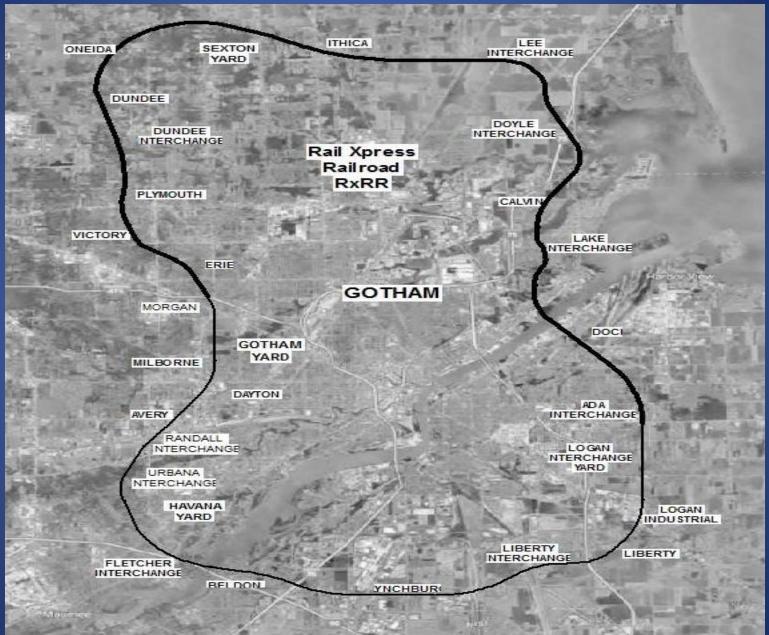


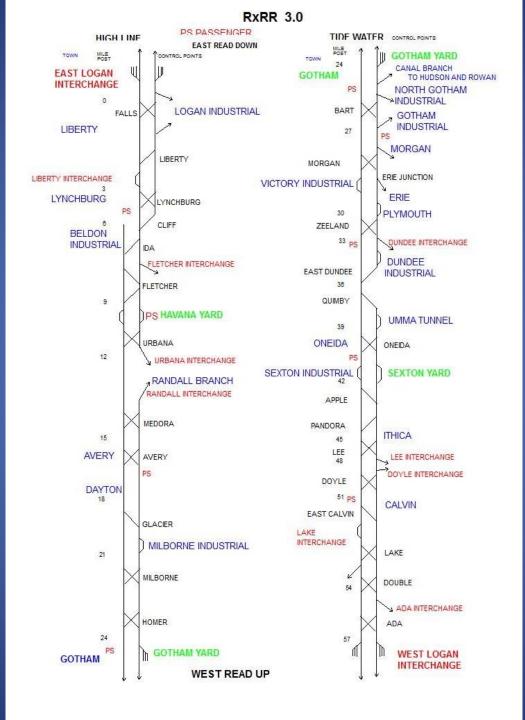
# Rail Xpress Railroad RxRR

**Ops Orientated Layout** 

By Dan Hinel

#### Aerial Map of Gotham and surrounding cities





#### RxRR 3.0 Overview

CTC controlled double track beltline switching railroad built for operations (Approximately 250 ops sessions to date)

Utilizes C/mri system for train detection and signaling Modern graphic CTC panel using Microsoft Visual Basic

Card Forwarding System is Card Orders (each industrial spot is assigned specific car type) Over 600 car spots

NCE Wireless System

Intercom Phone System used for Communication

Trains run in sequence (See Dispatcher Train Log)

#### RxRR 3.0 Overview

Typical Crew Dispatcher Gotham Yard Master Sexton/Havana Yard Master Eight Single or Two person Road Crews

#### OUR OPERATING GROUP IF OUR "EXPERTS" CAN DO THIS YOURS CAN TOO



WITH APOLOGY TO CARL FALLBERG

#### Layout:

2700 sq. ft. room

Double Track Main line 830 ft. with 75 ft. branch line

Total track length 3705 ft. and 325 turnouts

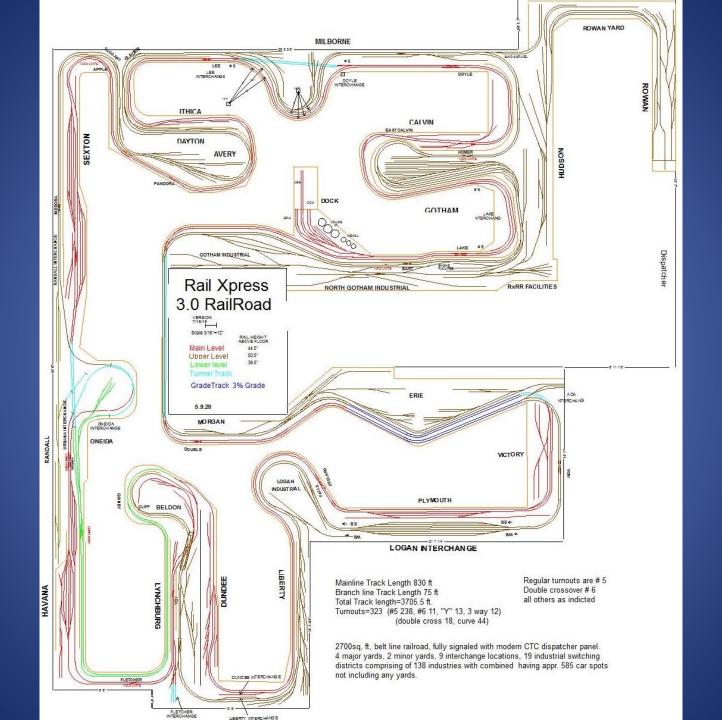
Two levels but one deck (6 " difference)

One level switching area the other run through

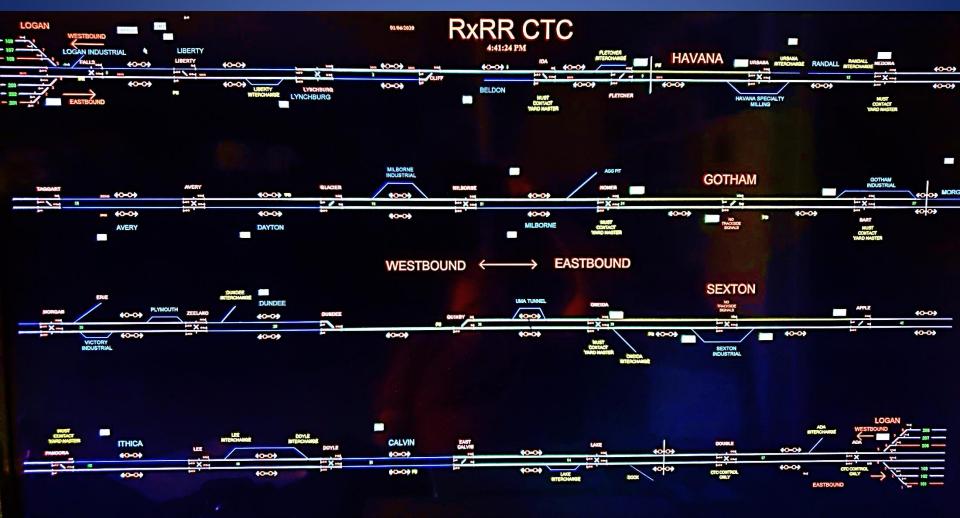
Fully Detected (168 blocks)

Fully Signaled (over 200 signal heads or 540 LED)

**30 Control Points** 















### 4 types of Trains

Yard Transfers: (12)	Originates out of Logan (10 cars) or Gotham (22 cars) Pick up or set out at various interchanges and minor yards
Local (Turns): (20)	Pick up and set out at 596 car spots serving 138 industries 19 switching districts Average 8 cars per train
Unit Trains: (4)	Pick up & Set out at various industries and interchanges Coal, Aggravated, Petroleum Products and Chemicals, and Grain (1 for 1)
Passenger: (1)	(Doodlebug) Multiple passenger stops



#### **DISPATCHER TRAIN LOG SHEET #1**

5/20/2020

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<u></u>	ITHICA-CALVIN TURN	SEXTON	E	SEXTON		
H1	BELDON	HAVANA	W	HAVANA		
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201	LOGAN-HAVANA-RANDALL INTERCHANGE- GOTHAM	LOGAN TK 1	Е	GOTHAM		
E1	AGG JOB	GOTHAM	w	GOTHAM		
G3	RxRR FACILITY	GOTHAM	É	GOTHAM		
	LIBERTY TURN	SEXTON	E	SEXTON		
G9	PLYMOUTH DUNDEE TURN	GOTHAM	E	GOTHAM		
G4	GOTHAM INDUSTRIAL	GOTHAM	E	GOTHAM		
E2	COAL JOB	W. UMMA TUNNEL	w	E. UMMA TUNNEL		
107	GOTHAM- RANDALL INTERCHANGE HAVANA- LOGAN	GOTHAM	W	LOGAN TK 7		
208	LOGAN- SEXTON-DUNDEE INTERCHANGE-GOTHAM	LOGAN TK 8	W	GOTHAM		
G5	DAYTON AVERY TURN	GOTHAM	W	GOTHAM		-
H2	LYNCHBURG	HAVANA	W	HAVANA		
H2 S3	LOGAN INDUSTRIAL	SEXTON	E	SEXTON		
G12	ROWAN	ROWAN		ROWAN		
102	GOTHAM-DUNDEE INTERCHANGE-	GOTHAM	Е	LOGAN TK 2		
203	SEXTON LOGAN LOGAN-HAVANA-RANDALL INTERCHANGE-GOTHAM	LOGAN TK 3	E	GOTHAM		

## **Rail Xpress Railroad**

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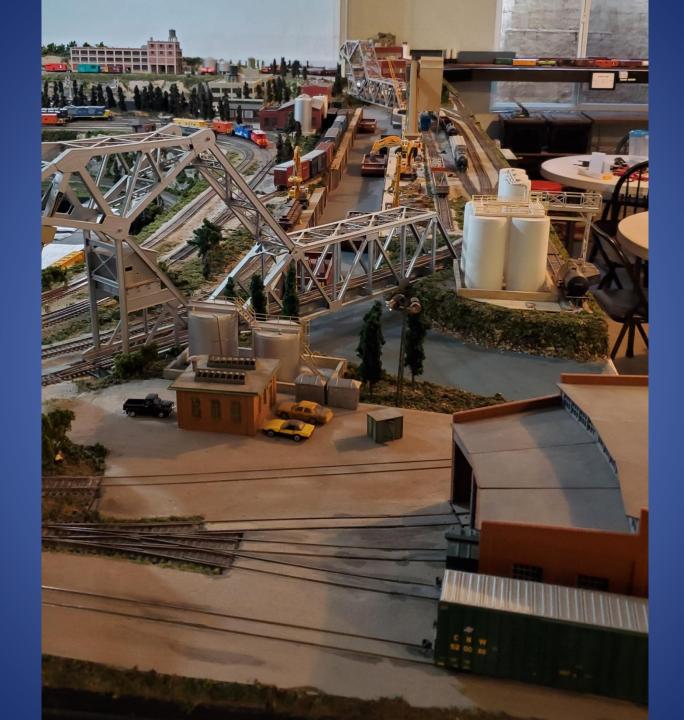


















### CAR ORDERS A CAR FORWARDING SYSTEM WITHOUT THE USE OF REPORTING MARKS

**Presented By** 

Dan Hinel

### Some Talking points First

- The crew on the ground is not interested in where a car came from or where it is going.
- They are only interested is what they have to do with it.
- This method is meant to focus on that part of operations.
- The Car Card system has a card for each car, the Car Order system has a card for each customer delivery spot.
- Car Order system has no documentation for any rolling stock. (+/- cars no problem)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- CAR ORDER FORM
- HOW IT WORKS
- YARD TRANSFER
- WAY FREIGHT (TURNS)
- UNIT TRAINS (MILK RUNS)
- ADVANTAGES

### **QUICK SURVEY**

- HAVE USED CAR FORWARDING?
  - Switch lists
  - 4 sided cards/pockets
  - "Just drop 8 cars here"
  - Some other system
- OPERATE IN HO OR SMALLER?
- WEAR GLASSES?
- WEATHERED CARS?
- LESS THAN BRIGHT LIGHTING?
- DISLIKE COMPLICATED PAPERWORK?
- WANT TO START OPS BUT TOO COMPLIOCATED TO START
- EASY OP SESSON SET UP

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TOTAL CAR SPOTS

### CAR ORDER FORM

## THE CAR ORDER SIDE

TOWN A CAR ORDER 40' BOX TO BE SETOUT AT

> TOWN A FEED MILL SIDING #1 SPOT # 2

WHEN CAR HAS BEEN SETOUT PLACE THIS CARD IN BOX LABELED "SETOUT " TURN(HOLD) This card is assigned to this town or yard
 Type of car

Car destination

• (siding/spot number)

The paper shuffle

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# THE COMPLETE FORM

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> TOWN A FEED MILL SIDING # 1 SPOT #2

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WHEN CAR HAS BEEN SETOUT TURN THIS CARD AND PLACE IN

UNFILLED

# Yard Transfers

**TRAIN 206** LOGAN - SEXTON- GOTHAM MUST CONTACT DISPATCHER BEFORE LEAVING ANY YARD LEAVE LOGAN WESTBOUND (LEFT) FROM TRACK # 6

Proceed Per Signal Indication Takes Siding at APPLE onto Sexton Yard Lead

### LAKE INTERCHANGE

(West of Lake) Pick up 4 cars Proceed Westbound

### LEE INTERCHANGE

(East of Lee) Pick up 4 cars From Track 2 Proceed Westbound

### SEXTON YARD

ARRIVE TRACK # 1
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

#### **DUNDEE INTERCHANGE**

(West Dundee) Pick up 4 cars

Takes SIDING at BART onto Gotham Yard Lead DISPATCHER WILL CONTACT GOTHAM YARD MASTER WHO WILL FORWARD INSTRUCTIONS

TAKE MOTIVE POWER TO ENGINE FACILITY

# SEXTON YARD

ARRIVE TRACK # 1 CHECK YARD BOARD FOR UNFILLED CAR ORDERS FILL CAR ORDERS BASED UPON TRAIN NUMBER AND SWITCHING DISCTRICT PRIORITY

SETOUT ON TRACKS 2 OR 3 ANY CARS THAT CAN FILL CAR ORDERS

> PLACE THESE CARDS IN FILLED ORDER BOX.

FROM TRACK 5 PICKUP ANY WESTBOUND CARS

DO NOT EXCEED 18 CARS IN YOUR TRAIN

### Sexton Yard



SEXTON YARD BOARD ARRIVE TRACK 1 YARD MAIN CHECK FOR UNFILLED CAR ORDERS PER PR RED NUMBER OF CARS NEEDED FOR TRAIN LIBERTY (7) LOGAN INDUSTRIAL (6) SEXTO PLACE CARS ON TRACK 2 AND 3 PER TRACK BLOCKING CARD. PLACE FILLED CA PICK UP CARS FROM APPROPRIATE OUTBOUND TRACK FOR DIREC TRACK 4 FOR EASTBOUND TRACK 5 FOR WESTBOU

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIORITY TR# NAME DIR 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIORITY 3R S1 **ITHICA-CALVIN TURN** E **GOTHAM- DUNDEE** LOGAN 103 **INTERCHANGE- SEXTON-**E LIBERTY TURN INDUSTRIAL LOGAN S2 LIBERTY TURN E LOGAN- SEXTON-DUNDEE LOGAN 208 w LIBERTY TURN **INTERCHANGE-GOTHAM** INDUSTRIAL **S**3 LOGAN INDUSTRIAL E **GOTHAM-DUNDEE** SEXTON 102 INTERCHANGE-SEXTON E LIBERTY TURN INDUSTRIAL LOGAN ITHICA CALVIN LOGAN-SEXTON-DUNDEE SEXTON w 207 TURN INDUSTRIAL INTERCHANGE-GOTHAM E **S4** LIBERTY TURN W E4 PASSENGER **GOTHAM-DUNDEE ITHICA CALVIN** LIBERTY TURN E INTERCHANGE-SEXTON-101 TURN LOGAN SEXTON INDUSTRIAL **S**5 LOGAN LOGAN-SEXTON-DUNDEE LIBERTY TURN w INDUSTRIAL 206 INTERCHANGE- GOTHAM

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**TRAIN 206** 

(West of Lake) Pick up 4 cars Proceed Westbound

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LOGAN SEXTON GOTHAM

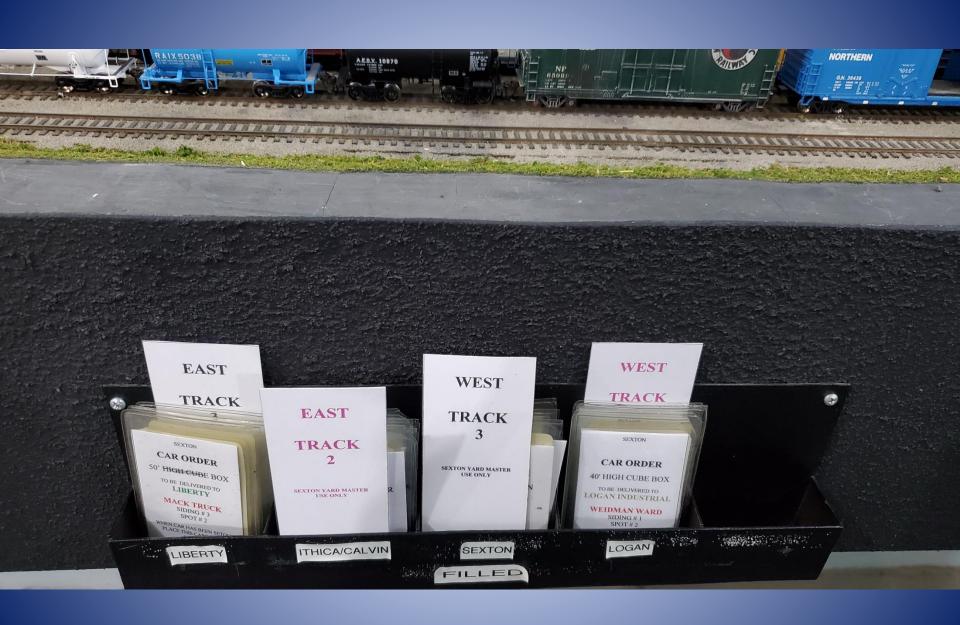
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**Arrives Gotham** 







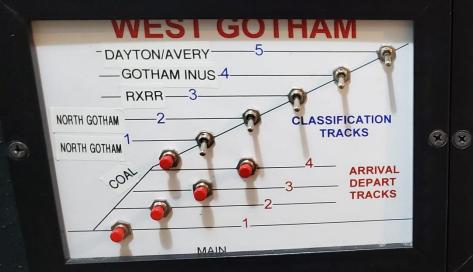




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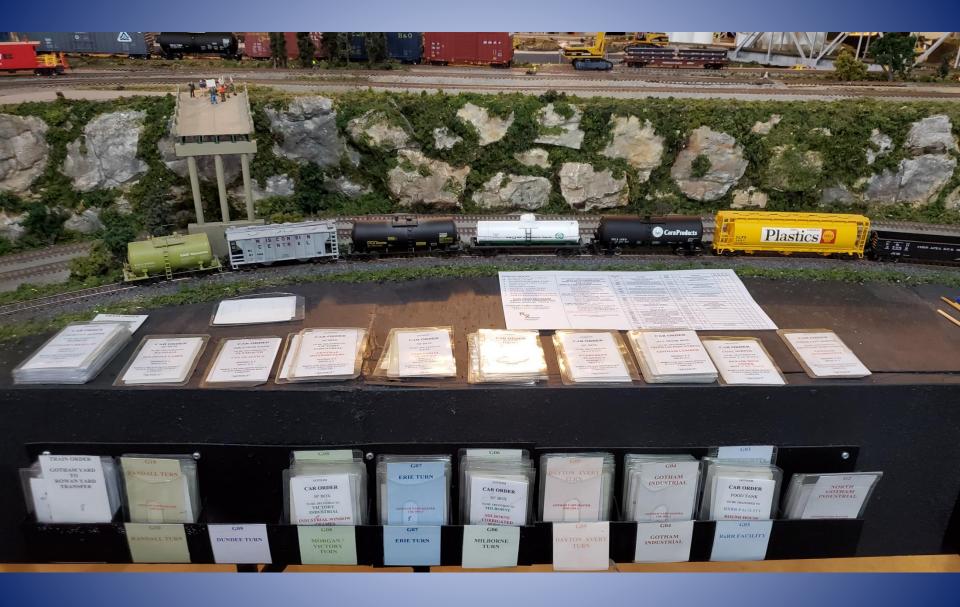












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8 MORGAN VICTORY TURN	DISPATCHER	103	GOTHAM SEXTON LOGAN	DEB					
7 ERIE TURN	ARRIVAL YARD TRANSFER TRAINS	201	LOGAN HAVANA GOTHAM	AEB					
6 MILBORNE TURN 5 DAYTON - AVERY TURN	PLACE ON TRACKS 1 and 2 FILL CAR ORDER REQUESTS FOR LOCALS OUT OF GOTHAM	G3	RxRR FACILITY	DEB	6	WORKS WITHIN GOTHAM YARD LIMITS SMALL SWITCHER			
4 GOTHAM INDUSTRIAL	(TRACKS 11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3)	107	GOTHAM HAVANA LOGAN	DWB					
3 RxRR FACILITY	PLACE REMAING CARS ON	208	LOGAN SEXTON GOTHAM	AWB					
2 NORTH GOTHAM INDUSTRIAL	OUTBOUND TRACK DEPARTURE YARD TRANSFER TRAINS	G9	PLYMOUTH-DUNDEE TURN	DEB	10				
1 NORTH GOTHAM INDUSTRIAL	PLACE ON TRACKS 1 and 2 NOTIFY DISPATCHER THAT TRAIN	G4	GOTHAM INDUSTRIAL	DEB	8	WORKS WITHIN GOTHAM YARD LIMITS SMALL SWITCHER			
UNIT TRAIN TRANSFERS	IS READY TO DEPART. ONCE AUTHERIZATED ORDER	102	GOTHAM SEXTON LOGAN	DEB					
EMPTY COAL HOPPERS AND	CREW TO PROCEED PER SIGNAL	203	LOGAN HAVANA GOTHAM	AEB					
GRAIN HOPPERS TRACK 10.5	INDICATION	G5	DAYTON AVERY TURN	DWB	8				
	YARD TRANSFERS ( Car Max)	G12	ROWAN		8	GOTHAM TO ROWAN YARD TRANSFER			
OTHAM YARD LIMITS	LOCAL TRAINS (See Notes)	G6	MILBORNE TURN	DWB	8	SMALL SWITCHER	+	+	11
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# LOCAL TURNS

SEXTON LOCAL FRT S1 ITHICA/CALVIN TURN SERVING TOWNS OF: ITHICA CALVIN MUST CONTACT DISPATCHER BEFORE LEAVING SEXTON YARD AND FOR TRACK AND TIME

Pick up Engine and Caboose from Engine Facility. DO NOT GO BEYOUND YARD LIMITS See reverse side for Train Makeup Instructions

Train order – leave SEXTON EASTBOUND (RIGHT) Proceed per Signal Indication Yard Limits at APPLE Takes Siding at APPLE ITHICA/CALVIN

Contact dispatcher for T&T See reverse side for Switching Instructions

Continue Eastbound to Calvin switch trailing point industries .Return Westbound to SEXTON Siding at Doyle Take Siding at Apple on to Sexton Yard Lead

#### SEXTON YARD

See reverse side for Returning Yard Instructions

#### SEXTON TRAIN MAKEUP INSTRUCTIONS

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#### SWITCHING DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow car routing instructions on **PICKUP ORDERS** to determine on which track to

> set out cars .EASTBOUND TRACK 4 WESTBOUND TRACK 5

Flip cards from PICKUP ORDER side to CAR ORDERS side and Place into UNFILLED CAR ORDER BOX

SEXTON















# Hold cards are flipped and placed into Pickup and Setout cards placed into hold section







#### Setout cars on outbound tracks SEXTON

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**PICKUP ORDER** 

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50' BOX

TO BE PICKED UP AT CALVIN

UNITED FREIGHT SIDING #1 **SPOT # 1** 

YARD CREW TO SET OUT ON EASTBOUND YARD TRACK THEN TURN THIS CARD OVER AND PLACE IN BOX LABELED

**"UNFILLED ORDERS"** 

0 PICKUP ORDER AI VI 10K CHEM TANK EI TO BE PICKED UP AT CALVIN

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**INDUSTRIAL** PLASTICS SIDING #2 SPOT # 5

SEXTON

YARD CREW TO SET OUT ON WESTBOUND YARD TRACK EN TURN THIS CARD OVER AND PLACE IN BOX LABELED "INFILLED ORDERS"

## Flip cards and place into Unfilled box

SEXTON SEXTON **PICKUP ORDER** CAR ORDER **20K CHEM TANK** 40' BOX TO BE PICKED UP AT TO BE DELIVERED TO CALVIN ITHICA INDUSTRIAL EVERGREEN PLASTICS PLASTICS SIDING # 2 SPOT #1 SIDING #1 SPOT #2 YARD CREW TO SET OUT ON WHEN CAR HAS BEEN SETOUT WESTBOUND YARD TRACK THEN TURN THIS CARD OVER AND PLACE THIS CARD IN BOX PLACE IN BOX LABELED LABELED "UNFILLED ORDERS" "SETOUT"

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# **ADVANTAGES**

## SELF CORRECTING

- If a car is in the wrong place the crew can either leave it or pick it up-their decision does not affect any other operations.
- Find a car with no "PICKUP ORDER" pick it up and route it out on a through freight
- Find a "PICKUP ORDER" with no car turn the form over to "CAR ORDERS" and place in car order pocket.
- It's so simple even a

## ADJUSTING CAR FLEET

- Want to add a car to your CAR FLEET?
- Just put it on the layout, no need to make out new car cards or change your computer program
- Want to take a car out of service-just take it off
- This works well in clubs where members bring in or take home equipment.

### ADJUSTING INDUSTRIES

- Want to add a new spur and Industry?
- Put it on the layout, figure the number of car spots and car type for each spot
- Make out new Car Orders
- Want to remove or change an Industry?
- Tear up the old Car Orders.

### **PROVIDES FOR CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS**

- Since the paperwork is done when a car is setout or picked up it is immediately ready for the next train
- Since through freights do not need any waybills or paperwork they are ready for the next run as soon as they get to a staging yard or the end of their run

YOU DON'T NEED TO READ CAR NUMBERS!

### National Conventions

RxRR 1.0	Great Lakes Express 2007	Detroit, MI (Grand Rapids)
RxRR 2.0	Peachtree Express 2013	Atlanta, Ga (Griffin)
RxRR 3.0	Highball to Indy 2016	Indianapolis, IN (Westfield)

# More Information

- groups.io carordersmrr@groups.io
  - "Apply" for membership
  - Discussions, Assistance, Files
  - Examples Coal, passenger ops
- NMRA Magazine
  - March 2012 (Hank Tenwolde)
- 2012 NMRA National Convention Clinics
- http://rxrr.webs.com ( RxRR Web Site)
- OPSIG The Dispatcher's Office
   Jan 2015 (Earl Hackett)