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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings Fellow Modelers,

Continuing from January...

Jeff Trimble has filled in for me in McLean numerous times as Superintendent and family duties have called me away. Ed Brown served in District 3 until work hours called him away. He is a real life railroader...Freight won't wait! Scott Willoughby took over. Scott spearheaded the commemorative models for our IVD 50th Anniversary in 2014. He worked with Accurail on the design. His idea was to make the model commemorative but be non-toy like in appearance, so it could do serious work on our layouts. Dave Piskorik led the way in District 4 until Jeremy Bubb volunteered when Dave stepped down. Both of these gentlemen brought different light to the position and both are deeply appreciated.

In District 5, Mike Yurgec was trainmaster and in 2012 paved the way for the IVD to host the Midwest Region Convention in Springfield. An effort to revitalize the Old Capitol Division (from Springfield to Quincy) didn't receive enough votes to happen, but that doesn't mean the idea was without merit. Work took Mike away from us so we replaced him with Jacob Tatum, who was then replaced with Rod Price, Trainmaster at Large. These events produced the expected uncertainty and even a little turmoil, but the Board weathered them beautifully.

Of course our newsletter, The Timetable, just miraculously appears...NOT! Paul Kossart was editor when I first became Superintendent. Then Gary Talsky, and now Minton Dings. There have been times when we didn't know if the newsletter was going to make it out, but due to these capable people it always has. Late night trips for toner or paper or... or...or, but it has always happened.

We now have a website, with the news and recent Timetables. This was started by Gary Talsky, an IT specialist in real life, who lent his abilities to it. Just as the 2012 convention planning needed a website, it was moved to another server. Now, webmaster Jim Tatum, another IT specialist, has moved it to 1-and -1 who hosts it. Jim has wrangled good deal after good deal to have an affordable way to communicate with the IVD and its leaders.

Thank you to all who have served with me. I bow to you all for allowing me to pretend to lead as you carried the

ball. I have been surrounded by the best. I have experienced the best.

Most of all I would like to thank Frances, or Precious, my wife, who has supported me through all. She has tolerated the absences (and me being present, sometimes!) with the travel associated with work, with being Superintendent, being in the basement or the garage or mowing the yard (a good place to think!) She is my life-love, my life-blood, my reason for breathing. None of my accomplishments would happen without her. None of them would have any value. She is the first one who sees my successes and my failures. I show her both as describing what happened helps me think for next time.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Superintendent. Thank you for waiting your turn to bring so much benefit to your life when you volunteer to do so yourself.

Michael Shockley,
Soon-to-be-Fomer Superintendent
Illinois Valley Division

SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

This issue of the THE TIMETABLE, Election Edition is issued to all members of the Illinois Valley Division including members for whom the IVD has no e-mail address and has not subscribed to a full year. This provides all members opportunity to vote.

Members who do not receive THE TIMETABLE are encouraged to share their e-mail address or subscribe to the newsletter to stay informed of the activities of the division.

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FROM THE EDITOR *by Minton Dings, MMR*



LAYOUTS NEEDED, EVEN YOURS! (If You Have One)

**BE SURE
TO VOTE**

The Illinois Valley Division is in need of members who are willing to share their layouts with other members for viewing at area meetings. Many of you have seen layouts in the various locations we normally hold our bi-monthly meetings many, many times. It is not that some of us do not want to show our layouts repeatedly, but it would be helpful if other layouts were open too. The number of layouts is restricted mainly to those who are members of the IVD.

Due to recent information from the NMRA national office, shared with our Board of Directors, we now know that layouts owned by non-members and viewed by the participants in our bi-monthly meets, are not covered by the NMRA's insurance company.

It has been our recent practice to give NMRA RailPass memberships to non-members for having their layouts open to us prior to our visits. The RailPass memberships has cost the division \$9.95 for a six month membership. As of January 1, 2018, the RailPass plan is now \$19.95 for a nine month introductory membership. Giving the RailPass memberships to non-members for insurance coverage and as a thank-you is now beyond the ability of the IVD within its present financial limits.

The option of not covering non-members with insurance exposes their household policies to the possibility of an incident or accident which would likely raise their insurance premium. I know this from a past incident/accident in my home several years ago.

So, we are asking members with layouts to step up and offer to have their layouts open. The layouts do not have to be large or complete. Actually, many of us would rather visit a layout which is not completed in order to view how the modeler is addressing the many challenges and issues involved in building a layout. How was the benchwork built? What is the plan for wiring and what does it look like? What scenery techniques are being used and structures included?

Size, scale or era modeled does not matter. Do not allow the larger layouts you may have seen intimidate you into thinking that your layout is not worthy of viewing.

Viewing layouts is an important part of our offerings to members and potential members. Please consider helping the division with this part of our program.



Views that might be discovered with an unfinished layout. Early days of the Green River Branch, IC.

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION MEET

March 11, 2018

ReMax Building

**Corner of Knoxville and War Memorial Drive
Peoria, Illinois**

Doors open at 12:00 pm, Meeting begins at 1:30 pm.

Remember to set clocks forward Saturday evening.

See Map on Back Cover

Directions: See the map on back page of newsletter.

The only approach to the driveway of the ReMax Building is by driving north on Knoxville Avenue. Those traveling from the south can drive north from I-74 on Knoxville. Those arriving from the west, north or east will need to drive around the southeast block of the intersection of Knoxville and War Memorial Drive to Knoxville and turn right. The entrance to the ReMax building is the last driveway on the right before the traffic light. Parking is on the south side of the building and entrance is through the south door.

There will be a short business meeting followed by the results of the election. Clinics on structure building by Mike Shockley and scenery backdrops by Dave Hawkey will be presented. The layout tour will include model railroads by Ken Burr (HO), Gary Baker (HO) and Mike Brosheares (N).

Contests will be Scratchbuilding, any scale and Kit-bashing, any Scale

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.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 11

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour to arrive on time for the meeting.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODEL RAILROADERS

**Galesburg Railroad Days Train & Toy Show, Saturday,
June 23, 9 am to 4 pm, Sunday; June 24, 10 am to 3 pm,
Galesburg High School Field House,** 1135 West Fremont Street, Galesburg. Admission: \$5.00, children under 12 free. Free Parking and handicapped accessible.

Our Condolences go to the family to the Family of Donald E. Christ of Toluca, who passed away December 29 at his home. Don has been a long time member of the Illinois Valley Division. He passed away December 29. His wife has been very ill also, but is recovering.

(I contacted his wife, expressing our condolences and our concern for her rapid recovery — editor.)

2018 IVD Meetings At A Glance

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

**Membership Meetings: 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 welcome to attend Board Meetings. Members do not have a vote, but are welcome to voice their concerns and make suggestions.

Due to the election of a new superintendent at the March meeting, board meetings time and locations will be published when determined. Watch the website for more information.

Event, March 11, 2018, District 1

ReMax Building, Election Meeting

Contests: Scratchbuilt any Category and
Kitbashed, any Category

Board Meeting, to be announced.

Event, May 20, 2018, District 3

Spring Valley City Hall Meeting Room

Contests: Freight Cars and Dioramas on-line

Board Meeting, to be announced.

Event, September 9, 2018, District 4

Location to be announced

Board Meeting, to be announced.

Event, November 11, 2018, District 2

Location to be announced

Board Meeting, to be announced.

PUT YOUR AD IN THE TIMETABLE AND WEBSITE

Personal and business ads in Timetable and IVD Website are available, such as seen on page 11.

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

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Personal: Business Card Size: \$10.00 \$5.00 \$12.50

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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.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Those members who wish to receive their **TIMETABLE** in printed form, need to renew their subscription, if not already renewed. The renewal fee is \$10.00. Send check to Minton Dings, Editor, 15548 State Route 78, Havana, Illinois 62644.

LAYOUT TOUR

Chatham Meeting, January 14, 2018

Gregor Moe-HO Scale, Chicago Great Western



Brian Jackson-S Scale, Central California Railroad



Mark Thomas, HO Scale Denver & Rio Grande Western



WANDERINGS

by Marion Brasher, MMR

MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN

Back in the 1950's Model Railroader magazine had a masthead that carried the phrase "Model Railroading is FUN." When I compare that era to today, boy have things changed.

There was no ready to run. You had to assemble everything. It would take several evenings to build a component for your railroad. The track, locomotives, cars and structures were all kits. We had "shake the box" kits. Yes, you dumped everything on the table and gasped, "What have I gotten myself into." Athaern and Walthers had stamped metal kits with crude metal castings for detail. Ulrick kits were cast in pot metal. Ambroid, Mainline and Sliverstreak had wood car kits.

The metal kits, for their time, were quite detailed. Looking at some, they rivaled today's offerings. They were well engineered, going together with relative ease. The wood kits were somewhat of a challenge. A pile of color ended strip wood, wood roof shape, crude pot metal castings for detail and stamped brad ladder stock.

Model railroading magazines, Railroad Model Craftsman and Model Railroader featured mainly articles on scratch-building just about everything. Power supplies were pieced together with a transformer, a rectifier, a DPDT switch and a rheostat. Track was placed on individual ties laid out on strips of roofing shingles. Turnouts were cut and assembled from lengths of rail. Some cars were more or less blocks of wood with bits and pieces of material for detail. Sides were paper or cardboard.

The late 50's saw improvement in the hobby. The Midland Company came out with a special cork railbed into which their track was imbedded. They did not make turnouts, so you still had to build them by hand. The True Scale Company came out with their ready track, not quite snap track. It was milled so that the ties were cut into it with rail attached with small staples. Their switches had a unique point and frog assembly. Atlas Tool Company came out with flex track with fiber ties, similar to what we have today.

Couplers were another adventure and ranged from soup to nuts. They included cast non-working knuckle couplers. Mantua loop and hook were the best in their day. The Devore had a working head. They all had a pin that went over a spring piece of brass between the rail and with a little bit of slack, they would uncouple. They were not reliable.

The Edwards brothers came out with a design that would revolutionize the coupler industry. It was called the KD#4 universal coupler. KD was for Keith and Dale. It had a movable head actuated by a straight pin moving through their Z shaped uncoupling ramp. Later the magnetic uncoupler came out.

Things were developing in other areas of the hobby as well. Athaern purchased a small company called Globe, which made a plastic F7 locomotive. Up until then, locomotives,

both steam and diesel were die cast from pot metal which became brittle and tended to brake or disintegrate over time.

The plastic revolution had begun. Varney and Mantua quickly followed Athaern. Then came Roundhouse. Ever notice the similarity of their products. The doors were the only difference. The ease of assembling rolling stock made model railroading much more fun. You still had to assemble the kits, but what took a day could now be done in an hour or so.

Building a railroad in the early days was an adventure trying to get all we wanted into a limited space. Large houses were to come later in the 20th century. Early pikes, as they were called, looked like a bowl of spaghetti. We tried to get as much as we could into a limited space. Today with larger space we still endeavor use as much of that area as we can.

Today, we have a multitude of advantages over several decades ago. Everything we can acquire today is far different from the early days. I have been fortunate to have seen the evolution of the hobby from one where you had to use your ingenuity to get something to operate reliably to today where the work has been done for us.

Over the years the hobby has not only been gratifying, but it has been fun. MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:

IN THE SQUARE FOOT CONTEST AT THE SPRING VALLEY MEET

Marion Brasher, MMR, will be sponsoring a contest around the concept of a module which can be no more than 144 square inches. It can be in any configuration such as 12 x12 inches, 18 x 8 inches or any measurement totaling not more than 144 square inches. The prize will be a freight car, either HO or N scale in the scale modeled.

The only requirement is that there must be railroad track in the module.

The winning module chosen will be by popular vote.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF GLEN PHILLIPS

IVD member, Glen Phillips, 70, of Canton, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018. He married Vicki (Dowell) on May 29, 1976 at the First Christian Church in Canton. She survives.

Glen attended Western Illinois University, graduating in 1969. He started his teaching career at VIT for three years, then taught at Canton Ingersoll Middle School for 31 years, retiring in 2002.

Glen was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Canton and was a volunteer for the full time Canton Fire Department. Glen was one of the first 8 staff members to open the Wilderness Camp under the Creve Coeur council. He loved model railroading, metal working, computers, music and his cats. Most of all he was a devoted husband, father and friend.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION

SUPERINTENDENT:

Jim Tatum, Term of two years; for election by all Members of the Illinois Valley Division.

I have been an active NMRA/IVD member for the last 6 years +. Since I have joined the IVD, I have been appointed the webmaster of the IVD website, which also includes sending the email blasts to all IVD members regarding the Timetable and other IVD events. I have been a model railroader since my dad, a retired railroader, started me in the hobby when I was in grade school. I still have some of those old Athearn blue-box cars.



As your Superintendent, I am hoping to implement some changes to help promote and build our membership and to hopefully regain the interest of our existing members, who do not attend our meetings regularly. I feel the IVD needs to be shaken up a bit and hopefully this will help us grow. With your vote and your help I think we can accomplish this.

CHIEF CLERK:

John Moore, Term of two years, for election by all Members of the Illinois Valley Division.

I live in Ottawa, in District 3, and I have been in the Division almost four years. I'm beginning construction on my proto-freelance Pinson, Altoona and Tumlin Gap RR, a sectional N-scale layout.

My career in software development requires the same organizational skills and attention to detail that Superintendent Mike Shockley, writing in the November 2017 TIME TABLE, called the "meticulous and organized work" the Chief Clerk performs.

I have served in many organizations since I was 16 years old, when I was elected secretary of a carving club. Since then, I have held various offices in several outdoors and amateur radio clubs, as well as volunteer and ordained positions in the churches to which I have belonged.

I look forward to being more involved in the Illinois Valley Division and our great hobby.

TRAINMASTER: District 2 Representing Grundy, Livingston, McLean & Woodford Counties. Term of two years, for election by members residing in the above counties. No member has been nominated or volunteered to serve as trainmaster.



TRAINMASTER: District 4: - Fulton, Henry, Knox, Mercer, Rock Island & Warren Counties.

Jeremy Bubb, Term of two years, for election by members residing in the above counties.

Hi there. I live in Vermont, IL, at the very southwest edge of District 4. and am presently serving as its Trainmaster. I work for two different trucking companies that cover locally and from Chicago to Mexico.



I have been a NMRA member since 1998. I model Chicago, Burlington & Quincy in HO scale between Beardstown and Galesburg, Illinois. I am currently acting curator of the Fulton County Narrow Gauge Depot in Lewistown. Other organizations I am involved in include Burlington

Route Historical Society, Lewistown Historical Society, Vermont Fire Department, Quincy Society of Model Engineers and Late Knight Cruisers.

WE HAVE LOST A FRIEND: Alan Benson

Our friend, Alan Benson, passed away February 2nd following a short illness. Most of us knew Alan as a model railroader and "decoder guy," who could make our locomotives run and sound great.

Alan was a long time newspaper photographer working for many papers across the Midwest, but eventually settled in Madison, WI where he retired. Somewhere along the way he developed a relationship with trains. He loved all things trains and turned that into a lifetime full of train watching and model railroading. He found model railroading a worthwhile hobby and continued that until his death. Alan always said to his children in their younger ages, "Do not call them 'toy' trains. If I wanted to play with toy trains, I'd buy Lionel." Therefore, his kids grew a respect for trains and learned hands off dad's trains! Alan followed his son Scott to Galesburg, a town full of trains. It is a train junkies "Field of Dreams," so it was destiny.

We will all miss our friend.



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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ELECTION

Illinois Valley Division Board of Directors

March 11, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write in Candidates Must be Members of the Illinois Valley Division, National Model Railroad Association and willing to serve.
2. Include the Address and Phone Number of Write-In-Candidates for notification if elected.
3. Record your name and NMRA Membership Number in the box to the right . If you do not know your NMRA number, it can be referenced by the election judge, the Chief Clerk, at the time the ballot is received.
4. To Mail Your Ballot, fold the ballot address outward, tape shut on both ends and top and add a First Class Stamp.
5. Mail-In Ballots must be received no later than March 10, 2018 to be counted.
6. Ballots may also be turned in at the Division Meeting, 1:30 pm, March 11, 2018 at the ReMax Building in Peoria, Illinois.

NAME _____

NMRA MEMBER # _____

VOTE FOR SUPERINTENDENT AND CHIEF CLERK BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE IVD

FOR THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

(Vote for One) - For all Members of the Illinois Valley Division

Jim Tatum

Write-In _____

FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

(Vote for One) - For all Members of the Illinois Valley Division

John Moore

Write-In _____

IMPORTANT—VOTE FOR TRAINMASTERS IS VALID ONLY FOR IVD MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE INDICATED COUNTIES. VOTES FROM MEMBERS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE THE INDICATED COUNTIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

FOR THE OFFICE OF TRAINMASTER OF DISTRICT 2

(Vote for One) - **Only For all Members of the Illinois Valley Division residing in Grundy, Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties.**

Write-In _____

FOR THE OFFICE OF TRAINMASTER OF DISTRICT 4

(Vote for One) - **Only For Members of the Illinois Valley Division residing in Fulton, Henry, Knox, Mercer, Rock Island and Warren Counties**

Jeremy Bubb

Write-In _____

Mail Ballots to:
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Or Present Ballot at the March 11, 2018 meeting at the ReMax Center, Peoria

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CLINIC HANDOUT REPRINT

This and the next page are a reprint of the clinic handout which Marion Brasher presented at the January 2018 Division Meeting at the Depot in Chatham, Illinois. This reprint is presented as part of the digital copy only.

LIGHT WEIGHT SCENERY USING STYROFOAM AND JOINT COMPOUND

A Clinic by Marion Brasher, MMR, Presented at Chatham, IL, January 14, 2018

Advantages, What I like:

1. There is little or no waste of joint compound as it is ready to use.
2. It is light weight in comparison to Hydrocal.
3. It is inexpensive. I pay \$10.00 to \$12.00 for a 5 gallon bucket. Hydrocal is over \$25.00 per bag the last time I bought it. It tends to loose 1/3rd of every mixed batch because of it's setup time. Also, no need to purchase screen wire and paper towels.
4. Cost of industrial Styrofoam can run \$10.00 to \$12.00 for a 4'x8' sheet. I buy it on sale. Bead board can also be purchased by the sheet, usually in 2'x8' sheets. Packing material, also a form of bead board, is usually free. Put out a call to friends who have purchased new items or stores that sell items. It seems like everything is packed with Styrofoam.
5. It cleans up easy.

Disadvantages:

1. Bead board beads stick to everything.
2. Drywall compound (mud) tends to crack as it dries and shrinks. The thicker the layer, the deeper the crack.
3. Joint compound is made softer than Hydrocal.
4. Joint compound takes more time to set up than Hydrocal, usually 24 to 72 hours verses 20 minutes.

Methods:

I glue industrial grade 3/4" to 1" Styrofoam on a foam layout table and then glue broken pieces of Styrofoam into a general outline of the landform. When the Elmer's white or yellow glue is dried overnight, I will cover it with mud. Try to keep the sharp edges of the Styrofoam from sticking out. When dry in one to four days, depending on the thickness of the application, I like to cut strata lines, which are usually horizontal, with a putty knife.

To begin scenery, I will paint an area of about 12"x12" with an earth color latex paint. Sprinkle blended turf over the wet paint. Try not to cover the whole area. Next go back over the same area with a earth blend turf.

In the next step I put weeds in the area where water might stand. Then I use green grass to cover any bare areas. This is a brighter green. To blend all the colors together, I like to use burnt grass. Use just enough to kill the brightness of the colors. After the scene has dried for a day, I will put in bushes using clump foliage. Trees and bushes look better in odd numbers of 3-5-7, etc. Vary the colors you use. Two light, one dark and some medium green. I use white glue, full strength. It will dry clear. Small shrubs are put down next. Using a bead of glue laid at random, use variety of turf colors. Using a variety of turf colors, put pieces here and there in the blue bead in no set pattern.

Local soil can be put down where water would run off and wash away the soil. Sprinkle the material from the top and allow it to run down. The light stuff will be at the top. The heavier will roll down.

Track is next. I will paint the profile with a 50/50 glue and water and sprinkle the ballast on. Any loose materials that sticks to the rail and ties can be removed with your fingers. Loose ballast can then be brushed over the ties to fill in the area between the plastic ties.

The final step is to plant your trees. I like to use a Philips screwdriver to punch a hole into the scenery. Apply full strength white glue into the hole and stick the trunk in.

Materials List:

Styrofoam, bead board, commercial or packing or Industrial grade, blue, pink, green or yellow

Glue white or yellow

Joint compound, drywall ready (buy on sale).

Latex Paint, Earth Color

Small Flat Paint Brush

Woodland Scenics

Light Green

Medium Green

Dark Green

Burnt Green

Conifer Green

Weeds

Burnt Grass

Green Grass

Light Green Clump Foliage

Medium Green Clump Foliage

Dark Green Clump Foliage

Ballast, Color of Your Choice

Woodland Scenics (Walnut Shell Material)

Arizona Rock and Mineral (Real Rock)

John's Ballast (Real Rock)

Other are available

Soil, Local

Trees

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Springfield Railroad Society, Inc.

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A Clinic by Model Railroader Editor Tony Koester
- Layout Tours Saturday Afternoon and Sunday
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REGISTRATION

Early Registration: Deadline, March 31, 2018

NMRA Member, \$55.00

Non-NMRA Member, \$75.00, (Includes 9 month RailPass Trial Membership)

Non-Rail, \$40.00

Convention Car, HO Illinois Central Special Run car- \$20.00 each

After March 31, 2018

NMRA Member, \$65.00

Non-NMRA Member, \$85.00, (Includes 9 month RailPass Trial Membership)

Non-Rail, \$45.00

Hotel and Convention Site:

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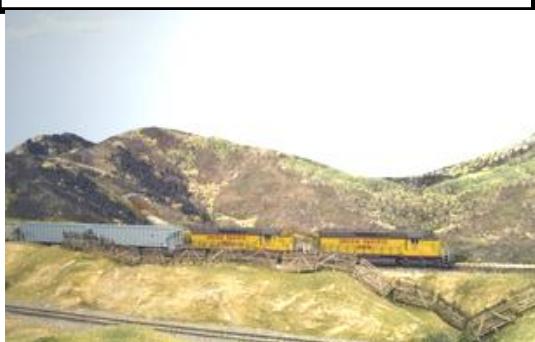
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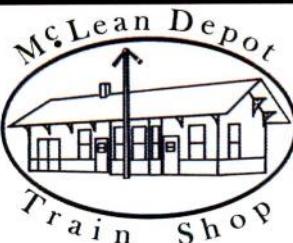
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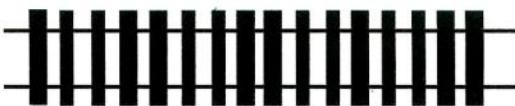


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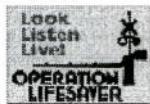
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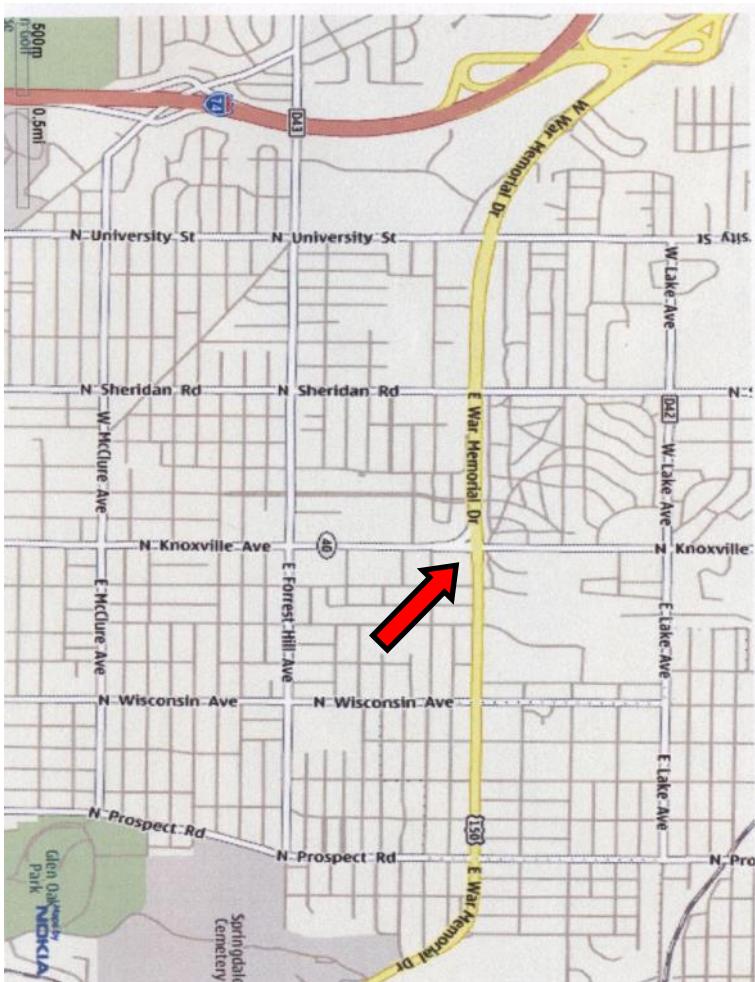
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