



THE WISE OWL CAR

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THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

It was unfortunate that we had to reschedule the September meet due to rain, but the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society (MLES) members were gracious to give it another try on September 29 at their railroad park. This time there was hardly a cloud in the sky and a number of you came out to enjoy an afternoon of riding trains. To thank the MLES for their hospitality, the Division is donating \$500 to MLES.

The last Owl Car was a bit late in getting to eve-

ryone, and I apologize for that. New editor Harry Grieshaber and I are working to fix some of the production bugs out and that should be taken care of with this issue. A reminder that at our October meet we will be voting on a new Division Constitution, which will be done at the end of the meet. It is available online at the Division's web site.

Hope to see you at the October meet.



The North Shore Electroliner rides again. See more of the MLES Day in the Contest section of the Wise Owl.

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Trainfest® Tickets are NOW ON SALE

Starting August 1, 2013 until Trainfest, Advance Tickets will be on sale for \$10 each. Friday Product Showcase tickets are now on sale. The \$45 special Friday Products Showcase ticket includes access to the manufac-

turers show, dinner and gift bag on Friday along with admission to Trainfest Saturday and Sunday. Kids coupons for free admission are available from the Trainfest.com web site and hobby shops selling tick-

ets which are listed below. Tickets are on sale at the following supporters and friends of the WISE Division and Trainfest.

Please see a listing of model retailers on pg. 3.

Comments from the Editor

This is the second edition of the Wise Owl I have published. I would like to thank Joe and the Board for giving me the opportunity to serve the Division.

All articles for future Owl Car's need to be sent to me no later than the 1 week before the end of the month.

I have received quite a few comments on the last issue (some positive and some negative). I look forward to any and all comments so please

either email or call me on any comments you might have regarding YOUR newsletter.

Corrections to last months article regarding the deaths of two members; it should have read: On June 4, Susan Oseland wife of board member Art Oseland, passed away at the age of 67. Sue and Art were active with the American Coed Pageants for over 20 years.

Bonnie Janke and I have discussed the lack of pictures of all of the contest winners not

being in the Wise Owl and no color pictures on the webpage. Dave Nelson and others have pointed out to me the Midwest Region's Waybill has both B/W and Color pictures and may differ online than in the printed matter.

We have come to the understanding if space permits I will have the final editorial decision to add or leave out the pictures of the winners submittals. Color webpage pictures will be forwarded by me to the Webpage Director.

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Contests by Bonnie Janke, Chairperson

With the change of weather we weren't able to have a meet on September 15th and we are hoping that the weather will be better for the make up date of September 29th, at MLES (see following article). April was one of our best contest times and we are hoping that we will have many modelers who will bring their talents to the October 20th, 2013 meet.

We also hope that you've had the time to go out and do some rail fanning this summer and will bring some great photos to share, in our division contest. Remember you can't win if you don't enter. Here is the list of items you will be able to enter at the October 20, 2013 meet.

Complete Contest Category List: Motive Power-Steam; Motive Power-Diesel; Passenger Equipment; Non-Revenue Freight Equipment; Freight Equipment; Structures (On and Off Line); General (Dioramas& Trains); Traction/Electric; Model Photos; Prototype Photos; Train Related Crafts

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013: What a beautiful day on Sunday to travel to the MLES Open House and Contest. The sun was out and almost no clouds in the sky. With a slight breeze even the mosquitos stayed away. There were plenty of trains to ride and a special thanks goes to Perry Schultz for firing up his Pennsy K4 steam locomotive. Thanks goes to Dave Nelson for providing some of the pictures of the entries and winners. Kudos goes to "Best of Show" winner Tim McComis and his North Shore Electroliner Passenger Train. My wife and I rode this wonderful train twice. Thanks Tim (Harry Grieshaber)

Ed Kofroth, MLES member and WISE Div. Clinics Director, has informed us of MLES will have their Pumpkin Train rides on Saturday and Sunday's in October.

MLES Pumpkin train rides. Sat Oct 12; Sun Oct 13; Sat Oct 19; Sun Oct 20; Sat Oct 26 from 11 am to 4 pm. The MLES address is 2620 N Country Aire Dr., Town of Jackson (Cedarburg).



BEST of SHOW

Tim McComis's

North Shore Electroliner
#501 Traction Category

Steam Engines

1st. Place: #102 owner Bob Calhoun



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2nd. Place: #101 owner Perry Schultz



Diesel Engines

1st. Place: #204 owner Paul Weigand



2nd. Place: #202 owner Tom Budny



Non- Revenue

1st. Place: #302 Engineer Riding Car
owner Tom Budny



1nd. Place: #301 C & O Flat Car owner
Bob Gallegos



MLES Day



AP PROGRAM by LaRoye Chisley, Chairperson

We will be doing AP judging at the October Division Meet and if any person has anything to be judged please bring it to the meet with all your paper work for that item.

The WISE Division's Boy Scout Merit Badge

The WISE Division's Boy Scout Merit Badge course will be on Saturday, Oct. 5. Member Paul Podlaski (pepodaski@yahoo.com) could use a few more helpers for a couple of hours to run this important program. In past years 30 Scouts for more have received their badges through this program. Please contact Paul if you can help.

Trainfest® Tickets are NOW ON SALE

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Metro Milwaukee Area:

- Greenfield News and Hobbies - Greenfield
- Hiawatha Hobbies - Waukesha
- Sommerfeld's Trains - Butler
- South Side Trains - Milwaukee

- Walthers Terminal Hobby -

Milwaukee

Outside Metro Milwaukee

Engine House Service Green Bay, WI

Lombard Hobbies - Lombard, IL

Madison Hobby Stop Madison, WI

- Park Lane Hobbies - Dyer, IN

Video Library by Burnell Breaker, Video Librarian

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 and do so, please.

We have some new DVD's in the Video Library that will be available for check-out at the October 20 meet. As usual with new titles, no more than two new titles can be checked out by one member for the month.

New additions to the Video Library:

"On the Old Milwaukee Road" by Herron Rail Video

"Canadian Alco Short lines" by Plets Express

"Iowa Short lines" by Plets Express

"Trains of the Indiana Railroad" by Plets Express

"Vintage Ore Railroads" by C Vision Productions

"Iron Ore Country" by PrairieWorks

"Taconite Haulers on Minnesota's Mesabi Range" by PrairieWorks

"Trains Across the Midwest-Volume 4" by C Vision Productions

"Trains Across the Midwest-Volume 5" by C Vision Productions

"The Grayling Steam Special" by Bent Rail Productions

"Belt Railway of Chicago, Alcos in Action-Part 1" by John Szwajkart

"Belt Railway of Chicago, Alcos in Action-Part 2" by John Szwajkart

"An Introduction to China Rail" by John Szwajkart

"Chinese Steam on the Baotou-Shenmu Line-Part 1" by John Szwajkart

"Chinese Steam on the Baotou-Shenmu Line-Part 2" by John Szwajkart

Membership by Neal Michel, Membership Director

Meet Attendance: If you attend one of our Division meets, please be sure to sign in and receive a chance at a great door prize. With a swap area, clinics, contests and layout tours there is something for everyone.

6-Month NMRA Membership Only - \$9.95: (This membership offer is for new members and those who have not been members for two years or more.) Membership application forms are available at the sign-in table.

Layout Tours

By Mike Carlson, Chairperson

Anyone desiring to open their layout for tours on Wise Division Meet days please contact the new Layout Tour Chairman Mike Carlson at [262-370-9321](tel:262-370-9321). We need layouts for the October 20th, December 1, January 19th, February 16, March 16, and April 27, meets. We are all looking forward to seeing your layouts. Thanks Mike Carlson

Bus Trip to Madison

by Art Oseland, Chairperson

Bus trip to Mad City Train Show, Feb 15, 2014

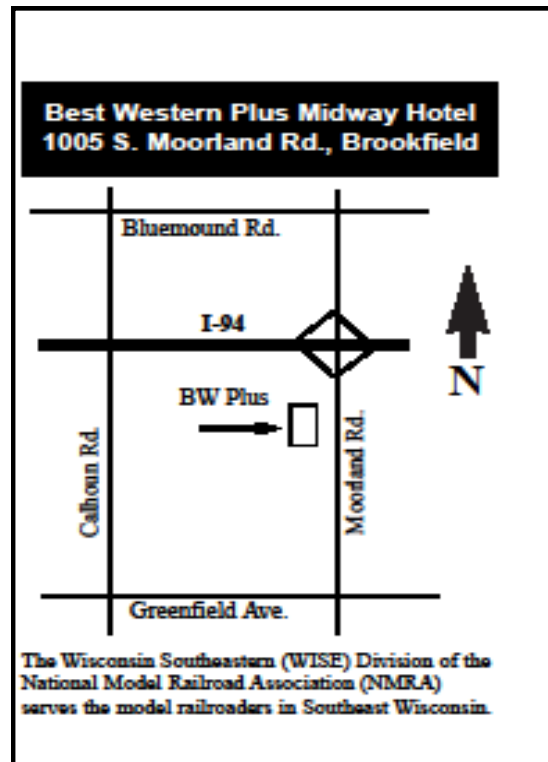
\$35.00 Per Person includes admission to show, coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus.

Pick up points are Park & Ride lots: College Av. Southwest lot 7a.m.; I-94 and 76th. St. 7:15a.m.; I-94 Barker Rd. (Goerke's Corners) at 7:30a.m.

Arrive at the train show 9 a.m. Depart 3 p.m.

Pay at Dec, Jan WISE Meets. More information-Contact Art Oseland at sueoseland@aol.com, or Ph.: [414-764-5375](tel:414-764-5375)

2013-2014 Meet & Events Dates	
Oct, 20th	Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Nov. 9-10	TRAINFEST– Wis. State Fair Park Expo
Dec. 1	Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Jan. 19 2014	Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Feb. 16, 2014	Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Mar. 16, 2014	Best Western Hotel Brookfield
Apr. 20, 2014	Best Western Hotel Brookfield



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR October 20, 2013

Opens at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m.. Categories: All
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Signal systems at MLES Railroad park with ideas suitable for any scale: Tom Bundy explains the workings for the signal system at the MLES railroad park, and how some of those ideas can be applied to layouts of any
2:00-2:45 p.m.	2013 National Convention at Atlanta as seen by Bob Frey: Bob Frey will present a nice overview of the NMRA's national convention in Atlanta this past August.
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Night shots and other Halloween-themed photos: Rob Pfeiffer gives us a view of rail fanning at night, and some spooky pictures, too.
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	Layout Tours (Maps to be distributed at conclusion of meeting)