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Next SCWD Meet
Verona Senior Center, Verona
March 1, 2026 at 1 PM

Next BOD Meeting:
March 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM
ZOOM Meeting

Next Youth Group
Verona Senior Center, Verona
March 14, 2026 1 PM

Super's Report

Art Dawson
Division Superintendent

Hello fellow modelers,

By the time you read this, the Mad City Model Railroad Show will be complete! I expect I will see most of you there again this year. Thanks again to all our volunteers as we need each and every one of you to put this on.

Our annual business meeting, where we vote for board members, is coming up in April. If you are interested in running for the board, we'd love to hear from you. Let me or any of the existing board members know, we'll get you on the ballot.

Also in April is the judging for the annual modeling project. Be sure to bring your diorama in for prize judging.

The Annual Banquet is going to be on May 15th, not the 8th, as our chef will be on vacation that week. Reservation sheets will be in the Bad Order for the next several issues as well as the Summer Picnic.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on March 1st!

Thanks,

Art Dawson, SCWD Superintendent
nkp284@yahoo.com

Model railroading is fun!

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Thanks to Ron Halvorson we were treated to a wonderful tour for the February meeting. Ron continues to add to his layout. He was showing us one of the railroad stations that he is currently scratch building.

For March we are visiting Dr. Bill Clancy's Rio Grande Pacific Railroad. Bill continues to work on his layout, so you never know what might be new. He has recently added plenty of interior details to his structures.

It looks like we have filled the tours for this season. I'm looking forward to putting together next season. There are plenty of opportunities to have your layout open. If you are interested, please contact me.

Phil

Clinic Column

Bob Wundrock

Our first clinician for the March meet will be Dave Ackmann from the St. Louis area Gateway Division. He'll present his clinic on Amazing Arduino Animations.

The clinic takes you from the basic concepts to procuring components and simple programming of Arduino microprocessors. It then expands on different components that can be added to Arduinos to provide sound, lighting and motion effects, creating vignettes of action to bring life to your model railroad.

His website (daackm.github.io/Handout.pdf at master · daackm/daackm.github.io · GitHub) provides a handout for this clinic.

Our second clinic will be John Sethian talking about Modeling 2 Rail O (1/48) Scale.

His clinic presents the basics in modeling 2 rail O Scale (1/4" = 1 ft). It covers the advantages of 2 rail O scale (its large size conveys the feel of massive moving machinery), debunks a few myths (such as a relative unavailability of locos and cars, the need for a lot of space, and the lack of 2 rail layouts), and talks about sources and manufacturers of locomotives and cars. It gives techniques for converting 3 rail equipment to 2 rail operation. Track, control systems and scenery are discussed. The clinic finishes with further sources of information such as O Scale Central, O Scale Resource Magazine, and O scale 2-rail shows.

John lives in Northern Virginia. He has modeled in virtually every scale except Z and S. His current layout models the PRR in O Scale under wire (i.e. catenary) through New Jersey in 1956. The layout has been featured in O Scale Trains, Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman, and was in the 2022 and 2026 NMRA calendars.

See you virtually, Bob

Modeling Project

Mike Vivion

By the time you read this, you will have less than a month to complete your modeling project mini-diorama. I assume everyone is working hard to complete their entry and will be bringing it to our April meeting. Here's hoping that most, if not all, of the twenty members who signed up for the project will be bringing their entry for the April contest.

Good luck on completing your projects!
Mike Vivion
Modeling Project Chair

Contest Column

Dave Down, Chair

March is soon upon us, and I was tempted to make our contest about green train cars. Instead, we're the March contest theme is **Interior Details.** The categories are:

A. Passenger Cars
B. Stations
C. Commercial buildings (stores, warehouses, factories)
D. Engines (diesel or steam)

Also, looking ahead, in April we will have models for the modeling contest, so there will be no contest for the popular vote contests. In May we will be having a joint meeting with the NMRA division in Rockford. The last time they came here they brought many real nice contest entries. Hopefully we will have a good representation from our division. The theme in May will be **Circus.**

A. Passenger Cars
B. Animal Cars
C. Flat Cars with load

February 1 Popular Vote Contest Results — Snow

Models

Cat. A Wedge plow (i.e. Russell)

1st Phil Hottmann: Knob Creek Plow
2nd Rick Koeritz: Soo Line Plow
Tie 3rd Dave Casey: Russell #6415
Tie 3rd Dave Casey: CNW X78501 Gondola with mounted Wedge Plow

Cat. B Engine Mounted Plow

1st Dave Casey: CNW 4422 GP-15

Cat. C Rotary Plow

1st Al Potts: UP Snow Train (Motorized model)
2nd Dave Casey: CNW #6407

Photos - Prototype

Cat. C Rotary Plow
1st Jason Martin: Rotary Plow at Colorado RR Museum

Dave

AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki, AP Chair

This month has been a good one for the Achievement Program. First Rusty Dramm's Northern Pacific caboose, which has won not only a Merit Award toward his Cars certificate but graces the cover of the March 2006 NMRA Magazine. Rusty did an excellent job explaining how he built the award-winning caboose while earning points for the eleven-plus pages toward his Author Certificate. Heap some praise on him when you see him at our next meeting.

What is believed was a first for our Mad City Rail Show, we assisted in evaluating several models for merit awards and certificate verification. Dave Poquette, the WISE Division AP Chair, requested our help to evaluate models by Keith Kohlman, who has written for Model Railroader Magazine and presented clinics for us on various loads and industries, requested an ambitious agenda for Dave Poquette and LeRoye Chrisley from WISE and Chris Bradley and Rusty Dramm from SCWD. They were joined by Levi Bradley as scribe. The crew reviewed several structures and scenery on Keith's modules as well as one of the Kalmbach-published books he has written, all in two and a half hours! Special thanks to Levi for stepping in to help and begin learning the ins and outs of evaluating models so we can add another judge to our own panel. Keith received several merit awards for his structures plus evaluation of other non-merit buildings toward his Structure certificate as well as completing the requirements for his Scenery and Author Achievement Awards. This took time from our judges' Rail Show activities, but all said they had a fun time doing it, as well as earning points toward their own Volunteer award. Thanks for everyone's help.

Dave Poquette, LeRoye Chrisley, Chris Bradley and Rusty Dramm review Keith Kohlman's scratchbuilt Milwaukee station.

Annual Election of the SCWD Board of Directors April 12, 2026

Candidates in Alphabetical Order

Chris Bradley

I have been interested in model railroading for almost 40 years, since I was 10 years old. My father had just purchased a new AHM Locomotive (C&NW SD40) from our local Woolworth. That prompted him to bring out a train set that he got a couple years earlier. It was Tyco's "Steel Hauler" set. I received my own Life-Like train set the following Christmas. Yes, I think I still have most of these pieces in my collection. My father, brother and I were pretty happy just setting up and taking down various ovals on the floor for a couple of years. A trip to our local train show introduced us to the world of model railroading and layouts. From there we started visiting our local hobby shop "The Owl's Roost". In the basement was the local Club's modular layout that had become permanent. That led us to joining the Kankakee Model Railroad Club. This allowed us use of the layout on Saturday mornings.

My first layout was just a 4x6 sheet of plywood with a grass mat on it. I have had and been part of various layouts and modules over that time period. I have also contributed to many fellow model railroader's layouts along the way. I am in the finishing stages of the room that will house what I think will be my 7th layout.

I enjoy being a member of the SCWD and being a part of the meetings. I have been an active official member of the NMRA for the last 3 years. Previously, I had attended SCWD meetings sporadically over the last 17 years prior to that. I have also been a participating parent member and presenter of the Youth Group for the last 10 years. Other model railroading club experience includes being part of the Kankakee Model Railroad Club for about ten years in the 1990's, until other more grown up things became center focus for a few years. I got back into the hobby in 2002, the year after my wife and I bought our first home. This last year I was asked to be a part of the SCWD Board of Directors. I am looking forward to continuing in the role as a Board Member should you choose to keep me on the Board.

Thank you

Art Dawson

Like many others I had an HO train loop on a sheet of plywood when I was young, and mine had a slot car track in the middle of it too! As a child, my family road the Empire Builder out to Seattle (dome cars and all) with my two brothers and I dressed in red polo shirts. All mom had to do was ask any car attendant were we were, and they knew.

After forays into model airplanes, rockets and cars, then school, girls, and work followed by family took up all my time until my son was old enough to show some interest. By then I had learned that my grandfather and great-grand father worked on the section gang for the Nickle Plate in central Illinois. I've been hooked on that prototype ever since. As my son got old enough, we joined the SCWD youth group and participated in the show for a couple of years and attended meetings. When Hank Brown decided he was burnt out as Show Chairman, I asked what was involved one meeting, and if you knew Hank, he talked me into taking over as chairman. The rest was history as I had that role for 20 years.

Being back in the area for a few years now, and working the show office for the last two years, I decided it was time for the next step and agreed to run for the SCWD Board last year. I got elected, and have been honored to serve as your Superintendent. I will do my best to support the division going forward if re-elected.

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Dave Dingman

Interest in model and prototype railroading survived many challenging tests during the time following childhood/teenage fascination as college, multiple moves and work all limited participation to reading Model Railroader magazine, sporadic railfanning and going to model railroad shows. Repeated visits to the Mad City Model Railroad Show helped re-ignite my passion for model railroading.

I joined the SCWD and NMRA in 2016 to expand my knowledge of model railroading. Since becoming a member of the SCWD, I have become the AV Chair and have also been the Ticket Master for the Mad City Model Railroad Show for the last four shows. It has been my honor to have served on the SCWD Board of Directors (BOD) for the last four years. I would like to continue serving on the SCWD BOD for the coming year.

Dave Down

Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Down and I am running for re-election to our Division's Board of Directors. I have been interested in model railroading starting with my first train when I was 8 years old. I had a large American Flyer set which was big enough to run around both our living room and parlor. My father also introduced me to HO trains when I was 12 when he gave me a refrigerator car (which I still have). While I was in college my parents moved and had an auction, which was the last time I saw the American Flyer. After that time I was pretty much a closet model railroader until I approached retirement.

During the next 45 years I read magazines, acquired some engines and cars, and started work on a couple different layouts. Work took me on the road and gave me too many chances to procrastinate, so when I approached retirement I set a goal of becoming a model railroader for real. I decided to become a member of the SCWD in the fall of 2015 with the goal of meeting and getting to know people who have already had success in the hobby, and to find which aspect of the hobby will give me the most satisfaction. As a result, I have acquired a model railroad layout based on the Soo Line (Bill Ehlert's Rugby Junction).

I believe the SCWD is most successful when it provides modelers the opportunity to find and develop their interests. For some, it is operations, for others it is modeling engines or rolling stock, and to others it is modeling scenes, and some just like to collect railroad artifacts and models. Personally I find myself drawn to railroad stations and to railroad history. It is my goal to help the SCWD continue to encourage modelers find their interests and expand their interests and skills in the hobby.

Sean Hadfield

Like so many others, I got my first train for Christmas around the age of six. This was the 1970's, and it was an HO scale Lifelike ACL 4-6-2 with 2 circus wagon flatcars and 2 Rivarossi old-time coaches. I still have those, and I've continued collecting for the next 50 years.

I went on to become a civil engineer, probably because I love creating layouts so much.

Originally from Chicago, I first joined the NMRA in Glenview at the now-defunct North Shore and Western Division, when my wife and I bought our first house nearby. Later when we moved to Madison and started raising kids, I would occasionally check in at SCWD meetings and Region conventions.

Now a full member again, I chaired the Rail School for 2025 and helped at the Show Office at the Mad City Train Show the same year.

I am now running to become a first-time member of the SCWD Board of Directors, to help in keeping this beneficial and vibrant organization running along.

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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 a layout about 12 years ago. I'm working in N scale using the WSOR as my prototype. It supports my interest in lots of local freights in limited space, it runs through the town I live in, and I really like the color scheme on their locos. After we retired and added to the house, I had twice as much basement to fill. The expanded layout has almost all the track installed. I have developed an operating system using JMRI Ops Pro. Some of the scenery is done. I have lots of structures to complete. But it runs!

I joined the NMRA in 2010 to learn from other people with more experience. I have had the honor of serving on the BOD since 2011 as the Clerk and the Superintendent. I currently serve the SCWD as Paymaster and as the Train Show Committee Chair.

Steve Preston

Thank you all for voting me in on the board for the past several years. I have had the opportunity to see what goes on in our organization and I am proud to have been part of such an important role in our division. I hope you will keep having confidence in our board's leadership, and trust. I will continue to serve and help our division grow, given the opportunity.

Youth Group

Steve Preston, Chair

On Saturday, February 14th, Karl Hauth had a special layout designed to work with D.C. operation. The kids set up the track on a special layout Karl had printed out to run more than one engine on the layout at the same time and they had a chance to trouble-shoot spots where the engines were not running well. They had fun setting up and running cars on the layout, THANKS Karl.

We also had two special guests that joined us to help out at our session, they were Bob McGeever and Othmar Vorburger, thanks guys for helping out.

Also, finally, as pictured is our new members, they are Jaxon Avila, Adam Marshall, Leo Bahl, and not pictured Aubrey Seals, WELCOME to all of our new members.

Thanks Bob, Othmar, Karl and Phil for your help and time with the group. Hope to see you all at the train show.

Steve Preston
Youth Group Chair and
SCWD Membership Chair

Modern Wonders in the Dome

January 17 – March 22, 2026

All aboard for a world tour like no other—right in the heart of the Show Dome. Watch in delight as model trains wind over 600 feet of tracks through vibrant beds of pansies, stocks and miniature azalea trees. Embark on a miniature expedition to the Seven Modern Wonders of the World–each stop is a dazzling destination!

Perfect for families, explorers, and dreamers of all ages, Modern Wonders in the Dome is your ticket to a global garden adventure filled with imagination, discovery, and botanical beauty—no passport required.

2026 TRAIN SHOW: MODERN WONDERS IN THE DOME
January 17 @ 9:00 am - March 22 @ 4:00 pm

MILWAUKEE DOMES ALLIANCE

https://milwaukeedomes.org/

Thanks to Othmar Vorburger for sharing this info

We're looking for a few good layouts...

...12 to be exact!

You're proud of your model railroad. Why not share it by submitting a photo or two (up to four) for the 2026 edition of the NMRA Model Railroad Calendar?

The calendar is distributed to every U.S. member as a fundraiser every November.

It's easy to submit your photos. Just visit **www.nmra.org/printed-calendar** and you'll find answers to all your questions, along with a detailed explanation of the photo requirements and how to submit. *Photography tips videos too!*

printed-calendar web page

More questions?
Just drop an email to calendarphotos**27**@nmra.org or call Gerry Leone at 952-334-3445. This email address is updated yearly and previous addresses are no longer active.

PLEASE NOTE: By submitting your photograph(s) for the NMRA Calendar you certify that none have been AI-enhanced and you are giving permission to the editors to alter them as needed (cropping, smoke and lighting effects, etc). Please indicate if you do **NOT** want your photos altered when you submit them. Your photos may also be used for NMRA promotional purposes however, you do retain ownership of your images.

2019, photo and HO scale modeling by Jerry Lauchle, MMR, State College, PA.
2022, photo and O scale modeling by John Sethian, Exton, PA.
2023, photo and HO scale modeling by Richard Walz, Northampton, MA.
2024, photo and HO scale modeling by Larry Blaylock, Kansas City, MO.
2026, photo and HO scale modeling by Carl Brainerd, Houston, TX.

Photos may be submitted between January 1 and the final deadline of **July 15, 2026** for consideration.

It's banquet time!

May 15th 2026

To be held at the:

American Legion Hall
207 Legion Street
Verona, WI 53593

Cocktails at 6pm

Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

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Reservations must be received by May 8th

Cost of meal: SCWD/NMRA members, $15.00
Non-NMRA attendees, $25.00
Children 12 & under, $5.00

Name: **$**

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Note: If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

If more than 4 then add to a separate piece of paper and send it along with your reservation.

Address: _____

City: _____ WI Zip _____

Send your reservation to:

Art Dawson
16317 W. Union Rd.
Brooklyn, WI 53521

Amount enclosed: $ _____ Checks should be made payable to the SCWD

SCWD 2026 Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 18, 2026

For the past several years, except for 2020, the SCWD has held a catered picnic at Little Amerricka Park in Marshall. The SCWD Board has agreed to do so, again, this summer on Saturday, July 18. SCWD members and their families, Youth Club members and their families and other invited guests approved by the Board, can attend the picnic. Reservations have been made with the amusement park for use of their Blue Rose Pavilion and catering is being provided by Angelo's, used in 2024 and 2025. The park opens at noon and closes at 5 pm. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 pm. Railway equipment can be viewed for free, but train and other rides require purchased tickets from the Park. Also, model train vendors will be at the Park on July 18th.

Please provide the form and payment to me by check or cash at a SCWD meeting or by mail to the address below. To determine the food quantities for the caterer, you will have to sign up and pay by July 10, 2026.

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking directly at the Blue Rose Pavilion can be reached off Box Elder Rd., intersecting USH 19 just east of the Park's regular entrance.

SCWD 2026 Annual Picnic Sign-up and Payment Sheet

SCWD Member and Family Attendee names **Cost each: ($5>11 or $0<12)**

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Total Amount Enclosed: $ _____

My address is: John Haverberg,
4797 Delmara Rd,
Middleton, WI 53562

Any questions, contact me at:
email address: haverdj@tds.net
or Phone: 608-836-7963.

Congratulations to our Train Show Layout Winners

Best in Show
MODUTRAK N SCALE

1st Place
G Scale/Hi-Rail
Badgerland S Gaugers
American Flyer Trains

2nd Place
G Scale/Hi-Rail
Chicagoland Association of
S Gaugers

3rd Place
G Scale/Hi-Rail
Wisconsin Garden
Railway Society

1st Place
HO Scale
Santa Fe All the Way
Modular Layout

2nd Place
HO Scale
Midwest Mod-U-Trak

3rd Place
HO Scale
Milwaukee Operators Organization
(MOO Crew)

1st Place
N Scale
Milwaukee-N-Southeastern
Model Railroad Club

2nd Place
N Scale
Capital City "N" Gineers

3rd Place
N Scale
Chippewa Valley N-gineers

1st Place
Z Scale
WIZ KIDZ

2nd Place
Z Scale
European Train Enthusiasts

Many thanks to the 2026 Layout Judging Committee
Ken Hojnacki and Dr. Bill Clancy Co-Chairs
Larry Goss, Sean Lamb, Ron Halvorson, Keith Thomsen, Jon Welch, Al Potts and Phil Hottmann

Thanks to Bob Wundrock
for sharing these old photos from past
Train Shows/Open House Rail Shows!

First SCWD Show at Edgewood
Pictured
Al Hinck and John Kosobucki and son

Second SCWD Show at Edgewood
Pictured
Al Potts

First Open House Rail Show
Feb 1968
Gar Hall 2

First Open House Rail Show
Feb 1968
Gar Hall

1968
Dave Donkle
Open House

SCWD Open House
1968

OPEN HOUSE . . .

Part of the display of David Dankeis. (DONKLE)

Paul Jenkinson (r.) demonstrates the art of novice car building from the many kits available.

Fred Terbilcox shown demonstrating hard shell scenery. That's Bob Steele sitting behind Fred.

Harold Carlson shown here demonstrating how to make plans from photographs.

Phil Tygum demonstrates advance car building with rolling stock from his Nekoosa Northern

Bob McGeever
Train Show
Chairman

Dave Down
Volunteer
Chairman

Steve Preston
Youth Group
Chairman

A few of our MANY Volunteers!

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Many thanks to the Company Store for all their hard work for the SCWD!

Some of the (very happy) Train Set Winners

Photographs by Mike Vivion

A Puzzle for You

You like trains, or train watching, but have you ever wanted to go to an OPS (Operating Session) and run trains on someone else's layout, but were afraid you wouldn't know what to do?

Model Railroad Operation is a fun and interesting role-playing game where the players (operators) use model trains to simulate the movements of the prototype railroad. Operators fill the roles of railroad employees like engineers, conductors, yardmasters, dispatchers, and more. Many of our SCWD members participate each month at multiple layouts to enjoy this fun and stimulating practice of critical thinking and problem solving in the context of railroad operations.

Now, there is a way for you to get your feet wet in this critical thinking and problem-solving railroad environment in the privacy of your own home through the use of railroad switching puzzles.

In July 2020, a group of SCWD members started a project to introduce more of our members to the enjoyment of railroad operations, or as our wives call it, playing trains. Some of us have been engaged in operating sessions for 20 years or more, and would like to get more of you involved.

The project involves getting one to solve a series of train switching puzzles (on paper, or your computer) in the least number of moves possible. You can then submit your solution to see if yours was done in the least number of moves.

Beginners can start with **3 introductory puzzles** to show the kinds of skills used in railroad switching operations. Then, you can advance to a series of more advanced puzzles written and based on actual SCWD member area layouts. Or, if you have already been to an OPS session, you could do an introductory puzzle, and jump right into the more challenging ones.

Join the SCWD listserv now and begin learning what this is all about!

Email Steve Lanphear at scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net to be added to the list and start receiving your puzzles now!

Happy Railroading!
Steve

Enjoy receiving interesting rail photos, model railroad tips, Operating puzzles, and challenging Mystery Photos??

Join The 120+ SCWD members and members from other Midwest Regional Divisions who are participating in the SCWD listserv. You can expect 5 - 10 photos of railfan photos or model railroad photos or other items per week on average, as well as SCWD announcements, monthly Mystery Photo contests, Modelers Corner, and OPS Corner Puzzles. The listserv has been running this since April 2012, and it has been quite popular.

The listserv is a one-way email broadcast to you, not a social media type service. The emails are sent in bulk, but as a BCC: type email.

Please save this email so you know how to get a hold of me. So, if you would like to try out this FREE member service, just send me your **Name** and **email address,** and **City/State** to the address below. You may drop out at any time by sending an email stating such to the same address below.

Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net

NEW EMAIL

OPS Puzzles

OPS Puzzles have arrived! We now have a section on the SCWD Website that has all 11 puzzles that we have published on the listserv, including the handouts and diagrams. You can start from the beginning, or pick and choose which puzzles you would like to try.

www.nmra-scwd.org/ops-puzzles.html

Steve Lanphear and the Puzzle Development Team.

Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli Street
Verona, WI 53593

NMRA NEWS

2026 NMRA National Convention
Scenic City Express, Chattanooga

The NMRA National Convention is coming to Chattanooga, TN for the first time ever in 2026! The Southeastern Region is excited to host NMRA members from around the world in the Scenic City. The dates are July 27-August 2 so mark your calendars. Visit the convention's webpage at **nmra2026.org** and sign up to receive updates on the convention plans as they unfold. Early bird registration is open at **nmra2026.org/registration/** so you can start your plans now. There will be a week full of fun activities planned including:

- Layout Tours
- Prototype Tours
- Steam-Powered Excursions and Dinner Train
- Non-Rail Tours and other Activities
- Operating Sessions
- Special Interest Groups
- Railroad Historical Societies
- Modeling with the Masters®
- Celebration of Models
- Train Show
- Banquet

More details and information on the activities and events will be shared in future eBulletins. Stay tuned!

NEW ONLINE WELLBEING COMMUNITY Gordy Robinson, NMRA President

NMRA members are invited to explore a new online community space inside Hello by Grouper - our digital clubhouse designed to help members stay connected, healthy, and inspired.

This new benefit for dues-paying NMRA members is a dedicated place to share updates, spark conversations, and stay engaged between events, while also offering access to a wide range of healthy-living experiences. Hundreds of NMRA members across the USA have already joined and are exploring fitness and strength classes, healthy living and eating content, wellness challenges, and supportive interest groups - all in one place.

We are working with Hello by Grouper to provide access to the platform for members located outside of the USA early in 2026.

This is your space - a place to connect, learn, and build healthy habits that last.

Join and explore: join.hellogrouper.com/nmra

Minutes SCWD Board Meeting
6:30 PM, 13 January 2026
via Zoom meeting

The meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division Board of Directors was called to order at 6:34 pm by Superintendent Art Dawson. Bob McGeever, David Dingman, Phil Hottmann, Steve Preston, David Down and Chris Bradley were present. Bob Wundrock and John Haverberg were also present.

Minutes

Motion by McGeever, second by Down to approve the minutes of the SCWD Board Meeting held on December 9th, 2025. Motion carried.

Paymaster Report

Art Dawson asked for comments on the December Paymaster Report. There were no comments. Motion by Dingman, seconded by Down, to approve the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Picnic – John Haverberg – John proposed having the picnic at Little Amerika on the Whiskey River Days, July 18, 2026, using the same caterer as last year. Motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Preston to approve the proposal. Motion carried. Another motion was made by Bradley, seconded by McGeever to approve the change to the 'free' children age limit from under 5 to under 12. Motion carried. John will provide updates at the next meeting.

Achievement Program – Nothing to report.

Advertising - Nothing to report.

Bad Order - Articles to be submitted for the newsletter by January 15th. BOD members provide updated Bios prior to March 13, 2026.

Clinics – Bob Wundrock – February clinics are Bernie Kempinski (1900's Acquia Line RR) and John Teichmoleller (Working around the waterfront with Walthers kits).

Contests - Model and Photography – February theme is "snow". List for remainder of season is in the Bad Order and on the SCWD website. Ideas for contests – email Dave Down.

Modeling Project – Ideas for next year's modeling project, contact Mike Vivion.

Door Prizes – Nothing to report.

Layout Tours – Ron Halverson will have his layout open for February. Please email Phil if interested in hosting a tour of your layout.

Membership – Steve Preston – Steve reported 3 new adult members and 3 new youth group members signed up during Rail School.

Spring Banquet – Art Dawson – Art is working on securing last years location.

Publicity – Nothing to report.

Rail School – Successful with over 200 guests.

Rail Show – Bob McGeever stated that tables have sold out for the Rail Show this year. Bob has 30 layouts signed up but had to limit the number of exhibitors this year.

Youth Group – Nothing to report.

Website – Tom Morrison is working on completing the move to the new host.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by McGeever, second by Down to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

David Dingman - SCWD Clerk

For those members that participate in the listserv emails from Steve Lanphear, please remember to send him your new email if you change it! Changing your email with the NMRA does not change it on the listserv. His email is:

Steve Lanphear
SCWD listserv Coordinator
scwdmemberlist@mhtc.net

FROM the NMRA
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Please make sure the NMRA has your current contact information. You will not be able to access the full range of NMRA benefits unless we can reach you.

- Please visit **nmra.org/members**
- Use your email address and password to log in.
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Regular Meeting	BOD	Youth Group
March 1, 2026	March 10, 2026	March 14, 2026
April 12, 2026	April 14, 2026	April 11, 2026
May 3, 2026	May 12, 2026	May 9, 2026

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