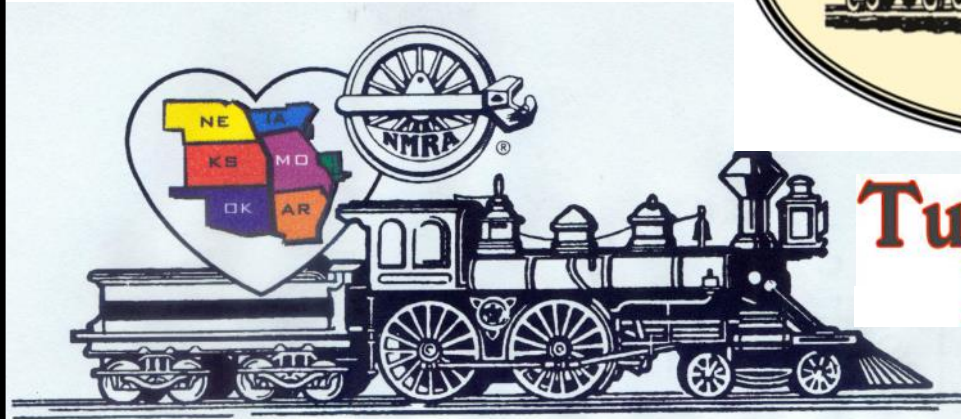


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## Turkey Creek Division

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“For all gauges and all ages”

## Turkey Creek Division Meeting

July 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 At 7:00 pm

**New Location for  
The July Meeting**

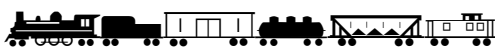
Meeting Will be in The Little Theater  
West End of School

If There is a Change in Location Look for Signs

Shawnee Mission North High School

7401 Johnson Dr.,

Overland Park, KS 66202





## Hello Ray Here,

Another month gone by. I hope you are staying out of the heat. Still, a good reason to stay inside and do a train project. If you are like me the hard part is deciding which one to do. I am trying to cut down to one or two projects at a time. I'm not sure it's working. But I am plugging away. I'm coming to think I am one of those people that has to have multiple things going at the same time, not only with my railroad but everything. I've got multiple projects around the house started, half done and all but done. They've been that way for some time. Some will probably never get done until I'm ready to sell the house. Then I'll have to get them done.

I would like to thank Joe, Larry and Larry for their presentations last month. Perspectives are always important on a layout. Detailing a wall or anything always gives more interest to a project. Scratch building any car whether it's a caboose, freight or any car, it's always helpful to learn different techniques and methods for making the best model you can. So thanks, a good job!

Our clinic this month will be on multiple subjects also, only by the same person. Kent Hurley will be our clinic presenter this month. The title "Shotgun Clinic" (A Little Bit Of Everything or nothing). Subjects: Making real wood shingles, Static grass, Designing for 3D printing, Printing with copper PLA, Printing with wood PLA, Printing with magnetic iron and stainless steel PLA and "Kit bashing , mixing materials and gluing multiple materials". Possibly one other if it works.

Plan to see all of you there!

Ray Brown  
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# Minutes of MCoR Directors Meeting

Regional Convention at Council Bluffs, Iowa Saturday, June 6, 2016  
revised July 2, 2016  
revised July 18, 2016

Meeting opened approximately 8:00 a.m. Saturday by Hank Kraichely, President. Remainder in attendance: Phil Bonzon Vice President Bob Folkmann, Treasurer John Garavaglia, Attorney Rick Liebich, Kate Shelley Director 2905 Jim Senese, Indian Nations Director 2906 Todd H. Petersen, Platte Valley, Division Director 2918 Larry Alfred Past President, Allen Pollock, Clerk - National Representative Whitney D. Johnson, Proxy Great Midwestern Division 2923 Ryan Moats, Western Heritage Division 2905 Craig Drenkow, Cowboy Line Division Director 2914 Murray Bouschlicher, Eastern Iowa Division Director 2904 David Heinsohn, Kansas Central Division 2906 John Rietveld, Fallen Flags Division 2921 Brad Slone, Central Missouri Division 2904 Larry W. Diehl, Turkey Creek Division (acting Temporary Secretary) 2902 Hank announced that Brad Slone will assume the Secretary position for the remainder of Barbara Lundquist's term, June 2017. Larry Diehl will act as temporary Secretary in concert with Brad to record minutes of this Board of Directors meeting.

## Proxies ...

Whit Johnson to represent Ray Immel, Great Western Division  
Hank Kraichely to represent Jon Marx, Gateway Division

## Quorum ...

Hank Kraichely announced there is a quorum.

## "Last Train Ride"

Don V. Bumbacher, vendor from St. Joseph, Missouri  
Tom Troughton, Jefferson City, Missouri  
Richard Johnson, Western Heritage Division  
Richard Halsey, Western Heritage Division

**Minutes from last January 16, 2016 meeting presented,** David Heinsohn stated Kansas Central Division Report missing; Larry Diehl stated Turkey Creek Division report missing ... David Heinsohn made a motion to accept minutes as presented, Ryan Moats seconded the motion; voted all in favor. Treasurer's Report ... Bob Folkmann presented overview, balance in checking, \$1,079, savings \$6,564, and Vanguard \$45,719. Bob will give out "Dues Rebate" checks at end of meeting. Allan Pollock made a motion to accept the report. Whit Johnson seconded the motion; voted all in favor to accept.

## Sales Manager Report

Whit Johnson gave report, no car sales since last year. Some car sales at convention; about 250 cars left. Suggested each division publish photos and prices of cars, and how to order. Whit Johnson will provide information and photos to division for advertisement.

## Director Reports

Hank Kraichely asked to send reports to Sec@NMRA .  
Say in "subject line", Directors Report to help in maintaining control of records.

## Convention Meeting & Planning

68 registered, plus walk-ins = +75 total attendees  
Brad Slone - Jefferson City = +100 attendees, made small prof-

it + \$400.

Whit Johnson made report on planned 2017 convention, in combination with Thousand Lakes Region (TLR)

□ "The Great Plains Joint Line"

□ to be in Ames, Iowa

□ May 18th thru 21st, 2017

□ Quality Inn & Suites, about \$89/night

□ Hope to charge \$80 to \$90 including banquet

□ Ryan Moats to be "website" manager

2018 or 2019 Convention may be in Topeka, Kansas. Discussed we usually do not have a "Regional Meet" when we are hosting the National. To be determined.

## Publications

Alan A. Aagard, Editor

Chris Heinsohn, Asst. Editor

Louis Seibel, Advertising Manager

□ "CKeditors@MCoR-NMRA.org"

send articles send Louis Seibel ([l-seibel@comcast.net](mailto:l-seibel@comcast.net))

## Achievement Program

Brad Morneau not present, not report available.

## Membership Reports

Presented by Whit Johnson

## Retention Committee, chairman open

Hank Kraichely asked the directors to follow-up on members whose dues are delinquent. Letter, phone call, or face to face discussions, just follow-up.

## Directors Needed

Hank Kraichely announced we have a new director in the Maple Leaf Division, Area 12, Northern Arkansas, trying to restart activity in the area.

## Webmaster Report

Ryan Moats asked that everyone send in any layout or regional photos as we get them, for publication. Ryan has developed a link to 2017 Convention in Ames, Iowa.

## Heart of America Fund is presented

Bob Folkmann's financial report.

## Old Business

a) Discussed the need for input by all directors, superintendents and members for nominees to the region's "service awards".

\*b) Hank reported on status of the regions new 501(c)(3) application as discussed with Bob Amsler, NMRA attorney.

The IRS's problem is with the Region and Divisions that have 501(c)(7) classifications. The IRS recommended that those groups with 501(c)(7) either drop that tax code or apply for 501(c)(3). What they want is the (Regions/Divisions) to have either 501(c)(3) or nothing. So they are only asking that the Regions and Divisions with the 501(c)(7) classification drop that status. All yet to be finalized.

## New Business

Hank Kraichely lead a "round table" discussion by all the directors present to ideas being used to recruit and retain members:

**Larry Diehl, Turkey Creek**, stated their division tries to include new and current people into monthly activities by helping them with clinics, presentations and modeling. They find the more they include people, the more they participate, the more apt they are to continue with the group. Recognize them often.



Turkey Creek does attend other train shows and swap meets with active tables to present Turkey Creek Division and ask for new sign ups.

**Brad Slone, Central Missouri**, stated they are a small group, but go out of your way to make visitors welcome. They try to be active at conventions and ID possible new people. Brad feels there are modelers out there, but you have to look and listen for them. Must attract young kids. Lego exhibit was a great success they used at Jefferson City Convention. Plant seeds and nurture, some will come later in life!

**David Heinsohn, Kansas Central**, stated they have two meetings a month at Chisom Trail which keeps ideas fresh and flowing. Davie reports Lionel Smith created a luncheon group which includes all modelers, even non NMRA! He thinks that introduction has brought some new NMRA members. "Bring a model" to talk about which creates a sense of inclusion. Kansas Central only has 3 to 8 members who attend. They rotate meeting locations which encourages attendance. Helpful! At train shows, they hand out "Invite Cards".

**Murray Bouschlicher - Eastern Iowa**, stated they have done clinics on DCC that include new (non NRMA) people, being received well. They spread meeting locations out, which has picked up some new people.

**Craig Drenkow, Cowboy Line**, stated they have set up models at local stores, but it has not produced much success getting new members.

**Ryan Moats, Western Heritage**, has found that people tend to shy away from meetings with too much "business". They want model railroading! They find "show & tell" encourages activity. They were down to 10 to 15 members. Now back to +30 active. "Stickers for kids" ... popular at the shows; +200, ran out of stickers! Kids like stickers." Is this the place the kids get to do something?" "Kids are our long-term investment."

**Allen Pollock, National NMRA Rep.**, stated we all must plant the seed ... He was glad to hear we are talking about this issue! We are registering people at shows, use a "red dot" on name tag to ID a new person or a first time person ... then try to get everyone to introduce themselves, make them feel welcome. Personal Contact - Follow-up - Important! We must understand the social aspects of "millennials", and how do we best communicate? "Super Welcome" to new people.

**Larry Alfred** stated Christmas Party Meeting is a special presentation, encourages spouses to attend. The Modeling Challenge monthly meeting encourages activity and participation.

**Todd Petersen, Platte Valley**, stated the club is getting more activity than the NMRA meetings. "Fresno" models are working successfully getting new modelers. "Thomas the Tank" engine on the layout sparks kids' interest at set-ups. Young people much more interested. Another member is expanding with another similar engine.

**Jim Senese, Indian Nations**, stated that he feels trains don't carry the allure they once had with young and old. Model trains attach to that stigma. Jim feels we must develop interest in modeling, craftsmanship and comradery. They are trying a modeling challenge to get people to reactivate, "what can you model in 5/6 sq. inches" and it must operate? Winner gets 2 year NMRA membership paid. They will display.

**Rick Liebich, Kate Shelley**, is only 6 to 8 active members. They put on an annual show at the Library. They are trying to assemble a traveling exhibit targeted at younger generation. Rick feels we must think outside the box to get new modelers and millennials involved. We must also find a way to reach out to those modelers who don't like the NMRA.

**John Garavaglia, MCoR Attorney**

**Phil Bonzon, MCoR Vice President, Gateway**, stated we must attend and display at all train shows. Gateway has a small switching layout to let kids get involved. It appears to work. Target new members with flyers at hobby shops to call for mail-in responses. Has got some new members

**Hank Kraichely** stated thoughts being used by Nickel Plated Historical group - Print business cards with meeting dates and location information that all members could carry and pass out. People are apt to keep a "business card". Inexpensive, 500 cards for + \$10. Could also leave at hobby shops. Print small flashlights with information. Give a person an item of value ... they may not throw such away ... they might come to the meetings.

Make and Display Posters - "Would you like to have a layout like this?" Photos of local layouts promoting quality. Hank stated in Lone Star Division, "Larry the Salesman" is good, signed up 72 new members at one show!

**David Heinsohn** also stated we should promote shows through local hometown newspapers.

**Bob Folkmann** stated that scouting begs to have things like layouts at their activities.

#### **Other Business**

Hank Kraichely is authorizing the region to purchase a new projector.

#### **Adjourn**

Ryan Moats moved to adjourn about 10:00 a.m.

David Heinsohn seconded the motion.

All Member voted in favor.

*Prepared by Larry W. Diehl, Temporary Secretary and Brad Slone, new appointed Secretary.*

(\* revised per e-mail from Hank 06-21-16.





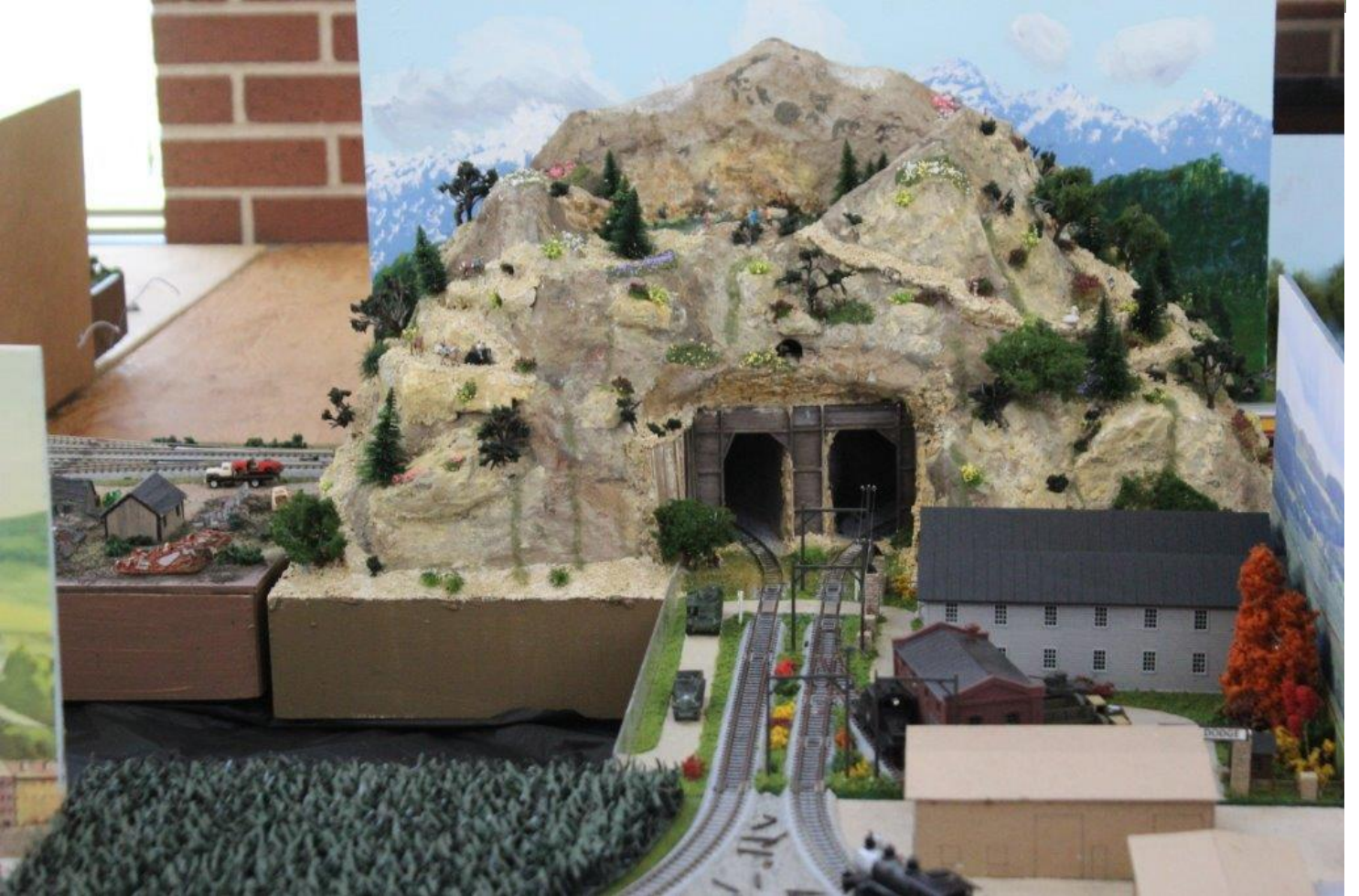




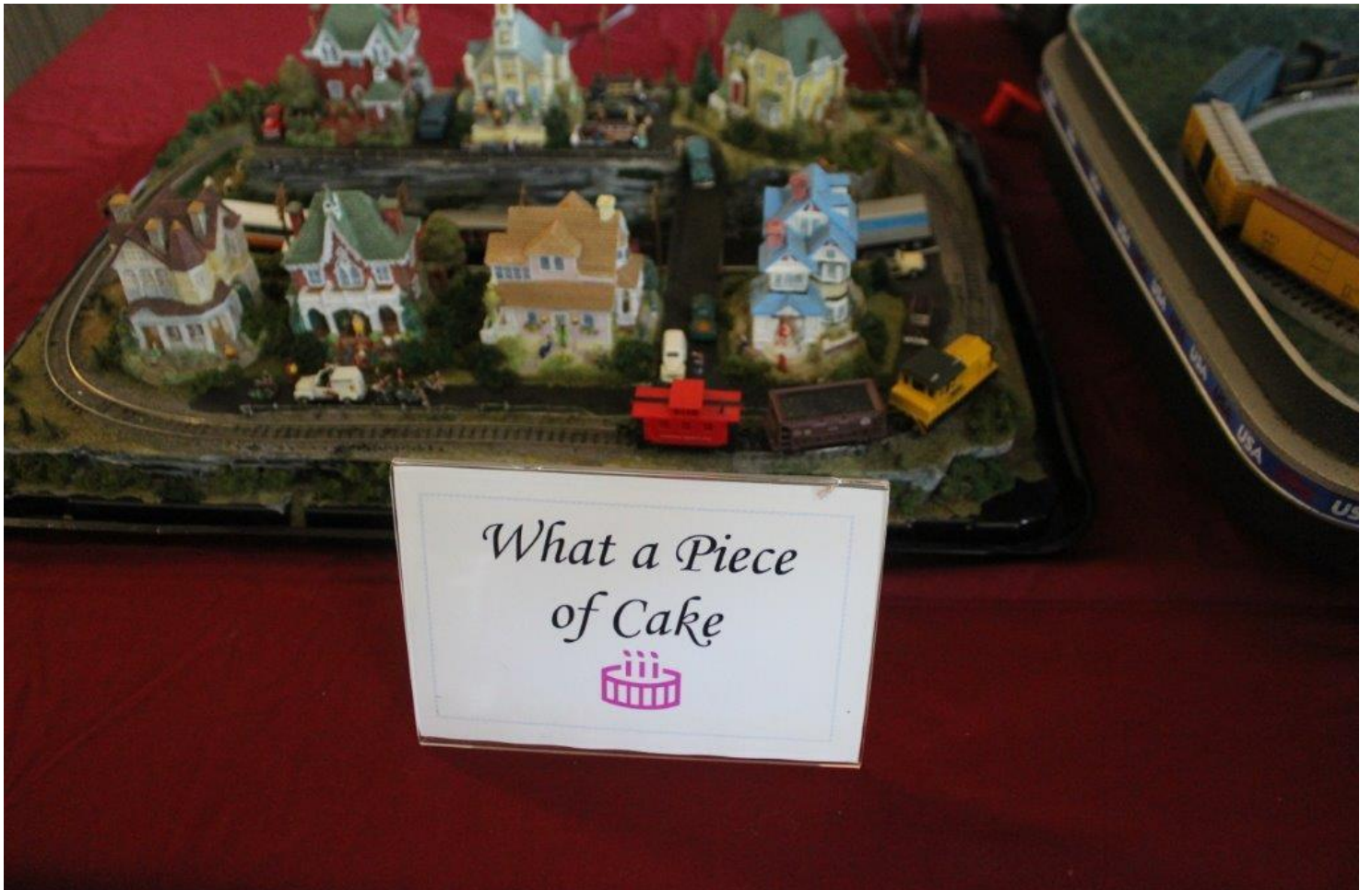




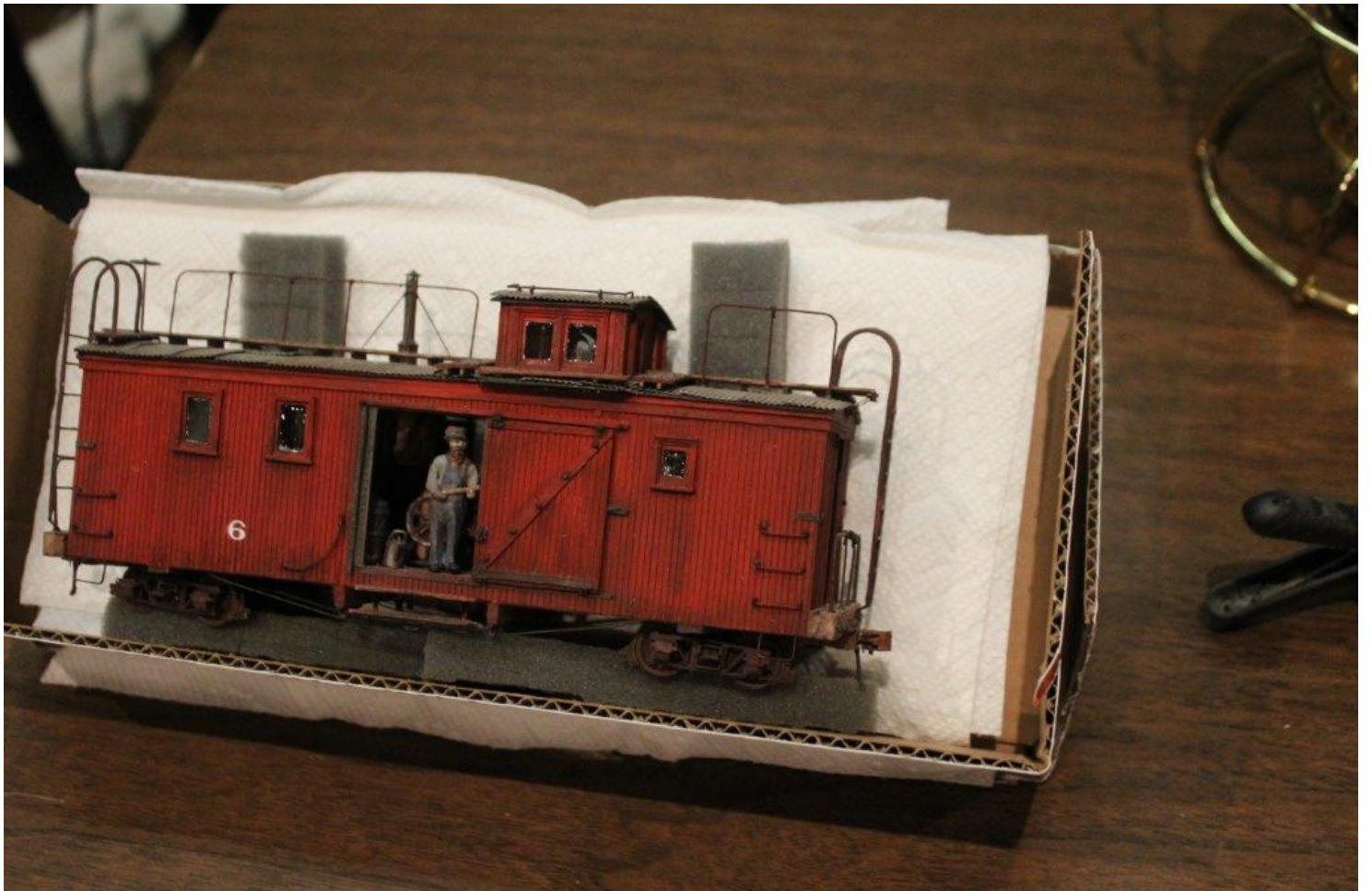
















For the enjoyment and edification of model railroad operators

## Lakeville passing track makes for greater efficiency, more time for “beans” in the crew lounge

“**Not** providing the runaround was giving **us** the runaround,” veteran operator Keith Robinson commented last night, following just the third session since last February’s Prairie Rail. The long-time recommendation from civil engineer Doug DeBerg finally came to fruition this year. The seven to eight car capacity siding adjacent the main north of the industrial park greatly improves crews’ ability to complete switching duties. In addition, the arriving crew from Northfield now shoves its consist into the industrial park, backs onto its southbound train parked on the passing track, and departs.

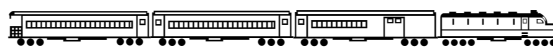


**Mike McLain and Bob Willer take advantage of the passing track during a recent session**



**SW1500 #37 blocks outbound cars destined for interchange with the CPR and UP in Northfield, using the recently installed siding parallel to the main line.**

The impact of the change became evident last night, as crews demolished not only the record for the shortest operating session in two years, but also consumed the entire pan of home-made dark chocolate brownies.





## More time for model railroading ops, thanks to a shift to part-time pastoral duties starting in July

For a variety of reasons (none of which seem worth publishing) the editor is pleased to report that effective July 1, my ministry schedule change permits more availability (Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays—unless there's a special event, such as a wedding or funeral service.) That means a higher frequency of operating sessions and time to enjoy the hobby. The past several months since Prairie Rail in late February have not allowed much time to host or attend nearly as many get-togethers as I would have enjoyed. That's changing.



**But some things never change: (1) Recent switching at Highview Avenue remain under the scrutiny of the Dakota County Sheriff's office, while a flagman protects the train blocking the crossing west of the PGR headquarters building (right). (2) Dairy cattle from the farm continue to gather near the fence, ever hopeful for a handout from the train crew**



**Mike McLain and Doug DeBerg appear seriously discussing their next switching moves at Lakeville. The past five weeks have seen three sessions, representing a concerted effort to return to a more regular ops schedule. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to host the 40 new friends who took part during PGR's first year and look forward to entertaining newcomers in 2016.**

### **A second McLain to be added to the extra board?**

Recent recruitment efforts and a lack of engineers available on short notice this week resulted in a job offer to Helen McLain, who indicated she'd consider the opportunity.

During the recent Prairie Rail, Nancy Stearns became the first woman to operate on Progressive Rail, pairing successfully with her husband Scott.

Reacting to the suggestion that she could be paired with her husband Mike during training, Helen responded positively with "we've worked successfully together before." Helen's husband Mike, a regular operator on PGR, was not available for comment at time of publication.



(above) PGR GP9 #63 heads past the freight office in Northfield pulling a short consist toward Cannon Falls.  
(below) PGR SW1500 #74 spots grain cars at Malt O Meal. Both locomotives are custom jobs completed by South Dakota friends Eric Carlson and Tim Smith. Eric and Tim enjoyed their first opportunity to participate in Prairie Rail last February.





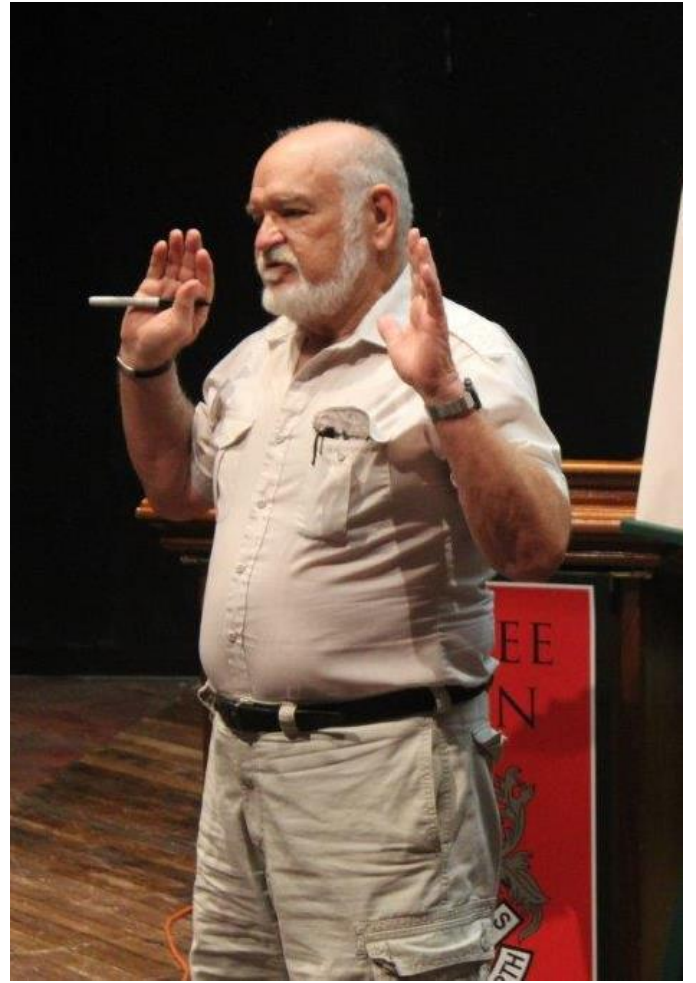
Road engineer Russ Hayden (left) watches yardmaster Mark Davidson as he completes assembling the UP train which will head back to the Twin Cities following interchange of cars with Progressive Rail in Northfield. Malt O Meal continues to generate the most traffic and revenue for PGR.

Conductor Mike Tomei (left) reviews waybills while engineer Keith Robinson offers helpful advice last night during the eighth operating session this year. (three were during Prairie Rail). Activity should increase heartily during the second half of 2016.




### Operating sessions near the 150 mark

Within the next month, my 12 year stint hosting operating sessions (which began in Eagan, Minnesota modeling the Wisconsin Central Valley Subdivision) will hit another milestone—#150. I truly appreciate and value everyone who's participated during these past 11 years whether in Minnesota, South Dakota, and most recently Kansas. What a great aspect to the "World's Greatest Hobby." With good health and fortune, perhaps there could be another 150 sessions and decade in store. Thanks for your friendship, patience, expertise, and support. Editor Alan








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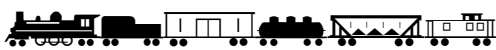
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Kit H9103 (Ted's Place) includes several door and window options and a privy. The wood stacks, and fence are not included.





# SWITCH LIST July 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](mailto:L-seibel@comcast.net), or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe, KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: [www.mcor-nmra.org](http://www.mcor-nmra.org) **Please put me in your newsletter.**

## DIVISION MEETINGS

**Chisholm Trail Division** First Tuesday of the month Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church 3440 West 13th St. No. • Wichita, KS 67203-4560 (13th Street North & High Street) Begin gathering-6:45pm NMRA meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Information Alan A. Aagaard email: [alan.aagaard@gmail.com](mailto:alan.aagaard@gmail.com)

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

**EASTERN IOWA DIVISION** Tom Persoon is the Superintendent e-mail: [persoont06@msn.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

**INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION** Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 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](http://www.tulsanmra.org) Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto: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: [wcastegnaro35@gmail.com](mailto:wcastegnaro35@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](http://www.okcnmra.org)

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

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA**, Turkey Creek Division Meeting Every Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Shawnee Mission North High School Overland Park 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](mailto:L-seibel@comcast.net)

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

**WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS)** Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 409 1/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store, rear entrance from parking lot) 6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director 620-521-3591 cell or 620-272-0444 Home e-mail: [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com) ; Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: <http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

## Monthly News in a Glance

**August 12-13 EXHIBITORS NEEDED AT DATE NAIL SHOW** Marvin Bush is planning another Date Nail Show in Salina on Friday-Saturday, August 12-13 at the Trinity Lutheran Church and he'd like for small displays of running trains to be at the show. Space is limited so if you'd like to take your display, get in touch with him before long - house phone 785-472-4274 or cell phone 785-472-1409. You may set up either Friday morning or early Saturday. The hours of the show is Friday 1:00-5:30 and Saturday 8:00-3:30.

## NRHS

### DIVISIONS

**Tuesday, July 28** - Turkey Creek, Shawnee Mission North High School Overland Park, KS, 7:00. Information: Louis Seibel, [L-seibel@comcast.net](mailto:L-seibel@comcast.net), website, [www.witc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html](http://www.witc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html)

**Every Tuesday** - Western Kansas, 409 1/2 N. Main, Garden City, 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

### NARVRE

**Saturday-Sunday, July 23-34** - Wichita Toy Train Club  
**Every Sunday** - Weekend N-gineers, 16624 W. 126<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, [hapheart@swbell.net](mailto:hapheart@swbell.net)

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

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

**Every Tuesday** - Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 424 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO. Information: Ron Williams,



[rwilliams3129@gmail.com](mailto:rwilliams3129@gmail.com)

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

**Every Thursday** – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, HO gauge, 7:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or 913-367-6202

**Every Saturday** – Boothill Model Railroad, 1:00. Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

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

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

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**Every Tuesday** – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 424 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 7:00pm. First Tuesday is the Member Meeting & Clinics. Second Tuesday is Layout Maintenance. Third Tuesday - Operation Night. Fourth Tuesday - Bring your own running. The OMRA has a 16' x 90' HO RR based on the Frisco's Central Division from Monett, MO to Paris, TX. Throughout the year members travel to other train shows, special activities and quarterly programs about trains. Information: Geg Sullivan, [sullibud@gmail.com](mailto:sullibud@gmail.com)

**Ever Tuesday** evening the Mexico Train Works Model RR Club meets (except at major holidays) @ 7pm at 415-B West Jackson Street, Mexico MO. The website is [www.mexicotrains.com](http://www.mexicotrains.com) and you can reach John Johnson, President @ [info@mexicotrains.com](mailto:info@mexicotrains.com) or phone 573-581-8013

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

**Every Other Every Wednesday**– Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Information: Steven Boeck, [sjboeck@att.net](mailto:sjboeck@att.net)

**Every Thursday** – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, HO gauge, 7:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

**Every Saturday** – Boothill Model Railroad, 1:00. Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

**Every Saturday** – Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City,

131 S. Water, Liberty, MO, 11:00-3:00. Information: Dick Cooper, [nscale05@gmail.com](mailto:nscale05@gmail.com)

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

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday-Sunday** – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child up to 12 free

**First and Third Sunday** - Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club, Leatherock Hotel Center, 420 North Depot Street, Cherryvale, KS 1:00 PM. Information contact John Dhooghe, [john@cvmrc.com](mailto:john@cvmrc.com)

Add our website - [www.cvmrc.com](http://www.cvmrc.com) - we post the dates of our Sunday meetings on our main page

### MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

**Thursday, July 28** – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Road, 7:00. Information: [www.info@tulsarailroadclub.org](http://www.info@tulsarailroadclub.org)

**Sunday, July 31** – Northeast Kansas, at member's layout. Information: Tedy Ballos, [petedy@everestkc.net](mailto:petedy@everestkc.net)

### HISTORICAL CLUBS

### SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2016

#### New

**July 25- 30 Lionel Collectors Club of America 2016 Kansas City Convention** Location KC Airport Hilton July will be here before you know it, and with it comes the 46th annual LCCA Convention. It's been 44 years since the LCCA has had a convention in Kansas City, Mo. and many things have changed in those 44 years. The sights to see, we will all find new and different attractions to see and enjoy in Kansas City in 2016. Here is our big news for the 2016 convention: we will be able to ride the BNSF Special Excursion Train. This wonderful train is also known by its other names, such as the BNSF Employees Special or VIP Train, and BNSF is making this outstanding train available to us to ride from the Argentine yard in Kansas City, KS to Topeka, KS. The two and a half hour round trip in the modern stainless steel cars of the 50s will take us for a ride on the steel rails of history. This is a trip you will not want to miss, so register early as seats are limited and there will be no reserved seating. You will have your choice of coach, dome and diner. The last two cars will be reserved for the BNSF guests, city and state officials and the charity supported by BNSF.

Free events include the Swap Meet at the KC Airport Hilton on Saturday, July 30th 9am-3pm, free to the public. Also, for kids there are hands-on-trains activities in the Osage Room at the KC Airport Hilton Wednesday 2-6pm, Thursday 8-2pm & 4-6, Friday 8-2pm, and Saturday 8-5.

Also, Roger Farkash from TW TrainWorx is unveiling an O Scale KC Union Station model at a 10am Wednesday July 27th Press Conference at Union Station downtown. There will be door prizes and raffles at that event as well. More information check <http://www.lionelcollectors.org/lcca-newsstand/lccanews/newsChannel.aspx?catId=13>

#### New

**August 12-13 EXHIBITORS NEEDED AT DATE NAIL SHOW** Marvin Bush is planning another Date Nail Show in Salina on Friday-Saturday, August 12-13 at the Trinity Lutheran Church and he'd like for small displays of running trains to be at the show. Space is limited so if you'd like to take your display, get in touch with him before long – house



phone 785-472-4274 or cell phone 785-472-1409. You may set up either Friday morning or early Saturday. The hours of the show is Friday 1:00-5:30 and Saturday 8:00-3:30.

**Thursday-Sunday, October 6-9** – Missouri Pacific Historic Society, Jefferson City, MO. Information: [www.mopac.org](http://www.mopac.org)

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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](http://www.mopac.org)

**Saturday, October 8** – 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](mailto:mbuckley@sbcglobal.net)

### NEW

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 10 pm and Saturday morning the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:president@aprhf.org) and Web site: is <https://www.facebook.com/events/141462879601247/>

**Saturday-Sunday, November 5-6** Ark City Train Show, Agri-Business Bldg., 712 W. Washington. Adults \$5.00, \$4.00 with food item, child 12 & under free. Information: John Schmucker, [javen1927@gmail.com](mailto:javen1927@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, May 14** – National Train Day, Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Garden, 8909 W. 179<sup>th</sup> St. Train garden with cabooses, model trains, miniature old Overland Park. FOTA members free, non-members \$3. Information: Katharine Garrison, 913-685-3604

**Each Weekend** – Kansas Belle Dinner Train, Midland Railway, Baldwin City. Information: [www.kansasbelle.com](http://www.kansasbelle.com)

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### New

**Missouri, Ballwin - NMRA Gateway Division Annual Fall Meet and Train Show. November 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:modeltrainnut@gmail.com). For vendor or swap table information contact Bryan Post, Brian Post, 248 Pardella, St. Louis, MO 63125, 314-249-6986.

### TRAIN RIDES

**Saturday-Sunday, July 23-24** – Steam, Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad

**Saturday-Monday, September 3-5** – Steam, Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad

**Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2** – Steam, Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad

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