Hello All,

Following are the club meeting minutes for the 6th of Oct. 2024:

- Start time: 2:00 PM.

- Three officers in attendance: President, Secretary, Treasurer.    Vice-President MIA.

- 17 members present.

- Treasurer reports no new activity in the club's account since the last meeting on the 8th of September. Treasurer reports the balance of the club's account is $4,373.82.

- Collection of member dues to start next month.

- Next month's meeting will be on the 4th of November.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Kevin is still looking for input and ideas as to where to hold the club's Christmas party this year. Lake Buffet in Rice Lake has been suggested [Home | Lake Buffet (lakebuffetrl.com)](https://lakebuffetrl.com/),  as well as [The Farmhouse Restaurant and Bar | restaurant | W14370 West Railway Avenue, Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin, USA (thesiteworld.wixsite.com)](https://thesiteworld.wixsite.com/the-farmhouse-restau)  Other suggestions in the local area are welcome to be considered.

- Upcoming events include the October 12th and 13th [West Wisconsin Railroad Club Train Show | Eau Claire, WI 54701 (visiteauclaire.com)](https://www.visiteauclaire.com/event/west-wisconsin-railroad-club-train-show/100394/) **SETUP TIME FOR THE LAYOUT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO BE 8:00 SATURDAY MORNING, THE 12TH.**

**-**Trevor will be bringing the trailer.

- The following weekend of the 19th and 20th of Oct. there will be the Waupaca Area Model Railroaders train show in Marshfield.

- On October 26th anmd 27th there is the Great Train Show in Castleberg Park, Shakopee, MN.  [GreatTrainShow.com](https://www.greattrainshow.com/)

- Thinking ahead for the BCMRRC train show at Cedar Mall: the club needs raffle prizes to offer. Items need not be new, but in new-like condition. RR themed items are best.

- On December 8th there is the Turtle Lake Toy Show. This is the same weekend as the Albert Lea, MN train show. (There was some discussion later in the meeting about possibly setting up a smaller N-scale layout at the Turtle Lake Toy Show, showcasing BCMRRC participation in the community).

- Two cards were set out for members to sign. One was a sympathy card for members Jeff and Charley Martin who lost a close family member this past week.

- The other was a birthday card for Arlyn, but do not tell him so it will be a surprise for him in the mail. ***(Arlyn, do not read this part of the minutes).***

***-***There is no new update about Charlie in Eau Claire. Things must be status quo, as bad news travels fast and noone has heard anything new.

- Kevin is working on getting flyers made up for the BCMRRC show and put word out that if anybody has an appropriate picture for the flyer, send them to Kevin.

- Teddy brought boxes of nice, well-kept used train tools and equipment today and plans to bring that which didn't sell to the E.C. train show next weekend.

- Gene Schmidt announced that he had found the trucks for a locomotive he had been looking for. He shared the website which appears to offer a wide variety of HO and O scale RR riffraff. [Q-Car Company - Product Listings (qcarcompany.co](https://www.qcarcompany.com/listings/index.html)

- Lastly, there was a somewhat lengthy discussion about the current status and future outlook of developing an N-scale layout for the club. This discussion was too rapid to really follow accurately and taking accurate notes to report was a fool's game, so I gave up trying to follow. It was like chasing a pinball in a machine, bouncing from one person to the next one's idea and thought, then back and forth, never really landing in a hole before slipping past the bottom flippers...and simultaneously a new ball would come racing out of the chute. I did catch something about Kyle and Glen working together to maybe find a home for said N-scale layout at the Pioneer Village Museum in Cameron. I finally mumbled something about a psychiatrist and put my pen away at precisely 2:25 when the meeting adjourned.

**REMINDER: THOSE WISHING TO ENJOY THE CLUB'S LAYOUT AT THE EAU CLAIRE SHOW (AND *ALL* SHOWS, FOR THAT MATTER), ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BE PRESENT FOR EITHER THE INITIAL SETUP, OR STAY AFTER THE SHOW TO HELP WITH LOADING. ALL TASKS ARE IMPORTANT AND ALL HELPING HANDS ARE APPRECIATED.**

See you in Eau Claire.

Marty.

**Be kind, for every soul you meet is fighting a hard battle.**