

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

December 2010

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

November 12 & 13, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting dates on Waukesha County Gandy Dancers website**

- **December 5
WISE Meet Best Western-Airport Milwaukee**

- **January 16, 2011
WISE Meet Best Western-Airport Milwaukee**

- **February 20, 2011
WISE Meet Country Springs Hotel - Waukesha**

- **WISE VIDEO SALE
DECEMBER 5 AT
DIVISION MEET**

See page 3 for details

All-time Record Attendance Set at TRAINFEST 2010, America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

Milwaukee, WI: The largest number of model railroading fans in the event's 39-year history streamed into Trainfest 2010 this past weekend -- setting an all-time attendance record. With a nearly 9% increase in attendance over 2009, Trainfest again solidly maintains its position as "America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show."

Trainfest drew 23,476 unique attendees in 2010 -- a number which excludes the nearly 1,800 exhibitors who also participated in the show. Saturday attendance was at a new three-year high and Sunday attendance was at an all-time record high.

"Across the board in every attendance category we track -- kids, adults, hobby enthusiasts -- attendance was up unilaterally," said John Tews, Trainfest Executive Director. "The event even drew visitors from Japan and Germany! We are thrilled that so many friends of model railroading attended the event."

Trainfest Award results will appear in the December issue of "Trainfest Express". Trainfest Express is available only on line at the Trainfest web site. Sign up now for your free copy monthly !!!

Superintendent's Corner

By Linda Sukup

WOW! Trainfest was spectacular!! Thanks to John Tews, the Trainfest Committee, WISE board of directors, Mercury Communications, and all of the wonderful volunteers. Thank you a million times over.

We have had a wonderful 2010, haven't we??

Now as 2010 draws to a close, there are still things to do as in finding a person for the Layout Tours. These things have been done already: A nominating committee has been appointed for elections in April. Dick Cecil was consented to be the chairman of the Election Committee which consists of John Tews and Dr. Cedor Aronow. Should you be interested for running for an office please contact a member of the nominating committee. Mark Hintz is our new webmaster. Burnell Breaker is the newest Board Member and is taking care of the Video Library. The By-Laws and Constitution will be revisited

with myself chairing the committee along with six Board members.

The long awaited Directory will be completed I am told by the end of this year. The "GOAT AWARD" will finally make an appearance.

There will be changes to the Model Contest, make sure that you come to the December Meet, December 5 at Best Western Motel on Howell to see what it is all about. It will be exciting!! The changes will take place in January of 2011. Bonnie Janke will be explaining the changes in December.

This has been a good year for all of us.

Here's to a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Linda

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HOLIDAY SUPER SALE

All remaining videos (300+) are now \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00

Videotapes from the Division's library will be available for sale at the December Meet. Many of these tapes are not available anywhere else. Here is a great chance to pick up quality video of your favorite railroad.

OCTOBER CONTESTS By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair

We had a few modelers show up and enter something in our "Contests".

It was great seeing **Andy Breaker**, one of our young modelers with his (Motive Power Steam) CNW Class M-4 0-8-0 Engine on display in our contest room, and for him to take home our **Best OF Show** award. He was the only modeler in that category, and yet he took home the grand prize.

Our Non-Revenue Equipment category had a few more who entered, and **Ted Lewtas**, was our 1st place winner with his B & M Caboose. Our 2nd place winner was **Mike Janke**, with his Milwaukee Road Dynamometer car. We can see both Ted and Mike enjoy the modeling hobby. The Model Photos, were few but **Mike Janke**, took a 1st place with his "Wisconsin Northern Taking A Spin", and a 2nd place with his "Coming In For The Joint". If you saw what these modelers can do, and if you think you can do as good or better, we would love to see your entry's at the next Meet on December 5th. With Trainfest over we can focus on our entries for the contests in December. We have some people who are bring two items to enter, (that is what is allowed), and if they are the only one entering there is not contest in that category, but I know they would like it to be more of a contest with your entry.

If you have questions about our contest please get in touch with me. yjanke@wi.rr.com or by phone 262-392-9698.

See you in the Contest Room in December.
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Upcoming Contests

12-5-2010

- Revenue Freight Equipment
- Motive Power - Diesel
- Prototype Photo
- Train Related Crafts

1-16-2011

- Motive Power - Steam & Diesel
- Structures (On & Off Line)
- General (Dioramas & Trains)
- Model Photos

2-20-2011

- Traction / Electric
- Passenger Equipment
- Non-Revenue Freight Equipment
- Prototype Photos

3-20-2011

- Structures (On & Off Line)
- General (Dioramas & Trains)
- Model Photos
- Freight Equipment

4-10-2011

ALL CATEGORIES

MEMBERSHIP

By Neil Michel

Please take a minute to sign in each month and receive a chance at a great door prize. Looking for a great Christmas gift idea for a relative, friend or significant other who also enjoys model railroading? How about a 6-month membership in the NMRA for only \$9.95? Membership application forms are available at the sign in table. This offer is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more.

WISE Division Directory coming soon !!

THINKS

By Gary Children

Hi fellow WISE members.

The division is looking to set up a program to help with "Thinks" for your layout. If you need help some one would be able help you from design of a layout or with the construction in a basement or spare room. There are a number of us who have run into problem in one way or other. The old story been there done that. Hopefully we can begin to get this of the ground by January 2011.

This program will in include all the things for model railroading. We would like to set up a group people to help on this. home.

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CLINICIANS NEEDED FOR 2010 -2011 MONTHLY MEETS

We need YOU to step foreword and present a clinic. The topics can vary. If you gave a clinic at the national convention, we would like to have you do it for the division. If you know of someone who has a skill, please let me know. If you know of a railfan photographer who has given a presentation elsewhere, please let me know.

If there is anyone who is interested and needs help putting the clinic together on the computer, please ask. There are a number of people in the division who can help.

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Madison 608-829-3820

Contest Results for October 2010



BEST OF SHOW

C&NW Class M-4 0-8-0
Andy Breaker



Non-Revenue Equipment

1st Place #604 B & M Caboose
Ted Lewtas

2nd Place Milwaukee Road Dynamometer car
Mike Janke



Model Photo

1st Place #901 Wisconsin Northern
Taking a Spin
Mike Janke

2nd Place Coming in for the Joint
Mike Janke

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It could be as simple as a phone call, E mail or going out to a members' home. The SCWD Division started a program like this to help members in there division.

Most of us modelers are getting up in years. There is a lot of experience out there to help our membership; so, if you need help with a problem some or a project that is not easy to do, this is a way to reach out and help others in our division, let me know.

To start it out, I am in need of work under the layout to wire some lights. If can help on this let me know. You don't need to no how to wire, I will be able to show you how.

Gary Children
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Keith Schmidt has sent us pictures of his layout and wanted to share with those that did not get a chance to see his layout. Keith's layout was open for the NMRA 75th National Convention in doing so he received the Gold Spike Award for. Congratulations !





Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa Claus will be visiting the Milwaukee Road
Caboose on the following dates:

Sunday December
5th, 12th, and 19th

Noon to 3:00 PM

Free to the Public
-Donations Accepted-

Western Union Junction RR Museum, 2813 Wisconsin Street, Sturtevant, WI
Please do not park in Castle Wood parking lot, please park on Wisconsin Street.

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December 5, 2010 Meet Clinics at Best Western Hotel - Airport , Milwaukee

Clinics:

- **Bob Wolter - James J Hill and his Eventual Burlington Northern Railroad**
- **Sgt. Dave Myers - "Oops, Military Railroad Accidents in Peace and War**
- **Dave Lieder - Modeling a Pickle Factory**

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