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## NOVEMBER MEETING

November 18, 1990, 1:30 p.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church  
431 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois

### PROGRAM

We will begin our program with a presentation by Art Boguse of Right Track Productions. Art is an expert in realistic scenery construction and will demonstrate his techniques, using everyday, inexpensive materials. He will show us how and where to find money-saving, realistic-looking scenery in our own back yard.

Once again during our customary break we will have the second Fox Valley Module Set-Up with discussions.

The second part of our program will be a NMRA Tape/Slide presentation titled "Toward a Modular Concept." This program is designed to stimulate thinking about the design of your module for the Fox Valley Modular Railroad. It should provide many tips and insights of modular railroading.

### NOVEMBER CONTESTS

Yes, this month we have TWO contests. Bring your three best photos in prints or slides. The second contest is for cabooses, or is that *cabeese*. Anyway, you may enter one or two in any scale you can carry.

### COMING NEXT MONTH

## AUCTION

The Annual Auction is next month, so once again, look over your excess model railroad items and get them ready for sale. Get yourself some extra cash and help the Division at the same time. The Division receives 10% of each sale. Then use the extra cash to get a good buy on that item you have been looking for at a bargain price. So, get ready to buy and sell at our Annual Auction.

### CORRECTION

In the October *Semaphore* we reported incorrectly that Trainfest '90 and the November Division meeting were the same weekend. Trainfest is the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11. The Division meeting is Nov. 18.

### HELP WANTED...

Would you like to help with the Fox Valley Railroad? If so, see Jim Otis, Irv Lange or Bob Carney at the November meeting.

### Superintendent's Report

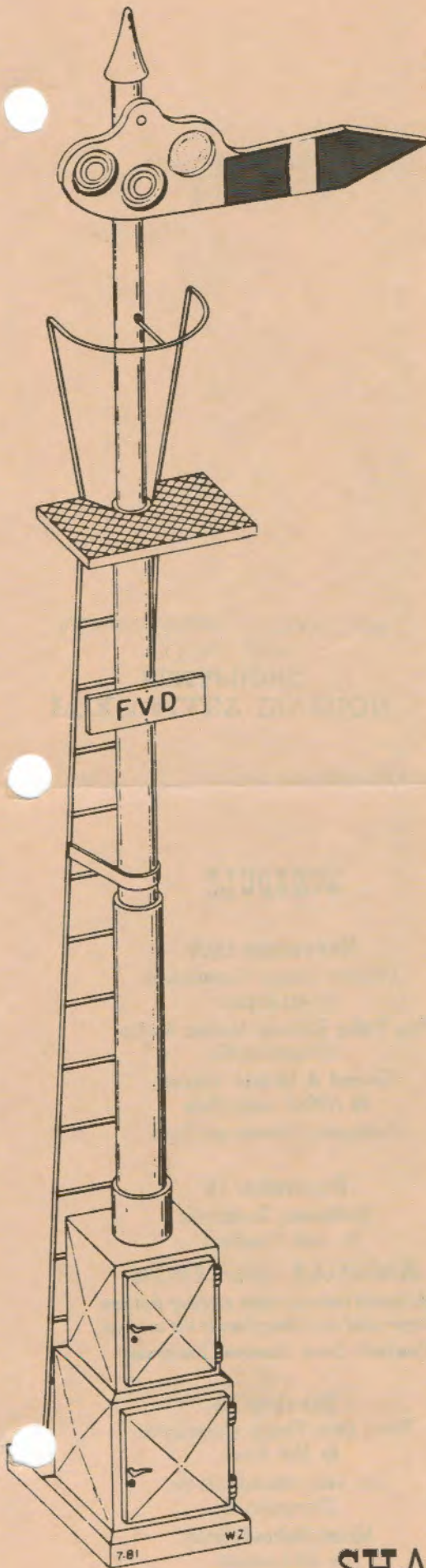
I received a pleasant surprise in the mail this week. An envelope was sent to me by Al Potts, who is the region achievement program coordinator. Inside were three certificates for Golden Spike Awards to Chas Hague, Dave Hamilton and myself. The Golden Spike Awards are designed for people who might not have time right now to pursue the Master Model Railroader Program but who have built an operating layout or module.

To qualify, a model railroader must have built six pieces of rolling stock (detailed commercial, craftsman or scratchbuilt kits). Construct at least eight square feet of layout and five structures (detailed commercial, craftsman or scratchbuilt). Install three types of trackage and provide for simultaneous control of two trains. You should have one additional electrical feature such as powered turnouts or signalling.

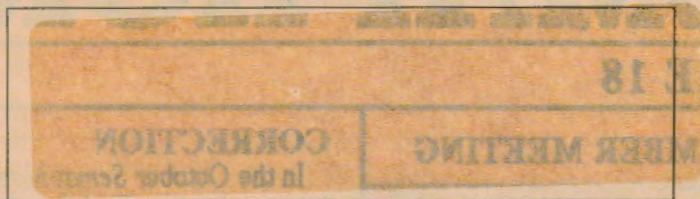
The Golden Spike Award is an achievement well within the reach of the average modeler and is the NMRA's way of recognizing our efforts. If you are interested, contact any of your division officers and they will be happy to assist you with the paperwork

Tom

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### SCHEDULE

#### November 18th

Creative Scenery Construction  
*by Art Boguse*  
Fox Valley Railroad Module Set-Up  
(Discussion #2)  
Toward A Modular Concept  
*by NMRA Tape-Slide*  
Contests: Caboose and Photo

#### December 16

Railfarming Techniques  
*by John Szwajkart*  
**ANNUAL AUCTION**  
*Get the model railroad items together that you  
no longer need and bring them to the auction.*  
Contest: Snow Removal Equipment

#### January 20

Wood Deck Flatcar Construction  
*by Hal Fritze*  
Fox Valley Module Set-Up  
(Discussion #3)  
Monon Railroad History  
*by Ed Lewnard*  
Contest: Passenger Train

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