



THE WISE OWL CAR

Newsletter of the Wisconsin Southeastern
Division of the National Model Railroad
Association



March 2015

THE HEAD OWL HOOTS By Joe Russ, Superintendent

Hi all,

First off, my apologies for having Reid Kahr's phone number wrong in last month's column. It should be 262-628-8489. If anyone is interested in having their name put on the ballot for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or as a board member, they should contact Reid as soon as possible.

For those who missed the bus trip to the South Central Wisconsin Division's Mad-City show, and the visit to Spec Machine to see the progress on C&NW No. 1385, you missed a very good trip with 26 other members and modelers. Thank you to Art Oseland for organizing this trip. Check the Division's Facebook page or web site for pictures from this event.

As far as Trainfest, I can report that cooler heads prevailed and Trainfest admission will not be increasing for 2015. Thank you to all who took the time to contact myself or other board members regarding this matter.

For those of you who I missed in the last order, or who want to order a WISE Division name badge, please send me an email (jruss@execpc.com) by the March meet. Cost is \$8.50 per badge.

And for those of you who weren't at the February meet, with the closing of Greenfield News & Hobby and the subsequent loss of award certificates from there, we have now added Home Depot gift cards to the prize options for the model contests on a trial basis. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter in the contest, so be sure to bring something to enter at the March meet (check elsewhere in this issue for the categories for that meet).

A reminder that WISE Division Operating Day (WISEop) 2015 will be Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 for an evening and then a full day of operating. Right now there are a dozen layouts participating, including three new ones. See the link from the Division's web site for more information. Registration should start sometime in early April, and an email will go out to all NMRA members when that date is set.

Hope to see you at the March meet..

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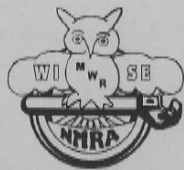
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Bus Trips by Art Oseland*All Aboard!*

Leave the driving to us and relax.
Put this date on your 2015 calendar.

BUS TRIP

**Great Midwest Train Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds
Wheaton, Illinois
Sunday, May 3, 2015**

\$36.00 per person

admission to Great Midwest Train Show
coffee, soda, water and donuts on the bus

Visit the Kishwaukee Valley Club and
Pete Walton's Great Midwest Railroad in the afternoon

Pick up 8:00 a.m. College Avenue-Southwest Park & Ride lot

Sign up and pay at
February, March or April WISE meets.

Don't wait and get left at the platform!

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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

Picnic by Mark Willmering- Chair

The Milwaukee Light Engineering Society has agreed to host our picnic. The date will be August 2, 2015. You can access the M.L.E.S. web site at mlesrr.org for the location and directions to their facility. We will have door prizes again, I hope to get more N Scale, and Banzels Old Fashioned Meat Market will provide the food again. Of course there will be train rides. So mark your calendar for August 2, 2015. Mark Willmering mwillmering@aol.com

Video Library by Burnell Breaker

I have acquired new DVD's for the Division's Video Library. They are now available to be checked out. 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 this month's meet, unless other arrangements have been made with the Librarian, me.

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.

Contest By Dave Evans, Chair

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held at the Roma Lodge in Racine on February 15, 2015

Best of Show, Carl Pripke for his N scale Malt House
 Motive Power - Steam, 1st Place - Mike Slater for his CNW 4-2-0 Pioneer
 Motive Power - Steam, 2nd Place - Andy Breaker for his Pacific Electric 0-6-0
 Non-Revenue Equipment, 1st Place - Andy Breaker for his Pacific Electric Tower Car
 Non-Revenue Equipment, 2nd Place - Mike Slater for his O & W Caboose
 Structures, 1st Place - Carl Pripke for his N Scale Malt House
 Structures, 2nd Place - Harry Grieshaber for his Port Clinton Train Station
 Photographs - Prototype, 1st Place - Peter Lakatos for his Metra Chicago Photo
 Photographs - Prototype, 2nd Place - Bob Gallegos for his 261 @ Burlington during the 1990's
 Photographs - Model, 1st Place - Al Lederman for his a MLES Sunday Doubleheader

I would like to recognize and thank those persons for their time and effort put into their models and photos. They are in no particular order: Bob Gallegos, Peter Lakatos, Harry Grieshaber, Carl Pripke, Mike Slater, Andy Breaker, Mark Hintz, and Al Lederman. Also I would like to thank Carl Pripke for his Counted Cross Stitch entry for a Commuter Station. While there were not enough entries for this to be a contest in the crafts category, it was very well done! Also #2....Thank you Dennis Janssen for showing the Apron his wife made for him with a train theme based on an apron shown during one of the previous WISE Division presentations. Another well done!

I encourage anyone who may attend the meets to feel free to enter a model or photograph, and even better, multiple entries. (Limit to two per category).

While we are pleased to see NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) members who have entries in the popular vote contest, it is not a requirement and the contest is open to anyone. It does not have to be a new or recent model or photograph in order to enter. The benefits are the satisfaction of having one's entry recognized and award certificate for 1st and 2nd place winners. Also, the 1st Place winner for each category gets a choice of gift certificates to selected hobby shops. The Best of Show winner also receives a very nice plaque which can be mounted and displayed on a wall.

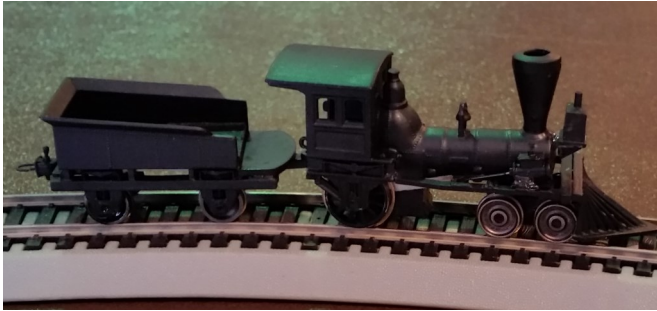
See you in March! Dave Evans

Contest Best of Show & First Place Structures



Best of Show, Carl Pripke for his N scale Malt House.

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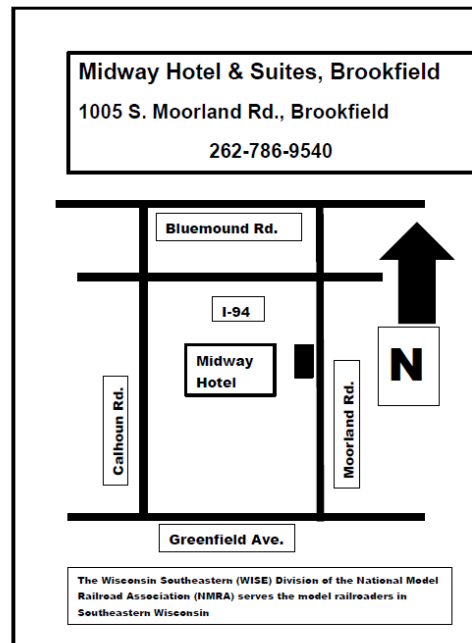


Motive Power - Steam, 1st Place - Mike Slater for his CNW 4-2-0 Pioneer

Non-Revenue Equipment, 1st Place - Andy Breaker for his Pacific Electric Tower Car



2015 Meet & Events Dates	
March 15, 2015	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western
Apr. 26, 2015 Note Date: One week later than	Midway Hotel Brookfield Formally Best Western



Clinics For March 2015

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.	<p>Popular vote contest registration (open to the public) until 1:30 p.m..</p> <p>The March Categories for the Popular Vote Contest are: Category Category Description #300 Traction / Electric #400 Passenger Equipment #700 Structures #900 Photographs - Model #1200 General</p> <p>#1300 Youth 8 - 17 Years</p> <p>#1400 Train Related Craft> BEST OF SHOW AWARD <</p> <p>Dealers: Setup starts NO EARLIER than 11:30AM</p>
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Dave Evans – Prototype Railroad Accidents an Investigations
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Harry Evans - British Rail and models clinic
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Doug Bakus – Signal Details
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Announcements and Presentations of Contest Awards
4:00-6:00p.m.	To Be Announced

Upcoming Events

2015 NMRA Midwest Region Spring

Convention – the Lake Shore Limited

The WinnebagoLand Division will host the Lake Shore Limited, the Midwest Region’s spring convention. Convention activities will take place at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Wisconsin on April 17-19, 2015.

The Holiday Inn Manitowoc, 4601 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc, WI 54220; (920)682-6000, was completely remodel in 2014, is located off Interstate 43 and Hwy 151 with easy access to the operating session layouts and layout tours as well as a variety of nearby restaurants. Go to the WinnebagoLand Division’s website for the latest details of the event and see photos of the railroads on the tour and open for Operations. Registration forms are available on the website.

Waupaca Area Model

Railroaders

26th Annual Strawberry Fest - Train

Show & MODEL CONTEST

Saturday, June 20 - 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, June 21 - 10 AM to 3 PM

Waupaca Recreation Center, three blocks east of downtown at the intersection of School, State & Badger St

For show information see our website:

www.wamrltd.com or www.WaupacaEvents.com

Go to: <http://www.wld-nmra.com/?action=meets>