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## JANUARY MEETING

January 21, 1990  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Arlington Heights, Illinois

### LAYOUT TOUR

This month we are going on a layout tour to Lake Forest (weather permitting). However, we will start at the church hall with a short meeting after which maps will be given out for the layout tour.

We will car pool and travel in three groups in order that only one-third of the members will be at any one home layout at one time. Your group should plan to arrive at your first layout at 2:30 p.m., at the second at 3:15 p.m. and at your third at 4:00 p.m. These layouts are only a few minutes apart in Lake Forest.

This layout tour is unique in that you will see three entirely different scales and types of layouts. They are described briefly below.

Mike Primack's "Lionel" layout was featured in the recent book *Toy Train Layouts of America* and an even more recent VCR. This layout is one of the best sceniced Lionel layouts around. Also, it has been designed for actual prototype operation with a dispatcher rather than the normal "around-in-a-circle" Lionel operation.

Paul Callahan's "H0" gauge Seneca Railroad is a 13-1/2 x 22 ft. layout that was completely finished about forty years ago. It is based on a main line passing through the Alleghany Mountains and is strictly steam powered B.D. (before diesels). This layout also uses a twelve volt battery for its operation.

Bob Kuchar's "O" gauge Lake Forest & Western RR is a beautifully sceniced layout built on a 30" wide shelf around the periphery of his large basement. Two unique features are a round house built into a basement wall so that it is in two different rooms and a long welded steel (really) bridge that spans his office area.

Once again we wish to point out that this layout tour has a little of everything.

### COMING NEXT MONTH

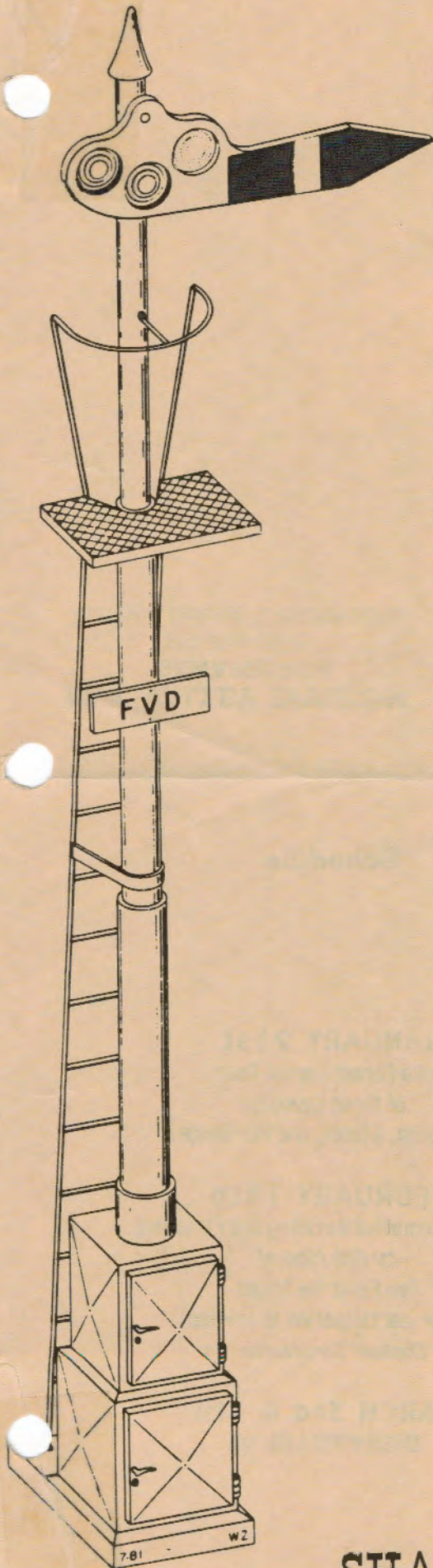
Start collecting your favorite 35mm slides for the "My Ten Favorite Slides" program next month. These can be prototype, model railroads, industries, or anything you feel will interest other model railroaders.

### CONTEST WINNERS

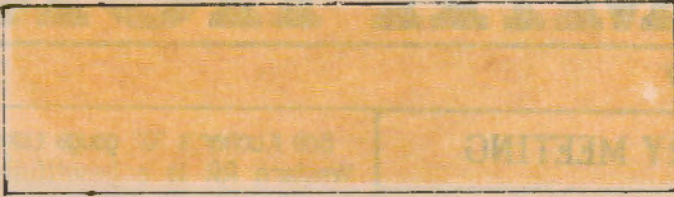
At the December Division meeting the winners of the *Private Varnish* contest were:

- First** - Roger Ekholm
- Second** - David Tracksess
- Third** - John Van Bramer

Thank you for participating in this contest.



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### Schedule

**JANUARY 21st**  
Lake Forest Layout Tour  
of three Layouts  
(0-Gauge, Lionel, and HO-Gauge)

**FEBRUARY 18th**  
Model Locomotive Building and Finishing  
*by Bob Maskal*  
Ten Favorite Slides  
(Your participation is invited)  
*Contest: Structures*

**MARCH 3rd & 4th**  
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