

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

December 2011

Trainfest

sets a new attendance record !

Visit the Trainfest website and get all the information. Everything from the attendance numbers to the award winners and more.

After nearly a year in planning by the Trainfest Committee, the committee celebrated the 40th anniversary with start of a new yearly award; The Trainfest - John H. Tews, MMR - Spirit of Model Railroading Award. The award was presented by the Trainfest Committee on November 11, 2011 to John H. Tews, MMR, Executive Director of Trainfest for the past 20 years along with the awards for layouts, displays, modules.

Check the Trainfest website often as the site is updated with more great highlights from Trainfest 2011.

November 10 & 11, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting dates on WISE website**
December 4, 2011
WISE Meet - Best Western
Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield
- **January 15, 2012**
WISE Meet - Best Western
Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield
- **February 18, 2012**
WISE Bus Trip Mad City Show
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- **February 19, 2012**
WISE Meet - Best Western
Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield

NOVEMBER CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

As we come to the month of November and Trainfest is in the past, for another year, we can only hope that you had a great time there and have come up with some new things that you had gotten ideas of, that you may want to enter in our next contest December 4th, at the Best Western on Moreland Ave., in Brookfield. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meet, and are looking forward also, to what you may be bringing to enter in our contest. We have a very nice place to meet and a lot of room to be used for your entries.

Can only say that we just didn't have much of a contest at Burlington and thought maybe you are waiting for the December meet. Don't wait to finish some contest item that has been sitting on your work bench, try taking some time to finish it before our next meet and take a chance to take home a 1st place or maybe even a "**BEST OF SHOW**" plaque. We are looking forward to seeing you in the Contest room and enjoy meeting new/old modelers in the hobby that wish to share their talents with us.

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Youth Group

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In case of ... bad weather WISE meet cancelations will be posted on the "Home" page of the WISE website along with posting with Milwaukee TV channels 6 and 12.

From the Superintendent:

I am writing this on the heels of another successful Trainfest. From the crowd, and talking with vendors, it is another show we can be proud of. Thank you to the Trainfest committee, WISE Division board of directors and all of you who volunteered to make the 40th annual Trainfest an enjoyable and successful event.

A thank you also goes to Paul Podlaski and his helpers for conducting the Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge clinic on October 8. A total of 38 Scouts received their badges at this educational event hosted annually by the Division.

A few weeks ago I was notified that the NMRA would be raising dues on January 1, 2012. Regular memberships will increase by \$5 to \$44, and subscriptions to NMRA Magazine will increase by \$3 to \$22. Sustaining memberships (including the magazine) will increase by \$13 to \$110, and student memberships (including the magazine) will increase by \$4 to \$32. Doing this in the current economic conditions is not a good move as far as I'm concerned. However, I have contacted the headquarters staff and clarified that you can renew early and for multiple years, so depending whether or not you subscribe to the magazine will also help your savings. The point is – renew NOW! Contact the NMRA office in Chattanooga if you have any questions.

We are still looking for some volunteers. Aside from a coordinator/director position for the youth group, we now need a clinic director as now-Chief Clerk Al Lederman has asked to step down due to his new clerk duties. While the position is a bit of work (I, know, I had it for two years), and probably one of the more important ones in the Division, we are fortunate to have a talented, and generous, pool of clinicians who are willing to help. And the bonus is you get to know a lot of knowledgeable people in the process. Please contact me if you are interested in either position.

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Hobby 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

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Unfortunately I once again have some sad news. Long-time member Richard Schmidt passed away October 13. Richard always volunteered to help at Trainfest, had his layout open for a couple of Division meets and was an active member of the Wilson Park Model Railroaders. Our condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Mark your calendars for upcoming WISE Division bus trips February 18 to the Mad City Model Railroad Show and April 28 to the Green Bay show. See Art Osland at the December or January meet to sign up.

Finally, January will mark the return of the Division's Beginners Meet. If you know anyone who is starting in the hobby, have them attend the meet on January 15. We'll be covering track laying, basic scenery and maintenance.

Wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday season,

Joe Russ

WISE BUSTRIPS for 2012

Mad City train show Madison February 18, 2012. Price per person is \$34 which includes coffee, donuts, water, and soda on the bus, bus fare and admission into the show. Lunch on your own. Departing Milwaukee locations 7a.m. return by 5p.m.

Payment is due at December or January Wise meets.

Contact Art Osland P.O. Box 100552 Cudahy, WI. 53110 or sueoseland@aol.com.

Green Bay trip price coming soon.

MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

Looking for a great Christmas gift for that special someone who is a model railroad enthusiast?

How about an NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) membership? For new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more the NMRA has a great deal: **a 6 month membership for only \$9.95**. Application forms are available at the sign in table at each of the Division meets or go to www.NMRA.org, and click on "Join the NMRA".

WISE Member Directory

The new WISE Directory is printed and available. Distribution will at December meet. Directories will be available at the Video Library table with Director Burnell Breaker

The directory consists of the membership as of December 31, 2010 and the information that each member provided. There was ONLY enough printed for 1 each to current NMRA members.

Thank you to Dave Poquette for over seeing this project.

VIDEO LIBRARY

By Burnell Breaker Video Library Director

Greetings from your Video Librarian. Just a reminder that I will have the WISE Division's complete library of VHS tapes and DVD's available for members to check out. I will bring all DVD's and select VHS tapes to the December meet. The next likely meet where I will bring the complete collection is the January 2012 meet.

Also remember that our complete video library is listed on our newly rebuilt website. If there is a video that you really want to see and want to be sure it is at the meet for you to pick up, call or email me and I will make sure to bring the video(s) to the meet for you. My contact information is listed with all of the other board members in the Owl Car.

October Contest Results :



Best of Show - Motive Power Steam
Andy Breaker - CNW
"Class J-4" 2-8-4 #2810



1st place Non- Revenue Freight Equipment
Andy Breaker - CNW Caboose



1st place Non- Revenue Freight Equipment
Ed Varick - EDRIT Caboose

October Contest Entries :



Motive Power Steam - Andy Breaker
CNW "Class M-3" 0-6-0 #2615



Passenger Equipment - Ed Varick
EDRIT Superdome



Model Photo - Dave Phillips
"Rock Job"



Free Model Railroad Meets

Hosted by the WISE Division, NMRA

- New Location in Brookfield -

Schedule subject to change without notice

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 Categories: diesels, freight equipment, prototype photos, train crafts & youth
1:00 to 1:45	<i>The Milwaukee Road's Beer Line</i> Dick Cecil will review the now abandoned branch line of the Milwaukee Road that served the breweries of Milwaukee, along with various other industries, until the 1980s.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Milwaukee From a Streetcar</i> Don Leistikow, a former Speedrail employee, will present a historical review of the TMER&L's extensive traction system that once served the Milwaukee area.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Milwaukee From a Streetcar (continued)</i> Don Leistikow will continue his presentation on the TMER&L.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

Upcoming Meet & Event Dates	
Feb. 18Bus Trip to Madison Show (extra fare event)
Feb. 19Midway Hotel - Brookfield
March 18Midway Hotel - Brookfield
April 15Midway Hotel - Brookfield
April 28Bus Trip to Green Bay Show (extra fare event)
May 6Joint meet with the Rock River Valley and South Central Wisconsin Divisions in Madison. Info TBA.

For more information about the WISE Division and its events visit:

Web: www.WISEDivision.org

Facebook: WISE Division, NMRA

Or your smart phone for our schedule of events:



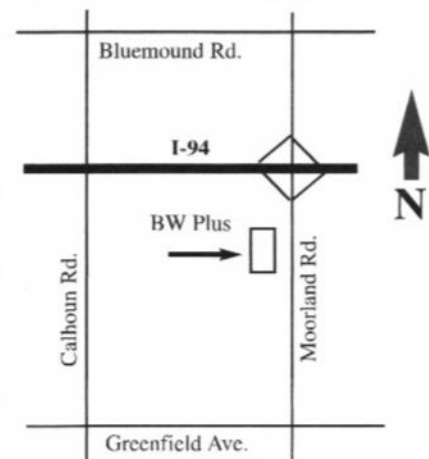
Beginner's Meet

(a meet to help those new to model railroading)

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 Categories: steam & diesel, passenger equip., structures, general & model photos
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Laying Track the Easy Way with Adhesive Caulk</i> Dave Nelson will show how to use latex adhesive caulk to quickly secure sectional track, flex track, and even prefab track/roadbed. Some simple ballasting and rail weathering techniques will be covered as well.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Scenery Making Tips II - The Basics</i> Joe Russ will demonstrate how to use newspaper, cheesecloth and molding plaster to make basic scenery. The clinic will also cover coloring plaster, how to make your own ground cover and making simple trees.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Zero Derailments</i> Jim Hediger, <i>Model Railroader's</i> senior editor, will show how he achieves smooth operation on his HO scale Ohio Southern. Beginners and veteran modelers should see his explanation of using the NMRA gauge properly, adjusting wheelsets and tuning up your railroad for top performance.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

Both meets will be held at the Best Western Plus Midway Hotel 1005 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield



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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

December 4,2011 Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
1005 s. Moorland Rd. - Brookfield

- **12:30pm Meet Opens: Registration - Contest - Swap Meet**

Clinics:

- **1pm Dick Cecil - The Milwaukee Road's Beer Line**
- **2pm Don Leistikow - Milwaukee from a Streetcar**
- **3pm Don Leistikow - Milwaukee from a Streetcar continued**

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