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## Super's Report

Bob McGeever  
Division Superintendent

Just a few items this month

Regarding the September 6<sup>th</sup> Division meeting:  
For some reason Dan (of the Knights of Columbus) and I wound up arriving at the hall about 11:30. It seems we both wanted to be really really sure the doors would be unlocked in time to set up the hall. Read the rest of this newsletter for the coming attractions for the October meeting.

Regarding volunteer signups:

It is the time of year we start looking for volunteers for the Rail School and the Train Show. Andy Potts will be looking for Rail School volunteers real soon. We have recently purchased what may be the last 100 Blue Box kits in the universe to support the Rail School. We will be able to continue the Make and Take program for a couple of more years. This should give us time to figure out how to continue the program when the kits run out.

Paul Mangan is again organizing the Train Show volunteers. He will be starting at the October meeting. If you worked the show last year, his plan is to pencil you in for the same duties and time slots you had last year. If you didn't work the show last year and want to, or you want to change your time slot, see him at one of our meetings.

Regarding the Company Store:

### Next SCWD Meet:

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 1:00 pm.  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
5256 Verona Rd, Fitchburg, WI

### Clinics (see Page 2)

### Model & Photo Contests:

Moving the Food. (See page 2)

### Next BOD Meeting:

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 7:00 p.m.  
Fitchburg Fire Station

### Next Youth Group Meeting:

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 Knights of Columbus Hall

**Never** ever answer the phone when Charlie Karpelena calls! You've been warned.

The Company Store is building up inventory for the Train Show at a very impressive pace. The team is doing so good we filled up our storage garage. So Charlie arranged for us to get one of the biggest units in the complex at a discount. He then organized a crew to move everything from the old locker to the new locker in early September. They got rained on.

Later in the month, Charlie is at an auction for something else and picks up a set of heavy duty shelves. One for \$10 and the other for \$5. We almost got them free. Then he assembled another crew to set them up in

the new locker. Our new shelves cost Webb Winn a new set of tires for the front of his van. A few hours later we had everything back in the locker. For those of you on the Train Show crew that sets up the ticket booths, you are going to love the new locker.

Hope to see you at the October meeting.

That's it for this month,  
Bob.



## The Clinic Corner:

Fred (Rob) Robinson

We are looking forward to some new clinics and a couple of possible repeats. (If anyone took any video of some of the clinics at the National convention it would be nice to see them)

When you are out rail fanning how many times have you seen rolling stock so shiny it looks like it just came out of the box. Hmmm close to never I bet. From the WLD, Mr. Fred Firkus will present the first clinic for us. Fred will be showing us his methods for weathering cars.

From the SCWD our own team of Chris Roeben and Sean Lamb will present a clinic on the AP program. This clinic should take a lot of the mystery out of your mind about the program. It's not scary.

It's getting to be an interesting fall season.

Rob



## Layout Tours:

Phil Hottmann

We had exceptional attendance at both Don Mayo's and my layouts for the September meeting. I certainly had a great time having everyone over.

For October we have two layouts open in the Middleton/Westport area, Ned Ferguson and Bob Gugel. This will be the first time seeing Bob's layout. I'm looking forward to it. And thanks to Webb Winn for setting this up.

I still need to piece together the tours for the November Meeting. If anyone has any ideas or is interested please contact me.

My contact information is in the SCWD Red Book.

Don Mayo's Happy Valley layout is relocated and being reconstructed. Don opened up for us to show us the project he has been making.



Don Mayo's layout



Recently relocated Don shows the progress of his rebuilding.

My Knob Creek Railroad Company has also been relocated just down the street from Don's. Thanks to all who stopped by to see the progress I have made.



Phil Hottmann's Knob Creek Railroad Company







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## Contest Column:

Dave Lendved

### Modeling Contest “Moving Food”

Looking at your dinner table, have you ever thought about how our food gets here from all over our country and the world? Much of it comes by rail. There are, and have been many types of rail cars built or modified to carry specific food products. This month’s model contest we’ll look at some of these.



We’re familiar with the long cuts of reefers carrying citrus from California or Florida. I’ve always liked the colorful “billboard” reefers used to haul beef, beer and other products around the heartland. There are also boxcars with “grain doors” and many others.

Our categories are reefers, covered hoppers, tank cars, and boxcars.

Happy modeling! See you in October.

Dave

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## Modeling Project sign-up at 14

Ewing Row

Time is not running out, but, if you were not at the September 7 SCWD meeting, and you would like to participate in the 2014 - 2015 Modeling Project, you may order either an HO or N scale “kit” from me by e-mail or phone. See the Red Book. If you hurry, I’ll have your kit at the October SCWD meeting. Cost per kit is only \$10. Or you can wait for the October meet to order. Kits then will be available at the October division meet.

At the September meeting, 13 people (one ordered one HO and one N scale kit) committed to participate in the project. Three N-scale and 11 HO-scale kits were ordered.

The N-scale kits will be interesting because it is not possible to order scale lumber that is exactly half of HO (1 to 160 for N-scale and 1 to 87 for HO). Therefore, I’ve had to take some liberties when ordering wood. For example, the plan calls for 1 by 3, 1 by 4 and 1 by 6 HO-scale lumber. Wood does not come in 1/2 by 1-1/2 to convert to N-scale. Therefore, I’ve had to settle for 1 by 2, and 1 by 3 to substitute.

So, get out your Titebond, clear your work area, get your order in and begin work on this fun project. Everything you need to complete the building is included except for the roof cover. For it, you’ll need a piece of tissue (e.g. Kleenex). Perhaps you’ll learn a new technique by following the directions.

Modeling Project chair

Ewing Row

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## Midwest Region News

Time Marches On! Yes it really does. The Illinois Valley Division has just joined the ranks of the 50 something's. The golden anniversary was celebrated on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Spring Valley IL.



Minton Dings clinic on high detailed modeling

IVD put on a full day of events. Clinics in the early afternoon followed by five lay out tours and then a gathering with food and cake and division award presentations at the Valley Grill.

The Big 50 committee headed up by Marion Brasher MMR made sure there was ample time for fun and fellowship. Yours truly was invited to speak and I must have done ok as no one fell asleep. Of course it was early in the evening.



Wonderful layout tours.

The next Midwest Region Board meeting will be at Trainfest Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be in one of the upstairs meeting rooms.

Any MWR/NMRA member is welcome to come in and observe these meetings.

The next Midwest Region convention, **The Lakeshore Limited**, will be sponsored by the Winnebagoand Division (WLD) on April 17 – 19 2015 in Manitowoc WI. The convention Hotel is the Manitowoc Holiday Inn. They have special room rates available. The rooms are available to book now. For more info go to [www.mwr-nmra.org](http://www.mwr-nmra.org)

James Cruthers has a committee that is getting all the ingredients put together for another fine convention.

If you have ever been to a WLD division meet then you know that they put on a great meeting, so look for the Lakeshore Limited to be even better.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful convention. Make your plans now and don't miss this one.

Paul





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## Let the season begin:

Bad Order Staff

The 2014 – 2015 modeling season is officially underway. Even though the annual Ironman competition falls on the same day as our September meet each year, a larger than normal gathering of members were on hand to watch some fine clinics and see all the models and photos for the contest. Both clinics were about the New York, Ontario and Western Railway. Ken Hojnaki presented the first clinic and did a great job of presenting the history of the railroad.



Next up, Fred Robinson treated us to some old Black and white videos of the New York Ontario and Western Railroad.

Both clinics were very educational. Thanks go out to both you guys for a job well done and both presenters were in their best NYO&W attire.



Internet Photo

It is always nice when SCWD members stand up and volunteer do clinics for us.

Speaking about volunteering, I am once again the volunteer coordinator for Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale. I have your names on my chart. I will be contacting all of you to reaffirm.

You may be thinking 'hey Paul, it's a bit early don't you think!' February will be here before you know it. This

will be the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Show. Wow! 48 continuous shows. Could be a record you know.

Volunteer opportunities abound. Andy Potts is our Rail School chair again this year. Big thanks to Andy for taking on this challenge. You can thank him personally by signing up for a table. His contact info is in the Red Book.



Rail school 2014

Paul



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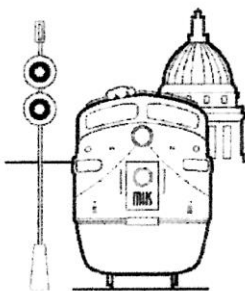
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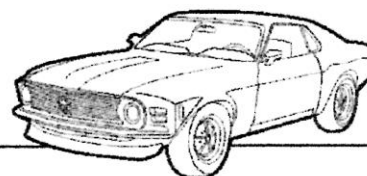
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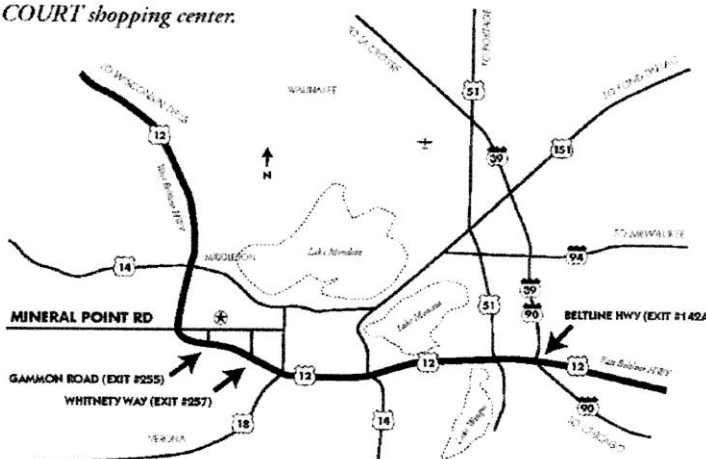
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## From the files of Errata Data:

Paul Mangan

Ok, I know it really is only the beginning of the fall season but our division is always thinking ahead. The Errata Data file is mostly about comparing at least two things to each other. Well here we go.

It is no secret that we have the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale in February. We never know what kind of weather we are going to have. We have had some real good crowds when the weather has been real nasty outside so we provide shelter from the storm and thank them for braving the weather to attend our show.

No matter what the weather is we still need to move our show stuff from the locker to the show. Our trucking crew is made up of some of the heartiest people I know. They also have braved the weather to do this necessary job for us. We really appreciate their efforts because the show must go on.



A real hearty bunch loading up the truck....

Over the years our storage locker has been getting filled to the rim and because this locker was being updated we were asked to move last year to another locker. This locker was not quite as big as the old one and it was getting too cramped where one couldn't even turn around. With the success of the company store (thanks to Ruby and Charlie Karpelenia and Webb Winn) we needed more space.

Your BoD took a look at the situation and when Charlie brought a request to the board meeting it was almost a slam dunk. We got one of the big ones that became available.



It must be something about moving the stuff in the locker because Mother Nature caught us doing this and sent a storm for us. Because we caught her by surprise she didn't have time to put a snow storm together in September so she did the next best thing for us. Wind, rain and cold

tried to knock us down but she didn't know who she was dealing with! This was a piece of cake for the SCWD load crew.



The SCWD loading crew doesn't always have to deal with cold and snow. Today they are working on a tan. Photo B. McGeever

Above we see the new shelving that Ruby and Charlie found at an auction. This is apparently just one of them. It looks like they even recruited some of the Board of Directors officers to help out.





Inside the new locker Photo B. McGeever

The big question now is; how soon will it be before we need a bigger one? They already brought some shelving so we can go up. So we should get some bids ready for a fork lift to add to the agenda at a future board meeting.

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## Youth Group Report:

Steve Brist

The SCWD Youth Group started 2014-2015 season with a clinic where we spent time troubleshooting locomotives. We learned about electrical issues, lubrication, dirty track, dirty wheels and other solutions to engine problems. We also talked about the SCWD model project. Youth members can get the instructions and materials to build a branch line station for \$5. Youth members who complete the project get their \$5 back, plus they can enter it into the April model contest and possibly win a gift certificate from the local hobby shop. We ended up with an operating session. Our next meeting is Sunday October 19 at 1PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, just off Verona Road in Fitchburg.

We are still planning clinics for the rest of the year and we are still looking for adult SCWD members who can demonstrate model railroading topics to us. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Youth Group Co Chair Steve Brist. You can email me at [ab9rr@arrl.net](mailto:ab9rr@arrl.net) or you can call me (271-4338) or catch me at an SCWD meeting. Happy Railroading!



Steve Brist  
Happy Railroading!  
Steve

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## Looking for something to do?

Bad Order Staff



The season is here for train shows and open houses. You don't have to look too far to find one or the other near you.

November hails in the holiday season and Trainfest opens the door for a lot of us in Wisconsin

and the surrounding area. There are lots changes this year so visit their web site [www.Trainfest.com](http://www.Trainfest.com) to get all specked up before you go so you don't look like a lost caboose when you get there.

A lot of SCWD members participate in the show i.e. Cap City 'N' Gaugers and Madison HoTrack. So head on over and show your support.

## Clipper City Model Railroad Club

Clipper City Model Railroad Club will be holding its Thanksgiving open house at the Manitowoc County EXPO Grounds in Manitowoc WI.

Exhibits include Gauges N, HO, S, O, G and a museum room.

Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2 – 7 P.M.  
Saturday November 29 and Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In December their Holiday Open House is held at the Expo Grounds as well.  
Hours for the Holiday open house are:

December 26<sup>th</sup> 3 – 7 p.m.  
December 27<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Madison Children's Museum

The Madison Children's Museum will be having its annual fund raising event at the Madison Club located at 5 E Wilson St in Madison on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
The event is called 'Tea and Trains'.

A lot of family events are planned including 'Hi Tea and Hot Chocolate', Joe Schappel's American Flyer trains, Holiday crafts and even a silent auction to name a few.

If you can remember, some members of the SCWD built a G scale layout in 2010 that is in the main lobby overhead in the main lobby. Remember, the museum is a non-profit organization so any donation is tax deductible.



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## SCWD Board of Directors August 11, 2014

Superintendent Bob McGeever called the regularly scheduled meeting of the South Central Wisconsin Division of the NMRA to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2014 at the Fitchburg fire station on Lacy Road. Present were Bob McGeever, Alan Paine, Mike Vivion, Phil Berry, John Haverberg, Fred Robinson, Phil Hottmann, Webb Winn and Ewing Row. McGeever determined that a quorum was present.

On a motion by Fred Robinson and second by John Haverberg, the board voted to approve the minutes to the June 9, 2014 SCWD board of directors meeting.

Paymaster Phil Berry presented the financial statement and report for June. On a motion by Ewing Row and a second by Mike Vivion, the board voted to approve the June 2014 paymaster's report. Immediately, Berry presented the financial statement and report for July 2014. On a motion by Ewing Row and a second by John Haverberg, the board approved the July report.



## Pictures of summer 2014

Paymaster Phil Berry then offered the budget for the 2014-2015 SCWD fiscal year. After brief discussion, the board approved the budget on a motion by Fred Robinson and a second by Alan Paine.

After some discussion about the facilities at the Aliant Energy Center for the February 2015 train show, the board agreed to keep the space for 2015 the same as it was for the February 2014 show.

Storage space for SCWD materials and sale items has been cramped. For a figure of up \$135 a month, Charlie Karpelenia is to increase the rented square feet to 250 at the same facility where items are presently stored.

On a motion by Fred Robinson and a second by Mike Vivion, the board voted to accept the modeling project presented by Ewing Row. The project will be a speeder shed made of basswood with full plans and scale lumber provided in a kit form.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Ewing Row, Chief Clerk

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## Another closure because of retirement:

Kornely's Craft and hobby Center in Beaver Dam will be closing its doors in December 2014. Kornely's has been mostly a craft store but they do have a model train department on the second floor. They have always supported our train show by allowing us to hang posters on their walls and also pass out show fliers and Bad Orders. We give thanks to the Kornely's team for the support of our hobby and best wishes in the future.

October 1<sup>st</sup> = 30% off,  
November 1<sup>st</sup> = 40% off and  
December 1<sup>st</sup> = 50% off.  
Hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 – 5.

All sales are final. They are located at 130 Front Street in Beaver Dam.

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Sometimes when you go rail fanning you don't always get a train. Sometimes it is an oldie but goodie that cruises by and memories of younger days.



Hangin out with friends by the rails. ☺

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# Scary Things These Days:

Strange things happen around October

It is truly amazing what we see these days in the world of technology. All the new gadgets that we now are beginning to take for granted. Back in the 60's who would have even conceived that one would reach into their pocket and pull out a calculator and commence to cypher a complicated math problem right there on the spot. Gauley! For that matter you would be called crazy if you said that someday that calculator would also be a telephone, a camera, a navigator or even a word processor. "What the heck is a word processor?" You would say.

Fast forward to today so I can link this up with trains. Almost everyone in the world has a cell phone and the people that only can receive calls on their phone are getting fewer and fewer. They may have more peace of mind than the rest of us but that will be analyzed as another subject on a later date.

How do I connect this with the hobby? It's as easy as the phone in your pocket. I'm talking about the camera that is built in. These little gems do some awesome and scary things. One thing I am amazed with is the google photo app (for those of us over 50 who say "what's an app?" It is an application!) the thing does awesome wonders with your pictures when in the auto awesome mode. Some are really cool and some are scary.

Cool: The app will look at random photos and decide to enhance it. It will smooth out the colors, add snowflakes to the picture or piece two or more together.

Scary: you can't control when it happens or what enhancement it is going to do. The camera and the app decide what to do and all of a sudden the camera says "your photo is ready". (The stupid things talk)

Fun: Sometimes the results are fascinating and fun.

Some Examples:

The program in the cell phone will look at the photos and decide how to line them up to make a banner style photo by piecing them together. It can take a long time to make this decision. I have not at this time found a way to tell it what photos to do this with. That's the scary part.



How about that lead engine! It is an ES 44 1/2 AC



The above banners usually take at least three photos that you space together while moving your camera (oops cell phone) slowly and smoothly.

So you can see I did connect the cell phone to the hobby. This is not just a Halloween prank it is really true but if you are in the area at Halloween time stop by as that is the last day the Cat Mountain Railroad runs before shutting down for the season.

A few of the neighbors stop by and help pass out treats for all the ghosts and goblins as we watch the midnight special travel through the night along with some adult beverages from the Cat Mountain Brewery.

Now if I can get this phone back in my shoe, I'll be off to chase some more trains.

*Paul Mangan  
Bad Order  
Editor*

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Kornely's Craft & Hobby Center –130 Front St. (Bus. 151/Hwy. 33) – Beaver Dam WI

\* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

### 2013 - 2014 Meeting Time Table

Regular Meeting	Train Show Staff	BOD	Youth Group
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Oct 1st 2014*	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> 2014
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2014	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> 2014
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2014	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> 2014	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 2014

\*Note: Train Show Staff now meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

## In the Station:

Attending your local division meets are really great, however, if you are one of our members that haven't been to a meeting for a while, why not come on in for one and try it out again. There is always a lot of good fellowship and fun programs.

The cold weather is a coming so plan your first Sunday of the month to spend with the SCWD.

Paul Mangan  
See you by the Rails

