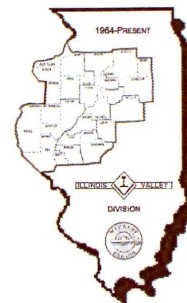




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Hello IVD members,

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the IVD Timetable. Here's what happened since our last IVD Meet

The May 2022 IVD Meet was held at the Community Center in Utica, IL and was a Memorial Meet in remembrance of Marion Brasher. Several in attendance shared stories of Marion and provided some items belonging to Marion including his MMR certificate, newspaper and NMRA articles, as well as some of Marion's collection. It was a very good meet and everyone had a wonderful time reminiscing.

Several IVD members worked on the IVD portal layout at Dave Hawkey's place in Hopewell and they got a lot of things upgraded including scenery, track, electrical to name a few. I want to thank Dave for volunteering his place to rehab the layout. And thank all the volunteers who helped with the rehab process, Dave Hawkey, Russ Smith, Ken Burr, Randy Sommers, Larry Nelson, and several others which I can not remember at the time of this writing. But THANK YOU to all that helped. Also be sure to get your time turned in to Dave and Minton as to get credit for your Volunteer certificate.

The newly rehabbed layout made its first appearance at the Galesburg Railroad Day Train Show, look for pictures of the layout later in this newsletter.

We have set a date for the IVD Cookout at Peck Park in Galesburg, that date is August 6th from 12pm to 4pm. Watch for updates via an email announcement. Again, as always, the IVD Board will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, chips, summer salads, iced tea and bottled water, as well as all paper plates and utensils. We ask that members bring a covered dish to share with all. This can be either a side dish or a dessert.

On a future note. The IVD will be hosting the Midwest Regional Board Meeting in May on the same day as our IVD Meet. The Board meeting will be held

in the same location prior to our IVD meet. More details to come the closer we get to that event.

Well, that's all for now, until we see each other at the next meet.

Highball!!!

Jim Tatum

IVD Superintendent

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

MASK MANDATE FOR INDOOR MEETINGS

With the relaxing of the mandate for wearing masks while indoors by the State of Illinois, the Illinois Valley Division will follow the instructions on mask use by the facility being used for our meetings.

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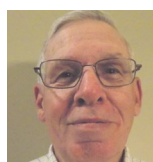
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Upcoming 2022 IVD Meetings

Membership Meetings:

Division in-person meetings have now resumed with the September 2021 meeting. Membership meetings are held on the third Saturday of January, March, May, September and November at the Peoria Public Library, North Branch, 3001 West Grand Avenue, Peoria at 1:00 pm unless otherwise announced. See below. Doors open at 12 noon.

Summer Activity, IVD PICNIC

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Board of Directors Meetings:

The next Board of Directors Meeting, will be Sunday, August 14, 2022, 6:00 pm by Zoom. Members who wish to attend need to contact Jim Tatum, Superintendent at the email address list to the left of this page to receive the Zoom invitation.

2022 DIVISION MEETING POPULAR VOTE CONTEST SCHEDULE

September 17, 2022: Passenger Cars and Buildings
On Line, Location To Be Determined

November 19, 2022: Steam Locomotives and
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IVD PORTABLE LAYOUT AT THE GALESBURG TRAIN SHOW



Tunnel built by Russ Smith in honor of Marion Brasher, Past President and Founder of the Illinois Valley Division

Thanks to a dedicated team of members who met at the home of Dave Hawkey, the portable layout was reconditioned, track reconstructed and scenery upgraded to present a beautiful example of the model railroading craft. This layout is presented as an opportunity for kids of any age (6 to 60 and above) to operate a model railroad. It represents the Illinois Valley Division and the National Model Railroad Association in a manner of which we can be proud.



Adding Weight to Freight Cars Cheaply

By Michael Shockley

The NMRA recommends that HO freight and passenger cars weigh one ounce plus ½ ounce per inch of length. Many kits and ready to run cars fall below the recommended weight, though improvements have been made over the last few years.

I use the following methods to add weight inexpensively to a car.

I buy white glue in a gallon jug. I also use cheap caulk in a tube for a caulk gun. The most expensive part of this is the plastic grocery bag... because they come with groceries in them. A used Ziploc bag is also acceptable. I make sure there are no holes in the plastic bag. (I have glued many freight cars to the wooden bench when they leaked.) I turn the car body upside down and push the bag into the car. This is to make sure the solid glue block fits the finished car. I pour white glue into the bag until the level is just below the top of the car. Then I let it all sit level in an out of the way place for a few weeks. (I do this most often when I will be out of town for a while.) The glue will dry slowly into a brick. Once it is solid, I cut off the excess plastic bag and assemble the car. I use adhesive caulk to secure the weight in the car so it doesn't rattle around.

Caulk can be used instead of white glue when there is a chance of a leak. I fill the halves of a tank car (Walthers, Atlas etc) with caulk and push the sides together. The caulk provides weight and also glues the halves together with no apparent glue joint showing. Of course, weathering can disguise any assembly problems.

It is important to keep the weight as far toward the bottom of the car as possible. I have filled the hopper bottoms of covered hoppers with steel BBs and put white glue over them to hold them in place. I have done the same with tank cars of the older design. I have put a caulk bead under a metal weight and then again on top. It is so much more fun to caulk when what it looks like doesn't matter!

I hope you will find this technique useful in your model railroading.



THE VILLAGE WATER TOWER

by Minton Dings, MMR



Acquiring an Antique

Late in the day at the Springfield Train Fair, I was looking for last minute deals on kits to build. I found a water tower kit manufactured in 1949. The kit being 73 years old is an antique. Its creator intended it to represent a railroad water tower. Having all the water towers I need, I nearly passed it by until I realized it's age and how it looked quite a bit like a small-town water tower for which I purchased it. I expect by deciding to redesign it to be a municipal water tower I destroyed the antiqueness of the kit. But it serves my purpose.



I searched Amazon and eBay and I could not find this kit available. It appears that the Vintage Yank Model Research kit #108, Sand Hopper in HO gauge has the same basic parts and could be converted as is described in this article.

The Kit

Above are the components of this kit. The steel tank and cover/roof are reminiscent of the water tanks of many the small towns in which I have lived.



The ladder could be used along with the square wooden “concrete footings and the square cardboard plate used for the concrete pad upon which the pump house could sit. The pump house was not part of the kit. The wood water tube, legs and cross members were too short to be constructed as a municipal water tower. These parts were substituted with Evergreen styrene parts. The unused parts went into the wood scrap parts box.

Tools and Supplies

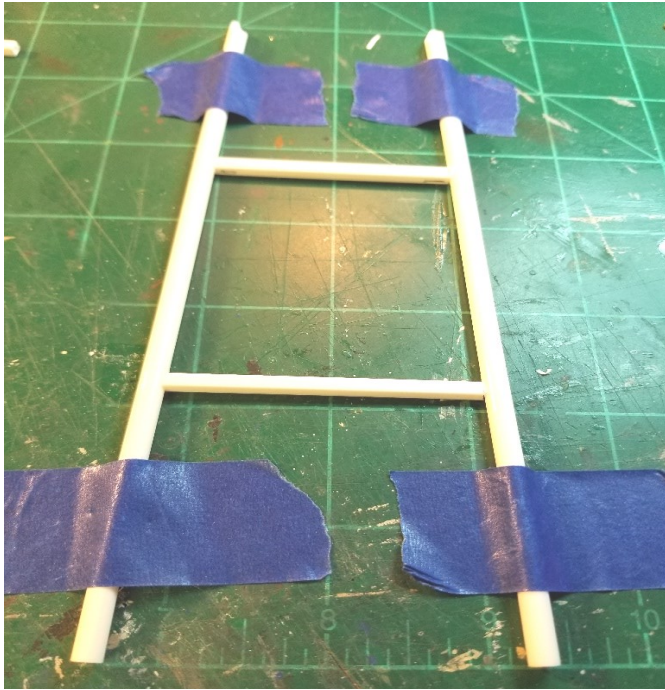
The tools used in this project were a squaring jig, NWSL chopper, a small machinist's square, a measured/lined cutting mat and a sharp hobby knife with a #11 blade. Glues included plastic weld and Walther's Goo.



The tools here include the squaring jig and the square from the NWSL chopper

The substituted Evergreen parts were: Legs, tube, #226; Horizontal Cross Members, 3/16" square tube #252; Diagonal Cross Members, angle #291; and Water Inflow/Outflow Tube, 1/2" tube, #236. The length of the parts will depend on the desired height of the tank. This rendition is short to fit into the height available between the first and second layers of the layout.

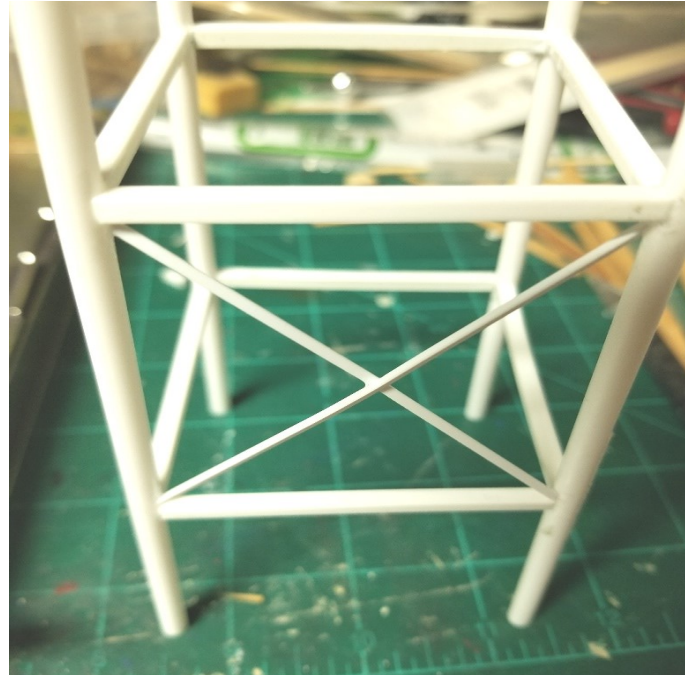
Constructing the Legs of the Tower



After measuring the width of the base of the tank and the width of the base of the tower, lay the legs on the cutting mat centered on the proper width matching of the top and bottom of tower legs. The length of the legs does not matter providing the width of the bottom is sufficient to appear to stabilize the structure.

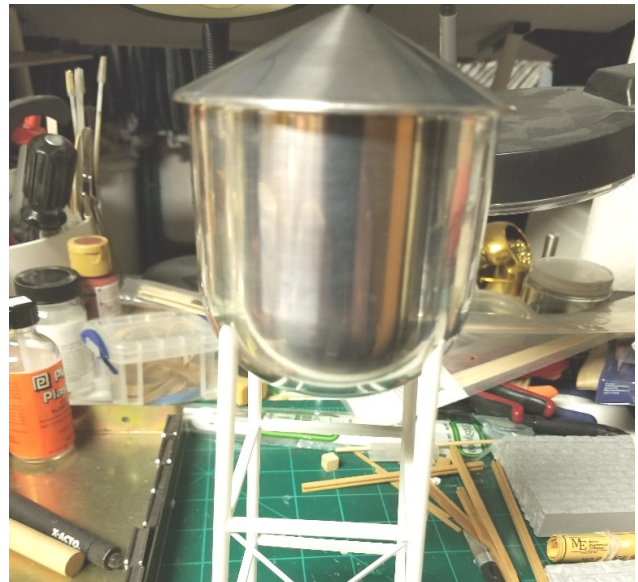
Tape down the vertical legs. Two sides will be made. Measure the width of the horizontal supports and cut identical supports for all four sides with the chopper. Set aside two horizontal supports to be used later for each level. The number of horizontal supports will depend upon the height of the tower legs. Glue the horizontal supports as shown.

The precut horizontal cross members can be glued to connect the leg support. I used the squaring jig to attempt to make the brace corners square. Tried as I might, I never got the frame exactly square, requiring individual measuring of each diagonal angle brace.



The angle (iron) diagonal cross members will need to be cut individually to fit the angle iron braces and laid in with one flat side up and the other inward, showing the angle for detail purposes

Assembling the Tank



The roof of the tank was glued on with a thin layer of Walther's Go and allowed to tack. The interior edges of the legs were shaped with a hobby knife to the shape of the curvature of the tank and attached with Goo. Be sure to have the tank level. I found that slowly rotating the structure proved the levelness of the tank by observing the overhang of the roof. Thin spots of Goo were used to attach the ladder which was



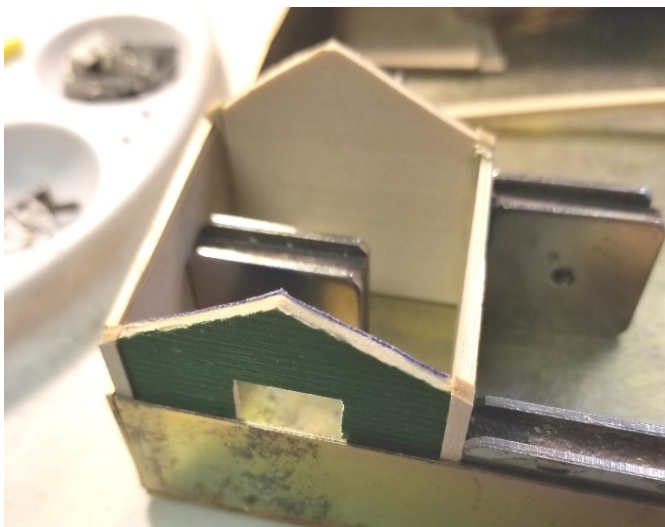
this height of tank and tower. Clamps held it in place until firmly tacked in place. (*I repeatedly mentioned tack because Goo takes months to completely dry.*) Stop, take a rest and allow to the tank to firmly tack overnight.

The tower and tank were sprayed primer gray. After drying for about an hour, the structure can be sprayed any chosen color chosen. I was happy with the primer color and left it so.

Building the Pump House

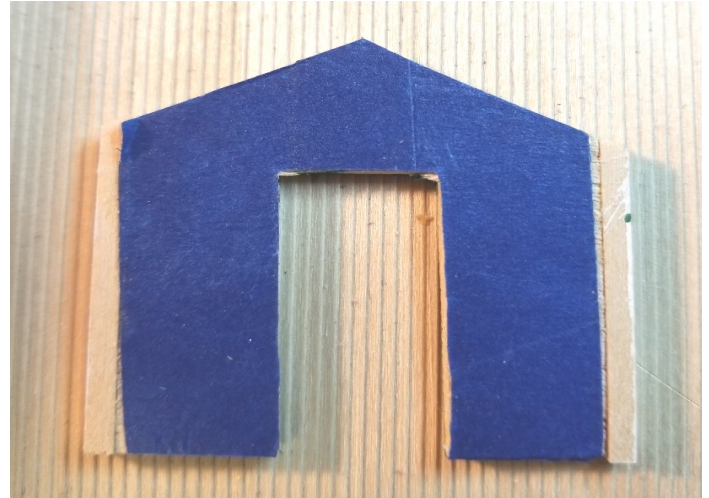
For the sake of including the pump house in the structure and scene, it is located directly under the tank. But a pump house may be off to the side or even some distance from the tower and tank.

The pump house was constructed from wood clapboard siding as shown with a single door offered by Tichy Train Group. Any choice of door will work.



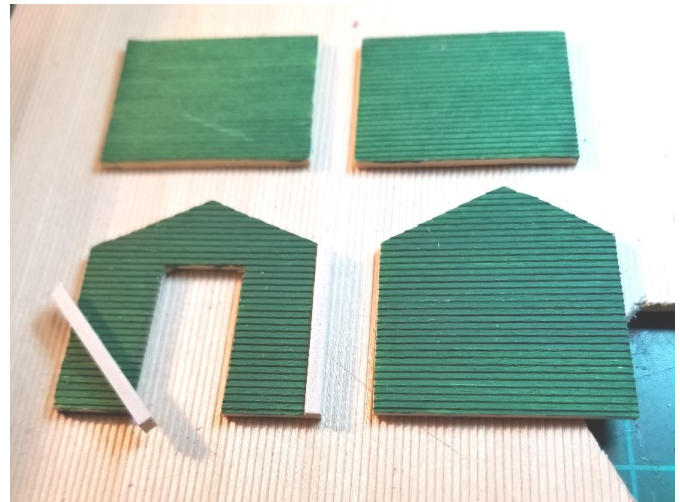
Because small wood parts are fragile, it is best to cover the back side of the wall with tape before cutting the opening for the door. The walls were assembled in the squaring jig using 1/16th lumber for corner posts. I also prefer to paint the walls before assembly using bracing or allowing to dry under weight to prevent warping.

The combined inlet/outlet water pipe was cut to fit from the bottom of the tank to reach the cardboard which will be the concrete pad upon which the pump house will sit. It should be painted the same color as the tank and support structure.



Taping the inside of the wall before cutting

The roof of the pump house was made from 1/32" flat wood board, covered with tar paper shingles from the scrap box. The appropriately sized hole was cut in the roof for the water pipe.



Repainting before assembly.

A block of wood was fashioned to represent the access cover for the tank from 6 by 12 inch dimensional lumber and attached with Go (again).



Inglenook at Galesburg Train Fair

Along with the IVD modular layout, Dave Hawkey bought along his Inglenook Switching layout for show and demonstration offering attendees the opportunity to operate the switching puzzle. It was well accepted. Below are pictures of the Inglenook.



Some Final Thoughts

Although not as tall as I had wished, the Cleaton Village water tower fits into the twelve-inch space between level one and level two of the layout. It needed to be tall enough to be believable and yet seen in its entirety by the viewer. I believe the compromise worked acceptably.

This is a seventy-three-year-old kit, probably an antique which lost its antiqueness by being redesigned (kitbashed). Since I am not concerned with the value of any single structure on the layout, its uniqueness is interesting, but does not carry monetary value for me. It cost me \$15.00 as a last-minute sale in the lasts few minutes of a train fair.

I question the ability of the person who painted Cleaton on the side of the tank. I will not mention his name, but you probably can guess!!

Hobby Shop Information:

Green River Hobbies has moved to 119
West Exchange Street, Geneseo, Illinois

2022 NMRA National Convention, St. Louis



August 7—August 13, 2022

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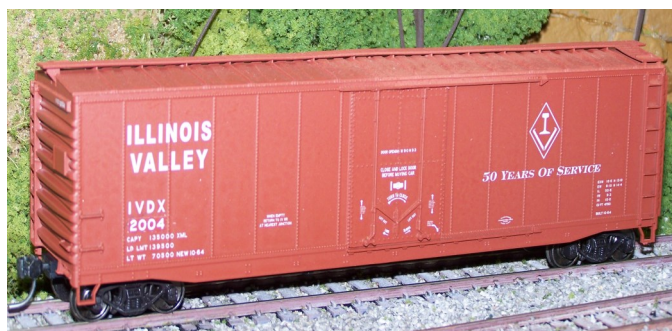
More details will appear in this newsletter near the dates of this convention.

Convention Hotel: Marriot Grand. St. Louis, 800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, Missouri

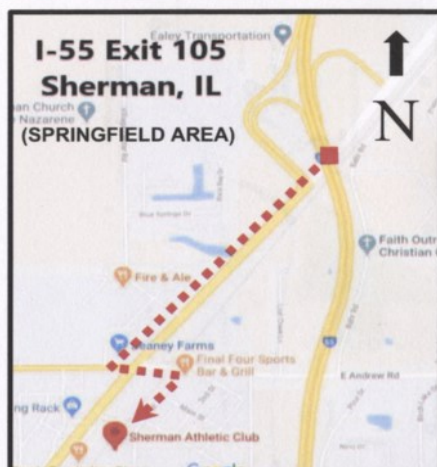
**National Train Show: Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, Illinois
August 12—14, 2022**

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The Fifty Year Anniversary cars are still available. There are now only 39 boxcars left. The cars are for sale at the division meetings and at train fairs. The cost is reduced to \$10.00 each plus shipping. The cost by mail is \$10.00 each plus \$6.00 shipping, or \$7.50 shipping for 2 cars or \$8.50 shipping for 3 or 4 cars. Free decals are available for multiple purchases. The cars are available through Minton Dings at 15548 State Route 78, Havana IL, 62644-6803; telephone 309-241-4504, e-mail greenriverbranch1957@gmail.com (Put IVD CARS in the subject line for easy recognition). **Make checks payable to Minton Dings.** The cost of the cars will be reimbursed to the Illinois Valley Division.



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31st Annual Rail Fair, Saturday, July 16, 2022, 10 am to 4 pm, held at Copeland Park, Rose & Clinton Streets, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet, Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL. For more information visit www.stlprpm.com.

Franklin Train Show, Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, 2022, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairgrounds Street, Franklin Indiana. Hours: Saturday—10am to 4pm and Sunday—10am to 3pm. Admission \$3 and family \$5. For more information visit www/nmra.org

Spring Creek Railroad, A live Steam Railroad, 7-1/2 gauge RR club, Antique Tractor and Steam Show, Last weekend in September, live steam and diesel locomotive show, 23290 Spring Creek Road, Washington, Illinois. No times, admission, parking or handicap accessibility information available

Pacific Eagles Train Show, Saturday September 24, 2022, 10 am to 3 pm, 707 West Congress Street, Pacific, Missouri. Admission \$4.00, kids 12 and under free. No parking or handicap accessibility information provided.

31st Annual Greater St. Louis Metro Area Train Show, Saturday, October 8, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, October 9, 10 am, to 3 pm, 2022, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Admission for adults, \$7.00. All kids 12 and under are free. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

4th Annual Sherman Scale Train Show, Sunday, October 16, 2022, 10 am to 3 pm, Sherman Athletic Club, 300 South First Street, Sherman, Illinois. Admission \$5.00, children under 10 free. Early Bird Admission at 9 am, \$10.00. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

Trainfest, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and

13, 2002, Wisconsin State Fair Park, 8200 West Greenville Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For more information, www.trainfest.com.

Peoria Train Fair, Sunday, November 20, 2022, 10 am to 3 pm. Illinois Central College, IL Rt. 24, 1 mile east of IL Rt. 116, East Peoria, Illinois. Admission, Adult donation of \$3.00, children under 12 free with an adult. Free parking and handicap accessible.

La Crosse's 30th Annual Great Tri-State Rail Sale, Saturday, January 28, 2023, 9 am to 3 pm, La Crosse Center, 2nd and Pearl Streets, La Crosse, WI. Admission: \$5.00, Child under 12 free.

Pacific Eagles Train Show, Saturday, February 18, 2023, 10 am to 3 pm, 707 West Congress Street, Pacific, Missouri. Admission \$4.00, kids 12 and under free. No parking or handicap accessibility information provided.

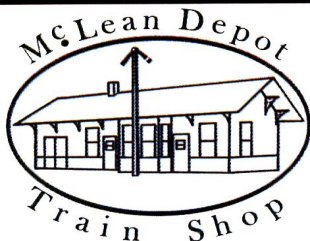
ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Following the passing of Marion Brasher, his records of the division Achievement Program have not been found. The search continues through contact with those who are handling Marion's estate.

In the meantime, a new file of Achievement Program records is being established. Members of the division who have completed, judged, and signed paperwork showing their work towards earning a certificate(s) should contact Minton Dings, MMR, Achievement Program chairperson, with copies of work completed to establish the new record.

If Marion's records are found, they will be digitalized and combined with the information gathered through this search. Volunteer hours toward the Volunteer Certificate may be the most difficult to verify. Contact Minton at 309/241-4504 or 15548 SR 78, Havana, IL 62644 or greenriver-branch1957@gmail.com.

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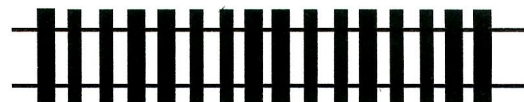
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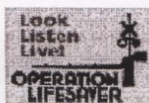
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