



Semaphore

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September Meeting

Not only is this the first meeting of the '92-'93 season, but it is the first meeting at a new location. The Fox Valley Division will be meeting at the Prospect Heights Park District Center (Gary

MEETING

September 20, 1992

1:30 p.m.

Gary Morava Recreation Ctr.
104 W. Camp McDonald Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070
708-394-2848

Morava Recreation Center) on Camp McDonald Road [see map elsewhere in this newsletter - Ed.].

The first part of the program will be a presentation by Palatine Hobbies on their hobby shop. This will be a presentation to inform the members of the Division on the contents of the shop, the procedures for ordering merchandise through the shop and how to get the sales receipts discount in the shop.

Tom Hoffman will present the second part of the program with a short presentation on the National

Convention held in Columbus, Ohio. The presentation will include an overview of the events he attended and a slide show of the slides he took. Some of the slides will show the nice models entered in the model contests.

Speaking of contests, the theme for this month's contest is "Summer Railfanning." You may bring in, for public viewing and judging, any slides you took during the summer months. But, please, only a maximum of 5 slides are allowed per entrant. So pick your "best five," and "come on down."

Superintendents Report

Welcome back for another year of model railroading Fox Valley style. This promises to be an exciting year for our division as we will, for the first time in eight years, be hosting a regional convention. The convention is set for the first weekend in May at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows. We will also have our traditional HIGH WHEELER in March. At this point in time, we are not sure of the location because Harper College has increased their rental fees beyond what we feel is a reasonable cost for the type of exhibition we put on.

We have changed our meeting location. We hope the new facility at the

Prospect Heights Park District will meet with everyone's approval.

On the negative side, last May we lost two division members. Bob Moskal and Lloyd Jacobsen passed away after our last issue of the *Semaphore*. Their presence and fellowship will be sorely missed by our division.

We also have had illness strike several of our members. Bert Ahrensfield had a mild stroke in mid June. He is currently convalescing at the Moorings Health Center. He would appreciate any cards or phone calls from his many friends. His address and phone number are:

Moorings Health Center
Room 207
811 E. Central Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
708-734-1207

Rose Smith, wife of Norm, is also ill and we wish her a speedy recovery. She and Norm were looking forward to his retirement this year, and knowing how they love to travel, I'm hoping they can soon get back on track.

Next month, we will unfortunately be losing Paymaster, Dave Hamilton. Dave has received a promotion which will require his moving to Minneapolis,

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Minnesota. He will be leaving in late October. I personally will miss him as he has been one of my best friends and a heck of a yardmaster at the Red Cliff Yard on the Duluth & Tomahawk. Just so we don't get feeling too sorry for him, I would like to point out that his new home will have a basement twice the size of his current one. I have a funny feeling that we will soon be seeing the new Burlington Northern River Division in some of the major magazines. Best

wishes, and thanks to Dave and to his lovely wife Karen for all of their contributions to our division.

Awards

Golden Spike Awards were issued to Bill Leider and Don Robinson. Bill Leider also was awarded a Master Model Railroader (MMR) for his outstanding modeling work. Congratulations to both of you.

Mortgage

The mortgage on the National Headquarters building has been paid off. Everyone who helped by contributing should be thanked for a job well done.

Layouts Wanted

The Layout Tour Committee, for SMILEPOST '93, is looking for new layouts to hold open houses for the 1993 convention. The convention dates are April 30 and May 1-2. The layouts can be any size or shape, and can be in any state of completion. Most convention attendees enjoy seeing a layout that is under construction because that is the best time to compare building techniques. Smaller layouts are also popular because, for most people, it is not possible to build a layout that covers the entire basement.

Please get in touch with any of the Division board members. They will give you all of the details and any encouragement that you may require. Remember, layout tours are a great incentive to dust the cobwebs off the layout that accumulated during the summer months and begin those projects that you have thought about for the winter months.

Receiving the Semaphore

The *Semaphore* is mailed to the entire Division membership in September and April. To receive a *Semaphore* the other

six months (there is no issue in March), a member must attend at least one meeting during the year. (New members to the Division will automatically receive the *Semaphore* for one year.) If you cannot attend a meeting, but would like to continue to receive the *Semaphore* throughout the year, mail your request to the Semaphore Editor, P.O. Box 1535, Arlington Heights, IL 60006.

Schedule

October 18

Way Freight Train Contest

November ?

WISE Division Trainfest

December 20

Passenger Train Contest

January 17

2nd Generation Diesel Contest

February 21

Maintenance of Way Cars Contest

March 5, 6 & 7

High Wheeler '93

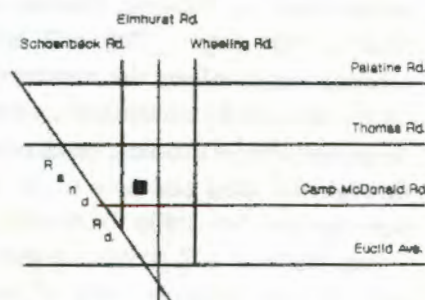
April 18

To be announced

April 30, May 1, 2

Smilepost '93

Midwest Region Spring Convention



Map of new meeting site