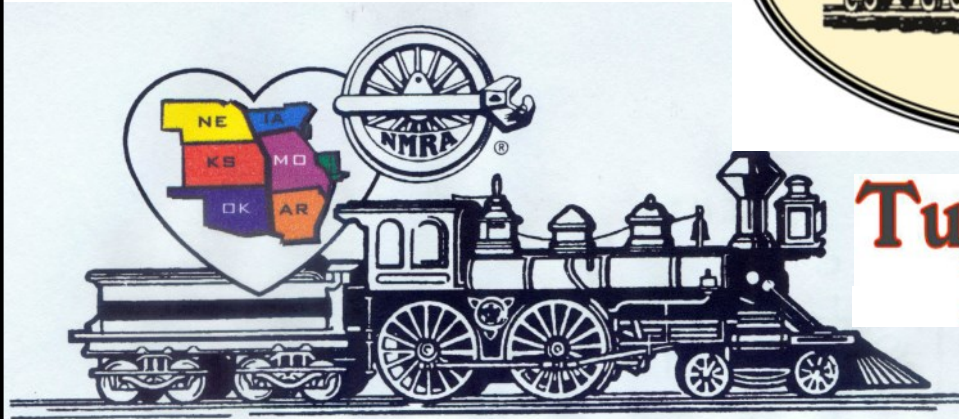


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Election of Officers

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Hell-o Ray Here,

Good month bad month, I'm sure everyone has those occasionally. The month is slipping away. We are getting closer to the holiday season. I'm not sure I'm ready for that. The holidays have always been a big deal at our house. Not so much now, but things are always changing for everyone. I hope you have a good or festive Thanksgiving and Christmas planed. Put on your Christmas list or however you celebrate this time of year, that one railroad item you would like to have. Don't have one? Shame on you! Everyone interested in model railroading should have something on their list. If you don't get it as a gift go out and get it for yourself, you deserve it. It is the time of year that we need to be reminded of what we need to be thankful for. We should be thankful all year around, but life gets in the way sometimes. You can always find the negatives and you think it is hard to find things to be thankful for. Not really, we just concentrate on the negatives more sometimes. Just sit back, relax and let your mind go. You can find all kinds of things to be thankful for. Enough of my self-therapy.

I would like to thank Marty Vaughn for his make and take clinic on figures last month. I'm not sure what mine looked like, maybe an alien. With some practice, I might make one good enough to put behind a tree. I always envy someone that that can do something better than I can. Which there are a lot of people that can do better than me. There are so many people with talent and Marty is one.

This month we will have two programs. The first we be by Bill Humenczuk on the National NMRA Convention with description and pictures of layouts and the convention. Mark Juett will have the second, a shortened presentation on decoders.

Plan to see you all there.

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Turkey Creek Division Election of Officers for 2017

Candidates are as follows. These positions are for a one year term.

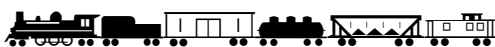
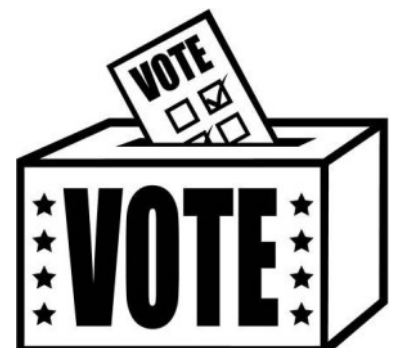
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The following Candidate is for Turkey Creek Division Director. This is a three-year term. Requirements are to attend two board meeting one in January and one at the regional meet. To report on the actions of the board to the members of the division.

John Fales Director







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







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

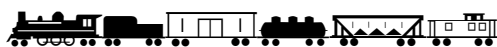
Trivial Train Trivia

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. Eagan, 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. Eagan, 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.



POPULATING YOUR LAYOUT

Marty Vaughn MMR

The purpose of any railroad is to move passengers and/or material for use by people from one point to another. If you don't have people on your layout, there isn't any reason for the trains to run. People are one detail item most lacking on layouts due to the expense and the small variety of poses available in either painted or unpainted figures. Using the methods described in this clinic you can make your own figures for just a few cents each in scale from O to N.

Using this method you can make the one figure in a special pose to fit your scene:

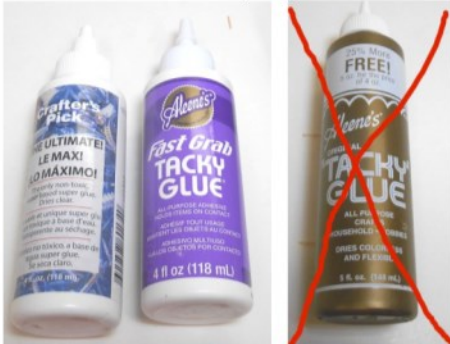
Or you can build an entire army of figures to fill your layout:

The four basics of building your own figures can be seen in this photo, from armature to coating, to putty coating to painting.



TOOLS & MATERIALS:

Glue: Crafter's Pick The Ultimate glue (I happen to like this brand best) or Aleen's Fast Grab Tack Glue NOTE: Aleene's makes a variety of glues but the Fast Grab is the only one that works well for this process.



Wire: For N scale or smaller use 32 gauge galvanized wire from a hardware store. For HO 30 gauge floral from Michael's or Hobby Lobby works fine and is cheaper. For S, O and G use 20 gauge floral wire. I don't like brass wire or copper wire for this, one is too stiff and one too soft.



Needle Nose Pliers: No matter what scale, the smaller the better. If you don't have a good pair check out the jewelry section of Hobby Lobby, they have good low priced needle nose and tweezers nose pliers from \$8 to \$14 dollars before you apply your coupon.



Wire Cutters: You need a pair of flush cutting wire cutters. Again, if you don't have a good pair check out the jewelry section of Hobby Lobby. For less than \$10 you can get what you need or for about 50% more they even have flush cutting Xuron tools. And that's before you use your coupon.

Tooth picks: Flat, round, whatever your prefer.

Glue container. You want something you can put a little glue on to dab your toothpick in. Wax paper will work but I prefer a lid from a nut can, or Pringles can or a margarine tube as they don't scoot around my work surface like the wax paper.

Foam: You need a scrape of foam that you can stick the base of the figure in while it dries. Any old foam, including packing foam will work.

Scale Ruler: You need something to give you the basic height for your figure. I usually just mark the 3', 5' and 6' dimensions of the scale I am working in on an old wood popcycle or stirring stick. A scale ruler works fine, but I started using the marked up stick for portability and have stuck with it.

Primer: You can paint right over the glue with acrylic paint, but I still prefer to prime them with a cheap gray primer. Walmart used to carry a cheap gray flat primer but it is becoming difficult to find.

Glue Applicator: If you really want to be fancy, you can use a bottle to apply the glue. There are a variety of bottles in the paint and model paint sections at Hobby Lobby like the ones we used at the clinic. You don't need one of these but I find when making a lot of figures it works a lot faster than applying glue with a toothpick. The bottle range in price from \$4 for a set of 4 to \$5 for a single needle nose bottle. You might find another application for these bottles so check them out even if you don't use them for this purpose. The ones in the photo are needle applicator bottles of different diameters and come with a wire in the cap to keep the bottles from clogging when not in use. I like these and use them all the time for making figures. They are found in the model kits section of Hobby Lobby by the Testors model paint.



An O scale armature



MAKING AN HO FIGURE (for other figures use more or less wire according to scale) I've added a "head" to the drawings below to indicate the "top" of the figure when making the armature. You will actually make the head with glue.

1. Cut two pieces of wire 3" long and one piece 1" long. Place the 1" piece on top of 3" piece of wire with the 3" piece wire extending 1" beyond the 1" piece of wire. Hold the 1" and 3" pieces of wire together and twist the longer part of wire down and around the pin shaft 4 to 5 turns so the bottom of the wire is sticking out on the opposite side of the pin. Step #1
2. Place the second 3" wire under the 1" wire with 1" extending out on the top on the opposite side from the first wire. Wrap the second wire 4 to 5 turns down and around the 1" piece shaft so that it ends on the opposite side from the first wire. Push the wrapped wires up close to the pinhead and pull the bottom ends of the wires out straight down and to the sides of the 1" shaft piece. Step #2
3. Grasp 1" shaft piece just below the wire twists and bend up and back 180 degrees. 1" shaft piece should be bent back so that it is on the same side of the pin as the end of the 3" wires. Cut off point end of shaft just above the bend leaving a small hook shape. Squeeze pin hook flat against pin shaft with pliers. Step #3
4. Hold bottom wires of armature across the bottom with pliers. Measure against scale ruler and move armature so that it is approximately 5 scale feet between pliers and top of 1" shaft piece. Bend bottom of wires up 90 degrees. Step #4A. At 6 to 12 scale inches out from the figure bend wires down and back toward armature, then bend remaining length of wire straight down at 90-degree angle. Mash this protruding "foot" with pliers to flatten in HO. For N scale do not double the wire. Step #4B
5. Pull top two ends of wire out perpendicular to pin shaft near pinhead. Approximately 8 to 12 scale inches from shaft bend each wire straight down at a 90-degree angle. Step # 5. Grasp each wire in turn with pliers just below the bent hook in the pin shaft. Loop wire up and over the pliers on the outside of the figure. Pull the loop tight against pliers and pull end of wire over and down toward feet. Leave a small stub of wire for thumb and cut off excess. Step # 5A. Also cut off one of the wires extending below the feet. Leave the other wire attached for use as a handle. For N scale skip this step as hands will be made with the glue.
6. Bend the figure armature to desired position. Deciding how I want to position the figure usually takes me longer than making the armature.
7. Squeeze some glue onto you glue container about the size of a quarter. Too much will waste the glue and too little will dry too fast.
8. Dip your toothpick in the glue and start applying it to the armature. Use flat toothpick to remove excess mix and smooth. Make sure to remove excess mix from between thumb and hand. I have found that there can be a difference in the thickness of these glues even of the same brand (probably depending on the age of the glue). If your glue is thin you might need to cover the armature with a thin coat and let it dry before adding more glue. It sticks readily to itself even after drying so that is not a problem. You will need to add additional mix around the rear, shoulders and chest. Also add a small amount to the bottom of the head to make an oblong rather than round shape. Be aware if your glue is too thin to check the elbow and knee joints where the glue can sag and fill them in. If this happens just use your toothpick to pull the glue up and reshape. Also, keep your toothpick clear of glue residue. Wipe it off frequently on a paper towel, otherwise the glue on the toothpick will start to dry and become sticky making it difficult to transfer glue to the armature. Step # 8. Stick in Styrofoam to dry



for a few minutes. When making multiple figures, repeat this step for 5-6 figures before going on with the next step.

9. Use a straight pin in a hobby knife handle to crease the mix on the head to form eyes and mouth. Dip up glue on pin and add small dabs to form nose and ears. I do this even in N scale. Step # 9. Hair can also be formed and shaped this way including beards and mustaches. Set aside to dry. It will "cure" in about two minutes.
10. You can add hats, jackets, and skirts etc. built up from the mix. Add tools and other equipment after painting the figure.
11. You can paint the figure with any modeling paint, but I recommend the craft bottle acrylics. They cover well and the price is cheaper than hobby paints.

Assuming you don't charge the cost of new needle nose pliers and wire cutters to this project, the material cost per figure including the finish paint is less than 2 cents each. For more information (and better drawings) see the November 1991 issue of *Model Railroader* or the NMRA tape/slide clinic "Minute Men" by Nat Howard.

I also used the glue to make the saddles and bridles for the horses in these photos. I simple "draw" the saddle and bridles on the horses using the glue in a bottle.

Like any thing in modeling (and life), the more you practice the better you will get. With practice you will be moving your "background" figures to a prominent place in the foreground. Next time, bring some of the figures you have made and show the rest of us!

N Scale Cowboy



HO, N and Z scale Cowboys

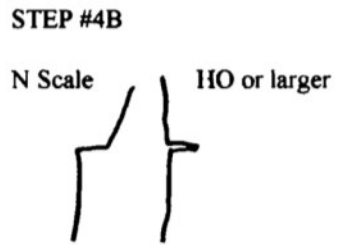
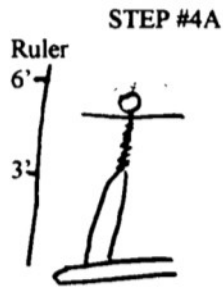
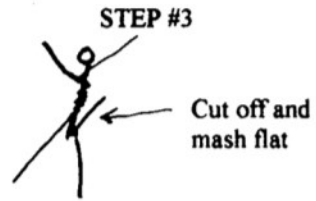
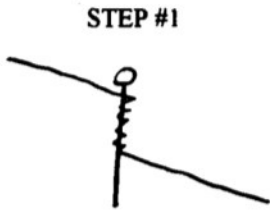


N scale pack mules and burros (all the packs and harness are made with the glue)



HO Saddle Horse





STEP #5A

Thumb and Hand



STEP #8

Add Putty to make head oblong



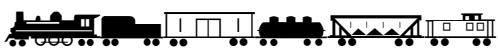
STEP #9

Crease with pin for eyes and mouth. Add dabs of putty for ears and nose.



If you have any questions for need more information feel free to contact me.











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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.

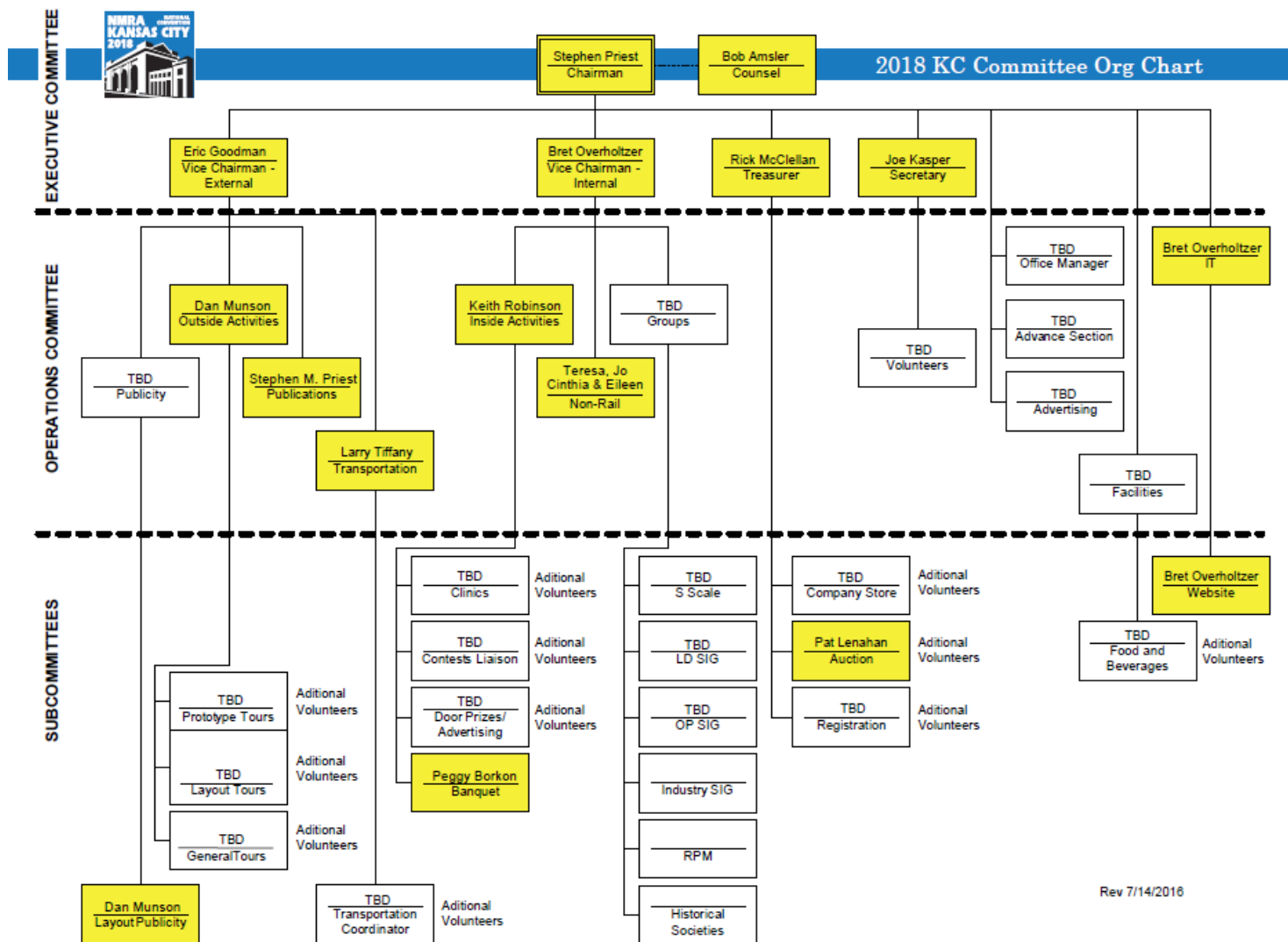
For those of you working towards your Master Model Railroader certification, this volunteering opportunity counts towards hourly requirements. You may be able to get all the hours you need in a very short amount of time.

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 November 2016

*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

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 The first Saturday of even numbered months. Meeting start at 1PM. For the next meeting's location and program please email kd0r@fhrd.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, 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>

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS TRAIN SCHEDULE

This is the schedule for our area of the country:

December 11 De Queen, AR, 4:00, 300 block E. Stillwell Ave.

December 12 Poteau, OK, 4:00, Dewey Ave.

December 13 Gravette, AR, 4:00, 200 Ave. Two Southwest

December 14 Goodman, MO, 4:00, 205 W. B Ave.

December 15 Pittsburg, KS, 4:00, Elm & Monroe (they're calling for volunteer Elves)

December 16 – Kansas City, MO, 5:00, Union Station

December 17-18 – Kansas City, MO, 10:00-8:00, Union Station

December 19 – Kansas City, MO, 11:00-8:00, Union Station

December 20 – Kansas City, MO, 11:00-5:00, Union Station

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NRHS

Friday, November 11 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00. Program: "Engineer Training on the Santa Fe Railway", Warren School

Friday, November 18 – Wichita Chapter, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1101 N. River Blvd, 7:00. Program: David Stevenson, subject to be announced. Pre-meeting Gathering: Riverside Café, 739 W. 13th N, 5:30. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, November 25 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Kansas City Terminal Board Room, 3rd floor, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, jderoo@planetkc.com

DIVISIONS



Monday, November 7 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13th St. N., Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information: Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com
Sunday, November 19 – Indian Nations, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., Tulsa, OK, 9:30-12:30; layout tour at a member's home. Information: Dave Salamon, dvs_rr@yahoo.com

Tuesday, November 22 – 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, November 17 – Kate Shelley. Ed. Note: until I get more information about this club, I will not list them in the e-newsletter

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

Thursday, November 3 – Augusta Model Railroad, 6th & School Sts, 7:30. Information: www.augustahorrorclub.org

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

Friday, November 4 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Sunday, November 6 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2nd floor, 420 Depot, Cherryvale, 1:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com or www.cvmrv.com

Tuesday, November 8 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Point Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terr. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Saturday, November 12 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00. Lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, railway@gbta.net

Saturday, November 12 – Frankfort Subdivision, 416 W. 1st St., 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Saturday, November 12 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S.

Laura, 10:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child 13 & under free.

Sunday, November 13 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 1:00-5:00

Wednesday, November 16 – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers

Thursday, November 17 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's layout, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Sunday, November 20 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad

Sunday, November 20 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, at member's home. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.com

Monday, November 21 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Saturday, November 26 – Frankfort Subdivision

Saturday, November 26 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Sunday, November 27 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Every Sunday – Weekend N-gineers, 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 Sunday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12th scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, 10:00-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536 or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202. Ed. Note: should this be listed under Garden Railroads?

Every Monday – Garden City Model Train, 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

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 Thursday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, HO gauge. Again: Editor Note: unless I'm told what town this meeting is in, I will no longer include it in the e-newsletter

Every Saturday – Boothill Model Railroad, 1:00. Ed Note: Again, I need an address for this meeting. Until I have it, it will no longer be listed

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, 12:00-4:0

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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



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MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, November 19 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at member's layout. Information: Nancy Martin, nanmartin@att.net

Thursday, November 24 (?) – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Free Will Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, Tulsa, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

Sunday, November 27 – Northeast Kansas, at member's layout. Information: Tedy Bellos, petedy@overestkc.net

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, November 3 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: "Santa Fe Business & Special Purpose Cars", Bob Walz. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

Wednesday, November 9 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

Monday, November 14 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main Street office, 12 E. 5th, Emporia, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandrew70@yahoo.com

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

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2016

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 jamesuhs@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 joeqliem@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

January 7-8 2017 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 2017 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 Saturday9 to 5, Sunday 12 to 4 (LINK)

February 11-12 2017 Great Train Show 10am-4pm Expo Square, 4145 E 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74112

February 20-21, 2017 The Lawrence Model Railroad Club returns to the Douglas County Fairgrounds for the 15th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet. The event features HO and N scale layouts, vendor tables, a model contest, silent auction, door prizes, and more!

May 18th-21st, 2017 The Great Plains Joint Line- 2017 joint regional convention between MCoR and TLR in Ames, IA.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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