



The **400**



North Shore & Western Division, Midwest Region, NMRA

February 2009

February Meeting

Sunday, February 22, 2009, 1:30 pm, Glenview Public Library

Joint Meet with the Fox Valley Division

Clinic: Latest Projects at *MR* by David Popp

Contest: Freight Cars

March Meeting

Sunday, March 22, 2009, 1:30 pm, Glenview Public Library

Clinic: To Be Announced

Contest: Diesel & Heavy Electric Locomotives

January "Steam Locomotive" Contest Results

1st Place: Jim McCool/On30 Two-Ton Shay

2nd Place: Don Cook/GN H-5 Pacific

Photos of these models are on the Division website.

Modular Layout

The modular layout will be set up at High Wheeler '09
Harper College Sports Center (Bldg M), Palatine, February 28 & March 1

See page 3 for a report on the December Glenview Library Show

Midwest Region Spring Convention

Rockford Route *Ride the Line 2009*, April 17, 18 & 19, 2009

Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center, Rockford

For more information and the registration form, go to the Division website.

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2008-2009 Season

Dates

Place

2008

2009

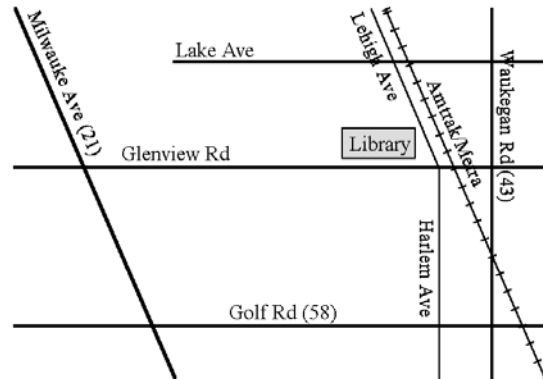
September 28
October 19*
November 23
December 13-14**

January 25
February 22
March 22
April 26
May 17

**Meet at Fox Valley Div **Modular layout.*

Meeting Time: 1:30–4:00 pm
Library opens 1:00 pm
Contest entry 1:15 pm

**Glenview Public Library
1930 Glenview Road**



Glenview Library Show Report

Hi everyone, I would like to start by thanking all those who participated in December's modular layout display for the wonderful job they all did. That was the best modular show at the Glenview library that I can remember. Setup went smooth and we even had time for some pizza. Special thanks to Duke and Ingrid for the snacks and food they brought. There were plenty of good cookies to eat.

The visitors this year seemed very interested in the modules. Both boys and girls were really excited and having fun following the trains around the display. I believe doing shows like this will help keep the hobby strong and alive for a long time. Duke did a great job with the train set giveaway. I'll never forget the smiles on some of those kids' faces as they received their prizes.

It was a big hit with everyone and I think we should do it again next year. According to Duke, several of the library folks said that they had a huge crowd, perhaps several hundred and the attendance was much bigger than in previous years. They even commented on how happy the attendees were and the excitement displayed by the kids who won the train sets. This was a win-win opportunity for the community, the library and our group.

Sunday flew by and tear down went extremely well. Thanks again to everyone who pitched in and helped. The teamwork was great and is getting better each time. I had lots of fun and I hope you all did as well.

Our next modular layout display will be at the High Wheeler 2009 show, held at Harper College, Saturday & Sunday, February 28 & March 1, 2009. The show opens at 9:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM. Setup is Friday night, February 27th from 6:30 to 10:00 PM.

Hope to see you all there. —*Jeff Jarr*