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Greetings Fellow IVD Members,

Here we are again, getting ready to have our next IVD meet on Nov. 17th at the Peoria Library, North Branch. And with the weather turning so quickly here in Illinois, I hope that old man winter holds off on any snow or ice until after our meeting. But if the weather is bad, please use good judgement when traveling from your house.

Well, the September meet went very well for our first centrally located meeting that was held on a Saturday. We had 17 members shows, which I would have liked to had seen more members attend, but unfortunately, we were up against some other railroading events, including, the Monticello Railroad Museum's Railroad Days, the Decatur Train Show and a couple of other events, which escapes me at the moment. But all in all, we had a great turnout. I appreciate all that came and we had a couple of good clinics, including an overview of building a speedometer using Arduinos. A lot of us IVD'rs are interested and experimenting with Arduinos for model railroading, so these types of clinics are great for everyone.

And as we have announced in the past couple of newsletters and at the meetings, we are still needing some volunteers to fill available board positions. At this time, we are looking for Trainmasters for Districts 2 and 5. We have filled the Paymaster position as of the last board meeting on Oct. 15th.

I had asked Ken Burr if he would be interested in filling this position for the interim to replace Tom Ludlum as Paymaster and he asked what the qualifications were and we answered with "can you balance a check-book?" That is all the qualifications needed. He graciously agreed to fill the position until the term of Paymaster is up, which is coming up this March. We really appreciate Ken stepping up and filling this much needed position.

Tom Ludlum, we wish you well and hope that you continue to be an active IVD member.

If you wish to volunteer for any of the available Trainmaster positions, please let a board member know and we will get you started on the journey of a lifetime.

The board also approved the transition to a new bank for more convenient banking. The IVD has been with Eureka Savings Bank for many years, but strangely they don't have any branches in Eureka! All of those branches are north of Oglesby, which makes it hard to do banking. Tom would do the banking by mail, which I don't believe is very convenient for anyone. So, we have moved the IVD banking to CEFCU. Nice thing about CEFCU is they are all over the IVD territory and this will make things much easier for Ken and any future Paymasters.

I have some news about the 2020 Midwest Region Convention, which the IVD will be co-hosting with the ITD in May of 2020. But if you want to know more, then you will need to come to the November IVD meet and get the detailed information. Mike Shockley will bring everyone up to speed on this at the meet. Also if you are interested in volunteering to help with the convention, please let Mike or any IVD board member know and we will get you on the list of volunteers. I will say this, at this time we do not know what volunteer positions are needed, but we will be needing your help to pull this convention off with a bang.

That is all for now, so until next time we see one another.

Highball!!!

Jim Tatum
 IVD Superintendent

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To Be
Appointed

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION MEET

November 17, 2018

**Auditorium
Peoria Public Library, North Branch
3001 North Grand Parkway
Peoria, Illinois**

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

The September meeting of the Illinois Valley Division is to be held in the Auditorium of the Peoria Public Library, North Branch. The auditorium is located on the first floor, immediately to the right inside the entry doors on the west side of the building. Parking is located on the west side of the library and entry is handicapped accessible.

The library is located behind Menard's off of Allen Road, on the south side of IL-6. See the map on the back cover page of this newsletter.

Swap tables are available to members for sale of items to participants. 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 clinics and a layout tour. Maps for the layout tour will be provided.

The contests for September will be (1) Steam Engines and (2) Dioramas Off Line.

NOTE: The donation request of \$3.00 per member helps to defray division expenses.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM JUDGING

Members of the division are encouraged to bring their models to be judged for merit awards as part of completing the requirements for their certificates in the Achievement Program.

Due to time constraints preceding division meetings, judging for merit awards will take place between 12 noon and the 1:00 pm start time of the division meeting. Those who wish to have items judged need to be prompt due to the limited one hour block of time allotted to judging prior to the meet.

For those who have models which are too large to be reasonably transported to a division meeting, are too numerous to be judged in the time constraints preceding division meetings or fall into some requirements of the Civil Engineering category, an appointment can be arranged for the assessment to be made at the location of the layout or project to be evaluated.

Contact Marian Brasher, AP Chair, 815-663-3411 or Minton Dings, 309-241-4504, prior to the meeting for the judging to be arranged.

2018-2019 IVD Meetings At A Glance

For a trial period of three months, September, November 2018, and January 2019, the Membership Meetings will be at the Peoria Public Library, North Branch, 3001 West Grand Parkway, Peoria. The meetings will be on Saturdays. Doors will open at noon and the meetings will begin at 1:00 pm. The Library is located on the south side of IL Route 6, West Bypass, behind Menards.

Board of Directors Meetings will be at the Peoria Public Library, North Branch and 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.

Membership Meetings, 1:00 pm, Doors open at

Noon in the Auditorium of the Peoria Public Library, North Branch, 3001 West Grand Parkway, Peoria, Suggested donation is \$3.00.

Saturday, November 17, 2018, District 2 Host

Contests: Steam Locomotives and Dioramas-Off-Line

Saturday, January 19, 2019, District 2 Host

Contests: Scratchbuilt and Kitbashed Locos and Cars

Due to the trial nature of the location and scheduling of the September, November and January meets, the remainder of the locations, dates and schedule will be announced in following newsletters and the division website.

Board of Directors Meetings, Saturdays, 10:00 am

December 15, 2018

February 16, 2019

April 23, 2019

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.

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 or telephone, 309-241-4504. Help is available to construct new ads. Partial year fees are available.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE DIVISION WEBSITE —nmra-ivd.org

CHANGES IN THE ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION BYLAWS

The following articles of the by-laws of the division have been revised.

Article IX, Part E formerly read:

A simple majority, FIVE members, of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for any Board meeting.

Article IX, Part E revision reads:

A simple majority of the seated voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for any Board meeting.

Adopted June 23, 2018.

(Reason for the revision is that there are empty positions as Train Masters on the Board of Directors for which no member of the Illinois Valley division has run for the office in their district or volunteered to be a Train Master at Large.)

Article V, Part C formerly read:

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 bring 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 the postmark date.

Article V, Part C revision reads: Additions printed in ***bold italics***.

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. ***Members who receive a printed copy of the Timetable shall receive their ballot in the newsletter.*** A voting member shall have the option of returning the ballot ***by electronic on-line voting***, by mail or by ***presenting*** 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 the postmark date.

Adopted August 18, 2018

(Reason for the inclusion of the electronic voting option is that it is easy and may encourage a higher percentage of participation. This has become an option for national and most division balloting within the NMRA.)

E-MAIL ADDRESS NOTICE REQUEST

Due to the unreliability and lack of ease of using yahoo mail, I ask that those communicating with me use my gmail account, greenriverbranch1957@gmail.com.

Minton Dings, IVD Timetable Editor

LAYOUT TOUR

Peoria Meeting, September 15, 2018

Ken Burr, Burr Union Railroad (HO)



Chillicothe Railroad Museum, Rick Island (HO)



Contests—Passenger Cars and On Line Structures



First Place
Eric Taylor



Second Place
Larry Nelson



First Place
Larry Nelson

WANDERINGS

by Marion Brasher, MMR®

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE

In the recent past, the trio Peter, Paul and Mary has a hit song “Where Have All the Flowers Gone.” No, this is not about hippies and war; this is about our hobby shops.

These shops have been the life line of our model railroad world. Over the years, there has been a proliferation of them. I remember when *Model Railroader* magazine filled many pages with ads for supplies large and small. One outfit from New York would have eight to ten pages each issue of their wares. Today you find only a small selection of listings.

The old timers of our group will remember some of our old friends: Signal House, Folgers Variety Store, and Hobby Models all in Peoria; Railsend in Creve Coeur; Hammer Hobbies, Ray Hatfield’s basement shop, Mile Post Hobbies, and Black’s Hardware in two locations in Springfield; Hobby Land in Bloomington; and Leisure Time and Midwest Trains in the Quad Cities. I am sure there were others that I have forgotten and have passed from the scene.

Look around you today. Do you have a close shop that sells model railroad equipment and supplies? In our IVD area you can count them on one hand. There are five. If you travel, look up shops listed in our trade magazines. Stop and have a look see. What did you find? A small area with low end items for sale. At a recent Lone Star Region meet in San Antonio, Texas, five shops were visited. I walked out of four without buying a thing. They were supposed to be good shops.

We are fortunate to have McLean Depot in McLean, Castle Trains in Springfield, Green River Hobbies in Geneseo, Mike Scale Rails in Peoria, and The Valley Roundhouse in Spring Valley. No, we do not have everything, but we try to carry what we feel is important.

Walthers puts out an annual reference book with thousands of things listed. On any given day, half of them are not available. This brings us to the reality that our hobby is small peanuts. We are a cottage industry. Atlas Tool and Die Company was parent to Atlas Trains or Mantua Metal Products was Mantua Trains and the list goes on.

Hobby shops are failing by the wayside. The people who ran them have retired (yes, we are an old bunch), have fallen on hard times or have passed on. The model industry itself is also part of the problem. How many times have you been told “it is on back order.” My shop has a seven page single spaced back order sheet from

Walthers. Some 80 items go back several years. Manufacturers say they will be produce an item, but when?

Train shows are another thing that seems to be disappearing. Over the year I could go to a show most weekends from September to May. Today there may be two in a good month. The reason I feel is that it is hard to get new products. As this is written, new items from manufacturers have an estimated time of arrival of June/July 2019. You can add 30 to 90 days to that ETA and maybe you will get the items.

Most manufacturers have gone to the preorder method of doing business. They only produce the preorder numbers. Walthers last year announced a Santa Fe passenger train in August and they cancelled it in November for a lack of preorders. It is hard to procrastinate sales a year in advance.

Oh, where have the hobby shops gone, almost everyone? Our social scene has changed. We have other activities that cost money so we try to give importance to what gives the big BANG. On the other hand, we are getting older and our model railroads are about complete. The new items are getting out of our price range. We no longer need that weekly trip to the hobby shop. Eventually the storefront becomes empty and another void develops. Yes, the shops have gone away, everyone of them.

2019 MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION May 16-19, 2019 La Crosse Wisconsin

The 2019 Convention will be a Bi-Regional meeting between the Midwest Region and the 1000 Lakes Region of the NMRA.

Clinics will be Thursday thru Saturday.
Layout Tours will be Thursday thru Sunday.

The host hotel is the Days Inn, and Conference Center, 101 Sky Harbor Inn, La Crosse, WI (608)780-1000

More information to be posted in upcoming issues. Information is also available at nmra.org/conventions.

2019 NMRA National Convention July 7—13, 2019 National Train Show July 12—14 Little America Hotel Salt Lake City Utah

More information at nmra.org/conventions and in this newsletter when available.

MODELING FORCED PERSPECTIVE

By Minton Dings, MMR®

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



Hart's Station, KY at Two Feet Wide

that reach is about thirty inches or two and a half feet. Comfortable reach is also determined by the height of the modeler and those who will be operating the railroad. The limit seems to be about 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 below 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 (actually much) too large to slide in between the first and second levels



Foam Used for the Base of a Preformed Grove at Tunnel Hill which was a Scene Too Far to Reach the Entrance of the Tunnel

of the layout, I build the grove of trees on carved pink 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 (I hope).

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 below is situated in a curved corner which made placing an HO scene impractical.

This scene is about thirty two inches deep. To create the impression of distance, an N scale church, house and vehicle were placed within a forest of small trees. No background roads or other identifiable landscape features are present. But the scene does depict depth. The house and church are only about nine inches distant from the edge of the mainline track and the locomotive.



Forced Perspective Scene Beyond the Curve Using N Scale Buildings and Smaller Scenery. Buildings are about 9 inches from the Locomotive

This project gave me an appreciation for N scale modelers. There was a time when I thought I should model 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.

Showing distance can be accomplished by scenes applied to the backdrop. There are a number of techniques of painting, purchasing or combining pictures through Photoshop to compose a sense of distance. That would be the topic for another article.

Creating the sense of depth will make scenery appear more realistic. Modeling it with structures and scenery materials is but one way of approaching the challenge.

Be creative and adventurous in building scenery.

LEWISTOWN DEPOT

A Model for our Time and Place

By Minton Dings, MMR®

Having previously ordered kits from Monster Model Works, I am regularly updated about new products offered by their company. To my surprise, about May of this year, I got an e-mail announcing the offering of “County Depot Kit,” the Fulton County Narrow Gauge Depot in Lewistown, Illinois. Of course, I ordered on immediately in order to be the “first kid on my block” to have one.



The Depot Today

While eagerly awaiting the arrival of the kit, I stopped by the depot in Lewistown on one of my trips through Fulton County. I wanted pictures to verify the correctness of the structure. Below are just a few of the



pictures of the present depot and museum. I was expecting the model to be designed on the basis of what is reported to have been built in 1880, but I was unable to confirm the exact date or a picture from a published historical record. I believe the exterior of the depot has changed little from it's original construction.

The Kit

The kit arrived about three weeks after being ordered. I opened the kit and reviewed the parts. All were present. The four walls are bass wood which are laser cut with laser etching of the exterior brick. The roof is wood with a light aluminum metal exterior. Doors and windows are plastic. All parts were cut square and the only light sanding I did was to remove the laser burn on the edges of the walls and corner pieces.

The plastic doors and windows fit snugly into the openings which could have been inserted without glue. But for the sake of handling of the model, all windows and doors were glued into place with a small amount of canopy glue. The window glass is acetate, also applied with canopy glue. The advantage of canopy glue is that it dries clear, hiding a bit of glue which might infringe upon the edge of a window (or two!).

The truss rod nut and washer castings are a bit large compared to the actual truss rod ends. But they could be replaced with the correct size with smaller N/B/W castings. But I preferred to use those in the kit due to the concern that small castings would not be as evident when applied to the busyness of the brick wall.

The stove, heater, vent on the roof might have represented an earlier stove pipe, but not the present one. It is my supposition that the station agent and family may have lived on the second story which would have required an additional heating vent and soil vents. I do not know the history of the use of the second story or seen the inside.

Building the Kit

The kit had ample instructions which made the kit an easy build. I had two exceptions to the kit. First is the desire to have all of the windows as found in the depot in the present period. The windows presented in the kit may be true to the original construction. The second is the lack of an interior so that a viewer cannot look into a second story window and see out of a first story window or across the interior and able to see out an opposite window unless the room was do constructed.

Looking at the west side of the present freight room window shows that the regular full length window had been replaced for reasons unknown. The new window is shorter and had been bricked in to fill the bottom of the former window height.

The kit had come with one of the freight door blanks and a couple of window blanks still in place. I am not certain that those pieces of brick material would be available in all kits. Using a window blank would be too narrow due to the space lost in the laser cutting process. The freight door blank would provide a wide enough brick patch to properly and snugly fit the opening without there being an obvious cut line. I requested another freight door blank from Monster Model Works

Lewistown Depot, Continued from Page 7

in a letter and accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelop. Within a few days I had several freight door blanks. I was able to fit the replacement brinks, properly aligned with the adjoining placement of brick rows the



Present Window



Modeled window

first time. (I have extra blanks for any readers who might need one.) The window frame was shortened to fit the new opening (although not to my satisfaction).

Interior and View Blocks

Vertical bracing is provided in the kit. I added horizontal bracing to hold the first floor in place. There was no need for a view block for the first floor waiting room or freight room. The floor bracing along the walls of the second floor, a floor and interior dividers were added as view blocks. The ground level floor was installed, followed by the second story floor, finished with the interior walls. Interior floors and walls also make a building more sturdy. Any interior detail and lighting needs to be added before the floors are inserted. I did not add interior detail due to where this depot would sit on the layout.

Painting the Depot

Generally I paint parts before assembly, but this time I assembled the walls of the depot before painting. Most of my painting projects are done with brushed with craft store acrylic paints found in outlets such as Hobby Lobby and Michaels.

The walls were painted with heritage brick acrylic paint and allowed to dry. To get the slightly orange hue to the brick seen in the photographs of the depot, I painted a thin wash of orange over the red and allowed again to dry overnight.

The mortar lines were filled with Robert's Brick Mortar. It is my newest discovery for applying mortar and is quite easy and can be found on-line at robertsbrickmortar.com. I painted the compound over the walls. It dries quickly and can be wiped down with a

soft cloth. Windows and doors were painted forest green and allowed to dry before attaching on the acetate panes with canopy glue. Then the windows were glued in place. (Be sure to install the windows before installing floors and walls if you choose to add interior view blocks.)

The exterior of the roof is metal and must be handled carefully to avoid bending it. Because it is metal, I primed the exterior side, leaving the underside bare. Walther's Goo was used to apply the roof exterior per the instructions. Presently, the roof is painted a dark green. I used forest green acrylic craft paint as I did the windows and doors. It required a second coat.

When the roof was dry, I drilled an appropriate sized hole in the roof over the location of the waiting room for the heater vent. Drilling through metal, even thin metal, can cause the drill to "walk" away from the intended location, I first drilled a small pilot hole into the roof at a 90 degree angle. Then I drilled the hole for the heater vent at the proper angle with the appropriate sized drill bit. Having the pilot hole reduces the possibility of the drill "walking away."

I painted the vent pipe black. Bring a metal pipe, I used a thinned wash of rust colored acrylic paint to represent a hint of a rust streak flowing down the roof.

Some Concluding Thoughts

Jeremy Bubb states that the railroad passed by the depot on the right side when looking at the front door to the waiting room, where there is now a street

Although most of us are not modeling Lewistown, Illinois, thus could not use this model prototypically, it does represent a typical substantial small town depot build in the 1880s. Therefore, it could be the center piece structure on a early to mid-twentieth century depot.

I did not need this depot for my layout since my layout scenery is complete. But I could not pass by a structure with which I am so familiar. It will be a display item. And, it was fun to build. I hope to remember to display it at the next IVD meet.

Jimmy Simmons, the owner of Monster Model Works, created the company when his tech job was discontinued during the recent recession. He has done an excellent job with his modelling endeavors. He has now regained his former employment. I also understand that the company has been sold and will open again soon. There is a Facebook page which tell more about this transaction.

I also noticed that Monster Model Works kits are available on Amazon.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODEL RAILROADERS

Great Midwest Train Show, Sundays November 11, December 9, 2018 and January 13, 2019, DuPage County Fairground, 2015 West Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois. 9 am to 3 pm. 5 buildings, 500+ tables, all scales. Admission \$7, kids under 12 are free. Free parking, Handicapped accessible. More information at TrainShow.com.

33rd Annual 2018 Dubuque Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Sunday, November 4, 2018, Dubuque County Fairgrounds Ballroom, 14569 Old Highway Road, Dubuque, Iowa, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission: Adults \$4, Kids \$1. No parking or handicapped accessibility information provided.

Trainfest 2018, Wisconsin State Fairgrounds Expo Center, West Allis, Wisconsin (West Suburban Milwaukee), Saturday and Sunday, November 10-11, 2018, 9 am to 5 pm both days. "America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show," Admission \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance, NMRA members \$10.00 in advance at www.trainfest.com. Two day admission is \$17 at the door. Children 4 to 12 \$5, \$3 in advance. Under 4 free. The expo center is handicapped accessible. There is a fee for parking.

Danville Train Show, Saturday, November 17, 2018, 10 am to 3 pm, Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Old US 136 at County Road 200 East, Danville, IN. Admission—\$3 for individuals, \$5 for families. No parking or handicap information available.

Peoria Train Fair, Sunday, November 18, 2018, 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. The IVD portable layout and NMRA display table are planned to be there.

Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show & Food Drive, Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9733 Olive Blvd, Olivette, MO, 9 am to 3 pm. Admission \$5, \$4 with a non-perishable food item, Children 12 and under free. No parking or handicap accessibility information.

WCMRRA Semi Annual Swap Meet and Open House, Saturday, December 1, 2019, Stone City VFW, VFW, 124 Stone City Drive, Joliet, IL, WCRRA Club House, West Cass S, Joliet, IL. Swap Meet 9 am to 2 pm, Open House 9 am to 4 pm., Admission, \$4, children under 13 free. Open house free. Handicapped accessible. "One of the largest swap meets in the area."

The Great 28th Tri-State Rail Sale, sponsored by The 4000 Foundation Limited, Saturday, January 26,

2019, The La Crosse Center, 2nd & Pearl Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin. 9 am to 3 pm, Admission \$5, children under 12 free. No Parking or handicapped accessibility information provided.

Darien Model Railroad Swap Meet and Show, Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9 am to 3 pm, St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 South Cass Ave., Darien, IL. Admission: \$5 adults 18 and older, \$2 Teens 12-17, Scouts in uniform and children under 12 free. Handicapped accessible.

3rd Annual Train Show & Swap Meet, Sunday, January 27, 2019, sponsored by Monticello Railroad Club, Berndes Center, Jones County Fairgrounds, 766 North Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa, 9 am to 3:30 pm, Admission \$5, children under 12 free with an adult. No parking or handicapped accessible information provided.

Alton Train Show 2019, February 16, 2019m 10 am to 3 pm, Franklin Masonic Lodge, 1513 Washington Avenue, Alton, IL. Admission \$3.00. No parking or handicapped accessory information provided.

(By Special Request) Train Show, Thayer County Event Center, Deshler, NE, Saturday and Sunday, June 29 & 30, 2019. 10am to 4 pm. No admission, handicapped accessibility or parking information available.

Rail Fare, Saturday, July 27, 2019, Copeland Park, Rose and Clinton Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin. 9 am to 3 pm, Admission \$5, children under 12 free. No Parking or Handicapped Accessibility information provided.

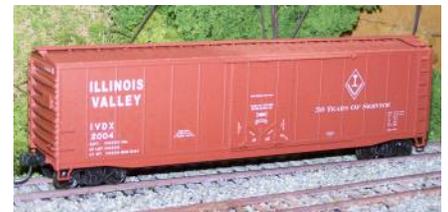
50TH ANNIVERSARY HOPPERS AND BOXCARS PRICE REDUCED

The Fifty Year Anniversary cars are still available. If you are considering purchasing one or more of these IVD cars, you may purchase them at division meets or at area train shows where the IVD has a NMRA/IVD promotional display. There are now only about 20 hoppers



and 60 boxcars left. Both cars will be for sale at the division meetings. The cost is now \$15.00 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; telephone 309-244-5900. The cost by mail is \$15.00 for each car plus \$5.00 shipping, or \$7.50 for shipping of two or three cars.



Springfield Railroad Society, Inc.

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March 24, 2019 - Orr Building - State Fairgrounds



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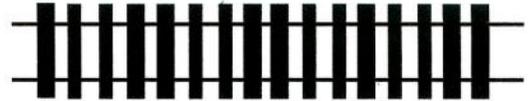
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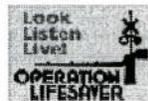
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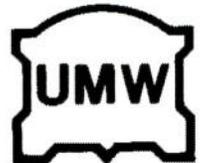
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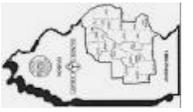
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