



MARCH 5th and 6th  
9 am to 5 pm

# HIGH WHEELER '94 the

Harper College  
Palatine, Illinois

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## FEBRUARY 20th PROGRAM

1:30 p.m. — Morava Fieldhouse

104 W. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights, IL

Well guys and gals, another month has passed by the boards. Hope everyone got through the weather without any frozen switches or air hoses. As for this old Trainmaster, I've got so much timber down in my yard from the ice storm, come Spring I'll have to build a logging railroad to get it to the mill.

The February program is Tom Foerster's clinic on *The Care and Feeding of Your Steam Power*. Following the clinic will be the Fox Valley Divisions *Annual Auction*. Dust off all that stuff you don't use and bring it with you.

February's meeting is the last one before High Wheeler on March 5 and 6 at Harper College. All members that can and will help, please be there for assignments with public relations or show work. This is your show and we need you. It is not painful to get involved, in fact it's fun.

We regret to report that Dan Horn is ill and has been hospitalized. Dan is a long-time member and an electrical expert. Drop him a line to cheer him up.

Dan Horn  
1313 Colwyn Dr.  
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Get well soon Dan. We need you and miss you.

Contests at High Wheeler '94 will include Freight Trains (Power unit, up to 6 cars plus caboose), Passenger Trains (Power unit and up to 5 cars), Dioramas and Modules. We encourage you to enter. Bring entries on the morning of March 5th.

April will feature a weathering clinic with the annual business meeting. It is at this meeting where we announce the results of the election of officers. There will also be a weathered freight car contest.

*Art*

### CORRECTION!

In the January issue of *the Semaphore*, in the tear-off folder we left out the specs for:

**Interface Track Centerlines From Module Front**  
— Track 1, 5"; Track 2, 7"

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January has been a rather eventful month for me in terms of model railroading.

Most of the Tuesdays have been rather depressing as a group of members and myself have been engaged in dismantling Bert Ahrensfield's layout. On the other hand most of the Fridays have found me working on my modules for the Fox Valley Modular Layout. While going back and forth between these two projects I have found myself thinking about model railroading. In particular I have found it interesting how the end of one railroad has led to the development of others. Yards from Bert's layout will find a home on the layouts of Dave Flebbe, Art Roth, Rick Conrath, and the Fox Valley Railroad. Cars from Bert's layout have found a home on the layouts of many of our members who so wonderfully purchased them at the last meeting. Many of the structures have been requested for a number of layouts. I'm sure that this is how Bert intended his layout to end. While it is sad to be removing it from its home of thirty or more years many of its major components will find a home on other layouts and inspire other modelers to emulate his efforts and remember what a fine gentleman he was.

On the region level I'm pleased to report that our division will be putting in a bid to host the 1996 Fall regional convention. Many of our members who were so instrumental in the success of Smilepost '93 have expressed an interest in working on the 1996 convention and I hope that we will be able to have more members help in setting up this convention. This convention will be a prelude to the 1997 National Convention which will be held in Madison, Wisconsin. I suspect that we will be asked to provide a layout tour for this convention and having your layout open for the Regional will allow you get much of the work done in time to have it ready for the National.

Don't forget High Wheeler next month. It promises to be the best show ever. We can use all of the help we can get to make this show a continuance of the recent string of successes we've had.

*Tom*

### Welcome Aboard!

*Joshua Dray  
Jerry Hout  
William H. Hale*

*Lill Cross  
David Cross  
Mike Keese*

*Brian Uchwat*



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### November Contest Winners

#### Industrial Switchers

1st — Roger Jones  
2nd — Garry Souter  
3rd — Dave Flebbe/Norbert Lundberg

#### Industrial Structures

1st — Frank Oldfield  
2nd — Chas Hague  
3rd — Chas Hague

#### Industrial and Grain Elevator Photos

1st — Art Roth  
2nd — Art Roth  
3rd — Tim Kleimer

### January Contest Winners

#### Cabooses

1st — John Drozdak  
2nd — Art Roth  
3rd — Roger Jones

### Model Railroad Display

The Fox Valley Division is sponsoring an exhibit on model railroading. The exhibit is in the front window of the Arlington Heights Public Library. The library is at 500 N. Dunton. This is another way your division promotes the hobby.

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