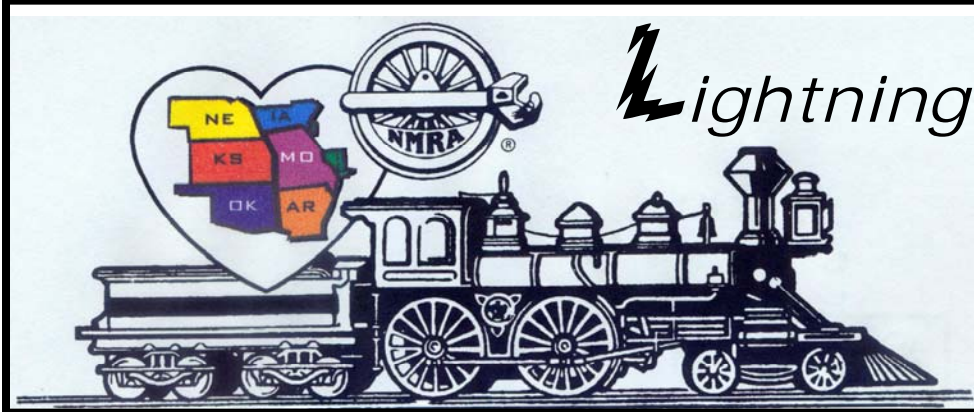


# Turkey Creek Division



*Lightning Slinger*

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"For all gauges and all ages"

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OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION, NMRA

## Clinics

- 1) Easier Methods of Mounting & Wiring  
Tortoise Switch Machines

by Jim Ballinger

- 2) Constructing Caboose Ladders, Steps & Coupler Cut  
Bars from Brass Wire

by Larry Diehl

*Note*

NEW LOCATION

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March 27<sup>th</sup> at

**Nieman Elementary School**  
**10917 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Shawnee, Kansas**



## March 2012 Newsletter - Turkey Creek Division

Hello Everyone.



February's meet was held at Shawnee Mission North High School with about 30 attending. I think it worked well, except some had to park a fair piece away. Next Meetings - March, April & May ... Note .. **Our meeting will be at Nieman Elementary School at 67<sup>th</sup> and Nieman Road**, west off I-35 about 1 mile ... Much better parking arrangements.

### Congratulations...

Jack Ferris and Don Ball got recognition for Merit Awards and AP Certificates ... lots of plaques and hardware! Jack Ferris received 3 Merit Awards for Civil Engineer projects which is great! Then along comes Don Ball ...

**Mr. Celebrity!** One Golden Spike Certificate ... (I lost count) ... One Scenery Merit Award ... 3 Civil Engineer Merit Awards ... ± 12 Structures Merit Awards ... 17 total awards ... AP Certificates for Scenery, Electrical Engineer, Structures ... !!! Don, as I am told, has built a very nice layout in his Blue Springs home, modeling the late 1800's era. I understand his layout is about half completed scenery of very high quality with many award winning structures. Hopefully Don will allow his layout to be on tour in July. **Congratulations!**



Our meeting was a great presentation by Ken Jenkins. Ken knows more about grain elevators and feed mills than you can imagine. Ken has built about ± 25 scratchbuilt structures on his Rock Island RR, all of which follow their prototype very closely. Not all prototype structures are still standing, causing Ken to research through old photos, interviews with townspeople, and old RR material to closely reconstruct those structures. Ken's attention to detail on exactly how distribution piping, grain dryers and horizontal screw conveyors were all arranged is amazing. Ken explained the obvious framing characteristics between building manufacturers like Chief and Butler plus, the specific dryer models that went with each. He even discussed the way box cars were prepped to haul grain examples of special doors, etc.



All in all, very interesting! Ken's February presentation was about smaller "wood" and "metal building" elevators and feed mills. Ken has agreed to continue with a "Part II" presentation in May which will discuss the larger concrete constructed elevators and mills as they existed along the Rock Island RR in Kansas. It should be very interesting.

Spring is just around the corner and planning efforts are in full swing for our annual meeting July 14<sup>th</sup>. We will still need some help. We have been able to get our show advertised in MR & RMC this year, plus some other publications. We are pursuing video clips of his year's show and events that we will use in future years. Properly edited, such video might get attention of the local TV channels to get us a few seconds of "mention" on newscasts. We could also use it on a website promotional video.





Jim Ballinger will present a clinic on mounting and wiring tortoise smooth machines to match the process easier and more forgiving as to allowing less accuracy in drilling holes under the layout in dark places. Jim will show his methods and details of constructing mounting plates, pre-wiring, actuator arms and pre-wiring to make life easier.

Larry Diehl will present a quick clinic on methods used to make caboose ladders, steps and coupler cut bars from brass wire.

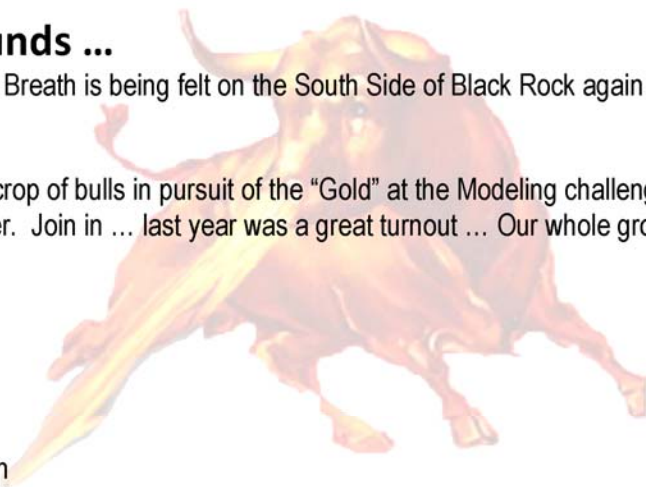
## Rumor Abounds ...

... the Red Bull's Hot Breath is being felt on the South Side of Black Rock again ... Patrons and Modelers are concerned!!!

Could this be a new crop of bulls in pursuit of the "Gold" at the Modeling challenge? Watch for Ron Morse's Turkey Creek Gobbler. Join in ... last year was a great turnout ... Our whole group has excellent modeling skills.

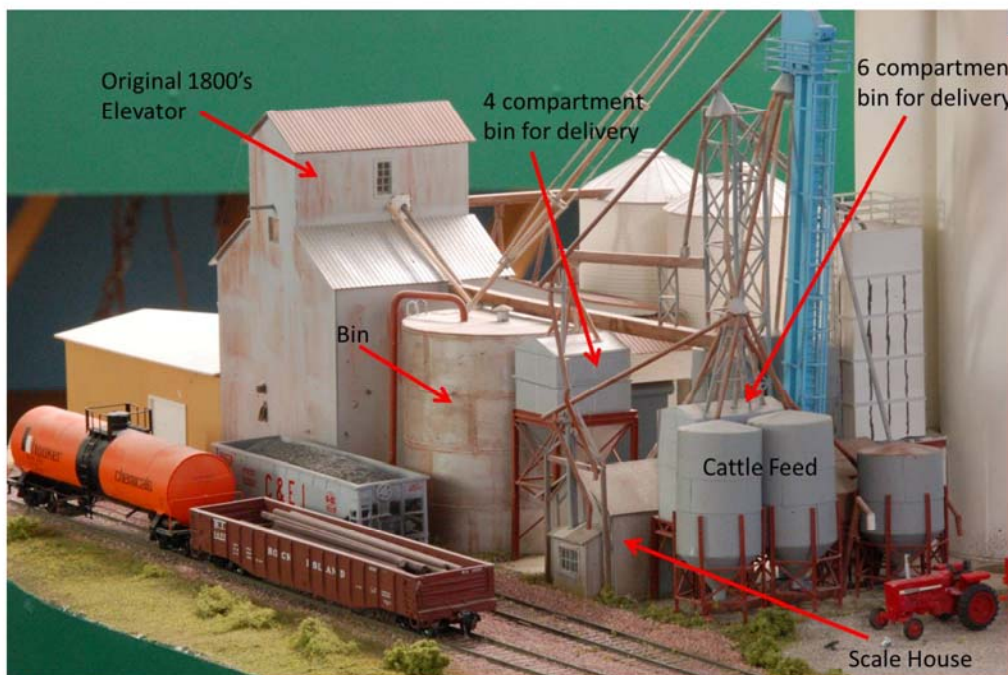
Sincerely,

Larry W. Diehl  
Superintendent  
Turkey Creek Division



## Next Meeting - March 27<sup>th</sup>

Nieman Elementary School  
67<sup>th</sup> & Nieman Road  
Shawnee, Kansas



**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA MID-CONTINENT REGION**

**INCOME STATEMENT**  
January 1 to February 28, 2012

**INCOME**

Balance carried forward 12/31/11:		
Checking (Commerce Bank)		3,295.64
Petty Cash		<u>25.00</u>
Total Balance 12/31/11		3,320.64
2012 Turkey Creek Annual Show		
Pre-Registration (5 @ \$3)	15.00	
Vendor Tables (12 @ \$16)	<u>192.00</u>	
Total Turkey Creek Show	207.00	
Johnson County Refund	52.00	
Cash	<u>16.00</u>	
Total	68.00	
Total Income	275.00	
Income Balance		3,595.64

**EXPENSES**

Kansas Secretary of State—Annual Report (2/5/12)	45.00	
Office Max (copies)	<u>1.17</u>	
Total Expenses	46.17	
Balance Checking & Cash		3,549.47

**Note:**

2/3/12 Form 990-N filed with Internal Revenue Service as 501 ( c ) 3 Non-Profit Corporation. No taxes owed.

2/5/12 Not For Profit Corporation Annual Report filed with Kansas Secretary of State. \$45.00 Filing Fee

Membership: 192

Robert M. Spurgat, Paymaster

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA MID-CONTINENT REGION**

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**  
February 28, 2012

**Cash Accounts:**

Commerce Bank Checking	3,530.64
Petty Cash	<u>23.83</u>
Total Cash	3,554.47

**Certificates of Deposit—Capitol Federal (As of 12/31/2011):**

Certificate No.	Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Interest 1/1-12/31/11	Balance
	4/28/12	1.10	81.71	5,376.20
	11/07/12	1.19	75.17	5,221.03
	9/09/14	1.19	196.15	6,148.49
	11/26/14	1.49	<u>227.42</u>	<u>6,294.15</u>
Total Certificates of Deposit:			580.45	23,039.87

**Total Cash & Certificates of Deposit:** 26,594.34

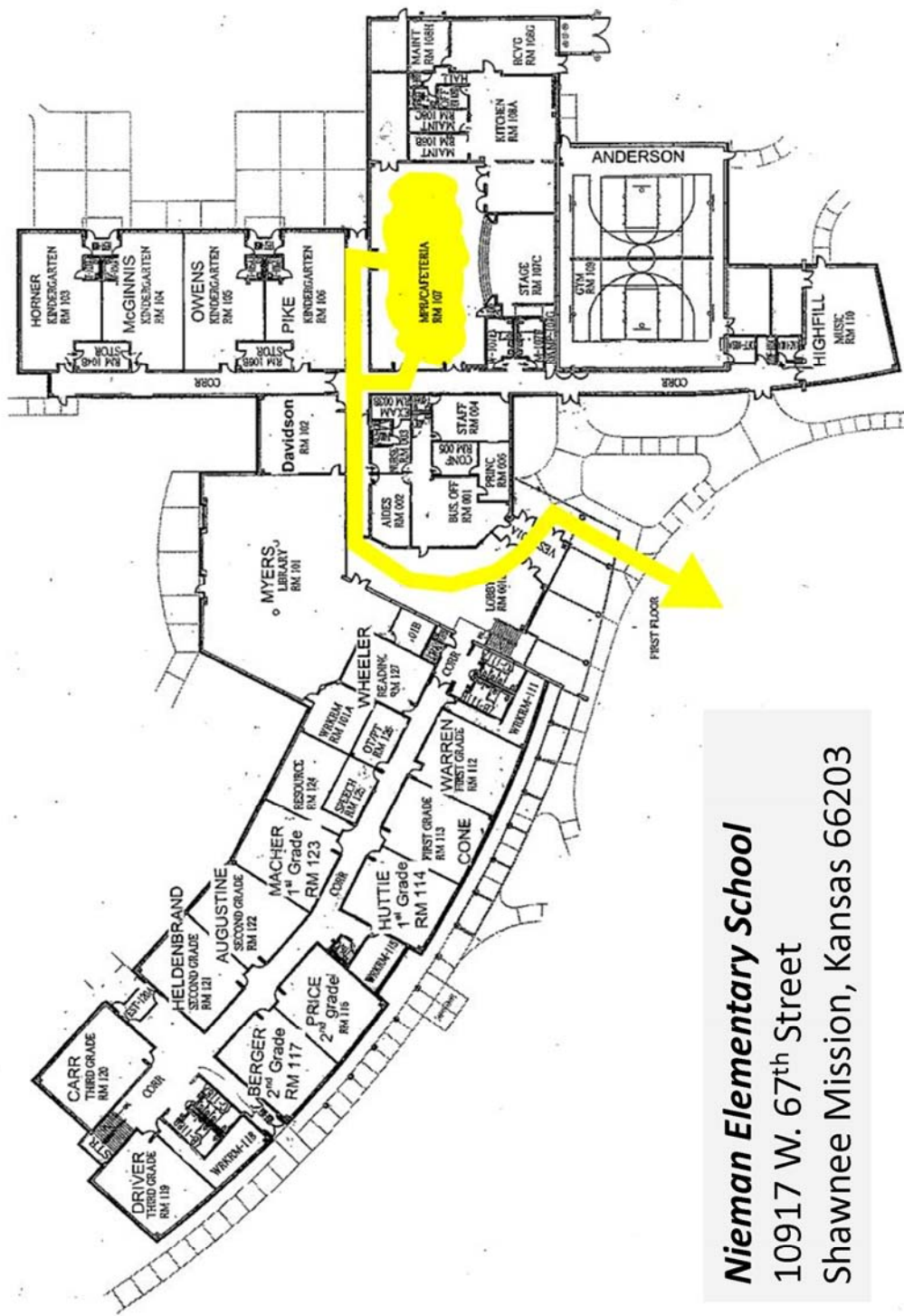
**Investment Accounts:**

Note Receivable – NMRA (Heart of America)	<u>15,000.00</u>
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**Total Assets:** 41,594.34

Robert M. Spurgat, Paymaster





**Nieman Elementary School**  
 10917 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203









# The Black Rock Chronicle

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1928

## Nothing Like the Wrath ... of an Angry Woman!

### One fateful Wednesday ...



just sitting having a meal with the narrow gauge boys ... then ... what should appear? (not reindeer) ... but a man in blue ... whoa ... darrrrrr! ... Officer what do you need? ... What did I do wrong? ... about then it flashed across my small mind!!! ...

.. hanging around these guys, are you ... That's Alfred, Davidson, Flynn, McKee and Bailey? Characters in their own right! Well ... come outside with me old man!

"Looks like you scratched that good looking 2004 Saab!"



"You have anything to say for yourself???"

Well you know it was windy officer! She scared me! ... driving in so quickly while I was getting out! ... She scared me! ... I apologized and apologized and ... (silence) ... (silence) ...

Diehl blurted out ... "I'm telling you that girl was mean ... (silence) ... I mean she was a b\_\_h!" ... Officer replied "I know ... but your hanging around with those narrow gaugers ... who, ... we at the City ...

## believe are all descendants of the Red Bull !!!

You got what you deserve! boo boo boo  
boommmmmmm! ... Wow! ... Are the Red Bulls  
back? ... with fiery breath! ...

## dressed like a woman in a 2004 Silver Saab!



I hope this doesn't get too serious ... I offered to pay for the scratch!



When she popped out of that car ... she was big ... I mean big ... taller than me ... bullish reddish hair ... and all I saw was mouth and teeth! ... chewing on my a\_\_!!! ... after bleeding a quart or more, I said "I ain't got my policy number ... so put me in jail!" ... well, she proceeded on that path ... and next ... the officer interrupts my lunch!

**I hope it's not dark in jail. I hope I see daylight soon!** I've got a lot of work to finish for the Modeling Challenge ... can't spend it in jail.



Please donate to the "Save the Superintendent" campaign, send food ... send candy ... send cigarettes for negotiation ... send pies, cakes, cookies, sharp saws, shovels ... or... tweezers, #5 paint brushes, #11 blades, epoxy, glue, scale lumber (HO of course) ... just send anything you can part with!!!

**I just don't want to be in jail!**



... Just want to come home!



This was a small "door ding" ... it can be fixed ... it was windy ... she had reddish hair ... she was big ... I say big! ... you know all mouth, teeth ... and .... mean!

She was a b\_\_h!

**or a Red Bull!**

By the way ... where was Patch? When I need his military background and escape experience!!!



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Help! Not just anybody  
Help! You know I need someone  
Help!





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**Oct 28 2011**

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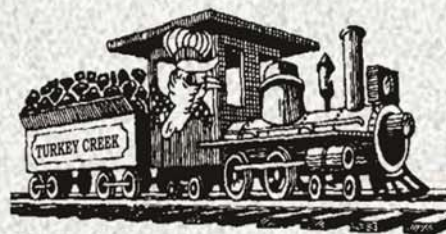
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# THE TURKEY CREEK GOBBLER



VOLUME ELEVENTEEN AND TWO MARCH 18, 1928 A RANDOMLY OCCURRING PUBLICATION

## KEEPING THE BULL BUSY?

Hey guys and gals.. We are really lagging behind on entries for the Modeling Challenge. We need more people to step up to the plate.

**How about it.....**

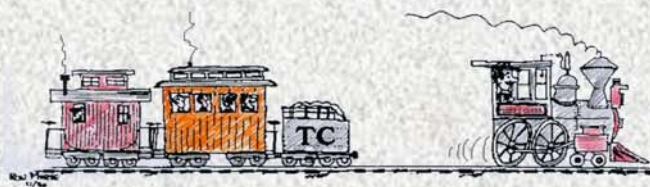


## THOSE CURRENTLY SIGNED UP...

- 1.) JACK FERRIS...YES... 'O' SCALE
- 2.) PAT HARRIMAN, MMR...YES... 'O' SCALE
- 3.) LARRY DIEHL...YES... 'HO' SCALE
- 4.) LARRY ALFRED, MMR...YES... 'O' SCALE
- 5.) RON MORSE, MMR...YES... 'O' SCALE
- 6.) PAUL RICHARDSON, MMR...YES... 'HO' SCALE
- 7.) LOUIS SEIBEL...YES... 'Z' SCALE
- 8.) DONALD BRONEC...YES... 'Z' SCALE
- 9.) BOB MCBEAN...YES... 'HO' SCALE
- 10.) BOB SPURGAT...YES... 'HO' SCALE
- 11.) DAVE LINDQUIST...YES... 'Z' SCALE
- 12.) KENT HURLEY...YES... 'HON30' SCALE
- 13.)
- 14.)
- 15.)
- 16.)
- 17.)
- 18.)



*Don't get left behind....  
join the fun...*



## 2012 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge

by Rusty Rails

Here we go again! For the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme returns to the very first year of the Challenge...the Square Footer is back! So, this year, you may build and enter anything, yes....that's anything...as long as it fits on a 12" x 12" (or less) base. 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. The playing field has been leveled, so to speak...we won't have any layout-sized dioramas (laugh). 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, as long as it satisfies the size limit. 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 whatever will fit. Alternatively, you could focus on structures and enter a single structure or a scene with several smaller buildings, perhaps 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. This is intended to be a fun filled event, with the entry possibilities only limited by your imagination, creativity, and enthusiasm to participate (and size).

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be important. The event will take place at our June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, so you have more than seven 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/Sound" for those that want to make things move or make noise. 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!

For fun, I have included below portions of the original notice of the 1<sup>st</sup> TC Modeling Challenge...also a Square Footer Challenge. Note to Superintendent Diehl - you can see that even I initially referred to this even as a "contest." However, I believe that the term "challenge" is more in keeping with the intent of encouraging participation by all members.

**TO SIGN UP-EMAIL RON AT:**  
[ronmorsemmr@gmail.com](mailto:ronmorsemmr@gmail.com)





## 2012 TLR CONVENTION SCHEDULE – SIOUX FALLS

### Thursday May 17th

Noon to 10:00 pm Registration Early registration at Good Samaritan Society – Jerstad Retreat Center

### Friday May 18th

7:30 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	Registration at Good Samaritan Society – Jerstad Retreat Center
8:30 am	Room 141	DSED member's clinic on getting to the public
	Room 143	Gerry Miller's clinic on stripping models for painting
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Living Room</b>	<b>Non-Rail - Depart for EROS tour from Jerstad Retreat Center</b>
9:30 am	Room 141	Robert Albano clinic on free loads
	Room 143	Ryan Moat's clinic on paperwork for modeling contests-a primer
10:30 am	Room 141	Ryan Moat's clinic on judging NMRA modeling contests
	Room 143	Jim Bernier's clinic on ballast machine
11:30 am	Living Room	Load buses to Sertoma Park for lunch (lunch included)
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Non-Rail</b>	<b>Depart for St Joseph Cathedral and SculptureWalk tours</b>
12:45 pm	Sertoma Park	Load buses to depart for Ellis and Eastern Quarry and Trans-loading facility tours - tours will be alternated
3:45 pm	Tour Sites	Load buses to depart for Jerstad Center
4:30 pm	Room 141	Larry Diehl's clinic on distressing wood
	Room 143	Mark Malmkar's clinic on decoding the pullman code
6:00 pm	Great Room	Dinner with raffle for Dakota and Iowa engine rides. Cody Grivno from Model Railroader will be our guest speaker
8:00 pm	Room 141	Lester (Les) Breuer's clinic on moving an entire layout-lessons learned
	Room 143	Bonnie Durenberger's clinic on painting figures for realism
8:00 pm	Board Room	Board Meeting

### Saturday May 19th

7:30 am	Registration	Registration at Good Samaritan Society – Jerstad Retreat Center
8:00 am	Room 141	Larry Diehl's clinic on modeling concrete
	Room 143	Eric Carlson's clinic on tree making made easy
9:00 am	Living Room	Load buses to depart for Midwest Rail Repair (MMR) tour – 1 ½ hour walking tour
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Non-Rail</b>	<b>Non-Rail – Depart for Sertoma Butterfly House and Aquarium</b> <b>A \$9.00 fee applies</b>
11:00 am	MRR	Load buses to depart for Dell Rapids Park for lunch (lunch included)
12:45 pm	Dell Rapids Park	Load buses to depart to Dakota and Iowa Rail for caboose rides back to Sioux Falls
4:00 pm	Room 141	Robert Albano's clinic on installing decoders in older engines
	Room 143	Jim Bernier's clinic on prepping rolling stock
6:30 pm	Great Room	Banquet and contest awards. Mike Brestel, NMRA President, will be our guest speaker
8:30	Great Room	Chinese auction

### Sunday May 20th

9:00 am	Room 141	General Membership Meeting
Noon – 6:00 pm	Open House	Model train layout tours

#### RAILS TO THE ROCKS HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

All hotel reservations should be scheduled through the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society – Jerstad Retreat Center to receive the preferred rate. The Good Samaritan Society has 32 rooms available on a first come basis for the prices listed below. Our agreement with the Good Samaritan Society requires that we will need to fill the Jerstad Retreat Center rooms first. Additional rooms will then be available at Staybridge Suites or Holiday Day Inn Express for a special rate when reserved through the Good Samaritan Society. Call 1-605-362-3800 and ask for Lorie Grau to make room reservations for the Rails to the Rocks 2012 TLR Convention.

Good Samaritan Society rooms – all rooms are non-smoking and alcohol free

Single rooms - \$55.00 per night + tax – 24 available – Available Thurs May 17<sup>th</sup> through Sun May 20<sup>th</sup> nights

Double rooms - \$65.00 per night + tax – 8 available – Available Thurs May 17<sup>th</sup> through Sun May 20<sup>th</sup> nights

Continental breakfast is included each day

Additional rooms are available at Staybridge Suites or Holiday Inn Express (The Good Samaritan Society rooms must be filled first).

o Holiday Inn Express - \$84.99 + tax (Two queen beds per room)

o Staybridge Suites - \$84.99 + tax (One Queen – studio, also includes a sofa sleeper)

Either includes a continental breakfast each day



## 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: [ku0a@mchsi.com](mailto:ku0a@mchsi.com), Nelson Moyer, 28 Ealing Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switching List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: [www.mcor-nmra.org](http://www.mcor-nmra.org). 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](mailto:garyonho@cox.net). The next meeting **February 18, 2012 Tom Katarfiasz**: 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. anniversary convention.

**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)** February meeting 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Shawnee Mission North High School, 7401 Johnson Dr., Overland Park, KS 66202. March, April, and May Meetings will be at Nieman Elementary School, 10917 West 67<sup>th</sup> St., Shawnee, KS 66203.

**WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA)** meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit [whdnmra.info](http://whdnmra.info) for more info and a map.

**KATE SHELLEY DIVISION** We have a temporary project we are doing for the Ames Historical Society on building a model N-scale railroad of the Ames yard as it looked in the 1930's. We'll be doing this from January to the end of April. Our meetings will be at the following while we are building this. Anyone is welcome to lend a hand if they would like to.. From Jan-April 2012 Starting at 6 PM- ??? Need more info:: 515-233-5665, Meeting address::: 1013 Adams St., Ames, Iowa, This is the north part of Ames, the house is called the Adams House.

**PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, KEARNEY, NE)** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members homes on a rotating basis. Info: John O'Neill, MMR, Div. Dir., 308-384-5011 or [jponeill@computer-concepts.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.tulsanmra.org) Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.okcnmra.org)

**Cowboy Line Division (Norfolk, NE)** meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis Brandt, Div. Dir: 402-9925-2415 or email [dennisbrandt44@gmail.com](mailto: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 23-25, 2012--3RD ANNUAL TULSA AREA LAYOUT DESIGN AND OPERATIONS WEEKEND, INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION OF THE NMRA, HOSTS;** Shriners Temple, 2808 South Sheridan Rd., Tulsa, Oklahoma We have a great weekend of operations lined up and a full day of presentations on Saturday: **Lance Mindheim** – *Planning and Designing a Switching Layout*; **Lance Mindheim** – *Modeling Prototype Switching Operations*; **Steve Davis** – *Computer Switchlists for Model Railroads: Why? And HOW to do it for FREE!*

**John McBee with Dick Hovey** - *What Time Has Taught Me About My HO Scale Pueblo Division*

**Jim Senese/Tom Fausser/Dave Salamon** – *How we operate our model railroads: variations in car forwarding systems.*

### **Additional Activities include:**

32 Square Foot Layout Design Challenge – Open to everyone! Bring your track plans, photos, display boards and mockups to share with everyone, great place to solicit feedback on your layout! Panel question and answer discussion 3 Operating sessions with several layouts available for each session. The cost is \$35.00 to get in and that includes an self serve sandwich bar which includes sides and a drink. There are shirts available also for those who are interested. Operation sign ups are by first come first serve. Here is the web page address, it will be updated over the next several days with a PDF copy of the registration, Hotel information and also the Layout Design Challenge PDF is going to be posted for those that are interested in participating in that event. The Pay Pal portion is live and can be used today to register. <http://>





Idopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/ ,or http://  
Idopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/Idopsigmeet2012.pdf. Info.: Dave  
Salamon, Indian Nations Division Superintendent and Tulsa  
Area LD/OP weekend Chairman, Deep River Southern - N  
Scale  
www.picturetrail.com/salamon

**MAR 31, 2012—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 14-15, 2012--18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW, D&N  
EVENT CENTER**, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, NE,  
April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Sponsored by the Nebraska West  
Central Division, Hours 9 to 5 Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, 10-4 Sunday  
the 15<sup>th</sup>, Admission: \$3.00 children under 12 \$1.00, Under 5  
free with paid adult, Tables \$10 till April 1<sup>st</sup> then they will be  
\$15. Union Pacific tours on Saturday only are an extra fare  
item. For information contact: Gene R. Tacey, P.O. Box 485,  
Sutherland, NE 69165, 308-386-2489, [taceys@gpcom.net](mailto:taceys@gpcom.net)

**APR 21, 2012-- 35TH ANNUAL OZARKS MODEL  
RAILROAD SHOW AND SWAP MEET**, at Central Bible  
College's Forest Arnold Activity Center, 3000 N. Grant (Grant  
Ave & Norton Road), Springfield, MO, 9am to 3  
pm. Operating modular railroads, Door prizes, food and model  
railroad equipment in all scales plus collectibles. Admission  
\$6, children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.  
AP judging available. Swap tables are \$20 each. Contact  
Gary Mills, 417- 725-1433. For additional information contact  
Ron Williams MMR, 417-883-5350 or email  
[rwilliams3129@gmail.com](mailto:rwilliams3129@gmail.com). To get vendor registration form or  
see our club layout go to <http://omraspringfield.org>.

**MAY 18 2012:THE DAKOTA SOUTHEASTERN  
DIVISION OF THE THOUSAND LAKES REGION**, will  
host NMRA Regional Meet in Sioux Falls, South Dakota May  
18-20 2012 [Sioux Falls Covention Video May 18 -20, 2012](#)  
more information on clinics and other events coming check  
web site <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/>

**MAY 30-JUN 3, 2012—MID-CONTINENT  
REGION CONVENTION**, Holiday Inn,  
Southwest Convention Center at Watson Rd  
and Lindberg Blvd. in Sunset Hills, MO;  
special room rate of \$89.00 per night. 44  
Clinics given by noted model railroaders,  
including Tony Koester, Bill Darnaby and  
Mont Switzer. Layout prototypical operating  
sessions on three nights, More than 40 quality

layouts open for your inspection, self-guided  
tours so you can visit on your own schedule  
and stay as long as you wish, Visit the Union  
Pacific Car Shop in Desoto, Mo and Gateway  
Rail Services in Madison, IL, plus an  
interesting industry tour. Enjoy some of the  
local activities that St. Louis has to offer: the  
Museum of Transportation, the Gateway  
Arch, St. Louis World famous Zoo and many  
more for your enjoyment. NMRA Model  
Contest including Judged, People's Choice  
and Display. Awards Banquet on Saturday  
evening with Mississippi River Jazz to  
entertain you. *Registration options include  
conventional mail-in and on-line with  
payment by check or PayPal.*

Go to the Gateway website <http://gatewaynmra.org/2012> for  
full details and options.

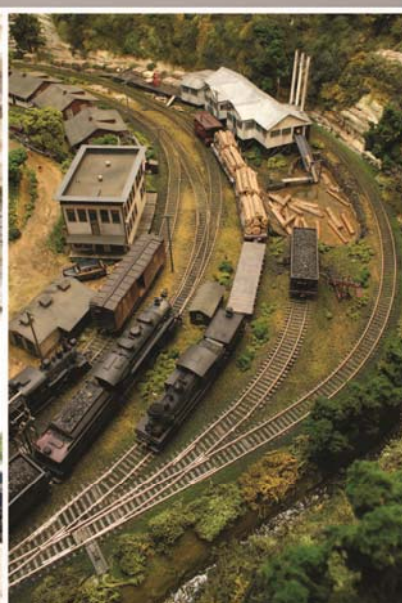
**JUL 14, 2012 TURKEY CREEK DIVISION MEET**,  
Shawnee Mission North High School cafeteria, 7401 Johnson  
Dr., Overland Park, KS, 66202, more later.

**SEP 9, 2012--BOEING RAILROAD CLUB ST. LOUIS**,  
Greensfelder Recreation Complex At Queeny Park,  
Admission: \$3.00 (Children under 12 FREE), Tables: \$12.00,  
Doors open for Seller at 8:00 am, Tables furnished. 30 X 96  
with one chair per table, Info: Wayne Schimmel, 733 Hwy Y,  
Winfield, MO 63389-2206, or 636-668-6313 after 6:00 pm, e-  
mail: [wmschimmel@gmail.com](mailto:wmschimmel@gmail.com).

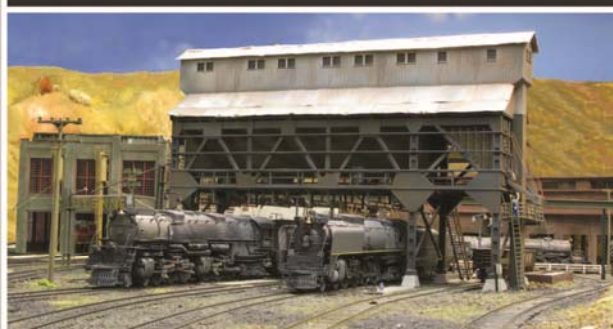
**NOV 17-18, 2012--BOOT HILL MODEL RAILROAD  
CLUB TRAIN SHOW**, Ford County 4-H Building, Wright  
Park, Dodge City, Kansas, Sat 10AM to 6PM, Sun 11AM to  
4PM, Operating Layouts in several scales, Model Train  
Vendors, Door Prizes, Lunch Counter, Info: Robert Simmons  
[ras@odsgc.net](mailto:ras@odsgc.net).

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## St. Louis: Your Gateway to Model Railroading Fun



## 2012 MCoR Convention: May 30 through June 3, 2012



- Attend clinics by noted model railroaders, including Tony Koester, Bill Darnaby and Mont Switzer.
- Visit more than forty model railroad layouts.
- Experience guided tours of the Union Pacific Car Shop, Gateway Rail Services and American Model Builders.
- Operate on great local model railroads.
- Enter the model and photo contests, enjoy St. Louis activities, and dine at the Awards Banquet at the Transport Museum.

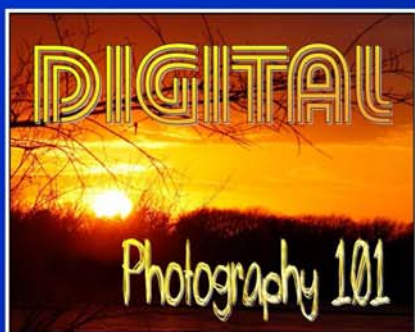


For more info or to register online: [www.gatewaynmra.org/2012](http://www.gatewaynmra.org/2012)

The 2012 Mid-Continent Regional Convention is hosted by the Gateway Division NMRA, May 30 through June 3, 2012, in St. Louis, Missouri. We've added an extra day this year for more activities, more clinics, more layouts, and more value for you. The convention, train show, and hotel are all under one roof at the Holiday Inn Southwest Convention Center at Watson Rd. and Lindbergh Blvd. in Sunset Hills, Missouri, with a special room rate of \$89 per night.







## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### Spring 2012 offering of Digital Photography-101

Would you like to learn more about digital photography? Join Crossroads' Digital Photography class and meet others with the same interest. **Ron Morse**, a seasoned and published photographer, will give you pointers on understanding your digital camera and taking photos. This class has been expanded to **five** sessions. New to the class is a "Live" camera demo session and a special guest speaker, professional photographer Tim Andersen, doing a session on post photo processing. Classes start on 3/26/2012.



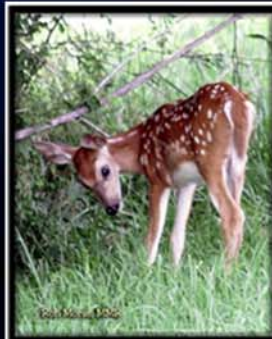
**The class is FREE but you must PREREGISTER.**

**There are no fees or costs associated with this class.**

**For more information, please contact**

**Ron Morse at 913-894-6472**

**[ronmorsemmr@gmail.com](mailto:ronmorsemmr@gmail.com)**



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## **Your NMRA membership entitles you to these benefits:**

### **Kalmbach Memorial Library**

One of the world's largest "railroads-only" libraries. Contains prototype and modeling books and magazines, out-of-production kit instructions, and more.

- [www.nmra.org/library](http://www.nmra.org/library)
- Call: 423-892-2846
- Fax: 423-899-4869

Email Brent Lambert: [lib@hq.nmra.org](mailto:lib@hq.nmra.org)

### **NMRA Online Archives**

Over 10,000 photographs, slides, plans, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes, and more, with additional scans being added all the time. High resolution files are available for download at a discount to members.

[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), click "Online Archives" button

### **"Members-Only" website**

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[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), click on "Members Only"

### **NMRA Company Store**

The NMRA's Company Store offers many items, from apparel to mugs to gauges, available only to NMRA members.

[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), choose "online store", then "Members-Only Company Store"

## **Turkey Creek Division of the NMRA Meetings and Events for 2012**

**Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday each month**

- March 27th ● April 24th
- May 18th to 20th Thousand Lakes Region Meet ... Sioux Falls, South Dakota May 22nd May 30th to June 3rd Mid-Continent Regional Meet St. Louis, MO
- June 26th Modeling Challenge June ? Kansas City Narrow Gauge Meet
- July 14th Division Annual Meet July 29th to August 4th NMRA National Convention ... Grand Rapids, Michigan
- August 28th ● September 25th

