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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

I am writing this the day after returning from the Lake Shore Limited Midwest Region Spring Convention hosted by the Winnebago Land Division in Manitowoc. It would not be an understatement to say a good time was had by all of the 140 who attended. The Division did their event scheduling a bit different than other conventions. They held all the op sessions on Friday, all but two of the clinics on Saturday and all the layout tours on Sunday. This greatly reduced the conflicts in the schedule and was well received by the attendees. I should note that two of the eight railroad clinics were presented by SCWD members. Bob Wundrock put on a clinic covering the Operations of the San Diego RR Museum La Mesa Layout. Allen Hinck put on a clinic covering construction of wood structures. Jim Hediger of Model Railroader Magazine was the featured speaker at the banquet. I will let others repeat the humorous stories from his speech. I want to mention the one he told while we were standing in line at the bar. The turnout at the bar was a bit more than the hotel had planned on. It triggered a memory of one of the steam excursions he had gone on back in the end of steam era. It was a 22 car train. The turnaround point was a small town in Michigan. Nobody had informed the town that 22 car loads of rail fans would be showing up for lunch! If you could eat it, it sold out.

A meeting of the Midwest Region Membership and Board of Directors was held as part of the convention.

SCWD Meeting Schedule

May 3rd 2015 1:00 pm.
Midway Village Museum Center
6799 Guilford Road
Rockford IL (see page 5 for info)

Clinics: (See page 5 RRVD for details)

Contests: “” “” “” “”

Next BOD Meeting

May 11th 2015 7:00 p.m.
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group

May 17th
Knights of Columbus Hall
(See page 5)

You should be able to find details in the next edition of the region newsletter. My short report is that the region is in good financial shape and the board is fully staffed. And it would be a good thing if more of us voted in the Regional elections.

One of the discussion items for the board was the location of future regional conventions. There will not be a regional convention in 2016 because of the National Convention to be held in Indianapolis. The next one would be in the spring of 2017. The Region is still looking for a Division willing to host it. If the normal rotation is followed, the SCWD would be hosting the 2019 regional convention. So we have a little time to prepare for it.

Another major discussion item for the board was the recently announced NMRA policy “that the maximum number of visits by individual guests shall be limited to three” at Division and Region events and then they would be required to join the NMRA to continue to attend. I suspect many of you have heard about this through the NMRA magazine or a newsletter. The policy was not well received by most of the Regional Board. I won't go into the details of the 15 minutes of discussion that occurred before the region voted to ask the National to clarify what they were trying to do with this policy. Personally, I can't say enough bad things about the policy as presented. It has so many conflicts with what the SCWD is all about that I just don't know here to stop. I know the National is dealing with a problem in some regions of non-NMRA members serving in official capacity on NMRA boards but there has got to be a better way to deal with it than the language used in this policy. The good news is that it is only a policy and the SCWD can continue to operate as it always has. We will welcome all current and future model railroaders to our events. No one will be turned away because they are not a member of the NMRA. We will also continue our current practice that they will not be allowed to serve in any official NMRA capacity or participate in activities that require NMRA membership.

On a more upbeat note, our May meeting is the annual joint meeting with the Rock River Valley Division and I hope to see you there.

Bob.
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The Clinic Corner:

Fred (Rob) Robinson

There will be no clinic by SCWD members at the May meeting. What is the reason? Simple, it is our joint meeting with the Rockford gang and it's their show. Remember it will be our turn to host them at the May 2016 meeting. (I'll need two "crackerjack" clinics for that event.)

We had a good year of varied clinics and I didn't have to resort to a DVD as a filler; not even once. The range of the clinics was good too. We heard from a Kalmbach editor, a career railroader, a couple of serious railfans, two fully immersed computer/electronics guys, an admonishing tree clinic with "Use your own tools" and a clinic on establishing a "family" look to your railroad .

I have several clinics already on tap to kick off the fall season but our meetings go beyond the fall. If you would like to give a clinic in the coming year, PLEASE let me know.

I am also helping to establish a clinician database at the MWR regional level so we throw a wider net of people willing to travel (within reason) to present clinics at various divisions. Let me know if you are willing to be part of this effort.

Rob
⊗

Layout Tours:

Phil Hottmann

We had two great layouts open for the April meeting.

Dave Vinson's layout was fantastic. It included a wonderful harbor scene and easily one hundred well detailed and weathered structures. Dave did an excellent job.



Photo Phil Hottmann

Dave Vinson's layout

Even though we saw Bill Clancy's layout last year a lot has changed. A lot of his layout is new and an elaborate signaling system is almost completely installed. This should be a fun layout to operate on in the future.

There are no layouts scheduled to for May due to joint meet at Rockford I'm hoping to have a full season next year. Please let me know if you would like to be open. You can reach me via email. My email address is in the Redbook.



Photo Phil Hottmann New addition to Bill Clancy's Layout



Contest Column:

Dave Lendved & Nikki Roeben

I really enjoyed our project model contest at our April meeting. There was amazing work on display from our talented members. I considered myself a winner (though no one else did) because I got my \$10 back. I'd had no experience building a wooden structure without laser cutouts, peel & stick, and other conveniences. I learned some valuable lessons.

1. Be very careful cutting stuff with the Xacto knife.
2. Paint will cover bloodstains on raw wood.
3. You really can glue your fingers together with superglue.
4. Don't run over wood parts with an office chair.
5. It doesn't take much scenic cement to firmly attach your diorama to the workbench.
6. Have fun!
- 7.

Thanks to Ewing Row and everyone who entered a model.

---Dave



Modeling Project 2015

Ewing Row Modeling Project Chair

Results tight in Modeling Project adult vote A runaway for the youth entries

John Breitenfeldt's entry (Y-1) in the Youth Modeling Project popular vote contest was a runaway winner,

garnering more votes than the second and third place finishers combined.



John Breitenfeldt's first place youth E. Row Photo
His entry of an abandoned branch railroad station was a fine piece of modeling with splendid detail. With his entry, John earned a \$75 gift certificate for the Madison Hobby Stop. There were six entries to consider.

A pair of brothers, Levi and Owen Bradley took home second and third places, respectively, in the Youth Modeling Project. Levi's entry (Y-5) was a well-detailed branch line station featuring a well modeled station, Burlington Northern caboose, grade crossing with a race car waiting for the train to pass and a number of people about the station. The diorama also featured a small pond. Levi walked out the door with a \$50 gift certificate for the Madison Hobby Stop

Owen's efforts (Y-4) were also of a well detailed branch line station in a scene with two well-modeled trees, a picnic table, a family of bears roaming the area and well ballasted track. When Owen next goes to the Madison Hobby Stop, he'll have a \$25 gift certificate.

Only one vote separated the first place and the two tied-for-second entries in the adult Modeling Project competition. Sharing the second and third place gift certificates that total \$75, \$37.50 each, are Phil Hottmann (entry A-8) and Matt Baumgart (entry A-4). Phil's well-done entry showed a well-weathered speeder shed, a turnout with a wonderfully weathered godola on the spur, a Model A or T pickup and scenery.

Matt's modeling effort turned what originally was to be a speeder shed into an old cabin somewhere along the Mississippi River between Prairie du Chien and La Crosse, Wisconsin. His well detailed diorama featured full scenery, a fine tin-roofed cabin, probably one room. Matt said that the setting is between the river and the BNSF mail (Aurora Sub) that runs along the river. The cabin is on the shore of the river with the rocks and sand representing the water's edge.

Dave Casey, no stranger to placing well in the SCWD Model Project, presented the Wyeville Speeder Shed (entry A-6) sitting next to a wonderfully detailed and well modeled station. In the background, between the two structures, is an embarrassed person sitting on the outhouse throne. Detail abounds in this prize-winning diorama with people sitting and standing, a delivery truck dormer windows, and well-placed detail objects. Dave earned a \$75 gift certificate for the Madison Hobby Stop.



Dave Casey First place Adult

E. Row Photo

A total of 23 speeder kits were handed out for the 2014-2015 Modeling Project. With eight entries, just over a third finished their projects and brought them to the April SCWD meet. The youth group did much better; with six entries, over half of those receiving branch line station kits completed the project and brought their dioramas to the meet. Thank you to all participants.

I'm looking for ideas for the next modeling project. Let me hear about your ideas.

Ewing Row

Modeling Project chair

(For the entire contest photos go to the Bad Order electronic edition on the SCWD home page at WWW.nmra-scwd.org)



Midwest Region News



Superintendent James Cruthers and the WinnebagoLand Division did a terrific job producing the Lake Shore Limited MWR spring convention. All of the hard work they did paid off as the attendance was much higher than

expected and everything came off like a precision clock clicking and chiming.

Something new was tried this year as all operating sessions were held on Friday in 3 shifts, morning, afternoon and evening. Saturday it was all day clinics and Sunday were the layout tours. At first there was mixed reaction because it was something new but after things were done everyone liked the schedule.

The non-rail activities such as Project Linus and non-rail clinics were well attended. Other tours were scheduled as well such as the WI Maritime Museum tour.

A large gathering of members at the banquet Saturday night got to listen to guest speaker Jim Hediger, Senior Editor of Model Railroader magazine who had every ear in the house filled with laughter with his wit and great stories.

The region BoD meeting was held on Sunday and then it was off to the layouts and goodbyes until next convention.

Thank You WinnebagoLand Division!

At the Board meeting on Sunday, a couple of neat items were approved. First; startup funding for divisions that want to take on a convention. This should help in getting more conventions scheduled for us down the road.

Another thing was the ability for divisions to create sub – divisions. These sub –divisions would still be set up under the NMRA and MWR guidelines. I think that it could help grow the NMRA as a sub-division could focus more on a specific area of our hobby and benefit the larger divisions. I will keep you posted.

A policy of three visits maximum at NMRA events before they are asked to become members was discussed in length and VP Gerry Leone NMRA special projects spoke about this at the meeting. The board voted that National give us a bit more clarification. This is now in process and we will await the results.

In 2016 there will be no MWR convention because the NMRA National Convention is in Indianapolis. Our annual meeting of members will be part of the SCWD monthly meeting in May 2016. More info will follow.

Paul Mangan

President Midwest Region

SCWD Election Results:

Bad Order Staff

As most of you know our annual election was held on April 12th this year. We also again had seven people standing for seven positions. When this happens all members are approved with a membership motion. There were no nominations from the floor so the next step is to vote for a superintendent. The members are instructed to vote for only four members on the ballot as all officers are voted for. The person with the highest vote total is the first one that is asked to serve as superintendent. It is my pleasure to announce that Bob McGeever has accepted the position and will serve another term. Thanks Bob for taking this position again.

According to our constitution, at the Board Meeting after the election the remaining officers are chosen. Accepting the Assistant Superintendent is Phil Hottmann, Pay Master Phil Berry and Chief Clerk John Haverberg.

Thanks for your service to the SCWD.



Rock River Valley Division welcomes The SCWD

Yup, May is here and it is time to get together with our neighbors to the south of us for a meet. It is our turn to travel to Rockford to visit with them this year. Superintendent Tyrone Johnsen has sent us some information as to what's going on in May.

The meeting begins at 1:00 at the Midway Village Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Road, Rockford IL. It has been customary to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall and car pool to Rockford for a departure time of 10:30 am. This should give you time to eat something before the meet.

Wisconsin & Southern, Researching the proto type by Cody Grivno; then Layout Modules by Robert and Mary Grigsby.

There will be a short intermission between the two presentations for contest viewing and voting, Viewing of displays, if any and Coffee.

Following the break or second presentation, the contest results and awards will be presented. Attendance door prizes followed by a special drawing for NMRA members only. This drawing will be for a custom HO

UTLX ethanol tank car in a display case which was used to commemorate the UTL LA Plant.

Contest (popular vote) Model: An open railcar with a load.

Photo: Prototype open rail car with load and model photo.

Welcome SCWD
Tyrone

Youth Group Report:

Steve Brist



SCWD Youth group Class of 2015

photo S. Brist

Two big things happened at the April Youth Group meeting. First, a total of Eight Youth Group members displayed their completed SCWD model projects, a branch line station building. Each member explained what they were trying to portray with their model and what techniques and materials they used to complete it. Their efforts were very impressive and we saw some great models. Two of their models won prizes at the April adult meeting.

Second, we distributed our T Trak modules to Youth Group. Each Youth member received one module, which we then assembled into a rather large N scale layout. We were able to operate with two trains on the double tracked mainline. It was exciting to see this project move forward, thanks to the help of adult SCWD members, including Paul Balfe, Ryan Lamb and Bob McGeever. Each Youth member took home their module and will be able to create a model scene of their own choosing.

We also discussed the SCWD summer picnic on Saturday July 25th at Little Amerricka and our summer field trip. Our last meeting of the school year will be on May 17th at 1 o'clock at the Knights of Columbus Hall, off Verona Road. See you then!

Happy Railroadng!
Steve

For more youth group photos please go online to the electronic edition at our web site

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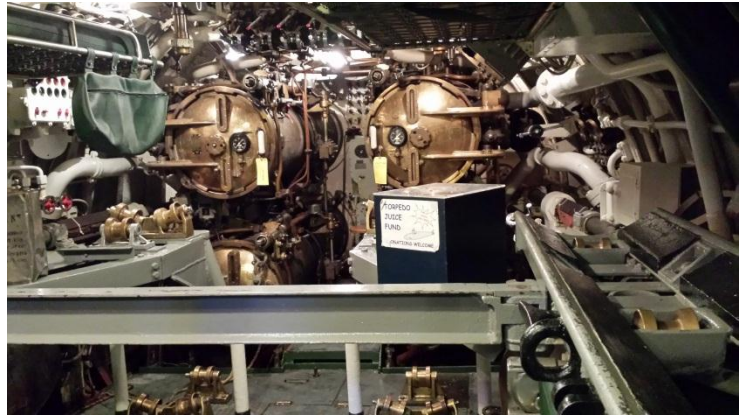
MWR Lake Shore Limited. Convention Photos



Operating on Hans Schlegels layout



Operating on Rich Hanke's layout



Touring the USS Cobia Submarine at the Manitowoc Maritime Museum





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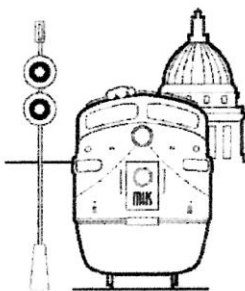
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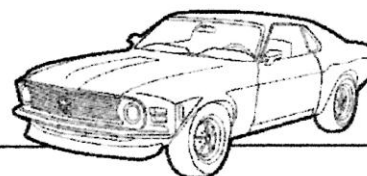
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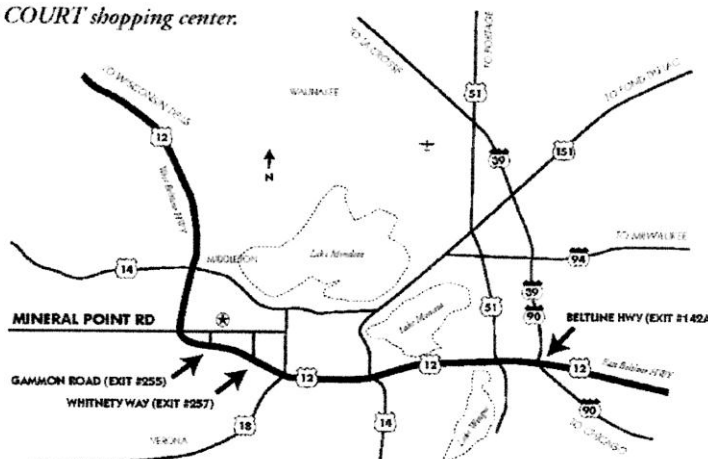
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It's Banquet Time!

Friday - May 15th 2015

Knights of Columbus Hall
5256 Verona Road
Fitchburg, Wisconsin.



Cocktails at 6pm



Make sure you get there early to obtain what you need from the bar prior to dinner.

Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

Reservations must be received by May 5th.

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SCWD summer picnic

The 2015 SCWD summer picnic will be held on Saturday, July 25th at Little Amerricka in Marshall WI.

Whiskey River Railway Day - July 25th, 2015

Multiple trains will be running for our guests. All steam locomotives will be steamed up for operation at the train park train station that day. Different locomotives will be switched around to pull our trains throughout the day, this includes steam and diesel. This will be a rare opportunity for the public to see all of our locomotives.



The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. We have arranged a picnic to be catered around 1 pm. and will have a designated area in the park to enjoy the food and fellowship. Entrance to the park is free as is the lunch to all SCWD members and guests. Viewing of the Railway equipment is free and a tour of the back shop is trying to be arranged. To ride the train around

the 2 mile loop costs \$4.50. A wrist band can be purchased to allow you to ride all of the attractions. Wrist bands can also be purchased on line ahead of time at a substantial savings at www.littleamerrick.com .



You **MUST** sign up for this event. Please fill out the form below and mail to Bob McGeever:



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Address: _____

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Send your reservation to:

John Haverberg

4797 Delmara Rd.

Middleton, WI 53562

2015 SCWD Summer Picnic

The 2015 SCWD Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 25th, like last year at Little Amerricka in Marshall, WI. The amusement park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm with the meal to begin at 1 pm. The date is Whiskey River Railway Day at the park with most of their 15” gauge, steam and diesel motive power on display. Entrance to the park is free as is the Hy-Vee catered meal for SCWD members and guests. You will need to buy tickets at the park if you wish to ride the trains. A wrist band can be purchased at the park which would allow multiple train rides plus rides on their other 25 attractions. Wrist bands can also be purchased online at ahead of time www.littleamerricka.com with substantial savings.

Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. It can be easily reached by taking the STH 73 exit north from I-94 east from Madison or by taking STH 19 east from Sun Prairie. Separate parking is available for accessing the picnic pavilion by taking the first turn to the south (Box Elder Rd) past the main Little Amerricka entrance, then the next right into the park grounds.

Sign-up is required for attendees as we need to know the count for the caterer. You can sign up at our Spring Banquet or by contacting John Haverberg, e-mail: haverdj@tds.net, ph: 608 836-7963; or mail: 4797 Delmara Rd., Middleton, WI 53562. The deadline for signing up is July 18th, 2015.

Results of the 2015 NMRA Elections

The following candidates in the 2015 NMRA elections were elected to the positions shown:

President – Charlie Getz
VP – Administration – Clark Kooning
VP – Special Projects – Gerry Leone
Pacific District Director – Mike Bartlett
Eastern District Director – Joe Gelmini
At Large North America Director – Peter Youngblood

From John Stevens, NMRA Secretary

2016 Notice of Elections

The following NMRA Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2016:

1. Western District Director
2. Atlantic District Director
3. At-Large Worldwide Director

The current Western District Director is term limited and therefore is ineligible to be a candidate for this election. Both the current Atlantic District Director and the At-Large Worldwide Director are eligible to be candidates for this election

Please check Article III, paragraph 12, of the NMRA Executive Handbook, EHB, located at <http://www.nmra.org> for the extent of the districts affected. Qualifications for candidates are listed in the EHB.

Submissions of candidates for the Western District Director and US resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Tony Koester, National Nominating Committee Chair, at nkpfan@ptd.net no later than **June 15, 2015**.

Submissions of candidates for the Atlantic District Director and Atlantic District resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Tom Winlow, Atlantic District Nominating Committee Chair, at tom.winlow@btinterest.com no later than **June 15, 2015**.

Submissions of Pacific District resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Sam Mangion, Pacific District Nominating Committee Chair, at mangion2@bigpond.com no later than **June 15, 2015**.

Submissions of NMRA Canada resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Stephen Wood, NMRA Canada Nominating Committee Chair, at stephen-wood@gmail.com no later than **June 15, 2015**.

Candidates may wish to run for these positions by petition and not be subjected to the decisions of the respective Nominations Committee. Requirements for submitting by petition are contained in the EHB. All submissions by petition shall be received by the Secretary NMRA at snevets4@bellsouth.net no later than **September 15, 2015**.



In Memoriam

Donald B. Manlick, 1937-2015

Donald B. Manlick, National Model Railroad Association Master Model Railroader no. 56, died on February 7, 2015. He was 77 years old.



Don produced decals (Herald King and DM Custom Decals); scratchbuilt HO scale freight cars, structures, and car ferries; and was active in railroad historical societies. In addition to Don's hobby activities, he spent more than 32 years working for the Chicago & Northwestern as a clerk, telegrapher, and switchman.

From Model Railroader Magazine

Positive Train Control implementation date may be extended

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) introduced a bill on March 4 to extend the deadline for positive train control (PTC) rollout in the U.S. to at least December

2020. The current law requires all railroads that carry passengers or that haul hazardous-by-inhalation material on main lines to install a PTC system by Dec. 31, 2015. Senators referred bill S.650, the Railroad Safety and Positive Train Control Extension Act, to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), John Thune (R-S.D.), and Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) joined Blunt as co-sponsors for the bill.

From Trains Magazine

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in the NMRA Magazine

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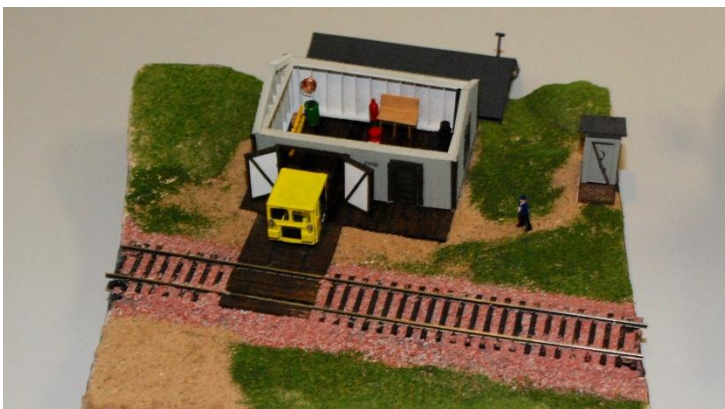
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(Travel to Rockford for joint meet With the RRVD) See page 5 Rock River Valley Division Spring Banquet and awards night May 15th 2015 SCWD Summer Picnic July 25th at Whiskey River Railroad in Little Americka Park.			

Division Project Photos:

All photos by Ewing Row



Youth Group Entries:





In the Station:

It was a good sight to see so many SCWD members in attendance at the Lake Shore Limited MWR convention. I knew this would be a good one because I have been to other events in the WinnebagoLand Division and this convention was just as good or even better than the other events I have attended. Everything was well organized for both Rail and Non-rail functions as we all went home smiling.



Well I don't know about you but I'm tired of the cold weather and snow, yes it's snowing as I am finishing up the Bad Order. But soon we will be out chasing and or riding trains all around the country. A large group of SCWD members are making the trip out to Portland for the 2015 National. Did you ask if we were taking the train? Why of course we are. If I am not mistaken the whole car is filled on the way out with SCWD'ers and friends that we know from all over. We will make a report to you when we return in September.



I know I don't have to tell you but railroad property is private property so while taking pictures you may be kicked of the property, and that's if you're lucky. Be careful as we want to see you in the fall.



Beginning in the next issue there will be a mystery writer tweaking out some brain teasers for you. I have sworn to not reveal his identity, so don't ask.

From the entire staff of the Bad Order I hope you have a fun and safe summer. See you at the Picnic

See you by the Rails

