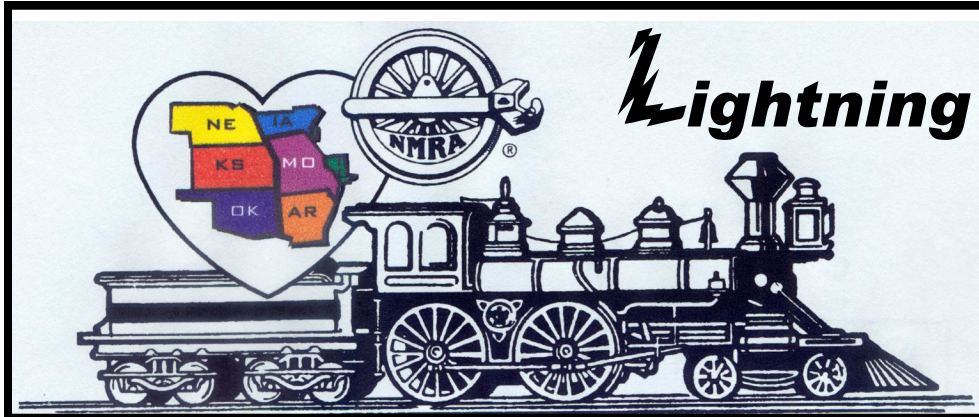


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Turkey Creek Division Meeting January 28th at 7pm Shawnee Mission North High School

Clinics

“Building an Economical Turntable Using an Inexpensive Atlas Turntable”

By Paul Richardson MMR

Second Clinic

Brad Morneau MMR will show how he built his own 115ft. version for his Indian Ridge & Crystal Lake RR.





Hello Ray Here,

Well it's the start of a new year. I hope the Holidays where good to you. It's nice to have a little time off, a lot of time off or wishing you had a lot of time off. Hope you got a new project, some time to work on an existing project or at least thought about project.

I'm sorry about last months letter. It somehow got cut in half. I had all the clinics for this year listed and other comments about future clinics, I will rewrite the list and include some of my comments in next months letter.

I would like to thank Ron Morse for his power point presentation on some of the mountain trails he has been on in Colorado. There was a wide verity of pictures so everyone could find their favorite ones, men and women alike. We missed seeing some of you there!

Our clinic for this month will be "Building An Economical Turntable Using An Inexpensive Atlas Turntable". How to build any size pit with indexing and polarity switching. Paul Richardson will demonstrate the basic process. Brad Morneau will show how he built his own 115ft. version for his Indian Ridge & Crystal Lake RR. I'm looking forward to this one because I will have 5 turntables on my layout. Not all of them have pits but I'm hoping I can use the same method for those.

See you the 28th.

Sincerely,
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Kevin Lee Keeler

(October 21, 1963 - December 26, 2013)

Kevin Lee Keeler, 50, Springfield, MO, passed away Thursday, December 26, 2013, in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 21, 1963, in Salina, Kansas, to Ervin and Sue Keeler. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Willard and Leta Keeler; grandfather, Harold Mort; and uncle, Monte Mort. Kevin is survived by his wife, Debbie Keeler; daughter, Ashley Keeler; stepchildren, Dalton Meyers and Brandy Dawn Freeman; parents, Ervin and Sue Keeler; siblings, Sheila Arrington and husband Robert, Justin Keeler and wife Sarah, Lori Wood and husband Darren; nephews, Nathan and Brandon Arrington; grandmother, Thelma Mort; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, December 28, 2013, in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 3034 Fremont St, Springfield, MO

Kevin was a vendor and a friend. He did a lot of train shows around the Mid-Continent Region. He will be dearly missed.



and



January 2014

THE CHICKEN PLUCKER GAZETTE

A RANDOM OCCURRING SUPPLEMENT OF THE TURKEY CREEK LIGHTNING SLINGER

Chickenman Adventures in Colorado

Since I am a life member of the Mid Continent Region and Turkey Creek Division, I receive the Chicken Plucker Gazette supplement to the Lightning Slinger. I emailed Marty Vaughn to tell him I was disappointed that the Chicken Plucker had not shown any N scale layouts and lo and behold-- Marty sent me an N scale Chickenman since he is the one making the O, HO and N scale figures for the Chicken Plucker! I think I smell an NVisible article here-- sometimes we just take our hobby too seriously!

My thanks to Marty Vaughn for making and sending Chickenman to me by U.S.P.S. as Chickenman does not like to fly. Following are the fantastic fowl's adventures on my N scale Cedar River and Iowa Central Railway—The Crandic Route—located in Lakewood, CO. This little guy brought back memories of the kids and I listening to the radio show "*Chickenmannnn!*"

"He's everywhere! He's everywhere!"

For more info on the radio show see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chickenman_\(radio_series\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chickenman_(radio_series)). N-Joy the photos.

Patrick Lana, MMR



Before we toured the Crandic, Chickenman wanted to do a little Colorado downhill skiing while here. That is real snow on a boulder in our backyard. I hope he knows how to stop as there is a 234 scale foot drop about 40 N scale feet in front of him!



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N-Joy the photos. Patrick Lana, MMR



As soon as he arrives in Kaysee, Chickenman starts fighting crime on the Crandic. Here he accompanies Batman across from Union Station as they keep surveillance of the Joker, or maybe the Red Bull? The Batplane to the left is a one seater, so the "Fearless Feathered Fighter" must be tired after climbing the five story building. He doesn't fly, you know.



Back home again on an Iowa farm, The "Wonderful White-Winged Warrior" helps herd the flock to be fed. Or maybe he just wants to be fed, or is he in love with the Farmer's Daughter? Or is that Miss Helfinger from the radio show?



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But duty calls again as Chickenman tries to keep the mysterious tanker truck from running over the terrified motorist's car. These vehicles represent the vehicles in the 1971 Steven Spielberg movie "Duel", one of my favorites. .



I have no idea what Chickenman is doing on top of the Prairie Creek Bridge but I'll bet those Crandic U30C's are causing the bridge to tremble under his feet. I sure wouldn't be standing on a paper and balsa wood bridge with a train going over it!



Chickenman found a bull in the cow pasture and wanted to make sure it was not Red.



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Now in Valley Junction, He found his old friends Cooter and Daisy Duke from the “*Dukes of Hazard*” TV show. That is Daisy’s yellow Plymouth Road Runner in the background. The black car is a Dodge Charger, a rare General Lee chase car.



Chickenman helping a damsel in distress by holding up the trunk lid as a Good Samaritan changes



Chickenman protecting railfan Tony Bowen on the South VJ Bridge. You’ll have to ask Tony about that shredded program in the back of his truck.

As usual, Chickenman showing off with a motorcyclist and a dog in a sidecar on U.S. 69 North of De Moyan. Ahhh, the wind feels so good through the feathers.



The Lawrence Model Railroad Club Presents:
13th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet
Saturday, February 15, 2014 — 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sponsored by ToToTrains

Features:

- Club Layouts
 - HO scale
 - N scale
- Switching
Layout to test your skills
- GeoTrax Layout
for the kids
- Model Contest
- Vendor Tables
- Silent Auction
- Door Prizes
- Concessions



Model Contest:

Categories include:

- Diesel Locomotive
- Steam Locomotive
- Rolling Stock
- Structures

More information and entry forms can be found on

www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Entries will be accepted the day of the show.

Douglas County Fair Grounds, Building 21
2120 Harper Street, Lawrence, Kansas
 (2 Blocks North of K-10 (23rd Street) on Harper)

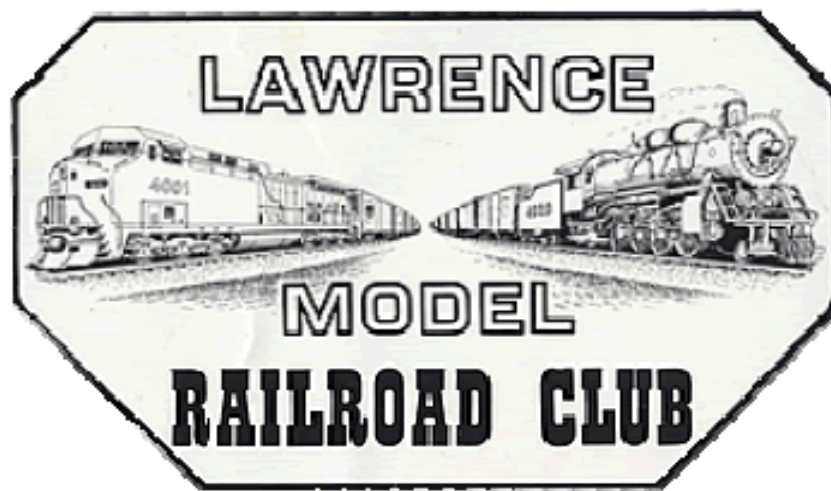
Admission: \$6.00 Donation Children 12 and under with adult are free
 Lawrence Model Railroad Club supports L.I.N.K. Inc. Food Pantry
 Canned food donations valued over \$1.00 receive a \$1.00 admission discount per person.

Show coordinator: Jan Brocker

brocker@sunflower.com

(785) 766-0467





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13th Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet
Saturday, February 15, 2013 – 9 am to 4 pm
at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Building 21
2120 Harper Street, Lawrence, KS (2 blocks north of K10 on Harper)**

Access to the Fairground building will be Friday, February 14 after 10 am through Saturday, February 15 until 6 pm. Free parking!

If you would like to be a vendor at the show, please fill out the form on the back of this application and mail it back to the show coordinator together with your payment. Please make your check payable to: Lawrence Model Railroad Club.

Show coordinator: Jan Brocker
Address: 1031 Vermont Street, Suite A
Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: 785-766-0467
Email: brocker@sunflower.com

Part of the proceeds will be donated to **L.I.N.K.** (Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen). **L.I.N.K.** is a pleasant and safe place for the hungry or lonely to share a free meal and the companionship of one another.



**Yes, I would like to be a vendor at the
13th Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet**

Table rent (8ft) paid by January 15, 2014: \$20.00 per table

Table rent (8ft) paid after January 15, 2014: \$25.00 per table

Vendor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

Number of tables needed: _____ at \$ _____ per table

Total due and enclosed or attached: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Lawrence Model Railroad Club

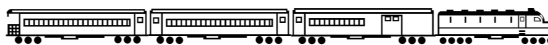
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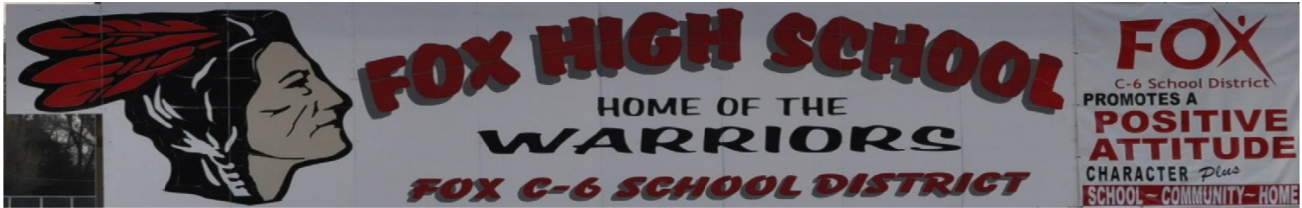
Jan Brocker

1031 Vermont Street, Suite A

Lawrence, KS 66044

Set up and break down: Access to the Fairground building will be Friday,
February 14 after 10 am, through Saturday, February 15 until 6 pm.





THE WARRIOR EXPRESS

**Saturday
February 8, 2014
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**STUDENT COUNCIL
& DIRK'S TRAINS**



**Fox High School
751 Jeffco Blvd
Arnold, MO 63010
Admission: \$3.00
12 & under FREE**

From I-55 south, take the MO-141 S exit 191. Turn left onto Jeffco Blvd/US-61/US-67. At the first light, Make a left, pass the Elementary School and the Middle School. The High School Bldg is on your right. Follow yellow signs.
GPS OR MAPQUEST

**Fox High School is a "Smoke Free Campus".
There is no smoking on the school campus.**

OPERATING LAYOUTS

Features:

- Carry in Carry out Service by the Student Council. (*Don't forget to tip*)
- Great Food Close Hotels Great Selection Close restaurants
- Great Buys

**220 PLUS tables ! INTWO GYMS! Same table arrangement as Boeing.
Vendor load in at 7 a.m.**

THIS SHOW WILL SELL OUT FAST SO ACT NOW FOR A GOOD SPOT !

Vendor Registration JUST RETURN THIS PART

Mail to: Dirk P Reynolds 1232 Glenwood Drive Columbia, IL 62236, comptrain2002@yahoo.com
618-973-2237

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____ **MUST PROVIDE EMAIL**
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please reserve _____ 8 ft tables @ \$14 each (There is no electricity available.)

Names for Badges: (1) _____ (2) _____ **FOR TWO TABLES**
(3) _____ (4) _____ **FOR 3 OR MORE**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RESERVATIONS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DIRK P REYNOLDS

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1, 2014

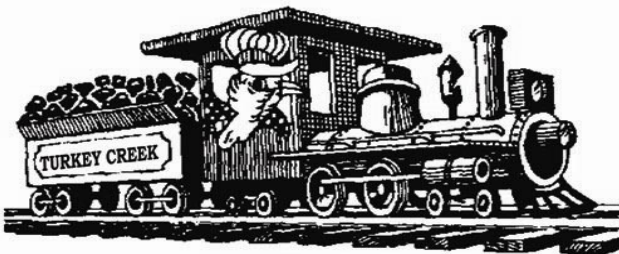
A DEALER PACKET WILL BE EMAILED/NO EMAIL—PICKUP AT A TRAIN SHOW

ALL DEALERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY UNTIL 3 PM OR UNTIL RELEASED.

ALL VIOLATORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT FUTURE SHOWS.



**Turkey Creek Division
Annual Train Show
July 26, 2014**



**Shawnee Mission North
High School**

**7401 Johnson Drive
Overland Park, Kansas 66202**

Show Times 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Layout Tours 3:30 pm to 8:30pm

Clinics start at 9:00am – Clinics covering many aspect of the hobby

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and popular vote. Each model you entered into the contest will give you a chance in the special drawing to receive one \$50.00 gift vouchers, up to a maximum of 5 chances.

Special Youth Award- for the best overall youth model entry

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

Display Layout and Layout Tours – IN addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – expect to find more than 90 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups.

Food and Beverages – will be available

**Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show 2014
Vendor and Registration Form**

Vendor and Advance Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

E-Mail address: _____

Eight Ft Space \$20.00 No. of Spaces: _____ **Total amount: \$** _____

Advance Registration for the Train Show of \$4.00 per person (does include Sales Tax)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ **Check #** _____ **Electrical: Yes** ___ **No** ___

Set up from 2 to 8 on July 25 must be out by 5 on the 26

Make checks payable to “Turkey Creek Division”

Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, C/O Robert Spurgat, 3305 Westwood Drive, St. Joseph, Mo, 64505
For More information contact: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.net, 913-927-6850 or 913-393-3495
1069 N Logan Olathe KS 66061



Bluff City Division *and the*
 Memphis Railroad & Trolley Museum
 Present
SER/MCoR NMRA CONVENTION
Harding Academy
1100 Cherry Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117



June 13th – 15th, 2014

Name _____ NMRA # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Name on ID Badge _____

Spouse/Other Attendees _____

Regular Registration Postmarked before 5/10/14 \$65 x _____ = \$ _____

Postmarked after 5/10/14 \$80 x _____ = \$ _____

Spouse/Children Postmarked before 5/10/14 \$45 x _____ = \$ _____

Postmarked after 5/10/14 \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

Prototype Tours MATA Trolley Shop \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

BNSF Tennessee Yards \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

NS Rossville Yard \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

CN Harrison Yard \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

FedEx Hub (Thurs or Fri) \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Please circle your choice

TOTAL \$ _____

CC Type _____ Name _____ CC# _____

Exp. _____ CVV Number (on Back) _____

Banquet Event at the **Hilton Hotel** (indicate quantity; one meal per full time attendee)

Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

To reserve hotel accommodations we recommend:

Hilton Hotel
 939 Ridgelake Blvd
 Memphis, TN 38119
 901- 684-6664

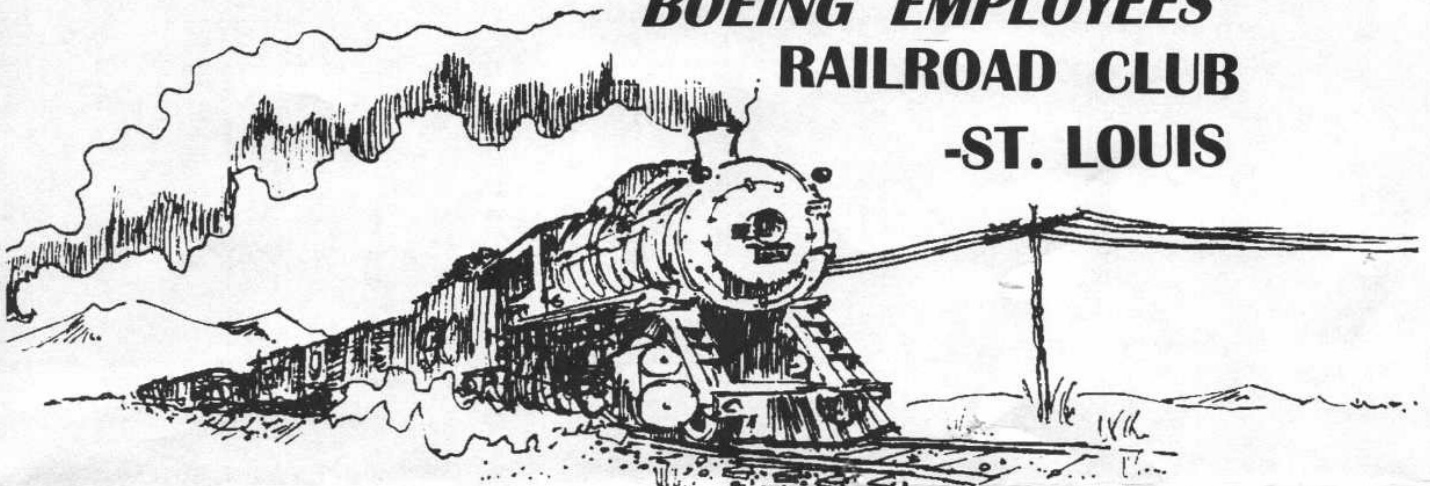
Hilton Hotel Discount Rate Code
SE0612

Make registration check payable:
Bluff City Div. 2014 Convention

Mail to:
 Rails Across the River
 Memphis Railroad & Trolley Museum
 545 S. Main St. Ste. 121
 Memphis, TN 38103
 901-590-3099 or 901-461-7138



**BOEING EMPLOYEES'
RAILROAD CLUB
-ST. LOUIS**



RAILROAD SWAP MEET

GREENSFELDER RECREATION COMPLEX AT QUEENY PARK

550 WIEDMAN RD., ST. LOUIS, MO 63011

Saturday MARCH 8, 2014 10am - 3pm

Admission: \$3.00 (Children under 12 FREE)

Doors open for seller's setup at 8:00am

Tables will be furnished

For Information Call (after 6:30pm Central Time)

Wayne Schimmel (636) 668-6313

Next Meet - SEPTEMBER 6 , 2014

-----Cut Here and Return ONLY the Registration Form-----

NAME _____

NO & STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

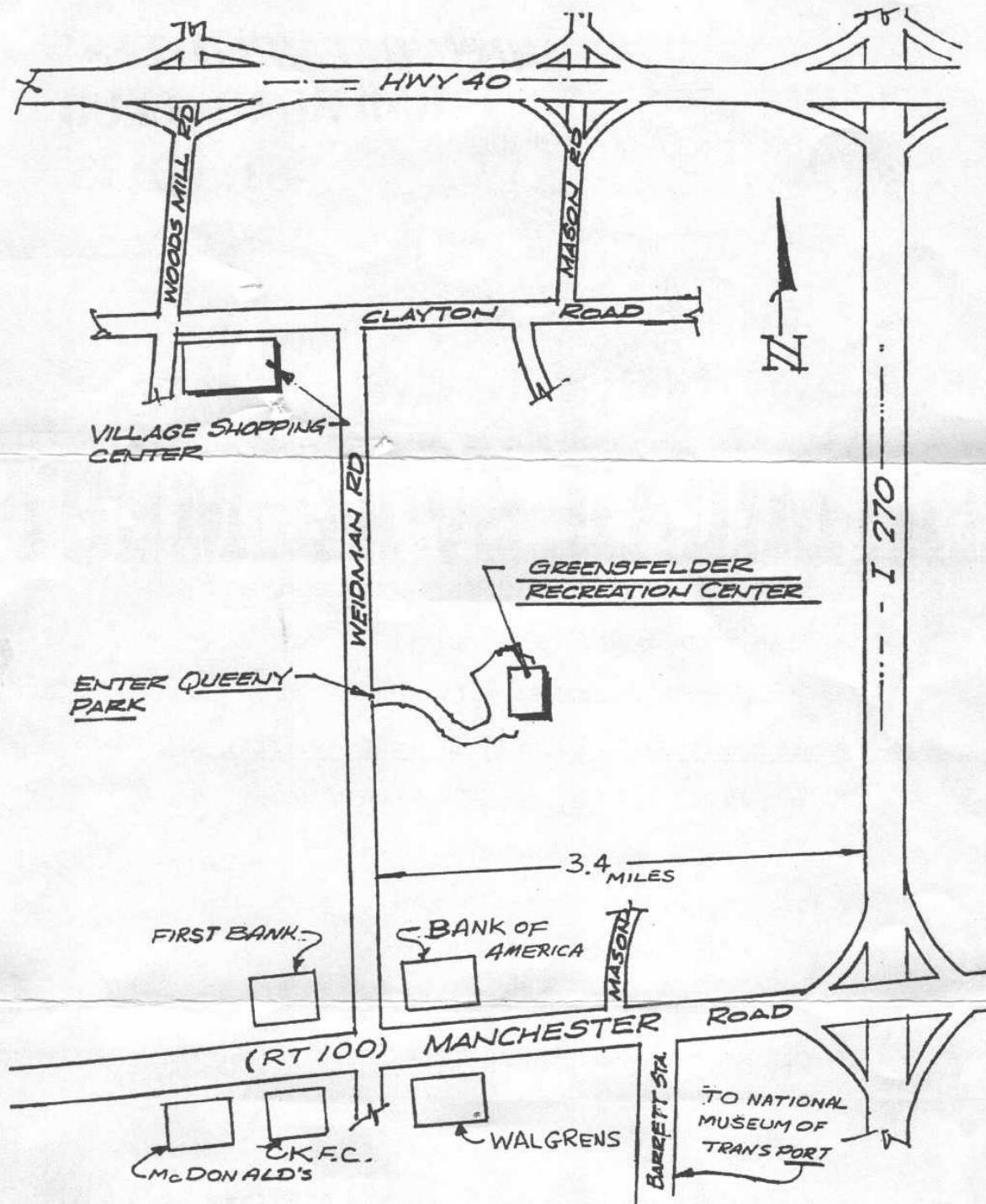
I WANT TO RESERVE _____ TABLES (30" X 96") @ \$15.00 ea.

NO PHONE RESERVATIONS, PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RESERVATIONS.

ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **BOEING EMPLOYEES' RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS**
MAIL TO: WAYNE SCHIMMEL, 733 HWY Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206
E-MAIL: wmschimmel@gmail.com.com

REQUESTS





The Last in this Series!
**5th ANNUAL TULSA AREA
LAYOUT DESIGN AND OPERATIONS WEEKEND**

March 21-23, 2014

Presented by the Indian Nations Division of the NMRA
In conjunction with the LDSIG and OPSIG

Location:
Shriners Temple
2808 South Sheridan Rd.
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74129

Plan to Attend!

Workshop Presentations

Saturday March 22nd from 8:00am - 4:30pm

(Check Web page for detailed information on presentations and activities)

- **Tony Thompson** – *Reefers and their Operation*
- **Tony Thompson** – *Waybills that are more prototypical*
- **Joe Fugate** – *Make it run like a Dream*
- **Joe Fugate** – *The state of the hobby in 2014*
- **Steve Davis** – *Designing a layout and layout room for Operations*
- **Steve Gillett** – *Passenger yard design and operation*

**Interesting Topics
and Discussions**

Additional Activities include:

- ✓ **Bring your trackplans, photos, display boards and mockups to share with everyone, great place to solicit feedback on your layout!**
- ✓ **3 Operating sessions with several layouts available for each session**
- ✓ **Catered hot BBQ lunch**

LAYOUT DESIGN AND OPERATIONS WEEKEND

Local layout operating sessions:

Friday March 21st from 7pm - 10pm

Saturday March 22nd from 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Sunday morning March 23rd from 9am - 12pm

(Register early to secure spots as an operator on the layouts.)

Visit our web page to register using Pay Pal or fill out the registration on reverse side of this flyer.

<http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/>

For registration questions email: ldopregistration@tulsanmra.org

All other questions email: ldopchairman@tulsanmra.org



The Last in this Series!

5th ANNUAL TULSA AREA LAYOUT DESIGN AND OPERATIONS WEEKEND

REGISTRATION FORM - March 21-23, 2014

Please mail to:

Rich Gibson
LDOP Weekend
1515 E. 35th Street
Tulsa, OK 74105

(Cash or check accepted; make checks payable to: Eastern Oklahoma Division)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

REGISTRATION BEFORE March 1st, 2014 - \$35.00; AFTER March 1st, 2014 - \$40.00
(Includes a Catered BBQ Lunch)

If you would like a shirt you must pre-order and pre-pay, select style and size

Polo Shirt - Red	Polo Shirt with Pocket - Red	Long Sleeve - Denim
Small \$28.50	Medium \$28.50	Large \$28.50
2XL \$29.50	3XL \$30.50	4XL \$31.50
		5XL \$32.50

If you would like to order an Operators Apron you must pre-order and pre-pay, select style

Long BBQ type Apron - Red \$20.00 Waist type Apron - Red \$18.00

Yes, I would like to operate on the local layouts (visit web page for layout info):

(Select days you'd like to operate; Experience Level; and Rank the layouts by preference 1-13)

Friday Evening Saturday Evening Sunday Morning

New Operator Average Operator Seasoned Operator

SP TJ Ry KCS S&LC CNJ/LV

C&S ATSF DRS KCT Ry

P&SM B&F GCMRRA MKT

I am just attending the Workshop Presentations will not be operating

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: _____

Register early to secure spots as an operator on the layouts!

(For Internal use below the line)

Date Received:

Registration #:



The committee would like to announce that the 2014 Tulsa Layout Design and Operations Weekend, March 21-23, 2014, The Last in the Series Registration is now open. I'm forwarding this onto those in the MCoR Region so that they could please forward this information to others that are in your area. We have reached out and are bringing in a couple of well known presenters to go along with our excellent local presenters to provide a variety of presentations for you all. Here is the link to the web page: <http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/> We have Tony Thompson, who is a railroad author and owns Signature Press. We had a lot of request for Joe Fugate and he agreed, who is the founder, editor and owner of Model Railroad Hobbyist, the online Ezine which the latest issue just came out. (<http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/magazine/mrh-2013-12-dec>) We also have Steve Davis, KCS 3rd Subdivision owner and builder and Steve Gillett member of the NEONS and author of several articles in N scale and N Scale Railroading magazines.

Here is a look at what will take place on Saturday during the meet:

Workshop Presentations and Events

Saturday March 22nd, 8:00am - 4:30pm

- o Tony Thompson
 - ✦ Reefers and Their Operation
 - ✦ Waybills That are More Prototypical
 - ✦ Joe Fugate
 - ✦ Making It Run Like a Dream
 - ✦ The State of the Hobby in 2014
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 - ✦ Designing a Layout and Layout Room for Operations
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 - ✦ Passenger Yard Design and Operation
 - ✦ Bring your trackplans, photos, display boards and mockups to share with everyone, great place to solicit feedback on your layout!
 - ✦ Three operating sessions on local layouts, with several layouts available for each session:
 - ✦ Friday evening 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 - ✦ Saturday evening 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
 - ✦ Sunday morning 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Catered hot BBQ lunch

The price has not changed from last year, it is only \$35.00 to attend.

We also have Polo shirts, they will be Red with a black and white logo, with or without a pocket, and the blue denim with the logo on it, same prices as last year, and vary according to size.

New this year are Aprons for operations. There are two different types, one is a BBQ style that fits over the neck for \$20.00 and the waist type for \$18.00. These also will have the logo embroidered on them.

You can register and purchase the above items online using Pay Pal:

<http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/register.php>

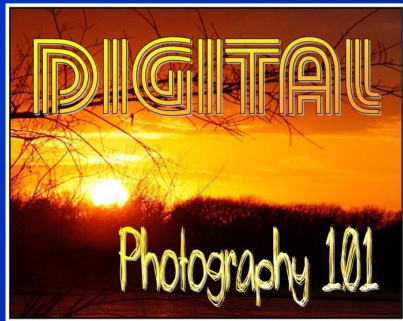
Or I have attached a copy of the PDF if you want to print it out and mail it in, or even run in your newsletters. You will notice that on the top that this is the last in this series! The Committee has agreed to take a breather after this meet, how long, who knows...what I can tell you is we are going to have a heck of meet this year. Thanks to those who have come over and supported the Indian Nations and the Committee who have been putting these together for you guys for the last 5 years. Look forward to seeing those of you that can make it.

If anyone has any questions don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thanks to each of you for taking the time to read this and help spread the word, it is appreciated!

Dave Salamon and the Tulsa LD/OP Meet Committee





SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Spring 2014 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 March 31, 2014.



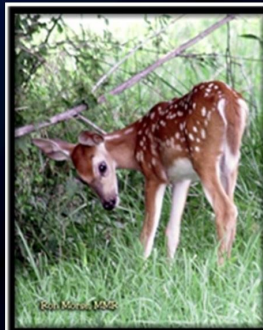
The class is FREE but you must PREREGISTER.

There are no fees or costs associated with this class.

For a digital information brochure please contact

Ron Morse at 913-894-6472

ronmorsemmr@gmail.com



Turkey Creek Members...

Subject: Directors Report January 2014

The MCoR Directors held their annual meeting in Kansas City/Antioch Public Library on Saturday, January 4, 2014, chaired by Whit Johnson, President.

New Officers elected in Spring 2013 are:

President, Whit Johnson from Newton, Iowa
Vice President, Phil Bonzon, MMR from University City, Missouri (St. Louis)
Treasurer, Robert Folkman from Ames, Iowa
Secretary, Barbara Lundquist from Papillion, Nebraska (Omaha)

Actions:

- The Board approved Omaha's bid to hold the Regional Convention in 2016.
- The Board rejected the motion to establish an Administrative Assistant to the President.

Discussions:

There was a significant discussion regarding the fact that October 2013, MCoR lost its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. MCoR now has to go back to 2013 and pay taxes on its income henceforth.

MCoR lost its 501(c)(3) because the annual 990-N form was not filed for 3 years! ... and notices from the IRS were ignored.

The result is NMRA is now pursuing a change in its "home base" to Missouri which has more relaxed detail requirements for meetings, etc. Once changed, MCoR will seek subordinate status under national umbrella which means MCoR will cease to be independent and national will file proper annual forms, etc. This may take 2 to 4 or more years.

This has no impact on Turkey Creek Division as we have maintained our 501(c)(3) status properly. What this national push to "umbrella" all regions and divisions under their legal umbrella means to Turkey Creek Division is not completely clear. I'm sure that national cannot just "take us over" without a vote of our members. This issue will continue to develop in the future and will require some kind of action by the members in the future.

Our 501(c)(3) status is important to our group and in my opinion, we should be careful not to jeopardize our not-for-profit tax exempt status. As an example, we currently rent Shawnee Mission school facilities for our monthly meetings and our rate is less than one-half that of the general public rates. We also pay no income tax on our interest earnings or earnings from our annual show.

We need NMRA national, but should we abandon our independent 501(c)(3) status, is very questionable in my opinion.



Our MCoR attorney, NMRA Attorney Robert Ansler, also was present and addressed this national initiative, answered questions and offered his perception of NMRA National's intention. All sounds good, but caution understanding the details as they are administered is very important for each of us to understand in the future.

Membership continues to be everyone's concern. As everyone realizes, our membership continues to age and it is harder and harder to maintain our total membership. It behooves us all to encourage young person's interest in the hobby. We all need to be open to ideas which would encourage young people to become involved. Model Railroading is not a toy, but it probably started in us all as a toy.

2012 MCoR membership started at 936, gained 12 to end at 948.

2013 MCoR membership lost 62, to end at 892.

(I don't understand the math either.)

Memphis, Tennessee 2014



Our regional meeting, June 13th to 15th, is a joint meeting with MCoR and South East Region (SER). Almost all of the convention work is being done by the Bluff City Division of SER and the Memphis Railroad & Trolley Museum local groups. They are looking for clinicians and I'm sure any help you can provide would be appreciated.

It would be really neat and cool if Turkey Creek would submit many models. We are loaded with great modelers. Let's go and bring home the "lumber awards"!!!

The registration form with hotel information is attached.

Caboose Kibitzer ...

There was a call for articles from all members to publish in the CK. Submit any articles to

Ted Tschirhart – tedtschi@kc.rr.com

Whit Johnson – whitjohnson@mchsi.com

or

Louis Seibel – l-seibel@comcast.net

Sincerely,

Larry W. Diehl
Regional Director



Bluff City Division *and the*
 Memphis Railroad & Trolley Museum
 Present
SER/MCoR NMRA CONVENTION
Harding Academy
1100 Cherry Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117



June 13th – 15th, 2014

Name _____ NMRA # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Name on ID Badge _____

Spouse/Other Attendees _____

Regular Registration	Postmarked before 5/10/14	\$65 x _____ = \$ _____
	Postmarked after 5/10/14	\$80 x _____ = \$ _____
Spouse/Children	Postmarked before 5/10/14	\$45 x _____ = \$ _____
	Postmarked after 5/10/14	\$50 x _____ = \$ _____
Prototype Tours	MATA Trolley Shop	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	BNSF Tennessee Yards	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	NS Rossville Yard	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	CN Harrison Yard	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	FedEx Hub (Thurs or Fri)	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	Please circle your choice	
	TOTAL	\$ _____

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Banquet Event at the **Hilton Hotel** (indicate quantity, one meal per full time attendee)

Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

To reserve hotel accommodations we recommend:

Hilton Hotel
 939 Ridgeway Blvd
 Memphis, TN 38119
 901-684-6664

Hilton Hotel Discount Rate Code
SE0612

Make registration check payable:

Bluff City Div. 2014 Convention

Mail to:
 Rails Across the River
 Memphis Railroad & Trolley Museum
 545 S. Main St. Ste. 121
 Memphis, TN 38103
 901-590-3099 or 901-461-7138



REGULAR REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Admission to all clinics, contest room, company store, train show
Admission to home layouts (self guided tour)
Admission to special slide show Friday night
Admission to banquet, speaker, auction and breakfast
First choice selection of prototype tours (first come, first served)
A pass to ride the MATA trolleys during convention days.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

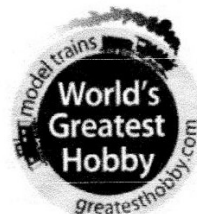
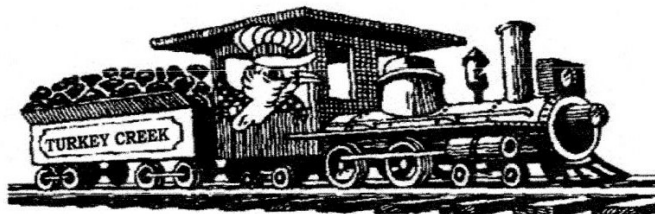
Online registration and Payment will be available after July 15 on the convention website at www.mrtm.org/convention

We recommend the Hilton but other hotel suggestions will also be on the website after July 15.

Follow the convention developments on the website and like our Facebook page at Rails across the River



**Turkey Creek
Division
Annual Train
Show
July 26, 2014**



**Shawnee Mission North High School
7401 Johnson Drive
Overland Park, Kansas 66202**

Show Times 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Layout Tours 3:30 pm to 8:30pm

Clinics start at 9:00am – Clinics covering many aspect of the hobby

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and popular vote. Each model you entered into the contest will give you a chance in the special drawing to receive one \$50.00 gift vouchers, up to a maximum of 5 chances.

Special Youth Award- for the best overall youth model entry

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

Display Layout and Layout Tours – IN addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – expect to find more than 90 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups.

Food and Beverages – will be available

**Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show 2014
Vendor and Registration Form**

Vendor and Advance Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

E-Mail address: _____

Eight Ft Space \$20.00 No. of Spaces: _____ **Total amount: \$** _____

Advance Registration for the Train Show of \$4.00 ___ per person (does include Sales Tax)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ **Check #** _____ **Electrical: Yes** ___ **No** ___

Set up from 2 to 8 on July 25 must be out by 5 on the 26

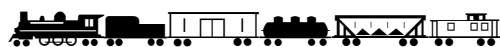
Make checks payable to “Turkey Creek Division”

Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, C/O Robert Spurgat, 3305 Westwood Drive, St. Joseph, Mo, 64505

**For More information contact: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.net, 913-927-6850 or 913-393-3495
1069 N Logan Olathe KS 66061**



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THE SWITCH LIST January 2014

*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. 402 833-5531 or genjvan@msm.com for more information.

Eastern Iowa Division: Winter Meeting will be Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 9:30AM to 4:00PM. The meeting location will be the Hawkeye Model Railroad Club, 860 Quarry Rd. Coralville, Iowa 52241. There will be a business meeting in the morning starting at 10:00 followed by NMRA judging for our second photo contest. Lunch will be on your own for the day. In the afternoon the Hawkeye Model Railroad Club will be hosting an operating session. For more information please contact EID Superintendent, Tony Bowen MMR at: railroadteacher@gmail.com for other division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: 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: boxcar75@wamego.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.

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 quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Todd L. Petersen, Div. Dir. 308-832-2200 or todd@gtmc.net

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, 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, rear entrance from parking lot) 6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director 620-521-3591 cell or 620-272-0444 Home e-mail: trainman55@hotmail.com

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, January 10 – Topeka Chapter, Preston-Hale Room, Ward-Meade Park, 124 NW Fillmore, 7:00

January 17 Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Informal dinner, Riverside Café, 739 W. 13th, 5:30 Information: 316-263-0944

January 24 Kansas City, Union Station, Arthur Stillwell Room, 7:00 Program: Ernie Griffin. Information: Deek Deitrick, adeitrick@swbell.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Thursday, January 2 – Wichita Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Street, Augusta Information: NASFAN@cox.net

Thursday, January 2 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Pl., 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

Friday, January 3 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Saturday, January 11 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00, lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, railway@gbta.net

January 14, Lawrence Model Railroad, 111 E 1400 Rd, Lawrence, Information: Steve Meseraull print1235@aol.com

January 16, Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor,



On3@worldnet.att.net

January 19, Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City, at members' home, Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.co

January 20, Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00, Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Every Sunday Weekend N-gineers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, hapheart@swbell.net, or Mark Huff, 816-455-9779

Every Monday Garden City Model Train, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Thursday North East Kansas Model Railroaders, HO gauge, 7:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

Every Friday Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2nd floor, Cherryvale, 7:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, JRDhooghe@aol.com

Every Saturday, Mid-Kansas Model Railroader, 1120 E Kansas McPherson Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

Every Saturday-Sunday North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00, Sun. noon-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

DIVISIONS

Tuesday, January 7 Platte Valley (Hastings, Grand Island, Kearney) at members' home, Information: John O'Neill, sponeill@computer-concepts.com

Sunday, January 19 – Indian Nations, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., Tulsa, 9:30-12:30 layout tour at a members' layout. Information: Dave Salamon, drs_rr@yahoo.com

Tuesday, January 28 Turkey Creek, Shawnee Mission High School, cafeteria, Johnson Dr. & Metcalf, 7:00. Information: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.net

Every Monday Western Kansas 409½ N. Main, second floor 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Wednesday Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 NW Waukomis Dr., 7:00. Information: J.D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com, or W. L. Ohnell, wohrnell@sbcglobal.net

Every Saturday Boothill Model Railroad 1:00 Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, January 18 Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at members' home Information: Claudia Rollstin, Claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com

January 26, Northeast Kansas, at members' layout Information: J. Merritt, jmerritt@jccc.net

Thursday, January 30 Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Free Will Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

HISTORIC CLUBS

January 2 – Round Table, Golden Ox, 1600 Genesse, Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Information: Deek Deitrick, adeitrick@swbell.net

January 8 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

January 10, Second Friday 2241 S. Crest, Wichita, 7:00, Informal dinner Hog Wild Barbecue, 1200 S. Rock Rd, 6:00. Bring slides, railroad information

Every Tuesday – Just a group who meets to train watch, Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00

Every Tuesday – Just a group who meets to eat breakfast and train watch, Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00, breakfast at 9:00

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

Saturday-Sunday, February 8-9 – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Sat. 9:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. \$8.00, children under 10 free. Information: Phil Aylward, aylward@cox.net

February 15, Lawrence Model Railroad Club Train Show, 9:00-4:00. Information: Jan Brocker, brocker@sunflower.com

February 22, Great Northwest Arkansas Train Show, Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center, Springdale, AR, 9:00-4:00, \$7.00 or \$6.00 with food item, under 12 free. Information: www.trainshw-NWA.org; vendor information: Keith, 479-871-2802

March 8-9 Great Train Expo, Century II, Wichita, 10:00-4:00 both days, Information: www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

March 15 – Ozark Model Train Show & Swap Meet, Remington's, 1655 W. Republic Rd, Springfield, MO, 9:00-3:00, \$7.00, 12 and under free, Kiddie train, test skills on virtual railroad, track laying contest in 3 age divisions. Registration form: <http://omraspringfield.org>. Information: Dave Brashers, dbrashers69@yahoo.com, or Ron Williams, rwilliams3129@gmail.com

March 15-16, Garden City Model Train Show, Finney Co. Fairgrounds, Exhibition Building, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. \$5.00, children under 10 free with adult. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16 – Great Train Expo, Expo Square, Tulsa, OK. Information: www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, March 21-23 – Tulsa Layout Design & Operations Weekend, Shriner's Temple, 28th & Sheridan, Tulsa. \$35.00 includes lunch. Information: Dave Salamon, drs_rr@yahoo.com



Train Shows

February 1st & 2nd 2014 the Great Train Expo Saint Charles, MO Saint Charles Convention Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroading Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

February 8 & 9 2014 WICHITA TRAIN SHOW

& SWAP MEET Sat. 9am to 6pm Sun. 11am to 4pm. Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd. Wichita, KS. Sponsored in part by, Chisholm Trail Division NMRA, Swap tables, Modular Layouts, Switching Contest, Model Contest, Photo contest, Live Clinics and Much, Much More!! Adult Admission \$8.00 for both days \$1.00 off with a non-perishable food item, Children under 10 Free, and Scouts in uniform Free. Advance Table Registration: Eight foot tables are \$25.00 each if paid before 12/31/1213 after that they are \$30.00 each. Contact Phil Aylward at 316-259-5190 mail registration to; 603 Chestnut. Halstead, KS. 67056 Email: aylward1@cox.net.

February 8th & 9th 2014 The Great Train Expo

Council Bluffs, IA Mid America Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroading Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

February 15, 2014 Lawrence Model Railroad

Club from 9am until 4pm for more information contact Jan Bröcker ToToTrains, LLC 1031 Vermont Street, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66044 Phone 785-766-0467 www.tototrains.com, brocker@sunflower.com

February 22, 2014 Eleventh Annual Great Northwest

Arkansas Train Show will be presented by Sugar Creek Model Railroad and Historical Society. Venue is the Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center in Springdale, AR, near intersection of I-540 and US 412. Open 9:00 AM to 4 PM, with food service on site and nearby restaurants. Admission is \$7.00 with \$1.00 off with non-perishable food item. Children under 12 and active duty military are free. There will be 150+ tables of vendors and several operating layouts in various scales, with more floor space than in past shows at the Center. Plans include the Lionel Challenge, demonstrations and mini-clinics. Door prizes plus grand prize of two round trip tickets on A&M Railroad with hotel package. Information: www.trainshow-NWA.org. Contact Keith at 479-871-2802 for vendor info.

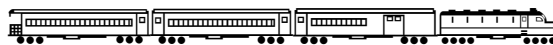
March 8th 2014 Railroad Swap Meet sponsored by the Boeing Employees Railroad Club at Greensfelder recreation Complex at Queeny Park 550 Wiedman Rd , St Louis MO 63011 10 to 3 Admission \$3 (children under 12 Free) for registration information contact Wayne Schimmel at 636-668-6313 or email wmschimmel@gmail.com

March 8th & 9th 2014 the Great Train Expo Wichita, K.S.

Century II Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroading Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

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March 15th & 16th, 2014 The Garden City Model Train Show, Garden City, KS Presented by the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club In the Exhibition Building on the Finney County Fairgrounds Show times are 10 to 6 Saturday, 11 to 4 on Sunday On display will be all of the Club layouts, plus layouts from other clubs, covering G, O, On30, HO, and N scales \$5.00 for Adults, children under 10 are FREE with paid adult Vendor tables are \$15.00 each Several model train retailers are coming to Garden City, bringing the latest products for you to buy This is your chance to get new ideas for your layout, take pictures, ask questions, and visit with the Pros who built these layouts If you're interested in joining the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club, memberships are available. Info: Robert Simmons at 620-521-3591, or e-mail trainman55@hotmail.com

Saturday, March 15, 2014 36th Annual Ozarks Model Train Show & Swap Meet Remington's 1655 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807 9 am to 3 pm \$7 adults, children under 12 free. **A portion of the admission goes to Crosslines See a large array of display layouts featuring a variety of scales, door prizes, food/refreshments throughout the show. Planned activities include kids can ride the Kiddie Train, test their skills operating a train on a virtual railroad, take the throttle of an OMRA train, earn a Whistle Blowers certificate and compete in the LCCA's track laying contest in three age divisions. Bring your pre-1970 train for an appraisal or find out what it will take to make it run like new. Table rental \$25 each including lunch. Bottomless coffee all show for \$1. Vendors from the Fall Meet save 10%. Tables and special requests: Dave Brashers, dbrashers69@yahoo.com or 417-848-1739. Registration forms available on website: <http://omraspringfield.org>. Ron Williams MMR at 417-883-5350 or email at rwilliams3129@gmail.com web site <http://omraspringfield.org>**

March 21-23, 2014 5th annual Tulsa Layout Design and Operations Weekend \$35.00 includes Catered BBQ lunch (after March 1 price goes up to \$45.00) <http://ldopsgmeet.tulsanmra.org/> Shriner's Temple 28th & Sheridan Tulsa, Oklahoma. Watch the web page for the presenters and topics and additional information. Registration page will be activated after the presenters a confirmed. All other questions email: ldopchairman@tulsanmra.org or Dave Salamon at drs_rr@yahoo.com

March 23-24 The Great Train Expo Des Moines, IA at Iowa Events Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from HO Scale, N Scale, Lionel (O Gauge), G Gauge, Z Scale, American Flyer (S Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE ! Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show

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March 29th, 2014, Train Show and Swap Meet Saturday hosted by The Joplin Museum Complex from 9am to 3pm The Museum is located in Schifferdecker Park, 7th and Schifferdecker streets. Included will be operating model train layouts and over 60 tables of items for sale or trade. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. Swap tables are \$15 each. For more information contact Rick Gardner at 417-673-4888 or email: rickgardner4449@gmail.com. www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com.

March 30, 2014 Mid America Train and Tow Show KCI EXPO CENTER 11730 N. Ambassador Dr. Kansas City, MO 64153 Open 9am - 2pm Admission \$5, 12/Under Free Trains, Models, RR Collectibles & More Models, RR Collectibles & More Collectible Toys, new & used Free Train Movies Door Prizes 200 Dealer Tables Free Parking 913-651-5864 steve@midamericatrainandtoyshow.com

April 12th & 13th, 2014, 20th Annual Train Show, show sponsored by West-Central Division, Hours 9-5 Saturday the 12th and 10-4 Sunday the 13th At D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, Nebraska, One day admission \$4.00 per adult, \$1.00 for children under 12 (under 5 free with paid adult). Union Pacific extra fare bus tours on Saturday only. Vendor Tables \$12.50 each till April 1st. After April 1st tables are \$20 each. For additional information or questions contact: Gene R. Tacey, P.O. Box 485, Sutherland, NE 69165 e-mail taceys@gpcom.net phone 308-386-2489

May 2-4 2014 the Annual Thousand Lakes Region hosted by the Prairie Lakes Division Convention will be held in Sioux City, Iowa at the Stoney Creek Inn. The convention will feature prototype tours, clinics, contests, home layout tours, swap meet. For more details go to the <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/> Jay Davis (712) 834-2073 jdandice22c@hotmail.com

June 14-15, 2014 Memphis 2014 Rails Across the River: The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern Region and Mid Continent Region of the NMRA. The convention will be held at the Harding Academy, 1100 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117. For more information, registration and hotel information please visit the website www.ser-nmra.org

July 26, 2014 Turkey Creek Division Train Show Shawnee Mission North High School 7401 Johnson Drive Overland Park, Kansas 66202 Show Times 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Layout Tours 3:30 pm to 8:30pm vendors eight ft. space \$20.00, Advance Registration \$4 tax included admission day of show \$6 Make checks payable to "Turkey Creek Division" Mail to:



