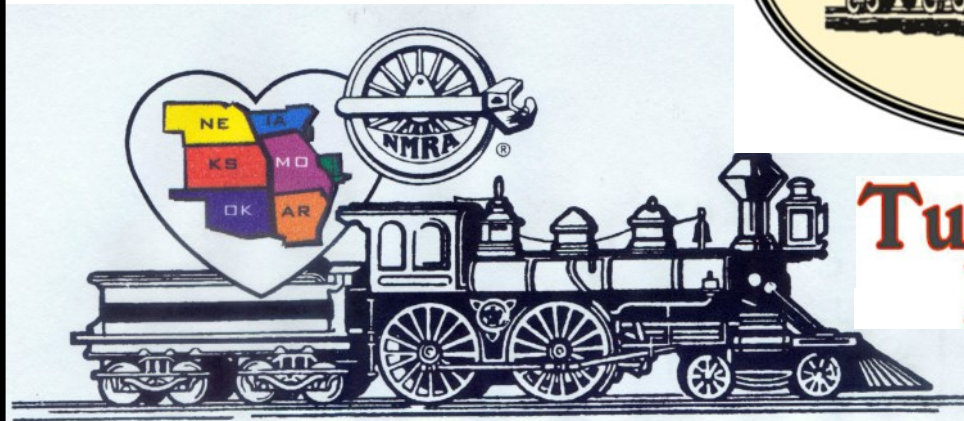


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Turkey Creek Division

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

February 2017

Turkey Creek Division Meeting February 28, 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**

Make and Take Clinic

See article inside of what you need to bring





From THE SUPER'S DESK....

Hello to all Turkey Creek Division members...

I think that the January meeting went well. Turnout was good, the clinics were well received, and the new meeting space is great!

Thanks, Shelly.

The February 28 meeting brings our annual Make-and-Take session. This one will be different, with the construction of a paper/cardboard structure. Should be fun. Many of us have been building with cardboard for many years, but, if this is new to you and you are planning to build one, please look closely at the list of necessary tools and supplies included in this issue of the *Lightning Slinger*. Then, make sure you bring the necessary items. Remember that, any of the Make-and-Take models can be included with your entry in the June meeting's Modeling Challenge. An additional award is presented for the best use of a Make-and-Take model. Regardless, this is the time to be thinking about participating in the challenge in June. This will be the 14th year for this event. It was first initiated in 2004 in an attempt to get all Division members to participate. To an extent, I believe that it has been successful; however, many of the members have not joined in. I wish you all would!

The schedule of the various model railroad meets and train shows around the Region slows down somewhat through the holidays, but, is now beginning to get more active. Larry Diehl and I will travel down to Wichita this weekend (February 4) for their Train Show and Swap Meet. This meet is sponsored by the Chisholm Trail Division of NMRA and the Heart of the Heartlands group. Although this event should be a fun day, we do have other motives for the trip. We will be judging some models for Larry Gulick (NMRA member in Wichita), in addition to helping with judging for the meet's contest. Larry Diehl will also present a clinic. (Prior to completing this column, we have returned from the trip...had a great time!!) There are many "train show" events around the MCoR Region each year. They may be sponsored by MCoR Divisions, like Turkey Creek, or clubs and other organizations. Attending these events is fun, contributes to the NMRA organization, and results in the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. If you haven't attended one of these events recently, think about getting to one. A schedule of many of these events is listed each month in the "Switch List" column, included with most issues of the *Lightning Slinger*.

I hope you all will try to attend the Turkey Creek Division 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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January Clerk Report

We had about 28 members at our last meeting at our new location that Shelly Levy was able to get for us. This must be the best location we have had so far and the good part is we get it free of charge because Shelly lives there in the complex. It's got some great chairs and tables. The chairs are all on rollers and so are the tables, Ray Brown found that out as he tried to lean on one and it moved.

We had our Paymaster Bill Humenczuk report and we are in fine shape as usual. Superintendent Larry Alfred MMR had us do something new, we introduced ourselves to the rest of the group by saying who we were, what we modeled and where we lived. It's a good way to get to know people, especially for new people who don't know who is who yet. Richie Kennedy saved the day again by getting our audio going at this new location. If he was not able to handle it we were going to call in our back up audio tech guy, Larry Diehl.

We had 3 mini clinics put on by the 3 Stooges, I mean the 3 Larry's. Larry Diehl gave his short mini clinic (about 1 hour) on weathering with chalks which is always a good one. I always come away with something new from that. The 2nd clinic was by Larry Patch and he showed how he paints clouds and how it's like a lot of things in our hobby. It's not really that hard it's just a matter of putting that first brush stroke on the back drop. I watched as he painted mine for me for the 2014 narrow gauge convention and the sky and clouds were the easiest part of it. It's the mountains and trees that are harder. The 3rd clinic was given by Larry Alfred MMR on modeling different type of roofs. He showed the different types in a power point presentation and showed how to model them with the different available modeling products. I think a roof can make or break a building since its one of the first things you notice since its normally the biggest depending on what you are modeling. All 3 Larry's tried to outdo each other by forgetting to bring things. So, who won that contest? It was a tie because they all forgot something.

The meeting was over just about at 9pm. I think we should do more of these mini clinics like this or maybe even have tours of somebody's layout maybe once a year. I'm sure Larry Alfred will come up with some more great ideas to teach us some new things and new tricks.

That all for now, Steve McKee, Clerk





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

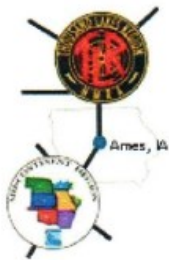
Model Contest Categories Include: Diesel Locomotive, Steam Locomotive, Rolling Stock, and Structures. More info and entry forms can be found on the LMRC website and accepted the first day of the show



Thousand Lakes Region / Mid-Continent Region NMRA

2017 Convention

Celebrate with us, May 18 – 21, 2017



Dennis Rietze
TLR President
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

Mail to:

MCoR Convention 2000
1117 East 16th Street South
Newton, IA 50208

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Whit Johnson
1117 East 16th Street South
Newton, IA 50208
815-342-0301
Email: conventionstaff@mcpr-nmra.org



MCoR / TLR Convention 2017 Registration Form

Name: _____ MMR _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Country _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

NMRA Member # _____ Dietary Needs _____

Additional Registrants can be listed below: _____

Please make check or money order payable to **MCoR 2017**, mail to: **TLR / MCoR Convention 2017, 1117 E 16th Street S Newton, IA 50208**. Do not send cash. **Do not mail after May 1, 2017**. All information, tickets, and registrations can be picked up at the Registration table when you arrive. **Sorry, no refunds after April 1, 2017.**

MCoR / TLR 2017 Convention Fee Schedule

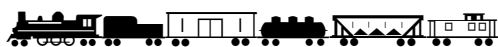
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Annual Awards Banquet (Convention Registrants Included)	_____	\$0.00	_____
Number of people registering _____		Total Amount Enclosed	_____

Youth 12 years of age and under will be allowed to register at no cost, when that registration accompanies that of an adult NMRA member.

However, the tours, banquet, and other items will be charged at the regular rate.

Bus Tour Fees Based on Tours Selected. Rates will vary \$10.00 - \$30.00 depending on Tour Selection and availability. A tour registration will follow with your convention confirmation.

NMRA Membership required to register for the convention. Train Show activities on Saturday will be open to the general public at a \$5.00 Fee at the door. NMRA dues must accompany registrations for Non-members.



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.



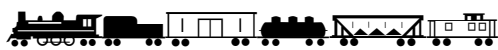
HERE ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS YOU WILL WANT TO BRING TO WITH YOU:

- 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

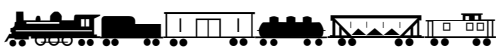
OPTIONAL:

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











For the enjoyment and edification of model railroad operators

Twin Cities & Western up and running

Two shakedown sessions in January yield “fixable” issues—
from kinky track (not operators) to paperwork improvements

Following a three month hiatus, operating sessions resumed with a new theme and scheme (sort of—if you discount my modeling the TCWR two years while living in South Dakota). In an economy move that reduces payroll and consumables by 25%, crews of three now work the railroad. Management indicates it's too early to estimate actual cost savings.



(above) A pair of geeps idle at the Glencoe engine house, adjacent the TCWR office.

(left) Engine #2013 pulls a string of boxcars containing canned vegetables from indoors at Seneca. The plant also ships frozen vegetables in 64' ARMN reefers like the one on track three awaiting to be spotted.



Déjà vu—or shades of Malt O Meal revisited?



No, Dorothy, this isn't Minnesota—we're still located in Shawnee, Kansas. But if you read the RMC November issue and think that portions of the near and far end of this complex remind you of the Northfield, Minnesota based Malt-O-Meal plant and image found in that story, you'd be right.

Several structures from PGR and original track work remain intact during this phase of the return to the TCWR. The power plant and horizontal storage tanks are new, as are the tall silos made from pvc. The coal and limestone piles are also recent changes as are the addition of their (still undecorated) spurs and dump pits.

(above) **GP 39-2, #2300**, stayed busy blocking cars in the yard at Ruebel, home to the largest industry served by TCWR, the **Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative**. Shortly before the arrival of the Ruebel turn, a unit train set out its consist on the coal spur and departed back to the Twin Cities.

The co-op generates outbound loads of bulk sugar, beet pellets (used for animal feed), and molasses. Coal and limestone are also essential raw materials in the sugar processing. Scenery and landscaping work to follow.

What's Upcoming?

The new year offers plenty of opportunity to return to operations. Newly acquired locomotives, decorated patch-out rolling stock, new track work on a significant portion of the layout along with the necessary paperwork are to a point that will permit a couple sessions each month, similar to the average during the first year of operations in Kansas.

Another positive factor in that prediction is a fairly firm schedule and part time ministry (albeit in Topeka) assignment. This normally will be from Sunday through Wednesday. These realities should allow me also to participate in operating sessions, for those layout owners kind enough to provide opportunities for me to enjoy their railroads.

I look forward to a great 2017 and the chance to enjoy the operations aspect of "the world's greatest hobby" with you in person or at least via Prairie Ponderings newsletters. If you are from outside Kansas and swing through this way, please let me know, and I'll try to offer a visit to the TCWR. We might even be able to schedule an operating session while you're visiting!

Editor Alan

Special thanks

Several out of state folks helped me prepare for and make possible the return to modeling and operating a portion of the TCWR. I'd like to recognize and heartily thank them for their help. I couldn't have done it without your assistance:

Mike Bargmann—a wealth of proto info

Cody Grivno—car modeling and decorating tips

Bryant Kaden—consist info and images

Jeremiah Rindahl—custom locomotive painting

Sam Sherman—images and proto advice

Tim Smith—tips, custom painted locomotives, plus "stewardship" of "my" models in Sioux Falls, South Dakota these past few years



When asked to look pleasant and cooperative, Chuck and Bob had little difficulty complying. In the background, Mike switches out cars in Montevideo during a rare moment when he wasn't addressing (or creating) challenges for Bob in Granite Falls or Ruebel at the first 2017 session.

Prototype scratch built Santa Fe articulated flatcars—or not so much?

For those operators residing in or near the Kansas City area, ask model builder Jim "Mac" McCroskie about the 44 (or 46?) foot articulated flatcars he's work on. He's got a story to share.



Shakedown session crews celebrate and learn about Twin Cities and Western theme



Mike McLain, Bob Willer, and Chuck Hitchcock used the newly acquired (thanks, Mom) Monopoly theme railroad cocktail glasses to toast on January 20

After leaving South Dakota several years ago, I again model operations on a the largest Minnesota shortline. It only took two years to figure out how to model a portion of the route that formerly occupied our “train room” (basement utility room).

Better track work, more realistic code 83 Atlas track, and several curved turnouts are among the enhancements thus far on nearly half of the layout. I appreciate the help of Doug Elder, Chuck Hitchcock, Keith Jordan, and Bob Willer. They contributed their talents ranging from track planning, laying track, wiring feeders, and drafting an orientation power point. The two new modules replace the PGR Lakeville sections. Those reside on campus at the University of Minnesota train club.

The first couple sessions held during January proved valuable for identifying areas the scheme can and will be improved. Noteworthy was the scarcity and infrequency of track problems, plus a few balky couplers that were replaced.

The new layout has potential to offer more enjoyment and challenge. Every job (unlike the PGR layout, where several



(left to right) Don Ball, Keith Robinson, and Bill Hirt check out the TCWR power point orientation slide show, designed to help first-timers to the layout get a sense of the TCWR route and layout features for the imminent session January 31.

trains were merely transfers, every assignment on the TCWR includes switching opportunities, more variety, and challenge (at least I think so). I look forward to hosting frequently as well as using these early shakedown sessions to make the railroad more interesting, smoother running, and just plain fun.



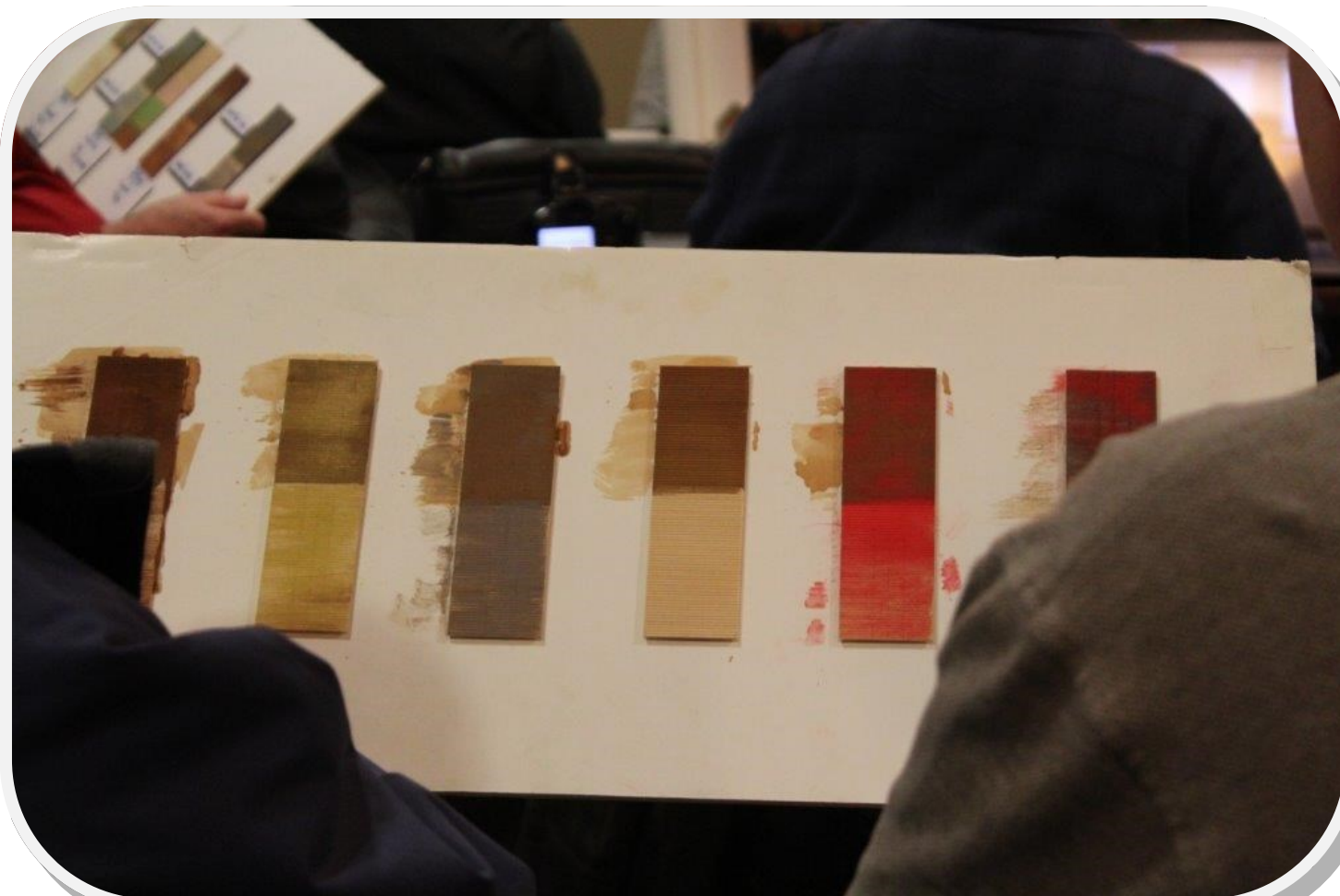
Creating Clouds with Paper Towels

Larry Patch

Turkey Creek Division Meeting
January 24, 2017







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:

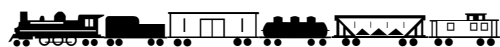
- NMRA politics
 - Recommendations for improving/modifying or changing AP guidelines (send those to the NMRA)
 - Politics in general
 - Religious topics
 - Off topic gags and jokes
- Accusations or criticism of any member

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 February 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: 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 Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg., Lenexa, 7:00. For current information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 or the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

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, February 10 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, Preston-Hale Room, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00. Program by Mike Hawkins

Friday, February 17 – Wichita Chapter, Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, 7:00. Annual business meeting. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, February 24 – Kansas City, Union Station, Kansas City Terminal Board Room, 3rd floor, 7:00. Information: Ed Conrad, Heartlandsrails@aol.com 816-204-1306

DIVISIONS

Saturday, February 4 – Kansas Central, at member's home, 1:00. Information: Kd0r@fhrd.net

Monday, February 6 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 1eth St. N, Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information: Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 28 – Turkey Creek, Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg., Lenexa,



7:00. Information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, or www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar

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

NARVRE

Monday, February 6 – Hutchinson, Airport Steak House, 1100 Airport Rd, 8:30 a.m. Information: Ron Pauls, arkola@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, February 7 – Arkansas City, Senior Citizen Center, 320 S. A St., 11:30

Wednesday, February 8 – Marysville, Ricky's Café, Hanover, 11:30. Information: Dolores Krug, d30krug@yahoo.com

Monday, February 13 – Abilene/Salina, Bayard's Café, 540 S. Broadway, Salina. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

Monday, February 13 – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16th St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, jimmywdodds@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 14 – Wellington, Senior Center, 308 S. Washington, 12:00. Information: abdb@sutv.com

Tuesday, February 14 – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl., 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, lbroadbent@cox.net

Monday, February 20 – Wichita, Best Western N., 915 E. 53rd N, (I-135), 11:00-1:30. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Thursday, February 2 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts, 7:00. Information: www.augustahorclub.org

Thursday, February 2 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Pl., 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

Friday, February 3 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Sunday, February 5 – 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

Saturday, February 11 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00. Lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, railway@gbta.net

Saturday, February 11 – Frankfort Subdivision, 416 W. 1st St, 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Saturday, February 11 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, 10:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child up to 12 free

Sunday, February 12 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 1:00-5:00

Sunday, February 12 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water St., Liberty, MO, social 1:00, run trains 3:00. Information: Bob Osborn, 816-452-9227

Tuesday, February 14 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Pointe Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terrace. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Wednesday, February 15 – Kansas City Society of Model Engineers

Thursday, February 16 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's layout, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Sunday, February 19 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad

Monday, February 20 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Saturday, February 25 – Frankfort Subdivision

Saturday, February 25 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Every Saturday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 12:00-4:00. Information: Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

Every Sunday – Weekend N'gineers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, hapheart@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 Train, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Tuesday Ozarks Model Railroad

Association, First Tuesday Member's Meeting, Second Tuesday Maintenance, Third - Operating session, Fourth Tuesday - Open running, Fifth Tuesday - Open running. 429 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, wohnell@sbcglobal.net

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 Saturday and 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, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202 hapheart@swbell.net

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– Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water, Liberty, MO, 11:00-3:00. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale05@gmail.com

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Saturday, February 18 – Wichita Area Garden Railroad Society, at member's home. Information: Nancy Martin, nanmartin@att.net

Thursday, February 23 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd., Tulsa, OK, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, February 2 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: Movie Broadway Limited by Robert Walz. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

Wednesday, February 8 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

Monday, February 13 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main St. Office, 12 E. 5th, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandrew70@yahoo.com

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

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2017

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

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

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!

Saturday, March 11 – Ozarks Model Railroad Show, 625 St. Louis St., Springfield, MO, 9:00-3:00. Adult \$8.00, child under 12 free. Information: Greg Sullivan, sullibd@gmail.com or www.omraspringfield.org

Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19 – Boot Hill Model Railroad Show, Exhibition Bldg., Finney Co. Fairgrounds, Garden City **NEW**

April 8th & 9th, 2017, 23rd Annual Train Show, North Platte, Nebraska, sponsored by the Nebraska West-Central Division. D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, Nebraska. Hours 9-5 Saturday the 8th and 10-4 Sunday the 9th. One day admission \$4.00 per adult, \$1.00 for children under 12 (under 5 free with paid adult). Vendor Tables \$12.50 each till April 1st. After April 1st tables are \$20 each. For additional information or questions contact: Gene R. Tacey, P.O. Box

485, Sutherland, NE 69165 e-mail taceys@gpcom.net phone 308-386-2489

Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21 – Mid-Continent MCoR Thousand Lakes Regional Convention, Quality Inn, Ames, IA **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.tristatemodelrailroaders.com

Monday-Saturday, July 10-15 – National Garden Railway Convention, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Tulsa, OK. Information: www.thinktulsal7.com

July 29th Turkey Creek Division Show More information to follow

Wednesday-Saturday, August 30-September 2 – National Narrow Gauge Convention, Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO. Information: www.37nngc.com/index

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