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February 19th PROGRAM 1:30 P.M.

Business Meeting

Layout Tour

At press time there are two layouts on the tour. There is a possibility that one or two more may be added. Come on out, these layouts are among the most popular in the Division.



Superintendent's Report

The January membership meeting of the Fox Valley Division was a huge success. With an attendance of almost 50 model railroaders eagerly participating. The contest for the month managed by Frank Oldfield was represented by many models and dioramas. The subject matter was anything you had that you wanted to enter. Also a big draw was the presentation of Gift Certificates from Palatine Hobbies to first, second and third place. Please watch for the contests at the High Wheeler and the April membership meeting where more gift certificates will be presented. The contest for April will be Depots. And the contests for High Wheeler will be dioramas, steam and diesel motive power, etc. Contact Frank Oldfield for more information on the coming contests. For the program in January we had not only a product review presented by Scott Hicks, but also a clinic on building bridges out of corrugated cardboard and cardboard strips. The results of Bill Latimer's efforts were very authentic and masterfully done with great veracity to detail. Please contact Scott Hicks for more information.

And my personal thanks to both Frank Oldfield and Scott Hicks for the tremendous work in their areas of endeavor. I certainly do not want to forget the rest of the officers and trainmasters in their efforts. Thank you one and all!

Our next membership meeting in February will feature High Wheeler coming up on March 4 and 5. And following the meeting there will be a layout tour of three or four outstanding layouts in the suburban area. Maps will be provided. If you are interested in layouts, now is the time to attend the meeting. There will be no program except the layout tour after the meeting.

NOW IS THE TIME to start thinking about High Wheeler. First and foremost is the publicity that you can provide your Fox Valley Division for this event. We will

have flyers and posters that can be distributed to any type of store or business: for example, barber shops, beauty salons, libraries, auto parts stores, Subways, McDonalds, etc. Any place where you can hang the poster or leave flyers will help draw people and families not yet involved in model railroading. REMEMBER, model railroading can and should be a family effort and will help make the family a closer one. We are in desperate need of your help to distribute these posters and flyers. We need your legs and a few hours between NOW and MARCH 3, 1995. PLEASE accept my sincere gratitude for any effort in your participation.

I must at this time mention that we have a full list of over 40 exhibitors and will also need your help on Friday, March 3, 1995 for setup, and Sunday, March 5, 1995 for the tear down. Don't forget that you can participate in running the Fox Valley Division Modular Railroad at the High Wheeler. Please contact Dave Flebbe for more information.

Also on tap for that weekend will be clinics on model railroading, videos, raffles, building of an N gauge layout, and entertainment on the stage that will be set up along the entrance wall of the gym.

KEEP IN MIND that the High Wheeler provides us with the necessary funds to promote the all year events that the Fox Valley Division presents for your enjoyment. Also there will be a dinner meeting later in March to honor all those members that participate in running High Wheeler. Therefore, if you would like to help that weekend, please contact Rich Boettcher and let him know where you would like to help. The March dinner meeting will be provided by the Fox Valley Division FREE for all those who participate and one guest (spouse or friend). The dinner is also open to all members for a fee of five dollars each for those who would like to attend. More information will be provided later.

End of the Line

It is with sorrow we announce the
passing of

ANDREW SIM, JR.

*His journey is at its end.
May he rest in peace.*

The High Wheeler is our only means of raising funds for the Fox Valley Division. So, come on our and join in the fun in providing Chicagoland with the best model railroad show in the area.

Another area I would like to touch on is the April meeting. This year we will be electing trainmasters to keep our Fox Valley Division operating on a well established basis. If you are interested in participating, please contact Art Roth as soon as possible. **REMEMBER!** Two terms is the limit any member can serve as trainmaster or officer on the board of directors, and the elections alternate each year between trainmasters and officers because each term is two years. We must provide the Fox Valley Division with continuing leadership in order to have the best division in the Midwest Region. And, I am sure you have heard often enough, you only get out of the Division what you put into it. In fact you will receive more than you put into it with the friendships and knowledge gained throughout your participation.

I would like to close with expressing my appreciation for the support of all my board members, and especially the support of the active membership in all areas of our Fox Valley Division. God bless you and may He shine upon your model railroading activities.

Raymond L. Pettersen, Jr.

HIGH WHEELER '95

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 4 & 5, 1995
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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If you answered yes to any of these questions, and, would like to show off those talents, give Scott Hicks a call at 708-438-9109. Scotty needs your help building the Project Layout at High Wheeler.

You will be working on the N gauge layout that the Fox Valley Division will raffle off at the end of the show on Sunday.

Here's your chance to help the Division build the layout that will make someone very happy. Volunteer for one day or both. Whatever is best for you. We can guarantee you will have fun and enjoy the companionship of the others building the layout.



MARK DVORAK, singer of Railroad songs will be appearing twice a day on stage at High Wheeler '95

FOX VALLEY RAILROAD

I would like to welcome Neal Anderson and Tim Kleimmeyer to the Fox Valley Railroad Committee. We have added Frank Oldfield's two modules to the layout. Ballasting has begun on the main line. Several other projects are in the works, one of which is the corner module which will be at least six inches high.

We are looking for a new location for the Fox Valley Railroad. If you have a basement that is not being used for your railroad (*yeah right*) or a three car garage. If you can, please give me a call between 9:45 and 5:45 at 708-670-2019.

See your layout at High Wheeler '95.

Trainmaster at Large
Dave Flebbe

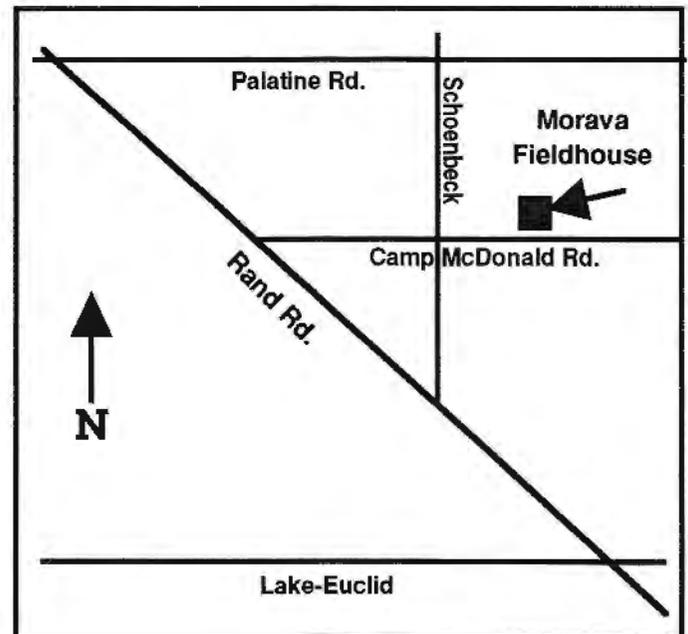
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WHERE WE MEET



From the Desk of Your

Assistant Superintendent

"It's Show Time" again and your board members need your help. How about it guys and girls, we really need to get that advertising out. We couldn't get the library windows this February to help so we need to hustle to get the word out.

If each member just took one place to put up a poster and deliver handbills we'd have the most successful show ever. We need people to cover private schools, senior homes and centers i.e. Church Creek, The Moorings, Friendship Village and any others you can think of.

Every April the Fox Valley Division holds elections. This year we elect Trainmasters. These people are the Directors of the Division. If the Division is going to continue as we know it we need people with some time and desire to step forward and ask that their name be placed on the ballot. Trainmasters are not expected to more than one job. You will be given all the help you need to fulfill your position's requirements.

Our Superintendent, Ray Pettersen, Jr., has announced that he will not seek a second term. He will be retiring from his job and he intends to travel extensively. Ray has been Ways and Means Trainmaster and Superintendent. When he took over the operation of High Wheeler he kept it running smoothly and made some needed changes.

Should you wish to help run the Fox Valley Division, feel free to call me at 708-577-4430. We need you to help keep the Fox Valley Division rolling. Call me, we'll talk.

Assistant Superintendent
Art Roth

Historical Societies Part of a Continuing Listing

Reading

Annual Dues: \$20
RCT & HS Membership Committee
PO Box 15143
Reading, PA 19612-5143

Rock Island

Annual Dues: \$15
Rock Island Technical Society
David J. Engle
8746 North Troost
Kansas City, MO 64155

Rutland Railroad

Annual Dues: \$15
Rutland Railroad Historical Society
PO Box 6262
Rutland, VT 05701

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Annual Dues: \$12
FMIG
c/o Douglas Hughes
1212 Finneans Run
Arnold, MD 21012-1876

Santa Fe

Annual Dues: \$12/\$18 + sust.
\$2.00 additional family member
Santa Fe Ry. Historical Society, Inc.
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708-439-1744

Contest Winners

January Contest Winners

Open Category

John Janesko

Best of Show

Frank Oldfield

Second Place

Tim Kleimeyer

Third Place

*Thanks to all who entered the contest.
We appreciate your efforts*

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