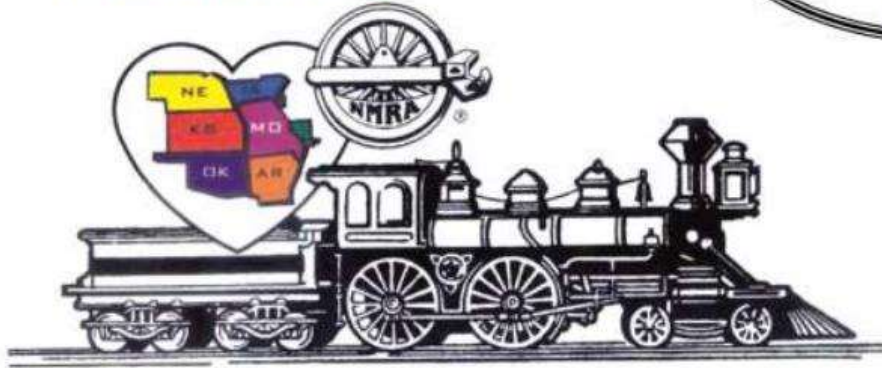


# Lightning Slinger

## Turkey Creek Division



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### MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

Turkey Creek Division is planning an in-person meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Mark Juett. He will be talking about doing Car Forwarding using JMRI. Due to Covid19 restrictions, we would like to know how many members and guests would like to attend. Please respond to this email by Monday noon, July 27<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend. You can contact Greg Ohlmacher, Superintendent, at [gcohlmac@sunflower.com](mailto:gcohlmac@sunflower.com), if you have any questions. Thank you and stay healthy.

Greg Ohlmacher

Members of Turkey Creek Division please let us know if you will be coming to the meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> by Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**FACE MASKS REQUIRED!**  
(Please)

Fellow Model Railroaders. In July we are going to attempt an in-person meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City. I thought that the June meeting went well. Everyone wore a mask and maintained social distance. We had a lively discussion, handed out Make and Take kits, and watched a video. No one worked on their model at the meeting, but that was okay. We are requiring masks at the July meeting. With COVID19 cases on the rise on both sides of the state line, we want to encourage safe practices. Also, we will monitor local health department guidelines. The possibility exists that new restrictions may be cause us to change to a virtual meeting.

As was the case in June, I would like to have a rough feeling for who is going to attend the meeting. This will allow us to determine the room to use and be able to socially distance. Please let Louis Seibel know via email by Monday (July 27) noon, if you are planning to attend.

I still have two kits from the June Make and Take Clinic. I will bring these kits to the July meeting. If you do not wish to come inside to the meeting, but would like to pick up your kit, you can call me (785-760-5040) from the parking lot, and someone will bring out your kit.

I have a request for some information. I have been asked by the Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, KS to build a model of the late 1950's Missouri Pacific Passenger Station in Ottawa. In the early 1950's the original passenger station with all the fancy trim was replaced with a plain station with white asbestos siding. Since the model railroad at the museum represents the late 1950's, it is the white station they want. I have pictures of the south (passenger platform) and west side of the building. The passenger platform and the bay window for the clerk were on the south side. The foundation is still in place and I have the size of the building and location of freight doors on the east and north side. I need the following: pictures, the trim color, information on the east and north side of the building, building interior, and information on history. I am working with the director of the museum, and we received some information from the Kansas State Historical Society and the Missouri Pacific Historical Society. My goal is to model the station and to write a short article for a model railroad publication. Any information will be welcome.

Superintendent: I am looking for someone to step up and be superintendent for 2021. If you would like to help me locate someone or wish to volunteer your services as superintendent, please let me know.

Clinics: I am planning a meeting with a clinic for August. I need a speaker for that meeting. If I do not find a speaker, maybe we will do a social event. The annual model challenge will be in September. We are also planning a judged model contest for some Saturday or Sunday in October. So that leaves November for a clinic and December for a holiday gathering. At this time, I do not know if these meetings will be in person or virtual. 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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# June 23, 2020

## June Clerk Report

Our Superintendent Gregory Ohlmacher called meeting to order. I think we had about 11 people.

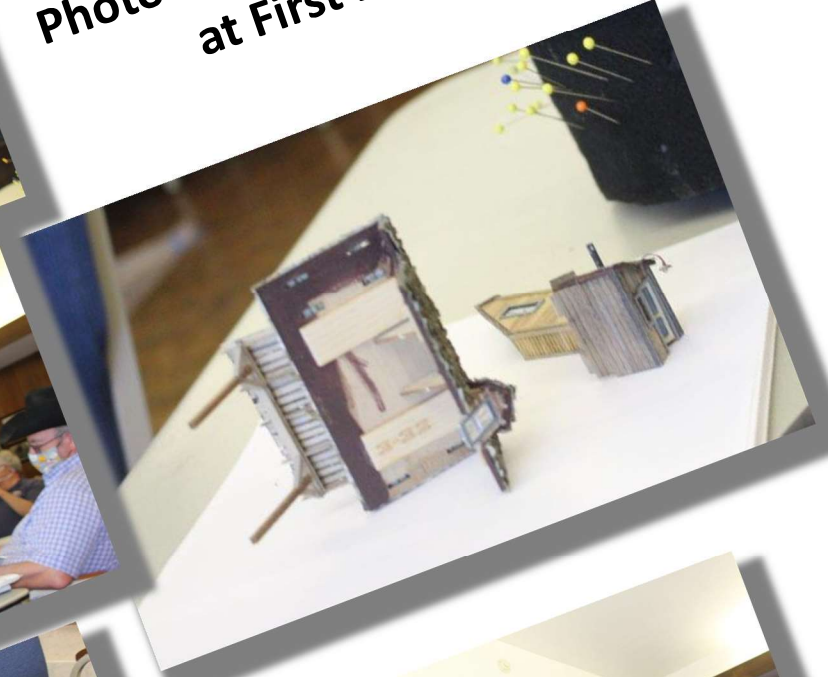
Larry Diehl gave a short clinic on how to put together the make and take building and had some really nice ideas and some additions to the building that make it a little more interesting. I don't think Larry has ever put together one using the instructions and put it together as intended. Thing is his changes make them better in my view.

I've been selling Pat Harrimans train estate for the family and wanted to thank all who stopped by and bought something or made a donation. His wife is in a facility and it will all help Janelle. Pat published 2 books that he sold over the years and there were still a lot left. Danny his son said donate them to Turkey Creek so I have and we passed out a lot at the meeting but I still have a lot left so if you can make it to the meeting these great books of drawings and ideas Pat did are free for just showing up as long as they last. The pair would sell for \$57.98 but we are giving them away on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. So if you don't have them yet come get yours or if you know somebody that might like to have the pair or maybe you didn't get both of them before get them while you can because they won't be published again. I won't be at the next meeting in July with the books but will be there in August so mark your calendar.

Steve McKee



Photos from June 23, 2020 Meeting  
at First Baptist Church



# The Black Rock Chronicle

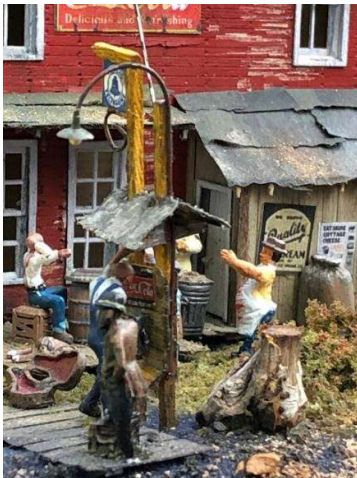
... set in the heart of the Bitterroot Mountains ...

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Ma Bell has already made it to Bitterroot Canyon City... a phone is now next to Chillery's Cafe, on the walk!



There is a direct line to Black Rock phone PBX operator. By the way, the operators name is Marilyn, and she operates the switchboard from 7am to 7pm daily! Sounds like a real sweet gal.



"Marilyn" from Black Rock


Scratchbuild this, start with 2 -4x4 posts. Make one about 1/2" long to "plant" into a hole in scenery, maybe your EPS foam base.

Then 3 to 4 - 2x6's to make a base to receive the phone, a SS Ltd. "wall phone" #2245.

The roof is a piece of cardstock about 1/4" x 3/8" long, each side, form as a gable roof (you could use 2x6's). Cover with rice paper roofing, ragged the edges, to weather!

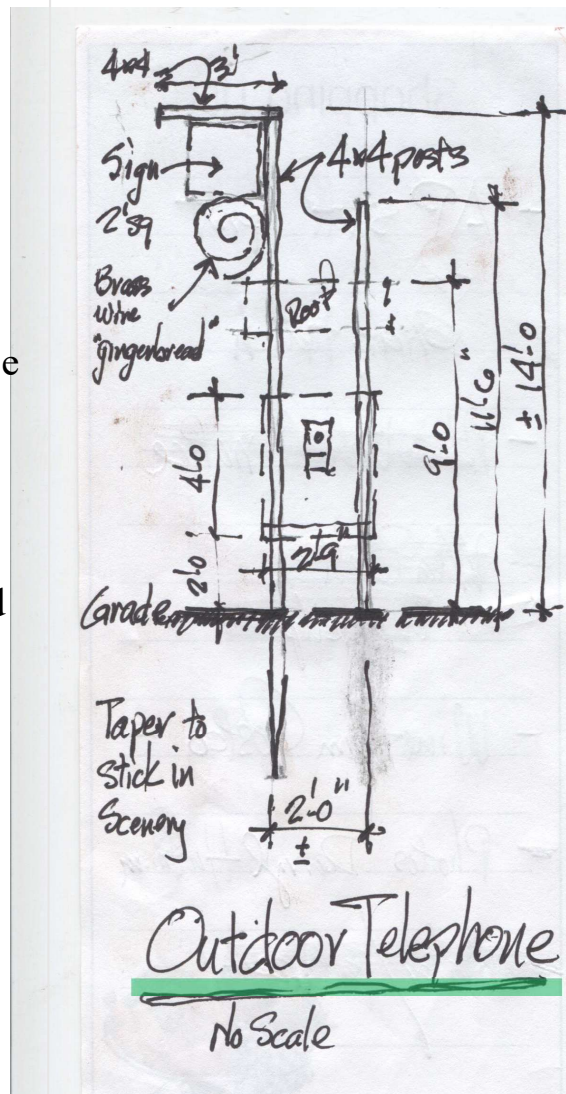
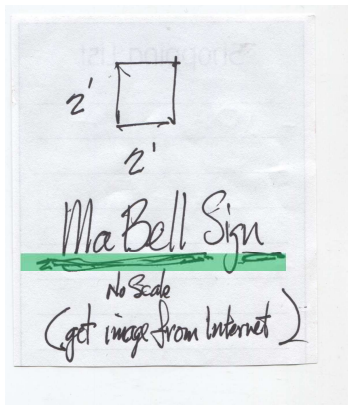
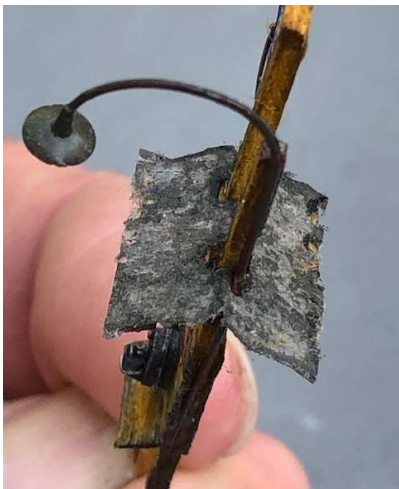
You could use black paper as roofing. Finish with light brown or taupe, chalk and mineral spirits. After dry (about 8 hours), give a "dash" spray of dullcote, several times to set the chalk.

Place roofing on sheathing with 5 minute epoxy.

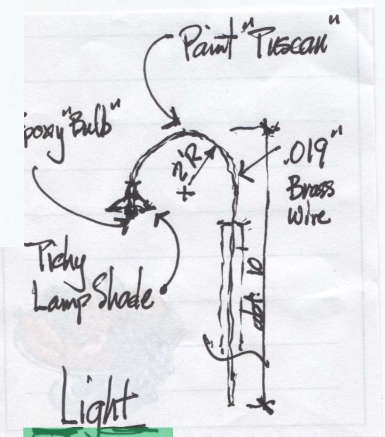
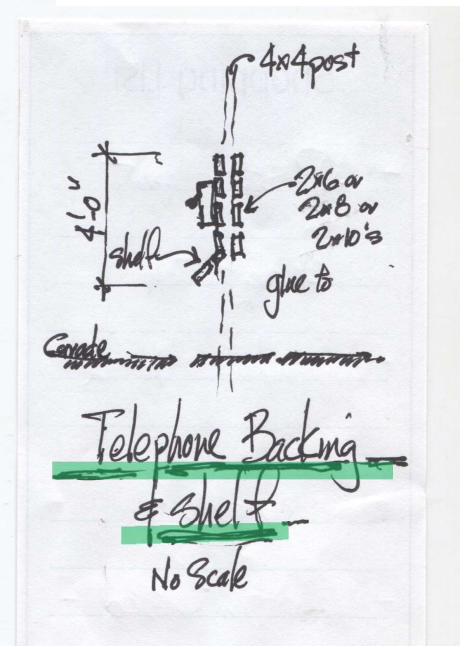
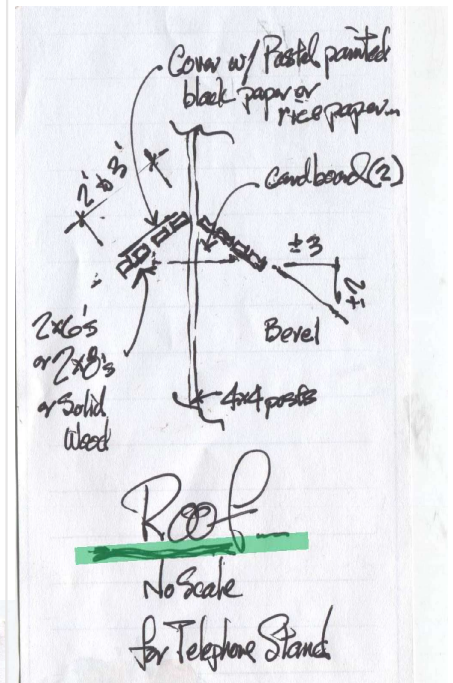
The telephone sign  is from internet site about 1/4" square. Glue on each side of piece of cardstock. Hang on 4x4 post with 5 min epoxy and decorate wire bracket.



The figures are Fun & Games-Allen Pollock.

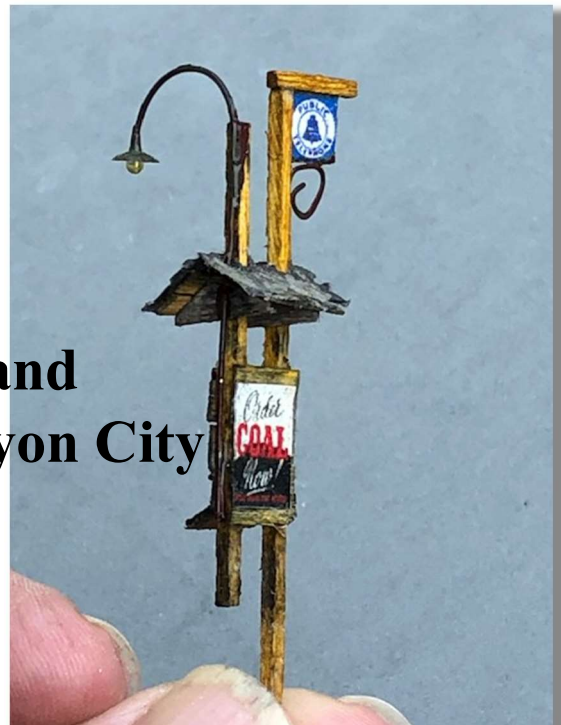


*I learned this little idea  
from Doug Foscale at a  
conference ... modified a bit!*  
*Larry Diehl*





**Telephone Stand  
at BitterRoot Canyon City**



**Telephone Stands  
on other dioramas**



# FORKS CREEK CURRENT

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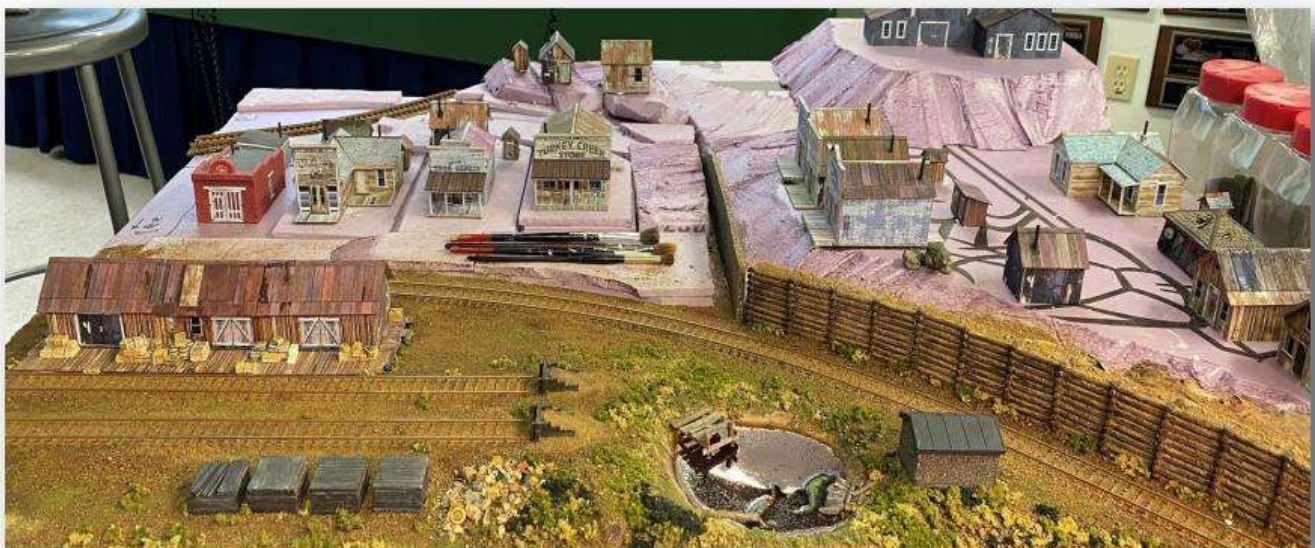
First.... One of my favorite tools for dispensing micro amounts of glue. My brother-in-law made this and it's about actual size in this photo. To clean it as I go I just quickly poke it into a piece of extruded foam.



What every scene needs is LOTS of detail junk. Back when we were doing castings I saved a ton of the rejects, stained them various colors and then use them as junk. You can see the before and after in the photo below. In the next photo at the right you can see some of the "Junk" glued in place.



In the bottom photo you can see where I am at currently. It still needs more "Detail Stuff" and of course RR cars, people etc.



The time stamp for my railroad is September 23, 1900. It has light poles and telegraph poles. My question has always been when did this area first get electric power? Thanks

to my wife sending an email to her friends on the Gilpin County Website (where she went to school and I lived in the 60's —Central City is in Gilpin County). She was sent the following from one of the newspapers in Central City.



Also, a friend of mine who lives in Colorado scanned his books etc. for some information on electric power and found the following....from Caroline Bancroft's "Gulch of Gold" Pg. 321. "The Gilpin Heat & Light Co. was incorporated in 1887 and installed electric lines in 1888. Businesses were wired first and by 1890's three fourths of homes had electric power. By 1882, telephone lines were connected to Denver and Georgetown." Looks like

they got phone service before power. **Ron Ruhoff**



So I went into my computer scanned in "Reddy Kilowatt" and made some text changes. Next, I added a faded and weathered version to the side of one of the buildings.



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Found this on the internet, a "Pinterest" site I believe ... Thought you might find it interesting.

*"Chickenman Larry"*

