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## Getting Ready For The WLD Fall Meet!



### Inside This Issue:


Dennis Eggert's Latest Project

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**On the Cover:**

Scott Peterson sent out an e-mail recently showing the progress made on The Wisconsin Valley Railroad as the club gets ready to host a layout tour during the WLD Fall Meet. Dan Hoenecke, a member of the group is pictured. Dan will be presenting a clinic at the Fall Meet on October 13, 2012. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.



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# Superintendent's Report ...

**By: Mark Preussler, MMR**

**W**here did the warm summertime weather go? No matter how often I experience going from hot to cold, it's still a shock to me how fast it happens.

For modelers and those involved with the WLD there's also a hot and cold factor. Sometimes we're hot on modeling. Ironically, it usually happens when the weather outside is cold. For me though it has little to do with the weather and more to do with how busy I am and lately how I'm perceiving the Winnebago Division is "operating". I like to preach about all the positives of being involved in the WLD, but one of the downsides of being involved in any leadership role is that it can wear on you, especially if you're committed to an idea that needs lobbying or doesn't have the total support of fellow leaders. For the past few months there has been an ongoing conversation within the Board of Directors about recruitment, our involvement in sponsoring events, and manpower needed for those events. This has been a "cold stretch" for me as it's never easy to disagree among friends. The easiest thing to do is to just walk away, let someone else deal with it. But doing that is not an option for me. I know I speak for many of us when I say I'm "all in" on the WLD. Finding ways to promote the hobby and bring people together in this super-sized division is tough going. However, at our last Board Meeting I was inspired by the resolve of the members and their ideas to keep trying. Due to their efforts, I'm looking forward to my last term as Superintendent and just as importantly trying to squeeze in some time for my own modeling. Basically, going from cold to hot!

Again, here's an example of why being associated with a great group like the WLD is beneficial.

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## ***SD40 No. 894- My Latest Project***

*By Dennis Eggert*  
All photos by the author

Here is my latest project. It's a Kato SD40, and the last of my engines to get a DCC decoder installed in it. I first purchased my DCC system in 2003, so does that makes it a 9-year project? As long as I had it on my workbench, I decided to give it an upgrade. I completely disassembled it, stripped the paint, added new handrails, and replaced the nose, cab, cab sub-base, radiator grilles and fans with Cannon & Co. parts. I just finished it tonight after adding some of the weathering. I've worked on this on and off for the last five years. Some guys build whole layouts in the time I spend on one diesel, but I sure had fun building this one. *I have included some pictures of the project on the following pages showing the loco in several stages of completion. Thank you Dennis for passing the images along and we hope to see it in person at Wausau later this month. -Ed.*



**Above:** This is a view of the shell before paint. The long hood received new fans and grilles from Cannon and Co.. New railings and brass etched steps were also added. Note the unique nose mounted bell, attached as on the prototype of this loco without a notch cut into the nose for flush mounting.





**Above:** Weathering brings out the best in all models and Dennis is an expert at capturing the look of CNW units in service. The grilles really pop! **Left:** CNW 894 is in service on the Seneca Division. Read more about the layout in the Summer 2012 issue of *The Winnebagoland Whistle*.



# We're *Almost* 50!

Yup, almost 50 years old and it's time to celebrate! What to do? Well your Board of Directors has a few ideas. How about a custom decorated car? Thanks to Ken Soroos, we have several options via Dennis Storzek at Accurail. What type of car should we offer? What color scheme? Now is the time to decide!

At the Meeting of Membership on May 5, 2012 during the WLD Spring Meet, we decided on a boxcar similar to the one below would make a good choice. But, now we'd like more input, and that's where you come in. We will decide on a car after the WLD Fall Meet in Wausau and will be taking another vote there from members and friends of the WLD.

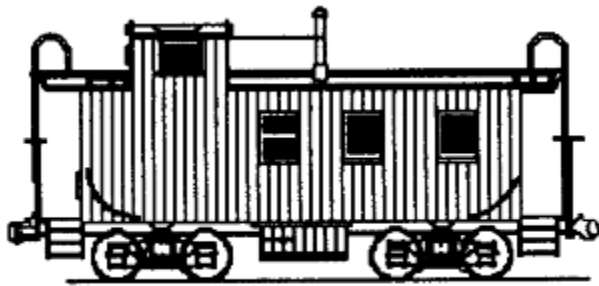
As far as a special meet, that will need to wait until 2014. Prices at the National Railroad Museum where we held our first meet have skyrocketed up and it's not an option for our group. We will find a reasonably priced alternative and still have a celebration worthy of our 50 years!



### ***Where does the time go?***

Our last run of custom cars sold out quickly. We are considering this 50' Accurail car to once again celebrate the WLD, this time for its 50th anniversary. The color and graphics may be updated or changed. How about a more modern outside braced car? Or, maybe an old wood sheathed Accurail 40' boxcar. We will narrow down our choices and color schemes this year and take your input throughout 2012.





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## Train Shows...How You Must Help Your WLD

By: Mark Preussler, Superintendent

We as a NMRA division have some important choices to make over the coming months regarding our participation and/or sponsorship in local train shows. As alluded to in my Super's Report, it has been an issue for the last several years at our WLD Board meetings. The position I have held was that although several shows would be great to participate in, we would need the help of other members in the WLD to staff our booth or table. Additionally, with our display wall being the main feature and with several options for presenting the WLD in a good light, including a slide show or power point presentation (as shown above), we would need some special considerations as to where our booth was to be located on the floor if the show wanted our sponsorship (use of insurance) or participation. My letter to the BOD and the membership, in part, follows:

*What we are offering by sponsoring a train show on behalf of the NMRA National is in my opinion much more of a grey area; insurance. I think it's best to err on the side of caution, especially when, as proven in other cases involving liability outside of our group, judgments that seem "wrong" happen daily and people's lives are affected. It may well be that somewhere in the insurance policy the National NMRA would actually require us to be there, on-site promoting for them. If not, perhaps the insurance,*



*if needed, would be voided and then we're potentially off to the court room. When an application is filled out, we merely sign off that all WLD officers and BOD members are current in their memberships and we are a 100-percent NMRA organization, along with the person(s) putting on the meet. The National actually approves the certificate of insurance, and I've always felt that we need to do as much as possible, in the space provided, to promote the NMRA and show that in case of a claim we've done our part and helped make the event an "NMRA event".*

*Further, the NMRA over the last decade has tightened its regulations on our own meets. For instance, at the fall meet in Wausau, if a person hosting a layout tour is not an NMRA member, we are required to get a signed waiver from the homeowner making sure they understand the liability and that they are responsible for it. NMRA insurance only covers the meet location and NMRA home layouts only. In some divisions that hold monthly meets there is a crackdown on non-NMRA members from attending more than once or twice a year, basically making the meet a closed meeting. Again, it's partly done to insure coverage in case of a claim. I don't agree with this logic, but it's happening.*

*I still believe that if we're not on-site at a public show with a professional display we gain absolutely nothing in terms of potential members and I'll reiterate that I'll never "sign off" as Superintendent on an insurance application unless we as a division are committed to events with "boots on the ground". It's not fair to the National NMRA in that it exposes them to a potential liability, we may actually be misrepresenting the show as an NMRA event, and really it just sells us all short.*

With this as our guide, we approached the the folks who run the Titledown Train Show ( the only show we sponsor besides our division meets) and requested an area which would better meet our needs and which would allow us to continue to co-sponsor the event. We also put a stipulation on future sponsorship that is contingent to the WLD finding volunteers to man the booth. This applies to any event, not just TTS. It is felt by the majority of the Board that this is the only way to avoid the burn-out of the few dedicated volunteers we have in regards to promotion and recruitment. In the best case scenario we'd line up NMRA volunteers without incentive, but the folks at TTS realize that a little incentive helps, so we will have available free passes to TTS for NMRA volunteers who agree to spend time at our booth basically handing out literature, signing up people for a Railpass membership, and generally just saying hi and promoting the NMRA. We'll have a list of talking points ready for those of you who don't know what to say, but I'm hoping people can find out why you belong in your own words. Here's the plan as it stands today:

- A sign-up for NMRA/WLD volunteering at TTS will be on our meet satisfaction survey at Wausau.
- The sign-up will then be e-mailed to all WLD members.
- We will count the number of volunteers and the Board will determine if we can continue to display and co-sponsor at the TTS event.
- We will advise the TTS leaders no later than our January Board Meeting.

Personally, I want to see all of our public train shows prosper, but TTS is the only event in which we're tied into as co-sponsors. **I will make my first plea: If you feel TTS is worthwhile and you're an NMRA member sign up as soon as you get the e-mail from us. You can volunteer for an hour or all day. The dates are April 27 (9 AM-5 PM) and April 28, (10 AM-4 PM) 2013. We will have a free pass to TTS for each of our volunteers until we have enough people, so don't hesitate when you're contacted.**

Again, the 155 folks who are in the WLD will be the deciding factor on all events going forward. We don't need everyone, but we need more than the half dozen who have done most of the work for the last ten years. If no one steps up, things won't happen! I also urge you to attend our next Board Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2013 at the SLHTS Archives Bldg. In Appleton WI to find out more about other opportunities we have lined up later in the year.

Respectfully,

Mark Preussler, Superintendent

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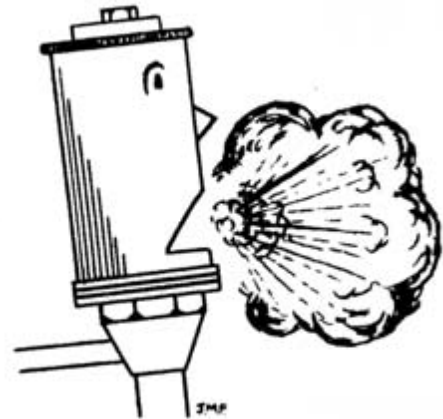
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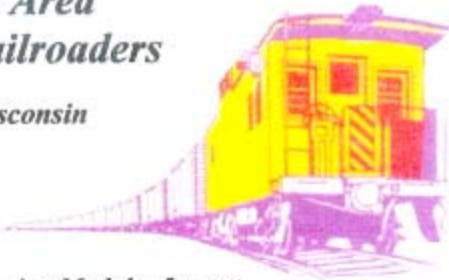
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# Spring Meet 2012 Photo Contest, May 5, 2012 at Plymouth:

Joe Lallensack sent in the results from our last meet:

**Best of Show: Fred Firkus- Milwaukee Road switch stand at Hilbert**

**First Place, Prototype Color Print: Marv Preussler- UP Ballast train with canoeists**

**Second Place, Prototype Color Print: Dick Fellenz- Santa's Train**

**First Place, Tongue-in-Cheek: Mike Wadinski- MOW Port-o-lets**

My thanks to Roger Wurtzel and Emory Luebke in assisting me in the judging of the photos. The four winners listed here are the only ones who entered the contest!

You can see you would have had a chance at taking home an award if you only brought a photo to enter. This is your incentive to enter the contest the next time. Our criteria to enter are not that strict. First, the photo should be at least 5" by 7" but no larger than 11" by 14". Secondly, the photo should be mounted to prevent damage from handling during judging. Please participate by bringing a photo to Wausau. Good luck to you all!

Along with the results shown, we had a good discussion after judging about our contests. Although most of the discussion was on the models, there were some good points made about the pictures displayed. We touched on focus, exposure, lighting, balance, and theme. These are the five areas we look at as we judge each photo. These are things you can keep in mind as you photograph your models or a prototype scene.

**Joe Lallensack**  
**Photo Contest Chairman**

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# NEWS FROM NATIONAL

- After several years of work by incoming NMRA Secretary John Stevens, all U.S. **Region and Division boundaries are now defined by state and county boundaries**, rather than zip codes. This will help keep boundaries stable as the U.S. Post Office continues to redefine its zip code areas.
- Michiana Division co-founder Jim Six, a college professor and experienced education expert, has agreed to lead a team charged with **developing a standardized clinic format** that will help ensure consistency and uniformity for clinics being made available to Divisions and Regions. The format will be based upon the one currently in use in the Michiana Division of the Midwest Region.
- Following the recommendation of Standards & Conformance Department head Didrik Voss, MMR, the Board directed that **all eight DCC-related Recommended Practices now become NMRA Standards**. Further, in the future the issuance of a Conformance Warrant is not to be influenced by Recommended Practices but will be based solely on adherence to applicable NMRA Standards.
- President Charlie Getz appointed outgoing president **Mike Brestel to replace Larry DeYoung**, who retired as publisher of *NMRA Magazine*. Charlie also announced that Mike has also agreed to serve as assistant to the president to ensure a smooth transition between administrations.
- Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch reported that the **attendance of the National Train Show in Grand Rapids was the fourth best ever**, and that Saturday's attendance exceeded Sacramento's of the same day. In addition, there were three more booths sold at Grand Rapids than Sacramento.
- Looking ahead to next year's convention in Atlanta, **the "Peachtree Express" team** reports that it's putting the finishing touches on a series of short videos featuring selected layouts that will be on tour during the convention. The videos will be posted to YouTube and will be able to be accessed from links on <http://www.nmra2013.org/>
- The Peachtree team is also proud to announce that there will be a number of **Civil War-related tours** – both rail-related and general interest – as well as a "Civil War track."
- And it's not too soon to be thinking about the 2014 convention! The **Cleveland Convention's website is now up** and running and taking registrations at [www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org).

**Everything I learned at the WLD Spring Meet**, wasn't all I needed to know about model railroading.

**That's why I need to go to WLD's "NORTH END PATROL" Fall Meet in Wausau on October 13.**

- I have learned that there is a lot packed into this one day meet.
- I learned that I will have to bring my camera, my note pad or pocket recorder, or I will forget the most important things I learned that day.

**From the Clinics I need to learn:**

- When did the car ferries start service?
- Were all the car ferries owned by the C&O? You would think I would know that, but!
- Is wood structure modeling really as easy as Scott Peterson makes it look?
- Does Gregg Condon really use his old blankets and tee shirts to make scenery?
- How do you hide the edge of micro scenes?
- Can you really build stone buildings from the pebbles in your yard?
- How do I learn to keep my weathering techniques from getting so heavy I lose the details?
- What's a *Foamer's* "Slide-O-Rama"? and what does that have to do with post 1985 Central Wisconsin Railroads?

**From the Layout Tours I need to see and learn:**

- How many different gauges the layouts are built in? I've heard rumors there is everything from G to HO including On3 and O.
- How are the Rio Grande Mountains built? And what techniques were used?



- Who are the scratch builders I've heard about? What materials do they use? How detailed do the buildings get? Where do they find their patience?
- What eras do the layouts represent?
- Is there still another way to build a helix?

- Which layouts have been published in GMR, MR and/or RMC? Rumor is that some have been published in the last two years.
- What are the stories connected to each railroad? ...Especially the made up stores that go with freelance railroads.

**What I want to see and learn at the Model/Photo Display and Contest.**

- What unique pieces can I find that I could add to my layout?
- How did they get the photographic effect?
- Who are the modeler's I should be talking to, to learn how they do it?
- Who won the Don Steffen Award...by popular vote?
- **And at the banquet...**
- Why did I eat so much? **But more to the point...**
- How much did the railroads play in the outcome of the Civil War?
- Did the Union win because John Wayne fought in the Civil War?
- Which side had the most and best equipment?

Highway 10, Highway 29, and Highway 51/39 sure make it an easy show for most of us to reach. Why not join me in learning new tricks and skills, and steal a few new ideas? It sure seems that I will go home with a head full of information, ideas, and...new and renewed friendships. Use the registration form on the next page. See you there!

*Submitted by Gordy Sauve, Waupaca Area Model Railroaders*





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### Description:

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Event Venue/Location: Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI (Exit 158 East, I-39/51 @ Hwy 10.) One mile east on Hwy 10 to Elizabeth Avenue (just past Fleet Farm).

Event Venue/Event Contact: Phil Gjevre, 1828 Marys Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (715) 341-8228,  
[phil.jane.gjevre@charter.net](mailto:phil.jane.gjevre@charter.net)

Event Website Address: [www.trainweb.org/cwmr](http://www.trainweb.org/cwmr)



# 3<sup>rd</sup>

## ANNUAL FIRST FREEZE

### FALL TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

Old, New and Collectable Trains of all Scales  
Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



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**Registration for the WLD's Annual Operating Session**  
Saturday, November 3rd, 2012 –Manitowoc Area: Cost=\$5.00

Name

Address

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Notes:

Interested In Dining Afterwards? (Dining costs on your own- not included): Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT ENCLOSE** the \$5.00 registration fee with this form. You'll be notified by mail where you are scheduled to operate with payment collected by your host at your first layout assignment on the day of the event. Openings will be filled on a first come/first served basis by using the earliest post-marked dates on this reply sheet. The exact number of openings is not known at this time. If you are carpooling or desire to operate with a certain person or group, please note that information above in the "Notes" section. We will try to accommodate.

**Please return this form postmarked NO LATER THAN October 20th, 2012.**

**Send this form to:**

**Marvin Preussler  
2519 Henry St.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081**

*(Please send form in an envelope to avoid USPS damage to form.)*

# On The Ready Track



October 13, 2012 WLD Fall Meet- Wausau WI Visit WLD Website for more info.

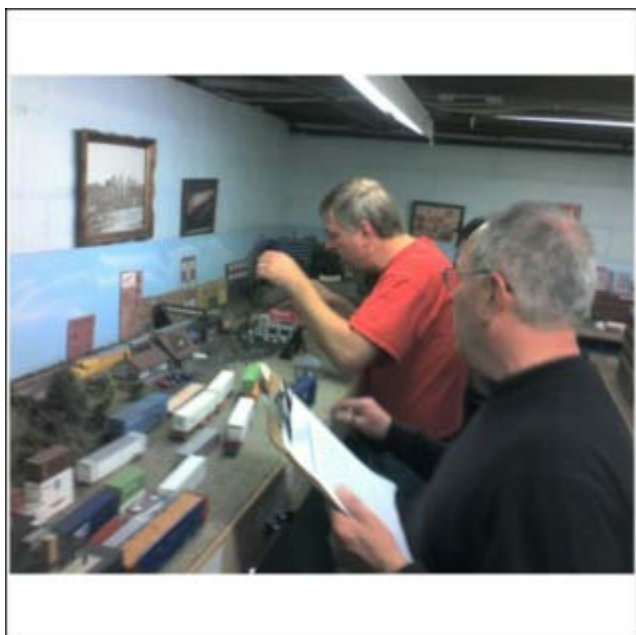
October 21, 2012- Model RR Show & Swap Meet- Circle B Recreation  
6261 Hwy 60- Cedarburg, WI [www.lammscape.com/cedarcreek](http://www.lammscape.com/cedarcreek)

November 3, 2012 WLD OP Session ( See Sign Up Sheet page 17)

November 4, 2012, First Freeze Train Show, Green Bay WI ( See ad page 16)

November 10-11, 2012- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Trainfest- West Allis, WI Info at: [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com)

January 19 and 20, 2013 Arctic Run Train Show (See Flyer Page 16)



## WLD OPERATING Session

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012  
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