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The New WLD Crew Marks Up



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On The Cover: Emory Luebke (foreground) is one of the members of your new WLD Board for 2013. We also have a new Superintendent, James Cruthers. Read all about it in this issue. *Photo –L.E. Easton*

Superintendent's Report ...

By: James Cruthers

This seems like the perfect opportunity to introduce myself to the Division. My name is James Cruthers and I am fairly new to the hobby of model railroading and to the NMRA. I grew up on a dairy farm near the village of Luck in Polk County Wisconsin and as a kid had opportunities to watch the Soo Line run trains in that area. I have lived in La Crosse, Eau Claire, Menomonie, Wisconsin Rapids, and in 2006 after accepting a job in Menasha/Appleton, my partner and I settled in Hilbert (Calumet County).

Back in 2006 I began to explore the area of model railroading and soon learned about the NMRA, which I joined in January 2007. Not too much had happened and then one evening in early 2008 I received a phone call from Brian Cassidy who was at the time Chief Clerk of the Winnebagoland Division. He asked if I would be interested in becoming an officer for the Division as the position of Chief Clerk was becoming available. I told him I would be interested before I really knew what the position was about. He encouraged me to attend the Division's next Board meeting to learn more about the Division and the position, which I did and told them they could place my name on the ballot; I soon found myself elected. As of this time I have served four consecutive years as Chief Clerk and one year on the Division Board of Directors, I am now the new Superintendent.

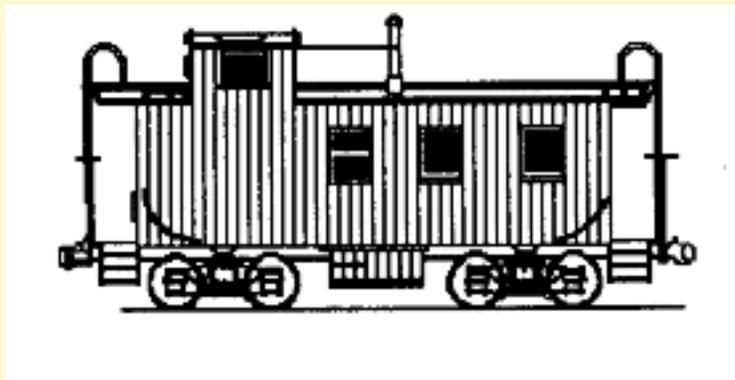
My philosophy was and still is that if I am going to be a member of an organization I want to be involved. It is important for me to be able to 'give back' to an organization and its members the way the organization gives to me. Please do not misunderstand me. I agreed to continue to serve the Division but there are many ways to get involved in the Division other than in an elected capacity. We really do need your help. The Division always needs volunteers to help in a variety of ways. One of the things I really hope to accomplish during my year as Superintendent is to support more of a committee approach to the work that needs to get done within the Division. By clearly defining the work the committees need to accomplish it would be easier for two or three people to 'divide and conquer' the work rather than one person handling everything for that particular committee. Right now we need people to



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help with the membership committee and the convention committee. If we get enough people willing to volunteer it makes everyone's job easier. Maybe you or someone you know would be willing to teach a clinic at either our spring or fall meet, enter the photo and or model contest, or attend the fall Operating Session. Attend one of the Division meets. My point is that there are many ways to get involved. I hope to get to know more of you over the next year. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering some time for the Division feel free to contact me or another Board member for more information.

Please check out the new layout of the Division website. Mike and Mary Eiden of Stevens Point are now a co-chairs for the Website Committee and Mike has put a new look to the website. Remember that we have a fall meet coming up October 12, 2013 in Rhinelander, WI that is sure to be informative and a great time. Our Operating Session is set for November 2, 2013 out Waupaca way. Over the past couple of months we added the following people to the Board of Directors, they are: Roger Wurtzel (Plover), Wally Rogers (Menasha), Mike Wadinski (Wausau), David Nitsch (Plymouth), Joe Lallensack (Manitowoc), and Todd Bushmaker (Green Bay). Even though Lynn Jasch served her last year as Paymaster she has agreed to continue as Registrar for our spring and fall meets and be part of a convention committee. Scott Payne (Sheboygan) is the new Paymaster. Gregg Condon and Larry Easton will continue as Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk respectively. Directors who will continue to serve their terms include: Vern Ehke (Little Chute), Emory Luebke (Greenville), David Allen (Marquette, MI), Ron Weyher (Iron River, MI), and Paul Inman (Appleton). Paul will be finishing his term on the Board in August as well as his work as Membership Chair. Get to know your Board and get involved. I am glad I did!

Aside from model railroading, I am also very interested in U. S. history, genealogical and family history research, hit & miss engines, and art. I am also a member of the Konemic Lodge #47 (Appleton, WI) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Museum in Mineral Point, WI.

James

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Roger Hildebrandt of Waupaca, WI is the recipient of the 2013 Jerry Nichols Service Award

On May 11, 2013 the WinnebagoLand Division awarded Roger Hildebrandt of Waupaca with this years Nichols award. The plaque was formally presented to him at Strawberry Fest on June 15. In the many years I've known him, rarely does he miss a WLD meet or turn down a chance to help. He served the division in many capacities including several years as Superintendent. These days he continues to work for the WLD. Organizing this years Operating Session is his latest project for the division. I'd like to thank Roger again for his many years of service to the hobby, both under the banner of the WLD and for his leadership in the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders club. It was great working with you (and learning from you) back in the 1990s when you were the Superintendent and I was the "new blood" to the Board of Directors. Continued success going forward! -*Mark Preussler, MMR.*

Service to the WinnebagoLand Division A look at the Jerry Nichols Service Award Recipients by *Marvin Preussler, MMR*

From time to time it is good to take a look back at those who have gone above and beyond to make the WinnebagoLand Division of the NMRA what it is today. Back in 2001, it was decided by the WinnebagoLand Division officers and board of directors to present an award to someone who has done an exceptional job in serving the division by using their time and talents to help shape what the division is today. It was agreed to name this special service award the "Jerry Nichols Service Award" in honor of all Jerry had done for the WinnebagoLand Division. The following is a list of those who have received this award.

2001- Jerry Nichols (Accepted by Lynn Nichols posthumously)
2002- Larry Easton
2003- Don Manlick, MMR
2004- John Franzen
2005- Albert & Linda Krueger
2006- Mark & Marvin Preussler
2007- Mary Eiden
2008- Frank & Sue Kozlovsky
2009- Roger Wurtzel
2010- Dave Rickaby
2011- David Allen
2012- Joe Lallensack
2013- Roger Hildebrandt

There are many more individuals, both past and present, who are deserving of this award. Without folks like these, the division would not be as strong as it is today. If you know of someone that you would like to see nominated for this award in the future, let a WinnebagoLand division officer or board member know. Always remember that your input as a NMRA WinnebagoLand Division member is always necessary and very important to the future direction of the WLD!

2013 NMRA WINNEBAGOLAND DIVISION FALL MEET



VIEW FROM THE NORTH TOWER SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2013 RHINELANDER WI

A day of learning and camaraderie is what you'll find at this year's WLD NMRA Fall Meet. *Clinics* on topics from the prototype and modeling techniques to scratchbuilding turnouts and improving the operation of your locomotives. *Displays with a Photo and Model Contest.* Bring YOUR models and photos along to share with your fellow model railroaders and historians. *Open House:* Tour the Rhinelander Railroad Association's club layout, based in the historic Soo Line depot. Then we'll meet back at the Northwoods Conference Center for a traditional WLD Banquet with awards and presentation by Bob Nadrowski, former VP of the Wisconsin Central Limited.

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.
Ongoing Demos and a "Help Desk" On Site For Answering Model Railroad Questions. RRA Members

Schedule subject to change
Lunch/Beverages (not included with entry fee) will be available on site for those interested

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Whistle Editorship Changes

In the last issue, I noted that I intended to carry on editing *The Whistle* and the *Whistle Toot*. Well, after the yoke of working on the WLD Board was lifted I guess the sweet taste of freedom took over and I requested that the BOD begin to look for another editor and ad manager.

Luckily for me, Todd Bushmaker has volunteered to begin as of the next issue. It's been about twenty years since I began working with the newsletter, and I have to admit it was fun, but my business and life has changed in that time and it was getting tough to fit this newsletter into my schedule.

Todd brings a great sense of humor and skill to the job. He has edited newsletters in the past. Now that we're an online-only newsletter, my expertise in printing hasn't been needed and the overall job of getting a good-looking quarterly has been simplified.

Change is good. For too many years I've spouted off in *The Whistle* about NMRA issues or what I perceive as problems in the division. Since we get very few submissions, it's usually the editor's job to pump out information and as always, be a cheerleader for us as well. There are a lot of good things being done by NMRA members in our area, it's just no one really covers them, takes a photo, or writes a little blurb about it. Ironic, as it seems everyone (except me) has a cell phone with a camera. Todd will bring a fresh perspective to things happening in the WLD.

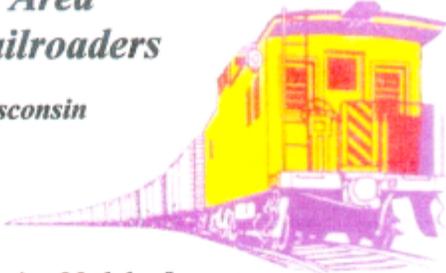
My request to you *Whistle* reader, as I ride off into the sunset, is to get Todd those stories and pics of NMRA events, train shows, and prototype happenings. It makes the job of *Whistle* editor so much more fun and makes the newsletter worth reading. I'll bet Todd will introduce himself and fill you in on future contributions in the next issue, so make sure you take note.

Thanks for a great ride. For now, I have a layout to finish and trains to run!

Mark Preussler, MMR

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2013 WLD Spring Meet Wrap-Up

On May 11, 2013, the WLD meet was held in Neenah at the Boys and Girls Brigade Bldg. The turnout was fair, with a good walk-up crowd, but we all would like to see more people attending future meets. Instead of a long commentary from your outgoing editor, here's a nice synopsis from Larry Easton, the Chief Clerk of the WLD. Larry also notes the contest winners in his report...

WLD Annual Meeting May 11, 2013 at the Boys and Girls Brigade Building 109 W. Columbian Ave., Neenah, Wisconsin

Meeting: was called to order by Superintendent Mark Preussler at 12:48 PM. Gregg Condon presented remarks and personal reminiscences to the entertainment of the members.

Superintendent's Comments: Mark reflected on his four years as Superintendent and expressed confidence that the division will be in good hands under James Cruthers. He gave a brief history of the Jerry Nichols Award and announced that this year's recipient was Roger Hildebrandt of Waupaca. Roger was unable to attend and the award will be presented at Strawberry Fest in June.

Photo Contest Results: Joe Lallensack presented 1st and 2nd place certificates in the color print category to Fred Firkus. Emory Luebke was awarded 1st place and Best of Show for his CN slide.

Model Contest Results: Dave Allen announced the model contest winners. There were 4 entries. Second Place in Structures went to Chic Hartert and First Place was awarded to Gregg Condon. In the Cars category, Fred Firkus earned a First Place certificate. Richard Cook was awarded First Place in Locomotives and the Richard Eggert Best of Show trophy.

Election of Officers: Chairman Paul Inman introduced the new officers of the Division. Superintendent: James Cruthers; Asst. Superintendent: Gregg Condon; Paymaster: Scott Payne and Chief Clerk: Larry Easton.

2013 Spring Meet Volunteers: Recognized for their work in arranging the meet were: Mark Preussler, Marvin Preussler, Lynn Jasch, Dave Jasch, Paul Inman, Mary Eiden, Larry Easton, Marge Easton, Emory Luebke, Trudy Luebke and Gregg Condon.

New Board Members: James announced that Joe Lallensack, Manitowoc; Mike Wadinski, Wausau and Dave Nitsch, Plymouth will be members of the Board of Directors.

Division Boundary Changes: The Midwest Region, at the request of the NMRA, has added the Wisconsin counties of Clark, Taylor and Price, to the Winnebagoland Division.

WLD Constitution Changes: With the possible application for 501-c-3 certification, James Cruthers offered several changes to the constitution. The NMRA members present cast a paper ballot.

Raffle: Door prizes were awarded to several members.

Midwest Region Meet: The Region has suggested that the Winnebagoland Division should be considering hosting a meet in the new future.

Committee Chairs: James announced that committee chairs are needed for Convention, Membership, Company Store and Scout Coordinator.

WLD Fall Meet: The Fall Meet will be held in Rhinelander, WI on October 12, 2013. A flyer was handed out to all present and encouraged to make plans to attend.

Old Business: No old business was presented.

New Business: Roger Wurtzel motioned that the election ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded by Paul Inman and passed unanimously.

Paul Inman, Paul Hilmer and Larry Easton were appointed as a committee to audit the Paymaster's report.

Adjournment: On a motion by Roger Wurtzel, seconded by Paul Inman, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 PM.

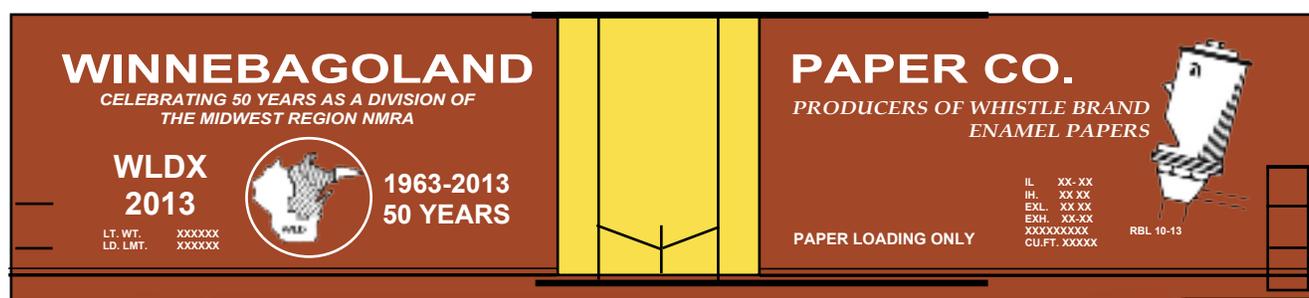
Respectfully submitted,

Larry Easton

Chief Clerk

WINNEBAGOLAND DIVISION 50TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED-RUN BOXCAR

Accurail 50' Welded Side Plug-Door Boxcar



The WLD is pleased to offer 50th Anniversary Limited-Run Boxcars for sale! These cars will be going on sale to WLD members during 2013. We sold quite a few at TTS and our Spring Meet. We also plan to have an order blank ready for our next *Whistle Toot* Newsletter, due out in late-August and will have some at our Fall Meet in Rhinelander. Don't miss out. The price is 21.00 per car which includes WI sales tax. Watch your mailbox for the order blank or contact any of the BOD via our website link.

Midwest Region Achievement Program Report

Marvin Preussler, MMR - MWR AP Manager

I am happy to report that there has been a lot of activity from our members. Members continue to take part in the Achievement Program all over the Midwest Region. It is always fun to help answer questions and to guide our members in the AP. Take a look at the following:

The following members received **AP Certificates**:

Michael Hirvela	Waukegan, IL	Volunteer	MWR Certificate #934
Kenneth Hojnacki -	Madison, WI	Chief Dispatcher	MWR Certificate # 935
Edward Brown-	Utica, IL	Volunteer	MWR Certificate #936
Michael Yurjec-	Sherman, IL	Volunteer	MWR Certificate #937
David Piskorik	Sherrard, IL	Volunteer	MWR Certificate #938

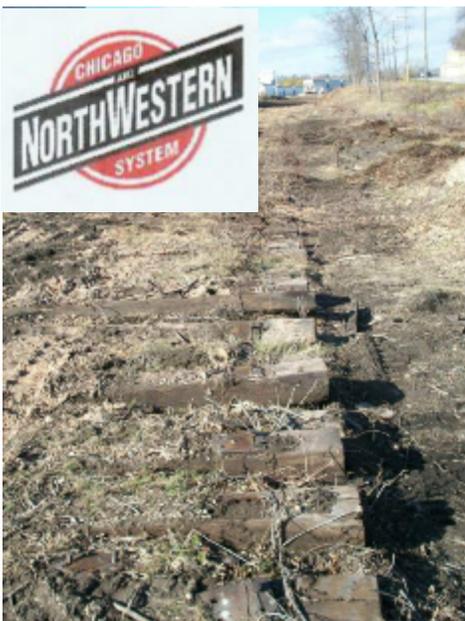
The following members received the **Golden Spike Award**:

Kenneth Hojnacki- Madison, WI
Paul Balfe- Whitewater, WI

As you can see, there has been a good deal of activity from our members. It was a long winter here in the upper Midwest so it is good to see the time was being used wisely to get the paperwork done for the various award certificates. Hopefully there will be more activity in the AP in the next few months as we have the 2013 Midwest Region meet behind us. There are still plenty of train shows and meets going on in the spring and early summer to get one motivated. So get going on those modeling projects and take a look at the NMRA website to see what you may qualify for and set a goal. Hopefully you will be able to use this past MWR meet to motivate you to get that model finished up and to get going in the Achievement Program.

Marvin Preussler, MMR - MWR (and WLD) AP Manager

SO LONG TO C&NW'S LAKESHORE SUBDIVISION



Last year, May 25th, the CN received approval for abandonment of the line south of Manitowoc from just south of Newton (MP 69) through Cleveland to the county line (MP 62.2), where it meets the UP. It was expected that it would be taken out this year. Well, on May 20, 2013 I saw an A & K Railroad Materials truck heading south out of Manitowoc near Wal-Mart. I had my suspicions about its being in town so I thought I would check out the Cleveland area this week. After work on Tuesday, I drove down to Cleveland, not seeing any activity on the tracks along the interstate. However, when I crossed North Ave. in Cleveland I saw some equipment parked along the tracks near Washington Ave., the most southerly crossing in town. I drove down to the equipment and it was a semi-truck flatbed with some track equipment on it and an excavator/backhoe. No more of the rail or ties that the CN had removed was taken, but the track south of Washington Ave. south towards the county line has been brushed out in preparation of track removal.

As of mid-June 2013, the tracks are gone. The CN still serves a feed mill in Newton via Manitowoc, but a few hundred feet south of it the trackage back to Cleveland is gone. **-Joe Lallensack.**

On The Ready Track



July 20, 2013- Railfair- Copeland park- LaCrosse, WI Info at www.4000foundation.com

September 19-22, 2013 Soo Line Historical Society Annual Convention- Crystal Lake,IL
Holiday Inn www.sooline.org

September 28-29, 2013 Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet- Monroe, WI
Stateline Ice & Community Center www.gcmrrinc.org

Oct. 12, 2013- WinnebagoLand Division Fall Meet- Rhinelander, WI
Visit www.wld-nmra.com for more information

Oct 13, 2013- Railroad Show & Swap Meet- Washington County Fair Park
www.kmbsrrclub.org

Nov 2, 2013 WinnebagoLand Division Annual Operating session- Waupaca, WI
More info to come

Nov. 3, 2013- First Freeze Train Show & Swap meet- 1560 Main Street- Green Bay, WI
Riverside Ballroom- www.newogaugers.org

Nov 9-10, 2013 Trainfest- Milwaukee, WI Visit www.trainfest.com



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NORTH TOWER” ON OCTOBER 12!**