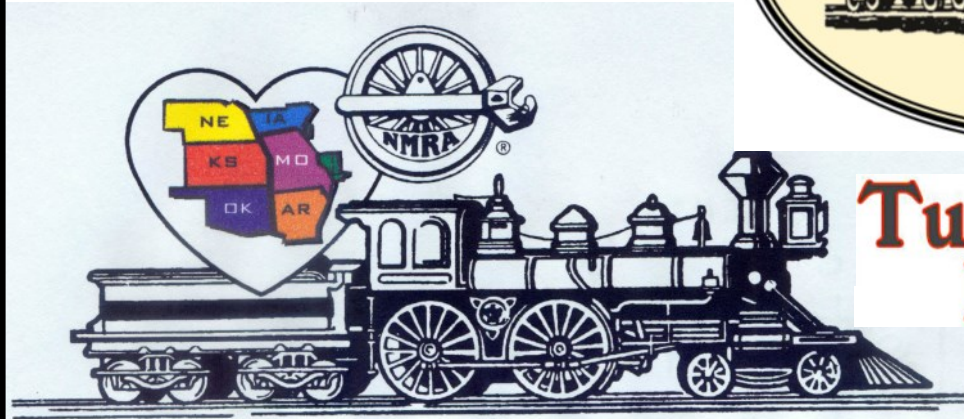


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"For all gauges and all ages"

**Turkey Creek Division Meeting
December 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

**Hocker Grove Middle School
10400 Johnson Dr.
Shawnee, KS 66203**



**Program will be
Cliff Hangers
by
Ron Morse MMR**





Hell-o Ray Here,

Well it's that time of year when it gets colder and we get ready for the snow to fall. Stay inside and keep warm. Best time of year to work on those projects you have been putting of all summer and fall. Even if you have been working on them, now is the time to really work on them and get them done. Get out your Christmas list to see what you have left off. Be prepared to go out after Christmas and get what you didn't get that was on the list, or go out now and get yourself what you want. Sometimes it's harder to explain what you want than it is just to go out and get it yourself. Probably your wife, kids or whoever is on your giving list doesn't understand what you want as well as you do. As well I know, you need something to occupy some of your time other than the rest of your life.

I would like to thank Bill Humenczuk for his presentation on the NNG convention. It was nice to see some of the layouts that where on tour, but I really enjoyed the side trips he took. I like when there is a good mix of topics in a presentation of that kind. I thought it made for a very interesting slid show. I would like to also thank Mark Juett for is shortened presentation on decoders. I haven't dealt with decoders much yet so I need to pick up any information I can. That was a good start.

This month's program will be given by Ron Morris MMR. Ron has done a great job in the past and I am sure he will do so again.

This is my last rambling letter as Superintendent. Now you will be getting them from Larry Alfred MMR. The letters I mean not the rambling. It has been an honor serving as your Superintendent these past four years, sometimes I can't believe it has been that long and sometimes it has. I've enjoyed representing you and hope that will continue. The hardest part of this job for me is these darn letters, and at one time I wanted to be a writer. Thank You!

I would like to see everyone at the Christmas program. Bring a snack if you can, but If you can't that is OK too. We would just like to see you.

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For our February 2017 meeting we will be doing a "Make & Take" of the Turkey Creek Store as shown below. This is a paper kit made by Morse Productions. It is available in 'N', 'HO', 'S' and 'O' scales. The cost of the 'N' & 'HO', kits is \$12.50 and the cost of the 'S' & 'O' scales kits is \$25.00. The Turkey Creek Division will be picking up 50% of the cost on the kits.



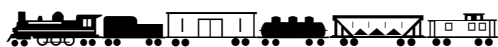
HERE ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS YOU WILL WANT TO BRING TO WITH YOU:

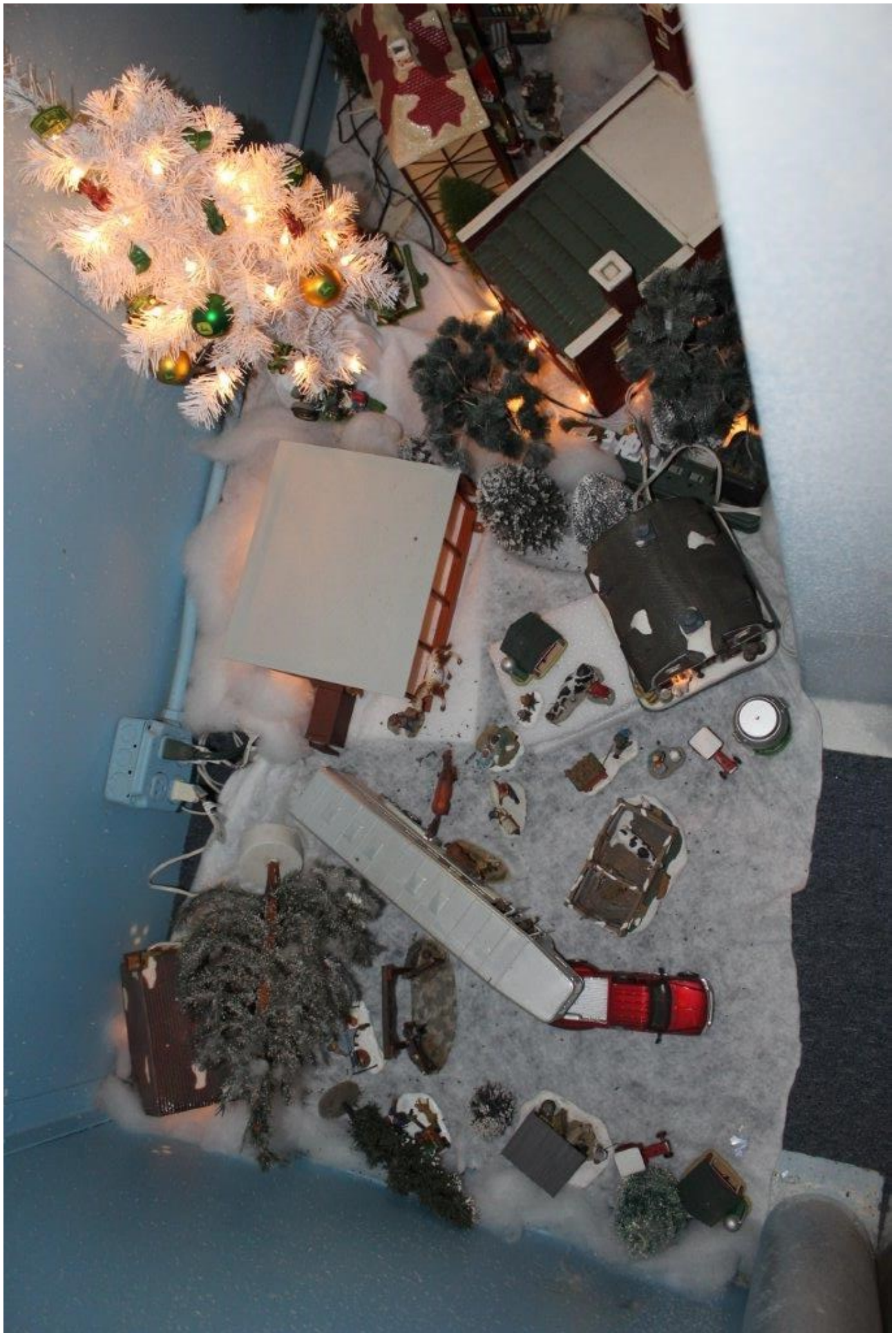
- Optivisor (you will be making many very fine cuts)
- Hobby knife with at least 3 new #11 blades
- Clamps (clothes pins do a good job)
- White glue (what we recommend) or the glue of your choice
- Steel straight edge (must have)
- Safety glasses (protection against knife point breakage)
- Toothpicks (used for spreading glue on very small parts)
- Metal square (used for getting square corners when you glue the building sides together)
- Black and brown permanent felt tip markers

OPTIONAL:

- **Micro-Mark MAGNETIC GLUING JIG, 10-1/4" SQUARE [Item #60304]**

Reserve you kit today by calling or emailing Paymaster Bill Humenczuk at 913-338-4478 or bhumenczuk@kc.rr.com













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



SWITCH LIST December 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 December 13 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.whdmra.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

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, December 9 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, Lingo Livery Stable, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00; Annual Christmas party and election of officers.

Friday, December 16 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Annual slide free-for-all; election of officers. Pre-meeting meal at Riverside



Café, 739 W. 13th, 5:30. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, December 23 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, KC Terminal Board Room, 2nd floor, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, jderoo@planetkc.com

DIVISIONS

Saturday, December 3 – Kansas Central, at a member's home. Information: Kd0r@ghrd.net

Monday, December 5 – 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, December 13 – Turkey Creek, Hocker Grove Middle School, 10400 Johnson, Shawnee, 7:00. Information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net or www.witc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html

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

NARVRE

Monday, December 5 – Hutchinson, Airport Steak House, 800 Airport Rd, 5:30. Information: Ron Pauls, arkola@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, December 6 – Arkansas City, Senior Citizens Center, 320 S. A St., 11:30

Monday, December 12 – Abilene/Salina, Bayard's Café, 540 S. Broadway, Salina. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

Monday, December 12 – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16th St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, jimmywdodds@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 13 – Kansas City, Kansas, Joe Amayo Center Community Center, 2700 Metropolitan Ave., 12:00. Information: Craig Hatch, hatch4591@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 13 – Wellington, Senior Center, 308 S. Washington, 12:00. Information: abdb@sutv.com

Tuesday, December 13 – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl, 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, lbroadbent@cox.net

Wednesday, December 14 – Marysville, Rickey's Café, Hanover, 11:30. Information: Dolores Krug, d30krug@yahoo.com

Monday, December 19 – Wichita, Best Western N. 915 E. 53rd St. N (I-135), 11:00-1:30. Information: Tony Schmitt, tsch9438@cox.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Thursday, December 1 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts. 7:00. Information: www.augustahorrorclub.org

Thursday, December 1 -Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee

Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Place, 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

Friday, December 2 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Sunday, December 4 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2nd floor, 420 N. Depot St., Cherryvale, 1:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com or www.cvmrc.com

Wednesday, December 7 – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers. Information: Steve Boeck, s.j.boeck@att.net

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

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

Saturday-Sunday – December 10-11 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child 12 & under free

Tuesday, December 13 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Pointe Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terrace. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Thursday, December 15 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Sunday, December 18 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, at a member's home. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.r.com

Monday, December 19 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 21 – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers

Saturday, December 24 – Frankfort Subdivision

Saturday-Sunday, December 24-25 – 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 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

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 – 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

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, December 17 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at member's layout. Information: Nancy Marti, nanmartin@att.net

Thursday, December 29 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, December 1 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00 Program: Art Riordan Films part 2 – Tony Fey. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

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

Every Tuesday – Meet with a group for rail fanning, Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2016

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

Saturday-Sunday, January 28-29 – Great Train Show, Century II, 225 W. Douglas, Wichita, 10:00-4:00 each day, adult \$9.00 for 1 day, \$10.00 for both days, child 11 & under free. Information: www.trainshow.com

Saturday-Sunday, February 4-5 – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00, \$8.00 adult, \$7.00 with food item, child 10 & under free. Vendor tables \$25 ea. before Dec. 31, \$30.00 after. Information: Phil Aylward, aylward1@cox.net

Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12 – Great Train Show, Expo Square, 4145 E. 21st St., Tulsa, OK, 10:00-4:00. Information: www.trainshow.com

Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19 – Lawrence Model Railroad Club Show, Douglas Co. Fairgrounds (Your editor needs more information regarding this show)

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!

New

March 25th Joplin MO, The Joplin Museum Complex is hosting a Train Show and Swap Meet Saturday March 25th, 2017, from 9am to 3pm at the Joplin Museum Complex. The

Museum is located in Schifferdecker Park, 7th and Schifferdecker streets, Joplin, Missouri. Included will be operating model train layouts and over 55 tables of items for sale or trade. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. Swap tables are \$15 each. For more information contact Rick Gardner at 417-673-4888 or e-mail rickgardner4449@gmail.com. www.tristatemodelrailroads.com.

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

July 29th Turkey Creek Division Show More information to follow.

SPECIAL EVENTS Tuesday, December 13 – Great Overland Station Harvey House Luncheon & Tour, 701 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, 11:30-1:30. Lunch served by Harvey Girls. After lunch, private behind-the-scenes tour of the Historic Union Pacific Railroad Station with their Ticket Agent. \$20.00/plate – make reservations at shouse@greatoverlandstation.com or 785-232-5533.

Trains Ride

Friday-Sunday, December 1-4 & December 8-11 – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, Baldwin City. Information: www.midlandrailway.org

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