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*"The human brain is like a railroad freight car -- guaranteed to have a certain capacity but often running empty."*

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Rhinelander SOO Depot  
*Courtesy Larry Easton*

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## Superintendent's Report

*By James C. Cruthers*

The Winnebagoland Division has a number of exciting activities in the future. We are gearing up for our fall meet in Rhinelander on October 12th, 2013 complete with great clinics layout tours, and a banquet in the evening. There have been a number of people in the north woods working very hard to pull this meet together and I am personally looking forward to my trip to Rhinelander and the meet. I genuinely hope that many of you are planning on attending the meet and there is still time to register for the banquet (October 5th is the deadline for the banquet). We are also working to pull our 2014 spring and fall meets together. There are tentative plans in the works for the spring meet to be held in Waupaca and the fall meet to be held in Marinette. Not only that, but the Division is also on the docket to host the Midwest Regional Convention in the spring of 2015 and it appears that this will be held in Manitowoc. As soon as we have dates for all of the meets confirmed you will all be the first to know and I hope to see many of you at these events.

I have truly enjoyed being a part of the Winnebagoland Division of the NMRA. I have learned a great deal and met new friends. The meets the Division hosts is a great way to meet new people and see old friends while learning about this great hobby. I encourage all of you to take advantage of the benefits of membership in the NMRA and what this Division has to offer. Support your Division by attending the meets and offering to volunteer from time to time.

Until next time... !



## On the Cover

Soo Line's depot in Rhinelander, host city of WLD's Fall 2013 Meet. I would guess circa 1920's?

Below is the same depot, circa 1986. Building looks a little stripped down and timeworn, but otherwise if it wasn't for the cars and locomotive, you wouldn't necessarily know the difference.



The depot now houses the local railroad club, after the building itself was relocated to the logging museum grounds. Thanks to Larry Easton and the SOO archives.

## Editor's Note

By Todd M. Bushmaker

Welcome to the Fall 2013 edition of the Whistle, chock full of good stuff like info about the Fall Meet and the annual Operating Session. But something's new... can't quite put my finger on it. Oh, wait: there's a new editor! A relative unknown probably to many of you.

Mark Preussler has passed the baton on to me after many years of excellent service. In the "dead-tree" days past there were plenty of others before him as well (this is the 46th year after all), so there are some pretty big workboots to fill. For some reason I volunteered to do this, probably because I attend a lot of Division meetings without really DOING anything. Time to give back a little!

It is traditional to provide a little background when assuming a position with some public exposure, so please bear with me just a tad. I received a 1776 Bicentennial Tyco set when I was 6, got bored with it, then resurrected it as a teenager, only to run its little plastic worm gears off. Some assorted shenanigans involving the hobby ensued during my high school years with a couple like-minded friends from the old neighborhood (talking about you, Luke Lemmens!), including an experiment to see if you can run trains vertically on a wall using hot glue (you can't), and a small "show" with what passed for "modules" at East Town Mall in Green Bay.

I went off to a college that just happened to have a club, which eventually became the Overland Western Lines MSOE Alumni layout you see at shows. I was a longtime member of the Green Bay Area Model Railroaders Club in the days when it was at the National Railroad Museum, even serving as its president and whipping boy for a few years. I co-founded NEWER Industries, the Green Bay modular club, in a basement I shared with the other co-founder and long-term partner in many weird things, Mike Phalen. In response to the WLD hosting the 2003 Midwest Region meet in Green Bay, I organized a little train show to complement the meet: Titledown Train Show, which is still going thanks mostly to a million other people.

Model railroading is in my blood for whatever reason, and I've been in it long enough with enough people that I might have learned a few things. As an architect by trade, I can appreciate the realism, planning and design. I've always enjoyed woodworking, electronics and the general tinkering that certainly helps in this hobby. My other interests over the years, sci-fi and of course the Packers, don't really complement trains but they never detracted from them either. Nowadays in addition to designing schools and nursing homes, I'm busy being a husband to a beautiful supportive wife and a father to three small energetic children; needless to say I don't have quite the time I used to but I wouldn't trade it for all the covered hoppers in the world.

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## NMRA Publications Dept.

*From Mike Brestel, previous Publications Department Manager:*

On July 12 I [left] my position as NMRA Publications Department Manager, and NMRA *InfoBlast* editor Tom Draper has asked me to fill in our Region and Division leaders about our current activities.

The Publications Department is responsible for overseeing these major areas: The *NMRA Magazine*, NMRA Data Sheets, the NMRA Calendar Project, NMRA Books, and the *NMRA eBulletin*.

**NMRA Magazine** – White River Productions (Kevin EuDaly) continues to manage the production of the *NMRA Magazine*. Stephen and Cinthia Priest of Paired Rail Railroad Productions (PRRP) are our editors, and in addition, Cinthia has become our ad sales manager. White River and PRRP have successfully maintained the quality of all aspects of the *NMRA Magazine*, with an emphasis on NMRA organizational and member activities and accomplishments. We continue to watch the growth of electronic magazine distribution in the model railroad world, but at this time we do not plan to convert to electronic publishing.

**NMRA Data Sheets** – Over the past year we have moved Data Sheets back into the Publications Department. David Johnson, Data Sheet Manager, and Van S. Fehr, Assistant Manager, are working to establish new standards for Data Sheet content and presentation, and several new sheets are in preparation. I think you'll be pleased with what you see!

**NMRA Calendar Project** – We are in the process of selecting images for the 2014 NMRA Calendar, which as you know is an NMRA U.S. fundraising project. After the death of John Roberts, Tom Morrison and I remain to manage this project. We are on track to release the 2014 calendar in late 2013. As always, the calendar will be available to non-U.S. members for a nominal fee plus postage. Non-U.S. members are encouraged to contact HQ at [nmrahq@aol.com](mailto:nmrahq@aol.com) if they are interested in a calendar.

**NMRA Books** – We continue to offer current NMRA books to members and the public, but development of new titles has been slowed by difficulties in obtaining copyright clearance for proposed projects. This is another area where we feel the loss of John Roberts. We will be looking for additional worthy titles to develop in the coming months.

**NMRA eBulletin** – You have all no doubt received the *NMRA eBulletin*, which is prepared bi-monthly by Gerry Leone, Chuck Dijak, and Tracy McKibben, and distributed through the efforts of Page Martin, Ben Sevier, and the

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## NMRA Canada

*By Fred Heardon MMR*

As the Canadian District Director I am taking this opportunity to explain some features of NMRA Canada. This entity has been established for NMRA members who reside in Canada. It is an educational, non-profit association (paralleling its parent) that focuses on promoting and teaching the art and craft of model railroading. Our membership which varies between 900 and 1100 ranks Canada as the second largest national membership within the global extent of the NMRA.

Our agreement with the NMRA Board of Directors allows us to set a dues structure based on Canadian residence and circumstances while maintaining all the rights and privileges of NMRA membership. Volunteer administration allows a lower dues rate for Canadian members and allows payment in Canadian dollars to overcome exchange rate issues. A similar agreement allows Canadian members to subscribe to the NMRA magazine. Subscriptions to a member's Regional publication (four Regions span the Canada – U.S.A. border) can also be paid through the offices of NMRA Canada. Currently our Board of Directors includes representation from New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba. We intend to expand our representation to better reflect our membership.

Within Regions of NMRA Canada are a number of Divisions most of which have a common pair of problems – considerable distance between centres and small member numbers. One service to our members, the NMRA Clinic DVD's (but not the Prototype or Modeling ones) are available through a Canadian address facilitating access. The bi-lingual NMRA Canada website offers links to sites focused on Canadian railway history and to Canadian-focused SIGs including the Canadian National Historical Association, Canadian Pacific Historical Association, Pacific Great Eastern/BC Rail SIG, Ontario Northland Historical & Technical Society, the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo SIG and the VIA Rail SIG. Links are included to some member's model railways and to clubs within each of our four Regions to enhance the fellowship that is so much a part of NMRA activities.



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## Titletown Train Show

By *Todd Bushmaker*

As many of you may have heard, there are some changes in the ownership and administrative structure of the WLD's primary train show.

Todd Bushmaker was one of the original directors and remains with the show. The three other directors and partners from the last ten years have decided to move on for various reasons, including Paul Pasowicz (proprietor of Enginehouse Services), Carol Foreen and Larry Nast. They have all been invaluable in making the show the all-around success it is today.

Todd has decided to maintain the LLC structure for now, bringing on two additional partners: Dan Dyer, a director during the first four years of the show, and Jody Andres, fellow architect and a skilled train show volunteer. No notable changes to the show itself are anticipated at this time; the new management intends to carry on and put on the quality show that everyone has come to expect.

Two other options were seriously considered: handing over the ownership and operations to either the Green Bay Area Model Railroaders' Club or to the Winnebago Division. For reasons partly related to timing, it was felt neither was viable given the transition required on short notice.

However, there exists the possibility for TTS to transition the show over to the WLD over the course of several years, increasing the Division's involvement in various aspects over that period until a clean, seamless handover is made. This is necessarily a matter of further discussion, but in principle it has the support of many Division members.

If there are any questions related to the show, past present and future, please feel free to contact Todd at [tbushmaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbushmaker@sbcglobal.net).



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## Editor's Note cont'd

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I hope to be as fine an editor as I can be, to bring the activities, talents, and machinations of the Division and its members to these pages four times a year, in such a way that you may be engaged, interested, even charged up about the hobby. As always, I'll be looking for submissions from everyone as I am not talented enough to fill the pages myself. In the meantime, feel free to drop me a line, my inbox is always open: [tbushmaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbushmaker@sbcglobal.net).

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# Oshkosh Bridge Replacement



*Above, the original crossing in winter.*

*Below, a train goes through the newly completed bridge.*



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The original bridge's main span was a swing-type central-pivot bridge, a type once common up and down the Fox River. On either side of the pivot were 64-foot navigation channels, mostly used in recent times by pleasure craft. Originally constructed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, it became CN property after a number of ownership changes and acquisitions.

The new \$27million project's main span is a conventional counterweighted bascule with a 125-foot span. While the changeover inconvenienced many recreational boaters because they couldn't get from lake-to-lake, the bridge should last another 100 years.

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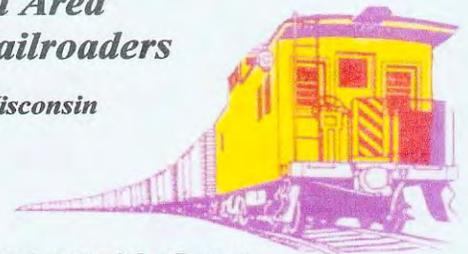
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- October 12** Winnebagoland Division Fall Meet - Rhinelander, WI. See info this issue or Visit [www.wld-nmra.com](http://www.wld-nmra.com) for more information.
- October 13** Railroad Show & Swap Meet - Washington County Fair Park. [www.kmbsrrclub.org](http://www.kmbsrrclub.org)
- November 2** Winnebagoland Division Annual Operating session - Waupaca, WI. See info this issue.
- November 3** First Freeze Train Show & Swap meet - 1560 Main Street - Green Bay, WI Riverside Ballroom. [www.newogaugers.org](http://www.newogaugers.org)
- November 9-10** Trainfest - Milwaukee, WI. Visit [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com)
- January 18-19, 2014** Arctic Run 2014 Model RR Show & Sale - Stevens Point, WI
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**MEET AND BANQUET:** Northwoods Conference Center  
1540 Pueblo Drive, Rhinelander, WI. 54501  
Phone: 715 369 1055

**ADMISSION:** Meet Only (At The Door) = \$5.00  
Meet and Banquet = \$28.00

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Registration 8:30 - 12:00  
Swap Tables and Displays 8:30 - 4:00  
Model/Photo Contest and Displays 9:00 - 3:00  
Clinics 9:30 - 3:00  
RRA Open House 3:30- 5:00  
Happy Hour: 5:00 - 6:00  
Banquet ,Awards, and Program: 6:00-8:30

### CLINICIANS and PRESENTERS:

JMRI and DCC Programming. Mike Key  
Building HO Scale Turnouts Using Fast Track Fixtures." Paul Wussow.  
What To Do With Grandpa's Trains. Jim Brown.  
Starting Out In DCC. Brendan Marquardt.  
Weathering With Powders and Clothshell Scenery." Gregg Condon.  
Wisconsin Central, Day One Through CN- An Overview. Floyd Schmidt.  
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*Schedule subject to change*  
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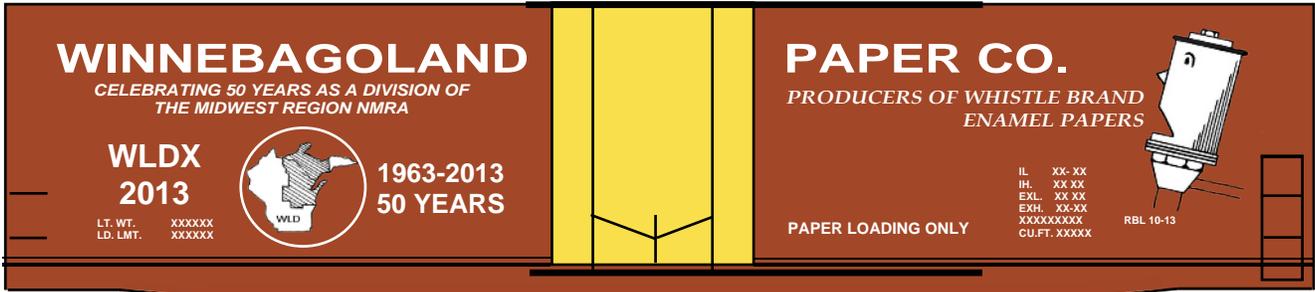
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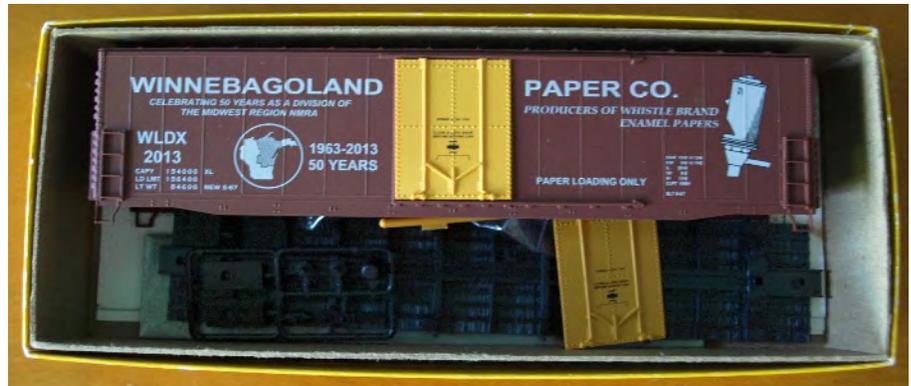
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