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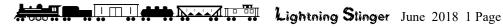
June 2018

Turkey Creek Division Meeting

June 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm **Lakeview Village Eastside Terrace** 9000 Park ST **Lenexa, KS 66215**

Annual Turkey Creek Division Model Challenge

Anything that you can get through the door.





From THE SUPER'S DESK... Hello to all Turkey Creek Division **Members**

It's finally here! The Turkey Creek modeling contest. Tuesday evening, June 26th, 7:00pm at Lakeview Village in the Eastside Terrace Building. Bring what you want. As long as it can fit through the door. I for one look forward to this contest. Not only do we get to see some great modeling, there are also some humorous efforts also. I have heard that there are several models that are being completed to be included on layouts for the National Convention in August. I am also looking forward to seeing what was done with the 'Make-and-Take kits. Bottom line, this will be a fun evening!

This coming weekend, June $23^{\rm rd}$ is the KCNG Convention. Great modeling at this event and great clinics. I hope that everyone attending has a great time.

The clock is ticking, and the National Convention is literally weeks away. By my count about 6 weeks to go. If you haven't registered, get it done. If you haven't volunteered to helpout, get that done.

The following has been mentioned at meetings and in previous Lightning Slingers. It is again worth repeating however!

August 5th through August 12th this summer is going to be big in Kansas City. NMRA National Convention in Kansas City. Of course, you already knew that. What you might not know is that volunteers are still needed. There are several areas that you might consider. Do you have a layout that would be interesting to others? Doesn't matter the era, the scale or the size. Consider showing off your layout to the rest of the world! How about a clinic? Do you have a technique or cool way to do something on your layout or for building structures, scenery, motive power, rolling stock, or electronic systems? How about a historic clinic about something that you would love to share? Lastly, volunteers are certainly needed.

If you have not already signed up, here is the link to the convention website: http://www.kc2018.org/ Consider volunteering and most of all, have fun with showing off our home town!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday evening!

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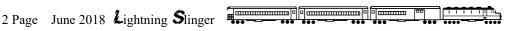
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John

New Member for Turkey Creek Division

My name is Ron Marsh. I grew up on a farm in west-central Missouri halfway between the GM&O in Higginsville and the MoPac in Warrensburg. My father bought and unloaded livestock feed directly off the boxcar on the GM&O, which is probably where I became a railfan, but It was the MoPac that became the focus of my interest. I did not discover the hobby of scale model railroading until I was in my late 20s. That was over 20 years ago, and I have been hooked ever since. I quickly gravitated toward N scale because, at that time, we moved a lot with my work and I needed something portable. I fell in love with N scale and never looked back. While I began modeling MoPac, four years living along the newly-merged BNSF in the late 90s gave me a real appreciation for that line. Another three years living in north Texas near a BNSF main convinced me. Today I model BNSF in north Texas and Colorado. As my children are now getting out on their own, I have more time for the hobby beyond my own basement, so I joined the NMRA and am enjoying getting to know other who love this hobby. I also started a YouTube channel, Ron's Trains N Things, where I share the tips, tools, and techniques in the hobby that I have learned along the way.

It's a note of appreciation from Bob's wife, Fran Bayley, and his daughter, Kim Matney, for the flowers that Turkey Creek Division sent for Bob Bayley's funeral service last month.

Thanks,

Larry

Steve McKee and Brad Morneau MMR are going to try to re-start the AP build sessions.

Are you interested in getting more out of your NMRA membership? One good way is to participate in the NMRA Achievement Program, or AP. The AP was designed to get modelers working in a wide array of areas they might not otherwise get involved in. It gives a modeler a sense of real accomplishment when he/she builds a car from scratch or builds a structure that couldn't be found in an existing kit. Along the way, you earn merit awards and certificates and eventually Master Model Railroader.

In that light, Steve McKee and I are planning on starting "build sessions" with interested modelers. Steve has graciously offered his home/basement for these sessions. He has work benches for several builders to work at. We're tentatively going to start with cars, but we plan on working on expanding to other NMRA AP Certificates depending on interest

Our first session will be September 1st at 1 pm. Let me know if you're interested. We also need some of our MMR's to join us for assistance. If you're interested, please send me an email at bradmorneau@gmail.com

Brad Morneau, MMR MCoR AP Chairman

05/22/2018 May Clerk Report

We had about 29 members at our meeting this month. Our Superintendent John Fales was on vaction with the volcanos in Hawaii so Larry Alfred called the meeting to order.

Miles Hale and Mark Juett each gave presentations on how to do a photo backdrop. It covered a lot of what you need to know and Miles had a good handout that I want to try my hand out after the convention. This was one of the better presentations I've seen on this subject which I think everybody should learn that plans to do a layout and especially if they plan to do city scenes.

Larry Alfred talked about the modeling challenge which is next month so be sure to bring whatever your working on. As long as it fits thru the door you can bring it. And remember this is not a model contest. The idea is just to get everybody to start building something so you're not competing with others you're just showing the group what you have been working on. Some of us can't do that because what I have been working on it attached to my layout that I've been getting ready for the convention this summer just like a few other are. I've included the pictures of Larry Diehl's bobble head doll again in case somebody missed it last month.

We tried a product I hadn't used before called FusionFiber from a company called TrueScene Modeling. It's not like Sculptamold. The contents are Cotton Cellulose, Cotton thread, and powdered Adhesive. You can color it with acrylic paint when you mix it up with water. This stuff will dry and get hard but it seems to take forever to dry. We put some around to model around a diorama and it took 7 days and it wasn't dry yet. I finally pulled out the diorama and it had been next to this stuff long enough there was mold growing on the base of the diorama. So don't put this stuff on more than 1/4 inch thick or it won't dry. The package says 3 to 4 days to dry but don't count on it if its humid outside. I like Sculptamold better myself after trying this product. I just don't want to wait that long for something to dry.





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:

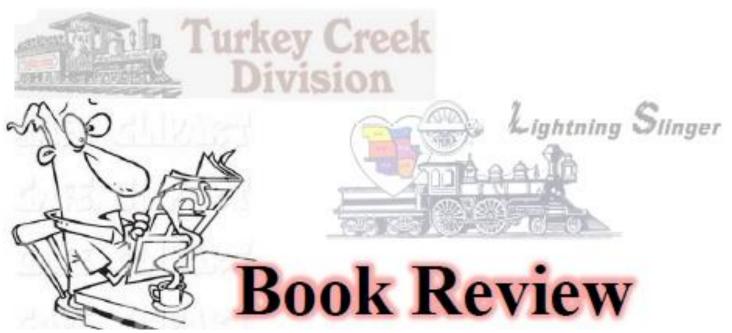
- AP Topics on any of the 11 possible AP Certificates
- MMR questions
- National/Regional/Divisional/International AP Chairman questions
- Questions about contest rules
- Questions about model research, assembly, et al. Questions about merit judging

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



The Dakota Southeastern Division (DSED) hosted the "Rails Along the River" 2018 TLR convention in Sioux Falls, May 17-20. More than 80 people registered for convention activities. Clinics on prototype operations, modeling, and use of social media for promotion of the hobby, and stories from a 30 plus year veteran of the Alaska Railroad took place the first two days. Tours took us to a modern grain elevator operation, Rosenbauer fire truck manufacturer, and Midwest Railcar Repair. The Dakota & Iowa Railroad gave a ride in their three ex. Milwaukee Road cabooses from Hawarden - IA to the depot in Canton - SD, along a scenic area by the Big Sioux River. The convention was rounded off with a banquet, general meeting, and open house for several area model railroads. A much discussed theme this year was the low volume of submissions in the contest room, and the Contest Director challenging all to bring contest entries for next year's joint convention with the Midwest Region in the La Crosse, WI The unlabeled picture is from Midwest Railcar Repair.



With the Slack, That Will Do, and Other Railroad Stories

by Charles H. Geletzke, Jr. 2017, CreateSpace, an Amazon.com company. Soft cover, 250pp.

Most of the time, working on the railroad is pretty routine--except when it's not, which is most of the time! Charles Geletzke, Jr. has compiled a collection of anecdotal experiences from his 45-year career as a railroader. Prior to his retirement in 2011, he handled jobs from brakeman, baggage handler, conductor, engineer, and everything in-between. Most of that time was spent as an employee of the Grand Trunk Western in Michigan.

When the author started to work in 1967, most switching was done with lanterns and hand signals. Communication during a switching move involved manual signals from the brakeman on the ground to the fireman in the cab, who then relayed them to the engineer manually and by voice (due to the noise level in the cab). With the advent of two-way radios, it was possible to verbally communicate directly between the brakeman and the engineer. In backing moves the distance to coupling was usually given in car lengths. For pulling, the amount of "slack" (drawbar stretching) was given. In the days of 40foot cars, there was one foot of slack for every car in the train. (When starting to pull a 100-car train with the cars "bunched", the locomotive would have moved about 100 feet before the caboose started. With longer cars and modern draft gear, the slack can be 2-3 times longer for each car.)

Then there was the not-so-routine day when, while riding in the cab, the author watched the fireman sitting next to him die from broken glass when a boy

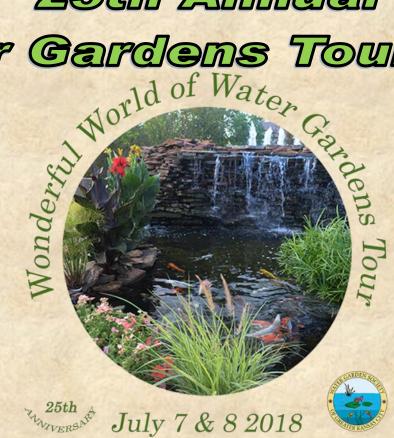
threw a bottle through the cab window, while moving at track speed. Although the engineer was able to stop the train at the nearest hospital, it was too late. Remember when your mother told you to always wear good clean underwear because you never knew when you might end up in the Emergency Room under "less-than-ideal" circumstances? The author and another brakeman were on the ground when the engineer "kicked" a loaded tank car into a track with other cars. Unfortunately, neither one noticed that the dome-lid was still open so that, when the cars bumped, the contents, embalming fluid, splashed out and both men passed out. They woke up in the nearby ER in traditional open-backed hospital gowns. While walking around, the author noticed that he had on old ratty and holey underwear. Later that day he bought new boxers and threw all the old ones away. Lesson learned!

Then there was the time a flagman, who also farmed, was riding in the caboose and, while rolling past a dairy farm at 30 mph, he saw a cow having difficulty. He immediately grabbed the conductor's valve and put the train into EMERGENCY, jumped off the train and sprinted toward the distressed cow! In a short while he had assisted in the delivery of a newborn calf and returned to the caboose. When asked by the conductor how he was going to explain the delay in the train's progress, his only reply was that the facts spoke for themselves.

And this book has many more similar stories, some of which have meaning to a working railroader, others entertaining to the rest of us. For a book of light reading about working on the railroad, this is a worthwhile addition to your library.

Robert Spurgat June 2018

Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City Presents 25th Annual Water Gardens Tour 2018



9 Yards With Garden Trains **Local Artists at Several Yards** TICKETS WITH TOUR MAPS \$10.00 EACH 14 and older FOR INFORMATION 816-305-5963 816-861-3449 www.kcwatergardens.com





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Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City

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2018 Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge by Larry Alfred, aka Rusty Rails

Here we go again! The 15th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge. The theme remains at "Anything Goes" – that is, open to the max! You may build and enter anything, yes that's anything that will fit through the meeting room door!

So, what exactly does this mean for each of you? What it means is that you will not have any excuse whatsoever for not participating in the event. Let me emphasize here that the Modeling Challenge program was conceived to encourage everyone to participate in the enjoyment of building and displaying railroad models!! Please don't feel overwhelmed, intimidated, or...that you don't have time to join in. It is hoped that by participating you will feel a sense of "inclusion", that of being "one of the group."

You may ask yourself, what sort of model could I enter? First, let me make this clarification....entries need not be constructed especially for this event. If you have something that you built in the past, please consider entering it. Or, if there is a new project that you have been thinking about starting, now is a good time. Entries may be completely finished, but don't need to be. You could limit your entry to a single car or locomotive; remember any scale or gauge is acceptable. You could also consider entering your favorite entire train. Alternatively, you could focus on structures and enter a single structure or a full scene, with several buildings. Remember, there is no limit! You might want to build a large or small display or diorama, with basic details or highly detailed. Whichever, this could be an opportunity to build a component of your home layout...to be incorporated into the layout later. Several of the past entries have been used in this way, to a great benefit of the modeler. Possibly, the ultimate entry could be an entire operating layout (albeit, somewhat small...remember, it must fit through the door)! This is intended to be a fun filled event, with the entry possibilities only limited by your imagination and enthusiasm to participate.

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be important. The event will take place at our June 26th meeting, so you still have three months to prepare your entry. As in the past, there will be six plaques awarded for the following:

1st Place overall Most Whimsical (Red Bull Award)

2nd Place overall Best Special Effects (Lighting/Sound/Animation)

3rd Place overall Best Use of TC Make-and-Take Model

But, again, I want to emphasize that the participation is the important aspect of this program. So, if you're interested in being involved, start thinking about your model entry now. There is plenty of time, but don't put it off. This will be another fun event!



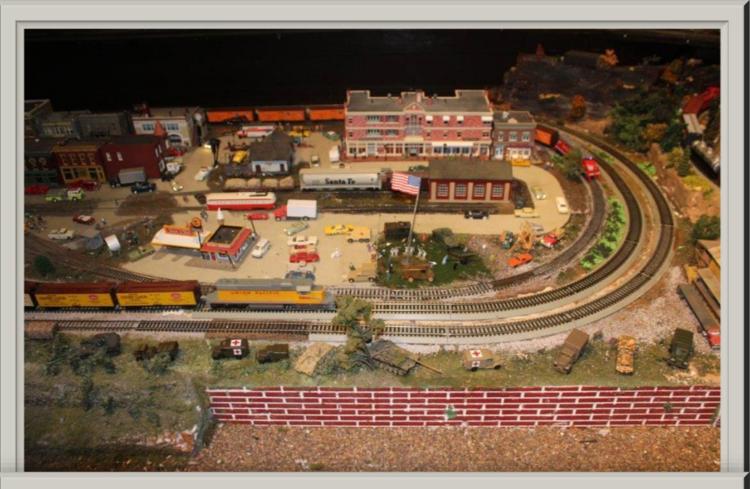
2018 NMRA National Convention Registration Form

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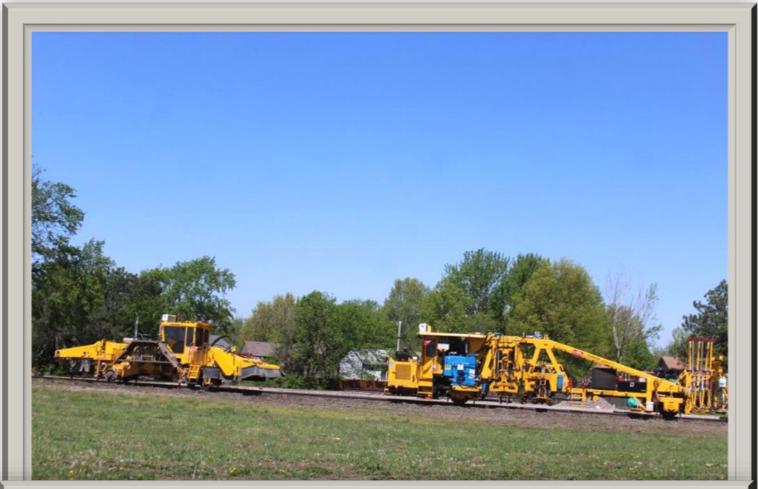
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Names & Ages (As Of July 2018) Of Family Member(s):							
Special Considerations:							
Note: Tours, meal functions, non-rail activities, and tickets for other events may be added to this 2018 NMRA National Convention pre-registration as the events are announced and promoted.							
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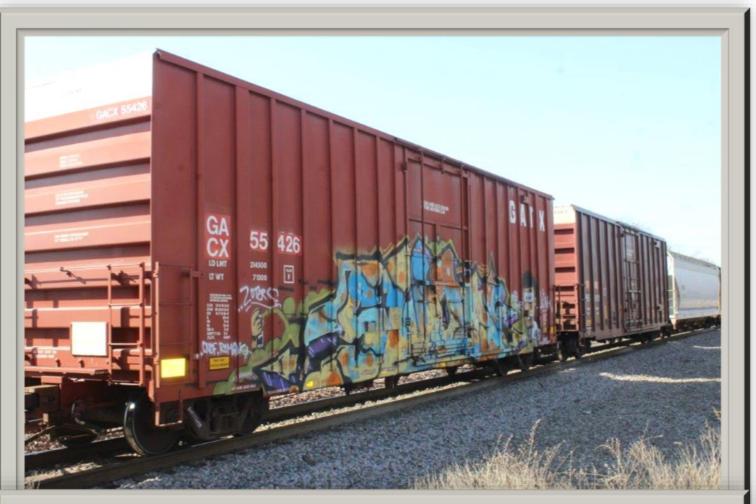














SWITCH LIST May June 2018 *new since last issue

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: 1seibel@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

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https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/ For other division activities check out our website monthly at: 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, Meeting starts 7:00 pm on the Fourth Tuesday of every month except and December 18th 2018 meeting date annual Holliday Party. For current information: Louis Seibel, Lseibel@comcast.net, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 or the Division Timetable http://www.tcnmra.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 email:trainman55@hotmail.com: Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: http://www.wkd-nmra.org

Monthly News in a Glance

Monday, June 25 - Wichita

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DIVISIONS

Every Tuesday – Western Kansas, 409 ½ N. Main, Garden City, 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, Tuesday, June 26 - Turkey Creek

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 15, 2018 – Kansas Railfest, Great Plains Transportation Museum, Wichita

TRAIN RIDES

Friday-Sunday, June 8-10 – Day Out with Thomas

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

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, 429 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO. 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

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

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Sunday, June 17 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society at member's home or Botanica, 1:30. Information: Nancy Marin. nanmarin@att.net

Thursday, June 28 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd., Tulsa, OK. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

HISTORICAL CLUBS

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

Wednesday-Saturday, July 18-21 - UPHS Convention, Hotel RL Olympic, Olympic, WA. Information: www.uphs.org

Thursday-Sunday, July 19-22 - SFHS & MS Convention, Sheraton Lisle Hotel, Naperville, IL. Information: https:// sfrhms.org/conventions

August 5-12, 2018 The NMRA 2018 National Convention Kansas City, MO Visit web site for more information http:// www.kc2018.org

Thursday-Sunday, October 4-7 – MPHS Convention, Drury Inn, Austin, TX. Information: www.mopac.org/annualconvention/207-2018-austin-tx

TRAIN RIDES

Saturday, September 1 -- Pittsburg

Saturday, September 22 – Dewey, OK, 10:00, 1:00, 3:00

Saturday, December 1 – Pittsburg (Santa Train)

Saturday, December 15 – Fredonia

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