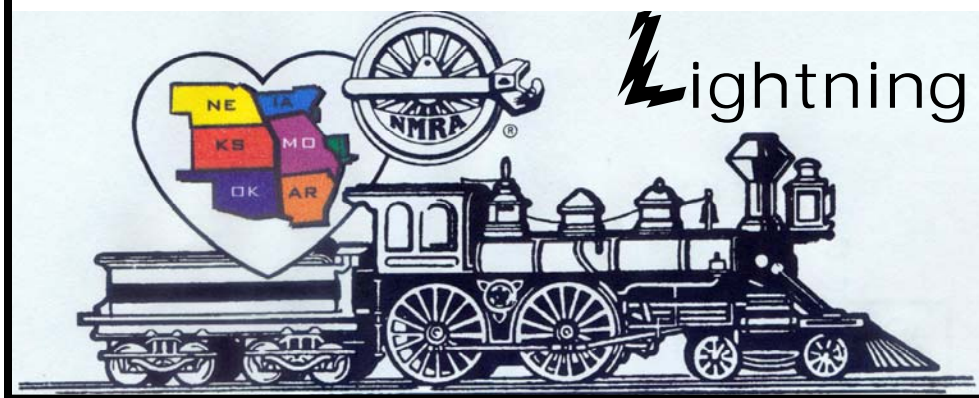


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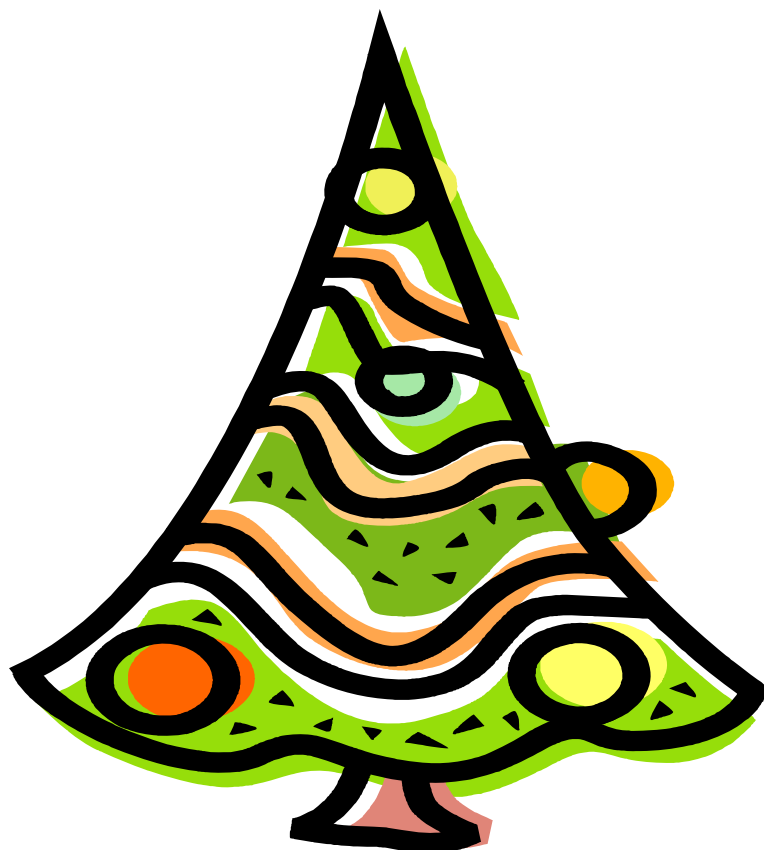
December 18, 2007 Turkey Creek Division Holiday Party 7PM

Everyone is invited
bring your wife, a friend or
someone that might be interested in
joining the NMRA.

Warren Weston MMR
will do the clinic on
"Durango, Silverton
Narrow Gauge Railroad".

Bring a Dessert for 10.
Drinks will be provide.

See you at the Party!



From THE SUPER'S DESK....

Hello everyone!

Last Tuesday was our meeting and it was not well attended. Not even all of our officers attended even though we had an election. I must say that we are not providing a good atmosphere for service to the NMRA within our division. We seem to belittle or joke about serving as an officer as though it is something you need to get out of the way just to earn an AP toward a MMR rather than as a way to promote the hobby we love! No one wants to volunteer or when we do get a volunteer to be a candidate, we make them feel that they are suckers for getting stuck with an unpleasant job. Why is this? What can we do to get more people to attend our meetings and more people to want to fill volunteer roles? I am putting this question to the membership because I need help to correct this problem. I believe that more members would want to volunteer as officers if we acted like it was important.

While we are on the subject of volunteering, we will need volunteers to help with a mail campaign to reach members who can not be reached by e-mail or phone because their phone numbers and e-mails are incorrect. We did this a couple of years ago and it is time again to find members and correct e-mails to reduce mailing costs and try to get more members to attend meetings and participate in Turkey Creek activities.

If you know people who are members and are not getting the Lightning Slinger newsletter either by mail or by e-mail and are still members of NMRA and interested please contact Louis Seibel. Louis thinks there might be as many as 60 people who fit the above description.

We asked for volunteers to serve as committee chairs for the upcoming train show in August. We now have all of our positions for next year's Turkey Creek Divisional Train show and meet filled. We only had to fill the positions of PR and Door Prizes. Let us give our thanks to everyone who stepped forward to volunteer to make next year's show and meet a success. We made money last year and let us hope for the best at this coming year's show!

We asked for volunteers for the upcoming elections of officers of Turkey Creek. No one stepped forward at the meeting to volunteer for any of the positions. So the following people were elected to office.

1. Kerry Lindenbaum – was returned to office as Superintendent
2. Jack Boren – was returned to office as Paymaster
3. Louis Seibel – was returned to office as Clerk
4. Brad Morneau – was elected to office as Division Director

The positions of Superintendent and Clerk will open up next year so please consider volunteering to fill one of these positions. The position of Superintendent pays 2

points toward your volunteer AP for each month of service. Your responsibilities would include asking members for clinics and leading the monthly meetings. You are also responsible for writing the From the Desk of the Superintendent each month for the LS which earns you author points.

The clerk's position pays 1 point toward your volunteer AP for each month of service. Your responsibilities would include keeping the minutes and presenting them in the LS each month so you would earn author AP points as well.

I do not know if the position of Paymaster will be open next year, but do consider volunteering even if you have a MMR but have not served as an officer. You have a year to consider so if you are interested, contacted Louis or myself.

We had two clinics after completing the division business and the elections of officers. They were the following:

- The History of Railroading in Kansas City by Dennis Owens. This was very short clinic but what we did get was good. Let us hope that we will get the long version sometime in the future.
- The American Street Car by Bob Jefferis. This was a very good clinic. Bob gave us a PowerPoint presentation on what was or wasn't a street car, some of the history and some modeling information. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

I am now putting out the call for next year's clinics. I have the month of January booked already but I could use more clinics for next year. We have the train show in August, the modeling contest in May and the Christmas party in December. We have the Clinic by Ron Morse called "If these walls could talk" for the 2008 Christmas party. I really do need clinics and if you would help you could earn volunteer or author points. If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail, phone or at the meeting. I need to know the name of the clinic, description about it and what equipment you need to present it. So please contact me - I do need to hear from you!

We have moved the modeling contest back to May from June in 2008 so be thinking about what you want to build for the contest. All entries are welcome. The only requirement is that it must be able to fit your entry through the door one way or another and it be related to railroading. You can bring structures, railroad dioramas, engines, or cars.

Until then, happy railroading everyone!

Kerry Lindenbaum,



Turkey Creek Minutes November 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Lindenbaum Superintendent

He asked if there were any guests or members who had not been at the meeting for a while. John Rod said that he was a member, but has not been at a meeting recently. He models in Marklin HO AC.

Louis Seibel then was asked if there was anything new on the 2008 show. He said that there were two positions to be filled they were Door Prizes and PR. He then asked if any one would like to fill those positions Larry Diehl said that he would do Door Prizes and Dennis Owens would do PR.

Joe Robertson MMR was asked if there were any awards to be given out. Jack Ferris got 4 Merit Awards

Louis asked if anyone knew where the table cover for the Division was. Larry Alfred MMR thought that it was at either Gary Hemmingway's or Richard Napper's MMR house.

The Clinic at the December 18th meeting will be Warren Weston MMR on the "Durango, Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad". It will be the annual Holliday meeting. Bring a Guest and a Dessert for ten people. Coffee and cold drinks will be furnished by the group.

Train shows for 2008 that Turkey Creek Division has been accepted for are: The Great Train Expo on January 12 & 13 at the American Royal Complex and the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour on March 15 & 16 at the Kansas City Convention. Center.

Next was the election of Officers Kerry asked if there was anybody who would like to run against the slate of officers who were presented to the group last month.

Proposed Officers

Kerry Lindenbaum Superintendent
Jack Boren Paymaster
Louis Seibel Clerk
Brad Moreau Division Director

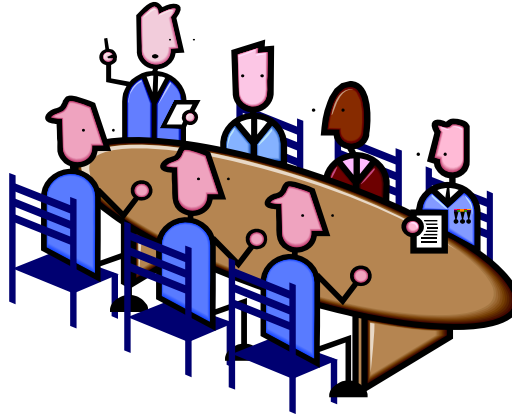
There were no additional Nominations. The question was asked if the slate should be approved. It was approved by a voice vote.

Next was the Clinic. Bob Jefferis gave the first on The American Street Car which was a PowerPoint presentation. It was a very interesting clinic on the different types of Street Cars that run in the US. Next was a short break in which Louis showed off a Broadway Limited engine that he has received from Factory Direct Trains.

After the break Dennis Owens gave a talk on the History of Railroading in Kansas City. It was short but very good he said that there would be more to come.

Meeting was adjourned for coffee at the usual place.

Respectively submitted
Louis Seibel, Clerk



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Don't forget the meeting on December 18th





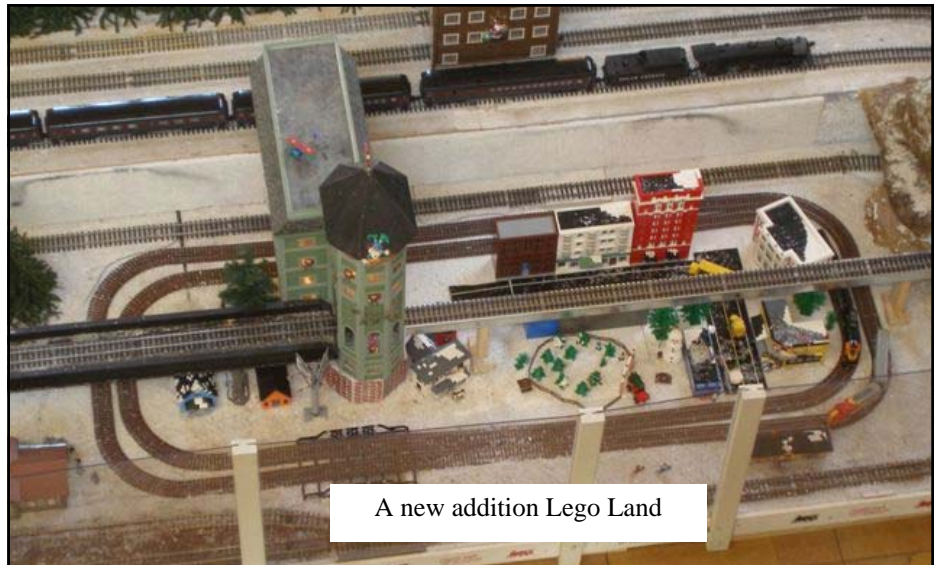
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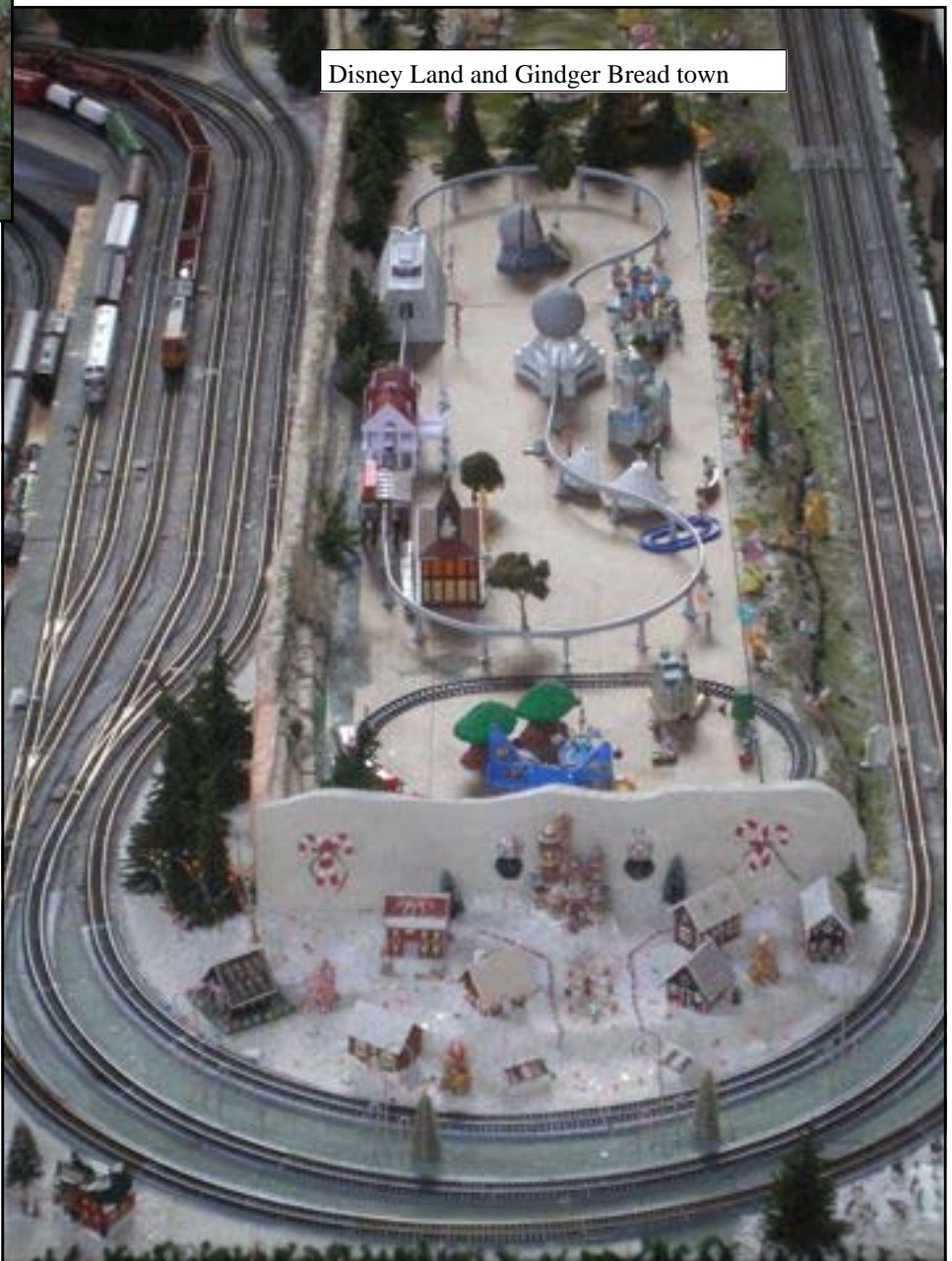
The new Lionel section



The view from the top looking south of the Holiday Set at Union Station



A new addition Lego Land



Disney Land and Gindger Bread town



Display at the Olathe City Hall on November 15 for Model Railroad Month. Display was minded by Louis Seibel and Sheldon Levy.



Dennis Owens give a short introduction to the History of Railroading in Kansas City





Bob Jefferies giving his talk on the American Street Car

The biggest surprise was to open up the December/January 2008 issue of Country Magazine and see a true story I wrote about an incident that happened when I was a senior in high school "The Legend of Old Yodelkahowl" (Yes, that was a long time ago...1963). I submitted the story maybe a couple of years ago and never heard another word about it. Vicki was just flipping through the pages and saw it!! (Page 42). They never notified me that it was going to print! They even did a special drawing for the article.....

A picture of a model railroad scene I created entitled "Snow Train To Shavano" was selected for the 2008 National Model Railroad Association calendar (December).

My article about the "Little Ella Gold Mine" is in the November/December 2007 Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette model railroad magazine, Pages 70-73.

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Turkey Creek Division Train Show
August 2 2008
Lenexa Community Center
Lenexa, Kansas
Show Committee for 2008

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Thank you all in advance for volunteering your time.
Louis Seibel Chairman



THE SWITCHING LIST

The Switching List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, OK). To list your event, send it to: 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.

DIVISION MEETINGS

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION meets the 1st Saturday of even numbered months at various locations around the division area. This is a new schedule for 2007. BOD meetings are usually at noon and general meetings are at 1 p.m. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email Gary Hemmingway:

garyonho@cox.net. The next meeting is:

December 1, 2007, Gary Hemmingway: 3201 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS. From the KS Turnpike, exit at the South Topeka Toll Booth, follow I-470 to Gage and exit. Turn north then turn right (east) at the BP station. Turn right onto Twilight and follow it to Stone, which is the first actual street. Turn left (north) 3201 is at the top of the hill on the left (west) just before the fire hydrant. From I-70 get off on I-470 and follow it south to Gage and exit. Turn left (north) then follow the above directions. From US 75 southbound, get off on I-70 and follow the above directions. All are invited regardless of NMRA membership.

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 Offices, NE Branch, 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, KS (DMV Building on SW corner of Lamar and Martway)

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon. Sump Memorial Library, corner of Washington and Second Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit www.whdnmra.org for more info and a map.

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Eastern Iowa Division Meeting Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the EOC/Training Room of the Linn County Emergency Management Agency on the Kirkwood Community College Campus (next to the tennis courts on

the north side of the campus). Kirkwood Community College is located at 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA. The agenda for the day will include a short business meeting, a silent auction, two clinics from Eastern Iowa Division area members, and two model railroad open house tours after the meeting. Model judging for merit and AP will also be available. For additional information contact the Eastern Iowa Division Superintendent, Rich Mahaney at: 505-640-5909 or email: hazmatrichm@aol.com

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 9:30am to 12:30pm. The dates and themes for each meeting in 2007 are: Jan 20 - What did Santa Bring? March 31 - Locomotives, May 19 - Rolling Stock, Sept. 15 - Photography, Nov. 17 - Structures/Dioramas. Each meeting we have various presentations from clinics, to slide shows. After the meetings we have a layout tour at one of the members layouts. Contact Dave Salamon at drs_rr@yahoo.com for further information.

PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, KEARNEY, NE) meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members homes on a rotating basis. Info: John O'Neill, Div. Dir., 308-384-5011 or jponeill@computerconcepts.com.

CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION, In November we will change to our Winter Schedule and will operate at 1:00 the second Saturday, through February. Larry has made several changes in the track plan to make it easier to switch the traffic in the Osage Engine area. We have Oil and Sand deliveries and will soon be making deliveries to a Commissary Facility. Info: George F Maulsby, 918-341-9446 or www.csrailroad.com. Please RSVP approx. a week before each scheduled operations session. Thanks. George F Maulsby, Claremore & Southern RR.

TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

DEC. 15, 2007 OKLAHOMA CHRISTMAS EXPRESS TRAIN - at the Oklahoma Railway Museum, 3400 N.E. Grand Blvd, OKC. Times: 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM. Join Santa for a ride on the train! \$12.00 per seat (infants may ride on parent's lap.) Warm up with hot chocolate and Christmas carols. Storytelling of Chris Van Allsburg's "Polar Express" by special guests. Ticket info: (405) 424-0504. Major credit cards accepted. Museum Hours: Saturdays 10 AM - 4 PM. (405) 424-8222.

JAN 26, 2008 – THE GREAT TRI-STATE RAIL



SALE, Copeland Park, La Crosse, WI, info: Mark Hamre 608-784-0036 or Phil Lamke 608-582-4761 or email pdlamke@juno.com, or write to The 4000 Foundation, Limited, P. O. Box 3411, La Crosse, WI 54602-3411.

JAN 26-27, 2008 - TRAIN AND CIRCUS SHOW, Cisco, IL, I-72 Exit 156 between Decatur, IL, and Champaign, IL; **10:00** - 4:00 both days, breakfast and lunch available, 65 Vendor Tables, 5 Layouts: N, HO, O, and G; Donation \$3.00, trains@ciscojunction.com <http://www.ciscojunction.com>.

February 9, 2008 -- The Dupo Show: 18th Year, Sponsored by Reynolds Railways & Dupo Community High School, Dupo High Gym, 600 Admiral Trost Drive, Dupo, IL (I-255 to Exit 9; 7 minutes from the Arch in Downtown St. Louis, MO; hotel accommodations 7 to 10 minutes away in St. Louis South County, Downtown St. Louis, or Waterloo, IL.) 10 am - 3 pm; Adults \$3.00; 12 & under FREE with adult, 40-plus vendors, Lionel, Flyer, HO, N, etc., including operating layouts; Smoke-free environment. 8 ft. tables, \$12 each; tables usually sell out by January 1st; electric \$5.00; payment payable to Reynolds Railways must accompany registration; mail to Reynolds Railways, 212 North Main Street, Dupo, IL 62239; Seller set-up 7 a.m.; ROTC carry-in/our service. Info: 618-286-3399.

FEB 9-10, 2008 -- WICHITA TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET, Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS, Sat: 9 - 5, Sun: 12 Noon - 4, Sponsored by Chisholm Trail Div. & Engine House Hobbies, Registration; \$6.00 both days. Advance table registration; before 12/31/07 take 10% off. Six foot tables are \$20.00 each, eight foot tables are \$25.00 each. Mail registration to: 603 Chestnut, Halstead, KS. 67056-2302, Email: aylward1@cox.net.

FEB 23, 2008-LAWRENCE MODEL RAILROADERS ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW, Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St., Building 20, Lawrence, KS; for information contact Jim Turner, 255 N. Michigan # 5-25, Lawrence Ks, 66044, 785-841-6256. His email address is jimforegolf@hotmail.com, more information in the future.

FEB 23, 2008-- SUGAR CREEK MODEL RAILROAD & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., FIFTH ANNUAL GREAT NWA MODEL TRAIN & HISTORICAL MEMORABILIA SHOW, Clarion Hotel and Convention Center 211SE Walton Blvd Bentonville, AR 72712, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Adm: Adults \$5:00 and Children 12 and under FREE; Large number of vendors, operating layouts, model contest, clinics, door prizes, DCC clinic by Loy of Loy Toys, Very Buffet

Here is the address to the latest online version of SER's The South-ErneR. I have to apologize about the download size for anyone who still has dialup like me. It is a 6.3 MB download, but it does have 70 pages with many, many color photos.

<http://www.ser-nmra.org/sou.htm>

There is more on the Detroit contest including many detail photos of the PRR Sandusky Coal Unloader model and a few photos of the present winner and some of the past winners of the William J. Lenior Award for best scratch built steam locomotive.

There is an article on the soon-to-start 5th Annual Piedmont Pilgrimage which will run through the month of November and into the first weekend in December. The article features the HOn3 layout of Jim Hoffman whose layout has been used in a series of layout construction videos by Green Frog.

There are a couple of "how-to" or "how I did what" articles. There is a look at the SRR's former Norcross, GA train station - now a restaurant still located trackside in downtown Norcross.

There is also a day by day accounting of my experience before, during and after the Detroit convention as seen from the perspective of someone who helps run the contests at every national convention. It is a bit different from the "Oh Gee, Wow, I saw this and this and this..." perspective of your average convention attendee. More of a "down and dirty, this is what you did not see" perspective. However, before anyone runs off screaming about "my view of the Detroit convention contest", everything has been repaired, fixed, redone, or whatever was needed and we are running smoothly again.

Paul Voelker, SER Editor
NMRA Photo Contest



Here is a write up from Charles Stapleton MMR 398

How did I ever achieve my MMR status with the family that I have? Actually it came with a lot of encouragement from my extended family of ten children, 34 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. No, it isn't necessary for you to reread the last sentence. What you read is fact. Of course this is a combined family of my six children and my wife, Pat's four. The ones who have been to the railroad in our basement have given me encouragement to gain that MMR status.

Having a model railroad of the size that I have now has been a long sought after dream. The dream and answer to prayer came twenty years ago when my wife and I moved into the house where we now live. The room in the basement was a model railroaders dream measuring 32' X 47'. My brain immediately started seeing a development of plans for a railroad that I always thought out of reach until April of 1988.

I had been a member of NMRA and Turkey Creek since 1984 and 1986, respectively, and enjoyed the interchange of ideas and solutions that you can get from those that have been involved in the hobby for so long. My thanks go out to all of those who were there to say, "This is how you do it." or "This is where you can find out." I don't know of any other hobby that has the encouragement from others that model railroading does. The support from many of you has been outstanding. I might add here that a prayer now and then was extremely helpful.

My wife, Pat, had her mind set that me getting my MMR was something she was going to witness while I still had all my mental and physical capacities. She even had me pack a bag with model railroad tools, glue and car building supplies to take on our two week stay at Sedona, AZ in the fall of 2006. How is that for an interested woman to call your wife. Pretty dedicated to her hubby ain't she? With all of this help and push from her and others there is no way I could have failed. I am truly blessed.

Philatelic or Stamp Collectors Wanted to Display or Buy Railroad Stamp Items

Greetings on behalf of the Omaha Philatelic Society (OPS),

On September 5-7, 2008, OPS will host the 2008 Omaha Stamp Show at Metro Community College – (South Campus). The theme for the show is "*Kanesville: The Beginning Of The Line For Omaha*". (*Kanesville became Council Bluffs in 1853*).

With our Council Bluff's area rich history/interest in railroading and its ephemera (RPOs), it's about time that local philatelist give homage to our rail industry and model railroaders. For me, as a life member (L1612) of the NMRA, the enjoyment of our two hobbies can be highlighted during the stamp show.

One idea that I would like to activate for the show is to have an hourly door price around a railroading motif. So far I have obtained route schedules, calendars, ash trays, maps, plates, and recordings.

I am contacting NMRA members to ask that you share with peers that we are looking for philatelic exhibits, postcards, or other ephemera that highlight railroading or the history of Council Bluffs, Iowa/Nebraska. I am also open to suggestions to any workshops that a NMRA would like to share. The Omaha Stamp Show is free to the public. It is supported by the approx 20 dealers that will be offering their philatelic items for sale. In 2007 there were over 2,500 pages of philatelic exhibits from individuals throughout the United States.

Blessings,
edgar hicks, chairman
2008 Omaha Stamp Show
Omaha Philatelic Society
1-800-228-2316 ext 2506
402-861-2506

www.OmahaPhilatelicSociety.org

Here is a link to Eastern Iowa Division
News letter the Wig-Wag

<http://eid.mcor-nmra.org/>

Thanks!
Clark Cooper
Director, Eastern Iowa Division, MCoR,
NMRA



Several members have asked for interpretation of the requirements for Volunteer and Author in specific circumstances. We are providing those interpretations to all members in the event that others may have the same question. As always, feel free to ask your questions about the AP program. I think you will find the requirements more easily met than you might have first thought.

1. Volunteer (work day of event) - Volunteer credits are earned based on the level and duration of service to the NMRA at all levels. For single events, "casual" volunteers (i.e., volunteers for only the day of the event for a specific task) earn credits as if they were members of the same committee for an entire month, the basic time unit for service. Unlike modular groups, they do not need to prepare in advance for the event. There is no need for an additional level of credit based on hours or other basis for volunteer work the day of an event. The current requirements are sufficient.

2. Author/Volunteer (credits for live clinics) - A literal reading of the Author requirements shows that the first time a live clinic is given it earns Author credits and subsequent presentations earn Volunteer credits. Live clinics are recognized for credit for both Author and Volunteer, depending on circumstances.

Some members already have the Author certificate and are working on Volunteer. For perspective, in the Mid-Central Region, 203 members have earned the Volunteer certificate but not the Author (including 10 MMRs), 22 have earned Author but not Volunteer (including 3 MMRs), and 63 have earned both certificates (including 16 MMRs). The number of members who have already earned Author and not Volunteer is a reason to interpret the requirements a bit broader than the literal interpretation in this specific instance. These members are continuing to serve the organization in a very positive manner of sharing their expertise with others - one of the tenets of the AP program.

Clarification/Interpretation: If a member does not hold the Author certificate, then the requirements stand as is. Only if a member already holds the Author certificate, then both the first and subsequent presentations of a live clinic can be counted (with this explanation) as Volunteer credits.

3. Author (contribution to the convention clinic book) - The first credits for material related to a live clinic are for the clinic itself. If the submitted material is the handout that is required for Author credits as a live clinic, then no additional points are earned beyond those earned for the qualifying clinic. If an article is prepared specifically for the clinic books and goes beyond the handout and is not a transcription of the clinic itself, then the submission can be considered an article in a Regional publication (defined by circulation/distribution) even though the clinic book may not achieve the necessary level of sales to meet the Region definition as required for general publications.

This is analogous to the requirement that the direct taping of a live clinic does not satisfy the definition of the requirements for an instructional video tape and multi-media presentation; i.e., the direct transcription of a live clinic does not become an "article" for purposes of meeting the Author requirements.

The Editor of the Clinic book earns Volunteer credits at the rate of two per month as noted in the requirements for Volunteer.

FJ Koch, NMRA AP Assistant Manager, October 26, 2007



J & L Hobbies Announcement

It is true we are down sizing and moving to Oak Grove as come June will only be Linda & myself left at home all the time and since I'm not able to do the yard work 4.5 acres any more and we don't like stairs we found a nice 3 car garage oversize bedrooms no basement all 1 level they do all lawn care & snow removal. Shop has no plans to move as we are not getting a lot of walk in traffic since Gas prices have went up 6 months or so ago and many are on fixed income and the gas is taking there hobby money. We will keep stocking normal everyday orders new items most will be preorder only as that's the way manufactures are doing it. We will still be doing special orders. We are in the process of when time permits putting old old inventory on our e bay store at cost plus fees and it is moving very well as been on shelf many years collecting dust no more. Also we are going to change our hours as will be driving back & forth between Oak Grove when present houses sells.

Still closed on Thursdays New hours 10 AM to 6 PM Mon Tue Wed Fri Sat 10 AM to 4 PM. If needed will stay later or come in earlier by appointment only. Also due to high gas prices and a lot are on fix income and the extra is going in the gas tank this we understand but are going to have to get hard-nosed on special orders as our hold shelves are overloaded some of it been there a year. We are cleaning them off Jan 1st and starting over.

Anything over a month will be removed and you will be put on the no order list unless prior arrangements are made as we have to pay for items within 7 to 30 days from shipping and some even up front. We have not required payment up front due to paper work and will not in the future. Best way to handle it is remove offenders from preorder list

In Memoriam: Michael Tager, Chairman of Model Power

Official statement released by Model Power

On October 27, 2007, a quiet pioneer of the hobby industry passed away. Michael Tager, chairman of Model Power, died at the age of eighty-five. While many in the industry knew of him; fewer still knew him well. He preferred to remain in the background of the company he founded more than thirty years ago. His two sons, Matthew, President of Model Power, and Josh, Vice President, were the face of the company to the industry. Most recently they were joined in the business by Matthew's sons, Jonathan, as Vice President of Sales, and Adam, as Vice President of Production.

Mike Tager wasn't always the quiet one. He began his career in the late fifties and the sixties as a dynamic young sales representative for Aurora, Matchbox, and Arrow Handicraft. When he took on sales responsibility for two start up electric train companies, Atlas Tool and Athearn, he grew their sales by a factor of ten. Mike, Steve Shaffen, and Irv Athearn were the three amigos, traveling the globe for fun and profit. The only drawback was that Shaffen and Tager were subject to the constant smell from Athearn's ever-present cigars. Worse yet, each were subject to the wry humor of the other two.

Among other things, Tager was an innovator. He pioneered the first ready to run HO electric train set combining Athearn locos, Atlas track and KF power packs. He was instrumental in eliminating the rubber band drive on Athearn's locos. He brought the first built up building models into the United States.

When he started Model Power in the seventies, Tager was able to put his extensive travel experience to work. He leveraged his contacts with Trix, Roco, Mehano, Sanda Kan, SKI Industrial, Faller, Tri-Ang, Thomas Salter and Hasegawa to provide Model Power with notable, quality products. While most well known for trains and accessories in HO, N, and some G gauge, Mike, along with his son Matt, diversified into the die-cast model airplane field, creating the popular Postage Stamp series, that now features 150 different scale planes.

Enthusiasts in the hobby industry are known for their passion. For Mike Tager, his passion stemmed from a love of immediate family that extended to touch each and every person in Model Power. Kind, patient, understanding, a great sounding board for an idea or a problem, he will be missed in a quiet and personal way by those who knew him. For those who knew of him, perhaps his story may serve as inspiration. He is survived by his wife, Judith, three sons, and eight grandchildren.

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Just put up a retrospect of our exhibition at the
Gateshead Stadium last weekend.
The direct link is:

<http://www.xclent.freeuk.com/scrapbook/newcastle07/tyneside07-1.htm>

Regards,

John H. Wright, Washington, England

<http://www.xclent.freeuk.com>

Visit Andy Reichert's Proto87 site:

<http://www.proto87.com>
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Louis,

As mentioned, I have a fairly large HO layout (16 by 16) which I have dismantled. We are moving to Arizona and I will have no room for it there, so would like to sell it to someone who appreciates it. **NOT LOOKING FOR TOP DOLLAR!!!** I modeled primarily modern-era freight, and most is in good to excellent condition. This is just a general idea of what I have:

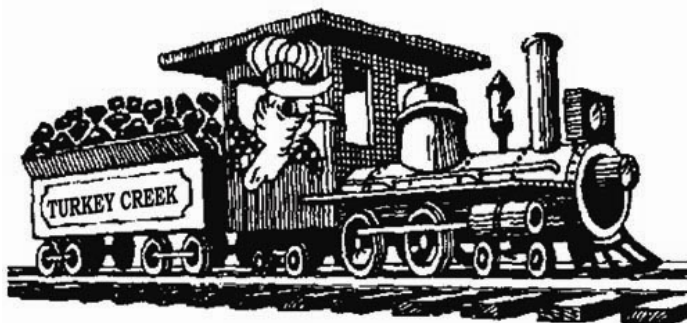
- a. Oregon Rail single-target signals--LED's--several dozen
- b. Circuitron block detectors
- c. Many large buildings--both scratch built and kits (one has red flashing light on the roof!)
- d. DPM and like-type buildings--many with lighted interiors
- e. Campbell two track truss bridge, Queen Anne House, other high-end kit structures
- f. Several dozen Atlas Mark III #6 switches and 2 Shinohara crossovers and 1 Shinohara curved #6
- g. Herpa, Busch, Viking, etc. cars and trucks--several dozen
- h. Rolling stock is primarily Athearn and Roundhouse with metal wheel sets and some resistor axles
- i. 3 pair of NJ International crossing gates (with Tortoise set ups)
- j. 3 Grade Crossing Pro circuits
- k. Several Engines including 2 Genesis SD70s--all Southern Pacific
- l. Transformers--step down for lighting, switch power, signal system, etc.
- m. LOTS of trees, some Sweetwaters, home made, palms, firs, etc.
- n. Electrical miscellaneous, power packs, etc.
- o. Scratch Building Materials
- p. TTX Inter modal cars and double stack containers

Lot of miscellaneous stuff as well. Would like to unload the whole package rather than piecemeal it, but. talk to me. I live in the 151 and Mission area, but could deliver in the Metro

John Upton
3300 W 151 St
Leawood, KS 66224

More photos of a BN blind shove in Ft. Worth:





Turkey Creek Show
August 2, 2008
 Lenexa Community Center
 13420 Oak, Lenexa, KS (Pflumm & Santa Fe Drive)

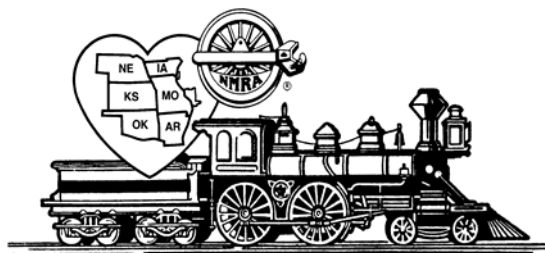
Activities planned for this year's meet include:

- o **Clinics** – a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby.
- o **Model & Photo Contests** -By Popular vote with NMRA Achievement Program judging available. *Each model (up to a maximum of 5 models) you enter in the model contest will automatically qualify you to be entered in to a special drawing to receive a \$50.00 gift voucher. Special Youth Award for the best overall youth model entry 16 and under.*
- o **Door Prizes** – Additional door prizes will be set aside for advance registrants.
- o **Display Layout and Layout Tours** – In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening. Layout tour maps will be available for collection with your registration.
- o **Swap Tables and Railroad Groups** – Expect to find more than 70 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. For information on tables contact Robert Jefferis at jeffbobj@everestkc.net.

Food and Refreshments – Scout Troop 92 will have food and refreshments available during the show.

Turkey Creek 2008 Division Meet Registration Form				
Advance Registration: \$4.00 ♦♦♦♦ Full Registration: \$6.00 (\$5.00 NMRA member) at door Children under 12 free with paid registration				
		Advance Registration (\$4.00)	No. Registration	Total Cost
Name:				
Address:				
City				
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Telephone #:		Total Enclosed:		
E-Mail Address:			Scale Modeled	
More Registrant Names:				
Make Checks Payable to: "Turkey Creek Division" Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, C/o Robert Hollowell, 2013 SE Stratford, Blue Springs, Mo 64014 4047				





Mid-Continent Regional Convention / *BRANSON EXPRESS 2008*

Hosted by the Ozark Mountain Area

MAY 15-18, 2008 IN BRANSON, MO

STONE CASTLE (formerly Settle Inn)

3050 Green Mountain Dr. 800-677-6906 group # NMRA-5158 rate \$69.98 +tax

Activities planned for this year's meet include:

Door Prizes and Silent Auction - for all registrants.

Display Layout and Layout Tours – In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours Friday afternoon and evening. Layout tour maps will be available at registration.

Excursion train trip – On the Branson Scenic Railway. Information will be available at registration.

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and Poplar vote.

Clinics – a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby. For Clinic registration contact Tom McMorran at k_t_mack@yahoo.com or 417-239-2776.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – Approximately 75 tables for area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. For information on tables contact Tom McMorran at k_t_mack@yahoo.com or 417-239-2776.

BRANSON, MO – Live entertainment capitol of the U.S.A., with over 52 show venues. Plus Silver Dollar City, Celebration City, Branson Belle and three lakes for boating and fishing. There is something for every member of the family to do in Branson, so make the trip to the convention a family vacation. For information log onto explorebranson.com or call 800-214-3661.

Mid Continent Regional Convention / *Branson Express 2008* Registration Form

Advance Registration (until October 31,2007) is: \$55.00 for the convention & banquet
Full Registration (after October) is \$45.00 for the convention and/or \$25.00 for the banquet
Swap tables @ \$20.00, plus \$15.00 Branson City Vendor License fee (March 31,2008)

	Number of attendees / tables	x	Cost	=	total
Advance Registration (before 10/31/07)			\$55.00		
Convention Registration			\$45.00		
Banquet			\$25.00		
Swap Tables (maximum of five)			\$20.00		
Branson Vendors License	1		\$15.00		
Total Enclosed:					

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____ phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ - _____

Additional attendees _____

Make Checks Payable to: "Branson Express 2008"
Mail to: Tom McMorran, 730 Emerald Pointe Dr #433, Hollister, MO 65672



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TURKEY CREEK DIVISION MEETING

7:00 P. M. December 18, 2007
Johnson County Offices

December 18 the Third Tuesday

2008

January 22

February 26 - meeting place to be announced

March 25

April 22

May 27

June 24

July 22 - meeting place to be announced

August No Meeting

August 2 Train Show Saturday

September 23

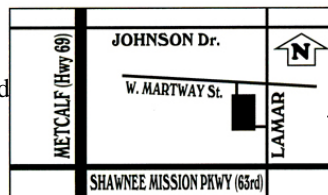
October 28 - meeting place to be announced

November 25

December 16, Third Tuesday of the Month Holiday Party

All meetings start at 7PM

Northeast Johnson County Offices 6000 Lamar, Mission, Kansas



We meet at the NE Johnson County Office, located at 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, KS (the southwest corner of West Martway and Lamar).

