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## NOVEMBER 20th PROGRAM 1:30 P.M.



ur guest speaker for the November 20th meeting is Wayne Wesolowski. Wayne has been a National Model Railroad Association member and avid model builder for 34 years. More than 135 articles, three books and two Kalmbach video tapes including a segment on Good Morning America are to his credit with wife, Mary Cay. Modeling the Quincy and Torch Lake Railroad in On3, his special interests are structures and rolling stock. Wayne has been a Professor of Chemistry at Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, Illinois for twenty years.

In 1864 the U.S. Military Railroad system constructed an opulent 16 wheel private car, "The United States," for President Lincoln. Strangely it was used only for this 20 day funeral trip from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois with eleven elaborate funeral stops. This clinic describes the historical research and special urethane casting techniques used to build a museum quality exhibit. The trucks alone have 725 scratch-built parts in 1" scale. A live casting demonstration will be done.

Come and join the fun.



## ANNUAL AUCTION

Bring all your unused model railroad equipment to the **December 18th**. Some other modelers might just be looking for your items. This is also an opportunity for you to help support the division. Each sale results in a 10% donation of the purchase price to the Fox Valley Division.

Thank you in advance for your support. This money helps pay for trips and guest speakers

## Velma L. Munn

Val Munn, long-time member, passed away on Friday, October 21, 1994. She and her husband John were active members of the Fox Valley Division and the Arlington Heights Society of Model Engineers. Val was one of the few ladies to regularly attend our general meetings.

For many years Val participated in High Wheeler by greeting people at the ticket table. Her warm smile would express the friendliness of the Fox Valley Division and the N.M.R.A.

Val was laid to rest on Tuesday, October 25 in the military cemetery at Fort Sheridan. We will remember her with great affection.

## NOVEMBER CONTEST

**Intermodal Cars** is the subject for November's Contest. Bring your favorite to the registration table before 1:30. All gauges are welcome.

There is no contest scheduled for December. The January meeting will be an **Open Load Cars** contest.

## TRAINFEST 94

On November 13th the Fox Valley Division will journey to the beautiful city of West Allis. There we will attend Trainfest '94 at State Fair Park. The bus will depart from Palatine Hobby in Regency Plaza at Euclid and Quenten Roads in Palatine. Call Scott Hicks at 708-253-3915 or any board member (see list on back page).

For those who don't make reservations you may drive up. The show will run the 12th and 13th. Doors open at 10 a.m.

## ***Superintendent's Notes and Quotes***

On October 21, 1994 the Fox Valley Division lost one of its most active people. Our sincerest and deepest condolences are expressed to John Munn on the loss of his beloved wife, Velma Munn. It is always a sad occasion to report the loss of someone. But it is also a joy to recognize that person's efforts and express our thanks for being allowed to know and associate with them. Velma and John were always at the High Wheeler Shows spending many hours at the front table collecting Entrance fees for the Fox Valley Division. Velma will be sorely missed in the future. And, we offer our best wishes to John in his time of sorrow.

On a more up scale side, the Fox Valley Division is providing bus transportation to the WISE Division train show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The date will be Sunday, November 13, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at Palatine Hobby. There will be a \$10.00 charge which includes admission and the cost of the bus, with the balance being paid for by the Division. Please try to make this event. Please call Scott Hicks (708) 253-3915 and reserve your spot on the bus. You may also call any board member to reserve a spot.

The next time you pass your local library, stop in and see if there is an exhibit in one of their cases about the Fox Valley Division. We are in the process of setting up Exhibits in the Rolling Meadows, Mt. Prospect, Elk Grove, and other neighboring libraries. These displays are to promote model railroading as a family adventure to bring parents and their children closer together.

Just recently the Fox Valley Division had on display the FVD modular railroad at the Chicago-Land Hobby Show in the Rosemont Convention Center (formerly O'Hare Expo). Irv Lange with the help of a few (and I must admit, very few) people took the time and effort to present your railroad to the manufacturers and public during this four Day show ending on October 16. Many manufacturers apparently used your railroad to run their equipment during this show. However, when we put the FVD railroad on display at the High Wheeler 1995 we will be running our own and your equipment. Now is the time to show some interest in helping set up this modular railroad at future High Wheelers and other events. This past exhibit was a shake-down for the future and showed an abundance of problems that need to be solved to make the Fox Valley Railroad more enjoyable to work. We are also looking for volunteers to offer to accept one of the Fox Valley Division's modules to store and work on scenery, etc. The Division owns four corners, two yard modules and two straight section modules. If you are interested in doing this, please contact one of your officers and let them know, so arrangements can be made.

Coming up at future monthly meetings your officers are going to offer an extra added attraction. We will be scheduling a layout tour to a Mystery Layout for those that would be interested in seeing some excellent and diverse layouts. A map will be provided for directions. This attraction will follow immediately after the program has been presented at the meeting.

Also at your meetings Ken Kitzing, Membership Trainmaster, will be asking you to fill out a registration form. The purpose being to acquire an active membership list for mailings and events. You will also note the new format for the membership meetings with an effort to inform you of what is taking place in the Division and what your officers are doing for your benefit. Please come out and let us know if there is anything you would like to see done.

May your engine be smiling, and may your trackwork be smooth!

*Raymond L. Pettersen, Jr.*

### ***PALATINE HOBBY TO OFFER CLASSES FOR RAILROAD MODELERS***

Palatine Hobby has scheduled a series of classes and seminars on railroad modeling. These classes are presented free of charge. You are asked to pre-register if you wish to attend any of these classes.

A seminar, *Building a Basic HO Layout*, will be presented on November 6th. The time, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

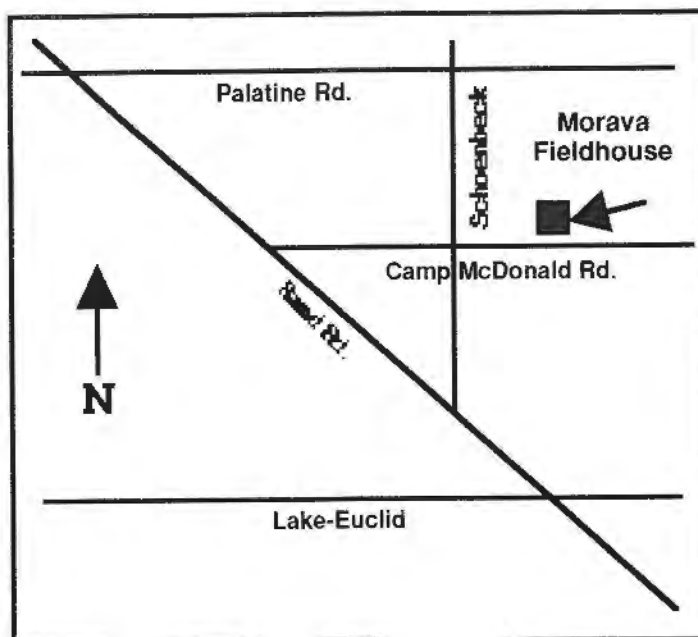
Another seminar will be a valuable presentation on *Locomotive Lubrication*. It is scheduled for November 6th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Märklin representatives will present their *Digital Control System*. This seminar will be presented on November 12th. It will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. with a one hour Break at 3:00 p.m. If you are considering digital control for your layout, don't miss this interesting and informative presentation.

*Superdetailing Locomotives* will be the title of a seminar presented on November 13th, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information and reservations call Palatine Hobby at 708-359-7888.

## WHERE WE MEET



## Historical Societies Part of a Continuing Listing

### Louisville & Nashville

Annual Dues: \$15.00/\$30.00 sust./\$20.00 foreign  
L&N Historical Society  
PO Box 17122  
Louisville, KY 40217

### Ma & Pa RR

Annual Dues: \$15.00/Contr. \$25.00  
Ma & Pa RR Preservation and Hist. Soc.  
Roger Huber  
PO Box 224  
Spring Grove, PA 17362

### Milwaukee Road

Annual Dues: \$14.00/\$28.00 sust.  
Milwaukee Road Historical Association  
c/o Wendell Murphy  
7504 W. Ruby Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53218-5458

### Missouri Kansas & Texas

Annual Dues: \$15.00 regular  
\$13.00 (-18/65+) \$50.00 supporting  
Katy Railroad Historical Society  
c/o Roy V. Jackson II  
732 Via Miramonte  
Mesquite, TX 75150

### Monon

Annual Dues: \$15.00 reg.; \$20.00 sust.  
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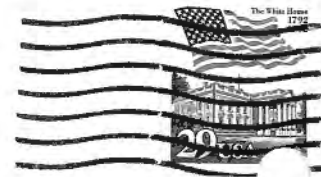
The Fox Valley Division has been asked to help liquidate the estate of a deceased modeler. Items from the estate will be displayed at our general membership meetings. You will have the opportunity to make purchases at the meetings.

Following is a partial listing of items in the estate:

- 2 Silver Streak Box Cars
- 11 Kar-Line Box Cars
- 4 Walthers Passenger Cars
- 10 Herkimer 80' Cars for Passenger Consist
- 1 Athearn C&NW Cahoose
- 4 Athearn Diesel Locos
- 12 Athearn Freight Cars
- 10 U.P. Cars for Passenger Consist
- 1975 NMRA Data Sheet Binder
- NMRA Bulletins (Oct. 1976 - Aug. 1992)
- 66 issues of MRC between 1963 and 1982
- Rand McNally 4' x 4' RR Map of USA
- Model RR Handbook by Schleicher - 1975
- Trackwork Handbook - 1974
- HO Primer by Linn Westcott - 1975
- How to Wire bt Linn Westcott - 1959
- Track Planning (Kalmbach) - 1975
- Bridges and Buildings (Kalmbach) - 1975
- All About Signals (Kalmbach) - 1976

Come on out to our meetings and check out this estate sale. There may be something for you.

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# Contest Winners

There were not enough entries at the October meeting for a contest. However, those who brought photos of their Summer Memories will receive certificates for their participation. Thank you.