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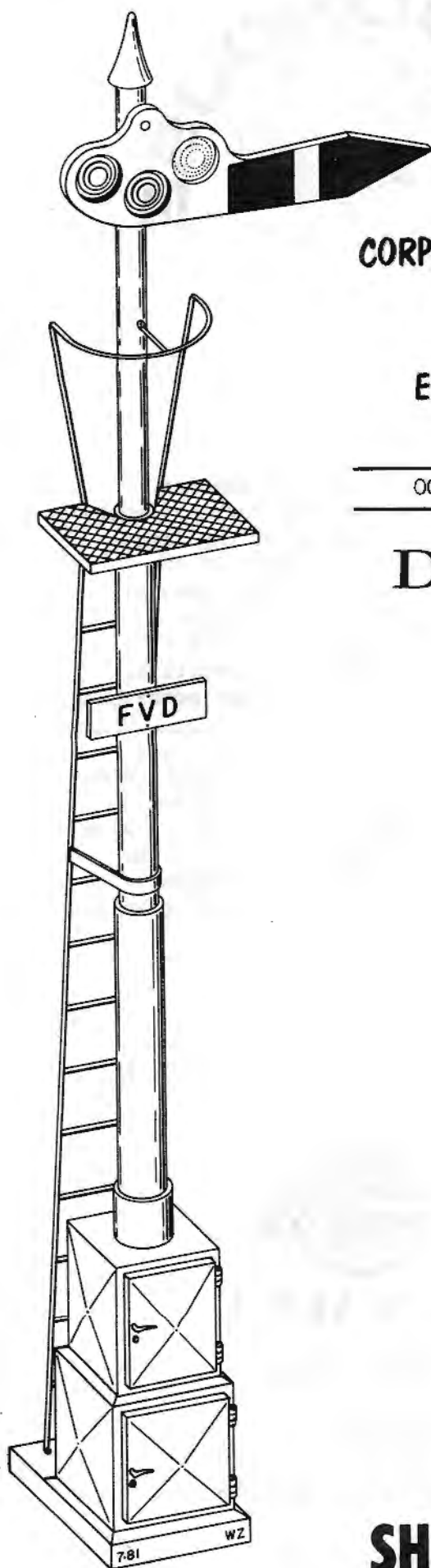
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OUR MEETING IS OCTOBER 11 THIS MONTH AT 1:00 PM. BE SURE TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN AND BRING A FRIEND.

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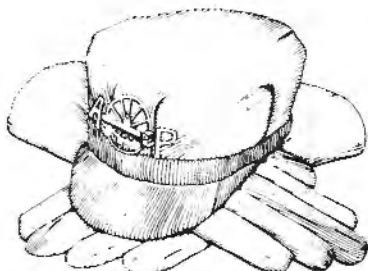
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Let's keep those survey sheets coming. They are looking good so far. Our next board meeting, which is the evening of the first Sunday of the month, should have all the interested committee people in attendance. The site is Hobby Lobby, 218 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights, at 7:00 pm. It may be the start of a good number of committees, and of great importance to all the membership.

October days, after a rain, is the harvest time for weed root gathering. They make nice trees and will look nice on your layout. No matter which scale you model. It is also a good time to take slides to show at our annual "show and tell" December meeting. The next two meetings have very good clinics lined up, so see you all there.

John



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- OCT. 11 Division meeting.
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- OCT. 16-18 NWR-NMRA Fall meet
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- NOV. 7&8 Wauconda model railroad
club open house
- NOV. 15 Division meeting.
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- DEC. 20 Division meeting.
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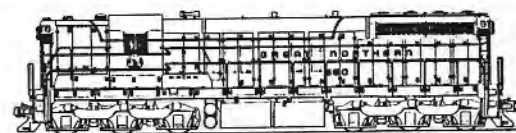
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The second issue of the FVD SEMAPHORE is getting deeper into the model railroading season. Let's share our hobbies with others and bring new faces to the division meetings. There's plenty of good clinics for beginning and advance model railroaders.

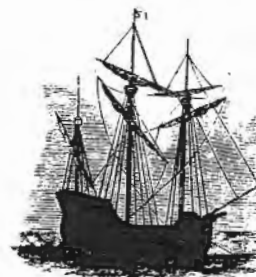
I would again like to thank Steve Schafehen for his hours of professional help in reworking ads and printing the September Semaphore, and Wally Zincke for his new division logo and the new semaphore artwork.

There are plenty of questionnaires still not received by the board. Please fill yours out and send it to us. It is of great help in planning activities for the FVD members to have this information. New ideas and helping hands are of great importance for all division happenings.

There are plenty of happenings going on in the division. Take advantage of the open houses and support our clubs. There are a great number of good looking layouts that are worth your while to visit. Get a group together and car pool out to the layouts and have yourself a look at what other people have done in the great world of model railroading.

End of the month is deadline for the SEMAPHORE. Any articles or artwork you would like to see concerning the division should be to me by the end of the month.

HAPPY RAILROADING !!!!!!!



CLB

Columbus Day

COUNTY NEWS

McHENRY

Over the last year, Brian Lingner of Cary, Illinois has pannelled, tiled and installed a ceiling and lighting in his basement railroad room as the correct beginning for a large model railroad. Benchwork will begin this fall on what will soon become Brians version of the Illinois Central Gulf from Homewood to south of the Kankakee River. The 200 ft. mainline will serve several interchanges with neighboring railroads as does the prototype. Markham yard will be modeled in a compressed form and the interlocking at Kankakee will add operating interest to the south end of the railroad. Trains moving north from Markham and south from Kankakee will enter an eight track hidden staging yard to achieve the "beyond the basement" feel. Walk around throttles will allow operating crews to stay with their trains as they proceed along the line.

Brian has extensively researched the prototype, even to obtaining chief engineer's drawings, planned the layout carefully and is committed to constructing a great layout, one we all can look forward to visiting in the future.

John Pautz of McHenry is well known to the FOX VALLEY DIVISION members as an active division supporter and as one of the areas 'O' scale modelers. John has been making some changes lately, he still is working $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the foot but the rails got closer together, 3' apart to be exact. John didn't just add On3 to his layout, he tore the old one out and completely and has reinstalled two levels of benchwork to achieve a 320' mainline run.

John will have about 600' of hand laid track and will be excellently crafted for super operation as like his previous efforts. The era will be 1920 and many smooth running steam loco's will be employed to move the tonage over the line. The model will be loosely patterned after the South Coast Railway, altho the locos and cars may have a D&RGW look.

Progress on the layout is well underway at this writing and John feels he will be operating on portions of the layout before Christmas.

John

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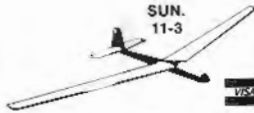
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As the club name intimates, the setting for this pike is the Midwest. There is not a single mountain on the entire layout; which could best be described as a multi-folded dog bone with several spurs

The available space is completely filled in an example of good planning and efficient use of space. The total yard capacity is 1200 cars! Very efficient localization and separation of the twisting turning trackage is accomplished by a high continuous scenery divider which follows the main line around the layout.

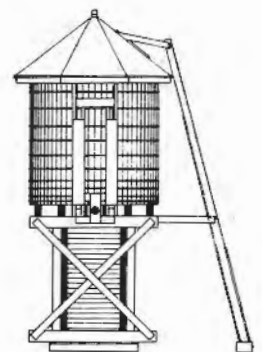
The club is located at 14 E. Wilson, in Batavia, Il. Above a drug store in an old lodge hall of about 40x50 feet. One super feature is that there is a balcony which gives a complete overall view of the whole layout.

Since It's founding the club's membership has grown to 30+ members. New members will be considered on a individual basis.

The club is planning a open house November 20,21,22. A donation of one dollar per person is requested. The times are Friday 7pm-10pm, Saturday 7pm-10pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. phone 879-3371.

Mark this one on yor calander!!
You'll hate yourself if you miss it.

LARRIE



COOK

Arlington Heights Society of Model Engineers have found a new home. The new location is in Pioneer Park in Arlington Heights. Pioneer Park is located on the South side of Arlington Heights between Fernandez and Kennicott streets just South of Grove Street.

A new layout will be constructed in a room 15 X 25 ft. It will be a point to point railroad with return loops at each end so that continuous running is possible when operating crews are not available. The railroad will have a 12 ft. long yard and aisles two feet wide, and will almost fill the room.

The club now consist of 16 members; ages ranging from 15 to 64 years of age and has an open membership. Meetings are on Friday nights from 7:30 to 10:00 pm.

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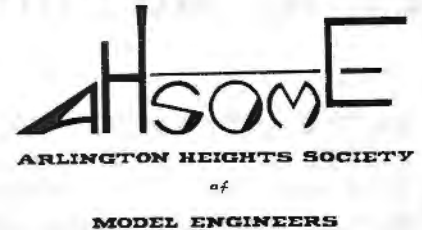
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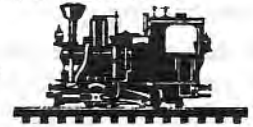
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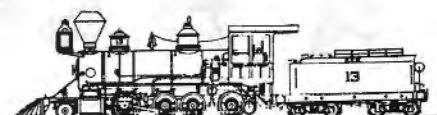
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CAMPBELL

The latest release is the Ore Bin kit. The prototype stood along the RGS in the 1940's. This is a highly interesting structure which is a must for everyone with a mining region on his layout.

The FOX VALLEY DIVISION is sponsoring "HIGH WHEELER 1982". The show will be held at Hersy High School in Arlington Heights on March 14, 1982. A great deal of planning goes into a show like this, so let's pitch in and give the HIGH WHEELER planning committee your helping hand.

Modelers, collectors, hobbyshops, and manufactures are to exhibit at the show. All aspects of model railroading will be covered. New comers to long time railroaders will enjoy seeing these exhibits.

We would like to increase the attendance at our division meetings. Share your hobbies and bring a new face to the meeting and introduce him to some of the people there. We have some great clinics coming up that shouldn't be missed and if there are any clinics that haven't been covered be sure to tell us and we'll add these to the list.

The division has many benefits and activities for it's members. Let's participate and help out where we can. We can all help each other to enjoy the great hobby of Model Railroading.



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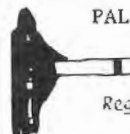
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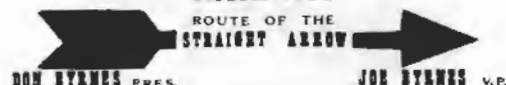
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