



Semaphore

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April Meeting

The first part of the program this month will be the annual business meeting, and the election of officers. The resumes of the candidates can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The

MEETING

April 26, 1992

1:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
431 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
708-253-4840

second part of the program is a clinic by Scott Hicks on diesel detailing. Jerry Reich will present the third part of the program with a clinic on signalling systems, in particular, he will explain how he signalled the modules for the Fox Valley Railroad. If you like diesels or are considering putting signalling on your model railroad, then these should be very interesting clinics to see.

The contest for this month will center around rolling stock, in particular, open cars. Not just open cars, but open cars with loads. So find your best open car,

put a load on it and enter it in this month's contest.

February Contest Winners

The following people are the winners of the off-line structures contest held at the February meeting:

Craftsman Type Kits

- 1st: Phil Valenzo (N)
- 2nd: Ray Pettersen (HO)
- 3rd: Ray Pettersen (HO)

Shake-the-Box Type Kits

- 1st: Frank Oldfield (HO)
- 2nd: Ray Pettersen (HO)
- 3rd: Dave Plebbe (HO)

Congratulations to the winners and a thank you to everyone who didn't win, but who brought a structure to enter in the contest.

Superintendent's Report

One of the necessary evils of running any organization is the requirement of an annual business meeting. According to the constitution, ours is to be held in April. At that time, the results of the election will be announced. I and my fellow officers will give our assessment of our division as it stands, and an outline

of our plans for the future. If you have any questions or concerns, this is the time to bring them up so they can be addressed in a timely manner.

As I reported to you at the January meeting, our division has volunteered to undertake the Spring 1993 Regional Convention as a result of the inability of the Indianapolis group to secure a meeting site. It is our intention to tie the convention to our spring High Wheeler show. We are also thinking up new ideas and directions to take to the convention. One of the plans which we have on the table is a Saturday evening "El" ride around the loop. Because we will be busy Saturday evening, it is our intention to replace the traditional evening banquet with a Sunday morning brunch. I intend to cut down on the number of layouts open during the convention, and to organize them in a manner so that they will be better grouped together than had previously been done. As of this time, our committee includes John Hetreed, Fred (Grandpa) Klinger, Norm Smith and myself. I will continue to keep you updated as our plans become finalized. We all need to help bring in new ideas and plans for this convention. I will call on all of you to assist in putting it over.

Our division runs as a result of the effort of its membership. Thanks to Dan Horn, Dave Hamilton and Chas Hague for the February clinics. They were some of the finest we've had this year.

The Board of Directors has officially decided to change the location of our meeting site next year. We will meet at the Prospect Heights Park District Center, on Camp McDonald Road, effective with the September meeting.

The phone numbers of all the board members are always found in the *Semaphore*. If you have any comments or concerns regarding the division, feel free to call any of us and discuss them so that we can make our division work for everyone.

- Tom

Candidate Resumes

These are the resumes of the candidates running for officers of the Fox Valley Division. Please vote for one in each office, or if you choose, you may write in the candidate of your choice.

Dave Flebbe

My name is Dave Flebbe, and I am running for my second term as Assistant Superintendent. I am forty-one years old, married and have no children. I have been involved in model railroading for close to forty-one years, off and on, because of my father. I model in HO and now in HOn3, but I do not have my own layout.

Back in 1988, I decided to become more active in the hobby. At the 1988 High Wheeler, I joined the NMRA and the Fox Valley Division. Three years ago, I decided to take a more active role in the division. With the 1992 High Wheeler, I will have worked on the last three High Wheelers. I have attended as many of the meetings and outings as possible. At meetings, I can usually be found at the contest table giving a helping hand. I hope to continue to

serve the division to the best of my ability.

Dave Hamilton

I have been a member of the NMRA and Fox Valley Division for twelve years. My Burlington Northern River Division HO scale model railroad has taken over my basement and qualified me for the Golden Spike Award.

I have served as the division Chief Clerk for the past four years. I have also served as the Layout Tour Chairman for the Junction '90 Convention. I would like to continue to serve the division as the Paymaster.

Tom Hoffman

My term of office over the last two years has seen many fine programs undertaken due primarily to the fine group of trainmasters and officers on the board who have organized many of our activities.

I'm asking to be reelected to the position of Superintendent in order to complete several programs that I have set in motion. First, we need to move the location of our monthly meeting to a location less susceptible to conflicts with the host organization. Second, it is my hope that we can develop new leadership to continue the division without demanding too much time from those who have given so generously of their time and talents in the past. Third, the completion of the Fox Valley base modules for the division. Fourth, I intend to secure the Spring 1993 Regional Convention for our division, and run it in conjunction with our High Wheeler show. These are the goals that I seek to accomplish in the next two years provided I am reelected to office.

Irv Lange

I have been a member of the Fox Valley Division since 1977. During that time, I have been a Trainmaster in

charge of High Wheeler for four years. During the past two years, I have held the office of Paymaster.

My favorite pastime is exchanging cars from my model railroad, the Wheeling Valley Western.

High Wheeler '92 Recap

This year's High Wheeler was a great success. There were 4,209 paid attendees, 1,000 more than last year, and 52 exhibitors.

At High Wheeler, there were four model contest: dioramas, rolling stock, structures and modules. The winners were:

Dioramas

- 1st: Phil Valenzo (N)
Manufacturing Building
- 2nd: Ray Pettersen (HO) Church
Scene
- 3rd: Rich Sweet (HO)
Manufacturing Building

Rolling Stock

- 1st: Frank Oldfield (HO)
Military Train
- 2nd: Bob Sewall (HO) Steam
Locomotive and Cars
- 3rd: Pete Juengst (HO) Steam
Locomotive

Structures

- 1st: Frank Oldfield (HO)
Building Being Torn Down
- 2nd: Dave Hamilton (HO)
Warehouse

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3rd: Phil Valenzo (N) Warehouse

Modules

- 1st: Midwest Mod-U-Track (HO)
- 2nd: Midwest Mod-U-Track (HO)
- 3rd: Lake County Modules (HO)

The dioramas, rolling stock and structures were judged by popular vote of the show attendees, and the modules were judged by division members and spouses. The Division would like to thank all those people who entered into the contests and a very special thank you to Sherie Anderson, Kathy (Frank) Oldfield, Carol (Ray) Pettersen, Eileen (Art) Roth and Jill (Rich) Sweet for helping to judge the module contest. [Sherie Anderson is the daughter of Ray Pettersen -Ed.] Because of the quality of all the modules entered, the decision was very difficult.

Ray Pettersen, High Wheeler Chairman, said, "I would personally like to thank each and every person who helped to make this the best show ever, but because of the number of people who contributed, that would be very difficult. So, I'll just say 'thank you' to everyone."

Schedule

April 26

- Open Cars With Loads Contest
- Annual Business Meeting
- Scott Hicks - Painting and Detailing Diesels
- Jerry Reich - Signalling Systems

May 17

To be announced

Fox Valley Division Officers

Superintendent

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Asst. Superintendent

Dave Flebbe 708-439-1744

Chief Clerk

Dave Hamilton 708-253-1003

Paymaster

Irv Lange 708-577-0015

Fox Valley Division Trainmasters

Contests

Frank Oldfield 708-640-1932

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Bob Carney 708-587-2401

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Ray Pettersen Jr. 708-259-3040

East Troy Electric Railroad Museum's 5th Annual Trolley Festival

Come celebrate the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum's 5th Annual Trolley Festival on April 25 & 26, 1992. Experience the sites and sounds of this mode of transportation that has all but vanished from the American scene. As you climb aboard the museum's fleet of vintage trolleys you'll be taken back to a time when the automobile was the exception and the railroad was the rule. Trolleys will depart the East Troy Station every half hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and take you on a thirteen mile round trip ride over the historic East Troy Railroad, the longest of its type in the country.

Featured at this year's festival will be the Ravenswood, the museum's Art Deco styled dinner and party trolley, special trips along the shores of Phantom Lake in Mukwonago, and operations of the museum's entire fleet restored trolleys, including locomotives,

work cars, streetcars and interurbans.

Both Saturday and Sunday evenings, the Ravenswood will depart East Troy at 6 p.m. for an elegant prime rib dinner trip down the line. Tickets are \$39.95 for the dinner alone or \$44.95 for the dinner and all day pass to the festival. Advanced reservations required.

Other activities as this year's Trolley Festival include the showing of railroad films and videos, a new and expanded gift shop stocked full of all sorts of railroading and variety of sweets and treats available for you at the Elegant Farmer. Festival tickets are \$10 per adult and \$6 per child ages 5 to 11 and are valid for the entire day. Refreshments will be available.

The Trolley Festival will see the kickoff of the museum's 1992 Ravenswood Raffle in which the grand prize winner will receive a party aboard the Ravenswood. Tickets will be on sale at the museum for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of East Troy Railroad Museum's car barn extension fund.

The museum is located in East Troy, Wisconsin at 2002 Church Street, 35 miles southwest of Milwaukee off I-43 and Highway 20 and 15 miles north of Lake Geneva on Highway 120. Free parking.

For more information, call 414-548-ETER.

Call Norm John Dew

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