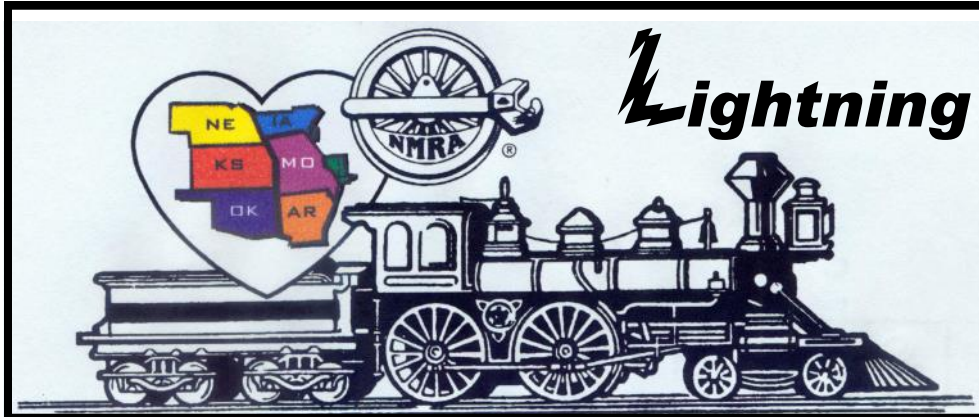


Turkey Creek Division



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

Clinic by Bob McBean

Power Plants





Dear Layout Owner,

As you may know, the National Narrow Gauge Convention will be held in Kansas City at the Overland Park Convention Center September 3-6, 2014.

This is your invitation to open your layout for your fellow model railroaders. What a great opportunity for you to show your work to a knowledgeable and appreciative audience. While the convention will attract Narrow Gaugers from all over the world, your layout does not have to be a narrow gauge one to be on the tour. We are looking for all scales and gauges to be part of the layout tour.

Home layout tour days are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 3-6 from 1:00-5:00 on each of these days. We would like you to be open at least 2 of these days but if only one day is possible, that will be appreciated.

Because we will be covered by the NMRA insurance program, all layout owners must be NMRA members. If you are not an NMRA member, the convention will send in and pay for a 6-month Rail Pass membership for you to the NMRA.

All tours at the Narrow Gauge Convention are by personal vehicle, not bus, so we cannot predict attendance levels at your layout.

Because of the age of the visitors and the likely warm weather, water and restroom availability would be preferred, but not absolutely required. If you wish, of course, you may provide additional refreshments for visitors.

One free convention registration is available for each layout owner who opens for the tour.

We realize security is a big concern these days. Only your name and layout description will be listed on the convention website. Your address will only be listed in the convention booklet which goes to registered attendees.

If you would like to open your layout, we need to hear from you! Please contact us by e-mail, phone, or regular mail as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you and having your layout on the tour.

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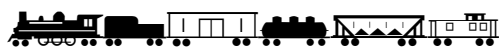
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ORGANIZATION



Minutes by Steve McKee

At the meeting of Turkey Creek NMRA on 2-25-2014 a motion was made to not invest our funds in Duke Energy. Another motion was made to invest our funds with Commerce Bank instead and the motion was carried. Commerce was chosen because they are local and have many different locations around town. That will make it easy for whoever is the treasure in the future. We will go with this broker and invest in bonds and stocks with no more the 70% in bonds and try to go with only 60% in bonds. This will be a better investment the CD's for our group. Steve Priest gave a clinic on layout planning for our clinic that night. Steve also told us that Kansas City was chosen for the 2018 NMRA convention and it would be held downtown like it was before. Steve has a core group put together already with a few guys that were involved in the last convention 20 years ago in 1998. He is looking for volunteers who to help out with the 2018 convention. So here is your chance to earn some volunteer points. Turkey Creek had voted not to put on this convention some time ago so Steve is using a lot of the group that operates here in Kansas City to fill those positions. I'm sure they will do a fine job. We have always has successful conventions here in Kansas City in the past and it should draw people in from each coast. So if you are interested contact Steve Priest.

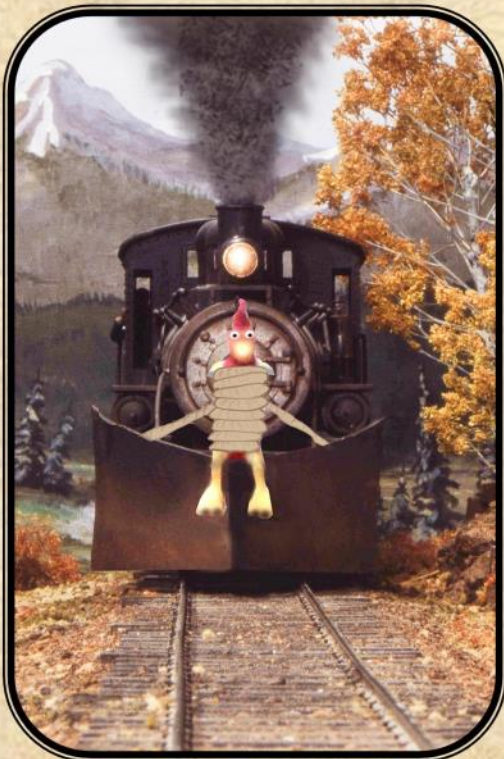


April 2014

THE CHICKEN PLUCKER GAZETTE

A RANDOM OCCURRING SUPPLEMENT OF THE TURKEY CREEK LIGHTNING SLINGER

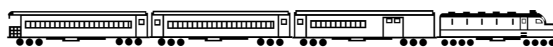
In a daring and desperate move to get the RED BULL breath off of his backside the CHICKEN MAN has commandeered the Nautilus one man submarine waiting on a siding in the yard of the FC&CRR. He has painted the submarine yellow and is proposing to start a Sub Sandwich Shop specializing in RED BULL barbeque sandwiches.



The railroad has had enough of CHICKEN MAN and his exploits so the General Manager has given orders have him tied to the front of a ten wheeler and escorted out of the state! **Be on the lookout as this "FOWL" creature may be headed to your railroad!**



Photos by Ron Morse, MMR





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

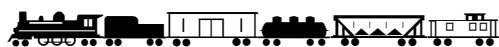
Make checks payable to: John Kalin

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

STONEy 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	

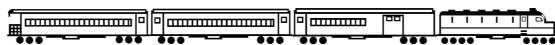
LET US KNOW WHICH EVENTS YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING:									
FRIDAY EVENTS	Member		Spouse		SATURDAY EVENTS	Member		Spouse	
	Y	N	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N
Ethanol Plant Tour					Transco Railway Repair Tour *				
Non-rail Tours									
Friday Reception - 6:00 pm					Saturday Banquet – 6:00 pm				

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.

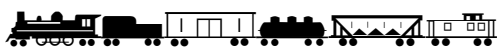
After lunch on your own, five layouts will be opening for viewing; three HO, one N, and one O scale. Also, the Siouxland Historical Society's historic former Milwaukee Road roundhouse and shops will be open for us.

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.

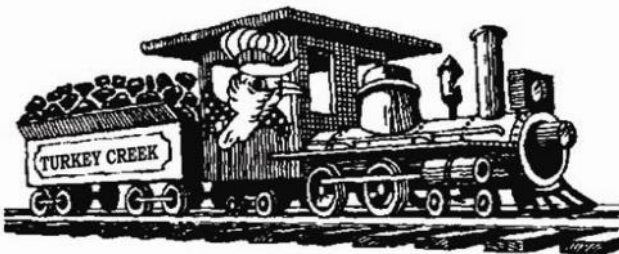
Saturday evening will be the grand banquet with Dr. Rudy Daniels entertaining us again. The contest winners will be announced during the banquet. We will also be holding the always popular Chinese auction.

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!



**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 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







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



THE SWITCH LIST

March 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

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Every Sunday Weekend N'engineers 16624 W 126th St Olathe 1:00pm Information: Ken Clark, haphheart@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: Steven Boeck stevejayneboeck@yahoo.com

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

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

Dhooghe, JRDhooghe@aol.com 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

March 11 Platte Valley (Hastings, Grand Island, and Kearney, NE), at member's home Information: John O'Neill,



jponeill@computer-concepts.com

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

March 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. Waukomis Dr, Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com, or W. L. Ohnell, wohnell@sbcglobal.com

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

GARDEN RAILROADS

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

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

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 are 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,

Railroaders 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

NEW

April 26th 2014 THE 57th ST. LOUIS AREA NARROW GAUGE MEET 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 Make checks payable to: John Kalin Mail this slip and your check to: John Kalin 5011 Barbagallo Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129

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/>

New

August 2, 2014 Train Show and Swap Meet 10am to 2:30pm Sponsored by Central Missouri Railroad Association at Warrenton Elks Lodge 1101 E Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, MO 63383 Adults \$5 12-17 \$3 under12 Free for updates and more information www.cmrraclub.com

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 steve@midamericatrainandtoyshow.com

September 16th 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

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

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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