



## Annual Model Railroad School

This free event is held at the Fitchburg Community Center every January and is open to the public. Kids get to build a model railroad car and take it home, after running it on a piece of track at the school. Other clinics are presented to help kids and adults learn about various aspects of the hobby.

## The Lake Junction Model Railroad Club

This SCWD youth group is an active model railroad club for kids ages 8-16+. New members are always welcome. The group has its own impressive layout. Monthly meetings are held from September to May. Experienced modelers put on clinics to teach kids every aspect of model railroading...and, of course, how to run trains!

Membership is FREE! The club is financially supported by the SCWD and supervised by experienced model railroaders. Moms and dads (or the child's sponsor) are always welcome and appreciated! Please contact the Youth Group Chairperson at one of our monthly meetings.

## Regional Conventions

As part of the NMRA Midwest Region, the SCWD takes part in annual Regional Conventions. They include clinics, contests, tours, an auction and awards banquet, and non-rail activities. NMRA membership is required to attend.



## FREE Expert Advice and Help

Members who need help with any aspect of the hobby can contact other SCWD members for help. We have experts in scenery, wiring, structures, electronics, operation—all the information you need to get started in the hobby.

## HOW ACTIVE CAN I BECOME?

You can be involved in the SCWD in an almost endless number of ways. Many members volunteer to help at the annual Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale, and anyone can serve on one of our many committees. We are a volunteer organization, and volunteering is what makes the SCWD the success and fun that it is.

## NMRA MEMBERSHIP

We encourage you to consider joining our parent organization, the National Model Railroad Association. It's the best way to get "plugged in" to the hobby and there are numerous benefits to membership, including the NMRA monthly magazine, *Scale Rails*, access to the Kalmbach Memorial Library, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Standards for all scales, Convention and SCWD event discounts, and much more.

For more information visit: [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), or talk to our Membership Chairperson or SCWD Superintendant at a monthly meeting.



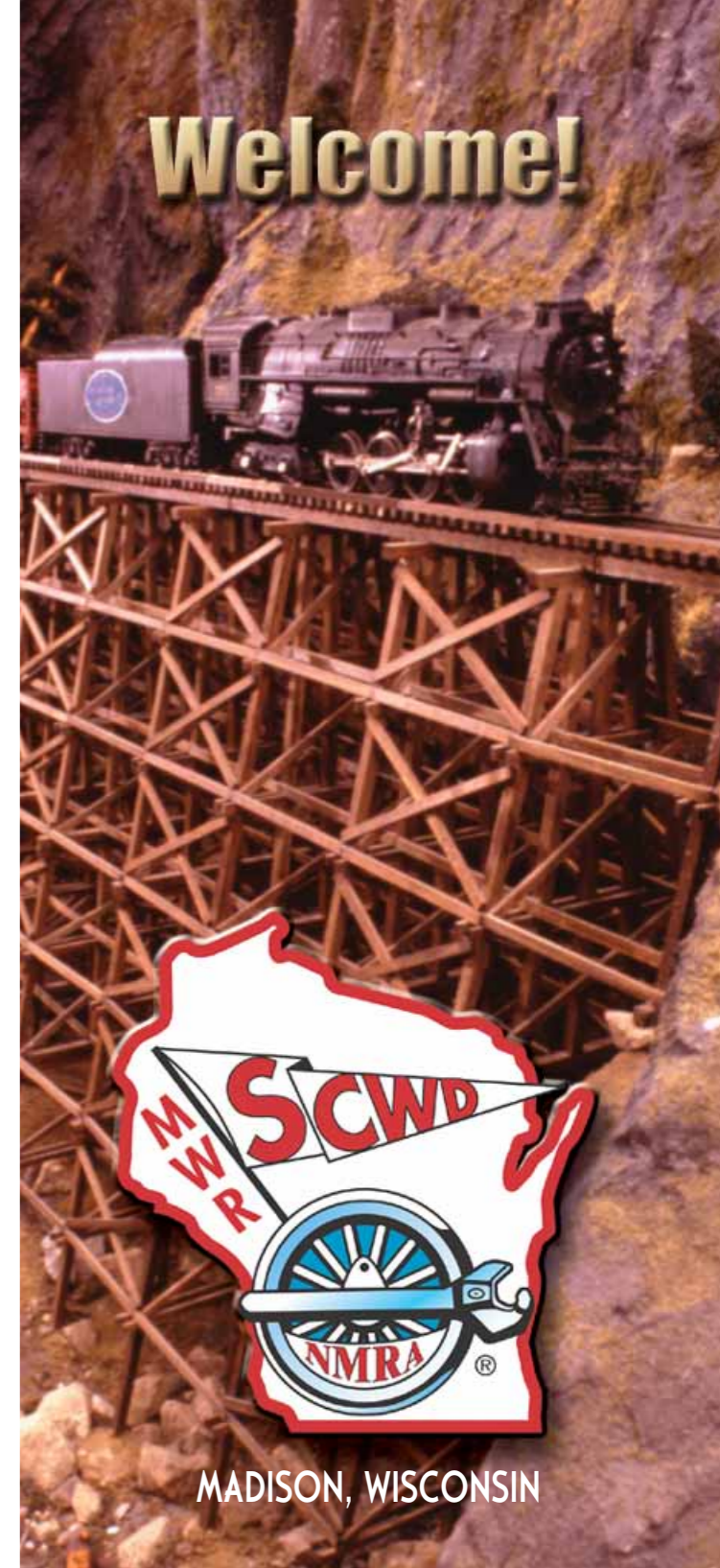
## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- *Bad Order* monthly newsletter
- Informative and fun monthly meetings:
  - Clinics and demonstrations
  - Model and photography contests
  - Door prizes and refreshments
  - Local layout tours
- Annual Spring Banquet and Summer Picnic
- Annual Model Railroad School
- Expert advice and help
- Lake Junction Model Railroad Club...  
...the SCWD Youth Group

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website at [www.nmra-scwd.org](http://www.nmra-scwd.org)

## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING!



## MADISON, WISCONSIN



## WELCOME TO THE GREAT HOBBY OF MODEL RAILROADING!

...and welcome to the South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD), part of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA).

## WHO ARE WE?

The SCWD is a more than 40-year-old, non-profit organization with over 250 fun-loving members, all of whom share a love for the hobby of model railroading and railroads in general. Members come from all walks of life and include people of all ages. (Youngest members are around 8 and we've had members as old as 101!)

Members are not required to have their own model railroad layout. Some just enjoy building models, or doing historical research, or helping a friend with their layout. Some are railfans and photographers who enjoy watching real trains, some are all of the above.

Many members have home layouts that vary in size and design. The size of the track and equipment range from the smallest "Z" scale to large "G" scale garden railroads. Some depict a real (prototype) railroad, and some represent a "freelanced" railroad created from the imagination of the modeler.



## WHO CAN BELONG?

Anyone can join the SCWD. There are no dues required to attend our local monthly meetings. Although most of our activities are free, we do charge a nominal fee for some of our special events. We do encourage our members to join our parent organization, the National Model Railroad Association, to take advantage of the many benefits full NMRA membership offers.

## SCWD MEMBER BENEFITS

Members receive lots of great benefits throughout the year and have many opportunities to share ideas and experiences with the friendly, helpful model railroaders in the organization.

Benefits and activities include:

### The *Bad Order* monthly newsletter

Mailed to members free of charge, the *Bad Order* keeps members informed about SCWD activities.

### Annual Picnic

A summer picnic with a catered barbeque gives members a chance to catch up on what everyone is doing over the summer. The picnic rotates between various railroad themed parks including the Mid-Continent Railroad Museum in North Freedom and The Riverside and Great Northern Railroad in Wisconsin Dells.



## Monthly meetings in Fitchburg

Our informal meetings are held once a month, September through May. Our first meeting is usually held the second Sunday in September, thereafter, meetings are held the first Sunday of the month. Meetings typically include two educational clinics, which cover everything from building structures, scenery, cars and locomotives, to the newest high-tech gear for model train operation, to presentations on real railroads.

Photo and model contests are held each month, with certificates awarded by popular vote. A substantial number of doors prizes are also given away. Afterwards, members are invited to visit two different home layouts in the Madison area. Here members can enjoy some of the best layouts in the midwest, while getting to know their fellow hobbyists. Kids are welcome.

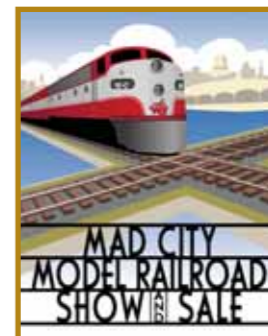


We're easy to find just south of Madison.



## SCWD Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale

This spectacular, annual event is held in mid-February at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. The show attracts over 12,000 people to see more than 75 model railroad and historical exhibits and over 30 operating model railroad



layouts. Attendees can shop at over 300 vendor tables filled with model railroad merchandise, collectables, tools, toys, books, videos, clothing and more!

Every year, the show features a different special attraction. A full

size replica of Thomas the Tank Engine, a true kids' favorite, was featured during one of the shows. The Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale is one of the best in the world, put on by some great volunteers—people just like you!

## Annual Spring Banquet

Our yearly awards and recognition banquet is held in April. This is a great time to enjoy the camaraderie of the hobby. We recognize all the hard work of our volunteers and award those who have excelled in the hobby over the past year. All while sitting down to refreshments, a good meal and great conversation.