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May 2013

2013 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge

The 10th Annual "Anything Goes" That You Can Get Through the Door

May 28th at 7pm

Shawnee Mission North High School, Metcalf and Johnson Driver, **Overland Park**, Kansas

Hell-O Ray Here,

I'm behind in my duties. I was going to write this letter right after our last meeting, but one thing lead to another and now I am late.

I hope every ones model for the modeling challenges went well. I'm looking forward to seeing all the excellent models and how many we have. I'm sure we will have many because we have many excellent modelers.

I hope to see all of you at the Turkey Creek Division Train meet June $13-16^{\text{th}}$. Put it on you calendar early so you don't forget. See you on the 28^{th}

Sincerely, Ray Brown Superintendent, Turkey Creek Division

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Spring Train and Swap Meet!

What: Trains and accessories including track, Plasticville buildings and transformers, along with an assortment of S and O Gauge Trains will be offered for sale or trade. Vendors are local S and O Gauge Collectors.

When: June 2, Sunday

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Set-up time for those selling 12:00 - 2:00

Space is limited - \$15 for vendors which includes lunch and table/space

Location: The CORKhouse and Law Offices of Bill Hutton

509 Armstrong, Kansas City, Kansas

913-371-1944



This is an opportunity for the local train collectors to meet and mingle. A cash bar will be available and light snacks will be provided. The Kansas City S Gauge 4' \times 8' layout will be up and running.

Open to the public - no charge!

Deadline to reserve space?? Yes, please contact **Bill Hutton** if you are coming by Thursday, May 30th.

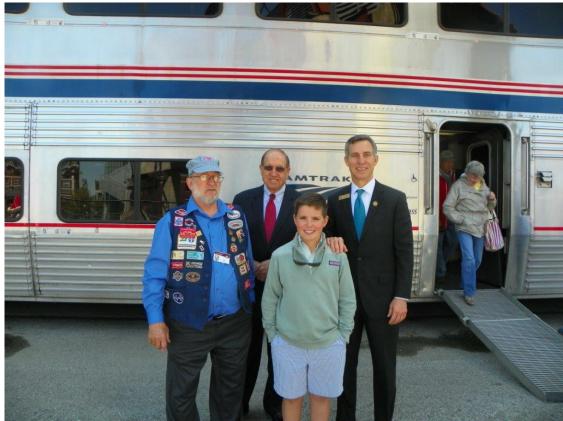
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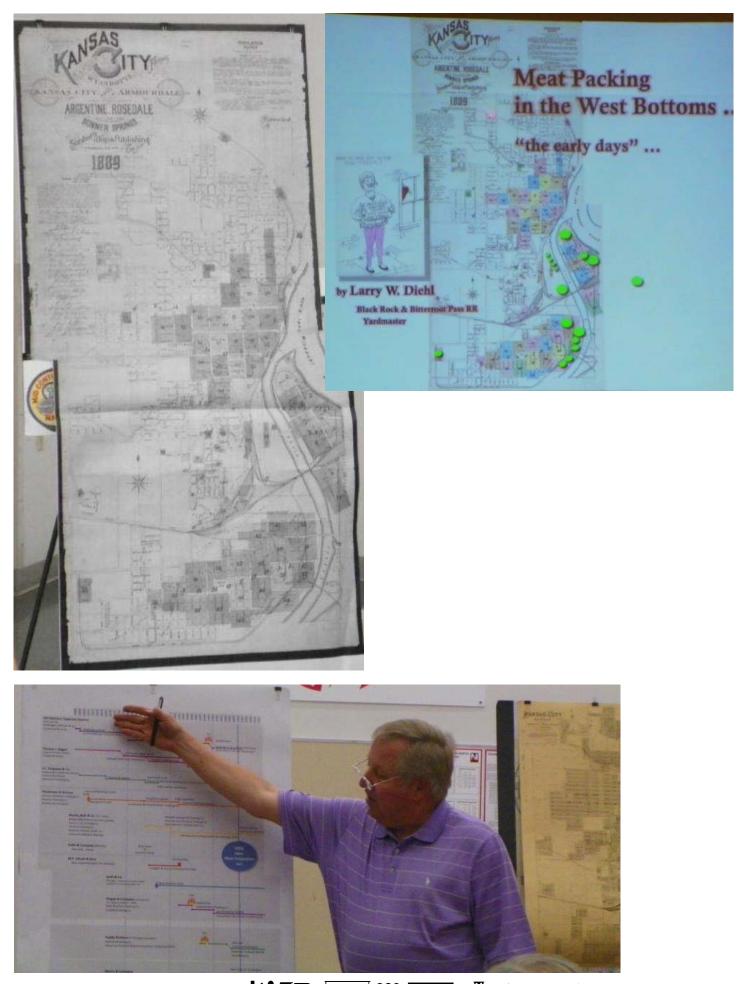
"Texas shipped up the horns." Kansas cowmen used to say, "and we put the bodies under them." They meant that bony steers from Texas grew fat in the Bluestem pastures of Kansas. Stockmen drove their herds here along the old cattle trails. arriving by late April. The animals would graze and gain weight during May and June. then get shipped off to the Kansas City stockyards in July and August.

This yearly cycle began in the 1870s and by the late 19th century, cattle were shipped by rail. For thousands of years prior to that, the great bison herds roamed these acres. Their grazing and migration, along with periodic prairie fires shaped the ecology of the region. Eventually hunters drove the bison nearly to extinction. The Flint Hills extends from here to Oklahoma in a north-south strip approximately 60 miles in width. In the 1920s the Kansas Board of Agriculture began pushing a second name. "Bluestem pasture." as a marketing vehicle. This area remains one of North America's most fertile grazing belts.

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NMRA Mid Continent Region Convention 2013

Hosted by Turkey Creek Division June 13-16, 2013

To be held at Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W 115th St. Overland Park, KS

Registration Form

Name of Primary Registration:		NMRA #:		
Spouse's Name (if attending):			nip required to ent	er model contest.
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Address: City:		State:	Zip):
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Registration Fee (NMRA membership number required for reduced registration fee) NMRA member - \$35.00 per person (\$45.00 after April 15 th .) Non-member - \$40.00 per person (\$50.00 after April 15 th .)		Cost	# Tickets	Total Cost
Extra Fare Reservations: Banquet - \$35.00 per person				
Other extra fare tours are being developed and will be announced at a later date.				
Vendor Tables: Train Show - Saturday June 16 th and Sunday June 17 ^t \$20.00 per table (\$25.00 after April 15 th .)	^{.h} .	TOTAL REGIS	# Tables	
Send completed registration form to: Larry Alfred 14633 S. Chalet Drive Olathe, Kansas 66062 <u>captlalfred@gmail.com</u> For any additional information call 913-782-6584 Make Checks payable to: Turkey Creek Division NMRA	6801 W 112th St.FOverland Park, KS 662111913-451-2553 PhGRate: \$99.00G(includes breakfast)FMust make reservation by May 13GCall 1-800-233-1234 or visitMwww.hyattplaceoverlandparkmetcalf.comAsk for G-NMRA group rate		Courtyard Marriott Overland Park/Metcalf, S of College Blvd 11301 Metcalf Ave Overland Park, KS 66210 913-339-9900 Ph Rate: \$69.00 King, \$79.00 Queen-Queen Must make reservation by	

2013 Mid-Continent Region Convention Update

June 13-16, 2013 Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W 115th St, Overland Park, Kansas

The MCoR Annual Convention is just around the corner. If you haven't already registered, please do or you will miss out on a really great time! The Train Show is sold out with over 110 tables of goodies to look through. It will be open on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be several operating modular layouts to view in both HO and N scale. An exciting lineup of clinics will be offered through the weekend, including Make & Take clinics on Thursday and Friday evening (see details below). A variety of home layouts in most scales will be available for visiting. Opportunities for operating on selected layouts are available on Friday evening (the Thursday evening session is filled). In addition, a tour of the KCS headquarters building is available on Friday. This will include a guided tour of their museum area and the Harry S. Truman private car (information below). Finally, all other activities that you expect will be there, including the model/photo contest, Banquet, and door prizes. So, again, if you miss this one, you will miss a great convention. Convention Registration opens Thursday afternoon at 2pm at the Courtyard Marriott at 11301 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS. Registration continues at the International Trade Center on Friday morning at 8am. Registration forms are available on the Turkey Creek and MCoR websites. Come and join in the fun!

Limited sign-up opportunities:

This includes information regarding the Make-and-Take Clinics, Layout Operations opportunities, and the Prototype tour that will be offered as part of the convention. I hope that you will be able to take advantage of these opportunities. As noted there are limits on the numbers that can be accommodated, so please respond soon, if you are interested.

Make-and-Take Clinics

Thursday night, 7:00pm

Miles and Fran Hale, MMR's "Building a DPM Modular Structure"

Start your convention with a bang by joining us for building an HO DPM structure. Learn how to build with the Modular System, learn painting and detailing tricks, and take the structure home with you. We will provide all the kits, tools, glue, and paint. You get to have a good time plus enhancing your modeling skills. The clinic will last approximately 2 hours.

Requirements--no charge, no tools required, limit of 20 people, HO only (7 seats left)

Friday night, 7:00pm

Marty Vaughn, MMR "Populating Your Layout" The purpose of any railroad is to move passengers and/ or material for use by people from one point to another. If you don't have people on your layout, there isn't any reason for the trains to run. People are one item most lacking from layouts due to the expense and the small variety of poses available in either painted or unpainted figures. Using the methods described in this clinic you can make your own figures for just a few cents each in scale from O to N.

Requirements--no charge, tools required--a pair of small needle nose pliers and a fine wire nipper, limit of 15 people (5 seats left), you must specify your scale--N to O available

Layout Operating Sessions

Operating opportunities have been arranged at several layouts. Prior operating experience is preferred...please indicate if you have experience. Positions are limited so respond soon so that you don't miss out. Because of the need to balance participants, you will only be able to sign up for the Thursday night or Friday night sessions (only one session per person)...you will then be assigned to one of the layout opportunities. All sessions run from 6:00 to 9:00pm...as a courtesy to the layout owners, please be prompt.

Thursday Night – June 13th 6-9pm 5 positions available (totally filled)

Friday Night – June 14th 6-9pm 23 positions available (17 positions available)

Prototype Tour

Friday 3-5pm (bus loading at 2:00pm; departure at 2:15pm) You will be able to have a private guided tour of the Kansas City Southern's headquarters building by a KCS executive. The tour will include their museum and private business car "Harry S. Truman". This car is sometimes used for their BOD meetings and is not typically available to the public for tour. The tour will be limited to 25 people, so, again, please respond early to insure a seat. (6 seats left) Cost - \$15 per person

If you have questions, email captlalfred@gmail.com

THE SWITCH LIST – MAY 2013

*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 information please

Email: l-seibel@comcast.net, or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcornmra.org . Please put me in your newsletter.

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: James B Van Dekden, Div. Dir. (genjvan@msn.com) (402) 833-5531 for more information.

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION

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. The Ames Public Library is being remodeled, so contact KSD officers per the NMRA website for latest meeting place. This arrangement is in effect until mid-summer 2014. 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. Indian Nations Division, NMRA 4th Annual Layout Design and Operations Weekend March 22-24, 2013 Tulsa, Oklahoma Operating Sessions Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning (see web site for descriptions of the 11 available operating railroads). Clinics all day Saturday plus a layout design challenge. This year's presenters include Mike Porter, Robert Bornfleth, Barry Karlberg, Marc Montray, Steve Newton and Jim Senese. Registration fee includes lunch and beverage. For additional information visit: ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org

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, and 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. meetings will be at the Shawnee Mission North High School at Johnson Drive and Metcalf in the Library. Check the Division Timetable at http:// www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html for current information. Info: Louis Seibel, Division Director 913-393-3495 or 913-927 -6850 l-seibel@comcast.net

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 www.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

May 24-25, 2013 -Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show and Swap Meet, Arvon Phillips Recreation Center, Forest Park, corner of Broadway & Heacock, Parsons, KS 67357,Friday - May 24th - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday - May 25th - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission! Show includes: modular layouts, swap meet with 6,000 sq. feet of selling space and a great model railroad atmosphere! Also at this location is the Parsons Invitational Pie Society (PIPS) selling homemade pies and the History Zone with interesting history of Parsons. Dealers can contact: Kevin Blair @ greatamericantrains@hotmail.com Table prices are \$15.00 each

June 13-16, 2013 – TURKEY CREEK DIVISION OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CONVENTION. (Kansas City Metro Area) The convention will be held at the Overland Park International Trade Center, 6800 W 115th St., Overland Park, KS. Mid-Continent Regional Convention 2013 Hosted by Turkey Creek Division on June 13th to 16th Clinics, model & photo contest, door prizes, layout tours, proto type tours, banquet on Saturday night, and train show. Train Show Saturday June 15th 9am to 5pm and Sunday June 16th 9am to 4pm, table rental \$20 per table until April 15 (\$25.00 after that) {Tables are now sold out if you would like to be put on a waiting list if someone cancels you will be notified by the 1St of June if there is a space} vendor set up Friday June 14th afternoon.

Registration Fee NMRA member \$35.00 per person (\$45.00 after April 15th), Non-member- \$40.00 per person (\$50.00 after April 15th), Banquet fee \$35.00 per person. (Spouse will receive a pass to the train show and contest room but must

purchase banquet and any extra fare tour prices). (All rates include sales tax).

Convention hotels now include the following; both are adjacent to the Trade Center grounds: Hyatt Place 6801 W 112th St. Overland Park, KS 66211 Phone: 913-451-2553 Fax: 913-451-3098 Rate: \$99.00 (includes breakfast) Must make reservation by 1pm on May 13th Reservations will be made via individual call-in to Phone: 1-800-233-1234 or by visiting www.byattplaceoverlandnarkmetcalf.com_Please use the

www.hyattplaceoverlandparkmetcalf.com. Please use the following group code G-NMRA under CORPORATE/GROUP #.

Courtyard Marriott Kansas City Overland Park/Metcalf, South of College Boulevard 11301 Metcalf Ave. Overland Park, KS 66210, Phone: 913-339-9900

Rate: \$69.00 King, \$79.00 Queen-Queen

Must make reservation by May 23 Ask for MCoR/NMRA group rate the extended hotel name applies because there is another Courtyard relatively nearby.

(All rates include sales tax).

Info: Larry Alfred MMR: captlalfred@gmail.com, (home) 913 -782-6584

Check the Turkey Creek Division web site at http://www.tcnmra.org/ for additional information as it becomes available. June 22, 2013 - MAINELINE TRAIN SHOW Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 80 tables of trains for sale plus operating layouts, Concessions, and Door Prizes. Adults \$5 Admissions 10 and under free. Washington County Fairgrounds 115 N Delaware, 4 miles north of Bartlesville 1 block west of HWY 75 Dewey OK 74029

More information Contact Kevin Keeler

Phone: 417-838-95615 Email: KLK@mchsi.com

July 20, 2013 – Rail Fair, Copeland Park, Rose and Clinton Streets, La Crosse, WI

October 6th 30th Annual Train Show in Washington, Iowa, KC Hall 606 West 3rd Street Hours 9am to 3pm, Admission-Adults-\$5, Kids 6-12-\$1 All gauges & railroadiana, Lunch available. Contact-meworley@iowatelecom.net or 319-653-3782

October 19-20, 2013 –Western Kansas Train Show 6th Year of Show Saturday 9:00 to 5:00 Sunday 11:00 to 4:00 Buy and sell new and used model trains 100 tables of trains for sale plus large operating layout, food vendor on sight and door prizes!!!! Adults \$5 Admissions 12 and under free! Ellis Country Fairgrounds 1343 Fairground Rd. Exit 157 on I-70 hays, Kansas 67601

More information Contact Kevin Keeler

Phone: 417-838-95615 Email: KLK@mchsi.com www.k-n-d-collectibles.com, www.ozarkexpreehobbies.com The Switch List is a service of Mid-Continent Region, NMRA.

2013 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge by Rusty Rails aka Larry Alfred, MMR

Here we go again! For the 10th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme returns to "Anything Goes." 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, be there at the May 28th Turkey Creek Division meeting. And, more important, please bring an entry. Your entry doesn't have to have been built specifically for this event. Any model that you built in the past can be entered. Let me emphasize that the Modeling Challenge program was conceived to encourage everyone to participate in the enjoyment of building and displaying railroad models!! 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 is important. There will be three places plus honorable mentions awarded for this challenge, plus certificates for the "Most Creative" entry, the "Best Sound/Animation", and the "Best use of the TC Make & Take Model". In addition, we will present the "Red Bull Award" for the most whimsical entry. But, again, I want to emphasize that participation is the important aspect of this program. So, if you're interested in being involved, bring an entry. This will be another fun event!

Testor Corporation

Unfortunately there are changes taking place at the Testor Corporation. They have made the decision to exit production of the Floquil, PollyScale and Pactra brands. Paint will be shipped for a limited amount of time based on availability. The Testor, Model Master and Aztek lines will carry on.

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2013 Clinics

May 28 Modeling Challenge Contest - ,No Clinic June 13 - 16 Regional Meet - No Clinic July 23 TBD Verification pending August 27 TBD September 24 Laser Kits - Design, Layout, and Cutting Mike Fyten October 22 Make and Take Fran and Miles Hale November 26 TBD Pat Harriman December 17 Annual holiday party Presentation by Ron Morse

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- Call: 423-892-2846
- Fax: 423-899-4869

Email Brent Lambert: lib@hq.nmra.org

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