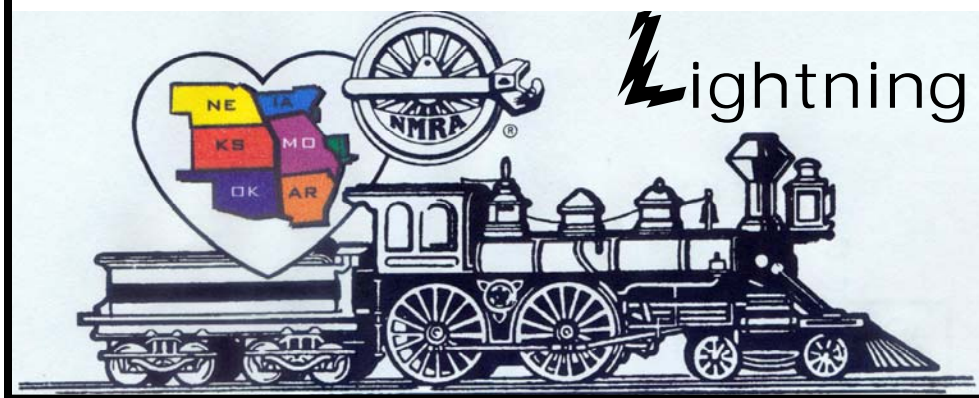


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Turkey Creek Meeting March 25 Johnson Country Northeast Offices

Clinics for this meeting

Clinics for March 25th Meeting

Mike Fyten on hand laying turnouts

Brad Morneau and Pat Harriman MMR on Modeling Rail Passes for Your Railroad

The Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour

March 15th & 16th

Saturday Hours 10 to 6 & Sunday Hours 10 to 5



Happy St Patrick's Day



From THE SUPER'S DESK....

Hello everyone!

Last Tuesday, February 26th, we had our monthly meeting. We had a couple of new people attend. One of these new people joined us for coffee after the meeting. Let us hope both of the visitors return and consider joining the NMRA.

We had a very full house for our meeting. Not just the new arrivals and returning inactive member but many of you active members that hadn't attended a meeting in a while were back. We had did not have enough to fill the next room but we had a very good turnout of members at our meeting. This is two meetings in a row!

We opened the meeting getting to know the new attendees. Then we moved on to the achievement awards. First, Brad Morneau received merit awards for scratch building the following track work:

- Crossing
 - Crossover
- Turnout

He will probably receive his civil award later this year. That makes either two or three for Brad. Well done Brad, keep up the good work. If you were unable to make the meeting and know Brad, be sure to congratulate him the next time you see him or talk to him.

Second, Gary Hankins received two AP's at the meeting but was not present to receive them. The first was for Electrical Engineering and second was for structures.

Congratulations to Gary for achieving both. Good luck completing the remainder of your AP requirements toward your MMR. It sounds like you are well on your way to completing.

Let us congratulate both men when we see them on a job well done!

We did not have a report by our paymaster at this meeting. But we did hear from Louis our clerk that we have done very well at selling tables for the upcoming train show in August. Let us hope that means that we will be in the black again this year because of a very profitable train show.

We still have not bought the camera yet but we are looking into it and I will keep the division posted on our progress. That is the only expense outstanding from the list of possible items for purchase for Turkey Creek Clinic presentation.

Now I need you to give a clinic this coming year. I now have clinics for March, April and October. I have one lined up for July but I would like to get a second one. And I desperately need clinics for the rest of the year. I just have not heard from very many of you so far. Now is a chance for you to earn points toward author if you haven't earned it already. If you are a MMR, here is a chance to share what you have learned along the way. BUT PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A CLINIC because I need clinics for this year. Please see me at the meeting or e-mail me with your clinic and what you need to present your clinic.

Don't forget that June is the Modeling challenge so please bring your model this June. DO NOT forget about it or we will not have a good turnout.

The March meeting will be held on the 25th. We have two clinics for this coming meeting. The first is Mike Fyten will present a clinic on hand laying turnouts. He will talk not only about how the turnout is constructed but also why build the turnout by hand. He will discuss some on the planning and designing considerations in this clinic. The second clinic will be by Brad Morneau and Pat Harriman on Modeling Rail passes for your railroad. Both presenters will be using a PC and the PC projector.

Well that is all I have for now.

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

Kerry Lindenbaum,



Turkey Creek Division

Minutes February 26 2008

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Lindenbaum Superintendent.

Kerry asked if there were any visitors. There was: Mike Lomus, Jim Duncan, and Tom Williams

Charles Heying MMR had some bad news Tom Carpenter was at the Olathe Medical Center he had a stroke and is unconscious.

Kerry then asked Joe Robertson MMR if there were any AP awards. Joe said he had some. Gary Hankins was not there but did get AP Structures and Electrical Engineering, Paul Myers received AP Official and Brad Morneau received three Merit Awards for Civil Engineering on Crossing, Turnouts and Crossovers.

Jack Boren has Filed our annually finally report with the state of Kansas with a check for \$40.

Louis Seibel was asked what about shows. He talked about the show in Lawrence this last week end, the up and coming show at Bartle Hall with the World Greatest Hobby on Tour. He said that he still need help for that show would like 2 to 3 members at each time period. Times Saturday 9:30 to 1:30 12 to 4 and 2 to 6, Sunday 9:30 to 1:00, 12 to 3 and 2 to 5.

Louis then talked about the new Turkey Creek Divisional banners he thanked Ron Morse MMR and Larry Alfred MMR for their help in the design of the banner. It had been displayed at the Lawrence Train show last weekend. The cost to the division was \$189.

Kerry asked if there were any other announcements. Jack Ferris said that he needed clinicians for the show this summer. Louis Seibel said that the show committee would meet at his home on the 13th at 7pm.

Kerry said that he still needed clinicians for April, May, July, September, and October.

We took a short break so that John Dunnewind could set up for his clinic on Making Decals with your PC and Printer. He had a hand out that will be in this issue and next and also post on the TC web site. His clinic was great a lot of information on how to design you own decals. We took another short break to set up our next clinic. Jim Duncan clinic was on Traffic Management Software for Operations. It was excellent. He operates every Thursday night and any body is welcome to operate. He lives in Warrensburg. He also had two CDs that he sells on EBAY one on the Kansas City Terminal Track Plates and the other on the Santa Fe. Jim's clinic was very good a lot of questions and a lot of the members were interested in see his layout and operating on it.

Meeting was adjourned and we went out for coffee.

Respectfully
Louis Seibel, Clerk

Don't forget the Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour on March 15 & 16 at Bartle Hall.

Next Meeting March 25, 2008

Respectfully,
Louis Seibel, Clerk



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YOUR OWN DECALS *ON* YOUR OWN COMPUTER

By
JOHN DUNNEWIND

Making simple decals using your own computer and printer is not really difficult. Most any thing that you place on your screen can be turned into a decal although there are a few restrictions mostly having to do with certain colors. Fancier or more complex decals can be done though more challenging, how challenging depends on the software you have. how well you know it, your artistic skills and how innovative you are.

For modelers, making your own decals frees you to make signs, logos, etc that are not available or a best mean an expensive one of a kind custom job by a commercial supplier. Once you've placed something on your screen printing it on some kind of paper, making it into a decal, an overhead, a tee-shirt iron on, your own railroad letterhead, box labels, bad order forms, car cards etc is predominately a matter of the media you print it on. If a commercial decal is available I would use it, as it saves time and potentially money.

We will start with Media & Printers, then Software, then Making Decals and Other Things, followed by live creations. My suggestions will mostly be based on DOS based products, HP printers and software that I have. There are other software packages, printer and media suppliers that are suitable for these purposes. You probably don't have the same things I have so look for similar programs, features, and tools on your system.

MEDIA & PRINTERS

Again, the type product you end up with is dependent upon the media you choose to print on. Excluding the quality of your artwork, the quality of printing depends not only on the quality of printing you chose from print commands but on the type of media you use, the quality of the media you use, and the compatibility of the printer, ink and media. All affect the quality of the final print. I worked for Hewlett Packard and prior to that a major manufacturer of chart recorders. I know from experience that the printer characteristics, ink characteristics and media characteristics need to be selected as a system. When you chose to buy ink and/or paper from other than the printer manufacturer you become the *system engineer*. This is not to say you can not get good or acceptable results from someone else's paper and/or ink but the results are primarily your responsibility and risk.

Decal Paper

Available for ink and laser jet type printers. Other types for silk screening etc are available but not relevant to the scope of this article Available in Clear and White. The clear allows the color of surface on which the decal is applied to show through. Most printers/programs assume that you are printing on a white back ground so white is not needed nor normally available. The white decal background provides a nontransparent background that blocks any thing behind it. As such the white decal film is not suitable for making white lettering where the car color needs to show through. Except for the old Alps printer for which white ink was (? is) available, there is no good, easy way to create, for example, white car data decals. Black car data can be done on clear film leaving the car color show through. A red "COKE" sign with white lettering or a black sign with white lettering will work on white decal paper but not on clear file unless applied on a white surface. Metallic colors are also an issue and I have not heard of a source for HP or other brands of printers.

Sources [This information is subject to change so check the source(s) before you make any decisions]

Also note your are interested in what is called "*water-slide decal paper*" if you want the traditional decal that is soaked in water and slides off on to the model. At least one source also offers rub on i.e. dry transfer type decals.

Micro-Mark
340 Snyder Ave
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922-15922
1-888-263-7076 Customer questions
1-800-225-1066 Orders only
<http://www.micromark.com/>

They have ink jet and laser jet paper in clear and white.
The fixative they sent under part #82858 was Krylon Crystal Clear acrylic coating.

Bare-Metal Foil Co.
P.O. Box 82
Farmington, MI. 48332
<http://www.bare-metal.com/>



They have ink jet and laser jet paper in clear and white.
They recommend using Microscale Liquid Decal Film to fix/seal the decal after printing.

Bel Incorporated
10913 NW 30th Street Suite105
Miami, FL 3172
305-593-0911

<http://www.beldecal.com/> tow other web addresses will take you to the same site <http://www.modeldecal.com/> and <http://www.decalpaper.com/>

They have ink jet and laser jet paper in clear and white.
They also offer dry transfer film that is printable, decals for wood, ceramic, porcelain, soap, candles, glass and other variations. They also offer aids in making up your own design for them to print or for you to do on your own printer.

Evan Designs
P.O. Box 2004
Broomfield, CO, 80038
<http://www.modeltrainsoftware.com/>

They have ink jet paper. They claim the non printed area dries white and should be if you want protected with a *WATER BASE CLEAR COAT*. They also say that if you want non printed areas to be clear to apply an oil base varnish or Dullcoate

HPS a.k.a. hemmi papilio supplies
P.O. Box 855
Rhome TX, 76078-0885
T 817-489-5249
F 817-489-3650
<http://www.papilio.com/>
e-mail sales@papilio.com

They have ink jet and laser jet paper in clear and white. They also offer other types of decal media and offer the use of software to set up printing your own decals at home. They also said their ink jet film thickness was .0015"

You do, in general, need a fixative to prevent water from causing the ink to run except there now some exceptions such as Evans Designs as mentioned above. See cautions under printing decals below. Also several sights said that due to shipping restrictions they would no longer ship Krylon Crystal Clear acrylic coating, suggesting you get it at a local hardware or paint store.

I have used Micro-Mark's ink jet decal paper. My only issue was the decal film came out relatively thick, so on small models it leaves a thick edge that is hard to eliminate. I recently measured the film and found it to be less than .001" thick so I suspected the Krylon Crystal Clear acrylic spray left a thick coating. Where you can let the film go to, for example, the edges of a sign the film edge is not really noticeable.

For other media you need to buy, iron on transfer media for Tee Shirts, Transparency Film for overheads, Photo Paper which comes in glossy, mat or other finish. There are other types of media available such as for business cards, labels ceramic etc, etc.

Printing

Lets start by getting familiar with printer controls. In the following printer set up I refer to *MS Word*, however, most all programs that run on *MS* based operating systems from *Windows 98* on, have the same or nearly the same printer control arrangements

In *MS Word* click on File—Page Setup Here you have 4 Tabs.

Margins you may want to change them to smaller values to maximize the use of relatively expensive decal film.

Paper Size you can reduce the dimensions as you use up the sheet. **NOTE I start by printing at the bottom edge so that when I insert the paper the next time the starting upper edge is straight, even and square.** You may possibly want to change from *Portrait* to *Landscape* orientation depending on what you are doing.

You may or may not want to do something under *Paper Source* and *Layout*. Note it is a good idea to set the top, bottom and side margins to the minimum so as to use as much of the decal paper as possible since it runs about \$.80 to \$1.20/sheet.



In *MS Word* click on File—Print Preview This is a good place to review you work prior to printing. Try each of the icons which are fairly self-explanatory.

In *MS Word* click on File—Print In the first block select the printer you want – if you have a photo printer use it as you can usually select a higher dpi than the typical office document printer that has only 300dpi. You will get a sharper image, which is important, where small print is involved,

Click on *Properties*.

Select the *Layout* tab. Things are fairly self-explanatory. Again set the margins to a minimum.

Select the *Paper/Quality* tab. In the first block you can select the *Paper Source* if your printer has more than one tray.

Under *Media* use the pull down tab to specify the media you will be using. For decal paper use the setting recommended by the supplier. This is an important step as it helps the printer match the printer and ink to the media so you get the best results.

In the next block *Quality Settings* it is best to first select *Draft* then print a draft copy which is a fast print at low quality –use regular paper or scrap from left-overs-verify the layout, position, size and check for errors. Once you are happy with the draft go back to the same point and change from draft to *Best* and print the final copy on the decal paper. Note: if you are printing black and white it would be best to select that rather than color.

Once you are finished with quality settings, click *OK* which will return you to the *Print* window. Most times you will print only one page of decal paper at time so other setting on the print page can be normally left in their default settings.

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PRINTING the FINAL DECAL; ALWAYS check the back side of the decal paper to make sure that you have chosen either the clear film or white film as needed. The GLOSSY side of the decal paper is the side you print on, so on most ink jet printers you need to insert the decal sheet glossy side down. If you are sure your decal has no errors, is the size you want and is at the bottom of the page then click on File—Print and then on the print window click on OK. One the ink has dried, I wait about 30min, then cut out the area around the decal(s) saving the unused portion for future use. Seal the decal(s) using a clear glossy spray such as, Testors *Gloss Clear Coat* or other spray that you know is compatible with decal film. To prevent the ink from bleeding it is best to use several light coats rather than one heavy coat. Allow the final coat time to thoroughly dry and then apply the decal as you would most any other decal. At least one manufacturer recommends using Microscale *Liquid Decal Film* to fix/seal the decal after printing.

SOFTWARE:

Chances are some where in your computer there is a software program that can be used to make decals, in fact there is a good chance there is more than one. Some will be better than others and which one is best may change depending on the nature of the project. You may use several different programs to generate a single decal. Among the programs that can be used to generate decals are *MS Works*, *MS Office/Word*, *The Label Factory*, *The Print Shop*, and the list goes on. A variety of photo programs, CAD programs, Art/Drawing programs are available from many different suppliers. Most any of these can be used to create signs, labels, artwork, etc to make decals, overheads etc. Label making programs while having some restrictions can also be used –the good news being the are often free or available at very low cost to get you to buy their media. These often have a variety of designs included such as labels for canning that could be used for the road side fruit stand that you just built. Just select the clip art, place and size it. Then chose the style, size, and color of type. You can even vary these characteristics. Usually it takes a few adjustments to get things balanced. Once you ready print a sample on regular paper and check everything. Then instead of inserting a sheet of labels insert your decal paper. .

In doing any of the following you need to respect copyrights, registered trademarks etc.

Your digital camera can be used to take pictures of signs, rugs or other things that will form all or part of your artwork. Using a photo program you can crop out unwanted portions of the image, adjust colors, add special effects etc then save the image and later import the image into *MS Word* for example and then adjust the image to its final size.

Your scanner can be used to scan photos, images of signs, rugs or other things that will form all or part of your artwork. Save the image in a photo format such a TIF or Jpeg and then use a photo program to crop out unwanted portions of the image, adjust colors, add special effects etc. Save the image and later import the image into *MS Word* etc and then adjust the image to its final size.

CAD programs can be used to layout very neatly done mechanical lay outs. I made my own private model railroad logo using a cad program which stores the image only one way. I printed a large image at "Best " quality then used my scanner to save it as a Jpeg file at the highest setting. This file is now being used to create decals for cars, letter-head, bad order cards, car cards etc all with a common company logo.

If you are artistic you can create drawings in various programs such as *Paint* to create the entire decal or some portion of it.

Programs for making labels, business cards, forms etc can also help layout decals etc.

MAKING DECALS AND OTHER THINGS:

Lets start with a simple sign in *MS Word*. To prepare the page click View on the menu bar, then select Page Layout and click Ruler to on. Under Toolbars I would suggest you have Standard Formatting and Drawing selected and others off so there is less clutter.

Lets become more familiar with some of the tools we have available.

Under Insert there are three tools that are quite useful in creating our artwork.

Under Picture you will find 4 choices that are the most useful.

Clip Art will permit you to select from a variety of items in your Clip Art file. You can also find in many software stores clipart programs that will add many choices to your selection-there are also some advertised in model railroad magazines

From File is a good way to insert a photo of what ever you have in your computer files.

Auto Shapes Gives you several categories of shapes to chose from with each category having s number of choices. You can shrink or stretch the object by clicking on one of the small squares and dragging it.

Word Art gives you a choice of a variety of word shapes/stiles that can help create some neat signs and logos.

Text Box gives you a way to place a box, adjust its length and width as well as the position of the box on the paper. You can type with in the box and then move the box as a whole on the paper.

Object permits you to bring in something you created in another program such as a CAD drawing and place it on your paper in WORD

Under Format there are three items that are especially helpful.

Font is the one you will probably use the most. It is where you chose the type or style of type from a drop down. In choosing a Font select one that is with in the period you are modeling and appropriate for the signs usage. A funeral parlor sign would not use flashy lettering or colors - save them for **JOE'S USED CAR LOT!!!** You can also select Font Style from a drop down as being Regular, **Bold**, *Italic*, or **Bold, Italic** Since this applies to everything, it is often better to use the tool bar if you want to frequently switch styles. You can set the size here or from the tool bar which I find handier if I will be using multiple sizes and or fonts such as when I did the title of this article.

You can from the tool bar Underline or under *FONT* use the Underline **drop down to select among a variety of underline effect.**

You can also set the front color here or do it from the tool bar.

Effects permit you to apply one or more special effects although some are mutually exclusive. Among the more useful ones are



SHADOW, OUTLINE, EMBOSS, and ENGRAVE

Joseph Ringbauer a member of the Turkey Creek Division wife Mary Ann passed away on Friday.

Thomas E Carpenter has passed away. He was a member of the the National Model Railroad Association, the Turkey Creek Division, and Mo-Kan Rail Joiners.

Borders and Shading - Guess what one of the things you can do in this section is. You can also select the color of the border as well as line style i.e. solid, dotted, dashed, etc. You can also control the line weight and apply the box to the whole page or to a section – this last is handy for signs.

In addition you can apply a shadow and you can add shading control the color density and the shading style. This gives you the ability to "soften" the background color of you sign.

This can be for your Author points

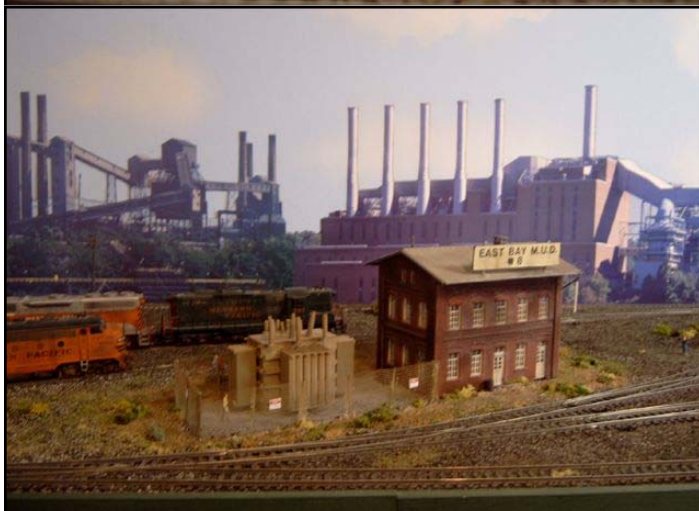


Tom Stolte
aka Grumpy,
one of the seven Dwarfs only taller :-> only 7 feet tall >

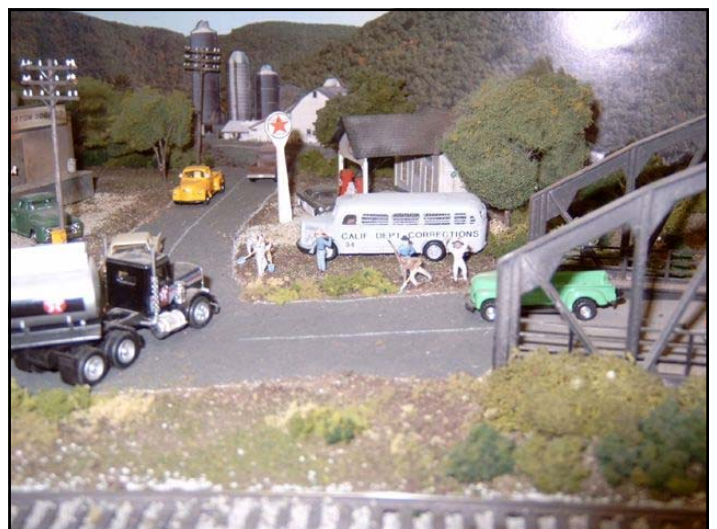
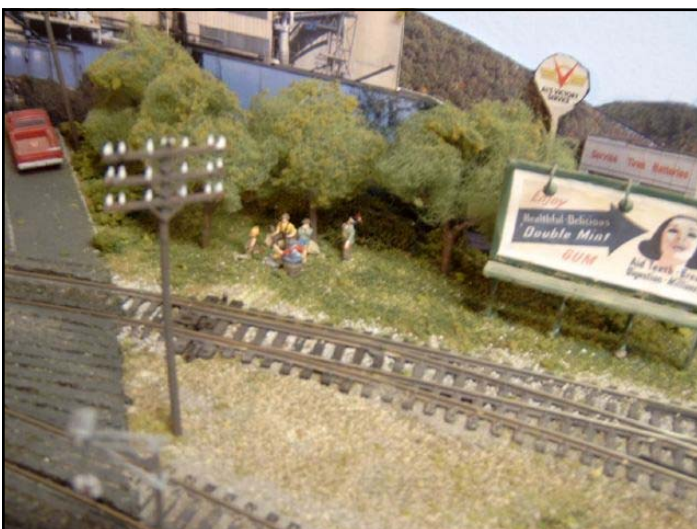
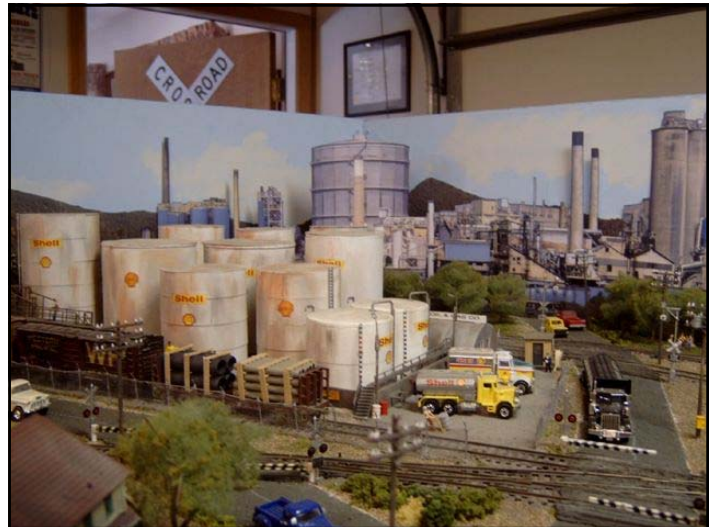


Greigsville NY, July 1971, unknown photographer





Picture
Steve Newland



My Photographic lists

I have spent two and half years scanning 47,000 negatives and putting them in digital TIFF format.

I will not E-mail any of the files because they are large 13 MB for a B&W and 35 MB for a color negative. Since Kodak no longer makes the paper I like to use, or the film I like to use, I no longer will make darkroom prints. I only make computer 8 x 10 prints of all negatives for \$5.00 each. If you prefer, I will cut you a CD of negatives the cost is a minimum of \$10.00; \$1.00 per photo on a CD-ROM. The lists that I have available contain B&W and Color negatives for the FRISCO, KATY, MP, and ROCK ISLAND Railroads. I also have a general railroad photographic list available. I have four lists for each of the four railroads listed above; depots, rolling stock, diesels, and steam locomotives. The depot list contains interlocking towers. The rolling stock contains freight and passenger equipment, roundhouses, turntables, coaling towers, bridges, and tunnels and miscellaneous photos. I have given credit to the photographer if they are known to me as well as date and location for all negatives if known. I have adjusted the brightness and contrast and color for all negatives, any further optimizations are left up to you, I used Photoshop CS3.

If you have any black and white or color pictures that are not on my list, I am open to trading with you. One print off of my list 8 x 10 size for each print you send me. That is: you send me an 8 x 10; I send you an 8 x 10.

Please order all prints by giving me the negative # for the print and a description of the print you are ordering. Most single prints have a number like 318-23. That indicates that there is only one picture available. If you see something like 318-23/27 or 318-23-29, then that indicates there is more than one negative in that group, usually a different viewing angle, etc. Send me payment for as many prints in the series as you want, and I will select the views and print them for you. If you see a listing with CD-ROM 55 for example and the listing right below it has the same information except for a negative number in the first column; then the CD-ROM 55 is the same photo that has been scanned and stored on that CD, so please use the **negative number** not the **CD number**. Thank you.

I can E-mail you any of my lists for free. They are in Office 2007 Excel format, so you will need the Microsoft conversion file to open them if you are not using Office 2007. All prints and/or CD's are sent to you postage paid.

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Heart of America Garden Railroad Show - June 20, 21, 22, 2008

Come join us for the fun!

Friday - June 20, 2008

12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Saturday - June 21, 2008

10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sunday - June 22, 2008

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Admission:

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Kids: Under 12 FREE, with paid adult

Overland Park International Trade Center
115th & Metcalf
Overland Park, KS 66211

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14TH ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW

**SPONSORED BY THE NEBRASKA WEST-CENTRAL DIVISION OF
THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

LOCATION: D&N EVENT CENTER

501 East Walker Road

North Platte, Nebraska

APRIL 19th AND 20th, 2008

**HOURS: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. SATURDAY THE 19th
AND 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. SUNDAY THE 20th**

ADMISSION: \$3.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$1.00

(under 5 with paid adult free)

TRAIN LAYOUTS AND DISPLAYS,

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ITEM (Saturday only)**

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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.

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: April 5, 2008, Robert Stewart: 249 Redbud Estates, Manhattan, KS: To get to Robert's home get on HWY 113 on the west side of Manhattan, KS. Turn East on Farm Bureau Road, turn North (left) at the mobile home park office building. After the road turns east (right) continue across the intersection to Robert's mobile home, #249 on the North side of the street. Please do not block entrances to other mobile homes.. 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

Davenport, Iowa: Eastern Iowa Division Meeting Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the First Christian Church, 510 East 15th Street in Davenport, Iowa. The agenda for the day will include a short business meeting, a clinic from a BNSF employee on Track Warrants, and tours of two club layouts and two private layouts. All are welcome to

attend. 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 hazmatrichm@aol.com

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m. Meeting location varies, call 515-232-8689 or e-mail rfolkmann@mchsi.com for location.

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 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, This will be our last Saturday session until next November. In March we will operate on the 14th, 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 geomaulsby@cox.net 918-341-9446

TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

* = New since last emailing

MAR 15, 2008 – BOEING EMPLOYEES RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS RAILROAD SWAP MEET, Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO, 10a.m. – 3 p.m., Adm: \$3.00 children under 12 free with paid adult, Tables (30" x 96") \$15.00 each, payment must accompany registration, seller setup 8 a.m., Info: call Wayne Schimmel after 6 p.m. Central Time, 636-668-6313 or 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206, wwhtehrse@aol.com, make checks payable to Boeing Employees' Railroad Club-St. Louis.

MAR 15-16, 2008—WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY TRAIN SHOW & MEET, Bartle Hall Convention Center (downtown), Kansas City, MO, Sat: 10-6, Sun: 10-5, Adults \$10, kids 16 and under free.

MAR 29, 2008--JOPLIN MUSEUM TRAIN SHOW



Turkey Creek NMRA Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2007

As of 12/31/2007

Account	12/31/2007 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD 4667	5,421.58
CD 6586	5,286.51
CD 7020	5,236.07
CD 7309	5,395.70
New Checking	3,182.49
Petty Cash	25.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	24,547.35
TOTAL ASSETS	24,547.35
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	24,547.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	24,547.35

AND SWAP MEET, The Joplin Museum Complex will host a train show and swap meet Saturday March, 29th 2008 from 9 am to 3 pm. Included will be operating HO and N gauge layouts plus over 60 swap tables ranging from model trains, classic toy trains and collectable railroad memorabilia. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under free. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. The Joplin Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool. For further information or swap table rental please contact Rick Gardner at (417) 673-4888 or email rickgardner@sofnet.com. See us on the web at www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com

APR 19, 2008—OZARK MODEL RR ASSOCIATION 30TH ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET, King's Way United Methodist Church, 2401 S. Lone Pine, Springfield, MO 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., railroad memorabilia, N, HO, O, Lionel, & G scale, free parking with easy access to the show, Adm: \$5.00 adults, children 7
-12 \$3.00, 6 and under free w/pd adult, Info: Al Freeman, (h) 417-443-1014 (c) 417-527-5353, dragonden51@yahoo.com or Dale Irvine, bowlanmmr@mchsi.com Vendor Info: Gary Mills 417-725-1433 GMOzarkTrains@aol.com.

APR 19-20, 2008—Nebraska, North Platte-14th Annual Train Show, D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, Saturday April 19th 9am-5pm & Sunday April 20th 10am-4pm, Admission \$3.00 children under 12 \$1.00 under 5 free with paid adult, Union Pacific tours Saturday only (extra fare item). Sponsored by the Nebraska West-Central Division, NMRA.

2007 Cash Flow - Last year:2

1/1/2007 through 12/31/2007

Category Description	1/1/2007- 12/31/2007
INFLOWS	
Area Meet Inc	
2006 Area Meet Income	
Pre-Registration	4.00
TOTAL 2006 Area Meet Income	4.00
2007 McCoR & TC Meet Income	
Pre-Registration	477.00
Registration	1,276.00
Vendor Tables	1,425.00
TOTAL 2007 McCoR & TC Meet I...	3,178.00
2008	
Pre-Registration	8.00
Vendor Tables	60.00
TOTAL 2008	68.00
TOTAL Area Meet Inc	3,250.00
Dues	
2007	12.00
2008	12.00
TOTAL Dues	24.00
Int Inc	1,049.96
National	0.00
Other Inc	1.50
Other Inc, Bus	188.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	4,513.46
OUTFLOWS	
Area Meet - Exp	
2007 MCoR & TC Meet Exp	
Award Contest Room	50.00
Award Placques	592.43
Facility	1,110.50
Misc	363.45
Publicity	25.00
Table Rental	333.33
TOTAL 2007 MCoR & TC Meet Exp	2,474.71
2008	
Facility	100.00
TOTAL 2008	100.00
TOTAL Area Meet - Exp	2,574.71
Bank Chrg	
Other Bank Chrg	0.00
TOTAL Bank Chrg	0.00
Corp Registration	40.00
LSlinger	
Post	117.22
Printing	180.94
TOTAL LSlinger	298.16
Miscellaneous, Bus	80.40
Publicity	415.46
TC_Awards	106.45
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,515.18
OVERALL TOTAL	998.28



Ozark Model Railroad Association Presents

30th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet

Saturday April 19th, 2008

9 am – 3 pm

King's Way United
Methodist Church
2401 S. Lone Pine
Springfield, Mo.

Railroad Memorabilia
N, HO, O, Lionel & G Scale
Lots of Model Trains for sale!
And Other Activities to be
announced

Free parking with easy access to
show

Admission: \$5.00 Adults
Children 7-12, \$3.00
6 & Under FREE
(When accompanied by an adult)

For more information on show, contact:

Al Freeman Phone: 417-443-1014

Cell: 417-527-5353

E-mail: dragon51@yahoo.com

Dale Irvine-E-mail: bow-lanmrr@mchsi.com

For Vendor information Contact:

Gary Mills: 417-725-1433

E-mail: GMOzarkTrains@aol.com



TRAINS ON THE PLAINS

Come and join us at the Sunflower Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds as the Mid America Society for Railroad Preservation and Education presents Trains on the Plains. This expo will include modl train layouts in several scales along vendors of model railroad equipment and supplies.

**Sunflower Building
Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hutchinson, KS**

April 26th & 27th, 2008

Saturday 10 to 5 - Sunday 10 to 4

Adults \$5 - Children under 12 free with paid adult.

Scouts in uniform admitted free.

Operating layouts in various scales

Clinics and demonstrations

Model Railroading Vendors

For information contact:

Marc Jacobs at 913-787-3413

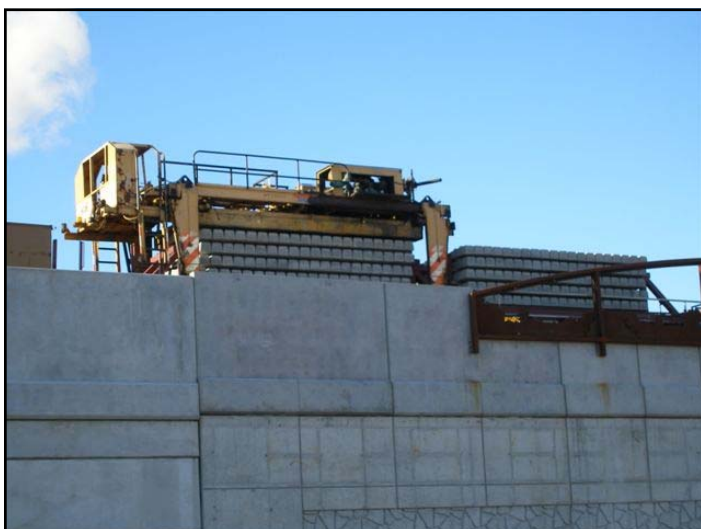
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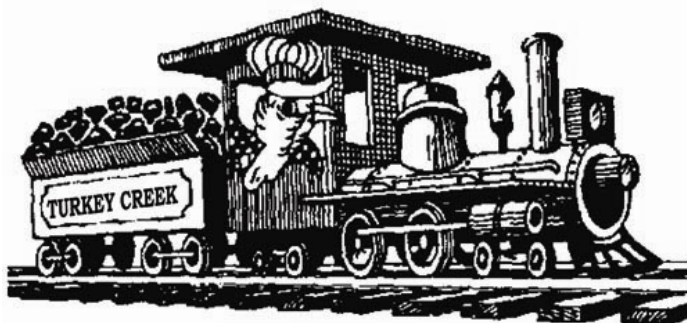
Visit our website at:

Trainsontheplains.com



The following pictures are for the bridge in Olathe that spans Ridgeview. Pictures were taken on Saturday 9 they are of the Concrete Tie Laying train as it sits on the Bridge. Trains are using the bridge going south bound. Completion of the second line should be by the end of the month.





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

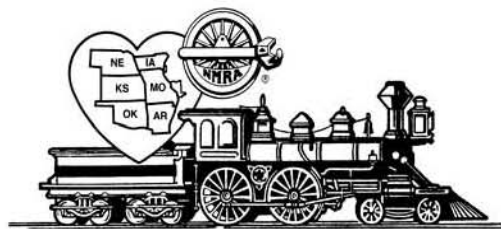
Activities planned for this year's meet include:

- 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				
State Zip				
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: special raffle for registrants only. Door prize raffle at train show

Model & Photo Contests: NMRA judging.

Clinics: A full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby. If interested in giving a Clinic contact:
 Tom McMorran: k_t_mack@yahoo.com or 417-239-2776.

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 Saturday afternoon. Layout tour maps will be available at registration.

Excursion Train Trip: Friday afternoon at 2:00pm on the Branson Scenic Railway.

Tour a MOPAC Caboose: Friday afternoon. Information will be available at registration.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups: Approximately 60 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, Show Boat Branson Belle, Branson Landing and three lakes for boating and fishing. There is something for every member of the family to do in Branson, so turn the trip to the convention into a family vacation. **For Information** www.explorebranson.com or call 800-214-3661.

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

Registration-NMRA Member	Number	\$45.00	
Registration Non NMRA Member	Number	\$50.00	
Banquet Registration MNRA Members		\$25.00	
Banquet Registration Non Members		\$30.00	
Vendors must have a Branson Vendor license	A one time Fee of \$15.00 Required	\$15.00	
Swap Tables \$15.00 each	Number of Table	\$15.00	
Total Enclosed:			

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____ phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Make Checks Payable to: "Branson Express 2008"

Mail to: Tom McMorran, 730 Emerald Pointe Dr #433, Hollister, MO 65672



Da "Hammer" Report

*We are now up to
11.5 brave souls..but
we need at least 3
times that many...so
how about it...who
else is going to get
onboard?*

2008 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge

by Rusty Rails

Here we go again! For the 5th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme has been opened up to the max! You may build and enter anything, yes....that's anything, that will fit through the meeting room door! This is the theme voted on by the members attending the modeling challenge meeting last summer.

So, what exactly does this mean for each of you? What it means is that you will now not have any excuse whatsoever for not participating in the event. Let me emphasize here that the Modeling Challenge program was conceived to encourage everyone to

participate in the enjoyment of building and displaying railroad models!! Please don't feel overwhelmed, intimidated, or that you don't have time to join in. It is hoped that by participating you will feel a sense of "inclusion", that of being "one of the group."

You may ask yourself, what sort of model could I enter? First, let me make this clarification.....entries need not be constructed especially for this event. If you have something that you built in the past, please consider entering it. Or, if there is a new project that you have been thinking about starting, now is a good time. You could limit your entry to a single car or locomotive; remember any scale or gauge is acceptable (yes, Warren, you can bring whatever you like!). You could also consider entering your favorite entire train. Alternatively, you could focus on structures and enter a single structure or a full scene, with several buildings. Remember, there is no limit! You might want to build a large or small display or diorama, with basic details or highly detailed. Whichever, this could be an opportunity to build a component of your home layout....to be incorporated into the layout at a later date. Several of the past entries have been used in this way, to a great benefit of the modeler. Possibly, the ultimate entry could be an entire operating layout (albeit, somewhat small.....remember, it has to fit through the door)! This is intended to be a fun filled event, with the entry possibilities only limited by your imagination and enthusiasm to participate.

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be important. The event will take place at our June 24th meeting, so you have five months to prepare your entry. As in the past, there will be **three places awarded for this challenge**, plus awards for the "Most Creative" and the "Most Whimsical" entries. But, again, I want to emphasize that the participation is the important aspect of this program. So, if you're interested in being involved, start thinking about your model entry now. There is plenty of time, but don't put it off. This will be another fun event!



PLEASE....no excuses...let's go for it!!!!

This years
MODELING CHALLENGE

happens on

June 24, 2008

Please join in on the fun and

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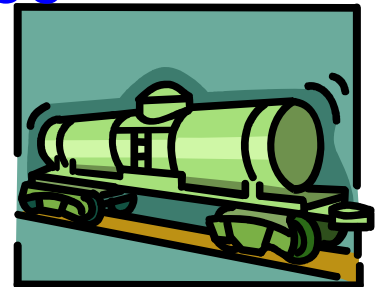
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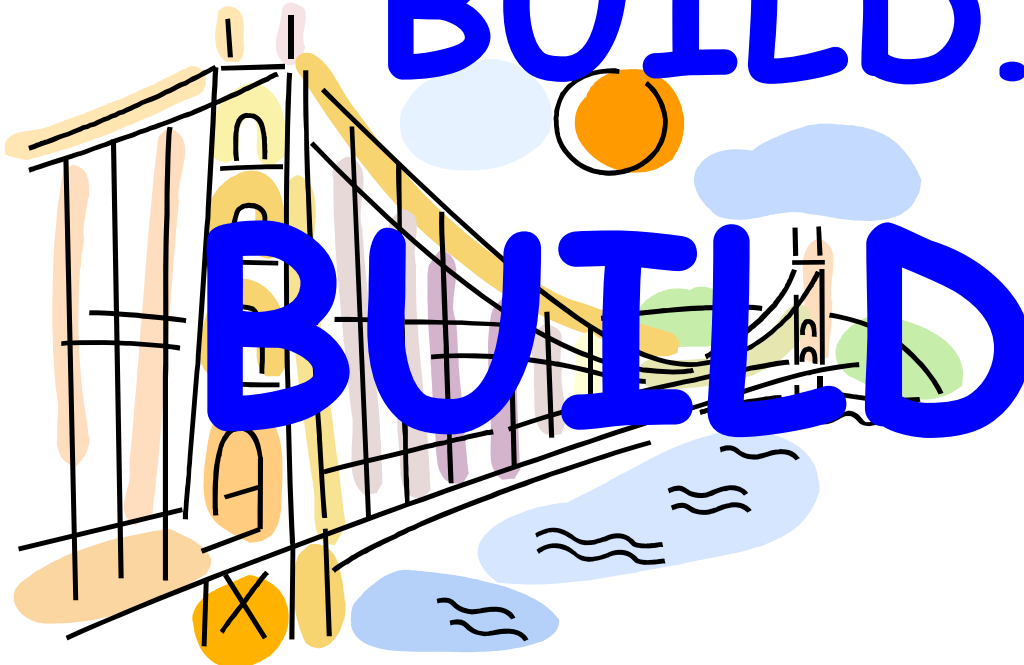
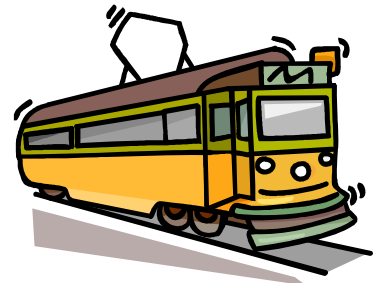
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Drop me an e-mail and let me know if you will be joining the fun this year and what scale you will be modeling.

- 1.) Pat Harriman... yes... 'HO'
Scale
- 2.) Larry Alfred... Yes... 'O'
scale
- 3.) Ron Morse... yes... 'HO'
Scale
- 4.) Brad Morneau... yes... 'HO'
Scale (roundhouse)
- 5.) Larry Diehl... yes- Scale to
be determined
- 6.) Paul richardson... yes - Scale
to be determined
- 7.) Douglas G. De Berg... yes ...I'll
be bringing either a 1 1/2" scale way
car that's presently under construction
or a kit bashed rock crushing plant in
HO or a Diesel House I'm now building
also in HO.
- 8.) steve Mckee... Yes.. I will bring a
On3 model to the challenge.
- 9.) Jack Ferris... YES.. Either some-
thing in 1:48 and/or 1:24 scale.
- 10.) Marty Vaughn... yes... 'n'
scale
- 11.) Louis Seibel... YES... 'HO'
Scale
- 12.) TOM STOLTE... maybe...
- 13.) Fred Hulen ...
- 14.) Paul Myers...
- 15.) Joe Robertson...
- 16.) FRAN HALE...
- 17.) Peter Ellis....not able to this
year
- 18.) Shelly LevY...
- 19.) Steve Newland....
- 20.) Jack Rosenfield
- 21.) Jim Flynn...
- 22.) Gary Hankins...

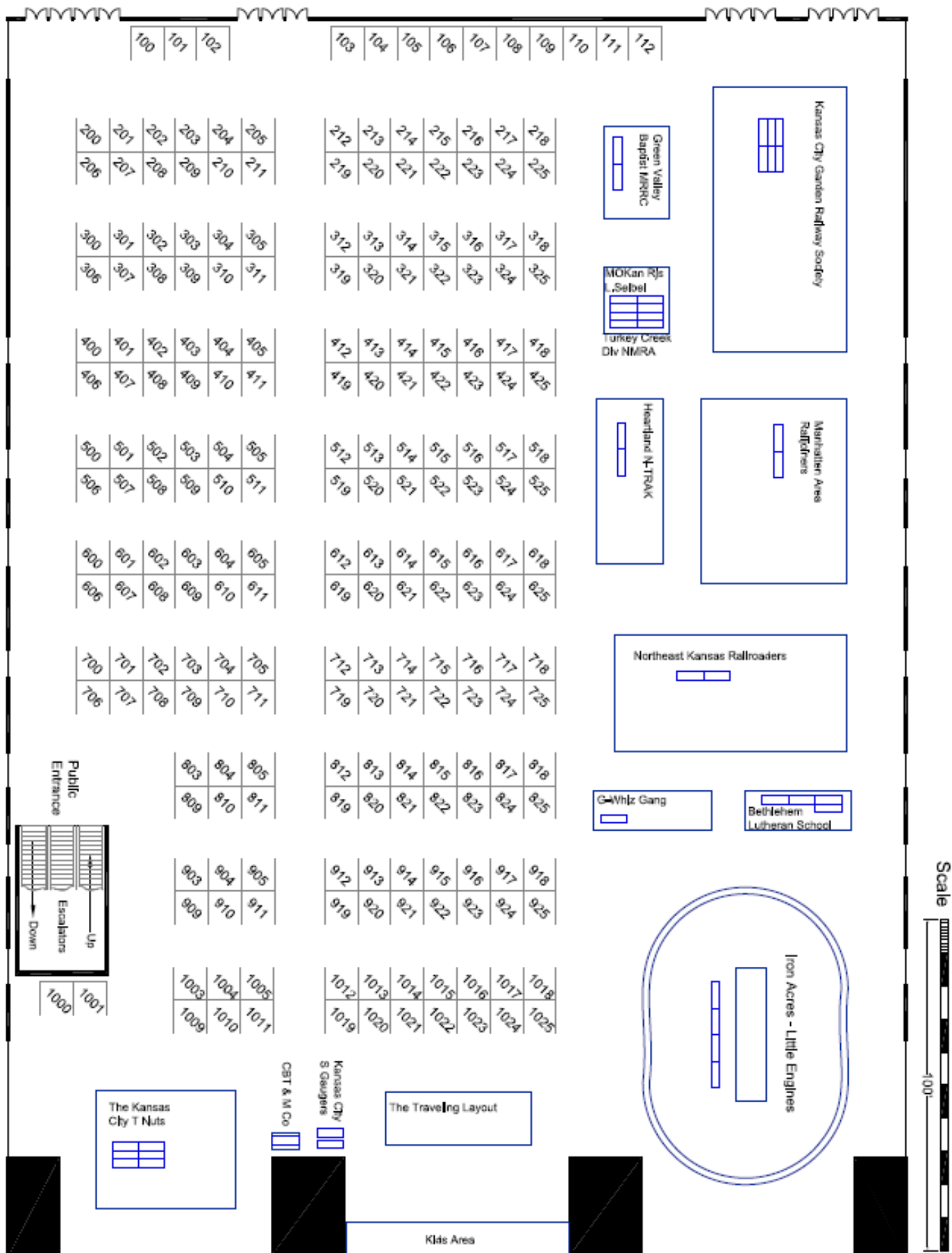
- 23.) Bill Craig...
- 24.) Warren Weston...
- 25.) CHUCK HEYING...
- 26.) John Breau...
- 27.) Dean Windsor...
- 28.) Gary Davidson....
- 29.) kerry lindenbaum
- 30.) Roger Quinlan...
- 31.) Bob Bayley...
- 32.) Bret Overholtzer...
- 33.) Dave Eisenstein
- 34.) Pete Bellos
- 35.) Bob Jefferis...
- 36.) Mike Fyten...
- 37.) Dave Engle
- 38.) MILES HALE...
- 39.) Bob Miller
- 40.) Dave Jacobs
- 41.) Jack Boren...
- 42.) Lon Johnson
- 43.) RICK MCCLELLAN
- 44.) Bill Humenczuk
- 45.) Bill Hirt
- 46.) Wm. B. Alpert
- 47.) Dr. James Budde
- 48.) Charles R. Hitchcock
- 49.) Keith Jordan
- 50.) David E. Lindquist
- 51.) Mike Porter
- 52.) TED Tschirhart
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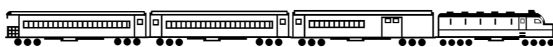


World's Greatest Hobby on Tour - March 15 & 16, 2008

Kansas City Convention Center/Bartle Hall - Hall E - 301 West 13th Street, Kansas City



Who's Layout ?

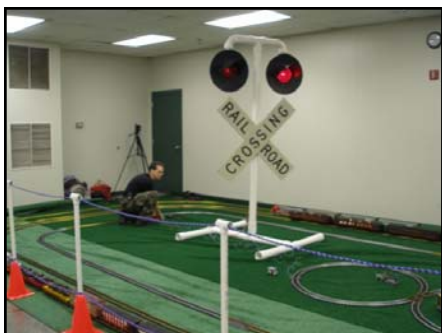




Lawrence Train Show February 23



Lawrence Train Show February 23



TURKEY CREEK DIVISION
4954 Marsh Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64129-2111



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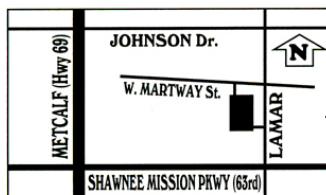
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TURKEY CREEK DIVISION MEETING

7:00 P. M. March 25, 2008
Johnson County Offices

2008

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).

