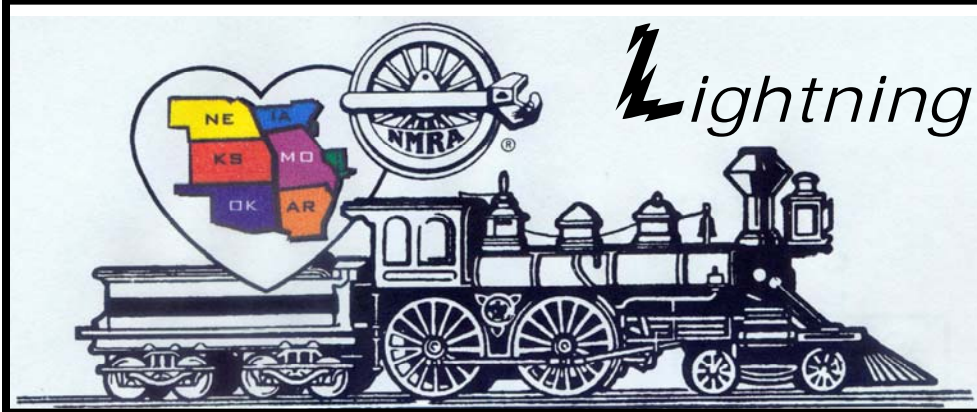


Turkey Creek Division



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Turkey Creek Division Meeting

July 23rd 7pm

At

Shawnee Mission North High School

Clinic by George Prock

A Slide show of some of my career

And

Highlights as UP Engineer steam to diesel 1952-1996





Hell-O Ray Here,

Where is the summer going! I hope you are having a great summer. I thought I would have more time to work on a model, my layout or some project on the layout this summer, but it seems that life is getting in the way.

For some Turkey Creek business, we need a Web master. Paul is giving the opportunity for someone to take over as Web master. If you are interested or know someone that would be please contact me.

We had a good turn out for the modeling contest, but I hope next year we can even do better. We have some great modelers and I know we had some that didn't enter a model. It was nice to see that a number of you did use last years make and take models. It was also nice to see a good diversity in scale in all our models.

Congratulation to all the winners!

I would like to locate all of the Turkey Creek equipment, projectors, screens, and another items that we might have. It's been passed and scattered around so I would like to get a handle on where everything is. If you have any of it or know where it is , just let me know.

I don't want it, I just want to know where it is, so if someone needs it, we know who to get in contact with.

I have a confession to make, I lost or misplaced the note with name of the person and the subject of the clinic for this month. So come and be surprised!!

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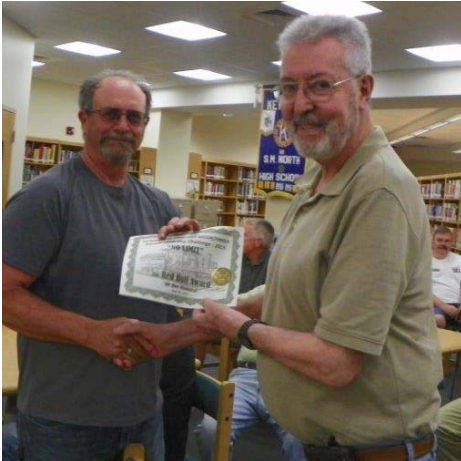
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Contest



2013 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge by Larry Alfred MMR

Here are the winning entries of the 2013 Turkey Creek Division "Modeling Challenge". Note that the category previously called "Most Whimsical" has been revised with a new name of the "Red Bull Award", in keeping with the red bull controversy introduced by some of our most prominent members. This year's event had 15 entries...down somewhat from previous years. All TC members are strongly encouraged to create an entry for next year's challenge. It's the fun of participating that's important here. All of the categories listed will continue next year. The next challenge will be held in June 2014, again with an overall theme of

"No Limitation".

Best Entry Category

Larry Diehl 1st Place
HO Scale Black Rock Diorama

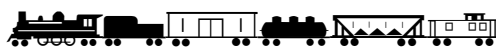
Larry Alfred 2nd Place
O Scale Detailed Brick Wall

Gary Davidson 3rd Place
O Scale Boiler House

Miles Hale Honorable Mention
F Scale Uintah #51 Railcar

Bob McBean Honorable Mention
HO Scale Hydroelectric Power House

Most Creative
Joe Robertson



HO Scale Maintenance Shed & Speeder Storage

Red Bull Award

Ron Morse

HO Scale Semi Ghost Town

Best Sound/Lighting/Animation

Miles Hale

F Scale Uintah #51 Railcar

Best Use of Make& Take Model

Jack Ferris

O Scale CB&Q Signal Dept Supply Shed



Gary Davidson 3rd Place
O Scale Boiler House



Larry Alfred 2nd Place
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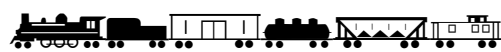
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BULLETIN

July/August 2013

Peachtree Express News



The Peachtree Express 2013 convention team has been working hard for many years to make Atlanta 2013 an enjoyable and educational experience for all. The time is almost here and we look forward to sharing some Southern hospitality with everyone. Here are some things to keep in mind as you sharpen your plans.

Special Events

- Welcome reception (snacks and cash bar) in the Garden Courtyard of the Waverly Hotel from 4:00 - 5:30 PM on Sunday, July 14.
- Daily general interest activities, including Project Linus, games, exercise activities, clinics on a variety of topics, and evening movie nights including traditional Southern favorites like Gone With The Wind.
- The family-friendly Lucy & Desi tribute show is our banquet entertainment.
- Model celebration and contest. Bring what you've been working on for display or judging.
- Silent Auction.
- Over 200 clinics from beginner to advanced topics.
- Modeling With The Masters make-and-take workshops.
- Company store featuring a wide variety of items and our HO and N convention cars.

Hotel

- The Waverly Renaissance convention hotel is now sold out. The overflow hotel is the nearby Sheraton Suites Galleria. Call them at 888-627-7047 and request the NMRA rate of \$139.00. Rate includes free parking.

Transportation

- If traveling via Amtrak, a PTE-provided shuttle from the station to the convention hotel is available on a request basis beginning July 13. Please notify us of your arrival

A few words from the President

DIVISIONS: THE SOUL OF THE NMRA



Normally a "division" is not a good thing - it means you are taking a whole and dividing it into parts, which are inferior to the whole. But the exact inverse occurs within the NMRA. The local chapters, or "Divisions," are without question the most important level of the NMRA because this is where 90% of our members interact with the organization.

Part of the benefit of the improved and modernized NMRA regulatory scheme enacted by the members a few years back was the ability of any NMRA member to attend any Regional or Division meet without charge, or I should say, without being charged any amount different than the local NMRA member (for example, some Divisions charge a small fee to pay for the cost of a meeting hall. Visitors would also be expected to contribute). That is what "unified membership" is all about. You are an NMRA member no matter where you are and no matter what NMRA event you attend. In fact, "membership" within a Division only becomes an issue when local elections are held.

As part of the Long Range Plan 2018 process under the able guidance of Director Jack Hamilton, you will be hearing a lot more about the importance of Divisions and

the need for vertical integration. That fancy term simply means that the NMRA is one organization and not one National, seventeen Regional and one hundred and fifty seven local organizations. Even the United States Internal Revenue Service has recognized this fact with a recent clarification of its non-profit regulatory scheme by stating that divisions of an organization which is already a non-profit may also claim non-profit status with a minimum of paperwork while maintaining complete control over their programs and financing. This is a very exciting, new development, which we are in the process of defining and exploring, and we hope to apply organization wide in the future. This is one of the best ways that National could help local branches of the NMRA operate.

The NMRA is a single organization. We are organized in a way that the essential services and programs we offer are not administered far away in Chattanooga but at a local level through your Division and through the Region. This approach also allows us to have the British Region and the Australasian Region offering different kinds of experiences in their respective territories. But they are still a part of the NMRA. You can attend a convention in Sydney or London or Kansas City or Winnipeg. You can become a Master Model Railroader in any of those places. You can enter contests and expect those contests to be judged professionally. You can attend clinics and master the skills needed to become a model railroader. Thus the concept of "vertical integration" and the importance of Division fit together like a hand in a glove.

[Charlie Getz](#)

NMRA President

Strategic Plan NMRA 2018 Progress Update



plans by calling 770-707-5019 or by email to atcgel@gmail.com.

- If arriving by air, we have arranged discounted fares from the airport to the convention hotel of \$33.00 with A&M Limo. Please call A&M Limo at 770-955-4565 to arrange. Taxi from the airport to the Waverly runs about \$55.00.

Tours

- We have been advised that Hanger 3 at the Delta Museum (Tour P459) will be closed for renovations during the convention. To make up for this, we have arranged for this tour to include a visit to the Delta Operations Center and flight training simulators.
- Due to insufficient pre-registration interest, the following tours have been cancelled:
 - Layout tours L411, L624, L623
 - Prototype tours P454, P558, P659, P762
 - General Interest tours G237, G340, G442, G544, G747

You can exchange these for other similar-priced tours, or request a refund, by contacting Headquarters at 423-892-2846.

Department News:

WEB DESIGN FIRM FOR NMRA SELECTED



After much searching, proposal-reading, and discussion, Ben Sevier, NMRA IT Manager, has selected New Media Campaigns to assist our web team with the NMRA website redesign. Ben commented, "In going through their offer, they demonstrated a good grasp of what an organization like ours needs, responded quickly to questions, and included more for the price than the more expensive proposals."

Although their website (www.newmediacampaigns.com) contains a lot of political work, they provided references and samples of work they've done for membership-based non-profit educational organizations. Those samples showed their ability to do "responsive" design - meaning, sites will work on desktops, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

Work on the redesigning of the NMRA website will begin immediately with a detailed outline of the NMRA's requirements, provided by members of the NMRA web team and others.

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Last July the NMRA began the process of reviewing and revising its Strategic Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to map out the direction the NMRA will take to support our members and carry out the Association's mission as it moves forward. The first step was to collect input and recommendations from the membership. Armed with responses from over 200 members, a team made up of individuals appointed by the Region Presidents reviewed the input, identified specific desired outcomes, and developed worksheets that described what would be required to achieve that outcome. The worksheets were then consolidated and assembled into a number of specific "Outcome Sheets" which were prioritized by the team. The final package was drafted from that effort and was presented to the Board and Officers for their review and comment on June 1. The revised Strategic Plan, "NMRA 2018," will be considered by the Board for approval in Atlanta.

Virtual Town Hall meeting to be held from the Atlanta Convention



Feel like your comments are simply dismissed? Feel like National does not listen?

Well here's your chance to speak directly to the top, our president Charlie Getz.

On Tuesday July 16th 2013, at 9:00 - 9:45pm EDT (6:00-6:45pm

PDT, 7:00-7:45pm MDT, 8:00-8:45pm CDT) we'll hold a "Virtual Town Hall" direct from the NMRA National Convention.

You will be able to log in from your desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone and submit your questions in real time to Charlie in Atlanta and have them answered right on the spot. Any and all NMRA questions can be asked, not just convention issues.

So you feel like NMRA National doesn't listen? Mark your calendars and don't miss this opportunity. Log in and give us a shout-out on Tuesday July 16th, 2013. Information on where to connect will be available on the NMRA website at www.NMRA.org.

Your layout can help us promote National Model Railroad Month!



Got a good layout? Can you write a good story about it and take a few pictures of it? If so, you could be part of the NMRA Marketing Team's nationwide promotion of this year's National Model Railroad Month.

We announced this call to arms last month and we are pleased to say we had a great response! But we need more submissions! For those of you who have submitted, thank you for your time. The Marketing Department will be getting back to you in late September to make arrangements with you. Our plan is to have stories and photos in various media outlets, print and video, during National Model Railroad Month in November.

We still need some more layouts for consideration. We are looking for at least 10 more modelers to prepare layout articles and photos that can be used in local, regional, and national publications all around the country. These don't have to be museum-quality layouts, just layouts in any scale that their modelers are proud of.

Your write-up doesn't have to be the exact text used in the article. The write ups we're looking for are purely your descriptions of your layouts. (i.e. history, back story, scale, challenges, etc.)



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The only restriction is that it must be a U.S. layout. (non-U.S. members won't be left out - there's news coming in the near future!) The deadline is soon - so hurry! Please send two photos of your layout and a 200-word write-up on why you feel you're the "face of model railroading" to marketing@hq.nmra.org. Mark the subject line as NMRRM Submission.

Annual Board Meeting Details

The Board of Directors of the NMRA will hold its annual end-of-year meeting at the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel and Convention Center - the convention's host hotel. The Board will hold a closed-session caucus on Friday evening, July 12. Attendance is by invitation only. The regular Board meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, and is open to the membership. The name of the meeting room will be posted in the hotel. Among the many items on the agenda is a proposal for term limits for Officers and Directors. If you're interested in how your organization is governed or have opinions that you would like the Board to hear, please plan to attend.

News Highlights



PEACHTREE EXPRESS
NMRA National Convention
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NMRA Conventions

[Jul 14-20: National Convention, Atlanta, GA](#)

[Jul 19-21: National Train Show, Atlanta, GA](#)

[Sep 25-29: Pacific Southwest Region, San Bernadino, CA](#)



Master Model Railroaders

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511: Joseph J. Nichols, Jr., SER

512: E.J. Merkel, LSR

513: Joseph Giuseppe Aymar, PCR



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Peachtree Express highlights

National modeling contest winners

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THE SWITCH LIST – June 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.mcor-nmra.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(except for June) 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

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

July 26th -27th 2013 -Union Pacific Historical Society Convention, Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS. For more information visit <http://uphs.org>

July 26th -27th 2013 The Great Train Expo Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Bellevue, IL. Saturday Sunday 10am to 4pm For More information, call 630-608-4988 or e-mail Staff@trainexpolic.com

August 3rd 2013 Central Missouri Rail Road Association Train Show and Swap Meet, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 1101 E Veterans Memorial Pkwy., Warrenton, MO63383 10 am to 4 pm \$5 Adults \$3 (12-17). For more information contact Robert McNeil 314-650-1744

August 3, 2013 The Eastern Iowa Division will be holding its annual Bug Slap Reunion Work Session on Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This year we have moved to a different location. Our meeting will be held at the Bertram Township Hall located at: 211 Angle St. Bertram, IA 52403. There will be a short EID meeting to start the morning then the rest of the day will be time to work on a model railroad project(s) of your own for the day. In addition the location is very close to the Union Pacific Mainline so you may want to bring your scanner or a camera if rail fanning interests you. EID will provide pop and bottled water throughout the day and feel free to bring your own lunch for the day. The Bertram Hall is not air-conditioned but there are ceiling fans and box fans, which will be a relief should it be a



hot August day. For more information on the day please contact EID Superintendent, Tony Bowen, MMR at railroadteacher@gmail.com

August 17th 6th Annual Topeka Train Festival, Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS, Saturday 9:30 to 4:30. For more information, visit www.greatoverlandstation.com

August 18th Mid-American Train & Toy Show, KCI expo Center, 11728 NW Abassasor Drive Kansas City, Mo, 9am to 2pm \$5 adults, 12 & under free with adult admission. 7 am early admission \$10. For more information, contact Steve and Sheri Stich 913-651-5864

September 28th & 29 Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum's 19th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet Times Saturday 9 to 5; Sunday 11 to 4 Location: Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS 67210 Concessions are available on site. Admission: \$6.00 for both days. Children under 12 admitted free. After the Train Show/Swap Meet, the public may tour the Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum for 50% off admission (\$2.50) with a hand stamp from the Train Show that weekend. For information, contact: Shari Shockey- mshockey@hughes.net Jim Hickman- jwhickman@att.net Check our website www.wttcinc.org

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 Vendors tables \$30 each. More information Contact Kevin Keeler Phone: 417-838-95615 Email: KLK@mchsi.com www.k-n-d-collectibles.com , www.ozarkexpreehobbies.com

November 23rd & 24th The 2013 Boot Hill Model Railroad Club Train Show in Dodge City, KS, at The Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 HWY 283 South, Dodge City, KS, 67801. This is located just SW of the intersection of HWY 283 and 56 on the South side of town. Show times are 10am to 6pm on Nov 23rd and 11am to 4pm on Nov 24th. Admission is \$5.00 each with children 10 and under Free when accompanied by an adult. There will be several Vendors at the show. Tables are \$15.00 each. Please register your need for number of tables by SEPTEMBER 30th, if at all possible, to reserve floor plan space. Other Model Train Clubs are invited to be a part of our show, and usually do, from Garden City, McPherson, Bennington, KS, North Platte, NE. Woodward, OK., and of course , Dodge City. We do not have a web address. I am the contact for the show: Don Delzeit 2415 Howell Ave, Dodge City, Ks, 67801. Phone 620 338 7139. My email address is ddelzeit@dodgecity.net. If I am unavailable, call Henry Turner Phone 620 271 4306

November 30th, 2013 The Joplin Museum

Complex will host a model train show and swap meet on Saturday, November 30th from 9:00am to 3pm. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. Included will be operating layouts and over 70 tables of items for sale or trade. The Joplin Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. For additional information please contact Rick Gardner phone 417-673-4888 or e-mail rickgardner4449@gmail.com.

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Mid-America Train & Toy Show 2013 SHOW DATES

March 3 ~ August 18 ~ Dec. 1

KCI EXPO CENTER

11730 NW Ambassador Drive KC, MO
I-29 exit 13 East

Toys, Trains, Models, RR Collectibles, Toys & More
Admission: \$5 Adults – 12/under Free w/adult

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NMRA Company Store

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Memorial Service for Richard Napper

Monday, July 22nd
7:00 p.m.

Crestview United
Methodist Church
2245 S.W.
Eveningside Drive
Topeka, Kansas

(Eveningside Dr. is located between SW
Fairlawn Rd. and SW Gage Blvd.

The church is
just a few blocks south of SW 21st St.)

This will be both a religious observance and time of telling stories and sharing memories of Richard, in an informal setting. You are invited to bring photos or other mementoes of Richard to share.

