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This series is to help answer the many questions about Kadee® products and to provide "Helpful Hints" to modelers using our products. Sam the Answer Man will only be available after 1 to 4 p.m. PST Mon-Thu to answer your Kadee® related questions or e-mail him at mail@kadee.com

Sam the Answer Man: #164 October 2020 "Model Railroad Community"

We are surviving the COVID 19 restrictions and virus. We have also survived the local wild fires, however, two small towns, Talent and Phoenix, Oregon across the valley were pretty much destroyed. So many homes and businesses are just gone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those that have been affected and displaced. Fortunately, Micro Trains was spared any damage but they were closed for a few days. May the Lord watch over those in need and give us an opportunity to be of service. There are so many that need our (all of us) help, it's a time to put forth that extra effort to help the less fortunate. Although the COVID 19 restriction might limit what we can actually do they don't keep us from praying and within the bounds of "social distances" there's a lot we can actually do to help. Don't assume that you can't help, It's up to us to make the effort to find ways we can help. This COVID 19 has affected everyone in different ways, reach out and do something, there's always something we can do.

There are many model railroad businesses that have been closed and some have reopened or have been limited to online business only. We need to support them as much possible. Find out if your local or online shop has been coping with the COVID 19 and help them as much as you can.

As far as we know all the major Train Shows have been canceled and most, if not all, of the smaller Train Shows and RPMs have also been canceled. Maybe I should have said postponed rather than canceled. This means the organizations that put these shows on have lost a lot of money along with vendors that depend on sales at shows as part of their income and they must be hurting.

We have a local Railroad Park that consists of several model railroad clubs, live steam and historical groups that depends on a local railroad show in November and weekend public business for support. Since the Virus they can no longer support themselves. So there are other local organizations that are lending support where they can, including a car show that's raising funds to help the park. This is the kind of help that fills our hearts with gratitude and love. It shows that there are really good people out there that are willing to step forward to help others in need. This world certainly needs more of that.

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