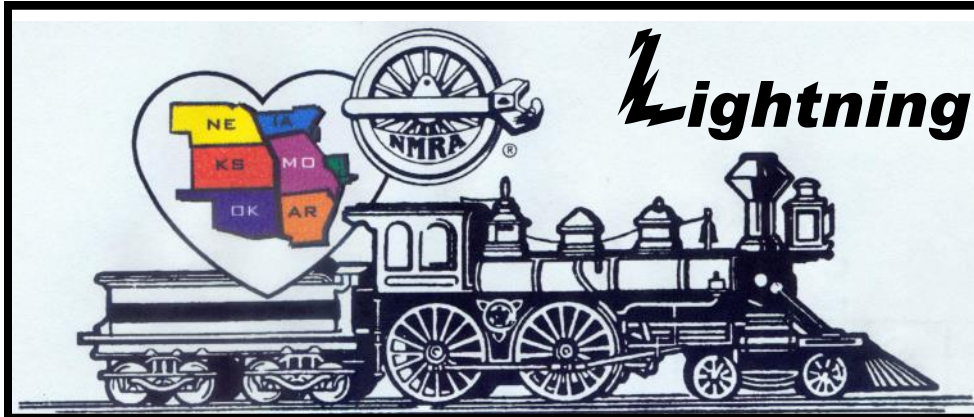


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**Turkey Creek
Division Meeting
February 25th
At 7pm
Shawnee Mission North
High School**

Clinic by Stephen Priest MMR
Layout Design
And
Construction





Hello Ray Here,

Where did this month go? For me it seems that we just had our meeting last week. I guess it's because I've been trying to go in ten different directions at once this month.

I did manage to get to the basement a little, very little. But that's more than I have for a while.

I hope you have had some time to work on what ever project you have.

I think I'm going to set aside an evening a week or a day a week to work on projects. Try to get in to some kind of routine and stick to it. I don't know if you have a schedule of working on your projects but I think it will help me. I've always have something to do or some place to go, so a scheduled time is the only way I'm going to get any thing done on a consistent bases.

I want to thank Paul and Brad for their presentation on an economical way for a indexing turntable. I had the turntable but wasn't sure how I was going to se it. I now have a plan.

Our program for this month will be given by Steve Priest, designing and building a layout. It was going to be on a different subject but Steve revised the program.

The balance of this years program is scheduled as follows

March 25 th	Bob McBean	Power Plants
April 22 nd	Steve McKee	Geodesic foam & molds
May 27 th	Ron Morse	Gold Creek Railroad
June 24 th	Model Challenge	
July 26 nd	Division Annual Meet	
Aug. 26 th	Larry Diehl	Modeling w/chalk
Sept 23 rd	Bob Libbey	?
Oct 28 th	Miles & Fran Hale	Make & Take
Nov 25 th	Larry Alfred	?
Dec 16 th	Ron Morse	

As usual programs are subject to change due to weather, health, jobs or other circumstances.

I know I said I would do a full program on tree making and I will. Right now it is a substitute program but I will work it in at some point .

Sincerely,
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VIRGINIA "GINNY" LEVY



1924 - 2014 |

Virginia 'Ginny' Levy, 89, of Lenexa, KS, passed away January 30, 2014 at Lakeview Village following an extended illness. Born September 4, 1924, Ginny was the only daughter of Erwin and Henrietta Petzing, both of whom preceded her in death. She married Sheldon Levy in August 1948 in Chicago, IL, where both had grown up and earned MS degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology where they had met. They enjoyed 65 wonderful years together. They lived initially in Providence, RI, and moved to Prairie Village in 1954. She is survived by her husband, Shelly, and five children, Peter Levy and wife Alice of Mission Hills, KS; Ken Levy and wife, Mina Kelly of Platte Woods, MO; Brad Levy of Lawrence, KS; Mindy Pendreigh and husband, Graham of Baldwin City, KS; and Missy Levy of Olathe, KS. She is survived by two grandchildren, Eric Levy of Prairie Village; and Elise Bueker and her husband, Jason, also of Prairie Village, KS. Ginny was a gracious lady who was loved for her simple elegance and care for others. She enjoyed painting, sewing, crafts, decorating, and had a love of animals, flowers and camping. She was an exceptional hostess, noted for her wonderful meals, who made friends and guests welcome into a home that she filled with love. A memorial service will be at 11a.m. on February 6 at Lakeview Village, Tree Top room in the Southridge building of Lakeview Village in Lenexa, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the Good Samaritan Fund of the Lakeview Village Foundation or The [Alzheimer's Association](#) . Porter Funeral Homes and Crematory



February 2014

THE CHICKEN PLUCKER GAZETTE

A RANDOM OCCURRING SUPPLEMENT OF THE TURKEY CREEK LIGHTNING SLINGER

Chickenman Adventures on N scale Cedar River and Iowa Central Railway—The Crandic Route—located in Lakewood, CO.

N-Joy the photos. Patrick Lana, MMR

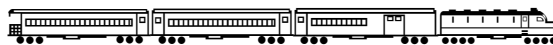


① Chickenman on the hayrack assisting John Bear in stealing honey from the bee keepers. I guess he doesn't always obey the law.

② Chickenman with Bruce Faulkner and Quintin Foster, a.k.a. the Blues Brothers, and their Bluesmobile. "It's got a cop motor, It's got cop tires, cop suspension, cop shocks. It's a model made before catalytic converters so it'll run good on regular gas." Elwood Blues in the 1980 movie *The Blues Brothers*.

③ Oh, oh, got a little too close to Top Secret Black Box, Bottle and Bag Co. in Pammelia. Chickens don't like dogs and vice versa.

④ Showing off again with Tow Mater and Lightning McQueen from the 2006 Disney movie "*Cars*". They are on U.S. 30, the Lincoln Highway, over Bennington Yard and as the sign says, the edge of the Crandic layout is one step away.





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 57th
ST. LOUIS AREA NARROW GAUGE MEET
SATURDAY , April 26th 2014

AT MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
129 WOODSMILL RD. MANCHESTER MO.

SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Registration, Set up, Socializing

?

Cost: \$10.00 (Includes Lunch)

Bring a model for display

Reservations required by April 19th 2014!!!

Lunches will not be sold at the door

_____ Reservations (at \$10.00 each) = \$ _____ enclosed

Make checks payable to: John Kalin

Mail this slip and your check to: John Kalin

5011 Barbagallo Dr.

St. Louis, MO 63129

Remember the deadline is April 19th 2014.



EXPLORING THE RAILS

SIoux CITY, IOWA

MAY 2-4, 2014

Sponsored by the PRAIRE LAKES

Division of the TLR

STONE CREEK INN

300 3rd Street

Sioux City, IA 51101

1-800-659-2220

(Room Reservations- \$99 *Ask for TLR Convention rate)

Note: You must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association to attend. Membership will be checked!

Spouses or significant others need not be NMRA members to attend the Friday Social and Saturday night banquet meals and non-rail events.

If you have ever received an NMRA 'RailPass' membership to attend a previous TLR convention, you cannot use that again. You must sign up for full NMRA membership to attend again this year.

A 6-month 'RailPass' membership is available for new members for \$10. See below.

Name _____ NMRA # (Required) _____
 Spouse/Guest Name _____ NMRA Membership Expiration Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Phone () _____ Email _____

EVENTS AND PRICING:	Price	Total
Early-bird Member Basic Registration (Postmarked before APRIL 18th 2014) Includes all clinics, rail tours, Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday dinner and social, Saturday banquet and Sunday breakfast. Meals included when attending rail events. Save \$10!	\$100	
Spouse or Guest Early-bird Registration (Postmarked before) APRIL 18th 2014 Includes all clinics, rail tours, Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday dinner and social, Saturday banquet and Sunday breakfast. Meals included when attending rail events. Save \$10!	\$100	
Registrations postmarked or later APRIL 18th 2014	\$110	
Friday Dinner / Social and Saturday Banquet only	\$35	
6-month Rail Pass NMRA Membership for non-NMRA members	\$10	
	Total	

LET US KNOW WHICH EVENTS YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING:									
FRIDAY EVENTS	Member		Spouse		SATURDAY EVENTS	Member		Spouse	
	Y	N	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N
Ethanol Plant Tour					Transco Railway Repair Tour *				
Non-rail Tours									
Friday Reception - 6:00 pm					Saturday Banquet – 6:00 pm				

List any special dietary needs (we will do our best to accommodate):

*Transco Railway Repair – limited to the first 90 registrants.

**Non-rail tours subject to change.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Thousand Lakes Region :	
Mail completed form and payment to:	Please direct any questions to:
Gerry Miller, Registrar	Jay Davis, Convention Chairman
1040 Hawkeye Dr.	P.O. Box 264
Dubuque, Iowa 52001	Everly, Iowa 51338
(563) 557-9646	jdandice22c@hotmail.com / (712) 834-2073



Exploring the Rails '14



This year's TLR convention will be here before we know it. The convention will start on Friday, May 2 with a morning departure from the hotel to tour an ethanol plant at Merrill, Iowa. The plant is located on the BNSF mainline from the Twin Cities to Sioux City. After the tour we will continue on to Le Mars, Iowa where we will have lunch at the Plymouth County Museum. The museum is housed in the former Le Mars High School building. The museum has a diverse collection of artifacts from Le Mars and surrounding areas; everything from farm equipment to a plane that was manufactured in Le Mars at one time. Also located in the Museum is the Floyd Valley Model Railroad club. The layout will be open for viewing after lunch. We are still working on another tour of a plastics manufacturer which is served by rail in Le Mars.

Friday night will include a reception with light sandwiches and dessert. Entertainment for the evening will feature our guest speaker, Dr. Rudy Daniels. Dr. Daniels is an author, college professor, and railroad historian. He will entertain us with historical facts and interesting stories of railroading. The night will conclude with the TLR business meeting and clinics. Saturday will start with clinics. Once they

are concluded, a tour of Transco Railway Repair will depart from the hotel. Transco repairs freight cars and features a transfer table for moving cars between buildings. The tour will be limited to 90 people. It is important that you get your registration in right away to guarantee a place on the tour.

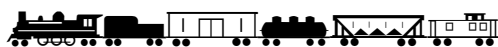
After lunch on your own, five layouts will be opening for viewing; three HO, one N, and one O scale. Also, the Siouxland Historical Society's historic former Milwaukee Road roundhouse and shops will be open for us.

The museum has been very busy since the last time the TLR had its convention in Sioux City. The Great Northern steam locomotive 1355 has been cosmetically restored and the grounds and building rejuvenated. The society was given a 15' X 75' HO Scale layout from the Durham Western Heritage Museum in Omaha, NE. They have done an excellent job with this new layout.

Saturday evening will be the grand banquet with Dr. Rudy Daniels entertaining us again. The contest winners will be announced during the banquet. We will also be holding the always popular Chinese auction.

Sunday morning will begin with the TLR general membership meeting. After that, the Prairie Lakes Division will be putting on a swap meet. This will be a four-hour feeding frenzy of model railroad buying.

For those heading north, the day isn't over yet! The Otter Valley Railroad Club in Sibley, Iowa has volunteered to have their layout open for anyone traveling that direction. The Otter Valley Club started in 1986 and has evolved into a very large club layout featuring 1630' of track, 93 switches and mountainous terrain consisting of more than 2000 lbs. of plaster!



The convention has many non-rail activities put together by my wife, Heather. They include tours of Palmer's Old Time Candy Shoppe, the Sioux City Art Center, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, the Orpheum Theater, and of course, there are also many shopping opportunities.

The Stoney Creek Inn in downtown Sioux City will be the site of our convention. It is a modern facility with northwoods decor. The Stoney Creek is offering us a special rate of \$99.00 a night. To get the special rate, just mention the TLR convention when you call for a reservation at 1-800-659-2220. The hotel offers a great free hot breakfast daily.

Within the hotel is a small pub. It has a great local historical feel to it and has food and drinks to satisfy everyone's needs. The hotel also has a pool that is connected by a waterfall to the outdoor pool. The banquet and clinic area are just a short walk from the hotel rooms. I don't think you will be disappointed with this hotel!

A more detailed schedule will be emailed to registrants at a date closer to the event. We have a great line up of clinicians that we will include in the email once the schedule is finalized.

Hope to have you join us for Exploring the Rails in Sioux City!



Great River Railroad Club

23rd Annual Train Show

Saturday, March 1, 2014
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, 2014
12 noon – 5 p.m.

Quincy Place Plaza Mall – Highway 34 and Quincy Ave.
Ottumwa, Iowa

FREE ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Operating Layouts

Swap Meet

Swap Tables Available

For More Information Contact:

Tom Morgan
2075 235th St.

Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

PH: 319-931-3034

Steam_gal@yahoo.com

TABLE RESERVATION FORM

Vendors are responsible for skirting at show, which is available for \$1.00 per table. GRRC is not responsible for theft or accidents. Vendors are also responsible for collecting sales tax. Vendors are responsible for their own chairs.

Name: _____

Check or money order-ONLY

Address _____

Payable to GRRC

Send to:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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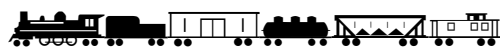
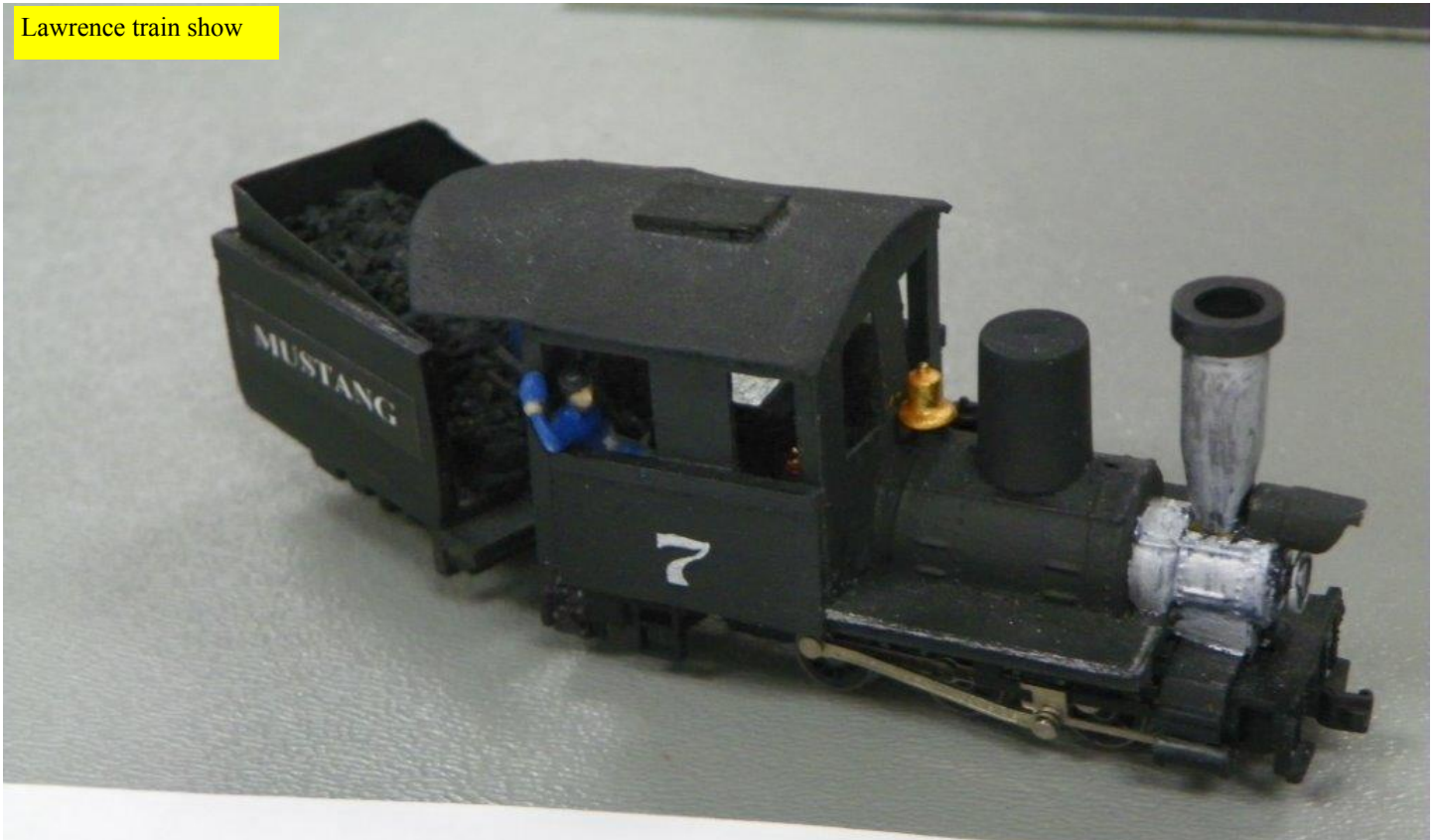
!!!Early Bird Special!!!	Both Days - \$27 ea.	Sat. Only - \$20 ea.	Sun. Only - \$13 ea.	
After February 22 nd , 2014	Both Days - \$30 ea.	Sat. Only - \$23 ea.	Sun. Only - \$16 ea.	Total \$
QTY OF TABLES NEEDED				
SKIRTING - \$1.00ea.				

NO REFUNDS UNLESS SHOW IS CANCELLED. GRAND TOTAL\$ _____

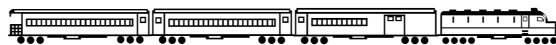




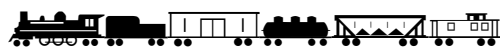
13th Lawrence Model Railroad Show Model Contest
Please use a separate form for each entry. Entry Number: 2
Category: (Please circle the category you wish to enter)
Steam - Diesel - Rolling Stock - **Structure** - Diorama
Description: National Furniture



Lawrence train show



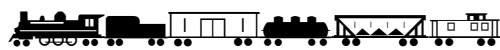
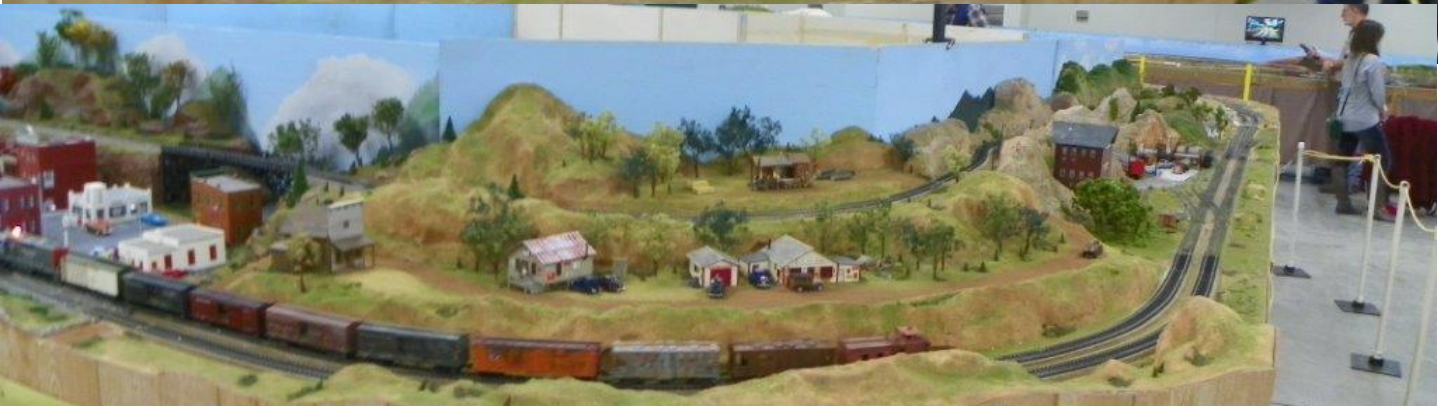
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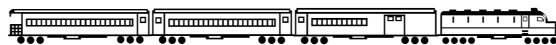


Lawrence train show



Lawrence train show





NMRA AP Group Rules and Regulations

The NMRA Achievement Program Yahoo Group is for those who are members of the NMRA and are working on their Achievement Program Certifications. Here you can get questions answered, find a mentor/coach, or get a kick in the pants to get you started. The group is about helping people.

We REQUIRE that you be an NMRA member and if you are signing up, please provide us your NMRA membership number. Not a member? Please join! www.nmra.org. While you are there, read the rules and regulations for the Achievement Program.

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/>

90% of the questions that are being answered on the forum are in the regs.

Naturally things turn to the dark side from time to time, so here are some guidelines.

BEFORE YOU HIT SEND, ASK YOURSELF...

- Did I ask for help?
- Did I help someone?

If your message can't pass the test then you are probably talking about NMRA politics, whining, complaining or way off topic. Please be on your best behavior. This is a fun site and we would like to keep profanity and rudeness off the list. The moderator has an itchy trigger finger!

Topics that are allowed:

- AP Topics on any of the 11 possible AP Certificates
 - MMR questions
 - National/Regional/Divisional/International AP Chairman questions
 - Questions about contest rules
 - Questions about model research, assembly, et al.
- Questions about merit judging

Topics that are NOT allowed:

- NMRA politics
 - Recommendations for improving/modifying or changing AP guidelines (send those to the NMRA)
 - Politics in general
 - Religious topics
 - Off topic gags and jokes
- Accusations or criticism of any member

This is a PRIVATE group for friends that are working on their NMRA and Moderators are not required to warn members of being put on moderate status or suspension or removal of membership. While we are not an NMRA sanctioned group, we do follow NMRA rules and will act to promote the organization.

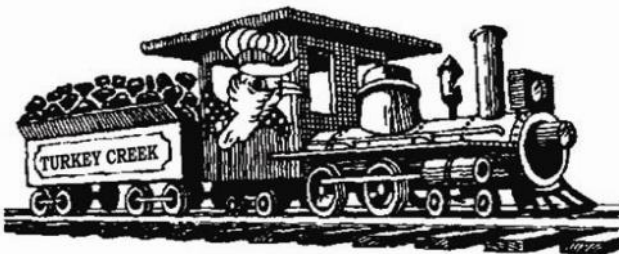
If you are moderated/banned from the group and you think it was done unfairly, you are welcomed to contact the list owner Scott Perry at scottgperry@comcast.net.

Please address questions to Scott Perry at scottgperry@comcast.net. We're glad to have you aboard!

Scott Perry
List Owner



**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



This article originally appeared in the July 2010 Scale Rails Magazine.....



"Tools of the trade" for doing a Microsoft® Powerpoint presentation. Left to right: Laptop computer, clip on LED reading light, laser pointer, external mouse (optional), remote for digital projector and spare batteries for the remote.

Over the past 25 years I have attended and given hundreds of clinics or classes. Some of those clinics were excellent and some were very bad. So the question is what makes a clinic good or bad? I don't claim to have all the answers but I believe I can share some observations that will help you improve the quality of the next clinic you are asked to give.

First, if you have been asked to give a clinic it is usually because someone believes you have some skill or ability that should be shared with others. Assuming this is true you are already well on your way to giving a good clinic. Each of us has certain skills that we excel in. Hopefully the clinic you have agreed to teach will tap into one of your stronger areas.



Once the topic of your clinic has been determined you are ready to proceed to the next step. The most important aspect of teaching any class or clinic is proper preparation. On too many occasions I have heard clinicians get up before a group and announce that they have not had the time to prepare for their clinic so they are just going to "wing it". Almost without exception these clinics turn out to be a bad experience for both the clinician and the students. **DON'T FALL INTO THIS PITFALL.** If you agree to do a clinic make sure there is enough advance time available to do proper preparation. Then, be sure you spend the necessary time preparing. If you feel you can't spend the proper preparation time then don't agree to do the clinic! If there is one golden rule of teaching it is "**BE PREPARED**".

PREPARING FOR THE CLINIC

Rule #1 - Be sure you don't forget any of your props. I can't begin to tell you how many times I have attended a clinic where the clinician has announced that they have FORGOTTEN critical items needed for their presentation. When I teach a class on scenery I have to take along over 70 items. If I try to do this from memory I will probably forget some critical items. I will never forget a time years ago when I was teaching classes on gold panning. Part of the program was done with slides. Would you believe I forgot the slides? *Have you ever tried to do a slide show without slides?* Ever since that day I have made extensive check-off lists that list EVERY item I

need to take along. I double check this list just before I go out the door to do the clinic. If you plan on using a dry erase board be sure the clinic room has one available. In addition, you should take along your own dry erase markers because invariably there will be



If you will be using a "white board" or dry erase board I find it is good to take along your own markers, eraser and even some dry erase board cleaner.

none available in the clinic room or they will be dried up (you might want to even consider taking some dry erase cleaner along as some boards are filthy). If you are doing a hands on clinic that is messy be sure to take along a plastic drop cloth and a roll of paper towels. Spilling a bottle of paint on the carpet in a clinic room can put a real damper on things!



Cords...all types of cords. Drop cord, computer power supply, power cord for projector, VGA and USB cables for the projector. Also shown is masking tape which is used to tape down cords to keep people from tripping over them.

Rule #2 - Make and use an outline. Many clinicians just bounce around and chase "rabbit trails", apologizing the whole time for being disorganized. On the other hand DON'T just stand and read pages of typewritten notes, this is very boring. Consider preparing your clinic by creating a "story board". A story board

will help you visualize your presentation and will also help you organize your thoughts. The simplest way to create a story board is by using index cards on which you can record your key points and then lay them out on a table and rearrange them until you are satisfied with the flow. A story board will help you identify where your presentation is lacking in substance or flow.

Rule #3 - Ask your host what your clinic time parameters are, then do several "dry runs" of the clinic to be sure you can match your appointed time slot. Numerous times I have been slated to follow someone doing a clinic that is running 30 to 45 minutes past their allotted time. This is not only inconsiderate but it can also throw the entire clinic or



A clipboard with your notes, a CD and/or a flash drive with your presentation. The LED reading light which can be used either for the laptop computer keyboard or your notes if you have the lights out for a Microsoft® Powerpoint presentation.

meeting schedule off track. **Start and stop on time!** If it's within my power I start clinics no later than five minutes after the posted start time. Leave your clinic attendees wanting more rather than saying "**Boy, I thought he would never quit**".

Rule #4 - Prepare a lot of show and tell or visual aid items that relate to your clinic. These really help the students to understand what you are talking about.

Rule #5 - Some clubs or model railroad meets will pay to have handouts copied. Even if you have to pay for these I believe they make any clinic more valuable as it supplies the students with specific information that they can take home with them. Obviously with today's computer programs putting together a great handout is not the ordeal it once was.

Rule #6 - AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS:

SLIDE PROJECTORS - Not many people use slides and slide projectors these days. However, if you do here are a few items you need to consider:

- Do you have a spare bulb for your projector?
- Do you have a LONG, good quality, grounded drop cord with you?
- What about the screen?
- Can the room be made dark enough to show slides? When I was on the slide show circuit doing programs on ghost towns and scenic areas of the west I carried along some sheets of black plastic and two inch masking tape to black out windows.
- Does the projector have a long remote cord or will you need someone to help run the projector? You should also use tape to secure drop cords to the floor to prevent trips and falls. Many years ago I was nearly sued because a person tripped over an extension cord I was using!!!!
- Some type of pointer is also a must.



MICROSOFT® POWERPOINT

PRESENTATIONS - In today's high tech world Microsoft® PowerPoint presentations are now the norm. However, there are some additional things to consider with PowerPoint presentations:

- If you don't have your own laptop computer and digital projector you will be at the mercy of the group supplying one or both of them. This can be a BIG problem! In many cases I have found that the group supplying the projector and/or laptop knows little to nothing about setting the system up. In addition I have found that most supplied digital projectors have not been tweaked to do a good job with photos. I remember doing one railroad travelogue program where the supplied projector was so bright that all the blue skies in my photos were white!
- Another common problem is getting the laptop computer to communicate with the projector. I did one program where the people had to wait over 20 minutes for us to try and figure out the compatibility setting between my laptop and the projector. Some of this problem has been improved with the newer "Plug and Play" projectors.
- Beware of using specialty fonts unless you are using your own laptop computer because unless the laptop you are using has your specialty fonts loaded in its fonts folder PowerPoint will default to something other than what you intended. A safe bet is to stay with standard fonts



If you do quite a few clinics you might want to consider purchasing some type of folding hand truck. Used copy paper boxes are great for hauling your clinic props. Assorted "Bungie" cords are great for securing your clinic load.

like **ARIAL** and **TIMES NEW ROMAN**. Another way to get around the font issue is to convert your presentation to a "**Package for CD**" CD. This creates a self extracting Microsoft® PowerPoint

file on a CD that will allow you the option to "EMBED" your specialty fonts. This CD can then run on a PC computer that does NOT even have Microsoft® PowerPoint on it (see the last page for detailed instructions on this facet). Even though I now have my own laptop computer and digital projector I take along my presentation on a CD as well just in case I need to load it onto a different laptop.

- Be sure you have a LONG, good quality, grounded drop cord with several plug ins with you.
- What about the screen? Are they supplying it or are you bringing it?
- Does the laptop computer/projector have a remote or will you need someone to help run the laptop?
- You should also use tape to secure drop cords to the floor to prevent trips and falls.
- Will there be sufficient table space for the computer and the projector?
- Some type of laser pointer is also a must. Some projectors come with remotes that also have laser pointers built in.
- Based on the above...When it is possible make every effort to test run your presentation at least 30 minutes before the crowd arrives.
- Most of the new "Multimedia Digital Projectors" are bright enough that you

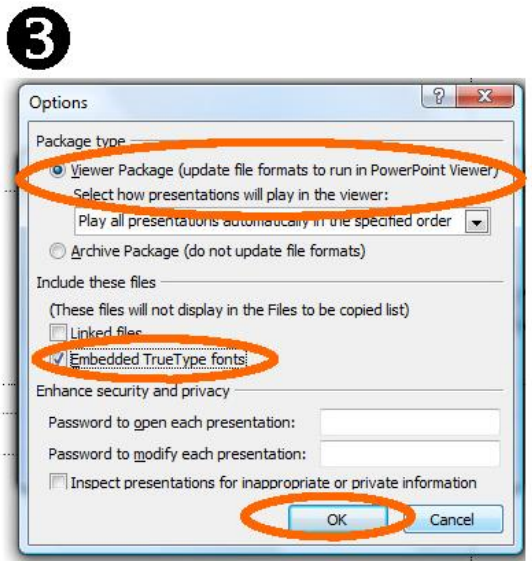
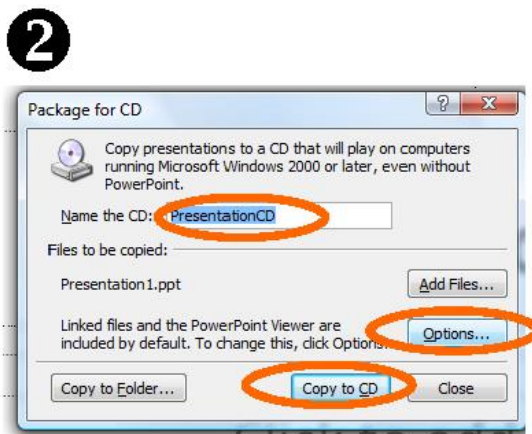
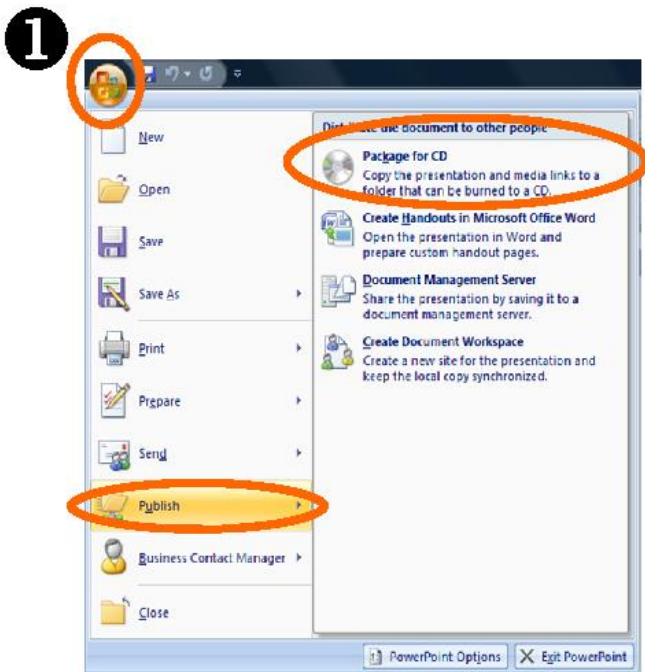


AVOIDING PROBLEMS WITH POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

By Ron Morse, MMR

(DOWNLOADING TO A CD WITH MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 97-2003)

A great way to get around compatibility issues when doing a PowerPoint presentation is to do a "Package for CD" CD. This creates a Microsoft® PowerPoint file on a CD that will allow you the option to "EMBED" your specialty fonts and create a CD that can then run on a PC computer that does NOT even have Microsoft® PowerPoint on it. Even though I now have my own laptop computer and digital projector I take along my presentation on a CD as well just in case I need to load it onto a different laptop.



This will create an AUTORUN CD. To play it simply insert the CD into your CD ROM drive and shut the drawer. The CD ROM light should begin to flash indicating that the CD is being read.

Depending on the speed of your CD ROM it will take from 1-5 minutes to load and run. If you get a pop-up message that says "Run PPTVIEWEXE" double click the message and it will proceed to open the file.

Advance the show slide by slide by using the arrow keys on your computer. Slides that have a ">" in the lower left hand corner will auto fade through several transitions. To STOP hit ESCAPE. While the show is running you can do a RIGHT CLICK on your mouse button for additional options (Next Slide, Previous Slide, Go To Slide, End Show).

For more information see the article by Ron Morse, MMR...
"The Prepared Clinician" in the July 2010 Scale Rails Magazine.

AVOIDING PROBLEMS WITH POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

By Ron Morse, MMR

(DOWNLOADING TO A FLASH DRIVE OR CD WITH MICROSOFT® POWERPOINT 2010)

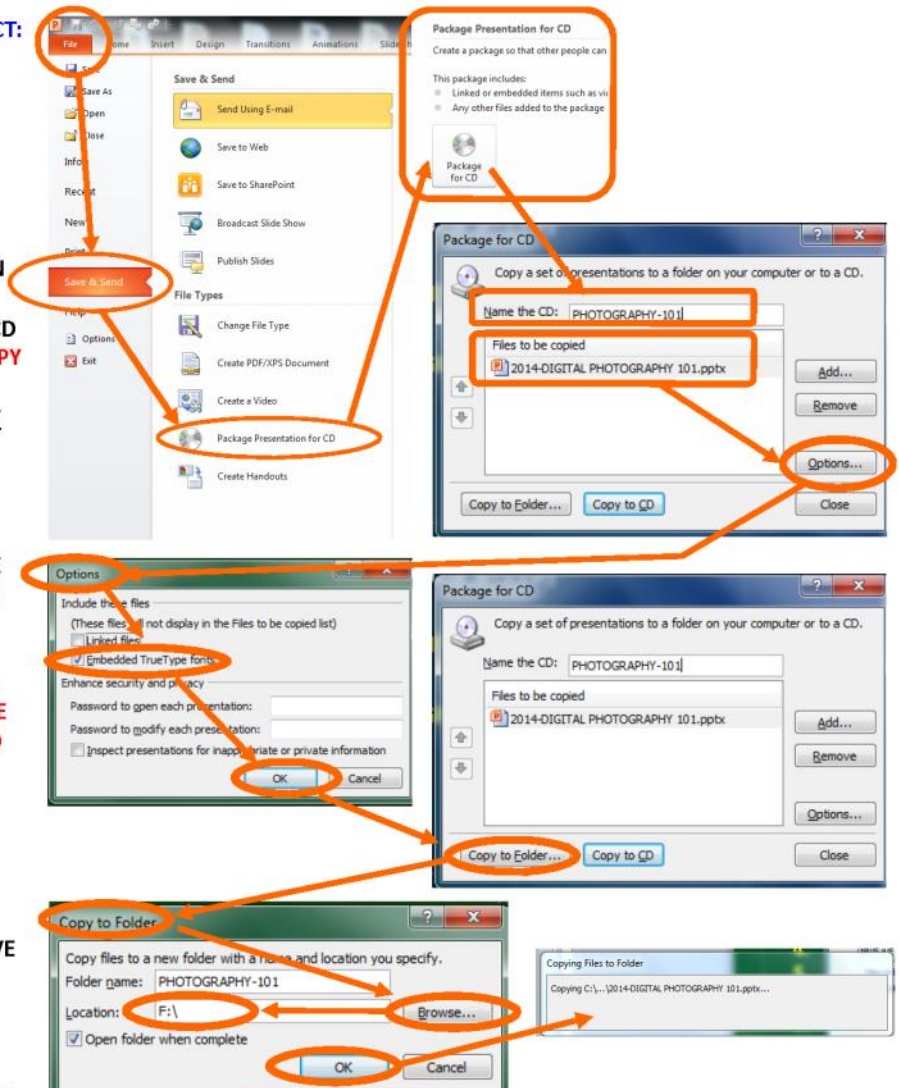
A great way to get around compatibility issues when doing a PowerPoint presentation is to copy your Microsoft® PowerPoint file to a FLASH DRIVE or a CD that will allow you the option to "EMBED" your specialty fonts and create a FOLDER on your FLASH DRIVE or CD that can then run on a PC computer [assuming the laptop has PowerPoint loaded on it]. Even though I now have my own laptop computer and digital projector I take along my presentation on a flash drive or CD as well just in case I need to load it onto a different laptop. **This file will NOT run on a computer that does not have a PowerPoint program loaded on it, or at least the PowerPoint Viewer loaded.**

WITH YOUR POWERPOINT OPEN SELECT:

- "FILE"
- "SAVE AND SEND"
- "PACKAGE PRESENTATION FOR CD"
- CLICK ON THE "PACKAGE FOR CD" ICON
- ON THE "PACKAGE FOR CD" SCREEN TYPE IN A NAME FOR THE CD
- "FILES TO BE COPIED" WILL SHOW IN THE WINDOW
- AT THIS POINT WE CAN COPY TO A CD OR A FOLDER. I HAVE SELECTED "COPY TO FOLDER"
- UNDER THE OPTION WINDOW ONLY SELECT "EMBEDDED TRUE TYPE FONTS". DO NOT SELECT "LINKED FILES"
- CLICK "OK"
- AFTER YOU CLICK "OK" YOU WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO THE "PACKAGE FOR CD" WINDOW

[IF YOU WANT TO "COPY TO CD" JUST CLICK THAT BUTTON AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS. IF YOU WANT TO "COPY TO FOLDER" FOLLOW THE REMAINING STEPS LISTED BELOW.]

- CLICK ON "COPY TO FOLDER"
- CLICK THE "BROWSE" BUTTON
- SELECT THE LOCATION OF YOUR FLASH DRIVE-IN THIS CASE IT IS DRIVE "F"
- CLICK "OK"
- A POP UP WINDOW WILL SHOW "COPYING FILES TO FOLDER". ONCE COMPLETED YOU CAN USE THE FLASH DRIVE YOU COPIED THE FILE TO ON ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS A POWERPOINT PROGRAM OR VIEWER ON IT.

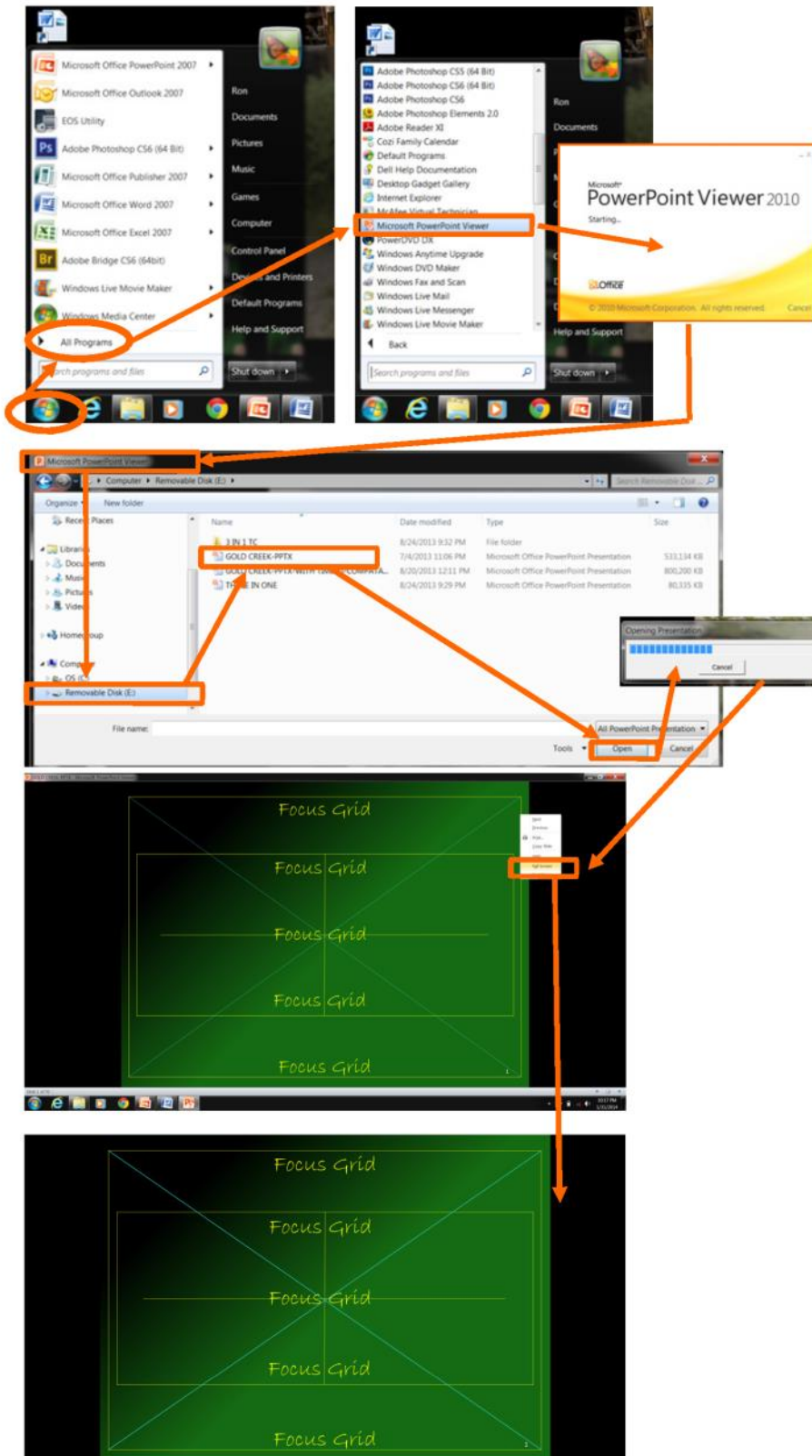


NOTE: IF YOU CREATE A POWERPOINT IN 2010 OR A NEWER VERSION USING FEATURES ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE NEWER VERSIONS THOSE FEATURES WILL NOT PLAY IN OLDER VERSIONS OF POWERPOINT (THE FEATURES WILL DEFAULT TO THE VERSION LOADED ON THE PRESENTATION COMPUTER). ONE WAY AROUND THIS IS IF THE COMPUTER YOU PLAN TO USE FOR THE PRESENTATION HAS THE POWERPOINT VIEWER INSTALLED ON IT. THE VIEWER CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=13>



RUNNING A POWERPOINT PROGRAM ON A COMPUTER THAT HAS THE MICROSOFT POWERPOINT VIEWER INSTALLED

By Ron Morse, MMR



RUNNING A POWERPOINT FROM THE VIEWER:

- CLICK ON THE "START" ICON IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF YOUR COMPUTER.
- CLICK "ALL PROGRAMS"
- CLICK ON THE "MICROSOFT POWERPOINT VIEWER" PROGRAM. A QUICK POP UP MENU WILL SHOW THAT THE POWER POINT VIEWER IS OPENING
- FROM THE "MICROSOFT POWERPOINT VIEWER" PANEL SELECT THE DRIVE WHERE THE FLASH DRIVE IS LOCATED [IN THE CASE IT IS THE REMOVABLE 'E' DRIVE]
- SELECT THE POWERPOINT YOU WANT TO OPEN AND CLICK "OK"
- A POP UP WINDOW "OPENING PRESENTATION" WILL APPEAR AND THEN DISAPPEAR. BE PATIENT DEPENDING UPON YOUR COMPUTER AND THE SIZE OF YOUR POWERPOINT FILE THIS CAN TAKE UP TO A FULL MINUTE OR MORE.
- THE OPENING SLIDE OF YOUR POWERPOINT WILL OPEN UP
- RIGHT CLICK ON THE SLIDE AND A POP UP BOX WILL APPEAR. SELECT "FULL SCREEN"
- THE EASIEST WAY TO ADVANCE YOUR PRESENTATION IS USING THE RIGHT FACING ARROW KEY ON YOUR KEYBOARD. TO GO BACKWARDS USE THE LEFT FACING ARROW KEY.

NOTE: I FIND MY POWERPOINT RUNS BETTER IF I DOWNLOAD IT TO MY DESKTOP AND OPEN AND RUN IT FROM THERE.

BY USING THE VIEWER ALL THE SPECIAL EFFECTS YOU PUT INTO YOUR PRESENTATION WILL WORK.

THE COMPUTER DOES NOT NEED TO HAVE A FULL VERSION, OR ANY VERSION OF POWERPOINT LOADED, JUST THE VIEWER.



HERE IS MY PERSONAL CHECKLIST:

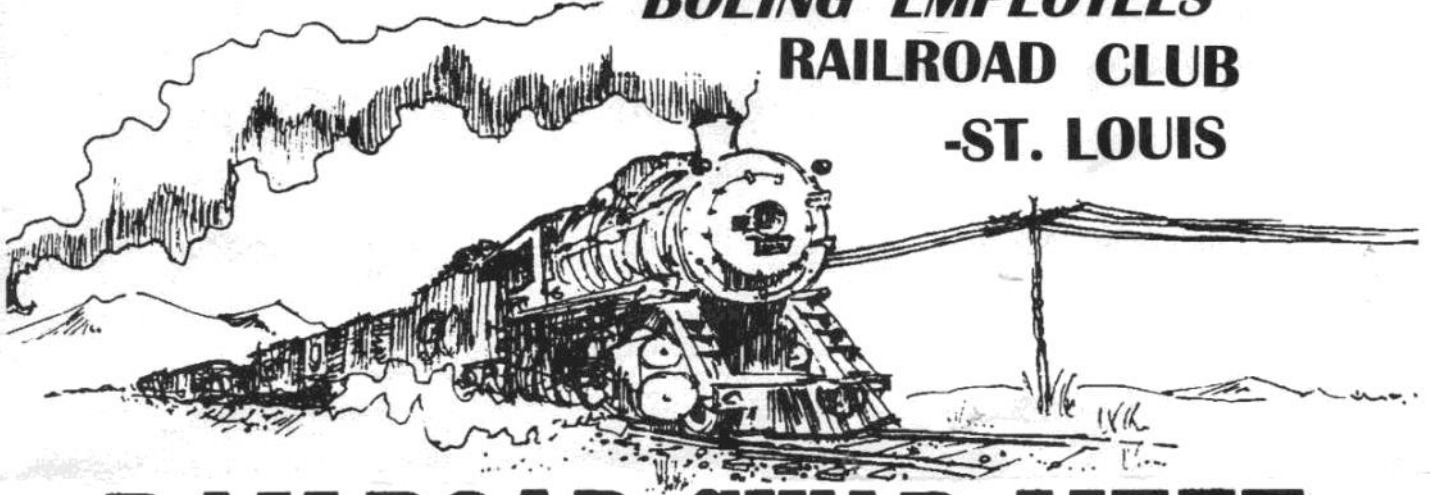
- I PRAY ABOUT THE CLINIC BEFORE I DO IT
- PROJECTOR SCREEN [DO I NEED TO TAKE MINE OR DO THEY HAVE ONE]
- LAPTOP COMPUTER
 - POWER CORD X 2 [THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO MY LAPTOP POWER CORD]
 - MOUSE
 - POWERPOINT LOADED
 - BACKUP POWER POINT ON FLASH DRIVE
 - BACKUP ON CD
 - BE SURE I HAVE POWERPOINT VIEWER LOADED ON MY LAPTOP
- EPSON EX 50 PROJECTOR
 - POWER CORD
 - SERIAL CABLE
 - USB CABLE
 - PROJECTOR/COMPUTER SETUP SHEET
- OTHER
 - FOUR PLEX DROP CORD AND REGULAR DROP CORD
 - MASKING TAPE TO TAPE DOWN THE DROP CORD [ALMOST GOT SUED ONCE WHEN A PERSON TRIPPED OVER THE CORD]
 - HAND TRUCK TO HAUL STUFF ON
 - BUNGEE CORDS TO TIE STUFF TO HAND TRUCK
 - EXTRA "AA" BATTERIES [FOR PROJECTOR REMOTE AND MOUSE]
 - TIC-TACS [HELPS MY VOICE]
 - LASER POINTER
 - STOOL TO SIT ON [I CAN'T STAND THAT LONG]
 - MAP LIGHT TO SEE NOTES [MAY OR MAY NOT NEED THIS BUT WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT IT GETS DARK]
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This is ONLY for the PowerPoint part. If there are other items for live show and tell then I list out every item to be sure I don't forget something.

IF YOU ARE USING SOMEONE ELSE'S LAPTOP OR PROJECTOR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET THERE VERY EARLY SO YOU CAN TEST THEM OUT.



**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.

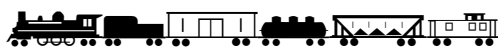
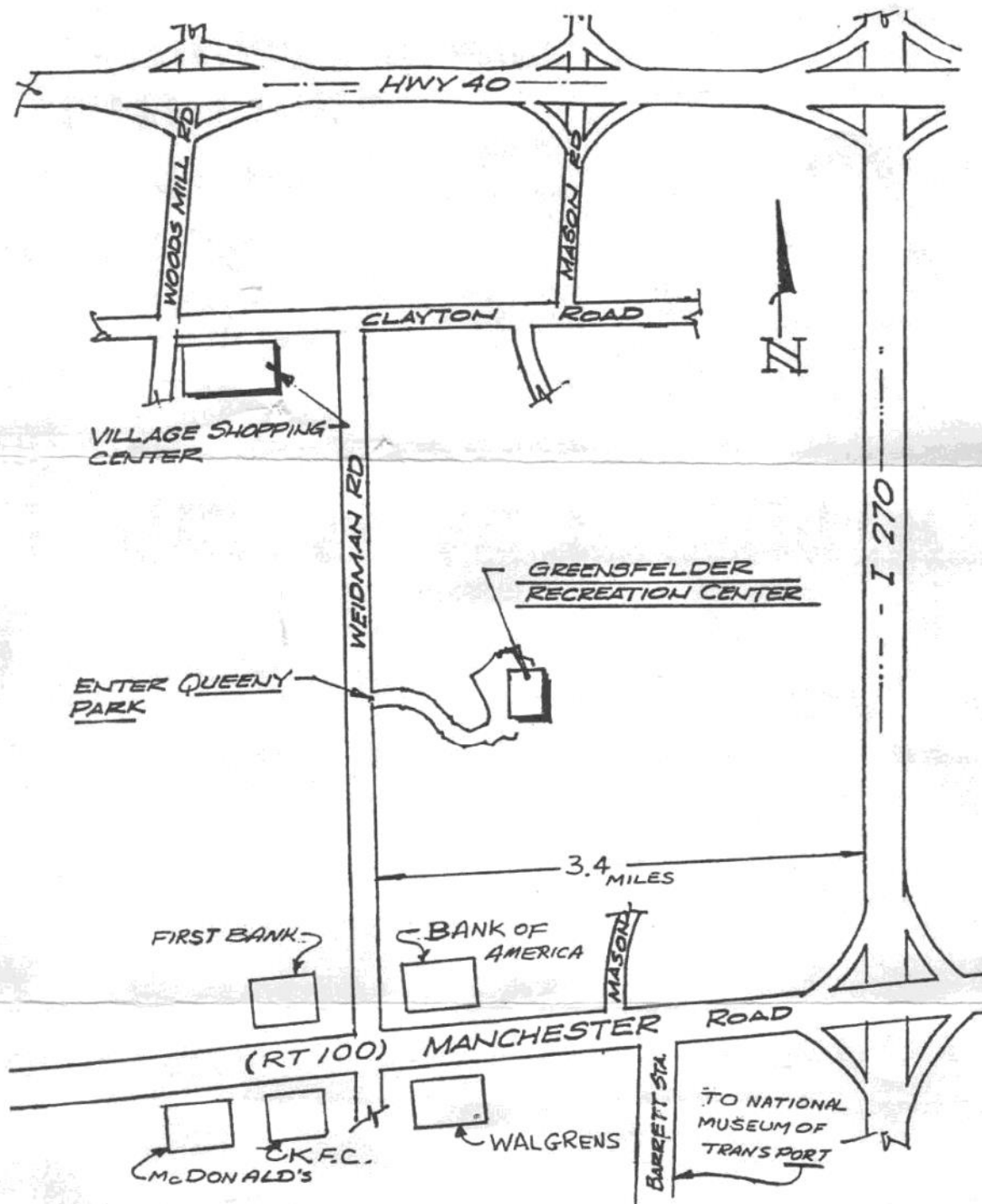
ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **BOEING EMPLOYEES' RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS**

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> SP	<input type="checkbox"/> TJ Ry	<input type="checkbox"/> KCS	<input type="checkbox"/> S&LC	<input type="checkbox"/> CNJ/LV
<input type="checkbox"/> C&S	<input type="checkbox"/> ATSF	<input type="checkbox"/> DRS	<input type="checkbox"/> KCT Ry	
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I am just attending the Workshop Presentations will not be operating

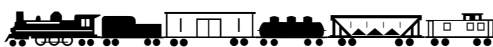
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: _____

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
 - ✦ Steve Davis
 - ✦ Designing a Layout and Layout Room for Operations
 - ✦ Steve Gillett
 - ✦ 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>

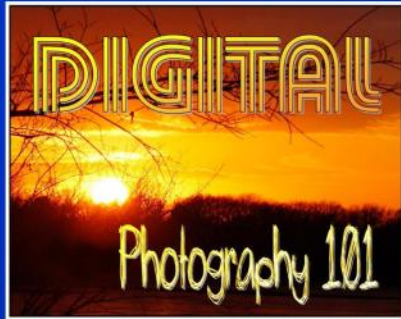
Or I have attached a copy of the PDF if you want to print it out and mail it in, or even run in your newsletters. You will notice that on the top that this is the last in this series! The Committee has agreed to take a breather after this meet, how long, who knows...what I can tell you is we are going 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.



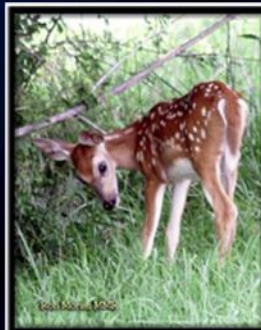
The class is FREE but you must PREREGISTER.

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



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 Ridgeland 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

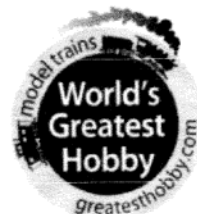
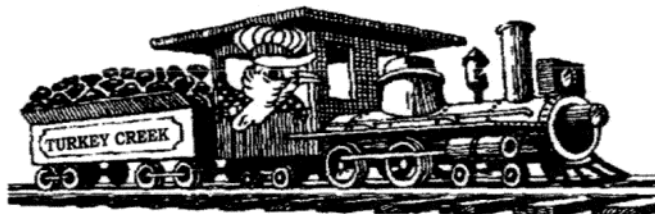
Online registration and Payment will be available after July 15 on the convention website at www.mrtm.org/convention

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

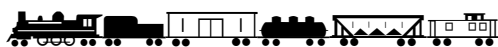
Make checks payable to "Turkey Creek Division"

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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AUTHOR
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THE SWITCH LIST February 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

February 14, Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, 124 NW Fillmore, Preston-Hale Room, 7:00

February 21, Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E Douglas, 7:00 Informal dinner gathering, Riverside Café, 739 W 13th, 5:30. Information: 316-263-0944

February 28, Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Arthur Stillwell Room, 7:00 Program: Harvey Hotel & trains nearby LaPasada by Marcus Crosby

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

February 6 Wichita Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Streets, Augusta. Information: NASFAN@cox.net

February 6 Topeka N-Track Associates, at member's home, 7:00 Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

February 8 Kansas Pacific Model Railroad Ellis Museum 911 Washington 10:00 Lunch at a restaurant afterward Information: Tom Robinson, rrailway@gbta.net

February 11 Lawrence Model Railroad, 111E 1400 Rd. Information: Steve Meseraull meseraull@sbcglobal.net

Monday, February 17 Topeka Model Railroaders Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Thursday, February 20 - Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's layout, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

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

Every Monday - Garden City Model Trains, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons,



trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Wednesday-Saturday-Sunday Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Great Mall of the Plains, Store 190, 20070 W. 151st St. (I-35, exit 215), Olathe, Wed.7:00-9:00, Sat.-Sun. 12:00-5:00. Information: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.net

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 Our website is www.cvmrc.com

Every Saturday Mid Kansas Model Railroaders, 1130 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

February 1 Kansas Central at member’s home 1:00 pm Information: boxcar75@wamego.net

February 11 Platte Valley (Hastings, Grand Island, and Kearney, NE), at member’s home Information: John O’Neill, jponeill@computer-concepts.com

February 16 Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, at member’s home Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.com

February 25 Turkey Creek Shawnee Mission High School, cafeteria, Johnson Dr. & Metcalf, 7:00pm. Information: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.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. Wawkomis Dr, Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com, or W. L. Ohnell, wohrnell@sbcglobal.com

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

GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, February 15 Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at member’s home Information: Claudia Rollstin, Claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com

Sunday, February 23 Northeast Kansas, at member’s layout Information: J. Merritt, jmerritt@jccc.net

Thursday, February 27 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

HISTORIC CLUBS

Every Tuesday – Just a group who meets to train watch, Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, Wichita, 10:00. Come earlier for breakfast

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

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 Adults 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 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.

NEW

March 1st & 2nd 2014 Spring Rocky Mountain Toy Train Show The Rocky Mountain Division of the Train Collectors Association Adult admission is \$9; children under 12 and active military personnel with ID are free. Admission is good for both days. Show hours are 10 am to 5 pm both days. Parking is Free. Tickets may be purchased at King Soopers stores, online at www.ticketswest.com, and at the door. The Denver Mart is located at 451 East 58th Avenue in Denver, Colorado- I-25 at 58th Avenue exit. Show hours are 10 am to 5 pm both days. Full show details at www.RockyMountainToyTrainShow.com. Contact Jim Marski information 303-345-5031 marski@msn.com

NEW

March 1 & 2 Great River Railroad Club 23rd Annual Train Show FREE ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. & Sunday 12 noon - 5p.m, Quincy Place Plaza Mall - Highway 34 and Quincy Ave. Ottumwa, Iowa Swap Tables and Operating Layouts For Vendor Information Contact Tom Morgan 2075 235St, Mt Pleasant, IA 52641, Phone 319-931-3034 or steam_gal@yahoo.com



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, KS. 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, 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 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

March 15th & 16th 2014 The Great Train Expo Tulsa, OK Expo Square 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 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

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://ldopsigmeet.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 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

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 12, 13, & 19 Easter Egg Hunt Train, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, Kansas Departures from Baldwin City depot 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM each day Adults \$16.00; Children (1-11) \$10.00 For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

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

May 30, 31 June 1, 6, 7, & 8, Day Out With Thomas, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, Kansas (Details pending) For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

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: 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 Web site <http://www.tc-nmra.org/>

August 10, 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
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August 29, 30, 31 and September 1, Railfest, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, Kansas Steam train departures 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM; Diesel to Ottawa at 2:30 PM Fares, Steam Adult \$15, Children \$10; Diesel Adult \$16; Children \$8 For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org
KANSAS, OVERLAND PARK (Metro Kansas City, MO),

September 3-6, 34th National Narrow Gauge Convention KANSAS, OVERLAND PARK (Metro Kansas City, MO), Info: kansascity2014.com

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October 17-18, Maple Leaf Weekend, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, Kansas Hourly departures, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM \$8.00 all For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

October 17-18 & 24-25 Night Trains of Terror (Halloween Train) Midland Railway, Baldwin City, Kansas 6:30 PM, 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM Adults \$18; Children (2-11) \$12 For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

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

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