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FEBRUARY MEETING

February 5, 1989, 1:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
Arlington Heights, Illinois

CLINICS

THIS MONTH WE ARE going on a layout tour in Glenview called "HO TWICE & HALF." However; we will start at the church hall with a short meeting in which we will discuss current division affairs including the upcoming HIGHWHEELER '89.

Maps will then be given out for the layout tour and we will travel in two groups in order that only half of the members will be at the home layouts at one time. You should plan to arrive at your first layout at 2:30 p.m. and at your second at 3:30 p.m.

Usually most layout tours are to HO layouts, but this is going to be different because one layout is "O" gauge (Lionel) which is "TWICE HO" and the other layout is "N" gauge which is "HALF HO."

The "TWICE HO" layout is the celebrated LIONEL layout of Stan Roy which was featured in the recent book titled "Toy Train Layouts of America." Stan will operate 27 trains on six loops and three levels, automatically and all at the same time. It is, as far as anyone knows, a world's record for simultaneous operation by one person. Stan has over \$100,000 invested in his layout and some engines cost over \$2,000 apiece.

The "HALF HO" layout is the "N" gauge Blue Diamond Railroad of Jim Goettsche and although it is not completely finished with scenery he will be in operation for our visit. Jim is quite active in our sister division, North Shore & Western, and has had his HO modular group at our HIGHWHEELER and he has been a presenter at our meetings.

Once again, we wish to point out that this layout tour will be different than the usual HO only tours.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Meeting dates for February and May have been changed. See the Schedule on the back for changes.

HIGHWHEELER '89 ON TRACK 12

Our twelfth annual model railroad show, HIGHWHEELER '89, will be held at Harper College in Palatine on March 4 & 5, 1989. Current registrations are at about last year's levels and we've gotten several new exhibitors, and several previous exhibitors have expanded their displays. We anticipate an excellent show with something to please everyone.

HIGHWHEELER '89 is the most important fund-raising event for our division. The fact that we are able to do something we enjoy while raising the necessary funds to keep our division going is an added bonus. "Model railroading is fun," as *Model Railroader Magazine* points out each month, and model railroaders are some of the friendliest, most enjoyable people anyone could ever hope to meet.

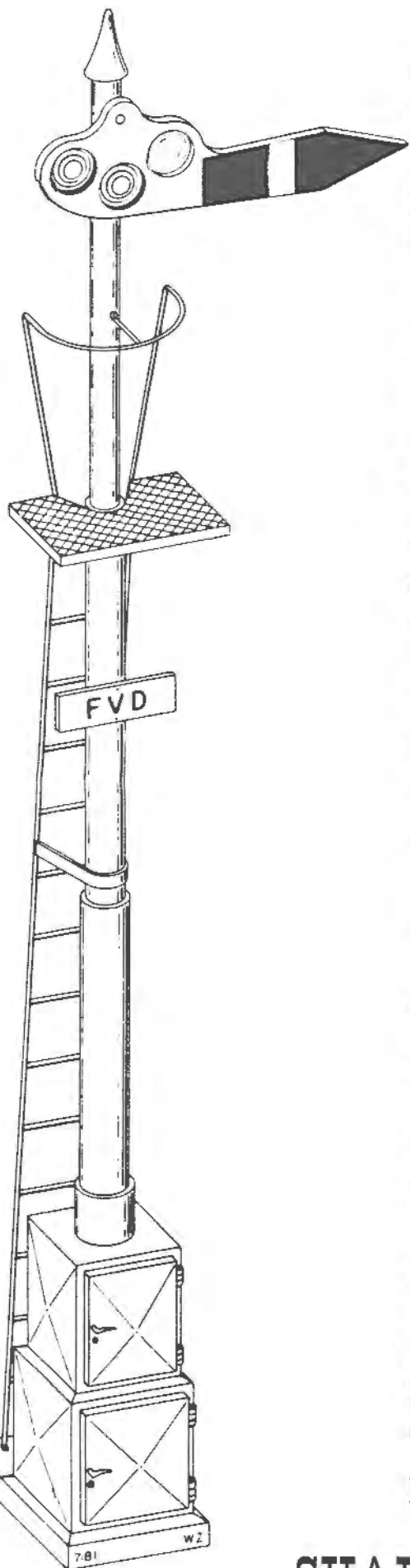
Our show can always use exhibitors. You might want to make a display showing your home railroad or showing some of the models you've put so much time and effort into. Several of our members participate by building models and have reported that the public is fascinated by what we consider normal modeling. (One member confided that he gets more done during the two-day show than he does all winter, with the responsibilities he has at home.)

We also need volunteers to help set up the show on Friday night and to help take it down Sunday afternoon. Last year's volunteers helped to set up and take down the show in record time. It's an easy way to help. We also need a few members to help run the show on Saturday and Sunday. Help is needed in the movie room, at the door, and to help when the usual minor problems arise.

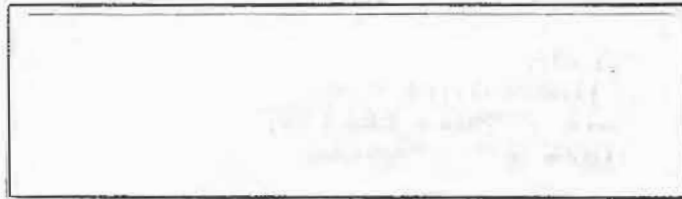
All members can help in the following ways:
1. Participate by being an exhibitor. 2. Volunteer to spend two to three hours helping to set up or take down the show. 3. Mention the show to your friends, relatives, and co-workers. 4. If you are unable to help, ATTEND, and bring your family with you! Our rating is "G," which stands for Great!

Tom Hoffman — Show Chairman

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☉ FEBRUARY 5 ☉

Glensview Layout Tour
"HO TWICE & HALF"

at Stan Roy and Jim Goettsche Layouts

March 4 and 5

HIGH WHEELER '89

Harper College — Building M
Algonquin and Roselle Rds.
Palatine, Illinois

APRIL 16

History of C&NW Chicago Terminal

by J. Saunders

Annual Business Meeting

Election of Trainmasters

Photo Contest

Operation Clinic

by S. King

☉ MAY 14 ☉

Photography Clinic

by P. Allodi

End-of-Year Bash

at Jim Otis'

"G" Gauge Outdoor Layout

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