

Description of Layout / Frisco in Eastern Missouri / Bob Brady / built 2008 - 2013

Late 1940's to early 1950's built as a switching layout.

SLSF (Frisco) River Division - St. Louis Sub (St. Louis to Chaffee).

SLSF (Frisco) River Division – Chaffee Sub (Chaffee to Memphis).

Interactions with other railroads are the C&EI, MI, MP at different locations.

Mainline is approximately 265' point to point using three levels.

Staging is represented by St. Louis (north) and Memphis (south).

Construction is triple shelf deck, height 40" to 68" gradual climb, no helix.

Layout room 15' x 30' with an isle width of 36".

Fast clock running at 3 to 1 is centrally located in layout room near the ceiling.

A 24 hour day has been divided into 4 six hour shifts, a 3 hour session covers one shift.

5 operators required for full session, Verbal orders are issued when necessary, no radios are required. (Time Tables are posted at registered stations / no dispatcher).

Vaccinations required. Covid-19 cutback reduced number of crew and paper work.

6 operators if including Dispatcher for TT&TO. radios on fascia used as telephones.

Car forwarding is accomplished using 3x5 cards having check boxes for current location and OUT boxes indicates which cars are to be picked up and IN boxes for cars that have been delivered or on Hold. Switch Lists indicate movement of cars for each job.

All jobs involve switching, some light and some heavy.

Digitrax UT-4R throttles are provided, using 400 throttles is prohibited.

Many locomotives now have sound, functions controls are listed on their Locomotive card along with the **two digit** address for most, unless noted on Locomotive card.

House rules and things to observe while you enjoy yourselves.

- Drinks in the refrigerator and bathroom are in the laundry room area.
- Personal Digitrax throttles are not allowed.
- Layout room is tight, wait in the laundry room for your job to come up.
- Give each other room to do their work and refrain from private conversation.
- Be gentle with ground throws and uncoupling cars and reaching into scenic areas.
- Many switches in hard to reach areas will have a toggle switch on the fascia.
- Maximum speed running trains is 30 mph, 10 mph in towns / yards / bridges / drop-ins, staging areas.
- Sounds units have a slower response time to throttle movement, patience is a must when switching and changing direction. **Digital address is located on Locomotive Card.**
- Train Registers which you must sign showing arrival and departure times.
- Check your pockets and aprons for car cards and picks before leaving after the session.
- OK to take pictures.

Thanks for coming to our event.