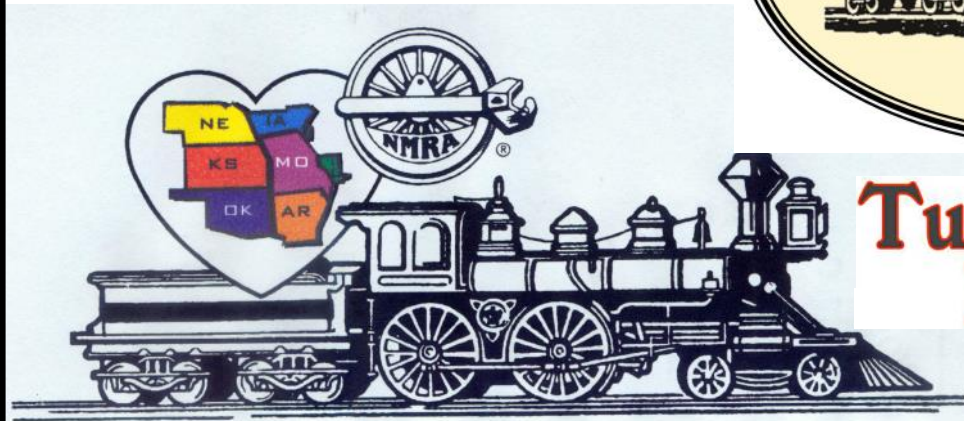


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Turkey Creek Division Meeting

May 26, 2015

Shawnee Mission

North High School

7:00 PM

2015

Annual Modeling Challenge





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Secretary's Report April 29, 2015

Turkey Creek Division monthly meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Ray Brown, Superintendent.

Location: Shawnee Mission North High School Library. About 30 members attended the great clinic put on by Miles Hale on LED's and Diodes. The clinic covered the different types of diodes and LED's and also where you can get them

Larry is also looking for volunteers to help with the train show. . He also encouraged everybody to bring a model in progress or finished you have to the modeling challenge. I volunteered to be in charge of door prizes and I'm looking for a few people to help out with that. Bill Humenczuk has already stepped up and volunteered to help man the door prize table. The more people I get the less time everybody will spend handing out prizes so let me know if you would like to help with that at 913-780-9009. Also Jack Ferris said he would work on getting us more vendors so if you know somebody let Jack know. Mark Juett and Kerry Lindenbaum said they will help with at the registration desk. We still need more people to step up and help out. This club belongs to all of us and we all need to pitch in and give a help out. So some of you guys who don't volunteer much now is the time to contact Larry or Louis and say "what can I do to help out". It's not asking too much if each of us volunteers once a year to help with something for what we get out of the club and the clinics other volunteer to put on for us.

Treasurer report was read by Bob Spurgat and all is well. Jack Ferris had his company do an Audit on last year's finances and said Bob was doing a wonderful job for us as treasure.

Larry Diehl, Turkey Creek Division Director made the announcement that Larry Patch had won the first place prize at the Slang meet in St. Louis and is no longer one of the little people.

Louis mentioned that the Soc of Model Engineers and the G Gauge group have moved out of the Great Mall of the Plans in Olathe and also the large club at Ward Parkway Shopping center will have to move out. Sounds like they found a renter for that space.

Our Super Ray Brown has come up with some killer laser cut shingles that he may be marketing according to Larry Diehl which is something a lot of us could use. He said they should also be available with sticky backs or you can use 2 part epoxy like Larry does.



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Capital Plaza Hotel
415 W McCarty Street
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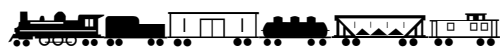
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Admission is \$5 – kids 12 & under are free

Visit www.springcreekmodeltrains.com , check our Facebook page or call 402-365-7628 for information as the date gets closer.



**Turkey Creek Division
Annual Train Show
July 25, 2015
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 2015 Vendor and Registration Form

Vendor and Advance Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

E-Mail address: _____

Advance Registration for the Train Show of \$4.00 _____

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

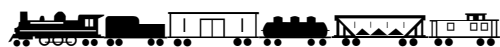
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Set up from 2 to 8 on July 24 must be out by 5pm on July 25

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
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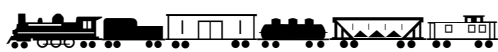




Here is the layout and clinic descriptions, they are a bit long so you may want to do some editing. I have received a number of comments that the clinician line up is very strong and several folks have said that is the main reason they are coming. As far as the Woodland Scenics tour, we can talk about it if you would like, but I believe it is full. The train show is shaping up pretty nice we have several vendors lined up and I have verbal commitments from 3 more, 2 of which are from larger shops. We can always use more and it looks like we will have ample space. One thing that I would like to push is the contest. Historically entry has been on the decline and we would like to change that. So we are going to offer a number of gift certificates to base on entries (up to 5) and they will be drawn from Saturday morning and will be redeemable to vendors at the show. The exact details are on the website or I can describe them if necessary. The banquet will be held at the convention center Saturday evening, with the keynote speaker being Neil Besougloff the Editor of Model Railroader magazine so it should be very interesting to listen to. If you can think of anything else you might like to include let me know, I should be able to respond tomorrow. If there is anything you can use from the website feel free to pull it off and use it.

Brad Slone
Convention Chairman





Brian Post

JAVA Model Railroad Interface Clinic JMRI aka DECODER PRO

This clinic is an introduction to JMRI covering installation on Apple or PC based systems. Learn how Decoder Pro can help you:

- * program engines
- * create an engine roster
- * use your smart phone as a throttle
- * throw turnouts on the computer or smart phone - including routes
- * program your additional devices
- * create a dispatching panel and monitor your DCC system

If you choose to see this live on your phone, then download Engine Driver on an Android device or I Throttle on your Apple device. If using Apple, there will be a \$10.00 download charge and you will need to load the full version.

Charlie Duckworth

Missouri Pacific's Bagnell Branch Railroad

Charlie will discuss the latest updates to his 1954 version of laid back branch line railroading in central Missouri. The unique aspect of this clinic is that the attendee will be able to view what is left of the prototype as the branch began along the perimeter of the hotel parking lot! Details and photos of Charlie's layout can be viewed at <http://mopac51.tripod.com/>.

Dave Roeder and Don Morice

1522 the Good the Bad and the Ugly

Dave and Don have teamed up to share stories about the time they spent operating the 1522 out of St. Louis. It has been some twelve years since the Frisco filly was under live steam and yet the memories still run deep. Although the public got to see the results of the St. Louis Steam Train Association work, there was a lot of effort involved and with any endeavor there is always plenty of obstacles some expected but mostly unexpected waiting to derail the best laid plans! Dave and Don will reminisce about the time they spent with the 1522 and talk about some of their unique experiences.

Dean Smith

Operational Enhancements to the ET&NWC RR

Dean will share many of the operational aspects as well as some of the innovative features he has installed on his HO_{n3} East Tennessee & North Western Carolina railroad. From day one Dean has designed this layout with operations in mind which is unique for a narrow gauge railroad. Dean will also be explaining some of the techniques he used to construct these components and accessories.

Greg Moe

Static Grass

Moe's clinic is divided into four parts. The first looks how nature presents herself in the wild in the Midwest. Part two takes a short look at some of the scenes on my layout with static grass. Part three is a pictorial on using a static grasser. Part four a couple of volunteers can try their hand at using a static grasser.

Jeff Boock

Aspens, Pines, and Weather

Jeff will demonstrate how to construct various types of foreground pines, aspens and deciduous trees using materials found at most craft and hardware stores. He will also describe the weathering techniques that he has used on his contest winning scratch built structures.

Jeff is a retired architect who has designed over 200 hospitals across the United States. He was the co-chairman for the 2008 Sn3 Symposium in St. Louis and will do the same for the 2017 Sn3 Symposium to be held at the St. Louis Airport Marriott April 6 thru April 8. Jeff has won over 50 awards at National Narrow Gauge and National Model Railroad Association Conventions. He has been published in the Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette, Sn3 Modeler, Finescale Railroader, and Railroad Model Craftsman magazines. Jeff is currently working on a large dual gauge S scale layout depicting the Denver and Rio Grande from Chama to Santa Fe, New Mexico as well as the trackage shared with the Santa Fe Railroad. He is hand laying his track and used redwood spline roadbed.

John Golden

Planning and Operating a One-Town Layout

John will describe his 42 x 2-foot layout depicting the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad in Ackley, Iowa, circa 1950. John will explain layout planning, design, room preparation and layout construction as well as discuss car forwarding, operation and rolling stock.

Ken McElreath

Design a Layout for Prototypical Operation

The clinic will examine physical characteristics of prototypical railroads that can form a distinctive nucleus of a well designed layout. Both operating schemes and track plans will be addressed, specifically but not exclusively for small to medium pikes.

Ken McElreath

A Passion for Passenger Trains

Modeling passenger trains in their prototypical operating environments can be challenging and very enjoyable. The clinic will give principles, practices



and examples for modeling prototypical US passenger trains in setting with operations that can be applied to typical medium sized railroads.

Kent Hurley

Building Structures with a 3D Printer

Technology is advancing at a rapid pace and Kent will walk you through steps necessary to replicate those unique structures. Kent will discuss the various pieces of printing equipment necessary as well as the best applications for each device. This clinic will be a great opportunity to explore the possibilities of creating those much desired buildings without going through the process of scratchbuilding.

Marty Paten

The Columbia Branch of the Wabash Railroad

Marty through his extensive research will cover the history of the Columbia branch of the Wabash Railroad. For well over a hundred years the line has had a very colorful history changing hands several times and eventually ending up as a successful municipal shortline. For a preview and to check out the book The Columbia Branch Railroad visit <http://columbiabranchrailroad.com>.

Marty Paten

The Columbia Branch of the Katy Railroad

Marty has again performed a thorough research of Columbia's other branch line. The Katy's branch departed the St Louis Parsons mainline at McBaine heading due north into Columbia. Although it's no longer an active railroad it can be enjoyed as part of Missouri's Katy trail. Marty will share many aspects of the branch that will be included in his forthcoming book on the Katy's Columbia Branch.

Michael Kelly

Rails Around Missouri

Michael's recently published book Rails Around Missouri <http://michaelckelly.net/> paints an excellent picture of the railroad scene throughout the decades leading up to the mega mergers of today. Not only will Michael share many images and stories from the book. But also photo's and information that was not included in the book. This clinic will be a great opportunity to look at a time gone by in Missouri railroading.

Miles Hale MMR

Dead Rail

Miles will be discussing what in time will have as big an impact on the hobby as DDC did years ago, that being the new technology of powerless track. Although there are many systems currently on market Miles will focus on the S CAB system and it compo-

nents. Miles will explain some of the techniques as well as the pros and what few cons there are with unitizing this system. If you have ever dream of running a model railroad without the distraction of dirty track and with a minimum amount of wiring you need to check this one out.

Fran Hale MMR & Miles Hale MMR

Make and Take how to clinic

Fran and Miles will be offering on how to construct a Design Preservation Models building. This is a hands on clinic with all the tools and paint as well as the kit itself provided. When each attendee has completed their kits they will be able to take them home. The clinic is open to all skill levels and there will be techniques that will help everyone from the novice to the veteran builder. The clinic is free, however we ask that you RSVP in advance so that we will know how many attendees to expect. To check out some of Fran and Miles work go to their website at <http://franandmilesale.com/>.

Pat Hiatte

Railroads of Central Missouri

Pat will explore the numerous railroads around central Missouri, their histories and legacies. This will be very informative for those traveling to the convention who are not as familiar with railroads of the region to be able to know the background of the lines they see as they are coming into the area. Pat is a career railroader who has written extensively on railroad subjects in a number of notably railroading magazines.

Pete Smith

Scratch Building with Styrene - Tools and Techniques

Pete will show how to use this versatile modeling medium to build structures, rolling stock and modeling jigs. Styrene modeling is fast and fuzz-free. The clinic will discuss sources, tools, characteristics, and finishing techniques related to this material.

Pete is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A 30-year Air Force veteran, he now resides in the St. Louis area where he works on his Sn3 Loon Lake Railway & Navigation Company. Pete is a past Associate Editor for the Sn3 Modeler magazine. He co-owned The Building & Structure Co., a manufacturer of laser cut structure kits and detail parts. He also co-owned Tomalco, a manufacturer of flex-track, turnouts and brass investment castings. A life member of the NMRA and a member of the NMRA 400 Club, he is also active in the Friday Night Boomers, a St. Louis narrow gauge group. His work has been featured in the Sn3 Modeler, the Model Railroad Craftsman and the Narrow Gauge Down Under.



Ryan Moats MMR

Model Documentation, Merit Evaluations and Contest Judging

Ever wonder what goes into judging an NMRA contest? Ryan's clinic will explain exactly how the results are determined. There is a method to the madness of contest judging and Ryan will demonstrate how models are judged through the established NMRA contest matrix. This clinic will not only be of interest for those interested in judging a contest but also for those that enter models in that it gives a great deal of insight into what judges look for and the best way to fill out the paperwork.

Allen Pollock's

Clear Creek & Quicksilver Railroad

Allen's layout is a 1:20.3 railroad with outside landscaping depicting the site for the Georgetown Loop (trackage still under construction) and inside logging theme with benchwork and roadbed in progress (approximately 250 feet currently installed) and growing. This is also the home of Fun & Games (figures of all scales), Missouri Locomotive Company (large scale brass logging locomotives) and Sparkling Star Models (circus theme cars and wagons).

Boonslick Model Railroad Club

Boonslick Model Railroad Club was started about 4 years ago with having a location and a small layout to begin with. We meet for about two years before that just having meetings at my hobby shop. We have 19 members at present. We are now located at 525 Spring St, Boonville Mo in old city hall. Our entrance is on the north (back side) of building. The city of Boonville has been providing our locations free of any charges. They are with out the best city government to work with. We have been at the present location for two (2) years. Our HO layout is 22' square. Members can lease modules and do what ever they like to their modules.

At present we are expanding it into and through four other rooms going through walls into each room. One wall being three layers thick brick, surprise. The rooms name are, MoPac, D&RG, Frisco and MKT. Will be some 50 + feet long though the four rooms and back. Will be a long dog bone one main line with modules coming off main for industries and etc. Each room will have flowing scenery, but each room will depict different seasons and or regions. The club layout will be open from 1-5 Sunday for folks heading home to view.

Carl Haake

Carl's layout is a freelance design covering roughly 15' by 20'. It is not modeled after any specific railroad. It has a dual mainline with two passing sidings one short and one long and is nearly complete. The layout is DC controlled with a master switch board to control power to different tracks. Construction on the table started in August of 2007. Carl started laying track that Labor day weekend. The mainline track is code 100 and the expansion yard is code 83. Carl and his three sons have a good time running trains together. Five rolling cabinets loaded with other cars and locomotives provides for a variety of operation. Carl and the boys mainly run U.P. BNSF and Amtrak.

Central Missouri Railroad Association

The CMRRA is located in the Warrenton outlet mall and encompasses three different layouts covering



three gauges. The club has done a great job creating these layouts and will be open Thursday afternoon prior to the beginning of the convention and Sunday following the convention. The clubs layout will be open 1-5 Sunday for folks heading home from the convention. Check out the clubs website at

www.cmrraclub.com

Arthur and Kathy Kristofik

Arthur and Kathyown America's Best Value Inn in Holts Summit, Missouri. For many years Arthur has given over a large meeting room to his model train collection. During the holiday season, the layout is open to the public and a separate Christmas Village is added to the display. Arthur spends virtually the entire year preparing for the next holiday season. Currently the display has three levels and up to eight trains can be running at the same time. Many different scenes are included and most are animated. An amusement park, maintenance shops, hot air balloons and even the Grand Canyon are modeled. Many of the figures are hand-painted by Kathy. Arthur belongs to the Lionel Collectors Club of America and has been in the hobby since 1962.

Kenneth & Randy Hackman:

Freelance HO and HOn3 Railroad

This HO and HOn3 model train layout, was started, licensed and copyrighted in April 1972. Kenneth R. Hackman and wife Belva Lee Hackman started designing this large display (over 2,000 sq. feet) in the year of 1988. The layout construction started in their custom designed and built log estate located in Jefferson City Missouri, on the Union Pacific R.R. westbound main line in the year of 1991. Kenneth planned this layout for DC but is currently switching over to DCC. The layout is a freelanced current design planned to duplicate the Colorado landscape. The building and planning was with Kenneth's friend John Allen, Bud McClurry, and Roy Turner. They all became friends after meeting at a train show in California. The layout has 11 different levels with 7 helix's. The layout goes 3 feet below the foundation of the home. It is a point to point operation with an alternative route that is a loop on the top level. There is also a harbor that trains can only get to by using a remote control barge that sits on a custom built and designed cart just so only the barge shows. Kenneth is a master model railroader. This layout features scratch built and kitbashed buildings with plaster mountains extending the entire layout from floor to ceiling.

O.c. Railroad: G (Fn3)

The O.c. Railroad is a club comprised of members who are engaged in the construction of a G (Fn3) scale layout based roughly on the narrow gauge lines of Colorado. When completed it will be comprised of 1000's of feet of track and will include multiple towns, and industries and will have 4 tunnels, mountains and at least two water features. The layout also has been designed with sidewalks and benches to facilitate its use and observation by the public. It is the intent of the members that the layout will always be available for people to run trains or view train operations with no admission charge. The layout is located on the property of Kenneth Hackman northwest of Jefferson City, Missouri. About 1/3 of what has been planned has been constructed to date with the railroad being the recipient of gifts of construction materials from Lowes, Quaker Windows, Rusk Home Improvement, etc. and a lot of volunteer labor. The layout is designed for the running of locomotives that are battery powered or live steam.

It is the intent of the O.c. Railroad for the layout to provide a means of diverting the attention of young people from gang activity, drugs, and alcohol through the enjoyment of model railroading. We offer opportunities for youth to be involved in the construction of the layout, buildings, etc. When operational, the layout will provide the opportunity for youth to run trains and, due to the sophisticated design of the layout, will also be instructive in the details of actual railroad operations. To encourage youth participation, contacts have been made to bring school groups out to see the O.c. Railroad even as it is being constructed. We also hope to involve the local Boys and Girls Clubs and the Big Brother, Big Sister programs. The O.c. railroad will also make itself available to be reserved for group events in addition to being available for general public use.

(Image credit: All images are used with permission from Kenneth & Randy Hackman)

Kansas City Brick Lab

Lego Layout

The KC brick lab will have a large Lego layout on display at the convention, below are photo's of some of their previous works.

Peter Davis

Winnebago Northern.

Scale: O (2-rail). Layout size: 45' x 25'. Mainline length: 150'. Minimum radius: 57". Orientation: 1950's-1960's, interurban, full-length passenger, big engine freight Preferred prototypes: North Shore Line, Chicago & North Western, Milwaukee Road, Soo Line, Pennsylvania.



Peter's layout is located in Columbia and will be available for viewing 1-5 Sunday for folks heading home from the convention.

Mike McCune

Possum Run Railroad

The Possum Run Railroad is a 22' X 20' HO scale layout. The track plan is basically an up and over loop design inspired by the Rock Island Railroad that parallels Highway 50 between Rosebud and St. Louis Missouri. Some of the little towns the railroad passed through along the way are included. These towns provide plenty of opportunity for building both non-revenue models and models representing the industries served by the railroad. The railroad is well underway with almost all track work complete. Several towns are also complete or nearly complete. Scenery is roughed in with some details. Operation is controlled by DC.

Missouri Texas & Western Railroad.

This is an outstanding large club layout located in Mexico. The clubs layout will be open 1-5 Sunday for folks heading home to veiw. To view details about the layout as well as photos check out their website at www.mexicotrains.com.

Louis Eggerding

Gulf. Missouri and Ohio

Scale: O (3-rail). Layout size: 33' x 18'. Mainline length: 110'. Three dogbone loops Minimum radius: 0-54. Orientation: 1950's steam, trolley, and diesel, freight and passenger Preferred prototypes: GM&O, Wabash, MKT, Pennsy, NYC, Lionel Lines Lou's layout is located in Columbia and will be open for viewing 1-5 on Sunday for folks heading home from the convention.

John Scherr's

HOn3 Rio Grande Southern

John's two level layout features much of the northern district of the Rio Grande Southern and Rico - the lines only division point. Most of the railroad is in a 16x22 room. A fiddle yard and helix are in the adjacent shop area. Train control is DCC by Lenz. A small staging area (Ridgway or Durango) is hidden below Rico. Several scenes are nearly complete wwith many of the remaining scenes roughed in. A continuous run is possible and include about 150' of main line. The branch to Pandora adds another 20 feet or so. Engines can be turned as Rico, Illium, Pandora and Staging.

The layout is greatly enhanced by the beautiful backdrops painted by St Louis artist Greg Gray.

Some liberties have been taken to allow inclusions of favorite scenes. The time is set post RGS operation to justify some of the details. John likes to think that the RGS restoration depicted here was inspired by the Durango Silverton and the Cumbres & Toltec

railroads. In addition, some old time details have been included as you might find restored ghost towns or theme parks. In the future, some non prototypical locomotives and equipment may be seen operating as well.

John Waite's Legacy Layout

Sn3 East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad

John was on his way to building a beautiful version of the historic Tweetsie railroad when he left us way too soon. His wife Sharon with the help of his local friends have pressed on to complete what John started as a tribute to him. Sharon will be graciously allowing us an opportunity view John's layout. The scenery and structures are truly stunning, you will not be disappointed with this fine example of Eastern narrow gauge.

The Mudhens

The Mudhens are an HOn3 group started in 1982 in St. Louis, MO that features but is not limited to Colorado narrow gauge railroading. The Mudhens are now a multi-state group featuring single track main line operation including multiple trains, switching, passing and staging of several different consists. Both the larger original modules formerly operating with block and multiple cab DC (now modified) and the newer smaller tables operating with DCC are combined in most current layouts. In Jefferson City, a sectional loop with a short branch line will be set up. DCC, sound and interesting operation will be presented. To view details about the group visit their website at www.mudhens.org.

Paul Heiberger

S & P GRR, 1:20.3 (garden railway)

The S & P GRR, Sharon and Paul's Garden Railroad, has been brought to life after many years of planning and dreaming. After purchasing various locomotives and cars, construction began in July of 2009. This project was an idea to be creative with model trains coupling the enjoyment of working outdoors in a garden. We are attempting to mimic the location where we both grew up, St. Mary's, Pennsylvania. The railroad lines running are a Pennsylvania passenger line and several small freight, logging and local passenger service by the St. Mary's and Southwestern Railroad. The St. Mary's and SWRR was an actual railroad beginning in the late 1800's.

Rich Severance

On3 Colorado Lines

The scenery is complete on this layout, which is designed primarily for displaying buildings and scenery, with only a few sidings for exhibiting permanently immobile engines and cars and a few short trains waiting their turn to traverse the single 120



SWITCH LIST May 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, or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe, KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org . **Please put me in your newsletter.**

DIVISION MEETINGS

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

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION Tom Persoon is the Superintendent e-mail: persoont06@msn.com For other division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: Eastern Iowa Division

GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO) meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd. St., just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. The library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am. Web page: www.tulsanmra.org Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION Meetings are at 1:00 pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: boxcar75@wamego.net.

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

OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, and KEARNEY, NE) Meets quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Todd L. Petersen, Div. Dir. 308-832-2200 or todd@gtmc.net

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA, Tuesday, March 24 – Turkey Creek, Shawnee Mission High School, cafeteria, Johnson Dr. & Metcalf, 7:00. Check the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current. Info: Louis Seibel, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 L-

seibel@comcast.net

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit www.whdnmra.info for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS) Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 4091/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store, rear entrance from parking lot) 6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director 620-521-3591 cell or 620-272-0444 Home e-mail: trainman55@hotmail.com

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, May 22 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Town Square Room, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, ideroo@planetkc.com

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Sunday, May 17 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, at members' home. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.com

Monday, May 18 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Thursday, May 21 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Every Sunday – Weekend N-gineers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, hapheart@swbell.net

Every Sunday –Mid Kansas model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, McPherson, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

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

Every Tuesday – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 424 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 7:00. Information: Ron Williams, 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 and you can reach John Johnson, President @ info@mexicotrains.com or phone 573-581-8013

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



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Every Other Wednesday– Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Information: Steven Boeck s.j.boeck@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 Saturday – Boothill Model Railroad, 1:00. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Saturday – Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water, Liberty, MO 11:00-3:00. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale05@gmail.com

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

Every 2nd & 4th 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

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

Add our website - www.cvmrc.com - we post the dates of our Sunday meetings on our main page.

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

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

Meetings

Sunday, May 17 – Indian Nations, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., Tulsa, 9:30-12:30, layout tour at a members' house. Information: Dave Salamon, drs_rr@yahoo.com

Tuesday, May 19 – Turkey Creek, Shawnee Mission High School, cafeteria, Johnson Dr. & Metcalf, Shawnee Mission, 7:00. 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 Tuesday Ozarks Model Railroad Assn. 424 W. Commercial Street, Springfield, MO. 7:00pm. Information: First Tuesday - Business, Second Tuesday - Maintenance, Third Tuesday - Operating, Fourth Tuesday - Open running bring your favorite train. Ron Williams MMR: rwilliams3129@gmail.com or 417-839-3433. Web: omraspringfield.org

Thursday, May 21 – Kate Shelley, 515 Douglas Ave., town???, 6:00. Information: www.NMRA

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

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

GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, May 16 – Wichita Garden Railway Society, at members' layout. Information: Claudia Rollstin, claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com

Thursday, May 28 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd., Tulsa, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

Sunday, May 31 – Northeast Kansas, at members' layout. Information: Tedy Bellos, pefeddy@everestKC.net

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, May 7 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., North Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: "Video of Three Traction Lines" by Bill White. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

Monday, May 11 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main Street office, 12 E. 5th, Emporia, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandrew70@yahoo.com

Wednesday, May 13 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

Every Tuesday – Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00, join with a group to watch trains

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

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

Sunday-Sunday, June 14-21 – National NRHS Convention 2015, Rutland, VT

NEW

July 4-5 2015. Spring Creek Model Trains "OPEN HOUSE / TRAIN SHOW". Open house July 3-4-5 at 304 E Bryson Ave Nebraska, Deshler. Train show July 4-5 Thayer County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 4th & Race St. Nebraska, Deshler Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4. Admission \$5 under 12 free. Outstanding layouts and specialty vendors. More info at; www.springcreekmodeltrains.com, contact; customerservice@springcreekmodeltrains.com or Phone 402-365-7628.

NEW

July 25th Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show at Shawnee Mission North High School 8 to 3 \$6 general admission Bring a can good for Feed the Need and get a dollar off. For more information contact: Louis Seibel at l-seibel@comcast.net or Phone No. 913-927-6850

NEW

September 26th & 27th, 2015 Wichita Toy Train Club 21st Annual Train Show & Swap Meet, 2744 S. George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS 67212. Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-3:00. Over 150 tables of model railroad equipment and memorabilia. All gauges for sale or swap. Operating layouts. Hourly door prize of \$10.00 voucher. Concessions available. Admission \$7 adults both days children under 12 free. Dealer and Exhibitor inquiries welcome. Information contact: Rich Meister, 316-587-5885, amflyer1@cox.net. www.wichitatoytrainclub.org MAP: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zJ1EtDknyL5k.kXlxSDfodfes&mssa=0>

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