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Super's Report

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Division Superintendent

Although summer doesn't officially end until later in September, I am sure that many of you are thinking that summer is almost over and that it will be once the SCWD monthly meetings start up on September 11th. While this summer has ranked among the hottest ones, I hope you have used the heat as an excuse to get down into the basement and work on the layout or a modeling project or two. If not, then it's time to start making model railroading plans for the cooler days that are just ahead.

Regrettably my wife and I missed the annual picnic due to a death in her family however, I heard the turnout was great, the food good, and a good time was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Paul Mangan and Alan Paine for arranging the park reservation, lining up the food, and leading the entertainment. If you have feedback on the picnic, let me or any BOD member hear your thoughts.

My wife and I were fortunate to be able to attend the National N Scale Convention joining the other 450 or so N scale enthusiasts that was held in Hershey, PA on June 21-26. Two of the highlights for us were visiting Todd Treaster's N scale layout where two 100-car trains were running and about another 2400 cars were in the main yard. Oh yes, I do need to mention his display cases that are filled with 30,000 or so additional pieces of rolling stock. Our other highlight was a tour of the Standard Steel Company where we watched as they forged wheels and axles for railroad locomotives and rolling stock. If you think Wisconsin was hot, try standing thirty feet away from an electric forge when they open the doors!

Next Regular Meet:

September 11th, 2011 1:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus Hall Anton Dr

Model Contest: Non Revenue

Master builder – Cars (Story on page 3)

Next BOD Meeting:

September 12th 2011 7:00 p.m.

Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

September 18th 1 – 3 pm. (Story page 5)

The Last Square, Madison

Fall Color Tour:

October 8th 2011 (see page 2 for details)

I understand that Bob Wundrock attended the NMRA National Convention in Sacramento, CA, and that Paul and Kathy Mangan along with Donn and Rose Tolley traveled to Kansas City for the National Garden Scale Convention. Hopefully they will share with us some of what they experienced at one of our fall meetings. If anyone else made it to these or other national model railroad or railroad historical society conventions this summer, I encourage you to contact Steve Lanphear and work with him to share some of your experiences in a clinic.

Speaking of clinics, Steve Lanphear already has two excellent clinics ready for our first meeting. At the August BOD meeting, Steve also gave us a sneak peak at some of the possible clinics he's lining up for later this year. I hope all of you will make it a point to join us on September 11th to enjoy these clinics.

John Fisher has once again come up with an excellent topic for this year's Division modeling project. See John's column in this issue for more information and details. I encourage all SCWD members and Youth Group members to sign up at this meeting to participate in this great yearly project.

Remember to bring in your models and photos of non-revenue equipment for the model and photo contests. Let's all support Chris and Nikki as they take on their new tasks as the chairs of these contests by bringing in lots of items.

Finally, mark Saturday, October 8th on your calendars as this will be the day we all enjoy our inaugural Fall color and railroad tour. Phil Hottman will be providing more information about this tour at our September meeting. If you want to enjoy these fine layouts then you must not miss this meeting.

Well, there should be at least one thing I've mentioned above that will fire you up to attend the September SCWD meeting. If not, then just come on out anyway to get re-acquainted with your SCWD friends that you haven't seen or talked with all summer! See you at the meeting!

Mike



Clinics Column

by Steve Lanphear

I hope everyone has had a restful and train friendly summer! This will be my first year as Clinics Chair, and I am busy planning an exciting array of clinics and videos for the months ahead, beginning with our September meeting.

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 railroad 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 all rail fans of the steam era.

Bob Wundrock will then give a 15 minute presentation on the 2011 NMRA Convention.

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

Preview of upcoming clinics:

October 2 – Garden Railroads

November 6 – History of the Badger Ordinance Works Railroad

December 4 – TBA

January – Rail School – No Clinics

February 5 – Making Photo Backdrops

March 4 – TBA

April 1 – TBA

May 6 – History of Amtrak (40th anniversary.- National Amtrak speaker) – Joint Meet with the Rock River Valley Division

Possible topics for the TBA dates include: DCC Wiring, Air Brush Techniques, Weathering with Powders, CNW History, Soo Line History, and others. 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



Fall color and Railroad tour

By Phil Hottmann

Layout Tours - September 2011

For our September Meeting we will be featuring the layouts of Don Swinton and Ron Betlach.

The SCWD outer area **“Fall Color Railroad Tour”** is tentatively set for Saturday, October 8th. Our plans are to meet at the "Park-N-Ride" located at Highways 12 and 19 for those people who would like to carpool. From there we would have layouts near Merrimac, Baraboo, LaValle and Elroy. This should be close to the "Fall Color Season" so the scenery should be spectacular. We would like to see if we have enough interest for this event at the September 11th meeting so come out and let your voice be heard.

I also need to fill railroad tours for the rest of the season. If anyone is interested in showing their layout please contact me. My info is in the Red Book.

Phil



Contests

By Chris and Nikki Roeben

The “Dog Days of Summer” are behind us, and with a couple of weeks of hot weather over we hope you got a chance to work on some projects in your basement. Now it’s time to bring in some of those models and photos to share and have judged by your peers in this great hobby.

September’s theme is Non-Revenue Cars. If it doesn’t earn a penny for the railroad then it qualifies for this month. See the listing below for the four model sub-categories. Don’t forget those cars and trucks that are able to ride the rails in the function of their jobs, and those that didn’t but were used for maintaining the railroad.

The theme is the same for the Photo Contest, and the categories are the same with Prototype and Model. In the Photo Contest you will now be allowed unlimited entries in each category per modeler. We are hoping this will get some people to bring in photos for the monthly contests. If however this becomes a problem as it had been in the distant past we’ll go back to the 10 photo limit.

One other change starting this season is the points awarded for First, Second, and Third. First will earn 10 points, Second will get 7, and Third gets 5. Also, each entry will earn 1 point.

We’ll see you in September, so enjoy the rest of your summer.

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
- 2. Locomotive servicing structures
(coaling towers, water towers, etc.)
- 3. On-line industries
- 4. Bridges



Editors Side Track:

Summer is beginning its slow transition into fall and as the seasons change so do our modeling activities. I hope you all had a great and safe summer and participated in lots of railroad related events. After all this is what the hobby is all about. Here are some reflections I have on summer 2011.

Each summer there are large gatherings of modelers at conventions. There is the NMRA convention that tries to take in all scales known to man. Then there are the N scale, S scale, O scale, Narrow gauge and G scale conventions just to name a few. This year Kathy and I joined Donn and Rose Tolley at the NGRC (National Garden Railroad Convention). The convention was held in Kansas City KS on June 21st thru the 26th. The week was filled with a vast array of garden layouts in all shapes and sizes open for all the attendees to see. We chose to drive to the layouts ourselves as opposed to taking the bus so we had the pleasure of using the GPS to explore the whole area. Meanwhile, back at the convention center, clinics were running every afternoon covering all aspects of garden railroading from beginners to fine scale modeling in G scale.



The Kansas City area is well known for BBQ. That being said, I set out on a quest to see what all the hoop la surrounding KC BBQ was all about and if I could connect it to trains. Well, I found the connection. Kansas City Union Station as it turns out, is a great place for rail fanning. Trains, and I mean big trains, pass through about every ten minutes or so with visits by Amtrak, UP and BNSF. But how does this connect with BBQ ribs? Here’s how! Walking over the bridge from the station that crosses over the mainline tracks there is a BBQ house called Jack Stack’s, www.JackstackBBQ.com. Here at their Union Station location they have an outside seating area that faces

the tracks. Enjoying great ribs, fine beverages and watching trains. WOW! Is this cool or what! ☺

Continuing on the BBQ theme, among the evening events on the schedule was a cook out at the Agricultural Historical Museum. One of the features out side of the great food was a train ride throughout the property. The trip was a mile long over bridges and through tunnels. I sat over the wheel set of the last car and I swear they left the springs out on the last scheduled maintenance. But it was still fun.

On the last day of the convention, the organizers put together a train for the Guinness book of world records billed to be the longest G scale train. Unfortunately, we needed to get back on the road and had to pass on this event.

On the way back to Wisconsin we decided to take a more southern route. After driving around some areas that were flooded we opted to stay overnight in Galesburg. On our arrival into Galesburg we went to the Packing House for diner and couldn't believe the long wait. Oh Boy! Would you believe it was Rail Road Days! My Oh My! Off to Peck's park for some rail fanning and by now my wife is getting a bit worn down to say the least.



Rail fanning at KC Union Station.

More Photos': Here are some additional convention photos from the convention in Kansas City.



Triplex Helper service for sixty coal cars.



These are just a small sampling of some of the more than 25 layouts that were open for viewing in the Kansas City area. Two live peacocks wandering around this vast UP layout in the photo above added to the enjoyment of this tour.

See you by the Rails

⊗Paul⊗



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2011 SCWD Picnic Report

July 9th was a bit warm as normal for July, but not too hot as we gathered for the annual SCWD picnic in Garner park on Madison's west side. The temperature in the shelter was quite pleasant as a nice cool breeze was blowing thru the shelter to keep the gathering of seventy three members and guests in fine spirits. It was said by someone in attendance that the Division has had picnics at this park in the past but I can not recall ever attending an SCWD event here before. I guess I've led a *sheltered* life.



Queen Ann's was the caterer again this year and provided their usual quality offerings of chicken, burgers and all the fixings. They arrived on time so even those who arrived early were happy with the timing of the meal.



The fellowship was outstanding as modeling conversations and rail fanning stories could be heard throughout the shelter all afternoon. After the meal

your division game show host conducted a very high spirited round of Train Trivia. Some of the questions were easy and some not so easy but all were answered. We'll be gathering up some new questions for next year.

This was an outstanding turn out of members so thanks to all who came out. I think we may need a bigger park next year.



Youth Group New Season

The SCWD youth group begins its 2011 – 2012 season on September 18th at the Last Square Hobby Depot, 5944 at Odana Road in Madison. This year Steve Brist, Dave Mullen and Chuck Paplinski will be leading the young modelers beginning at 1:00 and running to 3:00 pm. Lots of new ideas are on tap to bring the kids along on the journey to the world of model railroading. See the time table on page 12 and stop in to support our future SCWD members.

Thanks go out to the Last Square Hobby Depot for providing the meeting space for the kids.



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Green County Model Railroaders Model Train Show-Swap Meet:

When fall starts to show its colors the time will be right for the 33rd annual show and meet to be held at the Stateline Ice and Community Expo, 1632 4th Ave West in Monroe WI on Sept. 24 & 25 from 10 am to 4 pm. I always seem to bump into SCWD members while walking around at this show.

For more information see John Fisher's Upcoming Events column.



SCWD SPECIAL MODELING PROJECT 2011-2012

FORMAT CHANGE!

Major changes are as follows: Complete elimination of the HO and N Scale categories as they have been set up. These are being replaced by one Adult Category comprised of both HO Scale and N Scale entries. This will totally eliminate the lack of entries in one particular scale, i.e., N Scale. The present Youth Category will be retained giving us a total of two categories, Adult and Youth instead of the previous three, i.e., HO Scale, N Scale and Youth.

Changes to monetary awards for contest winners are as follows: Monetary awards will be made to the respective winners in each of our two categories. 1st Place - \$75, 2nd Place - \$50 and 3rd Place \$25. This replaces our present award structure of \$50 - 1st Place, 2nd Place - (None) receives only Certificate, 3rd Place - (None) receives only Certificate in each of our previous three categories. This will help provide additional incentive to participate as well as making it more rewarding and better recognition of the efforts of the top three entries in each of our two categories. All remaining entrants will receive a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts.

There will be only one model contest during the month of April, the culmination of our Special Modeling Project. Participants in the contest judging should have adequate time for properly judging the entries and not have to try to judge two contests and keep them straight. The previous monthly contest took away from that. Hopefully these changes, which have been approved by your Board of Directors, will result in an even better Special Modeling Project for this year and a more meaningful and satisfying modeling experience for all participants.

“The Tunnel - The Light at the End may be a Train”

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

We will be modeling a diorama containing a tunnel either in HO or N Scales. The Adult Category entry fee will be \$10 and the Youth Category entry fee will be \$5. These fees will be refunded upon successful completion of your diorama and entry into final judging contest in April 2012. You may sign up and pay your entry fee at the September and October SCWD meetings. The Tunnel Portals will be available for pickup at the October and November meetings. Awards will be given for best entries by popular vote at the end of the '11-'12 model railroading season.

Project: Build a diorama containing a tunnel in either HO or N Scales utilizing the Tunnel Portal components produced by either Woodland Scenics or Chooch Enterprises Inc. in Cut Stone, Random Stone, Concrete or Timber formats.

Project Guidelines:

1. Must sign up at September or October meetings.
2. Pay \$5 or \$10 entry fee at sign up or when Tunnel Portal is picked up.
3. Must complete diorama and bring to April 2012 meeting.
4. Entry fee will be returned only if project is entered for judging.
5. Projects will be judged by popular vote at April 2012 meeting.
6. Awards will be presented at the end of April 2012 meeting.

Project Rules:

1. Tunnel Portal must be added to the diorama.
2. Diorama must be mounted on a base and structure(s) and/or scenery details must be added.
3. Overall diorama base dimensions cannot exceed 288 square inches for N Scale and 576 square inches for HO Scale.

Project Awards:

1. Awards are \$300 total in Gift Certificates to the Madison Hobby Stop as well as Award Certificates.
2. Awards in six categories:

Adult:

1st Place - \$75 - 2nd Place - \$50 - 3rd Place - \$25

Youth:

1st Place - \$75 - 2nd Place - \$50 - 3rd Place - \$25

3. In case of ties in a category, the award will be divided equally.
4. All remaining entrants will receive a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts.

To sign up for the Project:

1. Prior to the start of the meet or at break see John Fisher to sign up.
2. Print name on entry sign up roster and if possible, pay \$5 or \$10 entry fee at this time.
3. Tunnel Portals of entrant's choosing will be delivered at October meeting for those signing up in September.
4. Those signing up in October will get their Tunnel Portals at the November meeting.
5. NO SIGN UP after the October meeting.

John F. Fisher
Special Project Chair

Upcoming Rail Events - September 2011

Conducted by John F. Fisher

Sep 2-5 - Calumet County Train Fair Show - Chilton, WI - (Check their website:

www.calumetcountyfair.com/index.html)

Sep 5 - Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad - Freeport, IL - Steam Train Rides

(www.thefreeportshow.com)(815-2306/815-235-2198)

Sep 10-11 - Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Show & Swap Meet - Marinette, WI - St Thomas Aquinas Academy High School, 1200 Main St, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-2pm; Free; Classic car show outside the school (wmwestdiv@yahoo.com)(715-735-5525)

Sep 10-11 - M.L.E.S. Train Rides - Cedarburg, WI - 2620 N Country Aire Dr (Hwy M); Steam & Diesel Locomotives at our outdoor track, Concessions available; All rides are Free (www.mles.org)(262-573-1415)

Sep 11 - South Central Wisconsin Meet - Madison, WI - Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd; 1-4pm; Free; Clinics, model & photo contests, door prizes, home layout viewing (SCWD, 6187 Sun Valley Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575. www.nmra-scwd.org)

Sep 11 - Rock River Valley Div Meet - Rockford, IL - Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30-4pm; \$2 entry donation; Model & Prototype clinics, swap table (www.rrvd-nmra.com)(815-332-2496)

Sep 11 - Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL - Du Page County Fairgrounds, County Farm Rd & Manchester Rd; 9:30am-3:00pm; Adults \$7, Kids

Free, Discount Coupon & Show Details at

(www.GreatMidwestTrainShow.com)

Sep 17 - Railroad Days - Marquette, IA - Marquette Depot & Information Center; Railroad program & activities (Milwaukee Road Depot & Caboose) (800-896-0910)

Sep 17 - Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show - Cross Plains, WI, Baer Park; Pancake breakfast 6:45-10:15am, Free sweet corn at the steam engine, Food Concessions 10:30-3:30, Free Admission; Railroad Telegraphy Display/Demo & Vintage Model Railroad Layout (608-798-3040)

Sep 17-18 - Annual Railroad Days - Monticello, IL - Monticello Railway Museum - Exit 166 off I-72; 10:30am; Displays & Train Rides

(www.mryn.org)(217-762-9357)

Sep 24 - North Western Illinois Chapter, National Railway Historical Society - Rockford, IL - St Mark Luthern Church, 675 N Mulford Rd; Short business meeting followed by slide presentation by Mike Blaszak; Jerry Pyfer (815-654-2087)

Sep 24-25 - Green County Model Railroaders 33rd Annual Model Train Show-Swap Meet - Monroe, WI - The Stateline Ice & Community Expo, 1632 4th Ave West; 10am-4pm both days; \$4 Donation, under 10 Free w/Adult (www.gcmrrinc.org)(608-325-9779)

Ongoing Summer/Fall Events:

The Toy Train Barn - Argyle, WI - W9141 State Rd 81; 10am-5pm All Year; Adults \$5, Kids \$3

(www.whrc-wi.org/trainbarn)(608-966-1464)

Galesburg Railroad Museum = Galesburg, IL - 211 S Seminary St; Museum open April to September, Scenic Drive Weekends in October, Tue-Sat 10-4, Sun noon-4, Closed on Mondays & Holidays; Admission Fee

(www.galesburgrailroadmuseum.org)(309-342-9400)

Fennimore Railroad Museum - Fennimore, WI - 610 Lincoln Ave; 10am-4pm; Open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day, Weekends only Sep & Oct; Donations appreciated; 15" Gauge Train Rides Weekends - Only \$1, Narrow Gauge Locomotive on display (www.fennimore.com/railroad)(08-822-6144)

See May 2011 Bad Order Online Edition for previously listed Ongoing Events.

Welcome back aboard for our fall season!



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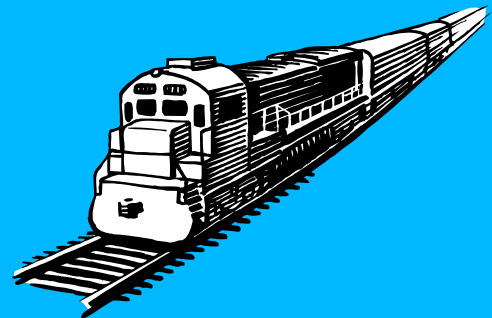
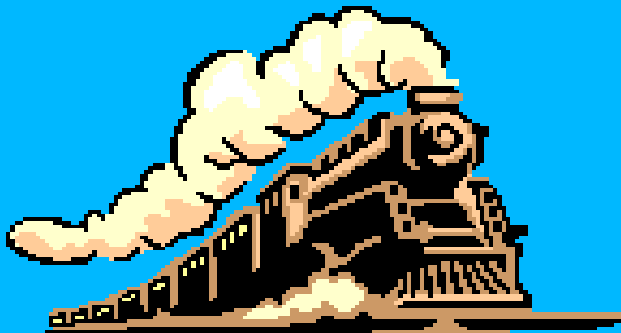
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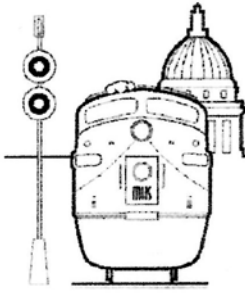


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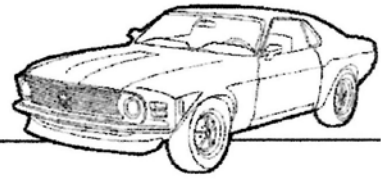
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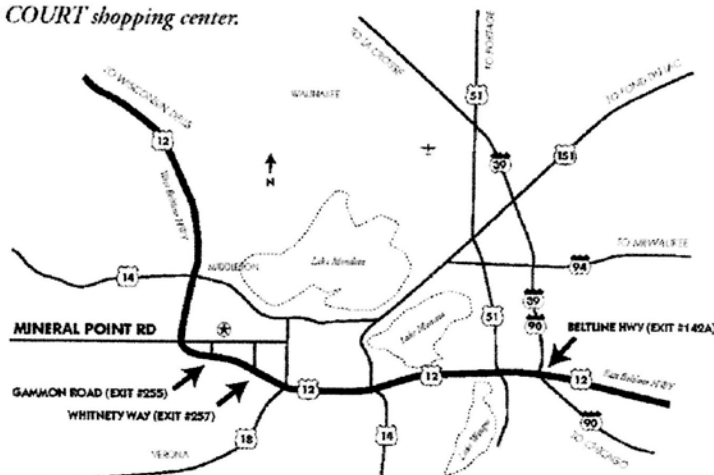
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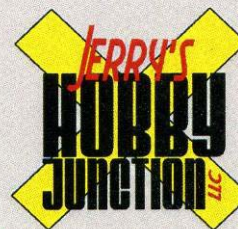
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NMRA NEWS

- This year's Sacramento convention **attendance topped the 2,000 mark** -- the continuation of an upward attendance trend.
- The folks at the NMRA Membership Booth at the National Train Show signed up **243 new members in three days!**
- Many of the clinicians at the Sacramento convention have **uploaded their handouts or full presentations** as PDF files to the x2011 website at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them. Just look for the Clinics tab, then Clinic Handouts.
- Based on two big proposals for the 2015 National NMRA Convention, the Board of Directors selected **Portland, Ore. as the winner**. Details and exact timing of the convention will be announced in the coming months.
- The "Carpet Cutting" at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento marked the **official start of fundraising for a scale model railroading exhibit** in the museum's Gallery area. No NMRA dues or regular revenue streams will be used to fund this project, so its construction will rely entirely

on donations. For more details about the Gallery Exhibit, see the

For a complete summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit the homepage of our website at www.nmra.org in the next few weeks. The report will also be published in *NMRA Magazine* in the near future.



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.

The WISE Division meeting site has changed for next season. Beginning September 18th they will be meeting at the Best Western Plus Midway Hotel, 1005 S. Moorland Rd. in Brookfield WI. For more info check their web site at www.wisedivision.org.

The Midwest Region Board of Directors fall meeting will be held on Sept. 10th in Lafayette IN at 10:00 am in the University Plaza Hotel. There will be operating sessions on the evening before the meet.



In the Station:

I want to take a moment to say thanks to all of the volunteers in our division. The activities that the SCWD sponsors do not happen by themselves. It takes members like you who care and are willing to step up and work hard to keep our division the successful organization that it is. I mention this because a new season is at hand and the call for volunteers will be going out again. Please don't assume that someone is always going to be there to fill these positions. When an opportunity presents itself look to see if you can take it on and when you do, please pass the volunteer spirit on to others.

Paul Mangan

SCWD

Bad Order Editor

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The Hobby Depot – 835 17th 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 Time Tables

Regular

Sept 11th 2011
Oct 2nd 2011
Nov 6th 2011
Dec 4th 2011
Jan 8th 2012 (Rail School)

BOD

Sept 12th 2011
Oct 10th 2011
Nov 14th 2011
Dec 12th 2011
Jan 9th 2012

Youth Group

Sept. 18th 2011
Oct. 16th 2011
Nov. 20th 2011
Dec. 18th 2011
Rail School Jan 8th, 2012

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