

# THE OWL CAR

## WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

APRIL 2010

**Trainfest**  
*America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show*

November 13 & 14, 2010

### UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meets**  
April 17, May 1&2, May  
1&2, May 15&16
- **April 18 WISE Meet Best  
Western Milwaukee - Air-  
port**
- **Annual Meeting WISE**  
April 18 Best Western Mil-  
waukee - Airport After  
2nd Clinic



- **July 11-18, 2010 NMRA  
75th Anniversary National  
Convention in Milwaukee**

## National Convention Needs Your Help .....

As you know it takes a lot of VOLUNTEERS to run a successful national convention. We need your help to make the Milwaukee convention a show stopper. We can use your help at clinics, the tour desk, in the contest room, in the auction room, leading a prototype or layout tour, helping with audio visual equipment or at 100 other jobs.

You can work one four hour shift, a whole day, or several times during the week. Remember this convention reflects on the WISE division, so let's get it done right! Milwaukee was the birthplace of the NMRA and people will expect that we can do it just a little bit better. If you can volunteer your time please email Al Lederman at: [n9rxd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n9rxd@sbcglobal.net)

### ON THE OLD MILWAUKEE ROAD

The Railroading Heritage of Midwest America formerly known as the Friends of the 261 has announced 2 Windy City Weekend trips. The trips will happen April 9-11 and May 21-23. These trips are offering the opportunity to purchase tickets to ride vintage rail passenger cars, Milwaukee Super Dome, "Skytop" Cedar Rapids, or open platform "President's" Katy 403. The cars will be pulled by Amtrak's Empire Builder from the Twin Cities to Chicago and back. For tickets and more info go to their web site

[www.261.com](http://www.261.com) .

# Superintendent's Corner

By Linda Sukup

Welcome to spring, at last. There are a number of important things that the membership needs to be aware of. There are two open positions on the Board of Directors. One position is for Layout Tours. Ted Lewtas has decided to retire from this position. Ted is willing to help whoever wants the position. Another position is for Bus Tours position. The Bus Tour Position is not a Board position. Please either see me at the April meet if you are interested, or email me at [superintendent@wisedivision.org](mailto:superintendent@wisedivision.org).

Another very important thing is that of the Video Library. I want to thank everyone who was at the March meeting and for all of your input. The Board of Directors will take what you have suggested and

make a decision on the VHS part of the Video Library. You will be informed of the decision at the Annual Meeting April 18. Stay tuned.

Consider being a volunteer for the NMRA National Convention that will be in Milwaukee July 11-18. See the WISE Division webpage for further information.

Remember to join us August 9<sup>th</sup> for the annual WISE Picnic at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Please enter our model & photo contests that are held every month.

I want to thank you for the support you have given me my first year as the WISE Division Superintendent. See you at the National Convention.

Linda

**UPCOMING  
WISE &  
NMRA  
EVENTS**

**APRIL 18**  
**Best Western**  
**Airport**  
**5105 S. Howell Ave.**  
**Milwaukee**

**JULY 11-18**  
**NMRA - 75th**  
**National Convention**  
**MILWAUKEE , WI**

**AUGUST 9**  
**WISE ANNUAL**  
**PICNIC**  
**Milwaukee Co. ZOO**

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# MARCH CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair

We had a great time in the contest room at the March meet. The workman ship on the structure entries, and the General were superb.

If you weren't at the meet you sure missed out. There were only a few entries in the categories available, but we were glad that the members came and participated. If anyone has been to Mike Lewitzke's layout you can see why his entries were the 1st and 2nd place winner in the Structures category. With so many entries in structures, that were modeled so well, it was hard to make a choice. We all were able to see Al, and Steve Lederman's talents in the Model photo contest, and it's great to see a father and son enter in the same category. Maybe most of the modelers are saving their entries for the April meet which will have all categories featured. We are looking forward to have each table filled and maybe have to add tables so everyone can get their entries in at that meet. The April meet will be featuring all categories and this will be our last get together until the Zoo picnic, for this year.

## Upcoming Contests

4/18/2010

### ALL CATAGORIES:

Structures ( on & off line )

General ( Dioramas & Trains )

Freight Equipment

Non-Revenue Freight Equipment

Model Photo & Slides

Motive Power - Steam or Diesel

Passenger Equipment

Traction / Electric

Prototype Photo & Slides

Train Related Crafts

## CONTEST RESULTS FOR March 2010

### BEST OF SHOW:

Jim Sohns - Small Town in Germany

### Structures

1st - Mike Lewitzke - Bailey's Produce / Grocery Store

2nd - Mike Lewizke - Presley Pass Bridge

### Prototype - Photo

1st - Al Lederman - Rock Island Steam

2nd - Steve Lederman - Conowingo Doodle Bug

## WISE Division Video/DVD Library by Neal Michel, Librarian

**Just a reminder that all checked out videos and DVDs must be returned at the April 18th Meet.** There will be no checkout of videos/DVDs at the April Meet.

## NMRA RIVISED "Click the Shutter" Contest

The click the shutter and win a steam cab ride contest has been extended to August 31,2010 and the cab ride on board mainline steam operated by the Union Pacific will now be on the Kansas City to Jefferson City leg on the Missouri River Eagle Excursion. More info is available at the NMRA web page.

## WISE YOUTH GROUP - Little WISE Guys and Gals

Welcome all youth !

Upcoming youth group regular meeting dates:

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 in Waukesha

The WISE Youth Group participates in the following shows: TRAINFEST® , Train Time at MSOE , Train Show at Discovery World - Milwaukee. The following work shops are being done: April 17 Track laying and soldering and in 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](mailto:j_a_janke@yahoo.com)

## MEMBERSHIP By Neil Michel

When you attend any of the monthly Meets sponsored by the Division please take the time to sign in. It only takes a minute and you receive a chance at a nice door prize. The Division does not sell or give out the information that you provide on the sheet. At each month's Division Board meeting we review the attendance figures from the previous month. While there is no charge to attend the monthly Meets, the Division has considerable Meet expenses: facility rental, coffee, contest prizes and awards, etc. All of these factors are considered each year when it comes time to prepare an operating budget for the Division. We know that there are more people in attendance than the attendance figures indicate. If you wish to see the monthly meets continue, **please sign in.**



"Best of Show" - Jim Sohns  
Small Town in Germany



1st Place Structures - Mike Lewitzke  
Bailey's Produce - Grocery Store



2nd Place Structures - Mike Lewitzke  
Presley Pass Bridge



1st Place Model Photo - Al Lederman  
Rock Island Steam

## PICNIC TIME APPROACHES

Wonder when the Picnic is ?

It's Sunday, August 9, 2009, at the Milwaukee County Zoo, Little Oak area. Gates open at 9:00 A.M.

If you have attended our Division picnic, you know what an enjoyable time it is. Beautiful area, great food, fantastic door prizes, games for little ones, enjoyable company of fellow model railroaders, and most times good weather.

If you haven't been with us yet, plan on coming and check it out. Prices are the same as last year . . . \$13.00 Adults, 13 years and up, 3 to 12 years is \$5.00, under 3 years FREE. This includes your admission to the Zoo, parking and all the picnic goodies.

Come join us August 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you then. Registration Blank will be included in the next issue.



Conowingo Doodle Bug By Steve Lederman  
2nd Place Model Photo



Where would one find this RR tie ???  
At The Riverside & Great Northern Railway  
Wisconsin Dells

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## **WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

April 18th Meet Clinics at Best Western Hotel - Airport , Milwaukee

1pm - Bob Frey - DCC Speed Steps

2pm - Marcel Traulwein

3pm - Annual Meeting

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