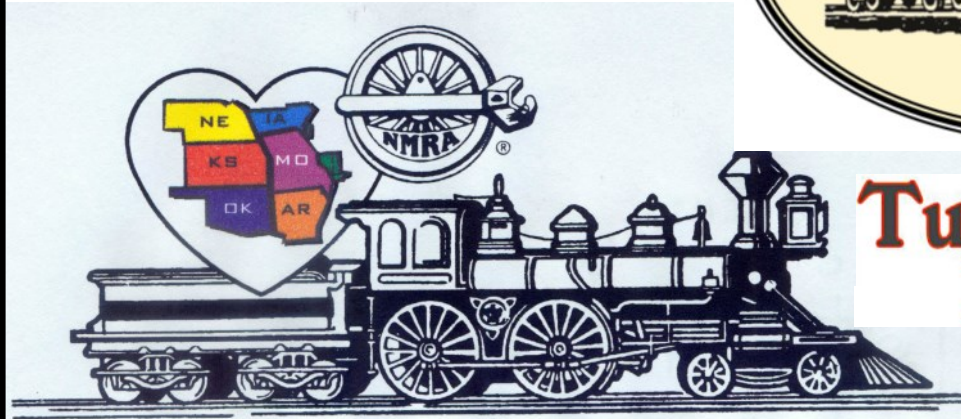


Lightning Slinger



Turkey Creek Division

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MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE TURKEY CREEK DIVISION
OF THE MID-CONTINENT REGION, NMRA
“For all gauges and all ages”

January 2017

Turkey Creek Division Meeting January 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm

NEW Meeting Location

Lakeview Village

9000 Park St.

Lenexa, KS 66215

The meeting room location is in
the Eastside Terrace Building

**See map and information
in the Lightning Slinger**

**“Larry Show” with
Larry Diehl, Larry Patch,
& Larry Alfred MMR
Presenting Mini-Clinics
On Various Subjects**





Hello to all Turkey Creek Division members...

With the New Year, the Division has a new Superintendent me, Larry Alfred MMR. I have a tough act to follow, with the Division being lead the last several years in grand style by Larry Diehl and Ray Brown. They have done a great job and I will try to continue the successes that they have achieved. This is not exactly my "first rodeo", with this being my third term as TC Super. I was part of the group that first established the Division in 1985, and, therefore, I am a Charter Member. I then served as Superintendent in 1990, 2004, and now 2017. It's my privilege again to serve you all, the Division members.

Many of you know me from past Division involvement, others may not. As a brief introduction, here are a few comments. I am a Life Member of NMRA and Mid-Continent Region (back when MCoR had them). A resident of Olathe since moving to the KC area in 1975, I remember attending a number of the Kansas City Area Meets at the old Glenwood on Metcalf (a long time ago). I held the position of Kansas City Area Director (on the MCoR BOD) for six years in those early days. I served as MCoR Vice-President from 2003 to 2007, and, then, MCoR President from 2007 to 2009. Over the years, I have held various offices at the Region level, including serving as Convention Department Chair for nearly 20 years and Chairing three MCoR Annual Conventions (1986, 2003, and 2013). After getting my feet wet as a Convention Central Committee member for the 1984 NMRA Convention here in KC, I was the General Chairman for the 1998 NMRA Convention, with Pat Harriman MMR and Larry Long MMR (deceased) as Co-Chairs. In 2014, Miles Hale MMR and I Co-Chaired the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Overland Park. I feel humbled to have received the Kenny Johns and the Ken Cline Memorial awards for service to the NMRA and MCoR. As, I guess, you can see, I have been busy with the hobby but, it has all been very gratifying to help guide these organizations and to serve the membership.

With the above involvement, there has still been a little time to do some modeling. I began in the hobby as an early teen in HO, evolved to HOn3, and then to a combination of O and On3. I have been building contest models for a number of years, but, began the new layout in 2010 in anticipation of showing at the 2014 National Narrow gauge Convention. As most of us say, "It's a work in progress."

This year's monthly meetings will be at a new location...a very nice meeting room at the Lakeview Village, 9000 Park St., Lenexa, KS 66215. Long time member, Shelly Levy, lives at the facility. The meeting room location is in the Eastside Terrace Building on the Lakeview Village campus. There is a map included with this issue of the *Lightning Slinger*. The meeting room is the first room on the left as you enter. There is a receptionist, but she may have the room listed as "Shelly Levy's" party and not as Turkey Creek.

We hope to have an interesting and educational schedule of meetings in 2017. The January meeting will be the "Larry Show"...with Larry Diehl, Larry Patch, and me presenting mini-clinics on various subjects. February will be our annual Make-and-Take clinic, giving everyone experience with paper structures. June brings the annual Modeling Challenge, so, if you haven't already, start working on your entry. Some members have shied away from this event, but, I think you can really have fun with it, if you just commit to it. The Turkey Creek Annual Meet and Train Show will be on July 29 we are looking for clinics and volunteers for this event. I will have more to say about these upcoming events as time goes on.

I hope you will try to attend all meetings, as it's a great opportunity to meet and interact with other local modelers. I know all will benefit.

Best to all... Larry

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A few words from the President

The State of the Hobby and the NMRA

Each January, the United States President gives an address to Congress entitled the "State of the Union." This address advises Congress on how the government is working, as well as those issues facing society in general. Well, with apologies to the U.S. President, I would also like to address the state of our hobby and that of our association.

The full text of these thoughts can be found in the January issue of *NMRA Magazine* but let me summarize by stating that the state of each is excellent. Never has the hobby been more fulfilling and never has it been more rewarding. I think we would all agree that model railroading has never looked better nor operated more realistically. From DCC to new technologies that offer unlimited promise, we are living a true golden age in our hobby.

Similarly, the NMRA has never been stronger or more enjoyable than it is today. Gone are the "politics" of the old days and the inward focus that emphasized insular issues over the hobby in general.

But technological advances and increased realism are not the only reason the hobby is satisfying to an extent never before seen. It is today's hobbyist who also adds to the scene. For as we age, one advantage is that we now have the time and in many cases, the discretionary income to pursue our hobby in ways only dreamed of in our younger years. At last, with the kids out of the house and college paid, there is money available for that newest N-scale diesel or HO craftsman kit.

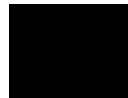
Despite my earlier more gloomy prognostications on our future, I refuse to either admit or predict the demise of scale model railroading anytime soon. Our hobby is just too satisfying and appealing to believe it is in its "last days." One need only look in the eyes of a child at a train show or witness the excitement at a Thomas event to conclude that trains remain fascinating to younger generations, as they have been for decades and decades.

Therefore, I remain bullishly optimistic about our future. It is not optimism without foundation for it is based upon the fascination of trains for generations and generations. It is also based upon the fascination of the younger generations with new technology, which our hobby increasingly offers. I do not believe that we will live to see the day when our hobby no longer exists. That is why I conclude the state of our hobby remains strong.

Similarly, claims that the NMRA is no longer relevant to the hobby or will soon disappear are simply without foundation. There is no evidence that the NMRA is in danger of either event happening. Of course, the NMRA faces challenges. From a fairly realistic high membership number of over 26,000 in the mid-1970s, to today's 18,000+ members, we have seen a decline in member numbers. But so has the hobby. That is not to say we cannot improve the Association or cannot do better for the hobby. In past and future columns I have and will discuss what we can continue to do to improve both the NMRA and the hobby.

The State of the Hobby is sound and the NMRA remains a proud leader of that hobby. There are challenges on the horizon but I look forward to this new year and the wonders it will bring.

As I always say, and mean: Well, those are my thoughts; what are yours?



[Charlie](#)





The Lawrence Model Railroad Club

The 16th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet



2017



February 18 (9am-4pm) & 19 (9am-3pm)

Admission: Adults **\$6.00** donation & Children 12 and under **free** with paid adult

Bring canned food donations and receive \$1 admission discount per person

Lawrence Model Railroad Club supports L.I.N.K. Inc. Food Pantry

Douglas County Fair Grounds, Building 21
2120 Harper Street, Lawrence, KS (2 blocks north of K-10)

More information at www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Features: Layouts (HO scale and N scale), Model contest, vendor tables, silent auction, door prizes, concessions and more

Model Contest Categories Include: Diesel Locomotive, Steam Locomotive, Rolling Stock, and Structures. More info and entry forms can be found on the LMRC website and accepted the first day of the show



LAWRENCE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

2017
Model Contest Entry

Category: _____
Class A - Diesel Class B - Steam Class C Rolling Stock
Class D - Diorama Class E - Residential Building Class F - Commercial Building

Entrants Name: _____

Description: _____

Modeling Techniques used:

Ballots received: _____

Place: _____



LAWRENCE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB MODEL CONTEST

2017

The Lawrence Model Railroad Club Annual Model Contest will be held on February 18 and 19, 2017 at the model railroad show held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence, Kansas. The models should be in the following categories:

**Diesel, Steam, Rolling Stock, Diorama,
Building Residential, Building Commercial.**

Model Contest Rules

- Have Fun.
- Display your model with contest entry #.
- You may provide a description, example: kit bashed from kits xyz and ABC, Prototype photos used to model with.
- If your model is attached to a layout, a picture of your model would be preferred, with directions to which layout your model is on.
- Judging will be by the general public vote. Each guest will receive one ballot.
- Voting is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and from 9 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday. We will post winners in each category Sunday afternoon.
- Best in Show will be determined by the model getting the most overall votes



The Lawrence Model Railroad Club
The 16th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet
Saturday and Sunday, February 18 & 19, 2017
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday

YES, I would like to be a vendor at the Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet

Table rent (8 ft) paid by January 31, 2017: \$30.00 per table
Table rent (8 ft) paid after January 31, 2017: \$35.00 per table

Vendor Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Contact Address: _____
Contact City / State / Zip: _____
Contact Email: _____
Contact Phone: _____

Number of tables needed: _____ at \$ _____ per table

Total due and enclosed or attached: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Lawrence Model Railroad Club**
Send this form with your payment to:

John Cheffey
104 Liberty
Oskaloosa, KS 66066
816/922-0154

Set up and break down:

Access to the Fairgrounds will be Friday, February 17 after 1 pm, through Sunday, February 19 until 6 pm.





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Thousand Lakes Region / Mid-Continent Region NMRA

2017 Convention

Celebrate with us, May 18 – 21, 2017



Dennis Rietze
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Henry Kraichely
MCoR President



Scott Nesbit (TLR) / Whit Johnson (MCoR)
Convention Committee Chairman

The Mid-Continent Region and the Thousand Lakes Region invite you to join us in the Convention of the Century. We invite you to join us in celebrating *Trains on the Plains!* Register now to attend this magical event.

This will be a special time filled with contests, clinics, dealers, door prizes, silent auction, model railroads, railroad operations, prototype tours, food, and fellowship.

We will gather in Ames, Iowa to celebrate the railroading in the Midwest.

Location

This special event will be held in Ames, Iowa, the home of the Iowa State University Cyclones. Major industries in the area include Agriculture, Veterinary Research, Hach Chemical, Sauer Sundstrand Company, Barilla America, 3M Manufacturing, WesTech Engineering, Inc., Ball Plastic Container Operations, and many others.

Quality Inn Ames-

I-35 & 13th Street, Ames, IA 50010

(515) 232-9260 or (800) 903-0009

Fax: (515) 232-9260

Situated on the East side of Ames, with easy access to Interstate 35 and Highway 30, the Quality Inn provides ample meeting space, lodging and dining services to provide all meeting and lodging requirements under one roof. Restaurant, Recreational facilities, and an indoor pool.



Event

This Convention will be a special opportunity for all to gather and celebrate the Thousand Lakes Region, the Mid-Continent Region, the National Model Railroad Association, and all of the *Milestones* that we have achieved.

Activities

Activities will include, yet will be far from limited to the following.

Contests, these will be judged by NMRA Achievement Program guidelines in accordance with the Contest Rules of the Mid-Continent Region.

Clinics, we will be hosting clinics on a wide range of topics. There are over two dozen planned. These will be available to registrants on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Train Show, this will be one of the main attractions with over 70 tables for dealers, a silent auction, display layouts, and much more. This will be one of the premier events open to the general public on Saturday, as well as the convention attendees. This is our opportunity to share the National Model Railroad Association, Mid-Continent Region, and the Thousand Lakes Region with others who have not yet gotten on board.

Door Prizes, there will be more door prizes than anyone will have time to count. The biggest activity of the weekend is to collect all of the prizes.

Layout Tours, is a big part of any convention and train show. We are planning to see several of the best layouts in Central Iowa during the few days that we have. There are several layouts that will be available.

Prototype Tours are being planned. We have several unique opportunities we are currently working and more information will be coming.

Banquet, the Annual Awards Banquet and Regional Annual Meetings will be held at the Convention Hotel. These will include a buffet dinner, door prizes, contest prizes, auctions, and Region Presentations.

REGISTRATIONS

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MCoR Convention 2017

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Newton, IA 50208

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Whit Johnson

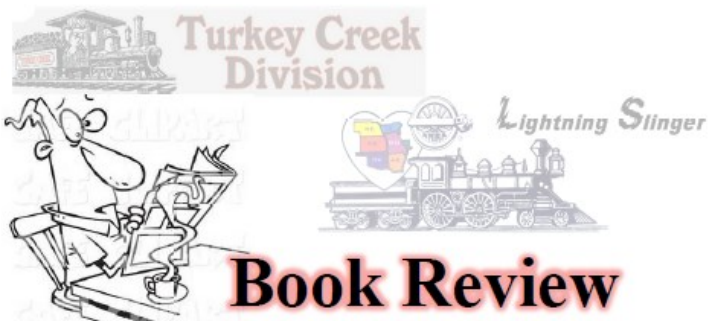
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Westward By Rail by William F. Rae, pp 391, 1993, Indian Head Books. Later Edition.

After the joining of two railroads across the western United States on May 10, 1869 at Promontory, Utah it immediately became possible to traverse the North American continent by rail, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. In late August of 1869 the author accomplished just that when he boarded a steamer in England, bound for New York, to begin an incredible journey. He describes not only the trip itself but, also, his impressions of the people he meets and the cities through which he travels.

For the first leg of his trans-continental journey, New York to Chicago, Mr. Rae chooses to take the "Great Central Route", leaving New York City by Hudson River Steamer to board a New York Central train in Albany. In Rochester, three "Pullman Palace Cars" are added to the train, of which the author has the highest regard. The Hotel Car has several sections, with accommodations for four persons each, with fresh water, a kitchen, wine cellar and ice house. The on-board meal has a luxurious menu: "Five different kinds of bread, four sorts of cold meat, six hot dishes, ... eggs cooked in seven different ways, and all the seasonable vegetables and fruits. ... from which the most dainty eater might easily find something to tickle his palate, and the ravenous to satisfy his appetite." "To breakfast, dine and sup in this style while the train is speeding along at the rate of nearly thirty miles an hour, is a sensation of which the novelty is not greater than the comfort."

The train crosses into Canada via Hamilton, to the frontier town of Windsor, where the train is transported across the Detroit River on a flat-bottomed steamer. After crossing the states of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, the train enters Chicago, near the southern coast of Lake Michigan.

As is still often the case in Chicago, the transfer to a west-bound train does not go smoothly, with delays, schedule and station changes necessitating a 24-hour layover before the next train can be boarded. The author takes advantage of his extra time to marvel in the "Garden City", with its unique location as a transportation hub of water and rail (15 rail lines), sending agricultural products throughout the world, both in grain and pork.

The writer leaves Chicago in a Pullman Palace Chair Car, in a train of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Five hours later the train reaches the Mississippi River, crossing a mile-long span of wood and iron. "The structure has a very substantial appearance, and, as it creaks and sways while the train passes over it, the contingency of an unwelcome descent into the deep and rapid stream beneath is one which flashes over the mind." (The author goes into some detail as to the design of the wheels and springs of a Palace Car to smooth out the ride on rough, hastily laid, track of the west. The construction of the cars for maximum passenger comfort cannot be over-emphasized.)

In 1869 the only way across the Missouri River at Council Bluffs was by steamer, requiring one to de-train, board a bus through the mud to the river, cross by boat, and climb the west-

ern bank to Omaha, again by bus. As his westward trip on the Union Pacific Railway progresses, Mr. Rae is impressed by the vastness of the ensuing prairie, the sight of Indians (even as passengers on the train) and the cultivation of large tracts of corn. Traversing the state of Wyoming, the train climbs the Rockies and crosses the Divide at Sherman, 8,235 feet above sea level.

After a stop in Salt Lake City, the western terminus of the Union Pacific is reached at Promontory, Utah. Since there are few, if any, through trains, passengers must secure new berths and carry their luggage to another train, on the Central Pacific Railway, to continue their westward journey. At most such stops in the West, there are card sharks and gamblers ready to relieve unsuspecting travelers of a portion of their wealth.

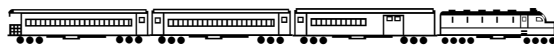
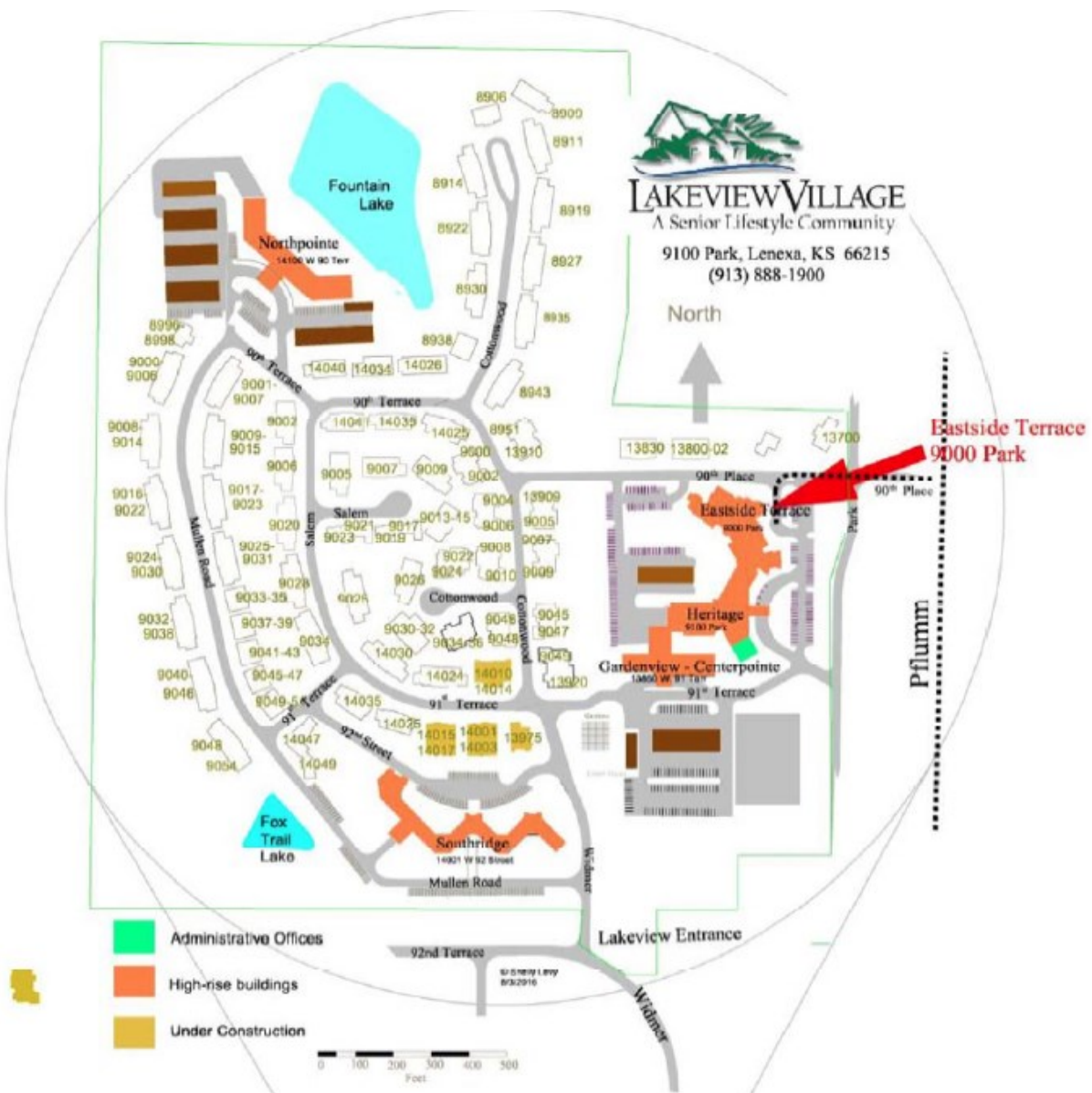
Continuing on his journey, one finds that the "Pullman Palace Cars" are replaced by the inferior "silver palace cars" of the Central Pacific Railway. By contrast, the attendants of the Central Pacific cars are fewer, insolent, and generally lacking in attentiveness; whereas, those of the Pullman cars are very polite and helpful, and well-paid, a testament to the success of the latter company. At one point the train had a minor accident, hitting a herd of cattle and derauling the engine and tender. A rather comical story follows that, while crews were re-railing the train, some of the passengers, forced to forego breakfast, decided to cut steaks from the dead cattle and cook them over a fire on the open range. Cutting through the cow's hide and carving out a steak proved to be too much for the pen-knife of one passenger, while another started a small range fire for cooking, then scorching his boots and trousers trying to stamp it out.

Crossing the Sierra Nevada Mountains into California proves to be an adventure in itself. Long wooden snow sheds were constructed to protect the rails from the heavy snows and avalanches of the Sierras. After a grueling climb over the eastern mountains to Donner Pass, the engineer decided to make up some of the eight hours lost in the derailment incident. "The engine-driver had been running extra risks in order ... to 'make time', so as to arrive 'on time'. The descent was thus made with exceptional rapidity. ... The velocity with which the train rushed down this incline, and the suddenness with which it wheeled round the curves, produced a sensation which cannot be reproduced in words." Coming down the mountainside, with drop-offs of two-to-three thousand feet, the speed seemed terrific. "The axle-boxes smoked with the friction, and the odour of burning wood pervaded the cars. The wheels were nearly red hot. In the darkness of the night they resembled discs of flame. Glad though all were to reach Sacramento, not a few were specially thankful to have reached it with whole limbs and unbruised bodies."

Sacramento being the western terminus of the Central Pacific, the author elected to complete the remaining 100 miles to San Francisco by steamboat. Save for the description of his return trip to Boston, this completes the story of an English journalist's westward travel by rail, 3,000 miles across the continental United States. Different from the railfan's usual anthology, Wm. F. Rae embellishes his description of the railroads and their equipment with detailed observations about the cities visited, the grand vistas observed, and the people and their cultures. He concludes with a comparison of train travel in England and America, preferring the accommodations offered on a Pullman car. This was an interesting read, with insights presented into the earliest trans-continental train travel in the United States.

Robert M. Spurgat, December 14, 2016





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 JANUARY 2017

*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: persoon06@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.whdnmra.info for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

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

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, January 13 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, 124 NW Fillmore St., Preston-Hale Room, 7:00. Program by Mike Hawkins

Friday, January 20 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Program: AccuWeather and Forecasting Weather for Railroads: Mike Smith. Pre-meeting gathering, Riverside Café, 739 W. 13th St., 5:30. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodgy.net

Friday, January 27 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Kansas City Terminal Board Room, 3rd floor, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, Jderoo@planetks.com

DIVISIONS

Monday, January 2 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13th St., Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information: Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Sunday, January 15 – Indian Nations, Hardesty Library, 8316



E. 93rd St., Tulsa, 9:30-12:00, layout tour at one of the members' layout. Information: Dave Salamon, drs_rr@yahoo.com

Tuesday, January 24 – Turkey Creek,. 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

Tuesday, January 3 – Arkansas City, Senior Citizen Center, 320 S. A St., 11:30

Monday, January 9 – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16th St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, jimmywdodds@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 10 – Kansas City, KS, Joe Amayo Center Community Center, 2700 Metropolitan Ave., 12:00. Information: Craig Hatch, hatch4591@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 10 – Wellington, Senior Center, 308 S. Washington, 12:00. Information: abdb@sutv.com

Tuesday, January 10 – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl., 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, lbroadbent@cox.net

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

Monday, January 16 – Wichita, Best Western N., 915 E. 53rd N. (I-135), 11:00-1:30. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@dox.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

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

Thursday, January 5 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts., 7:30. Information: www.augustahorrorclub.org

Thursday, January 5 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Place, 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

Friday, January 6 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Tuesday, January 10 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Pointe Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terrace. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Saturday, January 14 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00. Lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, rrailway@gbta.net

Saturday, January 14 – Frankfort Division, 416 W. 1st, 10:00-

3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Saturday, January 14 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, 10:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child up to 12 free

Sunday, January 15 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad

Sunday, January 15 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 1:00-5:00

Sunday, January 15 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, at member's home. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale@kc.rr.com

Monday, January 16 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Thursday, January 18 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's layout, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Saturday, January 28 – Frankfort Division

Saturday, January 28 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 10:00-5:00

Sunday, January 29 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 1:00-5:00

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

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, 429 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 7:00. Information: Ron Williams, rwilliams3129@gmail.com

Every Other Wednesday Starting on January 4, 2017

meeting location changes every other week call Steven Boeck 816-941-08812 or 816-651-3225 cell

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 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, 12:00-4:00. Information: Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, January 21 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at member's layout. Information: Nancy Martin, nanmartin@att.net

Thursday, January 26 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Road, Tulsa, OK, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org



HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, January 5 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: Movie, Railroading 1972: Charlie Childs. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

Monday, January 9 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main Street Office, 12 E. 5th, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandrew70@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 11 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

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

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2017

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 2 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, 9:00-5:00 Sat., 11:00-4:00 Sun. Adult \$8.00, \$7.00 with food item, child 10 & under free. Vendor tables \$25.00 each before Dec. 31, \$30.00 thereafter. 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 each day. Information: www.trainshow.com

Saturday-Sunday, February 20-21 – Lawrence Model Railroad Club Show, Douglas Co. Fairgrounds

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 18 & 19, 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!

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.tristatamodelrailroads.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.

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