

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
OF THE NMRA

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

October 2011

Volunteers Are Needed For TRAINFEST 2011

November 12 & 13, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting**
dates on **WISE** website
- **October 16, 2011**
WISE Meet - Veterans Terrace
Burlington, WI
TRAINFEST®
November 12 & 13
State Fair Park Expo Bldg
West Allis, WI
- **TRAINFEST TICKETS**
ON SALE NOW
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- **December 4, 2011**
WISE Meet - Best Western
Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield

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We will also need help on Friday, November 11th, with directing traffic and other tasks needing to be done. If you can help, please use the sign up form on page 7, or contact me at epadgett@powercom.net. When you arrive for your scheduled time always check in at the Trainfest office.

Also I need one person to work at the desk as a helper Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you could help,, please let me know.



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Kurt Wamser
414-791-7549

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LaRoye Chisley
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Ted Lewtas
414-362-9798

Coordinators:

Bus Trips
Art Oseland
414-764-5375

Youth Group

From the Superintendent:

The first meet at the Best Western in Brookfield was well received with one of our largest meet attendances. And while the contest room was a lacking a bit in entries, I did have to cast the deciding vote to break a tie. Although our October meet is in Burlington, we will be returning to the Brookfield location in December.

On the topic of meets, Chief Clerk Al Lederman would like to step down as clinic director for the meets. This is a crucial part of the Division's operation, but it does allow you to get to know a lot of the modeling and railfanning talent in the area.

We are still looking for an Assistant Paymaster to help our current Paymaster. This is a good opportunity to get your "feet wet" in being more involved learning how the Division operates. Experience in accounting is helpful, but not required.

And we are looking at some new leadership in the Youth Group to help the modelers of tomorrow get experience with their modular layout and model railroading in general.

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact myself or any board member. It takes a lot of work to run a Division the size of ours, and the more who contribute the less work everyone has to do which leaves more time for enjoying our hobby.

Speaking of volunteering, please consider spending a few hours helping with Trainfest. There is a form in this issue for those wishing to help at the door, and you can also contact myself or Neil Michel if you would like to help out for a few hours a day in the NMRA booth or the test track. Aside from being the fundraiser that makes all of our events possible, the show is also our chance to showcase what our Division is about.

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Hobby Stores that support the WISE Division of the NMRA and it's Members:

Greenfield News & Hobby
Greenfield 414-281-1800

Jetco's Hiawatha Hobbies
Waukesha 262-544-4131

Sommerfeld's
Butler 262-783-7797

South Side Train
Milwaukee 414-482-1566

Walthers / Terminal Hobby
Milwaukee 414-461-1050

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

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For the Division's role in hosting the NMRA's 75th Anniversary Convention in 2010 we were presented with a commemorative convention print. The Division had it framed, and it should have a secure home on long-term loan where both the public and the membership can see it (for those who haven't seen it, it will be in the NMRA booth at Trainfest). Some ideas that have been floated around are Milwaukee City Hall, the Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee Intermodal (Amtrak) Station, Discovery World or the children's museum, the Milwaukee County Historical Society, and the Waukesha County Gandy Dancer club as they host the Youth Group. If you have any other suggestions, please let me know so I can add to the list. I will be discussing this more at future Division meets and surveying the membership to see where they would like to see this piece of NMRA history, that depicts Milwaukee history, displayed.

Finally, when the October meet is held in Burlington I have found it to be an opportunity for a fall Harley Road Trip. In the past one other member and myself have gone, but we're looking for more (you don't need a Harley). So if any motorcycling members want to join me for a WISE ride to the meet, let me know at (262) 408-1946. Yes, the ride would be weather permitting.
Joe Russ

MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

We would like to see more of our Division membership (300+) 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.

OCTOBER CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

Yes we have a new home and boy do we have some very nice rooms to meet in. The Contest room has room for all your entries. Was hoping for more people to enter our Contest, but thought maybe with the new home some were having a problem finding us. I hope we will be able to see more of you at our next meet at Burlington. Because we had so few I would like to make just a few mentions of those who did come and enter our September Meet.

We had four categories that did have entries but there was not a contest. We can only have a contest with more than one entry and with two different people. Mike Janke had a #401 Milwaukee Road Passenger Car. David Karkoski did a very fine job on his #703 Structure and his #501 Freight Equipment, with his "1911 era 5 Plank Coal Wagon". Mike Janke also had a very good shot of the #801 Prototype Photo of the "End of the Line". Jenny Janke had an entry in our Train Related Craft area with her #1401 - Cross Buck Bracelet. And Ted Lewtas had a very nice Tower in his #701 - Structure entry of the Lowell Junction Tower on B & M.

It's great seeing things that people have worked on and entered at our WISE Division's Meets. Looking forward to seeing other modelers' works at our next meeting. You can always check the Division's Website to see what will be for the next meet, and as always I have a list of Categories that you can pick-up at our next meet.

Results on page 4

October 2011 Categories:

- Motive Power – Steam
- Passenger Equipment
- Non – Revenue Freight Equipment
- Model Photos
- Youth

September Contest Results :



Best of Show & 1st Place Structures
David Karkoski - Tamerack Copper Mine from Upper Michigan



2nd place Structures
Harry Evans - Reese's Roofing Supply



1st Place Model Photos
Harry Evans - Fosland's Coal Co.



2nd Place - Model Photo
Mike Janke - "Telephoto C- Liners"

September Contest Entries :



Passenger Equipment:
Mike Janke - Milwaukee Road Coach No 656



Freight Equipment:
David Karkoski - 1911 era 5 Plank Coal Wagon

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WISE Member Directory

The new WISE Directory is printed and available. Distribution will at October meet in Burlington and meets following. You can also pickup at the WISE Division booth at Trainfest.

Directories will be available at the Video Library table with Director Burnell Breaker

The directory consists of the membership as of December 31, 2010 and the information that each member provided. There was ONLY enough printed for 1 each to current NMRA members.

VIDEO LIBRARY

By Burnell Breaker Video Library Director

Fall greetings from your Video Librarian. Just a reminder that I will have the WISE Division's complete library of VHS tapes and DVD's available for members to check out. I will bring all DVD's and select VHS tapes to the October and December meets. The next likely meet where I will bring the complete collection is the January 2012 meet. Also remember that our complete video library is listed on our newly rebuilt website. If there is a video that you really want to see and want to be sure it is at the meet for you to pick up, call or email me and I will make sure to bring the video(s) to the meet for you. My contact information is listed with all of the other board members in the Owl Car.

TRAINFEST TICKETS ON SALE !!!

Advance Tickets on sale for \$10 each. At the door price \$12 each, get your tickets now.

New for 2011 and going on sale beginning September 1, 2011, the Special 40th Anniversary Two Day ticket sells for \$18 each. Kids coupons available from the Trainfest website.

Friday Product Showcase ticket now on sale. The \$40 special Friday Products Showcase ticket includes access to the manufacturers show, dinner and gift bag on Friday along with admission to Trainfest Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are on sale at the following locations.

Metro Milwaukee Area:

Greenfield News and Hobbies - Greenfield
Hiawatha Hobbies - Waukesha
Silver Spring Hobby & Games - Milwaukee
Sommerfeld's Trains - Butler
South Side Trains - Milwaukee
Walthers Terminal Hobby - Milwaukee

Outside metro Milwaukee:

EngineHouse Service - Green Bay, WI
J & D Whistle Stop - Sheboygan, WI
Lombard Hobbies - Lombard, IL
Madison Hobby Stop - Madison, WI

WISE BUSTRIPS for 2012

Mark your calendars for the 2012 WISE bus trips. Trips are being planned for February 18, 2012 Mad City Train show in Madison. Also planning for April 28, 2012 Title Town Show in Green Bay for the morning and Packer Hall of Fame OR National Railroad Museum in the afternoon.

Any suggestions or questions please contact me. Art Oseland PO Box 100552 Cudahy, WI 53110 OR Sueoseland@aol.com

September Contest Entries Continued :



Structures:
Ted Lewtas - Lowell Junction Tower
On B & M



Prototype Photo:
Mike Janke - "End of the Line"



Train Related Crafts:
Jenny Janke - Cross Buck Bracelet

Upcoming Meet Locations:

October 16,2011	Veterans Terrace	589 Milwaukee Ave.	Burlington
December 4, 2011	Best Western Plus Midway Hotel–	Brookfield	1005 s. Moorland Rd. Brookfield
January 15,2011	Best Western Plus Midway Hotel–	Brookfield	1005 s. Moorland Rd. Brookfield
February 19, 2011	Best Western Plus Midway Hotel–	Brookfield	1005 s. Moorland Rd. Brookfield
March 18, 2011	Best Western Plus Midway Hotel–	Brookfield	1005 s. Moorland Rd. Brookfield
April 15, 2011	Country Springs Hotel	2810 Golf Rd.	Waukesha -WISE Division Annual Meeting

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I need one person to work at the desk as a helper Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you could help,, please let me know. Please add your phone and email.

Yes! I can help at the desk: Name: _____ Day _____; Time _____

Yes! I can help on Friday, November 11th Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Yes! I can help distribute programs. Please circle your choice of time(s) you are available to work. Please report to Ed Padgett at the Trainfest office fifteen minutes prior to your shift start.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

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AFTERNOON SHIFT 1

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Name _____

Mail form to:

Address _____

Ed Padgett
S57, W22641 Woodside Ct
Waukesha, WI 53189

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

OR send Email to:

Or volunteers@trainfest.org
epadgett@powercom.net

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October 16, 2011 Veterans Terrace
589 Milwaukee Ave. Burlington, Wisconsin

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

Clinics:

- **1pm John Wolfe - "Layout Room Safety"**
- **2pm Dave Phillips - "Mind the doors Eh - 25 years of Toronto passenger service"**
- **3pm Al Lederman - "The Rock Island Train Festival"**

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