



the SEMAPHORE

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February Meeting

February's meeting will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. Our featured clinician will be Scott Hicks. Scott's topic will be the *Project Railroad* which he and a number of others will be assembling during the run of *High Wheeler '93*.

The floor will also be open for nominations for Trainmasters. Please consider the option to serve the Fox Valley Division as a Trainmaster. The title of Trainmaster is equivalent to Director.

Smilepost '93

All members of the Midwest Region will be receiving a registration form for Smilepost '93 in your region *Waybill*. There is much to do at this convention. Not only for the "rails", but also for the "non-rails".

"Rails" will have a choice of a Chicago Passenger Station, Rail/Intermodal Yard #1 or #2. "Non-Rails" will have a shuttle to and from Woodfield/One Shaumburg Place. Day trips will be available to Long Grove, Oak Park (Frank Lloyd Wright Home) or the Oceanarium/Field Museum. On Saturday evening there will be a ride on an El Train. See application for applicable fares.

HIGH WHEELER '93

High Wheeler '93 is rapidly approaching. This year the show will be open one hour longer. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. each day. We are expecting 45 exhibitors for your enjoyment.

High Wheeler is our fund raiser for the year. It is the reason we are dues-free. Its success will allow us to continue to be dues-free.

We still need help for set-up on Friday evening, March 5th. Set-up will begin at 6:00 p.m. Call Ray Pettersen (708-259-3040) to volunteer. Help is also needed for tear-down on Sunday evening. No tear-down will begin until 5:00 p.m. If all goes as planned



For Your Information

Division Meeting
Sunday, February 21, 1993
1:30 p.m.

February Contest
Maintenance of Way Cars

High Wheeler '93
March 6th and 7th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

we should be out of the gym by 7:00 p.m. Again, call Ray Pettersen (708-259-3040) to sign up. Thanks in advance for helping your Division.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February finds our division caught between the bustle of the massive preparations needed for High Wheeler and anticipation of getting on with the program. With the assistance of the Chicagoland Hobby Dealers and in particular Palatine Hobbies we have launched our largest publicity campaign ever. We are also scheduled to have a live radio broadcast by WUSN (US 99) on Saturday, March 6th. Hopefully this increased publicity will help to offset some of the increased costs we are running into.

The convention, sponsored by our division, (Smilepost '93) is also proceeding well with about twenty layouts open for touring. Sixteen clinics on model railroading scheduled, prototype trips scheduled for Saturday afternoon, a chartered El ride Saturday evening. A brunch is scheduled Sunday morning with a talk by noted authority Bruce Moffat on the now

famous Chicago Freight Railroad and its tunnels. One innovation our division can be particularly proud of is the extensive family package we have put together for family members accompanying the conventioners to the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows. We will be having trips to Long Grove, Frank Lloyd Wright's home, and to the Shedd Aquarium/Field Museum on Saturday. We are in need of volunteers to help at the registration desk and as chaperons on the family tours. If you are able to help please let us know as soon as possible. A far better description will be forthcoming in the Midwest Region *Waybill* in the very near future. The division elections are scheduled for April and we must have our nominations in by the February meeting. We need a full slate of trainmasters to run our division for the next few years. Please give the matter your consideration and choose to help your division serve its members. Many other divisions and regions require a dues payment in order to receive the benefits of membership. Please help us keep our tradition of serving all our members with a quality program.

Tom

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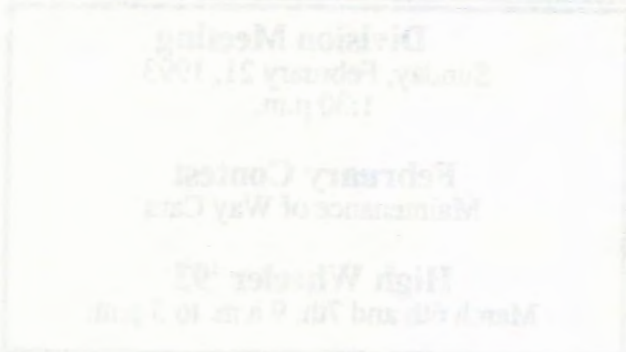
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SUBMITTER'S REPORT

February finds our division again between the hands of the novice preparation needed for High Winter and anticipation of going on with the program. With the assistance of the Chicago and Hobby Dealer and in particular John Hobbie we have launched our biggest publicity campaign ever. We are scheduled to have a live radio broadcast on WUSN (112.5 FM) on Saturday, March 2nd, hopefully this increased publicity will help to offset some of the increased costs we are incurring.

The current ad program by L.A. Brown, (Chicago) '83 is also working well with about twenty (20) ads on radio. Brown's idea of weekly advertising included many ads for hobby stores. The Saturday afternoon 4-5 p.m. slot is a good evening. A bunch of activities Sunday morning - the talk by noted author Bruce Mitchell on the new

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John will have a choice of a Chicago Evening radio broadcast on WUSN (112.5 FM) or on "The Radio" with a studio in the Fox Valley Division's headquarters. Fox Valley will be available to Long Grove, Oak Park, Elmhurst, and Westmont. The Greenway Field station in Elmhurst will be the site for the live broadcast.

HIGH WINTER '83

High Winter '83 is rapidly approaching. The new show will be open one hour longer. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. each day. We are expecting a fabulous show.

High Winter is an event for the year. It is the time we are highlighting the members who show us the way.

We will have a live set-up on Friday evening, March 3rd, and again at 6:00 p.m. Call Ray Hoffman (708-299-6276) to volunteer. Help is also needed for set-up on Sunday evening. The set-up will begin at 7:00 p.m. If all goes as planned