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November Meeting

This month we have an outstanding program planned for our division meeting. The theme of the program is the Rock Island Railroad. The Rock Island has been gone for over ten years, but our first program will take us back in time to when it was running in its multi-colored glory years. Marion Brasher, from the Central Illinois division, will bring his program entitled "The Rock Island Remembered." This is a multi-projector slide presentation using three screens simultaneously. It is one of the finest railroad programs you will ever see.

The Rock may be gone, but parts remain in operation by other railroads. One such railroad is the Iowa Interstate which runs from Blue Island, Illinois to Council Bluffs, Iowa. John Drozdack has put together a presentation on this regional railroad. He will show us scenes from the prototype along with examples of his excellent modeling work of equipment from this railroad.

Don't forget to bring your slides or photos for our photo contest. You may bring either slides or 5" x 7" prints of your favorite railroad subjects. However, you will be limited to a maximum of five (5) slides and/or

pictures. Lets try for a large turnout of contestants for this contest.

Congratulations

Congratulations are to be extended to Bob Moskal and Scott Hicks who are winners of the Golden Spike Award. Also to John Munn and Mike Hulbert who have published articles in the *Bulletin* and *Rail Model Journal*, respectively.

New Contest Categories

There will be a change in the rules for the upcoming contests. Judging will take place in two categories: one for craftsman and scratch built items and the other for non-craftsman items. There will be first, second and third place prize awards given in each category. This should give those people who can't build a craftsman or scratch built kit a chance to compete with modelers on their own level.

Superintendent's Report

November is traditionally National Model Railroading month. During this time, many of the clubs in and near our division will hold their open house. Check out *Model Railroader* or other publications to see if a club near you is

holding its open house. I'm sure they would be more than happy to see you and you'll probably pick up several new ideas for your own layout.

A large thank you goes out to all of the members who went on our excursion on the Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad. Despite the cold weather, almost everything else came off as well as we could have hoped for. Several members put a great deal of effort into the trip and they deserve our recognition and thanks. Art Roth and Tom Helms for their bringing in the Milwaukee Road Historical Society and for organizing the check-in at the Fox Lake station. Bob Carney served as our liaison with the railroad and helped ensure that our connections went smoothly. He also made the initial contacts with the bus company and found a restaurant near Walworth. Special thanks goes to Irv

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Lange who handled the registration and finalized the arrangement for the food. During the last hectic week before the trip, Irv was the person who kept the trip in order and on schedule. Finally, to the wives and families of those of us who organized the trip, thank you for your understanding and assistance. The trip required much of our time and would not have been possible without your cooperation.

-Tom

A Thank You Letter to the Division

Dear Fox Valley Model Railroad Division,

On behalf of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association, I would like to thank you for inviting our members to join you on October 27, 1991.

The train ride was very comfortable and relaxing. The tour of the Wisconsin and Calumet in Janesville was very nice and the ride back to Fox Lake was delightful.

I like to thank Art Roth and Tom Helms for informing our group of your plans.

Thank you so much for remembering us.

Sincerely,
Linda Sukup
National President

Schedule

December 15
"Seasons Greetings" Diorama Contest

January 19
On-line Structures Contest

February 16
Off-line Structures Contest

March 6, 7, 8
Highwheeler

April 26
Open Cars With Loads Contest

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