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THE OPERATORS INDEX

The late Andy Sperandio wrote 'The Operators' column, in Model Railroader', during 9 years for a total of 108 columns. In preparation to begin formal operations sessions, I felt the articles I have listed might be useful. It would be foolish of me to attempt to present the amount of information contained in Andy's one-page articles in my own words. The articles were usually on the last page of the magazine. All issues are available in the club's library.

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2007

January: OS-ing trains
February: Yard limits
May: Yard work
September: Servicing passenger trains
November: Name every track
December: Timetables as operating aids

2008

January: Ways to way freight
February: More ways to way freight
April: Faster switching at slow speed
July: Freight station operations
August: Passenger train schedules
November: The Blocking trains
December: Switch lists

2009

February: Sure spots for switching fun
December: Authority to use the main track - part 1

2010

January: Authority to use the main track – part 2
February: Operating by the clock
March: Only perfect is good enough
April: Operate like an “old head”
July: Switching mail and express
September: Perishable operations – part 1
October: Perishable operations – part 2
December: Blue signal protection

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2011

January: The Train dispatcher
**April: Interchange takes freight cars
anywhere**
June: Superiority of trains
July: Running on schedule
August: Lining switches back to normal
September: Meeting opposing trains
October: Forms of train orders
December: Arriving in a freight yard

2012

**February: Shortcuts for blocking and
routing cars**
March: Yard tracks, not yard limits
April: How many operators?
July: Modeling transfer operations
September: Do you need a throttle?
October: Aids to navigation

2013

January: Getting a session started
February: Operating with fiddle yards
May: Go for the long haul
June: Places for paperwork
October: Two useful rules
November: Car cards and waybills
December: Card files for car cards

2014

January: From cards to trains
March: Basics of car switching
May: Prefer “riding” to “walking”
December: Meet the yard crew

2015

January: Basic operators' lingo
February: Switching with hand signals
April: Passenger train consists
May: Practicing what I preach
June: A Good pre-session checklist
November: Moving empty freight cars