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Super's Report

Mike Vivion

Division Superintendent

I hope everyone who attended the October meeting enjoyed it as much as I did. Once again Steve Lanphear and Phil Hottmann did a great job with our clinics and layout tours which were focused entirely on Garden Railways. Our thanks go out to Pete Olsen for sharing his personal video of his visits to several garden railways in England and for bringing in several of his garden locomotives for us to view. Thanks to Paul Mangan for sharing his experiences with solar power technology and showing us how he uses it to light structures in a garden railway. And thanks to Donn Tolley as well for sharing his knowledge of today's state of the art battery technology and showing us how it can be used to power both garden railway and HO locomotives. I am sure we all will be taking a closer look at how locomotives operate on both garden and HO railroads the next time we look at powering our engines.

Thanks also go to Tom Stemrich and Jim Dvorsky for opening their garden railroads for us to view. I enjoyed seeing how Tom has expanded his railroad since our last visit several years ago. Seeing both of Jim's layouts (one indoor and one outdoor) for the first time was a double treat for us. I also had the opportunity to meet and chat with Terry Seese at Jim's layout. Terry is a long time member and officer in the Wisconsin Garden Railway Society (WGRS). I want to extend an invitation to all WGRS members to feel free to attend any SCWD meeting. Hopefully they will enjoy some of the things the SCWD does as

Next Regular Meet:

November 6th, 2011 1:00 pm.
Knights of Columbus Hall Anton Dr

Model – Photo Contest:

Master builder – Cars
(See page 3 for details)

Next BOD Meeting:

November 14th 2011 7:00 p.m.
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

November 14th 1 – 3 pm.
The Last Square, Madison
(See story on Page 6)

Train Show Staff:

November 7th 7 p.m. Abuelos Middleton

much as we enjoyed visiting two of their member's layouts.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and photos for the October contests. I am sure Chris and Nikki appreciated the larger participation. We still have room for more models and hopefully we will see more in November. Check out their column for up to date monthly contest info. I am sure everyone has at least one freight car in one of these categories, if not all of these categories that you can bring in. And keep the photos coming in these as well. Photos of the prototypes and models add to the success of the contests at our meet.

This month we have a new clinic on the schedule: "History of the Badger Ordinance Works Railroads".

I understand that this is only the second time that this clinic has been presented and might be your one and only chance to experience it. So I hope everyone will make to our meeting on November 6th.

Speaking of unique opportunities, I hope the 25 or so people who participated in our first Fall Color Layout Tour on Saturday, October 8th, enjoyed it as much as my wife and I did. I know it was a beautiful and rare warm Fall day and many of you had other commitments and could not join us, but you missed something special. I would be amiss if I did not mention and thank everyone involved. Phil Hottmann did a great job organizing the day! Dave Lendved - thanks for showing us how to build a great layout in a limited space basement. Dan Hiller and crew - your O scale and garden layouts never cease to amaze us, not to mention the new OJ chase scene on your Santa Fe Cajon pass. Don Meyer's little jewel of a layout wins the prize for depicting all four seasons in a single layout. Bob Welke - thanks for letting us see all the progress you have made on your layout since our last visit several years back. We hope to see that ore dock fully implemented in the near future, and look forward to having the chance to participate in one of your operating sessions. Dick Goddard and all the crew at Lake States Railway Historical Society - what a wonderful surprise it was to see all the information your group has amassed and is organizing. It is truly a treasure for all Wisconsin model railroaders and rail fans to value and utilize for many years to come. Special kudos to Matt Baumgart, Chris Burdick and Doug Kowalke for creating that excellent layout at LSRHS. Was it really all done in only three months? Dave Casey - your layout of the Central Wisconsin Division of the C&NW is a must see for all fans and modelers of that railroad. For me personally, seeing what Dave has created with the help of Matt, Chris and Doug was as special to me when Dave, the late Hank Brown and I, spent several days creating the bench work for the layout six years ago. Great work, guys!

Unfortunately due to prior evening commitments, I was unable to get to Elroy to visit the Elroy Shortline Railroad layout, the layout in the Elroy Museum, and the layout at A- Plus Trains. I have heard from other who saw these layouts they are also great. So I have something to look forward to on my next trip to Elroy.

Hopefully we'll do something as great again next fall. Some ideas are already being discussed, so those of

you who missed out this year may get another chance next year!

For the past two years many of you have enjoyed going to Galesburg on our Spring outing. We would like to do something like this again next Spring but to a different location. Unfortunately, unless someone steps up and volunteers to lead in organizing it, this event will not occur. Steve Lanphear cannot be the leader again as he has taken on the bigger job of Clinics Chair. We have tentative plans already in mind, but we need a new leader to make it happen. Please get in touch with Steve or me, if you are willing to be that leader. Of course, Steve and I will help you.

Hope to see even more of you on November 6th before any snow is flying and at Trainfest in Milwaukee as well.

Mike

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Clinics Column

by Steve Lanphear

At our November 6 Meet, our first clinic will be:
“The Badger Ordinance Works Railroad “

The program is about the people on the land before B.O.W., construction, and operation of B.O.W. with highlights on the narrow gauge and standard gauge rail systems in the Plant. Rail was the primary means of bringing materials into the Plant for construction and operation, and for shipping product out during WWII. Narrow gauge rail was used in two production areas for transporting product from one building to the next. More than 100 families lost their farms, homes and cottages to the construction of the B.O.W. and over 50,000 people have worked in the Plant over the 69 year history of B.O.W.

The clinic will be presented by:

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Badger History Group
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The second clinic will be a train video.

If you are interested in presenting a clinic on one of your summer experiences, a scenery technique that you have perfected, or know of someone who would be willing to do a clinic for us, please contact me at splanphear@frontier.com

Clinic Schedule:

Dec. 4 - Railroad History of Milwaukee Part 2

Charlie Karpelinia and Art Jennrich

Jan. 8 - Rail School (no clinic)

Feb. 5 - Making Photo Backdrops

Mar. 4 - TBA

Apr. 1 - TBA

Mar. 6 - History of Amtrak (40th Anniversary

With a National Amtrak Speaker)

Joint Meet with RVD.

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Layout Tours - October 2011

By Phil Hottmann

I have not as yet set up the tour for November but should have one scheduled for the meeting. I would like to thank Tom Stemrich and Jim Dvorski for opening their Garden Railroads for tour after our October meet.

We are still looking to fill our schedule for tours for the rest of the season. If you are interested in having this fine group over to see your work please let me know.

Phil

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Contests

By Chris and Nikki Roeben

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's contests. We had a wonderful turnout of photos, but the models were few. It would be great to see an increase in the number of models this next month while keeping the strong showing of photos.

This month's theme is Open Cars. Open hoppers, gondolas, and flatcars are just some examples. You can even include Open Auto Racks, Intermodal Well Cars, and specialized cars where the load is exposed to the elements. Think Schnabel. Loads are permitted and won't be turned away.

Always keep in mind the Don Herling "Madison Mac" Award that could potentially be awarded next spring at the banquet. You need at least one Merit Award entry judged this season, and there are only 4 judging months left. See Sean Lamb for details about the Merit Award and Achievement Program.

Happy Modeling.

November 6, 2011

Theme: Open freight cars

Master Builder – Cars

1. Open hoppers
2. Open gondolas
3. Flat cars
4. Open auto racks

December 4th 2011

Theme: Passenger Equipment

Master Builder – Cars

1. Head-end cars (baggage, express, RPO, HEP, etc.)
2. Coaches
3. Diners, Lounges and sleepers
4. Domes and Sleepers

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Editors Side Track:

Here we go folks! The Great SCWD Rail Show Round Up 2011 – 2012 is officially under way. At the October meet this year's plan was put in place. I'll be using the grid from last year's show and then confirming with you to make sure you want the same shift and the same location. Try not to wait till the last minute and miss the times and spot you want. All positions are very important and please keep in mind that the show funds all of the SCWD activities.

Confirmations have already started to come in for 2012 so we are off to a great start. Don't hold back if you would like to do an extra shift in addition to what you are doing. All help is appreciated as we continue to make our show one of the best in the country. My contact info is in our division Red Book or talk with me at the November meet to sign up or reconfirm.

The October meet was very different indeed. The meet was dedicated to G scale. Being a G-scaler myself it was a lot of fun to present what we do in our realm of the hobby to the attendees.

I have always looked at the NMRA as being an all inclusive organization that incorporates all scales. More and more members are becoming dual scalers. Modeling in more than one scale has lots of benefits one of which is variety. This helps keep interest at a higher level.

In the past I feel that some people who were not in the popular gauges felt excluded and on the outside. As we have gotten older and perhaps wiser we want to get

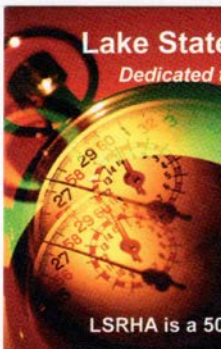
back to the time that we started in the hobby when model railroading was fun. Sometimes modeling in two scales can bring that fun back.

I would like to think that all scales are welcome in the SCWD. Let's all make sure they know they are welcome here with us.

A few years ago, Chris Roeben was conducting an unofficial survey around the division where he would say "Model railroading is..." and you would complete the sentence. The word used most of the time was "fun". Another completion of the sentence would be "an artistic expression of the timeframes of life". This can be done in all scales. We can all share and learn from each other.

Paul





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Those that signed up in September picked up their "Tunnel Portals" and at the October meeting all who signed up at that time received theirs the same day. There will be no further sign up for the Adult members. The Youth Group has 7 of 8 members signed on.

John F. Fisher, Special Project Chair

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Upcoming Rail Events - October 2011

Conducted by John F. Fisher

Nov 5 - West Central Model Railroad Open House - Sparta, WI - 805 Clifton St (next to CP tracks); 10 am - 4 pm; Free, donation accepted; Dennis Hamilton, (608-269-6626)(www.westcentralrr.org)

Nov 5-6 - Fever River Railroad HO Model Railroad Open House - Freeport, IL - 1055 W Beach St, (next to CN yard); 10 am - 4 pm; \$3 each, \$5 family; Operational HO scale model railroad (in 24' x 103' building); Rodney Mathias, (815-239-2354)(hotrod1152@yahoo.com)

Nov 6 - South Central Wisconsin Div. Meet - Madison, WI - Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd; 1-4 pm; Free; Clinics, Model & Photo Contests, Door Prizes, Home Layout Viewing; SCWD, 6187 Sun Valley Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575; (www.nmra-scwd.org)

Nov 6 = Rock River Valley Div. Meet - Rockford, IL Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4 pm; \$2 entry donation; Model & Prototype Clinics, Swap Table; (815-332-2496)(www.rrvd-nmra.org)

Nov 6 - 26th Annual 2011 Dubuque Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet - Dubuque, IA - Dubuque County Fairgrounds Ballroom, 14569 Old Highway Rd; 10 am

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Nov 12-13 - NMRA Wis. Southeastern (WISE) Div. 40th Trainfest - Milwaukee (West Allis), WI - WI Expo Center at State Fair Park, 8200 W Greenfield Ave; 9 am - 5:30 pm; Adult \$12 at the door (Discounts available online), NEW Adult 2-day ticket \$18, Kids (4-12) \$2 at the door or FREE with online coupon, Kids 3 & under always free; 200,000 sq. ft., 60 operating railroads, 120 manufacturers & hobby dealers, 12 historical societies; john@trainfest.com, (www.trainfest.com)

Nov 13 - Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL - Du Page County Fairgrounds, 2015 W Manchester Rd; 9:30 am - 3:00 pm; Adults \$7, Kids under 12 are Free; Coupon & Show Details at (www.GreatMidwestTrainShow.com)(630-290-1962)

Nov 20 - Peoria Train Fair - East Peoria, IL - Illinois Central College, Rt 24, 1 Mile East of Rt 116; 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Adult Donation \$3.00, Under 12 Free w/Adult; Free Parking; Swap Meet Tables, Railroad Videos, Model Railroad Displays; (309-697-6050)(rbc@comcast.net)

Nov 20 - Lionel Railroad Club Toy Train & Collectibles Show - New Berlin, WI - New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W Cleveland Ave; 8:00 - 12:00 Noon; \$4, 12 and under Free w/ Adult; Buy, Sell, Trade, New, Used, Parts, Food available; ((414-764-5375)(www.milw-lrrc.com)

Nov 26 - North Western Illinois Chapter, National Railway Historical Society - Rockford, IL - St Mark Church, 675 N Mulford Rd; Doors open at 7:00 pm, Short business meeting starts at 7:30 followed by presentation by Rory and Cedric Peterson; Jerry Pyfer (815-654-2087)

Nov 26-27 - Lionel Railroad Club 63rd Year Open House - New Berlin, WI - Parkland Plaza, 2721 S Calhoun Rd (entrance in back of building); 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Admission \$2.00, Veterans get in FREE - Scouts in uniform get parent in FREE, Children 12

and under are FREE w/Adult; See Many Toy trains Running on Our Huge Layout, Minor Train Repairs; Roman Berdes (414-282-4904)(www.mile-lrrc.com)

Nov 27 - Badgerland S Gaugers Model Train Swap Meet - Greenfield, WI - Knights of Columbus Hall, 3200 S 103rd St; 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon; Donation \$3.00, Children under 12 Free; All Scales of Model Trains: N - HO - S - O - G, New & Used Trains, Parts & Accessories, Collectibles, Railroad Memorabilia, Books, Videos & More; Door Prizes, Food Available, Operating Model Train Layout, Showing Continuous Videos, Model Train Repairs Made On Site At The Show; Jeff Young (262-250-0618)(www.Trainweb.org/bsg)

That's it for this issue.....All Aboard!

Photo's from the 2011 Fall Color Tour

The landscape was filled with the colors of fall and the air was just as it should be on a fall day in Wisconsin. It was a great day for visiting our members who are outside of the Madison area. Thanks to all those who allowed us to view their fantastic work.



Dave Lendved's C&N



Dan Hiller's Cajon Pass



Don Meyer's 1 railroad, 4 seasons



Elroy Museum Layout

Youth Group News:

By Steven C. Brist

The SCWD Youth Group has held two meetings at the Last Square Hobby Shop, 5944 Odana Road. We will usually be meeting on the Third Sunday of the month from 1 to 3 PM, but it is a good idea to double check on the date in case it conflicts with holidays in the coming months.



Lake States Railway Historical Association.



Bob Welke's Layout



Dave Casey's Layout

This year we currently have 8 young people participating, along with their parents. We have signed up 7 of the 8 young people for the Tunnel Module contest and we hope to work on those projects at our future meetings. We have a 4' x 8' layout that was generously constructed by our former leader Larry Enlow and we hold an operating session at each meeting. In November we are looking for adults to help lead a clinic on repairing engines and cars as we distributed a large amount of surplus equipment held by the club to our members, much of which needs repairs. If you can lend assistance at our next meeting, contact one of the adult leaders listed below.

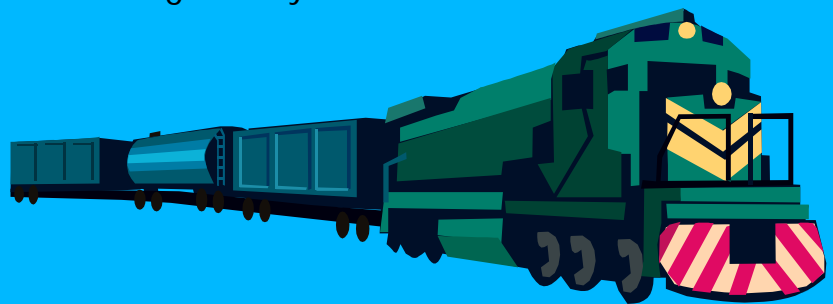
In coming months, we hope to attend the Milwaukee Train Fest, the Olbrich Gardens G scale display and help with Rail School in January and the SCWD Show in February. Membership in the SCWD Youth Model Railroad Club is free and is open to youth older than 8 and younger than 18, regardless of skill level. For more information contact one of the Youth Leaders: Steve Brist, 608-271-4338 (evenings), sbrist@cityofmadison.com; Chuck Peplinski, chuck@mds.com or Dave Mullen at dave.mullen@sbcglobal.net



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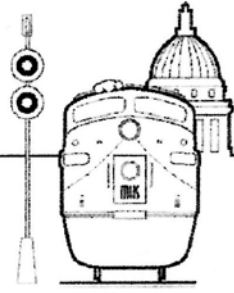
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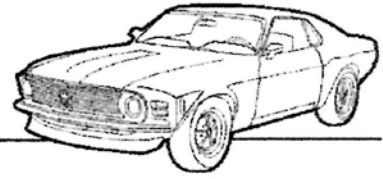
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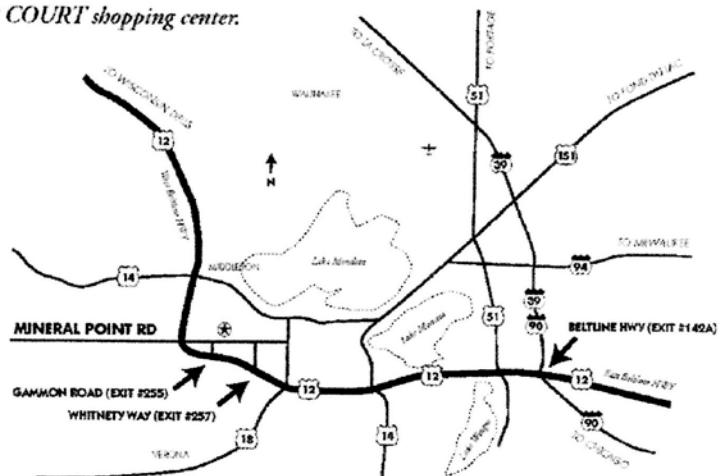
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NMRA NEWS

- In order to ensure the financial wellbeing of the NMRA into the future, there will be a **dues increase on January 1, 2012** for U.S. members and overseas members served by the Chattanooga office. Regular memberships will increase by \$5 to \$44, and subscriptions to *NMRA Magazine* will increase by \$3 to \$22. Sustaining memberships (including the magazine) will increase by \$13 to \$110, and student memberships (including the magazine) will increase by \$4 to \$32. In addition, our highly successful RailPass trial membership program will continue at \$9.95. The current RailPass conversion rate to regular memberships is around 65%. Memberships administered by the A, B, and C offices are not affected.
- Di Voss, who's heading up the Cruise Convention committee, continues to receive **results from the survey published in the October issue of NMRA Magazine**. To date he's received around 200 responses, and estimates those "in favor" to be about 75%. In addition, Di would like to remind those who think there won't be enough time on a Cruise Convention for layout tours, OPSIG meets or other activities that the ship will be

in port from about 8:00 a.m. until about 10:00 p.m.

- For some reason, the story that the NMRA membership has been declining over the past few years continues to persist. **IT AIN'T TRUE. NMRA membership is holding steady** at around 19,500. According to the latest "Membership Thermometer" figures compiled by Marketing, Advertising and Promotions manager Tom Draper, the NMRA lost 104 members between August 2009 and August 2011, but **gained 91** members between August 2006 and August 2011. Please help us set the record straight by mentioning this to your membership!
- Convention news: Even though Grand Rails 2012 will have dozens of top notch model railroads open for self-guided tours, the convention committee wanted to make sure everyone has a chance to see some of their great layouts. So there will also be **several bus tours to some of the area's best layouts**. Layouts include every scale from Z to G, and every level of completion. They're also offering a very special, exclusive seven-hour **limo** layout tour for groups of 6 to any of the six layouts on the self-guided list. The price for the limo is only \$120 per person. Get all the details and registration info at www.gr2012.org .
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If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in NMRA Magazine.

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Midwest Region News:



The Illinois Valley Division of the NMRA will be hosting the 2012 Midwest Region Convention and the annual meeting of MWR region members on March 8 to 11, 2012 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in downtown Springfield, Illinois. Up to date information can be found on the MWR web site www.mwr-nmra.org.

Train Fest is just around the corner so get your shopping lists ready. A number of our members are in the display groups that participate in this show so when you're there, look us up to say hi.

The Winnebagoland Division of the MWR covers a very large area of northern Wisconsin. It is almost impossible to hold monthly meetings as we do here in the SCWD. As Vice-President of the Midwest Region I am trying to attend meetings in other parts of our region. I decided to attend the WLD fall meeting. This meeting was almost a mini convention with clinics, swap meets, symposiums, layout tours, and a banquet. It ran all day and into the evening. The event was very well attended. I don't know the total but I did meet lots of folks from outside of there division. My wife and I had a wonderful time as did the gentleman from the SCWD in the photo below.



John Haverberg at Mark Preussler's layout.

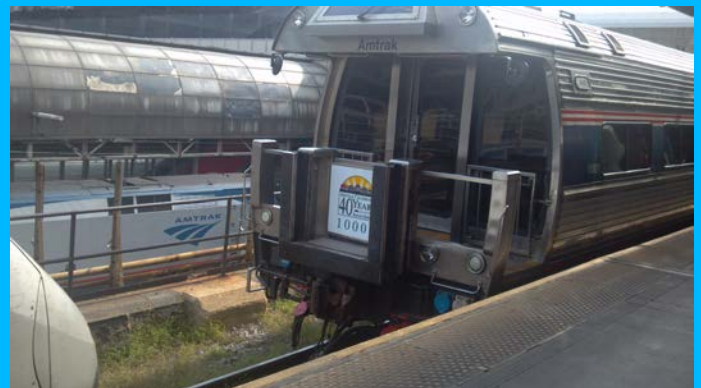


Marv Preussler's layout



From the files of Errata Data:

Always have a camera near by. Things like this just happen out of the blue. 20 years ago who would've ever thought you could take a picture out of the same thing you use to make a phone call? Not I ROFL ☺ (whatever)



An open platform observation car at Washington's Union Station. Looks like Amtrak is having a party.

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 Kornely’s Craft & Hobby Center –130 Front St. (Bus. 151/Hwy. 33) – Beaver Dam WI
 Larry & Phyl’s Hobbies – 500 North Parker Drive – Janesville WI
 Jerry’s Hobby Junction – Richland Center, WI

2010-2011 Meeting Time Tables				
Regular	BOD	Youth Group	Train Show Staff	
Sept 11 th 2011	Sept 12 th 2011	Sept. 18 th 2011	Oct 3 rd	2011
Oct 2 nd 2011	Oct 10 th 2011	Oct. 16 th 2011	Nov 7 th	2011
Nov 6 th 2011	Nov 14 th 2011	Nov. 20 th 2011	Dec 5 th	2011
Dec 4 th 2011	Dec 12 th 2011	Dec. 18 th 2011	Jan 2 nd	2012
Jan 8 th 2012 (Rail School)	Jan 9 th 2012	Rail School Jan 8 th , 2012	Feb 6 th	2012

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