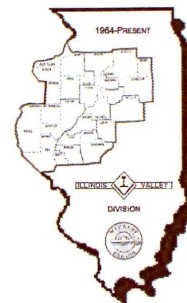




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Hello IVD members,

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

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

On February 18th, we held the 4th IVD potluck in Bartonville. We had plenty of members and their guests in attendance, a total of 12. The Board provided the main entrée which included pulled pork, fried chicken, cottage cheese and potato salad, as well as iced tea and bottled water. Oh, there were plenty of side dishes and desserts as provided by our attending members. As usual if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault, as there was plenty of food available. I would like to thank Mike Shockley for arranging the use of the community room at Trinity church again this year. Thanks again Mike!! And I would like to thank all the members and their guests for helping make this event successful. If you were not able to attend, we understand that other things get in the way, but I hope to see more members at next year's potluck and look for information on our next IVD outdoor event, which will be a cookout coming sometime this summer. Date to be determined.

The IVD portable layout was taken to the ICC train show in East Peoria, and we had plenty of volunteers. Thanks to all those who volunteered! We will be taking the layout to the Springfield Train Fair on March 12th, so if you are able to volunteer for that, please let us know. We will be sending out an email regarding the information for this event.

Lastly, the IVD elections are at the next IVD Meet on March 18th. The elections will be held via electronic submission, same as we did last year. You will get an email with a link to click and submit your votes. If you are a member who gets an emailed copy of the Timetable, return the ballot via email. Otherwise, return the election ballot included in this newsletter.

On a sad note, our long-time IVD member John Kujawa has passed away. He passed on Feb 18th. John will be missed within our organization and our prayers go out to his family and friends.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve or what would interest you, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our board members.

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

Highball!!!

Jim Tatum

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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Upcoming 2023 IVD Meetings

Membership Meetings:

Division in-person meetings 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.

March 18, 2023, DIVISION MEET:

MARCH “ELECTION” MEETING CHANGE OF LOCATION

The March meeting of the Illinois Valley Division will be held March 18, 2023, at the Peoria Public Library, Main Branch Conference Room (Downtown), Lower Level, 107 NE Monroe Street, Peoria. Off street parking is available beside the library and entry is handclapped accessible. There is no need to “feed” the parking meters on Sunday.

Contests: (1) Diesel Locomotives and (2) Photos of Models.

Two clinics will be presented: Track Planning by Randy Sommer, and Building a Loconet Tester by Mike Shockley.

Masks may be the order of the day. Be prepared if that is the case.

Board of Directors Meetings:

The next Board of Directors Meeting, will be Sunday, April 17, 2023, 6:00 pm by Zoom. Members who wish to attend need to contact Jim Tatum, Superintendent at the email address listed to the left of this page to receive the Zoom invitation.

2023 POPULAR VOTE CONTEST SCHEDULE

March: (1) Diesel Locomotives
(2) Photos of Models

May: (1) Buildings Off Line
(2) MOW Cars, Vehicles and Equipment

September: (1) Photos of Layouts
(2) Specialty Railroad Cars, Non-MOW

November: (1) Passenger Cars
(2) Bridges

JANUARY 2023 LAYOUT TOUR

Gregor Moe, Chicago Great Western



Thomas Ose, OMS Remodels



OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AND MEMBERS OFFERING TO SERVE FOR THE 2023—2024

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Term of two years. For Election by all Members of the Illinois Valley Division



MINTON DINGS

I have been a model railroader for over 60 years. I have been a member of the NMRA from 1982 to 1994 and again since 2004. I was previously the assistant superintendent from 2011 to 2019 and then appointed to the position by the Board of Directors from 2020 to 2021 and elected again for 2021 to 2023. I have a bit of experience in the office.

I am a retired paramedic and firefighter and previously a pastor. Retirement has afforded me the time to become more involved in the NMRA, the Illinois Valley Division and model railroading projects. I model the Illinois Central Railroad in West Central Kentucky in 1957, the transition era from steam to GP7 and GP9s diesels.

Currently, I am also the editor of our newsletter, the TIMETABLE. My goals continue to be seeing growth in our division; reaching young model railroaders, those who are recently retired and have fond memories of their trains of their youth and encouraging families to make model railroading a family affair.

I would be honored to continue to again serve as the Assistant Superintendent and to work to see the fulfillment of the goals I have stated above.

TRAINMASTER: District 1, To be elected by members residing in Peoria and Tazewell Counties.



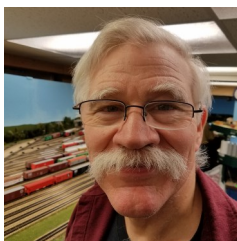
RUSSELL SMITH

Russ Smith. I am a retired United Methodist clergy. I have been modeling off and on since 1977. I model the GM&O /Alton Route which ran through my home in Cass County on the Jack Line. My layout is about 22 x 26 feet, double tracked, DCC controls with three yards of varying sizes. I am standing for election for the District 1 of the Illinois Valley Division, NMRA.

TRAINMASTER: District 3. To be elected by members of Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties.

DAVID HAWKEY

I have enjoyed model railroading since child-



hood, and have benefited immensely from encouragement, support, information, inspiration, and instruction provided by modelers in local and national model railroad groups. I have tried to follow their example by actively encouraging and supporting others' modeling

efforts, and by promoting the hobby through attending and hosting layout open houses and operating sessions, offering ideas and hands-on assistance in the design, construction, and operation of others' layouts, and by presenting clinics at the division level.

I've been a member of the NMRA since 2002, served as Chief Clerk from 2004 to 2008, and currently am the Trainmaster for District 3. I helped refurbish the IVD modules and support continuing to offer hands-on model railroading experiences to children and adults by displaying the modules at train meets and other events in Central Illinois.

TRAINMASTER: To be elected by members from Adams, Brown, Cass, Logan, Mason, McDonough, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler and Scott Counties.

THOMAS OSE



I rejoined the NMRA in 2016 after being away from the hobby. Since that time I has been active as the secretary of the Gateway Division and Trainmaster of District 5 of the Illinois Valley Division. I have presented numerous sessions on how electronics are

available for the hobby and four sessions on how to program and use the Arduino controller. I has organized two monthly meetings at the Chatham depot.

My hobby interests are primarily centered around Mid-German railroading during the transition period. I model HO scale and use Marklin trains and rolling stock. I concentrates on providing great detail on my layout and use electronic controls for both lighting and automation. My scenery and buildings are mostly kitbatched or scratchbuilt.

When I am not working on my layout I repairs and upgrades customers' engines and builds custom models. When I am totally bored I will use my 3d printers to create characters that are then painted with great detail.

Remember: Set clocks forward March 12th before the Springfield Train Fair.

ILLINOIS VALLEY DIVISION 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON TO VOTE CAREFULLY!

1. Record your name and NMRA Membership Number in the lower right corner of this instruction box.
2. To Submit Your Ballot, fold the ballot address outward, tape shut on both ends and add a First Class Stamp or send your ballot digitally as delivered to you by e-mail.
3. Mail-In Ballots must be received no later than March 17, 2023 by mail or be delivered to the meeting March 18, 2023 to be counted.
4. Ballots must be submitted by mail or the digital format, delivered to all e-mail addresses of Illinois Valley Division members as provided to the NMRA.
5. Ballots will be destroyed following the election

NAME _____ AND
NMRA MEMBER # _____

FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

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

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Minton Dings

FOR THE OFFICE OF PAYMASTER

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

No Candidate

***** 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 1

(Vote for One) - Only For Members of the Illinois Valley Division residing in Peoria and Tazewell Counties.

☐

Russell Smith

FOR THE OFFICE OF TRAINMASTER OF DISTRICT 3

(Vote for One) - Only For Members of the Illinois Valley Division residing in Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties

☐

David Hawkey

FOR THE OFFICE OF TRAINMASTER OF DISTRICT 5

(Vote for One) - Only For Members of the Illinois Valley Division residing in Adams, Brown, Cass, Logan, Mason, McDonough, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler and Scott Counties

☐

Thomas Ose

NOTE: Only one candidate is listed per position because on other members indicated their willingness to run for an office.

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Do you remember this reprint from ten years ago?

SCRATCHBUILDING - HAVING IT YOUR WAY

By Minton Dings



One of the contest categories for Illinois Valley Division is "Scratchbuilt—Any Category." Many modelers do not scratch build because of a perceived lack of ideas or ability. I am certain that many members will not consider showing a scratchbuilt model at the meet for those reasons.

Although I have a number of scratchbuilt items and have begun plans to scratch build a rather intricate old house I found in Table Grove, IL last year, many of the scratchbuilt items on my layout are simple.

Here is a simple project that any one of us could do in a couple of evenings, or a day for those of us who have those blocks of time available.

I needed railroad "crossbuck" signs; a lot of them. When looking at the cost of buying them commercially, I discovered the cost was beyond what I wanted to spend. Although scratchbuilding does not necessarily save the modeler money, this project was begging to be done from lumber I had on hand.

Materials needed for the crossbuck project are 6"x6" (1/16th) and 1"x8" dimensional lumber, yellow carpenter's wood glue, white paint, gloss coat, dull coat, and decals. Dimensional lumber for this project was from Northeastern Scale Lumber and MicroMark, but there are a number of other scale number companies. The decals are from DM Custom Decals at dmdecals@tm.net.

Tools used were a scale ruler, squaring tool, a pencil, a Northwest Short Line Chopper II (but an x-acto knife with a #11 blade would do) and a small paint brush.

The posts were cut to a scale 16' long from the 6"x6" lumber. The crossbuck boards were cut a scale 5 1/2' long from the 1"x8" lumber; two per sign. Each of the crossbuck boards was marked with the pencil at the middle of their length to aid in centering them during assembly.

In assembling the crossbuck sign boards, I placed a drop of wood glue with a tooth pick on the center of one board and placed the second across it at right angles. I used the markings on my cutting mat to check that the boards were crossed squarely. A squaring tool could also be used. Squaring can be adjusted before the glue dries. Once dry, the cross buck boards can be applied to the post with a spot of wood glue. The top of the post should not exceed the height of the crossbuck. Again, I used the lines on my cutting mat to check the square of the post with the position of the cross buck boards.

Once dried in about two hours, I set the assembled signs into a piece of styrofoam and sprayed painted them white in my spray booth. For those who do not have a spray booth, the signs could be hand painted with the modeler's choice of white paint. After the paint dried over night, the signs were sprayed with a gloss coat and again allowed to dry. Decals were then applied and sprayed with dull coat. The signs which face away from view do not need decals.

This could be someone's first scratchbuilt project.



Scratchbuilt railroad crossing
signs at Hart's Station on the
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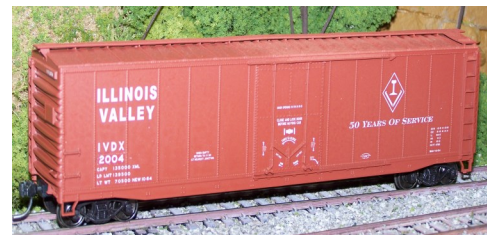
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50TH ANNIVERSARY BOXCARS AVAILABLE AT \$10 EACH

The Fifty Year Anniversary cars are still available. There are now only 35 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.



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 greenriverbranch1957@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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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODEL RAILRODERS

Great Midwest Train Show, Sunday, March 5, 2023, DuPage County Fair Grounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois. The show is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month of 2023 except no show in July and second Sunday of September, 9 am to 3 pm. Admission \$7, online \$6, and children under 11 free. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

Model Railroad Garage Sale, Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9 am to 2 pm, 4-H Building, Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Road, Dubuque, Iowa. Admission \$3.00, Children 12 and under free with a paid adult. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

Boeing Employees Railroad Club (St. Louis) Railroad Swap Meet, Saturday, March 11, 2023, 10 am to 3 pm. Greenfelder Recreation Complex, St. Louis, Missouri. Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free. Free parking and handicapper accessible

Springfield Railroad Society Train Fair, Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois. Admission \$5.00, Children under 11 free. Early bird admission at 9:00 am—\$10.00. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

31st Rock River Valley Train Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26, 2023, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Harlem High School, 9229 North Alpine Road, Machesney Park, Illinois (Rockford Area). Admission \$5.00, children free. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

Train Show and Swap Meet, Sunday, March 26, 2023, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, Vandalia Moose Lodge, 328 South 3rd Street, Vandalia, IL. Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free.

12th Annual Davenport Model Railroad & Memorabilia Show, Saturday April 1, 2023, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa. Admission \$5.00, children 12 and under free with an adult.

Train Sale, Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30 9:00 am to 3:00 pm both days. KC Hall, 606 West 3rd Street, Washington, Iowa. Free Admission.

After the Storm Train Show, Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Arnold Eagles Club, 1725 Jeffco Boulevard, Arnold, MO. Admission \$3.00, children 12 and under free.

2023 Pufferbilly Days Model Train Show and Swap Meet, Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6, 2023, Boome County Fairgrounds, 1801 Industrial Park Road, Boone, Iowa. Admission \$5.00, children 12 and under free with a paid adult. Free parking and handicap accessible.

Boeing Employees Railroad Club (St. Louis) Railroad Swap Meet, Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10 am to 3 pm. Greenfelder Recreation Complex, St. Louis, Missouri. Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free. Free parking and handicapper accessible.

Pacific Eagles Train Show, Saturday 23, 2023, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, 707 West Congress Street, Pacific MO. Admission: \$4.00, children 12 and under free.

Central Missouri Chapter of the TCA, Ozark Division 26th Annual Swap Meet, Saturday, October 14, 2023, Columbia Senior Activity Center, 1121 Business Loop 70 East, Columbia, MO, Admission: \$5.00, children under 12 free. Open to TCA members and sponsors at 9:00 am, general public at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

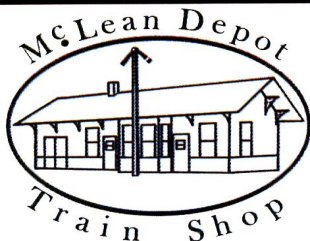
5th Annual Sherman Scale Train Show, Sunday, October 22, 2023, 10 am to 3 pm, Sherman Athletic Club, 300 South First Street, Sherman, Illinois. Admission \$5.00, Children under 10 free. Early bird admission at 9 am, \$10.00. Free parking and handicapped accessible.

Model Train Meet, Saturday, November 11, 2023, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, VFW Post 5691, 1234 Vandalia, Collinsville, IL. Admission \$8.00, children under 12 free.

Train Fair & Farm Toy Show, Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Rt. 6 West, 811 West Peru Street, Princeton, IL. Admission \$5.00, children under 10 free.

The Dupo Train Show, Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, American Legion, 200 South 5th Street, Dupo, IL. Admission: \$3.00, children 12 and under free.

Peoria Train Fair, Sunday, November 19, 2023 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.



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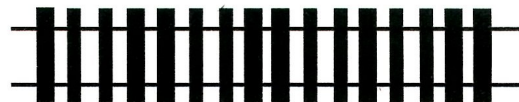
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