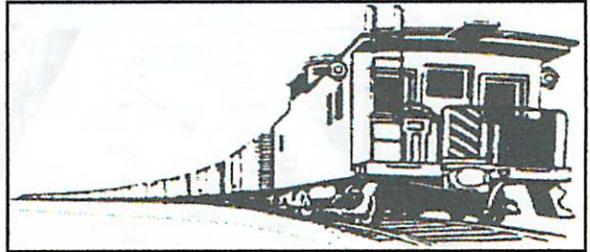


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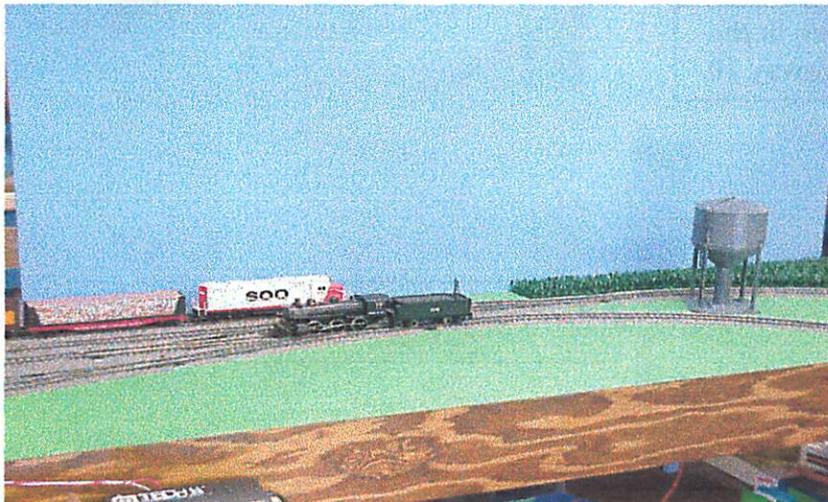


Featured Layout of the May Newsletter Andrew Hildebrandt



Andrew in front
of his layout.

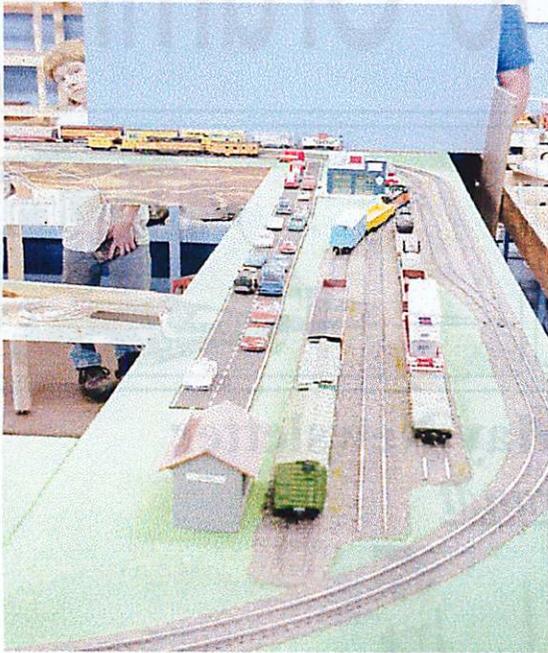
Andrew is 8 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Waupaca Elementary School. Andrew has been involved in Model Railroading for the last 5 years. He has been going to Train Shows with his grandpa Roger since he was about 3 years old. Andrew started his model railroading career with Thomas the Tank and Friends.



Green Bay & Western 2-6-0, #56
taking on water at Waupaca while
Soo Line GP-35, #722 waits on the
interchange track to the WEL & RY.

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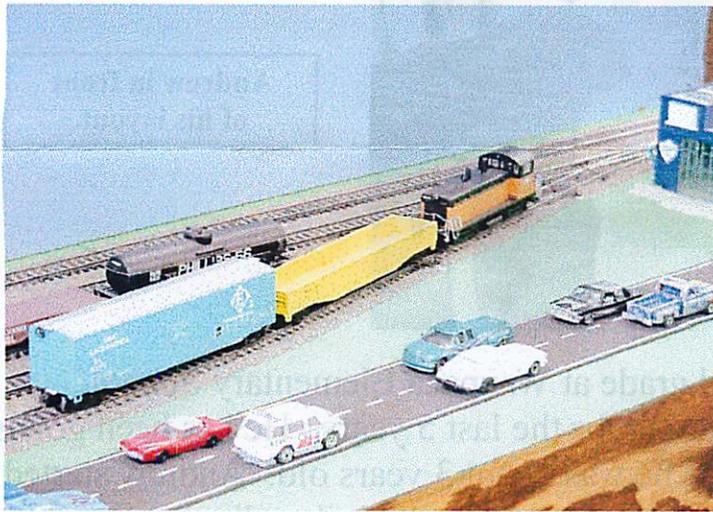
**Overhead view of the
WEL & RY Company yard at Waupaca**



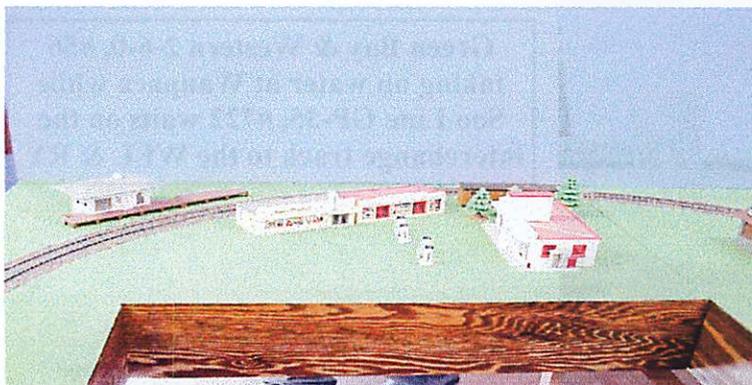
**Andrew's new scratch built rotary
dump building for unloading coal.**



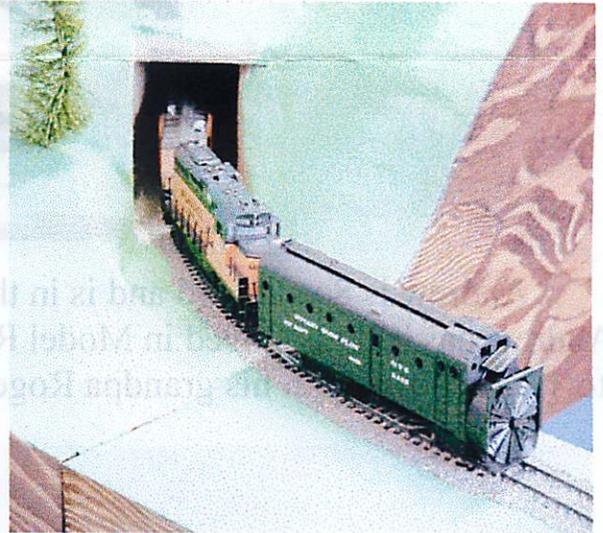
**Milwaukee Road GP-20 #972 pushing
leased NYC Rotary Snow Plow
out of tunnel #2.**



**Milwaukee Road SW-900 #1643 switching in the
Waupaca yard as traffic roars by on Highway 10.**



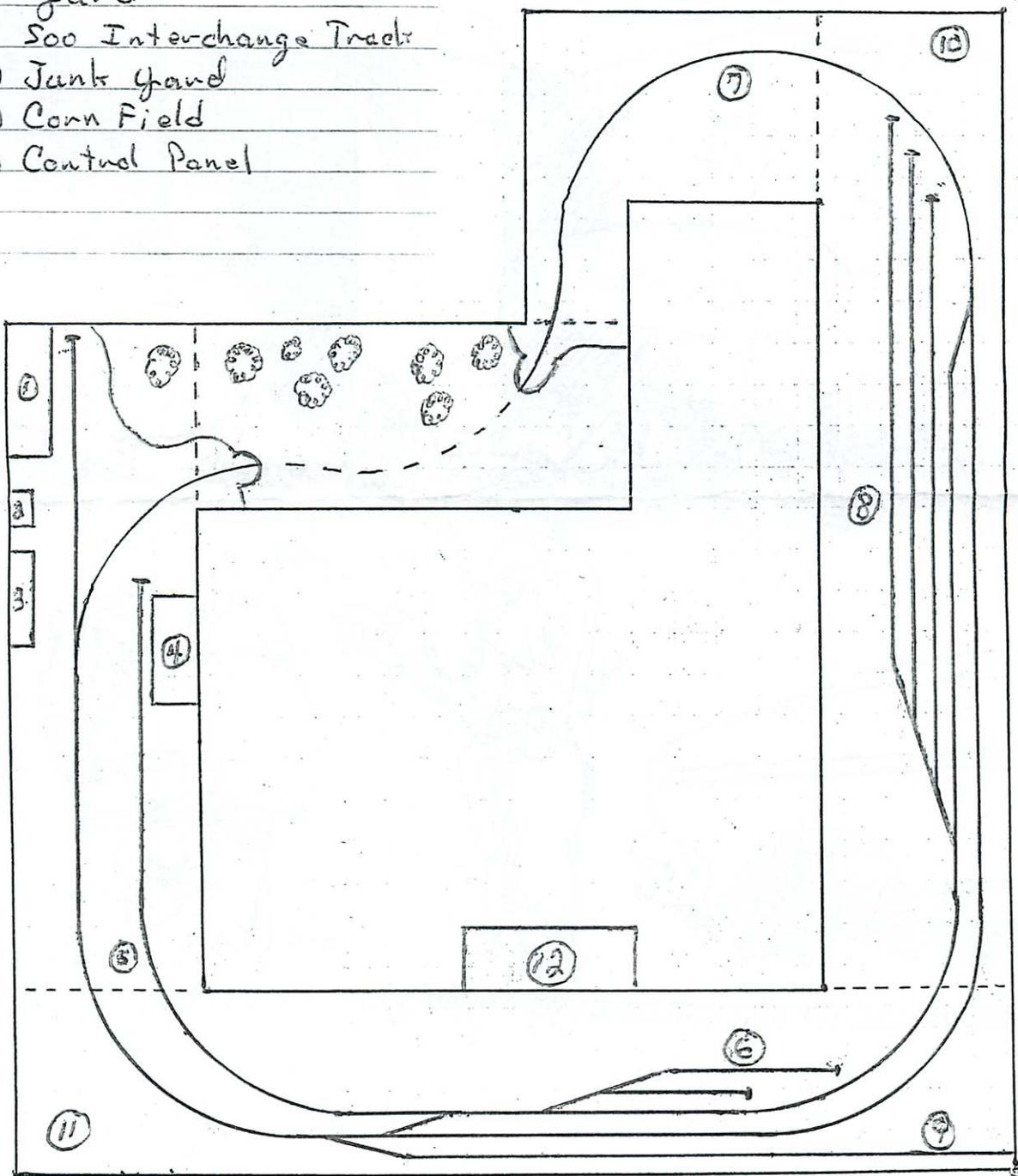
Overhead view of downtown Waupaca.



- ① Feed Mill
- ② Ebbe Coal
- ③ Badger Lumber
- ④ Warehouse
- ⑤ Johnson's Oil
- ⑥ Engine + Cobcoze Tract
- ⑦ City of Waupaca
- ⑧ Land
- ⑨ Soo Interchange Tract
- ⑩ Junk yard
- ⑪ Corn Field
- ⑫ Control Panel

WEL + RyCo

8x9 1/2





Are you stuck?

No, I'm delivering a bridge

© 1987 by [illegible]

WEL & RY Co.

By: Roger L. Hildebrandt

History Proto Type

The WEL & RY was a trolley line that ran from the Soo Line depot in Waupaca to the Grandview Hotel in King from 1899 to 1925. It was unusual that a town as small as Waupaca even had a trolley line of its own. Americas love of the auto and the refusal of Waupaca's city fathers to allow it to haul freight to the vets home in King did it in, in 1925. Some of its tracks did remain in place until the mid 1990's and were recovered by the local model railroad club along with its last remaining car.

HO WEL & RY

Modeling the line is a what if story as if the line was still running. It is hard to justify owning its own engine and engine repair facility while owning only about four miles of track so most power is leased with a strong influence of MILWAUKEE at this time. The Soo had lost interest in serving the industry in Waupaca during the Great Depression. The WEL made a deal with the Soo to handle the freight traffic through the interchange and with its tourist line to King managed to hang on to the present day.

Bench Work

Bench work is table top type. The side is 1/2 inch plywood stained with Danish Walnut color and sealed with polyurethane. 3 1/2 inch square blocks were glued to the inside of the sides so the 1x4 cross structure could be fastened to, thus eliminating the unsightly screw from the out side. 1/2 inch plywood was then placed over the entire layout with 1/2 inch homasote to follow. The layout consists of five modules.

Track

Track is Atlas flex track and some 22 inch radius curves along with Peco large switches. One inch section of rails bridge the gap for the modules. A mixture of 50% High Ball HO cinder, #224 and 50% Woodland Scenic fine gray ballast was used for ballasting the track. Adhesive for the ballast is 50% white glue, 50% water and a few drops of Dawn dish detergent.

Wiring

There are only two blocks on the layout, the main line and the yard. This allows Andrew to run two trains at one time. We used MRC Tech II 2500 which has a variable DC and a fixed DC allowing us to install a walk around unit.

Scenery

It was decided not to use ground foam or any of the commercial grasses due to the fact that Andrew has some 100 little cars and trucks and they undoubtedly would find there way onto the grassy areas and thus would destroy it. We painted it a light green and after it dried we used a sponge to dab on a darker green to break up the solid color look. It turned out rather well I think. The highway is just painted on using a flat black paint. The trees are the bottle brush type placed so as not to be in Andrews way while running trains or his many cars and trucks. Most buildings are the old Plasticville type. They have four tabs in the corners that allow them to be assembled and disassembled regularly without damage. This allows Andrew to relocate them whenever he has notion to. The mountains and tunnels were made from foam board carved and then covered with paper bag material.

Operation

The WEL & RY gets its freight traffic from the Soo through the interchange track , sorts and stores cars in a small yard. Being such a small line there is no set schedule for freight service. Most industries can get what they need within an hour just by calling Andrew at his office or at home.

The layout at a Glance

Name of Railroad: WEL & RY

Scale: HO

Size: 9 1/2' x 8' around the wall

Prototype or theme: Free-lance

Locale: Waupaca, Wisconsin

Period: Present

Length of mainline run: 31 feet

Benchwork: Table top - 5 modules standard grid work

Track: Atlas Flex, Peco switches

Minimum curve radius: 22 inch

Scenery construction: Foam with paper covering

Control: MRC II 2500 with 1 walk around

**NOTE: To be on the WLD Fall Meet Layout Tours in 2001.*

As you can see the layout was designed so it could be run prototypically or just played with. It also can grow as Andrew's talents grow. He is already talking DCC and a line to connect it to the WAMR Ltd portable layout when it is on display. Many shows restrict layouts to 50 feet in length. Wait until they find out we are 50 feet wide too.

From the Conductor

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

I hope you like the new look to the Crummy. Michelle has taken over all the layout of the newsletter, so if you like the new design, let her know. With this issue we are starting a new feature. Every other month we will feature a club members layout. We are starting with Andrew Hildebrandt's module layout built by Grandpa Roger. We would like to feature your layout in future issues. The layout does not have to be completed. As a matter of fact we can show some of your unique construction features better if it isn't completed. We are using Andrew's layout as a guide for the format we would like to use. We will take some pictures, you will need to provide the statistics and a track plan. Don't worry about being too fancy as we can fix things up for you. Also remember this isn't Model Railroader Magazine so it doesn't have to be perfect. We will run the featured layout tours every other month so let us know if you want your layout featured. On the alternating months, we will feature your favorite railroad pictures, either model or prototype. We will return your pictures, but please put your name on them and a short description.

We are getting this issue out a little early as we will be leaving April 29th to pick up our little daughter Meghan in Bulgaria. As you all know, we are quite excited about this. We will be introducing our new addition to you all as soon as she gets adjusted to our lifestyle here in the US.

Please check the schedule of events as there have been several new activities listed.

DCC Demonstration

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

On Mary 11th, Ted Bullman from The Hobby Connection train store in Wausau will be giving a demonstration on installing DCC Decoders in engines. Bob Schober has volunteered the use of his wife's basement for the demonstration. Anyone who plans on running Decoder Equipped engines should plan to attend this session. Ted has been very helpful with our DCC purchases and has been very willing to help us with our questions concerning our conversion to DCC.

Layout on Display at Midwest Region Meet September 30th & October 1st

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

On September 30th and October 1st the Appleton Model Railroad Club (The Paper Valley Model Railroad Club) will be hosting the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Mid-West Region Fall Meet. We have been invited to display our portable layout at the train show and this is also being run in conjunction with the meet. The train show will be located at the former Kaukauna Dog Track, just off of Hwy 41 north of Appleton. The train show will be on both Saturday and Sunday. The usual train meet activities include clinics, layout tours and a banquet will also be held in the evening. This is a good opportunity to give our layout exposure to model railroaders from throughout the Midwest region. More details concerning set up times and show hours will be in future issues of the Crummy.

Trolley on Display

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

Please note that the trolley will be on display at several events this summer including downtown Book Fest, King Days, Strawberry Fest Train Show and the 4th of July parade. Check with Roger or Mike if you want to participate in these events.

Roger 258-8218 or Mike 258-2295



Work on Portable Layout

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

Starting on May 18th we will be having work sessions at Roger's to work on the portable layout. Most important we will begin to install the DCC control system. We will keep the old control system operational until we get all the bugs worked out of the new system. Other work needed to be done is much of the track work needs repair especially near the ends of the modules. Many of the last pieces of track have raised up and need repairs. Also some of the scenery, especially the trees need some cleaning and upgrading. We have several shows coming up including Strawberry Fest, Marinette, Appleton, Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids so we need to get the layout in tip top shape.

**Trolley Will Be Displayed
At the Following Summer Events**

May 20 Main Street Book Festival
May 21 King Days
June 16-18 Strawberry Train Fest
July 4 Waupaca Parade

Wanted

Layouts to Design. Experience in all phases of the design process. Very responsive to the owners needs and wants.

Please contact [REDACTED]

I was informed by Roger that his phone # in last months ad was wrong. The editor apologizes for any inconvenience that this may have caused and for any jobs he may have lost due to this error. We will rerun the ad at no charge.

Disclosure Statement

By: Michelle D. Trierweiler

A quick note from the new appointed (by my husband) newsletter layout person. From recent talks with Roger I am putting in a clause regarding jokes, statements, etc... regarding spouses, significant others and train club members: the editors are not responsible for the views expressed by the authors in their articles. *All lawsuits should be directed towards the author of the article and not at the Newsletter staff. (And NO Roger I won't work Saturday at the Strawberry Fest, you better start apologizing.)*

Train Club Member Roster

By: Michelle Trierweiler

In the June Newsletter of the Crummy we will be sending out an updated copy of the Member Roster. On the updated roster we have included a column for Email Addresses. If you would like your email address put on the roster please give it to Jan by the end of May so that it will be in the June issue of the Crummy.

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**11th Annual
Strawberry Fest**



MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

Saturday, June 17th

10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, June 18th

10 am - 4 pm

The George Hendrickson Center

Members are needed to help set up on Friday, June 16th at 12 pm.

Help is also needed with the Food Stand, especially on Sunday, June 18th.

(Virginia will be gone) This is our major fund raiser so if you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

****Layout will be Displayed****

Please Contact:

[REDACTED]

if you can help.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 20	WORK SESSION AT JOHN'S
APRIL 27	WORK SESSION AT EUGENE'S
APRIL 29	WINNEBAGOLAND DIVISION SPRING MEET AT ST. POINT
MAY 4	WORK SESSION AT AL'S
MAY 11	TED AT BOB'S - COMMAND CONTROL INFO MEETING
MAY 18	PORTABLE LAYOUT WORK SESSION AT ROGER'S
May 25	PORTABLE LAYOUT WORK SESSION AT ROGER'S
JUNE 1	OPERATING SESSION AT WILLARD'S
JUNE 8	PORTABLE LAYOUT WORK SESSION AT ROGER'S
JUNE 15	PORTABLE LAYOUT WORK SESSION AT ROGER'S
JUNE 16	SET UP LAYOUT AT THE HENDRICKSON CENTER
JUNE 16-18	STRAWBERRY FEST TRAIN SHOW - LAYOUT DISPLAYED
JUNE 22	PORTABLE LAYOUT WORK SESSION AT ROGER'S
JUNE 29	PORTABLE LAYOUT WORK SESSION AT ROGER'S
JULY 22	RAIL FAIR 2000 AT COPELAND PARK, LACROSSE, 10AM - 5PM
AUGUST 13	CLUB GOLF OUTING AT GORDY'S
SEPTEMBER 8-10	MARINETTE TRAIN SHOW - LAYOUT DISPLAYED
SEPT. 30 & OCT. 1	FALL MEET IN APPLETON - LAYOUT DISPLAYED
OCTOBER 28 & 29	MARSHFIELD TRAIN SHOW - LAYOUT DISPLAYED
NOVEMBER 11 & 12	TRAINFEST IN MILWAUKEE
DEC. 9-10	RAPIDS MALL - LAYOUT DISPLAYED

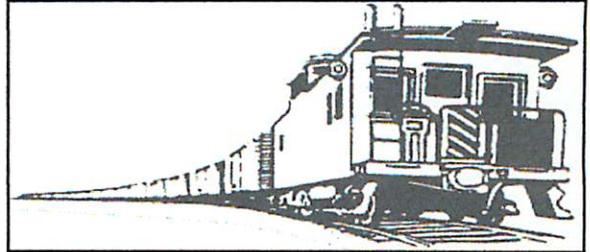
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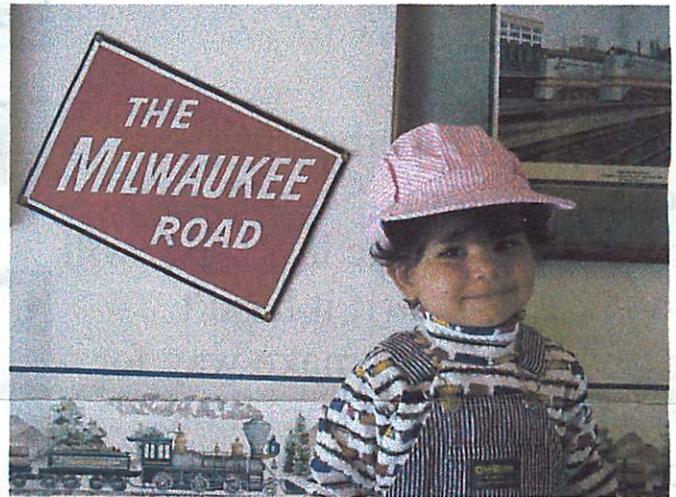
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FROM THE CONDUCTOR

By: Jan Trierweiler

As most of you know, Michelle and I are now the very proud parents of our daughter Meghan Maria. The adventures (or perhaps misadventures) on our trip to Bulgaria are probably already well known so I won't repeat them here, but I don't think we will ever pick Bulgaria as a place to spend our summer vacation. Meghan is such a joyful addition to our family. It is really difficult to express how much she means to us. Sometimes I just have to hold her hand or touch her little toes to make me believe that she is truly here. By the way, the first words that she learned besides mama and papa was CHOO CHOO. We have spent a little time with Thomas the Tank so she is well on her way to being a model railroader.



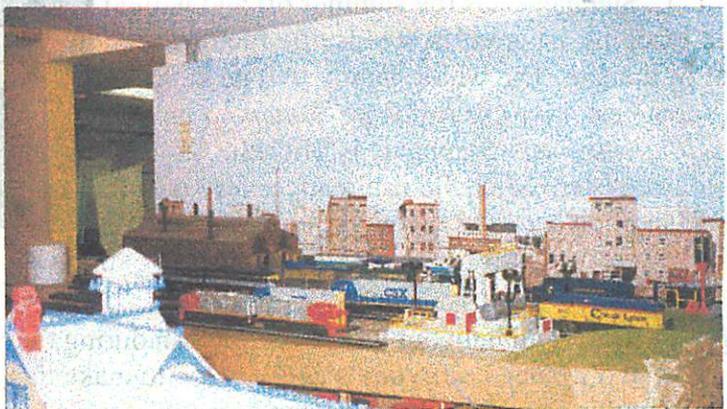
As some of you might already know, another member of our club had a baby on May 15th. Dean and Stephanie Carriveau of Brillion are the proud parents of a baby girl, Samantha Renee. Dean took off a week from work to be with Stephanie and Samantha. Stephanie has the summer off and will go back to teaching 1st grade at Reedsville Elementary School in the fall. The whole family will be at the Strawberry Fest (*they are breaking Samantha in early with the trains*) Stephanie is Michelle Trierweilers sister. Michelle is already a very proud aunt and spoiling her little niece like crazy



DON'T FORGET to help out whenever you can during the Strawberry Fest Train Show. This is our major fund raiser and we need everyone's cooperation to make this a successful event. See the schedule elsewhere in this issue for when you can help out. Don't forget to invite your spouse or significant others to help out too—especially at the food stand.

PICTURES OF GORDY SAUVE'S O - SCALE LAYOUT

These are perhaps the last pictures of Gordy Sauve's very extensive O - Scale layout. It will soon be torn out (if it hasn't already been.) To make way for a family room and pool table. As a concession to the pool table, Diane will allow Gordy to put a **LARGE** 2 story addition onto their garage to house his new large, more detailed layout. More news to follow in later newsletters.





STRAWBERRY FEST TRAIN SHOW 2000



Schedule for Strawberry Fest Train Show

Friday, June 16th

7:00 am - Breakfast at Truckstop
8:00 am - 9:00 pm Work at the
Hendrickson Center (Set up
tables and layout, etc.)

Saturday, June 17th

6:00 am - Breakfast at Truckstop
7:00 am - 5:00 pm Work at the
Hendrickson Center.

Sunday, June 18th

9:00 am - ? Work at Hendrickson
Center - Clean up & pack up
the layout.

****Gather at the Kings Table for
a relaxing post-show meal****

FOOD STAND

As most of you know, the food stand is one of the major money makers for the club. Virginia Hildebrandt does an outstanding job running the food stand, but she does need help to make it a success. She especially needs help from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm each day and at 4:00 pm on Sunday to help clean up. Let's all help out in this most valuable part of the train show.



WAMR Swap Table

There will be a table available to all club members to sell their unwanted and excess railroad equipment at the Strawberry Fest Train Show. Be sure to label each of your items **clearly** with your **name and the price** that you want for the item. Also include if the price is **negotiable or firm**. When an item is purchased the label will be taken off the item and put in the notebook along with the price it was sold at. Checks will be made out to Jan Trierweiler. At the end of the show Jan will go through the notebook, cash the checks and give out the money accordingly to each member. Please keep a record of the items you bring to the show to sell. **Help will also be needed to watch this table.** Jan and Michelle will provide the money box and change.

WAMR Layout at Strawberry Fest Train Show

Don't forget that our layout will be set up and operating at the Strawberry Fest Train Show. Because the Stevens Point Club is rebuilding their portable layout, space was available for us to set up our layout. This will not only give us a chance to run some trains, show off our layout and this will also give us some time on Friday and Saturday morning to get some work done on our conversion to DCC. We need to keep the trains running so be sure to bring your equipment.

*Come and Enjoy
a day of Fun*
at the Strawberry Fest Train Show.
Lots of great food, excellent layouts,
great buys and good conversation.

**Trolley Will Be Displayed
At the Following Summer Events**

June 16-18 Strawberry Train Fest
July 4 Waupaca Parade

Model Railroading with Andrew

By: Roger Hildebrandt

Its been said that kids are 50% sugar, 50% spice and 100% imagination. With Andrew I am not so sure about the sugar and spice but he sure fits the imagination percent. He has reminded me on more than one occasion that the passengers waiting at the Glennville Depot are getting teed off because the passenger train never shows up during any of my operating sessions. I wasn't aware there was even anyone there. Willing to bend but not brake I let him put together an excursion train that would run from Green Bay to the Virgin Jane Mine for a tour of the mine and back. He was to run this train during a recent operating session. As it turned out another young man showed up and the two of them spent most the night running his little layout. To the rescue came Bob who volunteered to be the engineer on this most important run. Two weeks later I had volunteers fighting for this run. Andrew's imagination had opened up a can of worms that I wasn't even aware of. Guess I'll have to pursue this aspect a little further. ***Besides it's a real simple run, something even a Bob or a John can do.*** You say you want more proof. Well, hear this. The other day he asked how high the Junction City part of the portable layout was. Why I asked. Well, he said, I could make a connecting module so he could tie his layout in to the club portable layout. ***Look out Jan we may be going to Wisconsin Rapids sooner than you think.*** Just give him a few years and he'll do it himself.

Model Railroading is fun and with Andrew's imagination there is no limit to how much fun.

WAMR Scholarship \$250.00



**Went to Senior
Samantha Lee
at the**

Waupaca High School.



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News From Area Clubs & Misc. News

By: Jan Trierweiler

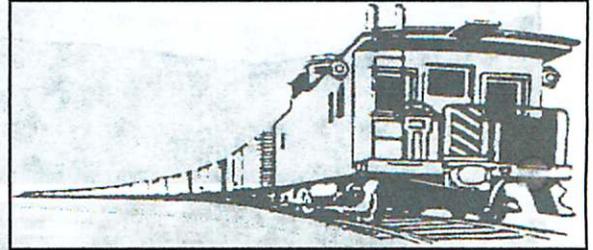
The Stevens Point Club hosted a successful NMRA Winnebagoland Division Spring Meet on April 29th. A good turnout for the show and about 70 people attended the banquet with WC's Chris Urban the guest speaker. The layouts were also well attended including 2 WAMR members, Pat and Gordy. *(This was the last public viewing of Gordy's layout before destruction).*

News is not so good from the Marshfield Club. The building that has been their home for the last several years has been sold to make way for a hotel/convention center. They must move out by August 1st. Their fall show at this point is up in the air. For them, the loss of their club house is a major one as most of their members do not have home layouts and the portable layout provided a layout to run their equipment on. We all hope that it goes well in their search for a new home. I am sure we will get an update when they participate in the Strawberry Fest Train Show.

If you are an NMRA Member and received The "Bulletin", take a look at pages 8 and 10 of the June issue. The add for a book being sold by the NMRA is a picture of some ore cars. These cars are Willard's and the loads were made by WAMR President Roger. The BN Grain car in the background is Alan's. The picture was taken on the portable layout at the National Convention at Madison.

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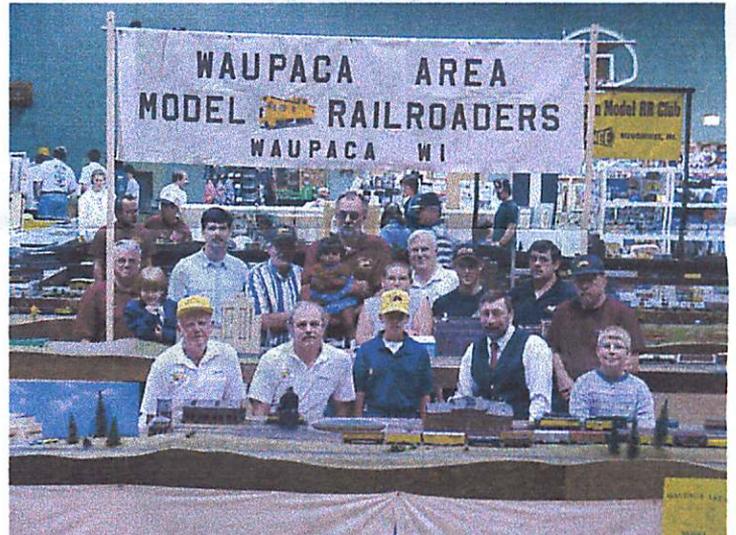


FROM THE CONDUCTOR

By: Jan Trierweiler

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TRAIN SHOW 2000

Well guys and gals, we have again completed a very successful train show. This had to be one of the largest number of vendors at our show as we had to get many additional tables besides the ones at the Hendrickson Center. Although the attendance on Sunday was down from past years (*the weather was too nice*). The overall number of people seemed comparable to other years. As usual, the food stand did very well under the direction of Chief Cook Virginia Hildebrandt. Trixia Grant, Anke Hildebrandt and Linda Schober were especially helpful, along with others. Our increased membership allowed us to set up our portable layout for the first time in several years. Many members helped man the layout and keep the trains



running. Again it was a total team effort to set up the facilities, help vendors and clubs set up their displays, run the layout, man the food stand, be hosts to visitors, spend some money and finally clean up at the end of the show. Speaking of the end of the show, Trixia won the pool!!! Keeping it in the family as her mother, Virginia won it last year. A very special highlight of the show for me was getting to ride the miniature train in front of the Hendrickson Center with my daughter, Meghan. Thanks again to all those who helped and especially to Roger, who pulls all the details together to make this a very successful show.



Pictures of Strawberry Train Fest 2000



Portable Layout Update & Other News

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

Conversation of the portable layout to DCC is well along with most of the wiring completed. A big thanks to John and Rose Poris for the use of their garage so we could have a place to work on the layout undercover. We are on schedule to be operational by the Marinette Show.

Gordy will soon be breaking ground for his new 50'x24' train building. ***(It will actually be an addition to his storage building)*** It will be two stories with a 24'x12' work area on the front of the first level. He will be scheduling work sessions this fall to hang drywall and then to start bench work. By the way, a speedy recovery to Gordy and Dennis after their disastrous encounter with a deer on the way home from the June 22 club meeting. Dennis got the worst of it when the inflating air bag severely dislocated his right thumb. He is learning how to model left handed. ***(The deer came out in worse shape, that will teach it to mess with a Lincoln Town car)***

It was very exciting to get a demonstration on John Poris DCC equipped layout during a recent work session. The possibilities of operation are already evident and I am sure that as he gets more engines equipped with decoders, it will become even more apparent that the investment to DCC was worthwhile.

A recent work session at Al's got him on his way to an operational layout. An oval was put down so he could "run some trains" and work was started on the roadbed to support part of his mainline. It won't be long and he will have a very fine operational layout.

Be sure to let me know of any new happenings on your layout so I can include it future articles. Thanks!

AUGUST ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Little Wolf Central

Because of the space needed for the Strawberry Festival Summary, the article on Eugene's model railroad will be featured in the August Issue of the Crummy. Sorry for the delay.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The operating session scheduled at Eugene's for July 27th will be a work session, bring your tools!!!

PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE

RAIL FAIR 2000

**COPELAND PARK, LA CROSSE, WI
SATURDAY, JULY 22nd at 10:00 am -
5:00 pm**

Railroad show - Flea Market - Swap Meet -
Buy - Sell - Trade - Model & Toy Trains -
Railroadiana-
Railroad exhibits & Displays

Guided tours of the Steam Locomotive,
Caboose and Grand Crossing Tower

BNSF Railway display at
North La Crosse Yard

Canadian Pacific Railway
display at Sumner Street

Admission \$2.00, children under 12 free.
All proceeds go to maintain and restore the
La Crosse Short Line Railroad Display

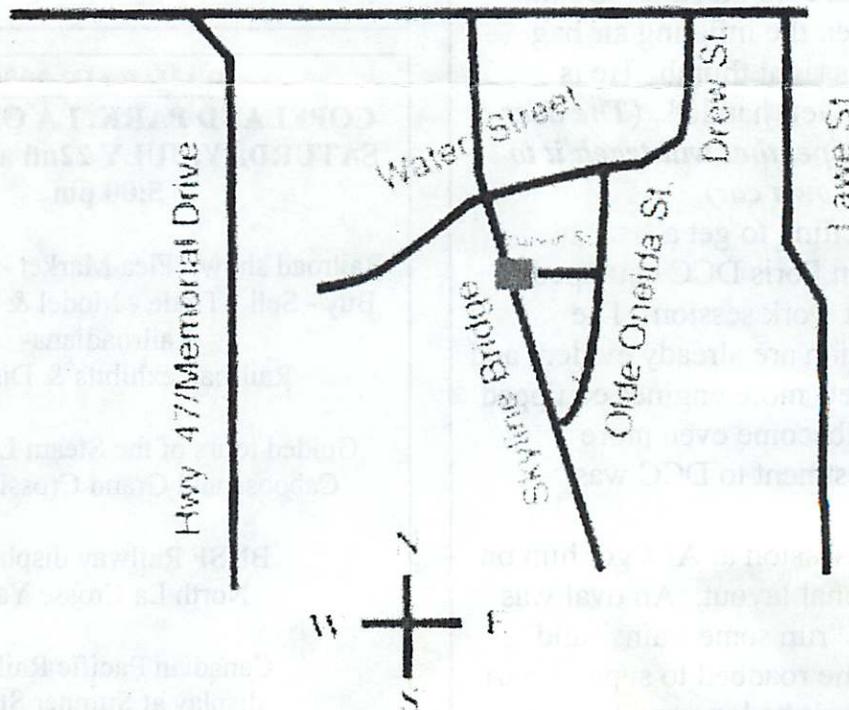
TROLLEY RIDE

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH

On Thursday, July 20th, our club has been invited to a special trolley ride on the beautifully restored Appleton Trolley car. The ride will begin at 6:30 pm (Plenty of light for pictures) in the "Flats". (Please see enclosed map) All members, spouses, significant others, kids and grandkids are invited to this great opportunity. It has been suggested we car pool to save gas, so let's talk it up at the meetings. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to ride an excellent example of a form of transportation of the past era. *(This special meeting will take the place of our scheduled work session.)*

Where We're Located

Edison Street near Olde Oneida Street, Appleton



Celebrating the first commercially successful electric street car service in the United States (and possibly the world!) It commenced operation on August 16, 1886. The electric street rail service was discontinued in the valley on April 6, 1930. Please pick up a brochure and read about this fascinating piece of train history.

Model Railroading with Meghan

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

On a recent family shopping trip to Wausau, we of course had to stop at the Hobby Shop - - The Hobby Connection. This was the first time Meghan had been there. We had been telling Ted, the owner, about our experiences with the adoption process, so he was excited to finally meet her. We took her downstairs to see the Choo Choo's (the club layout). When we came back up stairs, Ted show Meghan the multi-scale demonstration layout with an O-scale, HO scale and N scale oval of track. On the O-scale layout, Ted had a Lionel version of Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Meghan of course became very excited since she had already been introduced to Thomas through videos, clothes and a small figure-8 hand operated layout. Seeing how excited she was, and not missing an opportunity to further her introduction to model railroading. Papa bought her, her very own O-scale Thomas the Tank train set. So now I am not only an HO scale modeler but am now branching into O-scale.

Look out Gordy!!!

Meghan has recently become a little confused with the double trailer semis and calls them Choo Choo's. We have been trying to get her to see the difference between the trucks and Choo Choo's. On a recent trip to Marshfield, Meghan kept saying Choo-Choo, and I, thinking, she was seeing a truck, kept saying "No - truck!". But, she kept saying Choo, Choo. Then I looked to the left, through the brush, and there sat a train. From now on, I will listen when she says Choo, Choo.

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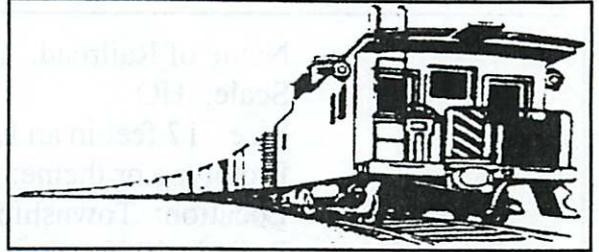
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W-h-a-m-m- 'e-r!

That's what all of the professional, amateur, want-a-bees, and duffers are supposed to do at...

**The WAMR Golf Outing,
Starting at 1 PM on.,
Sunday, August 13, 2000**

Come and enjoy the Waupaca Area Model Railroader's only non-railroading outing. Even if you've never golfed before, or never held (or owned) a club or ball, come and enjoy this annual good time. It's a family event, so bring the junior engineers, conductors, husband, wife, boyfriend, or girlfriend and enjoy. We have extra tees, balls, clubs, including a few for lefties, and a couple of extra bags and carts. Keeping score is your option.



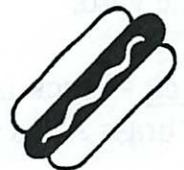
This year you will walk a little more. The "layout" is complete.

There are three long holes (190 to 200 yards) and you don't have to worry about getting in each others way. Each hole has its own tee, fairway, and "green"... depending on the weather, it might be a "brown".

As in the past, meat, buns and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. To keep us from having all main dishes or desserts, please call Diane or Gordy (824-3233 at home, 824-2502 at the office)... and let us know what you are bringing...



we'll keep a "running" menu. Please let us know as soon as possible, but hopefully no later than August 10th, so we have enough meat and O'Doul's.



I imagine Roger and Arpad will sneak a meeting in there someplace.

Diane & I hope to see you all there.



Little Wolf Central Railroad Eugene, Mark & Kelly Much

Name of Railroad: Little Wolf Central

Scale: HO

Size: 17 feet in an L Shape

Prototype or theme: Free-lance

Location: Township of Little Wolf

Period: 1999

Length of mainline run: 19 feet

Bench Work: 3/4 inch plywood, entertainment center, bookshelf

Track: Model Power Code 100 NS and brass Atlas switches

Scenery Construction: Woodland scenes, gray

Control: Starr-Tec Hogger with walk around

Note: To be on the WLD Fall Meet Tours in 2001

History - The Little Wolf Central is a fictitious railroad. Colors used on the engine are red and black with white lettering. The name for the railroad came from Little Wolf High School and Little Wolf Township which we live in. The names of some of the companies are made up, the others are surrounding area businesses.

Bench Work - The bench work is an entertainment center and bookshelf type. Made out of 3/4 inch oak plywood and clear polyurethane finish. 1/2 inch homasate was placed over the entire layout top.

Wiring - There is only one block on the layout. This allows no track rights between the GB&W and LWC. There are on/off switches on the tracks, so you can run other engines in the yard.

Track - Track is Model Power flex tract NS Code 100. 22 inch radius curves along with NS and brass Atlas switches.

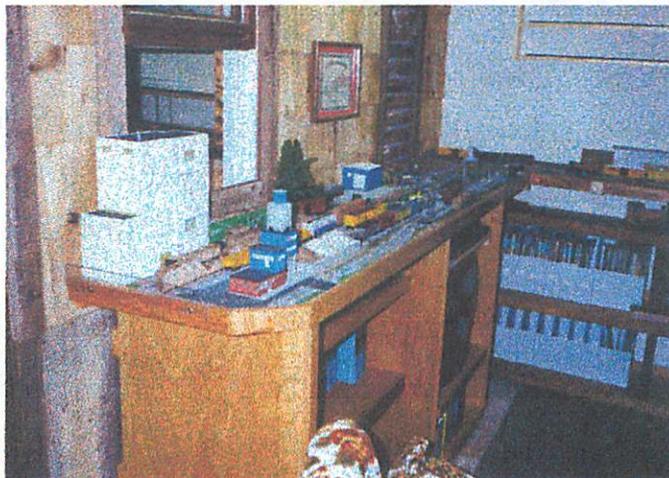
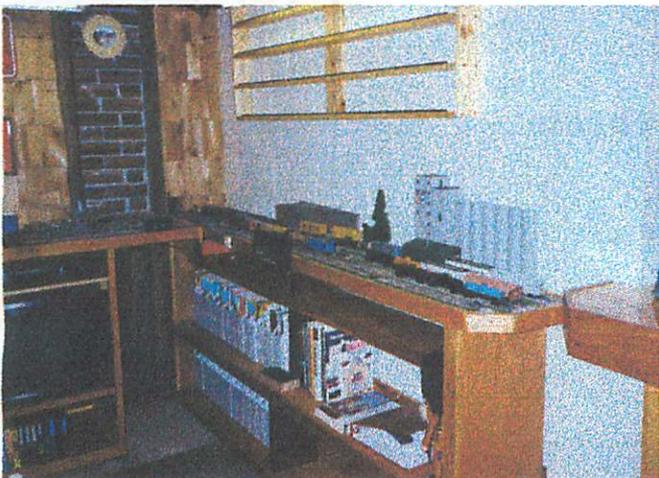
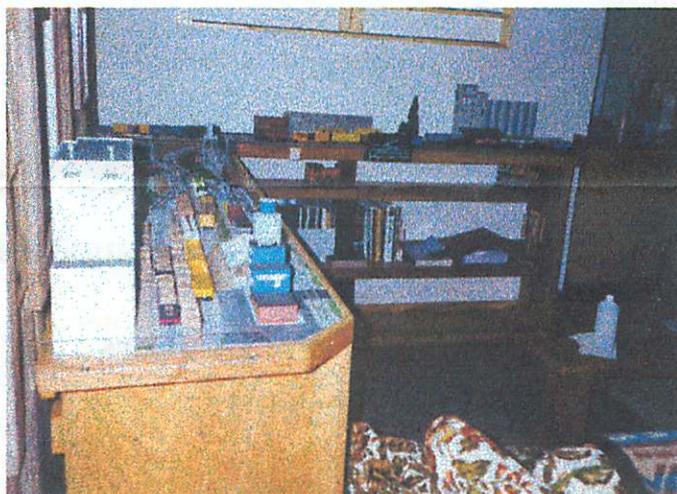
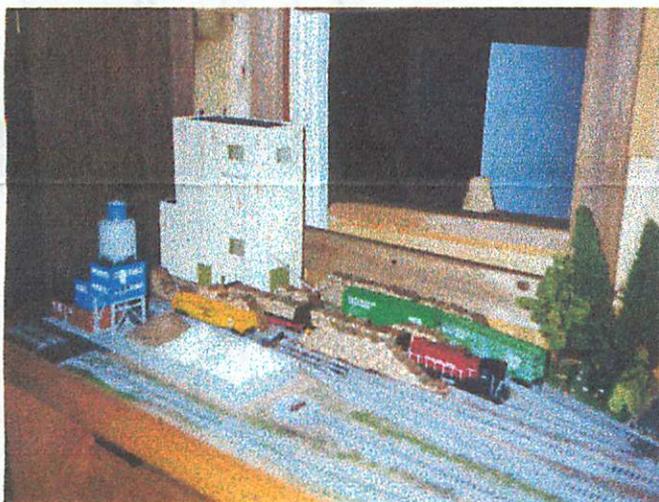
Scenery - Ballast is Woodlands Scenes Medium Gray. Most of the yard is sand and turf weed T46, green blend T49. The highway is black sandpaper. The trees are bottle brush type and weed. Adhesive for ballast is 50% white glue, 50% water, and a few drops of dish soap. Junk cars and trucks in Sell's Salvage Yard were made from pieces of cork and aluminum foil, and then, painted and set in the train cards in the yard. Railroad ties were cut from tooth picks and glued onto the layout. Train cars with pulp loads are made from twigs which we have picked up in our yard and along the side of the road. Then, we cut the twigs to approximately 1 inch long and then they are glued onto the layout.

Operation - LWC switches cars from the Northland Paper Chipping Mill. Wood chips go to the Wisconsin Rapids Mill and the James River Mill. The Union Concrete receives sand and gravel from the Badger Mining. Sell's Salvage Yard grinds and cuts scrap material for the Green Bay Foundry. The Stockyard ships cattle to Packerland Packing. The County Valley Grain Elevator ships grain to the feed mill on the GB&W Railroad. Anthony Farms Inc. has potatoes delivered from many parts of the country. They ship potatoes to the Delicious Potato Chip Factory in Little Wolf Junction. The LWC has a sanding tower, diesel fueling rack and back shop.

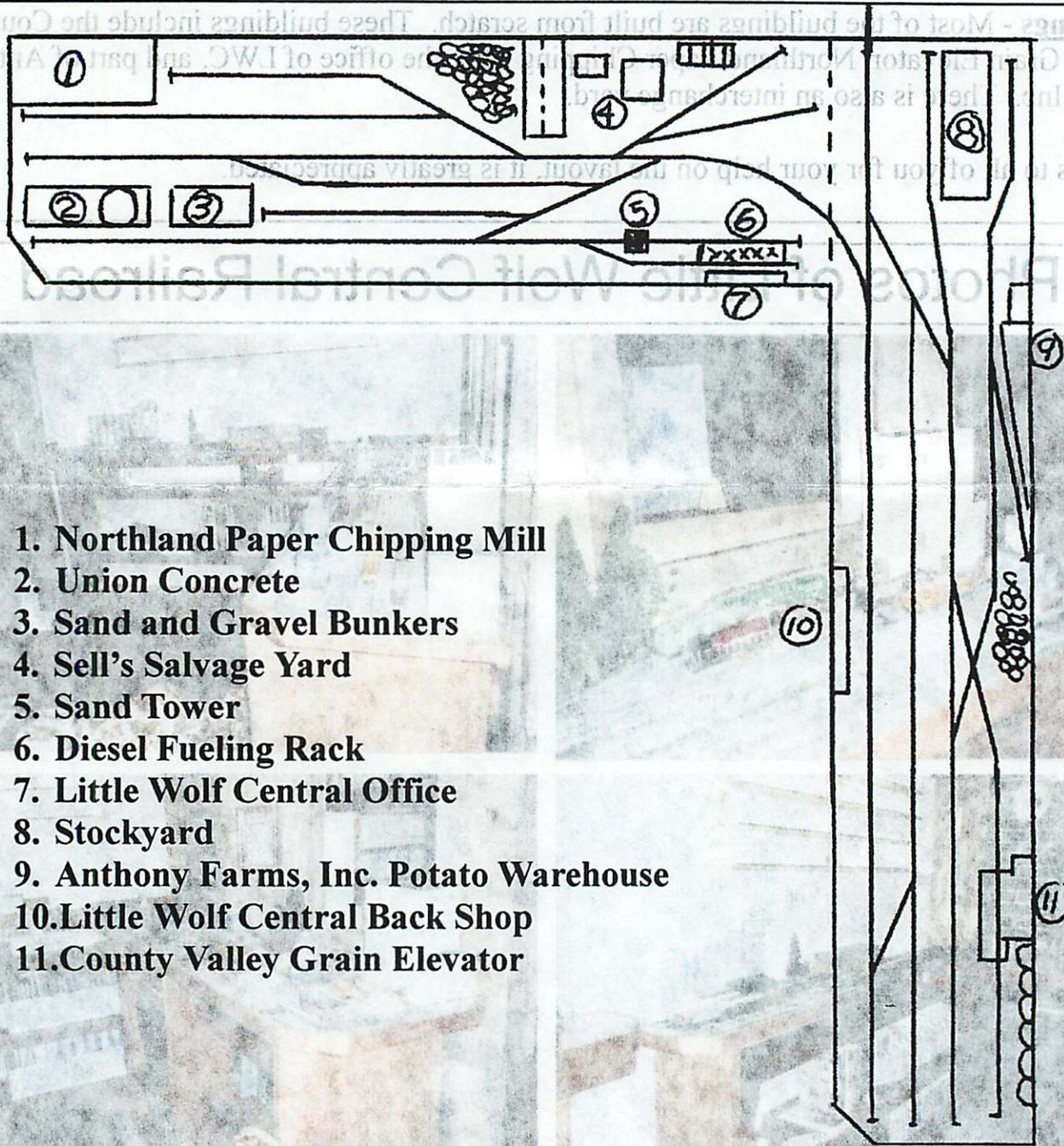
Buildings - Most of the buildings are built from scratch. These buildings include the County Valley Grain Elevator, Northland Paper Chipping Mill, the office of LWC, and part of Anthony Farms Inc. There is also an interchange yard.

Thanks to all of you for your help on the layout, it is greatly appreciated.

Photos of Little Wolf Central Railroad



Layout Design of the Little Wolf Central Railroad



- 1. Northland Paper Chipping Mill
- 2. Union Concrete
- 3. Sand and Gravel Bunkers
- 4. Sell's Salvage Yard
- 5. Sand Tower
- 6. Diesel Fueling Rack
- 7. Little Wolf Central Office
- 8. Stockyard
- 9. Anthony Farms, Inc. Potato Warehouse
- 10. Little Wolf Central Back Shop
- 11. County Valley Grain Elevator

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DON'T FORGET !!!

THE WAMR GOLF OUTING

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2000
AT 1:00 PM
AT GORDY & DIANE SUAVES**

*****Please remember to call and let them know what dish you will be bringing.**

This is a family event, bring your spouses, significant others, and children.

Lots of great food, golfing, great company and conversation for everyone.

LET'S GO GOLFING

(See front cover story)

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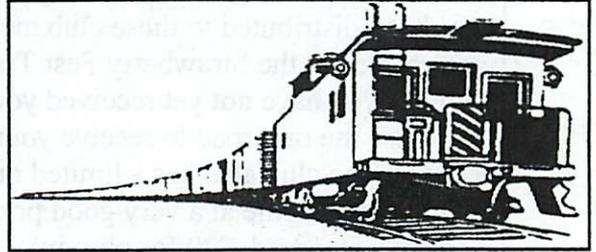
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From The Conductor
By: *Jan L. Trierweiler*

MARINETTE TRAIN SHOW UPDATE

Just a short report on the Marinette Show. A big-big-big thank you to John Poris for all his help at the show to get the layout up and running on Saturday morning and helping the members get the decoders in their engines. After a few tense moments on Saturday morning when the whole DCC system would not start up, all the members jumped in, under the guidance of John, and worked through the bugs to get the layout running. A few incorrectly wired plugs seemed to be the major problem but some other small glitches also happened. Until we get a little more familiar with the system, we will be doing a lot of trial and error to find the problems. It is possible that the system is sensitive to heat, and it was *HOT* in the gym, and this could also have let to some of the un-explained shutdowns and problems. All in all, it was a pretty good show and the visits to Joe and Dave's layouts (and the others too) made it a very enjoyable show. The true potential of the DCC system was shown and I think everyone will agree that the investment and hard work of installing it will be well worth it. I can't wait for the next show to get some more trains running from Stevens Point to Wausau.

Thanks again to John and all the members that made this another successful show.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY ROGER HILDEBRANDT

The decoders that the club purchased have been distributed to those club members who worked at the Strawberry Fest Train Show. If you have not yet received yours, please see me or Arpad to receive your free decoder. The club also has a limited number of decoders for sale at a very good price. (\$15 for a standard, \$20 for plug-in). See me or Arpad.

Also, please note that the Wisconsin Rapids Show has been switched from December 6 and 7 to December 2 and 3.

MR. DCC

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

Our local "expert" on Command Control is John Poris. His quite expensive triple deck HO scale layout is operational and he has about ten engines with decoders installed, including several steam engines. He has been a valuable resource for converting the portable layout to DCC and also for installing decoders in club member's engines. Now at the shows, when something doesn't work on the layout, don't yell "Roger"—yell "John".

Newsletter Updates

By: Michelle Trierweiler

I have to apologize about the lateness of the newsletter. I have been very busy with my new classes and trying to establish a routine with studying, daycare and everything in between. Thank you for your patience.

FROM THE CONDUCTOR

BY JAN L. TRIERWEILER

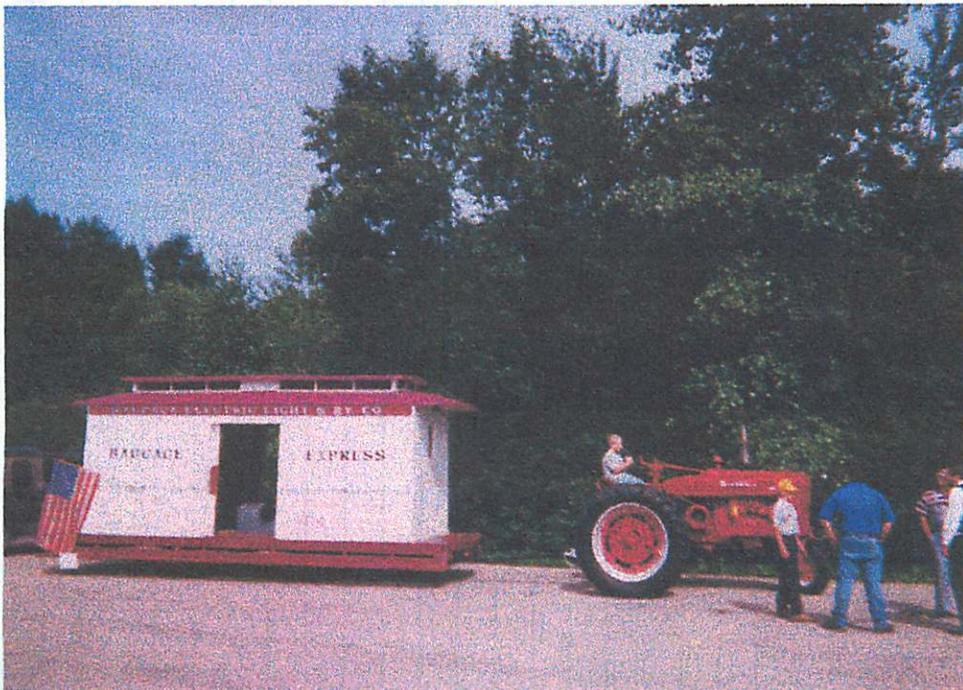
First of all, on behalf of all the club members, I would like to extend a well-deserved thank you to Gordy and Diane for hosting our annual golf outing on their improved golf course. It is now a regulation nine holes and with all the rain this summer, it was in excellent playing condition. Too bad the talent of the golfers didn't match up to the quality of the course. The food was again great and the fellowship with members and their families, made for a very relaxing and enjoyable day. Thanks again, Gordy and Diane.

At the business meeting, several awards were presented. Gordy and Diane were presented with the Editor's award for their contribution to printing the newsletter. Bob Schober was presented the President's award for his contribution to the club. Reports were given on the status of installing the DCC on the portable layout and the showing of the baggage car. Larry Hildebrandt was the board member up for election, but he declined. Lynn Schober was elected as new board member.

We are entering the fall and winter months, which signal the start of the train show season. In case you have not heard, the train show part of the NMRA Fall meet in Appleton has been cancelled and thus we will not be displaying layout. The rest of the meet on September 29 and 30 and October 1 is still being held. Many members are still planning on attending. October 28 and 29 is the show at Marshfield. The show at Wisconsin Rapids has been changed from December 6 and 7 to December 2 and 3. Please let Roger know if this is a problem with your attendance. Get involved—this is an exciting part of the year.

Scenes At July 4th Parade

Photos By: Larry Hildebrandt



THE DELIGHTS OF BEING A CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN TELEGRAPHER-CLERK...

THIS USED TO HANG ON THE WALL
IN THE OPERATOR'S BAY AT
THE FOND DU LAC DEPOT.

What's that you say friend??.. You say the yardmaster went home sick and you're all alone? You say that two-hundred car hot shot just arrived and the bills are lost?.. What's that you say//.. You say the conductor you called for nine o'clock hasn't shown yet, it's now ten o'clock and the brakeman is on his first student trip?.. Is this what's bothering you friend??.. Or is it the fact that the yard engine just went on the ground and the trainmaster is in Chicago?.. Is this what's giving you that headache??.. Or maybe it's the way you told that bossy voice on the phone to go to hell and then found out it was the division manager.. and he asked you what your seniority date was..not counting tomorrow?.. Is this what is making your ears ring??.. Or maybe you're just a little bit upset because you just dropped the departure deck for a one hundred car piggy-back train and the cards for the cars and trailers are all mixed together.. on the just mopped floor?.. Is this all that's giving you grief??.. You say the agent told you to work all of the missing moves on your shift without fail today because you have a lot of extra time on your hands?.. Well maybe..Just maybe.. You're nervous because a crew just died outside the yard limits and there are three trains waiting behind him and the dispatcher wants you to take thirty seven new train orders to clear the log jam?..Is this what makes your eye twitch??.. Or could it be.. you have to complete the payroll for forty men, this is the day in the half and it's not in the drawer where you left it yesterday?.. You say you must check all twenty six tracks in the old yard before the extra crew can go to work.. They are all on time and a half and it's raining?.. Is that why that tear is in your eye??..

Or is it because you have three phones.. they each have four buttons.. and they're all lit?.. Does this somehow upset you?.. Or is it that you have five more hours to go before your relief comes to work and he laid off sick yesterday?

Is this all that is bothering you??!!.. Well cheer up friend!! Look on the bright side!! Behind every cloud there is a silver lining!! The good things in life are on their way!! You have a good railroad future ahead of you, so what do you have to worry about?! Be Happy!!

Besides.....you've just been bumped.

(Thanks to John Poris for providing us with a look at a day in life of a railroad man!)

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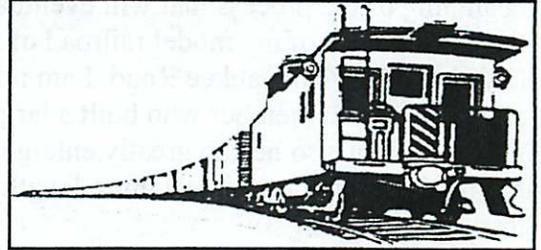
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CLUB TO HOST FALL MEET 2001

By: Jan L. Trierweiler

As most of you probably already know, we, the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders, will be hosting the 2001 Fall Meet for the Winnebagoland Division of the National Model Railroad Association. The date for this meet is Saturday, October 6, 2001. The theme for the meet is **"2001-A LAYOUT ODESSEY"**. We are going to try to set a new standard for home layouts available to conventioners to visit. We would like to have as many members who have layouts to have them open for viewing. It does not matter if your layout is finished or not—just operational. Sometimes a "not completed" layout can be just as informative as a finished one, for your building techniques can more easily be seen. Also, the size of layout is not important. Even a small switching layout can be very interesting to see. Shows such as this one are also good incentive to get to work on the layout and get some of those projects done to show the visitors. Also, if time allows, you may want to produce a handout for your layout that might include: a track plan, statistics (curve radius, feet of mainline, control system, etc.) and a history of your layout (fictional or real). I can help you with this.

The format for the meet will be standard form with a general meeting at the Hendrickson Center starting at about 9:00 AM. Included there will be clinics, vendors, and fellowship. Usually, the layout tours start after lunch, but since we have so many layouts available, we will start earlier, possibly 10:00 or 11:00. The tours will last until about 5:00 or 5:30. A banquet at the Kings Table will follow at 6:00 or 6:30. The banquet speaker will be our own Mike Kirk with a presentation on the Waupaca Trolley Line. Along with the layouts, we will need help with the show at the Hendrickson Center and with the food stand.

Each person having a layout displayed will need to confirm it with Roger or me and will need to write a short paragraph describing your layout for the handout and map.

This may seem pretty early to be thinking about this, but you will be surprised how fast this year will go by. The Thursday night work sessions will be a good opportunity to get some help in getting your layout in good shape for the show. One other thing that might be of help would be to try to have at least one other person to help you during the show. This will allow you to talk to the visitors and not have to worry about running trains. Check with the club members who will not be having their layout open for the show for some help. We will be discussing later about setting up for visitors etc., if you never done a show before. Let's all work together to make this a show the people will talk about for a long time!!

FROM THE CONDUCTOR

BY JAN L. TRIERWEILER

Now at long last I have seen the beginning of the process that will eventually lead to the construction of my model railroad of the Valley Division of the Milwaukee Road. I am not as lucky as a certain club member who built a larger kitchen for his wife just so he can greatly enlarge his layout. My road to a new layout is a more lengthy and involved process.

The first step has actually taken place this past week as the concrete slab for my new garage has been poured. This will, in the spring, lead to the construction of our new garage; hopefully with the help of you club members. The next step will be the remodeling of the old garage into my new woodworking shop. This will in turn free up my present workshop in the basement for my layout. The space will be an "L" shaped room approximately 24' x 30' x 10', which will over double the space that I had for my previous layout.

With an actual start to construction of my layout within a foreseeable future, I have begun some serious planning and designing of the layout. Although many of the features from the previous layout will be retained, most things will be improved, updated, enlarged, and made more consistent with my more in-depth investigation of the prototype. Several improvements will include all scenes being viewed with north being to the right of the viewer. This will make for easier understanding as to the trains operation as it travels on the layout. Another update on the new layout will be the more accurate representation of the track arrangement in each of the towns and cities I will be modeling. To get an idea of what the actual track layout was, I have been using a program on the Internet called TeraServer. From this program you can download U.S. Geological Society Survey Topographical maps. By enlarging the maps, the track arrangement can be seen and printed for reference. This program is found as a link in the Model Railroader magazine's home page. I, of course, will not be able to replicate the track pans exactly, but will instead try to get the "flavor" of the arrangement

to give a realistic facsimile of the city or town with its industries and transportation system. The layout will consist of several "Layout Design Elements"(LDE), the towns or cities, scattered around the layout room in the correct order and approximately in proportional distance apart. Between these LDE will be the run of the mill, common and perhaps boring scenery that is common in central Wisconsin including farmland, hardwood woods and pine forests and swampy land from south to north along the right of way of the Valley Division. The depth of the LDE will be from 16" to 24" with the scenes between about 12" deep. I will start out with the lower level that will represent the trackage from Junction City to Wausau. The trackage south of Junction City (Wisconsin Rapids, New Lisbon, etc.) will be represented by staging. Until the second level is built, the trackage north of Wausau will also be represented by staging and will later be replaced with another complete level joined to the first by a helix. This trackage will be from Brokaw to Tomahawk and Heafford Junction.

The mechanics of construction will have the bench work a combination of "L" girder and regular box framing with 3/4" plywood sub roadbed with Homabed roadbed. The track will be Nickel Silver with Peco switches. Electrical control will be by Digitrax Command Control. All switches will be hand thrown. Operations will follow the actual Milwaukee Road timetable from October 1966 for the scheduled trains and the use of Train Orders to keep everything else running smoothly.

As you can see, I have some pretty lofty goals, but after seeing and participating in the construction of many very fine layouts of our club members, I am confident that with the help of you club members it is a project that is realistic and attainable. I really don't have any schedule as to when I want to have certain parts one on the layout. I want to take my time and enjoy this project. So don't be surprised to see a work session at my house in the future.

Club Meetings

Thursday Evenings

Come and Enjoy the Fun (and treats)

CLUB DUES ARE DUE!!!

The club dues for the year 2001 are due on January 31, 2001. The rates are \$5.00 Junior members (16 and under), \$12.00 single adult member, and \$15.00 for family member. Please pay Arpad as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you owe for 2001, check with him. You will not receive any personal notification. If you do not pay your dues by January 31, 2001, you will no longer receive the newsletter and you will be removed from the club roster.

CLUB TRIP TO TRAINFEST

As in the years past, we will be going to Trainfest as a group. Last year we had two vans full. If you are interested, contact Roger or Jan as soon as possible so we can plan on adequate transportation. The date for Trainfest is Saturday November 11.

Club Web Page

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We now have our very own Club Page on the World Wide Web. Dean has been working really hard on the web page for the club and is now asking for pictures of layouts. While Dean is getting more pictures and other info, the page says "UNDER CONSTRUCTION". You can find our web page at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~dssr4/>

If you have some pictures of your layout and would like them included on the web page, please give them to Jan and we will forward them to Dean. You will receive your pictures back. I will also be sending the pictures of club layouts that I took with the digital camera. If you don't want your layout on the web page please let Jan know.

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Jan, Michelle & Meghan

Trivia Question

By: Dean Carriveau

What was the first chartered
railroad in the United States?

Answer: The Granite Railway, Quincy, MA

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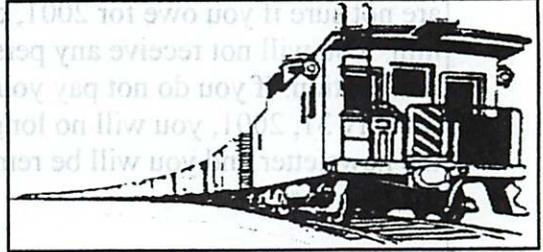
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Happy Thanksgiving



Chatter From The Crummy

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From The Conductor

By: Jan Trierweiler

At a recent get together at a members house, we were discussing the status of his layout- should he expand, tear out and start over, or leave as is. He made the statement about his present layout, that if he had been a member of the club when he started the layout he would had done things different. This is probably one of the best testimonials for being a members of a club. The benefits that can be derived from club membership goes far beyond just going to shows or having business meetings. It is drawing on all the experiences of all the members. Some club members have been active model railroaders for many years. (I have been active for 41 years) and have built many layouts. Also having interacted with other model railroaders for many years members have gained an immeasurable amount of information. At almost every club meeting you can see the interaction between the club members discussing any number of subjects from track layout to wiring to engine use. When members are able to draw on the resources of all the other members for any area that could improve their layout they are better for the experience. For many years I was a "lone wolf" model railroader. I relied on reading books and magazines for helping me, but for specific problems I encountered, I had to figure it out for myself or just work around the problem. Eventually when I discovered model railroad clubs and became an active member, a whole new world or resources opened up to me. Now I had friends who knew how to wire, friends who had built many layouts, and probably solved all those problems that I was going to encounter on future projects. And it was a sharing process because perhaps I could share some of my knowledge and experiences with other members. That's why clubs are so great and why every member makes the club that much stronger. So if you have a problem or a difficult situation, take advantage of the resources of your fellow members - you will be a better model railroader for it -- and don't forget to help others with your expertise.

CLUB DUES ARE DUE!!!

The club dues for the year 2001 are due on January 31, 2001. The rates are \$5.00 Junior members (16 and under), \$12.00 single adult member, and \$15.00 for family member. Please pay Arpad as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you owe for 2001, check with him. You will not receive any personal notification. If you do not pay your dues by January 31, 2001, you will no longer receive the newsletter and you will be removed from the club roster.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

 On Sunday January 21st, the Eugene Much family will host the Annual Christmas Party at their home in Manawa. Festivities will start at 1:00 and activities will include gift exchange for members and spouses/significant others (see article elsewhere for details), semi annual business meeting, pot luck meal and tours of Eugene's very fine layout, and good fellowship and conversation. Please let Julia Much know what you are bringing for the potluck meal about a week before the party so we can avoid duplication. This has proved to be one of the more enjoyable of the club activities, so everyone should try to attend.



GIFT EXCHANGE

We will be trying a new procedure for the gift exchange this year. In order to be able to more nearly match the gift to the recipient, we will draw names this year. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, you must give a piece of paper with your name and several gift ideas to Jan Trierweiler by December 20th. You may mail, E-mail, call or personally present your name to Jan. Michelle will then draw names and you will be contacted by phone who you have. The limit is \$25.00. Bring or send the gift to the Christmas Party. All members please mention to your wife or significant other that there will also be a gift exchange for the ladies. They should bring a \$15.00 gift to the party and they will exchange there.



WAMR WANT ADS

(We will be running ads for club members that would like to either buy, sell, give away and or swap train items with other members. Please give the ad to Jan and it will be printed in the next newsletter.)

For Sale: 72 used Brass Atlas #6 switches. 32 left, 40 right. \$1.00 each or \$60.00 for the whole box. Condition varies. Call Jan @ 715-258-8058

ENGINES FOR SALE

1 - Atlas GP-40 (Early Edition) Custom Painted Milwaukee Rd. - \$35.00

1 - Concor E-7 (Passenger) Milwaukee Rd. \$20.00

1 - Bachman GE 44 Tonner B&O \$20.00

1 - Walthers FM Switch - Milwaukee Rd. \$25.00

1 - Athern SD40-2 - Milwaukee Rd. Custom Painted w/ details. \$25.00

If interested please call

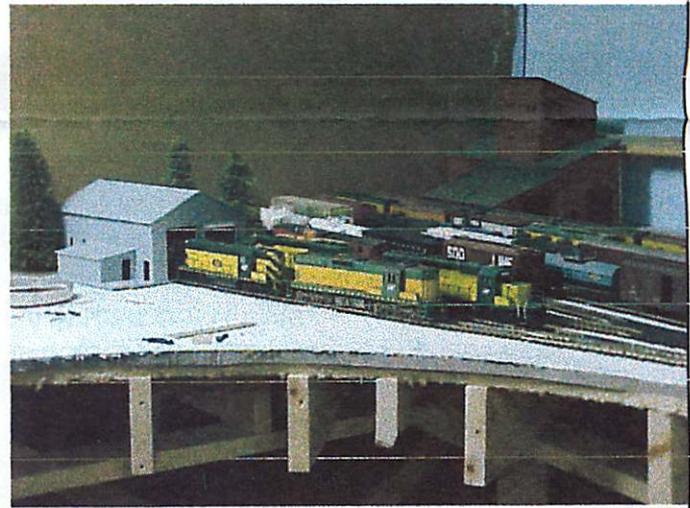
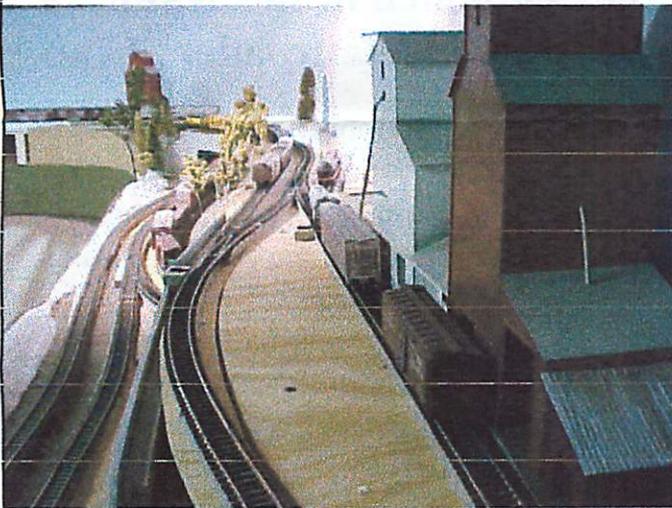
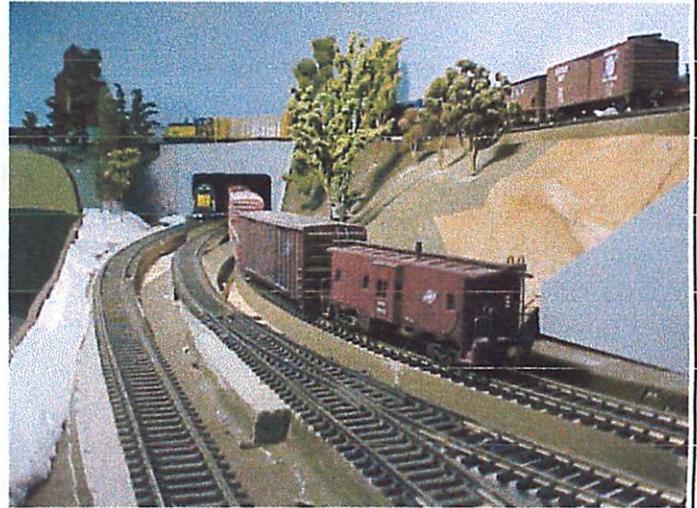
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Happy Holidays to
Everyone and their
Families
in the
Waupaca
Area Model
Railroaders
Club!



Bob Todd's Layout Des Moines Belt Railway Co.



My layout is the Des Moines Belt Railway Co. situated in Des Moines, Iowa. It is a fictitious railroad but actually the former Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern. All the industries are what is/was there but the switching is all done by the DMB, contracted out by the NorthWestern, Milwaukee Road and the Chicago and Great Western. It runs from downtown Des Moines to Boone, Iowa, 45 miles North of Des Moines. It interchanges with the Chicago and Northwestern at Boone. It will incorporate the East-West double main line between Clinton and Boone Iowa with the connection at Ames Junction to Des Moines for the Northwestern. I'm only about 10% finished with the benchwork and track but am presently working on scenery in certain areas, tying them together on the completed portion of the layout which is at present 41X12X21'. The extension being added will be another 39X24' which will be added to the 21' side making it a 60' run down the south side of the room.

WINNEBAGOLAND DIVISION OPERATING SESSION

BY JAN TRIERWEILER

On November 2nd. Four club members, Roger, Arpad, Eugene and I, traveled to Manitowoc to join 15 other model railroaders for the 4th Annual Division Operating Session. Divided into groups of 4 or 5, each group was assigned to operate on one layout in the morning and another in the afternoon. We stayed together as a group as we traveled to Manitowoc together. In the morning we had the privilege of operating the Clipper City Model Railroad Club layout. The very large layout is housed in a 36' x 100' building located at the fair grounds. The layout is designed as a display layout as the club has the layout open to the public several times a year. It is also quite operational, as we soon found out. Eugene and Roger were assigned to switch a very large industrial district while Arpad and I were assigned to bring a freight that had died by hours, into a yard, switch cars into the yard and put new cars into the train and then deliver those cars to Roger and Eugene in the industrial area. We then continued back to the yard, meeting several trains on the way. After completing that run, we ran a snowplow extra to clear the track and clean the ice from the tunnels. Finally we ran an extra train to the industrial area to deliver a car that we had forgotten to take on the first run.

In the afternoon we traveled to Captain Al Nelson's home layout to operate his fine layout. With new groups formed, Roger and I, and Eugene and Arpad each ran several way freights to switch the numerous industries on his layout. An added bonus was that we each purchased one of his very nicely done custom painted freight cars.

After the afternoon session, all 20 vesting operators and the local hosts met at a local pizza place for some great pizza and conversation about the day's activities.

You may ask why we would drive half way across the state to run trains. Operating trains has become a very enjoyable part of the hobby for many

members of our club, and the chance to operate trains on different layouts was too much to pass up. You get to experience different types of operational systems and to operate on different layouts.

The WinnebagoLand Division sponsors these operating sessions the first weekend in November each year with the location changing each year. (Waupaca hosted the first session, followed by Marinette, and Appleton.) Next year the session will be in Wausau. If you want to broaden your operating experience, sign up for this very enjoyable day. I am sure we will have a group going. Try operation---you may be surprised and like it.



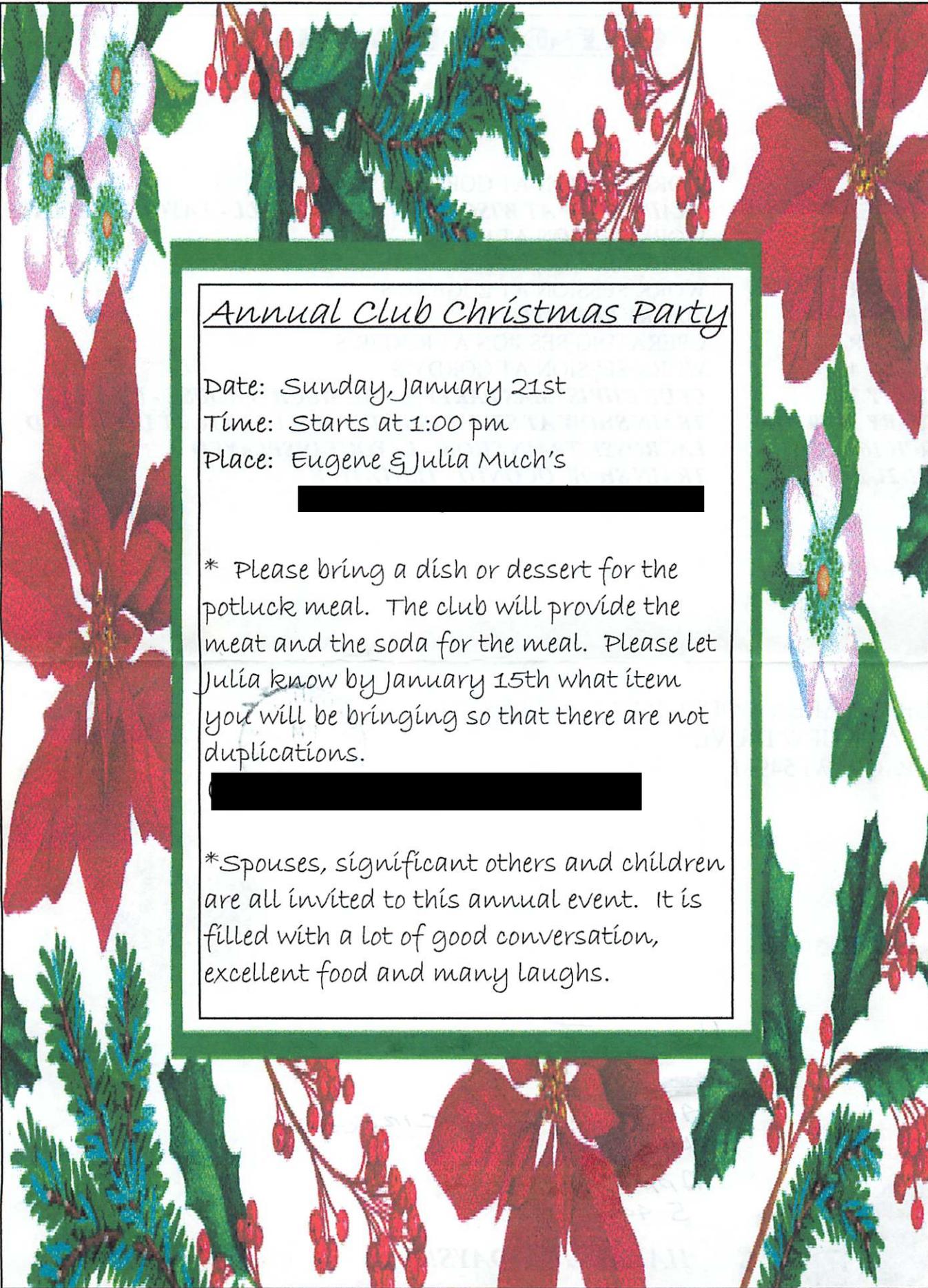
Wives and Significant Others of the gentlemen in the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders Club

Incase your hubbies and or significant others forget to tell you, the club is having their annual Christmas party at the Much's House in Manawa on January 21st, starting @ 1:00 pm.

Like last year you are all encouraged to attend this fun event, it's a great way to meet people and get to know other people in the train club. Last year we started a new tradition for the women and that was having you bring a gift to exchange with another woman at the party. It went over pretty well last year and so we are doing it again this year.

(Unfortunately, some women didn't know because their men forgot to tell them). Please bring a gift (\$15.00) to the Christmas party on January 21 to exchange with another woman at the party.





Annual Club Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, January 21st

Time: Starts at 1:00 pm

Place: Eugene & Julia Much's
[REDACTED]

* Please bring a dish or dessert for the potluck meal. The club will provide the meat and the soda for the meal. Please let Julia know by January 15th what item you will be bringing so that there are not duplications.
[REDACTED]

* Spouses, significant others and children are all invited to this annual event. It is filled with a lot of good conversation, excellent food and many laughs.

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MARCH 16-18	LACROSSE TRAIN SHOW - LAYOUT DISPLAYED
APRIL 21-22	TRAIN SHOW OCONTO - TENTATIVE

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