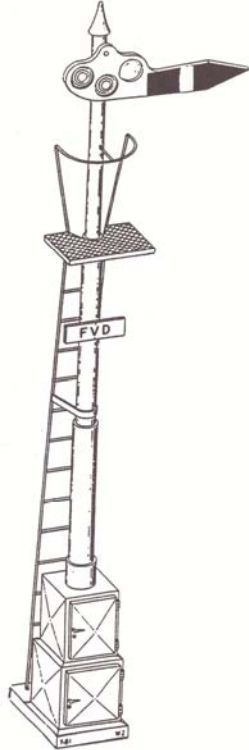


The Semaphore

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September 2009



September Meeting

We kick off the new meeting year at 1:30 p.m. on September 20th at our usual meeting place, the Gary Morava Center in Prospect Heights. See the map on page 4 for directions. This promises to be a great meeting with a great clinic and great contest. Don't miss it!



FVD member Dave Crement, MMR

September Clinic

Fox Valley's own Dave Crement, MMR will be presenting an excellent September clinic on "Scratch Building Structures". Dave will take us through the entire scratch building process he uses to produce the prototype inspired structures that are on his On3 EBT RR layout. See how this master modeler builds beautiful, one of a kind structures in wood and plastic on September 20th.



Crement EBT scratch built structures

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September Contest

Our September contest is "Double or Triple Headed Locomotive Consists". We invite you to bring your favorite steam or diesel double or triple headed locomotive lash-up. We know there are guys out there with some really nice locomotives and we'd love to see two or three of them lashed up on our contest table! Remember, everybody wins when you bring your models to display.



A Jim Osborn early 60s CNW lash-up.

October Meeting

Mark your calendars now for October 11th. That's the day we take a bus road trip with the North Shore Division to historic Pullman, Illinois. This will be a great trip and a perfect one to invite your wife to! Learn more on page 2.



The Hotel Florence in Pullman, Illinois

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This Year's Meetings & Events

September 20, 2009

**1:30 pm, Gary Morava Center
General Meeting**

Clinic - Dave Crement, MMR
"Scratch Building Structures"

Contest - Double or Triple Headed
Locomotive Consists
(steam or diesel)

October 11, 2009

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Trip to historic Pullman, Illinois
with North Shore Division**

Bus leaves the Regency Plaza
Shopping Center parking lot at
9:00 am and Old Orchard
Shopping Center at 9:30 am.
No clinic or contest.

November 22, 2009

**1:30 pm, Gary Morava Center
General Meeting**

Clinic - Dave Phillips
"Operation Life Saver"

Contest - Interior Detailing of a
Structure or piece of
Rolling Stock

December 13, 2009

**1:30 pm, Gary Morava Center
General Meeting**

Clinic - Art Jones
"Steel Stud Construction"

Contest - Caboose Train

January 17, 2010

**1:00 pm Operating session at
Ted Schnepf's O Scale
Milwaukee Road—Dubuque
Division**

No clinic or contest.

February 28, 2010

**1:30 pm --Joint Meeting with the
North Shore Division at the
Glenview Public Library, 1930
Glenview Road, Glenview,
Illinois**

Clinic and contest TBA.

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March 7 & 8, 2010

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**High Wheeler Train Show 2010
at Harper College**

No clinic or contest.

April 18, 2010

**1:30 pm, Gary Morava Center
Annual Business Meeting**

Clinic - Mike Palsgrove from
Model Railroader Magazine
"DCC for Your Model RR"

Contest - Structures

May 16, 2010

**1:30 pm Gary Morava Center
General Meeting (Last meeting
until September)**

Clinic - TBA

Contest - Unit Train of 5-8 cars

October Trip to Pullman

On Sunday, October 11 we'll be taking a road trip to historic Pullman, Illinois. Pullman was developed in the late 1800's by Pullman Palace Car mogul, George M. Pullman, as a modern planned community for his employees. Today Pullman is a historic town loaded with beautifully restored homes and buildings. We will tour Pullman informally on foot, enjoy lunch in town (everybody pays for their own lunch at a local eatery of your choice) and return by 5:00 p.m. The trip is FREE to FVD members and one guest. If you have more than one guest the charge is \$17.00 per guest before October 6 and \$20.00 per guest after the 6th. We leave from the Regency shopping Center in Palatine at 9:00 am and Old Orchard Shopping Center at 9:30 am.

Call or email Dave Leider at the addresses given for him on page 3 to sign up for this great tour.

Thanks Rick Saviano

We thank Rick Saviano for his several years of excellent service as Trainmaster of the FVD. Rick has had to step down as Trainmaster due to family obligations. Thanks Rick for a job well done!

David's Good Deeds

David Crement, MMR has been active this summer helping nine boy scouts from Troop 152 in Algonquin achieve merit badges in Model Design and Building. Dave has taken the scouts through the entire process of designing and scratch building a structure. The scouts work at Dave's work shop and at their homes. Their structures will go on to Dave's layout when completed—that's how good these models will be! Dave is already gearing up for this fall when he will help more scouts achieve their Railroading Merit Badges. This time they will be building box cars. Great job promoting the hobby to our young people, David!

The Hartford National

Fox Valley Division Paymaster, **Tim Kleimeyer**, had the opportunity to attend this year's NMRA National Convention in Hartford, Connecticut in July. Tim reports that though attendance was a little low (1025 according to Scale Rails) the convention was very well organized and the facilities were excellent. Tim attended lots of clinics saying they were all well done. He especially liked the Modeling With the Masters clinic on building wood lasercut kits. The clinic inspired Tim to, "try the techniques I learned. You'll soon be seeing some lasercut kits on my layout!" The layouts he toured were top notch. He particularly remembered one basement that had a "railroad museum" with a 35 year collection of railroaders along with the layout! And the silent auction had "just about anything anyone would want." Tim encourages all of us to go to a national convention at some time. "They are a neat experience."

FVD Members in the News

FVD members have been active the past several months. **David Lieder** had a superb article published in the July Railroad Model Craftsman magazine titled "Building a Pile Bent Trestle"..... **Jim Osborn** has also been busy writing articles for publication and has completed *three* layout feature articles for Scale Rails. Jim's first article on Don Cook's beautiful Great Northern layout appears in the September 2009 Scale Rails and is excellent.....On August 16th **Walter Radtke** hosted an Open House for his large detailed back yard garden railroad. See the FVD website for photo coverage of this fun event and check out the hippo (yes, hippo!) on the layout..... **Harry Sorenson** played a big part in a pageant celebrating the 200th anniversary year of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The pageant was held May 17th in Harry's "home town" of Sun City—Huntley on and around the garden railroad of which he is Superintendent for Sun City's

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KV&EC Model Railroad Club. Harry recreated a very nice G scale, semi-prototypical Lincoln Funeral Train to tour the layout during the festivities. Also, there that day was a Lincoln impersonator, Del Webb's Prairie Singers, Lincoln displays from the McHenry County Historical Society, and people dressed in period clothes. The pageant was very well received. Except for Harry's funeral train, Honest Abe would have loved it.

New Trainmasters

With Rick Saviano stepping down as Publications and Membership Trainmaster (see page 2), Walt Herrick is now the Publications Trainmaster and editor of the Semaphore. Please send any Semaphore items or ideas to Walt via his contact information below.

Rick's Membership Trainmaster position is open, and the division is looking for someone to handle that job. Anyone interested should see or contact FVD Superintenant Rich Sweet at 847-550-1399 or his email address below.

High Wheeler Set To Get Bigger!

Upon the recommendation of Trainmaster Walter Radtke, the Fox Valley Division Board has decided to take the division's High Wheeler Train Show "to the next level". Look for a larger, better attended show next March at Harper College in Palatine. Walter is the division's Train Master in charge of High Wheeler. At the FVD Board meeting in August, Walter said, "We're at the point where we've had basically the same show attendance the past four or five years. We'd like to get bigger."

To that end, Jim Osborn, the Train Master responsible for the show's publicity, has been consulting with Mercury Communications in Elm Grove, Wisconsin about how to "grow" High Wheeler. "Mercury is the ad agency that helped Trainfest grow over the past four years. We're not trying to be another Trainfest (they are huge), but I wanted to see how Mercury helped them. I talked with Mercury about what could be done to bring more people to High Wheeler. They had a number of very good ideas which we'll be using in 2010," says Jim.

More information on the division's new promotional efforts for High Wheeler will be coming in future Semaphores and on the FVD website. Until then be advised that the 2010 High Wheeler will need more help from FVD members to run the larger show. We encourage you to consider lending a hand with High Wheeler 2010. It is rewarding work. And, there is a really nice "workers appreciation banquet" with excellent food and drink held at a fine local restaurant a couple of weeks after the show which is free to workers and a guest!

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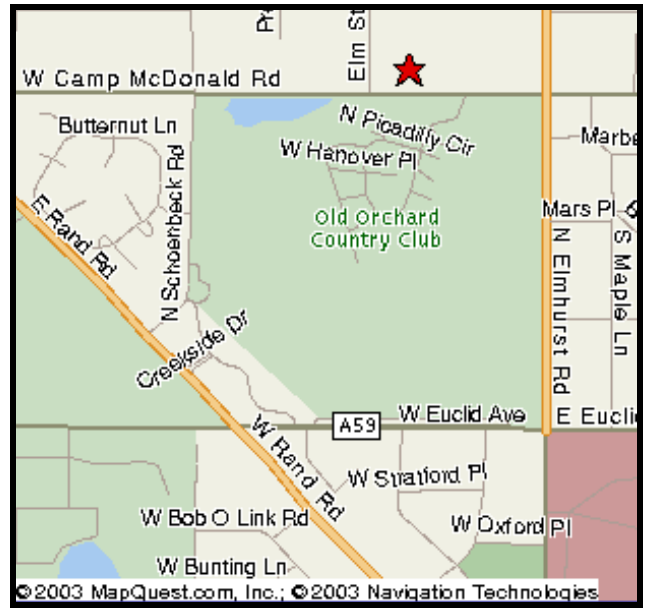
If you receive this newsletter you live in the Midwest Region and Fox Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association or NMRA. The Fox Valley Division (FVD) includes McHenry and parts of Cook, Kane, and Lake Counties in northeast Illinois. About 175 members of varied ages and modeling ability levels belong to the FVD. Almost all modeling scales are represented in our division. Membership in the division is free as are the Semaphore newsletters.

FVD general meetings are held September through May at the Gary Morava Center in Prospect Heights from 1:30 to about 4:00 pm. Each meeting features a clinic, model contest, information of interest to the membership, and a time for socializing. Outings, layout tours, and operating sessions are also held periodically in addition to or instead of the general meetings. To promote the hobby of model railroading, the FVD holds a large train show, High Wheeler, in early March each year at Harper College in Palatine, Illinois.

We encourage you to take advantage of all the FVD has to offer. We are here to help answer your questions, help improve your modeling, and help you better enjoy the great hobby of model railroading. Join us at a FVD meeting or outing. We'd love to see you. Or, visit us on the web at:

www.foxvalleydivision.org

Questions? Contact FVD Superintendent, Rich Sweet or any board member listed on page 3 of this newsletter. We are here to help you!



General meeting location: Gary Morava Center, 110 Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights, IL

General Meeting Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

See page 2 for the date of our next meeting and future meetings.



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