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## DECEMBER MEETING

December 16, 1990, 1:30 p.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church  
431 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois

## PROGRAM

To start our program we will have a presentation by John Sz wajkart, who is the well-known author-publisher-photographer of rail-fanning books and videos. Because of his vast experience he will present to us his unique railfanning techniques which we may, in turn, use for our railfanning.

This will be followed by our annual AUCTION. Bring your excess model railroad equipment and help yourself to some extra cash and at the same time help the Division. The Division realizes a 10% profit on each sale at the auction. John Sz wajkart will also have his railfanning books for sale.

Finally, we will see a railroading film titled "Ridin' The Rails" with Johnny Cash singing some of your favorite railroading songs.

## HIGH WHEELER '91

Trainmaster Ray Pettersen is asking for volunteers to present a clinic at High Wheeler. The subject will be "Beginning Model Railroading." The clinic will be structured around a handout from Kalmbach. A panel will be scheduled to present the clinic at various times during the run of the show.

It's not too early to volunteer for set-up and take-down crews for High Wheeler '91. Set-up will be Friday, March 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Take-down will be Sunday, March 3, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Contact Ray for more information.

## Superintendent's Report Season's Greetings

December brings one of the busiest times of the year, and yet, despite the hustle and bustle we still find time for reflection and contemplation of past and future projects.

In the Hoffman household for one of the few times of the year Dad is not the only one whose mind contemplates model railroading. Dora and the kids want the train to be set up under the tree. Both Heidi and Pete have learned that they can expect an addition to their collection of LGB. Dora will again try this year to get that Campbell Grain

Elevator that I've been asking for for the past three years, probably with the same negative results. (This is how Christmas traditions begin?)

The season brings a flood of family, friends, and good times that will always be cherished. Among those memories, the American Flyer we set up under the tree. (Jerry still has it and it still runs.) The HO set we got 17 years ago that eventually led to my joining the NMRA. The kids' excitement when I set up their trains under the tree.

May this season bring you memories that you will cherish, in the Words of Dickens' immortal Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one."

Tom



## The Golden Spike Award

Congratulations to Bert Ahrensfield on achieving the Golden Spike Award. Bert's layout is well scened with many structures. Even though much of the layout is "finished," he is still expanding and reworking parts of the layout. Watch for the names of more members of the Division as they acquire the Golden Spike.

## November Contest Winners

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Caboose and Photo contests.

### Caboose Contest:

Art Roth—First Place  
Frank Cole—Second Place  
Dave Hebbe—Third Place

### Photo Contest:

Norm Smith—First Place  
Dave Hamilton—Second Place  
Frank Cole—Third Place

Thank you to all who entered the contests. We hope that more of our members will enter our contests in the future.

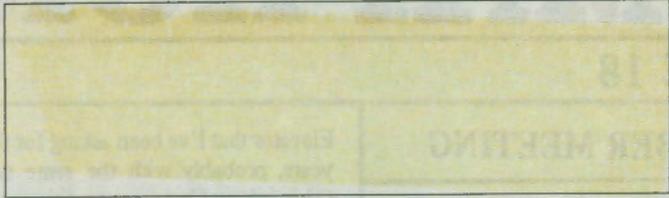
## December and January Contests

Get your entries ready for December's Snow Removal Equipment and January's Passenger Train contests.

## Module Prices

Those members wishing to order a module from the company that supplied the modules for the Division should contact Dave Hamilton. The cost of one 2 x 4 foot module with legs is \$84.95. The Fox Valley will pay for the freight. Be advised that a well-designed module is eligible for a Golden Spike Award.





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### SCHEDULE

**December 16**

*Railfanning Techniques  
by John Szajkari*

### ANNUAL AUCTION

*Get the model railroad items together that you  
no longer need and bring them to the auction.*

**Contest: Snow Removal Equipment**

**January 20**

*Wood Deck Flatcar Construction  
by Hal Fritze*

*Fox Valley Module Set-Up  
(Discussion #3)*

*Monon Railroad History  
by Ed Leonard*

**Contest: Passenger Train**

**February 17**

*Modular Modeling Techniques  
by Jerry Souter*

*My Ten Favorite Slides  
Program II*

*by Members At Large*

**Contest: Structures**

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