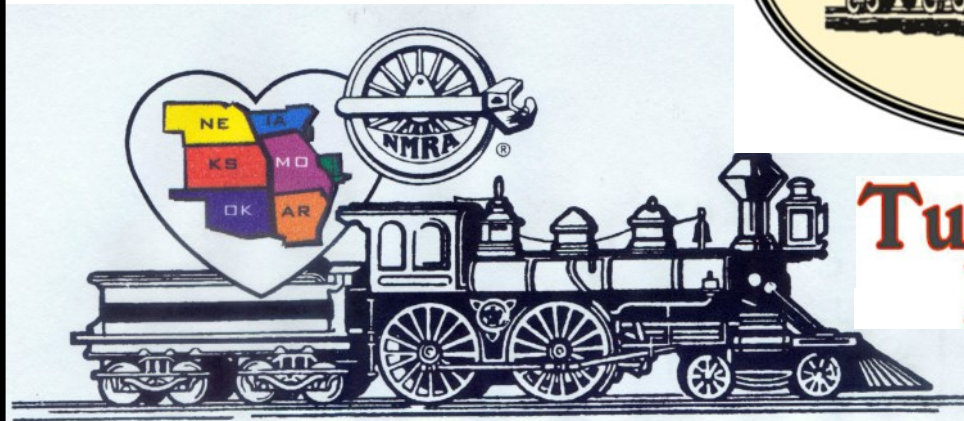


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Turkey Creek Division

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"For all gauges and all ages"

March 2017

Turkey Creek Division Meeting March 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

Jeff Needham

**The Santa Fe Railway Historical
and Modeling Society**

Will Give a Presentation Titled
"Modeling the ATSF Colorado Division in HO Scale"





From *THE SUPER'S DESK*....

Hello to all Turkey Creek Division members...

I think that the February meeting went well. We had 33 in attendance and nearly all began work on their Make-and-Take building. Many thanks to Larry Diehl for leading this annual program for the last several years...hope it continues. Also, here's a big thank you to Ron Morse MMR (Morse Productions) for developing and producing the kits for this year's model. It's the first time we have done a paper building and it turns into a very cool structure. The new meeting space continues to work well! Thanks, Shelly.

We have a great presentation scheduled for the March 28 meeting... Jeff Needham with The Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society will give a presentation titled "Modeling the ATSF Colorado Division in HO Scale." These folks do some terrific modeling and I'm sure you will enjoy the clinic.

As a look, ahead, one of our new members...recently from Australia and an MMR, Kelly Loyd will provide a clinic for the April 25 meeting on "Plastic Modeling." Should be good! Don't miss these two upcoming presentations.

This is another reminder regarding the Modeling Challenge coming up in our June meeting. This is the time to be thinking about participating in the challenge. 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!

With the nice weather (for the most part) in February, it has been more difficult to spend time in the basement working on the railroad. The secret is to commit to spending a little time each day or each week, thereby, making steady progress. Keep after it; we have many great modelers in the Division and I would like to see progress by everyone...either on your layout or general model building.

I hope you all will continue to try to attend the monthly Turkey Creek Division meetings (4th Tuesday of each month, as well as our Annual Meet and Train Show on July 29. These are great opportunities to meet and interact with other local modelers. It's a chance for all of us to learn new things and to pass on to others some of our new or different ideas and techniques. I know all will benefit.
Best to all... Larry

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February Clerk Report

We had about 25 members at our last meeting at our new location that Shelly Levy could get for us. This is a great location and its free of charge because Shelly lives there in the complex. It's got some great chairs and tables.

We had our Paymaster Bill Humenczuk report and we are in fine shape as usual even with the bills Larry Diehl turned in. Superintendent Larry Alfred MMR had new people introduce themselves 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.

Tonight, was the Make and Take clinic with Ron Morse's MMR new building kit. We had examples of all scales of the building all put together for examples. Some of us got farther than others but it was all fun and it's a great building. This will be my 2nd Morse building. We will see how many incorporate this into the modeling challenge coming up.

The meeting was over just about at 9pm.

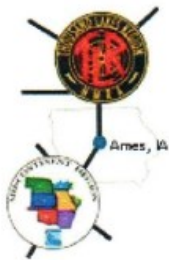
That all for now, Steve McKee, Clerk



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.

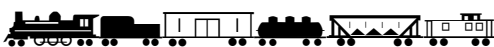
REGISTRATIONS

Mail to:

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

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Whit Johnson
1117 East 16th Street South
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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

	Quantity	Amount	Total
Convention Registration (NMRA Membership Req.)	_____	\$90.00	_____
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.





**Turkey Creek Division
Annual Train Show
July 29, 2017
Shawnee Mission
North High School
7401 Johnson Drive
Overland Park, Kansas 66202**



Show Times 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Layout Tours 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Attendees \$6.00 at door ... NMRA members \$5.00 at door
Children 12 and under attend free**

Clinics Start at 9:00 – Clinics covering many aspects of the hobby.

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and popular vote. Each model you entered into the contest will give you a chance in the special drawing to receive one \$50.00 gift voucher, up to a maximum of 5 chances. Awards will be announced @ 2:00 p.m.

Special Youth Award - for the best overall youth model entry.

Door Prizes – From many different manufacturers, vendors and local hobby shops

Display Layout and Layout Tours – In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening. See schedule at the show.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – Expect to find more than 80 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups.

Food and Refreshments – will be available.

Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show 2017 Vendor and Individual Registration Form

Individual or Vendor Name(s) for badges: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Individual Advance Registration \$5.00 _____ (NMRA members \$4.00 _____)

Vendor Registration: Eight Ft. Space \$20.00 No. of Spaces: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____
Total Encl. \$ _____ Check # _____ Electrical: Yes _____ No _____
Set up from 3:00pm to 7:00 pm on July 28th, must be out by 5pm on July 29th.

Make checks payable to "Turkey Creek Division"

Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, C/O Bill Humenczuk, Paymaster, 8624 W. 116th Street, Overland Park KS 66210

For more information contact: Larry Alfred, captlalfred@gmail.com, home 913-782-6584, or Larry Diehl, ldiehl066@gmail.com – cell 816-804-0152



February 18, 2017



**Turkey Creek
Division**

Turkey Creek Train Show 2017



Turkey Creek Division is going to host an NMRA divisional Kansas City area meet, train show and swap meet Saturday, July 29, 2017. Located at the Shawnee Mission North High School, cafeteria, 7201 Johnson Drive, Overland Park, Kansas 66202. The show is open to all NMRA members and the public. The hours will be open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vendors will have access to set up Friday afternoon/evening.

We anticipate having six (6) clinics, a model and photo contest with NMRA judging available, a special contest youth award, door prizes, "food & drink" being coffee, donuts, soda and sandwiches (with profits distributed to Feed The Need), 80 to 90 swap tables for vendors and individuals and an operational railroad display. Contest results with awards at 2:00 p.m.

The event will close with home layout tours from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You must keep and wear your registration badge to enter private homes.

We hope to have a fun day for all!

Sincerely,

Larry Alfred, MMR, Chairman

captlalfred@gmail.com

Home phone 913-782-6584





For the enjoyment and edification of model railroad operators

Twin Cities and Western theme brings variety, significant improvements to switching layout

Just a couple months into 2017, the three person crews have experienced changes, challenges, and new features during early shakedown sessions.

Excellent code 83 track laying, wiring, better design, individual jobs (with more elbow room), and down stairs toilet privileges for the whole crew highlight differences compared to the PGR. See related article, page four.



(above) An example of newly installed track work reflects Bob Willer's contribution— shown near Hector as the coal extra comes toward Ruebel and the turn travels to Glencoe. (left) The West End Job heads past the ethanol plant. It's just one of the seven jobs on the layout.



Why that “cotton pickin” oversized load?

Cotton picker machinery, manufactured in nearby Benson, loaded on flatcars at Montevideo dock, debuts on railroad

Special handling became the watchword during the third trick as the West End Turn brought the first of many-more-to-come mammoth cotton picking machines via flatcar for shipment east through Hopkins last month. The wide load machinery required extra moves at the grain co-op to clear the main. More are expected throughout the year though volume is uncertain at this date.



Destined for overseas markets, this cotton picker sits on a flatcar on the main at Granite Falls as part of the West End Job's consist, bound for Twin Cities



Lenny, J.D., and Lynn put the TCWR through its paces during an end of the month evening operating session, the fifth in a series of shakedowns expected to last well into the spring.

New crews gain experience, offer suggestions to improve operations



John, Mike, and Russ posed while working at Glencoe, Granite Falls, and Ruebel recently



Chark, Doug, and Keith appear busy during a TCWR shakedown session held in February. The railroad seems to be smoothing out, as promptly implemented suggestions help crews function more efficiently and (supposedly) have more fun.

The first months of 2017 brought the TCWR to life, though not with much scenery. The emphasis at this point is reliability of track, clear instructions, and enhancements that make the layout run smoother.

Among the “better than it used to be” ideas implemented are a couple from Russ Hayden. Operators bringing trains in or out of Twin Cities staging now can view all four tracks and the detection equipment by looking at the same mirror—mounted now vertically along the angled backdrop in staging. Russ also donated another couple dozen trees to help separate the town of Buffalo Lake from the not-so-near-by-in-real life Hector and Hopkins.

He proved to be the ace spell-checker, noting a missing “h” from Southern (sic) Minnesota Beet Sugar Coop. Three previous crews failed to note the error.



Progressive Gripes Revealed

Post-mortem of 2015-16 short line railroad recalls shortcomings

With memories of Progressive Rail quickly fading into history after its two year reincarnation in Shawnee, Kansas, regular operators on the Minnesota short line recently aired their observations. Among those shared with the superintendent were the following:

- Dissatisfaction with the mostly single car spots at Airlake Industrial Park, a feature predominantly due to overall space limitations in Lakeville
- “Unfair” work distribution created with the two person Lakeville crews, who sometimes differed on the respective roles of conductor vs. engineer during the operating sessions
- Less than optimal (read marginal) track work that appeared unsightly but sometimes caused derailments
- Reverse seniority rules that allowed those traveling from the greatest distance priority for jobs
- Pent-up (literally) crew dissatisfaction over privileges to downstairs toilet facilities, limiting usage to the Northfield yardmaster and requiring others to “go” upstairs
- Lack of (during the first year) a passing track at Lakeville, thereby requiring crews to think and plan ahead more than they would otherwise

What were your beefs and/or dislikes? Feel free to email them—they likely will be shared in a future issue, but (I promise) without attribution (unless you wish to be known).

the Editor



Yes, there was at times finger-pointing among the crews at Lakeville. While the engineer instructions were clear, some crew members chose not to read or follow them, thereby creating additional work, inefficiency, waste of fuel, and controversies. Sometimes those carried over to discussions during weekly meal gatherings.



Mike McLain moves a cut on the passing track—which was the subject of controversy (from the lack of having one) which existed in the initial year of PGR operations.

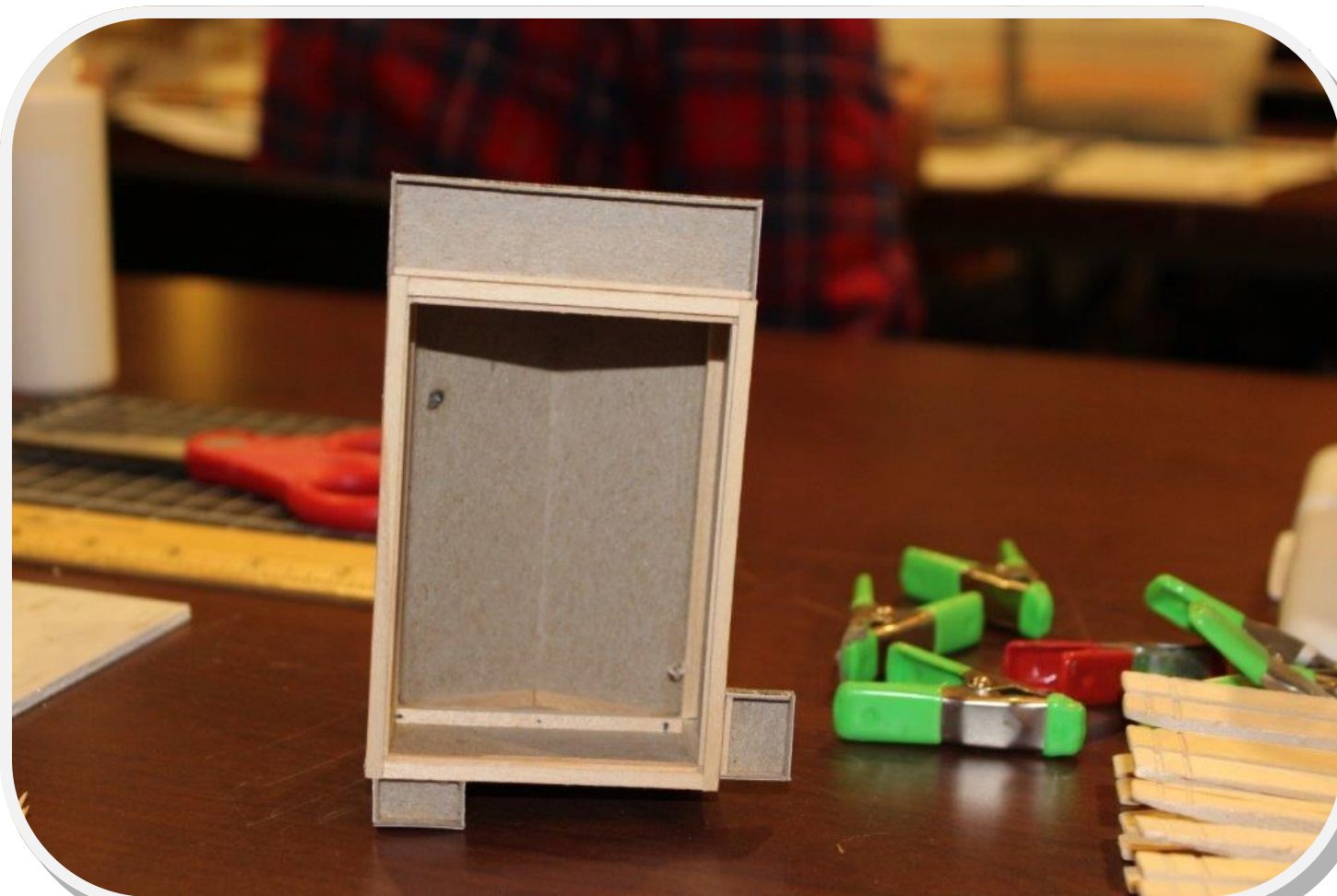


















SWITCH LIST March 2017

*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, March 10 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Mead Historic Site, Preston-Hale Room, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00

Friday, March 17 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Program: "Santa Fe Business & Special Purpose Cars" by Bob Walz. Pre-meeting gathering at Riverside Café, 739 W. 13th, 5:30. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, March 24 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, KC Terminal Board Room, 3rd floor, 7:00. Information: Ed Conrad, Heartlandrails@aol.com

Saturday, April 29 – Quad Chapter Meeting hosted by Topeka Chapter, C & H Railroad, 2801 SE Stubbs Road (east of Topeka on Hwy 40 to Stubbs Rd, south just over I-70 overpass). Early registration \$15/person, \$25/couple; Late registration \$20/person, \$30/couple. Send reservations to: Doug McCandless, 733 NE Edgewood Dr., Topeka, KS 66617. More information next newsletter???

DIVISIONS

Monday, March 6 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13th St., Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information: Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Sunday, March 19 – Indian Nations, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., Tulsa, 9:30-12:30. Tour at a member's layout. Information: Dave Salamon, drs_rr@yahoo.com

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

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

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

Monday, March 14 – Abilene/Salina, Hitching Post, 100 SE 5th St., Abilene. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9435@cox.net

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

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

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

Monday, March 27 – Wichita, Ourr's Family Dining, 1606 S. Georgetown St., 11:20. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Wednesday, March 1 – Society of Model Engineers, meet at various places for various activities. Information: Steven Boeck, 816-651-3225 (cell)

Thursday, March 2 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts, 7:30. Information: www.augustahorrorclub.org

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

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

Sunday, March 5 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 420 N. Depot St., 2nd floor, Cherryvale, 1:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com, or www.cvmrv.com

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

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

Saturday-Sunday, March 11-12 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00

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

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

Wednesday, March 15 – Society of Model Engineers

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

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

Saturday, March 25 – Frankfort Subdivision

Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Wednesday, March 29 – Society of Model Engineers

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 Trains, 408 N. Main, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Tuesday – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 429 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 1st Tue., member's meeting, 2nd Tue., maintenance, 3rd Tue., operating session, 4th & 5th Tue., open running. 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, jkspicher@aol.com, or W. L. Ohnell, wohnell@sbcglobal.net

Every Saturday-Sunday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00, Sun. 12:00-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536

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

Second Sunday of each month Heartland N-TRAK meets at 3:00 PM at 131 S Water St. Liberty, MO. The clubhouse opens at 1:00 PM to run trains and socialize. For information contact Bob Osborn rozzie45@sbcglobal.net – Mid Kansas Model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, McPherson, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

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, March 11 – Ozarks Model Railroad Show, 625 St. Louis St., Springfield, MO, 9:00-3:00. Adult \$7.00, child under 12 free. Information: Greg Sullivan, sullibd@gmail.com or www.omraspringfield.org

Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19 – Garden City Train Show, Exhibition Bldg, Finney Co. Fairgrounds, 409 Lake Ave., Sat. 10:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. Adults \$6.00, child 7 & under free. Information: www.facebook.com/BootHillModelRailroadClub

Saturday March 25th, 2017 Joplin MO, The Joplin Museum Complex is hosting a Train Show and Swap Meet, 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

Saturday, March 25 – Mid America Train & Toy Show, KCI Expo Center, 11730 NW Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO, 9:00-2:00. Information:

www.midamericatrainandtoyshow.com

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, Ames, IA, Quality Inn

Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4 – Center of the Nation Model Railroad Expo, Sunflower N. Bldg., Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Sat. 9:00-4:00, Sun. 9:00-3:00. Information: Don Phillips, dphillips31@cox.net

Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 – Trainfest 2017, Oakwood Mall, 4125 W. Owen K. Garriott, Enid, OK (HiWay

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Wednesday-Sunday, June 21-25 – Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Convention, Hyatt Regency, Tulsa, OK; 3 excursion trips. Vendor tables: Matt Martin, mmartin104@gmail.com. Information: www.afrhms.org

June 23 & 24, 2017 St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet

(Note this event will be Earlier than previous years Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234 Contact information: <http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

Monday-Saturday, July 10-15 – National Garden Railway Convention, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Tulsa, OK. Information: www.thinktulsa17.com

Saturday, July 29, 2017 Turkey Creek Division is going to host a NMRA, train show and swap meet. Located at the Shawnee Mission North High School, Cafeteria, 7401 Johnson Drive, Overland Park, Kansas 66202. The show is open to all NMRA members and the public. The hours will be open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vendors will have access to set up Friday afternoon/evening. We anticipate having six (6) clinics, a model and photo contest with NMRA judging available, a special contest youth award, door prizes, “food & drink” being coffee, donuts, soda and sandwiches (with profits going to Johnson County Feed the Need), 80 to 90 swap tables for vendors and individuals and operating model railroad displays. Contest results with awards at 2:00 p.m. The event will close

with home layout tours from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You must keep and wear your registration badge to enter private homes. We hope to have a fun day for all! Sincerely, Larry Alfred, MMR, Chairman captlalfred@gmail.com Home phone 913-782-6584

Wednesday-Saturday, August 30-September 2 – **National Narrow Gauge Convention**, Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO. Information: www.37nngc.com/index e-mail taceys@gpcom.net phone 308-386-2489

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Saturday, November 4, 2017 Gateway Division, NMRA, Fall event:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (home layout tours start at 4 p.m.)

Trinity Lutheran Church, West St. Louis County

More information: <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/st-louis-train-show/>

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