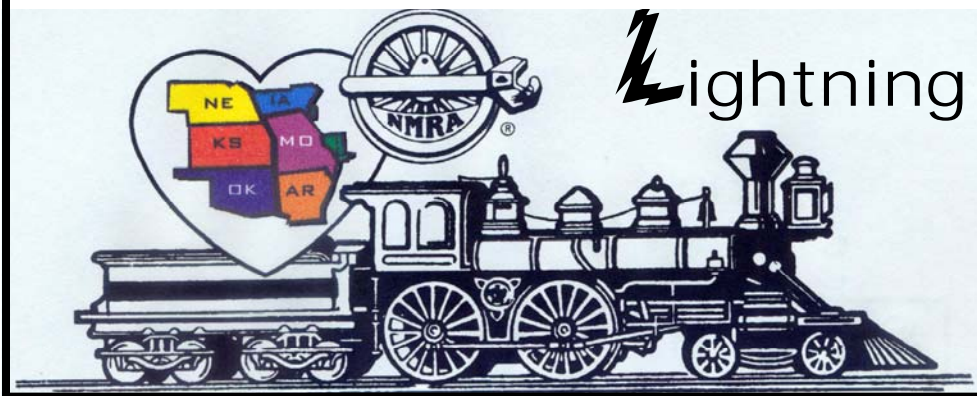


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Meeting place for October 24, 2006

will be Union Station instead of the
Johnson Country Offices

The Dec meeting date has been changed to the
18th which is Monday it will be a Party Night

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PRICES FOR 2007!



From THE SUPER'S DESK....

Paul Richardson, MMR

The October Meeting will be held at Union Station Meet near the escalators

The Turkey Creek Division met our usual location, the Johnson County Courthouse NE Branch 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, Kansas on the Southwest corner of Martway and Lamar on September 26th. Following a welcome to visitors and first-time attendees we discussed and voted on the cost for hardcopies of the Lightning Slinger and this information will be mailed to the members who do not currently receive their copy by email. The annual subscription cost for a hard copy will be \$12.00 if you opt to receive a hard copy.

2007 Turkey Creek Division Meet

Louis Siebel and Brad Morneau were selected to Co-Chair the 2007 Meet. They will need your support so please contact these guys *NOW* and volunteer. I learned last night the location site has been reserved for August 4, 2007 at the Lenexa Community Center, the same site we have used for the last several years.

Achievement Program Launch – Building Freight Cars

Brad Morneau has offered to host this program at his home in Stanley on Oct 28th at 1:00. The session should last approximately 2-3 hours. I will compile a parts list and send to anyone who wants to participate. Be sure to send an email to me so I can send the list to you. My email address is paul@purgatoryanddevilriver.com I will compile a list for those who want to build in styrene and one for those who want to build in wood. We will start with an HO scale flatcar and progress to other types in future sessions.

New Master Model Railroaders –

Rick McClellan and Paul Myers are the newest Master Model Railroaders in the Turkey Creek Division. Rick McClellan received his MMR Certificate and plaque and Paul Myers received his MMR Certificate at the September Meeting (sorry Paul, your plaque has not arrived and will be presented at a future meeting.) I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to these new Masters and invite you to do the same.

Pat Harriman shared some interesting information regarding the number of MMRs in the Kansas City area compared to other Regions and Divisions. Turkey Creek **Division** has more Master Model Railroaders than several **Regions** so I want to congratulate each one of them and say Thank You to all who are working or Mentoring others in the Achievement Program. I truly believe the AP is the NMRA's best program. If you are working in the AP or want to work in the AP but don't know how to get started, we **HAVE** the resources to help. All you have to do is ask.



September Clinic -

Jim EuDaly, MMR presented his "Scale Color Clinic and no pun intended, it was an eye-opener. In his career as an optometrist Jim became aware of color vision characteristics and how we perceive color differently and the effect of interior versus sunlight and how this impacts the color we see on our models. If you missed this clinic, you missed a terrific presentation. Thanks Jim!

Upcoming Clinic -

At the October Clinic, Chuck Hitchcock, MMR will present a clinic entitled "The Argentine Industrial District Railway, A New Painting." This presentation will reflect a nearly completed railway after five years of progress. It will include some new pixs and more about it's operation.

Call for Clinicians -

We need a clinician or two for the November meeting please dust off one you have stored away or if you have never given a clinic, please consider hosting a clinic. It's fun and you can earn volunteer points in the Achievement Program. It can be a short clinic or a half hour to an hour if you wish. Call me at 816-866-4043 or email paul@purgatoryanddevilriver.com and I will get your clinic on the calendar.

Nominations and Elections -

We will accept nominations at the October meeting at Union Station. Election of Officers Superintendent, Clerk, and Paymaster will be held at the November meeting. If you want to earn Volunteer points in the Achievement Program this is a great way to do it so please run for office - it is acceptable to nominate yourself so don't be shy.

December Meeting (My last one as Superintendent)

We will have a Bring-a-Dish dinner in celebration of the Holidays at the December meeting at our normal location, the Johnson County Courthouse NE Branch. I will provide a sign-up sheet at the October and November meetings so we don't have 40 people bringing the same thing.

**REMEMBER - The next monthly meeting is
October 24th - 7:00PM at Union Station**

Until next month, "Keep 'em on the Rails",

Paul Richardson, MMR
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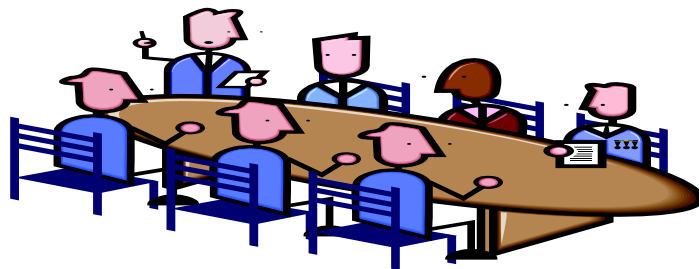
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■ Editor Rick Coble of the Piedmont Division, SER, NMRA has put together a 14-page (expanded & color) online edition of the Piedmont Division's newsletter "The Timetable" that is available for viewing at the division's website at: <http://www.piedmont-div.org/> courtesy of the Division's

■ Webmaster Scott Povlot.



Minutes for Turkey Creek Meeting September 26, 2006



Paul Richardson, MMR brought the meeting to order and asked if there were any first timers. There were three: Ed Viers from Olathe; Frank Ciecarralla from Stanley; and Jo McCelellan from De Soto. We had a total of 29 members and visitors.

He asked for if there was any old business. There were three items.

1. The subscription rate for the Lightning Slinger:
Louis said that it was costing about \$150 every month to mail it to 120 members how had not given there E-mail address. It was suggested that the price be set at \$12 per year. Pat Harriman, MMR to a motion and it was seconded Brad Morneau. It passed unanimously.
2. Turkey Creek Show Report by Paul Myers, MMR:
It was a great show and everyone seemed to enjoy the show. Pat Harriman, MMR said that the show had more models in the contest room than the National Convention. Bob Jefferis said that the tables cost more than before. Joe Ringbauer said that he had over 40 visitors and had picked up 2 for operations.
3. 2007 Turkey Creek Show:
It will be a combination of a Regional and a Divisional Meet. Louis suggested that it should be the same weekend as the show in Kansas City on Sunday August 5, 2007. The date of the show was set as August 4, 2007. It will be open to the public and will have the mid year Board Meeting for the Region. Paul asked if there was any one who would like to be the meet chairman. Pat Harriman said that Louis Seibel had showed some interest in it also Brad Moreau said that he would help. It was suggested by Louis that there should be a Co-Chairs.

Paul asked for new business

1. Train Shows volunteers for 2007:
Louis said that the group was signed up to do to show next year one in March and the other in September. There will be more information to follow.
2. Louis and Paul would like to thank the members who helped at the show at Union Station last weekend.
3. Paul brought up that we need to be thinking about Officers for next year. Nominations will be held at the October meeting and the election will be at the November meeting. It was suggested that it

should be asked as a question to the group. Bob Jefferis put in a motion and was seconded by David Eisensten. It passed as voice vote. He asked if any of the officers would be willing to have a second term Louis Seibel and Jack Boren both said that they would. They will still have to be nominated in October. There was no one who showed an interest in the superintendent's job.

4. Louis Seibel brought up the dates of the meeting for next year that the National Meet was the same week in July as our meeting and that December meeting was Christmas. He suggested that the meeting in December be held on the 18th. The question was asked if the group was ok on have the dates that were read. There was one person that said he would be at the national meet.
5. Joe Robertson, MMR then presented the follow members with Merit Awards Paul Myers, MMR, Roger Percival, Gary Davidson and Frank Ciccarella. The he asked Rick McClellan to come forward and be presenter with his achievement award Civil Engineering and also MMR No 380.

Paul Richardson, MMR will be holding a AP launch on Rolling Stock at Brad Morneau home on October the 28. Information on the supplies needed will be listed. Brads address is 7705 W 154 Terr, Overland Park, Kansas phone 913-897-0669. To sign up for the class call Paul at 816-855-4043. Jack Boren Treasure Report asked if there were any out standing billing. There was only one from the show. He said that it looked like we lost about \$65. Our bank balance is OK.

Paul Myers, MMR had a card for John & Linda Richard (J&L Hobbies) whose daughter Laura Bowling passed away Tuesday September 12. Chuck Heying said Tom Carpenter, a lifetime member of this group and Mo-Kan is very sick. | Hi s address is 10037 Melrose, Overland Park, Kansas, 66214-2300.

We look a break so that Jim EuDaly could set up his clinic on Scale Color. There was a handout with the clinic.

Meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully, Louis Seibel, Clerk

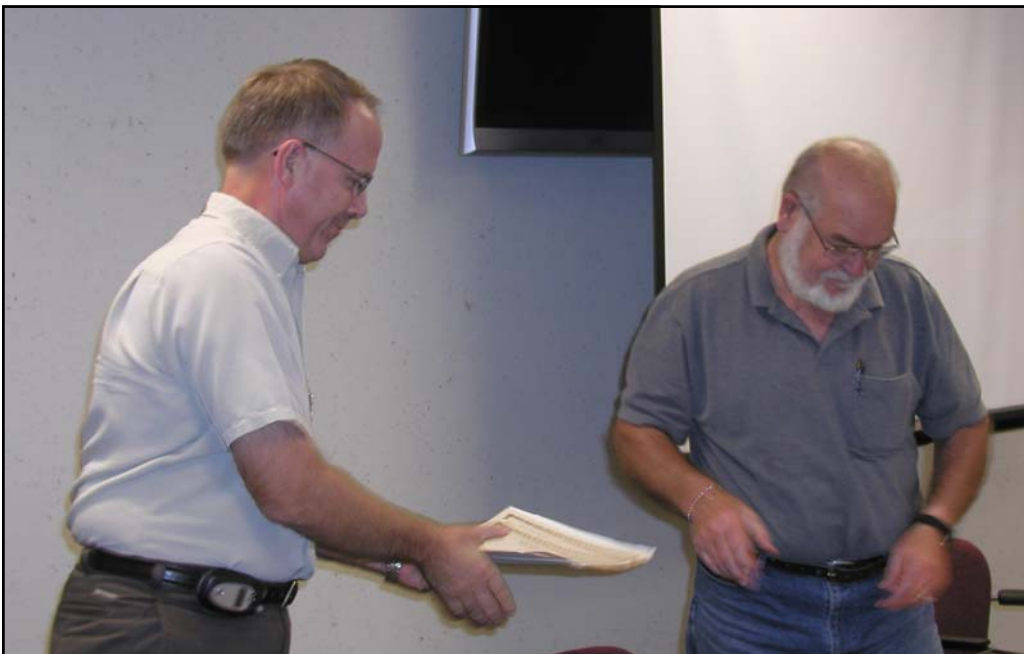
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October 24th meeting will be at Union Station****





Roger Percival received a merit award for structures and for rolling stock.

Frank Ciccarella received a merit award in structures for his non powered WWII German steam engine.



Gary Davidson received two merit awards for cars.



Rick McClellan MMR.
MMR plaque



Rick McClellan received his AP certificate for Civil Engineering, his MMR certificate and MMR plaque. Rick is MMR 380.



Paul Myers received merit awards for three engines, his AP certificate for Motive Power and his MMR certificate. Paul is MMR 381.



Gary's Switching List

The Switching List contains all known Mid-Century Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Century Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, OK). To list your event, send it to: email garyonho@cox.net, or Gary Hemmingway, 3201 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS 66614. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switching List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org.

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION meets the 1st Saturday of February, May, August, and November at various locations around the division area. BOD meetings are usually at noon and general meetings are at 1 p.m. The 2006 schedule is: **Nov 4, Robert Stewart**, 249 Redbud Estates #249, Manhattan, KS 66502.

GATEWAY DIV. (ST. LOUIS, MO) meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

TURKEY CREEK DIV. (KANSAS CITY, MO & KS) monthly meetings 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Johnson County Courthouse, NE Branch, 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, KS (DMV Building on SW corner of Lamar and Mastin)

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) Our meeting location is the Sump Library, 84th and Second Streets, Papillion, NE on the 2nd Saturday of each month from Noon to 3:00 pm. The meetings consist of a business meeting followed by a clinic, slide show, and sometimes a layout tour. During the months of June and December we do not meet at the library, they are reserved for the annual picnic (June meeting) and the annual holiday dinner (December meeting).

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION

Visit our web site at www.TheWigWag.org for information. **KATE SHELLEY DIVISION** meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 15th & Wilson, Ames, IA.

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION meets at the New Hardesty Library at 8316 E. 93rd. St. (Just east of Memorial) in Tulsa, OK. The time is from 9am to noon. The dates of the remaining meetings are, March 18th, May 20th, September 16th, and November 18th. Each meeting we have various presentations from How-tos, to slide shows. After the meetings we have a layout tour on one of the members layouts. Contact Dave Salamon at drs_rr@yahoo.com for further information.

CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION, 2nd Friday each month starting at 7:00PM and finishing by 10:00PM, 9372 E. Clover Creek Drive, Claremore, OK 74017-1487, Info: George F Maulsby, 918-341-9446 or www.csrailroad.com. Please send a confirming RSVP if you are planning to join us. **For your calendar planning our schedule for remaining 2006, is as follows.**

October 13 - 7:10PM - 10:00PM
November 11 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM
December 9 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM
January 13 1:00PM-4:00PM
February 10 1:00PM-4:00PM

Please RSVP approx a week before each scheduled operations session. Thanks.

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TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

OCT 7-8, 2006 DECATUR TRAIN FAIR 2006, Decatur Civic Center, Decatur, Illinois, at the corner of Eldorado & Franklin Streets Sat: 10 am to 5 pm, Sun: 10 am to 4 pm - Sponsored by the Decatur Mt. Zion & Southern Model Railroad Club; Swap meet, Vendors, Clinics, Layouts and Door Prizes - Admission \$4, children 12 and under FREE with adult - For more information contact Steve Bricker at (217) 864-4397 or by e-mail bricker@insightbb.com

OCT 14 - 15, 2006 Mississippi Valley N Scalers 16th annual Greater St. Louis Metro Area Train Show Kirkwood Community Center, 111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood Missouri, Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. adm: \$4, children under 12 free w/pd adult, all scales show, layouts, door prizes, free parking Info: David Johnson 636-225-2405 and the MVNS website <http://mvns.railfan.net>.

OCT 14TH, 2006 SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA RAILROAD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL OPEN HOUSE, 1803 N 5th Street, Duncan, OK, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. See www.texhoma.net/~swora/

OCT 15, 2006 - WICHITA TOY TRAIN CLUB 12th ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET, 4-H Bldg, 21st & Ridge, Wichita, KS, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Adm: \$3.00 (under 12 free w/pd adult). Vendor setup 7 a.m., Tables: 24" Tables @ \$12.00 ea. (limited number), Std. 30" Tables @ \$15.00 ea. (before 9-16-06), Std. 30" Tables @ \$18.00 ea. (9-16-06 & after), Std. 30" Tables - Day of show if available @ \$22.00 ea. Info: Bill Laughlin 316-744-2527 email weldoc@juno.com or <http://members.cox.net/wttc>.

OCT 29, 2006 - CENTRAL ILLINOIS GREAT TRAIN SHOW, Interstate Center, 2301 West Market St, Bloomington, Illinois; sponsored by the [Central Illinois Railroad Club](http://www.centralillinoisrailroadclub.com) - 9:00 AM to 3:00 pm; featuring layouts, railroad equipment displays, swap sessions, railroaders, model railroad supplies, educational displays, computer train simulators, prototype model contests - Admission \$5, Children under 12 Free w/pd adult

NOV 4 - 5, 2006 - SOUTHERN KANSAS 3-RAILERS 4TH ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington, Arkansas City, KS, Sat: 10 - 5, Sun: 11 - 4, Adm: \$3, under 10 free w/pd adult, tables \$10 each, Concessions by Sharon's Rolling Kitchen, Operating model train displays, Info: SK3R, Box 92, Cheney, KS 67025-0092, jays027@sbcglobal.net

NOV 4, 2006, GATEWAY DIVISION FALL MEET. Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd. at Woods Mill Road, in Ballwin, MO, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; The Adult ticket price is \$5.00. Children under 12 are free. The table prices are \$15.00. Set up time on Friday, November 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Set up begins again on Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. Contact is Robert Boedges at 314-631-5371 or email at rboedges@charter.net.



The Kansas City Northern Railroad

Last month my wife and I visited the Kansas City Northern Railroad a little bit larger than most of us model it being 16" gauge. It is said to be one of the best kept secrets north of the river.

By the time you read this the KCNRR will have shut down for the season; however the group meets every Wednesday evening and if you stop by, will give you a tour of the facility and may even ask you to help. You see it is an all volunteer, not for profit, 501 (c)(3) corporation in association with the Kansas City, Missouri, Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners Volunteers in Parks Program.

Below is a brief history of the railroad. Our two restored Miniature Train Company (MTC) and one Allen Herschell G-16 trains operate on 1/2 mile of track in Frank Vaydik / Line Creek Park, N.W. 60th Street and Waukomis Drive, Kansas City, Missouri.

The first train acquired originally operated at the Kansas City Zoo, located in Swope Park.

The train was retired in 1972 when the zoo changed to the larger 24" gauge. For many years the train was in storage and suffered as a result. In 1984 the train was removed from storage by the volunteer group and extensive restoration work was undertaken to return the train to better than new.

A second train was later purchased from a group in Manhattan, Kansas and restored to good as new condition. It was the first train to begin operations. We have received information that this train may have been one of two given to the city of Pittsburgh, PA by the Melon banking family. Our newest train was originally purchased by the Ross Park Zoo (Binghamton, NY) in April 1963. It was in operation until early to mid 1980's and in the mid to late 1980's the train was sold at auction. It was then at Sky Line Park (near Barton, NY) until sometime in the 1990's. It was moved from the Park in 1999?

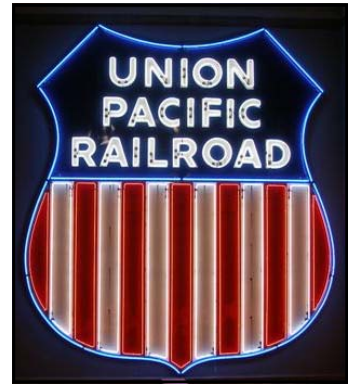
The first two trains are painted for the Kansas City Southern Ry. and Union Pacific R.R. respectfully. Both railroads have contributed to the restoration costs. In addition Mid America Car (a full size rail shop) has done the body work and painting. Our third train dedicated in July 2005 has been painted in the Missouri Pacific Railroad "Eagle" colors. Paint diagrams and paint chips were provided by the Missouri Pacific Historical Society.

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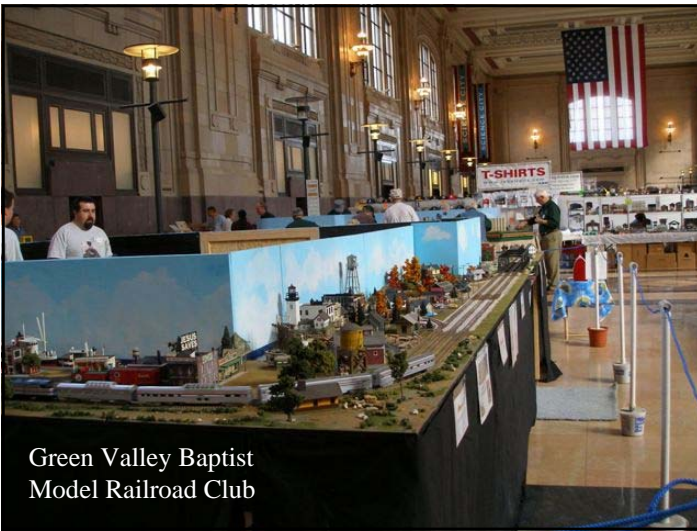




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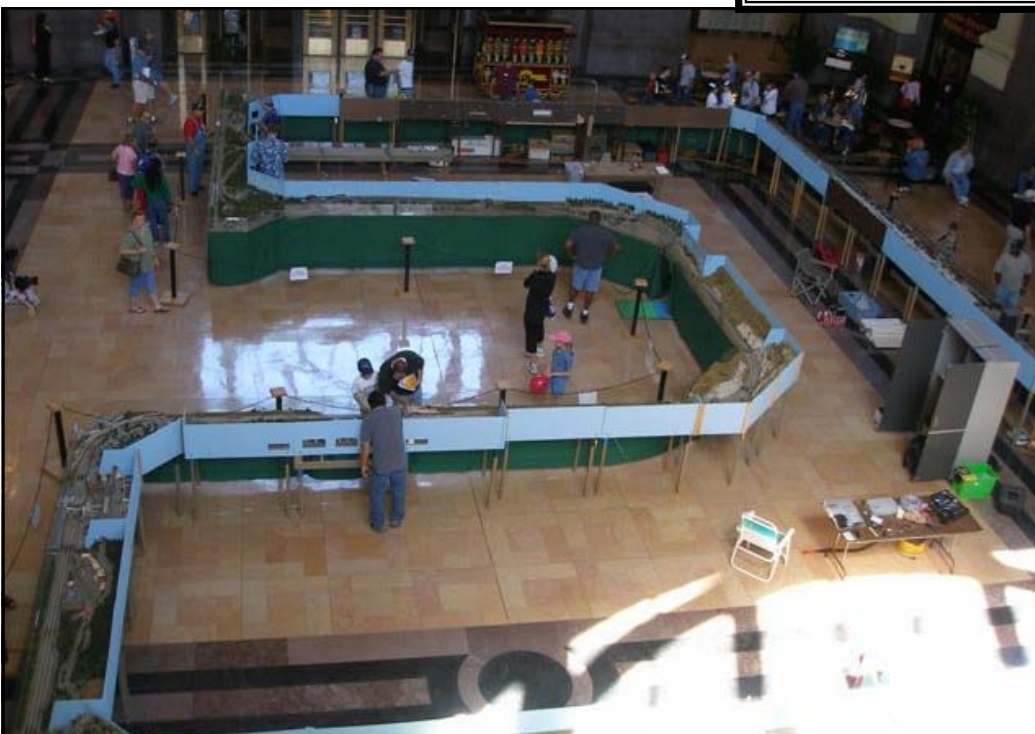


Leslie Eaton, MMR



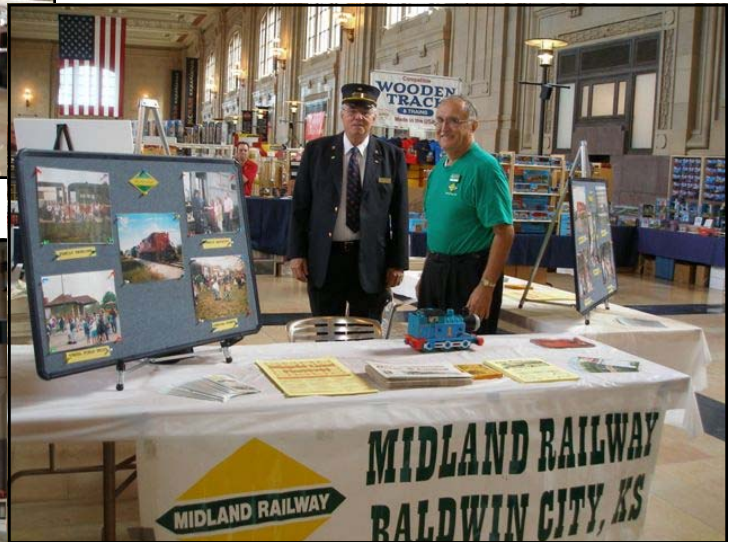
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Joe Robertson, MMR, &
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E.P. Lehmann Patentwerk transfers ownership of LGB of America

Terry Thompson interviews president of new owner G45

September 8, 2006

Ernst Paul Lehmann Patentwerk, parent firm of LGB, has transferred ownership of LGB of America to a new firm, U.S.-based G45. "In these changing times you have to keep moving forward," said Rolf Richter, managing general partner of E.P. Lehmann Patentwerk. "This move forward provides new opportunities for us, for LGB of America, and for our friends in the United States."

David Buffington, president of G45 and longtime publicist for LGB of America, is excited about the opportunities the ownership transfer presents. "LGB of America began as a service center for LGB owners in North America. It's now very different. It now distributes LGB trains, Piko structures, and Noch accessories. Of course, LGB is and will remain our top brand and market leader in large scale, but this change will allow us to also offer other interesting products."

Buffington said the move will create new opportunities as well. "LGB of America already has a well-earned reputation for service to LGB owners, and we now hope to offer consumers even more in terms of repair, upgrade, and service."

Tony Castellano will remain chief operating officer of LGB of America, and both Buffington and Richter emphasized that their companies will continue to work together. "We have a very good relationship with LGB of America, and we will work very closely with the firm to produce new models North American modelers will want," Richter said.

GR's interview with G45 owner David Buffington
Garden Railways publisher Terry Thompson has been following this story as it developed, and he interviewed new owner David Buffington shortly after the changes were announced. Here's a transcript of our exclusive interview with the new owner of LGB of America, or as it's now known, G45.

Terry: Congratulations on your new role. As [President], do you anticipate taking a hands-on role, or will the day-to-day management of the firm remain much as it was under LGB of America?

David: Tony Castellano, who has become well known and well respected in the LGB community, will remain Chief Operating Officer of LGB of America and will continue to handle the day-to-day management of LGB of America. Of course, Tony and I will talk a lot, just as we've been doing for the past four or five years. In the same vein, Tony and I will talk a lot to the Richters and the folks in Nürnberg, just as we've been doing for years and years. We have very good working relationship, and I'm sure it will continue.

Terry: Do you plan to do additional marketing or promotion of the LGB products, and others you may offer?

David: I think everyone at LGB of America - including Tony, Jack Lynch in marketing, Paul Miano in sales and myself - understands that we have to reach beyond the traditional model railroad market to find new customers, for both now and the future. That's why LGB of America was involved in the very successful Flower & Garden Festival and Epcot this spring. That's why we've been working to get LGB into garden centers and other non-traditional outlets.

Terry: Will you have exclusive LGB products for the North American market? Could these include new models as well as paint schemes?

David: Yes and yes, if you're talking about products intended primarily for consumers in North America. But the old idea of "exclusive" products -- that is, products only available in one market -- has gone out the window with the coming of the Internet and cheap shipping.

Again, we will continue a very close working relationship with the folks who make LGB, but now we'll do it as one of Lehmann's biggest customers, not as a subsidiary. LGB of America is working closely with Lehmann on product development, and to be sure, you'll see some interesting new American-prototype trains from LGB in 2007.

Terry: Are you considering adding other lines? Do you have specific lines in mind? Would you consider importing a European line of trains in one of the smaller scales?

David: Yes, yes and yes. We're not prepared to make any announcements yet, but this is one of the ways this change will benefit consumers. It gives LGB of America an opportunity to offer other model railroad brands to consumers in North America. The best example is the new PIKO G-scale Taurus loco, which LGB of America is distributing here. The idea of LGB of America distributing a non-LGB, G-scale loco would have been unthinkable just a very short time ago.

Terry: Sales appear to be flat in much of the model railroad hobby? What plans do you have for countering this trend, and where do you see growth opportunities?

David: There are simply too many model railroad makers fighting for smaller pieces a shrinking demographic pie. So again, we're working to make the pie bigger by going into non-traditional outlets like Disney, theme restaurants and garden centers. We can not forget that Wolfgang and Eberhard Richter showed us the way by creating LGB, a model train that the traditionalists laughed at when the Richters introduced it in 1968. LGB attracted thousands and thousands of people who had no prior interest in old-fashioned model railroading. We have to remember that many thousands more are still waiting for us to show them the joy of this hobby.



Terry: How important do you believe technology, especially digital technology, will become for garden railroads?

David: Very important. Lehmann's survey research indicates that more than 40 percent of LGB owners have already adopted our digital Multi-Train System, and LGB's service staff installs a tremendous number of MTS decoders in older LGB locos. The response has been tremendous to the MTS seminars now being offered by our LGB partners, Bob Brashear and Calvin Lane. So we're very optimistic about the future for the Multi-Train System.

Terry: Where should American LGB fans turn for warranty service?

David: Nothing has changed. LGB's very skilled service staff in San Diego is always standing by to handle repair and upgrade work.

Terry: Will you sell direct to consumers?

David: LGB of America has no plans to sell direct to consumers. We have considered and will consider all possible ways to reach the many, many potential consumers who simply aren't being reached now. At the Epcot Flower & Garden Festival, for example, we worked with Disney to offer LGB to guests at the Festival. The vast majority of those people had never heard of LGB and would have had no idea where to buy it.

Terry: Do you plan changes in your relationship with North American retailers?

David: Naturally, LGB will still have its authorized retailers and Train Stops. But we understand that these are tough times for retailers, just as they are tough for distributors and manufacturers. Competition is fierce at all levels, but we have seen that the retailers who offer what consumers want -- like strong selection, convenient hours, fair prices and great service -- can succeed. We need retailers like that everywhere to grow the hobby.

Terry: Will you continue to publish an English version of *Depesche* (the LGB magazine)?

David: The *Depesche* is published by Lehmann, and it will continue to publish an English edition. (In fact, I'll be taking a look at some proofs of the next issue as soon as I finish typing this.) It's another example of how we'll continue to have a very close working relationship with the folks at Lehmann, while offering the LGB family here more than ever before.

Terry: Thanks for your time, and good luck with the new venture.

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Hello Fellow Gandy Dancers,

I'm forwarding an E-copy attachment of the Turkey Creek Division (Mid-Continent Region, NMRA)'s Sept. newsletter the "Lightning Slinger". I recently (July) renewed my membership in the division --- it was my home division for years -- in fact, I attended the first organizing meetings held when my now grown children were toddlers.

There's lots of action in the division with a number of quite creative model railroaders and I think we could pick up a few ideas and maybe some help from reading such newsletters. Also, Larry Alfred, MMR, member of our SSJ division and part-time resident of Pagosa, is a member of Turkey Creek Division and can be seen on page 10, middle photo, receiving one of his winner's certificates. He got Best of Show with a narrow gauge tank car and 3rd Place with a Caboose. Also on page 10 is a photo of Pat Harriman, MMR (and AP national chair) who often comes to Pagosa with Larry. They both attended our Regional convention in Chama this June, and trained and assisted the contest judges (including Martin, Ray, Lynn and me plus others outside our division).

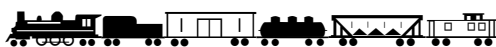
Also note on page 11 there is discussed a SPECIAL AWARD that they give. It's an incentive award to increase participation in a divisional activity (in this case, to increase participation in model & photo contests). We might want to think about such an award for one of our meets. As you look thru the newsletter, perhaps there will be other things that you think are good that we might consider.

Van, please share this newsletter with your wife. She and I were talking about the division web page at the recent board mtg. at Ray's. Perhaps some of the things in the newsletter might be adaptable to the webpage.

Hope all of you are doing fine. This coming weekend, our Pagosa group will have our regular meeting at 1:30 PM at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street in downtown Pagosa. We will have a Swap table or two, a Contest for buildings, a short presentation by yours truly on basics of beginning wiring for a layout, and 2 home layouts to visit. Hopefully there will also be a few refreshments. You're certainly all welcome to attend and we would enjoy seeing any or all.

As I was finishing this email I got back a note from Louis Seibel, the Clerk of Turkey Creek Division, that says that if any of you want to be added to receive the email version of the Lightning Slinger, let him know at his E-mail address given below.

Signing off to get back to the dancing electrons and wiring diagrams, Dick W., Supt., Silver San Juan Division



Memories, or feeling the etchings on my marble slabs.

By Warren K. Weston, MMR
an old *has-been*

One thing about carrying all these marble slabs around, is that you some-times can dust off one and remember some more. Back in those days we also had Pete's Hobbies down about 60th and Prospect. He had a strong following and even had space to set up a model club. The members were great craftsman and the club existed through several moves to other locations. But all this was back in the days before we had meets and sold tables to vendors.

This time, however, I am looking at my Mo-Kan Rail Joiners name badge that shows some of my past has-beens. *MCoR Sec-Treas 1957*. I had the privilege of succeeding the region's first Secretary-Treasurer, Kenny John. I was elected and did a moderate job even up to the job of typing the minutes and other documents. Fortunately, my Mother had a very old typewriter even in those days it was old, and I got better practiced at the *seek and ye shall find* method of typing. Many times Don Brown, an O scale modeler and later on a manufacturer of kits, arranged for our mid-year meetings at White Haven Lodge, 80th and Metcalf. During this era Harold Schupp assisted the *Kibitzer* editor [and the dust is really thick here] and occasionally I would make a sketch as may be needed.

As I was nearing the end of my education, I attended a regional convention and learned that Roy Turner wanted to step down as editor. I was suddenly in that job. Then I found out that we needed a new publisher, It was suggested that "Bud" McCrary could do the job and he served the region for many, many years as a writer of articles, clinic leader and builder of his very unusual construction methods. Oh yes, he also printed the *Kibitzer* on a moments notice. In those days when the Region's treasury had enough money to cover the printing, I would get a call and then the mad scramble was on. I had to purchase a new portable typewriter since the previous typewriter was not acceptable to my new bride and office staff.

We had a two column format and this required /// at the end of the line so that on the next typing three spaces could be added to make the right side justification. A retype with the spaces added in and then everything was ready for the final paste up. Then the columns would be cut to fit and pasted into the camera ready pages.

These new fangled computer systems are a life-savers Then I had some time as Veep and got introduced to the NMRA Board of Trustees as a proxy. Later on I was President. All during this time I noticed that the individual member wasn't too important to the BOT. At a mid-year Regional Board meeting I expressed these concerns and a grass-roots petition was started to add another Vice-President to the NMRA. Up until then two Veeps took care of the east of the Mississippi members and a Veep had the rest of the country. This petition asked for representation for the Plains Area [Lone Star, MCoR, RMR and Thousand Lakes - I think]. The petition was successful and the first PVP was a gentleman from Colorado who just lost the election to another WVP.

For several years my vacation was planned around the BOT meeting at the National Convention. Regional meetings within

For those that are interested, the SER has posted the latest 64-page Summer issue of The SouthErneR online at their website:

www.ser-nmra.org

Extra articles included:

- Photos of the inside of the Philly Trainshed & Convention Center, site of this year's 2006 NMRA convention. - Photos of some structures on the SP in Dunsmuir, CA in 1954 and models built from them. Photos by SER member Del Kittendorf taken at the Charlotte Trolley Museum including his winning entry in The SouthErneR's "Shoot a Front Cover" contest. Also at the website is the SER Post-Convention issue which focuses on the region's Memphis convention "Railin' on the River" with contest results and photos of almost all of the entries. Also pictured is the guest speaker at the banquet - "ELVIS".

Enjoy,

PVV

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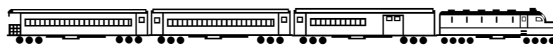
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Turkey Creek Meeting Dates for 2007

- January 23
- February 27 Union Station
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 27
- August 4 Turkey Creek Meet
Lenexa Community Center
- September 25
- October 22
- November 27
- December 18 the Third Tuesday

All meetings start at 7PM
All meeting except the February and August meeting will be held at:
Northeast Johnson County Offices
6000 Lamar
Mission, Kansas



To All Turkey Creek Members:

At the September 26, 2006 meeting, we voted on the subscription rate for one year for the Lightning Slinger to be mailed to members. The price chosen was \$12.00 per year beginning in January, 2007. The payment for your subscription must be in by December 18, 2006 to receive the Lightning Slinger by mail for 2007. Please fill in the information below and mail it back with a check if you want to receive it by mail. If you would like it by e-mail, please e-mail confirmation to l-seibel@comcast.net.

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Mid-Continent Region and Turkey Creek Division Train Show

Attention All Mid-Continent Region Members

Turkey Creek will host a version of the annual meet on August 4, 2007.
The meet will be held at the Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, Kansas.

This year Turkey Creek Division will have Co-Chairman's they are Brad Moreau phone (913) 897-0669 E-mail bmorneau@KC.RR.Com and Louis Seibel phone (913)-393-3495 E-mail L-seibel@comcast.net .

The following are the beginning of the Committees Chairman's

Paul Richardson, MMR Model & Photo Contest

Bob Jefferis, Swap Tables and Railroad Groups

This meet will also hold the mid year Mid-Continent Region Board Meeting time and place to be determined.



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TURKEY CREEK DIVISION MEETING

7:00 P. M. October 24, 2006

**Union Station instead of the
Johnson Country Offices**

The Clinic –

At the October Clinic, Chuck Hitchcock, MMR will present a clinic entitled “The Argentine Industrial District Railway, A New Painting.” This presentation will reflect a nearly completed railway after five years of progress. It will include some new pixs and more about it’s operation.

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