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*From my flying sleigh | I look down on fields and towns | A toy train layout*

## COVER PHOTO:

*The SOO depot in Waupaca after significant restorations by the Waupaca Historical Society.*

*A local filmmaker is putting together a documentary on the restoration, story on Page 4.*

*Photo by Mike Kirk.*



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## Superintendent's Report

*By Andy Dorsch*

Fall has given way to winter. Snow is on the ground and the Holidays are here! I absolutely love this time of year. Its gives us a chance to spend time with our friends and family, and a chance to share our model railroading hobby! This Thanksgiving weekend was not just special for me because of the great food and socializing, but it gave me some time to share my hobby with my three-year-old son. We dusted off a couple of Free-Mo Modules I had laying in the basement, I hooked up the DCC system to the rails and we "operated" that basic model railroad for hours! My son has asked to run trains every night since! Sounds like he's hooked...



After we came up from the basement and he went to bed, I took a moment to sit and think about how much I enjoyed that "little operating" session. All we did was run trains back and forth on a couple of Free-Mo Modules but it gave us endless fun! And now its all he wants to do...all I want to do. The more I thought about it, the memories of my hobby came flooding back. Memories of how much fun I had at operating sessions with friends, memories meeting new people at train shows and division events, memories of

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## Superintendent's Report

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the time I spent with my father in the basement listening to "Country Gold Saturday Night" while we built modules for the local model railroad club in his work shop...memories that I'll cherish forever.

I'd like to encourage you share your hobby with someone over this holiday season. Even if its just to pick up the phone and 'talk trains' with a friend or family member. Or reach out and make new friends over sharing your model railroad interests at holiday events. I can promise you that sharing the hobby will create lasting memories for you and for others.

Now on to business...

### Division/Region News:

The Midwest Region of the NMRA (the region the WLD is a part of) conducted the Board of Directors meeting at Trainfest this year in Milwaukee, WI. The meeting reviewed our report of things that our division did since the last board of directors meeting and talked about what we are intending to do in the future. I won't dwell on the past. Here is a list of things that we have planned for 2020 thus far.

Spring Meet (TBD) – We are still in the planning stages of our Spring 2020 meet. The goal is to have a RPM style meet as well as have our Annual Business Meeting.

Titletown Train Show: Green Bay, WI – the WinnebagoLand Division will be manning a booth at the show. We will have all of our promotion material in full force. We will also have our traveling layout there to have as an interactive piece of our booth.

Spring Op-Session (TBD) – Currently our Board of Directors is looking to add a Spring Operating Session to our calendar of events.

Scout Day National Railroad Museum: Green Bay, WI (Spring 2020) – The WinnebagoLand Division will be volunteering at the NRM in Green Bay at their Scout Day to help Scouts earn their Merit badges in Model Railroading.

The meeting continued on and the division superintendents started talking about the issues they have; most of the divisions in the region have similar challenges to ours. Large territory to cover, inconsistent participation, how can they improve their online presence...sound familiar? But then they started talking about what they are doing to overcome these challenges and *have fun* within their division.

Things other divisions are doing ranged from having a monthly business meeting with a clinic or presentation to

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## View From the Cab

Your Editor

Ah, the holidays! A time to be thankful, a time to reflect, a time to celebrate with family and friends, a time to remember what life and Christmas are about. Of course my perspective as an adult is certainly significantly different than it was when I was a kid, though I do get to relive those feelings and that wonder through my own children. Instead of material things, many of us just want good health, respectful and productive politicians (ha!), and maybe another Lombardi trophy for the Packers.

That said, I still like getting presents! Even toys! Yes, "grown-up" toys like power tools, and toys I can share with the kids, like LEGOs. In my case, I also hope for a few model railroad toys (don't have a conniption because "models" aren't "toys"... face it, model trains are a form of toy because we "play" with them. There's no shame in that!). So in that spirit, here's my "12 Trains of Christmas" list:

- 12 Kadee couplers
- #11 Xacto blades
- 10 pieces of flextrack
- 9 new covered hoppers
- 8 replacement wheelsets
- 7 tortoise machines
- 6 sets of Preiser figures
- 5 sound decoders
- 4 bottles of paint
- 3 operating sessions
- 2 laser-cut building kits
- 1 thousand dollar EHS gift card



Maybe a few of these are on your list as well. Frankly I'd be fine with the gift card; I originally wrote "1 hundred dollar" but quickly realized that wouldn't get me very far! I'm not alone—I've heard from a few of you hoping for that in your stocking this year.

After the holiday season, 2020 promises to be another chock-full year for the Division; Andy summarized the high points in his column. If you're looking for ideas for new-year resolutions, we'd certainly like to see more of our members involved in the activities of the WLD! There are more of you I don't have the pleasure of knowing, than there are members currently serving on the board, helping with meets, and participating in operating sessions. The quality of the Division's activities goes up when we have a more diverse and active membership! Feel free to share ideas about how we might improve to get us there.

Anyway, I hope you have a warm and blessed holiday season, shared with your family and friends, and a happy, healthy, invigorating new year. **Merry Christmas!**

Until next time, keep on trainin'! — Todd  
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# WLD Fall Operating Session

By Scott Payne

## Neither Rain, nor Sleet, nor Snow...

Early Saturday morning, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, twelve sleepy eyed die-hard model railroaders hit the road to travel to Adell and Gibbsville, Wisconsin to move some trains on the two layouts participating in the Winnebagoland Division's annual Fall Operating Session. They didn't expect what happened as they drove south or west to the two small villages in southeast Wisconsin. Snow!! Ice!! Sleet!! Rain! What the h...? The roads were getting a little slippery, so they had to slow down and peer into the large snowflakes that were totally unexpected. But you can't deter determined operating fanatics, they all plowed ahead and made it to their early morning destinations.

The two hosts for the day's sessions were Ivan Ver Gowe with his CNW inspired layout in Gibbsville and Peter Turk with his Milwaukee Road influenced pike in the woods by Adell. The participants were divided into two groups with one group starting the day at Ivan's layout around 8:30 am and the other group starting at Peter's around the same time. After introductions and good-natured grumbling about the crazy weather, the groups got down to moving some trains.

This was the first true operating session on Peter's layout. He had worked hard to get his layout ready for a full-blown operating session. He had a dispatcher in a separate room who communicated with the train crews and yardmaster via handheld radios. Trains left two yards headed south and north across his double decked layout. The mid layout yard at North Austin was a busy place. Phil Herman was the yardmaster in the morning and Randy Williamson held down the duties in the afternoon. There is an impressive exposed helix that has a fantastic trestle at its base. The dispatcher found the helix to be the key to the movement of the trains across the layout. The through freights eventually ended their runs at the opposite yard from which they started.

Ivan is a very experienced operations guy and has had many sessions on his excellent layout. He smoothly got the trains moving over his double decked layout over the next three hours. The operators had much fun loading coal from the flood loader on one end (a top deck) of the railroad. Then the coal train crews got to bring their unit train to the rotary coal dump on the lower level.

The two groups worked the morning sessions until around 11:30 when they said their thanks and goodbyes to the hosts and went to lunch at Judi's Place in nearby Oostburg. Around 1 pm the crews showed up for the afternoon sessions. During the lunch being enjoyed by the cinder burners, the hosts and a couple of helpers

reset the layouts for the afternoon runs. The afternoon sessions started, and the guys had a great time operating the other layout. They stopped around 4:30/5:00 and about half the guys moved up highway 57 to the Wilderness restaurant for a well-deserved dinner and libations. Around the long wooden table, the guys traded stories and laughs about the day's fun.

The participants came from the Fox Valley, Manitowoc area, Howard's Grove on the eastside, way out west from Waupaca and Larsen, etc. The dedicated good time guys: Roger Hildebrandt, Randy Williamson, Billy Schulz, Phil Herman, Joe Lallensack, Paul Hillmer, Al Archer, Paul Alliet, Bill Moede, Emory Luebke, Mike Key, Dwight, and Scott Payne.

## Division Merch

### Just in time for the Holidays!

Check your closet and see if it is time for a new Winnebagoland Division shirt. Available through the Division website store with a link to the shop for you to direct order.

Also available is a visor cap with the train curving around the edge! Nice additions to your list this year.

Just a few of the HO-scale Winnebagoland 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 [mas-talir54166@yahoo.com](mailto:mas-talir54166@yahoo.com).



# Waupaca Depot Documentary

By Robert Cloud, Waupaca County News

A local filmmaker plans to make a documentary about the Waupaca Train Depot.

Ron Scott, who currently calls Iola home, has lived in California and Hawaii. Scott studied viticulture and history at the University of California San Diego from 1970-74, and film in England and Scotland from 1979-81. Scott moved to rural Iola because his wife has family in the area. Awarded a Purple Heart, the Waupaca County Post featured Scott's experience in Vietnam in 2016.

Scott has also produced or co-produced documentary films, including an Emmy award-winning film on the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego. The Waupaca Historical Society screened Scott's half-hour documentary on April 12 at the Depot. Built in 1935, the Old Globe was a replica of the theater where Shakespeare's plays were originally staged. In 1978, the Old Globe was severely damaged by a fire. Scott's documentary is about the community's efforts to rebuild the Old Globe.



*Above: Mike Kirk and Ron Scott at the Waupaca Train Depot.  
Photo by Robert Cloud.*

## Rebuilding the train depot

He hopes to tell a similar story about efforts to rebuild the Waupaca Train Depot.



"What they've done here is nothing short of a miracle," Scott said. "They breathed life back into this place." Built in 1907, the old Soo Line railroad depot was a major transportation hub for Waupaca for decades. Passenger service to Waupaca ended in 1965, and the building was left vacant for nearly four decades.

In 2004, the Waupaca Historical Society purchased the depot and began the long process of restoring the facility. Volunteers have spent thousands of hours refurbishing the building, replacing a fire-damaged floor, cleaning the grounds, installing a Spanish tile roof and digging out a basement that now houses a model train display. A barn that houses a baggage car from Waupaca's early trolley line, a caboose and Soo Line potato car are located on the depot grounds.

Mike Kirk, with the Waupaca Historical Society, has led restoration efforts at the depot.



## Making a documentary

"This is a story that has to be told," Scott said. "This needs more voice for the public to see what they've done." Scott is co-directing the documentary with Max Hauser, a 24-year-old Wisconsin actor and director. Hauser may be familiar to those who saw "Aberration," the horror movie filmed in Waupaca in 2007. In 2017, Hauser wrote and directed "So We Bowl," a short coming-of-age drama. "We have an Emmy award-winning producer teaming up with a young cinematographer," Kirk said.

So far, Scott and Hauser have filmed interviews with former railroad employees and with people who worked on restoring the depot. They hope to finish production in the summer of 2020. The project is looking for funding. Donations may be mailed to Premier Community Bank in Iola: 505 E. State St, 54945, or PO Box 344, Iola WI, 54945. The account is under the name of Ursa Major Film Productions.

*Left: the depot has seen better days. Above: "Back in the day"!  
Photos from Mike Kirk.*

# America's Railroad System at a Glance

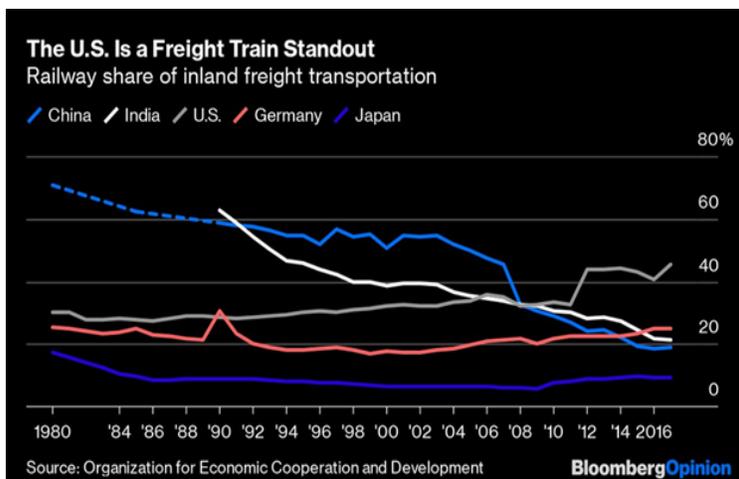
By Justin Fox, Bloomberg

## The U.S. may lag on passenger rail, but it's a world leader when it comes to moving stuff around.

In most of the world's affluent countries, railroads were either built by the government or eventually claimed by it. Beset by growing losses due to high labor costs, bureaucratic inefficiency, and the rise of automobiles and airplanes, those governments began reforming their rail systems in 1980s and 1990s with a mix of privatization, competition and arms-length contracting.

In the U.S. the railroads began as private enterprises, albeit aided by massive government land grants in the 19th century and subjected to increasingly strict regulation in the 20th. They too struggled as the century proceeded, and the U.S. government embarked on its major rail reforms well before the rest of the world. The Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 freed private railroads from the requirement of providing passenger service and gave that responsibility to the newly created, government-owned National Railroad Passenger Corporation, or Amtrak. In 1973, after several railroads serving the Northeast and Midwest nonetheless went bankrupt, Congress stepped in again to nationalize and reorganize the industry in the region. Then, with the Staggers Act of 1980, it deregulated freight rail.

These U.S. reforms, you may be surprised to learn, are viewed with much admiration abroad. "The greatest successes of reform have arguably been in the United States and Japan," wrote Johannes Ludewig, then the executive director of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies, in the introduction to an exhaustive 2011 review of railway modernization around the world.



Japan is the land of 200-mile-an-hour bullet trains and privatized railroads that now earn billions of dollars a year — in net income, not just operating profit. Passenger rail in the U.S., on the other hand, is seen as a perennial disappointment, with train speeds and ridership lagging way behind Japan, western Europe and now China. And while Congress had hoped that creating Amtrak would “revitalize rail transportation service in the expectation that the ren-

dering of such service along certain corridors can be made a profitable commercial undertaking,” the company has required federal operating subsidies every year since its founding.

Ludewig’s praise, though, was meant mainly for the U.S. freight rail system, arguably the best and most efficient in the world. U.S. railroads carried 81% more ton-miles of freight in 2017 than in 1981, while average freight rates fell 46% in inflation-adjusted terms. Trains now carry almost as much freight (as measured in ton-miles or ton-kilometers) in the U.S. as trucks do, which certainly isn’t the case in Japan or the world’s other biggest economies.

Part of this U.S. freight advantage has to do with geography. Freight rail’s cost advantages over trucks generally grow as the distance traveled grows. It boasts an even higher market share in continent-spanning Australia and Russia, and a similar one in Canada. The upward trajectory of the U.S. freight rail sector since 1980 is nonetheless remarkable, as are the profits it churns out.

America's Amazingly Profitable Rail System			
Fiscal year 2018			
	Net income	Revenue	Income taxes*
Union Pacific	\$6.07B	\$22.83B	\$1.77B
BNSF	5.22	23.86	1.64
CSX	3.31	12.25	0.99
Norfolk Southern	2.75	11.46	0.80
Kansas City Southern	0.63	2.71	0.26
Amtrak	-0.82	3.39	-0.05
Total	17.16	76.50	5.42

Sources: Bloomberg, company reports  
\*Income tax expense as reported in companies' income statements. Can include deferred taxes as well as current outlays.

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This leaves out commuter- and urban-rail networks, all of which are subsidized by taxpayers, and it includes the \$234 million that states paid Amtrak to support rail operations in fiscal 2018 as Amtrak revenue. Then again, it omits the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways, which have substantial U.S. operations and together earned U.S. \$4.7 billion on \$16.9 billion in revenue in 2018. So no, it isn’t a complete accounting of the finances of the U.S. rail system. Still, “Amtrak was established primarily to save the freight railroads,” says veteran rail consultant Louis S. Thompson, who was on the Department of Transportation team that designed Amtrak in 1970 and wrote the U.S. chapter in the 2011 review of global railroad reforms cited above. By that standard, it sure looks like a success.

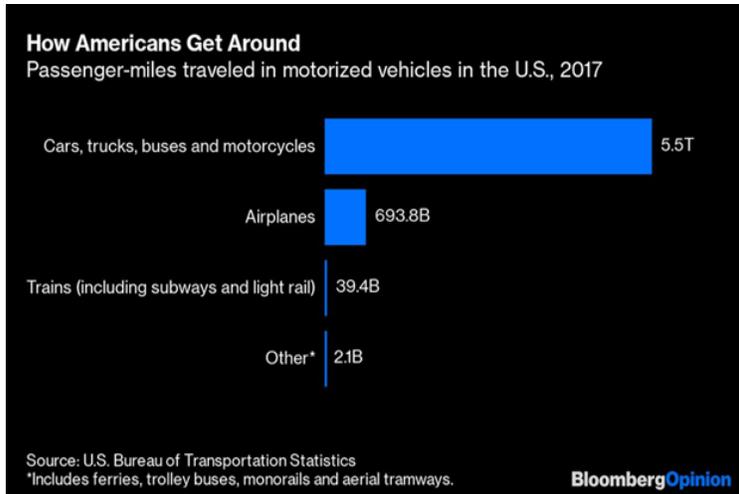
Amtrak has been less successful as an actual means of transportation. The railroad recently reported carrying a record 32.5 million passengers in the fiscal year that ended in September, almost double the number in its first full year

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# American Railroads

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of operation in 1972. But even with subways and commuter trains thrown in, rail's share of overall passenger miles traveled in the U.S. remains vanishingly small.



For Japan and European countries, such statistics tend not to include air travel because so little of it is domestic. Rail's share of ground-transportation passenger-kilometers is 32.8% in Japan, 10.8% in France, 8.9% in the U.K., 8.7% in Germany and 7.9% in the European Union as a whole, compared with 0.7% in the U.S.

Remember, though, that rail's market share in freight transportation is much higher in the U.S. than in most other countries. The same vast expanses that make the U.S. a great place for freight trains aren't so great for passenger travel. The most successful passenger rail services around the world generally link large cities within about 500 kilometers, or 311 miles, of each other (the Tokyo-Osaka trip is 553 kilometers, but those trains are really fast). Lots of cities that Americans want to travel between are much farther apart than that.

Then again, lots of major U.S. cities *are* that close to each other, and not just along Amtrak's heavily traveled Northeast Corridor. The U.S. passenger rail system is nowhere near to realizing its potential. But it does seem important to acknowledge, from time to time, that the overall U.S. rail system is pretty great.

# Railroad Cookies!!!

## INGREDIENTS

### FILLING

- (2) CUPS finely chopped dates
- (1/2) CUP granulated sugar
- (1/2) CUP water
- (1) TSP vanilla extract
- (1/2) CUP ground pecans

### DOUGH

- (1) CUP butter-flavor shortening
- (2) CUPS granulated sugar
- (1) CUP packed light brown sugar
- (3) eggs
- (1) TSP vanilla
- (4) CUPS all-purpose flour
- (1) TSP baking soda
- (1) TSP ground cinnamon
- (1/2) TSP cream of tartar
- (1/2) TSP salt



**FILLING:** Combine dates, granulated sugar, and water in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer, stir over medium-low heat for (3) minutes or until water is absorbed and mixture is thick, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Stir in vanilla and ground nuts. Cool.

**DOUGH:** Beat shortening, granulated sugar, and brown sugar in a very large mixing bowl. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Stir together (2) cups of flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cream of tartar, and salt in a medium bowl. Add to sugar mixture; beat well. Beat or stir in the remaining flour to make a firm dough. Divide into two portions; wrap and chill until easy to handle.

Roll half the dough on a lightly floured surface into a 13x9-inch rectangle, 1/4-inch thick. Spread with half the filling. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting from one long edge. Cover the roll with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 24 hours. Repeat with remaining dough and filling.

Slice and roll into 1/4-inch thick slices. Place about 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees about 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack. Store in a tightly covered container.



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## Superintendent's Report

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follow, to online/remote presentations of clinics or having non-model railroad events like a bike ride or golf outing. It was then brought up that the region has resources available to help divisions put on some of these events, we just have to ask! After all the talk had ended and the smoke had cleared, my biggest take away from the regional meeting was the framework and resources are in place for divisions to put on events, outings and get together...we (the members) just need to stand up and take the first steps!

The last thing that was covered in the meeting was the 2020 Midwest Region Convention.

The Peoria Rocket will be jointly hosted by the Illinois Valley and Illinois Terminal Divisions of the MWR. This year the convention will offer some very interesting non-rail activity opportunities. Take a moonlight or afternoon cruise on the Spirit of Peoria paddle boat, attend a canvas class attend a cooking class at The Cookery, or bring your sewing machine to participate with the Linus Project.

### **The convention facility will be:**

*Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites*

*101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, Illinois 61611*

*Tel: (309) 698-3333*

*Please see: <http://www.peoriarocket2020.org/> for more information about this event.*

### **Super's Sign off:**

As 2019 comes to a close I want to take a minute to thank the committee members, the board of directors, our group of officers, the folks that regularly participate on our Facebook group, and the rest of the membership who have pitched in to make this a great year in the WLD. Our division is only as good as its members! That being said, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to me at [andy.dorsch@gmail.com](mailto:andy.dorsch@gmail.com). I look forward to your comments!

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours! I hope that this holiday season is filled with fun, food and love.

Cheers, Andy

PS — Here's my Christmas list!

- A new C&NW C628 (any number but 6712!)
- Two or three ESU LokSound decoders
- ESU LokProgrammer
- The plan for the Winnebagoland Spring Meet!
- Be able to attend an operating session!

*Ed—Feel free to drop any of those in an anonymous unmarked box on his front porch! :)*

## Family Fun at Arctic Run

### **23rd Annual Arctic Run Model Railroad Show & Sale**

Sponsored by the Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders Ltd

**February 1 & 2, 2020**

Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. [Exit 158 East, I-39/51 & Hwy 10. East one mile on Hwy 10- to Elizabeth Avenue (just past Fleet Farm)].

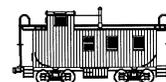
Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM.  
Cost: Adults \$4.00; Ages 12 – 17 \$2.00, Age 11 & under FREE.

Fun for the whole family. Enjoy a convention center full (25,000 square feet) of trains, trains and more trains. Featured are operating model railroad layouts (some as large as 24' x 52'), a hands-on Thomas the Tank Engine layout for the children, swap/sales tables, hobby shop dealers and vendors.

If you are just interested in watching trains, thinking of getting started in the hobby, or a seasoned model railroader there is something here for everyone. On a cold February weekend there is no better place to be than among friendly fun-loving model railroaders.

The show is sponsored by the Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders Ltd. (a non-profit educational organization). Activities include promoting model railroading as a life long hobby and family activity, supporting community events and organizations including the Portage County Historical Society.

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### Division Officers (terms thru 04/20)

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Mike Ostertag	Asst. Superintendent
Scott Payne	Paymaster
Vern Ehlke	Chief Clerk

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Division Officers (above) PLUS:

Wally Rogers	Joe Lallensack
Dave Nitsch	Todd Bushmaker
Dave Allen	Mary Eiden
Mike Eiden	Phil Herman
Chris Heili	Rich Hopfensperger
Jason Hethke	Paul Mastalir

### Committee Chairs

(Asst. Supt.)	Property Manager
Todd Bushmaker	Whistle
Marv Preussler	Achievement Program
Wally Rogers	Membership
Phil Herman	Clinics
(At-will, current meet)	Convention Chair
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Scott Payne	Operating Sessions
David Allen	Model Contest
Joe Lallensack	Photo Contest
Vern Ehlke	Technology
Paul Hillmer	Social Media
Michael Eiden	Webmaster
Rich Hopfensperger	Hobby Shop/Model Club Liaison
Paul Mastalir / Mike O.	Scout Coordinators
(At-will Volunteers)	Financial Review

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

- Jan. 4** WLD Board of Directors Meeting  
*SLHTS Archives, Appleton*
- Feb. 1-2** Arctic Run Train Show  
*Stevens Point*  
<http://www.thecwmrarcicrun.com/>
- Feb. 15-16** Mad City Train Show  
*Alliant Energy Center, Madison*  
<https://www.nmra-scwd.org/>
- March 21-22** LaCrosse Model Train Show  
*Omni Center, Onalaska*
- TBD** WLD Spring Meet  
*Stay tuned!!*
- Apr. 18-19** Titledown Train Show  
*KI Convention Center, Green Bay*  
[www.titledowntrainshow.com](http://www.titledowntrainshow.com)



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- Attend events at your local Division or Region

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\*RailPass offer is for new members and those who haven't been NMRA members for two years or more. Individuals can join at RailPass rates only once. Membership renewal will be at the regular membership rate. RailPass members can attend conventions and participate in contests, but cannot vote or hold office.

# Midwest Region NMRA 2020 Spring Convention

“IVD & ITD – Peoria Rocket” Registration Form

May 14-17, 2020

## FARES

	NMRA Member/Spouse	Non-NMRA Member/Spouse
Full Fare (Includes Banquet)	\$60/\$40	\$80/\$40
Convention Only (No Banquet)	\$40/\$30	\$60/\$30

\*\*\* Registrations received after May 1, 2020 or at the door will be \$10 extra \*\*\*

### Activities Registration

- Thursday Operating Session (indicate your preference, i.e., 1, 2, 3): (Not a “layout tour;” you are expected to operate)  
Penn Central \_\_\_\_\_ Twin Cities & Western \_\_\_\_\_ D&RGW, 4 Corners Div. (distant) \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-rail:** Friday Morning Canvas Painting Event with Jody at the Hive Mobile Art Studio @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Operating Session: Penn Central \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-rail:** Saturday Morning Cooking class and lunch with chef Amanda Pyle at The Cookery @ \$45 \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Operating Session: Penn Central \_\_\_\_\_ Twin Cities & Western \_\_\_\_\_

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Convention w/ Banquet	Convention Only	Meal B/S
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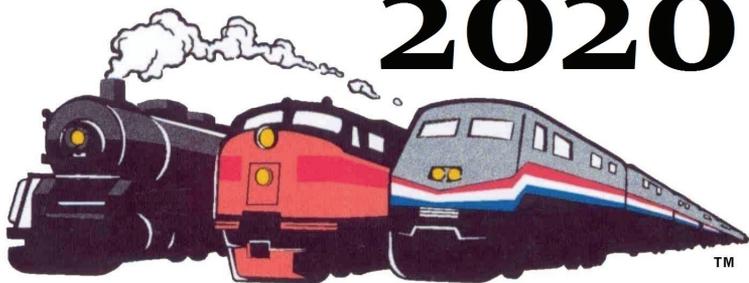
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