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"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad."
— Teddy Roosevelt

COVER PHOTO:

Joint Soo/CNW action at Siemens, near Hurley, WI on Hans Schlegel's beautiful layout.

This is one of the five great layout that will be on tour during the 2022 Spring meet in Manitowoc.

Photo courtesy Phil Herman.



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by Phil Herman

Coming out Stronger than Before

With life getting closer to normal there seems to be a new appreciation for community. During a number of hobby related activities both in person and virtual I sense a new energy. Just like when I was a young child if I misbehaved and had something taken away. When I got the privilege back it took on a renewed importance. That old cliché that says something good comes out of something bad, I feel that expression can be applied to the state of Model Railroading. A lot of us spoke about how we had more time to model with other activities curtailed. But now as many events are resuming around us again, I still sense strong positive momentum in model railroading.

In March we had our division's WLD Workbench Wednesday with "Interchanges" as the topic. We had a great lineup of presentations and a good discussion. I have enjoyed participating in each of these events and I feel these on line forums developing into something our division will continue for the long term. May 16th is our next scheduled WLD Workbench Wednesday and the topic will be "What's on your Workbench". We will then take the summer off. Resuming in Fall on September 16th the topic will be "Car Forwarding". If you have a system to move cars on your layout please join in on the discussion. If not, listen in, it's easy, bring us up on your device to watch on zoom or just listen in as you work on a model.

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Superintendent's Report

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Our in-person meets held twice a year seem to be back on track with the Manitowoc event coming up April 30th. The meet has four back-to-back clinics in the morning followed by five exceptional layouts open for touring in the afternoon, along with the model and photo contests. Another exciting development is our Fall 2022 meet that will be held in Waupaca October 8th at the restored Waupaca depot. I have not been to the depot for a couple years but am told a lot of work has been completed along with a small layout. With the busy CN main right outside and several excellent modelers in the Waupaca area this should be a great event.

In May the Midwest Region is teaming up with the Midcentral and Northcentral Regions to host the tri-regional convention in Indianapolis May 18-22. This will be a jam-packed event with 4-days of clinics, OPS sessions and layout tours. The Naperville, IL RPM event for 2022 will also be held here in Indianapolis. A train show will also be held May 20-22. For more information go to www.indyjunction2022.org.

Another bit of good news we received is Trainfest is returning in 2022. Kalmbach Publishing and Walthers are teaming up to sponsor this show. The details of the show are still not known yet.

With all those great in-person events happening the virtual communications that have been established are still going strong. The pandemic really forced those that wanted to maintain some sense of community to reach out in a new way. Looking back to how we communicated pre-pandemic there was considerable activity online, but that activity has ramped up and I don't see it going away. There are a number of well done podcasts and video creators out there. Some talented people are sharing how-to's on any modeling related topic that you can imagine. The quality of what's out there is also getting better. Also, some of the manufacturers are right in the middle of all this new content as regular participants closely interacting with their customers. Over the past few years, we have gotten more familiar with the names representing companies in the model railroad industry like Athearn, Scalettrains, Rapido, and Soundtraxx to name a few.

Two local modelers, Andy Dorsch and Mike Ostertag, have recently started a podcast "The Second Section Podcast" you can find in many places including Spotify, YouTube... I've listened in on several of their shows and it is well done. One of their shows included a panel of modelers discussing Content Creators. While listening to the discussion it hit

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View From the Cab

Your Editor

Why do I always seem to start my column talking about the weather? I guess it's hard to avoid... case in point this year, Mother Nature isn't letting go of winter. The last month has been cold and extremely wet, to the point that we haven't been able to really get out and start cleaning up the yard. I suppose that other than our garden modelers out there, it gives us a few more weeks to work on our pike projects.

For me late winter and early spring are concentrating on getting ready for the Titledown Train Show, which came early this year and wrapped up last week. I would say it was a successful show from my perspective, with tables sold out and attendance higher than last year. I hope if you attended you were happy with what you found. We certainly appreciate the sponsorship the WLD provides and the booth that gives people a chance to see what the NMRA is all about.

The facility that hosts TTS now, the KI Convention Center downtown, seems to get a positive reaction from vendors and layouts, and the free parking and attached hotels are a nice bonus. We generally like the location also, but there is a major drawback compared to our old home: as an event that generates relatively fewer hotel room nights, we get lower priority for scheduling. After corporate functions, dance competitions and weddings, we're usually left with few options. Unfortunately for 2023 there were two dates available this time of year: Easter weekend or Mother's Day weekend. The informal poll at the show indicated we're better off with Mother's Day, but I know that besides the namesake holiday, going into May often conflicts with other meets and shows in the region. We are investigating some possible alternatives so the date isn't set in stone, but we will keep everyone updated.

Once the nice weather finally takes hold, many of us will be doing "summer things", but don't write off the hobby until fall! Phil talked about the WLD Spring Meet coming up shortly in Manitowoc, a great location with a nice host hotel. The multi-region meet in Indy looks to be an amazing event as well, and then Waupaca's annual Strawberry Fest train show is coming mid-June. Finally the national convention fires up in August, so there's a lot to get involved with!

This issue will be a little abbreviated as we wanted to make sure it got out before the spring meet, but if you have any content you'd like to share with everyone in the Division, please send it to me for the next issue.

Keep on trainin! — Todd tbushmaker@sbcglobal.net

New Amtrak Livery

Amtrak has unveiled the new paint scheme to be worn by the remainder of its fleet of Siemens ALC42 locomotives, a two-tone blue design with a splash of red and white trim.

The “Phase VII” scheme — the seventh standard design in Amtrak’s 50-year history — debuts on Charger No. 309, the 10th of the 75 locomotives on order. It is currently en route to Chicago after departing California on Thursday on the California Zephyr. It is scheduled to depart Chicago on Sunday on the Capitol Limited to Washington. It is on the way to Amtrak’s Wilmington, Del., shops where it will go through an acceptance process before entering service.



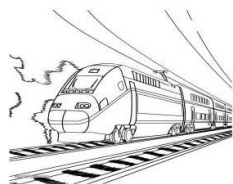
The white portions of the design are reflective for added visibility and safety, Amtrak says, with the white arcs separating the red and blue segments echoing the current Amtrak logo.

Amtrak CEO Stephen Gardner says in a press release that the new look “reflects the transformation underway at Amtrak as we welcome back our loyal customers while introducing new generations to rail travel.”

Supt. Report *cont'd*

me how far this hobby has come over the past few years. It is really an exciting time to be in this hobby with the information that is available to us. During this show the panel came up with their most admired Content Creators, many I had not heard of. I am going to have to check them out! This is really a great time to be a Model Railroader, with that said I hope to see you out there either in person or on-line.

Until we meet again, “proceed on signal indication, Phil out.”



Shift: Trucks to Trains?

By Thomas Black—American Journal of Transportation

J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc. said shippers are back to seeking to save money on transportation after two years of supply-chain disruptions that had them paying whatever it took to keep products stocked.

“Most of our customers have been primarily concerned with on-shelf availability, not as much around efficiency,” Shelley Simpson, chief commercial officer, said during an April 18 conference call. “So if it’s a downturn or even in the current environment, we do think there’s a lot of freight from what we’ve seen this season that can move to a more efficient mode, like intermodal.”

That’s a boon to J.B. Hunt’s intermodal business, which cuts the freight cost but lengthens haul time by combining trucks and railroads to move goods. Sales at the intermodal unit, which makes up almost half of J.B. Hunt’s revenue, jumped 36% and operating profit surged 87% to \$201 million in the first quarter, the Lowell, Arkansas-based trucker said in a statement.



The company said it could grow intermodal even more if trains were running faster, which would increase capacity. J.B. Hunt expects intermodal also will get a boost from businesses seeking to reduce emissions because trains burn much less fuel than trucks to haul the same cargo.

During the pandemic disruptions, shippers were forced to find trucking capacity in the high-cost, spot market and even turned to expensive alternatives, such as team-driver expedited service and air freight. A lot of that volume may revert back to intermodal as lead time in the supply chain return to normal and railroads improve service, Simpson said.

National RR Museum's Lister Hospital Car Restored

Byline from (Green Bay) Press-Times; Photos from local media coverage and National Railroad Museum

ASHWAUBENON – After more than two-and-a-half years of work, the National Railroad Museum has unveiled the restored Joseph Lister hospital car – now on display in the Lenfestey Center.



“Through more than two-and-a-half years of hard work by our staff and a dedicated volunteer corps, we have been able to recreate a significant piece of American railroad history,” Jacqueline Frank, CEO of the National Railroad Museum, said. “I look forward to families enjoying this immersive exhibit, and to the opportunity the museum now has to create educational experiences for students who may not thrive in a traditional classroom setting, but suddenly discover the magic of history, science and other subjects simply by stepping ‘back in time’ when they enter a restored Lister.”

The Lister, built in 1930 by the Pullman Co., transported patients from Chicago to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for more than 30 years as part of the Chicago and North Western Railroad. CNW named it the Joseph Lister in honor of the English surgeon who is best known as the founder of antiseptic medicine and a pioneer in preventive medicine.

Benjamin Wideman, the museum’s marketing and communications director, said the restoration project was funded through a handful of donations – \$83,100 from the David L. and Rita

E. Nelson Family Fund, as well as donations from Dr. Paul and Linda Koch and other smaller donations totaling about \$37,000. He said Koch also donated historic medical equipment that will be used in the display once the east-end addition is built.

The restoration process

Wideman said thousands of hours were devoted to resurrecting the Lister since it was first brought inside in July 2019. Hands-on restoration team members included museum employees Jeff Truckey and Andrew Duescher, retired museum employee Hank Van Stedum and volunteers Peter Angeli, Paul Koch, Mike Pavick, Jerry Vander Heyden, Larry LePage and Jay Froming.

“It’s nice to be part of a project like this that future generations will be able to enjoy and learn from,” Jeff Truckey, the museum’s facilities specialist, said. “This was the most difficult restoration project I’ve been part of so far, because there’s a lot of work involved. But I think it has (turned) out very nice.” Truckey said the hospital car has been part of the National Railroad Museum’s rolling stock since 1988.

The Lister was one of two identical hospital cars manufactured for CNW. The other, which was dubbed Ephraim McDowell, a former American physician and surgeon, was eventually dismantled and used for parts. Once the Joseph Lister was removed from hospital car



National RR Museum's Lister Hospital Car Restored



sleeping quarters for overnight occupancy, and as such, the car was equipped with several special engineering features, like rubber shock absorbers, to reduce noise and vibration.

“It is always exciting to see rolling stock after a large restoration process,” Daniel Liedtke, curator at the National Railroad Museum, said. “The Joseph Lister has been given a renewed life, and visitors will be given the chance to see a different aspect of passenger travel relating to health. In today’s environment, with COVID-19 and other diseases, health is in the forefront of people’s minds. So the Joseph Lister car’s history of trans-

porting patients to the Mayo Clinic resonates with people as they may have had to travel to a hospital for care.”

The Lister’s history now will be forever connected with the National Railroad Museum. Wideman said the Lister is temporarily on display in the Lenfestey Center, with plans to relocate it once the center’s east-end addition is constructed. He said the hospital car is now open for public viewing.



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service, Wideman said its interior was gutted, and it finished its career as a bunk car for CNW rail crews.

He said when it arrived at the museum, the Lister was used for storage before being converted into a maintenance space and then transitioning back to a storage space. In 2018, Wideman said the Lister was deemed a high priority project, and fundraising for its restoration began.

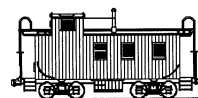
Referencing more than 100 detailed blueprints, he said the restoration team fabricated many parts that had deteriorated or were missing before the museum acquired the car. The Lister also received extensive metalwork, new wiring and fresh paint both inside and outside.

More about the Lister

Wideman said the Lister was described as a customized, composite Pullman sleeping car that could hold six patients and medical personnel.

To afford patients a greater level of comfort, he said the Lister featured three double doors along one side that each opened to 30 inches wide, enough to accommodate a stretcher.

Wideman said the Lister, part of the Rochester-Minnesota Special train, was intended to provide



Team Track

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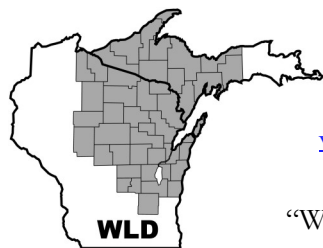
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Note that these positions need not be Directors; any member in the Division may chair or participate in these committees!



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Timetable

Please check with each individual event to confirm.

- April 30** WLD Spring Meet
Holiday Inn Manitowoc
- May 18, 7pm** WLD Workshop Wednesday
Watch for Zoom invite
- May 18-22** Indy Junction Tri-Region & RPM
Convention, *Indianapolis*
<https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>
- June 18-19** Strawberry Fest Train Show
Waupaca, WI
- June 18, 10am** WLD BOD meeting
At Strawberry Fest
- August 7-13** Gateway 2022 National Convention
St. Louis, MO
[Gateway 2022 Website](https://www.gateway2022.com/)

Division Merch

Make sure to check out the WLD Merch store for shirts and caps: <https://customcreationsofwi.com/winnebago-land-district-national/shop/home>



Just a few of the HO-scale Winnebago Land boxcars left; let Paul Mastalir know how many and he will work out getting them to you. His phone is (715) 853-7274, or email him at mastalir54166@yahoo.com.



2022 NMRA Winnebagoland Division



Spring Meet in Manty!

Saturday April 30th, 2022 - at 8 AM – 5:00 PM
Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center
4601 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc, WI 54220

2022 Spring Meet Timetable

- 8:00am – 9:45am: Meet Registration
Clinics (tentative schedule)
8:30 am JMRI Operations – Phil Herman
9:30 am Operating Plan for a Pulp and Paper Mill – Gerry Ring
10:30 am Modeling Interchanges – Scott Payne
11:15 am Manitowoc Rail Tales – Rich Hanke/Fred Firkus
9:00 am – 1:00pm Swap Tables
12:00pm Lunch
12:30 Model-Photo Contest Awards / Annual Meeting
1:30pm – 5:00pm Layout Tours

Bring your models to show off or enter in the modeling contest!!!

Show off your railroad photography skills – bring your pics for the photo contest!!!

2022 Spring Meet Registration (Checks Payable to Winnebagoland Division)

NAME: _____ NMRA#: _____
Email: _____ Phone #: _____
Meet Registration Fee (Members \$8.00, Non-Members \$10.00) \$ _____
Swap Tables \$5.00ea. \$ _____
Boxed Lunch \$16.00 Sandwich, Fruit, Chips, Cookie & Drink. Choose (one) from the following:
Ham Sandwich ___ Turkey Sandwich ___ Roast Beef ___ \$ _____
For more info visit www.wld-nmra.com Total: \$ _____

Return this form and Payment by 4/15/2022 to
Phil Herman
5123 Wild Meadow Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53083

*Waupaca Area Model Railroaders
Waupaca, Wisconsin*

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32nd Annual (Free!)

STRAWBERRY FEST - TRAIN SHOW

(In conjunction with the Waupaca Historical Society & Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce)

Saturday, June 18 – 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, June 19 – 10 AM to 3 PM

Waupaca Recreation Center, three blocks east of downtown
at the intersection of School, State & Badger Sts.

- *Operating Model Railroad Layouts*
- *Thomas the Tank Engine & Chuggington Friends*
- *Hobby Shop dealers and vendors*
- *Swap Meet* (hobbyist sales tables).
- *Waupaca Railroad Depot Open House*
- *Great Food & Strawberry Short Cake*

Historic Soo Line Depot OPEN

Saturday 8 AM to 7 PM & Sunday 8 AM to 5PM

525 Oak street just past the
railroad bridge on the left.

For show information see our website: www.wamrltd.com
or call –

- Train Show & tables – Roger Hildebrandt, (715) 258-8218

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