRA Magazine.

GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):

- Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or superdetailed commercial kits.

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

- Construct a minimum of eight square feet of model railroad or module(s) including scenery in any scale.
- Construct five structures either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or superdetailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.

3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

- Three types of track are required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial track may be used.
- All installed track must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command or other form of control).
- Provide any one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

Witness: _____ Name: _____ NMRA #: _____

Region AP Manager: _____ Region: _____

Just Another Ferroequinologist

(Rail Fan)

The word, Ferroequinologist comes from the Latin words *ferrum* (“iron”) and *equus* (“horse”) and the English word *logist* or one who studies. So, a ferroequinologist is one who studies iron horses or trains.

There are many areas of study within ferroequinology. Certainly, recreating the railroad on a layout is one, but there is so much more.

For David Mielke, it is collecting railroad art. David has been adding to his collection for over thirty years and now has 11 pieces of photography and paintings and 15 Bradford Exchange plates that he inherited from his father.

In his art gallery, there are two watercolors painted by his Uncle Chet who worked as a conductor on the Chicago Northwestern out of Spooner, WI.

But perhaps his favorite piece is a Charles Peterson of the Milwaukee Road train station in Wausau, WI.



A Ferroequinologist in Training

Robert Niedermann’s son Nick and grandson Walter took in the Mad City Train Show in Madison on February 17th and were thrilled with the experience. That was especially true for Walter, who will be 2 in March. Walter has caught the bug that’s going around his family and he, too, is smitten with trains. At first, the garden railroad layout captured his attention. But when he came to the North American Railcar exhibit, Walter’s curiosity was thrown into high gear. He became fascinated with the controls and Dad is leaning in to help.

According to Granpa Robert, Walter was having so much fun in that railcar that it was hard to pull him away. But in the end, the mission was accomplished, and the family went on to enjoy the rest of the show.



“How do I get this thing started?”

Historical Associations: Chicago & North Western

[Chicago & North Western Historical Society \(cnwhs.org\)](http://cnwhs.org)

The Chicago & North Western Historical Society was founded in 1973 by Joe Follmar and a group of Midwestern railfans interested in the C&NW, along with its predecessor and successor roads. These roads include the Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha; the Minneapolis & St. Louis; the Chicago Great Western; the Litchfield & Madison; the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern; the Des Moines & Central Iowa; and many more.

The Society's purpose is to collect, circulate and preserve the history of the C&NW and its predecessor and successor lines; to create and publish a magazine; and to promote fellowship among C&NW fans and Society Members.

Within the realm of non-profit, railroad historical societies. The C&NWHS has one of the larger collections of technical and historical material in the USA. While C&NW material dominates the collection, all predecessor roads are included to some extent, depending on the number of years that have passed since their demise. Our archives include, photographs, a very large collection of maps, Authority from Expenditures or AFE's, a collection of railroad employee data which is especially valuable to historians of the railroad and to family history researchers, diesel drawings, rosters, and records, freight car drawings and more. The collection is maintained by Society dues and donations and is staffed by volunteers.

North Western Lines is a quarterly publication, which began in early 1974 as a seven page mimeographed issue, totaling 85 copies. Today, it is considered one of the premier historical publications.

Each issue contains current news, feature articles, a photo section, and a combination of rosters, technical information, maps, schedules, and modeling information, depending on the make-up of that issue. A one-year subscription comes with membership. And members are welcome to submit news items and articles.

Model railroading is an important component of the CNWHS. Our Modeling Chairman provides periodic updates on new car kits and generates modeling articles for NWL. The Annual Meet is a get-together in a city with rail interest, and it usually takes place on a weekend in May. There are activities, rides to rail museums, modeling clinics, slide shows, and a featured speaker at the banquet. It provides a good opportunity to meet other people with similar interests.

It is a non-profit corporation, chartered in the State of Illinois, and is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code. It welcomes monetary donations and also the donation of historic items. For more information, visit the Chicago & North Western Historical Society website [Chicago & North Western Historical Society \(cnwhs.org\)](http://cnwhs.org)

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- Please visit nmra.org/members
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- Once logged in, click on Member Info (top right corner).
- Make sure your information is correct.
- If not, please go to:

nmra.org/request-membership-info-changes

to submit a request for changes to be made.

Thank you!

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January Executive Committee Minutes

**Wisconsin Southeastern (WISE) Division of the NMRA
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday January 10, 2024
Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:00 pm

EC Present – Burnell Breaker (Interim Superintendent) *
Dennis Janssen (Treasurer, Paymaster)
Robert Niedermann (interim Asst-Superintendent, Joined at 7:03)
David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk)
Tim Kock (BOD)

Chairs Present – Mike Slater (Facebook)*, Jim Hebner (Website)*,
David Mielke (Train School, Joined 7:03)*, Cindy Mielke (Owl Car, Joined 7:03)*,
Gary Hendrickson (Membership, Joined 7:08)*,
David Poquette (AP)*

Guests – Bob Mcgeever (MWR President) *
*Attended via zoom

Absent – None

Minutes: No changes noted from the December 13th meeting minutes, approved.

Paymaster Report:

No changes noted from the December meeting, approved.

Membership:

Gary Hendrickson stated we have 135 members, as of December, with 2 needing to renew.
Need to promote the membership.

Clinics:

Burnell stated David Nelson has clinics for February and March.

AP Program:

David Poquette stated no news to report. We thanked Dave for his golden spike article.

Owl Car:

January issue was sent to the members. Another great issue. Deadline for next issue is January 20th.

Website:

Jim Hebner stated he has made some small progress on the website.

Layout Tours:

Per Burnell, Jon Dettmann has Dave Poquette as the scheduled layout for February.

Train Sales/Donations:

Selling at the Lionel Swap (3 tables) & WISE February and March Meet / Swap.

East Troy Trip:

Began signing up members at the November Meet.

Train School:

We have blue box kits, and many building kits in storage. We have small screwdrivers, cutting tools, glue. Slater has finished the multi scale test track. We can bring Don Strike's circus train and Empire Builder trains to display. From storage, we need the building kits, AC power supply, tools, etc. Setup is 11 am.

RPM / Modeler's Retreat:

Mike Slater is working on this. Date will be the last Saturday in Sept 2024. (Sept 28, 2024) Will be at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 37th Ave, Kenosha WI. (Dave Mielke's church) suggested donation of \$50. We would have multiple rooms available. Times could be 9 > 3:30 pm. Need to be done by 4 or so, as they have a 5 pm service. Will need to setup tables on Friday evening. Need to decide on admission.

Trainfest Brand checkup:

National is looking into our legal status of the Trainfest brand check-up copyrights/trademarks to be sure our claims are watertight.

Burnell did talk with NMRA Legal Bill Hutton. We need to keep it active and in-use.

Staeger Collection:

We have had 3 inquiries on the layout. The layout is not really made as a portable to be moved often. It's a sectional layout, not a modular layout. Illinois Terminal Division was interested, but after discussing, this was not work as a traveling layout. The Fox Valley Region maybe interested, along with John Shipman

New Business:

- Trainfest contract has been signed by Bill Grove from Giant Shows LLC to produce Trainfest 2024. They own the license for "World's Greatest Hobby", and Great American Train Shows. (We know these as the group that does the DuPage / Wheaton County fairground swap). In the agreement, we will extend invitations to the 5 area NMRA Division groups for a free booth and 5 admissions each.
- Gary Children's donation has been received. About 6 to 8 magazines, and a lot of Kalmbach handout items, which we can use at Train School and meets.
- Next seasons meeting location – New Berlin Library's large meeting room has been suggested. No money can get transacted, so this means we cannot have swap meet tables, or collect admission to non-members. But the price would be \$50 for each event, and they have a good AV system setup to try a zoom meeting again.
- Mad City Show is February 17 & 18, and the Rockford show is March 16 & 17. Do we sell some of our items at these events? Need manpower to man the tables for both days. We could do a one day, but not both.

Next Meeting:

Was scheduled for Wednesday February 14, 2023, at 7 pm at the Lionel Railroad Club in New Berlin, or via zoom. But we realized this is Ash Wednesday, and Valentine's Day, so we agreed to hold it on Tuesday, February 20. Wednesday Feb 21 would not work for everyone. After that, the next meeting is March 13. To be held at the Lionel Club in New Berlin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.

Shows and Swaps

Wisconsin and Northern Illinois

Monthly Shows

DuPage County Fairgrounds -
Wheaton IL

<https://www.trainshow.com>

August - June Mornings
Typically, on first Sundays - Mar 3, Apr 7,
May 5, June 2, Aug 4, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3,
Dec 1, 2024

Lionel Railroad Club – New Berlin
Entertainment Center - New Berlin WI

www.milw-lrrc.com

Mar 17, 2024

Kenosha Union Hall Swap Meet,
3030 39th Ave – Kenosha, WI

Mar 10, 2024

Bill - 262-331-0392

WISE Division Meet – New Berlin
Entertainment Center – New Berlin

<https://www.wisedivision.org>

Mar 17, 2024 Afternoons

Yearly

Lionel Railroad Club,
Festival of Trains – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd, New Berlin

Apr 13 & 14, Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2024
10:00 – 5:00

O Scale Meet

<https://marchmeet.net/WP/>

Mar 14, 15, 16, 17, 2024

Racine Lionel Club Open House –
4625 Washington Ave – Racine WI

Mar 23, Apr 20, May 11, 2024

Rock River Valley Train Show –
Harlem High School - Machesney Park IL
9229 N. Alpine Road

Mar 16 & 17, 2024

Sat. 10:00 - 5:00 Sun. 10:00 – 3:00

Lena-Winslow Elementary, Lena IL

<https://www.facebook.com/lenadepotstovegang/>

Mar 23 & 24, 2024 – typically 3rd or 4th
weekend in March

Ozaukee County Fairgrounds –
Cedarburg

Metro Model Railroad Club –

<http://members.trainorders.com/scrimjimmy/spring.html>

Apr 7, 2024

Shows and Swaps (continued)

Title Town Train Show 2024 - Green Bay

<https://www.tsgblc.com/>

May 4 & 5, 2024

4000 foundation – Rail Fair, Copland Park, La Crosse, WI

<https://www.4000foundation.org/>

July 13, 2024

Onalaska Omni Center, La Crosse and 3 Rivers Model Railroad Club - Onalaska, WI

Mar 16 & 17, 2024



By Matt Matteo
August 11, 2021

Modeling & Prototype Railroad Contests

Each month, a model, photo, and railroad-related craft popular vote contest is held at the WISE Division meets. These contests are free to enter and are open to the public. Voting will take place in the following categories:

- Motive Power – Steam
- Motive Power – Diesel
- Traction / Electric
- Passenger Equipment
- Freight Equipment
- Non – Revenue Equipment
- Structures
- Photographs – Prototype
- Photographs – Model
- General
- Youth 8 – 17 Years
- Train Related Crafts

There are five award categories: Best of Show, 1st Place, 2nd Place, Youth 1st place and 2nd Youth Place. Each category receives an Award certificate and gift certificates depending on the place earned and membership in the NMRA. Best of Show will also receive a plaque. Our Contest Director will provide you with a number and a small tag to fill out describing your entry. After that, it's a blind vote by attendees. The votes are tallied at the end of the meet culminating with the award announcements.

It's that simple and that fun!

For contest rules and details, contact Robert Niederman Contest Chairman and Asst. Superintendent at asst.super@trainfest.com.



Model Railroad Available

HO Scale 5' x 13.5'

- Separates into 5 manageable sections.
- Labeled wiring has spade connectors between layout sections.
- Digitrax DCC Control System Code 83 track
- Peco turnouts
- Tortoise switch machines
- Most turnouts have dwarf signals to indicate direction.
- Most buildings have lighting inside.

Interested??

Contact WISE Division for more information
superintendent@trainfest.com



Special Events: Milwaukee Domes

The Milwaukee Dome's annual Train Show is the most popular show in the themed Show Dome lineup. This year's train show at the conservatory displays tiny toy towns constructed from iconic children's toys that will appeal to the child in all of us. A G scale train loops through the Dome's spectacular plantings including miniature conifers, azaleas, pansies, and primrose.

The show runs January 20 – March 17, 2024.

The domes hours are Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:00a.m.- 5:00p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. The Domes are closed on Tuesday.

Toyblox: Tiny Toy Towns



Levi and Ryker enjoyed running the trains at the Mitchell Park Domes Train Show on February 3rd.



Saturday, March 9, 2024
9:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, March 10, 2024
10:00AM – 4:00pm

Begin the show at the Delavan American Legion at 111 South 2nd Street where you will receive your map and train “ticket” to be punched at each location you visit.

The 2024 Delavan Train Show arrives in historic downtown Delavan, WI on March 9 & 10, 2024. With layouts and interactive exhibits displayed across the Downtown, visitors can enjoy a free, family-friendly weekend with a small-town festival feel. Kiddos of all ages can operate accessories, complete scavenger hunts to find characters and details on layouts, and even run the trains on the layouts. As always, the Delavan Train Show is free admission and offers free parking in the downtown area.

Featuring layouts of all sizes and scales, the Delavan Train Show enables visitors to see some of the most exciting layouts from the "big" shows as well as beautiful layouts from local hobbyists. Win prizes throughout the weekend during raffles and giveaways from local businesses. Spanning the entire downtown area, hop on the Trolley to explore all of the exhibit locations. Don't forget to snack on yummy foods from Food Trucks and Restaurants.

Bring the entire family for a fun-filled weekend at the 2024 Delavan Train Show! See you there!



(turn over for Club Hours)



Toy Train Sale and Show

(See below for more information)

All Gauges & All Scales

SUNDAY DATES

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
October 15	January 21	October 20	January 19
November 19	February 25	November 17	February 23
December 17	March 17	December 15	March 16

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Sale: New Berlin Entertainment Center
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TRAIN SHOW: at Club will be open by 10:00 am
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(turn over for Train Sale & Show Schedule)



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Easy access from I-94 See map on back

Show Dates

October 15, 2023

November 12, 2023

December 17, 2023

January 14, 2024

February 11, 2024

March 10, 2024

Show Hours - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00

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Saturday, April 6, 2024



VFW POST 1197
 645 S River Street/Illinois Route 25
 Batavia, Illinois
 Along the Historic CA&E Batavia Branch Right of Way



Doors Open 9:00AM

A Day for the Archives

Affiliated Sponsors BRHS, CNWHS, GNRHS, LAKE STATES, MRHA, SHORE LINE, SLHTS

A Weekend to Benefit Multiple Archive Efforts

Collectively, all the participating groups archive efforts will benefit from this event, both financially and in collective knowledge.

Great presentations, networking and archive updates from participating organizations.

9:00 10:00 am – Registration

Schedule of Presentations

10 am – James Wade – “Canst Thou Send Lightnings” A history of Telegraphy

11 am – Andy Nelson – “Railroad Audio Artistry”

Noon to 1 pm – Lunch Provided

1:30 pm – Bob Hanmer MRHS, GNRHS, NPRHA – “All Rail Ore”

2:30 pm – Walter Keevil Shore Line – “Movies from the Keevil Archive Collection”

3:30 pm – Potpourri also Society shorts / socializing / networking
 Craig Willett BRHS

“50 Years of Craig Willett Photography”

Jerry Pyfer NWI Chapter NRHS

“Stuff from Little Yellow Boxes”

4:30 pm Jeff Eggert CNWHS

“From the CNWHS Archives, A Selection of Slides from the J. David Ingles Collection”

5:30 pm – Buffet Dinner and Dessert

6:30 pm – Paul Swanson LSRHA “The Moonlighters on VIA’s Canadian”

7:00pm – George Forero LSRHA, BRHS, Soo Line H&TS, MRHA
 “St. Louis Union Station : Its Darkest Hours Before Dawn”

7:30 pm – Paul Swanson LSRHA – “Mississippi River Railroadng”
 From the Collections at Lake States – IC, Q, Milw Rd. and CNW



Full Fare Includes: Presentations, Lunches, Buffet Dinner and Friday Rail Event **\$175.00#**
 #of which \$100 is tax deductible

Admission To Day Presentations Only Including Lunch - **\$110.00@**
 @of which \$80 is fully tax deductible

Evening Presentations and Dinner (after 5 pm) - \$75.00

Friday Only Rail Fare, Including Lunch - \$75.00

Limited Archive/Society Company Stores will be on site during this event.

A room block has been arranged for those traveling from out of town at:

Comfort Inn & Suites

1555 E. Fabyan Parkway • Geneva, IL 60134 • 630-208-8811
 \$119.00 Double Occupancy, use code ARCHIVES 2024



East Troy Electric Railroad Charter Trip of the Line

Tours of the East Troy Car Barn &
Elegant Farmer Maintenance Building

Sunday, April 21, 2024

2002 Church St., East Troy, WI

- 11:00 a.m. Depart from the East Troy depot
- Arrive at Elegant Farmer and tour the Maintenance Building
- Continue to Indianhead Park, Mukwonago for an Elegant Farmer box lunch
- Return to East Troy and tour the East Troy Car Barn

\$15.00/ person

Space is limited

**This will be an Adults only event due to liability concerns going into the railroad's car barn and maintenance building.*

***WISE Division/NMRA members and their families only-
pre-registration required***

Sign up starting at the November 19th meet!

(The deadline to register by is the March 17, 2024 meet.)





- Regional Train Event
- Clinics
- SIG Activities
- Layout Tours
- Operating Sessions
- Display Room
- NMRA AP Program Evaluation
- Railroad & General Interest Tours

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120 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South Bend, IN

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), Midwest Region (MWR) 2024 Convention hosted by the Michiana Division. We sincerely welcome you to the convention. We have a great event planned for both veterans and beginners in the hobby of model railroading.

Additionally, the Steel Mill Special Interest Group will participate in this event with featured Steel Mill (SIG) clinics and vendors.



Admission Prices

This event is open to NMRA members and the general public

Early Bird Registration (ends April 1, 2024)

Full Convention Registration **\$70 Public \$60 NMRA \$48 Volunteers**
 One-day Registration **\$40 Public \$30 NMRA \$24 Volunteers**

Gate Registration (on or after April 2, 2024)

Full Convention Registration **\$75 Public \$65 NMRA \$52 Volunteers**
 One-day Registration **\$45 Public \$35 NMRA \$28 Volunteers**

Members of the public may pay for a Rail Pass Membership and receive NMRA admission prices. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult (paid) are admitted free.



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