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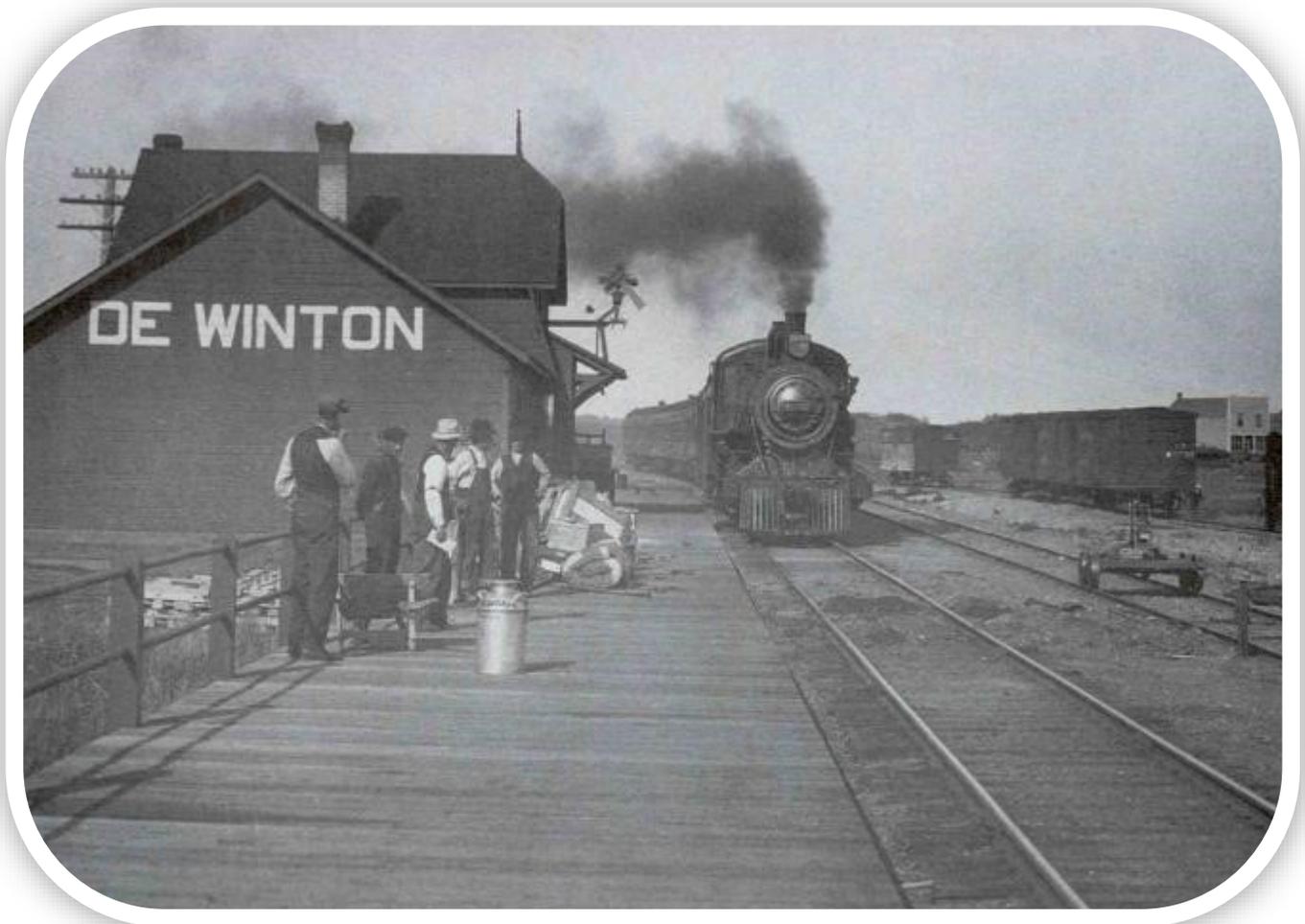


AN EVOCATIVE INSIGHT INTO MODEL RAILROADING

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Special editorial article: Thank you for your interests.

Seasons Greetings for 2015



The time has come to close another chapter in my life which is full of many great memories and friendships gathered along the way. I look forward now to my next and final challenge , to complete my railway layout projects in peaceful solitude.

Feature editorial article

The end of an era, the final chapter.



Dear readers,

It is with certain reservation that I hereby wish to make the announcement that I have decided to forego future editions of the “Outhouse for a Clubhouse” newsletter effective immediately. I appreciate this news will come as a surprise to many that have followed my writings faithfully, over the past several years. In part recent current events relating to world instability and terrorism threats have influenced this decision . Other factors pertaining to recent home security invasions which directly threaten my personal lifestyle and of those that are close to me. I have decided to close the page on exposing my life to the scrutiny of the general public at large. Being a disabled senior it is prudent to protect my interests at home and when travelling alone. Those that know me will still share a common relationship in respect to the hobby of model railroading.

I wish to sincerely thank all those good friends and hobbyists that have contributed to making this venture into a small literary endeavour a success. It is their contributions that provided the variety of topics, pictures and stories to keep the “Outhouse” an interesting read. Having received their willingness to participate if ever I were to change my mind and wish to continue in the future, I must say the time has come to sign off now without hesitation.

Model railroading, regardless of scale, is surely the most rewarding hobby one can have, it challenges your mind in so many ways and provides a lifetime of enjoyment. I am blessed to have met railroaders from all around the world, to hear and share their stories and accomplishments. You will reap more than you sew, especially if you mentor along the next generation of young engineers. I have much to do now to finish my own train projects I have spoken of in past issues and have since begun to get motivated again for the final push to see my dreams come to a realization. The final chapter is still to be written - once the scenery has been completed, perhaps it will be that I will now simply write the notes and submit to another railroad magazine to tell the story.



Sincerely yours in model railroading,

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At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is very important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seats empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

By the way, I am not planning to get off the train anytime soon but if I do, just remember I am glad you were part of my journey. These foregoing words were not mine but exemplify my thoughts for the Christmas season of 2015.