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1:30 p.m.

Morava Center

110 Camp McDonald Road

Prospect Heights, Illinois

Superintendent's Notes

March is fast approaching and we are on the verge of another High Wheeler event. Once the gym at Harper College will be filled to overflowing with exhibitors with their wares and model railroads. I must commend Tim Laren for the excellent job he has done in soliciting this vast array of exhibitors. This chore begins in September of the previous year and extends right up to show time. However, we are usually filled up by January and then spend over a month trying to make it fit.

Many of you will be contacted by Donn Branstrator and other committee members to solicit your help in conducting another outstanding show for the public. Please take the time to give us some support in our efforts. If you cannot help in any way, please come out and pay us a visit with your families. Remember, model railroading is fun for everyone.

Since this is the last High Wheeler in which I will be deeply involved, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to each and everyone that has helped me over the past eight years while working on this show. The High Wheeler has steadily grown to the point where our only recourse may be to move to larger quarters to accommodate all of the exhibitors. Thank you to one and all.

Coming up at the April membership meeting will be the election of new officers. This will be your opportunity to vote for the people that will be running your Division for the next two to four years. We will be electing the offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Paymaster. All of the Trainmasters will be elected next year. This allows for more continuity in the operation of your board of directors. Please mark this meeting on your calendar to attend.

Also in the works will be a dinner after the High Wheeler to say thank you to all the workers that put so much effort into making this show a success.

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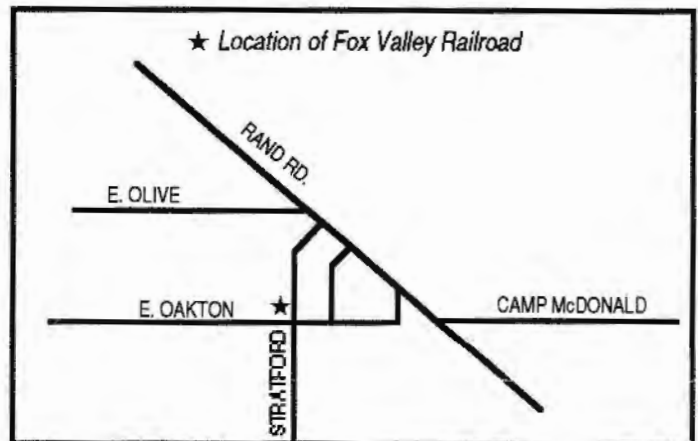


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby Ltd.
- Feb. 18 — 1:30 p.m. — General Membership Meeting
Morava Center, Prospect Heights
Program: System One
Tunnel Portals
Contest: Dioramas
- Mar. 1 — 6:00 p.m. — High Wheeler '96 Set-Up
Harper College, Palatine
- Mar. 2 & 3 — 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. — **High Wheeler '96**
Harper College, Palatine
- Mar. 6 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby Ltd.
- April 3 — 7:00 p.m. — Board of Directors Meeting
Palatine Hobby Ltd.
- April 21 — 1:30 p.m. — General Membership Meeting
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Program: To Be Announced

Fox Valley Railroad

Contact Irv Lange at 847-577-0015 for work schedule, address and specifications for add-on modules.



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There are also plans afoot to make the final May meeting before the summer break an outstanding affair. A possible trip to Troy, Wisconsin, with a ride in the comfortably restored passenger cars and diner is in the planning stages, along with a luncheon for all in attendance. Once again the Fox Valley Division will support the costs for your benefit as members. Please keep this in mind and also mark the date, May 19th, on your calendar. The Fox Valley Division is your Division. Please come out and enjoy some of our special events. Watch this newsletter for more details on these events.

There will be no membership meeting in March because of the High Wheeler. Best wishes to all and God Bless all of your efforts.

Raymond L. Pettersen Jr.

February Program

The February General Membership meeting of the Fox Valley Division will feature two interesting and informative presentations. Jim Otis will present a clinic on System One. This product is a carrier control device. Jim has become well versed in this product over the past few years. Roger Ekholm will present a clinic on Tunnel Portals. Roger is an artist when it comes to the construction of tunnel portals.

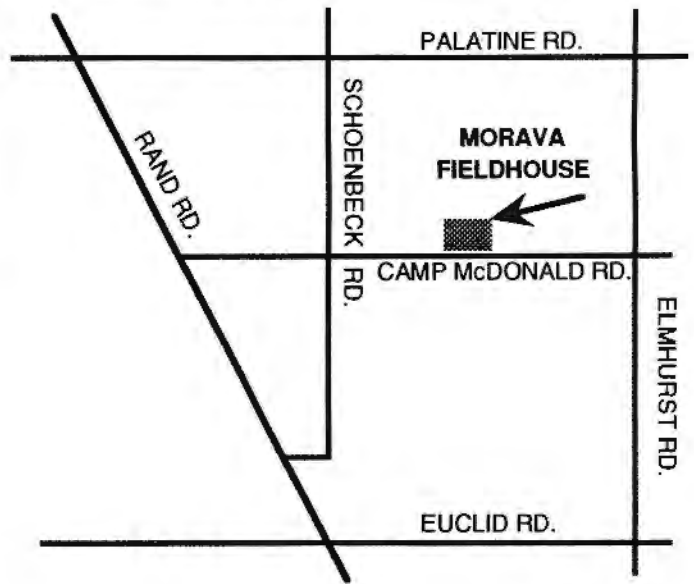
Come on out and join us for this meeting. We welcome first time visitors and encourage their return.

Election of Officers

The election of officers of the Fox Valley Division will occur at the General Membership meeting on April 21, 1996. There will be **NO MAIL-IN BALLOTS**. In the past we mailed over 300 ballots and received 12 to 25 in return. The board of directors discussed the matter and decided to issue ballots to those in attendance at the April General Membership meeting. You are urged to attend the meeting to exercise your voting privilege.

We ask any persons desiring to run for office to contact Art Roth, 1556 N. Highland Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3861, by March 23rd to have their name placed on the ballot. They are requested to submit a short resumé for publication in the April issue of the *Semaphore*.

WHERE WE MEET



*High Wheeler Crew
Appreciation Party*

*The Fox Valley Division
will host a Dinner at Hackney's
in Lake Zurich for all volunteers who
worked on High Wheeler.*

*Sunday, March 24 — 4:00 p.m.
Volunteers and one guest ... Free
Others ... \$5.00 per person*

*Open Menu
Cash Bar*

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CONTEST CORNER

FEBRUARY CONTEST

Dioramas

DECEMBER SLIDE CONTEST

First PlaceJay Feldman
Second PlaceHarry Gamble
Third PlaceGene Landes

JANUARY OFF LINE STRUCTURES CONTEST

First PlaceNorb Lundberg
Second PlaceRoger Jones
Third PlaceDavid Leider

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