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SEPTEMBER 17th PROGRAM

1:30 P.M.

Morava Fieldhouse

104 W. Camp McDonald Rd.

Prospect Heights, Illinois

Schedule

1:30 p.m.Business Meeting

2:00 p.m.Leave for Garden Railroad Tour

Superintendent's Notes and Quotes

Once again summer has slid into the well of time. And this summer will not be missed too sorely because of the fantastic heat we have all suffered during this 1995 season.

But the time has come to renew our acquaintances with model railroading, and the wonderful people involved in this fascinating hobby. We have many plans pretty well set up for the coming year. Many thanks to Donn Branstrator for his excellent work in establishing an outstanding program season for the Fox Valley Division.

We will be starting the year with a very brief meeting followed by a visit to two outstanding garden railroads in G gauge. There will be clinics with the Fox Valley Division's railroad, trips to life size railroads, rides on the South Shore, and possibly another trip at Christmas time on the elevated. And, of course, much of the cost of these outstanding events will be picked up by your Fox Valley Division. REMEMBER, this division cannot exist without your participation in these events and anywhere else you can help.

This brings us to the heart of the Fox Valley Division. And that is the High Wheeler which garners the funds for all these wonderful activities we have planned. Our goal at the High Wheeler is to put across to the public the fun and enjoyment to be gained as a family through model railroading. The Fox Valley Division is a public relations organization because our goal is to promote model railroading to everyone we can. Therefore, the High Wheeler becomes that special place where we need all the help possible to create a successful show for the people. Once again Rich Boettcher and his new partner Tim Laren will be calling upon you for help and suggestions in further developing the quality of this illustrious

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Railroading in the Garden

Join us for a tour
of two fabulous
Garden Railroads.

Maps for the tour will be issued
at the meeting. Join us for a
special day with our hosts.



- Sept. 6 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby, Ltd.
- Sept. 17 — 1:30 p.m. — General Membership Meeting
Morava Fieldhouse
Program: Garden Railroad Tour
No Contest
- Oct. 4 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby, Ltd.
- Oct. 22 — 1:30 p.m. — General Membership Meeting
Morava Fieldhouse
Program: Art of Illusion
Contest: TBA

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model railroad show with all of its various functions. The 1996 High Wheeler will once again be held at Harper College early in March as it has been in the past. Let's all become involved in this great show next Spring.

Keep one thing in mind, next April will be our elections for the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster and Chief Clerk. These are vital offices, and once filled, these people will lead and direct the activities of your Fox Valley Division. If you are interested in being an officer, please be sure to notify our Assistant Superintendent, Art Roth of the fact so that your name can be printed on the ballot and a brief resumé can be printed in *the Semaphore*. On the subject of *the Semaphore* I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Jerry Hoffman for the superb job he has and continues to do in putting out the Fox Valley Division *Semaphore* for your pleasure. THANK YOU JERRY!

May the sun glitter upon your rails as you speed through life and God bless you.

Raymond L. Pettersen, Jr.



THINK BIG

Our September program will be a visit to two garden railroads, LGB scale. We will begin with a short business meeting at the Morava Center. After the meeting we will depart for the railroad of Jim Otis. While there Jim will give us a guided tour of the pike

From there we will proceed to the home of Bob and Donna Hanselman. There we will view the Chestnut and Vine Garden Railroad. The C & V Railroad was started in March of 1991 and has been growing ever since. The railroad offers skiing on Chestnut Mountain as well as an untraversable desert.

With Jim, Bob and Donna as our hosts and hostess, we are bound to have an excellent outing. Remember, your spouses are welcome too.



MEET YOUR NEW CHIEF CLERK



Over the Summer, Superintendent Ray Pettersen named Robert H. Trams of Round Lake to fill the office of Chief Clerk. Robert is a welcome addition to the Board of Directors. He is will record the meetings and then extract the necessary details to produce a typed set of minutes. Robert asks that you identify yourself when making or seconding motions at meetings.

RAILS OF GOLD

*The 50th Anniversary
of the Midwest Region*

Have you registered yet? The Midwest Region Fall Convention is less than two months away. The dates are October 13, 14 and 15. Check your Waybill for the registration form. Or, see one of the officers at the September meeting.

The convention will be held at the Schaumburg Marriott, 50 Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, Illinois. Registration will begin at noon on Friday the thirteenth. Watch out for the registrar with the hockey mask and the chain saw.

There will be a plethora of clinics to attend and layouts to visit. At press time there were eleven clinics scheduled. This convention is sponsored by the Midwest Region with assistance from the Fox Valley Division, the DuPage Division and the North Shore and Western Division.

Many thanks to all the people who are putting this convention together. Register now and show your support of the Midwest Region.



TRAINFEST '95

Be sure to mark your calendars for the weekend of November 4th and 5th. Wisconsin Southeastern Division will present Trainfest '95, the largest NMRA Division sponsored train show in the U.S. The show is held at the State Fair Park in West Allis.

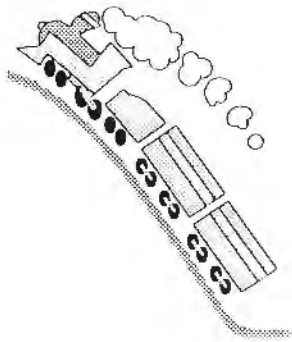


HOBBY SHOPS TO BE PROFILED

In order to keep the membership informed, we will be profiling various hobby shops. By doing this we hope to familiarize you with as many shops as possible.

Expanding your knowledge of what is available will not only help you with the hobby, but also increase the customer base of many of the shops. You can read the names of the shops in the area in *MR*, *MRC*, *the Bulletin*, etc. With this feature we hope to provide a more detailed description of what a particular shop has in stock. Also, their ability to assist a modeler with questions and special orders.

Let us know if there is any other ways to help you in the continuing development of your participation in model railroading.



Fox Valley Division

(NMRA-MWR)

Membership Registration

Date of application _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Address _____ NMRA No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Birthday _____ Wife's name _____

Do you have a model railroad _____ Dimensions in feet _____

Scale that you model in _____ Name of Railroad _____

Would you be willing to publicly show your model railroad _____

Other hobbies _____ Occupation _____

Aspects of model railroading you enjoy the most: Mark all that pertain.

- Electrical Scenery Motive Power Freight Passenger Kitbashing
Scratch Building Kits Operation Computer Modular Everything

Are you currently active _____

Do you wish to become active _____ If so, may we contact you? _____

Signature _____

The above information is considered confidential for Fox Valley Division (NMRA-MWR) use only. Every applicant must belong to the National Model Railroad Association or have applied at the time of becoming a member of the Fox Valley Division. The purpose of the Fox Valley Division is to promote model railroading for the family and fellowship through our meetings, field trips, events and the annual Highwheeler Show. There are no membership dues. Welcome to the Fox Valley Division.

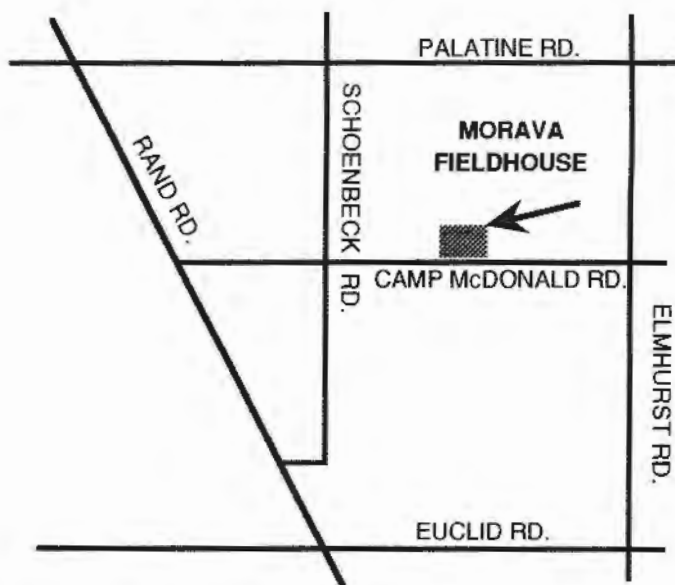
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HIGH WHEELER '96

Do ya wanna have a good time? Ya want some thrills? All youse got to do is join the High Wheeler Team. To do this, contact Rich Boettcher or Tim Laren. (See their numbers on page four.) People are needed for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. When you talk to Rich or Tim let them know when you are available and they will ask you some questions to find the best place for you.

Working High Wheeler is a blast. And you get to meet some of your fellow members on one to one basis. Sign up and be a part of the High Wheeler '96 Team.

WHERE WE MEET



**What's This
 Membership Registration Form?**

The information you supply on the Membership Registration Form enclosed herein will be used only by the Fox Valley Division. If you have already mailed this form to the Division you can trash this one. If not, take a few minutes to fill it in and mail it to the Division at the P.O. Box on the next page. Thank you.

Historical Societies Last of a Continuing Listing

Western Maryland

Annual Dues: \$20 / \$25 foreign
 West. Maryland RH Historical Society Inc.
 PO Box 395
 Union Bridge, MD 21791

Western Pacific

Annual Dues: \$15 Assoc; \$25 Active; \$30 Family; \$300 Life
 Feather River Rail Society
 PO Box 608
 Portola, CA 96122

Bridge Line

Annual Dues: \$15 / Can. \$25 / Overseas \$27
 PO Box 7242
 Capitol Station
 Albany, NY 12224

Ann Arbor RR Tech. & Hist. Assoc

Annual Dues: \$10 / \$20 Sust.
 Secretary-Treasurer
 PO Box 51
 Chesaning, MI 48616

PARK RIDGE & WESTERN
 NORTH SHORE & WESTERN DIVISION
 PRESENTS

OCTOBER RAILS

TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

OCTOBER 1, 1995
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Morton Grove Legion Hall
6140 Dempster
Morton Grove, Illinois

Adults: \$2.00 Children \$1.00

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CONTEST WINNERS

Welcome to another year of model railroading. This year we will challenge you with some interesting contests. We will let you know about coming contests on page one and page two of the newsletter.



We will also continue to assist our members in their quest to obtain Golden Spike awards and certificates earned from the N.M.R.A. Your participation in the contests in the past has been appreciated. So to, your continued support. We are open to your thoughts on themes for future contests also. If you have any suggestions pass them on to Brian Lingner or any of the other officers.

If you've never entered one of our contests you should consider doing so this year. Our balloting system is set up to give everyone a chance to win. At times the Division will award gift certificates to the winners.

We also have a contest at High Wheeler. This is the place to show the general public the artistry of model railroading.

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