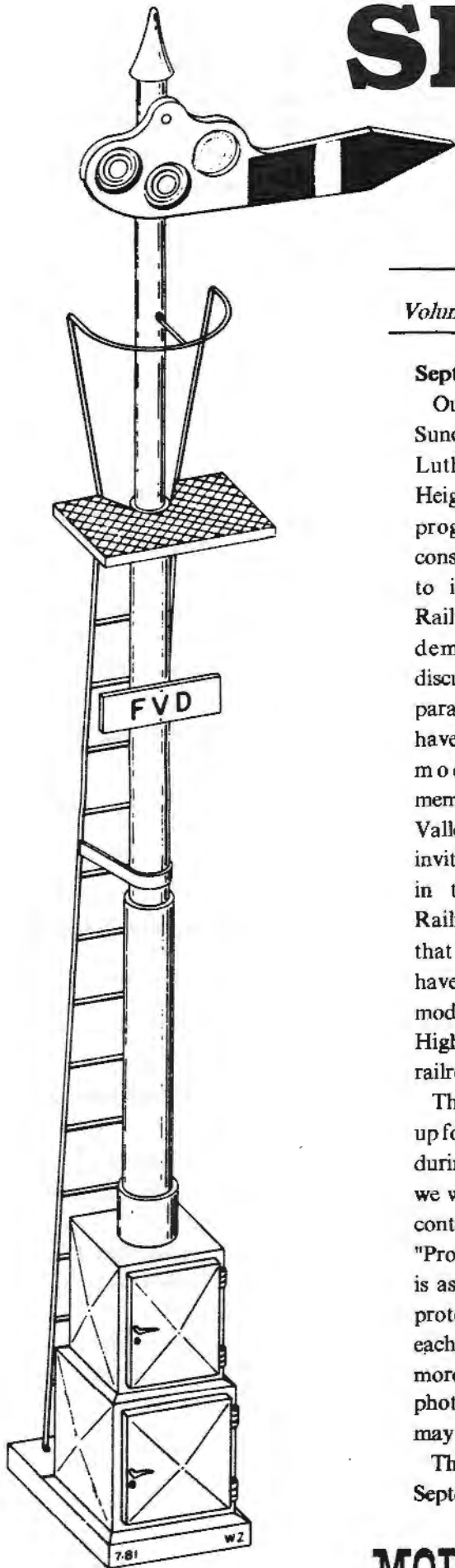


# SEMAPHORE



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## **September Program**

Our September program will be on Sunday, September 15 at Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights. The first part of the program will be showing the construction of two modules designed to interface with the Fox Valley Railroad. We will demonstrate and discuss the design parameters which we have set for the modules. All members of the Fox Valley Division are invited to participate in the Fox Valley Railroad. We hope that this year we will have several members build their modules for operation and display at Highwheeler as a part of the division railroad.

The Fox Valley Railroad will be set up for viewing before the meeting and during the break. During the break, we will also have the voting for our contest. The first contest will be a "Proto Photo" contest. Each member is asked to bring his or her favorite prototype photograph. We ask that each member limit his entries to no more than two per contestant. The photos should be at least 5" x 7" and may be mounted on matting.

The final item on our agenda for September will be a videotape

showing the Pikes Peak Cog Railway. This railroad was 100 years old in July of this year. The tape should bring back memories for those who have ridden it and inspire those who haven't to visit Colorado Springs soon.

## **October Meeting**

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**MEETING**  
September 15, 1991  
1:30 pm  
Faith Lutheran Church  
431 S. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
708-253-4840

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The Fox Valley Division will be doing something unique this year for our October meeting. We have arranged with the Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad to tour their roundhouse at Janesville (Wisconsin) on

Sunday, October 27. Not only will we see this former Milwaukee Road facility, but we will see several rare and exotic diesel locomotives which are owned by Mr. Glen Monhart. These locomotives are under lease to the Wisconsin & Calumet.

You don't have to worry about finding the roundhouse as we have contracted with the Wisconsin & Calumet to have two special cars attached to their normal Sunday train. We will depart from the Fox Lake Metra station at 1:00 pm and take the train to Walworth (Wisconsin). At Walworth, we will leave the train and take a bus a short distance to the Janesville roundhouse.

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facility and then we will board the bus for the return trip to Walworth. At Walworth, we will have some snacks while we wait for the train to pick us up and take us back to Fox Lake. The train will leave Walworth at 7:00 pm and arrive in Fox Lake at 9:00 pm. The two cars which have been reserved for us are an open platform observation car and a baggage car. If the weather cooperates, the doors on the baggage car will be opened to allow us to take pictures of the train and/or the scenery which should hopefully still have some of the autumn color left.

The cost for the trip will be \$25.00 per person which is for the train ride. The Division will provide for the bus between Walworth and Janesville, and for the food after the visit to the roundhouse. All participants must sign a release form to be allowed to visit the roundhouse.

The Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad would like to remind us that we are touring an operating railroad and asks that we do not enter any off limits area or take any chances when going on or near the equipment. They have also asked that no one wear open toed shoes and that all participants be over 16 years old.

You will find a release form in this month's *Semaphore* and at the September division meeting. The money must be paid no later than October 15, as we must give our final count of participants to the railroad on that day.

#### **December Contest**

The contest for December will be titled "Seasons Greetings." The theme of the contest will be related to the holiday season. To enter the contest, you must design and build a diorama depicting the holiday season.

The diorama should be no larger than 2' x 2' and can be built in any scale. It may be hard to think of the Christmas holiday season in September, but if you get started now, you'll have plenty of time to complete the project.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Welcome back for the '91 - '92 modeling year. I trust everyone had as good a summer as I did and that we're ready for an interesting year. One of the high points of my summer was attending the national convention in Denver at the beginning of July. Denver is a fascinating town with plenty of railroad action, both modeling and prototype. With next year's convention in nearby Columbus, Ohio, I would encourage everyone to try to attend if you possibly can. National conventions are a full week of the best in clinics and tours, and a chance to meet fellow modelers from all over the world.

This fall we will also be fortunate to have our regional convention sponsored by our neighboring Du Page Division on October 12 and 13. I would hope to see many Fox Valley Division members participate in this nearby convention.

The Fox Valley division will have as one of its highpoints this year a trip on the Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad from Fox Lake. This trip will be in place of our regular October meeting. We will continue to have our other scheduled meetings including Highwheeler in March.

One of the major changes this year in the Division is that the monthly *Semaphore* will be mailed only to those members who are considered "active." To be considered "active,"

you must have attended a division meeting within the past calendar year. All members will continue to receive the September and April issues as well as a postcard prior to Highwheeler.

I hope to see everyone at our first meeting at Faith Lutheran Church on September 15.

#### **REMINDER!**

Midwest Regional NMRA  
1991 Fall Convention  
RAILFUN '91  
October 12 & 13  
Lisle Naperville Hilton  
3003 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532

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#### **Schedule**

**October 27**  
Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad Trip

**November 17**  
To be announced

**December 15**  
Auction  
"Seasons Greetings" Contest

PERMIT

The Permittee whose name and address are shown below, after having all applicable signatures affixed and information inserted as prescribed on this form is hereby authorized to enter upon the premises of the Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad shown below, at the place, on the date(s), and for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

NAME OF PERMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_

FULL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION(S) TO BE VISITED \_\_\_\_\_

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PURPOSE OF VISIT \_\_\_\_\_

Countersigned By:

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Edwin E. Ellis  
General Manager

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In consideration of the permission Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad has herein granted to the undersigned to enter upon its premises on the date(s) and for the purpose stated above, the undersigned hereby assumes all risk of personal injury or death and loss of or damage to property, and releases Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission and South Central Rail Transit Commission, their trustees, officers, agents or employees from all liability therefore, whether or not caused by the negligence of Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission, South Central Wisconsin Rail Transit Commission, their trustees, officers, agents or employees.

Witness:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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