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JUNCTION '90

With the convention just a few days away, we want to let you know about some of the highlights. The roster of clinicians reads like a Who's Who in Model Railroading.

Tours of some of the finest layouts in America. Operating sessions on some of the layouts.

Optional extras at additional cost include Metra Tour, M.R.I.A. Show and Banquet.

TRAINFEST '90

The WISE Division is again hosting Trainfest '90. The show dates are Saturday, November 10, 1990 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 11, 1990 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The site for the show is State Fair Park, North Exhibit Building. The park is at S. 84th St. and W. Greenfield Ave. in West Allis, Wisconsin.

Show your NMRA membership card for \$1 discount. Discount does not apply to Senior Citizen rate. Thus admission will be: Regular: \$4; Senior and NMRA Member: \$3; Children 12-18: \$2; Children Under 12: Free.

Although our meeting will be that Sunday, you may want to take a run up there on the 10th.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Contest Trainmaster Don Brynelson has submitted the following contest schedule.

November—Caboose and Photo

December—Snow Removal Equipment

January—Passenger Train

February—Structures

March—General at *Highwheeler*

April—Humorous in observance of *April Fools Day*.

Congratulations . . .

We wish announce the marriage of our Assistant Superintendent, Dave Flebbe to Donna Maykut. We wish them a lifetime of love and caring.

NOVEMBER CONTEST

The contests for November are caboose and photo. The rules are quite simple. For the caboose contest, two (2) models per entrant, any scale (you can carry).

The photo contest rules are as follows. Prints should be at least 5"x7", black and white or color. Slides may also be entered. Each entrant may submit three (3) prints or slides.

The contest will be judged by those members present by a secret ballot. First, second and third place certificates will be awarded.

Superintendent's Report

As the time nears for our regional convention I find myself being caught up in the excitement of preparations for it. The Duluth & Tomahawk is going to be on display for the first time in five years, how is it running? Who among my friends from past conventions will be there? What clinics do I plan to attend? What will the contest models be like?

NMRA regional conventions tend to bring together people from all walks of life for a common purpose, the sharing of our hobby with friends who have similar interests. There is something for you no matter what facet of the hobby interests you the most. Combined with the Hobby Show, this convention brings what promises to be some first rate entertainment for us model railroaders.

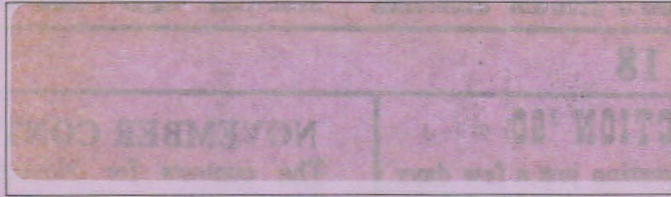
I hope to see most of you at the convention or at my home during the layout tours. With close to thirty layouts on exhibit over three nights there should be plenty of variety. I have always been impressed by the courtesy shown by model railroaders when visiting home layouts. I trust our record will remain unblemished.

It is time to back down to work on the D&T and figure out why that mainline turnout won't close. Why bother? No matter how well it runs before the open house there is inevitably a malfunction when the first visitor walks through the door. See you at Rosemont.

Tom

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October 18-21
Junction '90
NMRA-Midwest Region
FALL CONVENTION
O'Hare Expo Center

November 18th
Creative Scenery Construction by Art Boguse
Fox Valley Railroad Module Set-Up
(Discussion #2)
Toward A Modular Concept
by NMRA Tape-Slide
Contests
Caboose and Photo

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