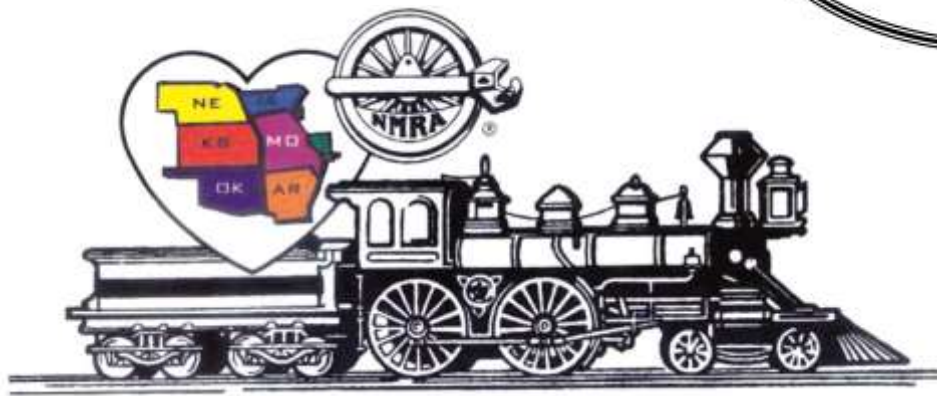


Lightning Slinger

Turkey Creek Division



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

January 2020

Eastside Terrace at Lakeside Village,
9000 Park Street, Lenexa, KS 66215.

Turkey Creek Division Meeting
January 28 2020 at 7PM

Presenter: Patrick Lenahan

Clinic Title:

The Secret Lives of Flat Roofs
He will talk about adding richer
details to flat and low pitch roofs

Superintendent Report:

Fellow Model Railroaders. The holiday season is over, and the winter weather has begun to set in. Now, I tend to do some modeling the year round. Thus, this isn't the beginning of model railroading season for me. However, it does give me a better excuse.

A model railroad cohort and former NMRA member, Greg Gilroy, has been volunteering at the Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, KS. He was maintaining the model railroad that is one of the exhibits. Greg was meticulous in everything he did: the tracks were routinely cleaned, the engines were serviced, and he had electric circuits that controlled some of the operations. Two tracks have optical sensors that control train movement. All his activities he kept well documented. As you can from the tense of the verbs, Greg passed away several months ago.

Greg was not only a member of the MNRA, but also a member of the Lawrence Model Railroad Club (LMRR). Recently, the Old Depot Museum reached out to the LMRR to help repair the model railroad. It had been running since before Greg passed away without any maintenance. Several of our members, myself included, headed down to Ottawa to get the model railroad and the equipment in working order. Turkey Creek Division has members that volunteer at Union Station. It is important that we volunteer and keep these public model railroads running. The Old Depot Museum staff told us that children routinely show up and want to see the trains operate. This is good for the long-term health of our hobby.

The Make and Take clinic has been moved to April. I've included some information about the clinic later in the Lightning Slinger.

The Lawrence Model Railroad Club will have its train show the weekend of February 8th and 9th. Turkey Creek Division will have its train show April 4th. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities at both events. If you're interested, please contact me.

The January meeting will feature a clinic by Patrick Lenahan on flat and low pitch rooftops. He is going to concentrate his clinic on the surface of the rooftop and the tie into the walls. Patrick is an architect and vice president at Yeager Architects. Sounds like a great clinic to start the year.

Clinics: With the Train Show in early April, the division has decided to cancel the March meeting. Thus, I have clinics through June (Modeling Challenge meeting). I'm looking for clinics starting in July. Please consider presenting or recommending someone for a clinic in 2020. Also, the Lightning Slinger can use articles or pictures. Please consider contributing.

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Train set for sale \$1500 with tables contact Louis Seibel for more
Information 913-927-6850









OLD TRUCKS...

"January 2020 Installment"

*Something You
May Find Interesting*
assembled by Larry Diehl

If you need, want or desire any information regarding old trucks, consider a visit to ...

Greg White, enlighten me as to this "national office" located here in KC!



If you visit the “American Truck Historical Society” located in the “Northland” area along I-29, near airport.

Exact address:



Very helpful people and very nice museum includes a restored 1919 Traffic truck in the Lobby, a “cut-away” worm gear type rear differential, popular in trucks of 1910’s era, a large collection of model trucks (in glass cases), truck history books for sale, and a vast library of books on old trucks cataloged by manufacturer. All in all, a very cool place.



Larry’s most recent truck model.
A modified O Scale Berkshire
Valley kit.



The Traffic Motor Truck Corporation (TMTC) was a St. Louis truck manufacturer from 1917 to 1929. Mostly, it used Continental engines, sometimes Gray Victory engines. The company was based at 5200 North Second Street. Guy C. Wilson was TMTC's president and Theordore C. Brandle was its vice president.

1919 Traffic

Traffic Motor Truck Corporation built trucks of conventional layout, but are considered an assembled truck since the manufacturer used Continental engines, Covert transmissions, and Russel rear axles.

This 1919 Traffic was purchased by the Cooper Besmear Foundry Company to haul castings from the foundry to the Marion Steam Shovel Company located just 50 miles away.

Restored by: The Joe Whitney Family
Donated by: William H. Creech











Thank You!



Make and Take Clinic

April 28th Turkey Creek Division Meeting

Some changes are going to occur in this year's Make and Take clinic. First, the clinic has been moved to the April Meeting. Second, the superintendent has chosen one model that is available in N-, HO-, S-, and O-scales. Third, the member cost is going up to \$25.00 per kit. The second and third changes are to hold the division costs down. I will begin to take orders at the January division meeting.

Model: Kokomo House by Wild West Model Builders



Cost: \$25.00 per kit regardless of scale.

Order models from: Gregory Ohlmacher, Superintendent, at the division meeting or by emailing gcohlmac@sunflower.com.



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Contact info

email: 40chnnge@gmail.com

Send mail to: Bob Lenz, Registrar • 907 Parkfield Terrace • Manchester, MO 63021

For all the details and latest info see our website at: **www.40nnge.com**



40TH NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

St. Louis, Missouri
Sept. 2 – Sept. 5, 2020

Convention Registration

Name		Nick Name (Badge)		Spouse Name (complimentary)		
Street Address						
City		State		Zip		
Phone		E-Mail				
Dates are Postmark Dates NO REFUNDS AFTER 1 AUGUST 2020		Before 6/1/2020		6/1/2020 and After		Totals
Registration (Spouse and Children under 16 are Free)		\$99		\$125		\$
Pre-Order Form for Convention Products (Limited Quantities Available at Convention)	S QTY	M Qty	L Qty	XL Qty	2XL Qty	3XL QTY
Blue Denim Shirt: Long Sleeves S-M-L-XL = \$40.00 2XL-3XL = \$42.00/\$44.00						\$
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All products have the convention logo embroidered on them with the exception of the T-shirts which are silk screened. Tee Shirts must be ordered by 1 August 2020						Total \$

Convention Hotel:
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Official Use: Amount Received: _____	Registration Number: _____
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Clinician Registration

Thank you for offering to present a clinic at the convention. You will be scheduled for two, one hour sessions. We have allowed 30 minutes for set up and tear down between clinics. We have limited time slots and we attempt to balance the subject matter. We will advise you if your clinic is accepted. If your clinic is accepted your registration will be refunded. Please use the back of this form to provide a brief (about 70 words) synopsis of your clinic.

Name		Nick Name (Badge)		Spouse Name (complimentary)				
Street Address								
City		State		Zip				
Phone		E-Mail						
Title of Clinic (Please use the back of this form to provide a brief (about 70 words) synopsis of your clinic:)								
I require a 35mm Carousel Projector <input type="checkbox"/> Bring you own slide tray			I require an LCD Projector <input type="checkbox"/> Please bring you clinic on a thumb drive in Power Point format, we will provide a PC laptop computer.					
Other Special Requirements:								
Clinician Registration : Dates are Postmark Dates NO REFUNDS AFTER 1 AUGUST 2020		\$99 Before 6/1/2020		\$125 6/1/2020 or Later				
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35th Annual Sn3 Symposium

Thursday, April 2th through Saturday, April 4th, 2020
Albuquerque, NM

www.Sn32020Abq.org

Vendor Registration

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Print Clearly Please

Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Registration: \$55.00 through December 31, 2019 and \$65.00 after December 31, 2019 (No charge for Spouse)

Website Address: _____

Do you want your web site linked from the 2020 Sn3 Symposium web site? ☐ YES ☐ NO

All individuals working a vendor table must be registered:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Number of Registrations Needed? _____ x \$55.00 prior to 12/31/19
\$65.00 after 12/31/19 Registration Total \$ _____

Number of Tables needed at \$25.00 per table? _____ Table Total \$ _____

Electrical Hook Up: Not available at all tables at \$10
(includes multi tables) Electrical \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Sn3 Symposium

Send Completed form and payment to:

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4305 Welford Dr, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107-4824

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The Symposium rate is \$67.00 per night for 1 King, or 2 Double bed occupancy. Make your reservations directly by phone with the Ramada Plaza Midtown (between 8am-5pm M-F if possible). **NOTE: The Symposium rate is available if booked no later than 5pm MST, March 6, 2020. Symposium Rates extend 7 days before and after the Symposium subject to availability.**



**CHANGE IS COMING - FOR THE BETTER WE HOPE!
WE'ED LIKE TO SEE YOU HERE WITH US.
THE 2020 TURKEY CREEK TRAIN SHOW
APRIL 4, 2020**



Greetings from the Heart of America:

The 2020 Turkey Creek Train Show will be starting the 35th year at the beginning of the season this year. We hope you will be a part of our show. New this year: TV and Radio advertising before the show. We have seen, in many cities, the increased attendance of both the public and railroaders alike to railroad shows that get the word out to these general audiences ahead of their shows. The 2020 Turkey Creek Show will be in the news and on peoples minds as a place to be on April 4th, 2020.

We are moving back to a more public venue in the Lenexa Community Center where we were for several years earlier in this decade. This may be familiar to many of you. Food service will be available at a reasonable cost for all who attend. Both breakfast and lunch items will be on the menu.

We will be striving to expand the Turkey Creek Show and bring model railroading to a wider audience than ever before. This means a much wider exposure for all of the vendors and manufacturers who come to make our show one of the best in the heartland of America.

We believe in the hobby of Model Railroading and we want all who may be interested in trains to be exposed to the many aspects of this great hands on hobby. We would like to see you here April 4th to celebrate a great show!

Thanks,
Paul Kotz, Miles Hale, and the whole Turkey Creek group.

BIG CHANGES! TRAIN SHOW APRIL 4, 2020



COME ONE - COME ALL TO THE LENEXA COMMUNITY CENTER

Show Times: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Layout tours: 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Regular Admission: \$7.00 at the door.....\$6.00 NMRA members at the door
Children 12 and under are FREE with an accompanying adult.

Featuring Clinics too numerous to mention - starting at 8:30 am, don't be late!
Model and Photo Contests by NMRA judges and Popular Vote
Bring your latest model for all to see your handiwork, and get a chance at a
\$50.00 gift certificate or a trophy. Contest Awards announced at 2:00 pm.
You may win - Special Door Prizes from Manufacturers and local Hobby Shops!
Layouts displayed at the show with Trains Running! Home Layouts will be open.

Swap Tables and some Great Deals-80+ tables with dealers and railroaders from
all over. Get started in the hobby or add to your collection.

Vendor and Individual Registration Form - Turkey Creek Div Train Show 2020
Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, Kansas 66215
Advance Registrations close March 15, 2020

Name for Badges _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____
Advance Registration \$6.00 NMRA members \$5.00
8' foot space \$22.00 - Number of spaces _____ Total \$ _____
Vendor Reg. { Total Encl.\$ _____ Check # _____ Electrical Yes _____ No _____
Set up from 6:00pm to 9:00pm April 3, Out by April 4 at 6:00 pm

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: Miles Hale, mileshale@sbcglobal.net or (816) 331-5851





SWITCH LIST December 2019

***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

Division 1: INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION (Tulsa OK): 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. Library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am: Superintendent - Dave Salamon 918-272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com Web page: www.tulsanmra.org

Division 2: TURKEY CREEK DIVISION (Kansas City Area): 4th Tuesday every month at 7:00PM except Dec Holiday Party (Dec 17, 2019), Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg., Lenexa KS; For current information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net or 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850; or the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

Division 3: KATE SHELLEY DIVISION (Ames Area): 4th Thursday of every month except: 3rd Thurs in Nov and no meeting in Dec; 6PM Business and 7PM get together; anything railroad goes. Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave, Ames IA

Division 4: EASTERN IOWA DIVISION: Mike Barkhurst, superintendent; e-mail: cmbarkhurst@gmail.com For division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision>

Division 5: WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (Omaha NE/Council Bluffs IA): 2nd Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump Memorial Library at 222 N Jefferson St. (2nd & Washington Streets) Papillion NE (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>

Division 6: KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION: 1st Saturday of even numbered months. Meetings start at 1PM. For the next meeting's location and program please email kd0r@fhrd.net.

Division 7: CHISHOLM TRAIL DIVISION (Wichita KS): 1st Tuesday each month at the Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 West 13th St, Wichita, KS 67203 (13th Street North & High Street). Gathering-6:45PM; NMRA meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM Information Alan A. Aagaard email: alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Division 10: GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. Louis, MO) 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 PM, 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; Info: <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

Division 14: COWBOY LINE DIVISION (Norfolk NE): 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 PM at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner 1st Street and Norfolk Ave, Info: Dennis M. Brandt, Phone 402-992-2415, email den-nisbrandt44@gmail.com

Division 15: OKLAHOMA HEARTLAND DIVISION (Oklahoma City, OK) meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area; Contact OHD Director at dir-2915@mcor-nmra.org All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome.

Division 17: WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (Dodge City, KS): Meetings pending a new location. Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director, 620-521-3591(C) or 620-272-0444(H); Facebook page "Western Kansas Division"; e-mail: train-man55@hotmail.com

Division 18: PLATTE VALLEY DIVISION (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, and KEARNEY NE): Meet quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Todd L. Petersen, Division Director, 308-832-2200 or todd@gtmc.net

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, December 6 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, KC Terminal Board Room, 3rd floor, 7:00. Information: Ed Conrad, EdConrad@heartlandrails@aol.com

Friday, December 20 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historic Site, Preston-Hale Room, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00. Annual Christmas party

(Ed. Note) – I'm sure there are more NRHS Chapters in Kansas or nearby but I have no information about them. If I'm overlooking any Chapter, please let me know with information

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Every Monday – Garden City Model Trains, 405 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, train-man55@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 Wyakins Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com or W. L. Ohrnell, wohrnell@sbcglobal.net

SPECIAL EVENTS