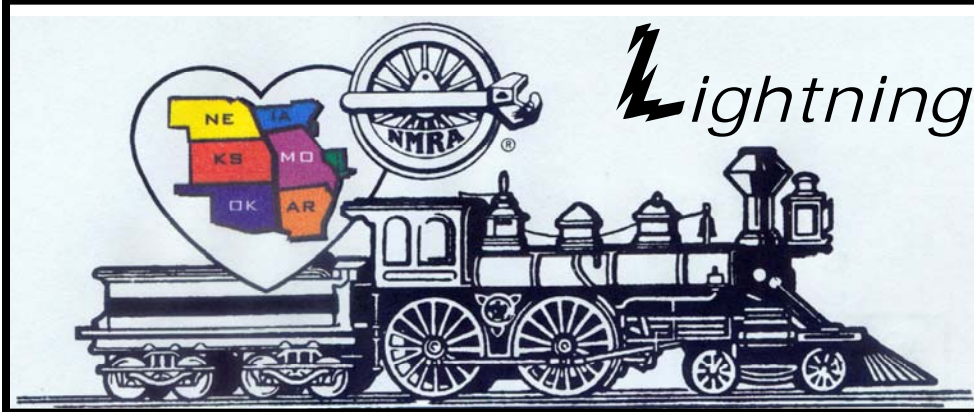


Turkey Creek Division



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Clinic ... September 25th ... 7:00 p.m.

My Life & Times as
Engineer on the Santa Fe
During Steam Era

by John Coy

LOCATION:

Nieman Elementary School

10917 W. 67th Street

Shawnee, Kansas

(1 mile west off I-35 ... 67th Street Exit)



September 2012 Newsletter - Turkey Creek Division

Hello Everyone.

3D Printing!!! it sure drew a big crowd ... standing room only and Kent Hurley did a real good job of presenting the subject. He demonstrated "sketch up" computer program in which he draws his parts ... he showed parts he has had printed .. and ... he gave tips on what "works" for him, and what doesn't work for him. Kent has obviously developed a passion for this modeling technique ... and frankly ... this process has the chance to revolutionize detailed model building! ... When the costs come off \$2 per CM², "one-off" entire detailed 3D printed buildings/structures will become the norm ... Think of it ... 1" deep 3D printed backdrop buildings, in forced perspective scale, of your design or matching the area such as the West Bottoms!!! Just Paint! Wal-lah!

Some of Kent's Notes:

Kent Hurley; my blog; <http://nvrr49.blogspot.com>

- Sketch Up ... drawing program
- Shapeways.com (the printer)
- Frosted Ultra Detail (FUD)
- Fine Detail Plastic



That Diehl guy snuck into Gary Hankins' Silver City Division of the Santa Fe a couple of Sunday's back. He was low and under the radar. I'm not sure Gary even noticed him at first. He was inconspicuously running the Argentine Local ... attempting to deliver and spot several freight cars as things just started to develop. As you might imagine, it was a busy night for Santa Fe's Argentine yard, trains were coming in and trains need to leave. Road Engineers were hard to come by. Needing to get his work done, Diehl's local took to the main, just like several times prior with no incident! To Diehl's surprise, there was oncoming engineer with Westbound Train 153 highballing. That new engineer nearly had a heart attack trying to stop his 14 car train. Diehl lost 10 years of his life and Diehl was trying hard to remember if he paid up his job insurance ... (John Coy has breed that into me.) Near miss ... but a miss!

After Diehl's heartbeat slowed down, he still had his job (of course Gary didn't know yet), I had to spot those cars. Just my luck, the coupler on one of the covered hoppers caught a switch ... at least that's my story ... derailment ... and the car completely lost a coupler ... Engineer Diehl stuck to his story that the coupler arm/hose was dragging below the rail head ... Chief Operating Officer and "Head Fred" Hankins thought that was one of the lamest excuses he had heard yet. After all, maybe Diehl got his switching mixed up and he couldn't get his small brain to figure out a way to spot that car ... maybe "Diehl's load" is 12 bricks shy of full and the only way not to spot that hopper was to red line it with a broken coupler excuse! Well ... ell ... ell! Diehl wouldn't answer COO Hankins' questions ... the five finger hook already removed the car before Hankins arrived...I even picked up the coupler parts ... there was no way of knowing how that coupler was hanging at that time ... pretty smart ... huh! That car resides in the "red lined" storage room awaiting professional repair. The shipper now owes drayage for the mishap. Please don't reveal my name to the Santa Fe detectives. I don't want to have to use my job insurance!

By the way, does anybody know if Gary Hankins has changed his phone number or e-mail? I can't seem to get an answer.





Very Interesting – I got to go to the Narrow Gauge Convention. The weather was great. The convention center was in the shadow of a large MicroSoft headquarters building ... lots of clinics ... doused with lots of logging and loggin terms ... these guys spend as much time building one Western Red Cedar, White Pine or Ponderosa Pine ... as I do to build a complete building. These trees are big, and they dominate the skyline, the neighborhoods and they tower over homes! Did you know there are “Pioneer Forests” and _____??? forests? Do you know the difference? I should, I sat through the presentation, but, I don’t remember ... I also realize now that “Donkeys” don’t just reside in Missouri. Skids, slack lines, swing donkey ... and other terms were all on the test before you could leave Seattle!

What fantastic layouts ... Paul Scholes Pelican Bay Railway, Dave Woodnell, Ken Larson, Dale Krentzer and Bill Busacca had a 2nd story of his garage ... over his 1960’s hot rod mini cooper, which he races!

Saw a layout where the man (at the right hand of the Father) excavated 3200 SF under his home, new columns, new walls, new floors, etc., all for a basement train room! Then he constructed a 2 level O Scale “high rail” layout plus a On3 narrow gauge ... custom painted backdrop, everywhere! ... I-pad touch stations scattered out in at least a dozen locations ... full blow computer controlled operation ... and top all that off with “worker-bee modelers”, who work on the layout full-time, every day! We never met the owner, just his workers. Maybe he’s brother is Mark Zuckerberg!!! ... or maybe not! Whoever he is, he must have more money than God! ... Great layout! Also, great Saline Mustang in the drive upstairs!!! WOW and more WOW!

Back to earth in our humble surroundings ... I got pulled back to earth when I discovered that Alfred’s cheap ol’ I-phone was taking better pictures than my fancy dancy electronic SLR camera ... that I-phone wakes you up! It entertains you! ... and takes good pictures! ... what’s it going to assist you with next?!?!

KC ... I’m on my way home now ... I miss my wife and my grandkids. I’ll be glad to see them.

Tuesday, September 25th ... John Coy will talk and discuss his experiences working for the Santa Fe, as a teenager, John started in the Argentine shops, worked his way through the ranks to be fireman and engineer ... firing steam locomotives. It should be a great evening and only the way John can say it!

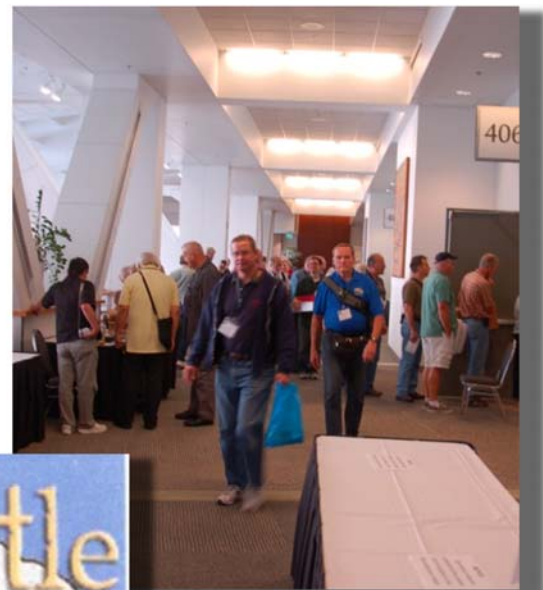
Hope you all can come to our Turkey Creek meeting ... **Note the location .. Nieman Elementary School.**

By the way, Kansas city has modelers and operators just as good and some even better than Seattle ... I known cause I’ve seen our layouts. Kansas City is hosting Narrow Gauge Convention in 2014. Hope everyone will participate.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Diehl
Superintendent, Turkey Creek Division



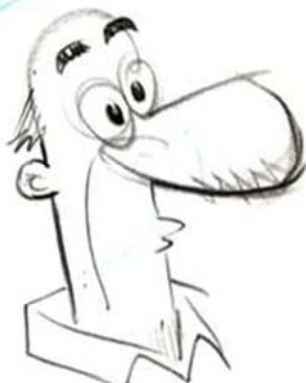


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Miles,
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Fran Hale

Come to KC 2014



Larry Alfred



*Betsy
Alfred*



Don Ball

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We must go there no matter
how far it is to drive.



Peter Ellis

Hey guys, I
ain't got no
more money!
Help! I need a
ride home!

It's Sunday
and I'm on
my way back
home.



Paul Richardson

Buy our shirts!

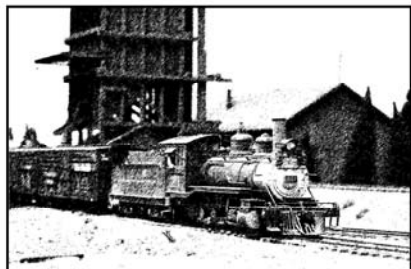


Duane Richardson



Larry Diehl





Mid-Mo Mavericks Present SLANG Fall Meet



October 6, 2012

Coca Cola Meeting Room

605 Washington Street

Jefferson City, MO. 65109

(Meet Information Contact: Allen Pollock (pollocka@mchsi.com) or John Scherr (jrs_muddy@yahoo.com))

****** Pre-registration Deadline: September 29, 2012******

(Lunch cannot be guaranteed if registration is not received by Sept 29, 2012)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Registration/Social Time/Coffee & Donuts

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Clinic #1 Woodland Scenics - "Modeling Water Features"

*** A representative from Woodland Scenics will demonstrate and discuss some of their newest products that can be used to create water features on your layout.***

11:15 AM -11:45 AM Modeler's Show & Tell (The Craig Brown Narrow Gauge Award will go to the best model based on popular vote.)

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Lunch

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Clinic #2 Bob Hyman - "Garden Railroad Magic"

*** Bob will discuss the pros and cons of an outdoor layout, and highlighting some of the significant differences between indoor and outdoor model railroading. ***

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM JEFFERSON CITY LAYOUT TOURS (All within minutes of each other - Maps will be provided at meet) John Scherr's, HO N3 Rio Grande Southern; Tom Troughton's, Sn3 Cimarron & Tall Timbers; John Waite's, Sn3 East Tennessee & Western North Carolina and Allen Pollock's, Large Scale Indoor/Outdoor Railroad.

COLUMBIA LAYOUTS: Hal Shafer's, On3 Denver & Rio Grande Southern; Mike Van Hove's, HO Colorado Midland.

(Cut on dashed line and return this registration slip with your check)

Pre-registration Deadline: September 29, 2012

Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch for those pre-registered)

\$1 refund if you bring a model for Show & Tell Session

Name of Registrant(s) _____

Number of Registrants @ \$10.00 Each _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

Email Address _____

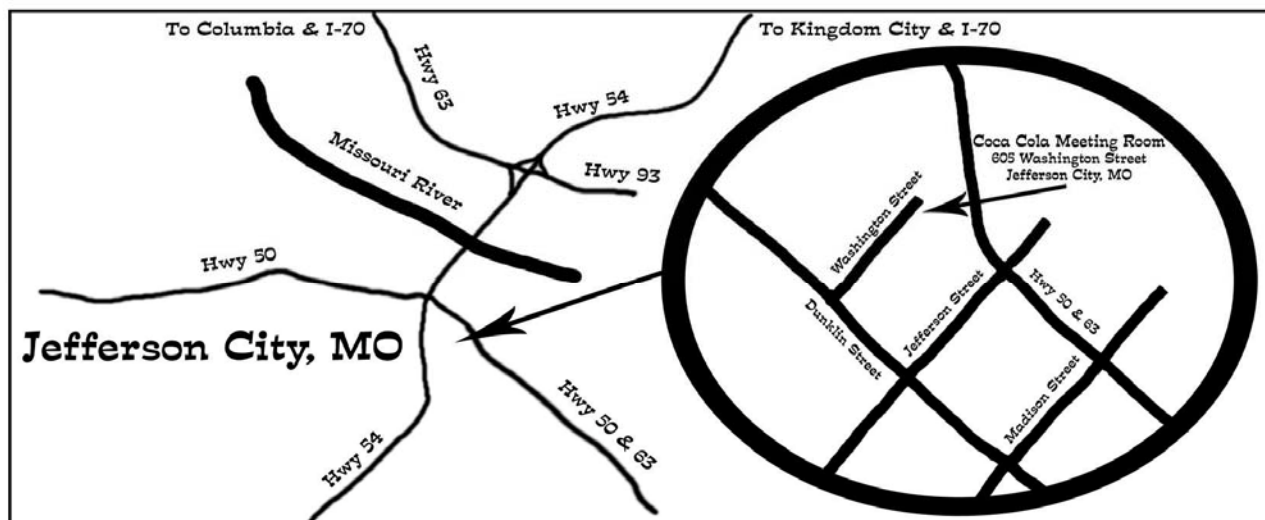
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Silver Rails Model Train Show



When: October 20, 2012

Where: Silver Rails Event Center
204 E. Moore Street LaPlata, MO

Time: 9am to 3pm

Entry: \$3.00 per person

Kids 12 and under free with adult.

The monies taken at the door are being donated
to our local food bank.

Operating model layouts, hobby shops, and private
vendors. Breakfast and lunch are available on site.

All proceeds of this show go to benefit the
Amercian Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation, a
501(c)3 organization dedicated to the preservation of
Passenger Rail Histroy focusing on Amtrak.

For more information, or to join,
please go to APRHF.org.

Vendor tables are \$20.00 each.

If you need a booth with multiple tables,
call Bob Cox for pricing at (660) 287-1714.



Silver Rails Model Train Show

When: Saturday October 20th 2012

Where: Silver Rails Event Center LaPlata, MO

Times: 9am to 3pm

Booth cost : \$20.00 table provided

Entry fee \$3.00 (kids 12 and under free with adult).

For more information call Bob Cox President of the APRHF at 660-287-1714

Follow us on facebook (Silver Rails Model Train Show is the event name)

We will have operating layouts, hobby shop and individual sellers represented at this train show. Breakfast and Lunch will be available on site.

All proceeds from this event go towards the operation and upkeep of the many displays the American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation maintains in LaPlata. Entry monies collected will go to the local food pantry.

For more info about the APRHF please visit www.aprhf.org



Little Train Club---Big Train Show

Sugar Creek Model Railroad & Historical Society, Inc of Bella Vista, Arkansas, is truly the little train club that could. This small model train club started with 17 interested modelers in March of 1992. The membership (about the same size today and including modelers of many scales (Z through G) is preparing its **tenth annual** train show for February 23, 2013.

The purpose of Sugar Creek Model Railroad & Historical Society, Inc was to promote the hobby of model railroading. The members aided and encourage one another in building their own layouts and learned better modeling by presenting clinics at their monthly meetings. Finally, they planned and built a modular model train layout to practice their talents and present them to the public.

Ten years later the club was doing about the same. Then-president Larry Keith suggested that the club should do more to promote the hobby of model railroading. He suggested that we put on a train show. Several members responded that it should be a real "show" and not a swap meet.

Amazingly, three short months later, the Sugar Creek group presented its first train show. The show included model train layouts and railroad memorabilia (as well as the usual trains and supplies for modelers) to draw in the general public. The show was promoted as a family event and proved to be very successful.

The membership used the show proceeds to add more mobile layouts to their inventory to display at local functions. The snowball started rolling. The club now owns two trailers which

store and transport 6 layouts to events and shows. These layouts led to more interest and the next train show almost doubled in size with layouts and vendors from three states.

Suddenly the Sugar Creek Model Railroad & Historical Society, Inc had more money than it needed to maintain its layouts and put on the next show. Thus began their practice of donating the show profits to local charities such as Hope Cancer Resources, Cancer Relay for Life, Helping Hands, Snack-packs for Kids, and the Shriners' Kids program. Some donations have also been made to railroad groups for historical restorations and museums.

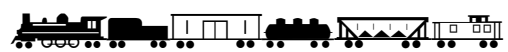
The ninth annual train show in 2012 moved to a new venue, the Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center in Springdale, Arkansas. This space of 21,000 square feet housed over 40 vendors using 180 tables for merchandise. A half-dozen of these vendors were full-time businesses. There were 15 operating model train layouts in scales from Z through G. The vendors and layouts drew in attendance of almost 2,000, and over 400 children operated the kids' layout.

Bigger and better things are planned for the **Tenth Annual Great NWA Model Train Show** to be held on **February 23, 2013**.

For more information, find us at: www.trainshow-NWA.org or

www.railroadclubsugarcreek.org





THE SWITCH LIST – September 2012

*new since last issue

The Switch 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, Nelson Moyer, 28 Ealing Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch 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

COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE) meets 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at Hy-Vee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis Brandt, Div. Director: 402-9925-2415 or email dennisbrandt44@gmail.com for more information.

***EASTERN IOWA DIVISION FALL MEETING**, October 6, 2012, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Coggon Elementary School, 408 East Linn St., Coggon, IA. The morning portion of our meeting will include NMRA model judging, a brief business meeting of past and current happening within our division, and several Free-Mo modulars will be set up for the day. For lunch, pizzas will be ordered in with a variety of pop and bottled water on hand (a \$3.00 contribution for lunch). A variety of different railroad slides or movies will be shown during lunch. The afternoon will feature several “hands-on” clinics and demonstrations using different weathering materials for your model railroad freight cars. Pan pastels, rusting techniques, and a variety of different powder weathering products that are on the market will be on hand. After each demonstration you will have time to experiment with each weathering product to weather a freight car of your own. For freight cars that you bring for the day it would be helpful if they were sprayed with Dullcote before hand. If you have questions or need more information about the Eastern Iowa Division’s Fall Meeting please contact: EID Superintendent: Tony Bowen, MMR at: railroadteacher@gmail.com or check out the Eastern Iowa Division’s Website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/home>

GATEWAY DIVISION (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>

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

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION Meetings are at 1:00 pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: garyonho@cox.net.

***KATE SHELLEY DIVISION** meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3rd. Dec. we have no meetings. We meet at the Ames Public Library meeting room. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

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.

***TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA**, Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.. The September 25, October 23, and November 27 meetings will be held at Neiman Elementary School. The date of the December meeting has been determined, but it will likely be on the 18th. Check the Division Timetable at <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current information.

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 for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

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

TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN HOUSE. (CAMRC) promotes the train hobby through member participation in club-sponsored, train-related activities presented to the community. In preparation for our four upcoming Open House in 2012: Summer - Saturday, June 16, 2012 Theme: A memory-maker event for fathers and grandfathers Fall - Saturday, Sept 22, 2012 Theme: Trains 101 - What newbies need to know Winter - Saturday, Dec 1, 2012 Theme: Santa’s helpers: Tips on gifting a train for Christmas
We are going to do some Spring cleaning on our train diorama and work on developing new one’s for 2012. Don Hansen has graciously invited us to his home to work on the modules (Flyer attached). Also, our first open house of 2012 is on Saturday, 3/31/2012 from 9am to 3pm at the McGee Center, Admission like always is free.

***September 22, 2012 - OZARKS MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION SWAP MEET**, Howard Johnson Inn



Conference Center, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65804, Time 9:00am to 3:00pm, Door Prizes, Display Layouts and Swap Tables. Table rental is \$20.00 ea. Vendor set up Friday September 21. For information on tables and special requests contact David Brashers, 1418 Rosewood, Republic, MO 65738 or call 417-848-1739 or email at dbrashers69@yahoo.com. We will have food and refreshments available during the show. Registration: \$6.00, children under 12 free with paid registration. For more information contact: Greg Sullivan, 417-664-4208 or sullibud@gmail.com.

***September 22, 2012 – TRAIN OPEN HOUSE**, McGee Center, 3800 W. College Avenue, Conway, AR, sponsored by the Central AR Model RR Club (CAMRC). Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, but donations are gratefully accepted to help keep the trains running. This event is not a traditional swap meet, and buying-selling cannot be conducted because of the rules of the facility. The featured guest layout at this event will be the large HO-scale modular layout designed and built by members of the Crooked Rail Model RR Club based in the Little Rock area. Two sections are especially well crafted: trains running through a scene depicting the Bates Hotel from the Alfred Hitchcock movie, "Psycho," and a scene of a crash-landed UFO with tiny silver-skinned aliens surrounded by a "welcoming party" of earthly military and police teams. The popular HO-scale THOMAS layout will be in operation for hands-on fun for kids with four main lines for Thomas, Percy, James, and Emily "very useful" locomotives. A 10x7-foot O-gauge Lionel layout with two interconnected platforms will contain trains and two trolley lines along with action accessories that can be activated by visitors through pushbuttons mounted on the perimeter fascia trim.

September 22, 2012 – LUCE LINE RAILROAD CLUB FLEA MARKET AND TRAIN SHOW, Hutchinson Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, MN, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Admission \$4, 12 and under free, vendors, door prizes, popular vote contest, for tables contact Mark at 320-587-2279, for layouts contact Zack at 320-587-8641.

***October 7, 2012 – WASHINGTON IOWA ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW AND A SWAP MEET**, KC Hall, 606 West 3rd. Street, Washington, IA. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$4 adults, children 8-14 \$1. contact Mike Worley at 319-653-3782 or meworley@iowatelecom.net for more information.

October 13, 2012 - THE TOPEKA MODEL RAILROADERS SWAP MEET, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 S.W. Eveningside Drive, Topeka, KS 66614. This event is intended as a time to get model railroaders together and socialize without the worry of watching layouts, or making sure vendors are attended to, so we are requesting no vendors, please. This is open to all model railroaders and clubs in the area. **Admission is Free. There is a \$2.00 fee for half a table and limit of 1 half table per person.** We encourage you to look around and through your collection and bring items that you no longer want or have a need for. Remember your junk is someone's treasure. When you are pricing it, price it so you don't have to carry it home. Coffee, Juice, and Donuts will be available for a free will

donation to defray cost of the items and supplies. Come prepared to have a good time and find some treasures. For more information contact Tony Fox @ 785-477-9304 or e-mail tfox57@gmail.com or Terry Posten @ 785-235-8887. Visit our web site at www.tmrk.spruz.com for a map to the location.

October 13-14, 2012 – THE 22ND ANNUAL GREATER ST. LOUIS METRO AREA TRAIN SHOW, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO, 63122. Admission \$5, all scales, swap tables, layouts, door prizes. Sponsored by the Mississippi Valley N Scalers, call David Johnson at 636-225-2405 or write to MCNS, 1864 Harbor Mill Drive, Fenton, MO 63026.

October 20, 2012 – SOUTHWEST KANSAS RAILROAD SOCIETY, SW 150 Ave., Cunningham, KS, 1204 Call 620-899-4471 for further information.

October 20, 2012 – THE AMERICAN PASSENGER RAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION (SPRHF), 3rd Annual Silver Rails Model Train Show, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Silver Rails Event Center, 202 E. Moore St., La Plata, MO. We will have operating train layouts and lots of trains/railroad memorabilia for sale. Vendor space is available for \$20.00 a table. Entry fee is \$3.00 per person at the door all proceeds from the entry fee go to benefit the local food bank. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Breakfast and lunch will be available on site. For more information contact Bob Cox, 660-287-1714 or check the web site at <https://www.aprhf.org>.

October 21, 2012 - 34TH ANNUAL SPUD VALLEY HOBBY SHOW, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Crystal Ballroom, Ramada Plaza Suites, 1635 42nd St., Fargo, ND. Admission \$5, 12 and under free with paid adult. Contact Don at 701-234-9351 or the Spud Valley Model Railroad Club at sumrrc@quest.net.

October 20-21, 2012 - TRAIN SHOW sponsored by the Cisco Junction Model Railroad Group, The Cisco Center, N. Eldon Street, Cisco, IL. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., admission \$3, 12 and under free with paid adult, vendors, silent auction, displays, layout, door prizes, visit www.ciscojunction.com for further information.

***October 20-21, 2012 – WESTERN KANSAS TRAIN SHOW**, Sat. 9:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m., Ellis County Fair Grounds, 1344 Fairground Rd., Hays, KS (Exit 157 on I-70). Admission \$5 for adults, 12 and under free. 100 tables or trains for sale, plus operating layouts, food vendors, and door prizes. 5th Annual Show by KND Collectibles. For more information contact Kevin Keeler at 417-838-5615 or klk@mchsi.com.

November 3, 2012 – GATEWAY DIVISION OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION MODEL TRAIN MEET, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO. Model contest, MMRA judging, clinics, door prizes, swap tables, free locomotive test station, DC and DCC locomotive tune-up, Grand Prize drawing for a locomotive, display layouts, layout tours and more. Admission \$5, children



under 12 free. For additional information contact Hank Kraichely, 636-394-5151 or hkraichely@sbeglobal.net.

November 10, 2012 – GRANITE CITY TRAIN SHOW, National Guard Armory, 1710 Veteran's Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Admission \$5, 12 and under free. Vendors, displays, door prizes, for more information visit www.GranitCityTrainShow.com or call 320-255-0033.

***November 17-18, 2012--BOOT HILL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB TRAIN SHOW, NOTE THE NEW LOCATION** Western State Bank Building, 11333 South Highway 283, Dodge City, KS 67801 (Junction of Hwy 283 and Hwy 56), 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.

November 24, 2012 - JOPLIN MISSOURI – THE JOPLIN MUSEUM COMPLEX'S TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET will be held on Saturday, November 24th 2012, at the Joplin Museum Complex. The Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attractions to include several operating model railroad layouts along with over 65 tables of items for sale or trade. Admission: \$3.00, adults; children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. For more information, call Rick Gardner at (417) 673-4888; e-mail: rickgardner@sofnet.com; or visit: www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com

November 24-25, 2012 – THE GREAT TRAIN EXPO, Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL, visit <http://greattrainexpo.com/schedule.html> for additional information.

November 25, 2012 – MID-AMERICAN TRAIN & TOY TRAIN SHOW, KCI Expo Center, 11728 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO. Toys, trains, collectibles, and more. Admission \$5 adults, 12 and under free with paid adult. Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (7 a.m. early admission \$10). Contact Steve & Sherri Stich at 913-651-5864 or visit <http://www.MidAmericanTrainAndToyShow.com>.

***December 1, 2012 – TRAIN OPEN HOUSE**, McGee Center, 3800 W. College Avenue, Conway, AR, sponsored by the Central AR Model RR Club (CAMRC). 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, but donations are gratefully accepted to help keep the trains running. This event is not a traditional swap meet, and buying-selling cannot be conducted because of the rules of the facility. The featured layout at this event will be the 12x14-foot Lionel O-gauge modular layout with four interconnected platforms designed and built by a group of Lionel loyalists in the central AR area. The layout will include two main lines, many operating accessories, and two platforms with Dept 56 buildings from the "Christmas in the City" and "North Pole" series. The action accessories that can be activated by visitors through pushbuttons mounted on the perimeter fascia trim. The Christmas theme of this event will offer a dramatic reading of THE POLAR EXPRESS book at 11 a.m. accompanied by sleigh bells. The Lionel version of the

Polar Express train will be running on the layout. As in the book and movie, children may appear in "uniform" for this reading – in pajamas! Also, the popular HO-scale THOMAS layout will be in operation for hands-on fun for kids with four main lines for Thomas, Percy, James, and Emily "very useful" locomotives.

December 1-2, 2012 – OKLAHOMA CITY TRAIN SHOW, Oklahoma City, OK

***December 13-31 – All Aboard: Lionel's at the Library**, open during regular library hours but closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Santa's Train Team of Lionel loyalists and other hobbyists invite train lovers to the fourth annual, family-friendly event: "All Aboard: Lionel's at the Library" presented to the public in the Exhibit Hall at Laman Library, 2801 Orange Street, North Little Rock, AR. Admission is free. During the December 2011 holiday season, 5,448 visitors dropped by to see the trains and be "whistleblowers" of the trains in motion. This 24x12-foot layout includes three main lines on two levels, with action accessories, buildings, and Dept. 56 items from the "Christmas in the City" and "North Pole" series. Seven display cases will contain vintage Lionel trains, limited edition trains, and the famous "Girl's Train" by Lionel. A lucky visitor will win a fabulous door prize: the Lionel Polar Express train set. Visitors can activate the action accessories in the layout by pushbuttons mounted at the perimeter. A "scavenger hunt" quiz will engage kids in finding clues placed on the layout. The winner of this quiz will receive a Lionel train set – quite a Christmas present for an observant youngster! On the days immediately before Christmas, Lionel versions of THOMAS trains will be running on the layout: Thomas, James, and Percy.

December 29-30, 2012 – THE GREAT TRAIN EXPO, Overland Park International Trade Center, Overland Park, KS, visit <http://greattrainexpo.com/schedule.html> for additional information.

*** January 12-13, 2013 – WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR, ST. LOUIS SHOW**, America's Center, Introducing the public to model railroading, recruit new club members, see display and operating layouts. Information and layout application at <http://www.wghshow.com/pdf/layout.pdf>. For more information, see www.wghshow.com.

January 19, 2013 – ST. CHARLES MODEL RAILROAD CLUB TRAINFAIR 2013, Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center, I-70 & 5th St. 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m., Admission \$5, children under 12 free with adult admission. Show includes vendors, operating train displays, HO scale module layout, N scale free-MO sections. For information, contact Rod Stratman at 314-960-1955 or visit the web site at <http://www.stcharlesrailroadclub.com>.

January 26, 2013 – THE GREAT TRI STATE RAIL SALE, La Crosse Center, 2nd and Pearl St., La Crosse, WI. For more information visit www.4000foundation.com.

February 9, 2013 – FOX HIGH SCHOOL AND DIRK'S TRAINS, THE WARRIOR EXPRESS, Fox High School,



751 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, MO 63010, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Admission \$3, 12 and under free. Operating layouts. Vendors, 220 tables. Contact Dirk Reynolds, 1232 Glenwood Drive, Columbia, IL 62236m 618-673-2237.

***February 10-11, 2013 – WICHITA TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET**, Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd. Wichita Kansas. Admission \$6.00[good for both days]. Children 10 and under free with paid adult. Scouts in uniform are admitted free. Two Full Days of Excitement, Operating Modular Layouts, Switching Contest, Model Contest, Photo Contest, Live Clinics, Over One Hundred Tables, Home Layout Tours,

Vendors: Eight foot tables \$25.00 each. Advance Table Registration before 12/31/12 take 10% off. Contact Phil Aylward 316-830-3498 or Engine House Hobbies 316-685-6608 or 1-800-586-3498 Mail Registrations to 603 Chestnut. Halstead, KS 67056-2302 Email: aylward1@cox.net

***February 23, 2013 – TENTH ANNUAL GREAT NWA MODEL TRAIN SHOW**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center, Springdale, AR. Grand prize drawing for two round trip tickets on Amtrak Texas Eagle, over 40 vendors from three states, layouts, model demos, door prized, and more. For more information email train072@cox.net or visit www.trainshow-NWA.org.

***March 16, 2013 - 35th ANNUAL OZARKS MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION TRAIN AND SWAP MEET**, REMINGTON'S 1655 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807. Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm. Operating display layouts from AR, KS, MO and OK, many interactive activities for kids including operating a locomotive simulator, hands on modeling tips, ride the Kiddie Train, meet representatives from many railroad manufacturers, get you old pre-1970 train appraised or a diagnosis on what it will take to make it run again. Clinics, door prizes, food, and many more activities to be announced as they become available. Table rental is \$25 each including city license and lunch. A 10% discount applies to vendors participating in the September 22, 2012 swap meet. For information on tables and special requests contact David Brashers, 1418 Rosewood, Republic, MO. 65738 or call 417-848-1739 or email him at dbrashers69@yahoo.com. Registration is \$7, children under 12 free with paid admission. A portion of the proceeds will go to Crosslines, a local charity that helps those in need. For information contact Ron Williams MMR, 417-883-5350 or rwilliams3129@gmail.com.

June 13-16, 2013 – TURKEY CREEK DIVISION OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CONVENTION. Pre-registration \$35, hotel accommodations \$78 per night, Holiday Inn, 101 W. 151st St. Olathe, KS. Contact Larry Alfred, MMR at captlalfred@gmail.com. Check the Turkey Creek Division web site at <http://www.tc-nmra.org/> for additional information as it becomes available.

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Sat. October 13th The Topeka Model Railroaders will be having Swap Meet from 9am till 2pm at The Crestview United Methodist Church 2245 S.W. Eveningside Drive Topeka, Ks. 66614.

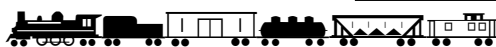
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This event is intended as a time to get model railroaders together and socialize without the worry of watching layouts, or making sure vendors are ok. So we are asking no vendors please This is open to all model railroaders and clubs in the area.

The admission is Free. There is a \$2.00 fee for half a table and limit of 1 half table per person. We encourage you to look around and through your collection and bring items that you no longer want or have a need for. Remember your junk is someone s treasure. When you are pricing it, price it so you don t have to carry it home. There will be Coffee, Juice, and Donuts available for a free will donation to defray cost of the items and supplies. So come prepared to have a good time and find some treasures.

For more information contact:

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Meetings and Events for 2012

Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday each month

- September 25 Nieman Elementary School
- October 23rd Nieman Elementary School
- November 27th Nieman Elementary School
- December 11th or 18th (to be decided)

