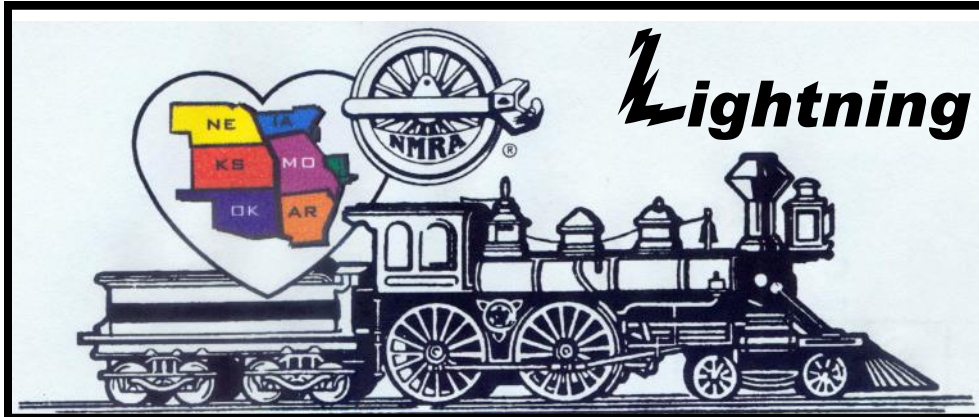


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MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE TURKEY CREEK DIVISION
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Turkey Creek Division Annual Holiday Party 7pm Tuesday December 16th

**San Juan Excursions
By Ron Morse MMR**

**Please Bring Some Type of Desert or Snack
Knox United Presbyterian Church
9595 W 95th St. Overland Park, Ks 66212
February Meeting
Make and Take Clinic Be Sure to Sign Up**





Hello Ray Here,

Well I think I'm back in the saddle again. The aches and pains are gone except for the normal back and knee pain, which I've had forever. My computer is back up, at least one is. So I'm back in the saddle, now I just have to get the old horse going. Sometimes, more lately, it doesn't want to move to fast.

I normally have the clinics lined up for the next year by now. But I'm afraid I don't this time. I do have some but not all, so if anyone would like or consider giving a clinic call, e-mail or talk to me at one of our meetings. It can be about any topic; history of a railroad, a railroad town, a type of freight car, a maintenance away car, an engine; how to design a structure, a trestle or bridge, a scene, a layout; how to build anything you have designed or someone else has designed. In other words anything that has anything to do with railroads or railroad layouts. So come one come all, we would like to hear from you.

Normally I would thank the clinician who gave last month clinic, but it was me. So I'll dispense with that. As with anyone who has given a clinic there where things that I forgot or thought of latter that I could have added to my clinic. It would have helped if I had my power point ready or if I had set up the camera to show on the screen what I was doing. The important thing, did everyone or most learn about trees or how to make trees. Did they learn anything? That's the important thing with any clinic, did they learn anything. I may give this clinic again at a latter date, after I get it the way I want it, if people are interested.

This month we will have a presentation by Ron Morse MMR. I am happy Ron can be with us. He is and has been an important part of Turkey Creek. I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Program. Bring your spouse, children or whom ever you would like to bring, if possible. The program is set to be family orientated. This is the only time Turkey Creek has a time when we can meet each others families. See you there!

Sincerely,
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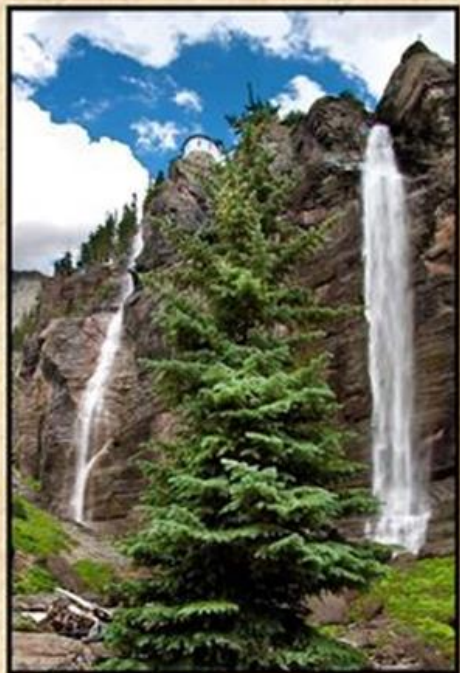
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This PowerPoint® presentation was created from photographs taken by Ron Morse, MMR in the beautiful San Juan Mountains of Colorado. Included are ghost towns, waterfalls, wildflowers, wildlife, alpine lakes and four wheel drive passes. This presentation includes some previously viewed photos but also includes numerous new photos taken in 2013 and 2014.



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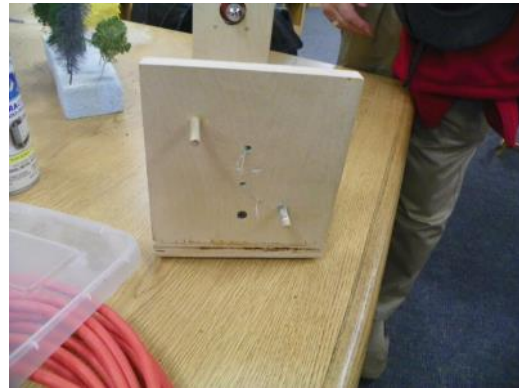
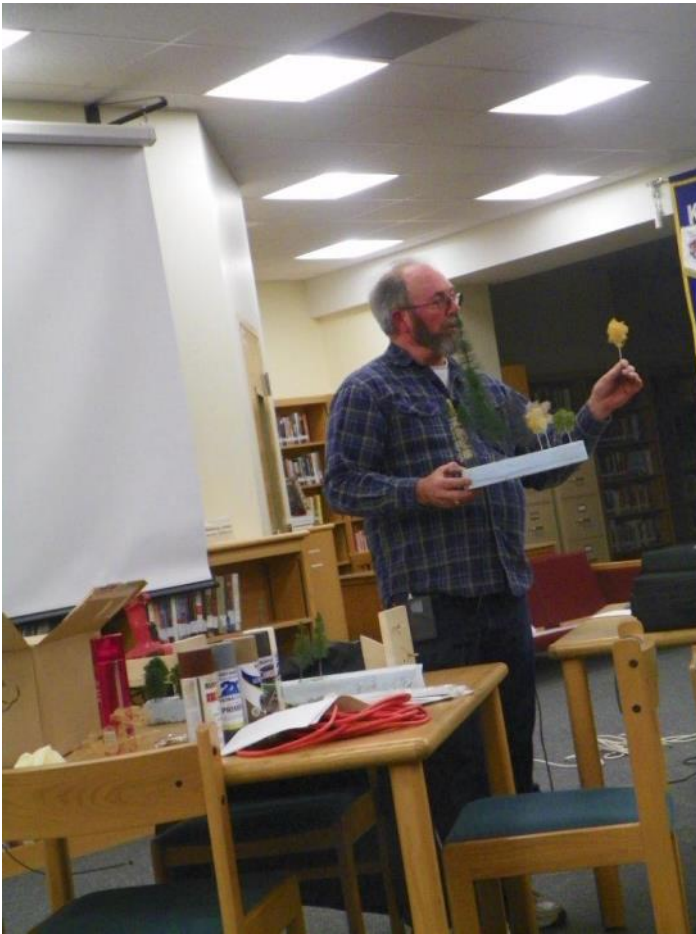
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Book Review

The War Came by Train - The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War

by Daniel Toomey

Publisher: Baltimore and
Ohio Railroad Museum

c. 2013, 292 pages.

Last spring I took a Civil War trip back east with a couple of friends. Gettysburg was on the schedule and we planned to spend two full days there, but when we arrived we found there was a Greyhound convention in town and there were no rooms available. (These were greyhound dogs, not buses and if you doubt me I can show you a picture taken on a walking path on Little Round Top that has more dogs in the photo than people.)

So we revised our schedule and decided to go to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and return to Gettysburg a couple of days later to tour the rest of the battlefield. As it turned out we were lucky because we weren't scheduled to go to Harrisburg until Monday but got there on Saturday and had the opportunity to listen to a presentation on the B&O and the battle of Monocacy by Daniel Toomey. Mr. Toomey is the author of the book The War Came by Train - The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War and the guest curator at the B&O Museum during the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Mr. Toomey also was signing copies of his book in the museum gift store and since the book combines two of my favorite subjects

(railroads and the Civil War) I couldn't resist.

The B&O was involved in the war almost from the first shots. The movement of Union troops through Baltimore to reinforce Washington resulted in an angry mob of pro-secessionists attacking and wounding and killing Union soldiers who in turn fired into the crowd. Maryland was a border state with active Confederate sympathizers early in the war and they took out their frustration on the B&O burning bridges and destroying culverts. To protect these points and the construction crews, iron rail cars were designed and built in just 8 days by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. (Unfortunately no one seems to have taken a picture of these cars! There is a Harper's Weekly artist's drawing of one, but it's far from an engineering drawing. I've built this car in N and HO based on my best guess of the length of the car based on the height of the figures in the drawing. Based on information in this book I was only off by about 33%, these cars were 65 feet long in the period where a 36 foot boxcar was a large car. I guess I'll have to build another model...)

The B&O also had the disadvantage of having its main line run through both the Union and the Confederacy. It became a target of opportunity for the Confederates throughout the war. The story of Confederate General Thomas Jackson's (aka Stonewall) capture and movement of 25 B&O engines by ox teams twenty miles on dirt roads is covered very well. Those engines were used by the Confederates for the rest of the war, one even becoming the motive power for a Confederate iron clad.

In 1863 the Confederates moved Longstreet's 10,000 man corps from Virginia to Tennessee



taking 30 days to get these troops shifted in time for the Battle of Chickamauga. To counter this threat the Union moved the 20,000 XI and XII corps to Chattanooga in 12 days. Those troops all went west on the B&O and the book covers the process of what it took to make that happen.

In 1864 Lee sent Early out of the Petersburg siege lines north to try and distract Grant and ease the pressure of the siege. Early quickly swept aside the Union forces in the Shenandoah Valley and took Harper's Ferry. Finding little opposition Early decided to attack Washington D.C. Through the efforts of John Garrett, President of the B&O, to warn the Union military and his efforts to move the Union 7th corps from Baltimore to Monocacy Junction (which is still an active railroad junction today), the seriously outnumbered Union troops successfully delayed Early for 24 critical hours in a battle where the troops quite literally arrived by rail, disembarked and formed into line of battle. Those 24 hours meant that when Early arrived at the fortifications at Washington D.C. instead of finding them manned by clerks and recuperating wounded Union soldiers, reinforcements sent by Grant from Petersburg were actually seen arriving and entering the fortifications by Early's men. Early began his long retreat back to the Valley with Union forces dogging his steps. Garrett, considered by many a Confederate sympathizer at the start of the war, played a major part in preventing the destruction of the capital.

While not strictly the B&O, the book also contains information on the United States Military Railroad, organized by the Union to rebuild and operate railroads in areas where active military operations were taking place. Some of the efforts of the USMRR were on the B&O to guard and protect the railroad.

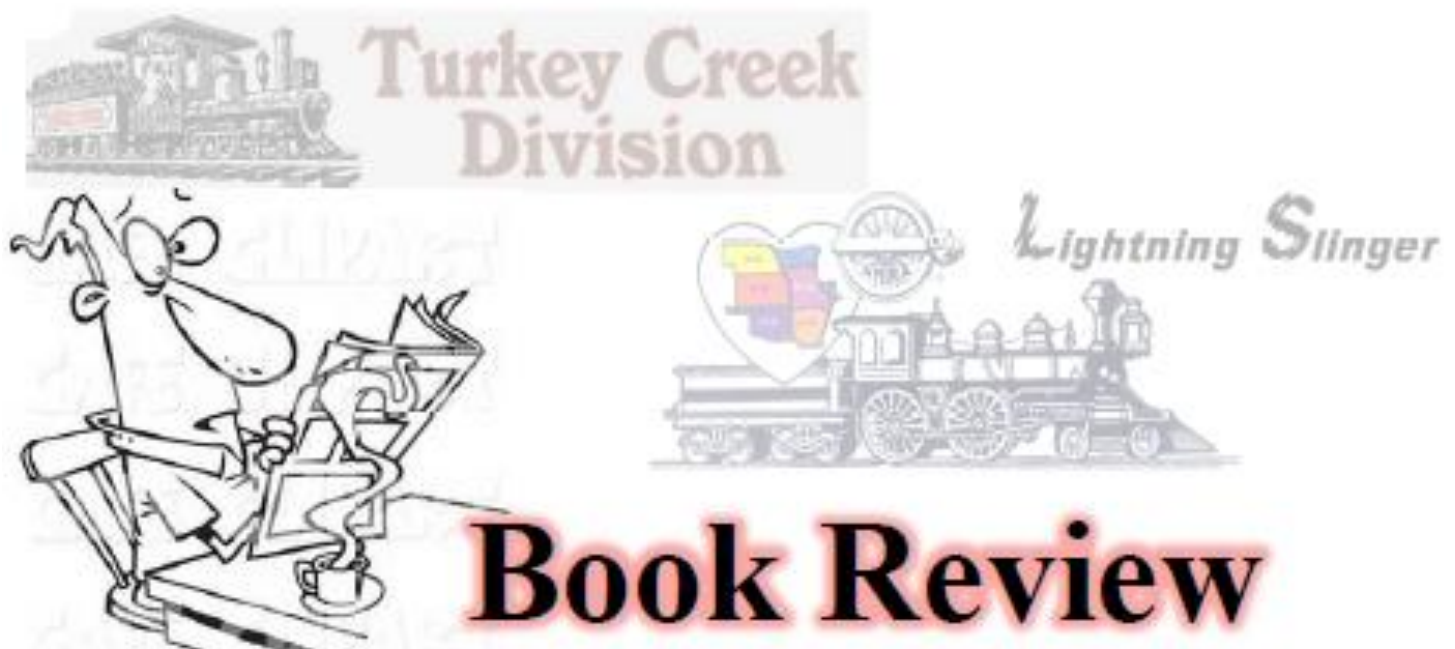
While this isn't a "picture" book, there are a number of good maps, photos and drawings to illustrate the events and personnel.

There are a number of books on the B&O and the Civil War and each have their own merits, but this is one of the better books, in my opinion as it ties the B&O and it's operation into the events that were occurring beyond the B&O, but which impacted on and were impacted by the B&O.

If you have interest in the subject, this book is worth your while to read.

Marty Vaughn





Railroads of the Civil War An Illustrated History

by Michael Leavy

Publisher: Westholme Publishing

c. 2010, 275 pages.

Any time I find a new title on the subject of Civil War Railroads I'm excited and always hopeful of finding new information. I purchased this book with that hope, but was sadly disappointed. The majority of the book is composed of photos with caption, but the photos are not well produced and are of poor contrast. While the text is usually accurate, there is little new information or detailed narrative. The book size is 8" by 10" but at best the photos (one to a page) are 3" by 5" in portrait format. The photos could have been presented at twice size with the same number of pages if presented in landscape format.

Other than a few photos from the author's personal collection (and some of these are available from other sources) all of the photos presented are from the Library of Congress or the National Archives. If you are interested in using these photos for modeling purposes, save your money. You can get better quality photos from the Library of Congress just by visiting their web site and downloading jpeg copies of these same photos for free. While it will take you more time to sort through the Civil War photos of railroads, it's also a fun tour of what's available. (if you want to see some of the earliest railroad films, search in the Library of Congress section on Edison films, if you like early railroads and trains, you'll enjoy it and they can be downloaded for free too).

In case you missed it, I was disappointed by this book. If you want to see a copy, find one in your library, but save your money and get the photos for yourself on the web

But if you'd rather have hard copies of some of the photos in book form, then try:

Russell's Civil War Photographs by Andrew Russell

Publisher: Dover Publishing

c 1982, 116 pages.

Andrew Russell was one of several photographers working for Matthew Brady during the Civil War whose photos are frequently attributed to Brady who published them. This book contains 116 Russell Civil War photos. While only 25% of the photos are of railroad subjects, these are high contrast large (8" x 10") images that sharp and clear and an excellent source for anyone interested in modeling the era. Russell's photos, like all of those taken for Brady's studio are of eastern subjects. (But photos of western subjects during the war are always more difficult to find primarily due to fewer photographers.) The book does include several photos of the US Military Railroad facilities at City Point, Virginia during the siege of Petersburg by Grant July 1864 to April 1865. Among these are one of my personal favorite photos (and modeling subjects) the 13 inch sea coast mortar mounted on a specially built flat car called the "Dictator". Also in the collection are some photos of the railroad piers at City Point. City Point is a river port at the conjunction of the James and Appomattox Rivers. It is much shallower than a seaport so to handle the sea going ships that were used to supply the Union Army, piers built out into the deep part of the river carried USMMR rail cars right out to the ships for quicker unloading. I've found these pier tracks to also be a very interesting subject.

Aside from the titles of the photographs identifying the subject of the photos, there is no other text, this is a picture book, but the photos are very good prints. And while this is an older publication, you can usually find it through used book stores for around \$5 for the large format paperback version.

Marty Vaughn



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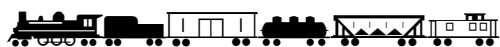
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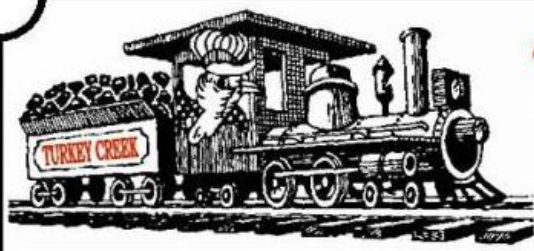
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MAKE & TAKE CLINIC

proposed for February 2015

by Larry Diehl
and Dale Phetteplace

Dale Phetteplace and myself have accepted the challenge to administer a "Make & Take Clinic" of a wood craftsman kit.

We proposed that we could broaden appeal if you were offered options to the kit you could build. We subsequently have discovered that many of the kits available are approaching the range of \$50 to \$60. We were targeting \$25 to \$35 as an average cost. We are not getting any response from kit manufacturers to help reduce costs to us.

Recently, Miles Hale and Ray Brown have purchased CriCut machines and I have a drum sander. This means we could prepare materials for kits at a much reduced cost to Turkey Creek, more in line with our budget. We want to offer the following options and request you elect your favorite choice and state your scale, then respond to:

Ray Brown tstwildcats@hotmail.com

or

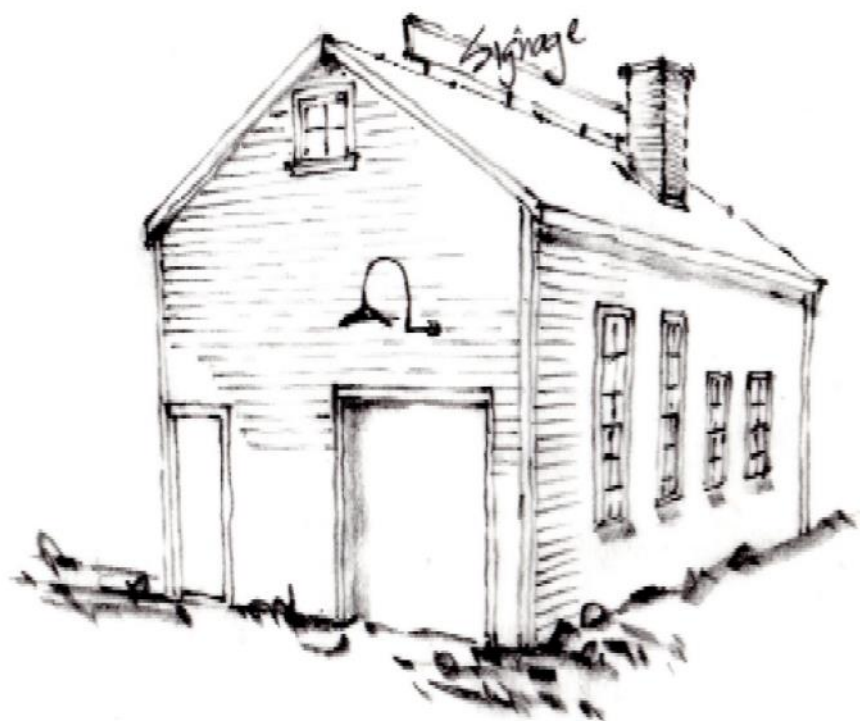
Larry Diehl ldiehl066@gmail.com

or

Dale Phetteplace dalewmrr@aol.com

You are requested to pay \$8.00 (regardless of scale) for your kit reservation and Turkey Creek will support the remaining cost, estimated to be \pm \$20.00 per kit, average cost.





OPTION "A"

Black Rock
Manufacturing Co.

This model loosely follows a
FOScale model called
"Gruber Glass".

In HO Scale ... model is
approx. 2" x 5".

OPTION "B"

If you have desire that this be
built as a two-story model,
please select Option "B" and we
will modify the kit into a two-
story version.

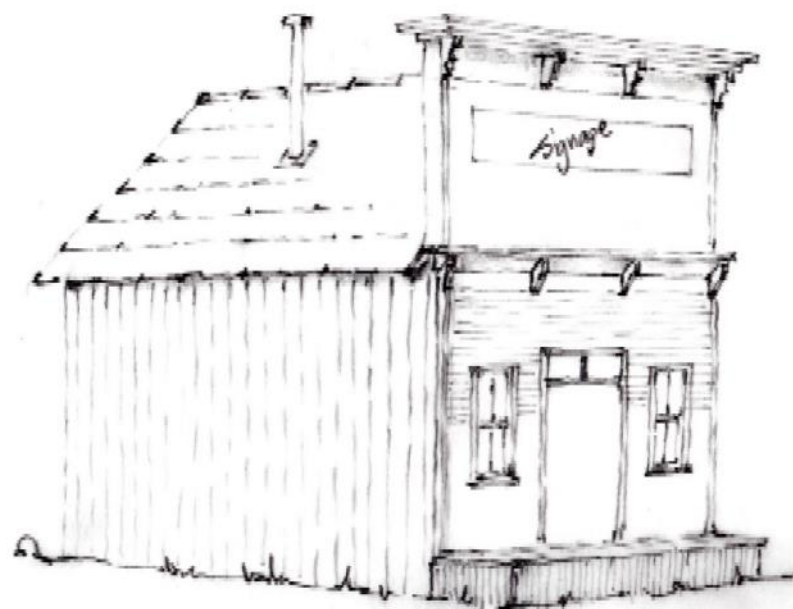
OPTION "C"

Black Rock Tower

This model loosely follows a
FOScale model called "Tower
One".

In HO Scale ... model is
approx. 2-1/4" x 2-3/4".





OPTION "D"

Telluride Bank

This model loosely follows a BEST model of "Bank of Tomichi"

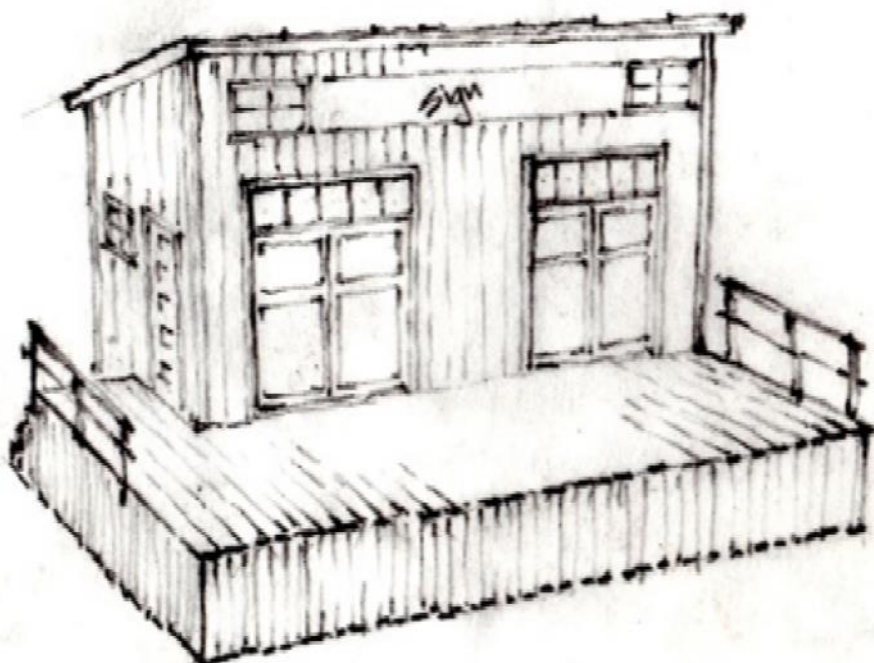
In HO Scale ... model is approx. 2-1/2" x 4".

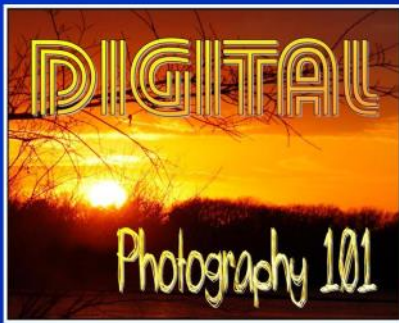
OPTION "E"

Black Rock Freight House

This model loosely follows a Bar Mills model "Cranberry Yard Freight House"

In HO Scale ... model is approx. 3" x 3-3/4" (includes dock)
building approx. 1-1/2" x 3-1/4"





SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Spring 2015 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. Also, Ron Jr, will be doing a session on how to take better cell phone photos. Classes start on March 24, 2015.



The class is FREE but you must PREREGISTER.

**For a digital information brochure please contact
Ron Morse at 913-894-6472
ronmorsemmr@gmail.com**



SWITCH LIST December 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 HyVee 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: 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. 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

New

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA, Meeting date change to the third Tuesday of December the 16th at 7 pm at Knox United Presbyterian Church 9595 w 95th St. Overland Parks, Kansas. Check the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current. 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

New

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN HOLIDAY EXPRESS

Now looking forward to its 14th annual run, KCS' Holiday Express is a six-car train that brings Santa Claus and the elves to communities throughout the U.S. network at scheduled stops. These events are free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

The Holiday Express also has a charitable component. At each scheduled stop, the KCS Charitable Fund makes a contribution of gift cards to the local Salvation Army to provide warm clothing and other necessities for children in need.....Led by KCS' Southern Belle business train, the Holiday Express train includes a smiling tank car "Rudy", a flatcar carrying Santa's sleigh, reindeer and a miniature village; a ginger bread boxcar, the elves' workshop; the reindeer stable, and a little red caboose.

The schedule for this area:

Dec. 12 – 4:00 – De Queen, AR, 300 block east Stillwell Ave.

Dec. 13 – 4:00 – Mena, AR, 524 Sherwood Ave.

Dec. 14 – 4:00 – Heavener, OK, KCS Yard 403 E. First St.

Dec. 15 – 4:00 – Joplin, MO, Union Depot, east of "B" and N. Main St.

Dec. 16 – 4:00 – Pittsburg, KS, Elm & Monroe

Dec. 17 – 4:00 – Drexel, MO, 123 W. Main

Dec. 18-19 – 10:00-7:00 – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

Dec. 20 – 9:30-7:00 – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

Dec. 21 – 9:30-5:00 – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

NRHS

Friday, December 12 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, Preston-Hale Room, 124 NE Fillmore St., 7:00



Friday, December 19 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Slide free-for-all. Informal dinner gathering 5:30, Riverside Café, 739 W. 13th. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, December 26 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Arthur Stillwell Room, 7:00. Information: Deek Deitrick, adeitrick@swbell.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Thursday, December 4 – Wichita Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts. Augusta

Thursday, December 4 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Pl., 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

Friday, December 5 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Tuesday, December 9 – Lawrence Model Railroad, 111 E. 1400 Rd, Lawrence. Information: Steve Meseraul, print12345@aol.com

Saturday, December 13 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00 a.m. Lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, rrailway@gbta.net

Monday, December 15 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Thursday, December 18 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windso, On3@worldnet.att.net

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

Every Sunday – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Great Mall of the Plains, store 190, 20070 W. 151st St. 12:00 to 5:00 Information: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.net

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

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

Every Wednesday – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, 7:00-9:00

Every Thursday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, HO gauge, 7:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202 Information: John R. Dhooghe, JRDhooghe@aol.com

New

Every Sunday – Mid Kansas Model Railroader, McPherson Museum is 1111 E. Kansas Ave 2pm – 5pm for work sessions Contact John Snell jsnell2@cox.net

Every Saturday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12th scale

Every Saturday – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, 12:00-5:00

First Sunday of the month at 3:00 P.M. at the Heartland N-Trak Clubhouse in Liberty, MO. They can contact me at nscale05@gmail.com for more details

First and Third Sunday - Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club, Leatherock Hotel Center, 420 North Depot Street, Cherryvale, KS 1:00 PM. Information contact John Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com

Meetings

Saturday, December 20 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at members' layouts. Information: Claudia Rollstin, Claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com

Sunday, December 28 – Northeast Kansas, at members' layout. Information: J. Merritt, jmerritt@jccc.net

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

Every Wednesday – Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 N.W. Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com, or W. L. Ohnneil, wohnneil@sbcglobal.net

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

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, December 4 – Round Table, Golden Ox, 1600 Genesee, Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Information: Deek Deitrick, adeitrick@swbell.net

Monday, December 8 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main Street office, 12 E. 5th, 4:00. Purpose: to make Emporia a passenger stop for Amtrak. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandrew70@yahoo.com

Every Tuesday – Anyone who wants to eat breakfast and watch trains, Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00

TRAIN RIDES

Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7, 13-14 – Santa Claus Express, 10:00, 1:00, 3:30. Tickets: adult \$16.00, child 1-11 \$10.00. Information: www.midlandrailway.org

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

Dec 6-7; and Dec. 13-14, 2014 Santa Claus Express Midland Railway, Baldwin City, Kansas 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM Adults \$16 and Children (1-11) \$10, for more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

December 13,14 2014 Overland Park Intl Trade Center Show Hours Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM The Great Train Show is the largest traveling model train show in the country, serving well-over 30 major cities. The Great Train Show 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! Toy train play area, Model railroad layouts they can operate, Workshops on model railroading, and Lots of layouts featuring different scales.

April 18th & 19th, 2015, 21st Annual Train Show, North Platte, Nebraska, sponsored by the Nebraska West-Central Division. D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, Nebraska. Hours 9-5 Saturday the 18th and 10-4 Sunday the 19th. 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

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

June 4-6th 2015 Mid Continent Region Convention hosted by South Central Missouri Area Jefferson City Missouri at the Capital Plaza Hotel for information or to help contact Brad Slone bradslone@yahoo.com

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Turkey Creek

November meeting

We voted for our officers and the same slate we had for 2014 was voted in for 2015. Some of you might want to step up for next year's elections and take your turn.

Bob Spurgate gave the treasures report and we have about \$5155.48 in checking and cash.

Charlie Stapleton will be having a sale to sell all his trains and accessories. Charlie is in HO scale and has some very nice model trains. The sale will be on December 20 from 9-4pm. Charlies address is 1411 N 79, KC KS 66112 and his phone is 2992923. Our next meeting will be at the Knoxberry Presb Church which Louis will have an address for in this issue and it will be Ron Morris putting on his great x-mas show. That will be on 12-16-2014 since our normal night would have been on X-mas night. When you get your NMRA calendar please see the picture for the December calendar. Ron Morris made the picture for that month, December 2015. We got to see the new logos for the Mid Continent region and we voted we liked the heart shape better. Also we saw what the new convention car will look like for the region show that will be in Jefferson City in June. It will be the "St. Louis Refrigerator Car Company" and on the screen it's a reefer but it looked like it was painted white. Dale Pettaplace is taking orders for the new make and take clinic. You can choose from 3 models so let him know if you want one. For \$8 you can't beat the price. You can print the sheets to pick from on our web site at tc:nmra.org so you can order soon. That's all for now folks,

Steve.

