

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE NMRA

SEPTEMBER 2010

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

November 13 & 14, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting dates on Waukesha County Gandy Dancers website**
- **September 19
WISE Meet Best Western-Airport Milwaukee**

WISE VIDEO SALE

SEPTEMBER 19th

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- **October 17
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WHAT A SUMMER

By Linda Sukup **WISE Superintendent**

The 2010 summer was the busiest in many years. June brought us two exciting events the first being the Dedication of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, NMRA Trainfest® Engine House at the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society grounds in Cedarburg on June 13, 2010. Many members were in attendance and were given the chance to tour the grounds and ride the many pieces of equipment of fellow members and ride the rails. What a rail fan event this was!

June 2010 also was the start of Trainfest Express, the monthly newsletter all about Trainfest® and available only on line with currently 7,000+ readers. Trainfest Express brings in-depth stories about its layouts, manufacturers, historical association and vendors. Sign up now on line at the Trainfest® website to receive your free, **yes FREE** Trainfest Express newsletter!



The month of July brought to Milwaukee the much anticipated NMRA 2010 National Convention. WISE was the host Division along with the help our surrounding divisions. This convention has been in the planning for five years and under the guidance and tireless leadership of Chairman Reid Kahrs. From the start of the convention planning Reid along with his wife Chip and Gary Children attended many of meetings and conventions. Here at the local level Gary was Vice Chairman for tours and Chip was the Non-Rail chair.



Reid & Chip Kahrs

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Superintendent's Corner

By Linda Sukup

HELP HELP HELP !!!

I am hoping that everyone's summer went well and now we are back to the monthly meets (the September meet is the 19th). I need everyone's help in finding someone to take over the

Layout Tours. No one stepped up to do this. So since we don't have a person to do this, I am asking for members to step forward and volunteer their layout for a tour. If this is possible, send me an email

(Superintendent@wisedivision.org) along with directions to your house, a week before the meet, so directions can be written out and dupli-

cated for the meet. At this very moment, we have no layout tours scheduled for September.

Unfortunately, we will have to follow this procedure, until a Layout Tour Person is found.

I have received several comments about the Bus Tours. I have no one to handle the bus tours, thus we didn't have one. I am looking for someone to take on this position. A bus tour will be arranged, if enough people sign up and we have suggestions on where to go and when you want to go. Please email me with your ideas at Superintendent@wisedivision.org.

UPCOMING WISE & NMRA EVENTS

September 19
WISE Meet @
Best Western- Air-
port 5105 S. Howell
Ave. Milwaukee

October 17
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November 13-14
TRAINFEST®
Wisconsin State Fair
Park - Exposition Bldg.

THE BIG SALE ...

FOR SALE – WISE DIVISION VHS TAPE LIBRARY

Since VHS equipment is rapidly disappearing and interest in the VHS format is waning the Board of Directors has decided to sell a large portion of the Division VHS tape library. We will keep 150 of the tapes that relate to modeling or local railroads. The other tapes will be available for sale at the September Meet. The sale begins at 12:30 pm. The cost is only \$3.00 per tape or 4 for \$10.00. There are a lot of great tapes in the collection, many that are no longer available anywhere. Bring your money and shop early for the best selection. Almost 500 tapes are for sale.

The DVD library will not be available for checkout at the Meet.

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The local committee was made up of the following: Vice Chairmen Harry Grieshaber, Ken Jaglinski and Bruce Schrimpf.



Gary Children

There were also the following chairpersons Skip Meracle, Kurt Wamser, Kathy Mengan, Dave Poquette, Dave Wichman, Paul Podlaski, LeRoye Chisley and Tim Scott. THANK YOU to one and all of the committee persons and numerous volunteers from near and far in showing that GREAT WISCONSIN hospitality. The National Train Show capped off the week with again volunteers staffing the WISE booth promoting the division and its activities along with Trainfest®.

August gave everyone the chance to picnic at the Milwaukee County Zoo and what a great day it turned out to be. Now before we know it summer has steamed by, and now it's onto the meets and contests as September arrives.

Again THANK YOU one and all for your hard work and dedication this summer!



June 13, 2010 Milwaukee Light Engineering Society Park

AWARDS PRESENTED

By Kurt Wamser Editor



NMRA presents to WISE Division print number one titled "INAUGURAL SERVICE OF THE SPEEDLINER" at National Train Show. Pictured Tony Koester Model Railroader Magazine and Linda Sukup WISE Supt. Print will be on display at the WISE meets.

Sunday July 18th, The Hobby Manufacturers Association (HMA) Model Railroad Industry Division (MRID) Council honored two local members. Phil Walthers of Wm. K. Walthers was presented the 2010 HALL OF FAME Award.

The 2010 BOBBY HALL Award for distinguished service to the model industry went to John H. Tews, MMR, Executive Director Trainfest.



Linda Sukup
John H. Tews,
MMR

The NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW awarded three local layouts. Larry Blank received for the Module Contest the "Chairman's Award" along with "2nd



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TRAINFEST® 2010

By John Tews, MMR
Executive Director Trainfest®

Trainfest®

America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

SAVE \$ 2 per Adult

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.) Trainfest adult ticket for \$10.00, 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
- 2.) 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.
- 3.) 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

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Butler 262-783-7797

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Milwaukee 414-482-1566

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Milwaukee 414-461-1050

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Plymouth 920-893-9552

Engine House Services
Green Bay 920-490-4839

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Madison 608-829-3820

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The National Train Show “Best of Show Module” went to Christine and John Kosmas’ Gypsy Trolley Line.



Christine and John Kosma

National Train Show “ Third Place Group Entry” went to the Milwaukee Operators Organization (MOO Crew).



The “ MOO CREW “

Congratulations to one and all !

Working from the information furnished to me by National Train Show, Please, let me know if there is someone that has been missed.



THANKYOU to Wm. K. Walthers who brought home for the NMRA Convention 2010 in Milwaukee, The Milwaukee Roads’ Super Dome #53 along with Skytop Lounge Cedar Rapids, which were both open for tours on July 16th.

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

By Ed Varick

...and it did. What had started out as a wet and soggy day, by 9:00 A.M. became a bright and sunny day for our Annual Division Picnic on Sunday August 8th. We never let a little (?) rain stop us.



The outing was well attended by approximately 98 members and families. The little ones all got a gift and the adults and young adults all received a door prize.

The door prizes were donated by Kalmbach Publishing, Milwaukee Road Historical Society, Model Railroad News, Illinois Railroad Museum, Sandy Lorenz, Blair Line Models, Athearn Trains, Walthers Inc., and the WISE Division. A Big “Thank You” to all our donors.

Dinner was catered by the Milwaukee County Zoo and was excellent as usual. It must have tasted really good as there were no leftovers.

A special THANK YOU to the Picnic Committee: Neil and Diane Michel, Fred and Bonnie Janke, our ticket taker, Wayne Dunbar and our esteemed MC, Dick Cecil. An extra, extra special “Thank You” to my wife, Rita, without whose untiring efforts I would be lost. And my Thanks to all of you for making the Picnic a success.

So again, hope you all had a great time and we look forward to next year.



Ed & Rita
Varick

SEPTEMBER CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Chair

September is our "All Categories Contest".

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.

MEMBERSHIP

By Neil Michel

As we begin a new season of Division Meets, please remember the importance of signing in each month. It only takes a minute to sign in and you get a chance at a hobby shop gift certificate. Accurate attendance is important to the Division Board of Directors for selecting future locations and planning activities. If you are not already an NMRA member, please consider joining. Application forms are available at each Meet.

Upcoming Contest

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

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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.

The WISE booth at National Train Show was well staffed promoting the activities of the division

Pictured r. Bill Haufman National Vice-President along with Linda Sukup and Gary Children



CLINICIANS NEEDED FOR 2010 -2011 MONTHLY MEETS

It's that time of year. A cold front from the north has blown through and the temperatures feel more like the beginning of October than the end of summer. This means the WISE Division monthly meets are just around the corner.

We need YOU to step forward 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.

I need 2 more clinicians for September let's hear from you. For September, if I can't fill the spots, we will show a DVD from the WISE collection.

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

Please call me at 262-617-6064 or email at n9rxd@sbcglobal.net.

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 Meet Clinics at Best Western Hotel - Airport , Milwaukee

Clinics:

- John Wolfe - "Simple layout skirts - An easy approach to making skirts for any height layout fascia.
- Others T.B.A.

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