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Spotlights

Just too late to get into the Spring edition of the newsletter was the following from **Douglas Mann** of Bloomfield Hills, MI: “Richard — here are a few shots of my garden railroad. I have about 200 feet of track running in my back yard around a garden and pond and a wooded area. The trains are G Scale, 1 to 24, as are the buildings. My wife, Joan, is in charge of the plantings which are all small size to match the trains. The track stays out all winter. I could run it in the winter but don't--not much fun and when there is snow (or rain) the trains can't get any traction. The trains are controlled remotely my radio transmission through the track. I can run two at once and control them both with the same remote control but they are on separate sections of the track. It is possible to control two trains on the same track when the trains are battery powered instead of with DC current picked up by the engines from the track.”



A view of Douglas's model railroad.

Bob Krenzin of Bowling Green, KY reports “Many years ago my wife and I bought a house on a dead end street in the form of a six. It is one block long with a loop. We have had a crack house on the loop, knifings, and several robberies during our tenure. One robbery involved our friends, Marilyn and Mike. While Marilyn was shopping at the store around the corner, the next door neighbor went in and removed several items.

Luckily a widow across the street witnessed the scene and informed Marilyn of the event when she returned from shopping. Marilyn called the police and with their assistance recovered the stolen items. Mike and Marilyn are black, the thieves white.

“A couple of years later the son of the thieves was stabbed in the back after crashing a party of his peers and accosting one of the girls. The murderer was never arrested or charged. The murdered youth was 16 years old, exceptionally well built, and a bully. I had seen him in his front yard wearing a sleeveless t-shirt. His upper arms and shoulders were awesome. His mother created such a commotion that the authorities brought the incident in front of a grand jury. The jury concurred with the original decision not to charge the young murderer.

“We enjoy our neighborhood being surrounded by retired people. As you might suspect it is racially mixed with blacks, whites, and Hispanics.

Last June Bob sent me the following note: “Life here has been hectic, meaning busy for at least a week. About a week ago I finally got around to starting to read the summer issue of WISCONSIN magazine of history. The first article was about Toys Against Delinquency in Milwaukee. I was shocked to read the following. "A bomb blast rocked the usually quiet village of Shorewood on the night of Saturday, October 26, 1935. The explosion ripped through the suburban Milwaukee neighborhood, blowing a large hole in the village hall, breaking windows, and rattling walls of area homes. While police and fire trucks raced to the scene, the two bombers escaped into the fall night. Nineteen-year-old Isador 'Idzi' Rutkowski and sixteen-year-old Paul 'Shrimp' Chovonee had graduated from petty thieves to teenage bombers."

Where was I? I would have been 9 years old at the time, old enough to have had the action make a lasting impression on me. I lived four blocks north and two blocks west of the city hall. I wonder if any of our classmates remember the event and maybe even have a story to tell? It could be very interesting.”

How about it - do any of you remember that?

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Ed (Woody) Higgins in Pittsboro, NC has been doing some wood sculpturing with his new Delta band saw. You can see some of his work at <http://marcsart.net/dadwood/> There's an example in the figure to the right.



Lois Grabin Hurwitz is sorry she's going to miss the 60th reunion but is giving precedence to joining her granddaughter who is having a baby about that time in Phoenix. She has attended all the prior reunions; we will miss her but understand. Lois plays bridge regularly (mostly social but a little duplicate) and golfs. She recently had a hole in one at Lake Park's par 3 seventh hole (with a seven iron). A couple of times a year she travels to the Los Angeles area to visit relatives.

I had a nice chat with **Don Kiehna**, who lost his wife Ruth to cancer this past January. Don spent thirty years in the army, and is now retired in Oklahoma City, He says he misses the color of the Milwaukee area. One bit of good news he passed on is that his first wife, our classmate **Dawn Berres**, who later remarried, is indeed still alive and living in Vancouver, WA.

I later talked to **Dawn Berres McKay**; she and her husband Robert sold their doll house lighting fixture business in 1998; since then they have continued their heavy traveling schedule. They love cruises and have



One of Woody Higgins' sculptures.

taken several. She's another one who will miss our 60th reunion; her family is planning a great celebration of her 50th wedding anniversary that weekend.



Since retiring from General Motors in 1983 **Udo Hilbert** of Glendale still works half days designing gauges and tools. His wife Lois (class of '46) died in April last year.



Remember that anyone who donates \$15 or more to the costs of publishing this newsletter receives a list of the names and addresses of the surviving members as well as a listing of those deceased and missing. If you care to donate, please send your check to me at the above return address; I'll record your donation, send you the listings and forward the check to the class treasurer.

Deaths

Willett (Bill) Rapp, July 16, 2004

**Elizabeth (Bette) Di Frances Bellanti,
August 6, 2004**

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