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WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

SUMMER 2010

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

November 13 & 14, 2010

UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting dates on Waukesha County Gandy Dancers website**
- **June 13 Milwaukee Light Engineering Society— Trainfest® Building Dedication**
- **July 11-18, 2010 NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention in Milwaukee**



**August 8 Annual WISE
Picnic Milwaukee Co. Zoo**

P.C.W....WHAT'S THAT?

Do you think that by the end of July, you might have P.C.W.? It is known as Post Convention Withdrawal. We have a cure for that. It is called the A.W.D.P. or the Annual WISE Division Picnic.

Our get-together is Sunday, August 8, 2010, at Milwaukee County Zoo; Little Oak Picnic Area. The regular admission to the Zoo for a family of four amounts to \$47.00. This is Zoo Admission and Parking.

Our price for a family of four comes to \$44.00; 3 Adults and 1 Child. It includes Zoo Admission, Parking, a Great Dinner and a chance at a Door Prize.

The prices are the same as last year: \$13.00 for Adults 13 years and up; \$5.00 for Children 3 - 12 years. Under 3 years Free. Tickets for Sea Lion Show, Carousel, Train, Dinosaurs or Zoomobile are \$1.75 each, & children 2 years and under are Free.

While at the Zoo, be sure to visit the newest members, Happy the Hippo, Baby Sea Lion, Baby Tiger Cubs, and exotic Birds from Guam. This year, we will be taking a tour of the Train Facilities. Tour will start from the Picnic Area at approximately 10:00 A.M. This is FREE!

Get your Reservation Form in the mail with a stamped, self-addressed envelope as soon as you can. The deadline for tickets is August 1st. See you at the ZOO!

** Registration form on page 7 **

TRAINFEST EXPRESS

From Trainfest® Executive Director John Tewes MMR

"Our new Trainfest Express, a monthly internet newsletter, provides the perfect vehicle to highlight the loyal and hard-working hobbyists, manufacturers, dealers, clinicians and volunteers who bring Trainfest to life each year". The first issue will be sent by e-mail on June 8th 2010. If you do not receive by June 11th, then go to www.trainfest.com and click on the "e-newsletter sign-up" box for your Free copy of TRAINFEST EXPRESS.

Superintendent's Corner

By Linda Sukup

Where has the year gone... We are at the brink of summer and here are events for you to be involved in each month. Starting with June 13, 2010 the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society is having a dedication and open house. Please plan on coming.

July 11-18 is the NMRA National Convention here in Milwaukee! Consider signing up to volunteer. It looks like a very exciting time for all of us. August 8 is the annual Picnic and Rail Event at the Milwaukee County Zoo. I am told that we can go in the back to see the live engines and the

engine house.

The WISE Division is very fortunate in that all of our meets, gift certificates, plaques, donations and coffee are funded by the proceeds from Trainfest®, which is our one and only money-maker. We have been able to donate money for restorations to the Milwaukee Public Library and Channel Ten auction. More great wonderful moments are the Annual Picnic and Rail Event providing the opportunity to gather with our families and tour the live steam facility while enjoying the beauty of the Milwaukee County Zoo.

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UPCOMING WISE & NMRA EVENTS

JUNE 13
WISE TRAINFEST®
Building Dedication
At MLES Railroad
Park - Cedarburg

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

AUGUST 9
WISE ANNUAL
PICNIC
Milwaukee Co. ZOO

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TRAINFEST® 2010

By John Tewes MMR Executive Director Trainfest®

The price of admission to Trainfest 2010 remains the same as 2009 - \$12.00 for adults at the door. even though the cost of facility rent, services and electric charges continues to increase.

To give attendees opportunity to purchase tickets at discounted prices we will continue the Early Bird and advanced ticket pricing.:

1.) Early Bird adult ticket for \$8.00, will be available at the following sites.

- Enginehouse Services, Green Bay
- Madison Hobby Stop, Madison
- Greenfield News & Hobby, Greenfield
- Jetco's Hiawatha Hobbies, Waukesha
- Sommerfelds, Butler
- South Side Trains, Bay View
- Terminal Hobby Shop, Milwaukee

Early Bird tickets MUST be purchased before July 30th.

2.) Starting August 1, \$10.00 Advanced adult tickets will be available at the same hobby shops.

3.) Youth will be charged \$2.00 at the door. To accommodate families, \$2.00 Youth Coupons will be available for free youth admission on line at www.trainfest.com. Advance tickets will also be available at area motels participating in Trainfest lodging and admission packages. See www.trainfest.com for lodging information.

4.) Adult \$1.00 off coupons will also be available online at www.trainfest.com as in previous years

To contact John H. Tews, MMR, Executive Director, request registration forms, have a layout or display to be considered for Trainfest email john@trainfest.com
Trainfest phone is 262-820-3566
Trainfest Fax is 262-820-1265

Train 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 Trains
Milwaukee 414-482-1566

Walthers / Terminal Hobby
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

APRIL CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair

April's meet had a lot going on, with things for sale, Clinics', video library, contests, and most of all visiting with our train friends. Getting out on our own for the next few months, to see and enjoy trains, let me encourage you to take some time to get some things ready for September and our "All Category Contests".

We'll have a few changes coming up with the September meet;

First, with the lack of entries in our slide contest, (both the Prototype and Model) slides will no longer be entered in the contests. Of course you can make pictures out of your slides and enter them in the photo contests. We hope you will do so with your many great photos.

Second, we've had people ask us what a modeler had done to their entry, in the contest. We will, starting in September, have you fill in, on a pre-printed card, what you've done, and to then place that card on the table by your entry. Sample of card directly below.

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Please, mark an X next to what was done

To complete your Popular Vote Entry.

Added Detail _____

Decals _____

Kit Batch _____

Painted _____

Scratch Built _____

Weathered _____

Place card on table by your contest entry.

Upcoming Contests

9/19/2010

ALL CATAGORIES:

Structures (on & off line)

General (Dioramas & Trains)

Freight Equipment

Non-Revenue Freight Equipment

Motive Power - Steam or Diesel

Passenger Equipment

Traction / Electric

Prototype Photo & Slides

Train Related Crafts

CONTEST RESULTS FOR APRIL 2010

BEST OF SHOW



Shore Line by Jim Sohns

Structures

First Place



Fireworks Stand by Jim Sohns

Second Place



Sawmill by Chris Carpenter

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SUPERINTENDENT

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June 13th is a dedication of the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society engine house which was made possible by a donation from the WISE Division for this endeavor. We are truly fortunate!

There are Divisions of the National Model Railroad Association that need to ask for donations to fund their meets. Some divisions do not have monthly meets. Some may meet occasionally or maybe just once a year. Their volunteer base isn't as large as the WISE Division. This has been the main topic of discussion on the superintendent's Yahoo site. Many other topics are where does the money come from, where do we get people to put on the clinics, how do divisions cope with the apathy of the members and how do we inspire people to step to be a member of the Board of Directors.

I am proud to be the Superintendent of the WISE Division, and very proud of what the WISE Division has accomplished over the years.

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.**

Freight Equipment

First Place - by Jim Sohns
Rock Island 40' Coal Hopper



Second Place - by Chris Carpenter
Flat car w/ construction equipment



Prototype Photos

First Place - by John Shipman
SOO 2719 in Duluth



Second Place - by Barb Smith
Marquis Energy SW 1000



Milwaukee Light Engineering Society Building Dedication

By Ed Kofroth

The WISE division is invited to the MLES Railroad Park 2620 N. Country Aire Dr. Cedarburg for the dedication of the new building constructed with the help of the WISE division. The dedication will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at 1pm. The new building is named for the WISE Division and TRAINFEST®.

All are invited and trains will be running. There is a map at our website; mlesrr.org, go to "to find us" at the bottom of the main page or use the directions from Milwaukee. From Milwaukee-Take hwy US41 north to hwy US 145 north (Hwy 145 is also 124th street), hwy 145 changes to Wausaukee Rd - stay on Wausaukee Rd which will end at Co. hwy M . Turn left (west) on Co Hwy M (Pioneer Rd) (go 1 mile) to Country Aire Dr (go 1/3 mile) . Railroad Park is on the right.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.....

For National Convention 2010

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 Kathy Mangan.

volunteermilw2010@charter.net

WISE Video Library Chairperson Needed

The division is needing an individual to join the board and chair the Video Library. As the library focus is realigned for the future this would be a great opportunity for someone and the chance to meet more members. Should you be interested, contact Linda Sukup WISE Superintendent

WISE Layout Chairperson Needed By Ted Lewtas

To me the layout visits have always been one of the highlights of the WISE Division meetings. For the past three years I have been on the board as the Layout Chairman, but I have finished my term and is now time for a new chairman. I would commend this position to anyone! The opportunity to visit and talk to people one-on-one about their layouts has been a valuable and enjoyable experience. The layout is, after all, the essence or our hobby, and they come in endless variety.

I am in the process of organizing the material I have accumulated over the past three years, and I am more than willing to meet with any one who would be interested in this job to pass along the materials and relate my experiences. During my tenure I received many compliments on the maps that went with the handouts, I freely admit that the maps were done by my wife, Ellen, and I wish to Thank her for her help.

Please feel free to contact me at
414-963-0429

Bus Trips - The division is looking for an individual to organize the yearly, day long bus trip. In the past the trips have been, for example to shows or events in Madison, Green Bay and Chicago. If you would be of interested contact Linda Sukup WISE Superintendent

WISE Division - August 8, 2010 Picnic Registration Form

This form must be received by Edward Varick with a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** by August 1. A ticket is required for each attendee 2 years & older.

Registration includes zoo admission, parking and lunch.

Adults and teens (13 and over) _____ x \$13=\$ _____
 Children 2-12 years _____ x \$ 5=\$ _____
 Children Under 2 years _____ x n.c.=\$ 0.00

List the ages of children 12 & under

Optional Zoo events:

Train Ride _____ x \$1.75=\$ _____
 Zoomobile _____ x \$1.75=\$ _____
 Sea Lion Show _____ x \$1.75=\$ _____
 Carousel Ride _____ x \$1.75=\$ _____
 Dinosaurs _____ x \$1.75=\$ _____

Boys: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,

Girls: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,

Total \$ _____.

Make checks payable to:
WISE Division, NMRA

Send Form, with **SASE** To:
 WISE Picnic Committee
 Edward Varick
 6130 S. 18th Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53221

PICNIC TIME IS HERE

- Who - Send registration form to Edward Varick by August 1, 2010
- What - The WISE Division annual picnic
- When - August 8, 2010
- Where - The Milwaukee County Zoo (Little Oak Picnic Grove)

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