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4:00 P.M.
DINNER MEETING**

develop them during the summer.

May God bless all model railroaders and their families.

Raymond L. Pettersen, Jr.

Superintendent's Notes and Quotes

High Wheeler '95 has moved into the realm of history. The show was another huge success in a long line of successes. The number of people helping on this show exemplified the willingness of our members to pitch in and participate. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for your help and assistance.

In honor of your help and assistance there will be a dinner meeting held at Hackney's in Lake Zurich, Illinois, on the corner of Route 12 (Rand Road) and Old Rand Road on the northeast corner. This Location is on the northwest side of Lake Zurich. The dinner will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 1995. All High Wheeler workers will enjoy the fruits of the show with a free dinner. If you did not work on this year's High Wheeler, you can still come and enjoy the excellent food for the low price of \$5.00 per person.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible since the room will hold over 100 people. Your spouses or a friend is welcome to come and also enjoy a free meal.

Our April Division meeting will be held on the 23rd at the Morava Center. There will be contests and a program. Once again there will be prizes awarded for the contest. Also of noteworthy importance will be the election of trainmasters for the next two years. Please offer your support in this area. We always need new people participating on your board of directors. In 1996 we will elect new officers, Superintendent, Chief Clerk, Paymaster, and Assistant Superintendent. It is not too early to think about these positions.

Once again during this coming September the Fox Valley Division will make a mass mailing to all members of the Registration Form. The reason for this is so that we can put together a complete book of members and their vital statistics and the fields of their expertise. Please help us complete this book by sending your registration form back to the Fox Valley Division.

This past year as your superintendent has been exciting and interesting to say the least. There is always room for improvement, and if you have suggestions to help or improve your division, now is the time to let us know. By telling us your desires we can work on and

APRIL MEETING CHANGED

As mentioned by Superintendent Pettersen the April meeting has been changed. Easter falls on April 16th, so, the general membership meeting and election of officers has been changed to April 23rd. Please make this change on your calendar.

MILWAUKEE ROAD CORNER

by Art Roth

For you Milwaukee fans or steam buffs, Bachmann has just brought out a G gauge Limited Edition train set. The *Slim Princess* reminiscent of the Milwaukee Road's narrow gauge line in Iowa, the Chicago Bellevue Cascade & Western, in operation until 1936. As you probably know G gauge lends itself best as a narrow gauge railroad so bringing the Limited Edition set out as the Milwaukee's Cascade 3' line was especially appropriate. It's probably not for you "rivet counters" but would look real good around the Christmas tree or to play trains with the kids or grandkids.

There's a new Milwaukee Road steam power book out by John Tigges, the same author who wrote Milwaukee Road Narrow Gauge Iowa's *Slim Princess*. In my opinion he is an excellent author. Both books are a must in any railroad library. The new Milwaukee steam power book is the first book I've seen that deals with Milwaukee steam power exclusively. The author does an excellent job and is quite thorough, with tons of great pictures.

The Milwaukee Road Historical Association is going to bring out 300 Limited Edition car sets. Two sets of four cars each. One set pre-1950 and one set post-1950. Keep your eye out for them. The last 250 sets of limited edition wood box cars were completely absorbed by M.R.H.A. members. Hopefully some of these new sets will be available to Fox Valley members.

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WHO WERE UNAWARE OF THE
CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH
19th MEMBERSHIP MEETING.
SEE THE DETAILS OF THE
MARCH 26th MEETING ON THE
OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET.**