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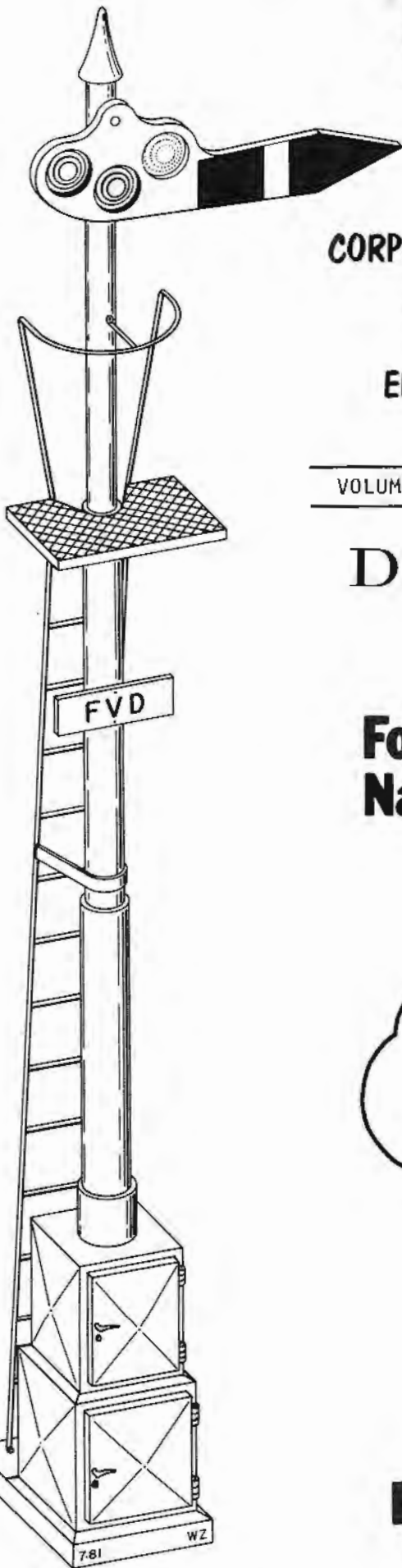
PRESENTS:

**"HIGH WHEELER '83"
MODEL RAILROAD
SHOW!**

**JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL
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**MARCH 20th,
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We would like to thank Don Robinson for his great clinic during the January meeting. It just goes to show you that when you give a modeler some wire and some hot lead, he can do almost anything.

Our show is only a month away, so make your plans now to display or attend. The show will be our March meeting. Things to be displayed are as follows:

1. Operating Portable Layouts.
2. Assembling Kit Displays
3. History Displays (books, magazines, drawings & antiques)
4. Display Hardware (engines, cars, structures & scenery)
5. Anything else you can think of..

Advertising will be available for you to hand out to your friends and even your enemies to come. Plan on your family making a day of it. It's every FVD member's duty to help and make this show a success.

Our convention, which is coming up in 1985, is a great opportunity to give a clinic. It allows you to share your talents and procedures with others in the hobby, and also gives you points for the Achievement Program. If the thought of preparing or giving a clinic troubles you, there is a lot of help within the division, in photography and writing, to assist you to make a successful effort. So start thinking about it today...1985 is not that far off.

SUPPORT YOUR DIVISION

Jim Otis



The SEMAPHORE is a division newsletter to inform its members of events surrounding the hobby of model railroading. If you are presenting, or know of any events coming in this area, contact me for some publicity.

Let's share our hobby with others. Bring a new face to the division meeting and introduce him to all the great people who attend.

This division has many benefits and activities for its members. Let's all participate where we can and pitch in with the work load. This is a volunteer organization and we need teamwork to enjoy its activities.....

HIGHWHEELER is coming up on us real quick. Have you offered your time and energy for this years show? We can always use another helping hand. This years show looks to be a good one. Tell your friends and neighbors.... get them involved.

Happy Model Railroading



NOTICE: We will be printing articles on Hobbyshops, Clubs and Private Pikes. If you want to write a article for the SEMAPHORE on one or more of these subjects contact your editor or a BOD member for further information. We want everybody to have equal opportunity so let's see some articles.



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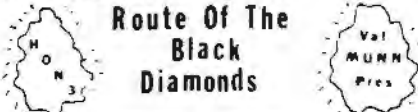


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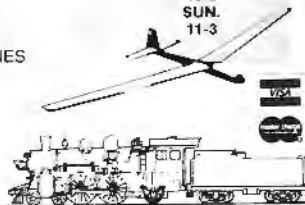
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Company Store Sales	22.00	
Coffee and Pop	4.30	
Christmas Party Tickets	610.00	636.30

Expenses:

Semaphore Printing & Postage	452.58	
Fox Valley Railroad Material	14.41	
Christmas Party	(8.68)	
Company Store Purchases	90.00	548.31

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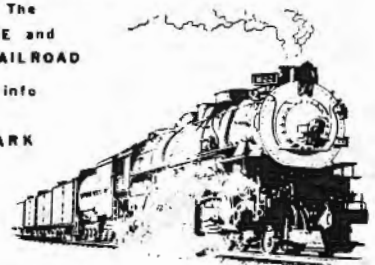
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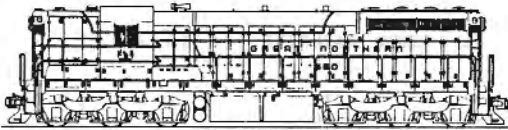
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Over the last several months, I have been noticing an advertisement run on this ore car which is a Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul Railroad prototype. My curiosity increased when I saw completed kits at the local hobby shop, I felt its appearance was far superior than those of more standard ore cars. Because my railroad operates in the 1928 period, and these cars were built in the 1900-1915 era, it opened up a new possibility for mining operation on the Fall River. I purchased several of these cars with some anxiety of how these kits would fit together. I was very pleased on the completion of my first kit to find out that a excellent job in casting was the product of the Gould Co.

With all the parts fitting perfectly, truss rods and grab irons were always a problem in wood kits. The preformed truss rods actually snap into place with no difficulty. The grab irons have predrilled holes and are merely separated from their casting and inserted and glued into place. The trucks have brake shoes and amazingly good detail with nylon bearings. I substituted metal wheelsets for the plastic that are supplied in the kit. The only other addition needed is Kadee couplers #5. I painted the car in tuscan and followed normal procedures to decal the built model.

I would recommend this model kit to all skill levels of modelers. I built two cars which were the first real attempt for me with this kind of kit and the results were beautiful. These kits can be purchased from one of the hobbyshops that advertises with us in the SEMAPHORE.

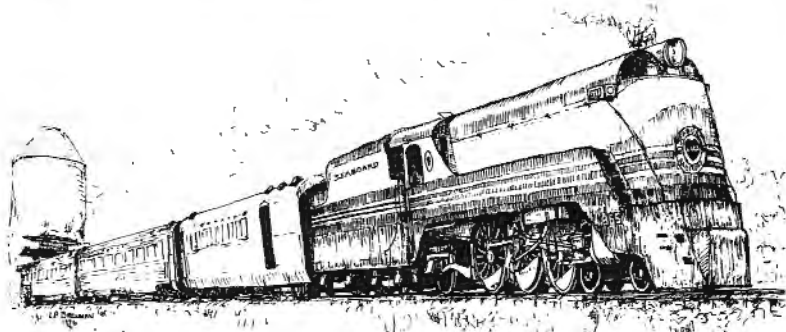
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PRIVATE PIKE OWNERS

We would like to have you join us this year at HIGHWHEELER. Home and club railroads are the backbone of our hobby and it is important that we show a representative display of all types of model railroads. Your display could be an overview of your layout using trackplans, topographic and state maps showing your route, operating themes, unique industries and structures, pictures of your layout, prototype inspirations or special cars. In short, whatever you feel unique or interesting about your layout will make a good display.

We are also interested in developing a single slide presentation showing various layouts in the area and the FVD division. If you could spare five or more slides of your layout we will put them together in a show.

If you are interested contact Tom Hoffman at 312-299-6276 most any evening and I'll try to help line up your display.

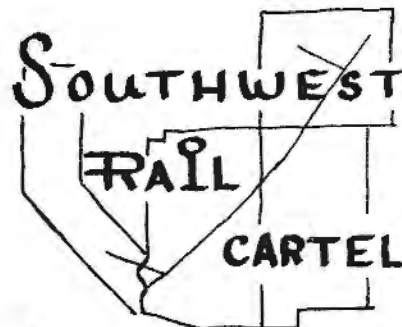


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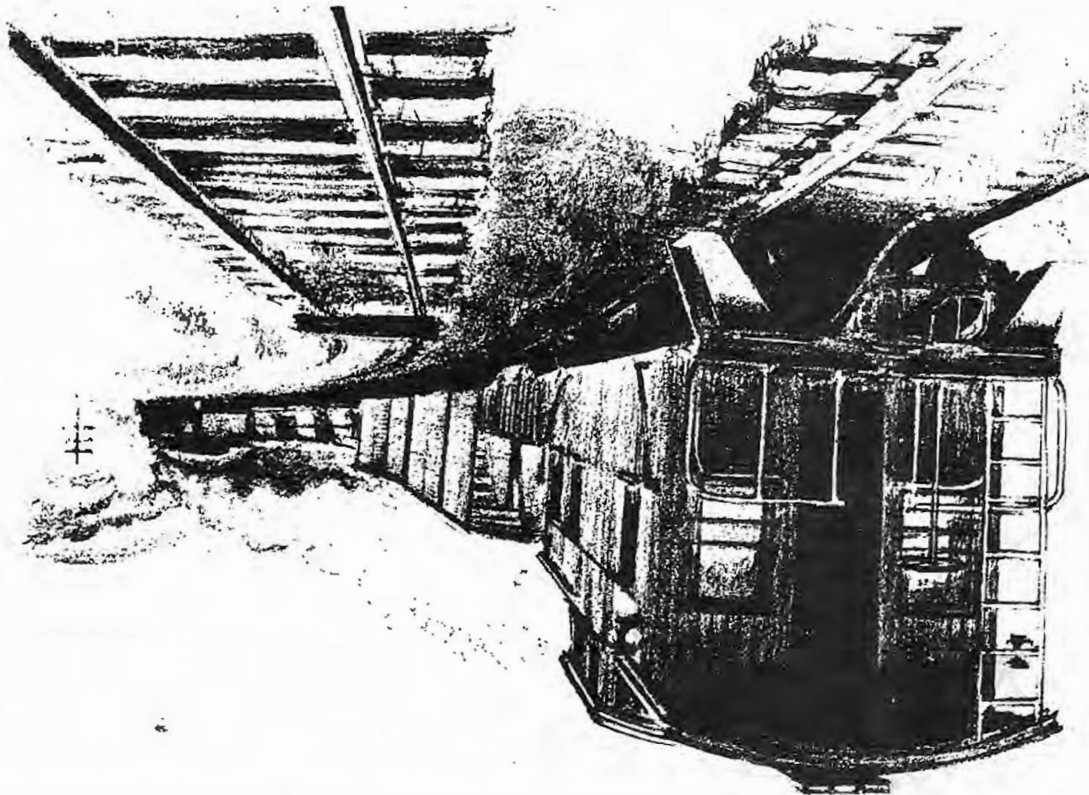
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