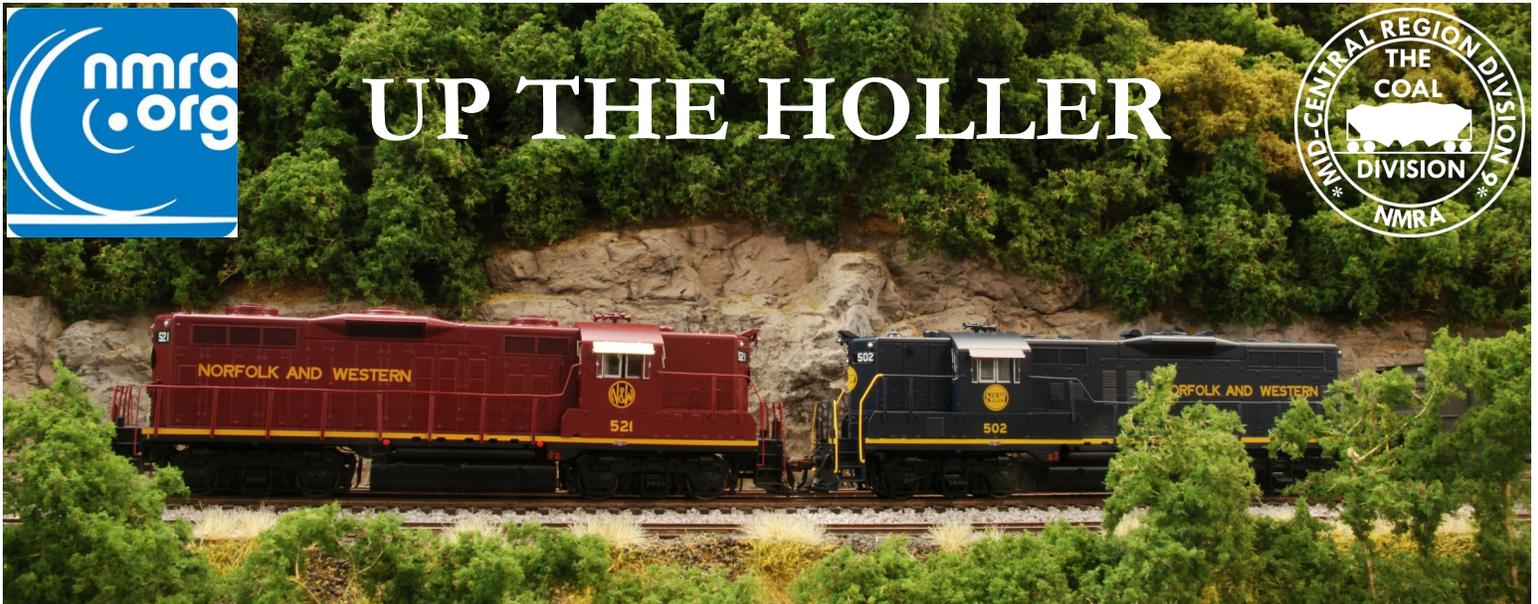




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DIVISION 9, MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

November 2019

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### Dan Mulhearn, Superintendent

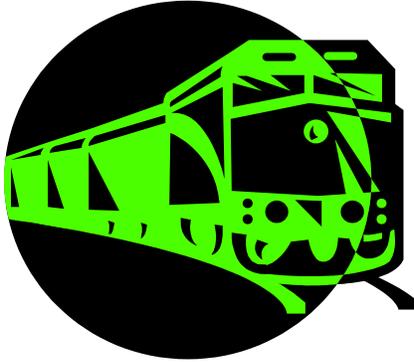
There is a current bluegrass song by Danny Paisley and Southern Grass. It's about walking back to Bluefield with a dollar in your pocket. Well, I sure hope you're not walking and you have more than a dollar in your pocket. I am hoping to see you in Bluefield for our November meeting event. Our November meeting will be at the new venue. I am working with the hotel on a space for our meeting. Hoping you can make it to our east end of the Division.

Don't forget there is some great railfanning in the Bluefield area. Ask me about good photo spots. To begin with there is Bluefield Yard. This is the highest spot on the original N&W railroad at the peak of Flat Top Mountain. Eastbound, it is the top of the Elkhorn grade where you may see manned helper service. Often there are empty hopper trains and loaded coal trains found in the yard waiting to be recrewed. Time freights and intermodal traffic usually make quick crew changes and get out of town without delay. There are several options to chase the railroad both east and west including local roads which closely follow the railroad. Out of Bluefield to the west you have the option to follow west from Bluefield, VA to Bluestone Jct. on US 52 west from where it comes down the mountain all the way to Welch, WV with numerous spots to access the railroad along the way. To the east it is possible to follow the line all the way to Narrows, VA, again with numerous photo spots along the way. Again, if you are interested I will have some written material available for local guidance. I highly recommend checking out the DeLorme Virginia and West Virginia atlas maps for detailed information on following the line.

On a sad note I see on the internet that the NS F units which have been powering the office car specials for many years are scheduled to be stored for an indeterminate period of time..F9A units 4270 and 4271 were built in 1952 as B&O F7As 937 and 947, later B&O 4580 and 4590. These units were rebuilt by Morrison-Knudsen for Maryland commuter service as 7181 and 7185, later MARC 81 and 85. The units then went to Kansas City Southern 1010 and 1020. In 2006 they were acquired by NS and rebuilt for a third time as power for the office train for an incredible 67 years in service!.F7B units 4275 and 4276 are even longer in the tooth. Built in 1950 as Chicago Great Western 113 D and 114 B, they went through several renumberings after being absorbed into the CNW. The units went to KCS as 2010 and 2020. They were acquired by NS in 2006 and rebuilt for office train service. What an incredible service life for these units! I hope if NS doesn't preserve them they go to a museum.

Again, see me at the Bluefield show for detailed info on local photo spots for NS. Don't forget the show is at a new venue on US 460 just a few miles west of Exit 1 of I-77. Hope to see you there.

Cover: Overview of the Cincinnati T-TRAK display. The gentleman in the photo is Joe Martin, the leader of the T-TRAK efforts of MCR Division 8 in the Louisville, KY area. The tornado scene is Joe's module Photo by Bob Osburn.



**Coal Division**  
**Monthly Railfun Event**  
*“Coal Division in the Coal Fields”*

**31<sup>st</sup> Hokey-on-the-Pokey**

Quality Inn Hotel and Conference Center  
 3350 Big Laurel Highway  
 Bluefield, WV 24701

***Saturday November 9, 2018***

- 9:00**      **Doors open-Come early or railfan the Bluefield area.**
- 1:00**      **Superintendent’s Briefing**
- 1:30**      **Contest Voting (Passenger Cars)**

**Enjoy the Show!**

**Directions and a map are on the next page.**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

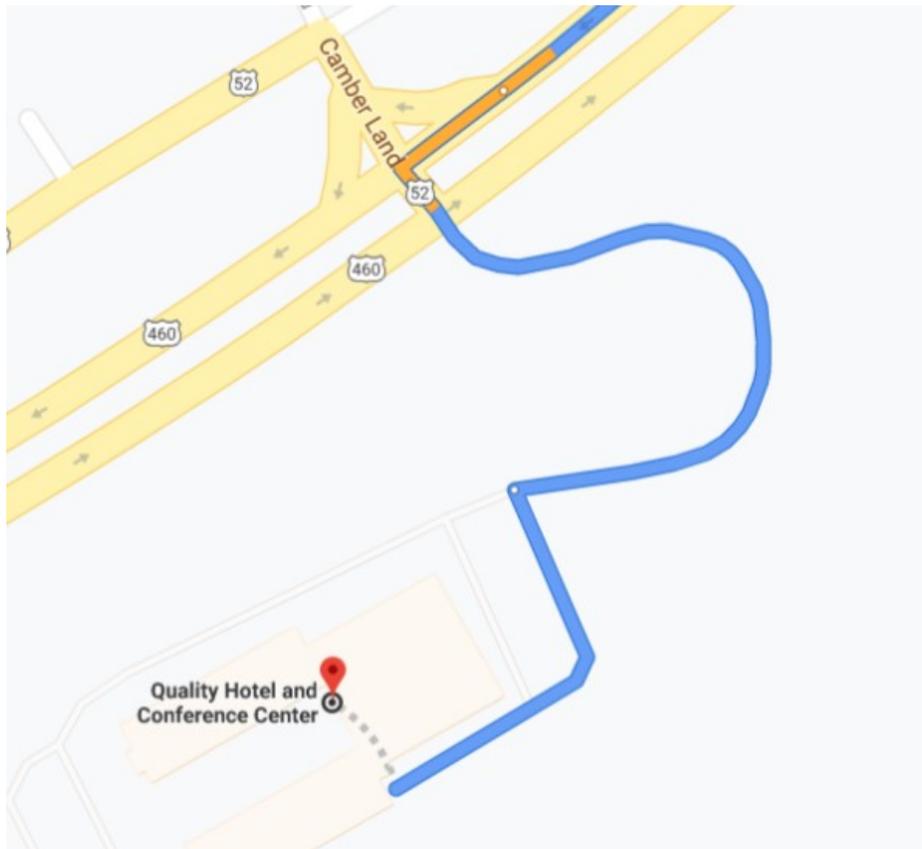
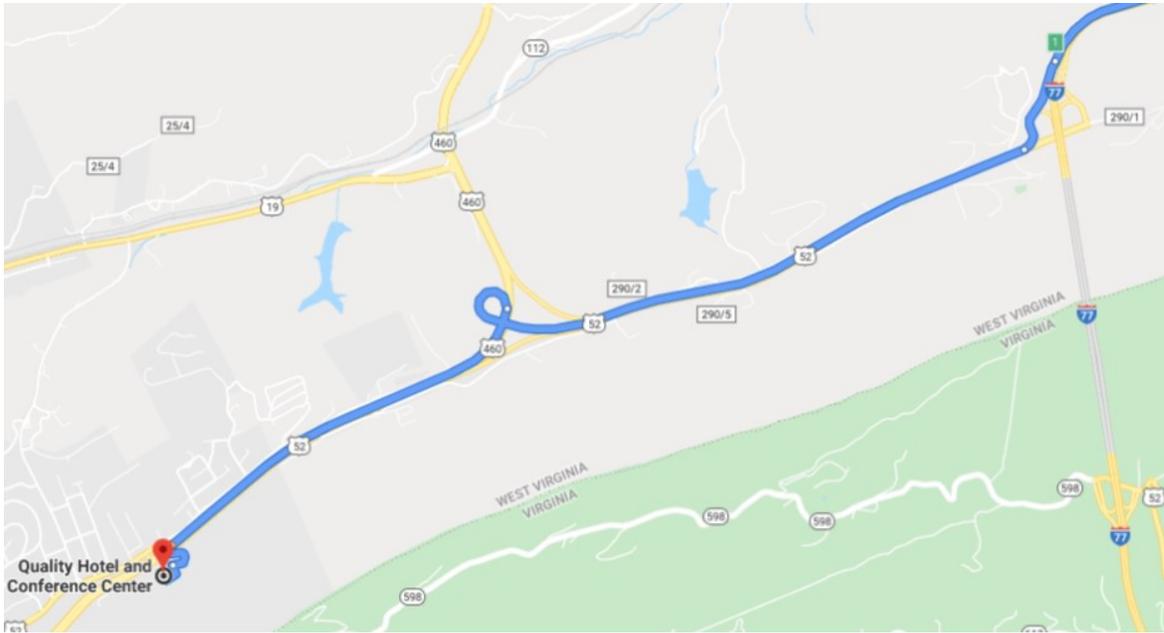
The goal of the newsletter team is to have this document reach you by email or snail mail at least one week prior to our meetings. We typically start the layout work the Monday 12 days before the meeting. This allows a day of review by the officers and a proofreader before the electronic version is issued, usually on Wednesday. The paper version is mailed Thursday or Friday. For this to happen reliably, we need all items for publication by that

Monday 12 days prior to the meeting. If we don’t get it on time we can’t print it. Please help us give you the most up to date information possible. Here are the deadlines for the next few issues

December	December 2
January	December 30
February	January 27

### November Meeting Directions

Probably the easiest access for most would be the WV Turnpike and I-77 to exit 1 just before the tunnel at Bluefield WV. Follow US 52 toward Bluefield. Where US 52 turns right, turn left to the road to the Quality Inn. See the maps below.



## FROM THE OFFICE DOWN THE HALL

### Bob Osburn, Assistant Superintendent

It appears the long, hot, dry summer is over and fall has finally arrived. For most of us, this gives us more indoor time to spend working on our model railroad projects and opportunity to attending the many fall and winter train shows available in our area. Bob Weinheimer always tries to include, when available, flyers for these shows in the monthly newsletter. Carpooling is a real solution for members to share a day together and attend these local shows, but remember the driver should have lots of trunk space to hold all those got-to-have purchases.

Speaking of shows, my wife and I were able to attend the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This was the largest show I have ever attended! A great location, Lakota West High School, offered abundant room for Division 7 to host this event. I've never seen so many operating layouts in all scales in one area. Everywhere you ventured in the building were layouts and vendors. One of the most interesting aspects of this show was the large number of hobby shops represented at this show along with the many individual vendors present. There was even a business there that sold only hobby tools. Needless to say; my hobby budget was depleted very fast.

Of course, my main reason for attending this show was the invitation from Division 7 to participate in the T-TRAK Module layout. Paul Musselman, the T-TRAK coordinator for Division 7, did a fantastic job of organizing the event. The modules went together without a hitch, trains ran for both days without problems, and takedown really went fast. Four Divisions from the Mid Central Region contributed modules for the layout. Division 9 members Dale Osburn, Bob Weinheimer, Herb

Parsons, Sam Delauter, and myself contributed 8 of the 40 modules that made-up the layout. The modules were very close to the entrance so everyone who attended the show had to pass the T-TRAK layout. This generated a lot of interest and resulted in a busy weekend answering questions and explaining the workings of the modules.

Now a few notes and information: Dale Osburn has started to distribute the materials for the 2019 Square Foot Challenge. Nine members have already received their packets and Dale will continue to distribute the packets at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Bluefield, WV Train Show November 9<sup>th</sup>. The show will be at a new location, directions and information are included in this newsletter. I'm sure several members from the western boundaries of our Division will be going so maybe you can contact them and possibly carpool.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>. in Huntington, WV. Sam Delauter is working with the organizers to procure an area for the T-TRAK modular railroad to once again be present at this show.

The December meeting will be a luncheon at Diehl's Restaurant, Nitro, WV December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. We will be able to order from a large selection of items on their menu. There will be an area reserved for us where we will have our meal and a brief business meeting. An area for the Square Foot Challenge will be provided where participants will have an opportunity to display and talk about their project. Directions and further information will be provided in the December newsletter.

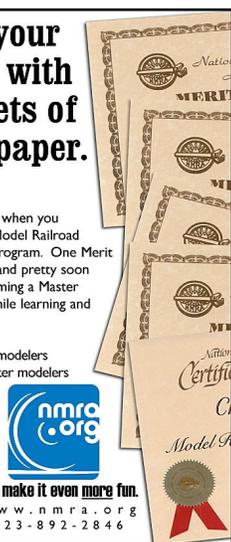
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### MONTHLY MODEL CONTEST 2019 SCHEDULE

January	Modeler's Choice
February	Steam Locomotives
March	Locomotives Other Than Steam
April	Cabooses
May	Anything Steel Related
June	Non Revenue Except Cabooses
July	Structures
August	Freight Cars
September	Photo, Model or Prototype
October	Open Loads (flats, gondolas, hoppers)
November	Passenger Cars
December	Third Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Modeling Challenge. Details and kick off in October

**NMRA MCR DIVISION 9**  
***THE COAL DIVISION***  
***St. Albans Depot***  
***St. Albans, WV***  
**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm by the Assistant Superintendent, as the Superintendent was absent.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – No report as clerk was absent.

Superintendent's Report – No report as the Superintendent was absent.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Robert Osburn said there will be a meeting in the near future with St. Albans about our use of the depot. He also noted that the train show in Cincinnati was very worthwhile and encouraged the members to attend it in the future if they can.

Newsletter Chair – The editor noted our newsletter is regularly reviewed by the NMRA President, which is a compliment to our division. Robert noted it is also a compliment to our editor's ability.

Achievement Program Chair – No report.

Library Chair – The library is at the meeting and is available to the members.

Contest Chair – This month's presentations were discussed. Also materials were made available for the Gary Burdette challenge.

Clinic Chair – There will be no more clinics for this year, but we need to line up topics for 2020.

Membership Chair – No report

Old Business – Robert noted that the new control tower at Mark Maynard's was very well done.

New Business – The Nominating Committee Chair advised the members to be thinking about the upcoming election in 2020. Details will be provided in the next newsletter.

Announcements –  
 AMRS Huntington Model Railroad Show- Nov. 2019 Division. 8 Train Show – Louisville, KY on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 Mid Ohio Valley club annual train show will be on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.  
 T-TRAK at Clifton Forge on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Meetings  
 November 9 – Bluefield , WV (new location – to be noted in next newsletter)

December 14 – Diehls Restaurant, Nitro, WV Noon

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Wadsworth, Acting Clerk

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**Bill Wadsworth**

It is time to prepare for the 2020 elections. According to our Constitution we need at least one candidate each for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. The slate of candidates will be reported at the January meeting at which time nominations can be made from the floor. The ballots are then prepared and mailed out to the

members in early February, and must be returned by the March meeting. (For 2020 this is March 14.)

If you know of someone who is willing to serve in one of these positions, please contact me at [nominating@coaldivision.org](mailto:nominating@coaldivision.org), preferably before or at the January meeting. Bill Wadsworth, Nominations Committee.

## CONTEST Dale Osburn

First place at the October contest was a tie between Sam Delauter for his BNSF Boeing 737 Fuselage and Parts Container and Bob Osburn for his New Slag Pot for the Steel Mill model. Second Place went to Larry Richards for his Narrow Gauge Flatcar (HOn30).

The November contest is Passenger Cars. Please provide a short written description which needs to include

the modeler's name.

Please remember the December contest will be the Third Annual Gary Burdette Memorial Modeling Challenge. No documentation will be needed to enter, I will supply name cards with the modeler's name for photos for Division 9 web page.



N Scale BNSF Boeing 737 Fuselage and Parts Container Car  
Sam Delauter

The Boeing 737 Fuselage and Parts Container is a kit produced by Micro trains. The kit contains the fuselage, the parts container, the ice breaker, the cradles, the flat cars, and the decals. The cradles and the ice breaker are 3D printed, the parts container is resin, and the fuselage is injection molded. The ice breaker and cradles had to be painted and I added some 0.010" brass grab irons where appropriate per prototype photos. Although they were already painted, I painted the yellow and black on the fuselage and the white on the parts container. Decals were then added where appropriate per the photos. To finish the car, I added a piece of styrene to the deck of the 89' flat car to simulate the fold down parts box for the car on return from delivering a fuselage. Lastly, I weathered the car and parts container with weathering chalk.



A New Slag Pot for the Steel Mill  
Robert Osburn

The inspiration for my model came from an article in the May 2018 issue of the *NMRA Magazine*. The article "Love Those Loads" by Bob Frankrone featured an HO Scale depressed center flat car with a slag pot as a load, I decided to do my own version of an N Scale flat car carrying a slag pot.

The depressed center flat car was no problem. A few searches on the internet yielded just the rolling stock I needed. The slag pot was another problem. N Scale slag pots are very hard to obtain. My only choice was to try to scratch build one. I first looked through the house and work shop for anything that resembled a slag pot - no luck. So out came the miniature lathe and in a little while I had produced a mold so I could use a vacuum former to make the body of the slag pot. The details applied to the pot are mostly styrene strip formed by a little cutting and filing. The trunnions are made from N Scale truck pivot pins and the support cribbing was fashioned from some scale lumber. Eye hooks were added to the flat car and sewing thread was used for the tiedown cables.

## CONTEST, continued



**HO<sub>n</sub>30 Narrow Gauge Flat Car  
Larry Richards**

The car is made from an N Scale box car frame lengthened and widened 1 scale HO foot. The wood sills and deck are board by board construction. The Micro Train wheels were replaced with Kadee metal wheels. The couplers are N Scale. The brake wheel and stirrup steps are HO Scale. The lumber load is a combination of laser cut pieces and scale lumber.

## SACOM OPEN HOUSE

**Bob Mershimer**

St. Albans C&O Modelers would like to invite Coal Division members to an open house at our layout after the January 11 meeting at the St. Albans Depot. We will have clubhouse on 10<sup>th</sup> Street next to old St. Albans High School open from about 2:30 to 4:30 to show off the lay-

out. See the photo below of some of the current layout. We would also be glad to accept any volunteer work in future on layout at times to be determined or structures to build for display.



### T-TRAK in Cincinnati Photos by Bob Osburn



Paul Musselman of Division 7 was the coordinator of the T-TRAK display.



Bruce DeMaeyer of Division 10 in Lexington is the champion of T-TRAK across the Mid Central Region.



This shot shows just some of the other layouts on display at the train show.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DAYTON TRAIN SHOW

Gail Yarnall  
Chair Dayton Train Show

### Hello MCR Divisions!

A situation has occurred with which we need your help. Another train show (for-profit) has moved into our venue two weeks before our show on Oct 19-20 and has also used "Dayton Train Show" in its advertising. This can be confusing to attendees, vendors and exhibitors.

Our show is, as always, the first full weekend in November, on Saturday Nov 2 at 11am-5pm and Sunday Nov 3 at 11am-4pm. Our venue is the New Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmiry Rd, Dayton, OH.

Due to the closeness of the two shows at the same venue, we need your support. Please notify your members of our days and hours so there is no confusion. Also, if you would please spread the word about our show, it would really help. The money that we clear from this show goes for education and interaction with the pub-

lic. We are a non-profit.

Our flyer is attached and is also available at [www.DaytonTrainShow.com](http://www.DaytonTrainShow.com) under "show flyer." We can also send you some flyers if you wish. Just email us the request at [NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com](mailto:NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com). We will be keeping people up to date with show developments on our web-sites ([www.DaytonTrainShow.com](http://www.DaytonTrainShow.com) and [www.ModelRailDayton.com](http://www.ModelRailDayton.com)) and on our Facebook Page (NMRA Annual Dayton Train Show). Also, be sure to send us your flyers and publicity materials as well. We are always happy to help you promote your show/event.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at our email (above) or call us at 937-301-0746. If no one answers, please leave your name, phone, and the best days/times for us to contact you. Our volunteers will return your call as soon as we can.

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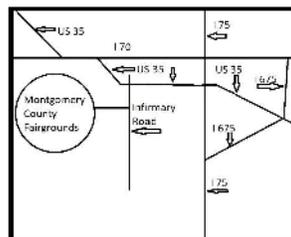
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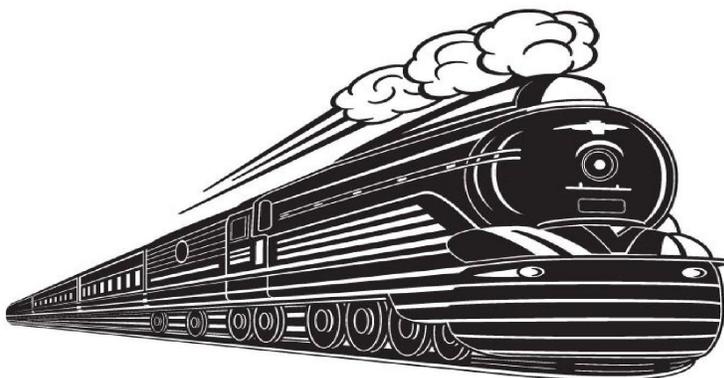


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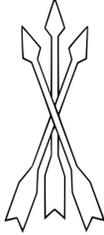
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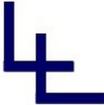


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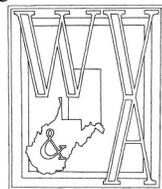


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