



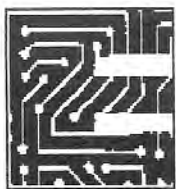
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OCTOBER 16th PROGRAM 1:30 P.M.



ELECTRICAL WIZARD DAN HORN will present a clinic on Basic Wiring and Troubleshooting. In his years at Motorola he has had to devise solutions for countless electrical puzzles.

Dan knows wiring and electrical circuitry. He has given assistance to a number of modelers in the past and is always happy to assist in the solution of a modeler's cry for help.

Make a list of questions for Dan and bring them along. With his expertise, you may be able to clear up some of the electrical glitches that seem to haunt some layouts.

NEW PRODUCT REVIEW

Scott Hicks will present a New Product Review following Dan's clinic.

OCTOBER CONTEST

Due to the change of dates for the September meeting the contest has been rescheduled for October. Bring Slides, Photos or Videos of your **Summer Memories** to the October 16th meeting.

The contest for November will be **Intermodal Cars**. The contest is open to all gauges.

For those who are unaware of the way our contests are run, here is a brief explanation. Ballots are given to all present. They are asked to mark a first, second and third place. After the voting is over the ballots are tabulated. Each first place vote is worth three points. Each second place vote is worth two points. And, each third place vote is worth one point. All entries points are totaled and the entries with the highest totals are awarded first, second and third place ribbons respectively. In the event of a tie, multiple awards will be made.

Please enter as many contests as you can. Many entries make for great contests. Bring your entries between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. for registration.

Superintendent's Report

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our first outing of the fall 1994 season when 44 people journeyed to East Troy, Wisconsin, on a school bus from Palatine Hobby. The entire outing was of first caliber. Shortly after arrival we all boarded the refurbished dining car for an excellent luncheon as we slowly rolled along the tracks to the end of the line. My personal plaudits and heartfelt thanks are expressed to *Frank and Kathy Oldfield* and *Art and Eileen Roth* for the perfect handling of the luncheon and all the surrounding amenities we enjoyed. After the luncheon many people clambered aboard the electric engine to ride the pilot and take in this wonderful day of sunshine and pleasant temperatures. Returning from the end of the line, we stopped at the *Elegant Farmer* where many purchases of "haked-in-a-brown-bag pies," muffins and other victuals were sought. Many of us also stopped at the early 1900 style ice cream parlor for ice cream goodies to top off a most pleasant day spent on the railroad. We wish you were there.

Our next membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16, 1994, 1:30 p.m., at the Gary Morava center (See map). Please plan on attending because we will be having a business meeting followed by an excellent program to be presented by *Dan Horn* on electrical planning and execution. We will be planning many more programs and outings during the next couple of years and sincerely hope as many of our members will join us as possible in our activities.

NOTE: When you attend the next few meetings please fill out the attendance sheet and also the Membership Registration form which Ken Kitzing, Membership Trainmaster, will be passing out. This is being done in order to establish an active list of members and interests in model railroading to enhance our programs and activities.

Coming up the week of October 13 to 16, the Fox Valley Division Modular Railroad will be on display at the O'Hare Expo for the Chicagoland Hobby Show. Please try to attend or if you are interested in helping with the railroad please contact Irv Lange for more information. This will be the first time the railroad will be on display and represents a knock

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down and drag out attempt to formulate a pattern for the future. The Fox Valley Railroad will also be on display at the March, 1995 High Wheeler.

I hope everyone likes the calendar that came with your recent *Semaphore*. I would like to thank the efforts of Rich Sweet, Paymaster, and Jerry Hoffman, Publications Trainmaster, for a splendid job, well done. Also at our next meeting we will have a new coffee pot for your pleasure.

Everyone should keep an eye on Scott Hicks, Program trainmaster, because he needs your suggestions and help in providing our members with excellent, interesting and believe it or not, exciting programs. Let's give him our thoughts for your benefit.

In the not to distant future all members attending meetings will be presented with cards periodically so that you can get a discount on all of your railroad purchases at Palatine Hobbies at the corner of Euclid and Quentin Roads in Palatine, Illinois. So please attend our meetings.

Remember, if you have any questions, suggestions or any other matters of importance, please feel free to call on your Superintendent, Ray Pettersen, (708) 259-3040 for any assistance you may need. This is your club and I am here to serve you, along with the rest of the board members. May God spread his blessings as you pass over the rails of life.

Ray Pettersen, Jr.

PALATINE HOBBY TO OFFER CLASSES FOR RAILROAD MODELERS

Palatine Hobby has scheduled a series of classes and seminars on railroad modeling. These classes are presented free of charge. You are asked to pre-register if you wish to attend any of these classes.

The first class will be *Painting and Decaling Locomotives and Box Cars*. It is scheduled for October 4th and 6th. The class starts at 6:30 and ends at 8:30 in the evening. It is presented by our own Scott Hicks.

The second seminar will be *Timetable Operation*. The date for this seminar is October 8th. The time, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The third seminar, *Building a Basic HO Layout*, will be presented on November 6th. The time, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The fourth seminar will be a valuable presentation on *Locomotive Lubrication*. It is scheduled for November 6th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The fifth seminar will be presented by Märklin representatives. They will present their *Digital Control System*. This seminar will be presented on November 12th. It will start at 11:00 a.m. and end

at 5:00 p.m. with a one hour Break at 3:00 p.m. If you are considering digital control for your layout, don't miss this informative presentation.

The sixth class will expound on *Superdetailing Locomotives*. It will be presented on November 13th, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information and reservations call Palatine Hobby at 708-359-7888.



COMING EVENTS

On November 13th the Fox Valley Division will journey to the beautiful city of West Allis. There we will attend *Trainfest '94*. The fare for this excursion will be \$10.00. You may pay in advance at the October 16th meeting or mail to Fox Valley Division, P.O. Box 1535, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-1535 by November 1st. This includes transportation and admission. Bus will depart from Regency Plaza at Euclid and Quenten Roads. Call Scott Hicks at 708-438-9109 for information and reservations. Departure time will be announced later.

The Lincoln Train is coming... Dr. Wayne Wesolowski will join us on November 20th. The first half of his presentation will be the history of the Lincoln Funeral Train. The second half will be about urethane casting. Included will be a live demonstration of urethane casting.



10th ANNUAL CHICAGO MODEL & HOBBY SHOW

**Rosemont Exposition Center
Rosemont, Illinois**

Show Hours:

Sat., October 15th; 10 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sun., October 16th; 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Admission:

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I want to extend my sincere thanks to the people who made the trip to East Troy so enjoyable, Frank and Kathy Oldfield, my wife Eileen, Scott Hicks and Ken Kitzing. Their efforts on behalf of the Fox Valley Division were greatly appreciated.

When the Division sponsors an event all of the members are invited to participate. We want to give you something in return for your support of the Division. We are planning a number of events in the near future. We are discussing scheduling a dinner meeting for members and spouses or friends. Please join us for future FAMILY OUTINGS.

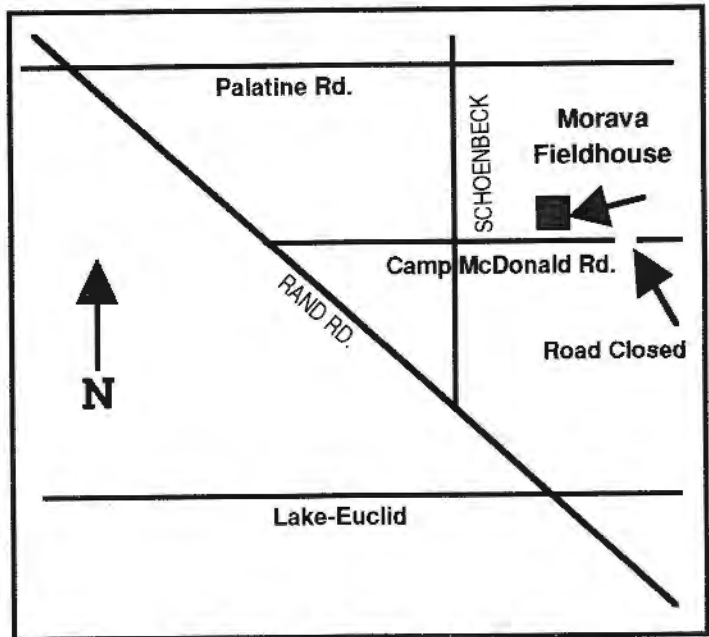


CONVENTION UPDATE

Director-at-Large, John Drozdak will speak to the Fox Valley Division on October 16th. At that time he will speak on the next four Regional Conventions.

He is well versed in the planning of conventions and will be able to field your questions.

WHERE WE MEET



Historical Societies Part of a Continuing Listing

Gulf Mobile & Ohio

Annual Dues: \$15.00
GM&O Historical Society, Inc.
PO Box 463
Fairfield, IL 62837

Grand Trunk Western

Annual Dues: \$12.00
Grand Trunk Western Historical Society
PO Box 2100
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-2100

Illinois Central

Annual Dues: \$15.00
ICHS Membership Dept.
Jim Kubajak
14818 Clifton Park
Midlothian, IL 60445

Illinois Terminal Railroad

Annual Dues: \$15.00
IT RR Historical Society
PO Box 251
Washington, IL 61571-0251

Illinois Traction

Annual Dues: \$10.00 ret.; \$15.00 reg.; \$25.00 sust.
The Illinois Traction Society
Mark Barnett
1124 Barker St.
Bloomington, IL 61701

Kansas City Southern

Annual Dues \$15.00
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Contest Winners

*This space is reserved
for the modelers who
strive to do their best and
place their work in competition
with others.*

*Thank you for your
participation in our contests.*