

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

MARCH 2010

UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS :

- **NOW thru - MARCH 24th Mitchell Park Domes presents "Westward Ho" garden railroad layout**
- **March 21 WISE Meet Best Western Milwaukee - Airport**
- **WISE Youth Group meetings
March 20 & 21
April 3rd, 17&18**
- **April 18 WISE Meet Best Western Milwaukee - Airport**
- **Annual Meeting WISE
April 18 Best Western Milwaukee - Airport
After 2nd Clinic**
- **July 11- 18, 2010 NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention in Milwaukee**

Click the shutter and win a steam cab ride!

With the single click of a shutter, you could find yourself riding for a full day in the cab of an historic mainline steam locomotive operated by the Union Pacific! It can happen if your photo is the winner of the National Model Railroad Association's 75th Anniversary Photo Contest.

Your day-long cab ride will begin in Cheyenne, WY in May, 2010, behind some mighty big steam power on its first leg of an excursion. And we'll make sure you're there when the conductor yells "All aboard!" because the winner will also receive airfare (up to \$500), two nights in a hotel, plus transportation to and from the excursion.

If you're an NMRA member in good standing, all you have to do is submit a photograph depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. Your photo will be judged for prototype fidelity of both the modeling and the scene, as well as for photographic art. You can submit color prints, color slides, or digital files on CD.

To be eligible, your photo must be postmarked by April 15, 2010 (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. And if you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending!

So get modeling and shooting right away. Because this May you may be behind a few horses in Wyoming!

Superintendent's Corner

Linda Sukup WISE Division Superintendent

Welcome to a nice March so far. The next WISE Division meet is on March 21 at the Best Western on Howell Avenue. I hope to see many of you there. Please make sure that you sign in.

At this meet, there will be AP judging. Please bring the models you want judged to this meet. I know that our judges will give constructive criticism and will give you hints to make your model the best that it can be.

Consider the Model Contest to show off your models,

photos, structures, etc. Bonnie Janke is there to check you in and to answer any questions you may have.

Consider volunteering for the National Convention that will be held in Milwaukee in July. Please contact Al Lederman for information regarding volunteering for this wonderful event. It is Milwaukee's turn to show off.

Please keep Gary Children in your thoughts. Gary underwent triple bypass surgery on March 1, 2010. Gary has been a long time member of the WISE Division Board of Directors.

UPCOMING WISE & NMRA MEETS

MAR 21
Best Western
Airport
5105 Howell Ave
Milwaukee

APR 18
Best Western
Airport
5105 Howell Ave
Milwaukee

JULY 11-18
NMRA - 75th
National Convention
MILWAUKEE

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FEBRUARY CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair

Weather was great for the February meet. We were glad that the Mad City Train show in Madison didn't keep everyone away. We had those who couldn't wait to vote for their favorite contest entries, and with the AP judging going on at our next meet on March 21st we hope to have more people who will want to complete their modeling pieces, for entry in the contest. The modeling piece that only has a little more work to be completed, or weathering that needs to be done, or maybe some decal work. Please don't put it off, so you will not miss entering in one of the contests. We have several of the same people who have entered things, and in some cases, there hasn't been a contest in that category, because there was only one person entering. For those this has happened to, please don't stop entering because you are the only one, you could still win "Best of Show"

Keep up the good work, and we'll see you soon at the March meet.

CONTEST RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY 2010

BEST OF SHOW:

Ed Varick - Snow Melter

Passenger Equipment

1st - Ted Lewtas - Boston & Maine Parlor Car

2nd - Gregory Hoppert - Milwaukee Road Super Dome

Non-Revenue Freight Equipment

1st - Ed Varick - Snow Melter

2nd - Mike Janke - LCM no 204 Caboose

Prototype - Photo

1st - Al Lederman - WSOR Biz Train

2nd - Mike Janke - "Bad Day at Pink & Dink"

Upcoming Contests

3/21/2010

Structures (on & off line)

General (Dioramas & Trains)

Freight Equipment

Model Photo & Slides

4/18/2010

ALL Categories

WISE Division Video/DVD Library by Neal Michel, Librarian

Videos/DVDs will be available for check out at the March Meet. If you would like to request specific videos/DVDs in advance, you can call me at 414-817-1278 or e-mail me at NJMICHEL@yahoo.com. If the items you request are available, I will bring them to the March Meet. A complete list of the Division video/DVD library is on the Division web site (www.wisedivision.org).

WISE YOUTH GROUP

Welcome all youth !

Upcoming youth group regular meeting dates:

March 20 & 21st 1pm - 4pm

April 3 1pm - 4pm

April 17 1pm - 4pm

May 1 & 2 1pm - 4pm

May 15 & 16 1pm - 4pm

Regular meetings are held at the Waukesha County Gandy Dancers

831 N. Grand Ave. lower level

Waukesha

The WISE Youth Group participates in the following shows:

TRAINFEST® , Train Time at MSOE , Train Show at Discovery World - Milwaukee

“Little WISE Guys and Gals”

The following work shops are being done:

March 20-21 - Bench work

April 17 - Track laying and soldering

May - Wiring

The Youth currently have a modular Ho layout along with an N scale layout.

We will be posting more information in up coming issues with more work shops and what supplies are provided for each youth participant.

For information contact Jenny Janke at 262-244-0818 or email j_a_janke@yahoo.com



Snow Melter By Ed Varick “Best of Show” and 1st Place Non-Revenue Freight



Boston & Maine Parlor Car By Ted Lewtas 1st Place Passenger Equipment



LCM No 204 By Mike Janke 2nd Place Non-Revenue Freight



Milwaukee Road Super Dome By Gregory Hoppert 2nd Place Passenger Equipment



WSOR Biz Train By Al Lederman
1st Place Prototype Photo



“Bad Day at Pink & Dink” By Mike Janke
2nd Place Prototype Photo

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Even though we are still shoveling snow, THINK AHEAD to a warm Summer Day. The annual Picnic is Sunday, August 8, 2010.

We will be at Little Oak Picnic Area at Milwaukee County Zoo. There will be more information to follow, so watch this space.



Where would one find this RR tie ???

Answer will be in April Owl Car

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

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Greenfield 414-281-1800

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Butler 262-783-7797

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Milwaukee 414-482-1566

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Milwaukee 414-461-1050

Mullet River
Plymouth 920-893-9552

Engine House Services
Green Bay 920-490-4839

Madison Hobby Shop
Madison 608-829-3820

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March 21st Meet Clinics at Best Western Hotel - Airport , Milwaukee

1pm - Robert Welke TBA

2pm - Bill Bedell - "Milwaukee Road of the Recent Past"

3pm - Dave Sima - Our local FRA inspector is back with a show entitled "Wrecks"

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