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Trainfest 2015 in pictures

by Joe Russ

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Trainfest 2015 a success, including Trainfest Chairman Ken Jaglinski and his committee. As of this writing, all that is known is that attendance is up five percent over 2014.

Below you will find pictures of some of the winning layouts, modules and displays from Trainfest 2015 (the rest will be in the January issue), and a few other photos.



Best of Show - Layout
Modutrak (HO layout)

1st Place - Layout
LGB Model Railroad
Club of Chicago (G
gauge)



See **Trainfest** on page 3

Video Library Update

by Burnell Breaker, *Video Library Director*

There are many new DVD's available to check out from the WISE Division Video Library. I have made some purchases of new DVD's and we are in the process of transferring many of our older VHS tapes to DVD. These new purchases and recently transferred titles will be available for WISE Division members to check out at our December

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13 meet. Please check out the VHS and DVD listings on the website and if there is a specific tape or disk you wish to check out, please contact me and I will have it set aside for you at the next meet. Remember that all items checked out are due back at the next meet unless other arrangements have been made with me. If there is a title you think the Division should add to the Video Library, let me know as well. This is your Video Library!

Also, WISE Division Membership Directories are still available. Each member gets one complimentary copy. Pick up your copy at the next meet at the Video Library tables.

Review of October Roma Lodge meet



For those of you who missed the October meet at Roma Lodge, you missed a rare treat - representatives from Dremel gave a presentation on their new 3D printer (pictured above), answered questions and discussed what they offer at their service center in Racine. We also had clinics by Rell Barret and Brant Holeman. Afterwards, the Caledonia Historical Society had the former Sturtevant Depot open for tours, and the Tri-County Model Railroad Club and Model Railroad Club of Union Grove were open for tours.

A thank you to Dremel for donating the door prize (below), which went to one lucky NMRA member.



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Notes from the Super's Desk...

Thank you to Trainfest Chairman, Ken Jaglinski and the Trainfest committee for a great 2015 Trainfest. Members of the Trainfest committee are Harry Grieshaber, floor director; Bob Henderson, office director and volunteer coordinator; Keith Schmidt, security; Mark Willmering, ingress/egress; LaRoye Chisley, make & take; Dennis Janssen, clinic director and finance; and Burnell Breaker, trolley barn director. I'm sorry if I have omitted any others. Next time you see one of these Trainfest committee members, say "thank you" for all their work. Also I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with Trainfest. If you volunteered for Trainfest, if possible, please wear your red or green Trainfest shirt to the December meet. I would also like to thank the many attendees who helped with the various club layouts or displays.

I would like to thank the NMRA members who came up to help us sell NMRA memberships: Jenny Hendricks, administration department head, her husband, Jody, and Doc Chait. The results of their work was not as good as expected, but the WISE Division area has always been a difficult area to interest modelers in joining the NMRA.

The Trainfest attendance is up over 5% from last year. Although Ken would have liked to see the attendance go up by a bigger percentage, it did increase.

I wish to extend to Gary Children continued recovery from his recent surgery. Many people stopped me during Trainfest to ask, "Where's Gary"? This is the first Trainfest Gary has missed in many years.

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I also wish everyone a great holiday, and if you aren't able to attend the December meet, I hope to see you in January.

See you at the meets,
Reid



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Membership

by Neal Michel, membership director

Meet Attendance:

If you attend one of our Division meets, please be sure to sign in when you arrive. This enables us to keep track of meet attendance. NMRA members will receive a ticket for a chance at a door prize. With a swap area, clinics, contests and layout tours there is something for everyone.

Six-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 at the monthly meets.



Trainfest from page 1



Best of Show - Module
Narragansett, Fitchburg
& Boston module (N
scale) on the Central
Indiana N-Trak by Bob
Parsons



The line was long before the doors
opened on Saturday morning.

1st Place - Module
Four seasons module
(N scale) on the Capital
City N Gineers by Stan
and Doris Graiweski
(Superintendent Reid
Kahrs awarding the
plaque to Stan
Graiweski)



You could even watch an artist in action
during the show.

Changes in WISE Meets and Contests

by Joe Russ

For starters, a reminder that the doors to the meet do not open until 11:30 a.m. and the meets do not officially begin until 12:30 p.m. At the last meet we had a few individuals who arrived two hours early to set up for the swap area. Please be respectful of the facilities we meet at and **DO NOT** arrive before 11:30 a.m. so we do not incur additional charges. Otherwise the future of the swap area/room at the meets may have to be reconsidered.

Those of you who drink coffee at the meets will notice a donation jar by the coffee pot. As venues have been increasing the fee they charge for that

service, we are trying to offset that expense. If you enjoy having coffee at the meets, please contribute.

Finally, a reminder that WISE BOD has decided to make some changes in our meets and contest. For starters, we will not be having a meet in February, only the bus trip to the South Central Wisconsin Division's Mad City show on February 20 (see the Meet Sheet on page 5 for more information).

At the meets, only NMRA members will be eligible for door prize(s). And in the Contest Room, for 1st Place and Best of Show winners, NMRA members will receive \$20 in award certificates while non-members will only receive \$10.

The Editor Hoots

Hope everyone is recovered from Trainfest 2015 and Thanksgiving.

With 2016 right around the corner, that means the Division has reached one of those "milestone" years. Back on January 6, 1966 the Division received its charter from the Midwest Region. Have ideas how you would like to see the Division celebrate? Contact a board member and let us know. I hope to cover more on Division history in issues next year.

I should add that we are still looking for a newsletter editor (I'm just filling in). If you are interested, please contact me.

Happy Holidays, everyone.

Joe Russ

The Contest Page



Ed Varick won Best of Show and 1st Place - Structures for his HO scale hotel.

By Dave Evans, Contest Director

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held at Roma Lodge on October 18, 2015.

Best of Show – Ed Varick for his HO scale Wildenberg Hotel (top of page)

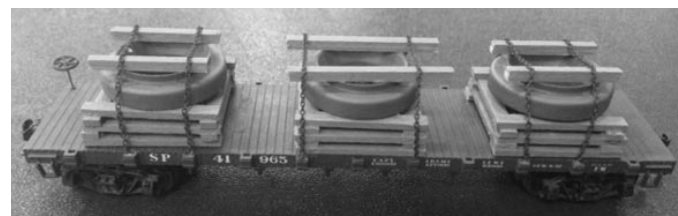
Structures, 1st Place – Ed Varick for his HO scale Wildenberg Hotel (top of page)



Freight Equipment, 2nd Place – Carl Priepeke for his N-Scale Covered Hopper Car



Structures, 2nd Place – Steve Miazga for his scratch built N scale double track wood trestle – 95' based on Soo Line plans



Freight Equipment, 1st Place – Mark Willmering for his SP flatcar with load

Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place – Mike Slater for his Milwaukee Road 261 Fall Color Trip

Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place – Mark Willmering for his 2-6-6-2T Steam Locomotive

I would also like to thank the following for their time and effort in entering the Popular Vote Contest. In no particular order:

Mike Slater for his Milwaukee Road #923 steam locomotive, Penn Central SD80MAC, CNS&M #453 PNP, CNS&M #1002 Caboose

Mark Willmering for his Milwaukee Road Box Car

Carl Priepeke for his N-Scale Interlocking tower

Ed Varick for his Potosi Silo

Steve Miazga for his Scratch Built Wood (Short) Trestle based on Soo Line plans

Robert Niedermann for his (no name) Grocery Store, "John Anthony..." and "Carol's Gifts Dist."

Mark Willmering for his Prototype Photo BNSF Engines

Ted Zieger for his Prototype Photo Panama Canal Engine Side View, Prototype Photo Panama Canal Engine Front View, Model Photo Harry's Cabin Layout Picture and General Entry Hailey's Lunch Stand

Get going on those models and photographs and we will see you in December!



Free Model Railroad Meets

Hosted by the WISE Division, NMRA

- Public Welcome -

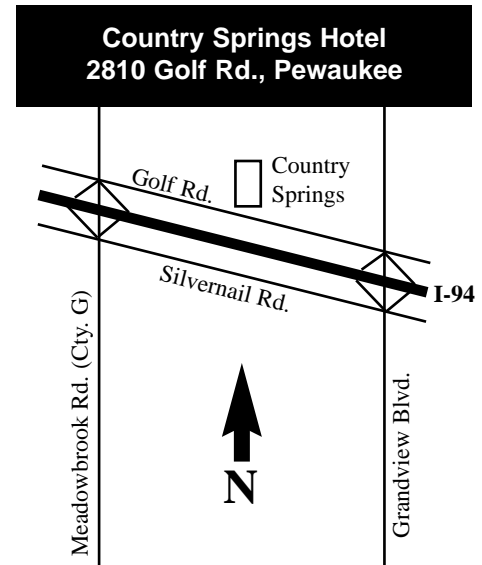
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Sunday, December 13, 2015

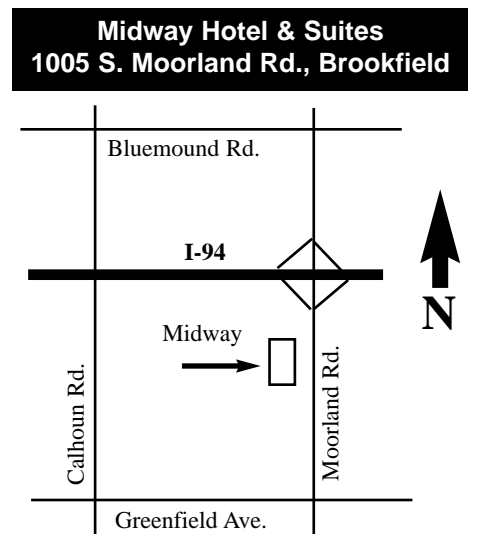
Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 for all categories.
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Constructing Turnouts</i> Jeff Otto, owner of Oak Hill Model Railroad Track Supply, LLC., will give a presentation on how to construct turnouts using the template he designed and manufactures.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Modeling a Malt House</i> Carl Pripke will show how to achieve authenticity in a free-lanced industry, with the example of a malt house.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Malt House Traffic</i> Carl Pripke, on the heels of just showing how to model a malt house, will cover how to accurately simulate rail traffic to and from an industry, with the example of a malt house.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)



The Wisconsin Southeastern (WISE) Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) serves model railroaders in Southeast Wisconsin.

Beginner's Meet Sunday, January 17, 2016

Opens at 12:30	Popular vote contest registration (free and open to the public) until 1:30 for all categories
1:00 to 1:45	<i>Benchwork Basics</i> Dave Evans, WISE Division contest director, reviews the basic types of benchwork, from modular to traditional. He will show construction styles and various materials which can be used.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Basic Electricity</i> Trainfest Chairman Ken Jaglinski will cover basic wiring for model railroads. Power packs, multiple train operation and DCC (Digital Command Control) will be covered.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>Scenery Making Tips II - The Basics</i> WISE Division Asssistant Superintendent Joe Russ will demonstrate how to make basic scenery using cheesecloth, newspaper and molding plaster.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)



February Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip from Milwaukee to the Mad-City Train Show in Madison on February 20, 2016. \$37 per person. See Art at one of the meets above to sign up.

