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Steamin' To The Spring Meet in Neenah!



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By: Mark Preussler, MMR

On Our Cover... Would you let these guys into the cab? In an undated photo courtesy of Don Manlick we see the late Wes Foshay, Stan Bye, and Larry Easton ready to highball! Wes is holding a ticket punch while the others will serve as fireman and engineer. Don's guess is that the picture was taken in the early 1970's or late 60's. Perhaps Larry will put on the bibs again this spring in Neenah for the meet?

Welcome to another issue of *The Whistle!* It's been a very busy winter so far- at least in my corner of the State. Lots of shoveling takes away time from working on my layout and made this issue a few weeks late as well. We also have a very busy 2012 planned for our division. It's been a struggle for me to keep up with all the opportunities our division has in front of it. It's not entirely a one man effort and I'd like to thank all the Board Members and Officers for their continued help and service often answering my e-mails and questions while they themselves have less time than I.

With every spring comes another round of elections in the WLD. Each NMRA member will be mailed a ballot and a candidate profile in the coming weeks. Our Election Committee has made sure that all current Officers will run again, but they have not found anyone to challenge them for this year. The good news is that several members have made it known that they would be willing to serve in the 2012 to 2013 term. With term limits set and some officers up against them in 2012, the timing is ideal.

Personally, I have agreed to one more term as Superintendent (if re-elected this year). I will remain active in the WLD afterwards, but I've come to realize that I'm approaching burnout status pretty quickly since my job, hobby, and just about everything I do revolves around "railroads". It's time for me to adjust all the above so that the hobby is a little more fun again and less like work. Then I'll go fishing!

As Editor I am in desperate need of stories or news to fill these pages. Please send in what you have and it will be used. As Whistle Ad Manager, I would like to thank our newest advertisers and for those who I have not made contact with yet, look for a letter or e-mail in the next week. I have only a few advertisers left to renew.

I hope to see a huge turnout at Neenah on May 14th for our Spring Meet. Information is found in this issue or on our website at www.wld-nmra.com



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An entire day of learning and camaraderie is what you'll find at this year's WLD Spring Meet. Imagine 15 Clinics on topics from the prototype and scenery techniques to diesel detailing and realistic weathering. It's all happening at the Boys and Girls Brigade Building on May 14th. The SLHTS is holding their first ever mini meet in conjunction with the WLD at this event. Expect to find never before seen clinics on the Soo Line, Wisconsin Central, and DSS&A along with model and photo displays and contests. Bring YOUR models and photos along to share with your fellow model railroaders and historians. All happening under one roof. BE THERE!

CLINICS and PRESENTERS:

(Possibly more to come!)

Soo Prototype to Modeling 9:00 - 10:00- Nate Dahms
Role of a Flagman 9:00 - 10:00 -Rich Hanke
Trail of Old Kate 9:00 - 10:00 - Larry Easton
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Industries You Can Model 10:00 - 11:00 -Emory Luebke
The WC/CN Transition Fox Valley 10:00 - 11:00 -Will Watry
Static Grass 11:00 - 12:00 -David Leider
Timetable Operations 11:00 - 12:00 -Mark Preussler
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Lunch & NMRA Meeting Shattuck Room 12:00 - 1:00
Modeling Techniques 1:00 - 2:00 -Dennis Eggert
DSS&A Photos/R. Campbell Col.1:00 - 2:00 T. Berg/ R.Wehlitz
Scenery-New Ideas 2:00 - 3:00 -Greg Condon
SOO at Waupaca 2:00 - 3:00- David Leider

Clinic times and topics subject to change.

MEET & LUNCHEON: Boys and Girls Brigade Building
109 W. Columbian Ave.
Neenah, WI 54957

Corner of S. Commercial St (Hwy. 114) and Columbian in Neenah.

ADMISSION: Meet Only (At The Door) = \$5.00
Pre-Registered Luncheon Only = \$12.00
Pre-Registered Meet and Luncheon= \$16.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Registration 8:00 - 12:00
Swap Tables and Displays 8:00 - 3:00
Model/Photo Contest 9:00 - 12:00
Clinics 9:00-3:00
Luncheon and NMRA Meeting of Membership 12:00-1:00
Home Layout Tours: 4:00-8:00 PM

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A Note From The Superintendent...

Welcome New WLD Members

On behalf of the officers, board of directors, and all members of the Winnebago Division I welcome the numerous new members that have joined us during the past year. 2010 was an exceptionally busy year for WLD model railroaders with various activities that took place within the division, region, and national events in our own backyard including the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the NMRA held in Milwaukee last July. The division presented spring and fall meets at varying locations during the year and conducted an operating session in November. Swap meets are offered by clubs within the division and full venue train shows are held throughout our broad division boundaries.



Layout tours and meeting other model railroaders are important functions at our meets.

Many of you have joined via the Railpass Program. It's a great deal at just under \$10.00 for 6 months of NMRA membership. When it comes time to renew at Full Fare, it may seem rather costly, currently \$58. I'd like to explain a little about how the NMRA functions in my experiences and what your dollar buys you at the local level. As always keep in mind as we go forward these are my opinions of my experiences. As they used to say in car commercials "your experiences (and mileage) may vary"!

For starters, a chunk (\$19.00) of that \$58.00 goes towards your subscription to the NMRA Magazine. It's become much more than a list of names and contact info. Each magazine contains several modeling articles, several reviews of equipment, special features, scale drawings, and the news of the NMRA regarding Achievement Program announcements, upcoming events, etc. I'm not big on magazines, but it is another modeling resource and I find something of interest in almost every issue. Stephen Priest and White River Productions provide the group with a magazine we can be proud of. You also receive a full color calendar each year as a member.

I realize these items may not swing the deal to renew. As Wisconsinites we're a frugal bunch. Fleet Farm hands out free calendars each December and there's plenty of web-based modeling info to read for free. So, let's look at more benefits to membership. Do you realize that locally the NMRA is instrumental in bringing you the model railroad meets like Mad City, Trainfest, and TTS that you enjoy? Without NMRA sponsorship and help via insurance for the event many of these shows would be forced to either raise admission prices or close up shop. Your dollars also go towards maintaining and setting standards, especially important today is the compatibility regarding DCC systems. I admit many of the benefits are not directly related to your enjoyment of model railroading on the surface, but I think of the NMRA more as an organization of model railroaders who have made standards and organizing all things model railroading the focus of their hobby. I hate that part of the hobby, so for me to contribute a reasonable amount of cash to their efforts to make my enjoyment greater, it's money well spent! Now, I also enjoy working to spread the hobby and work on helping those taking their first steps into the hobby. It's a great way to meet other modelers too. That's where belonging to the NMRA gets down to our local level, and how you, new member, can help.

New Members...

Learning About Operations...



WLD Operating Session November 2009

Scratchbuilding and Master Modeling...



Freight Car Shed - Modeled by John Leow

While it's true you don't need to be a member to attend one of our local events, being a member will allow you to fully participate in all of the contests and seminars while earning credits towards various NMRA Achievement Program categories. The easiest way to get something out of your membership is to simply show up at a WLD meet. As an example: I know several new members here in Sheboygan who are great photographers and have a collection of quality prints and slides. The other members in the division would love to see them. You could enter them in the photo contest, you could display them non-competitively, or even create a clinic/slideshow, or power point type presentation. This organization needs you to volunteer and by doing so you will begin to reap the benefits of membership; new friends and modeling contacts.

I should mention that your renewal memo from the National NMRA may be confusing. Please note that the payment of \$58.00 to the national NMRA also gets you membership in the Midwest Region of the NMRA. The renewal form still shows a fee to belong to the region. It should state the fee is for subscription to *The Waybill* newsletter which is the official newsletter of the Midwest Region. That newsletter, like this one is available online for free.

While this organization is far from perfect, I hope you feel that you will get your monies worth from your subscription. Your local leaders have worked hard through the years to present model railroading to the general public, they have set up programs and events for intermediate and advanced modelers, and in years past even set up guided tours of railroad facilities in the area. Recently with our membership survey we learned that members wanted more clinics and a choice in various activities that take place during our meets. We have tried harder and as an example we now have a day filled with over 15 clinics planned on May 14th! I will continue to work so that each of our upcoming meets has a good amount of new material and new faces. I hope I can count on your participation and help.

Regards,

Mark Preussler, MMR #442
Winnebagoland Superintendent-



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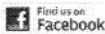
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WLD Club News...

From Rhinelander and the Rhinelander Railroad Association, an update from President Jim Brown: *"RRA's second clinic was held on Saturday, February 5th from 10am to 12 noon at the Rhinelander Public Library. It was presented by Roger Blocks and was very informative as well as interesting. It showed how younger people, including his grandkids, might become involved in the aspects of model railroading along with adults. We all need to share our interests and learn new things. This is part of what RRA wishes to accomplish. We wish to extend our welcome to two new members of RRA: Robert Sabatke and Tom Thelig. Both are modeling in O scale. Welcome aboard Robert and Tom! There will be a Clinic on DCC on March 26th 10AM at the Rhinelander Library.*

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Dale Woke at the Choo Choo Store in Three Lakes. He had a round with kidney stones. OUCH! Take care Dale, Get back on track! I've been to Dale's store and it's a first class operation. We hope that soon we will be able to return for a meet in the Northwoods!

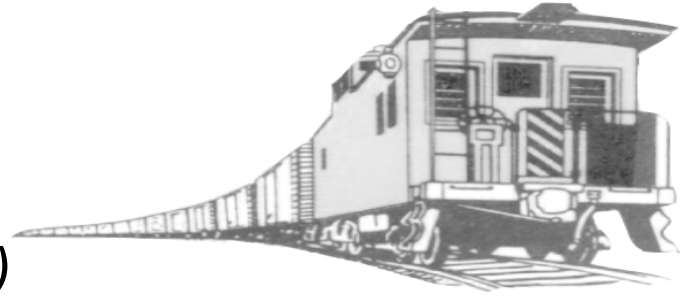
Now a little news from Waupaca courtesy of The Crummy and Gordy Sauve.. *"Welcome back Willard Wilde. Along about 1964 three area railroad buffs, including Willard. began meeting to construct an HO layout. To accommodate this major undertaking one of the founding members, Willard, vacated a storage room (12' x 24') in the rear of his garage. A furnace was added to allow work on the layout to continue throughout the cold Wisconsin winters. These dedicated modelers worked three nights every week. By the mid '70s growing pains hampered further expansion and in 1975 a new 20' x 36' building was constructed adjacent to the garage location and the monumental task of moving was undertaken.*

During the following years the group grew and achieved a lot of firsts: the starting and expansion of the portable layout, becoming a recognized non-profit educational organization, hosting the Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show (21 and counting), the model contest, displaying our portable layout at shows throughout the upper Midwest and at the NMRA

convention in Denver and Milwaukee, the establishment of the scholarship fund, and an endowment and continued contributions to the Waupaca food pantry. My! How we have grown. Welcome back Willard.

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- Train Show & tables call Dennis Cook (715) 824-2045 or email Dennis@DFCook.com
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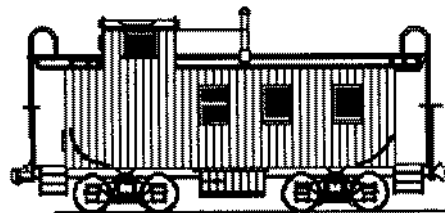
As a division we use TTS to reach the general public that would not normally travel to the spring or fall meet that we put on each year. Our meets in recent years have not focused on dealers, and clubs are reluctant to set up a modular layout for 5 hours. TTS being the big event draws in these groups which draws in the novice and expert alike. Our goal is to find those modelers who are interested in something more in the hobby-like operation or scratchbuilding, and then invite them to our own meets or annual operating session.

This seems to be working as we have increased our membership. I'm not sure how much it has helped the WLD grow, but it has helped.

The new display has also made our division look more professional. Once we had a table of old magazines and a poster board hand printed with our group name on it. Today we have a display on par with Kalmbach or Walthers and improvements continue.

This year our Woodland Scenics N scale layout will make it's debut. This was donated by Brian Cassidy of Green Bay and is currently under construction. When finished, it will give us a chance to explain DCC, Scenery, and modeling techniques.

So, look for the WLD at TTS and drop in to say Hi! As a bonus, we will have a drawing for several nice door prizes. Just fill out your name and drop the slip into our bucket. No need to be present to win.





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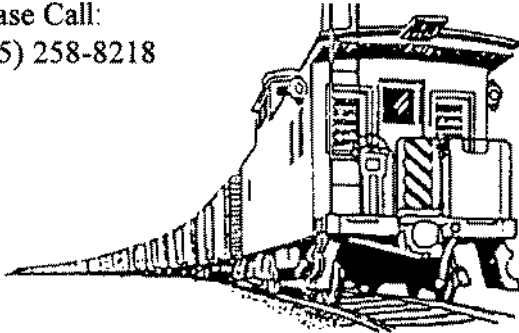
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April 15-17, 2011- NMRA Midwest Region Annual Convention- Madison, WI
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April 30 & May 1, 2011- Titledown Train Show- Shopko Hall- Green Bay, WI
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