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March 2013

WISE Division Operating Day

by Joe Russ

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- WISE Youth Group meeting
dates on WISE website
- Division Meet
March 17, 2013
Best Western –Symposium &
Underwood Rooms
Brookfield, WI
- WISE Division Operating Day
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The Division has a new event called the WISE Division Operating Day (formerly known as Milwaukee Operating Day) which will be held April 13. It is an opportunity to operate on up to three of eleven participating layouts, including the METRO Model Railroad Club in Port Washington. The day is organized into three sections: Morning, Afternoon and Evening from which you can pick one layout to operate at. You can select one layout for the day, or up to three for what is called an "Op 'Till You Drop" experience.

You are responsible for meals and transportation to and between layouts. And for those who want to try model railroad operation, there will be a beginners' session on one layout which will cover the basics of operating with computer-general switch lists and dispatching via radio. Space will be limited and everything is first-to-register, first-assigned. As a membership service, NMRA members will get a week to register online ahead of other modelers in the area (you must provide your NMRA number). Registration for members will open March 8, everyone else March 14. You can find a link to the event on the WISE Division's website at www.wisedivision.org.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Superintendent Joe Russ.

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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.

The Head Owl Hoots

By Joe Russ

An update on a few projects.

Back in the December issue I mentioned the Optoberfest operating day that I organized and that I hoped to have news regarding such an event at the Division level in the future. Well, now I do. As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the Division will now be hosting a WISE Division Operating Day on April 13. Eleven layouts are participating, some for the first time, and NMRA members will get a chance to register for these layouts for a week before anyone else. There will even be a beginners' session for those who want to get their feet wet operating and to learn the basics of operation. Registration will open to members on March 8 and will be done online. Space is limited. Visit the Division's web site for a link to this event's page and registration form.

The Division's bus trip to the swap meet at the Du Page County Fairgrounds, and a visit to a club layout, is April 14. As of this writing there are 19 signed up, so there is still room available. Fare is \$36 and contact Art Oseland if you are interested in going.

Art also deserves a thank you for the great job he did organizing the bus trip to the South Central Wisconsin Division's (SCWD) Mad City Show. A total of 32 modelers participated and it was a great time. Thank you, Art.

The Constitution & Bylaw Committee has submitted the two documents to the board of directors for review and the board will be discussing them at their March board meeting.

And the Division Logo & Brand Committee has gotten underway to review what changes, if any, are needed to the Division's logo.

The Nominating Committee has the following candidates for office:

Superintendent:

- Joe Russ
- Kurt Wamser

Assistant Superintendent:

- Ken Jaglinski
- Linda Sukup

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MEMBERSHIP

By Neal Michel Membership Director

Why join the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)? This month I am going to conclude our look at reasons for membership in the NMRA.

The **NMRA Magazine** is the monthly publication of the NMRA and features news about the organization nationally, regionally and locally. It also contains modeling articles that run the gamut from beginners to skilled scratch builders. You'll also find featured articles on layouts that will be part of tours at national conventions. The NMRA is considering an on-line newsletter that would be in addition to the magazine.

Each year the NMRA sponsors a national convention which features about 100 clinics, numerous layout tours and prototype tours. A National Train Show is also held in conjunction with the national convention. In addition, the various regions host conventions at different times during the year. Many of the 150 local divisions like ours host regular meetings featuring clinics, contests and layout tours. So there are many opportunities to learn new techniques, gain new skills and make new friends in the hobby.

There is also collection insurance available. This service offers NMRA members group property insurance for collections, layouts, live steam, tools, slides and photographs, books, magazines, railroad memorabilia, and more. This insurance also covers an individual's property, if it resides on a club layout. Members receive NMRA group rates.

There are other benefits of membership in the NMRA and I would encourage you to visit the NMRA web site and explore all the resources that are available to members.

www.nmra.org

Here's a list of annual membership options:

\$66.00 Member with 12-month *NMRA Magazine* subscription

\$44.00 Member without *NMRA Magazine* subscription

\$9.00 Family: Spouse or minor child of above member in good standing

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Membership Continued

\$32.00 Student: Anyone under 18 or student between 19-25 having a valid student ID

\$110.00 Sustaining: Mandatory for group memberships

\$6.00 Region newsletter subscription for the first yr. for new members

Meet Attendance: If you attend one of our division meets, please be sure to sign in and receive a chance at a great door prize. With a swap area, clinics, contests and layout tours there is something for everyone.

6 - Month NMRA Membership Only \$9.95 (This membership offer is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more.) Membership application forms are available at the sign in table.

DONT'T FORGET - - -

By Ed Varick Picnic Director

It's time again to mark your calendars
.. Sunday, August 4, 2013.

What foryou ask?

The Annual WISE division
Picnic happens on that date.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is the
site and fun is in store.

Watch the Owl Car for more
information as the date gets closer.

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Paymaster:

-Robert Sherman

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- Al Lederman

If you are interested in running of an office please contact Reid Kahrs at 262-628-8489 or email him at rkahrs@charter.net.

Also, things have looked kind of bare in the contest room at the meets. If you've been working on a modeling project please consider bringing it to a meet, and the contest is free and open to the public. You can't win if you don't enter.

Finally, for those of you who missed the last meet, or skipped the layout tour, check out the Division's web site or Facebook page. I am experimenting with ways to implement photos, and possibly video, from the Facebook page on the web site, so you do not need to be a Facebook user to see what you missed.

Hope to see you at the next meet.

Joe Russ

Superintendent

WISE Division Nominating Committee

By Joe Russ

In case you haven't heard, the nominating committee is looking for a few good candidates for Division officers. If you are interested in serving as Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster or Chief Clerk, please contact committee chairman Reid Kahrs at 262-628-8489 or email him at

rkahrs@charter.net.

March Clinics

Ed Koforth - Clinics Director

1pm - Alan Houtz – Spray Painting Techniques

2pm - Don Vollrath – Spray Paint Booth
Construction

3pm - Joe Russ - Plaster Casting Techniques

Directories

We still have many WISE Division Directories to hand out to our members. If you have not picked yours up or know of a friend who is a Division Member that hasn't picked theirs up, stop by the Video Library table at our monthly meets and do so, please.

Thanks! Burnell Breaker

2013 Bus Trip

**Great Midwest Train Show @ Dupage County
Fairgrounds - Wheaton, Illinois**

Sunday April 14, 2013

The price of 36 dollars per person includes the bus, admission to the show, coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus.

We are scheduled to arrive at the show 9:30 am and depart at 1pm for the Elmhurst Train Club.

Pickup point will be 8am College Ave. Southwest park and ride lot.

For More Information-Contact
Art Oseland 414-764-5375
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February Contests

By Bonnie Janke - Contest Director

First let me say a very nice thank you to Ed Varick and Fred Janke who took over the contest for our last meeting. Sorry to say that some health issues kept me from participating at that meet.

We did have a contest in the prototype photo area only, at this meet and I know that a few stopped by with entries that were not featured at this meet, and hoping to see them at our March 17, 2013 meet. Even thou we didn't have a contest in Traction/Electric we did have Andy Breaker bring two fine examples of Traction. AE&C 'Funeral Car #109. And his Illinois Terminal 'Class B' #1565. Wish was our BEST OF SHOW winner.

We were very impressed with his write-up on where he received this terminal car and how he went about painting it in colors that expressed the beauty of his work. My hope is that more of our modelers will come prepared to enter at our next meet and show us all what can be done with our talents in modeling.

From what I was told the Prototype Photos entries were also enjoyed by those who stepped into the contest room to see what was being judged.

There are only a few days before we have our next meet and I ask that you look over the list that is featured for March 2013. Hope to see you in the contest room with your entries. And for the rest who come to the meets please make sure you vote for those who have brought their entries.



Best Of Show
Andy Breaker
Illinois Terminal 'Class B' #1565



1st Place Prototype Photo
Bob Gallegos
Beaverville Beauties



2nd Place Prototype Photo
Wendy Mollenhauer
West Liberty - Train Festival



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Video Library

By Burnell Breaker - Video Library Director

Your Video Librarian has acquired more DVD's for the Division's Video Library. All of the titles listed below will be available for checkout at our March 17 meet. The usual policy remains for new titles, **LIMIT OF 2 PER MEMBER**. You can still check out up to a total of 6 titles per month. All are due back to the Video Library at the next month's meet, unless other arrangements have been made with the Librarian, me.

All DVD's and some VHS tapes will be available for checkout at the March 17, 2013 meet. **The final meet of the season on April 21, 2013, all checked out videos MUST be turned in.**

Check out the listings on our website and if there are videos you want to see, let me know, I will make sure it isn't checked out and if not, bring along to the next meet for you.

NEW DVD's

- Milwaukee Road in the Midwest, Vol. 1
- Wisconsin & Southern, Vol. 1: Northern Division
- Wisconsin & Southern, Vol. 2: Southern Division
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 1 - Lakes & Dales
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 2 - Scotland
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 3 - The South West
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 4 - The North West
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 5 - Somerset & Dorset
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 6 - London South East
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 7 - North East
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 8 - Wales
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 9 - The Midlands
- Railways of Britain, Vol. 10 - Eastern Counties

2012-2013 Meet dates and Location

All Meets for the 2012-2013 season will be held at the Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
1005 s. Moorland Rd. - Brookfield

March 17,2013 April 21, 2013
meets will be held in the Symposium & Underwood Rooms

Featured Contest Categories by Meet: 2012-2013

3/17/2013

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

4/21/2013

All Categories

Complete Contest Category List:

Motive Power—Steam	Motive Power – Diesel
Passenger Equipment	Non-Revenue Freight Equipment
Freight Equipment	Structures (On and Off Line)
General (Dioramas & Trains)	Traction/Electric
Model Photos	Prototype Photos
Train Related Crafts	

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March 17, 2013 Best Western Plus Midway Hotel
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• **12:30pm Meet Opens: Registration - Contest - Swap Meet**

Clinics:

1pm - Alan Houtz – Spray Painting Techniques

2pm - Don Vollrath – Spray Paint Booth Construction

3pm - Joe Russ - Plaster Casting Techniques

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