

the SEMAPHORE

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AUCTION

The Fox Valley Division's Annual Auction will be held on December 20, 1992. This is the time that you have the chance to sell excess equipment, or, pick up some great bargains. Our crack team of auctioneers will do their best to get top dollar for your items.

Not only will you be able to make some money for yourself, but you will have the opportunity to buy items you can use at somewhat lower prices. This auction is also a fundraising event for the Division. Ten percent of each sale is put in the Division's treasury.

Get your excess model railroad equipment together and bring it to the December meeting. Also bring your shopping list and money to take advantage of the many bargains that will be available.

Our clinic for December is presented by Bob Carney. He will have a slide presentation on the Annapee & Western Railroad.

Bob has taken photographs from a book on the Annapee & Western from years past and visited the same sites today. Only now the railroad is the Green Bay & Western. This will be an interesting presentation.

The contest for December is Passenger Trains. All gauges are welcomed, except 1:1. There is a limit of Five (5) cars per train. Most of us have a passenger train for our layouts. Bring it to the meeting. This is a contest that most of us can enter.

Looking Ahead

The plans for the Smilepost '93 Spring Regional Convention are moving along. Clinicians are being contacted and layouts are being reserved for tours. The Convention will be headquartered at the Rolling Meadows (Illinois) Holiday Inn. So, reserve the weekend of April 30, May 1 and 2.

Highwheeler '93

Our annual Open House and Train Show is now in intensive preparation. Ray Petterson and his Ways and Means committee have been planning an advertizing blitz. We hope that an extensive ad campaign will increase our attendance.

You can help. Come to the next meeting on the 20th of December and find out how you can help the Fox Valley Division boost the attendance at Highwheeler '93.

Thanks And Congratulations

Thanks go out to the WISE Division for advertising our upcoming Highwheeler. Joe Russ has placed a copy of our flyer in his Division's newsletter. This should bring in some more attendees to our show.

We also extend congratulations to the WISE Division. They set an all-time attendance record for their show this year. This year their attendance was 15,115.

Superintendent's Report

It has been a while since you've had a full edition of the Semaphore. I must apologize for not getting out an edition for November. The Board of Directors has undergone some changes and we are trying to keep up with all of our commitments. A large thanks to those who helped organize our trip to Milwaukee, especially Irv Lange for arranging for the bus and Jerry Hoffman for the postcard notice you all received.

I hope everyone is looking forward to our annual auction this month. Bob Carney has been working diligently on his presentation on the Annapee & Western and it promises to be a good one. Our contest will be a passenger train contest and the winners will receive beautiful ribbons for their efforts.

After much debate and conferring we have decided to return to Harper despite the increase in cost they have put into our contract. We are looking at increasing



our advertising budget to attract more visitors to the show.

I wish all members a happy holiday season and trust that Santa leaves you something for your railroad. I have asked once more for the Campbell Grain Elevator and fully expect that in keeping with our Christmas tradition Dora will be unable to find it anywhere. I'm sure that my stocking will contain something for the railroad (maybe a lump of coal I can pulverize for a live load in a coal hopper).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tom

Editor's Notes

Thanks to the Board and Officers for asking me to again assume the post of Publications Trainmaster. It is a joy to be given the privilege of communicating with the membership. Rich Sweet did a fine job with the Semaphore for the past few years. Thanks Rich.

Our Contest Trainmaster, Frank Oldfield, will spend some time at home after some necessary surgical procedure. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Bert Ahrensfield is continuing his recovery at home. We send him wishes for a complete recovery.

Happy Holidays to all.

Jerry

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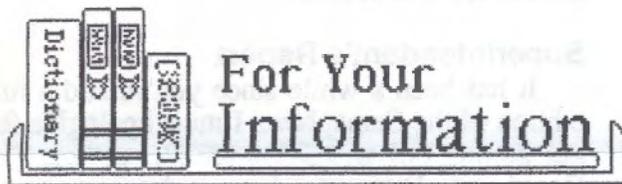
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Contest for January

Second Generation Diesel Contest

Highwheeler Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 1992

7:00 P.M.

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