

Chatter from the Crummy

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Golden Spike Laid on Great American Railroad.

On July 15th, 1999 Arpad Eiler hammered into place the last spike on the main line of his extensive Great American Railroad. The event marked a milestone in the rebuilding of his layout begun with a new addition to his railroad and workshop building. The addition brought his layout room up to an enviable 26x46 feet. Since starting the project, many club members have joined Arpad in the effort to reach this point.



Arpad drives home the golden spike signaling completion of the main line of his Great American Railroad.



Club members gather for a picture following the big event.

After the spike driving ceremony, members joined Arpad in a champagne toast to the event. In the weeks following, the main line was wired and in January the first operating session was held on the layout. Although a few bugs with the power supplies cropped up, everyone had a good time. The layout is sure to be a lot of fun to operate in the future.

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Have you seen the Hobbyshop Window spread on page s 66-67 of the Nov. Model Railroader? It contains two things of interest to many of our members.

First, there is a picture of a DM&IR caboose similar to the caboose this newsletter is named after. Mike's caboose is C-44 and the one pictured is C-22. It the same type as Mike's before it was modernized, probably about 1955.

There is also a picture of a of a W.C. GP30. Several of our club members also belong to the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society. A few years ago the W.C. donated a GP30 to the society making the club members part owners of the engine. It is currently being kept for the society at the Green Bay Railroad museum.

Trolley News. By Mike Kirk

Waupaca's annual Fall-o-rama was held on September 18th. This year the entire event was based at South Park instead of down town as in the past. The events includes things like a craft show, buggy rides and a historic reenactment at the Hutchinson House Museum. Mike and Roger brought the baggage car to the park and placed it next to the Hutchinson House. The event was a great success with a steady stream of people visiting the car all day. There were some senior citizens who remembered the line and a surprising number of younger people who had never known that Waupaca even had its own trolley system. Everyone who came through seemed very interested in viewing the displays about the line and visiting with us.

We were very lucky to acquire five Waupaca Electric Light & Railway Company badges with the help of Jim Payton. They were donated by Pat Wilkening who works at the foundry with Jim. The badges originally belonged to Wilkening's grandfather, Birney H. Wilson. B. H. Wilson worked for the railway for a total of ten years. The badges include two conductors, two employees and one motorman. Thank you very much, Jim, for this valuable addition to our baggage car display.

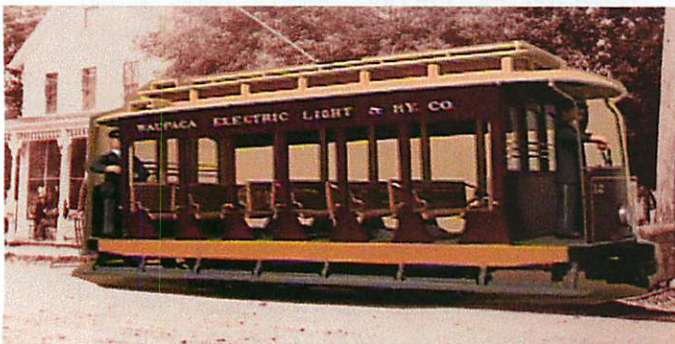
Recently three Waupaca Electric Light & Railway annual reports were donated to the Waupaca Historical Society. They provide valuable information on the first three years of the line.



B. H. Wilson's electric railway badges and his picture in a military uniform.

ITEMS OF OPERATING EXPENSES	
1. General expenses	\$ 24,200
2. Legal expenses	1,000
3. Freight and freights	1,000
4. Freight paid	378.00
5. Fuel and lubrication	2,212.00
6. Maintenance of way and equipment	1,772.00
7. Maintenance of rolling stock	2,224.00
8. For passenger service	2,224.00
9. Interest and sinking fund on bonds	1,000.00
10. Interest on notes and accounts payable	1,000.00

Page from the 1899 W.E.L. & Ry. Co. annual report to the Wisconsin Railroad Commissioner.



Our club purchased two Bachman G scale trolleys, one open and one closed car. Little Paul painted them for us. When we have them on display, people are especially interested in seeing how the trolley pole and seats are reversed. In this picture, car #12 is parked at the east end of Mill Street.



Car #16, the winter car is stopped for passengers at the King station.

FROM THE CONDUCTOR BY JAN L. TRIERWEILER


Our club format with weekly meetings at club member's homes on a rotating basis has been working out very well. Much work has been done on many layouts using the varied talents of our club members. As you can see from the schedule of events, the calendar has filled up through the middle of December. If you want to schedule a work session at your layout, please let me know as soon as possible so I can fit it into the schedule. We will be meeting at Bob's layout this Thursday(October 14th). A map to his house is below. If you have a question about the location of any of the member's homes, please call them. (The club roster was included in the last issue of the Crummy. If you don't have a roster, let me know and I will send you one.)

Again, I would like to thank Mike Kirk for help on this issue of the Crummy. His use of color pictures sure adds much to the newsletter. I would like to also thank Gordy and Diane Sauve for their very generous offer to copy the newsletter for the club. Since I retired I no longer have access to a press to run the newsletter. Their help in reproducing the newsletter is saving the club a great deal of money. Thanks again Gordy and Diane.

Our next club show that we display our layout is at Marshfield on October 23 and 24. The past few years we have gone up there early on Saturday morning to set up the layout. Most members have been driving back and forth as it is only about an hour and a half drive.(Or 45min. if you ride with Arpad!) Last year we left Roger's at 5:30 AM!!-Ate breakfast on the way, and still had plenty of time to set up before the show opened. Roger may be staying at Marshfield Saturday night, so if you are interested, contact him. Also please let him know if you are planning to attend the show so we know how many people we can count on for set up and take down. This has grown into a very fine show so I hope to see you all there. I hope to see all of you at the work sessions also.

The club tour to David Johnson's layout on December 2nd should be very enjoyable. David has a very extensive G Scale layout in the upper level of his garage. I have heard rumors that he has expanded the size, so this should be a very exciting tour. We will meet at his house at about 7:00 PM on December 2nd. If you need directions call Roger or myself or David.

November is National Model Railroading month, so do something special to enjoy this great hobby. There is the possibility that the club will go as a group to Trainfest in Milwaukee on November 13th. If you are interested contact Roger. Happy Model Railroading.



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 14	WORK SESSION AT BOB'S
OCTOBER 21	WORK SESSION AT PAT'S
OCTOBER 22, 23, 23	MARSHFIELD TRAIN SHOW LAYOUT WILL BE DISPLAYED
OCTOBER 28	WORK SESSION AT EUGENE'S
NOVEMBER 4	WORK SESSION AT GORDY'S
NOVEMBER 11	WORK SESSION AT PAT'S
NOVEMBER 13, 14	TRAINFEST AT MILWAUKEE
NOVEMBER 18	WORK SESSION AT ARPAD'S
NOVEMBER 25	THANKSGIVING--NO MEETING
DECEMBER 2	CLUB TOUR AT DAVID JOHNSON'S
DECEMBER 9	WORK SESSION AT PAT'S
JANUARY 16	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BOB AND LINDA SCHOBAR'S
JANUARY 21, 22, 23	CENTRAL WISCONSIN MODEL RR CLUB SHOW AT STEVENS POINT
	MALL LAYOUT WILL BE DISPLAYED
APRIL 29	WINNEBAGOLAND DIVISION SPRING MEET AT STEVENS POINT
JUNE 23, 24, 25	STRAWBERRY FEST TRAIN SHOW