



THE WISE OWL CAR

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THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting some railfanning (and modeling) done.

At its May board meeting, the WISE Division added or renewed the following to its board of directors:

Ed Kofroth - Clinic Director
Mark Hintz - Youth Group Director
Dennis Janssen - DAL/Assistant Paymaster

Filling out Bonnie Janke's term as contest director is Dave Evans.

Gary Children and Robert Henderson

were elected to the board by the membership in April. All new directors officially started June 1.

The following have left the board: Bonnie Janke, Ed Varick, Richard Cecil and John Tews. I would like to thank all of them for their years (actually all have had more than a decade) of service on the board of directors, and welcome the new directors aboard.

Plans for Trainfest 2014 are coming along, and we will be needing a lot of volunteers. Watch the Owl Car for more information.

See you at the September meet.

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Contest By Dave Evans, Chair

There has been a change in the Contest Director's position. Due to personal reasons, Bonnie Janke has stepped down as Contest Director after doing a wonderful job for several years. Bonnie made numerous improvements to this area of the W.I.S.E. Division to keep it fresh, rewarding and to bring in new modelers who may have been wary about showing off their skills. We want to thank her

for her dedication and wish her well as she moves on to new challenges. While I may bring other ideas to the position, it will all be done in the spirit and dedication Bonnie brought to the W.I.S.E. division. We all look forward to her continuing support and interest in promoting our hobby.

For the month of September's meet the contest categories will be ALL.

Motive Power – Steam; Motive Power – Diesel; Traction/Electric; Passenger Equipment; Freight Equipment

Non-Revenue Equipment; Structures; Photographs – Prototype; Photographs – Model; General; Youth 8-17 Years

And Train Related Craft

Video Library by Burnell Breaker

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, ask me if that person has gotten theirs, and if not, take it along for them. Thanks!

I have acquired 10 new DVD's for the Division's Video Library. They will be available to checkout at the September

21 meet. Remember, the policy is to check out one month and return them at the next month's 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 VHS tapes will be available for checkout at the September 21 meet.

Check out the listings on our website and if there are videos you want to see, let me know, I will make sure that it isn't checked out and if not, bring along to the next meet for you. Also, if you see a DVD advertised and you think it would be a great addition to our video library, let me know.

Burnell Breaker
Video Librarian

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Picnic By Mark Willmering

The Annual Picnic

Another successful picnic on August 3, 2014. We sat and talked with friends and family, we ate some good food from Bunzels Meat Market, we walked away with some great prizes, and we had fun at the zoo. If you missed this year's event make sure to mark your calendar for August 2, 2014. I would like to thank our generous prize donors who helped us keep the

cost down, please keep them in mind when purchasing something; Kalmbach Publishing Co., Sommerfeld's Trains & Hobbies, Woodland Scenics, A&R Productions, East Troy Railroad Museum, White River Productions, Bowser Manufacturing Co., Zona Tool Co., Microscale Ind., Inter-Mountain Railway Co., Chooch Enterprises, Broadway Limited Imports, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball, Classic Metal Works,

Kadee Quality Products, Blair Line, American Limited Models, Illinois Railway Museum, Tomar Industries, Soo Line Historical Society, True Scene Modeling, William K. Walters, Zuron Tool Co., Wisconsin Historical Society, Cards by Louise, Milwaukee Road Historical Society, Depots by John. See you at the next meet.

Mark Willmering

Membership by Neal Michel

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

Bus Trips by Art Oseland

Hello All

Bus confirmation with Badger Coach for Mad City Train Show Feb. 21, 2015. Also, confirming the DuPage Train Show May 3, 2015.

More details to come.

More information-Contact Art Oseland at sueoseland@aol.com, or Hp: [414-764-5375](tel:414-764-5375)

Layout Tours by Mike Carlson

The September layout tour will be at Peter Zierdens very large and exciting G scale outdoor Garden Railroad in Delafield. Working on other layouts and prototype tour for future months.

Anyone desiring to open their layout for tours on Wise Division Meet days please contact the new Layout Tour Chairman Mike Carlson at [262-370-9321](tel:262-370-9321).

Thanks Mike Carlson

Lost-Found etc.

Missing from the bus trip

Lionel Caboose

On returning to Milwaukee from DuPage bus trip on May 4, 2014 a caboose was taken from bus.

Please return to Ed Kofroth, at Sept 21, 2014 WISE meet

Trainfest by Ken Jaglinski, Chairman

Trainfest 2014

Trainfest 2014 is moving along quite well. We have 194 exhibitors 37 of which are new. Response has been so good that we now need to have two buildings to house the show. We have remodeled our website and now offer online ticket sales. You should take some time to review everything being offered on the site. To date we have sold 8 Adult, 3 Child, 2 NMRA and 15 Friday Product Showcase tickets. We have 26 clinics scheduled with 50 sign ups already on the books. Keep checking the website for updates on clinics and other additions.

New this year will be the Junior Engineer Program where children 5 – 16 will be able to earn a membership card that will entitle them to discounts at four local hobby shops. A child will enter the program by coming to the WISE Division booth and signing up. They will receive a list of tasks they will need to complete. When they return to our booth, they will receive a certificate, their membership card, a flier inviting them to our January meet, and possibly a pin. They may also be entered into a drawing for a train set. In subsequent years they may renew their membership by returning to Trainfest and performing new tasks to become a level 2 or higher qualified engineer.

Due to budget constraints Trainfest will no longer offer a dinner on Friday night before the show. However, we will have concession stands open for the convenience of the exhibitors. Entrance to the Friday Product Showcase which will run from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM will be for those who have purchased tickets, for all exhibitors with a valid badge, and for Hobby Shops and Distributors who request to attend.

Also new this year is the Make and Take Program sponsored by William K. Walther's. Pre-registration by children 7 – 12 will entitle them to construct a Whistle Stop Station Kit in a 45 minute session. To help us man both the Junior Engineer Program and the Make and Take Program, we will be asking all clubs to provide one hour service sessions to assist the WISE Division.

In addition we now have 38 layouts that will allow operation by anyone 5 or older under the guidance of their members. At the show these layouts will have a sign designating the fact that people can "Operate Here". All in all it is stacking up to be one great show. Tell all your fellow modelers, friends and families to attend!

If you are interested in volunteering for Trainfest please fill out the form below and send it to Ken at kenj@trainfest.com or call 414-331-9643.

	Name	Name	Name
E-mail address			
Phone Number			
Address			
Days Available– Fri/Sat/Sun/ All 3 Days			
Time of Day– AM/Afternoon/ All Day			
Best Way to Contact You- E-mail/ phone			
Have you volunteered with Trainfest before- Y / N			
If Yes: What year and where were you stationed.			

2014-2015 Meet & Events Dates

Sept 21, 2014	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Oct. 19, 2014	Washington County Fair Grounds
Dec. 7, 2014	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Jan. 18, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Feb. 15, 2015	Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI
March 15, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Apr. 19, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR Sept. 2014

Opens at 12:30 p.m.	Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m.. Categories:
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Dave Evans - Scenery- bricks, stones and ground cover
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Rich Misunas, Amtrak conductor - Working on the railroad
3:00-3:45 p.m.	John Drozdak - Modeling diesel B units and Slugs Ed K
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	Layout Tours (Maps to be distributed at conclusion of meeting)