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# The Semaphore

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## Free Food, No Fooling!

*A Chance to vote for Board Members  
in the FVD*

*- Rick Saviano- Publications*

*Trainmaster*

This Month's meeting will be April 18 at the Gary Morava Recreation Center in Prospect Heights. In a blatant attempt to increase attendance for our elections, we at the Fox Valley division are taking the extra steps to ensure your presence. Now, you would think that the Annual Business Meeting, two presentations, and a modelers' contest would be enough, but no! We want to make sure that we get as much participation as possible for this meeting, so we're bringing out the Big Guns - PIZZA! So join us on April 18, at 1:00pm, enjoy the meeting, and help make the Fox Valley Division even better by voting for next year's directors.

Yes, I know that it would have been better if the Semaphore reached you sooner so that you could make the time for the meeting, but your Publications Trainmaster (yours truly) wanted to give you the latest information on Who's Running in time to inspire your attendance.

## April's Meeting

In addition to our elections, this month's meeting will have two excellent presentations: a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will give a presentation on Operation LifeSaver, and Dave Leider will give a presentation on the late Ron Proebsting's marvelous HO layout. Mark the date!

The April contest will be tank cars, so bring your favorite milk, oil, or liquid nitrogen transporter and win a prize.

The meeting schedule is posted on our web site, [www.mwr-nmra.org/fvd](http://www.mwr-nmra.org/fvd). Go on the internet and take a look. If there are changes to the schedule, or if additional information needs to be disseminated to the Fox Valley Division membership, you will find it there.

## May's Meeting

For the May meeting of the Fox Valley Division, we will go on a field trip to the East Troy RailRoad Museum in East Troy, Wisconsin. We will leave at 10:00am on May 23, from the Regency Shopping Plaza on Quentin Road and Euclid, in Arlington Heights. There will be free bus transportation for all who wish to attend, and free admission to all members. Mark the date and sign up at the April meeting!

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## WHO'S RUNNING FOR OFFICE - FVD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

When you look at the names in the box showing the FVD Board of Directors, do you ever wonder, "Hey, who put them in charge?" Well, it could be you!

You can help keep the Fox Valley Division moving in the right direction. Elections will be held at the April 18 meeting in the Gary Morava Center. Start by contacting our Events Trainmaster, Steve Martinak ([mart832@attglobal.net](mailto:mart832@attglobal.net) or call him at 847-854-7545).

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### Biography of Candidate for Superintendent, (This could be You!)

Member NMRA and Fox Valley Division (Supply the other details and ask for your name to be added to the ballot!)

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### Biography of Candidate for Assistant Superintendent, Harry Sorenson

Member NMRA & Fox Valley Division for 7 Years. Completing 4 Years as Chief Clerk. ( Secretary ) Volunteer at Highwheeler for last 6 years. Modeling in H.O. since 1960 ( more or less ) and still do not have a working layout. Current one is under construction. Other modeling - Active member of CAGRS; Chicago Area Garden Railway Society for 6 Years. Have an operational outdoor layout in "G" gauge. (2 years old) - Charter member and officer Midwest Rails Modular Railroad  
I have been taking the modular layout to shows for 8 years.

Professional - Since 1959 Industrial / Manufacturing Engineer, Production Manager, Factory Manager, Engineering

Manager. Since 1980 President of engineering consulting firm. Retired 2002. to play with trains, and other stuff.

I will appreciate your support to serve as the Asst. Superintendent.

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### Biography of Candidate for Chief Clerk, Lief Hansen

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1985 and I would like to contribute a little to keep the Fox Valley Division running as a functional division.

I have a lot of computer experience and I know how to type, two items that I feel are important for a Chief Clerk to have. I have committed the time slot for the various events and I should be able to attend most of the functions as required. So, if you feel that I can do the job for you, please vote for me for Chief Clerk.

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### Biography of Candidate for Paymaster, Tim Kleimeyer

Tim has been Assistant Superintendent for the last 4 years. He has been our auctioneer at the December meeting for the last 3 years and has worked at High Wheeler for the last 9 years. You'll usually find him at the FVD tables by the door when he is not helping someone pick out a door prize. Tim models in HO and recently added a room over the garage for a new layout, the

### *Call for Layouts!*

#### **Share Your Layout with Others**

Did you enjoy the layouts we've visited last year? Have they provided inspiration for your own layout? Here's the perfect opportunity to share your layout with the rest of the Fox Valley Division.

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Sleepy Creek Railway. He has been collecting kits for the 100 plus buildings he estimates are needed for the new layout. It will actually be 3 railroads in one with Metra and UP mainline action and the (fictitious) Sleepy Creek Railway which was a CNW branch that UP did not want. The layout will be about 24' x 25' walk around with both point to point operations and the option for continuous running. Tim enjoys rail fanning and industrial sightseeing as well as helping his wife with her gardens. (He keeps the lawn mowed, anyway.) He lives in Sleepy Hollow and works for

Siemens Energy & Automation in Batavia. His route to work crosses the CN, IC, and UP's branch to Bellvidere as well as the main UP west line.

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**Biography of Candidate for Achievement Awards and Contests Trainmaster (completing the term ending 2005), Donn Bramstrator (No Biography available at time of publication)**

## This Year's Remaining Events

April 18, 2004  
1:00pm, Morava Center  
**Annual Business Meeting**

Election of Board of Directors  
Clinic – Details to be announced  
Contest– Tank Cars

May 23, 2004  
10:00am, Regency Shopping Plaza  
**Field Trip- East Troy Electric Railroad Museum**  
No Contest

### End of the Line

Robert W. Hoffman, age 91, died on October 8, 2003. Mr. Hoffman was father to Jerry (former Semaphore publisher) and Tom (former Superintendent) Hoffman. Father of four, grandfather of seven, and great-grandfather of four, he was interested in his sons' love of model railroading. He would bring his wife, Florence to High Wheeler every year. Mr. Hoffman was a member of the Optimist Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, two organizations emphasizing service to children.

### Fox Valley Division Board of Directors

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**Location for General Meetings**

General meetings of the Fox Valley Division are held at the Morava Center in Prospect Heights (See map at right).



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