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October Meeting

Our October meeting will not be held at Faith Lutheran Church this month. Instead, the Fox Valley Division will be visiting an operating railroad. 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 under lease to the Wisconsin & Calumet.

You won't have to find the roundhouse because we have contracted with the Wisconsin & Calumet to have two special cars attached to their normal Sunday train. You must, however, find your way to the Metra station in Fox Lake. The train will pick us up at 1:00 p.m. and take us to Walworth, Wisconsin. From there, we will take a short bus ride to the roundhouse in Janesville. After the tour, we will have some snacks while we wait for the train to pick us up for the ride back to Fox Lake. The train will leave Walworth at 7:00 p.m. and arrive in Fox Lake at 9:00 p.m. 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 open to allow us to take pictures of the train and/or scenery.

The cost of the trip will be \$25.00 per person, for the train ride, which must be paid before October 15. The Division will provide for the bus between Walworth and Janesville, and for the food. All participants must sign a release form to be allowed to visit the roundhouse. If you would like to go but haven't signed a release form, please contact one of the officers and they will send you one.

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 also ask that no one wear open toed shoes and that all participants be over 16 years old.

November Meeting

Our program for the month of November can be called, "The Rock Island Remembered." This is the title of the first part of the program. Former division member Marion Brasher has put together one of the finest slide presentations I have ever seen. Marion uses multiple projectors on three screens at once to totally

immerse you in the Rock Island Railroad. This is a program that you won't want to miss.

The Rock Island may be gone, but much of it remains as a part of other railroads such as the Chicago & North Western and the Southern Pacific. One part which has been transformed into a new regional railroad is the former mainline from Blue Island, Illinois, to Council Bluffs, Iowa which is now called the Iowa Interstate. John Drozdack and several of his friends have put together a presentation on this railroad which is the second part of our program. Along with their presentation, they will show us some of their excellent modeling of the railroad.

The contest for November is a rerun of the September contest which was "Proto Photos." This time we will include slides as a category. More details of this contest will follow in the November *Semaphore*. Let's see some more entries this time!

Superintendent's Report

October brings several events of interest to model railroaders. First on the agenda this month will be the Regional Convention RAILFUN '91 to be held at the Lisle/Naperville Hilton on October 12 & 13. Looking

at the flyer indicates that this will be a super convention well worth attending. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the hotel.

The next event of interest will be our division trip on the Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad on October 27. You must register no later than October 15 as the railroad needs to know what facilities they need to provide for us. The cost remains \$25.00 for the ride on the train and the bus transportation back and forth from Walworth to the Janesville roundhouse. This will be an opportunity to see several extremely rare locomotives such as an E3, F7, BL-2 and GP-7 which seem to be disappearing quickly from the contemporary railway scene.

The final event of interest to model railroaders will be the 7th Annual Model Hobby Show at the Rosemont Expo Center on November 1 - 3. Admission will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 6 - 12 years old. Model railroading will be represented

by many manufacturers and publishers showing some of their newest products.

Have a great fall season by participating in some or all of these events.

Tom

TRAINFEST '91

The Wise Division is sponsoring TRAINFEST '91, 20th annual model railroad show. It will be held at the State Fair Park North Exhibit Building on Saturday, November 9, 1991, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, November 10, 1991, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There you will see manufacturers, railroad artists, hobby shops, expert hobbyist, philatelic sales and displays, operating layouts, railroad exhibits and displays, and railroad movies and slide shows. There will be demonstrations in scenery, model painting, track laying and buildings. Plan on attending America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show.

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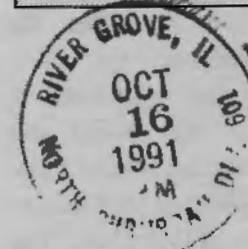
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