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Greetings Fellow Modelers,

Our previous meeting was in McLean, Illinois. I wasn't able to be there, but Jeff Trimble put together a great meeting and carried it off well despite a few setbacks. Way to go, Jeff, and thank you.

I was in Branson, Missouri with my family celebrating Veterans Day and my father-in-law's birthday. If you have ever been to Branson, you know there is no shortage of shows, entertainment, or other things to do. Many of the musicians play in multiple shows. Name-brand entertainers, tribute bands, imitators, and up and comers all exist there in a very competitive, but loving, environment.

There hasn't been much time for modeling recently. We spent a week in Disneyworld with great weather and feet not built for 20,000 steps per day per person. Blisters, etc. were overcome with care and band-aids so as not to put a big damper on our fun. The food has improved remarkably since our last trip six years ago. Healthier choices at more outlets make it easier to follow a particular diet as I have over the last 8 months. We rode the train around the Magic Kingdom and relished the whistle whenever she let loose within earshot. Despite the flatness, there is a grade she climbs from Tomorrowland to the Main Street Station that cause her chuffs to deepen.

My niece came the weekend before we left for Disney and helped us discover a bathroom leak that long had been unnoticed. It is still unresolved as the flooring needs repair. I have chosen a two part epoxy product from JB Weld (Menards) to use to rebuild the subfloor under the linoleum without replacing the linoleum. I hope it works. I am keeping it in mind as a possible hobby material also. We will see how it works in the floor first, though.

Numerous small engines around me have been inoperable for a few years. I think I have the end in sight for both of them to get them back running. One needs a kill switch that was not in the original design, but a few people suggested that would solve the problem. Finding

the right kill switch proved problematic and now has possibilities. Another had a leak in the carburetor and not sure I have resolved it but some of the other problems I discovered along the path needed fixing in order to see why and if the carburetor still leaked. The skills I have in these areas come from my Dad. People liked for him to borrow things as he usually fixed them before he used them, and returned them fixed.

One last topic I need to mention. My term for Superintendent is up March 2018. As we are knocking on the 2017 door, 2018 will be here in a blink. Please consider running for this office. I have reaped rewards I couldn't have predicted. I have reaped rewards I don't even know about yet. I have grown as a leader. I have increased my organizational skills...those are still in need but they are better. My overall outlook is brighter. My modelling abilities have increased. My model building has improved as I am more willing to take on more difficult projects. I really have enjoyed being Superintendent. I do hope you will consider the future of your organization and get involved at some level.

Wishing you peace and prosperity in 2017,
Mike Shockley, Superintendent, IVD

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FROM THE EDITOR

by Minton Dings, MMR

MODELING FORCED PERSPECTIVE



Hart's Station, Kentucky

When planning the layout of a model railroad, it is best to have no part of the scenery more than a comfortable reach from the edge at the aisle. For most people that reach is about thirty inches or two and a half feet. Comfortable reach is also determined by the height of the chief engineer, the modeler, and those who will be operating the railroad. The limit seems to be three feet without construction of some kind of hidden access.

That is not to say that extended reach cannot be accomplished, but sometimes at a price. The tunnel pictured to the right is far beyond my reach, but trees needed to be placed along the backdrop as part of the approach to the tunnel. Because my body is a bit



**Tunnel Hill entrance through the wall to
Illinois Central Staging**

(actually much) too large to slide in between the first and second levels of the layout, I built the grove of trees on carved pink insulation foam, covered it with ground foam, planted the trees, then slid it into place. To blend in the edges of the front of the hillside, ground foam was put into place by a spoon taped to a yardstick. Matte medium was then delivered in the same manner to glue the ground foam into place to cover the edge of the foam landscape. It was a long, laborious, "back aching" job, only to be done once on this layout.



**Forced Perspective Beyond the
Curve at Sugar Grove**

Sometimes the modeler wants to make a scene seem to have depth which is hard to do in two and a half feet. The scene to the left is situated in a curved corner which made placing an HO structure impractical.

This scene is about thirty two inches deep. To create the impression of

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ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION MEET

January 8, 2017

**Havana Fire and Police Station
Meeting Room
226 West Market
Havana, Illinois 62644**

Doors open at 12:00 noon. The meeting begins at 1:30 pm.

Parking is available in the lot located diagonally across from the station. Street parking is also available.

The meet will begin at 1:30 pm. There will be a business meeting followed by clinics by Marion Brasher on Developing a Freelanced Railroad and by Jim Tatum on Using Servos as Switch Machines. Layouts will include the HO Rock Bottom and Santa Fe by Jim Tatum, the S Scale Chicago, Priceless and Denver by Rod Price and the HO Scale Green River Branch, Kentucky Division of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1957 by Minton Dings. Maps will be provided.

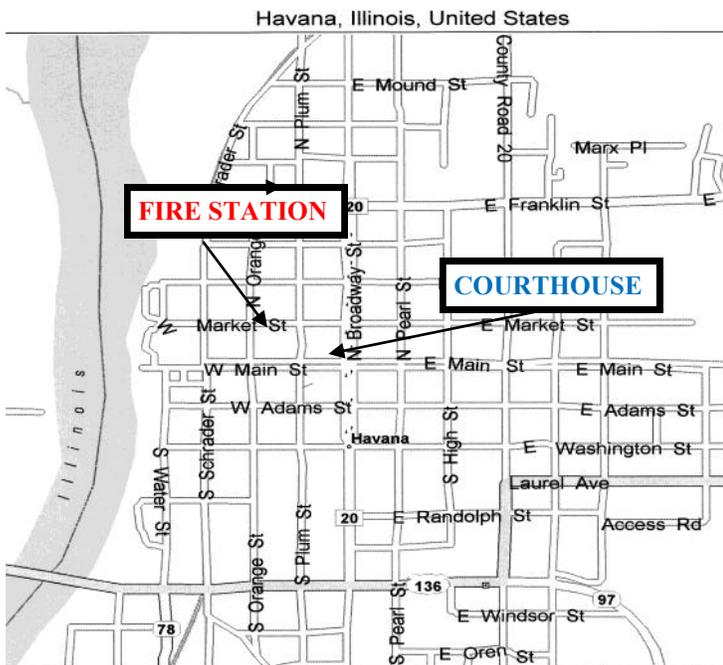
Swap tables are available to members. There is no commercial selling at Illinois Valley Division meets. Selling is closed at the beginning of the business meeting.

Contests for the January meet are: (1) Scratchbuilt Motive Power and Cars (2) Photos of Models

The Havana Fire and Police station is located one block west of the northwest corner of the courthouse square. See the map located below.

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

Entry for the meeting will be the east end street entrance door.



Directions: From the East on US-136, turn right at the Circle K, left at 4 way stop, follow Main Street to 4 way stop by the courthouse, turn right, then left. From IL-97, turn right at the first traffic light, go to second stop, turn left and follow Main Street to 4 way stop by the courthouse, turn right, then left. From the West on US 136, turn left at second traffic light to Market St., turn right.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2017 TIMETABLE

Articles for the March TIMETABLE need to be submitted by February 1, 2017. 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 62644-6803 or call (309)543-6872.

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 are to be found on page 8 of this edition of THE TIMETABE. Biographies are due to the editor by February 1, 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.



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MODULAR LAYOUT DISPLAY, McLean, Nov. 13, '16

Illinois Valley Division "Hands On" Traveling Layout, Jim Tatum



Dave Gentry, N-Trak



Thom Joyce, T-Trak



John Hurt and Steve Gallick, G Scale



WANDERINGS

by Marion Brasher, MMR

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

“Take me out to the ballgame,” a refrain from a song of our youth. It was brought to prominence by the late Harry Cary's 7th inning stretch call both in St. Louis and Chicago. “Ah” one, ah two, ah three strikes and you are out of the old ballgame.”

In recent years the NMRA has instituted a policy that you can only attend three organization events (national, regional or division) events in your lifetime unless you become a NMRA member.

Over the years, beginning with the Illinois Valley Division first constitution, the #1 item in our mission statement was to promote model railroading. Near the bottom of the that item was a statement to promote the NMRA.

It seems the NMRA insurance carrier is concerned about incidents happening to members who would submit a claim for an accident or injury. The only major happening that I am aware of was in Milwaukee, I believe in 1950. This incident was a street car which was involved in a fatal accident in which several members lost their lives.

Until recent years, nothing was said about insurance. Then National offered coverage of our events for free, but the meets had to be on a set schedule on a yearly basis. As many of you know, our Illinois Valley Divisions meets are set up only a month or two in advance. Now we have a blanket policy we must adhere to National's policy.

When the Illinois Valley Division was formed in 1964, the division was the “grass roots arm of the NMRA.” We were to bring model railroading to the local level. Getting people out of the woodwork was our first goal. We did this with our one day meets with clinics and layout tours. To many people this was their first exposure to the NMRA outside of seeing a courtesy ad in Railroad Model Craftsman and Model Railroader magazines.

Not everyone would join the NMRA, but we really did not care. Our goal was to expose our passion to the public. For over 50 years this is what I thought was our division's goal.

Sure, a non-member could not enter a contest, although I have seen that happen, but we did not really care. We were always looking forward to see what other people were doing. We would ask them if they might want to join our NMRA group and many did. A non-member could not hold an office in the IVD. There are a number of regions and divisions who did allow this to happen, usually because of the lack of members in their area. I am aware of a division in the Midwest Region that has less than ten members. The group's officers hold several positions. They also promote model railroading.

Several months ago I wrote a critique on the benefits the NMRA offers to its members. Most are of no value to the average modeler, which most of us are.

The national organization in my estimation has to take a good look at itself, not from the perspective of those who hold a national office, but from that of the average modeler who we are. Our membership is getting real grey in the tooth with few young people getting into trains.

Is three strikes and you are out the solution?

Upcoming IVD Meetings At A Glance

Our meets are subject to change. Updates will appear with each issue of the TIMETABLE

**Doors open at noon, Meetings begin at 1:30 pm.
Board of Directors Meetings begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted. Members of the IVD are welcomed to attend Board Meetings. Members do not have a vote, but are welcomed to voice their concerns and make suggestions.**

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, January 8, 2017, District 5,

Havana City Fire/Police Station Meeting Room
226 West Market Street, Havana

Contests: Scratchbuilt—Motive Power and Cars
Photos of Models

Board Meeting, February 18, 2017, Pekin

Lake Whitehurst Club House

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

ReMax Center

Corner of Knoxville and War Memorial Drive, Peoria

Contests: Diesel Locos

Kitbashed Locos and Cars

Board Meeting, April 22, 2017, Pekin

Lake Whitehurst Club House

Event, May 21, District 3

City Hall Community Room, Spring Valley

Contests: Buildings—Off Line

MOW—Cars, Vehicles and Equipment

Board Meeting, August 19, 2017, Pekin

Lake Whitehurst Club House

Event, September 10, 2017 District 4

Lewiston

Contests: Photos—Layouts

Specialty Railroad Cars, Non-MOW

Board Meeting, October 7, 2017, Pekin

Lake Whitehurst Club House

Event, November 12, District 2

Location to be Announced

Contests: Passenger Cars

Bridges

CHANGE IN ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION BYLAWS

THREE MEETING NON-MEMBER POLICY

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 Three Meetings Policy in the Bylaws

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.

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 or as individuals.

It is not fair for members of the NMRA and Illinois Valley Division to support the events and services of the division to those individuals who will not 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.

Other membership organizations follow the same or similar guidelines when it comes to visitor participation.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MODEL RAILROADERS

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 info.

Peoria Train Fair, Sunday, February 19, 2017, 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.

Rt. 66 Pacific Railroad-Fan Train Show, Saturday, March 4, 10 am to 3 pm, St. Bridget's Gym, Osage Between 2nd and 3rd Streets., Pacific, MO. Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free. No ADA or parking info.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Saturday, January 21, 2017, 9 am to 1 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church 7214 Cass Ave, Darien IL. Admission: Adults—\$5.00, Children 12 to 17—\$2.00. Scouts and children under 12 are free. Wheelchair Accessible.

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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depth, an N scale church, house and vehicle were placed within a forest of small trees. No roads or other identifiable landscape features are present. But the scene does depict depth. The house and church are only about one foot distant from the edge of the mainline track, just beyond the locomotive.

This project gave me an appreciation for N scale modelers. There was a time when I thought I should have modeled in N scale. I would have been able to build much more of a railroad if I had invested in N scale. After having to build these two structures and attached detail with magnification and tweezers, I came to have an appreciation for being in HO scale considering my present age, eyesight and somewhat diminished dexterity.

Similarly, the perspective could be forced further by using Z scale structures and features beyond the N scale scene. But that is far beyond what I am willing to consider at this point.

Be creative and adventurous in building your scenery.

On Volunteering

by Gary Baker, Chief Clerk
IVD/MWR/NMRA

In the November Timetable, Superintendent Shockley mentioned the fact that in sixteen months (now fourteen) he will run out the clock on his eight year tenure as Superintendent of the IVD and it is time to think about his successor. And since I joined the board as Chief Clerk with Mike, I will be in the same position in the same election. And even sooner than Mike and myself, Jack Andrews will run out the clock on his long-served position as District 1 Train Master and cannot run for that position again in the upcoming election this year, just two months from now. Who will step up?

Since the IVD, MWR, and NMRA are all volunteer-run organizations we must rely on our members to step up and take over the reins of the various positions in order to have an orderly transfer of duties to our successors. It is no secret that volunteering is an issue in every election, and most people run unopposed until the clock runs out on their allowed tenures. So with this in mind, I thought it might be timely to take a look at what the experts say about what it is that makes people volunteer in the first place, and what is in it for them.

One of the more well known names in this field is a guy named Thomas McKee, who is the President of a leadership development firm that specializes in training business and governmental executives, on how to manage the chaos of change within an organization. In a paper he wrote entitled "Why people volunteer", he talks about the top 3 reasons people volunteer: 1) It is Self-Serving. They join an organization because they have a personal interest in it and they volunteer to actively participate because it meets their personal need to contribute to a common cause. 2) It is Relational. People volunteer because of friendship. People of like interests seek each other out naturally. and 3) Belief. When people believe in the cause of a mutually beneficial organization, even if that cause will cost them a degree of personal time or sacrifice, they volunteer because it is the right thing to do.

Looking at these three factors, I would venture to say that most or all of the members of the IVD likely share these three traits of a volunteer. Why then is it so hard, election after election, to get volunteers to manage our affairs, keep the organization going, and steer it down the middle of the road? I don't have the answer, but it is clear that we MUST find the answer for the sake of the IVD. We must all dig down deep and summon the courage to step up.

As food for thought, and in no particular order of importance, here are a few plain English reasons for vol-

unteering that I found in a short thirty minute search of the internet:

- 1) You get to work with like-minded, motivated, positive people. The way someone chooses to spend their spare time is a true reflection of their values and priorities.
- 2) Volunteering sets a good example for others. Lots of people talk the talk, but few actually walk the walk.
- 3) Volunteering is personally satisfying and by doing so you will inspire others to get involved.
- 4) Doing good is important. Volunteering presents a proactive way of doing something to help the organization be more innovative and grow through new ideas and new approaches. Even small gestures make a difference.
- 5) Volunteering your skills as a clinic presenter, for instance, helps others learn new skills. Often times, a word of encouragement or just a simple trick you have learned can provide the spark that is needed to get another modeler over the hump and onto the next problem.
- 6) Everyone leaves behind footprints in the sands of time, but the footprints of volunteers are engraved in stone for future generations to follow.
- 7) In an age where it seems like more and more people do everything they can to BE different, volunteers quietly do everything they can to MAKE a difference.

And if that's too serious for you, how about these reasons for volunteering:

- 1) When you stay home you have to put up with all those telemarketing calls
- 2) Your family could use a break from you.
- 3) You might need help yourself some day
- 4) Winning at solitaire is hard
- 5) You get to avoid the Soap Operas and Reality Shows
- 6) In health-conscious times, the car needs a workout too.
- 7) Your mom would be proud of you.
- 8) Who cares about money anyway?

In closing, I ask all members to please consider stepping up to help the IVD go forward into a bright future. And to all those who have stepped up in the past and to those currently serving their terms of office, thanks for volunteering and for giving the IVD two of the most precious things you own - your time and talent.



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 on tour 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, are available to attendees.



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/.

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 eight theme parks and four 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 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.

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.

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION Annual Election of Officers and Board of Directors 2017

Each year the members of the Illinois Valley Division elect officers and members of the Board of Directors. This year the positions open to election are: Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster and Trainmasters of Districts 1, 3 and 5. Each position will be elected to a two year term with term limits of four consecutive two year terms.

Members of the Division are encouraged to place their name on the ballot for the open positions. Any member of the NMRA and the Illinois Valley Division who is a member in good standing, resides within the geographical boundaries of the Division and has reached the age of eighteen prior to the date of taking office may place their name for an office. The age requirement for trainmasters may be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Assistant Superintendent: Two Year Term

Duties:

1. Shall assist the Superintendent in the performance of his/her duties and in the absence of, or inability of, the superintendent to act, shall assume any and all of the Superintendent's responsibilities and duties.
2. Shall be responsible for the Division contests, including selection of categories of competition, interpretation of rules, criteria for judging, selection and training of judges and distribution of awards.
 - a. May appoint as many persons as necessary to assist in the handling and judging of contests.
 - b. May not enter any judged Division contest as a participant during his/her term of office.
 - c. Where practical, will attempt to make division contests conform to Regional and National norms. All contests involving model construction will be in conformity with Achievement Program judging guidelines.
3. Shall be the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Paymaster: Two Year Term

Duties:

1. Shall be responsible for the direction and coordination of the financial activities of the Division.
2. Shall set up and manage all necessary bank accounts for the Division.
3. In the absence of, or inability of the Paymaster to act, his/her duties revert to the Superintendent.
4. Shall pay by check and mark "Paid" all properly ap-

- proved bills and expenses transmitted to him/her.
5. Shall keep an accurate record of all cash receipts, payments and disbursements, segregating them according to their respective funds or accounts.
6. Shall submit to all regular Board of Directors and Division business meetings a report of all income and expenses since the previous report. A written copy of this report will be given to the Chief Clerk at each meeting, to be included as part of the minutes.

Trainmasters: Two Year Terms

District 1: Representing Peoria and Tazwell Counties.

District 3: Representing Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties

District 5: Representing Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Logan, Mason, McDonough, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Schyler and Scott Counties.

Duties:

1. Shall each be elected to represent the members of the respective areas of the Division on the Board of Directors.
2. The geographical areas of each Trainmaster's area is listed above with boundaries to be reviewed every two years with the goal of equal membership from each district . . .
3. No More than one Trainmaster shall be elected from each district . . .
4. If for any reason no one wishes to run for Trainmaster for a given district, the Superintendent shall appoint a Trainmaster from that district. If no one accepts the appointment, then the Superintendent shall appoint a Trainmaster at Large to represent the district with approval of the Board of Directors.
5. The District Trainmasters shall be responsible to coordinate the place of the meeting, clinics, and layouts on tour for the annual meeting in their district.
 - a. The trainmaster may appoint a member(s) to assist in the planning for the meet
 - b. The trainmaster may request the assistance of the Superintendent or other officers for resources available to complete the plans for the meet.
 - c. The trainmaster shall report to the Superintendent the plans for the meet.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH OR ARE WILLING TO SERVE

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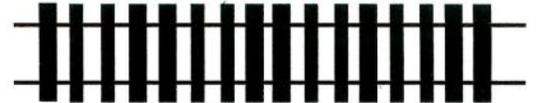
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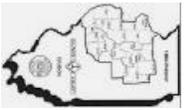
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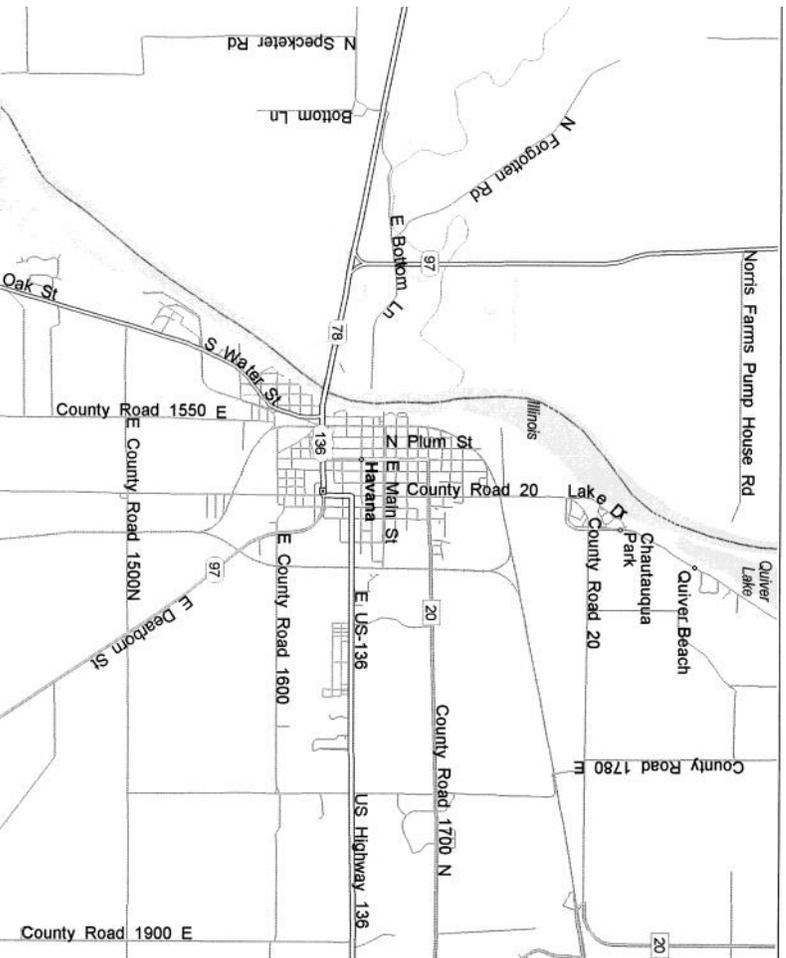
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