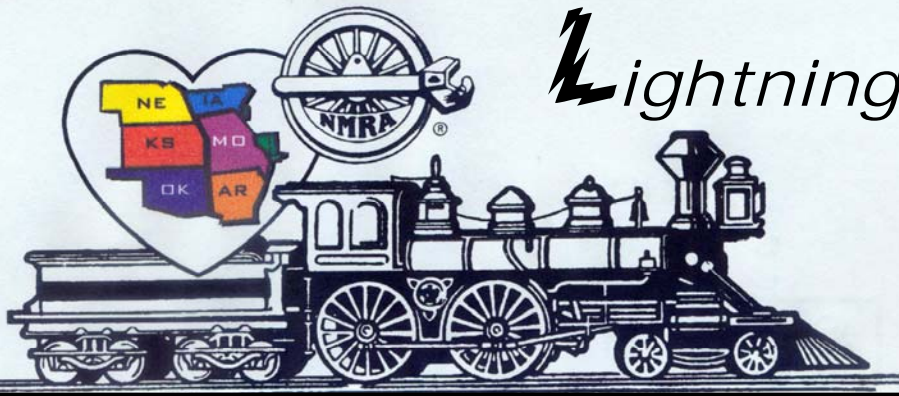


# Turkey Creek Division



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## **Turkey Creek Division** **Annual Holiday** **December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Program by Ron Morse MMR**

**“If These Walls Could Talk”**

**Please bring your friend**

**Please bring at Holiday Desert for 10**

**Meeting will start at 7pm**

**All MMR's in the Division please come**  
**For the Annual MMR Picture**



## ***From THE SUPER'S DESK....***

Hello everyone!

Last Tuesday November 25th, we had our monthly meeting of Turkey Creek. I thought that we might have a very small crowd for this meeting. After all the 25<sup>th</sup> of November was only two days before the Thanksgiving Holiday. But we had a very large turnout which included 10 new members or visitors to our meeting. Nine of them were HO scale modelers and 1 was a fellow N scale modeler. We also had several members attend who had not attended a meeting in some time. It was so good to see everyone.

We had three AP certificates given out! The first certificate was awarded to Rick McCellan for structures. The second and third certificates were given to Brad Morneau. His first certificate was for rolling stock and his second was for structures. Let us congratulate the both of them.

Next item from our meeting was a report from our Paymaster. Jack told us that we earned \$105.50 for the year and made a profit of \$300 from the train.

Next we had the nomination of officers for 2009. Our Clerk and Paymaster wished to be returned to office for another year of service. Only our superintendent, yours truly, was to be replaced. Larry Diehl was nominated for superintendent. Then all of the officers were elected into office. Let us congratulate these gentlemen on their election to office. And let us support them all we can to achieve the goals of Turkey Creek division and of the NMRA in general.

Well that time has finally come! I do not need any more clinics for this year. But if you have a clinic that you are thinking of giving please consider giving it next year. This would be a great way to support the new superintendent! Let us see if we can get some January and February clinics lined up. I found the hardest part of becoming a new superintendent was getting those first clinics so please support the new officers by volunteering to do a clinic.

December's meeting will be a party so bring your spouse to the meeting. Also bring a treat to share with your fellow members. We will have a short business meeting and then we will have a clinic by Ron Morse, MMR. It will be "If these walls could talk" so grab some food and enjoy the clinic or just enjoy relaxing and socializing.

Our meeting will be held at the usual location Lamar location. The date of the next meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, please come.

See you at the December meeting, until then happy railroading!

*Kerry Lindenbaum,* 

Video of the Union Station Holiday Trains 2008  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWvDb-zyCGk&NR=1>



## Turkey Creek Division, Minutes From November 25, 2008 Meeting

Kerry Lindenbaum called the meeting to order at the Johnson Country Northeast Offices.

Kerry called for visitors, new members and any members that had not been at a meeting in the last couple of months. There were eight visitors. They are Kevin Leyerle, Ralph Billie, John Acheson, Dave Acheson, Mark Davidson, Rob Biddison, and Duane Richardson MMR son of Paul Richardson MMR visiting from Texas. Members that have not been at a meeting for a while were Howard Gillespie and Rick McClellan MMR.

Louis asked all MMR's to stand. There were eleven.

Kerry asked Joe Robertson MMR if there were any awards to be given out. Joe said that he had a couple. He asked Rick McClellan MMR to come forward to receive an AP certificate for Structures, and asked Brad Morneau to come forward and receive two AP certificates one for Structures and the other for Rolling Stock.

Kerry asked if there was a Paymaster report. Jack Boren said that he had one. He said that the reason for not having a report was because of computer problems in the past months. He thanked Marie Seibel for being able to restore some of the information back. So far this year we are in the black by \$105, the August Train Show made a profit of about \$300.

Kerry asked Louis if there was any other business. Louis said that there were a couple of events coming up next year. They are the Great Train Expo in January 24 and 25, and in February the Lawrence Model Railroad Club will be holding their annual meet. Dennis Owens said that he would help out on Saturday from 10 to 1. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact Louis.

Louis also reminded everyone that the meeting date for the division is December 16th for the annual Holiday Party. Please bring spouse or friend and also a dessert for 10. Meeting will start at 7pm with a short business meeting then it will adjourn for desserts and coffee. There will be a special program by Ron Morse MMR on "If These Walls Could Talk".

Kerry said that election of officers would be next. Kerry said that the office of Superintendent was open and that the other positions of Clerk and Paymaster the incumbent members would like to retain their jobs for one more year if there were no members interested in filling the jobs. At the last meeting Larry Diehl had been nominated for Superintendent. Larry was asked if he would be willing to take the position he agreed. His name was put into nomination by Jack Ferris and seconded by Paul Meyers MMR. Robert Jefferis asked that they be nominated by accumulation nominated. The members present voted them in.

Kerry said that now the fun part of the meeting is now here the Clinics. First up was going to be Warren Weston MMR on Modeling Grain Elevators and then Larry Diehl on Roofing Techniques for Structures. Both clinics were wonderful.

Respectfully  
Louis Seibel, Clerk

Hi All,  
The mid-year BOD meeting has been schedule. it will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 10:00 am. Location will be same as in the past, at the Johnson County Library, 9875 W 87<sup>th</sup> St. Overland Park, KS.

All applicable officers, directors, and staff members should be working on their reports. Get a head start and send them now to the MCoR Secretary, Whit Johnson. Whit will send out the official call for reports during the next few weeks.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.  
Larry Alfred

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## Shinohara 3-Way Turnout

### Wiring and Gap Modifications

by Didrik A. Voss

The Shinohara 3-Way turnout is a mechanically beautiful turnout but a wiring nightmare. I wanted to use this turnout on my layout with two DPDT switches to control the direction of the points and two sets of bi-color LEDs on my control panel. Bi-color LEDs change from green to red depending on the direction of current flow through the LED. This provides a quick check on the direction of the switch which can be seen from across the room. Unfortunately, wiring the Shinohara 3-Way turnout so that it does short out and shut down the layout proved to be a challenge.

The turnout, as purchased, contains three gaps which are identified as "A", "B", and "C" on the attached diagram. Gaps "A" and "B" are easily located because they are black plastic about 1/8" long. Gap "C" is difficult to spot without a multi-meter. The gap is actually in the frog itself. The fourth gap "D" does not exist in the turnout as purchased but is required to overcome shorting.

First, let's talk about gaps "A", "B", and "C" as the turnout is delivered. Gaps "A" and "C" are unnecessary since the polarity across these gaps never needs to change as will be shown in the attached diagrams. This will be explained later. Gap "B" is a false gap in that continuity across this gap can be traced through the frog to the right of gap "B" and the brass bar across the inner set of points. This brass bar is soldered to the two points and the attached to the throw-bar with a grommet.

Well, how do we solve this problem. Andy Sperandeo's book, "Easy Model Railroad Wiring" has a wiring diagram of a 3-Way turnout (Figure 3-18) which states that only one gap is required. This is actually not true. Two gaps are required. The first gap is labeled "B" in my figure. The second is across the inner points, labeled "D" in my diagram. In fact, Andy shows this gap in his figure but does not discuss it or point it out. Since the polarity of the points is different across the inner points, a gap is required.

Now let's assume we cut the gap "D" across the inner points. I did this by drilling, taping and inserting a small screw through the brass bar across the points and into the plastic throwbar below. Next I cut a gap across the brass bar between the screw and the grommet, then glued in a piece of styrene to insure the gap never closed.

The best way to discuss why gap "D" is required is to review the four positions of the turnout. Please realize the two sets of points can create four sets of conditions, and wiring problems, for the turnout: 1. Down-Down,

2. Down-Up, 3. Up-Up, and 4. Up-Down. Wire the turnout as shown in the diagrams. Please realize the wire from the outer set of turnout points has to be wired to two blocks of track. This is due to the unneeded gap "A".

1. **Down-Down – Route to Track 1:** Every track but the upper (left) track is red in this condition. Prove this to yourself by tracing each wire or track until you hit a gap.

2. **Down-Up – Route to Track 2:** This is where gaps "B" and "D" become important. The points across the gap "D" brass bar have opposite polarity.

3. **Up-Up – Route to Track 3:** In this state, all the tracks are black except the bottom rail leading into Track 3.

4. **Up-Down – Route to Track 3 with Inner Points miss-thrown:** This condition can easily happen if a train is coming in from Track 1, reverses and goes out through Track 3. If gap "D" was not in place, a short would occur. This fourth condition is the main reason for cutting the gap at "D". If you never throw the points into this condition, it is possible to wire the turnout as purchased and never have a short. For instance, a 3-position rotary switch could be used which would never allow this condition to occur. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to find a rotary switch that will work. Another approach is to use a set of diodes to control current flow and never allow the inner points to be thrown in the down position when the out points are in the upper position. Using diodes to control the color of the LEDs also started blowing my mind. This seemed like a very complicated, and expensive, approach to overcoming the short. The cheapest and easiest approach was to cut the gap at "D", use two DPDT switches to control the points, and wire in the LEDs as normal. The loose end of the brass bar connecting the points at "D" can be screwed down to the moving cross tie.

A few additional observations from these four conditions.

1. The polarity of the gaps "A" and "C" never change across the gaps. This means the gaps are unnecessary.
2. The wire feed from the outer points has to be soldered to two rails because of gap "A". That is, the



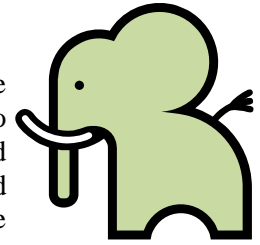
frog, surrounded by gaps "A", "B", and "C" needs to have a power lead as well as the frog in the lower right of the diagrams.

3. Gap "B" is useless unless gap "D" is cut.

Of course, Shinohara could easily solve this problem by redesigning the turnout as discussed.

Didrik Voss is the General Chairman of the 2004 NMRA National Convention in Seattle. His layout the Everett & Monte Cristo Ry Co will be on tour during that convention.

### December is White Elephant Month



In addition to our Christmas Party, December will be the final White Elephant Exchange for 2008. I would like to schedule 4 exchanges for 2009, March, June, September and December. Most of us have things that we no longer need and this is a good opportunity to get it out of your way to make room for the stuff you need. Please take a few minutes to look through your model railroad supplies to locate these items. I occasionally run across something and wonder "why did I buy that"? When this happens, I set it aside for the White Elephant Exchange. Might I suggest you do the same? Remember, you can bring as many items as you wish and you will receive a numbered ticket stub for each item. When the exchange begins the tickets will be thoroughly mixed and tickets will be drawn from the container. When your number is called you come to the table and select any exchange item from the table. Tickets will be drawn until all items have been removed from the table. So, come to the December meeting and bring those items you no longer need. Remember the old saying "One man's junk is another man's treasure".

Paul Richardson, MMR

## Shinohara 3-Way Turnout

### Gap Throwbar across Inner Points



Route to Track 1



Route to Track 3



Route to Track 2

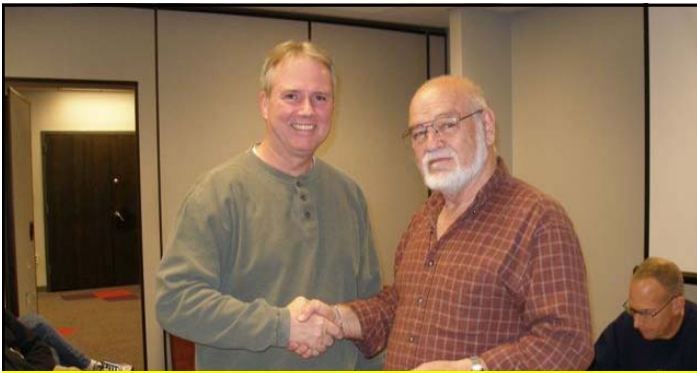


Route to Track 3 with Inner Points in Down Position

Didrik Voss, 425-337-5222







Joe Robertson MMR giving Rick McCellan MMR Merit Award Certificate

## Members & Visitors



Joe Robertson MMR giving Brad Morneau 3 Merit Award Certificates for 1 Structures and 2 Cars

## Members & Visitors



Warren Weston MMR Clinic on Grain Elevators



Larry Diehl Clinic on Roofing Techniques for Structures

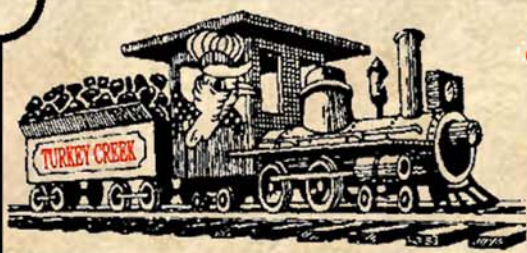


Members looking at Larry's Structures

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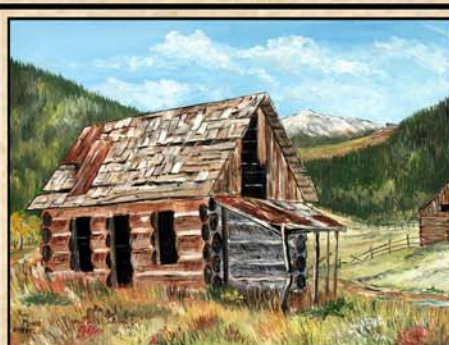
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## If These Walls Could Talk

## - CHRISTMAS PARTY PROGRAM - "If These Walls Could Talk"



This is a power point presentation of the artwork and photography of Colorado native, Ron Morse, MMR. Included are many of the ghost towns, mining camps, four wheel drive roads and narrow gauge railroads of the Colorado high lonesome. This presentation contains over 190 images and five maps. This presentation runs about 40 minutes.



The photography and artwork of Ron Morse, MMR

## If These Walls Could Talk

Ron has also produced a book and a CD that covers the photos presented in this show.



"If These Walls Could Talk"  
by Ron Morse, MMR



There is a quote that says "You can take the man out of the mountain but you can't take the mountain out of the man". In a third generation Colorado miner who was raised in the high country, Ron Morse is certainly the man. Early on, I was raised in the high country where my parents and grandparents owned a very small mining claim called the Morse Timber Company which sat at an elevation of 10,000 feet. For more information on the Morse Timber Company and the article with photos that I wrote for the *Steam Engine and Short Line Quarterly*, see the 2006 issue, pages 22-23. After that my parents moved to the Black Hawk area where my dad bought and started a gold and silver mining operation. This was also the start of the mine operation that helped both in the mining operation and in the mine office. The mine office was a small, rustic wooden building that was used in his mine now sits in my back yard and has gold pans and rich ore in my office at home. Ron had a small photo that I worked before the mine.

I started doing sketches and oil paintings of mountain scenery and ghost towns in 1963 for a junior in high school - when I got my first jump in 1971 I began to photograph the old ghost towns as they were disappearing. Within a few years I began producing travelogue programs on ghost towns and scenic areas of the west. Over the years I have shot over 10,000 black and white photos and color slides of Colorado and the west. Then in the year 2001 I entered the age of digital photography and have been producing with a computer ever since.

Some of you may be asking "why the fascination with old ghost towns?" For some reason I have always been fascinated with the old west and more specifically the ghost towns that remain. For the most part these were "Bones to Dust" towns that came about because of gold and silver mining. It was here that people came in hopes of starting new lives and making it rich. In reality probably only one in 10,000 actually struck it rich and the



most their hopes and dreams were dashed as the gold and silver ran out and they abandoned the towns they once loved. I can't help but wonder what it would be like if the walls of these abandoned old buildings could talk and tell us their stories.

I started out first sketching the high country with a 1964 Jeep CJ5 and then went to a 1966 Ford Bronco and then a 1970 Ford Bronco. We went for 20 years. There were two Ford Explorers and now I am back to a Jeep Wrangler Rubicon.

When one is located on a spot because of printing, color, making a choice of what to include in a book or tape was a huge challenge. However, after many hours of searching my photo archive I found my image done in 1971. The selected images include oil paintings, pencil sketches, photos and maps of some of my favorite places in the Colorado high country.

First, I would be remiss if I did not "Thank the Lord" for the time and space in which he put me. Then I would like to thank my parents and grandparents for their encouragement through the years and for all the amazing high country experiences I have been granted. Especially I would like to thank my wife Vicki who for over 40 years has been my travel mate in exploring the Colorado high country. I have been blessed to make the moment that "It was not a good old high country" of my father's home in 1971 in more or less 40 years. And in recent years the my area as we shared in "Young Camp Over" in Colorado for 10 years running.

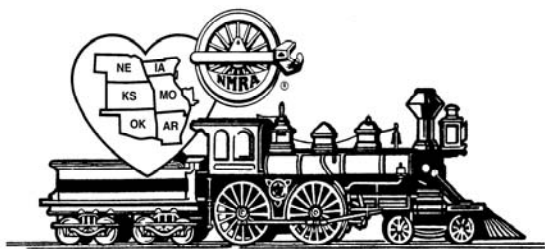
The most sketch in of the ghost towns of the Colorado high country.

The oil painting on the opposite page was done in March of 1977 of a big cabin at the ghost town of Crystal, Colorado.

All of the images in this book were either sketched, drawn, painted or photographed by Ron Morse. All of the words were written and edited by Ron Morse. All of the photos were taken by Ron Morse. All of the maps were drawn by Ron Morse.







## Mid-Continent Regional Convention/Wichita Northern Extra 2009

Hosted by the Chisholm Trail Division

JUNE 12-14, 2009 in Wichita, KS

Best Western Wichita Airport

**6815 Kellogg (US 54) 316 942-5600 group # NMRA-MCoR 2009 rate \$79.99 +tax**  
**Free Breakfast included in Room Rate**

### 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 layouts 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.

**Live Steam train trip** - Live Steam train ride on Friday, June 13, 2009 Fare - \$10.00.

**Model & Photo Contests** - By NMRA judging.

**Clinics** - a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby. For Clinic registration contact Larry Alfred at [alfred2@comcast.net](mailto:alfred2@comcast.net) or Paul Richardson at [purgatory@kc.rr.com](mailto:purgatory@kc.rr.com).

**Swap Tables and Railroad Groups** - Approximately 80-100 tables for area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. For information on tables contact Richard Napper at [renapper@wildblue.net](mailto:renapper@wildblue.net) or 785-582-4209.

**Wichita, KS** - Union Pacific & BNSF Railroads, Boeing, Wichita Zoo

### **Mid Continent Regional Convention / Wichita Northern Extra Registration Form**

Advance Registration (until March 31, 2009) is: \$55.00 for the convention & banquet

Full Registration - NMRA (after March 31, 2009) is \$35.00 for the convention and/or \$25.00 for the banquet

Full Registration - Non-NMRA (After March 31, 2009) \$45.00

	Number of attendees / tables	x	Cost	=	total
Advance Registration (before 03/31/2009) NMRA Members			\$30.00		
NMRA One Day Convention Registration			\$20.00		
Non-NMRA Convention Registration			\$40.00		
Non-NMRA One Day Convention			\$30.00		
Banquet(Children 12 and under: \$15.00)			\$25.00		
Swap Tables (maximum of ten)			\$15.00		
Live Steam Bus Fare			\$10.00		
Checks only(No Credit Cards)			Total Enclosed:		

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify of Prototype tours: Yes ☐ No ☐

Make Checks Payable to: "Wichita Northern Extra 2009"

Mail to: Richard Napper, 7244 NW US Highway 24, Topeka, KS 66618-5605





## Riordan, Arthur Byrnes

Arthur Byrnes Riordan, 81, of Kansas City, slipped away peacefully and unexpectedly while reading the Wall Street Journal in his favorite chair Sunday evening, November 9th. He had been in excellent health. Cause of death is thought to be the state of the economy and the recent election. Art was born May 19, 1927, in Flagstaff, Ariz., to Arthur Metz Riordan and Regina Byrnes Riordan. When he was four months old, his father died in a polio epidemic, and his mother brought Arthur and his sister Mary back to her family home in St. Marys, Kan., where he was raised. Just before his eighteenth birthday, he joined the Navy. After basic training he was sent to Officers' Training School at Stanford University. When World War II ended, Art returned to the Midwest and graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in Business Administration. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Art started his manufacturing business, Missouri Valley Plastics, in 1955. In 1963 he became president of Progressive Manufacturing Company in Kansas City, Kan., until moving to Flagstaff in 1970 to take the helm of the Riordan family business, Northern Arizona Gas Service Company. He retired from the company in 1986 to return to Kansas City where he devoted himself to his favorite pastimes, reading and trains. Art's interest in trains began at a very early age when he used to watch them from his window as a child. He became a skilled builder of HO-scale models. His passion took him around the world watching and photographing trains. His vast historical knowledge was highly regarded by enthusiasts across the country, often consulted by editors for factual clarification regarding printed material on railroads. Art kept in close touch with his fellow railroad fans around the country, and was a member of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Historical Societies. He leaves behind many good friends who will miss him greatly. Art was a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed celebrating birthdays and holidays with his daughters, grandchildren and his former wife Joanne Alton Riordan. He was a wise, ethical, incredibly generous and non-judgmental man, and a true gentleman. He was known for his great intellect and fairness. His wide-ranging knowledge of world events made him a valued member of family Trivial Pursuit teams. His finely tuned sense of black humor might have been one of his most admired characteristics, perhaps missed most by his daughters, Arden Riordan and Shannon Riordan, both of Kansas City. Art is also survived by his sister, Mary Riordan of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his five grandchildren, Alexander Reusch, Emery Reusch, Nicholas Reusch, Michael Crayton and Laura Crayton -- fine young adults of whom he was very proud; a cousin, Brian Chambers of Flagstaff; and an extended family in Arizona, California and Ireland. Lastly, his beloved feline buddy, Bronko Nagurski will miss him tremendously. There will be a memorial service at 4:30 p.m. followed by a visitation on Saturday, Nov. 15, at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel, 8201 Metcalf Ave. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to The Pet Connection, 5918 Broadmoor, Mission, KS, 66202, would honor his memory. Fond memories and condolences may be left for the family online at the website [www.dwnewcomers.com](http://www.dwnewcomers.com). Arrangements: D.W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel, (913) 648-6224.

## Kansas Tourist Railroad

to Test Run Santa Fe Steamer

The Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad in Abilene, KS will be steaming up former Santa Fe locomotive #3415 for a federal inspection on Dec. 2. A public "sneak preview" is planned for 1:30 that afternoon at the railroad depot, 200 SE 5th, south of the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum. 3415 was built in 1919 and was in regular service on Santa Fe's Argentine District out of Kansas City. The railroad donated the locomotive to the city of Abilene in 1954 where it was placed in a public park. In 1996, the city donated it to the Abilene & Smoky Valley where it sat on display until restoration was started in 2005.

Joe Minick, Abilene & Smoky Valley steam engine coordinator, stated that the federal inspection is the next milestone in the path toward regular operations, slated to begin next spring. Minick said that when 3415 was placed in the park, it was in good mechanical condition. Volunteers have performed the majority of the overhaul work. When completed, 3415 will be one of three operational, former Santa Fe steam locomotives and the only operating steam locomotive in the state of Kansas. The railroad plans to run 3415 on special occasions about once a month on its 5 mile long, former Rock Island route via the Smoky Hill River Valley from Abilene to Enterprise. For more information on the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad, visit the railroad's web site at [www.asvrr.org](http://www.asvrr.org).

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## NMRA challenge to DCC - sound patent moves forward

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is pleased to report that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) determined, after a thorough review of the information submitted by the NMRA, that the NMRA's challenge of the Real Rail Effects Patent on using sound with Digital Command Control was meritorious. The USPTO found in favor of the NMRA on every issue the NMRA submitted for review and is in the process of striking the patent.

Real Rail Effects (RRE) was granted the patent by the USPTO based upon a claim that the technology for using sound with DCC was invented by RRE. The NMRA, with the technical and financial support of a number of DCC manufacturers and hobbyists around the world, filed a challenge to the RRE

Real Rail Effects now has two months in which to file a response to the USPTO's decision. According to USPTO rules for challenges, the NMRA will not be able to respond if RRE chooses to make a response. Nevertheless, the NMRA remains confident that the current decision will remain unchanged even if RRE files a response.



## 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, and 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](http://www.mcor-nmra.org).

### DIVISION MEETINGS

**KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even numbered months at various locations around the division area. This is a new schedule for 2008. Meetings are at 1:00 pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email Gary Hemmingway: garyonho@cox.net. The next meeting is: \* **December 6, 2008**

Richard Napper, MMR: 7244 NW US Highway 24, Topeka, KS 66618-5605: Richard's house is the third house West of Channel 27 KSNT TV on the North side of the Highway and his house is the only one that sits at an angle to the Highway on the North side of the Highway. Coming from the West on U.S. 24 it is 3.7 miles from the corner Shell gas station in Silver Lake, KS. 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](http://www.whdnmra.org) for more info and a map.

### EASTERN IOWA DIVISION

\* Davenport, Iowa: Eastern Iowa Division Meeting Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the First Christian Church, 510 East 15th Street in Davenport, Iowa The meeting will include a business meeting, clinics and layout tours. We are still working out the details of the afternoon. More

information will follow.

**KATE SHELLEY DIVISION** now meets at the Ames Public Library in Ames, Iowa. Time is 7 Pm to 8:45 PM. All are welcome to attend the meetings. The library is located at 515 Douglas Ave. We meet in the upstairs meeting rooms.

**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. 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. Meeting dates are: January 26, 2008, March 29, 2008, May 31, 2008, September 20, 2008, and November 19, 2008. Contact Dave Salamon at [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto:drs_rr@yahoo.com) for further information.

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

**WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS)** Meets every Monday evening from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 4091/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store) 7 layouts on display (2-HO, 5-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director (620) 521-3591 or [ras@odsgc.net](mailto:ras@odsgc.net).

**CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION**, From March through October we will operate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evening from 7:00 to 10:00PM. Let me know if you can make it. Thanks. George Maulsby, 9372 E. Clover Creek Dr, Claremore, OK 74017-1487, Claremore & Southern RR [www.csrailclub.com](http://www.csrailclub.com) [geomaulsby@cox.net](mailto:geomaulsby@cox.net) 918-341-9446

**Division Directors, Train Show Chairs, or Club Show Chairs:** Let's get the word out about your 2008 or 2009 event! Get your information to Gary at any of the above addresses. **The Switching List is a service of Mid-Continent Region, NMRA.**

### TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

**JAN 31, 2009—THE GREAT TRI-STATE RAIL SALE**, Info: The 4000 Foundation Limited, P. O. Box 3411, La Crosse, WI 54602-3411, 685-582-4761, 608-784-0036, [www.4000foundation.com](http://www.4000foundation.com).

**FEB 7-8, 2009—WICHITA TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET, CHISHOLM TRAIL DIV., NMRA & ENGINE HOUSE HOBBIES**, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS, Sat: 9-5, Sun: Noon-4, Swap tables, Modular Layouts, Switching Contest, Model Contest, Photo Contest, Live Clinics &





much more; Adm: \$6.00 for both days, Advance Table Registration includes 2 admission tickets, Before 12/31/2008 take off 10%, 8 foot tables are \$25 each, Info: Phil Aylward or Jon LaRoe, 1-316-685-6608, mail registration to 603 Chestnut, Halstead, KS 67056-2302 or aylward1@cox.net

**FEB 21, 2009—LAWRENCE TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET**, Bldg. 21, 2120 Harper, Douglas County Fairground, Lawrence, KS, 9 am – 5 pm, Info: Jim Taylor, 225 N. Michigan #5-25, Lawrence, KS 66044 785-841-6256

**\*FEB 28, 2009—6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUGAR CREEK MODEL RAILROAD & HISTORICAL MEMORABILIA SHOW**, Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 211 SE Walton Blvd. Bentonville, AR 72712; 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Adm: \$5.00 adults, under 12 free w/pd adult; Interstate 540 Exit 85 go west on 71, 1.3 mile on the right; Info: Bill Wright, PO Box 3113, Bella Vista, AR 72715 479-426-1544 (cell) w5mth73@cox.net.

**MAR 21, 2009-- BOEING EMPLOYEES RAILROAD SWAP MEET. St. Louis, MO**—10 am—3 pm, Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO 63011, Adm: \$3 children under 12 free w/pd adult, doors open for sellers setup at 8 am, Tables (30"x96") \$15.00, Info: Wayne Schimmel, VP/Swap Meet Conductor, Boeing Employee's Railroad Club, St. Louis, MO, wwhtehrse@aol.com or call after 6:30 pm 636-668-6313 or mail: 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206.

**JUN 11-14, 2009—MID-CONTINENT REGION CONVENTION**, Best Western Airport, 6815 W. Kellogg, Wichita, KS, 67209 1-316-942-8568, Hosted by Chisholm Train Div., MCoR, NMRA, Rooms \$79.99 + tax, block of rooms are available until 5/28/2009, late reservation space available, hot complimentary breakfast for 1-4 persons each room; Convention registration: Pre-registration NMRA members: 2 days-\$30 1-day \$20, family members free, Non-NMRA (includes NMRA Rail Pass) 2-days \$40, 1-day \$30 until March 31, 2009, April 1, 2009 & later NMRA 2-day \$35, 1-day \$25, Non-NMRA 2-day \$45, 1-day 35, Banquet (Saturday) \$25 adult, \$15 children 12 & under; Vendor tables \$15 each, Events include Model & Photo contest, Silent Auction, Clinics, Layout Tours (Friday), Live Steam (extra fare), other events to be announced as confirmed. Down load registration form [www.mcor\\_nmra.org/MCoR\\_Region\\_Meet.html](http://www.mcor_nmra.org/MCoR_Region_Meet.html)

## Library train exhibits get on track in December

### Its train mania time at the Johnson County Library

The Library will host several special events in conjunction with the Nelson Atkins exhibit "Art in the Age of Steam" which includes library programs, model train demonstrations, an art exhibit and a drawing for tickets to the "Art in the Age of Steam" exhibit at the Nelson. During December, two special exhibits will be on display at the Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th Street, Overland Park. The Kansas City Garden Railway Society will have two model trains set up and running for library visitors of all ages to enjoy. The trains will run from 3 to 5 p.m. every week day and on Saturday, December 6, 13, and 20 from 10 a.m. & to 4 p.m. No registration is required.

Also in the Central Resource Library gallery area there will be a train photo exhibit by Artist Balaganesh Subramaniam, an Overland Park resident, who was born and raised in southern India. Related train programs at the Johnson County Library include:

### We Love Trains Stories & Crafts

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**

**10 a.m. to noon**

Oak Park Library, 9500 Bluejacket, Overland Park  
Event features stories and crafts for ages 2-6. Stories will be read at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Planes, Trains, & Automobiles

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to noon & 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to noon

Lackman Library, 15345 W. 87th Street Pkwy., Lenexa  
Event includes time to explore, create, and play with all sorts of things that go in a drop-in program for ages 2 and up. An online display of railroad and train photographs, entitled "Trains, Trolleys and Streetcars in Johnson County," is accessible at

[www.jocolibrary.org/ageofsteam](http://www.jocolibrary.org/ageofsteam) .

Book lists of picture books and readers about trains are also available.



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## **TURKEY CREEK DIVISION MEETING**

**2009**

### **Turkey Creek Division Meetings and Events 2009**

January 24 & 25 Great Train Expo

10:00 to 4:00

January 27 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

February 24 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

March 24 Meeting place to be announced

April 28 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

May 26 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

June 23 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

July 28 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

August 1 Turkey Creek Division Train Show

9:30 to 4:00 Lenexa Community Center

September 22 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

October 27 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

November 24 Meeting at 7PM to 9:30 PM

December 15 Holiday Party All rooms A B C Meeting 7PM to 9:30 PM

All meetings start at 7PM

Northeast Johnson County Offices 6000 Lamar, Mission, Kansas

