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## Super's Report

Mike Vivion

Division Superintendent

The South Central Wisconsin Division's annual spring banquet is now a month behind us. I want to thank all who were in attendance to congratulate the several people: Charley Karpelenia, winner of the Bob Davis Award for Volunteer Spirit, Chris Roeben, winner of the Hank Brown Award for long term service to SCWD, and to Paul Mangan, winner of the Bob Steele Award for his four years of service as Superintendent of SCWD. Thanks also go to all the others members who were honored there.

July 9th is our annual picnic. Paul Mangan tells me we have more than 60 people signed up to attend. If you haven't signed up by the time you are reading this, it may be too late. This year is not only the first time we are getting together at Garner Park, but it may also be the first time we'll have some other new surprises.

On Saturday, June 11th, I had the privilege, along with Paul Mangan, and Dave and Jean Donkle, to attend a celebration honoring the life of Bob Dunham at the Village Green in Middleton. Looking back, I wish I could say that I had gotten to know Bob better during the almost 50 years that Bob was a member of the SCWD. Bob was a charter member of the SCWD as well as an NMRA Life Member. Even at the end of his final run Bob continued to serve the Division through the donation of his books, magazines, and even

### Next Regular Meet:

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 1:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus Hall Anton Dr.

### Model Contest: Non Revenue

Master builder – Cars (see story on page 3)

### Next BOD Meeting:

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Fitchburg Fire Station.

### Next Youth Group Meeting:

See you in September

The Last Square, Madison

### Picnic: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 12:00 Noon,

Garner Park, Madison (See story on Page 5)

some model trains, to SCWD. You'll be hearing more about this at the September meeting.

I hope that everyone of you will take some quiet moments to remember Bob and then ask yourself if there is a person(s) in the SCWD that you have been aware of for months or even years, but have never really taken the time to get to know, for example, knowing their favorite railroad, line modeled, visiting their layout and inviting them to see yours, etc. None of us will ever know when a fellow member is on their final run but I hope you will never find yourself wishing, as I did, that you had gotten to know them better before that run

ended. It would also be good to take the time to let your family, a close friend, or fellow SCWD member know what you would want done with your trains, books, magazines etc. when you reach that end of the final run.

Oh yes, if you've never been to the Village Green, stop in and take a look at all the wonderful classic railroad photographs that line all the walls there. I'm sure they would appreciate your having one of their great burgers and a libation while your there too. Take my word for it, you'll enjoy it!

Summer has finally arrived and most of us are probably spending large amounts of free time on things other than model railroading. Before our September meeting, there will probably be some of those hot, humid Wisconsin days when you are likely to spend time indoors in the A/C. If so, while working on your layout or latest modeling project, take a minute to consider what you might do to help make 2011-2012 another great year for the SCWD. There are open positions to be filled so think about volunteering. Those of you who have served on the Board of Directors in the past and are among the "more experienced" members, please take some time and think about doing a clinic this year, participating in the Rail School next January, volunteering at the Rail Show, etc.

Looking ahead, I believe we will have several new faces at our Fall meetings, so please make them feel welcome so they will want to come back and become an SCWD member. See you at the Picnic and in September. Have a great Summer!

Mike

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## Clinics Column

by Steve Lanphear

I hope everyone is having a great summer and is taking time to do some modeling, some rail fan trips, take lots of train pictures to enter in to the SCWD photo contests, rode on a steam train or diesel dinner train, or added onto your layout. This will be my first year as Clinics Chair and I am busy planning an exciting array of clinics and videos for the upcoming season.

In September, our first clinic will be:  
**“Searching for Clues: Early History of Railroads in Southwest Wisconsin”**

Steve Lanphear has been searching the countryside in Southwestern WI for the past four years, looking for remnants of the CNW and IC rail right-of-ways that still exist and comparing them to old maps of the area. He has also searched the archives of the Iowa County Historical Society in Dodgeville and the SW Wisconsin Historical Library in Mineral Point for photos from past railroad days 1800-1942. His presentation of photos and stories from the past will interest not just steam era fans but all railfans.

Our second clinic will be a video from the first season of **“Extreme Trains”**.

I will preview future clinics in the Bad Order as I have them confirmed.

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 by e-mail at [splanphear@frontier.com](mailto:splanphear@frontier.com)

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**Is it too hot for ya?** Keep in mind that this is on the way. When it gets too hot though you can do what most modelers do to escape the heat. Head downstairs and get to that layout. Phil Hottmann is not just looking for new layouts to tour but also for updated pikes.

The Cat Mountain Railroad and most other G-scale railroads don't have the basement option available. Cooling down with the railroad means waiting until dark and sitting down in the cool of the night and relaxing with a beverage. Ah! Summer! Ya got to love it.

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## Fall color and railroad tour

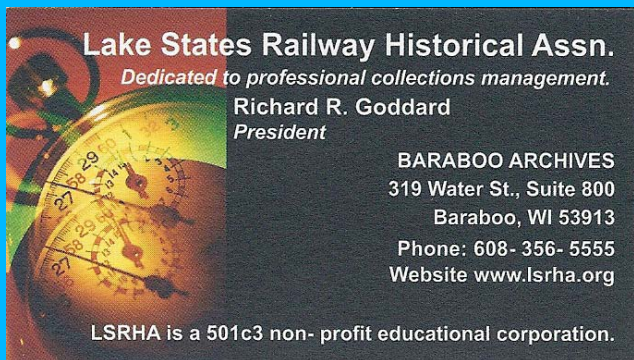
By Phil Hottmann

We are starting to plan a Fall Color and Railroad Tour to an outlying area. We are planning for Saturday October 8th. This is the weekend following our monthly meeting.

Our preliminary plan is to visit some layouts in the Lodi, Baraboo, Reedsburg and La Valle areas. We're planning to meet at the Park-N-Ride at the corner of Highway 12 and 19. The times are not set at the present time.

## September Layout Tour

I am looking for layouts for the September meeting. If any one is interested please contact me via email, my address is in the Redbook



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## Contests

By Chris and Nikki Roeben

Hope everyone is having a great summer! This is a great time to also work on some of those contest entries for next season. Going out trackside gives you plenty of opportunities to photograph trains, old and new railroad structures. And if you're fortunate, maybe catch a MOW crew working on the mainline. Summer also gives plenty of chances to work on those model projects. Not every day will be sunshine and comfortable temperatures. Summer storms and hot humid days are excellent times to stay inside the cool basement and spend an hour or two on a railcar, locomotive, or structure that you were planning on installing on the layout. Before you install that building I hope you bring it in for the Popular Vote, Achievement Program Judging, or both. We would love to see more entries this next season, and hopefully this

summer will extend lots of opportunities to work on these projects. Happy Modeling! And see you in the fall.

## September 11, 2011

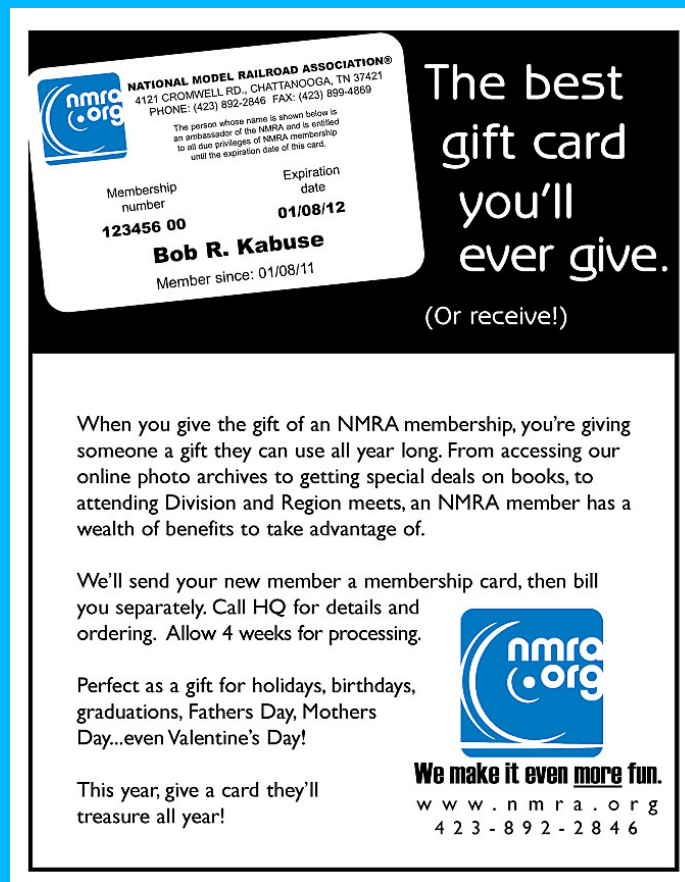
**Theme: Non-revenue equipment**  
**Master Builder – Cars**

- A. Cabooses
- B. Cranes and crane tenders
- C. Fuel tenders
- D. Misc maintenance of way cars

## October 2, 2011

**Theme: Structures**  
**Master Builder – Structures**

- 1. Stations and depots
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- 3. On-line industries
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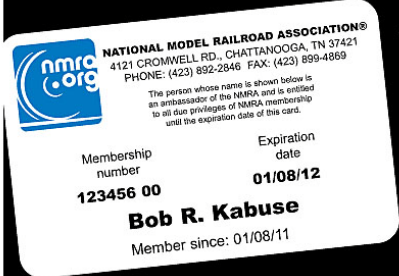
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## Editors Column



Rail fanning along the mighty Mississippi

### Remember! Safety and Security

Rail fanning goes together with our hobby like a hand in a glove. How many times have we sat and watched a train pass by and see some new details on a train passing by that we can model on our own pikes?

Open loads are always fun to watch roll by because they are like a box of chocolates; you just don't know what your going to get. A mixed freight goes along these same lines and some times one wonders who put that train together. Most of the time, car placement in the train is very important and not just for efficiency but for safety as well. Ever since the tank car clinic that Rich Mahaney presented I always try to identify types of tank cars and their positions on the train. As Rich said in his clinic, that the location of a car tells a lot about what is inside such as volatile or non-volatile, empty or full.



Keep a safe distance !

I don't have to tell most of the members of our division or most NMRA members about safety. Bad things happen when people get too lax about safety. Always keep a safe distance away from the tracks.

Another item to bring up is how the world has changed since 911. The Railroads are very concerned about security. Keep in mind that if you are on railroad property you may be questioned as to who you are and why you are there and probably told to leave.

Keep your eyes open. If you see suspicious activity any where near the railroads make sure you turn this information in to the proper authorities. I usually carry the BNSF citizen's security card that has phone numbers to call to report such observations.

Wisconsin has many places to rail fan. You can do so and stay safe at the same time but, by all means stay out of the way! They are at work and that work can be dangerous.

Be safe by the rails  
Paul  
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## It's Convention Season



At this moment the 2011 NMRA National Convention is just days away. My wife and I have attended many conventions in the past but unfortunately we can not make this one. Conflicts in our schedule have prevented us from heading west for this event. If you go to their web site at [www.x2011.org](http://www.x2011.org) you will see that another good convention is at hand. If any division members are planning on attending I am hoping they will file a report for the Bad Order to share the experience with us.

Another group that has national conventions is the National Garden Railroad Association. This one we will be attending along with a couple of other members of the SCWD and WGRS. The 2011 NGR convention will be in Kansas City MO. from June 21 through the 25<sup>th</sup>. I will file a report on this event in the September Bad Order.

As you know, the SCWD hosted a very successful Badgerland Express Midwest Region convention this past April. Regional conventions are a lot of fun, much more relaxed and a lot easier on the budget. These conventions have a more personal feel as they are not too over done with too many large events going on. The opportunities to meet modelers close to home and see what they are up to abound. This is an excellent time to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Next year's Midwest Region convention will be hosted by the Illinois Valley Division and held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield IL on March 8 – 11 2012. Their convention committee is hard at work preparing the venue for us to enjoy.

Next year's NMRA convention will be just across the big pond in Grand Rapids MI. [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org) July 29 - August 4, 2012. I have registered for this one and do plan on attending as of now.

Paul



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## July is SCWD Picnic Time

Paul Mangan

Let's see, how does that old song go? "Its summertime and the living is easy" or something like that. There are not very many people I know that don't enjoy those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. It's time to get out the grill and get together with friends and enjoy the season. It's always more enjoyable when someone else does the cooking and cleaning up. Would that be cool or what! Would some one do all of this for a picnic in the park? You bet they would.

The SCWD summer picnic is set for July 9<sup>th</sup> at Garner park on the corner of Mineral Point Road and Rosa Road on the West side of Madison. We have the park and shelter reserved all day so arrival time should be about noon as the picnic will be served at 1:00. There is no charge for members and guests but we need to know how many are planning on being there so please send in the sign up sheet or use my contact information in the division Red Book to E-mail me ASAP so we don't run out of food.

## Extra! Extra!

On arrival at the park, stop at the check-in window for your dining car ticket. I have moved the deadline up to **July 5<sup>th</sup>** for those who may need some extra time.

As of this writing we have a good number of members and guests signed up so don't be left out! Come join us. Bring your thinking cap for train trivia.



*It's summertime and the living is so easy.  
Must be SCWD picnic time!*



**Location: Garner Park  
Mineral Point Rd. & Rosa Road**

**Date: July 9<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Time: 12:00 Noon Till ???  
Dinner at: 1:00 p.m.**

**Sign Up Now!**

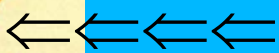
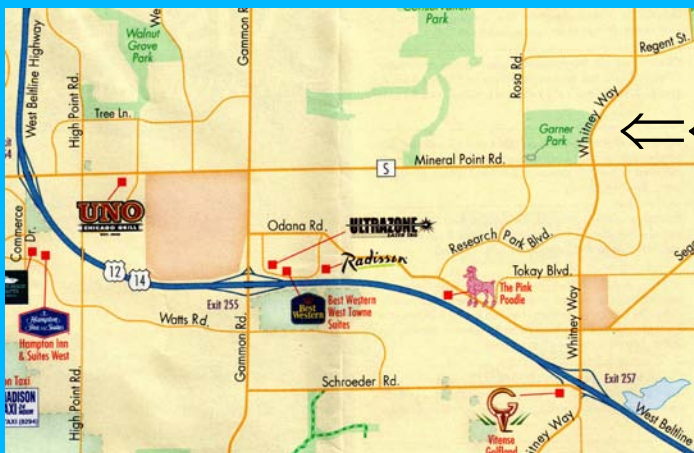
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## Upcoming Rail Events - July/August 2011

Conducted by John Fisher

**Jul 3-4** - Freeport, IL - 4th of July Steam Train Days - Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad - 1912 Heisler Steam Locomotive([www.thefreeportshow.com](http://www.thefreeportshow.com))(815-232-2306)

**Jul 3-9** - Sacramento, CA - Extra 2011 West NMRA National Convention ([www.x2011west.org/OR](http://www.x2011west.org/OR) [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org))

**Jul 16** - La Crosse, WI - Rail Fair - Copeland Park, Rose St & Clinton St - 10am-5pm; Admission \$5, Children under 12 Free w/Adult; Model & Toy Trains, Railroadiana, Antique Toys, Die cast Models, Railroad Exhibits & Displays; Guided Tours of the Steam Locomotive, Caboose & Grand Cross Tower; BNSF Railway Locomotive display at North La Crosse Yard; Canadian Pacific Railway Exhibits & Displays at Copeland Park (South End) ([www.4000foundation.com](http://www.4000foundation.com))(608-781-9383)

**Jul 21-24** - Rock Island, IL - Train Festival 2011 - America's Celebration - Schweibert Riverfront Park - General Admission \$15, child (2-12) \$12, Excursions \$24 to \$250 (Gen'l Admission Included) - Steam & Diesel Locomotives from around the country will be on display for visitors to tour cabs, take photos, watch demonstrations and much more. Huge model train layouts will be on exhibit from around the country and railroad vendors from around the globe will be selling unique, one-of-a-kind train items and mementos that you won't find anywhere else; 2 hour and all day train excursions available. See website for more information ([www.trainfestival2011.com](http://www.trainfestival2011.com))

**Aug 5-7** - Freeport, IL - Threshing Show & Antique Display - Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad (See Jul 3-4 Listing)

**Aug 14** - Wheaton, IL - Great Midwest Train Show - DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W Manchester Rd - 9:30am-3:00pm; Admission \$7, Kids Under 12 Free, Go Online for Discount Coupon; 5 Buildings & 500 tables, 200 exhibitors. ([www.GreatMidwestTrainShow.com](http://www.GreatMidwestTrainShow.com))(630-290.1962)

**Aug 18-21** - La Crosse, WI - 33rd Annual Soo Line Historical and Technical Society Convention "Coulee Country Soo Style" - DaysHotel on French Island (Exit #2, on I-90); Non SLHTS members can attend this convention and activities, See website for complete information. ([www.sooline.org](http://www.sooline.org)) or contact Kent Ohlfs at ([kentrail65@centurytel.net](mailto:kentrail65@centurytel.net))

**Aug 27** - Oregon, IL - North Western Illinois Chapter - National Railway Historical Society - Old CB&Q Depot on South Side of Town on present BNSF mainline track. ([trainboy3@mchsi.com](mailto:trainboy3@mchsi.com)) (See Feb '11 Online Edition)

**Aug 20-21** - West Bend Railfest 2011 - West Bend, WI (See June BO and Online Edition)

### Ongoing Summer Events:

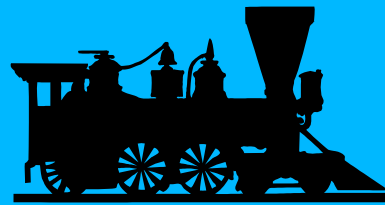
There are a lot of events going on, please check your May 2011 BO and Online Edition for previous listings and more information.

That's it for this issue, see ya in the Fall.....All Aboard!



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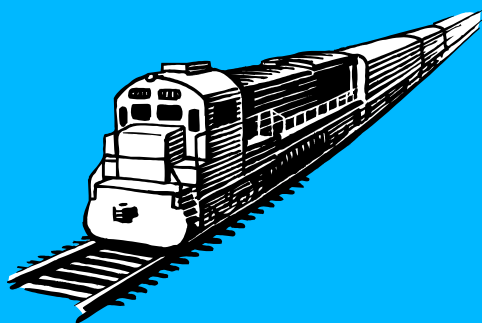


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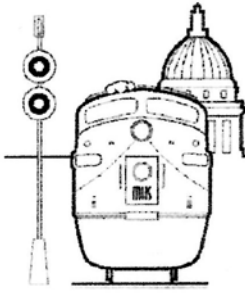
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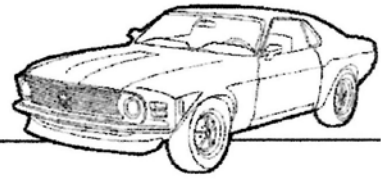
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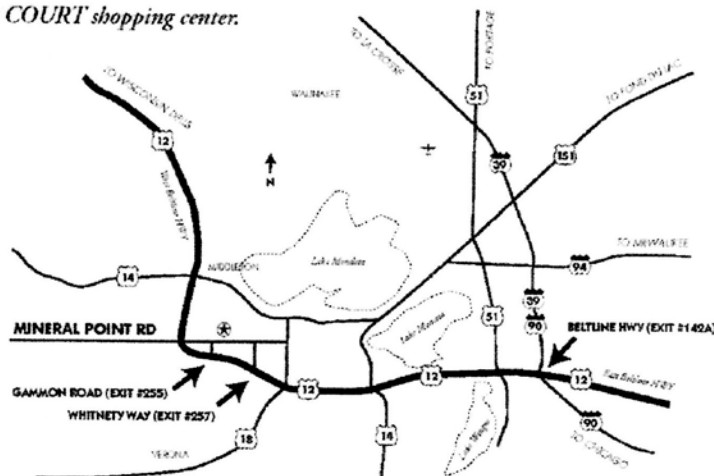
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### NMRA NEWS

- The NMRA has a [Facebook page and is on Twitter as well](#). For up-to-the-minute news members should follow us on either (or both) of those two social media sites!
- The [National Train Show also has a Facebook page](#). When they follow us, your members can get all kinds of information about which vendors

will be at the show, show specials, and other good-to-know previews about the NTS!

- As has been the case for several years, [NMRA Membership numbers are remaining stable](#). The membership count, as of May 31, was 19,495. This represents an increase of 0.34% (that's 1/3 of 1%) over May of 2010, and a decrease of 0.32% (1/3 of 1%) over May of 2006. When you hear rumors of the "constant decrease in NMRA membership," please quote these figures -- it's **STABLE** and has been for at least five years!
- [See the online edition](#) at [nmra-scwd.org](http://nmra-scwd.org) and read about the new NMRA privacy policy.



### The Midwest Region Waybill

The Waybill can be found on line along with a lot of other information about the Midwest Region. Keep up

with all the news that you can use at [www.mwr-nmra.org](http://www.mwr-nmra.org). Click on Waybill and then select the issue you are interested in. This summer's Editor's column has a nice article on National Train Day. Check it out.



### Help Wanted:

Here is an opportunity for you to work with the Train Show Staff. It takes a lot of people to put on a great train show. Steve Stone has been taking care of our ticket duties over the past five years and needs a break. Steve has done a commendable job and is willing to transfer his knowledge to a replacement.

If you have interest in working with the best show staff in the world please call me so we can talk. Your fellow division members will be very appreciative. Art Dawson's leadership and outstanding management skills have made this group a very satisfying group to work with. My contact information is in the Division Red Book. I guarantee that you will get a different view of the show.

Summer time is here and the info for the bad order is slow. If you have something of interest please send it over for the September issue. The alternative is more fill and commentary by me.

*Paul Mangan*  
*SCWD*  
*Bad Order Editor*

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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**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Rail School)

**BOD**

Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Youth Group**

TBD  
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Rail School Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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