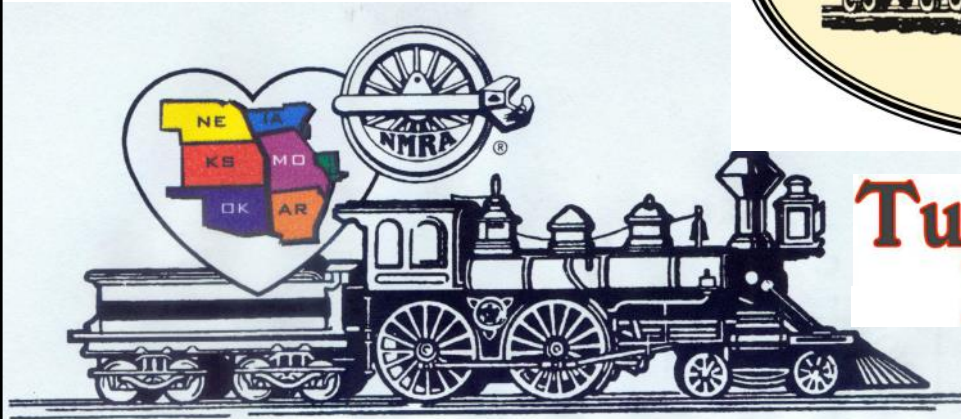


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“For all gauges and all ages”

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**Turkey Creek Division Meeting**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**We will meet in the Library at**  
**Hocker Grove Middle School**  
**10400 Johnson,**  
**Shawnee, KS 66203-2895**  
**Clinic what do you use for**  
**water?????**





Hell-o Ray Here,

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# Secretary's Report

## September 2015

Turkey Creek Division monthly meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Ray Brown, Superintendent. Location: Shawnee Mission North High School Ray Brown started things off. We had 3 new visitors which was nice to see.

Louis announced that he is looking for volunteers for our table at the Worlds Greatest Show in March to man the table and also put on clinics for which the show will give us \$25 per clinic. This is a good way to earn volunteer points toward your MMR

Another good way to earn volunteer points toward your MMR is to volunteer for offices of Superintendent, Clerk- which is what I do, and also Treasure. Ray and I have both done these jobs for 2 years and Bob Spurgate has done his for 4 years. To make this thing work we ALL need to pitch in and take position at least once. None of these jobs are hard and there is plenty of help in case you need some advice. My job as clerk for example is just doing this column every month and copying it and putting it in a folder, that's it. None of these are hard it just takes a little time and are one year positions. If you're trying to earn points toward your volunteer certificate it's an easy way to get there. We will be taking nominations in the next meeting and then voting In November. Again we all need to do these jobs at least once so we are all pulling our own weight.

Brad presented awards to Larry Diehl for Assc. Volunteer and a merit award to Jack Ferris for a structure he built.

Larry Diehl is setting things up so our future meetings will be at Hocker Grove elementary school. If you are now coming from I-35 to get to Shawnee mission north you are going east from I-35. Hocker Grove is the same distance but you go west on Johnson drive instead of east. The address is 10400 Johnson DR, Shawnee, Ks 66203. It's on Johnson dr between I-35 and Neiman rd but closer to Neiman rd.

Our clinic was put on by the Larry 2 and Larry 3. They showed pictures from the 2015 National Narrow Gauge Show in Houston Texas. They had a great manufactures room and the clinics I thought were very good. The icing on the cake was the layout tours. Its one of the few cities where people will put a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on their house for the layout room. One was 3000 sq feet and belonged to Eddie Carrol.

Meeting closed about 8:30 pm.

Secretary, Steve McKee

## 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](http://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](mailto:scottgperry@comcast.net).

Please address questions to Scott Perry at [scottgperry@comcast.net](mailto:scottgperry@comcast.net). We're glad to have you aboard! Scott Perry, List Owner.





# Prairie Ponderings

For the enjoyment and edification of model railroad operators

## Lakeville grade crossing focus shifts from railroad to vehicle compliance issues

The controversy and safety concerns in Lakeville took a new twist and different turn last month as Progressive Rail safety officials used a railfan "foamer's" photos to refute accusations by drivers that the railroad was blocking the heavily traveled grade crossing at Highview Avenue near Freight House No. 1.

Recent PGR's railroad crews have demonstrated heightened awareness, following recent surveillance by law enforcement personnel. Crews successfully avoided blocking the crossing for ten minutes. However emboldened drivers ignored posted traffic signals, and even attempted to run stop signs despite the presence of County Sheriffs obviously present at the crossing.

Delays caused by train crews completing their work may have frustrated vehicular traffic. While the situation remains unresolved, Progressive Rail officials expressed satisfaction that the road crew from Northfield as well as the switch crew at the Airlake Terminal Railway are doing a better job of keeping the crossing clear on the busy road.



**Vehicular traffic (including this pickup truck) created concern last month, where Progressive Rail dealt with noncompliant traffic, as documented in these photos. Despite close law enforcement monitoring, drivers ignored the prominently posted stop signs, nearly causing serious collisions.**





## Crews successfully handling heavier workload, increased carloads, with greater experience



(clockwise) An SW1500 crosses the diamond. More plug door boxcars like this one will help meet fall workload—when they stay on the rail. Airlake crew Don Ball and Russ Hayden plan their moves.







(left) Northfield Yardmaster Bill Hirt completes paperwork while Cannon Falls turn road engineer Jim McCroskie patiently awaits assembly of his eastbound train to Randolph. Second and third-time operators on the shortline are handling their assignments with increased efficiency and certainty. Progressive Rail marked six full months of operations last month with over a dozen sessions to date.

(below) With its setouts at Faribault Foods completed, the turn prepares to head back to Northfield after making its final pickup, a loaded scrap metal gondola at Metcon. The two empty plastic pellet cars behind the locomotive came from Genova Plastics. Fall harvest is expected to increase traffic at Faribault Foods (distant background) soon as the harvest generates more canned goods and carloads. All out-bound loads will be shipped in PGR 60' (former Amtrak) or 62' plug door ("beer car") boxcars after canning takes place at Faribault Foods.





## Familiar litany at Lakeville: “I wish we had a runaround track!”

Progressive Rail crews continued voicing their unanswered plea for the addition of a runaround track at Airlake Industrial Park. The suggestion came last month from another experienced PGR crew member who echoed a suggestion offered earlier last spring by a railroad engineering consultant.

Management remains adamant that the park will remain as is. “New switches are a capital outlay and expense we don’t plan to consider in the foreseeable future,” a highly placed management official stated. “The two person crews function pretty well using two locomotives to make the necessary moves within Airlake. At least they have since noncompliance problems were addressed early this spring—we nipped those in the bud. One of those crew members hasn’t been back since, though he’ll have yet another opportunity to mark up this fall. We expect better results, and know he can do it.”

“Track expansion is planned for Lakeville, contingent on a couple property purchases and a new major tenant who seems likely to move in by the end of the year. They (the Lakeville crews) can whine all they want. They might want to think about whether we’d need the extra crew member if we didn’t have the second locomotive. But adding a runaround in Lakeville won’t happen anytime soon,—if ever!” he stated.



(above) PGR #37 shoves an IBT boxcar into Menasha Packaging. (below) Intense concentration evident at Northfield yard



### Army Corps of Engineers Reroutes Cannon River—new Faribault bridge nears completion

Railfans in and around the Faribault area have a new photo op coming this fall, as plans near completion to reroute the Cannon River. The Progressive Rail turn job from Northfield gains a river crossing for the locomotive, which must run around its consist on the bridge after completing switching the industrial park before returning home.





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NOTICE



**Santa Fe Modelers**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Kansas City Mini-Meet**  
**November 14, 2015**  
**At the Old Mission Methodist Church**  
**in Fairway, Kansas**

**“You want to do....WHAT?!?”**  
**by Warren Scholl**

**“ATSF Strong City Subdivision”**  
**by Lance Garrels**

**Announcements – Future Mini Meets, Wichita**  
**Convention, plus Society News**

**“Warbonnets in the Flint Hills”**  
**By Scott Thomas**

**“Modeling Yellowbonnet Geeps”**  
**By Mike Tomei**

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**Doors Open at 8am, Early Bird Depot Display**  
**and Slide Show at 8:15 am, Main Program**  
**Begins at 9:00am, Layout Tours in the**  
**Afternoon, Cost is \$5 at the Door**  
**Tables Available for Purveyors of Santa Fe Related**  
**Products and Items**

**Directions to Church 5519 State Park Road, Fairway, KS 66205**  
**Exit I-35 at Shawnee Mission Parkway and go east approximately 4 miles**  
**to Mission Road. The church is on the south side about 300 feet past**  
**Mission Road, on State Park Road**  
**Info: [www.atsfrr.com](http://www.atsfrr.com) or Jeff Needham 913-645-3841**





## Welcome to the NMRA Info Net News (Infoblast) For October, 2015

*NOTE: Please forward this email to your newsletter editor and officers, mention it in your editorial, bring it up at meetings. Your members like to know what's going on at National!*

### A message from VP of Administration, Clark Kooning

Well as fall comes upon us in the Northern Hemisphere, most of us turn to our hobby indoors. Some model, all year round, because the climates where we live. However for the majority of us we are dusting off the layout and dreaming of the new modeling season ahead. As the new VP (Admin) of the NMRA I have the same thoughts you do, maybe I should build a new layout and where did I last leave my throttle? I also think how we at the NMRA can promote the hobby and encourage other modelers to participate with us in a very rewarding hobby and the fellowship that provides. If you're a member and know another modeler who is not a member, next time your local Division or Region has an event why don't you take him or her along. This simple introduction to the NMRA can be the start of great lifelong friendships and, of course, our love for the hobby. I know the value in our organization starts with the sole member and those in local divisions and in the fact it is the fellowship and fun that we share at all levels that make us strong.

As I begin to take on my role as the VP (Admin) There are several challenges ahead of us which the NMRA will need to move forward. With good solid leadership from both your executive team and one of the most dynamic group of Board of Directors, I can think of. I will be working with the Headquarters' staff as needed. I have been asked by President Getz to work on some projects along with Gerry Leone our other VP. I hope to have some interesting new initiatives you will like in the very near future.

A big "Thank You" to all the members who directly put on NMRA Portland National Convention and those who volunteered their time and effort during the convention to make this year's convention a lot of fun.

If you have any questions, I happy to hear from any member

Umm has anyone seen my throttle?

Clark Kooning, MMR HLM

NMRA VP (Admin)

### In memoriam – G. William Hammer 1922 - 2015

From Mike Brestel – At Large Worldwide Director

I just learned that Bill Hammer died on Sept. 17 in Lexington, Ky. I found his obituary online and have pasted it below. Many of you knew Bill as a major volunteer for the NMRA for a long, long time, serving in a myriad of positions of the years, most notably as VP and for over 25 years as Legal Counsel. He received an HLM, MMR, DSA, and two PAs over his many years of service to the NMRA.

He moved from Virginia to Lexington, Ky. around ten or twelve years ago, and as a fellow MCR member I was able to connect with him several times before his health deteriorated. I had not seen or talked to him over the past five years or so.

The funeral was on September 24 in Lexington, but unfortunately I just heard about his death today. Given Lexington's proximity to Cincinnati, I would probably have been able to represent the NMRA at the visitation and funeral had I known in time. At this point I don't know whether anyone from the NMRA was able to attend.

Mike

### **G. William Hammer**

#### 1922 - 2015 Obituary

HAMMER G. William, 92, of Lexington, KY (formerly of Centreville, VA) and husband of Imogene Murray Hammer, died Sept. 17, 2015.

He was born Dec. 5. 1922 in Wyandotte, MI to the late Reverends Ernest A. and Jane S. Higley. When he was three weeks old his family moved south to West Virginia and Ohio. He became a Great Lakes sailor and earned his Able Bodied Seaman's certificate in Sept. 1942. He was drafted into the army March 1, 1943. His basic training was a combat engineer and transferred into the Army Corp in the Aviation Cadet program. In early 1944 the Air Corp terminated the program for all of those who transferred from other branches in the army. At that time he volunteered for the paratroops and received his wings in July 1944. He was sent overseas and served in the Philippine Islands and received an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant March 10, 1946.

He graduated from Edgewood High School in Ashtabula, Ohio in 1944. In the fall of 1947 he enrolled at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, on a pre-law curriculum. He graduated with BA honors in March 1950. While at Ball State he was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and Sigma Zeta National Science Honorary. He was Ball State's nominee for a Rhoades Scholarship in 1950. In the fall of 1950 he entered George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C. and graduated with a JD degree with honors in May 1953. He served on the Student Board of Editors of the George Washington University Law Review and a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.



## **In memoriam – Andy Sperandeo**

He was admitted to the bar of District of Columbia in Sept. 1953 and was admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in Feb. 1954. At that time he opened a law office in private practice in the City of Falls Church, VA. He served as prosecuting attorney for the City of Falls Church on a part-time basis from 1959 to 1961. He was appointed to a part-time judgeship in Falls Church in Jan. 1969 and to a like position in Fairfax County on July 1, 1974. He was elected to a full-time judgeship to the 10th District Court in Virginia on July 1, 1976. He continued to serve in that capacity until he retired on July 1, 1985. While on the bench he authored an article on Preliminary Hearings in Virginia which was published in 1980. From 1981 to 1985 he served on the Committee on District Courts who set policy for the entire District Court system for the state.

He was an avid model railroader and was a life member of the National Model Railroad Association. He served on several groups including as Legal Counsel from 1963 to 1976 and again from 1985 until 1998, the regional trustee for the Mid-East region on the National Board of Trustees, Eastern Vice President of the association from 1969 to 1971 and later as the Executive Vice President of the association. He was awarded the three highest awards from the association, the President's Award, Distinguished Service Award and the Honorary Life Member, the highest award and designated as a Master Model Railroader.

Other interests included being a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans for over 50 years, Commander of the Robert E. Lee camp of the SCV in Alexandria, VA, Military Order of the Stars and Bars as commander of the Samuel Cooper chapter in Alexandria, VA. He is survived by a daughter Jane Hammer of Lexington, KY from a previous marriage. Gene's son Craig Smith (Hellie) from Paris, IL and daughter Suzanne Adair (Ken) of Lexington, KY and numerous nephews and nieces of Ashtabula County, OH.

Funeral service will be 12pm Wednesday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home-Main St. Burial will be in Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11am-12pm Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the G. William Memorial Scholarship Fund, Ball State University Foundation, PO Box 672, Muncie, IN 47308, account number 30095.

Published in Lexington Herald-Leader on Sept. 20, 2015

### **Andy Sperandeo, former Model Railroader editor, dies**



By **Kevin P. Keefe** | October 5, 2015

**RELATED TOPICS:** GENERAL NEWS

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Longtime Model Railroader editor Andy Sperandeo died Oct. 3, in Brookfield, after a long illness. He was 70.

Sperandeo joined the Model Railroader staff in 1979. Over the years he worked his way up through the ranks, becoming editor in 1993 and, later, executive editor. Most recently he was editor of Model Railroader's annual Great Model Railroads issue. He was also a prolific author for Kalmbach Books.

Sperandeo's expertise extended to all facets of the model-railroad hobby, but he was especially known for his command of realistic train operations, as reflected in his popular column in the magazine, "The Operators."

"Andy was an excellent model builder, a diligent researcher, and a meticulous editor," says Model Railroader Editor Neil Besougloff. "We will remember all of that, but mostly we remember that Andy was our close friend."

A renowned expert on the Santa Fe, Sperandeo was active in the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society, as well as the National Model Railroad Association. His home layout is a faithful interpretation of the Santa Fe's main line through California's Cajon Pass in the late 1940s.

Sperandeo was a native of New Orleans. He earned his B.A. in English from Loyola of the South, an M.A. from Louisiana State University, and was working on his Ph.D. in English from





the University of Texas when Model Railroader lured him to Milwaukee in 1979.

A burial ceremony is planned for Saturday, with funeral details pending.

From Trains Magazine

### **Amtrak Derailment**

An Amtrak train bound for Washington, D.C., derailed in central Vermont on October 5 after hitting a rock slide, injuring seven of the 102 people aboard, one seriously. The incident, which was at least the 17<sup>th</sup> Amtrak derailment so far in 2015, raised fresh concerns about rail safety less than five months after a derailment in Philadelphia killed eight people.

From Time Magazine

### **Railroads finding hidden freight car trackers**

By **Justin Franz** | September 24, 2015

**RELATED TOPICS: CLASS 1 FREIGHT RAIL-ROADS | SUPPLIERS**



**What's in a picture? In this one a brown-painted automatic equipment identification, or AEI, reader barely pokes out of a slope along a Conrail right-of-way in New Jersey. Railroads are alarmed that the AEI readers might be spread throughout the country, gathering and sharing information on freight moves without their knowledge.**

Two images: An Association of American Railroads Railway Alert Network bulletin

**A close-up photo of an automatic equipment identification reader found in New Jersey.**

METUCHEN, N.J. — Railroads are uncovering hidden freight car tracking devices near rights-of-way around the country.

The discoveries began earlier this month when a Metuchen, N.J., resident found two people installing boxes near a Conrail Shared Assets Operation right-of-way. Unsatisfied with those

persons' answers and the local police response, the person called Norfolk Southern railroad police who investigated and found an automatic equipment identification or AEI reader, used to track freight cars by monitoring their built-in radio beacons.

On Sept. 15, the Association of American Railroads' Railway Alert Network issued a security warning to members to keep an eye out for the unauthorized devices. *Trains* News Wire obtained a copy of the security alert earlier this week.

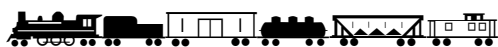
According to the eight-page report, railroad police investigated further and found that a company called Clipper Data had installed the reader. Clipper Data was formed about two years ago and sells comprehensive data regarding the energy industry, including the movement of crude oil and other commodities. According to the report, Norfolk Southern police say they have a copy of a "lease agreement" between a homeowner near the right-of-way and Clipper Data which gave the homeowner \$500 to use a nearby electrical outlet to power the equipment reader.

In an interview with *Trains* News Wire on Wednesday, Clipper Data CEO Sterling Lapinski confirmed that his company installed the first AEI reader discovered in New Jersey. He says his company's work is legal and that Clipper Data is currently looking at trying to sell data to and about the railroad industry, which is why it installed the AEI reader. Lapinski says his company sells data and information to government agencies, trading groups, and energy companies.

"We do have devices installed but the network isn't operational yet," Lapinski tells *Trains* News Wire. "We're not currently selling data, we're just trying to see if it's feasible."

Railroads around the world use similar equipment reader technology that uses radio waves to automatically identify freight cars at speed. Railroads typically gather the information to update their own records before sharing it with other shippers, such as trucking companies, railroads, or steamship lines, and customers.

Sources close to Class I railroad corporate offices say executives are upset and are ready to take a "scorched earth" approach to dealing with Clipper Data and other companies that may have installed readers throughout the country. A second security alert dated Sept. 22, says railroaders have uncovered at least one other equipment reader in New Jersey and one in Sheridan, Wyo. The one in Wyoming reportedly interfered with



BNSF Railway track equipment.

The Railway Alert Network report raised concerns that the people who installed the equipment trespassed on railroad property to do so. It also raises concerns about selling data on the movement of specific types of rail cars, arguing that the information could be used to “disrupt rail operations through intentional, and potentially destructive, acts.” The security alert asks railroads that find similar AEI readers to inform the alert network immediately so that it can consolidate all of the reports.

In a statement to *Trains News Wire*, AAR spokesperson Ed Greenberg says the organization is keeping a close eye on the developing situation.

“The AAR was aware of this situation and pleased that local law enforcement and railroad police took steps to address the situation as quickly as possible,” Greenberg says.

Norfolk Southern declined to comment on this topic. *Trains* is waiting for a response from BNSF.

From *Trains Magazine*

*If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will*



*find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in the NMRA Magazine*

*If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at [tcdraid-er@aol.com](mailto:tcdraid-er@aol.com) with the corrected information.*

Regards,

Tom Draper – HLM, DSA, FA, MSA, PA  
Director – Support Services



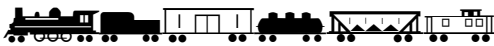








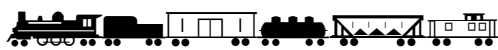
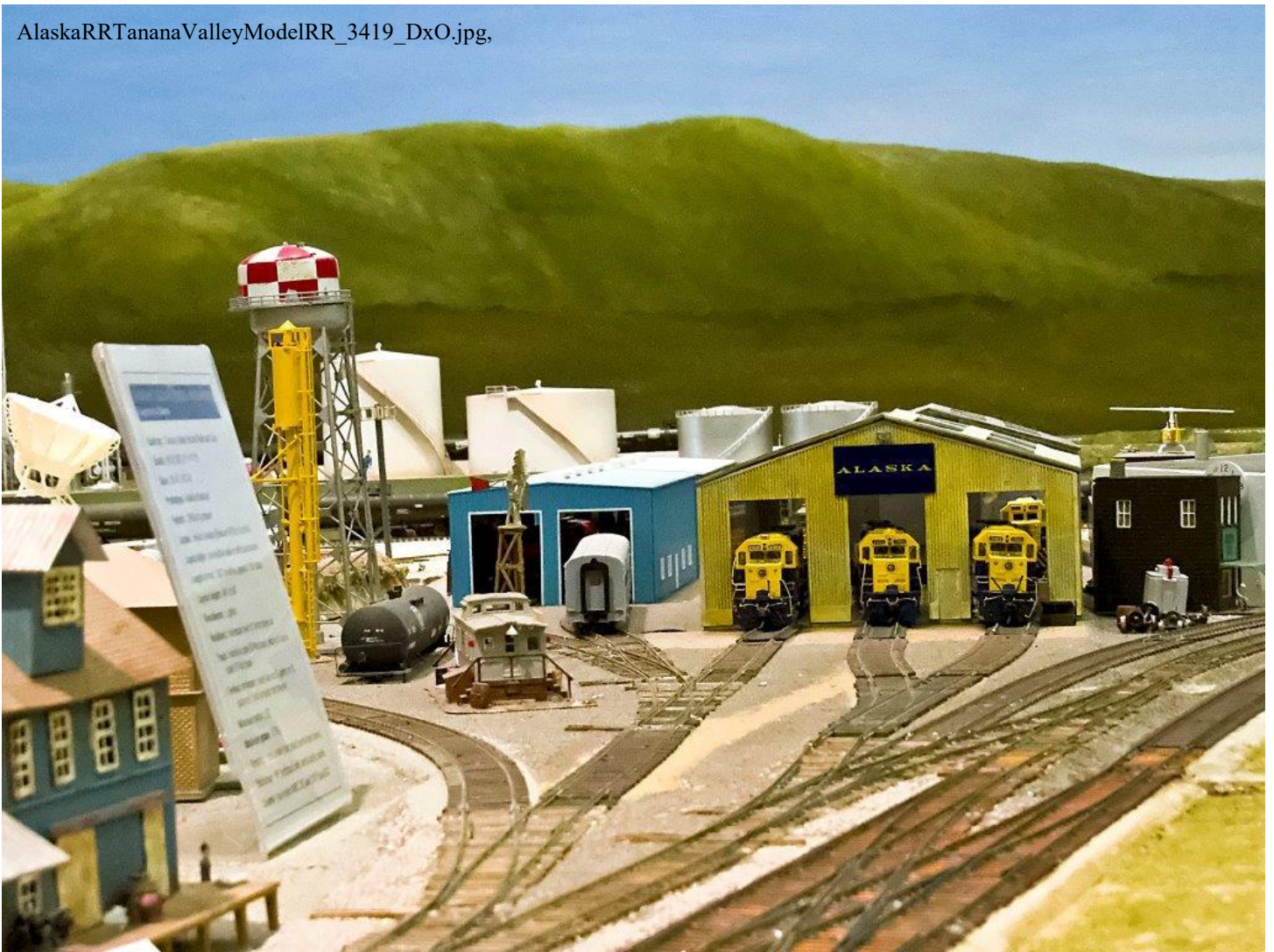














## SWITCH LIST October 2015

\*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](mailto: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](http://www.mcor-nmra.org). **Please put me in your newsletter.**

### DIVISION MEETINGS

**Chisholm Trail Division** First Tuesday of the month Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church  
3440 West 13th St. No. • Wichita, KS 67203-4560 (13th Street North & High Street)  
Begin gathering-6:45pm NMRA - meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
• Program Part I "Detailing Scenery & Buildings with Wood" presented by Pamela Todd  
• Program Part II (Video Presentation) "The History of Grain Elevators: Praire Sentinels Information Alan A. Aagaard email [alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com](mailto:alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com)

**COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE)** meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis M. Brandt Phone 402-992-2415 email [dennisbrandt44@gmail.com](mailto:dennisbrandt44@gmail.com)

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 93<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.tulsanmra.org) Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:boxcar75@wamego.net).

**KATE SHELLEY DIVISION** meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dec. we have no meetings. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

**OK HEARTLAND DIVISION**, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: [www.okcnmra.org](http://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](mailto:todd@gtmc.net)

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA**, Turkey Creek Division Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm We will meet in the Library at Hocker Grove Middle School 10400 Johnson, Shawnee, KS 66203-2895 Check the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current. Info: Louis Seibel, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 [l-seibel@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com); Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: <http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

### Monthly News in a Glance

#### NRHS

**Friday, October 9** – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, Preston-Hale Room, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00. Program by Bob Heiling

**Friday, October 16** – Wichita Chapter, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1101 N. River Blvd, 7:00. Program: Kansas City Chapter Exchange, "Kansas City Union Station". Information: J. Harvey Koehn, [jhkoehn@prodigy.net](mailto:jhkoehn@prodigy.net)

**Friday, October 23** – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Town Square Room, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, [ideroo@planetkc.com](mailto:ideroo@planetkc.com)

#### Divisions

**Every Tuesday** – Western Kansas, 409½ N. Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

#### NARVRE

**Thursday, October 1** – Chanute, N. Malcom Community Center, 1 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30. Information: Charles Seshier, 620-431-1814

**Monday, October 5** – Hutchinson, Plaza Grill, truck stop south of Hutchinson, gather at 8:30, breakfast at 9:00. Information: Ron Pauls, [arkola@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arkola@sbcglobal.net)

**Tuesday, October 6** – Arkansas City, Senior Citizen Center, 11:30 luncheon.

**Saturday, October 10** – Osawatomie, Whistle Stop Café, 901 6<sup>th</sup> St., 12:00 noon. Information: Larry Walker, [lswalker294@hughes.net](mailto:lswalker294@hughes.net)

**Monday, October 12** – Newton, Charlie's Restaurant, east room, I-135 & US-50, 11:30. Information: Ron Calbert, [rcalbert@cox.net](mailto:rcalbert@cox.net)

**Monday, October 12** – Abilene/Salina, Bayard's Café, 540 S. Broadway, Salina. Information: tony Schmitt, [asch9435@cox.net](mailto:asch9435@cox.net)

**Monday, October 12** – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, [jimmywdodds@gmail.com](mailto:jimmywdodds@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, October 13** – Kansas City, KS, Joe Amayo Center Community Center, 2700 Metropolitan Ave., 12:00 noon. Information: Craig Hatch, [hatch4591@gmail.com](mailto:hatch4591@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, October 13** – Wellington, Senior Center, 308 S. Washington, 12:00 noon. Information: [abdb@sutv.com](mailto:abdb@sutv.com)

**Tuesday, October 13** – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl., 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, [lbroadbent@cox.net](mailto:lbroadbent@cox.net)





**Wednesday, October 14** – Marysville, Ricky's Café, Hanover, 11:30. Information: Dolores Krug, [d30krug@yahoo.com](mailto:d30krug@yahoo.com)

**Monday, October 19** – Wichita (I still don't know where they meet – someone contact me?), 11:00-1:30

**Second Tuesday of the Month** (except August) Unit 90, Kansas City, KS Argentine area The Joe Amayo Center, 2700 Metropolitan Ave. 12:00 luncheon, Pot Luck; regular meeting at 12:45. Contact: Craig Hatch, 913-631-7976

#### **MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS**

**Thursday, October 1** – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

**Friday, October 2** – Topeka N-Track Associates, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

**Sunday, October 4 & 18** -- Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 420 N. Depot St., Cherryvale, 1:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, [john@cvmrc.com](mailto:john@cvmrc.com), or [www.dvmrv.com](http://www.dvmrv.com)

**Thursday, October 8** – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6<sup>th</sup> & School Sts. behind the fire station, 7:30. Information: [www.augustahorrorclub.org](http://www.augustahorrorclub.org)

**Saturday, October 10** – Osawatomie, Whistle Stop Café, 901 6<sup>th</sup> St., 12:00 noon. Information: Larry Walker, [lswalker294@hughes.net](mailto:lswalker294@hughes.net)

**Tuesday, October 13** – Lawrence Model Railroad, 111 E. 1400 Rd. Information: Steve Meseraul, [print12345@aol.com](mailto:print12345@aol.com)

**October 10 & 24** – Frankfort Subdivision, 416 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St., "Clubhouse" open 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, [joem@bluevalley.net](mailto:joem@bluevalley.net)

**Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11 & 24-25** – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00. Admission \$5, child up to 12 free

**Saturday, October 10** – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00, lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, [rrailway@gbta.net](mailto:rrailway@gbta.net)

**Thursday, October 15** – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, [On3@worldnet.att.net](mailto:On3@worldnet.att.net)

**Sunday, October 18** – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, at members' home. Information: Dick Cooper, [nscale@kc.rr.com](mailto:nscale@kc.rr.com)

**Monday, October 19** – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, [tfox57@gmail.com](mailto:tfox57@gmail.com)

**Every Sunday** – Weekend N-gineers, 16624 W. 126<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, [hapheart@swbell.net](mailto:hapheart@swbell.net)

**Every Sunday** – Mid Kansas Model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, [Jsnell@cox.net](mailto:Jsnell@cox.net)

**First and Third Sunday** – Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club, Leatherock Hotel Center, 420 North Depot Street, Cherryvale, KS 1:00 PM. Information contact John Dhooghe, [john@cvmrc.com](mailto:john@cvmrc.com)  
Add our website - [www.cvmrc.com](http://www.cvmrc.com) - we post the dates of our Sunday meetings on our main page

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

**Every Tuesday** – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 424 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO. Information: Ron Williams, [rwilliams3129@gmail.com](mailto:rwilliams3129@gmail.com)

**Ever Tuesday** evening the Mexico Train Works Model RR Club meets (except at major holidays) @ 7pm at 415-B West Jackson Street, Mexico MO. We've been a club since 1990, and are in the basement of a local business, with an approximately 30x60' layout designed into 2 levels, connected by an eight-foot diameter helix. The Missouri Texas & Western comprises two railroads, the first is the Missouri, Texas & Western which runs from Des Moines, Iowa to Houston, Texas. The second line is the Chicago, Kansas City &

Western which runs from Chicago, Illinois to St. Louis, and then on to Kansas City, Missouri. The CKC&W is owned by the MTW and they share a small amount of trackage at one location. The major portion of the railroad we model is the line from the Missouri River in central Missouri, south to Parsons, KS. The website is

[www.mexicotrains.com](http://www.mexicotrains.com) and you can reach John Johnson, President @ [info@mexicotrains.com](mailto:info@mexicotrains.com) or phone 573-581-8013

**Wednesday** – Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 NW Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, [jdspicher@aol.com](mailto:jdspicher@aol.com) or W. L. Ohnell, [wohrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wohrell@sbcglobal.net)

**Every Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday** – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Great Mall of the Plains, store 190, 20070 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St., I-35 exit 215, Olathe, Wed. 7:00-9:00, Sat.-Sun. 12:00-5:00. Information: Steven Boeck, [sjboeck@att.net](mailto:sjboeck@att.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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday-Sunday** – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child up to 12 free

**Every Saturday** – Boothill Model Railroad. Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

**Every Saturday** – Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water, Liberty, MO, 11:00-3:00. Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at the clubhouse. Information: Dick Cooper, [nscale05@gmail.com](mailto:nscale05@gmail.com)

**Every Saturday-Sunday** – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 1440 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00, Sun. 12:00-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202 (Ed. note: should this club be listed under Garden Railroads?)

#### **Meetings GARDEN RAILROADS**

**Saturday, October 19** – Wichita Rea Garden Club tour. Information: Claudia Rollstin, [claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com](mailto:claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com)

**Sunday, October 25** – Northeast Kansas, at members' layout. Information: Tedy Bellos, [pefedy@everestkc.net](mailto:pefedy@everestkc.net)

**Thursday, October 29** – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd., Tulsa, 7:00. Information: [info@tulsarailroadclub.org](mailto:info@tulsarailroadclub.org)

#### **HISTORICAL CLUBS**

**Thursday, October 1** – Round Table, Paul & Jacob's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: "Kansas Depots 1890-1935" by Bob Walz. Information: Robert Walz, [rmwalz@sprintmail.com](mailto:rmwalz@sprintmail.com)

**Monday, October 12** – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main St. office, 12 E. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, [pastorandrew70@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorandrew70@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, October 14** – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

**Every Tuesday** – a group of rail fanners meets at Spangles, K-15& Pawnee, 10:00 to train watch

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**Friday-Sunday, October 8-11** – Mo Pac Historic Society Convention, Houston, TX. Information: [www.mopac.org](http://www.mopac.org)

**Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8** – Arkansas City Train Show, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington, Sat. 9:00-4:00, Sun. 10:00-3:00. Adult \$5, child 12 & under free; \$1 off with food item. Information: Javen Schmucker, [javen1927@gmail.com](mailto:javen1927@gmail.com)

**Saturday, November 28** – Joplin Museum Complex Train Show, Joplin Museum Complex, 7<sup>th</sup> & Schifferdecker St's., Joplin, MO 9:00-3:00. Adult \$3, child 12 & under free. Information: Rick Gardner,



[rickgardner4449@gmail.com](mailto:rickgardner4449@gmail.com)

**Saturday, November 28** – Mid-America Train & Toy Show, KCI Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO. Information: Javen Schmucker, [javen1927@gmail.com](mailto:javen1927@gmail.com)

**Saturday-Sunday, February 6-7** – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Sat. 9:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00, adult \$8, child 10 & under free, \$1 off with food item. Information: Phil Aylward, [aylward1@cox.net](mailto:aylward1@cox.net)

### **SHOWS and CONVENTIONS**

#### **NEW**

**October 17 2015 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver Rails Model Train Show**, Silver Rails Event Center, 204 E. Moore St., LA Plata, Mo. Show times 9:00 to 3:00, \$3.00 per person Kids 12 and under free with an adult. Operating Model Layout, hobby stores, and other vendor, breakfast and lunch served. All proceeds of this show go towards the remodeling of the Silver Rails Gallery. Vendors Tables \$20 each, For more information or to reserve your space call Bob Cox at 660-287-1714

**Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18** – Western Kansas Train Show, Ellis Co. Fairgrounds, 1343 Fairgrounds Rd, Hays, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. \$5.00 adult, children 10 & under free. Information: Justin Keeler, [custom-trains@hotmail.com](mailto:custom-trains@hotmail.com)

#### **NEW**

**October 25th 2015** North Central Iowa Model Railroad Club will have its 4th Annual show and sale held at the Franklin County Convention Center located on the west edge of Hampton, Iowa on the south side of Highway 3. The show will be the normal hours from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Vendors may set up early on Saturday Night or at 6:00 AM on Sunday. Admission \$5.00, Children under 10 free with paid adult. Club layout will be on display in the historic Rock Island Depot Basement located on the grounds.

Vendor tables already at a club high with more available if needed. Just remembered a small slide show will be available also. Start time for this show will be at 1:00 PM if I recall right. If interested please contact me and I will confirm this. Contact me for any more information you may need. Paul Shelton, [eastsidetains@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidetains@gmail.com) 119 1st Street NW (in the basement) Hampton, Iowa 50441-641-456-1998

**Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8** – Arkansas City Train Show, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington, Sat. 9:00-4:00, Sun. 10:00-3:00, \$5.00 adult, \$1.00 off with food item, children 12 & under free. Information: Javen Schmucker 316-253-5918, [javen1927@gmail.com](mailto:javen1927@gmail.com)

#### **NEW**

**November 14, The 2015, 28th Annual ATSF Mini Meet** at the old Mission United Methodist Church in Fairway, KS. Doors open at 8 am and program begins at 9 am. Cost is \$5.00 at the door and lunch will be available for an additional cost. Info: [www.atsfrr.com](http://www.atsfrr.com) or Jeff Needham 913-645-3841

**Sunday, November 29** – Mid-America Train & Toy Show, KCI Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO, 9:00-2:00. Information: 913-651-5864 [javen1927@gmail.com](mailto:javen1927@gmail.com)

#### **NEW**

**November 28th, 2015 Joplin MO, The Joplin Museum Complex** is hosting a Train Show and Swap Meet Saturday, from 9am to 3pm at the Joplin Museum Complex. The Museum is located in Schifferdecker Park, 7th and Schifferdecker streets, Joplin, Missouri. Included will be operating model train layouts and over 65 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 e-mail [rickgardner4449@gmail.com](mailto:rickgardner4449@gmail.com). [www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com](http://www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com)

### **SHOWS FOR 2016**

**Saturday-Sunday, February 6-7** – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd. Sat. 9:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. Adult \$8.00 (\$1.00 off with food item), child 10 & under free. Information: Phil Aylward, [aylward1@cox.net](mailto:aylward1@cox.net)

#### **NEW**

**March 5 & 6, 2016 World's Greatest Hobby Train Show Kansas City, MO American Royal Complex**, 1701 American Royal Ct., Kansas City, Mo 64102. The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour showcases the hobby of model railroading. Sponsored by the Hobby Manufacturer's Association - Model Railroad Division and by the World's Greatest Hobby Program, the show is intended to introduce the general public to model railroading in an entertaining, lively and family-friendly atmosphere. The hobby of model railroading has a unique ability to bring the family together in activities that teach many skills. Model railroad skills span from carpentry to artistry, from electrical engineering to historical research. Model railroading is truly the World's Greatest Hobby Train Show Inc. World's Greatest Hobby on Tour 280 Carlton Drive Carol Stream IL 60188 Phone: 630.279.5094 Fax: 240.597.4482 E-mail: [info@wghshow.com](mailto:info@wghshow.com)

#### **NEW**

**June 2-5, 2016 Road to Omaha, 2016 Mid-Continent Regional Convention.** Headquarters hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn. Train show will be at Ralston, Nebraska Arena, The Nebraska-Iowa Railroaders annual train show and swap meet details to follow soon and will be available on the Western Heritage Division website: <http://whd.mcor-nmra.org> Henry Nipper Convention Chairman

### **TRAIN RIDES**

**Saturday, October 3** – Abilene Smoky Valley Railroad, Abilene, Steam, 10:00-3:00. Information: [www.travelks.com/listings/Abilene-Smoky-Valley-Excursion-Train/200](http://www.travelks.com/listings/Abilene-Smoky-Valley-Excursion-Train/200)

**Saturday, October 3** – Dalton Defender Day, Coffeyville, 10:00 – 12:00 – 2:00. Load on 8<sup>th</sup> St.

**Sunday, October 4** – Abilene Smoky Valley Railroad, Abilene, Steam, 2:00. Information: [www.travelks.com/listings/Abilene-Smoky-Valley-Excursion-Train/200](http://www.travelks.com/listings/Abilene-Smoky-Valley-Excursion-Train/200)

**Saturday, October 10** – Humboldt Heritage, Humboldt to Chanute, 9:00 – 12:00 – 3:00

**Friday, November 27** – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, 7:00

**Saturday-Sunday, November 28-29** – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, 10:00 – 1:00

**Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6** – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, 10:00 – 1:00

**Friday, December 11** – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13** – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, 10:00 – 1:00

Later details this fall on website: [www.midlandrailway.org](http://www.midlandrailway.org)

### **MOTOR CAR RIDES**

**Saturday, October 24** – Burden to Fredonia. Set on Main St., Burden; leave at 9:00; break at Moline convenience store; lunch and turn around Fredonia. Return to Burden approximately 6:00. \$20 donation to Heart of the Heartlands. Must be a member of H of H, sturdy shoes, no shorts. Information: Jay Hastings, [jay\\_hastings@yahoo.com](mailto:jay_hastings@yahoo.com) or Drake Rice, [drake.rice@cox.net](mailto:drake.rice@cox.net)

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