



Model railroad administration software

Hosting operating sessions is fun but means a lot of administrivia – scheduling sessions, inviting crews, keeping track of who came, and adding session photos on your Web site.

Boomer Jack makes this easy!

- ◆ **Schedule operating sessions instantly**
- ◆ **Add a crew-call page to your Web site where crews can mark-up, with e-mail confirmation**
- ◆ **Extra board: Crews mark-up on extra board for filled sessions. Automatic notification when a position opens**
- ◆ **Cancel sessions (or restore them later). Automatic notification to marked-up crews**
- ◆ **Mark sessions held and record who attended**
- ◆ **Quickly post session photos on your Web site**
- ◆ **Jobs: Crews can state preference at mark-up. You assign jobs for each session.**
- ◆ **Use Boomer Jack data for crew name tags**
- ◆ **Import and export crew names and e-mail addresses**
- ◆ **Compose and send e-mail to crews**
- ◆ **Edit crew information**
- ◆ **Check how often each person has operated, with the most-recent date**
- ◆ **Too many no-shows? Tell Boomer Jack to put 'em on the extra board**
- ◆ **Boomer Jack runs on your Web site and stores data in a database there**

Read on to see how Boomer Jack works!

Creating Sessions

Create sessions in seconds. Choose a day of the month (third Friday, first Saturday), the starting and ending month and year, and the starting time. Boomer Jack instantly creates all the sessions for those months. You can even specify the earliest time you want crews to arrive.

Day of the Month	
Second	Wednesday
Starting Month and Year	
March	2009
Ending Month and Year	
February	2010
Session Start Time	
7	30 PM
Crew Arrival Time	
7	15 PM

Crew Call

With sessions scheduled, Boomer Jack displays a crew-call page on your Web site. A calendar highlights each session date, and crews can mark-up and indicate a job preference. Crews also can mark-up on the extra board for filled sessions.

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Administration

Boomer Jack has eight administration screens.

This one shows all operating sessions at a glance.

Gray means session has been held, red means canceled

Session #	Day of Month	Date	Start Time	Arrival Time
1	Third Friday	March 20, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	April 17, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	May 15, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	June 19, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	July 17, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	August 21, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	November 20, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM
--	Third Friday	December 18, 2009	7:30 PM	7:15 PM

Session #22 – 5 Unfilled Slots

April 2009

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Arrive 7:15pm
Start 7:30pm

Crew Attendance

No	▼	"Hobo" Harry Reed
No	▼	Alpha Railroader
No	▼	Mike Dodd
No	▼	Newbie Forsure

Session Held
Update Attendance
Cancel
Delete Session

Session Administration

This is one month from the session administration screen. Do everything with a few mouse clicks.

Mark a session held and record which crews attended. Cancel a session. Restore it later if the situation changes.

Boomer Jack e-mails a thank-you note to everyone who attends a session. It also notifies marked-up crews of canceled or restored sessions.

Crew Name Tags

Boomer Jack prepares data for crew name tags in CSV (comma-separated values) format. CSV is read by most spreadsheets, word processors, and label-printing software.

Copy and paste these lines (including the quotes) into a CSV file for your label-creation software.

```
" 'Hobo' Harry", "Reed"
"Alpha", "Railroader"
"Mike", "Dodd"
"Newbie", "Forsure"
```

Click **Do More** to return to the session calendars if you need more name tag data.

Click **Done** to return to the Administration screen.

Do More
Done

Crew Data

You have full access to crew data. Edit names and e-mail addresses, update operating experience, and monitor how many times crews have operated. Boomer Jack can export names and e-mail addresses, as well as *import* crew data.

Update
Import
Export
Delete ALL
Done

E-mail	First Name	Last Name	Active	Have Oper.	Know Dispat. System	Jobs Worked of 22	Jobs Qual.	No-Show	Forgive No-show	# Ops Here	Last Session
hobo@reed.com	"Hobo" Harry	Reed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					2 / 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		
alpha@rr.com	Alpha	Railroader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	10%		<input type="checkbox"/>	2	11/20/2009
barry@bumbleton.com	Barry	Bumbleton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			1			<input type="checkbox"/>	1	11/20/2009

Send Crew E-mail

Compose and send e-mail to crews. For instance, you can invite everyone to mark-up after you've created operating sessions for the year.

Send E-mail to Generic Railroad Crews

Enter a subject and a message, select recipients, then click a **Send E-mail** button. Click a **Done** button to return to the Admin screen. More buttons are at the bottom of this page.

Subject

New Generic Railroad ops session sign-up page


Message

I'm pleased to announce the Generic Railroad has a new way for you to mark-up for operating sessions. Please visit <http://myRailroad.myDomain.com/BJ/crew_call.php> to see the new page. Each session is shown as a highlighted date on a calendar. Just check the box indicating which sessions you want to join, and select an operating position preference for each one. Fill in your name and e-mail address at the bottom and

E-mail	Name	Include?	# Ops Here	Last Session
hobo@reed.com	"Hobo" Harry Reed	Yes	2	Jun 19, 2009
alpha@rr.com	Alpha Railroader	Yes	1	Apr 17, 2009
barry@bumbleton.net	Barry Bumbleton	No		Unknown

Select photos and enter captions for the July 17, 2009 operating session


Session Caption:



Remove photo *glenlyn2.jpg*



Update caption for *glenlyn2.jpg*

Caption:



Add photo *eggleston1.jpg*

Caption:

Session Photos

Why not post operating session photos on your Web site? After uploading the photos, just mark them on this screen and Boomer Jack adds them to your photos page *automatically*.

Enter a caption with details about the session ("First session using TT&TO") as well as individual captions for photos. You can specify the order of the photos on the Web page.

Railroad jobs


The crew-call page includes a list of jobs and invites crews to choose when they mark-up. You can change job titles, add or delete jobs, and rearrange the list. If you don't want crews to choose jobs, just delete everything but "No Preference."

Crews can earn "experience points" to reach fully-qualified status on the railroad (*future enhancement*),

	Job Title	Crew Call List	List Order	Exper. Points
	No Preference	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	0
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	Train Crew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20	1
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	Yard Crew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30	3
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	Yard Master	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	5
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	Station Operator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50	8
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	Dispatcher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	60	10
<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	No. 77	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	70	8
	New Job->	<input type="checkbox"/>		1

Boomer Jack on Your Web Site

It's simple to blend Boomer Jack's crew-call and session-photos pages into your Web site. Just customize "template" files with your standard styles and navigation links for results like these.



Crew Call

You are invited to join one or more of these operating sessions.

- Check the **Join** box for the sessions you want to attend.
- Optionally select an job preference for each session.
- Check the **extra-board** box to add your name to a full session.
- Fill in the information at the bottom of this page, then click the **Mark Up** button.
- Remember to check one of the **yellow highlighted boxes** there to indicate if you have operated on the Generic Railroad before.
- You will receive an email confirming your selection.
- If you've already marked-up for a session and discover you can't make it, check the **Mark-off** box to remove your name from the call board. A brief explanation in the Comments box will be appreciated.

This session is over

March 2009

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Fast clock starts at 7:30pm
Arrive about 7:00pm

Join this session

Mark-off this session

Job Preference

No Preference

1 position Available

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Join this session

Mark-off this session

Job Preference

No Preference



Operating Session Photos

Session #22 was held on Friday, April 17, 2009

Other Sessions

Class C-1 caboose on the Radford Turn at Glen Lyn



Boomer Jack comes with program files, a script to create the database, backup copies of all files, and a 50-page user manual (PDF file) and e-mail support. Order here:

<http://virginian.mdodd.com/boomerjack.html>

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