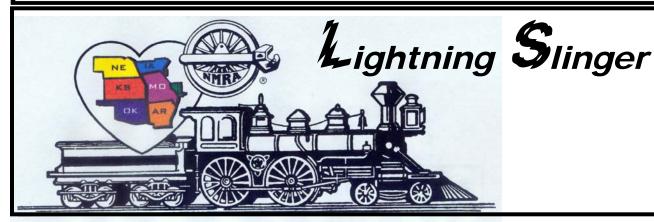


Turkey Creek Division



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Two Clinics at this months meeting

First will be by Robert McBean: "Lessons Learned from Building My Layout" He is building a freelance HO layout during the transition era featuring Canadian Pacific Railway in the region of Vancouver and the Fraser Canyon of BC, with freight and 85-ft passenger cars. The track layout is complex, especially in the mountains. The layout uses DCC, sound, all Tortoise turnout operators, and under-track uncouplers. He will discuss the layout planning, bench work, track wiring, control panels, and lessons learned in building his first layout.

Second will be by Sarah Wood-Clark, Registrar, Union Station Kansas City, Inc. on "How to Care for Paper Artifacts"

Get tips and pointers on best storage and protection for precious memorabilia and artifacts made on or of paper. Important papers like birth certificates are covered, as well as conventional photographs. We will also address products of new technologies, such as ink-jet printed photos, and electronically stored images.

The Division meetings for 2009 will be held at Johnson Country Northeast Offices 6000 Lamar, Mission, Kansas. The February meeting will be at JCNO, but due to a scheduling conflict, the location of the March meeting is not yet decided. There are some new requirements for use of the building. You must park and enter the building on the South side. We will have the room from 6 pm to 10 pm.

From THE SUPER'S DESK....

Hello everyone!

Attendance at our January meeting was good, even with a light snow. We had two new members, Jim and Jackie Gameson, plus a new person, Mark Grebe, resultant of the table we had at the American Royal Train Show. That's areat!

The issue of our meeting place drew a passionate response from almost everyone. After discussions, almost everyone wanted to go back to the Johnson County Offices, the 60th and Lamar site. Only a couple of people voted against it. That room will cost the group about \$52 per evening as a use fee. We need the room 11 times, which result in approximately a \$575 cost.

Time was getting tight at the meeting, but I think we should consider a simple fundraiser. We should strive to make about \$600 to offset the cost of the meeting place. May I suggest we consider some thought such as a decal set commemorating the Turkey Creek Division. Such a set could be made to install on any freight car of your choice. Tom Stolte said a minimum order is one! We give him the artwork and we can order in quantities we desire several times if we like. If we sell the decals for \$4 to \$5, we need to only sell 250 units to achieve our income objective. We should consider selling these decals at the Wichita convention, the August train show, and at any of the tables where we set up awareness booths. Please think about this issue and I will attempt to be ready to discuss in our February meeting.

We did establish a committee to review camera purchase options. The camera is to help project clinic presentations of hands on demonstrations. The committee of Shelly Levy, Paul Richardson, Kerry Lindenbaum and Louis and Marie Seibel, will look at products and may be able to make recommendations at February's meeting.

In our booth at the American Royal Train Show, we did some graphics to draw more attention to the table. We displayed the Turkey Creek banner and two large boards, which I think did attract attention. Thank you to all those who volunteered time to man the tables and spread the word about the group. It was a well attended show and we had people asking questions all day long.

The white elephant gift exchange, championed by Paul Richardson, occurred as planned, and people exchanged some of their unwanted treasures. Paul wants to run the gift exchange every three months.

Regarding our August 1, 2009 Division Meet in Lenexa, thank you to all of who volunteered for the train show work details. We still need volunteers for the door prize scavenger, layout tours organizer, and the public relations organizer. We need to discuss at the February meeting, please help.

Marty Vaughn did an excellent clinic on detailing scale figures. I especially noted his weathering technique using alcohol, ink and paint mix. I have already tried it with good results. I suggest you consider it yourself.

I hope everyone is thinking about the modeling challenge in June. Please enter. It should be great fun. Remember there are no limitations on the size of the model, any scale is acceptable, and any subject associated with railroading is appropriate. We need to make Larry Alfred proud!

Again, I thank everyone for volunteering for the train show event and look forward to a good meeting on February 24, 2009.

Sincerely, Larry W. Diehl



Minutes from Turkey Creek Meeting for January 27 Meeting

Meeting was brought to order by Larry Diehl vendors will start at 5:30 AM on the First the new Superintendent. He asked for visitors or new members to introduce them selves. Mark Grebe said that he had seen the table at the Great Train Expo and thought that he should see what the group was about. He lives by KCI and models in N Scale.

Larry asked if there were any awards. Louis said ves that they were from the regional convention from last summer. Louis asked Marty Vaughn MMR to present them. Marty came forward and asked Roger Percival to come forward and receive three plaques.

Paul Richardson MMR said that the White Elephant Exchange would happen on the break and that it would be every three months. He thanked every one who brought some thing. The members who brought items could pick out one item for each one that was brought.

Larry asked for a Paymaster report. John Boren our Paymaster gave his report next. John said that we had made a profit of \$359.00 for the year of 2008, That we had a little over \$2691.00 in the bank account and that we had \$22,190 in CD's. Jack said that that we had made money for the last couple of years because of e-mailing the Lightning Slinger instead of mailing it and making a profit on the Train Shows.

Larry then asked Louis if there was any thing on shows. Louis said that he would like to thank everyone who helped at the Great Train Expo last week. He thought everyone had a great time and the Turkey Creek both had a better presentation to with the new signs and the banner. Louis said that there was another show in Lawrence on February 21 put on by the Lawrence Model Railroad Club. Louis said that Turkey Creek will have a table there any that Volunteers are needed to help. Jim and Jackie Gameson said that they would help. If any one else would like to help please contact Louis.

Larry called for new business. He talked about the new signs that he had made and that he had many comments about them at the show. Picture for these signs are in this issue. He then asked for Volunteers to help run the 2009 Turkey Creek Show. He asked Louis about the show. Louis stated that the show will be on August 1 set up time for

and that the show will open to public at 9:30am and close at 3:30pm with layout tours starting at 4pm. Larry asked what positions were needed to be filled Louis said all as of now. Larry then asked what they were and if any members would like to have that position.

Show Chairman (Louis Seibel), Layout (Open), Registration (Sheldon Levy) (Kerry Lindenbaum), Door Prizes(Open), Clinics(John Ferris), Contest Room(Paul Richardson MMR), Train Show(Robert Jefferis), Public Relations(Open), and Concessions(Bill Humenczuk). If any one else would like to do one of the open positions then call Larry or Louis.

Larry asked if anyone had a place for the division to meet. This place was good but it required that Robert Jefferis be here when we have meetings. Louis said that he had checked on the libraries and that we would have to jump around from place to place. Larry and Louis had also checked on community centers that they also filled or were too small for the group. Louis said that we might be able to get a meeting room at the Union Station. The other option was to go back to the Johnson Country Offices and Pay \$52 per meeting night (for a security guard). Discussion was held. Ron Morse MMR asked what we were doing with all of the money that the division has and that maybe we should use some of that money to have a regular meeting place. Sheldon Levy made a motion that we would have the meetings at the Johnson Country Northeast Office for the rest to the year Pat Harriman MMR seconded it. Larry called for a vote all but two members voted for it.

The Clinics were held next. The first was by Marty Vaughn MMR on Painting & Detailing Figures and the second by Larry Diehl on History & Details of Burma Shave signs. Both of the clinics were great. Information will be on the web site and in this issue,

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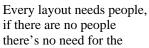
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Painting Figures Marty Vaughn MMR

There are as many ways to paint figures as there are ways to paint rolling stock or structures. There is no perfect way and no right way, it's just what ever method you are most comfortable with. This is just my way.

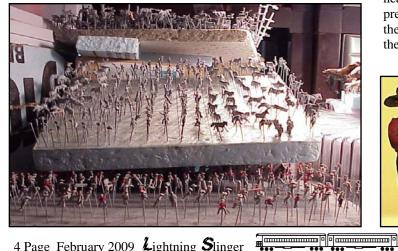








trains! I think you need lots of people and however many you



have; I don't think it's enough!

While there are lots of nice painted figures on the market, they are expensive. You can still buy a box of 120 unpainted Preiser figures for about the same price as 2-3 sets of 12-18 painted figures.

The easiest way to do this is to paint them in bulk and then use them as you need them.

Tools: Don't forget your coupons! Paint Brushes:

> Royal Set TK-J \$14 for 10 multi purpose brushes, this is the best beginners set for type and quantity of brushes

Royal Majestic set 104 \$12 for 4 brushes 0/0 to

Roval Golden Taklon set \$10 for 4 brushes 0/0 to

Plaid-Folk Art Extra Small Lettering Brushes set 1262 \$5 for 3 brushes. These are my favorite, but I can't find them any more

Paint: In order of preference:

Delta Ceramcoat Americana: Accent Apple Barrel.

Folk Art paint is only for the metallic colors. Marvy Le Plume Ink Pens (look in the scarp booking section of your favorite craft store

Primer:

Wal-Mart Primer Gray \$1.06 a can Gesso \$5 for a small bottle.

Windex: Windex with ammonia is great for cleaning figures and cleaning brushes, even airbrushes when using acrylic paint. You can even use it to strip acrylic paint as long as the acrylic hasn't been sprayed with lacquer. Miscellaneous: Toothpicks, straight pins, drill and small wire bits, paper towels and napkins.

Before painting, make any figure modifications you want. Cut them up and switch arms and legs as you desire add hats, etc.

Clean the figures. Windex is good for cutting mold release and will not harm the figures. I also use it to clean my hand brushes and my airbrush when using any type of acrylic paint. Pin the figures. Drill a small hole in the figure's sprue or if they are loose drill them in the foot or butt. Insert a straight pin with the head cut off and glue in place with craft glue. Some people prefer to stick the figure in double sided tape. I prefer to pin them so I can reach the entire figure and I use the pin to store the figure safely until I find a place for it.







Prime the figures. Most figures just need a spray of Wal-Mart primer gray. Use Gesso for single figures or those made of soft springy plastic (Airfix, MPC, Revell line of soldier figures, etc.).

Paint the figures. Paint them assembly style one color at a time. I usually start with the flesh color and work my way out. Don't worry about being neat until you're painting next to other

colors. If you start with the flesh slop it on and go fast! Vary your colors; don't paint the same figure with the same colors. Use

your ink pens for belts, suspenders, harness on horses and in S, O or G, use for the iris in the eye.

ColorPlace

Add shading to the figure. Using the super secret wash*, flow it onto the figure, don't brush or scrub, allow to air dry. The wash blends it all together and tones it down. The small amount of paint in the mixture will settle into the low

points on the figure providing a quick and easy shadow effect. Shake the mixture well each time you use it as the paint is held in suspension in the mixture, not in solution.

Dull Cote the figure. Spray them with a good heavy coat of Dull Cote, this will kill any shine and protect the paint from wear or damage. Now just repeat these steps 2000-3000 times and you'll have enough figures for a average size layout!









Clean Prime Paint Shadow Wash and Dull Cote

Happy Painting!

*Super Secret Wash Formula. Once you read the formula below feel free to send you checks for \$50 to Marty Vaughn!

In one pint of 70% rubbing alcohol add one tablespoon of Americana Graphite* or Ceramcoat Charcoal acrylic paint and one tablespoon of India Ink.**. Shake well before each use.

*Graphite and Charcoal are very dark gray, similar to grimy black. Do not use pure black.

**Real India ink is not water soluble and is pure black when dry. If you are not sure put a drop in a tablespoon of alcohol, mix and paint some on white paper. If the ink dries with a blue cast it won't work. If it dries black it will work.









Lawrence Model Railroad Club



Press information

Purpose: To provide Media Coverage that will enhance participation and donations to L.I.N.K food panty.

Best time to provide coverage:

Print: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Daily editions and Saturday AM, February 18th thru February 21st, 2009. Photos and story from the day of the event would be a great follow up to the previous coverage.

Video: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, at 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM, and Saturday 5:00AM. February 18th thru February 21st, 2009. Live Coverage from the show site Saturday would be an excellent follow up to prior broadcasts.

Radio: Monday, thru Friday AM and PM drive times, February 16th thru February 21st, 2009. Saturday live remote from the show facility would be excellent, and provide a great follow up to the daily drive time pieces.

For video or still photographs please contact the show Coordinator: Jim Taylor at 785-841-6256, or jimfore-golf@hotmail.com. We will be staging the Lawrence Model Railroad's Club layouts the week prior to the event and preparing them to be shown. This would provide an excellent opportunity to see what goes into the making of a Train Module., and the preparations for the show.

Press Release 2009 8th Annual Train show

Model Railroaders need help! The Lawrence Model Railroad Club (LMRC) is having their 8th Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet February 21, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the fairgrounds located in Building 21 at 2120 Harper Street in Lawrence KS. A portion of the admission goes to help L.I.N.K replenish their food pantry. L.I.N.K inc. is the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen serving 346,179 meals and counting.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and a canned food donation of \$1.00 or more will reduce the admission price by \$1.00 to \$4.00, Children 12 and under are free with a paid adult admission. L.I.N.K will also accept monetary donations.

Nearly everyone remembers their first train; perhaps it was under the Christmas tree Christmas morning, or maybe dad got us started with his trains. Some of us continue with that love of trains as adults. There may even be those of us who go into

the basement to play with our trains, and that basement is full of track, switches, towns, and cities, sidings full of engines, boxcars, flat cars, and passenger cars. We prefer to call what we do as "working on the railroad" rather than playing with trains.

Model railroading has changed a lot in the last few years with advances in technology. We now have electronic control for lights, sound, motion, animation, and some even have PC control that was not possible a few years ago.

Come and see how the Worlds Greatest Hobby has changed for the better. The LMRC Show will feature 5 local clubs, including the Topeka HO club, the Topeka N-track, Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, and the Kansas City T-nuts, a N Scale T-trak club from Kansas City. The clubs will have 8 layouts operating. See if you can spot the longest freight or Passenger train, or maybe you can find Gretchen, or the checker players.

There will be a GeoTrax layout that the youngest rail fans will enjoy. And they will be able to run a train on one of the two tracks that operate at the same time. Thomas the Tank and friends will also be there.

The LMRC will have a Switching board to show your skill at switching up to 5 cars onto different sidings. The engineers will earn a certificate for their skills maneuvering the cars, switching and un-switching and moving them to their destinations.

Some operations are performed using a "fast Clock". A clock that runs faster according to scale so that operators can run on time tables and reach their destinations more to scale than the 18 to 19 hours it may take to reach some locations in the real world.

A model contest will be judged by the public in four classes, Steam Locomotive, Diesel locomotive, Rolling Stock, and Structures. There will be many modeling techniques on display, including weathering and scratch building. Weathering takes the shiny new model and allows us to represent many miles of rail travel thru snow, sleet, rain, sunshine, grit and grime, even soot or perhaps a box car that has been tagged with graffiti. Scratch building is when the modeler uses any number of materials to build their model, Styrene, cast metal, scale modeling products, making each piece as needed to fit. Then there is kit bashing, this combines multiple kits to form a model of the builders own design using pieces from various other model kits or train engines or cars. Locomotive and Rolling stock show signs of weathered use and age. The locomotive that left from Chicago might show signs of snow, salt from the city street crossings, as well as road grime, and soot. Some rust may even be visible on an older piece of equipment.

We have Door prizes donated by over 18 sponsoring manufactures and retailers including Woodland Scenics, Rix Products, Evans Designs, Ram Track, Intermountain Railway Co., Blair Line, Evergreen Scale Models, Midwest Products, Tomar Industries, Microscale industries, Nevada Northern Railway Museum, BPL Brassworks, Ron's Books, Blair Line, Northeastern Scale Lumber Co., Micro Engineering Co., Rapido Trains, Micro Trains, and Aztec There will be silent

Auctions and raffle drawings also.

Several vendors will be present also to help you find that item you have been looking for, or the train that you just can't leave with out.

Some back ground on whom and what L.I.N.K does for our community. L.I.N.K is a pleasant, safe place for the hungry or lonely to share a free, nutritious meal and the companionship of one another. The number of meals L.I.N.K has served in more than 20 years of dedication to people who need help exceeds 350,00 and grows by more than 500 meals every week!

More than 45 area businesses, churches, and Civic organizations donate about \$68,000 in prepared food and milk every year. Four days a week volunteers from these groups feed between 125 and 170. They arrive about noon with a dozen piping hot casseroles, 8 restaurant-size cans of vegetables, crates of fresh fruit, a half dozen bags of lettuce salad, homemade cakes and cookies and a dozen gallons of milk. These dozen or so volunteers set up a serving line, finish off the food preparation, and dish up meals for an hour. By 2:30 in the afternoon, the food is devoured. No one is hungry for that day.

L.I.N.K is located at:

221 West 10th Street Lawrence, KS Serving meals: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Also open on all federal holidays.

In the past five years the number of hungry people in Lawrence has gone up. We know this because the number of meals served at L.I.N.K has gone up 35%. While L.I.N.K is grateful for many generous donations during that time the fact remains that the average donation has gone down 30%. Without renewed financial support, L.I.N.K's dedicated volunteers will be faced with a difficult decision. Do we reduce services? Do we close one day a week? Do we charge a small fee or take donations at the door? Who goes hungry?

L.I.N.K has many challenges and financial obligations that must be covered. Rent, kitchen equipment, serving trays and flatware. Aluminum foil costs \$75.00, and nearly \$300.00 a year for napkins, and more that \$800.00 a year for cleaning supplies. The salary of a dedicated part time employee must be covered too.

L.I.N.K's operating budget is about \$24,000.00 a year. That's an average of \$110.00 every day L.I.N.K serves a meal. L.I.N.K is financially independent. No government grants. No community campaign funds. L.I.N.K depends on churches, businesses, civic organizations and concerned citizens-people like you to remain a much needed service to our community!

In 1984, the Douglas County Council on Community Services appointed a task force to examine the extent of malnutrition and hunger in Douglas County. The task force's findings led to the formation of L.I.N.K. by a group of citizens, primarily from local churches, with the encouragement and sponsorship of the Douglas County Emergency Services Council.

L.I.N.K.'s home became the basement of St. John's Catholic

Church, and the doors opened to the public on Valentine's Day (February 14), 1985. Six guests were served. During the summer of 1986, L.I.N.K. moved to the basement of the First Christian Church, where it continues serving today.

L.I.N.K.'s Mission:

The purpose of L.I.N.K. is to provide a pleasant, safe place for the hungry or lonely to share a free, nutritious meal and the companionship of one another. We believe loneliness can be as painful as hunger and companionship as powerful as love. Anyone who desires a meal is served, no questions asked. Diners are treated as our invited guests. We do not provide counseling, but refer individuals to appropriate agencies when they ask for help. Our focus is on food and fellowship.

L.I.N.K. is a total community effort involving religious, civic and social groups, businesses, and individuals. Groups adopt a day to prepare and serve a home cooked meal. Members of the group cook the meals in their homes and bring them to the L.I.N.K. kitchen. Meals are served on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Smaller groups often create partnerships with other small groups to provide and serve a meal. A part-time coordinator is employed by L.I.N.K. to facilitate the actual operation of the program and to provide continuity for the volunteers. The Board of Directors meets once a month in the L.I.N.K. dining room and creates L.I.N.K.'s policies. Each participating group is entitled to a voting representative on the Board and the chairman may appoint additional board members at large.

Why L.I.N.K. works:

L.I.N.K. provides a unique opportunity for diverse groups and individuals to come together and work for a common concern. Volunteers often say they receive more from their experiences with L.I.N.K. than they give. Local merchants and businesses have and continue to make significant contributions of goods and services.

For more information visit <u>WWW.community.lawrence.com/</u> link their web sit has links to other websites that will provide recipes for 50 people, and there is even a link to a food calculator to increase or decrease the size of a recipe.

We know that you will be fascinated with all of the fun activities. Bring some canned food items to donate to L.I.N.K and perhaps make a monetary donation as well to L.I.N.K. It's a great way to spend a chilly Saturday with your family and friends. Be sure to bring your cameras. Always remember to Stop, Look, and Listen at all railroad tracks before crossings. All aboard!

The story in the Lawrence Journal World can read at the link

http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2008/feb/24/

youngsters_young_heart_make_quick_tracks_model_rai/

There are links to related stories and videos, including 2006, and 2007 shows.

Cordially,

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IMärklin declares bankruptcy

Published: Wednesday, February 04, 2009

German model railroad manufacturer Märklin has declared bankruptcy, the company announced Wednesday. The filing comes after the company was unable to persuade a pair of banks to extend a \$64 million credit line that expired last Friday.

According to the German business Web site Handels-blatt.com, the filing should allow Märklin to continue operations. "We are determined to restructure our traditional company ... using the instruments of German insolvency law and establish it permanently in the market," Märklin executive Dietmar Mundil said in a statement.

Märklin teetered on the edge of bankruptcy three years ago before being purchased in 1996 by the Kingsbridge Capital investment firm. In 2008, the train manufacturer reported sales of \$165 million.

Märklin's deal with Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg and Kreissparkasse Goeppingen for a 50 million euro (\$64.2 million) credit line expired January 30. As a result, the company was unable to pay its workers their January wages.

The company is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, with special celebrations occurring at Nuremberg's Spielwarenmesse Toy Fair, happening now. Sources say Märklin's upper management has not made an appearance at the show.





Great Train Expo Jan 24-25th 2009





















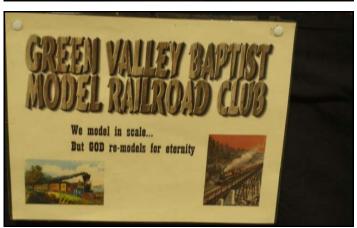








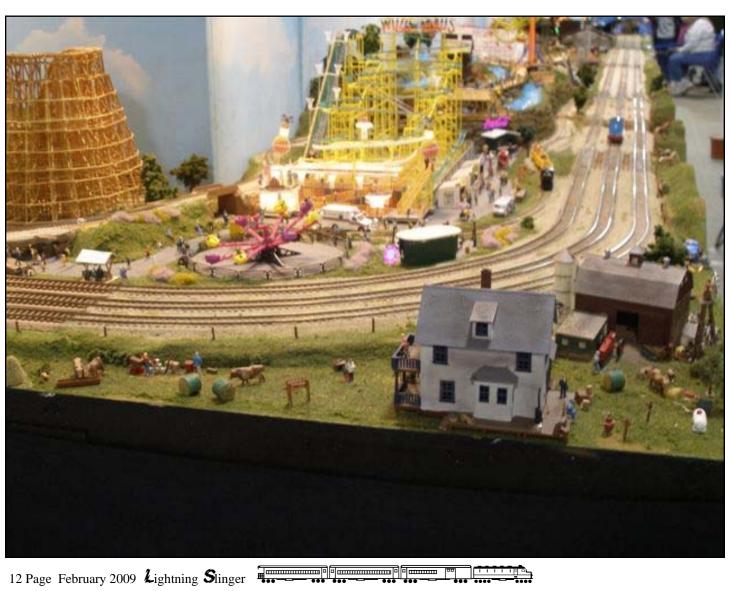


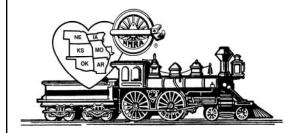






Great Train Expo Jan 24-25th 2009







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 Kellog (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 lalfred2@comcast.net or Paul Richardson at 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 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 Cost total Advance Registration (before \$30.00 03/31/2009) NMRA Members NMRA One Day Convention Registration \$20.00 \$40.00 Non-NMRA Convention Registration Non-NMRA One Day Convention \$30.00 \$25.00 Banquet(Children 12 and under: \$15.00) Swap Tables (maximum of ten) \$15.00 Live Steam Bus Fare \$10.00 Checks only(No Credit Cards) Total Enclosed: Name ______ E-mail _____ Address______ Phone _____ City _____ State ____ Zip code _____ 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

THE SWITCHING LIST

*=new since last issue

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 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: * February 7, 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.

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 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

Turkey Creek Division Income/Expense

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 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, MMR, Div. Dir., 308-384-5011 or 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.

CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION, THE NEXT OPERATING SESSION WILL BE JANURY 10, 2009 -- NOON TO 4PM. I am in the process on having radiation to kill cancer cells in the

brain. After that I will then restart chemo. Thanks. George

Maulsby, 9372 E. Clover Creek Dr, Claremore, OK 74017-1487, Claremore & Southern RR www.csrailclub.com 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

*= New or revised since last e-mailing

*JAN 24-25, 2009—GREAT TRAIN EXPO, American Royal Complex, Kansas City, MO; Sat 10-4, Sun 10-4, Adm \$7 (good for both days) Under 12 free w/pd adult, Info: 630-608-4988.

*JAN 31, 2009—BIG BOYS TOY SHOW, Century II, 225 W. Douglass, Wichita, KS, 9 am – 6 pm.

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.

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 21-22, 2009—LINCOLN TRAIN SHOW, State Fairgrounds, Lincoln, NE more later.

*FEB 28, 2009—6TH 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.

*MAR 28,2009—JOPLIN MUSEUM COMPLEX MODEL RR SHOW & SWAP MEET, 7TH & Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; operating layouts, over 60 vendor tables, Adm: \$3.00 adults, 12 & under free with paid adult; proceeds to Joplin Museum Complex; Info: Rick Gardner: rickgardner#sofnet.com; (417) 673-4888or

JUN 11-14, 2009—MID-CONTINENT REGION

www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com.

Turkey Creek Division Income/Expense

By Category - Last year

1/1/2008 through 12/31/2008

1/1/2008- OVERALL Category Description 12/31/2008 TOTAL

INCOME

Area Meet Income- This year 2.629.00 2.629.00 Dues 60.0060.00 Interest Income 850.31 850.31 Misc. Sales 0.50 0.50 NMRA AP Rebate 174.85 174.85 FROM Commerce CD #3439\4203 5,587.65 5,587.65 FROM Commerce CD #6586\3162 5,325.90 5,325.90 TOTAL INCOME 14,628.21 14,628.21

EXPENSES

Area Meet Exps- This year 2,140.38 2.140.38 Area Meet Exps-Next year 100.00 100.00 Corp Registration Fee 40.0040.00 154.71 Lightning Slinger 154.71 96.2096.20 Misc. Expenses Publicity 503.26 503.26 321.02 Turkey Creek Awards 321.02 TO Cap Fed CD #5984 5,325.90 5,325.90 TO Cap Fed CD #9564 5,587.65 5,587.65 TOTAL EXPENSES 14,269.12 14,269.12

Turkey Creek Assets and Liabilities Balances 12/31/08

CD#1 5.488.06 CD#2 5,494.64 CD#3 5,598.64 5,609.29 CD#4 Total in CDs 22,190.17

Petty Cash 25.00 Liabilities

> Checking 2,691.27 Net Worth

Total Assets 24,906,44 Total Liabilities & Net Worth

uncovered after 62 years. WW II Buffs will find this interesting. Even after 62 years (and a little tinkering), they were able to fireup the diesel engine!

A Komatsu D375A-2 bulldozer pulled the abandoned tank



from its tomb under the boggy bank of a lake near Johvi, Estonia. The Soviet-built T34/76A tank had been resting at the bottom of the lake for 56 years. According to its specifications, it's a 27-ton machine with a top speed of 53km/hr.

From February to September 1944, heavy battles were fought in the narrow, 50 km-wide, Narva front in the northeastern part of Estonia. Over 100,000 men were killed and 300,000 men were wounded there. During battles in the summer of 1944, the tank was captured from the Soviet army and used by the German army. (This is the reason that there are German markings painted on the tank's exterior.) On 19th September, 1944, German troops began an organized retreat along the Narva front. It is suspected that the tank was then purposefully driveninto the lake to conceal it when its captors left the area.

At that time, a local boy walking by the lake, Kurtna Matasjarv, noticed tank tracks leading into the lake but not coming out anywhere. For two months he saw air bubbles emerging from the lake. This gave him reason to believe that there must be an armored vehicle at the lake's bottom. A few years ago, he told the story to the leader of the local war history club 'Otsing'. Together with other club members, Mr. Igor Shedunov initiated diving expeditions to the bottom of the lake about a year ago. At the depth of 7 metres they discovered the tank resting under a 3-metre layer of peat.

Enthusiasts from the club, under Mr. Shedunov's leadership, decided to pull the tank out. In September of 2000 hey turned to Mr. Aleksander Borovkovthe, manager of the Narva open pit company AS Eesti Polevkivi, to rent the company's Komatsu D375A-2 bulldozer. (Currently used at the pit, the Komatsu dozer was manufactured in 1995, and has recorded 19,000 operating hours without major repairs.)

The pulling operation began at 09:00 and was concluded



at 15:00, with several technical breaks. The weight of the tank, combined with the travel incline, made for a pulling operation that required significant muscle. The D375A-2 handled the operation with power and style. The weight of the fully-armed tank was around 30 tons, so the active force required to retrieve it was similar. A main requirement for the 68-ton dozer was to have enough weight to prevent slippage while moving up the hill.

After the tank surfaced, it turned out to be a 'trophy tank'



Incredibly, after a few minor repairs, they were able to start its diesel engine.

that had been captured by the German army in the course of the battle at Sinimaed (Blue Hills) about six weeks before it was sunk in the lake. Altogether, 116 shells were found on board. Remarkably, the tank was in good condition, with NO RUST, and all systems (except the engine) in working condition. This is a very rare machine, especially considering that it fought both on the Russian and the German sides. Plans are underway to fully restore the tank. It will be displayed at a war history museum in the Gorodenko village on the left bank of the River Narv.



Preparing to pull it out.



Komatsu D375A-2 is ready to go.



Here it comes...

Incredibly, after a few minor repairs, they were able to start its diesel engine.

They just don't make 'em like they used to...



Hosing off 62 years worth of 'muck..'



In mint condition.



Through the muddy bank of the lake.



They just don't make 'em like they used to...

2009 TRAIN SHOW



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CHARLES BUSWELL (402)475-0600 buzzmmr@windstream.net

- * Train Ride for the Kids
- * Dealer Tables
- * Train Displays
- Clinica

Warren Weston MMR Up Date

Hello all,

This is Bert, Warren's son. Warren is still in the rehab facility at St Mary's in Blue Springs. He seems to be improving day by day according to mom. He seems to really love company. He recognizes faces but still has problems with names and some stories. He can't find the right words. Dennis Owens stopped by today and put a smile on his face and

a tip jar by the bed; he really enjoyed the visit (thanks). It's going to be a long road to go. His nurses keep him busy throughout the day and he still tires quickly, but still loves the company. Should know soon an estimate of how much longer he will need at rehab. Mom isn't one to use a computer so if you would like any further updates you can call her.

Bert

Railroad Day at the Depot Saturday, February 28, 2009

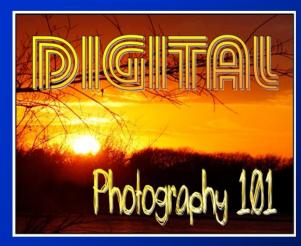
ProRail Nebraska Meeting

Join us for coffee and rolls beginning 8:30 am with the meeting starting 9:00 am. Be part of a super-charged group of individuals whose focus is the advancement of passenger rail in the state of Nebraska. Hear a panel discussion of local and state officials about Transportation Alternatives in the state and hear about the concerns for passenger rail transportation in this unique economy. Registration is only \$5.00. Does not include lunch. The meeting will conclude shortly after lunch. Someone will be on hand following the meeting to suggest good railfanning spots in the Grand Island area for those who wish to watch and photograph trains. You do not need to be a member of ProRail Nebraska to attend this meeting.

National Railway Historical Society Great Plains Chapter Annual Banquet

Plan to attend the Great Plains Chapter annual banquet at the CB&Q depot, 603 Plum Street, Grand Island, NE. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. All Chapter members and non-members, families and friends are invited to attend this festive event. You will enjoy a delicious baconwrapped filet tenderloin steak, baked potato, green tossed salad, dinner roll and a sumptuous slice of cheesecake. Beverages include iced tea and coffee. Dinner will be prepared and served by Wayne and Julie Whitefoot of Bolus, NE and the steaks will be grilled outside the depot on the famous "Whitefoot grill". Our special guest speakers will be James Ehernberger and Mike Bartels who will talk about The Great Blizzard of 1949. Their presentation and slides will follow dinner. The Chapter book store will be open for business with new DVD's, books and video tapes at discounted prices. The Tri-City Model Railroad Association will have their HO model railroad open for display. Raffle prizes will be drawn following the program.

□ ProRail Nebraska Meeting at 9 a.m. □ Chapter Banquet @ 6 p.m.		#attending at \$5.00 ea. #attending at \$20.00 ea.		
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This series of four, two hour classes is being offered by Ron and Crossroads Christian Church (Johnson Drive & Renner Road) and would be a great precursor to viewing Ron's clinic on Digital Model Railroad Photography that he hopes to present at Turkey Creek later this year.

For more information, and/or an electronic brochure please contact Ron Morse, MMR at 913-894-6472 ronmorsemmr@gmail.com



Some of the areas we will cover

I. CAMERA HISTORY

2. UNDERSTANDING THE DIGITAL CAMERA

- Camera Body
- Lenses
- Aperture function
- Software/Firmware Sensor types
- Image resolution Aspect ratios
- Capture format Image quality
- Dust reduction
- Shutter function File storage systems
- Viewing systems Camera controls
- Histograms
- Getting sharp images Shutter speeds
- Image stabilization
- 150 Camera modes
- Creative
- Automatic
- Flash photography Filters Depth of field
- Hints and tips
- Cautions

Composition

- Balance Rule of thirds
- 3. SPECIFIC TYPES OF PHOTOS
- Butterthy photos
- Moon shots
- Sunsets
- Birds Fireworks
- Wildlife
- Flowers
- landscapes
- Portraits
- Mini Scenes
- S. PRINTING PHOTOS 4. POST PROCESSING-EDITING PROGRAMS



digital camera....will there be anything in this class for me? All I have is a Point & Shoot'

simplest digital camera. So with this class you will discover many cameras these days have many teatures things that can be applied even to the that most users never take advantage of Yes, most all "Point & Shoot"

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- Proper exposure
- A sharp image
- Reasonable composition



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peared at one instant in time. an image of something as it apphotograph ever made freezes medium can match......Every and of place; it can reproduce person, the camera possesses a the past with a fidelity no other unique power: It is a matchless recorder of moments, of people "In the hands of a perceptive

Time Life Books





A little about Ron Morse -

roads since 1995 and Ron is one of the overseers Ron and his wife Vicki have been a part of Crosshere at the church. le is a third generation Colorado native who was raised in the Rocky Mountains in and around the ransferred to the Kansas City area in 1984 and currently reside in Lenexa, Kansas. In 2002 Ron Sraphic Arts Center. He spent a total of 36 years grated one of the few operational gold mills and retired from Corporate Express (after 30 years) where he was the Plant Manager of their National assay offices in the state. Ron and his family were Central City area where his father owned and op-

thost towns in 1963 (as a junior in high school hey were disappearing. Within a few years he He is an accomplished artist who started doing when he got his first Jeep). In 1970 he began to photograph the old ghost towns as he found he could not capture them on canvas as quickly as began producing travelogue programs on ghost towns and scenic areas of the west. Over the years he has shot thousands of black and white photos and color slides of Colorado and the west. Then in 2001 he entered the age of digital photography and has been pursuing it with a vengeance ever sketches and oil paintings of mountain scenery and

also been published in "Birds | & Blooms Extra". Colorado scenery. But he has the articles that have been railroading ghost towns and le has been published in nalars over 40 times with scores of photos. The bulk of sublished are about model tional magazines and calen-

He has posted a daily "Points To Ponder" for over

10 years which includes a daily photo.

http://morseproductions.blogspot.com/ ronmorsemmr@gmail.com Home: 913-894-6472 Cell: 913-908-9025

- WHEN AND WHERE

Crossroads Christian Church Shawnee, KS 66217 5855 Renner Rd

FIRST SESSION

Understanding the digital camera Saturday May 2, 2009 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Camera History Room 143/144

SECOND SESSION

Specific types of photos Saturday, May 16, 2009 Hints & Tips, Cautions 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Room 143/144 Composition

THIRD SESSION

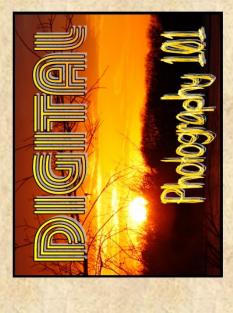
Saturday May 30, 2009 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Local field trip

FOURTH SESSION

Examining field trip results Saturday, June 13, 2009 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Post processing Printing photos Room 143/144

THERE ARE NO FEES OR COSTS FOR THIS CLASS.

Bring your camera and its instruction book to EVERY session. If we have any teenagers that are not able to drive for the field trip we can arrange for carpooling.



Would you like to learn answer to that quesphotography? If the have a group you'd more about digital tion is yes then we be interested in.

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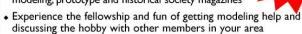
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sold all the molds sometime in the last few weeks to someone in

available in

Amazingly enough no

one bought the molds at the auction

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To make a long story short I would be interested in finding any of the masters, molds or any other info as the company has been totally disbanded and no chance of putting it together under the original name, but preserving the parts, etc for possible future kits is important to Me and hopefully many modelers. Hate to see such neat stuff just vanish to never be seen or enjoyed by Us anymore.

the Toledo area that was considering manu-

Any light anyone can shed on this would be appreciated and also if anyone has some of the mentioned parts please contact Me as I would like to purchase any masters I can for future production and to save some of these neat kits. Also please let Me know if anyone has info as to who got the molds as I may have things He made need as well depending on His desires. Its was probably 650 to 700 molds based on a picture I saw in a realtors listing of the property.

Thanks in advance for any help!
Keith Wiseman
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Hello All,

This entire story involves Gloor Craft Models (Formerly Quality Craft Models), which was located in Oak Harbor Ohio near Toledo, which I understand closed down about a year ago.

On October 25th unbeknownst to anyone in the Model Railroad industry all the Gloor Craft inventory, parts, patterns, wood parts, equipment, etc. were sold on-site at a local auction. Unfortunately I did not know about it until verified today.

The situation that brings this up I the fact that I recently purchased on ebay from a seller 11 pounds of brass patterns and white metal sub patterns for many of the Gloor Craft parts on a hunch that these parts looked special. I am curious if anyone else bought similar items from the same seller or other sellers that were probably sold as Brass or metal parts lots and you have a bunch of brass parts that are all one of a kind parts and will be somewhat darkened in color from the vulcanizing process. Same with the white metal parts, but all will be flash free and several of each part in each baggie. From what I received it is reasonable to guess that I have about 1/4 of the master patterns and sub master patterns from the Gloor Craft line. Mostly O scale and some

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TURKEY CREEK DIVISION MEETING

Turkey Creek Division Meetings and Events 2009

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