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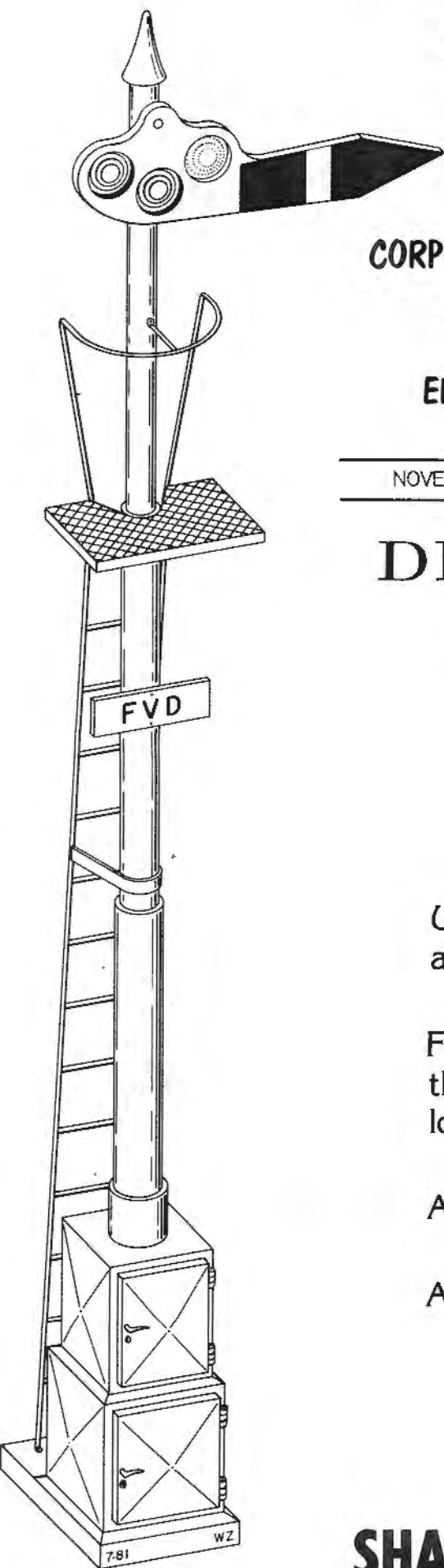
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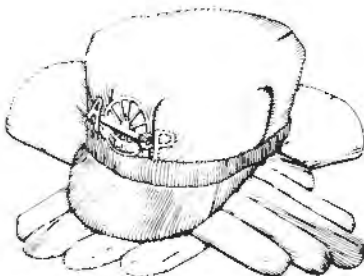
Mini-clinics are the feature of the Fox Valley Division. Friday nights, until Christmas are tied up by our participation at the Palatine Savings and Loan N gauge layout.

If you have a problem or need help with your layout, feel free to call me any night of the week. We'll try and help.

This year we plan a number of projects which will be added to the Palatine Savings and Loan railroad, many of which could well be added to your own layout.

No invitation is required. Even confirmed HO boys have had fun in the past. 7-9:30pm Fridays till 1:00 on Saturdays modelers will be having a ball. Join the fun, we have need of your talents.

John



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EDITOR



I would like to extend my apologies for the delay of the SEMAPHORE. Every thing that could possibly go wrong went wrong. I am working to resolve any future problems, so the members can get the newsletter on schedule. I am trying to get the SEMAPHORE to your house early in the week before the division meeting.

The fall season is upon us and we are done with the yardwork and back into the model railroad season. November is model railroading month and there are plenty of open houses to attend. Let's take advantage and attend and support our local clubs.

I would like to thank Mrs. Kupferschmidt for the cartoon about attending the FVD division meeting. We could use more active participation like this. Artwork or pictures would greatly enhance the SEMAPHORE.

We are in the process of making a FVD 1982 calander. If you are interested in putting an ad in or donating, please contact me and I will quote a price.

The HIGH WHEELER 1982 show is being planned and put together. We can always use another helping hand. If you are interested in any way contact me and I will give your name to the committee chairman to work with.

HAPPY RAILROADING !

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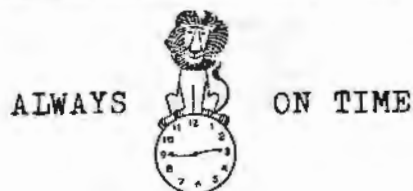
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NOV. 13&14 SALT CREEK OPEN HOUSE
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CLUB NEWS

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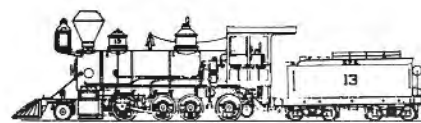
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Golden Acres Country Club
Roselle Road in Schaumburg, IL
1/2 mile south of Higgins Road

More than a hundred people enjoyed our 1980 Fox Valley Division Christmas Party. This year we're hoping that even more will attend this annual festive gathering. If you were amongst those present, then you'll remember what a fun event it was. If you weren't there, please join us in the festivities this year and get in the holiday mood with your friends.

The Golden Acres Country Club lodge is, again, ours exclusively for the evening. Dinner will be served family style - all you can eat. The menu will consist of:
tomato juice, relish tray, salad with dressings, roast turkey with trimmings, roast beef 'au jus', mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, desserts, coffee, tea, etc...
Cocktails will be available before and after dinner at the cash bar.

Back again, by popular demand, the Connie & Jerry K Band will provide an evening of musical entertainment. We all enjoyed their performance at last year's party, and this year promises to be a repeat, for your dancing and listening enjoyment.

Make your reservations today. The evening is yours, for only \$10.00 per person.

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COUNTY NEWS

LAKE

Although the subject matter doesn't really affect model railroading, more railfanning, it might prove to be of interest to those or our fraternity who can honestly say "I got the measurements before it was gone".

Whats happening is the Soo Line owns a beautiful (translated this means slowly run down and weathered) depot in Mundelein. The railroad is paying taxes on the structure which they aren't using. They want to tear it down, can't really fault them.

The Fort Hill Historical club and local residents like the flavor and the looks of the old girl, even though she's had her North end bashed in by one of the many derailments in Mundelein in the '60's. It was then the Soo discovered that their trains were running through Mundelein at 45 mph on track that was only good for 25 mph, so they upgraded the track which is now really first rate.

The society wants to preserve the depot and move it to an adjacent park to be established as a heritage area. Will they be successful? Let's hope so.

The society has a slide preseration on the depot which I will check out for possible viewing of the FVD members.

Just a bit of trivia for those who recall the controversy of putting stations on curves on model railroads and the hullabaloo that the nitpickers raised saying "It ain't prototype". The Mundelein depot is on a curve as the Libertyville Milwaukee Road station.

Jerry



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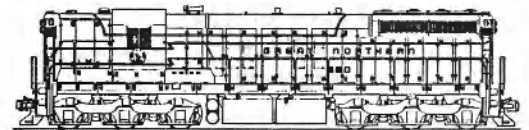
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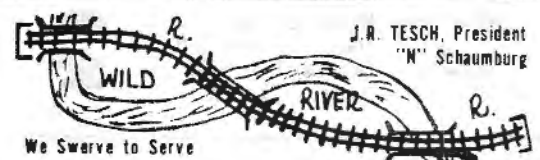
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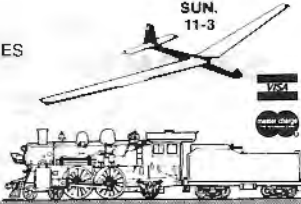
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November is model railroad month and the Palatine Savings and Loan, Palatine Rd. and Brockway Ave., will again display their N gauge railroad in the lobby of their savings facility.

The railroad is an N gauge layout about 15x8 which was constructed and is maintained by members of the FVD, NMRA. The track plan is a elongated pretzel shape with a six track yard and a turntable.

Each year an addition is made to the layout. A second mainline is currently being added which will provide operation of the two trains in different directions.

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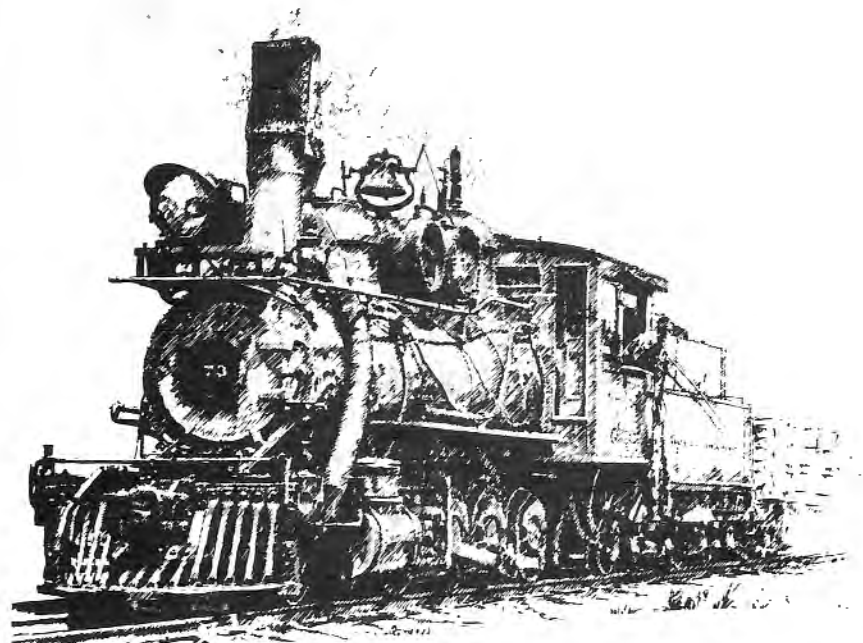
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The first diesel locomotives in mainline service in the USA were used on the CB&Q and UP railroads in 1934. The first diesels on regular freight work went into service on the AT&SF in 1940.

US mail was first carried by rail on the South Carolina Railroad in November 1831, and on the B&O in January 1832.



KANE

This months profile is on the VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION. They are located ¼ mile west of route 25 on Kenyon road in south Elgin.

The VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION was formed March 1949 making it one of the oldest clubs in the area. In 1953 the club moved from downtown Elgin to it's present location in the Clintonville station, home of Chicago Aurora and Elgin Railroad.

At present the club has over 1,200 feet of track and 10,000 feet of wiring installed. There are 157 switches most are automatically controlled. All four mainline cabs have transistorized throttles with dial a head block controll and are located about 8 feet above the layout for better viewing of what's going on.

The VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm, with the second Wednesday of the month being the association meeting. The first Wednesday is reserved for visitors and for operating.

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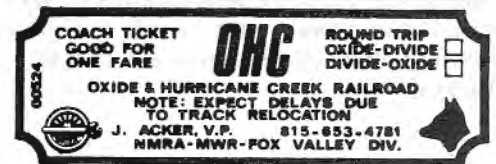
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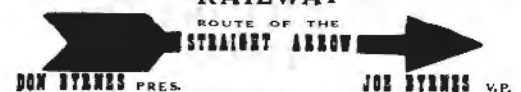
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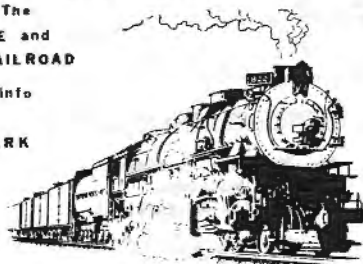
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RANDOM THOUGHTS

The FOX VALLEY DIVISION show "HIGH WHEELER '82" is coming upon us quickly. We can still use volunteers on almost all the committees. The show will be held at Hersy High School in Arlington heights on March 14, 1982. Modelers, hobbyshops, collectors and manufactures will exhibit. If you have any model railroad equipment you would like to show please contact your trainmaster and he will put you in touch with the chairman of the show.

Many hours of planning have already been spent in putting together of HIGH WHEELER '82. Many more hours are still needed. We can always use another committee person. Anyone who can help in any way feel free to contact your trainmaster and he will put you in contact with the committee chairman.

Our board meetings have been changed to the fourth Sunday of the month. The location is Hobby Lobby, 218 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights, at 7:00 pm. This is also the deadline for any information that you would like to see in the SEMAPHORE. Make note of this change so there will be no mix-ups.



Some questions have been brought up as to what is required of you if you were to join a committee of the FOX VALLEY DIVISION NMRA. First of all, let us explain that these are committees and not one person doing all the work. There will be a number of volunteers on each committee and the work load will be spread among them. We need people to help us do the work of planning and executing activities for the division members. This is an explanation of what each committee's jobs are;

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: is responsible for the planning organization and operation of the monthly division meetings, including clinic development, layout tours, group trips, etc.

ACHEIVEMENT COMMITTEE: is responsible for promoting NMRA acheivement programs within the division and judging acheivements. This committee is also responsible for the organization and the judging of all the division contests held as part of the monthly division meetings.



WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: is responsible for all income including operation of the company store, special events, calanders, division cars, ticket sales, etc.

ESTATE HANDELING COMMITTEE: is responsible for estate sales including pre-planning for interested FVD members, survivor contact, appraisal and sale of estate contents.

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: is responsible for developing a division library and providing a librarian. They must also maintain the division archives.

ENTERTAINMENT AND REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE: is responsible for refreshments at monthly division meetings and special events.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: is responsible for acheiving recognition for the division and it's activities through a continuing public relation program. It also works with the other committees to gain maximum impact for all sivision activities, such as; press announcements, posters and publications.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: is responsible for the long range needs and goals of the division. It is there job to investigate all possible activities for the division's members.

There will also be a need for short term committees to handle specialized projects. Shows or conventions will be aided by the established committees but some outside help is a must. At the completion of the event the committee will be dissolved.



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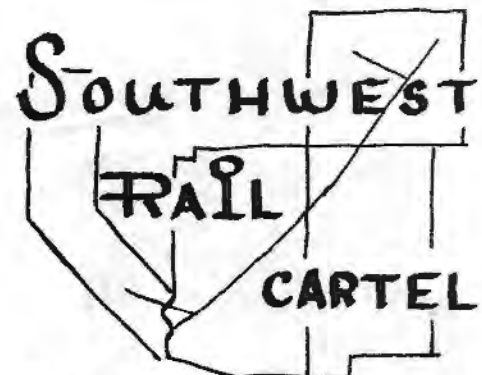


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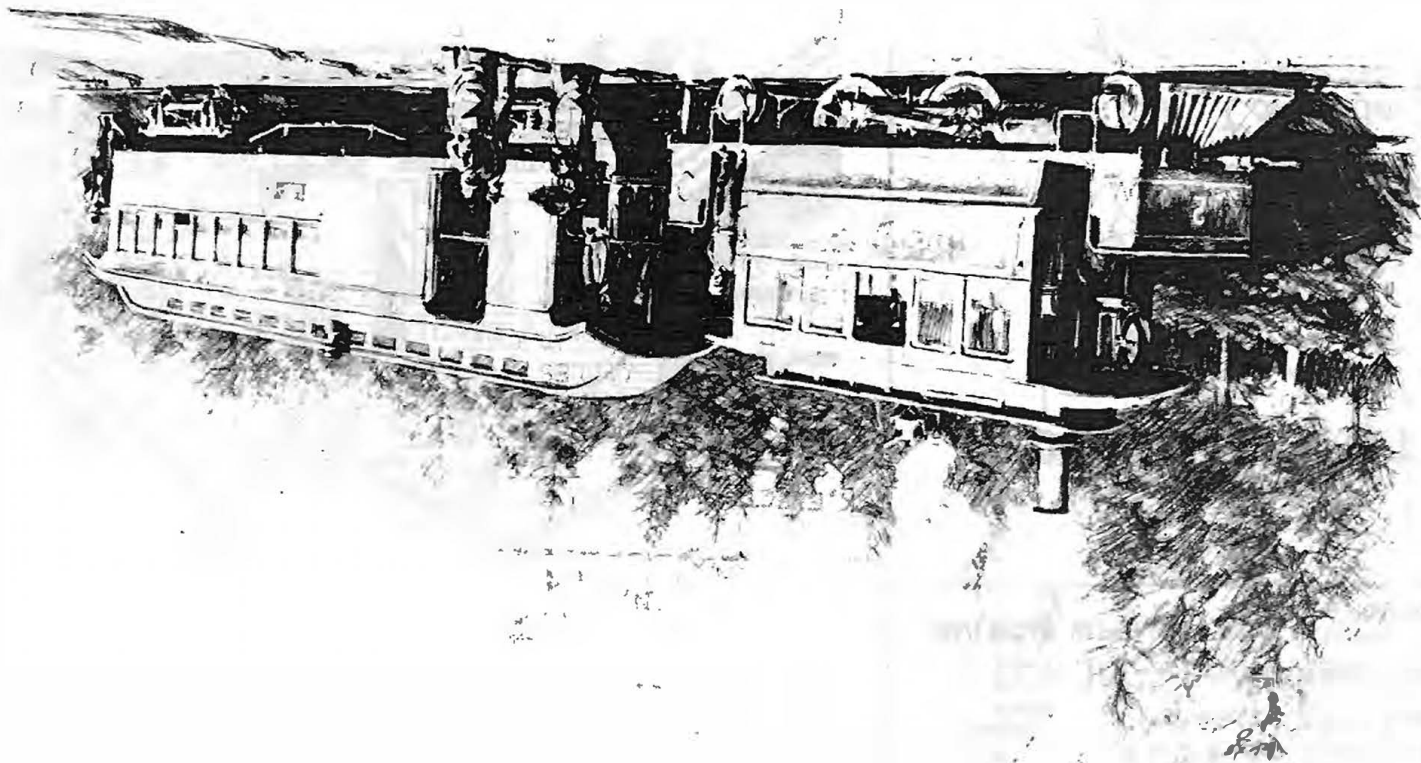
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