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Neenah Spring Meet Wrap-Up



Gregg Condon's Mineral Point and Northern

On the Cover:

Gregg Condon is an expert builder in all aspects of the hobby. His new layout was started about a year ago and has reached a level of completeness that few in the hobby attain in 5 years. The WLD would like to thank Gregg for opening up his home and serving as the Luncheon Emcee providing the event with some extra professionalism.

Superintendent's Report...

By: Mark Preussler, MMR

Welcome to another issue of *The Whistle!* As predicted here in the last report, we had big numbers for our WLD Spring Meet. Well over 100 members and friends took it in. We look for similar numbers this fall.

My belief is that the just concluded Neenah meet will be the model for future WLD Meets. In other words we will team up with historical societies and independent railfans as much or even more so, than with model railroad clubs. I believe our group matches up well with these entities since many NMRA members are also members of their favorite railroad's historical society. My main regret from our Spring Meet is that we easily could have charged a few extra dollars considering all the entertainment value from the clinics. We all had a great time and enough goodwill was spread so that many of the attendees hopefully will tell their friends and bring them next time. We try hard to make the price affordable to all. While it's true the upcoming fall meet will be about \$9.00 more, remember that this one has an evening banquet. The cost at the door for the WLD Fall Meet (Meet Only) will remain a paltry \$5.00.

We also had a good TTS and our new N scale layout was a hit. Going forward, we are going to be asking the TTS gang for a spot better suited for our display. We will keep you updated and we hope to continue our presence at the show.

I am really encouraged by some connections we made with NMRA members at Neenah. Craig Whitcomb of Lac Du Flambeau has volunteered to help in bringing a meet to the Northwoods. Other members and non-members as well seemed excited about the meets we have planned. I am looking forward to hearing the comments compiled by James about Neenah.

Folks, we have people coming from all over the Midwest for our Fall Meet thanks to the heavy involvement of the various Historical Societies. I often wonder why some people will drive hundreds of miles while others scoff at an hour drive and paying more than \$2.00 to attend. All I can say is that your Board, Officers, and Convention Chair are working hard to bring you another event focused on learning and camaraderie. See if you can clear your schedule for October 1st and join us!



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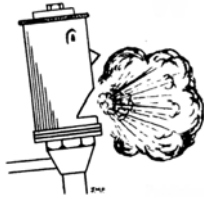
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Marvin Preussler, MMR

MORE TO COME!

We have 7 Power Point and Slide Clinics planned
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Clinicians and Topics Subject to Change

MEET & BANQUET: Windjammer Banquet Hall
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Swap Tables and Displays 8:00 - 3:00
Model/Photo Contest and Displays 9:00 - 12:00
Clinics 8:15-3:15
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Highlights From the WLD Spring Meet...



Chic Hartert (R) was all smiles after a hard day of doing his day-long clinic of tree building as Gary Stiles (L) studies his layout tour map.

In what was a perfect day for a WLD Meet (cold and rainy), well over 100 folks turned out for the joint WLD Soo Archives Meet at The Boys and Girls Brigade in Neenah. It was remarked that we outdid the last regional show in Madison in both value and content. We also had more attendees! Now, it's tough to sell a pure "NMRA Meet" to the normal railroad hobbyist in the WLD. Better advertising, value for the dollars spent, and offering something entirely different than the big train shows is what we've identified as keys to our upcoming events. The formula worked!

Due to the timing of this issue of The Whistle, I'll need to post all of the contest results in our next issue. From my notes, John Leow again entered some great models as did Richard Cooke and many others. In the end however it was Don Manlick, MMR once again taking top honors winning both the Don Steffen Popular Vote Award and the Richard Eggert Best of Show with his model of the Wabash carferry *Manitowoc*.

A real oddity occurred as no one entered the Photo Contest. It seems everyone had their minds on models at this event. So, here's a few more photos. We thank Larry and Emory for working hard and doing the crucial planning making sure the event was a success.

Work continues on Mike Paltzer's Fitzgerald and Western layout.



Below are few more shots from Gregg Condon's layout



We had a total of 7 NMRA Master Model Railroaders attend the WLD Spring Meet. Some type of record perhaps? Pictured at right are (l-r): Mark Preussler, Don Manlick, Bob Wundrock, Marv Preussler, and David Leider. Not pictured are Bill Ehlert and Ralph Wehlitz.





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WinnebagoLand Division NMRA- Spring Meeting of Members

The Membership Meeting occurred during the luncheon of our Spring Meet. After a review of the state of the WLD by Superintendent and election results, a motion was made to destroy the ballots which passed unanimously. the floor was opened for any questions or new business. Hearing none, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by Paul Hillmer. Adjourned at 1:22 P.M..

Here are the items reviewed during the meeting:

1. Overview of WLD for Previous Year- Spring Meeting 2010- Spring Meeting 2011:

Membership in your division has continued to increase over the last year. We were at over 200 members in the WLD last fall but that has leveled off at around 180 today (5-11). We certainly were helped by the National Convention in Milwaukee last year; however as Railpass subscriptions expire from that event, we have had a good amount of new Railpass members to take their place. Several have also renewed as full-fledged members. We had an increase of approximately 50 members this year. The N scale layout made its debut at TTS this year. This will be our promo layout for future events. We are looking for members to build several kits that were donated and perhaps will plan on doing work on the layout at future shows like TTS, Strawberry Fest, etc.

2. 501c3:

James Cruthers continues to make progress filling out the forms for our tax exempt application. The WLD has had help or continues to take advice from other clubs who have achieved tax exempt status.

3. Upcoming Events:

WLD activities for the rest of 2011 include our **WLD Fall Meet in Sheboygan, WI**. The date is **October 1st**. This meet will feature railroad history with the CNWHS, MRHS, and others planning to attend. In 2012 we have meets in Plymouth, WI and Wausau lined up.

The WLD Operating Session is scheduled for the Wau-paca area on **November 5th, 2011**. Sign-up sheets will be mailed as well as available on our website. The event is open to all.

4. WLD Spring Meet 2012- Plymouth, WI Date TBA WLD Fall Meet 2012- Wausau area Date TBA

5. WLD Meets 2013:

As of today, we do not have a firm location for the 2013 WLD Meets. We hope to have some new areas and groups involved. Areas of interest to your convention chair and BOD include Rhinelander, Waupaca, Marinette, and Manitowoc

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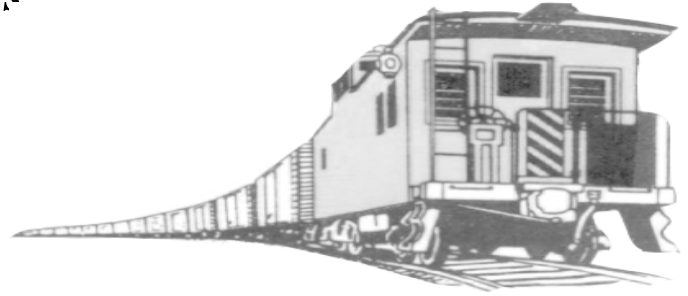
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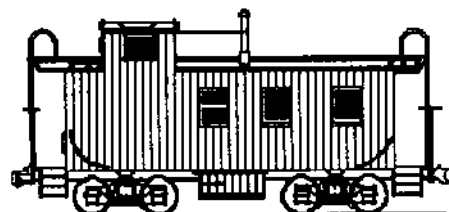
Larry Easton

The WLD is seeking more members to fill out the Board. Please consider volunteering.

There will be several changes coming to our By-Laws and possibly our Constitution as we seek to streamline our operations for easier implementation of our coming 501c3 status. We want to hear from you in the coming year as these are voted upon by the BOD.

Congratulations go out to Ralph Wehlitz, MMR for having his HO scale Penokee, Grandview, and Winnipeg layout featured in the June 2011 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman. While we are a long ways off from the Fall 2012 WLD Meet in Wausau area, I would sure like to see his layout again and I'm sure our readers would too. Dave Rickaby wrote the story and took the photos of MMR #191's layout!

Finally, our sympathies go out to Mary Eiden and Mike Eiden on the recent passing of their mother.





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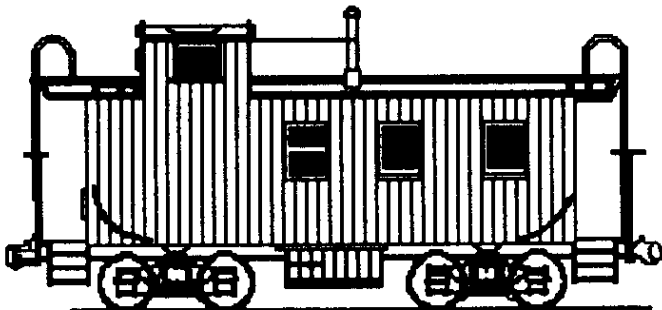


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