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Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

April 2012

***Trainfest EXPRESS*® Now Worldwide**

November 10 & 11, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **WISE Youth Group meeting
dates on WISE website**
- **WISE MEET & Annual Meeting**
April 15, 2012
Country Springs Hotel
Pewaukee, WI
- **WISE Bus Trip**
April 28, 2012
Titletown Train Show
Info on page 3
- **WISE Summer Picnic**
August 5, 2012
Milwaukee Co. Zoo
- **WISE Meet**
September 16, 2012
Best Western
Brookfield, WI

The Wisconsin Southeastern Division's Trainfest® newsletter – *Trainfest EXPRESS* – is about to begin its third year of publication and people from around the world have embraced it enthusiastically.

The *EXPRESS* has been a win-win proposition. While it shares information about the exhibitors, displays, manufacturers, layouts and clinicians who have helped to make Trainfest and the Wisconsin Southeastern Division a success, it also helps promote Trainfest and fulfills the ultimate mission of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division.

Trainfest, America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show, started the *EXPRESS* in June of 2010 with a circulation of approximately 2,100 exhibitors, families and friends of the show. Today the circulation is over 12,000!

Readers of the *Trainfest EXPRESS* can be found in nearly every U.S. state, and in many foreign countries; including Australia, China, Spain, New Zealand, Norway, England, Ireland, Japan, and in every Canadian province. Best part of all – many of the subscribers attend Trainfest. In fact, a reader from Japan has visited Trainfest with members of his family for the past two consecutive years, and has included attending Trainfest's exclusive Friday Product Showcase as part of the trip.

The mission of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc., of the National Model Railroad Association is to promote the hobby of model railroading and the preservation of the history of railroads through education. This mission meets the 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status granted to the Wisconsin Southeastern Division by the I.R.S.

The Wisconsin Southeastern Division began Trainfest in 1972 to further accomplish its mission of education and furthering the model railroading hobby. Over the past 40 years Trainfest has grown to become America's Largest operating model railroad show, bringing together hobbyists and young train enthusiasts fulfilling the vision first put forth by the Wisconsin Southeastern division.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Joe Russ

From the Superintendent:

Hi all,

Once again I start this column with some sad news. On March 14 Marge Sherman, wife of WISE Division Paymaster Bob Sherman, passed away. The following day, March 15, long-time Division member and C&NW modeler John Horwath passed away. The WISE Division would like to extend our condolences to both the Sherman and Horwath families.

A reminder that on April 28 we have a bus trip to the Tiletown Train Show in Green Bay, with a stop at the National Railroad Museum as well. Cost is \$41. This trip will be annulled if we don't get more participants, so please contact Art at 764-5375 or at the April 15 meet if you are interested.

Finally, on May 6 we are trying a new event. We will be carpooling to Madison for a joint meet with the South Central Wisconsin Division and the Rock River Valley Division. They will be having two clinics, one on the History of Amtrak and the other by Dave Leider on Static Grass Techniques. There will be layout tours as well. The meet will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd. in Fitchburg, WI. For those of you interested in carpooling, please contact me either by email or phone. We will meet at the Goerke's Corners Park & Ride Lot in Brookfield at a time to be determined.

See you at the meet on April 15 at the Country Springs Hotel.
Joe Russ

Superintendent=

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.

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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.

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While Trainfest is an annual event, taking place in early November, the educational duty of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Trainfest is year-round. **Trainfest EXPRESS** fulfills the mission of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division through its articles featuring exhibitors, manufacturers, clinicians, and much more. We have featured a number of exhibitors and their layouts, sharing their extensive wealth and talents. Manufacturers have been highlighted along with their new product introductions, as well as Trainfest clinician's sharing their knowledge through How-To-Do-It demonstrations.

The **Trainfest EXPRESS** is limited to five issues per year, with the October and November issues featuring sneak peeks at new and expanded exhibitions at the upcoming Trainfest. The January issue is a post-show issue featuring award winners and a wide spectrum of pictures of the Trainfest layouts, exhibitors, manufacturers and visitors at Trainfest.

The March issue shares How-To-Do-It ideas and techniques from some of the Trainfest clinicians, along with more pictures of the exhibited highly detailed layouts and manufacturer's products. The Early Summer issue includes information on hobby dealers selling special Trainfest Early Bird tickets, details of discounted Advanced Tickets and encourages readers to visit a hobby dealer or www.trainfest.com to obtain our exclusive Friday Product Showcase tickets, which include admission to Saturday's and Sunday's show.

To subscribe to **Trainfest EXPRESS** visit the www.trainfest.com website, under the **About Trainfest heading**. Back issues are also available on the website.

If you exhibit at Trainfest and would like to share your part of the hobby with our model railroading friends, please email your ideas and contact information to info@trainfest.com.

May you have **Clear Signals Always**,

John H. Tews, MMR
Trainfest Executive Director

March Contests

By Bonnie Janke Contest Director

What a great day at our last meet. March had very, unbelievable warm weather. Makes it great for doing some rail fanning and to enjoy taking some pictures. We wish to thank those who sent pictures that could be used on our award plaques. We still have time before the end of March to receive more pictures of Diesel or Steam Engine photos for our awards.

In our contest room our "BEST OF SHOW" plaque went to Ed Varick for his #701 - A. L. Johnston's Restaurant at Door Country. Ed Varick also took 1st place in our Structure Category with that same entry. Harry Evans took 2nd in Structures with his #703 - Sylvia's Arts & Crafts Store. Burnell Breaker had an entry in structures' also.

In our Model - Photo contest, 1st place went to Bonnie Janke for her #903 - CRSC Steel Processing Plant. And LeRoye Chisley took 2nd Place with his #901 - "Cattle and Sheep Country". Fred Janke joined in the Model - Photo contest with his entry.

With all of this warm weather I can only expect to have several pictures in our photo contest in April. To help you all with what will be happening in April we will have all Categories featured.

Results on Page 5

April 15th, 2012 CONTESTS

All Categories Featured

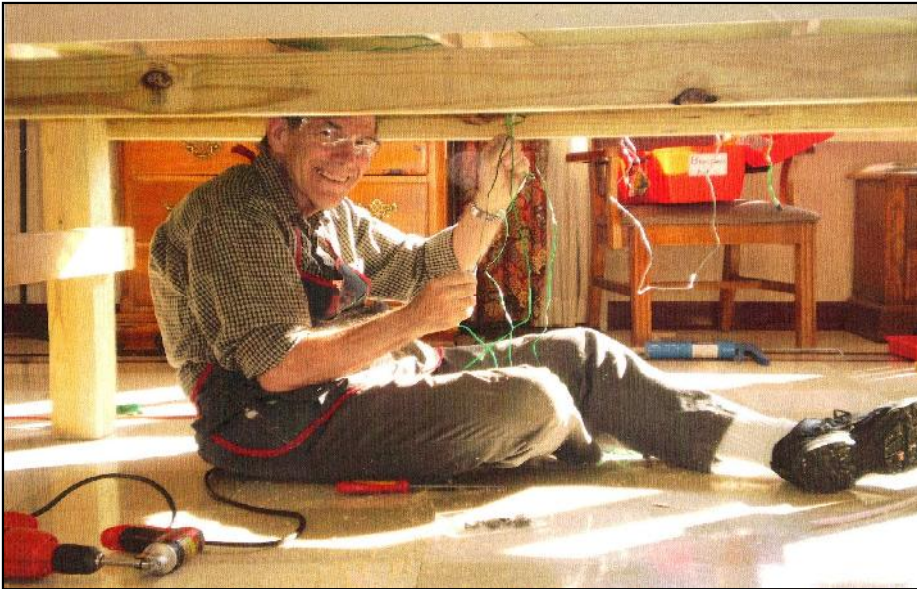
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Train Related Craft
Youth 14 & Under

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Please pick up your copy of the WISE Division Membership Directory at the April 15 meet. I will have them with me and will likely be in the contest room. If you know of a fellow division member who hasn't picked theirs up yet, pick it up for them. Each WISE member is entitled to 1 free copy of the directory. Thank You. Burnell Breaker

WISE BUSTRIIP GREENBAY

Green Bay Titledown 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 Mar, Apr WISE meets.



Bob Sherman has been found helping with the Brookfield Rehab layout

VIDEO LIBRARY

By Burnell Breaker Video Library Director

ALL VIDEOS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE VIDEO LIBRARIAN AT THE APRIL 14 MEET.

There will be some new titles available for checkout this fall. I am in the process of acquiring more DVD's from Green Frog Video and am looking into acquiring some local railroad DVD's from Plets Video.

REMEMBER – NO VIDEOS WILL BE CHECKED OUT AT THE APRIL 14 MEET.

If you wish to check out videos over the summer, contact me. No more than 5 videos can be checked out at 1 time by a WISE member.

Have a great summer!

Burnell Breaker
Video/DVD Librarian

HEY, MY FRIENDS:

By Ed Varick Picnic Director

Just a reminder about Sunday August 5, 2012.

What is so special? It's the annual WISE Family Pic-n-ic at the Milwaukee County zoo. We'll all be there; BooBoo, Mr. Park Ranger (zoo keepers), all our buddies from Jellystone Park (the zoo) and fellow model railroaders.

Watch for the registration form in an upcoming Owl Car newsletter. We have tried to keep this outing as affordable as possible to all families.

Hope to see you all there. Remember
"It's better than the aaverage Pic-n-ic."

Your Friend;
Yogi Bear

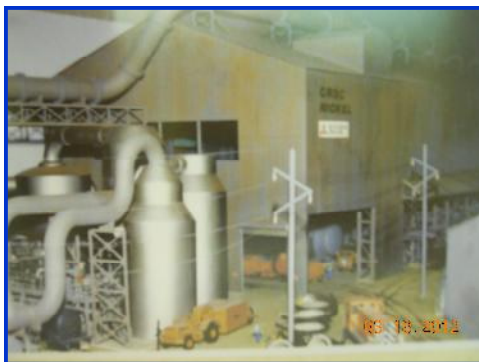
Keep the date open
Sunday, August 5, 2012



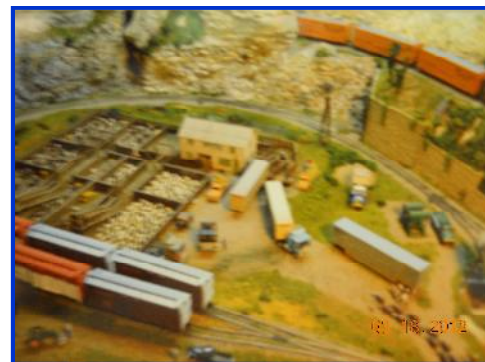
Best of Show & 1st Place Structures
Ed Varick
A.L. Johnston's @ Door County



2nd Place Structures
Harry Evans
Sylvia's Arts & Crafts Store



1st Place Model - Photo
Bonnie Janke
CRSC Steel Processing Plant
NKP at Quad Cities



2nd Place Model - Photo
LeRoye Chisley
"Cattle and Sheep Country"

Liquidation Sale Saturday June 2
Conowingo Central to be sold
Sadly it ALL must go!!
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or Dick Cecil @ 414-236-5386 before 5pm

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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

April 15, 2012 Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Rd. Pewaukee, WI

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

Clinics:

- **1pm Paul Wussow - DCC Operation**
- **2pm Matt Van Hattem - Waukesha Railroads**
- **3pm Annual Meeting - Wisconsin Southeastern Division of the NMRA**

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