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## Super's Report

Paul Mangan,  
Division Superintendent



The Badgerland Express 2011 Midwest Region Convention is ready to rock on April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Are you ready? The convention staff has been planning this event for almost a

year now and we are finally ready to leave the station. The convention is not just for people outside of the SCWD boundaries but for you as well. You may have seen most of the layout tours after our meets but here is your opportunity to operate on some of finest model railroads in the area.

The clinic line up that Ned Ferguson has assembled is awesome. You could stay busy the whole weekend just attending the clinics. Kathy Mangan has scheduled some very interesting non-rail clinics as well. Check out our web site at [nmra-scwd.org](http://nmra-scwd.org) click on Badgerland Express.

With the banquet and auction on Saturday night and all of the Sunday activities we will keep the Radisson Hotel on the West Side a bee hive of activity. So send in your registration and join us.

**Out on the Main:** Our May meeting is always with our friends in Rockford. This year it is our turn to join them for their meet in Rockford. They always make us feel welcomed and treat us to a great program. We have car pooled in past years and can do it again this year. We can meet at the K O C parking lot and park in the rear. Departure time should be no later than 10:30 a.m. in order to be there by 1:00 p.m.

### Next Regular Meet:

April 3rd , 2011 1pm.  
Knights of Columbus-Anton Dr.

### Contests: April Foolery

- A. Rolling Stock
- B. Railroad structures
- C. Caboose or Passenger Car
- D. Motive power
- E. Mini Scenes

### Next BOD Meeting:

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 7 p.m.  
Fitchburg Fire Station.

### Next Youth Group Meeting:

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
The Last Square, Madison

The SCWD banquet is set for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the West Side Club, 3706 Junction Road. (See the flier in this Bad Order issue) Please fill out and send it in ASAP so we can determine the count for dinner and door prizes. For those who have never been to one of our banquets, it's a night of good food, awards and fun.

Please note, the price for the NMRA member is also the same price for their partner; just add them together to get your total.

**In The Shops:** The La Crosse show was on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and the Rock River Valley Division have their show on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and these are both great shows. La Crosse is a bit of a drive for us but is always fun. I know a lot of SCWD

members attend the Rock River Valley Division show so I'll see you there.

My wife and I usually attend the NMRA National Conventions but this year we are doing something different. We will be going to the Garden Railroad convention in Kansas City. Sacramento should be a good convention as a lot of the tours were part of the San Jose convention which to me was a very enjoyable convention!

**At the Station** So as I bring my last Super's report to a close. I hope you have enjoyed my reports as much as I have enjoyed writing them. We have now arrived at the Station.

See you by the Rails

Paul

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## Clinics Column

I hope you enjoyed the clinic by former SCWD member, Mike Carlson, at our March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on a new technique for making and coloring light-weight rock castings and scenery using a light weight spackling compound. I've gotten a lot of positive feedback on this clinic.

For April, our first clinic will be presented by another Milwaukeean and long time friend of the SCWD, Gary Children. His clinic, "An Industry View of Youngstown, Ohio" will present a tour with the industry siding SIG group of the Youngstown steel industry, which closes down on September 7th with a loss of over 70,000 steel worker jobs. The clinic will be looking at old steel mill rail cars used in the steel works and in other industries replacing the steel industry, including how you can model them on your own layout. The second clinic will be a video, exact selection has not been made at press time. Hope to see everyone at this meeting as it is our last one in Madison before summer.

Mike Vivion  
Clinics Column Chair

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## Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

In April, we are planning the layout tours in the Verona area. At this point we have Bob Wundrock scheduled but, we are also looking for an additional layout so if anyone is interested in opening their

layout please let me know. My E-mail address and phone number is in the Red Book.

Phil

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## 2011 BNSF Galesburg Yard Tour All Aboard!

Steve Lanphear has told this reporter "there are three open spots available for the trip on April 29-30, 2011." Any one interested in going on this fantastic trip to the BNSF yards in Galesburg needs to contact Steve by E-mail ASAP [splanphear@frontier.com](mailto:splanphear@frontier.com). The trip will leave on Friday morning April 29, and return by 7:00p.m. Saturday April 30, and will include rail fanning at the Rochelle Railroad Park and Galesburg's Peck Park on Friday. The approx. cost will be \$90, which will include all costs EXCEPT meals. At the April meeting, the remaining spots can be reserved with a check for the actual cost at the meeting or by mail to Steve. We are allowed 27 seats this year this is a few more than last year. I urge you to take this opportunity. The bus will pick you up at the Park and Ride on the east side. Steve will announce the departure time at the April meet.

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## SCWD Annual Elections

The annual elections of the Board of Directors will be held on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with the annual SCWD Business Meeting. Only those members in good standing in the SCWD as defined by the By-Laws and the NMRA may vote in the elections. If you are not a member of the NMRA or not an SCWD member, then you may not vote, but are welcomed to join us for the rest of the day. If you are a member in good standing at the time of the elections, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 but can not attend the Business Meeting, then you may vote by absentee. To do this you must send a written request for an absentee ballot to Bob Wundrock, Elections Chair, Bob's address and E-mail are in the Division Red Book, no later than March 20th. Ballots will be mailed out and then must be returned to Charlie

Karpelina, Chief Clerk 2897 Busston Road, Cottage Grove, WI 53527 and received No later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**This is your division**, please make your voice be heard and vote in the BOD elections.

## Introducing the Candidates:

**Steve Lanphear:** My interest in trains started in the 1950's with American Flyer model trains. Later in the



70's when my son was 8, we built an HO layout, complete with scenery. It was a great father/son project, but as he became a high school student, his interest waned, and the layout was disabled.

During the years that followed, I have had many leadership roles, and worked effectively organizing events and doing numerous

presentations across the country and in Europe. I was a Biology teacher for 25 years, and worked at the UW School of Education for 5 years. As I approached retirement, my interest was rekindled, but I only had room for a 4x8 layout, so N-scale was the way to go. In 2006, I started coming to SCWD meetings and got hooked. Now, besides our meetings, I go to about 10 train shows/year, and my wife and I have been doing railfan trips and steam excursions for the past 3 years. I also worked on the Madison Children's Museum layout. I would like to work on finding ways to attract more beginners into the SCWD, and give all members more choices of activities during the year and in the summer. I organized the 2010 SCWD Galesburg Yard Tour and am doing it again this year. I was elected last year to the Board of Directors, and would serve the club for another year.



**Charlie Karpelina** has been a SCWD board member for the past two years. I enjoy working with the Board and the SCWD members over the past years. I think that if you belong to an organization you should help out in as many ways as you can.

I am still working on my O gauge 3 rail layout but I have made changes to the layout from the original ideas and drawings. It is modeled after the Lehigh Valley Railroad during the 1950's. The Lehigh

Valley was chosen as I grew up in Allentown, PA – Lehigh Valley area. My wife, Ruby has been helping with some things. The grandsons are still helping as much as they can but sports and music lessons come first.

I am still taking pictures of the Milwaukee area with Art Jennrich who has now joined as a member. We have had one clinic showing pictures of the old tracks of Milwaukee or areas where the tracks were located along with buildings in the area.

I am still using the display that I built last year at the Hobby Stop to recruit new members and at the Rail School in January. I want the club to continue to grow with new members.

**Mike Vivion:** I have now served on the BOD for six years, as Asst. Superintendent for 4 years and as Clinics Chairman for 5 years. I am standing for re-election again this year. Thanks to all the BOD



members, clinicians, Superintendent Paul Mangan, and all SCWD members for all your help and support these many years.

I have been with the SCWD for almost 40 years and an NMRA member since 1974. I have been an "N scaler" since 1971 and helped co-found the Capitol City N'gineers. I participated in the NMRA 1997 National Convention along with NTRAK activities, numerous SCWD Mad City Shows and other regional shows as a member of Capitol City N'gineers.

I've been building model railroad layouts professionally since 2004, initially with the late Hank Brown for four and half years, and as owner of TRAIN GUYZ LLC since January, 2009. Thanks again to everyone for all your support. I'll do my best to continue serving and promoting the SCWD if re-elected.

**Alan Paine:** I am running for the SCWD Board. I am modeling the C & O and



Appalachian Railroading in N-scale. I am an active member of Cap City N'gineers,

SCWD and NMRA.

I have made several attempts for board membership and also served as proxy for Bob Wundrock in the past. I would like to serve in order to help grow the club, especially in the area of youth activities. I would also be interested in providing more and wider ranging activities along the line of the past rail fan activities that have been held in the past. I also feel that my past technology and current marketing job responsibilities can be an asset in helping to expand the reach of SCWD for attracting members and making the SCWD a viable entity for many years to come. I look forward to serving and hope to gain your support. Thank You,  
Alan Paine



**Phil Hottmann:** I have been a model railroader for 26 years. Most recently I have served on the Board and have organized our layout tours. My focus has been on highly detailed and weathered structures. I find this hobby to be extremely interesting and challenging.

With recent developments in digital technologies, we have seen a new level of realism. This has also reduced the amount of effort required and has created a real boost to the hobby.

I have enjoyed attending the SCWD meetings and have often been amazed at all of the information provided. I would like to see the club continue to grow and develop.



**Phil Berry:** Phil has been an SCWD board member for the past four years. He has held the position of Chief Clerk and for the past three years has served as the Pay Master (Treasurer). This has involved a fair amount of work counting, depositing, and

managing the money of the SCWD, filing the taxes, and producing the financial statements of the SCWD. If re-elected to the board Phil says "I would like to continue serving as the Pay Master".

Phil has an HO scale model railroad that is under construction that models the Erie Lackawanna in the 1970s. The pike depicts the EL Southern Tier main line from Hornell NY to Binghamton NY which is ex Erie trackage, and the EL Scranton main line from

Binghamton NY on to Scranton PA which is ex Lackawanna trackage. This arrangement allows him to model Erie line side details and Lackawanna line side details on the same layout.

**Bob McGeever:** My wife and I have been rail fans all our lives. I got interested in model trains as a kid when my dad gave me and my brother his childhood



Lionel train set. I spent the first 30 years of my married life intending to build a model railroad. My boys

and I went to the train show every couple of years and dreamed of what we could do with half the basement. Time passed, the boys grew up and I found I finally had the time to build a model railroad. I started the planning about 5 years ago. I'm working in N scale using the WSOR as my prototype. As a prototype it would support my interest in lots of local freights in limited space, in runs through the town I live in and I really like the color scheme on their locos. I have what I call my first draft up and running. The second draft is in the early planning stage. I joined the club about a year ago to learn from other people with more experience.



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## The Caboose - Gone but Not Forgotten"

Is the theme for our Special Modeling Project for this model railroading season.

Conducted by John Fisher, Club Project Chair

All completed models in our Special Modeling Project "The Caboose - Gone but Not Forgotten" should be brought to our April 3rd meeting. All COMPLETED models that are ready for judging will have their entry fee refunded at the meet. Judging will be by popular vote of the general membership.

Prizes are \$150 total in Gift Certificates to the Madison Hobby Stop and will be awarded at the meet. The prize categories are as follows:

Favorite Youth Group entry (Any Scale) - \$50 Gift Certificate

Favorite HO Scale Entry (Adult) - \$50 Gift Certificate

Favorite N Scale entry Adult - \$50 Gift Certificate

In case of ties in a category, the award will be divided equally.

Rules:

1. The Caboose must be modeled and added to a diorama.
2. Caboose may be altered as preferred, i.e., Caboose is now a Hot Dog Stand.
3. Caboose must be mounted on a base and Structure(s) and/or scenery details must be added.
4. Overall diorama base dimensions cannot exceed 288 square inches for N Scale and 576 square inches for HO Scale.

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## Upcoming Rail Events - April 2011

Conducted by John Fisher

**Apr 2-3 - Lionel RR Club Open House** – New Berlin, WI - Parkland Plaza, 2721 S Calhoun Rd; 11am-5pm; \$2.00 (262-754-9900) ([www.milw-lrrc.com](http://www.milw-lrrc.com))

**Apr 3 - South Central Wisconsin Division Meet** - Madison, WI (See Feb '11 Online Edition)

**Apr 3 - Rock River Valley Division Meet** - Rockford, IL (See Feb '11 Online Edition)

**Apr 3 - 30th Annual Chicagoland Railroad Collectibles Show** - Glen Ellyn, IL - College of Du Page, Park Blvd & College Rd, Athletic Bldg; 9am-3pm; \$5.00 (847-537-0891)([www.graylandstation.com](http://www.graylandstation.com))

**Apr 9-10 - 1st Presbyterian Church Model RR Show** - Fond du Lac, WI - 1225 4th St; Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 9am-2pm; Free (920-948-2147)([www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org))

**Apr 9-10 - 10th Annual Happy Grandparents Model Train Show** - Menomonie, WI - Menomonie Middle School, 920 21st St South; Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm; Adults \$5.00, Students \$3.00, Children 5 & Under are Free, Families (2 Adults & 2 Kids Under 14)\$13.00, Food Pantry Donation receives \$.50 Off (715-505-4044 (After 7pm Please)

**Apr 9-10 - Fever River Railroad Open House** - Freeport, IL- 1055 W Beach St (CN Yard);

10am-4pm; Admission Donation (815-494-0551)([www.feverriver.org](http://www.feverriver.org))

**Apr 10 - Great Midwest Train Show** - Wheaton, IL - (See Feb '11 Online Edition)

**Apr 16-17 - Throttle Time** - Monticello, IL- Monticello Railway Museum - Exit 166 off I-72; 10:30am; Adult \$7.00, Senior/Children \$5.00, Under 4 Free w/Adult, Family \$25.00, Cab Rides \$20.00, Throttle Time \$100.00 (217-762-9357)([www.mrym.org](http://www.mrym.org))

**Apr 23 - North Western Illinois Chapter - National Railway Historical Society** - Rockford, IL (See Feb '11 Online Edition)

**Apr 23-24 -Throttle Time** - Monticello, IL - Monticello Railway Museum (See Apr 16-17)

**Apr 30 - Lake States Railway Historical Association** - Baraboo, WI - Annual Open House and Banquet - Baraboo Arts Center, 319 Water St; Doors Open 10:30am, Dinner 12:00pm, Presentation at 1:45pm: "Badger Ordnance Works Railroads", Open House till 4:00pm; For reservations:

[lakestatesarchive@gmail.com](mailto:lakestatesarchive@gmail.com) ([www.lsrha.org](http://www.lsrha.org))

**Apr 30-May 1 - 15th Annual Depot Days** of Green County - Brooklyn, WI - Brooklyn Community Bldg, 102 N Rutland; Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm; Speeder Rides Adult \$6.00, Kids \$3.00; (608-455-3121)([www.DepotDays.info](http://www.DepotDays.info))

**Apr 30-May 1 - 10th Annual Tiletown Train Show** - Green Bay, WI - Shopko Hall (Brown County Veteran's Memorial Complex), 1901 S. Oneida St, (across from Lambeau Field); Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm; Adults \$6.00, 6-12 \$1.00, Under 6 Free, Parking \$3.00; (920-336-1649)([www.ttsgblc.com](http://www.ttsgblc.com))

## Ongoing Events

(See Feb '11 Online Edition) That's it for this issue....

### All Aboard!



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# It's banquet time again!

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**May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting** Our May meeting as you know is always with out good friends in the Rock River Valley Division. This year it is our turn to go visit them at their home. They have a fine schedule of clinics and contests as always making it so worth the trip. The model contest will be open loads of all types. Model and Prototype photos will be judged and a swap table will be there as well. A \$2.00 donation at the door will be appreciated.

Car pooling in the past has been fun and we plan on doing the same this year. We can meet in the K of C parking lot in time for a 10:45am departure. That will give the group plenty of time to get there. I will not be able to make this one though so I will try to find someone to coordinate the effort. Their meeting site is [Midway Village Museum Center 6799 Guilford Road](#), Rockford IL.



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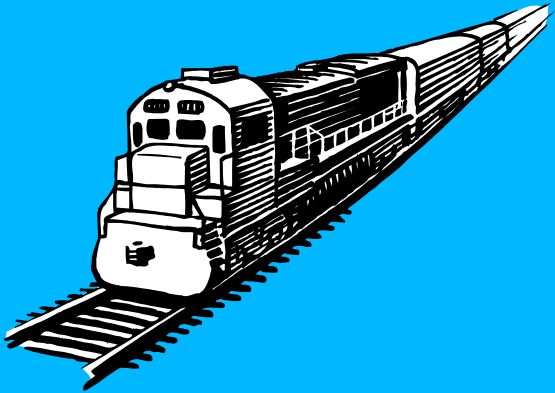
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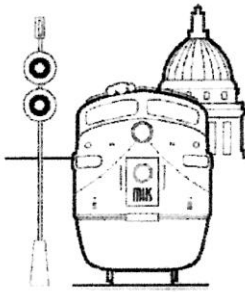
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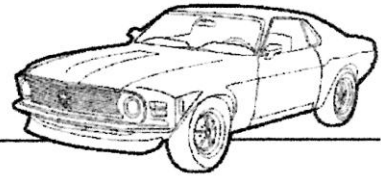
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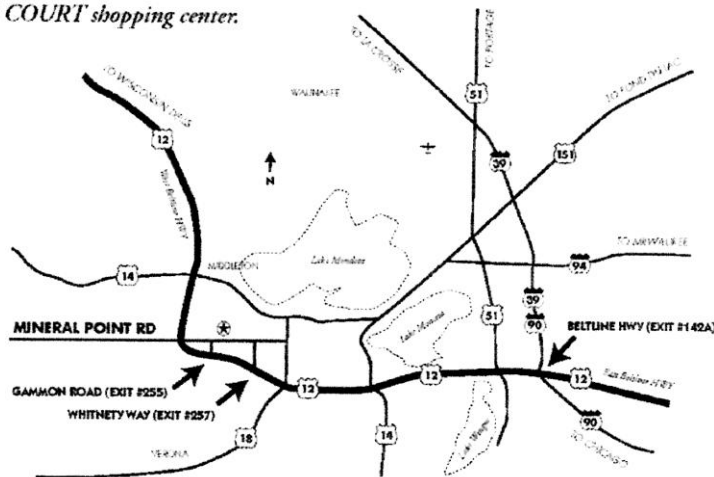
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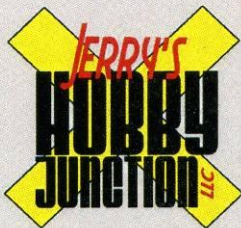
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The Hobby Depot – 835 17<sup>th</sup> Street – Monroe WI

*A Plus Trains* – 130 Main Street – Elroy WI

The Last Square Hobby Depot – 5944 Odana Road- Madison WI

Madison Hobby Stop – 6622 Mineral Point Rd (inside Clock Tower) – Madison WI

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 Schedules**

**Regular**

Jan 9, 2011

Feb 6, 2011

Mar 6, 2011

April 3, 2011

May 1, 2011 (at Rockford)

**BOD**

Jan 10, 2011

Feb 14, 2011

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April 11, 2011

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