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A Few New Things in Store for Trainfest 2017

by Ken Jaglinski

Trainfest 2017 is progressing along nicely. This year we have decided not to have the second building or commission a historical painting due to financial concerns. Because of that we have had to put several layouts on a waiting list since our floor space for them has been filled. Those layouts on the list are guaranteed a spot for 2018 provided that they get their application in by March 31, 2018.

Although Trainfest has not commissioned a new historical painting, Heritage Art Editions and artist Larry Fisher, who will be at the show, will have an original SOO Line painting and prints at the show and for sale.

As of this date we have accepted 184 applications for space. There are 55 manufacturers, 47 vendors, 21 Displays, and 61 layouts (HO – 34, N – 9, O – 6, G – 5, Z – 2, STD – 1, LEGO – 2). Thirty-one layouts have agreed to

participate in the Junior Engineer Program and let attendees operate on their layouts.

Per Skip Meracle, clinic chair, we have filled all of our clinic slots. So why don't you plan on coming both days and taking advantage of what we have to offer. We offer a reduced price two-day ticket.

Tickets are currently available for sale online at a discount from what you would pay at the door so make sure you purchase them in advance through the website. Local hobby shops will also have tickets to sell by the beginning of September.

New this year we have both a HO and n N scale special run SOO Line car for sale with other items in the Trainfest Store. You can purchase items on line in advance and pick them up at the show or have them shipped to you.

Also new this year is our PHOTO

CONTEST. Visit the website for details on how to enter your photographs. All photos will be on display in the lobby of the Expo center and the contest winners will have their work displayed on our website as well.

The only way that Trainfest can be successful is with the help of many volunteers. We need you to help staff the show. Once again we are doing the Make n' Take (a water tower) and the Junior Engineer Programs. Even if you are at the show working a layout or display you can sign up to work a session which will last approximately 30 – 45 minutes. There are many other places where people can help. So, if you are willing, please sign up using the form on page 5 or through the website at www.trainfest.com.

Remember, Trainfest is your show. Let me or other committee members know what you would like to see in the future.

WISE (bicycle) Ride Review

by Joe Russ

The second WISE Ride (or the first annual) went better than the first. Shortly after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, Dave and Bonnie Poquette, Pete and Annie Lakatos (and kids in tow behind Pete), Joe Russ and John Dettman departed from the Riverside Urban Ecology Center parking lot at 1500 E. Park Place in Milwaukee and headed north on the former C&NW passenger line (Oak Leaf Trail). With the exception of the bridge over Capital Dr., all of the bridges are original from the line as of

1930. We rode about five miles to where the trail on the passenger line ends, then headed back. After a brief stop at Culver's to get the kids some custard, we then made our way to the Hubbard Park Lodge Beer Garden for some refreshments and snacks.

The weather was perfect and the ride was fun and easy with a lot of details along the right-of-way for us modelers to enjoy.

Thank you to Dave Poquette for organizing this fun family event. We hope to do it again next year, somewhere. There are plenty of railroad related trails in the Division to explore. If you are interested in planning one next year, please contact Pete or Joe.

A flash ride with notification via email may also occur this fall.



Above: The group gets ready to start the ride.

Below: Rehydrating and snacking at the Hubbard Park Lodge.



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The Head Owl Hoots

Hello WISE Division! My name is Peter Lakatos and I want to start off by thanking you for the opportunity to become your next Superintendent. I also want to thank Reid Kahrs for his service to the Division as Superintendent and now as Past President. Last, and certainly not least, I want to thank the entire Board, the Trainfest Committee, and all our other members who have volunteered their time to continually improve, guide and educate all of us in their various guises. As with our favorite prototype(s) - success involves "the many" contributing to the whole.

While some of you may have important questions for me over the next many months I'll answer one now that I know is just eating you alive. I prefer Peter... or Pete... as Jimmy Buffet sings "indecision may or may not be my problem".

Now that we have that settled! Most of you have not the faintest idea of who I am (your opposites will count you as lucky) and might wonder about my model/prototype railroad interests. That too is easy. Anything shiny.... Or rusty... (please reference the Buffet lyrics above). Having spent the bulk of my life in Western New York State (mostly Rochester) I enjoyed Conrail and secretly cherished any steam belching oddity I could find a picture of.

I have been able to try my hand at a few new projects over the summer (if you don't count the two week remodel of our youngest's bedroom that took 7.5 weeks, they all went well). First was lightweight, modular benchwork designed by MRR #101, then trying cardstock modeling for the first time in 20+ years - what a difference! I've been building tables with my kids to run their trains on as well. Fortunately summer has been full of motion. Has it been the same for you?

That is now - time to look forward. If you haven't heard yet we will be at the Clarion Hotel across from Mitchell Airport for both the September and October meets. As you drive into the lot pull around to the back of the hotel bypassing the front lobby doors. As you reach the rear side of the building there is a large overhang on the drive lettered with "Conference Center". You've made it when you've found it.

Also get ready for contest season. The last couple of years the Division has handed out an award for the most contest Entries (not wins) for the year. Last year the running was close between two members. This year lets turn up the heat! I'll echo what was mentioned to me at the Oconomowoc meet last season: "You can't win if you don't enter".

Between clinics, contests and the swap room there should be something for everyone. Though if there is something that is missing - let me know. We have many members who visit us over the year and some who we would like to see more often. What are the topics you would like to learn more about?

We have several opportunities quickly coming up to spread the word



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The Contest Corner

Looking forward to a new season of WISE Division meets and contest modeling. Just remember all categories are open and anyone can enter. Just because a previous entry may not have gotten a first place win, doesn't mean that model cannot be entered again. So.....dust off those models and by all means bring the new models too. There is a New Best of Show plaque for this year but it will be a surprise until next month's meeting. Hope to see YOU there. Make modeling fun!

Dave Evans

WISE Contest Director

Help Needed for Booths at Fall Harvest Days and Maker Faire

The Division is trying a booth at Fall Harvest Days on September 15-17 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Union Grove. Burnell Breaker is organizing a display/table for the Division and Trainfest could use your help sharing with people what we are about. Please touchbase with Burnell at brbbreaker78@gmail.com.

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.

In Memoriam...

Wayne Dunbar

While no longer a member, Wayne R. Dunbar passed away on July 25 at the age of 81. Wayne was the coffee guy who brought the coffee pots to the meets, and made the coffee, when the Division met at the UW-Physics building from at least the early/mid-1980s through 1992. He was also part of the WISE Division HO-Track in the 1980s and into the early 1990s, and later the popular Bits 'n Pieces layout. He also helped Joe Russ set up and take down the trains at the Ronald McDonald House for over 20 years.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, of 54 years and is survived by his sons Jeffrey and Roger and his brother Dana.

Bob Reppert

Long-time member Bob Reppert passed away on August 3 at the age of 92. Bob's HO scale Dawdle & Delay was last open for a meet tour for our January 2016 meet. He was a member since

1978, frequently attended Division meets and he enjoyed hosting operating sessions on the layout he started 33 years ago.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores, of 58 years and his sisters Florence Haack and Edith Reppert. He is survived by his daughter Margaret and sons William and John Reppert, along with eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Ingrid Drozdak

While not a Division member, Ingrid Drozdak was no stranger to the Division. Ingrid, also known as the Tree Lady for her clinic, lost her battle with cancer on September 7 at the age of 60. Her and her husband, John, frequently drove north from Chicago to present clinics at WISE Division meets. Ingrid served the NMRA at national, region and division levels. Most recently she was the Midwest Region's Photo Contest Chairperson and Assistant Superintendent of the Fox Valley Division. She is survived by her husband, John.

KMRHA Show & Swap to be held on October 8 in West Bend

The Kettle Moraine Railroad Heritage Association, Inc. is hosting its 15th annual Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, October 8, 2017.

Start this fall by getting your hobby back on track with Washington County's only train show. Everyone will have a chance to win door prizes, see operating model railroad layouts of various sizes and scales, find great bargains on both new and used railroad related items, also you can get information about area clubs and hobby shops. This is a great time for the whole family to see what model railroading is all about. Don't worry about missing out on the Green and Gold, because the big game is after the event.

This year's event will again be held

at the Washington County Fair Park in the Ziegler Family Expo Center. The Washington County Fair Park is located minutes north of Milwaukee on US Highway 45 at 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd. (Hwy PV), West Bend, Wis. Exit east on County Highway PV. There is easy access to the facility and plenty of parking. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A donation of \$3.00 for adults will help fund future events. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult and US servicemen and women are free with a service ID or uniform.

For more information, you can go to our website: www.kmbsrrclub.org, or the website for the Washington County Fair Park: www.wcfairpark.com.

Milwaukee Optoberfest Schedule for the End of October

For those of you who enjoy operating sessions, Milwaukee Optoberfest 2017 will be October 27, 28 and possibly 29 this year. As of this writing nine layouts in HO and N scale

scale are scheduled to participate, with spots for a few more. Sessions will be Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon and, with a change in schedule, just one in the evening. Another session

may be open on Sunday morning. This year's event will be in memory of Bob Reppert who hosted many sessions on his HO Dawdle & Delay. Contact Joe Russ at jruss@execpc.com for more information.



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

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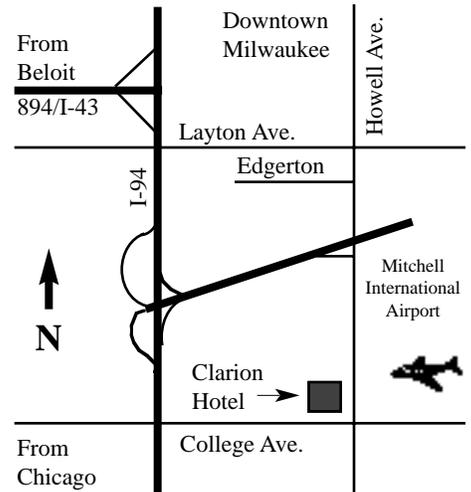


September 17, 2017

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>The Wisconsin Central: A Trainload of Ideas for Modeling</i> Local railfan Otto P. Dobnick will give us a look back at the basics about the WC: where it went and what types of lines, trains, traffic, customers, and equipment it had.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>The Wisconsin Central: Not Your Typical Regional Railroad</i> Otto continues with Part 2 of his WC story which will show some interesting traffic and operational aspects of the WC that made it different from other regionals and focus on ideas for modeling.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Designing 3-D parts on the Free SketchUp Make Program</i> Model Railroader Associate Editor Eric White will share his experience using free, downloadable software to design and print 3-D model parts.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tour: an updated N scale layout (map distributed at 4 p.m.)

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5311 S. Howell Ave. in Milwaukee
(drive around back and use rear entrance)



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about our hobby, the Division and Trainfest®. The first is Fall Harvest Days in Union Grove September 15th & 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; see Burnell's piece in this *Owl Car*. The other opportunity is the Milwaukee Maker Faire at the Expo Center on the State Fair Grounds September 23rd (10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and 24th (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.); look for Joe's piece also in this *Owl Car*. Both events involve chatting with folks who stop by and see what we are doing and answer any questions that we can. You're encouraged to bring works-in-progress to each show and spend time making progress. Nothing demonstrates what we do better than us doing it.

A bit farther down the line, though coming fast, is Trainfest. The committee has been hard at work- between clinics, special run cars and a NEW Photo Contest... read Ken's report to get the

latest. Please also consider helping out this year by volunteering. For those that are already on the rooster, thank you. For those thinking about it, reach out and they would gladly have your assistance and answer any questions surrounding their current needs.

I look forward to all our events in the coming months, learning and sharing lessons and stories about the hobby (and its very real basis) that has drawn us in. Stop by a booth, volunteer at an event and attend the meets - In my experience there's no better way to become excited to go out and run trains, build stuff or whatever you model then by meeting up with others to get those fires stoked.

Pete(r)



Video Library News

by Burnell Breaker

There will be many more DVD's available for members to check out this season, beginning September 17. We have completed the transfer of the VHS tapes in the Division's Video Library to DVD's. A big "Thank You!" to Carl Priepeke for doing this for us. There also will be the recent Rick Luckin "Great Trains" DVD's from Kalmbach Publishing and a series of "How To" DVD's from Model Railroad Academy available to check out. Members can check out up to six DVD's per meet, free of charge. You just have to remember to return them at the next scheduled meet. This is one of the great services that are available to NMRA members only, so ENJOY!

A reminder as well, there are still a limited number of the Division's last membership directories available. One free copy per member.

2017 Trainfest Volunteer Form

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

What days/times are you available: Thur (8 am-3pm), Fri (8 am-8pm), Sat(8 am-6pm), Sun(8 am-8pm)

What time of day are you available for & for how long? _____

Best way to contact you? _____

Have you volunteered with Trainfest before? What did you do? _____

If yes, what year and where/what did you do? _____

Please return to: Bob Henderson, Trainfest Office Manager
7824 Pathfinder Lane
West Bend, WI 53090

Questions call at 262-692-6999 or email rhender1@charter.net

