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May's Trip

Live Steam, Sunday!

This Month's meeting will be May 15 at the Prairie State Model Railroad Club in Big Rock, IL. It's a Live Steam and Diesel club, and is sure to be fun! We'll meet at the Regency Plaza parking lot at the Northeast corner of Euclid and Quentin roads in Arlington Heights. The buss will leave at 10:00am, we'll provide sub sandwiches, and we're due to return by 5:00pm. There's still room, so if you haven't signed up yet, contact Steve Martinak at 847-854-7545 or email him at mart832@attglobal.net and he'll add you to the list. Hope to see you there!

An invitation to the 2005 Convention

The following is from the 2005 National Convention Committee:

*Dear NMRA Member,
In case you have not yet registered for the upcoming NMRA Cincinnati Limited 2005 National Convention, procrastinate no longer as the time to do so is "now"! The convention is the week of July 3 and some layout tours, general tours, as well as the banquet, are almost sold out! Some highlights of CL2005 that may pique your interest:*

✚ *Cincinnati is one of the "TOP 10" Model RR cities !*

- ✚ *There are over 100 layouts that will be open for tours !*
- ✚ *Fabulous non-rail events the likes of which have not been seen before!*
- ✚ *National & Local Clinicians galore !*
- ✚ *The banquet will be held in the rotunda of the historic Art Deco Union Terminal !*
- ✚ *Op SIG events !*
- ✚ *LD SIG events !*
- ✚ *RPM meeting space & displays !*
- ✚ *Within easy driving distance!*
- ✚ *Great local rail fanning!*
- ✚ *National Train Show!*
- ✚ *Cincinnati Reds Baseball!*

Further details and contact information, along with the registration form, can be found in the February issue of Scale Rails, or better yet, please visit our web site at www.cl2005.com!

Don't delay - register today !!

Looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati in July !!

Election Results - FVD Trainmasters

Your vote in this year's April meeting elected the people who ran for Trainmasters.

Paul Kimball and Steve Martinak will no longer be Trainmasters. We thank them for their contributions during the past year. The new Trainmasters are Jim Osborn and Dave Leider.

We wish them success in their new undertakings and congratulate them for their bravery in volunteering to run. Retaining their positions were Donn Branstrator, Walter Radtke, and myself, Rick Saviano (typos and all!)

The details of their positions are listed in the updated Board of Directors section of the Semaphore.

Call for Layouts!

Layouts needed for 2006 NMRA MWR convention

One of the important parts of any convention is the layout tours. They provide inspiration for others' layouts, and give you the perfect opportunity to share your layout. Add your layout to the tour!

Contact our new Clinics and Programs Trainmaster, Dave Leider at 847-253-7484 or email him at sooauter@aol.com.

April's Contest Winner



First Place: Jim Osborn
(Prototype photos were all from "Prairie Rails" by R. P. Olmstead)

Hints, Tips, and Innovations

*Share your expertise with other members
- Rick Saviano- Publications Trainmaster*

We're trying something new this month, based on an email sent to me from Robert Honesty, who sent me photos of some of the April contest entries. I'll also provide details about the photos, when available. All this as an incentive to come to the meetings and enter the contests.

Jim Osborn was kind enough to send in the following details about his first prize entry:

- ✚ *NW-2 "Cow and Calf "*
- ✚ *Kit-bashed Athern body shells, re-powered & with various prototype details added*
- ✚ *H-16 Fairbanks Morse "Baby Trainmasters"*
- ✚ *Kit-bashed Athern body shells, re-powered & with various prototype details added*
- ✚ *RSD-4 and RS-3*
- ✚ *Kit-bashed Life-like body shells with various prototype details added*

✚ *Prototype photos were all from "Prairie Rails" by R. P. Olmstead*

Jerry Vostko won second place, and Harry Sorenson won third.

Good news! You get a heads up for the September meeting's contest - Caboose! (or is it caboose?) No caboose to enter? There's plenty of time before our September meeting!

Do you have any tips, hints, suggestions, or train-related quests that you'd like to share? Feel free to email me at saviano@att.net and I'll include them in future issues. Please include "FVD Semaphore" in the title of your email.

2006 MWR Convention

The 2006 Spring Convention will be at the Woodfield Hyatt in beautiful Schaumburg, Illinois. It will be from May 28-30, 2006.

We'll publish more details as they become available. We'll be looking for people willing to share their layouts, so be sure to read the "Call for Layouts" section of the Semaphore.



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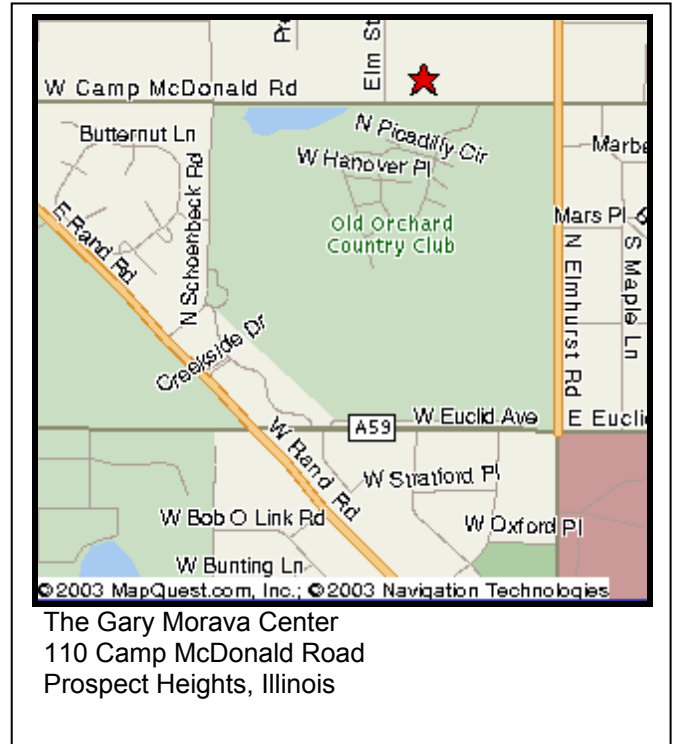
This Year's Remaining Events

May 15, 2004
10:00am, Regency Shopping Plaza
*Field Trip- Prairie State Model
Railroad Club, Big Rock, IL*
No Contest
No Clinic

NEXT Year
(Get a head start on the contest!)
September 18, 2005
1:00pm, Morava Center
Annual Business Meeting
Clinic – TBD
Contest– Cabooses

Location for General Meetings

General meetings of the Fox Valley Division are held at the Morava Center in Prospect Heights (See map at right).



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