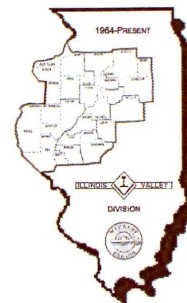




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Hello IVD members,

Here it is once again, time for another gathering of IVD members to meet for fun, learning and most importantly FELLOW-SHIP!

I write this column while sitting in my fifth wheel camper in Kansas City, MO at the Worlds of Fun Village campground. My wife and I are here on vacation to enjoy Worlds of Fun amusement park and to do some railfanning. I have not rail fanned in this area before but have been told of a few good places to catch some rail action. But mostly importantly, to ride roller coasters! Something I enjoy as much as railfanning.

Here is what has happened since our last Meet in May and the last IVD board meeting in August.

After rescheduling this event twice now, we have set a new date for the IVD Cookout at Peck Park in Galesburg, that date is Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 4pm. This is the same day as our Sept IVD Meet, but this is the only date in Sept that works out for me and a couple of our Board members. 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. Please be sure to RSVP with your plans so we know how many to cook for.

Also, as a reminder 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 and cookout.

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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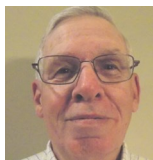
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## Upcoming 2022 IVD Meetings

### **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.

### **Division Meet and ANNUAL PICNIC,** **Saturday, September 17, 2022, 12:00 noon** **to 4:00 pm, Peck Park, 860(ish) E. North** **Street, Galesburg, Illinois**

Due to the cancellation of the annual picnic because of unfavorable weather, the picnic has been rescheduled to be combined with the September Illinois Valley Division met. The combined meeting/picnic will be held at Peck Park, Galesburg.

The IVD Board will provide all food and serving utensils, paper plates, napkins, plasticware, etc. hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, chips and condiments. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish, desert or other specialty, but is not required. Bring your own beverage, but alcohol is not allowed. Bring a lawn chair because picnic tables are few in the park.

Peck Park is a good location for railfanning with 3 to 7 trains an hour on 4 mainlines. Parking is on the south side of the park, off East North Street.

The cookout is open to all IVD members and their spouse or one guest. **PLEASE RSVP TO: Jim Tatum, superintendent@nmra-ivd.org, or cell: 309-338-3622; or Minton Dings, greenriverbranch1957@gmail.com, or cell: 309-241-4504 to assist in planning.**

### **Board of Directors Meetings:**

The next Board of Directors Meeting, will be Sunday, October 9, 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  
Dioramas—Off-Line, Location To Be Determined

# Inglenook Party?

By Larry Nelson

What, you say your layout is not designed for operations. My layout is too small. My layout isn't finished. I don't have room for more than a couple people at a time running my layout. I don't have a layout. There are hundreds of reasons for not hosting an operating session. Don't feel guilty. Host an Inglenook Party.

What, you say, is an Inglenook Party? Inglenook Switching Puzzles have been around for many years. It was designed in England as a way to have fun shunting cars in a small space, hence the name Inglenook. An Inglenook puzzle can be made very cheaply and easily transportable in an automobile. I have built a transportable puzzle and have also included a puzzle into my home layout I am currently building. I think we could have Inglenook Parties all over our division, region, nation, even the entire world! (Am I getting carried away?) Similar to modular railroad events (N track, etc.), we could gather together with our puzzles and do some shunting. Each puzzle could entertain several people at a time.

What are Inglenook Puzzles and what are the rules? The puzzle consists of a main line, two switch leads, an engine, and eight freight cars. The engine is placed on the main line to start and the eight freight cars are randomly placed beyond the switches on the main line or on the switch leads. A switch list with randomly chosen cars, usually 5 or more cars, is put together by drawing. There are several ways to do this. One popular way is to place magnetic numbers on the roof of the freight car. A magnet is glued to the underside of the roof to hold the number magnet randomly placed on top of the car. Then 5 or more numbers are drawn to determine the order that the cars need to be made up on the main line, ready to ship out.

A second method involves making a picture card for each car ahead of time. These cards are shuffled like playing cards and then one card at a time is drawn to determine position of the car on the main line. The cards are laid out, in order, so the engineer can refer to them as he builds his train.

A third way is to use the road name and number of the freight car. These would be placed on cards and drawn same as the picture cards above. Of the three methods this is the most difficult method, especially for us old farts, who can't see or remember what we were going to do when we walk into the next room! The third method would be the most prototypical method for the purest among us.

This sounds pretty simple but don't be fooled. There are some rules that make this much more chal-

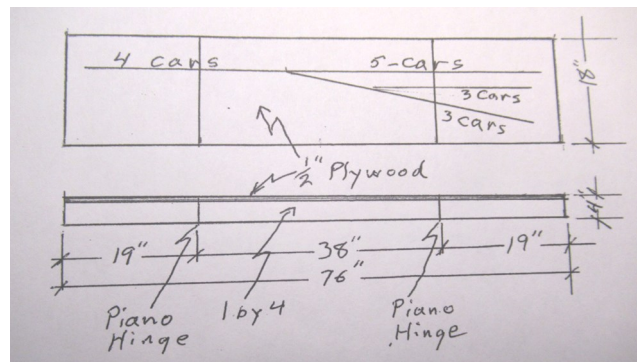
lenging. The main line lead into the switches will only have room for the engine and three cars, the main line beyond the switch will hold five cars, and the two sidings will only hold three cars each. The number of possible solutions is in the hundreds, so the game doesn't become monotonous. Solving the puzzle is a reward in and of itself. To make solving it more interesting, keep track of the number of move each operator uses, then determine a winner for the party. To make it really interesting a party winner would have a handicap awarded for the next get together. This handicap would be determined by the difference between him and the next closest operator at the last party.

Each Puzzle could occupy up to three people, an engineer, a brakeman and a judge to keep track of number of moves. I know we have two traveling puzzles in the IVD, and I one built into my new layout. I think we have the makings of a party night if anyone is interested. Contact me or Dave Hawkey. We will try to put something together.

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Anyone wishing to build a traveling puzzle can contact me and I will draw a set of plans based on how I built mine. My puzzle is pretty much self contained and folds for easy travel. My puzzle is in HO scale and uses a small DC transformer from an old train set. There are only two salvaged turnouts with ground throws and some salvaged code 100 track and cork roadbed. Four ends of track bumpers from old snap track were also used. Dave made his a little fancier than mine with DCC and scenery. You can build yours as simple or as fancy as you like. Track length is determined by the size of engine and car lengths. I suggest a switch engine and 40 foot cars to keep the size small for traveling. Puzzles could be built in other scales. Smaller is better for traveling, but to small makes it harder to uncouple cars.





# Layout Scenery Built From Dioramas

by Minton Dings, MMR

Now having celebrated the fifty sixth anniversary of my twentieth birthday, a kinder way of saying seventy six, I am more convinced of a method of scenery I began practicing about fifteen years ago.

As I have become older, it has become increasingly difficult to spend long periods of time bending over the layout constructing scenery. Although I never have to reach more than three feet from any aisle except two corners, it is the extended periods of reaching which lead to aches and pain in the back.

Some years ago, at the urging of my wife, I purchased a Topside Creeper, from Micro-Mark, to work over the top of the layout and scenery for maintenance purposes. Although at the time I was hesitant to buy it, she was right in her assessment that there would come a time when I would need it. The Topside Creeper also works well for scenery construction, but becomes uncomfortable to use for an extended period of time.

Whenever comfort is sacrificed, the quality of work on the layout is affected. This is particularly true when detailing scenery.

My solution to building quality scenery for any area but the first foot and a half in from the aisle has been to build it at the workbench. This is no more than constructing a custom fitted diorama which will be blended into the surrounding scenery. The blending process may take some bending and stretching, but that time will be minimal compared to the time it would take to complete an entire scene.

The first step in creating the custom sized diorama is to measure the area in which this scene will be placed. Then cut the base to fit the space. If the area is large, consider dividing the scene into two dioramas to be butted end to end or side to side, even end to side.

My favorite base material is Gatorfoam board. It can be purchased from Micro-Mark in 12" by 18" sheets colored tan or black. These sheets are 1/4" thick, which is the same thickness as HO scale cork roadbed. Gatorfoam board can be purchased in 4' by 8' sheets in a variety of thicknesses and colors through building supply and contractor supply outlets.

My scenery techniques are about 95% water based. Water based glues, acrylic paints and water thinned glue or matte medium can be used without warping the board or its surface. In modeling ground cover I normally put down a layer of glue covered with sand. The sand is sprayed with 91% alcohol to

facilitate absorption of the thinned 7 parts water to 1 part matte medium as an adhesive. Then a layer of ground foam is appropriately placed and again sprayed with alcohol and matte medium solution. Despite the multiple layers of water, the Gatorfoam board remains stable. This ground cover method covers abutted ends of the board and in the case of an abrasive scuffing of the surface, does not show the board below.

When a diorama is finished, I will install it into its place. It can be tacked down with a few spots of glue, or many times, I have discovered the matte medium used for surrounding scenery will tack the edges to hold it in place. The diorama then can be easily removed if necessary without damaging the scene. Then sand, ground cover, trees, and bushes can blend it into the surrounding landscape. Be creative.

Note the examples in the following pictures.



**Riverside Lumber**



**Market Street was built for a diorama contest to become part of the Beaver Dam city scene**





**Market Street diorama blended into the Beaver Dam town scene as seen from the opposite end from the picture above**

Riverside Lumber is a scratchbuilt scene based on an O scale kit offered by Mt. Albert Scale Models a number of years ago. It was built as a diorama beginning at the front edge of the fence and office building. The street scene was blended in.

The Market Street scene was blended into the surrounding grass, trees and streets. of surrounding scenes.



**Popovich Pipe Diorama**

Popovich Pipe is a somewhat rearranged and upgraded kit from Bar Mills Scale Models. The base was cut to fit the space but was not wide enough to contain the entire structure. The warehouse building was detached and a new back wall was scratchbuilt to fit the space available. The front boundary of the diorama was determined by the track curving on that side of the scene.



**Logging Yard Engine House, Green River Logging**

The lumber yard engine house diorama sits in a corner which is difficult to reach. The trees and landform to the left are against the backdrop. This elevated area was formed with foam.



**Side of Diorama will Extend into the Next Scene.**

I have recently been experimenting with the making of background panels made in the same manner. I will reserve my judgement on that process for later when they are part of a completed scene.

### **Final Thought**

Whether you are one of us who are somewhat physically challenged by age or just want to do be able to do our best work, building scenery dioramas for inclusion into our layouts seems to be a good option.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By Larry Nelson

We have the “World’s Greatest Hobby”, but we are doing a poor job of promoting it to the general community. I am as guilty as the next guy! I assume that if someone is interested in model railroading that they will pick up a copy of the latest model railroad magazine and get started. Some do exactly that. However, some need a little nudge to get started. I think if we want to grow our hobby, it’s our job to nudge them in that direction. There are many ways to reach out to the community and I will cover a few of those at the conclusion of this article, but for now I want to throw out a new idea for your consideration.

I was recently approached by a friend who volunteers at a small central Illinois town library. She has started a project she calls Hidden Treasures. This project involves showcasing local people who have special talents or hobbies which none of their neighbors are aware of. One person may spend a lifetime collecting thimbles or tea kettles. Another might do counted cross stitch or tie fly fishing flies. A third person might make dulcimers or carve decoys.

She heard that I was involved in model railroading and asked me if I would be interested in helping her fill her display case for the upcoming month with a model railroad display. At first I hesitated and I begged her to let me think about it. She was like a dog with a new bone and wouldn’t let me off that easy. She started filling in the questions I had even before I asked them. She told me about the display area that was available. It consisted of a glass display case about four feet long with a glass shelf about one foot deep and four feet long and the floor of the case about 20 inches deep and four feet long. The top of the case was reserved for a small sign on an easel which she would provide. I would have about a month to put something together if I needed it. I started thinking about what I might put in that size of display area. Suddenly I thought about my dioramas that I had built for contests that were just sitting around collecting dust. I also had a small library of “how to” books on model railroading that I could use to fill in empty spaces. I quickly told her that I could do something and told her what I was thinking. She said that would be great and would contact me in about a month when the space became available. This conversation took place at a party with friends, and one of those friends was listening in on the conversation. She is on the board of directors of the city museum of a neighboring town. She jumped in and said that she wanted me put that display in her museum also. That got me thinking that there is also a public library in that town

which puts up a monthly display. I could contact them. There are several nearby towns with libraries and museums. I will contact some of them and see if they have similar displays. I’m sure they do and are probably looking for things to fill their display cases. And then my mind started to go into high gear. I have lots of NMRA buddies in my Illinois Valley Division who are surrounded by towns with libraries and museums. I know that most of my buddies are talented model railroaders and could put together displays better than mine. Just think how many needy display cases there are in the Illinois Valley Division of the NMRA. How many dreamers will look at those displays and get nudged in our direction? I have talked to so many people who get excited when I mention playing with trains. All they need is a little nudge to get into the hobby or back into the hobby. Men and women alike tell stories about their love of trains. I know a few women modelers who are fantastic. I think a lot of women would rather play with trains than with dolls! All they need is a little nudge in that direction.

Wake up all you districts in NMRA Midwest Region! Wake up all you districts and regions in the United States! Wake up all you members worldwide! This is a freebie. It’s a quick and easy way to reach our communities. I can’t begin to fill all those hundreds and thousands of display cases by myself, but with enthusiastic members spread all over the world we can make a dent in it. Displays could be made up of locomotives from your favorite railroad, explanations of different scales with examples of each and track size, scratch built structures, schedules and time pieces, hats and badges, photos of prototypes and photos of your layout, etc.

I can’t say for certain that this will bring one person to discover the world of model railroading. I can say that the odds would be in our favor if I were a betting man. I can say that after I set up my display, I sat across the library at a table and watched the first few people to come into the library. They spent quite a long time looking at it and pointing out things to each other. I would guess that they will tell their friends about the display. Imagine that happening every day all over the world! We would have to get to NMRA meetings early in order to find a parking space!

Some other methods involve more personal contact time than most of us have to offer and would only touch a tiny portion of the people who would be touched by the above method. Those could involve open houses at your train club, invitations to operating sessions, invitations to NMRA meetings, standing on the corner of Main and Locust twirling a sign, etc.



## ON PLANNING A LAYOUT

by Minton Dings, MMR

Looking back on the construction of my present layout, I have reflected on some of the successes and pitfalls of building this layout. Hopefully a comment or two within this article will strike you as worthwhile in considering the building of your present or future layout.

### Consider Your Resources

The three major considerations are space, time and financial resources. What is the actual space you can spare from your essential living area considering the needs of family if you have one? How much time can be allotted to the hobby considering family obligations? Last, but not least, is how much of a financial commitment can be given to building a model railroad, whether it be a four by eight table top or a full basement. You might actually want to budget what you will spend to create a control mechanism. This might have to be a negotiated settlement with your Chief Financial Officer. A hint—it is always best to start small and make it grow over the years. This is how the famous model railroader, John Allen, built his also famous Gore & Daphetid.

That which I was able to do while moving every three years, raising a family and paying associated expenses, sharing a home with a spouse and two children, limited my goals. Now that I am retired, have sufficient allocated space and a supportive spouse, I am able to reach further toward my goal of a finished layout. By the way, this is not a full basement railroad. My resources in space, finances and years remaining in my natural life have made me decide that half a basement is quite enough to reasonably last me



**A full basement was the dream, but half was the reality. Here is a one quarter shot of the railroad.**



**Another one quarter shot of a half basement model railroad, more than enough for my resources.**

the rest of my life and accomplish my goals.

### Skills to Produce Your Dream

Don't worry about whether you have the skills to build this model railroad. The skills will come as you progress from project to project. In addition there is an immense amount of published books, articles and information available on the internet as a resource.

### What are Reasonable Limits

Your reasonable limits may surprise you. As with many other model railroaders, I like to collect locomotives, freight and passenger cars and structures. But how much is enough? My inventory indicates I have over 100 locomotives, 660 freight cars, 35 passenger cars and 268 structures, both large and small.

When operations began on the Green River Branch, it became evident that any more than 100 freight cars and 15 to 18 locomotives would clog up the yards and sidings to the point that reasonable operations could not happen.

One limiting mechanism used for the Green River Branch is choosing a date after which nothing will be purchased. In this case it is 1957. Still I have too much "stuff," when nothing is purchased which would have appeared on the railroad after that year.

### Consider Your Goals for Building a Layout

Why do you want to build a layout? Do you like trains and want to watch them run? Do you like switching cars in and out industries into locally dispatched trains. Or do you like to see passenger trains run from end to end? What aspect of model railroad-ing do you enjoy most such as scenery or operations? Do you have a particular region or location of the country to model? Do you want the viewer to be able



prototype railroad? Knowing these issues will help in deciding what kind of layout to build. But be careful. I discovered that goals can change between the layout conceptualization stage and the end goals. How do I know this? Read below.



**Open country running was an important feature along with small villages and switching**



**The small village of Harts Station is one of six villages and two cities on the layout.**

An example of changing goals happened after the planning stages of the Green River Branch. This layout was conceptualized several years and two layouts ago. My primary interest lays in two areas; building structures and scenery. Two previous layouts had to be torn down due to moves and never reached the point of considering what the future of the layout would be. The present Green River Branch was planned based on the two previous attempts, lush scenery and a reasonable amount of switching to businesses and industries without hindering the full scenery appearance while providing enough work to



**Central City, Kentucky in 1957 on the Green River Branch version**

make for interesting and varied operating sessions. When the present layout's scenery was about 60% complete, I began to contemplate what I would do with the layout when it was completed in about three years or so. From reading Tony Koester and Andy Sperandio over time, I came to realize the continued meaningful life of a layout lays in making it operational in the manner of an actual railroad. In planning the first operations session it became obvious that my scenery/structure based layout presented operational difficulties.

It then appeared that some of my scenery would have to be torn out and the track plan restructured in an area where a head on collision was narrowly averted in all of the first three operating sessions. Being a scenery guy, it hurts to tear out scenery which was planned to flow so well.

As I have now viewed and operated on a number of layouts, layouts that are generally designed for operations have rather sparse scenery and scenery oriented layouts have fewer switching opportunities. I learned that I wanted to have a layout featuring full scenery appearance and opening country running while providing enough work to make for interesting and varied operating sessions.

### **Of All Layouts Big and Small**

While the limits (or lack thereof) dictate the size of a layout, its dimensions should not limit the quality of the craftsmanship. A small layout with a good operating scheme can provide hours of entertainment.

The Green River Branch of the IC is a medium sized layout. This is fortunate in that it still needs revision to become a great operations centered model railroad. In that it is true that a model railroad is never finished.



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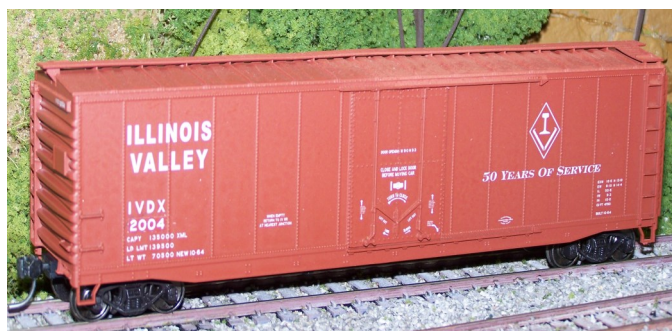
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The Fifty Year Anniversary cars are still available. There are now only 39 boxcars left. The cars are for sale at the division meetings and at train fairs. The cost is reduced to \$10.00 each plus shipping. The cost by mail is \$10.00 each plus \$6.00 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](mailto: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.



### Hobby Shop Information:

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

# SHERMAN SCALE TRAIN SHOW

SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 2022

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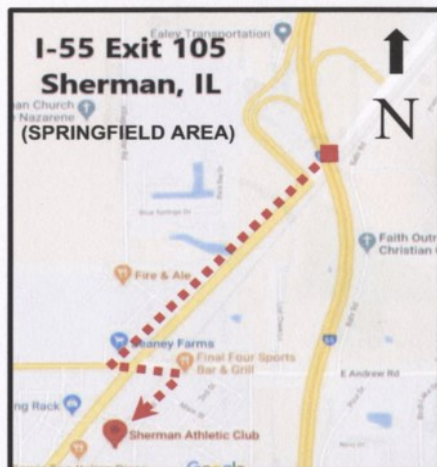
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## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODEL RAILRODERS

**Great Midwest Train Show** reopened August 8, 2021 at the DuPage County Fair Grounds, Wheaton, Illinois, October 2, 2022. The show is now scheduled for the first Sundays of 2022 except July. Their website did not list times or admission price. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

**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

**Boeing Employees Railroad Club Swap Meet**, Saturday, September 17, 2022, North County Recreation Complex, 2577 Redman Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 10 am to 3 pm. Admission \$5.00, under 12 free. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

**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.

**44th Annual Model Train Show-Swap Meet**, Saturday and Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2022, 10am to 4 pm, 1632 4th Avenue, Monroe Wisconsin.

**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.

**31st Annual Chicago Railroadiana and Model Train Show & Sale**, Sunday, October 16, 2022, Kane County Fairgrounds, Front Building, 525 South Randall Road, St. Charles, IL, 10 am to 3 pm. Admission \$6.00ad7otsk m,12 and under free with an adult.

**GM&OHS Railroad Show**, Saturday, October 22, 2022, 10am to 3pm, Normal, IL Holiday Inn, Junc-

tion of I-55 and I-39 (SW quadrant of intersection). Admission \$5.00.

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**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.

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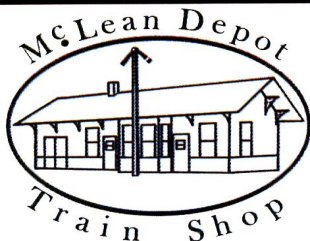
Following the passing of Marion Brasher, his records of the division Achievement Program have not been found. The search continues through contact with those who are handling Marion's estate.

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](mailto:greenriver-branch1957@gmail.com).

**IMPORTANT: Members who wish to have their work evaluated for credit toward their chosen certificate during a division meet, needs to contact Minton prior to the meeting to arrange for the judging team members to be present. See above for contact information.**





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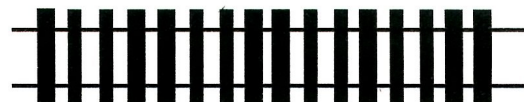
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