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November is National Model Railroad Month Share Your Hobby With Others!

NOVEMBER 19th PROGRAM

8:45 a.m.

Regency Plaza

Euclid & Quentin Roads

Palatine, Illinois

Superintendent's Notes and Quotes

The WISE Division will host the 24th annual TRAINFEST on November 11 and 12, 1995. The show will open at 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. The show will be in Wisconsin State Fair Park, North Exhibit Building, S. 84th Street and W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis (Milwaukee), Wisconsin. A Donation of \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for Seniors, Youth 17 and under free when accompanied by parent.

Just recently the Fox Valley Division had on display the FVD modular railroad at the Chicagoland 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. Now is the time to show some interest in helping set up this modular railroad at future High Wheelers and other events.

It's time to assemble your unused equipment for the December Auction. This event is a lot of fun for the members. It gives some a way to free up their stockpiles of excess merchandise and others a chance to get that item they need for their layout. In the process the Fox Valley Division will receive 10% of each sale.

There has been a change in the boundaries of the Fox Valley and DuPage Divisions. When we receive a revised map we will publish it.

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

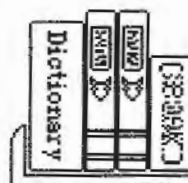
Raymond L. Pettersen, Jr.

Coming In December

The December 17th meeting will consist of our Annual Auction and a slide show provided by the membership. Please bring your ten favorite slides to show to the Division. The slides can cover any aspect of railroading. The slide show will also be the December Contest.

Scott Hicks will again handle the auction. Everyone who was at last year's auction knows what an outstanding auctioneer Scott is. As usual 10% of each winning bid will go to the Division.

Collect your excess modeling equipment and bring it to the December meeting. Bring your checkbook and your Want List, you may find some real bargains.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 11 & 12 — TRAINFEST '95
State Fair Park
West Allis (Milwaukee), Wisconsin
- Nov. 19 — 8:45 a.m. — General Membership Meeting
Board Bus at Palatine Hobby
Program: CSB & SS Railroad Trip
- Nov. 23 — HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Dec. 6 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby
- Dec. 16 — 5:00 p.m. — Christmas El Ride
Board Bus at Palatine Hobby
See inside for more details and how to make reservations.
- Dec. 17 — 1:30 p.m. — General Membership Meeting
Morava Center, Prospect Heights
Annual Auction
Contest: Slides
- Jan. 3 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby

National Model Railroading Month

November in the Midwest brings the first cold winds of winter. This month seems to call a halt to all of our outdoor activities. A time to stay inside where it is warm.

I recall a time, not too long ago, of working on a layout once a week. After four hours of laying track, wiring, or scenicking we would sit back, sip a cup of tea and share some cookies or other sweet and plan further construction.

Occasionally there would be operating sessions at various homes where many of us would get together and "run the railroad." Those were, and continue to be, great things to do during the cold and bleak winter season.

Model railroading is a hobby that can be done alone or in groups. It definitely is more fun when done with others. *Share your hobby with others.*



Spotlight on Hobby Shops

Thanks to Don Hendrick of Pat's Hobbies & Crafts, Inc. for his article. All shops are invited to make a similar contribution to this newsletter. We will do as little editing as possible. We ask that you tell us about your shop. We will use a photo of your shop or its model railroad section if one is supplied. Please do not include any sale notices.

Send your article to: Jerry Hoffman, Editor
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Palatine Hobby Schedules Classes

Palatine Hobby, Ltd. holds modeling classes on a continuing basis. Some of the upcoming classes may be of interest to the model railroading hobbyist. You are urged to sign up at the shop where you may get further details.

- Nov. 11System One Seminar
- Nov. 12Track Laying
- Nov. 18Model Railroad Scenery
- Nov. 19Model Railroad Scenery 2
- Dec. 3Using a Soldering Iron
- Dec. 9Basic Layout Wiring
- Dec. 10Installing HO/N Kadee/Micro Trains Couplers

Calendar Now Available

The Fox Valley Division's Calendar for '95-'96 is now available. No fancy pictures, just necessary information. The Calendar of Events of the Fox Valley Division will be distributed at our meetings.

Stop in and say "Hi!" Check the Calendar of Events on page one of your *Semaphore* for last minute changes.



January Program

Our January General Membership meeting will feature Dave Methlie with a clinic on Scenicking. Dave, owner of Design Modelers, builds model railroads for his clients. He has been a hobby shop owner and managed the model railroad shows at Hawthorn Shopping Center a few years ago. Dave's clinic should give us some additional insight into the construction of scenery on our layouts.

Achievement Trainmaster Erich Russ has scheduled a contest for the January meeting. The contest is *Off-Line Structures*. Bring your favorite and be a participant.



Fox Valley Modular Railroad

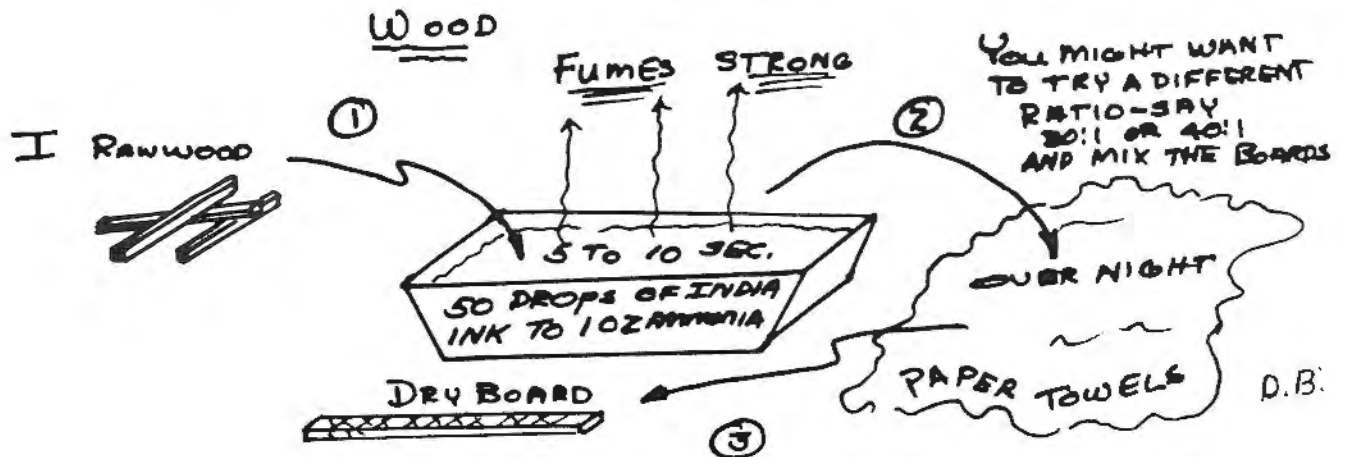
The public had an opportunity to see the Fox Valley Modular Railroad recently at the National Model and Hobby Show in Rosemont. Questions were answered on construction of the modules, track laying, scenery, and System One. Irv Lange, Jim Otis, Dave Flebbe and Frank Oldfield were fielding the inquiries from the show visitors and were excellent representatives of the model railroading hobby.

The End Of The Line

We have recently been informed of the passing of

WILLARD L. SHOENER

*His journey is ended.
May he rest in peace.*

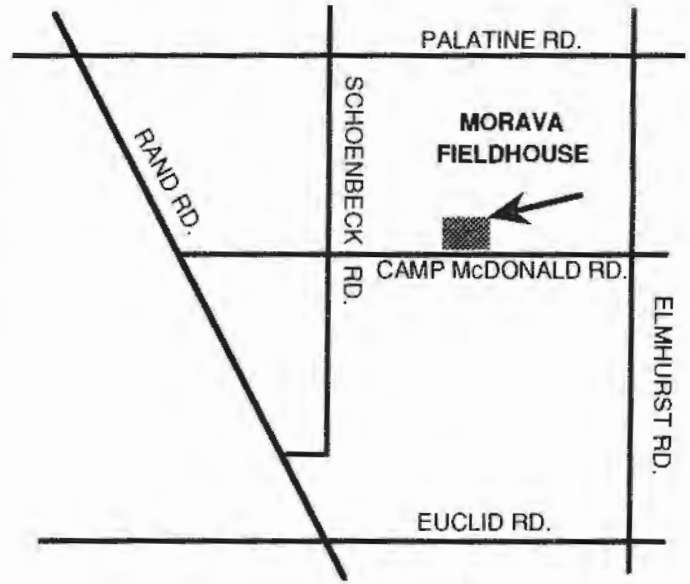


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Moskal Award

We are pleased to announce winner of the Bob Moskal Award. Dick Cecil of the WISE Division received the award. It was presented by Bob Moskal Jr. at the Brunch that capped off the Rails of Gold convention of the Midwest Region. Congratulations Dick, on your achievement.

WHERE WE MEET



The Christmas El Ride



Saturday, December 16, 1995

Depart 5:00 p.m.

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CONTEST CORNER

DECEMBER CONTEST

Slides

Bring your 10 favorite slides
to the December meeting.
Your name could be here as a
winner in the January Semaphore.*

Watch this space for future contests.

*To contact your Achievement Trainmaster
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