



# THE TIMETABLE

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Greetings fellow modelers:

We had fun in Moline at a new venue. I don't remember being in the carriage house at the Deere-Wiman Center. It is a beautiful complex that you know was the center of the social life in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Minton laid out two great clinics on scenery and the Achievement Program. It was good to receive information and encouragement from our third Master Model Railroader.

We spent time at two very different layouts. Jerry Lundeen shared his Chicago, Burlington and Quincy HO scale indoor layout, while Dale Frels showed us his Chicago, Barstow, and Quincy outdoor layout. (Jerry Lundeen also showed his O scale Southern Pacific-ed.) I think it is neat when the big world touches our small ones. If you have never been to Mendota, the layout there is a miniature version of what you walked on in order to get in the building to see the layout. It is a strange feeling...maybe just for me...to be inside a building that is on a layout. I kept thinking..."Is there an HO scale version of me in the building on the table there?"

We also announced that we are putting language in our bylaws that support the NMRA initiative that visitors will need to join after their third visit in order to keep coming to our meets and participating. There is a huge liability insurance reason for this. As you know, the NMRA carries insurance for meets at the various National, Regional, and Division level. The policy dictates that those covered be members and short termed trial members.

Before you catch fire and voice your opposition to this think about how unfair it is for non-members to reap the benefits of membership without having a membership. Now, there are a number of exceptions to this policy. People who drive members or are caretakers are exempted. Generally these people don't participate anyway. Also, spouses are generally excluded as well. Please feel free to comment on this, but it is unlikely to change due to the impetus from National to make this happen.

The latest adventure for the travelling layout was the Lewistown Narrow Gauge depot for the first two weekends in October's Spoon River Drive. We are grateful for the exposure and success of the IVD in recruiting efforts and the ambassadors who help us run the layout and show the people who come by a good time.

I have joined Model Railroad Academy. This is a website with how to and tour videos by Master Model Railroaders and others who have lots of experience in our hobby. There are hints and techniques and ideas for the what, how, and why for your next project and one that hangs loose as you try to find your way to completion. ([www.modelrailroadacademy.com](http://www.modelrailroadacademy.com))

The other thing we mentioned in Moline is the need for another Superintendent. Sixteen months will fly by in about fifteen minutes and it will be March, 2018 all of a sudden. Now is the time to think about who would be a good successor. Our bylaws say I can serve only four terms successively. That time will be up in March, 2018. I urge you to take part in your organization and step up to be elected for an office. I promise you will grow as I have. The Superintendent is the only office in the IVD you can use to achieve the Association Official certificate. All it takes is a willingness to serve. You can learn all the rest, as I still do. Please consider it.

Mike Shockley  
 Superintendent, IVD

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## FROM THE EDITOR

by Minton Dings, MMR

# CABOOSE HOBBIES CLOSING



Recently I got word, confirmed by Charlie Getz, NMRA president in the NMRA e-bulletin, that Caboose Hobbies of Denver will be closing, date not yet given. Caboose Hobbies has been confirmed to be the world's largest train hobby store and a "must see" location when one passes through Denver.

Caboose Hobbies is closing because the building in which the shop resides will be sold for a redevelopment project. The need to find another site, possibly smaller, was determined since about half their sales are now on-line. Instead, the owners decided it was time to retire.

Caboose Hobbies has been a stop for me in my trips or stopovers in Denver for some time. During my bereavement journey to my old haunts in the Colorado mountains following the death of Joyce, my wife and original model railroad supporter, I took a day to spend at the store on South Broadway. I promised myself that I would not spend more than \$1,000.00 and escaped having spent something just over \$400.00. I nearly exhausted myself just viewing the HO displays and merchandise. I marveled at the stock of brass engines, cars and other items. The scenery materials and structures took up aisles. They processed my purchase as an order and shipped it home because the shipping cost less than the taxes.

When Atlas track was scarce, I needed two HO three-way switches. They were able to provide Shinohara switches as an alternative when even they were hard to find.

Karen and I made another visit during our first trip west, which became a part of her introduction to the world of model railroading. She had come to understand that model railroading was to be my retirement occupation. I did not stay at the shop all day on that trip, I expect much to her relief. After all, she had spent a day riding the Cumbres & Toltec, another day on the Durango & Silverton and a day following and viewing the abandoned route of the Rio Grande Southern.

The numbers of hobby shops featuring trains is declining. I remember when there were three in Springfield; now there is one, Castle Trains. It seems to me there were three in Peoria; now only Mike's Scale Rails. Within fifty miles of my home, there now are only three train related hobby shops, including Tom Ludlam's McLean Depot in McLean. Marion Brasher's Valley Roundhouse is 102 miles north, but well worth the trip.

I also understand the temptation of buying our model railroading track, engines, cars and other materials on-line through dealers, Amazon and e-Bay. But I also know that this is a deadly threat to the existence of local train oriented hobby shops.

Without the availability of local shops, many will not be drawn into the hobby. The local shops can be a good source of information and contact with other modelers. If you go to the Valley Roundhouse, not only do you find the goods you need, but there is a wealth of information available through its proprietor, Marion Brasher (MMR). Marion says that if you have a question, he probably has already dealt with it in his over sixty years of model railroading. I know that to be true for I have gone to him or called him more times than I can remember. His advice has always been good. Thanks Marion!!

# ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION MEET

November 13, 2016

McLean Christian Church  
110 East Morgan  
(On the Square in McLean)  
McLean, Illinois

Doors open at 12:30 pm. The meeting begins at 1:30 pm.

The meeting will be held in the Christian Church. Doors open at 12:30pm to allow the church to crowd leave.

Swap tables are available to members. There is no commercial selling at the Illinois Division meets. Selling is closed at the beginning of the business meeting.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation of modular model railroading present by a number of local modular layout builders. There will be no layout tour with the presentation of the modular layouts replacing the tour for this meeting.

The contests for September will be Steam Locomotives and Traction—Locomotives and Cars.

A donation of \$2.00 per member helps to defray division expenses.

Directions: Leaving I-55, travel to the second street past the Shell Station and turn right. Travel north to the Union Pacific Railroad crossing. Cross the tracks and the church will be on the northwest corner of the square.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY HOPPER AND BOXCARS

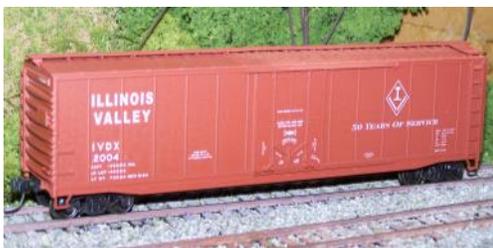
The Fifty Year Anniversary cars are still available.



If you are considering purchasing one or more of these IVD cars, you will need to purchase them soon. These cars have been made available to the

model railroading community in the May 2015 Model Railroader magazine. These cars are selling and now only about 16 hoppers and 60 boxcars are left.

Both cars will be for sale at the division event on November 13th in McLean. The cost is \$20.00 each.



Those who cannot be at the meet can order the cars through Paymaster Tom Ludlam at the McLean Depot, 200 East Dixie Road, McLean, IL, 61754; 309-244-5900. The cost by mail is \$20.00 for each car plus \$5.00 shipping, \$6.50 for shipping of two or three cars.

## DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2017 TIMETABLE

Articles for the November TIMETABLE need to be submitted by December 5, 2016. Railroad and model railroad oriented materials are welcomed. The quality and success of an organizational newsletter is greatly enriched by the contributions of its members. We all have ideas we can share to enhance the understanding and abilities of our members.

Editorial assistance is available for those who have an idea and need help with composition. Writing expertise is not necessary. Submit ideas and/or articles to Minton Dings, at 15548 SR 78, Havana, Illinois 62644-6803 or call (309)241-4504.

## 2017 ELECTIONS

In 2017 the offices of Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, and Trainmasters for District 1 (Peoria and Tazwell counties), District 3 (Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties) and District 5 (Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Logan, Mason, McDonough, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler & Scott counties) will up for election.

Job descriptions will be posted in the January 2017 edition of THE TIMETABLE and biographies are due by February 13, 2017.

Members of the executive committee of the Board of Directors are actively seeking members who would be willing to serve in these important positions. Please consider serving in one of these positions. If interested, contact either Mike Shockley or Minton Dings.



McLean Depot  
Train Shop

**Hours**  
10-6 Tue-Fri  
10-8 Thu  
10-5 Sat

I-55 @ US-136  
across from  
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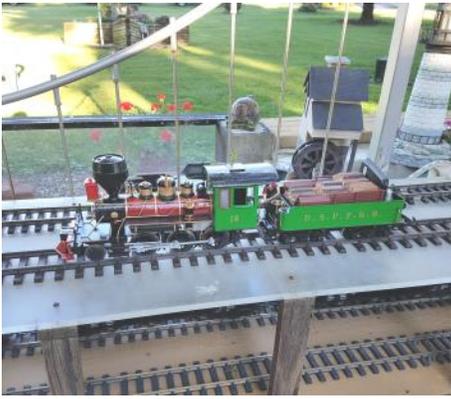
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**200 E Dixie Rd, McLean, IL 61754**

# QUAD CITIES LAYOUT TOUR, September 11, 2016

## Dale Frels, Chicago, Barstow & Quincy Garden Railroad



## Jerry Lundeen, HO Scale CB&Q and O Scale Southern Pacific



CB&Q- (Above)

Southern Pacific- (Below)



# WANDERINGS

by Marion Brasher, MMR

## “IT’S MY RAILROAD”

It’s my railroad. Yes but, what are you trying to achieve? Most of us will model a particular railroad. We take artist liberties with what we have and we are satisfied with what we have created.

Most model railroads are fictional, even though we “model the prototype XXXRR.” Over the years I have seen only a couple of model railroads that model a specific scene to the “inth” degree, but not a whole or part of the real thing.

Do you have a freelance or a prototype freelance pike. I have one of each. The one most IVD members have seen is my OK Division of the Rock Island. In real life there was no Oklahoma-Kansas Division. I wanted to model single track Rock Island, so I fudged the topic a little.

My OK Division covers a portion of the real thing. Industries were mimicked to the area. They have been named for many of my acquaintances. The real Rock Island was ABS signaled in the area. The OK Division is a dark railroad with no signals. The theme used to support the real thing was to try to copy material things. Buildings are painted in company colors that were in use during the 1960’s. Track was ballasted in colors seen in my travels through the area of Kansas and Oklahoma. On my trips to Texas many photos were taken of the countryside. Soil samples were gathered from the Flint Hills of eastern Kansas to the red hematite of Oklahoma. I have latex paint colors matched to the soils. The objective was to try to create the feel of this part of the country. People who are familiar with the area say I have done a good job.

The railroad most of the IVD members have not seen is my home layout, The Rock Island Western. It is totally freelanced. It runs from Denver, Colorado to Seattle, Washington. The modeled portion is from LaSalle, Colorado, to Rexbury, Idaho. The pike’s full name is the LaSalle, Rock Island and Western Pacific. This was a takeoff on my two favorite railroads. Guess which ones? Rock Island is a government town in Washington State at the Rock Island dam.

Many years ago there was a “nit picker” who criticized my then empire. They said that this and that, etc., was not correct. John Allen’s Gore and Depheted was a big railroad in the model railroading press at the time. In the 1970s and 1980s, the Virginian and Ohio of Allen McClelland was the railroad you looked forward to seeing. Both were strictly freelanced. Anything that they did was OK. Old timers will remember the John Allen dinosaur #9 switching cars and he was well known. Thus the RIW was born.

The challenge was to create a model railroad that

looked like it could be real much like the renowned Virginia and Ohio. My first decals were developed with the help of Bill Walthers, yes, of Walthers, Inc. They did custom decals back in the 1960s. Later a logo was developed. Over the years the decals were refined so that they could be used on all equipment.

The scenery was of various materials in use at the time. Several thousand trees were made from floral moss and ferns. The RIW was at one time covered with about a ton of screen wire and Hydrocal plaster. By today’s standards it looked like crap! The RIW has been reinvented several times over the years.

Minton Dings’ Green River Branch, is a free-lanced Illinois Central railroad in Kentucky. Yes, it does look like it belongs in the valleys and hollows of the area. Many of you have seen the undertaking during open house layout tours. Roger Kujawa also has a fine free-lanced, well thought out railroad. His Atlantic and Great Western is a large railroad covering the Midwest part of the United States. He models the portion from Arrowhead, near Chicago to the Port of Milwaukee. It has a lot of heavy traffic. Dave Hawkey has a prototype layout. He has depicted the Pekin and Peoria Union Railroad in its entirety and the many railroads that serve the area.

Remember, model railroading is FUN, be it a circle of track whether 4’ by 8’ or a large empire. Everyone starts out with a wide variety of equipment and ideas. As we become more exposed to what other people have done, we refine our outlook, be it prototype, freelanced or a combination of the two. It is still your railroad.

## Upcoming IVD Schedule At A Glance

Meetings begin at 1:30 pm, Doors open at noon.

**Board of Directors Meetings begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted. Directions to Lake Whitehurst Club House are: Route 29 south from I-474, left at Velde Ford Truck Dealership, first right on Susan Hope, immediate left down the hill to the club house.**

**Event, November 13, District 2**

McLean Christian Church

110 East Morgan, McLean, IL

Contests: Steam Locomotives and Traction Locos/Cars

**Board Meeting, December 10, Pekin**

Lake Whitehurst Club House

**Event, January 8, 2017, District 5,**

Havana City Fire/Police Station

226 West Market Street, Havana

Contests: Scratchbuilt—Locomotives and Cars

Photos of Models

**Board Meeting, February 18, 2017, Pekin**

Lake Whitehurst Club House

**Event, March 12, 2017, District 1, Peoria**

ReMax Center

Corner of Knoxville and War Memorial Drive, Peoria

Contests: Diesel Locos and Kitbashed Locos and Cars

# POPULAR VOTE CONTEST SCHEDULE

Illinois Valley Division

Please save this copy of the contest list  
if you have interest in entering contests

*(This list is subject to change if particular contests are not entered into by the membership, or if the next Assistant Superintendent/Contest Chairman would decide to change the contest categories. Contest category suggestions are always welcomed.)*

## 2016 & 2018

### January

Scenery — Any Season  
Kitbashed—Structures

### March

Scratchbuilt—Structures  
Photos of Prototype Railroads

### May

Freight Cars  
Dioramas—On-Line and Off-Line

### September

Hand Laid Track and Track Structures  
Buildings—On Line

### November

Steam Locomotives  
Traction—Locomotives and Cars

## 2017 & 2019

### January

Scratchbuilt—Locomotives and Cars  
Photos of Models

### March

Diesel Locomotives  
Kitbashed—Locomotives and Cars

### May

Buildings—Off Line  
MOW—Cars, Vehicles and Equipment

### September

Photos—Layouts  
Specialty Railroad Cars, Non-MOW

### November

Passenger Cars  
Bridges

## PRINTED/MAILED TIMETABLE SUBSCRIPTION FEES DUE

For those who prefer to receive their copy of the TIMETABLE in printed and mailed form, the subscription fee of \$10.00 is due by January 1, 2017. All non subscribers who have provided a current e-mail address to the NMRA will receive a digital copy through the division's website. Subscription fees are to be sent to Minton Dings, Editor, IVD TIMETAABLE, 15548 SR 78, Havana, Illinois 62644-6803

## SECOND NOTICE

# CHAGE IN ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION BYLAWS CONCERNING ELECTION BALLOT DISTRIBUTION

*Printed below is the part V. of the IVD bylaws concerning nominations and elections. The addition to this part is printed in **red**.*

## V. NOMINATIONS & ELTIONS

- A. The nominating committee shall consist of:
  1. The Assistant Superintendent, who shall act as chairman.
  2. Three voting members who are not holding office at that time. These members shall be appointed by the Superintendent not later than the November Board of Directors meeting.
- B. The nominating committee shall submit one or more nominations for each office due for re-election. The list of nominees shall be presented to the Division not later than the January meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated by Division members, either from the floor at the January meeting or by submitting a written petition of candidacy to the nominating committee prior to the January meeting. The written petition must carry at least five signatures of voting Division members. All candidates must express a willingness to serve if elected before their names will be placed on the ballot.
- C. The election will be by ballot mailed **or e-mailed** with the Division newsletter not later than thirty days prior to the date of the March meeting. A voting member shall have the option of returning the ballot by mail or bringing the ballot to the March meeting. Any ballots not received prior to the conclusion of the March business meeting will be null and void, regardless of postmark date.
- D. The ballots shall be tabulated immediately upon the conclusion of the March business meeting and the winners announced prior to the end of the meeting activities.
- E. The candidates receiving a plurality vote shall be elected.
- F. The election of Division Officers and Trainmasters shall be divided as follows:
  1. The Superintendent, Chief Clerk and 2 Trainmasters whose district is number is 2 & 4 in the geographical description of districts in Addenda A of these by-laws will be elected in even numbered years.
  2. The Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster and the other 3 Trainmasters representing districts 1, 3 & 5 as set forth in Addenda A of these by-laws shall be elected in odd numbered years

**THREE MEETING NON-MEMBER  
POLICY**  
**Illinois Valley Division, NMRA**  
**October 1, 2016**

THE POLICY:

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Illinois Valley Division NMRA, are membership events.

Visitors to the Illinois Valley Division , NMRA, regular meetings shall be allowed three visits in their lifetime. If they do not join following their third visit, they will not be admitted to any additional meetings. This policy does not pertain to member's spouses who are not model railroaders, non-member caregivers who transport members who cannot drive themselves or guests who provide special programs and services for that specific meeting or series of meetings.

This policy does not pertain to special events in which the division participates organized for the general public, such as, train fairs, swap meets, mall shows, joint meetings with non-NMRA groups, a beginner clinics series, or division sponsored family events.

Beginning November 1, 2016, a list shall be kept of visitors by the Paymaster compiled from the sign-in/registration form of participants at the regular division meetings. The paymaster shall make available to each meeting registrar a list of those individuals who have exhausted their three visits limit. It shall be the responsibility of the member in charge of the meeting to explain the policy and offer a membership opportunity to the visitor who has exceeded their three member visitation privilege.

Copies of this policy shall be given to visitors at all meetings.

Rationale for this Policy:

- (1) This is the policy of the National Model Railroad Association as dictated by the Association's liability insurance carrier. Allowing free access to membership meetings by non-members also has tax status issues for the NMRA with the Internal Revenue Service.
- (2) The insurance carrier has the option to disallow claims for liability coverage for incidents which happen at meetings and related events. The insurance carrier may cancel coverage to a non-complying division. The implication here is that a civil suit following the denial of a claim could fall upon the members of division's governing body, the IVD Board of Directors, as a whole and/or as individuals.
- (3) It is not fair for members of the NMRA or Illinois Valley Division to support the events and services of the division to those individuals who are not willing to become members and share in the support of its programs and events. There are a number of non-members and former members who willing and knowingly violate the rule and good graces of the division.
- (4) Other membership organizations follow the same or similar guidelines when it comes to visitor participation.



# NMRA 2017 NATIONAL CONVEN- TION

**July 30—August 6, 2017**  
**The Rosen Plaza Hotel**  
**Orlando, Florida**

The 2016 NMRA Convention in Indianapolis is now history. It is not too early to be considering attending the 2017 convention in Orlando, Florida. The convention committee has more than 100 clinics for every skill level, 60 layouts built by beginners to Master Model Railroaders and prototype tours, including Amtrak's Auto Train terminal in Sanford, CSX's Rockport Yard, the Tropicana Juice Train, The NASA Railroad, the home of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus Train and the Florida Railroad Museum.



The convention hotel is The Rosen Plaza. Nightly rates are \$119.00 plus tax. Parking is \$13.00 a day or \$20.00 for valet service.

Less expensive hotels are located within two miles on International Drive. The "I Ride Trolley" is available with frequent service of about every twenty minutes between 8 am and 10:30 pm.

The registration fee is \$130.00 for members, \$65.00 for companions and \$35.00 for youth under 18. *(This is the early registration price and may be higher for later registration.)* Keep up to date on prices and other information at [nmra2017orlando.org/](http://nmra2017orlando.org/).

United Airlines is the official airline for the convention offering a 10% discount by using code ZX2A. Amtrak has three arrivals daily; 9 am for The Auto Train from Lorton, VA, and the east coast corridor trains, The Silver Star and Silver Meteor, at 10:06 and 12:48 pm.

Orlando is an ideal place to make the week of the convention a family vacation. Orlando is the home of Disney World and all the intrigue of the "magic kingdom." There are many wonderful places to tour along the I-4 corridor from Busch Gardens and Sea World in Tampa at the west end to Daytona Speedway and Kennedy Space Center to the east. There are seven theme parks and five major water parks in the Orlando area.



## Attend a Convention Closer to Home:

# ROCK RIVER DIVISION TO HOST MIDWEST REGION 2017 CONVENTION

The Rock River Division will be the host for the Midwest Region 2017 Convention to be held at the Rockford Holiday Inn, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 28, 29 and 30, 2017.

The Midwest Regional Convention is presented as a smaller convention than what one would find at the national level, but is presented with the same high quality as the national event with layout tours, clinics, operating sessions and the contest and display room. Clinics have already been scheduled with Cody Grivno, Randy Garnhart, Jerry Pyfer, Minton Dings and McKeegan Curran (on teenagers, the next generation).

The convention activities will begin with a Hobo Grill cookout at the Rochelle Railroad Park from 11 am to 4 pm on Friday for those who want to experience the BNSF and Union Pacific up close and personal. Operating sessions are available for the first 39 persons who sign up for them.

The Rock River area is known for its many fine layouts which will be open from 1 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Non-rail activities include The Klehm Arboretum, Tinker Swiss Cottage, Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens and Midway Village Museum.

The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn, Rockford, just west of I-90/39 and west US 20 (State Street) on North Bell School Road. (Unofficially, the word is, but not yet in print, that the conference hotel rate will be \$99.00 per night.)

We can be assured that the Rock River Division will put on a great convention for the Midwest Region come next April. Mark your calendar. More information will be forthcoming soon. More information can be found at [www.2017mwrconvention.com](http://www.2017mwrconvention.com).

## AD FEES FOR THE TIMETABLE AND WEBSITE DUE IN JANUARY

### The fees for personal and business advertisements in TIMETABLE and Website are due.

The cost of advertisements in the TIMETABLE, Website or both is listed below.

Yearly Rates:	Website	T'TABLE	Both
Personal: Business Card Size:	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$12.50
Business: Business Card Size:	\$20.00	\$12.50	\$30.00
Business Card X2:	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$45.00

Send fee and/or inquiries to Minton Dings, 15548 SR 78, Havana, IL 62644. Help is available to construct new ads. Partial year fees are available.

# ON TIME AND DISTANCE

by Minton Dings, MMR

As the basic scenery phase of building the Green River Branch comes to a close, I am now looking at what will be needed to add fine detail. As I was looking at an e-mail message from Tichy Train Group some time ago, I saw an ad for mileposts. I had not really thought much about mileposts. The idea intrigued me, so I ordered mileposts in the numbers which seemed appropriate for the Louisville to Fulton mainline and the Green River Branchline. They arrived the other day.

I then began to consider how I would install these mileposts. Several questions became evident. What are the actual distances measured by the Illinois Central Railroad for localities on the Fulton to Louisville mainline? From where were these distances measured? How would I figure distances on my layout?

For the answers to questions one, two and three I had to do some research. As one would expect, I have many books which I use for reference on the Illinois Central. I was surprised how few referenced places by the railroad indicated mileage. But the search was successful. I found Beaver Dam to be mile 101.1 and Central City to be 126.4. One problem with installation of mileposts was that there are three communities between Central City and Beaver Dam for which there is no room to model accurate mile posts. Setting mileposts on the branchline was not difficult in that mile 0 is where it leaves the mainline and mile 15 at the end.

Question two surprised me. The Fulton to Louisville line is geographically a west south west to east north east line. The Fulton to Louisville line leaves the north-south Chicago to New Orleans mainline at Fulton, Kentucky. But mileage on the Illinois Central is measured from the north to the south, beginning in Chicago. Since Louisville is slightly further north than Fulton, mileage for that line began in Louisville. Therefore, Beaver Dam was 101.1 miles "railroad south" from Louisville.

Question four perplexed me for a while. But it was a bit simpler than I first thought. This is how I figured where to place the mileposts. Divide the 5,280 feet in a mile by the dimensions of your scale. For HO divide by 87.1. For HO the answer is 60.6. Rounding off these figures is accurate enough. I used 60 feet. Figure what your scale time to real time ratio will be for operations. On a fast clock schedule, I would use a 4 to 1 ratio, one hour scale time being 15 minutes of actual time. In that way a 12 hour operating session would take 3 hours. That would leave 15 feet per mile which I measured with a one foot ruler.

My branchline, which I had estimated to be 22 miles long, actually measured out to be just short of 15 miles. (I still planted the 15 mile post at the very end of the line.) Placement of mileposts on the Louisville to Fulton mainline will be a bit more



difficult.

Mileposts are an interesting detail I have not seen on model railroads. It is an interesting one evening project. This project should be helpful in creating an operations timetable.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MODEL RAILROADERS

**Burlington Route Historical Society Sale and Swap Meet**, Sunday, October 30, 2016, 101 Sky Harbour Drive (I-90, Exit 2, Airport), LaCrosse, WI, 9am to 3pm, Admission \$5.00, under 12 free. No ADA or parking information.

**31st Annual Dubuque Model railroad Show and Swap Meet**, Sunday, November 6, 2016, 10 am to 4 pm, Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Road, Dubuque, IA, Admission \$4.00, children \$1.00, Wheelchair Accessible, no parking fee information.

**Trainfest 2016**, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2016, Wisconsin State Fair Park Exposition Center, 8200 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI, Admission \$15.00 (\$12.00 in advance on-line), children 4 to through 12 \$5.00 (\$3.00 in advance on-line), children 3 and under are free. Wheelchair accessible. There is a parking fee; fee not listed.

**Grayslake (IL) Great Train Show**, Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20, 2016, 10 am to 4 pm both days, Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 East Peterson Road, Grayslake, IL. Admission—not listed: See [Train Show.com](http://TrainShow.com), free parking, handicapped accessibility not listed

**Peoria Train Fair**, Sunday, November 20, 10 am to 3 pm, Illinois Central College, Rt. US-24, east of IL-116, East Peoria. Admission \$3.00, children under 12 free with an adult. Free parking, handicap accessible.

**Collinsville, IL Great Train Show**, Saturday and Sunday, November 26 & 27, 2016, 10 am to 4 pm daily, Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL. Admission fees are listed at [TrainShow.com](http://TrainShow.com), Wheel accessible, free parking.

**Model Train Show Sale & Swap Meet**, Saturday & Sunday, November 26 & 27, 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday, Lake County Fairgrounds, 889 South Court Street, Crown Point IN. Admission \$5.00, under 18 free. Wheelchair accessible.

**26th Annual LaCrosse Great Tri-State Rail Sale**, Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9am to 3pm, LaCrosse Center, 2nd & Pearl Streets, LaCrosse WI. Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 free. No ADA or parking information.

**Springfield Train Fair**, Sunday, March 19, 2017, 10 am to 4 pm, Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 East Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL, Admission \$5.00, Children under 11 free. *Early Bird shopping starts at 9 am for an additional \$5.00 fee.* Wheelchair accessible and parking is free.

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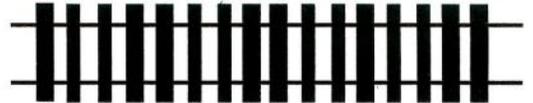
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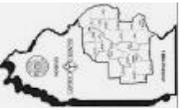
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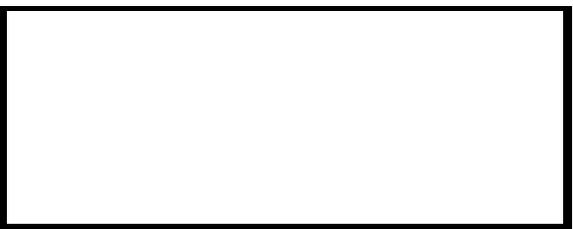
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