



# the Semaphore

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It's too bad we were unable to produce more people for our last meeting at the Illinois Railway Museum. We had hoped that with the Division picking up the tab for transportation and the entrance fee we would see more members. If you did not join us you missed an outstanding trip as we were fortunate to go on Members' Day when they had much of their motive power running. A special Thank You to the membership of the Museum for all of their effort in providing us with one of the top shows in the country.

I hope that more members will join us for our trip to the Batavia Club this month. We will meet at Palatine Hobbies for the bus which will take us to see this outstanding layout.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that we will be having Dean Freytag visiting us in November from Ohio. Dean has been the National Contest Co-Chairman for many years. He has been extensively published in Railroad Model Craftsman in terms of his modeling of heavy industry. His layout has been featured on commercial videotape. I have had the privilege of seeing some of his clinics at the National Conventions and am looking forward to hosting him at the Fox Valley. This will truly be one of the best meetings we will have in a long time.

December will bring the evening El Trip to see Chicago at night in the Christmas Season. This trip was considered to be the highpoint of the Smilepost Convention last Spring and we are eager to repeat this for our Division. Consider bringing a friend (or friends) along.

These programs cannot occur without the effort of many of your fellow Division members. Two people who deserve special recognition for these programs are Art Roth who arranged for the meetings and Irv Lange who has coordinated the transportation and is handling arranging the El Trip with the CTA. While I may have singled out these two gentlemen, don't forget to also thank the other Board members for their constant effort to make our Division run. I have been privileged to work with many outstanding Board members over my ten years of service and the members of this board are certainly maintaining their standard and quite possibly even setting new standards. Please remember to let them know that you appreciate their effort.

See you on the 17th!

*Tom*

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PROGRAM TRAINMASTER

Our September meeting was spent a Union. The weather was good the first half of the day. The last couple of hours got cold and rainy, but I believe a good time was had by all. I'm sorry we didn't have a bigger turnout but some of it may have been the short notice. We'll try to do better.

Don't forget Batavia — Midwest Railroad Modelers October 17th. If you've seen it, you know how spectacular a layout it is. If you haven't, you don't want to miss this one. Bring your cameras. You'll get some great pictures. Call Art Roth at 708-577-4430 or Scott Hicks at 708-438-9109 to reserve your seat on the bus. Board bus at Palatine Hobbies.

Keep in mind the Dean Freytag special on November 21. He presents a clinic you don't want to miss.

Get those reservations in for the El Ride on December 18. It promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip and we only have 90 seats. (El Ride \$10.00 per person)

**Reservations for El Ride must be in by November 21.**

Have you sent your Survey back...we need your input to make your Division work for you. The postage has been paid...now it's time to do your part.

Thanks! See you all on the bus.

*Art Roth*

P.S.: All you Milwaukee Road fans — Union was running F.M. 760. It looked great. The 1994 Milwaukee Road calendars are in. Let me know if you want one so I can reserve them.

## NOVEMBER CONTESTS

- Industrial Switchers
- Industrial Structures
- Photos (no slides) of industrial complexes

*Correction!*

**November Meeting  
Is November 21st  
Not November 17th**

*Change Your Calendars!!!*

## RRVD SOLICITS PRIVATE ROAD NAME CARS FOR CONVENTION

The Rock River Valley Division will be hosting the Spring 1994 Regional Convention in Rockford, Illinois on April 15, 16 and 17, 1994. They are intending to make private road name cars available for the auction. Auctioning of private road name cars makes unique cars available to modelers who would otherwise not have access to such cars. Also, this is a chance to advertise your home road. Private road name cars have much sought after at auctions where they have been sold. If you would be willing to donate one or several of your private road name cars to this worthwhile cause, please contact:

Don Brindle  
Spring '94 Convention Coord  
3159 Far Hill Road  
Rockford, IL 61109  
(815) 874-6095

## HIGH WHEELER '94

High Wheeler '94 will be on March 5th and 6th, 1994. There will be a committee meeting on November 9, 1993 at the home of Ray Pettersen, 4307 Linden Lane, Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Anyone wishing to take part in the planning of the High Wheeler program should attend this meeting. Call Ray at 708-259-3040 if you need directions. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

## GARFIELD-CLARENDON 46th ANNUAL FALL OPEN HOUSE

The Garfield-Clarendon Model Railroad will host its Fall Open House on Sunday, November 7 and 14, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the annual event in the Club's quarters at the Clarendon Park Community Center, 4501 N. Clarendon, Chicago. There is no admission charge, but donations are always appreciated to help offset Club expenses.

## THE GOAL

The size of a non-profit organization is directly proportionate to the quality of its volunteers.

The size is unimportant. The quality of its workers determines the quality of the organization.

If members don't work for the club they are the losers. A small group of working members is better than a large list of names on a roster.

I intend to help the Fox Valley Division to continue being a great organization. Not a great big organization.

*Richard the Lionhearted*



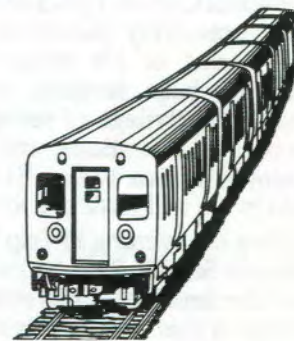
## AUTUMN

This is the time of year when our layouts seem to call us back. This is the time when we clean the track, build the structure we bought over the Summer. Engines are put back on the track and hope that they will run.

Autumn is also the time when Your Division needs you to participate. It doesn't cost you anything but one Sunday afternoon a month. Your Division wants to share its collective knowledge with all of its members.

Each year the Fox Valley Division sponsors the Train Show High Wheeler. The proceeds of this show are spent by the Division on the education and entertainment of its members.

Join us, we're a nice bunch of people.



The Fox Valley Division  
invites you to a  
*Christmas El Ride*  
on December 18, 5 p.m.

Send your reservation and \$10.00 per person  
to

Fox Valley Division  
El Ride  
P.O. Box 1535  
Arlington Heights, IL 60006-1535  
Deadline: Nov. 21, 1993

# Coming Events

**JANUARY 16, 1994, 1:30 P.M.**

JEFF KEHOE — Cabooses  
Contest — Fallen Flag Cabooses

**FEBRUARY 20, 1994, 1:30 P.M.**

**AUCTION**

Bring some of the things your layout  
no longer needs. Bid on some it does.

**MARCH 5 and 6, 1994**

High Wheeler '94  
Harper College  
Algonquin and Roselle Roads  
Palatine, Illinois

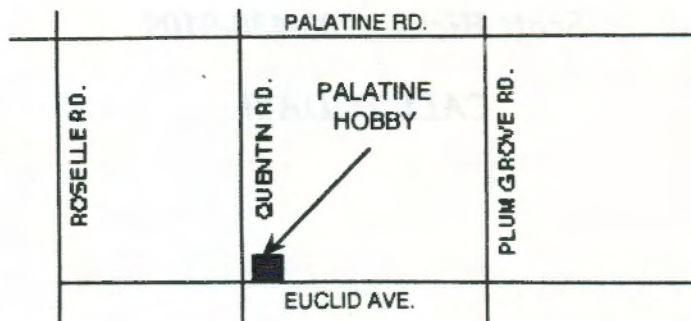
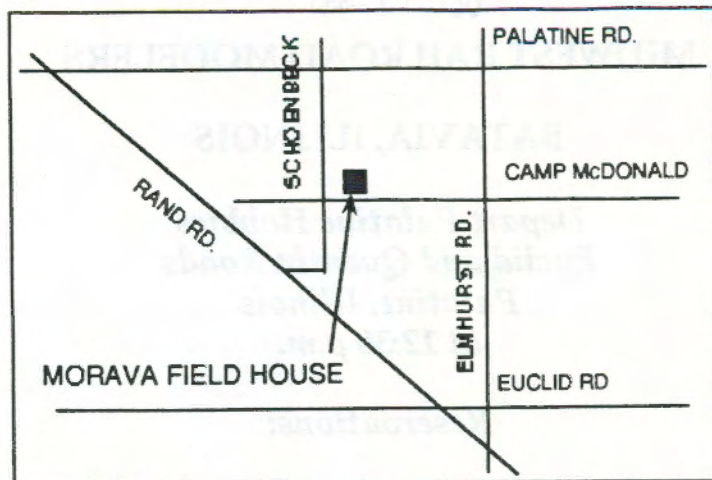
**APRIL 17, 1994, 1:30 P.M.**

Annual Business Meeting  
Election of Officers

**MAY 15, 1994**

To Be Announced

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# OCTOBER PROGRAM

OCT. 17 1993

## MIDWEST RAILROAD MODELERS

**BATAVIA, ILLINOIS**

*Depart Palatine Hobbies  
Euclid and Quentin Roads  
Palatine, Illinois  
at 12:30 p.m.*

**Reservations:**

**Art Roth—708-577-4430  
Scott Hicks—708-438-9109**

**CALL TODAY!**



Mark your calendars now for the 22nd Annual Model Railroad Show sponsored by the WISE Division of the NMRA. Reexperience those toys of childhood at Trainfest® '93. The date: Sat. and Sun., Nov. 13 and 14. The place: Wisconsin State Fair Park, North Exhibit Building, S. 84th St. and W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, Wis. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission Donation: Adults \$4; Seniors & NMRA members \$3; Children \$2; Under 12 Free when accompanied by parent."...it's one of the best, if not the best, model railroad show in the country." — Russ Larson, *Model Railroader*.

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**Important Date Change Inside**

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