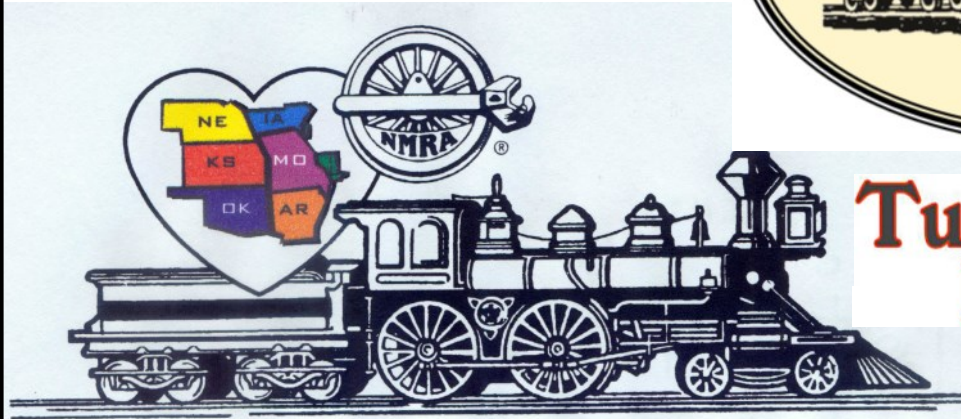


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"For all gauges and all ages"

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Turkey Creek Division Meeting
October 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Hocker Grove Middle School
10400 Johnson Dr.
Shawnee, KS 66203

Clinic by Marty Vaughn MMR
It will be a make and take on figures





Hello- Ray Here,

Another month gone by. I hope everyone has enjoyed the nice weather. Not very encouraging weather for model railroading, except garden railroading. If you have been working outside or even been outside all day you are probably too tired to work on much of any projects.

But if you are like me, I don't get out much so I can still work on my layout some. I was hoping I would get some trains running this week, but after getting everything cleared off the layout so I could see my main track so I could clean it. I found wiring issues that I had not finished and some solder joints that have come apart. Things I knew about but had forgotten. More of my jumping off one project and on to another. Maybe next week. But maybe not. I feel more run down lately. Time of the year or circumstances? I will get back to it know doubt.

Thanks to everyone who participated in "The Model Challenge" last month! There were great models by all, with a large variety. It's good to see everyone's modeling skills. As was proven, you don't have to be an old-time model builder to have a good model. We had a first time model builder take home one of the awards. Next year I would like to see a room full of models.

This month's clinic will be given by Marty Vaughn. It will be a make and take clinic on figures. Marty asks everyone to bring wire cutters, needle nose pliers and a plastic lid like on a Pringles can. This should be a very interesting clinic. We, I'm sure, will have some good fun with what some like Diehl will come up with.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Caboose Hobbies to reopen under new ownership

The World's Largest Model Train Store to reopen with a new retail location
Published: Monday, October 17, 2016

Caboose Hobbies, known as The World's Largest Model Train Store, is now under new ownership and will move to a new retail location in the Denver, Co., metropolitan area. This announcement comes from the new owner Kevin Ruble via the Caboose Hobbies website at www.cabooseshobbies.com

In August 2016, former owners Duane and Joanna Miller had announced their plans to retire and close the business.

For more updates on the new Caboose Hobbies, check the firm's website and Facebook page.



Exciting News!

Caboose Hobbies is now under new ownership and will soon be moving to a new retail location in the Denver Metro area. We are thrilled at the opportunity to provide the excellent products and services that you, our loyal tribe of rail fans and model railroaders have come to expect from Caboose Hobbies.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page and our website for all the latest information and updates, including details about our re-opening party.

From our family to yours, thank you for your continued support. We're excited to serve you!

Sincerely,
Kevin Ruble, Caboose Hobbies
Sharing our passion for trains since 1938





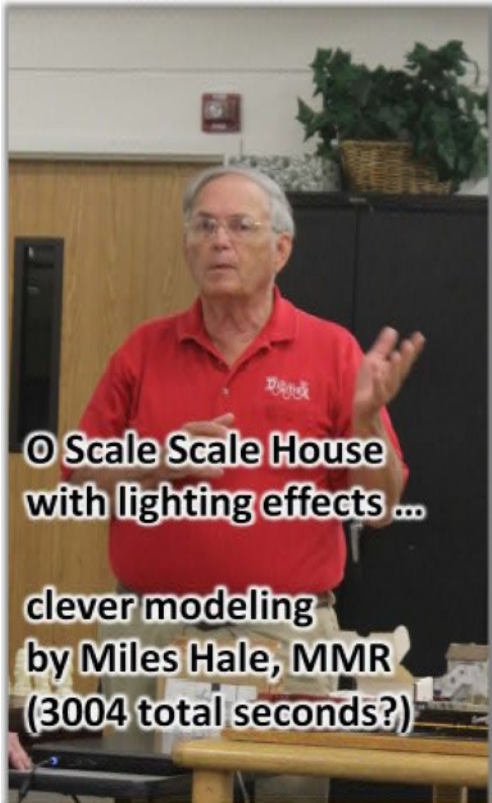
We had 14 entries, 1 display diorama and a display of several diesel locomotives. Judging seemed to take a few more minutes as there were some tough decisions between several quality entries.



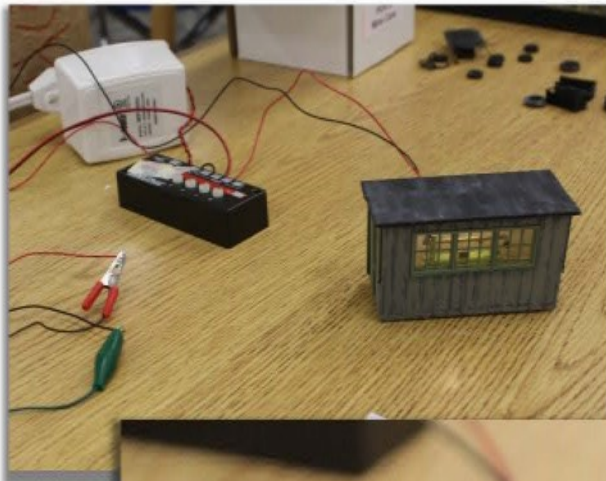
The purpose of the modeling challenge is to entice people to build, share their finished structures with all and enjoy comradery.



Our Entries:



© Scale Scale House
with lighting effects ...
clever modeling
by Miles Hale, MMR
(3004 total seconds?)

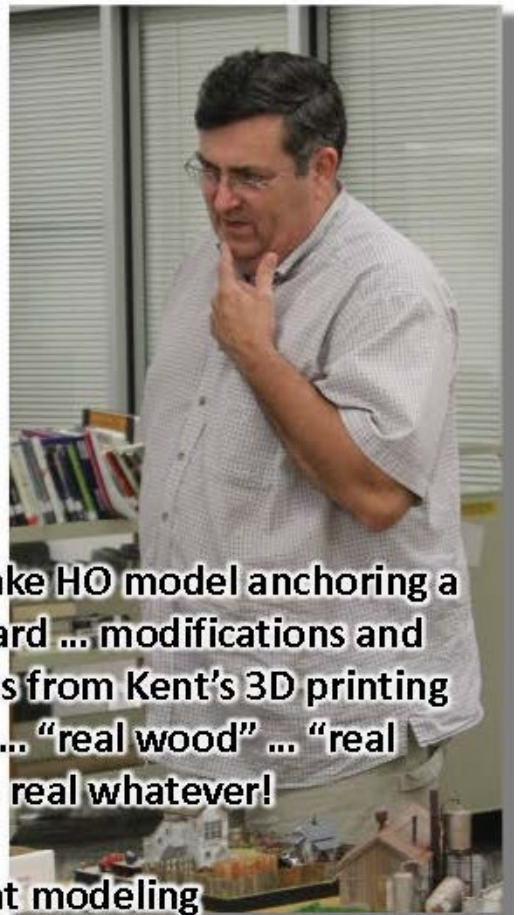


Make & Take model from about 2014,
Richie reroofed with new materials.

quality finishes ...
by Richie Kennedy



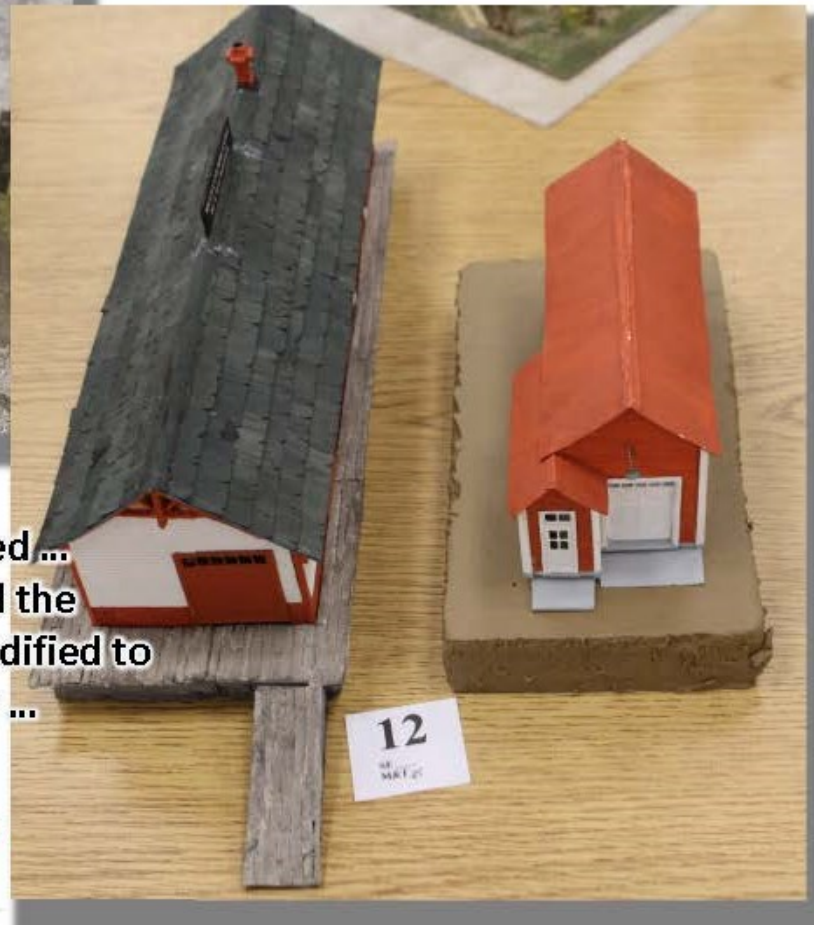
Make & Take HO model anchoring a Salvage Yard ... modifications and detail parts from Kent's 3D printing (mastery) ... "real wood" ... "real copper" ... real whatever!



Pretty Neat modeling by Kent Hurley



Make & Take modeling ... HO Pueblo "A" Warehouse and Shed ... The Western Maryland Station and the One Story Mfg. model of 2015, modified to serve Paul's meat packing industry ...



Well done models by Paul Evans





A creation that could only be conceived by
Larry Patch ...

it came with a string of big words and
"B...S..."
5-1/2 miles long!

an O Scale hi-rail display
by Dan Wiltshire and Kerry Williams

Dan and Kerry modeled a part of Canton,
MO involving levee on the Mississippi River
plus culverts and flood gates and
waterway.



**HO Scenery Module used in
Woodland Scenic clinics ...
built by Fran Hale, MMR**



**HO Wood Bridge & Trestle
by Stan George
very good craftsmanship**



**Welcome ...
Stan's first Turkey Creek meeting ...
hope he continues to attend ...**

**O Scale Make & Take model
by Missy Levy ...**

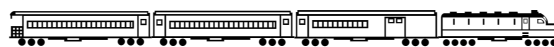


**Missy's first model for any
challenge or contest ...
Very Well Done!**

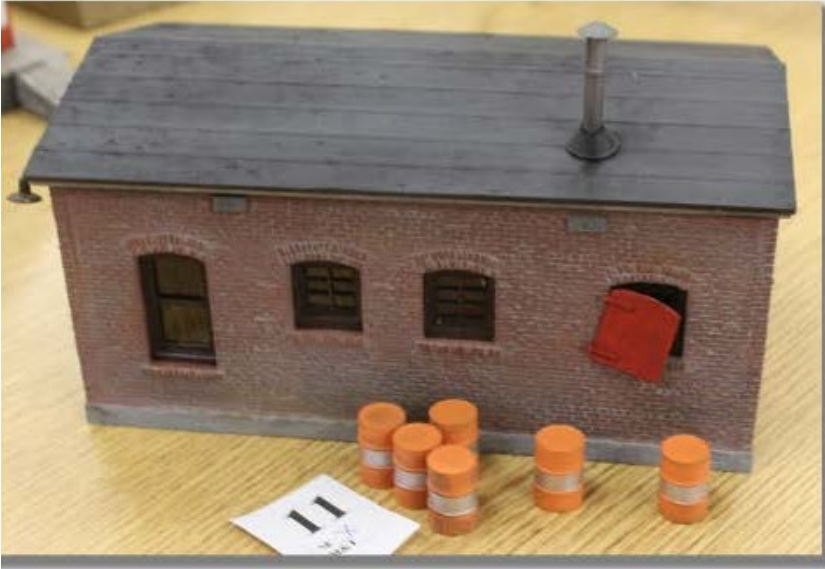
**Larry Alfred presents his Make & Take O Scale
model as he constructed and modified.**



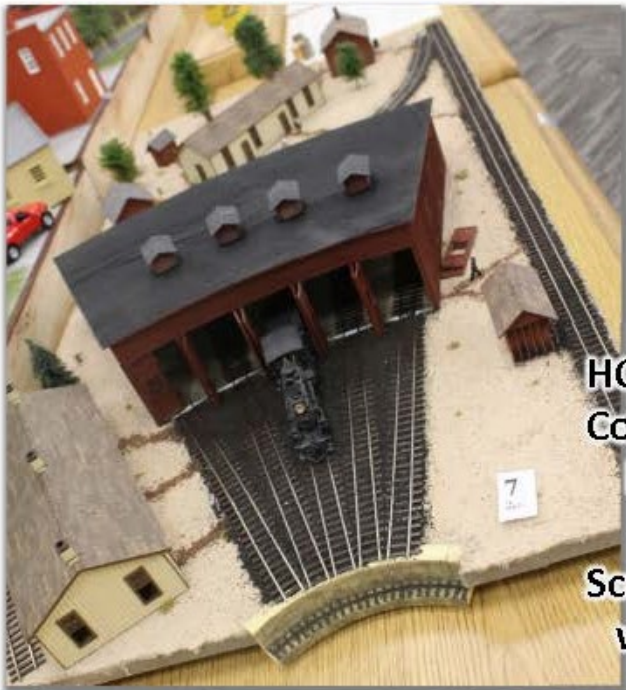
**Kalinowski Shipping Co. Larry built
as a tribute to John Kalin of St.
Louis. "Story behind the name"!**



O Scale Chama Oil House
as built by Steve McKee
nicely done plaster model.



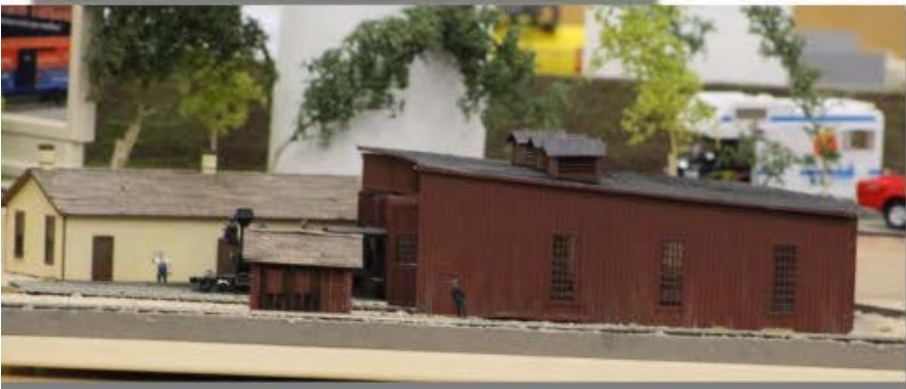
(dislodged window door attributed
to Larry Diehl's "rough driving")



HO scale diorama of Sargent,
Colorado
by Ray Brown



Scratchbuilt structures
well done ...



**HO Hassler-Paisley Pickle Co.
by Jack Ferris ...**



**a lot of research ...
good drawings ...
note – tanks built with a taper!**

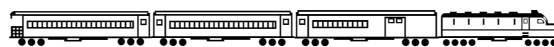


**Shelly Levy “took a fall” this year which
has “kinked” his modeling schedule ...**

Not sure what scale this is?



**Dennis Owens displays
locomotives he has worked on.**



Best of Show

"Brass Lantern"
goes to Ray Brown



Second Place
to Larry Alfred, MMR



Third Place
to Kent Hurley



Honorable Mention
to Larry Patch



Honorable Mention
to Stan George





**Best Make & Take
to Missy Levy**

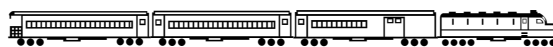
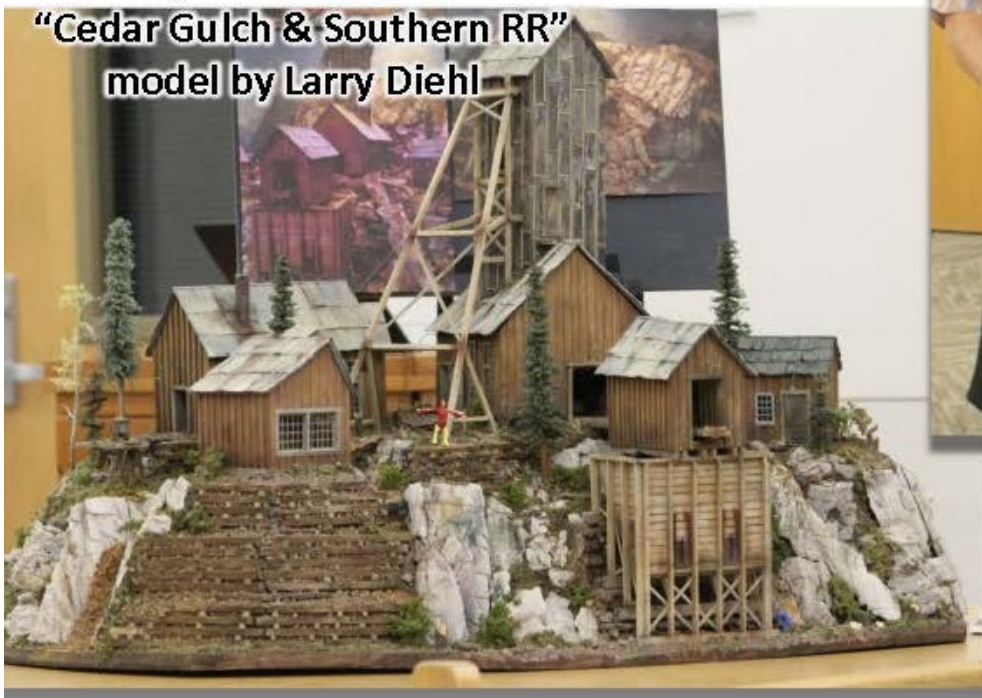
**Special Effects
to Miles Hale, MMR**



**"Red Bull Award"
Most Whimsical
to Larry Patch**



**Gold Mine #2 Display
on Gary Davidson's On3
"Cedar Gulch & Southern RR"
model by Larry Diehl**

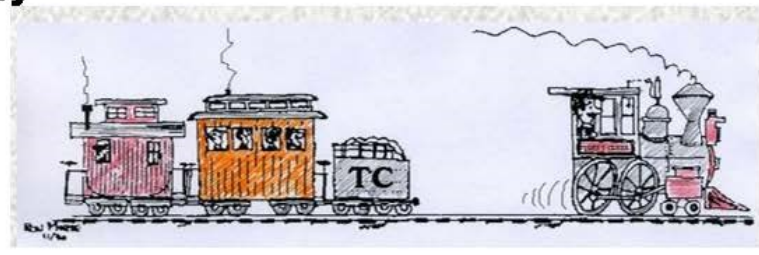


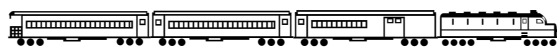


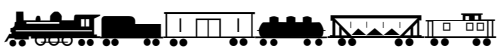
I hope everyone had fun ...
and I hope more join in next year!
 Have a good Holiday Season, and prepare
 your models for 2017 Challenge...

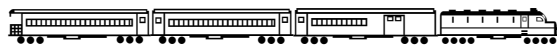
Larry Alfred, MMR

Miles Hale Kent Hurley Larry Patch
 Fran Hale Richie Kennedy Jack Ferris
 Larry Alfred **... Thank You ...** Dennis Owens
 Stan George **Participants ...**
 Ray Brown Dan Wiltshire/Kerry Williams Steve McKee
 Shelly Levy Missy Levy Paul Evans
 Larry Diehl













For the enjoyment and edification of model railroad operators

Sesquicentennial session celebrates twelve years of operating

A party atmosphere prevailed during the September 2nd PGR ops session. Refreshments kept the crew hydrated and well-nourished. All four jobs featured new instructions. The Northfield Yardmaster now blocks the Lakeville turn “fronts” and “rears.” The road en-



(from the left) Don Ball, Mike McLain, Bob Willer, and Chuck Hitchcock raised glasses in a toast before diving into cheese, meat, and crackers at my 150th operating session held last month.

gineer handled Faribault switching duties. The Lakeville crew used the passing siding and benefited from the blocking of the turn job from Northfield.



Number 74 is hard at work classifying cars in Northfield at the grade crossing, while DM & E 6363 from the Twin Cities awaits permission to deliver cars to the yard.



The Airlake Terminal Railway crew in a rare moment of collaboration



Trivial Train Trivia

How well do you know my operating railroads along with facts about Prairie Ponderings?

Test your knowledge and see how many of the following questions you can answer correctly. You might be surprised at a few of them.

1. Alan's first session (10/04) took place in:
 - A. Sioux Falls, SD
 - B. Egan, MN
 - C. Shawnee, KS
 - D. None of the above
2. The first session held then featured an operating crew of how many?
 - A. Nine
 - B. Seven
 - C. Five
 - D. Three
3. Which of the following was NOT his operating layout theme during the past 12 years?
 - A. WSOR
 - B. DM & E
 - C. TCWR
 - D. GB & W
4. Which of Alan's layouts appeared in Model Railroader and the NMRA Magazine/Bulletin:
 - A. Progressive Rail Airlake Industrial Park
 - B. DM & E Tracy Sub
 - C. Wisconsin Central Valley Sub
 - D. All of the above
5. Which events featured one of Alan's operating layouts?
 - A. ProRail and MinnRail 2005
 - B. SiouxRail 2008
 - C. Prairie Rail 2016
 - D. All of the above
6. "Subscribers" from how many countries currently receive Prairie Ponderings?
 - A. Two
 - B. Three
 - C. Four
 - A. Who cares?
7. How many "subscribers" receive Prairie Ponderings? (whether they read any of it or even look at any of the pictures is debatable)
 - A. 50+
 - B. 75+
 - C. 100+
 - D. 150+
8. Fellow operators who have been dubbed (cursed?) Alan's mentors since 2002 include:
 - A. Gary Freseman
 - B. Chuck Hitchcock
 - C. Both of the above
 - D. Neither are inclined to claim him
9. Among the several themes and railroads modeled on Saatkamp railroads, which one "lasted" the longest? (hint: three years)
 - A. WC Valley Sub
 - B. DM & E Tracy Sub
 - C. Twin Cities and Western
 - D. None have lasted that long—he can't stick with anything more than a couple years
10. Since its debut in Shawnee, KS in February 2015, there have been nearly how many "unique" operators on the railroad?
 - A. 20
 - B. 40
 - C. 60
 - D. They're all unique, no matter how many!
11. The original iteration of PGR, the Airlake Industrial Park, built on two hollow core doors (donated by his builder) debuted:
 - A. At the 2007 C & NW Historical Society Convention in Huron, SD
 - B. On a cold winter morning in a garage in SD
 - C. On a hot summer evening in a garage in SD
 - D. None of the above
12. Who of the following has/have operated on Alan's layouts during the longest time span? (hint: 11 years)
 - A. Mike Porter
 - B. Kevin Leyerle
 - C. Doug DeBerg
 - D. All three have subjected themselves during this length of time (and come back for more!)
13. Which of these operators participated in the most operating sessions on Alan's railroads?
 - A. Gary Freseman, Mahtomedi, MN
 - B. Mike Kaufman, Garretson, SD
 - C. Eric Carlson, Crooks, SD
 - D. Tim Smith, Sioux Falls, SD

The correct answers can be found on page three. If you scored ten correct answers or more, be sure to collect your prize next time you dine with Alan at Paulo and Bill's in Shawnee on a Wednesday evening—if you ever find him there.



Crews adapting to changes—sessions return to near three hour mark

PGR crews made concerted efforts to comply with new instructions as this fall issue of Prairie Ponderings goes to press. Alternatively, perhaps the desire for more time at “beans” has led to sessions more typical of those noted last year—closer to the three hour mark. A return to two-a-month operating sessions is expected during my fall “vacation” from ministry duties.



When asked to pose and appear to be having fun, Paul Dutot, Jim McCroskie, Keith Robinson, and Chark Lyon complied (mostly) during a recent session. Keith pointed out that the Army Corp of Engineers changing the course of the Cannon River re-

Answers to Train Trivia on page two

1. B. Egan, MN
2. C. Five—Arlan Tietel, the late Bruce Stafford, Gary Freseman, John O'Brien, and John Thomas were the first five to operate the Wisconsin Central Valley Sub in the fall of 2004.
3. D. Green Bay and Western—although modeled in the late 1990s while we lived in Rapid City, SD, the railroad never made it to Minnesota nor to formal operations
4. A. The Progressive Rail Airlake Industrial Park switching layouts appeared in NMRA Bulletin, NMRA Magazine, as well as Model Railroader during the past eight years.
5. D. All of the above—ProRail 2005, MinnRail 2005, three SiouxRails, and Prairie Rail 2016.
6. B. Three—USA, Canada, and Australia
7. C. Nearly 120 folks receive PP. Maybe half of them open the document and might at least look at the pictures. Only one person formally requested to be removed from distribution.
8. C. Chuck and Gary, though some might argue that “D” is more accurate.
9. B. The DM & E Tracy sub existed and operated from 2005 to the end of 2008.
10. C. As of this publication date, 58 different (and/or unique) operators have participated, including a dozen out of town guests during Prairie Rail 2016.
11. A. PGR debuted in 2007 at the Huron, SD convention of the Chicago and North Western.
12. D. All three participated in operating sessions on my railroads going back to MN in 2005 as well as the present in KS. Doug also operated in Harrisburg, SD.
13. B. Mike Kaufman of Garretson, SD has operated 59 times, followed by Tim Smith of Sioux Falls, SD with 48, and Eric Carlson of Crooks, SD with 39 episodes—nearly all in SD.



Why isn't there a runaround *within* the Airlake Industrial Park?

This explanation from current PGR employee Joe Fehr is printed with his permission. It explains why there isn't a runaround track within the Airlake Industrial Park.

Two reasons. 1. \$\$\$\$. 2. \$\$\$.

The use of a second locomotive is far cheaper. Leased SW-1500's are about \$35 per day. Crew is about \$250 a day, fuel about \$30 a day. \$315 for that second locomotive per day.

The only place to add a runner for us is on the mainline. The cost of a mainline turnout if \$350,000 used, times 2 equals \$700,000. Then add \$500,000 for a mile of track using 112 pound rail and you have a total of \$1.2 million. That gives you 3,819 days of using that second locomotive before you cover the cost of the siding. This does not include ground work or land acquisition.

The siding benefit would be operational convenience, however, you need to understand PGR marketing and its ability to find business for every single track here. I have no doubt that even if we built the siding it would be converted in time to an industry track of some sort and have cars parked on it making it worthless as an operational aid.

The benefit of maintaining two locomotives here is that you have a backup should one engine have a breakdown, which happens on 45 year old equip-

ment even while maintained well. Then of course when you have heavy cement days you put both units together to handle the tonnage. Yes a single SW-1500 can handle the 30-40 car blocks of cement, but why beat up on a unit when you can use two units push-pull style and handle the cars easier and safer?

That all being said we are currently only using ONE crew in Lakeville. The Northfield crew blocks their train for customers in Lakeville based on which end of the Lakeville engine the car needs to be on for placement at industry. We call the blocks front and rears (sick railroad humor I'll explain in person some day) and at interchange the Northfield crew pulls all the way past the park switch. They then push the front cars onto the lead, and cut away.

The Lakeville engine then couples onto these cars from it's position on the Boise lead and shoves the cars into the park and begins switching them out. While that is done the Northfield crew then shoves the rear cars into the park and cuts away, tying them down until the Lakeville crew will come and work them. The Northfield crew then assembles their outbound train and departs. **It makes sense for the Northfield crew to block the cars as they have the room at Northfield and the time before they head south.**

Thanks for the explanation. Perhaps we'll hear a reaction from other readers.—ed.



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



Caboose Hobbies



The news of Caboose Hobby's imminent closing hit like a thunderbolt. This Denver train shop was more than a hobby shop catering to model railroaders; it was a seminal destination for generations of hobbyists.

Started in 1938 by Glenn Brazelton and originally located downtown on 15th street, Caboose quickly became identified with a large inventory and excellent service. Son Duane Miller and wife Joanna took over, expanded and moved when the old location could not handle the increasing inventory. Their new location on South Broadway was the size of a supermarket, complete with shopping carts, and quickly became a "must" stop for visitors. Certified by Guinness as the World's Largest Train Store, Caboose became known for its staggering inventory, inspiring store layouts and dioramas, and brass case with hundreds of pieces. It offered clinics and seminars, carried a wide range of magazines and books, and a massive inventory in all scales. If Caboose did not have it, it did not exist. Over the decades, Caboose also expanded its mail order and internet presence until fully half of its sales were internet originated.

A changing hobby business and a landlord who wanted to sell the building for a major redevelopment meant the Millers had to either move or close. Originally, they chose to downsize and move to a smaller location but after such a long time in the business, Duane and Joanna decided to close up and call it an era. And it truly was; stories of first visits to Caboose are legion and often very similar. As many times as I have been there, Caboose was not to be taken lightly. The more you looked, the more you found. I never was able to visit without getting *something*, and often, to Margaret's horror, many *somethings*! But always they were wonderful items at fair prices and often products you did not find elsewhere.

Now Denver is left without a major train shop, although there are some excellent smaller shops in town including a favorite of mine that specializes in used equipment. Colorado Springs still has two major shops left but that is a one hour drive south. Regardless, I wish the Millers well and thank them for all of the wonderful years they gave us. Classy folks. Hopefully, another shop will provide train equipment to the many modelers in the Denver metro area.

Did you notice that the 2017 Walthers catalog combines HO-N-Z in one volume? Some may celebrate this as it presents more scale options, but this also is another example of the contraction of the hobby. There simply is not enough product to justify two catalogs, as in past years. Walthers, like Caboose, is a seminal part of the hobby industry and while far from closing, is an example of changes in the industry.

The future of Walthers, Caboose-style shops, and the NMRA resides in your hands. For every product you buy online to save a dollar, you contribute to the Caboose closing or the Walthers contraction. For every new member you ignore at an event or fail to make welcome, you doom the NMRA. In reality, the answer to the contracting hobby lies with us all. We are the customers and the ambassadors of model railroading. We can make a difference.

In the November issue of *NMRA Magazine*, I will expand on this topic but also address the very different situation overseas. There the hobby is thriving and shows it can here also. So do not be discouraged but please do recognize that we face challenges which together we can meet and overcome.





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Dear fellow Model Railroaders,

I am excited to say that in less than 2 years Kansas City will once again be hosting the NMRA National Convention. Planned for August 5-12, 2018, the convention will be held at the Westin Crown Center hotel across from historic Union Station. The convention committee has been working behind the scenes for almost 2 years in preparation for this event.

An event such as this requires the talents and dedication of a hard working group of volunteers to make it a success. We are looking for a few good men and women to fill many volunteer positions. Attached is an organizational chart with vacancies that need to be filled in the very near future. We will be assigning those positions on a "first come, first serve" basis so act early if a certain one appeals to you.

Some of the positions will require involvement over the next 2 years, including monthly meetings for status updates. We expect the bulk of the positions will require involvement in the last 6 months leading up to the convention, with the convention week requiring the greatest num-

ber of volunteers for registration, tour guides, clinicians and the company store.

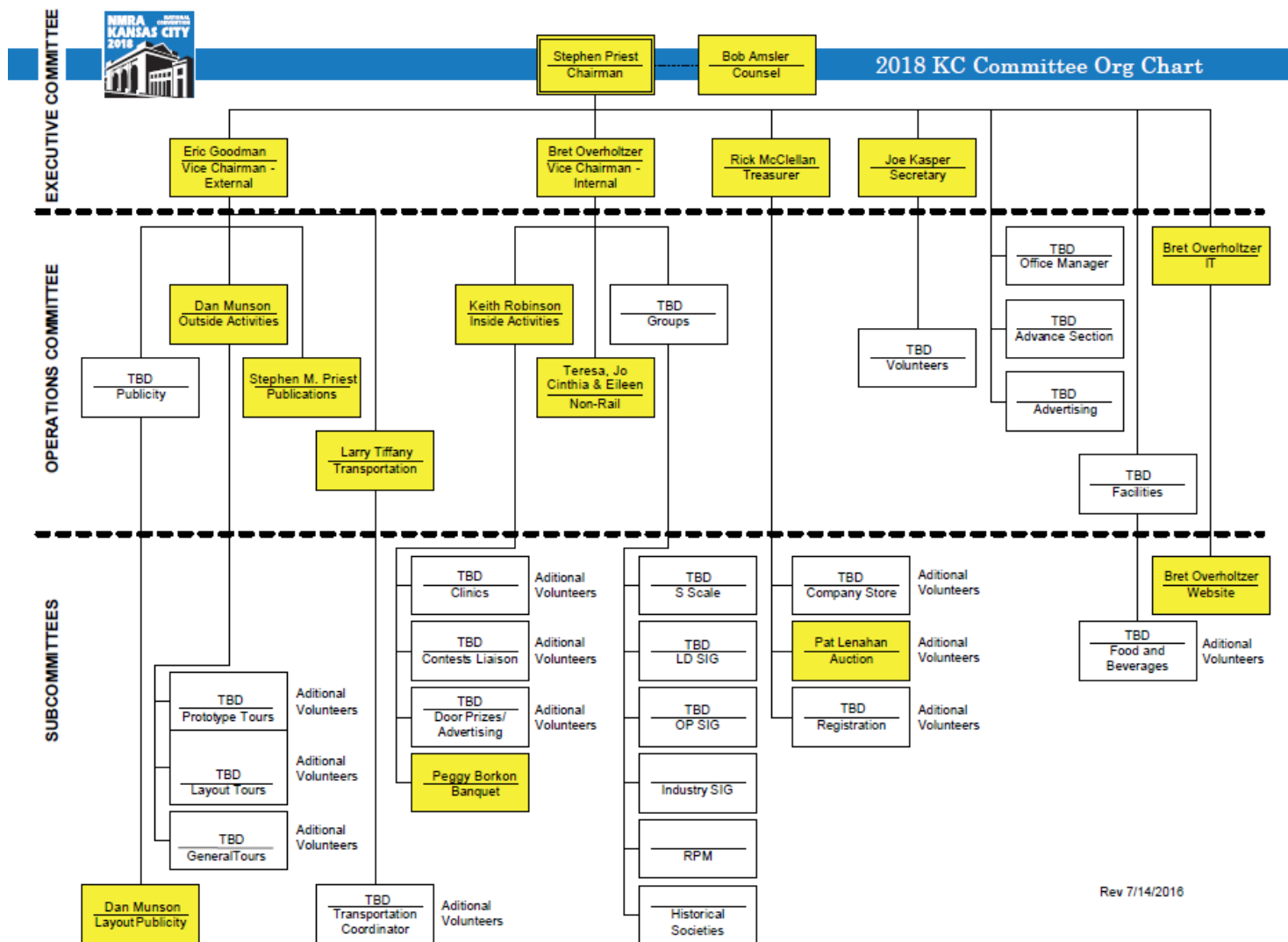
For those of you working towards your Master Model Railroader certification, this volunteering opportunity counts towards hourly requirements. You may be able to get all the hours you need in a very short amount of time.

If you have any questions about how you can help, please contact any committee member. We need your hard work and help to make this a successful convention!

Attached is an organizational chart showing some of the vacancies currently available.

Thanks again for taking the time to consider this.

The KC2018.org Convention Committee



SWITCH LIST October 2016

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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

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 Information Alan A. Aagaard email: alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

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 Every first Saturday of a month meeting starts at 1pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: wcastegnar035@gmail.com.

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, Turkey Creek Division Meeting Every Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Hocker Grove Middle School, Shawnee, Ks 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 ; Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: <http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, October 7 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, 124 SW Fillmore St., 7:00. Program: "Engineer Training on the Santa Fe Railway" by Warren Scholl

Friday, October 14 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Program: Kansas City Chapter Exchange. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, October 21 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Town Square Room, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, jderoo@planetkc.com

DIVISIONS

Saturday, October 1 – Kansas Central, at member's home, 1:00. Information: wcastegnar035@gmail.com

Monday, October 3 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13th St. N., Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 25 – Turkey Creek, Hocker Grove Middle School, 10400 Johnson, Shawnee, 7:00. Information: Louis Seibel, l-seibel@comcast.net or www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html

Thursday, October 27 – Kate Shelley, 515 Douglas Ave., town???, 6:00. Information: www.NMRA

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

NARVRE

Monday, October 3 – Hutchinson, Airport Steak House, 1100 Airport Rd, 8:30 a.m. Information: Ron Pauls, arkola@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, October 4 – Arkansas City, Senior Citizen Center, 320 S. A St., 11:30



Monday, October 10 – Abilene/Salina, Bayard's Café, Salina, 540 S. Broadway. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

Monday, October 10 – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16th St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, jimmywdodds@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 11 – Kansas City, KS, Joe Amaya Center Community Center, 2700 Metropolitan Ave., 12:00. Information: Craig Hatch, hatch4591@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 11 – Wellington, Senior Center, 308 S. Washington, 12:00. Information: abdb@sutiv.com

Tuesday, October 11 – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl., 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, lbroadbent@cox.net

Wednesday, October 12 – Marysville, Ricky's Café, Hanover, 11:30. Information: Dolores Krug, d30krug@yahoo.com

Monday, October 17 – Wichita, Best Western N., 915 E. 53rd N. (I-135), 11:00-1:30. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Sunday, October 1 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2nd floor, 1:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com

Wednesday, October 5 – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Great Mall of the Plains, store 190, 20070 W. 151st St. (I-35 exit 215), 7:00-9:00. Information: Steven Boeck, s.j.boeck@att.net

Thursday, October 6 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts. Information: www.augustahorrrclub.org

Thursday, October 6 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Pl., 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

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

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

Saturday, October 8 – Frankfort Division, 416 W. 1st St., Frankfort, 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Saturday, October 8 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, 10:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child up to 12 free

Sunday, October 9 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 1:00-5:00

Tuesday, October 11 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Point Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terr. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Sunday, October 16 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad

Sunday, October 16 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater KC, at member's home. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.com

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

Wednesday, October 19 – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers

Thursday, October 20 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@wroldnet.att.net

Saturday, October 22 – Frankfort Subdivision

Saturday, October 22 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Sunday, October 23 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Every Sunday – Weekend Nginers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, haphheart@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. Information: Ron Williams, rwilliams3129@gmail.com

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. Ohnell, wohrnell@sbcglobal.net

Every Other Wednesday – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, E-mail for meeting location 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

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 – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12th scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, 10:00-4:00. Information: Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, October 15 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at member's home. Information: Nancy Martin, nanmarin@att.net

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

Sunday, October 30 – Northeast Kansas, at member's layout. Information: Tedy Bellos, petedy@everestks.net

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, October 6 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

Monday, October 10 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main St. office, 12 E. 5th, Emporia, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandrew70@yahoo.com

Wednesday, October 12 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

Every Tuesday – Join with a group at Spangle's, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00 to rail fan

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2016

October 6-9 Thursday-Sunday – Missouri Pacific Historic Society, Baymont Inn 319 W. Miller, 314-573-5231.

Registration \$30 before Sept. 1; \$40 after. No charge for spouses. Mail: Missouri Pacific Historic Society, 16318 Valley St., Omaha, NE 68130. MOPAC Heritage 1982 on display Sat. Information: www.mopac.org

October 8 Saturday, Salt City Model Train Show, Memorial Hall, 101 S. Walnut St., Hutchinson. Adult \$5.00, child 12 & under free; \$1.00 admission donated to Hutchinson Zoo Train. Information: Mark Buckley, mbuckley@sbcglobal.net

October 15th 2016 The American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation (APRHF), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, is hosting the 7th Annual Silver Rails Model Train Show on Saturday, October 15th 2016, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Silver Rails Event Center. The Silver Rails Event Center is located at 204 E. Moore Street in La Plata, Missouri. We will have operating train layouts and lots of trains/railroad memorabilia



for sale. Vendor space is available for \$20.00 a table. Entry fee is \$3.00 per person at the door. All proceeds from the entry fee go to the APRHF Silver Rails Gallery Remodel. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Breakfast and hot lunch will be available on site. Set up times will be Friday Night October 14th from 6pm to 10 pm and Saturday morning the 15th from 7 am to 8:30 am. Posters, Invites and Entry forms will be mailed out and available soon. Thank you all for your support over the past few years and we hope to see you this year. For more information, please contact Bob Cox at Phone: 660-287-1714, E-Mail president@aprhf.org and Web site: is <https://www.facebook.com/events/141462879601247/>

OCTOBER 16 –17TH, 2016 –OMAHA RAILROAD DAYS ALL ABOARD for a fun-filled weekend, exploring six unique railroad themed attractions. Celebrate our region's rich railroad heritage and all things train and track at Railroad Days 2016. On Saturday, OCTOBER 16 and Sunday, OCTOBER 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lauritzen Gardens, The Durham Museum, the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, the Rails West Railroad Museum, the Historic General Dodge House and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail are teaming up for this favorite annual event. Passes for railroad Days can be purchased on OCTOBER 16 or 17 at all venues with the exception of the Lewis and Clark Trail. Guests can still start their day at Lewis and Clark and then purchase their pass at the next location. There are no presales. Each family pass (two adults and all dependent children) is \$15 and allows admission to and transportation between all six locations. A \$5 pass is available for one additional adult with the purchase of a family pass. Parking is available at all six venues with food item, child 12 & under free. Information: John Schmucker, javen1927@gmail.com

October 23 & 24, 2016 GREAT TRAIN SHOW, 10AM TO 4PM Belle-Clair Fairground & Expo Center 200 South Belt E, Belleville IL Admission \$9, Kids under 11 Free

OCTOBER 29, 2016 SEDALIA RAILS SHOW, LIBERTY PARK, MO Saturday October 29, 2016, at the same location in Liberty Park. Hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission price \$4.00. If you have any questions or further needs, contact Ken Bird: Mail communications: Sedalia Rails, 228 Dundee Ave., Sedalia MO, 65301 Phone: 660-525-1741 or 660-547-3389 Email: klbird@embarqmail.com

OCTOBER 30, 2016-THE FIFTH ANNUAL MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE SPONSORED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL IOWA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, HAMPTON, IOWA Where: Franklin County Convention Center located on the Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hwy 3 West, Hampton, Iowa Show Hours: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM For More Information, call:641-456-1998 (leave message) or Email: eastsidetrains@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 5, 2016 -FRIENDS OF THE ROCK ISLAND BLUE ISLAND, ILL The next meeting will be Saturday, November 5, 2016. Location: Grace United Methodist Church -Lower Level (enter at rear)12739 Maple Avenue, Blue Island. Details TBA. General info: Jim Suhs jamessuhs@sbcglobal.net or Tom Mitoraj mitoraj@yahoo.com Swap tables: Paul Hunnell mailto:phunnell@yahoo.com Contact: Paul Hunnell mailto:phunnell@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 5, 2016 Kate Shelley Division Train Show 25th Annual Fall Meet, 9am-3pm. Mid-Continent Region National Model Railroad Assoc. United Community School 1284 U Ave, Boone, Iowa (on U.S. Hwy 30, between Ames and Boone, Iowa) Information, e-mail Joe Gliem joegliem@gmail.com

November 5 Missouri, Ballwin - NMRA Gateway Division Annual Fall Meet and Train Show., 9 am to 3 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd at Woods Mill Road (Hwy 141, Ballwin MO. Admission \$7, children under 12 free. The Fall Meet features model railroad vendors; model railroad displays and operating layouts; swap tables; model contest; layout tours; and children's activities. For show information contact Rich Velten, 314-805-0887, modeltrainnut@gmail.com. For vendor or swap table information contact Bryan Post, 248 Pardella, St. Louis, MO 63125, 314-249-6986.

Saturday-Sunday, November 5-6 – Ark City Train Show, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington, Sat. 9:00-4:00, Sun. 10:00-3:00. \$5.00 adult, \$4.00 with food item, child 12 & under free. Information: Javen Schmucker, javen1929@gmail.com ([LINK](#))

November 5 & 6, 2016 (Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm) - 8th annual Mid Continent Prototype Modelers Meet, 150 S. Main, Benton, KS ([LINK](#))

November 26, 2016 (Sat 9am-3pm) - Joplin Museum Complex Model Train Show, Joplin Museum Complex, 504 S Schifferdecker Ave, Joplin, MO 64801 ([LINK](#))

November 27, 2016 (Sun 9am-2pm) - Mid-America Train & Toy Show, KCI Expo Center, 11730 NW Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO ([LINK](#))

December 3 & 4, 2016 (Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm) - Oklahoma City Train Show, Cox Pavilion, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, OK

December 14, 2016 (Beginning at 4pm) - KCS Holiday Express - Goodman MO, 205 West B Avenue (at Intersection of North School Street & West B Avenue) ([Details & Schedule](#))

December 15, 2016 (Beginning at 4pm) - KCS Holiday Express - Pittsburg KS, Elm & Monroe Streets ([Details & Schedule](#))

December 16-20, 2016 - KCS Holiday Express - Kansas City Union Station, Kansas City, MO ([Details & Schedule](#))

January 7-8 Great Train Show Mid America Center One Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

January 28-29, 2017 10am-4pm Great Train Show 10am-4pm Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center 225 W Douglas, Wichita, KS 67202-310

Saturday-Sunday, February 4-5 Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. Admission adult \$8.00, \$7.00 with food item, child 10 & under free. Vendor tables \$25.00 each before Dec. 31; after \$30.00. Information: Phil Aylward, aylward1@cox.net

February 4 & 5, 2017 Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS Saturday 9 to 5, Sunday 12 to 4 ([LINK](#))

February 11-12 Great Train Show 10am-4pm Expo Square, 4145 E 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74112

