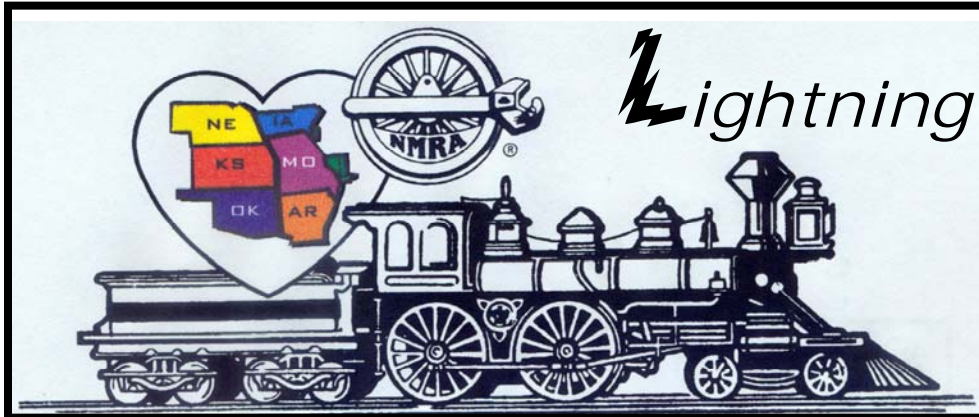


Turkey Creek Division



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OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION, NMRA

Meeting Tuesday March 22, 2011

Great Train Expo

March 19th & 20th Great Train Expo 10 am to 4 pm both days American Royal Complex.

We still need help both days in manning the Turkey Creek Division Table.

Please contact Louis Seibel at L-seibel@comcast.net to help.

Turkey Creek Meeting March 22 at 7PM

Johnson Country Northeast Offices, 600 Lamar, Mission, KS

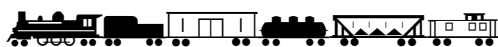
Clinics

Pat Harriman MMR

‘The Last Run of the SBR and OCM&T Railways’

Larry Diehl Paper Casting

Larry will Demonstrate how he
makes paper parts to mimic white kit castings



March 2011 Newsletter - Turkey Creek Division

Hello Everyone.

We had excellent attendance in February, over 40 persons.

We had a great clinic presented by Miles Hale MMR on DDC systems to include taped interviews with NCE, Digitrax and Lenz. Miles had several systems set up so people could try them out and compare. DDC is getting more sophisticated every day and the "hands on" opportunity was very informative. Thank you Miles.



We had three "new persons" attend our February meeting. Welcome Terry Downs (N-Scale) from Kansas City North, Tom Williams (N-Scale) from Liberty, and Roger Hauk (all scales) from Merriam. Hope you all had a good time, learned something and will come back every month.

The group sadly received Lionel Smith's resignation as Superintendent due to his mother's sudden downturn in health. After discussion with the group, I volunteered and the group unanimously accepted my serving the rest of the year. I will need clinicians and help! I'll do my best to serve the group.

Bill Scheerer received his Gold Spike and Electrical AP Certificates.

Robby Spencer received (inabsentia) a Merit Award for Cars.
Paul Richardson will deliver.



I received 9 Merit Awards for structures, plus AP Certificate for structures. I am honored to receive those awards.

The Lawrence Model Railroad Club hosted their 10th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet on Saturday, February 19th, 2011 and they reported a record breaking attendance at over 700, with over 20 vendors! Those of us who did not attend missed something.

Don't forget about our modeling challenge in June. So many people are building great models that it should be a very interesting meeting and contest. If you want to animate your model, there are a few motors left. Just notify me and I will arrange to get you a motor.

It was discussed and agreed that multiple entries per category at the modeling challenge by one person would only be honored with a maximum of one award per category. The intent was that one person should not dominate the awards within one category. Larry Alfred feels the rules already read this way, but he will confirm.

Thank you, those who volunteered to help at the August 6th Show Jack Rosenfeld, Marty Vaughn, Bill Scheerer, Joe Ringbauer, Claude McCubbins and Don Bronec. Your help will be appreciated.

Probably many of you know that Pat Harriman has removed his very nice HO Scale layout (one most of us would die to have) and is rebuilding a new On30 layout. Benchwork is well underway. Make note to attend our March 22nd meeting as Pat presents "The Last Run of the SBR and OCM&T Railways". I will follow with a clinic on "Paper Castings", demonstrating how I make paper parts to mimic white metal kit castings.

March 22nd, hope to see everyone there.

Sincerely,
Larry W. Diehl
Superintendent



The Black Rock Chronicle

Serving Black Rock and Bitterroot and Pass Communities

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1928



Raging Fire Completely Destroys

the coal tippie in the B.R.&B.P. railroad yard last night near 4th & Cedar Streets.

Fire broke out at 2:00 a.m. burning through the night totally destroying the tippie which had been erected from a Fine Scale Miniature kit in 1914. The tippie held 1,400 tons of coal to service the trains from Black Rock up and over Bitterroot Pass. The yard provides 45 jobs for our community.

Nearly 200 men fought the blaze for over 6 hours, but were never able to bring the fire under control. It is a complete loss. The only thing left are the foundations, sand house and tool shed.

Tired and exhausted, fire fighter Icabod Crane said the blaze was such a hot fire from the coal that the men could not get close enough to get water upon the structure. It was futile!

Witnesses reported they saw a mean looking bull in the area just before the fire. The bull's breath was hot and dry and very well could have ignited the coal on fire! Bull's Breath? Wow!



Railroad officials say the unfortunate incident will cripple operations through Black Rock for at least 6 months, but they will start immediately to clean up and rebuild. The structure must be rebuilt before the June 28th Contest! The rebuild will have to be scratchbuilt and minor changes made to improve the vertical conveyor and the head house.

Warm Weather the Norm this Year

The weather in Bitterroot has been unseasonably warm. The snow is melting quickly and residents take warning that slide danger is increased.

R.R. Vows to Rebuild

Transition Yard Master Diehl said he will contact management, Forks Creek and Central Railroad, in an attempt to locate a temporary coaling station to keep from laying off workers.

The Black Rock community cannot suffer through any more economic downturns.

It was rumored that all the construction workers building the Vicki Jo mine in Colorado have finished their job and are in need of new work. There may be some excess lumber available from the rough sawn poplar that was fell for the Vicki Jo. Times are tough and B.R.&B.P.R.R. management is looking for any possible bargains.

Management on the Piper Valley R.R. is always willing to help. The B.R.&B.P. would welcome any and all who can cut wood and pound nails. The old Shelter Bay R.R. owner is rumored to be wanting more capital funds for the extra grading, steel, ties and supplies it takes to widen the road bed to O scale. That Harriman fellow could be in the mood for a deal on an old structure.

After all, B.R.&B.P. yard master and crew must concentrate all their efforts to perform well in the June 28th Contest. It is really a burden to have the odor of Bull's Breath hanging around your back. It just never leaves and it makes you worry.

Bounty

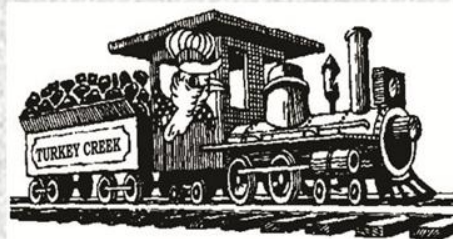
The B.R.&B.P. is offering a bounty for anyone who can provide assistance in finding that dastardly bull!

Pa likes the cream,
Ma likes the jar,
Both like the price
so there
you are!
Burma-Shave
NO BRUSH
NO LATHER

ONE FREE WITH A DOZEN PURCHASE OF JARS ONLY
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THE TURKEY CREEK GOBBLER



VOLUME ELEVENTEEN

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1928

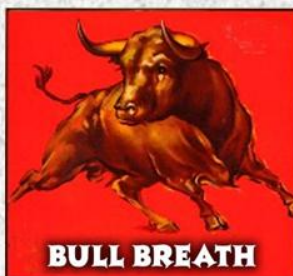
A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION

THE LEGEND OF "BULL BREATH"

For those that may not be acquainted with the "Bull Breath" legend let me bring you up to speed..

It seems that one fine spring day Transition Yard Master Diehl decided to take a shortcut to his office by crossing the Ferris Stockyard complex. What Master Diehl didn't realize was that laying in the corner of the corral he was crossing was a new prize bull that had just been received from St. Louis. As Master Diehl got halfway across the corral the bull charged in hot pursuit. Ten yards before Master Diehl got to the fence he commented that the bull was so close that he could feel "Bull Breath" on his posterior.

The point is...the TCD is having a Modeling CHALLENGE...The Challenge is to give one another a friendly run for their money...we need to encourage and push each other to achieve new modeling heights.



MORE BULL SIGHTINGS

By Rusty Rails

Three days ago The Black Rock Chronicle reported that witnesses "saw a mean looking bull in the area just before the fire" that destroyed the B.R.&B.P. coaling tipple.

According to local residents the bull was spotted again yesterday in hot pursuit of a number of Turkey Creek members who had volunteered to compete in the 2011 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge.

However, it has come to this reporters' attention that only eight members of the Turkey Division have had the courage to sign up for the Division's Annual Modeling Challenge. What I'm thinking is that the more people we have involved in the challenge the more we can wear down the bull by keeping him distracted and looking over his shoulder. Here are the brave souls that are currently signed up:

- 1.) **BOB HOLLOWELL...YES... 'HO' SCALE**
- 2.) **VANCE REED...YES... 'ON30' & 'N' SCALE**
- 3.) **LOUIS SEIBEL...YES... 'HO' SCALE**
- 4.) **LARRY DIEHL...YES... 'HO' SCALE**
- 5.) **JACK FERRIS...YES... PROBABLY 'O' SCALE**
- 6.) **LARRY ALFRED, MMR...YES... 'O' SCALE**
- 7.) **JIM BALLINGER...YES... 'HO' SCALE**
- 8.) **RON MORSE, MMR...YES... 'HO' SCALE**

For the 8th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme continues, as it has been for the last several years, to be opened up to the max! Again this year, you may build and enter anything, yes....that's anything. The only requirement is that it must 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 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, from Z to live steam. 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. Which ever, 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, creativity, 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 28th meeting**, so you have more than three months to prepare your entry. **As in the past, there will be three places plus honorable mentions awarded for this challenge, plus awards for the "Most Creative" and the "Most Whimsical" entries.** In addition, we will continue with an award for the "Best Animation" for those that want to make things move. 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!

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED UP

AND I'M VERY SURE I MISSED A FEW NAMES...

FRAN HALE, MMR KENT HURLEY DAVE JACOBS FRED HULEN HOWARD GILLESPIE MICHAEL BORKON CLAUDE MCCUBBINS JOE ROBERTSON, MMR MARTY LAUGHN, MMR PATT HARRIMAN, MMR DON BRONEC SHELLEY LEVY BOB JEFFERIS CHARLES STAPLETON, MMR MILES HALE, MMR STEVE MCKEE CHUCK HEYING, MMR JOHN BREAU KERRY LINDENBAUM GARY DAVIDSON GARY HANKINS ROGER QUINLAN BOB DAYLEY PAUL RICHARDSON, MMR BOB MILLER, MMR DAVIDE LINDQUIST KEITH JORDAN MIKE FYTEN WARREN WESTON, MMR BILL CRAIG MIKE PORTER PAUL MYERS JACK BOREN LON JOHNSON RICK MCCUELAN, MMR BILL HUMENCZUK BILL HIRT WM. B. ALPERT DR. JAMES BUDDE CHARLES R. HITCHCOCK, MMR STEVE PRIEST, MMR



Iowa Railroad Camporee Introduces More Than 1000 to Railroading and Model Railroading

On Friday May 3, 2002, Boy Scouts from four districts of the Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America, began gathering at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Boone, Iowa. The Iowa Railroad Camporee was underway.

Funded in part by a grant from the Mid-Continent Region and staffed by many Mid-Continent Region members, this Camporee built on the success of a similar Camporee in 1999. The final numbers are still in progress, although the total attendance of Scouts, adults, and staff exceeded 1,300 with in excess of 750 Scouts earning the Railroading Merit Badge.

What did the Scouts do? The merit badge was presented using the same program as at the 2001 Boy Scout National Jamboree with seven stations of ½ hour each. Utilizing a shot-gun start and classes of 65 to 75 Scouts and adult leaders, the merit badge was presented in 3½ hours.

Each of the stations covered one or more requirements of the merit badge, such as model railroading, railroad safety, Amtrak and passenger train travel, block signals, hand signals, whistle signals, railroad careers, car identification, and how diesel and electric locomotives operate. The station dealing with types of freight cars and freight train operation had two special displays. Rather than using HO scale models or photos of freight cars, a set of 11 different 1/8 scale (7½ inch gauge) cars (and a brand new Baldwin S12 locomotive) was available. This station was situated across the parking lot from the Union Pacific's east-west main line had plenty of prototype action in the background.

Many of the stations had displays and equipment to share with the Scouts that most counselors do not have easy access too. There were actual EOTD, 1/8 scale operating searchlight signals, a 3 chime Leslie air horn, and wooden train whistles for each Scout to be able to practice whistles signals.

One of the stations was a display and activity area that contained the Kate Shelly Division's large HO scale modular layout, a 14' x 18' HO scale layout built by Boy Scout Troop 160 of Ames, Iowa, an NTrak layout that featured both continuous running and a switching area, and a multi level sceniced large scale layout. Activities at that station included four Timesaver layouts (brought from the 2001 National Jamboree) for the Scouts to operate, a hands on telegraph display, a display from the Rock Island Historical Society, and a "build your own tree" area (courtesy of Scenic Express) where the Scouts could complete a model tree. While the Scouts were encouraged to take their tree with them, Troop 160's layout is much more heavily forested as a result of other Scouts' work.

After a break for lunch, the Scouts who completed the badge work in the morning were treated to a ride on the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad with the morning train riders completed their badge work in the afternoon. The Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad is home to the worlds highest interurban bridge

at 156 feet high and 785 feet long. This was the first time since the mid 1950's that the line east of Lynn Street had passenger service. This day the railroad handled more than 1150 passengers.

The Camporee concluded with a Saturday evening campfire program including a church service, a flag ceremony featuring a skydivers bringing in the flag, the Mid-Iowa Council's Order of the Arrow dancers, awards for the best times on the Time-saver layout, a slide show of the day's events, and a laser light show. This Camporee was organized by two Mid-Continent Region/Kate Shelly Division members - Bob Folkmann, general chairman, and Whit Johnson, program chairman, both of Ames. Program staff volunteers came from seven states with four of them having worked at the 2001 National Jamboree.

Five divisions of MCoR had members on staff. Bill Humenczuk and Dave Engle from the Turkey Creek Division, Don Wetmore and Charles Ferrin from the Western Heritage Division, Ken Thompson from the Gateway Division, John Averill from the Great Midwestern Division, and Kent Giroux, Ray Immel, Dr. Charles Mischke, Ely Gansen, Glen Peterson, and Tamara Peterson from the Kate Shelley Division. Along with these MCoR members were several others from the Union Pacific Railroad, the Twin Cities & Western Railroad, the St. Croix Livesteamers, the Central Iowa Garden Railroad Society, Des Moines N-Trak, and 2001 National Jamboree Staff Members Charles Anderson of Texas, and Brewster Bird of California.

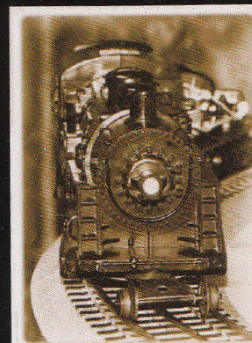
It is with the help of these railroaders, modelers, and scouters that this program is continuing to grow. The Railroading Merit Badge was scheduled for removal from the Boy Scout program in 1995. With help from many different sources, Charles Anderson reworked the requirements to more closely represent railroading as it exists today. Since 1995, the Railroading Merit Badge is reported as the most popular elective merit badge in the Boy Scouts program. Events of this type are popping up all over the United States. Within the MCoR boundaries we have been informed of three more such events that are in planning for sometime in the next year. The Iowa Railroad Camporee committee has already begun to discuss a third such event in Iowa, sometime in 2006 or 2007. We will have to watch for these events and continue to support them, as these young Scouts are the future of railroading as a profession as well as a hobby. The Iowa Railroad Camporee was a great success thanks to the many volunteers and sponsors. This was the biggest event for the Railroad Merit Badge to be held in one day in the Midwest.

Whit Johnson and Bill Humenczuk

Frank's Train Shop

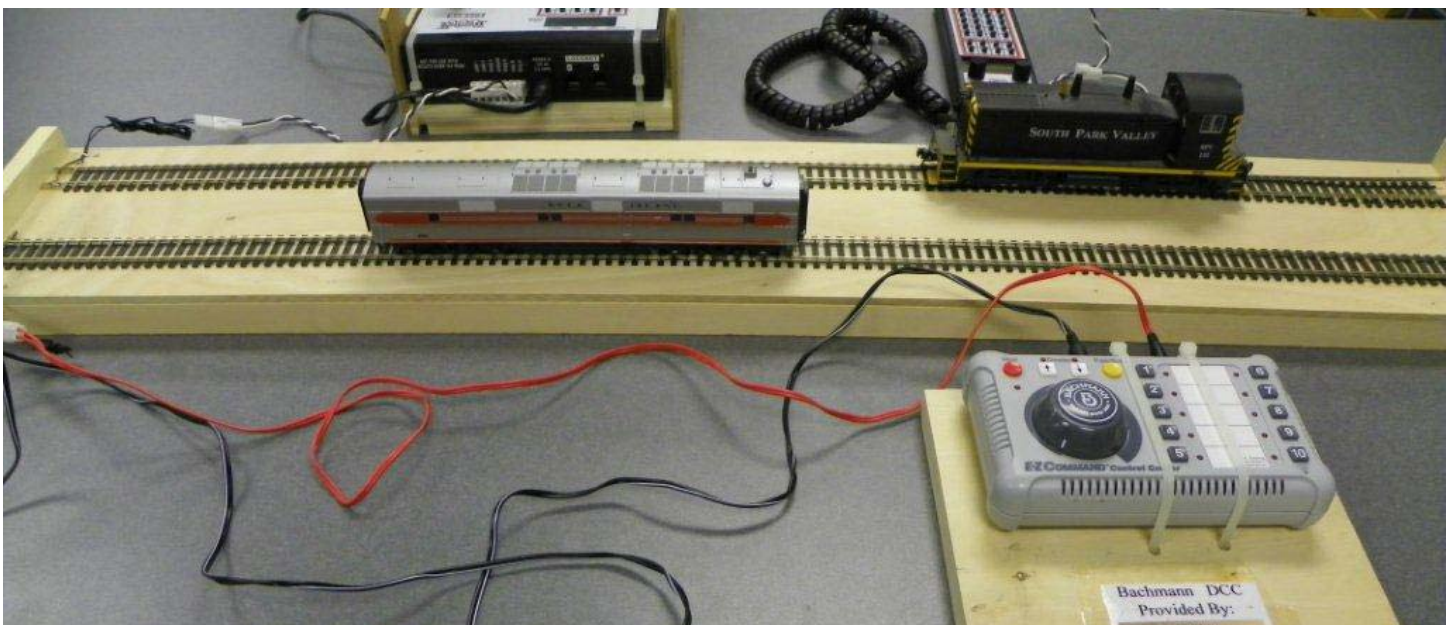
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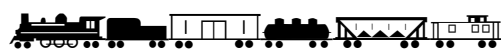
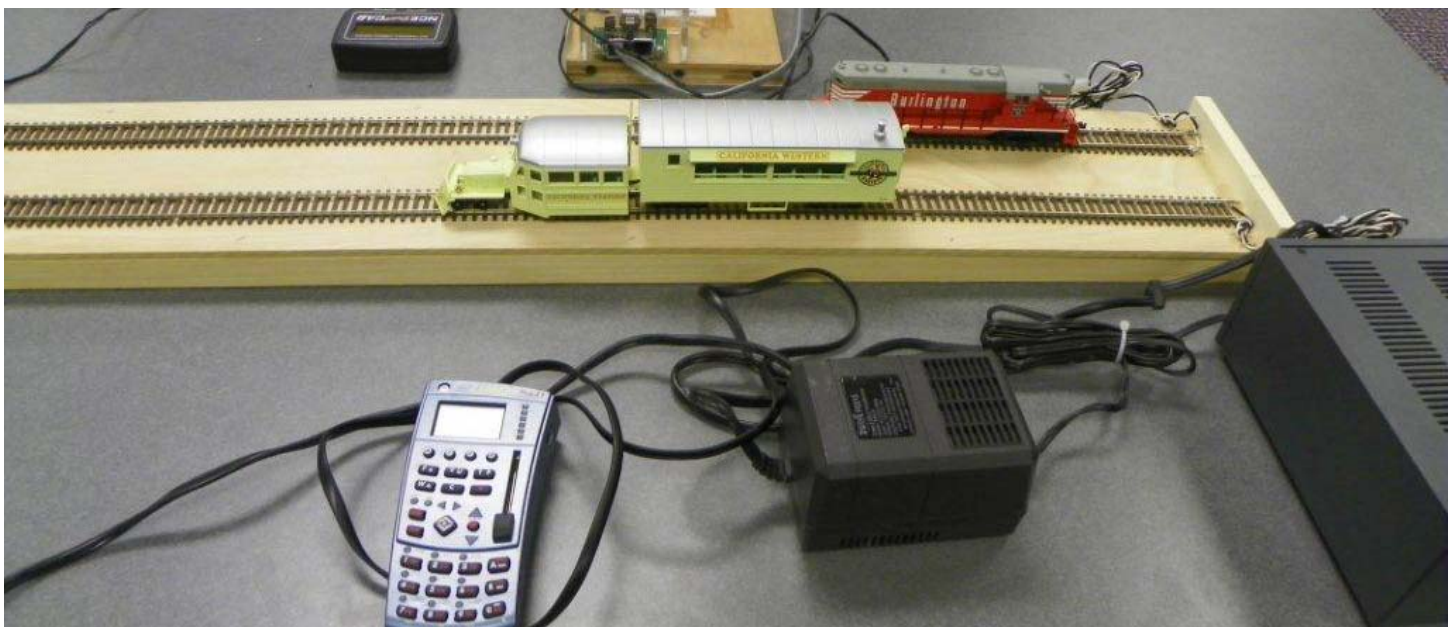
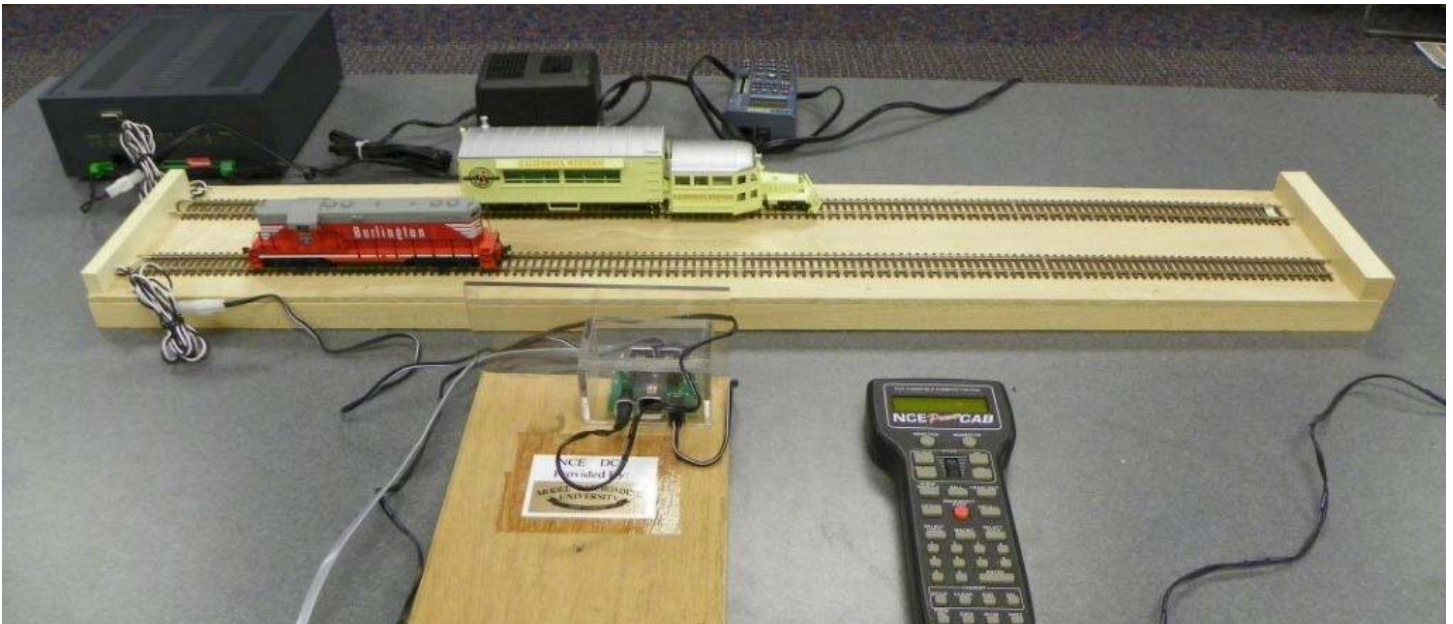
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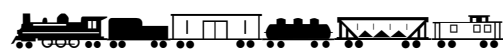
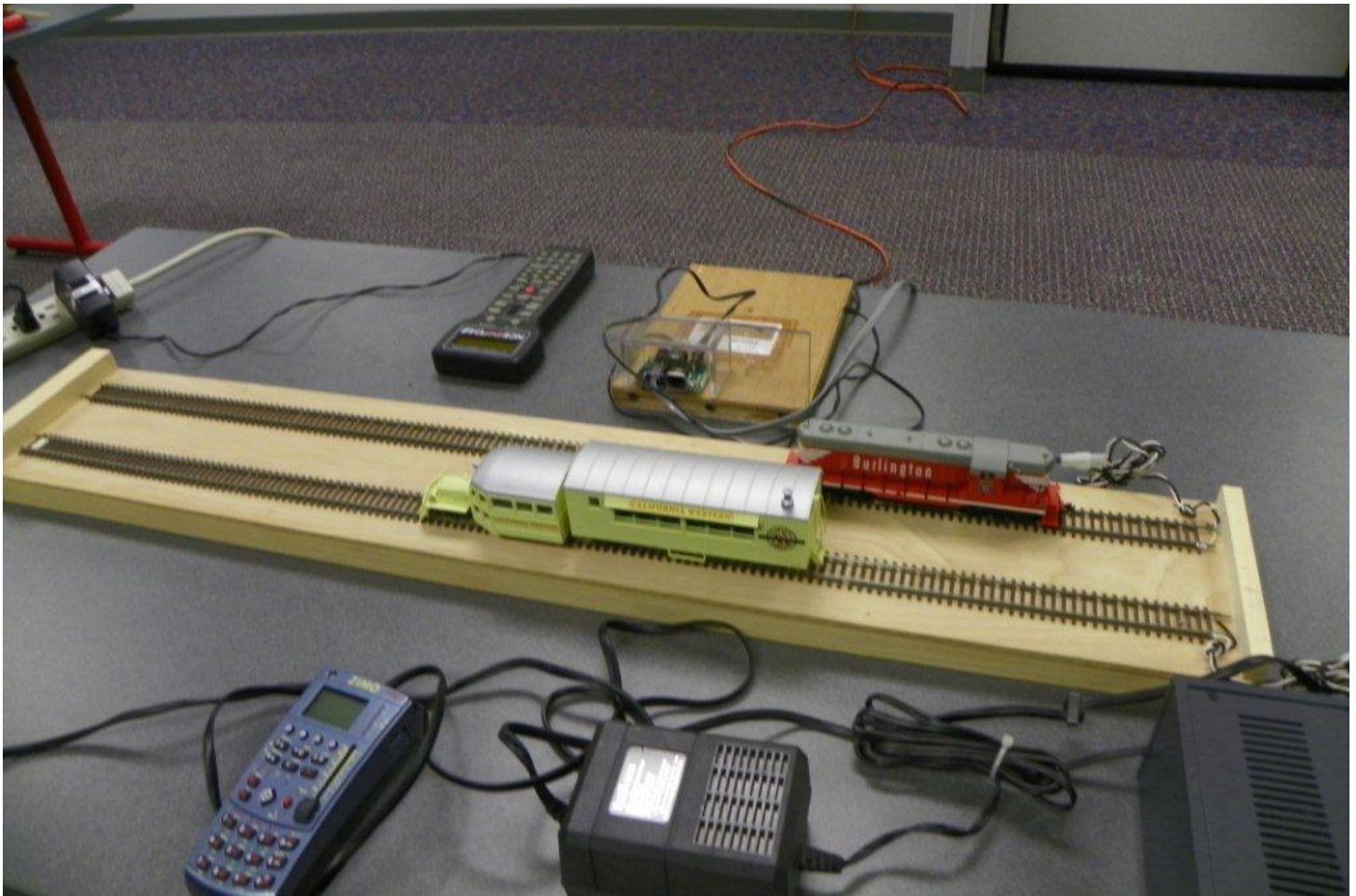












THE SWITCHING LIST

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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. Put me on your newsletter list.

DIVISION MEETINGS

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION Meetings are at 1:00 pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: garyonho@cox.net. The next meeting is **February 12, 2011 Tom Katafiasz**: 2105 Northwood Ln, Salina, KS: Turn off Interstate 70 south on Ohio Street, Turn Left (East) on Iron Street and go to top of hill, turn Right (South) on Marymount Road go past the stop light, turn left (East) on Northwood (first street past stop light) Tom's house is on the corner (first one on your left (north)) once you turn onto Northwood. Video tour of Kalmbach facilities and discussion of Tom's newest mostly scratchbuilt building.

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

The EID Fall Meeting will be September 18th at the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, 424 First Avenue NE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Parking is free on Saturdays, so do not feed the parking meters! We will have a short meeting, silent auction, Bring & Brag / Show & Tell. I'm pulling together an interesting program on modeling. We will start at 9:00 am. The EID Annual / Winter Meeting will be 9am, January 15th, 2011 at the First Christian Church in Davenport, Iowa.

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION now meets the 4th Thursday at the Ames Public Library in Ames, Iowa. Time is 7 Pm to 8:45 PM. Due to Thanksgiving being the 4th Thursday we usually try to meet on the 3rd Thursday. Call Superintendent from NMRA web site for latest information. All are welcome to attend the meetings. The library is located at 515 Douglas Ave. We meet in the upstairs meeting rooms. December we have NO meetings due to the holidays.

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@computer-concepts.com.

WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS) Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 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.

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd. St., just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. The library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am. Web page: www.tulsanmra.org Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com

OK Heartland Division of the NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

***Cowboy Line Division (Norfolk, NE)** meets 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis Brandt, Div. Dir: 402-9925-2415 or email dennisbrandt44@gmail.com for more information.

Division Directors, Train Show Chairs, or Club Show Chairs: Let's get the word out about your 2010 or 2011 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

MAR 19-20, 2011--BOOT HILL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB TRAIN SHOW, West Pavilion Building on the Finney County Fairgrounds, 601 Lake Avenue, Garden City, Ks, Sat: 10:00AM to 6:00PM, Sun: 11:00AM to 4:00PM, Adults \$4.00, Family \$10.00, Kids 10 and under free Tickets are good for both days, Several operating layouts in different scales, Vendors, Door Prizes, Lunch counter, Info: Robert Simmons, ras@odsgc.net

***MAR 26, 2011—JOPLIN MUSEUM COMPLEX TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET**, Schifferdecker Park, 7th and Schifferdecker Streets, Joplin, MO; 9am to 3pm, Included will be several operating model railroad layouts along with over 65 tables of items for sale or trade. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free w/pd adult. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. For further information or table rental call Rick Gardner at 417-673-4888 or email rickgardner@sofnet.com. Tables rent for \$15 each. On the web at www.tristatamodelrailroaders.com

***APR 9, 2011—OZARK MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION** 33rd Annual Spring Railroad Show, Springfield Catholic High School, 2340 S. Eastgate Avenue, Springfield, MO.65809, 9am to 3 pm, The show will include clinics, swap meet, operating portable model railroads, home layout tours, door prizes, food, refreshments and much more,



For information contact Ron Williams MMR at 417-883-5350 or by e-mail at rjwilliams1@mchsi.com.

***APR 9-10, 2011--17TH ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW, SPONSORED BY THE NEBRASKA WEST-CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION:** D&N EVENT CENTER, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, Nebraska; Sat: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Sun: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Adm: \$3.00 Children under 12 \$1.00 (under 5 with paid adult free), Train layouts and displays, Vendor tables selling railroad items, Note to vendors: \$10 each till March 15th, After March tables are \$15 each, Union Pacific Tours will be available as an extra fare item (Saturday only): For additional information: Gene Tacey, P.O. Box 485, Sutherland, NE 69165, 308-386-2489, taceys@gpcom.net

MAY 28-29, 2011--CHERRY VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB KATY DAYS SHOW AND SWAP MEET, Forest Park (Corner of Broadway & Heacock) Arvon Phillips Recreation Center, Parsons, KS, Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Free Admission! Events include modular layouts, swap meet, railroad history zone and the Parsons Invitational Pie Society selling homemade pies. Our show is held in conjunction with the annual Katy Days Festival held on the same weekend. This festival is centered around the railroad history of Parsons, KS. For more information about the festival, visit: www.katydays.com, For more information about the train show, visit: www.cvmrc.com, Email: greatamericantrains@hotmail.com or john@cvmrc.com

JUN 16-19, 2011 Mid-Continent Region's Annual Regional Convention, Hosted by the Cowboy Line Division, Official Convention Site: Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center, 801 E Benjamin Ave. Norfolk, NE 68701 **Official Convention Hotel:** Rodeway Inn 2206 Market Lane Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 371-9779 or www.roadwayinn.com. For more information and registration forms contact: Dennis Brandt, Div. Dir. 402-992-2415 or dennisbrandt44@gmail.com.

JUN 21-27, 2011—27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION, Overland Park International Trade Center, 115th & Metcalf, Overland Park, KS, hosted by Kansas City Garden Railway Society, Info: Dave Roberts, gscaleisfun@hotmail.com

AUG 6, 2011—TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, MCoR, NMRA, MEET, Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak (Pflumm & Santa Fe Dr.), Lenexa, KS, 8:00 to 3:00, Layout Tours 3:30-9:00, Clinics Starts 9:00, Model & Photo Contests, Door Prizes, Display Layout, Swap Tables and Railroad Groups, Two registrations with each vendor table rental additional registration \$4.50. Table rental \$16.50 ea if paid for by January 31, 2011 after that date \$22.00 ea. vendor set up Friday August 5th 5pm to 9pm. For information on tables and special requests contact Robert Jefferis at jeffbobj@everestkc.net or 913-634-4441. Scout Troop 92 will have food and refreshments available during the show. Additional door prizes will be set aside for advance registrants. Advance Registration: \$4.50 by July 10, 2011, full registration: \$7.00 (\$6.00 NMRA member)

at door, children under 12 free with paid registration (All rates include Sales Tax). For more information contact: Louis Seibel L-seibel@comcast.net, 913-927-6850, 913-393-3495 (Home). Make checks payable to 'Turkey Creek Division' and mail to Turkey Creek Show, c/o Larry Diehl, 11229 Nall, Suite 140, Leawood, KS 66211

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SEPT 17, 2011--2011 Frisco Convention, Frisco Building, Springfield, MO, Info: Ron Williams MMR, rjwilliams1@mchsi.com

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Workshop Presentations

Saturday March 19th from 8:00am-5:00pm

- Tony Koester – 2 presentations
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- Keith Robertson – 1 presentation
- Check web page for more information on presenters....

- ✓ Layout Design Challenge – See web page for additional details
- ✓ Bring your trackplans, photos, display boards and mockups to share with everyone, great place to solicit feedback on your layout!
- ✓ Panel discussion
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"Hammer"
report..

2010 Turkey Creek Division Model- ing Challenge by Rusty Rails

Here we go again! For the 7th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme continues, as it was the last two years, to be opened up to the max! Again this year, you may build and enter anything, yes....that's anything. The only requirement is that it must fit through the meeting room door! This is the theme voted on by the members attending the modeling challenge meeting last summer. We had some great entries then, with a range of small models to huge layout modules (barely fit through the door). As an added wrinkle, this year we will have an added category for Best Animation...small motors were made available at the January TC meeting.

So, what exactly does this mean for each of you? What it means is that you will 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, from Z to live steam. 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, creativity, and enthusiasm to participate.

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be important. **The event will take place at The Turkey Creek Division June meeting, so you have more than four months to prepare your entry.** As in the past, there will be three places plus honorable mentions awarded for this challenge, plus awards for the "Most Creative," the "Most Whimsical," and as noted above the Best Animation 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 join in on the fun

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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.)Larry Alfred, MMR...

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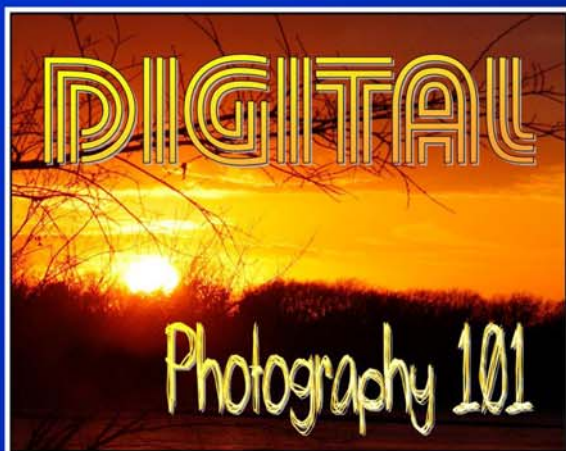
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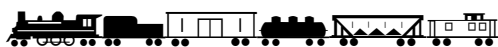
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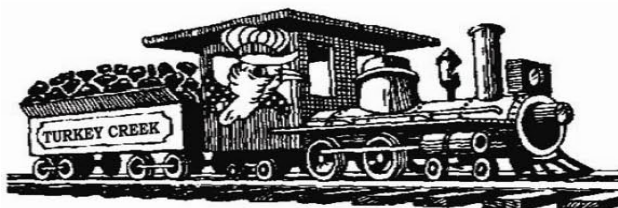
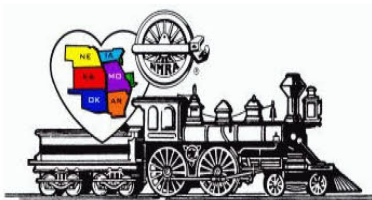
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Turkey Creek Division Meet

August 6, 2011

Lenexa Community Center

13420 Oak, Lenexa, KS (Pflumm & Santa Fe Drive)

Show Times 8:00 to 3:00

Layout Tours 3:30 to 9:00

Free Parking!

Clinics Start at 9:00 – a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby.

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and popular vote. Each model you entered into the contest will give you a chance in the Special Drawing to receive a \$50.00 gift voucher, up to a maximum of 5 chances.
Special Youth Award for the best overall youth model entry.

Door Prizes – From lots of different manufacturers and local hobby shops

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 at the show to paid registrants.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – Expect to find more than 90 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. Two registrations with each vendor table rental. Additional registrations: \$4.50 each. Table rental: \$16.50 each if paid for by January 31, 2011, after that date \$22.00 each. (All rates include Sales Tax)

Vendor set up Friday August 5th 5pm to 9pm

For information on tables and special requests contact Robert Jefferis at jeffbobi@everestkc.net or 913-631-4441

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

Turkey Creek 2011 Division Meet Registration Form

Advance Registration: \$4.50 by July 10, 2011 - *Additional door prizes will be set aside for advance registrants*

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Mark your calendars! Turkey Creek Division Meet will be August 11, 2012 – that's the second Saturday.

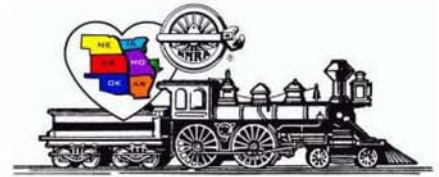




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June 16-19, 2011



Official Convention Hotel:

Rodeway Inn
2206 Market Lane
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Official Convention Site:

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- **Thursday Evening Welcome Reception:** Arrive early and you can pick up your registration packet at the Rodeway Inn. Enjoy Norfolk hospitality with refreshments, snacks, clinics and an old fashion ice cream (custard) social.
- **Friday registration** opens at the Lifelong Learning Center on the Northeast Community College campus at 8:00 am, Friday.
- **Silent Auction** on Friday for convention attendees
- **Prototype Tour** on Friday afternoon of NUCOR Steel Mill, Louis Dreyfus Ethanol Plant, and NE Central RR yards and facilities going to or from on a transfer caboose.
- **Wine Tasting, Art & Museum Tour** on Friday afternoon starting with lunch at Reeder's, a stop at the Johnny Carson exhibit at the Elkhorn Valley museum and tour and wine tasting at the Cuthills Winery.
- **Clinics:** there will be a full slate of clinics Thursday evening and all day Friday and Saturday morning. For more information or to sign up to give a clinic contact Dennis Brandt (402-992-2415) or email: dennisbrandt44@gmail.com or info.convention.2011@gmail.com.
- **Special Air Brushing Workshop:** Local professional artist Karl Reeder will be conducting a 2 ½ hour hands on air brushing clinic at this studio. The clinic will be offered Friday and Saturday morning. You need to bring your own air brush clean and ready to go along with a project to weather. Practice cars will be furnished. For more information contact Dennis Brandt. (very limited)
- **Women's program** will include three or more crafts and Women related clinics including card making, knitting, and others. If you would like to share a craft please contact Dennis Brandt.
- **Contest:** Be sure and bring models for the contest all NMRA categories including photos will be available. **Special Nucor Scrap Car Contest** for anyone wanting to enter a scrap car loaded with your special load of scrap. This Contest will be judged by Nucor employees.
- **Saturday Night Banquet:** a delicious buffet served by the First Choice Caterers at the NECC College. Keynote speaker is Dr. Rudy Daniels, Railroad author and railroad historian.
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Calendar of events for 2011

March 22 Meeting

April 26 Meeting

May 24 Meeting

June 16-19 Mid-Continent Regional Convention Hosted by the

Cowboy Line Division in Norfolk, NE

June 21-26 National Large Scale Convention 2011 Overland Park, KS

June 28 Annual Model Contest

July 26 Meeting

August 6 Turkey Creek Division Train Show

Lenexa Community Center

August 23 Meeting

September 27 Meeting

October 25 Meeting

November 22 Meeting

December 13 Holiday Party (Second Tuesday)

