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## It's Election Time Again

With spring around the corner, so is the WISE Division election of board members.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a page with the biographies of the four candidates running for the two elected board positions this year. The candidates are Burnell Breaker, Jay Cunnington, Steve Miazga and Bob Sherman. Please read them over and be sure to cast your vote for **no more than two board members** by mailing it in.

As last year, your ballot **MUST** be

mailed in per the instructions on the ballot, and include your name and NMRA number. Then the nominating/election committee of Joe Russ, Dave Nelson and Laroye Chisley will be able to tally up the votes.

Also, don't forget the Division's annual meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. at the April 17 meet at the Midway Hotel in Brookfield. We will present the election results then, review the Division's finances and cover any other business that comes before the membership.

## Video Library Update

by Burnell Breaker

The Division's Video Library will be available for members to check out DVD's at the March 20 meet in Oconomowoc. The usual rules apply. A total of six DVD's can be checked out, with no more than two new DVD's checked out at the same time, with them returned at the next meet. There will be

four new DVD's on the Santa Fe, Union Pacific, CSX and Tehachapi available for check out as well.

**ALL DVDS MUST BE RETURNED AT THE APRIL 17 MEET.**

We still have Division Membership Directories available, one free per member.

## Bus Trip May 1 to DuPage Swap Meet

The Division's next bus trip will be Sunday, May 1 to the swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Ill. Afterwards we will be visiting three layouts, including the HO scale C&NW of Bill Drzal and the HO scale

Jamestown Railroad.

Fare of \$37 for adults, \$15 for those 17 and under who come with with an adult. It includes bus ride, admission to swap meet, layout tours and snacks on the bus. To register see Art Oseland at the March or April WISE meet, call him at 414-764-5375 or email him at raydenny1@aol.com.

The only boarding location will be the College Ave. Southwest Park & Ride lot at 8:00 a.m.

## Layouts Set for WISEop 2016

Fifteen layouts, and one for a Beginners' Session, will be participating in WISEop, the Division's operating weekend. There will be evening sessions Friday, April 29 and morning, afternoon and evening on Saturday, April 30. Three of the layouts have not participated before, so this is a chance to operate on some new layouts. For those of you who want to try operation for the first time, we will once again be having a special Beginners' Session on Saturday afternoon. And NMRA members will get a week to register before non-members. Registration will be done online starting at the end of March or early April, so watch the web site for information as the date nears.

Here is the final list of layouts:

- Ashland, Superior & Pacific (HO)
- Blue Mountain & Cascade (HO)
- BN Peoria Subdivision (HO)
- Cedar Creek Central Model Railroad Club (HO)
- C&NW Lake Shore Division (HO)
- Dawdle & Delay (HO) **NEW!**
- Four Corners & Five Lakes Railroad (N) **NEW!**
- GN Spokane Division (HO)
- L.A. Junction (HO)
- METRO Club (HO)
- Omaha Western (HO)
- Rock Harbor Railroad (HO) **NEW!**
- Trap & Garnet Ridge (O)
- UP&W (HO)
- Western Wisconsin (HO)
- Beginners' Session: Midwest Lines (HO)

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## Notes from the Super's Desk...

There was no February meet, I'm sorry if you showed up at the Midway expecting to attend a WISE meet.

The WISE Division did have a bus to the Mad City Train Show on Saturday, February 20. Forty-one people were on the bus. After the train show we went to Spec Machine to observe the rebuilding of CNW 1385. If you would like to read more and see pictures on the 1385 rebuild here is a link:

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/the-locomotive-isn-t-ready-yet-but-is-slowly-returning/article\\_41e3707d-6c2d-5a61-831e-dea907d3cba4.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/the-locomotive-isn-t-ready-yet-but-is-slowly-returning/article_41e3707d-6c2d-5a61-831e-dea907d3cba4.html)

Thank you Art Oseland for all of your work in arranging the trip and to the people that attended. There will be another WISE bus trip in May going to the Great Midwest Train Show in Wheaton, IL and stops at two home layouts.

The March meet will be held on March 20 at the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society & Museum, Oconomowoc, WI. See more information in this *Owl Car*.

At the April 17 meet, to be held at the Midway Hotel & Suites - Brookfield, we will hold the WISE Division Annual meeting and hear elections results. See the ballot in this *Owl Car*, and don't forget to mail in your vote. Voting will not be held at the annual meeting.

In the January issue of the *Owl Car*, you were able to read the original WISE Division Charter. The Division Superintendent who signed that charter was John Smallshaw. He passed away in January, and a memorial service will be held March 12 at 11:00 at the Chapel at Shorehaven, 1305 W Wisconsin Ave, in Oconomowoc.

This year the NMRA National convention will be held in Indianapolis. "Highball to Indy" will be held July 3 to July 10. Consider attending the National convention as it will be a great convention. There will be many clinics, tours both prototype and layouts, operating sessions and a good non-rail program. To find more information go to the Convention website: <http://www.nmra2016.org>

Reid

## The Editor Hoots...

No, you didn't miss a February *Owl Car* because there wasn't one. A combination of not having a meet and just the bus trip, and I didn't have a hard deadline so I figured I could do a software upgrade. But that led to larger problems (which took time to figure out and fix) so the best laid plans of a late February issue were tossed. I have a temporary fix which isn't the greatest, but it works.

Joe Russ



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## Election Biographies

A thank you to those members who are running for the two board of director positions this year. This is your chance, as members, to elect two of up to the five board members whose terms expire or are up for reappointment. Please read over their biographies and be sure to **mail in** your ballot and vote.

Joe Russ

Nominating/Election Chairman

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### **Burnell Breaker (inc.)**

I have been a model railroader in some form nearly all of my life. My first Christmas had a Lionel train running around our Christmas tree and I was hooked. My experience with the Division goes back to the early 1980's volunteering at Trainfest. These past two years I've been the Trainfest Trolley Barn Manager. I coordinated the Racine/Kenosha area layout tours during the 1985 and 2010 NMRA national conventions.

I am an NMRA life member, been the Division's Video Librarian since 2010, plus on the Trainfest Committee since 2014. I look forward to serving as your Video Library Director on the WISE BoD for another term.

### **Jay Cunnington**

I have been coming to the monthly meets on and off for the last 15 or so years and has given a few clinics. A descendant of four generations of railroaders (three CNS&M, one from the Big Four), my interests lie with the C&NW and North Shore Line. I am also a past member of IRM and worked for two years on the restoration of North Shore 749 and others. Not having space for a permanent layout at present, I have been displaying at Trainfest with Cream City Traction.

I hope to bring some new ideas to the board. I am thoroughly apolitical and take ideas on their own merits.

### **Steve Miazga**

Steve Miazga has been an active N-Scale modeler for over 40 years. Most of that time was while living in Rhinelander where he was the co-founder of the Rhinelander Railroad Association, which moved and restored the former Rhinelander Soo Line depot to become the Rhinelander Railroad Museum.

Since moving to Milwaukee in 2002 he has become involved with the NMRA, served as a volunteer at Trainfest and has participated in WISE meets the past five years.

He has always been involved in organizations having served on his Parish Council in Rhinelander with one term as President; was a Board Member and chaired the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce.

### **Bob Sherman (inc.)**

My name is Bob Sherman. I have been a NMRA life member since 1974. For the past 25 year I have been Paymaster, of your WISE Division including 22 years as TRAINFEST Treasurer. I model in HO gauge and collect Milwaukee Road and B&O trains. A recent move from Brookfield to Muskego requires rebuilding the layout. Therefore, I am not seeking reappointment as WISE Paymaster. However I wish to continue to serve you and bring my vast experience to the Board as an elected Director of WISE. I ask you for your vote in the April election. Thank You.

## The Contest Page



*Best of Show, Angel Sotelo for his HO scale Alligator Farm*

*By Dave Evans, Contest Director*

The following are the results for the Popular Vote Contest held on January 17, 2016.

**Best of Show** – Angel Sotelo for his HO scale Alligator Farm

**Trainfest Make and Take Certificate** – Angel Sotelo for his Alligator Farm



**Freight Equipment, 1st Place** – David Nelson for his Northern Pacific cement hopper (above)

**Freight Equipment, 2nd Place** – David Nelson for his Southern Railway 1937 AAR boxcar

**Photographs – Prototype, 1st Place** – Jim Sohns for his SOO #2411 in Neenah

**Photographs – Prototype, 2nd Place** – Al Lederman for his EEE2 on the WISOR

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

- Jim Sohns for his CN Freight crossing swing bridge in Menasha – July
- Jim Sohns for his EMD “F35” Rock Island – HO
- Jim Sohns for his ATTX 83’ Flat with M113A3 APC Load (470911) – HO
- Jim Sohns for his US Army Heavy Duty Flat with M109A3 SP Load 38065 - HO

- Bruce Schimel for his Milwaukee 800 Street Car
- Bruce Schimel for his 427 – Fort Wayne Indiana Heater & Water unit.
- David Nelson for his Rural Passenger Depot
- Donald Barske for his Non-Revenue entry.
- Robert Frey for his John Deere Tractors Correctly Moving out of Big Island with JMRI

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. The Best of Show winner also receives a very nice Wisconsin shaped plaque which can be mounted and displayed on a wall. Remember, this is YOUR contest!

Get going on those models and photographs and we will see you in Oconomowoc during the March Meet!!!

## January Layout Tour Review

A thank you to the two layouts on tour for the meet. Bob Reppert opened up his HO scale Dawdle & Delay (left), and Mark Digerness had his HO scale C&NW-themed West Wisconsin (right) open for the final time before it is dismantled.



# 2016 WISE DIVISION BOARD ELECTIONS

Note: All Ballots **Must Be Mailed** to:

Dave Nelson  
Attn: WISE Division Election Committee  
1506 East Fox Lane  
Fox Point, WI 53217

All ballots must be **postmarked by April 12, received by April 15** and include **your NMRA #** for verification. Vote for no more than Two candidates for the Board of Directors.

Note: **The NMRA does not allow FAMILY MEMBERS to vote, nor does the Midwest Region.**

Article IV, Membership and Dues, of the NMRA Regulations includes the following provision in Section 2:  
“B. Each member in the above classes, including Honorary Life Member, shall have the right to:”  
“4. Except for Family Members; and Sustaining and Corporate Members other than individuals, the right to vote and run for an elective office in any Region or Division of which the member is a resident member, subject to any qualifications and conditions

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

**VOTE for no more than TWO candidates**

- Burnell Breaker:** Candidate for WISE Division Board of Directors
  
  - Jay Cunnington:** Candidate for WISE Division Board of Directors
  
  - Steve Miazga:** Candidate for WISE Division Board of Directors
  
  - Bob Sherman:** Candidate for WISE Division Board of Directors
  
  - Write In Candidate for Board of Directors (must be an NMRA Member):
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# Free Model Railroad Meets

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**- Public Welcome -**

Visit [www.wisedivision.org](http://www.wisedivision.org), call 262-408-1946 or see the back side for information

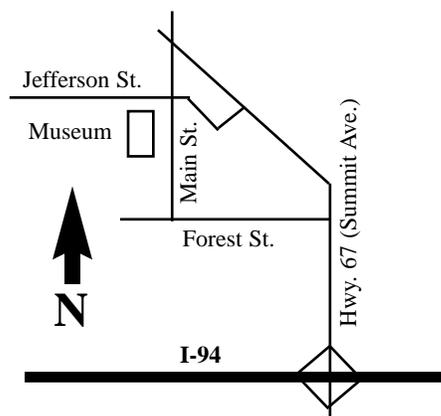
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## March 20, 2016

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>Building Portable Modules</i> Ryan Blundon will show how to build modules that can be used for any scale.
2:00 to 2:45	<i>Wiring for Modules</i> Ryan Blundon follows up on his first clinic by covering the electronics used in the modules for turnout control, main power and on-screen dispatch controls.
3:00 to 3:45	<i>A Look at the End of Steam</i> Harry Evans to present slides of Midwest and some Western steam toward the end of steam in America, 1957 to early 1960s. Roads include B&O, Nickel Plate, DM&IR, D&RGW, Grand Trunk, CP, CN, and various short lines.
3:45-4:00	Announcements and Presentation of Contest Awards
4 - 6:00	Layout Tours (maps distributed at 4 p.m.)

**Oconomowoc Historical Museum**  
 103 W. Jefferson St., Oconomowoc



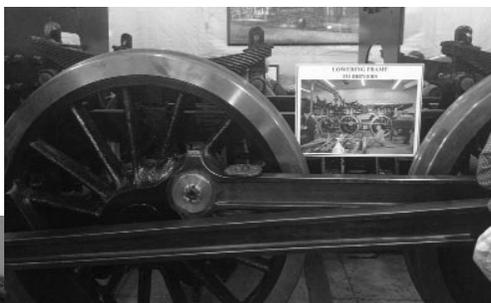
**Upcoming Event Dates:**  
 April 17 - Meet at Midway Hotel  
 April 29 & 30 - WISEop 2016  
 May 1 - Bus Trip to DuPage Swap Meet

## Division's Bus Trip to the Mad-City Show and Spec Machine

by Joe Russ

We had a great bus trip to the Mad-City show with 41 members and modelers participating. Here are some photos from that trip. You can find more from the trip on the Division's Facebook page and web site. Thank you to Art Oseland for another great trip.

One of the detailed modules at the South Central Wisconsin Division's Mad-City Show.



The frame is now on the drivers of No. 1385 (above). Superintendent Reid Kahrs and Bus Trip Director Art Oseland discuss the pilot truck restoration (right).

