

THE OWL CAR

WISCONSIN SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
OF THE NMRA

FEBRUARY 2012

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

Please remember to pick up your Membership Directory from Burnell Breaker at the meets. I have them at the Video Library tables in the Contest Room. Each WISE member gets 1 complimentary copy.

JANUARY CONTESTS

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

November 10 & 11, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting dates on WISE website**
February 18, 2012
WISE Bus Trip Mad City Show
Details on page 4
February 19, 2012
WISE Meet - Best Western Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield
March 8-11, 2012
NMRA - MWR Regional Convention - Springfield, IL
Information at
www.railsplitter2012.org
March 18, 2012
WISE Meet - Best Western Plus Midway Hotel - Brookfield
- **WISE MEET & Annual Meeting**
April 15, 2012
Country Springs Hotel
Pewaukee, WI

Although we had snow at our last meet in January, the plows did a very good job with the clean-up of the roads so that we could have a very nice day for the meet. In our contest room we had several people who did bring their contest entries and so we had a great time looking at those who came ready to enter, which included a couple of new people. We are thankful that they came and that we again were able to see some new people enter our meet contests. Harry Evans came to have one of his entries judged by the division judges, and still was able to win a 1st place in our Structure category and to then win BEST OF SHOW with that same entry. His "Draper Hall" entry was a wonderful sight to see. Harry Evans also had a sheet available with information how he was able to share with us about the technique of making fluted pillars. We would say that isn't that how modeling is to be shared, to help all modelers.

Thanks, goes out to Harry Evans.

Jim Sohns was the only one who entered Motive Power – Steam, and so we had no contest in that category. But with Mike Janke entering in the Motive Power – Diesel we did have a contest. Congratulations go to Jim Sohns who won 1st & 2nd place in that category. In the Structures category Harry Evans as I said won 1st place and a new comer Nate Kraines won 2nd place.

In our Model – Photo area we had 1st place winner Keith Schmidt and 2nd place winner Bonnie Janke. We also had Neal Michel, Fred Janke, Ted Zieger and Mike Janke who entered the Model-Photo contest. And our last but not least category was the General, with Ed Varick winning 1st place and John Wolfe winning 2nd place. I personally wish to thank all those who came to view and enter our contest. We feel much supported with the entries.

As you sit around and think of what you might bring to the contest room at our next meet on February 19th, let me give you some ideas with a list of the categories for then and for the meets to come.

Hope to see you in the contest room in February.

CONTEST RESULTS ON PAGE 4 and 5

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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:

Good news. We have a new clinic director. Ed Kofroth, who previously served on the board as the bus tour director, has accepted the position of clinic director and was appointed to the position at the January WISE Board of Directors meeting. Ed also helped with the clinics at the 2010 national convention in Milwaukee. Thank you Ed, for stepping up to volunteer. As we are looking to fill out the clinic schedule for the rest of the season, please contact Ed if you have a clinic you would like to present.

Unfortunately, there is sad news as well. On December 27, Judy Children, wife of WISE Division board member Gary Children, passed away. Our condolences to the Children family on their loss.

For the 22nd year, the WISE Division set up trains around the Christmas tree for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Wauwatosa. Two sets of G gauge LGB equipment are set up on the floor around the tree for the families to have hands-on fun with model railroading. For all but one of those years, Wayne Dunbar has been helping me set up, maintain, and take down the trains. Unfortunately, Wayne has decided to retire from that position after this year. Thank you, Wayne for all of your years of service to helping the Division and the Ronald McDonald House. Yes, I will be looking for a helper come next fall, so please, give it some thought and contact me if interested.

A reminder that Division name badges will be available for \$7.50. I have two orders so far and would like a minimum of 10. Please see me at the meets, or email me at [jruss@execpc.com](mailto:j russ@execpc.com) if you are interested.

I am also looking at getting a committee together to review the Division's by-laws and constitution. If you have any thoughts on changes, or would like to be part of the committee, please contact me. A current copy of the by-laws and constitution are on the Division's web site at www.wisedivision.org/ under the About Us menu.

See you at the February meet!

Joe Russ

WISE BUSTRIPS for 2012

MADISON

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.

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

GREENBAY

Green Bay Tiletown Train Show and National Railroad Museum Saturday, April 28, 2012

Price per person is \$41 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 6p.m. Payment is due at Feb, Mar, Apr Wise meets.

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As Yogi Bear Once Said . . .

By Ed Varick Picnic Director

“It is nearly ‘Pick-a-Nick’ time again BooBoo.” Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday August 5, 2012. That’s the date for our annual WISE Division Picnic. It will be at the Milwaukee County Zoo again in the Little Oak Area. Watch for future information in upcoming issues of the Owl Car.

MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

We would like to see more of our Division membership (270+) attend our meets. With a swap area, clinics, contests, and layout tours there is something for everyone.

Take a minute to sign in and receive a chance at a great door prize. 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.

VIDEO LIBRARY

By Burnell Breaker Video Library Director

There has been a good response to the new DVD’s and checking videos out from the Video Library. Please keep it up. It is your FREE Video Library.

We have 5 new titles that will be available at the February 19 meet. The first one completes the “Building the D&RG Narrow Gauge” series that we only had 1 or 2 parts of. The next DVD is “Denver & Rio Grande Western and the Bumblebee #268”. Incredible footage from the 1950’s. “The Nickel Plate” and “The Boston & Maine” are our next 2 new DVD’s. Finally, our last new DVD is “California Zephyr-The Ultimate Fan Trip”.

For February and March I am restricting new DVD checkouts to only 2 titles per month, so every member has a chance to check out and view these new DVD’s. I will have all DVD’s and select VHS tapes available for checkout at our February and March meets.

ALL DVD’s and TAPES MUST BE RETURNED BY THE APRIL MEET.

January Contest Results :



BEST OF SHOW
Harry Evans - "Draper Hall"

Contest Categories for the next meets:

2/19/2012

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

3/18/2012

Structures (on & off line)
General (Dioramas & Trains)
Freight Equipment
Model Photos

4/15/2012

All Categories Featured



1st Place - Structures
Harry Evans - "Draper Hall"



2nd Place - Structures
Nate Kraines - "Freight Station"

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December Contest Results :



1st Place - Motive Power Diesel
Jim Sohns - EMD NW2 Indiana Harbor Belt Bicentennial Switcher #1976



2nd place - Motive Power Diesel
Jim Sohns - EMD GP20 Norfolk & Western #2009



1st place - Model Photo
Keith Schmidt - "The Local"



2nd place - Model Photo
Bonnie Janke - "Bridges on the Mountains"



1st Place - General
Ed Varick - "Work Train"



2nd Place - General
John Wolfe - "Lego PCC Car"

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February 19,2012 Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
1005 s. Moorland Rd. - Brookfield

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

Clinics:

- **1pm Jan Young - Travel in Style to the 1987 NMRA Convention in Eugene, OR**
- **2pm Bob Gallegoes - Potpourri of Interesting Unrelated Railroad Photos**
- **3pm Ken Rodig - Designing and Building a G scale layout in your basement**

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