

Here's what Rule 91 says:

"Unless some form of block signals is used, trains in the same direction must keep not less than ten minutes apart, except in closing up at stations."

It meshes with Rule 99, which says, in part:

"When a train is moving under circumstances in which it might be overtaken by another train, the flagman must take such action as may be necessary to insure full protection. By night, or by day when the view is obscured, lighted fusees must be thrown off at proper intervals."

Those rules are out of the 1945 Consolidated Code of Operating Rules. Other railroads had similar rules under the same numbers, but with variations to suit their particular situations.

— MRH



## TIPS

### Save the signs

Railroad crossing signs [3] are always in danger of being broken, especially when close to the edge of a layout. I drive a concrete-colored flathead screw in the sign's location. The screw has to be magnetic. Brass and aluminum won't work.

With a one-hole paper punch, I punch out a circle from a magnetic tape strip and paint it concrete. Drill a hole in the



**3. A magnetic mount saves signs from being snapped off and makes them easy to remove and replace for cleaning. Larry Brinker photo.**

punched-out magnet to accept the post of the sign and glue it in. The sign can now be positioned on top of the screw.

A wayward arm will just knock it over, not break it. When you want to clean the track in that area, just move it out of the way.

— Larry Brinker



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