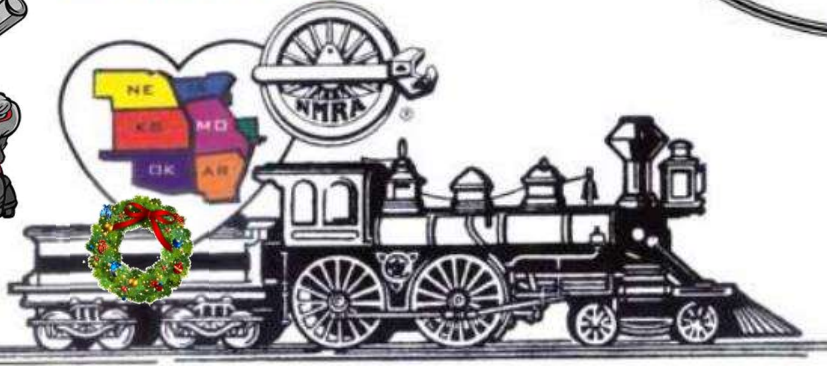


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April 2021

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

ZOOM MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

Turkey Creek Division is planning a in-person meeting at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Zoom participation will be offered and encouraged to keep attendance below the 50 person limit set by Kansas City, and use safe social distancing.

OUR CLINIC

How I Make Aspen Trees

by Steve McKee



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, for planning which room we need to use, we would like to know how many members/guests would attend in-person. RSVP Bill Humenczuk, Paymaster, at bhumenczuk@kc.rr.com. Thank you and stay healthy.

Ron Marsh
Superintendent

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED, PLEASE ...**

Zoom Address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080194385?pwd=MmJEdUtRQndGeDArcjdCVTVjdHk5QT09>

Meeting ID: 850 8019 4385

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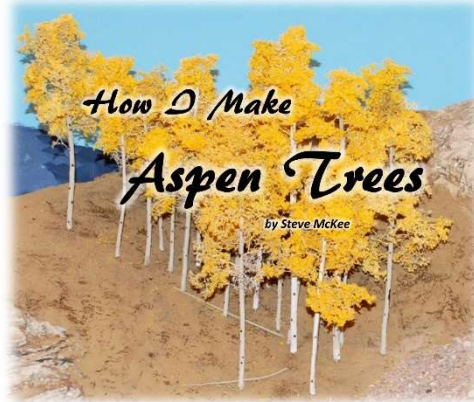
Location:

First Baptist Church of Kansas City
100 W. Red Bridge Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64114
(Intersection of Wornall and Red Bridge Road) (same as College Blvd.)

Superintendent's Report

I hope those attending our last meeting were able to “gleam” something out of our Arduino presentation. I think it's the wave of the future. It does what we used to do with mechanical switches and relays ... and the cost is very reasonable. If anyone has further questions or needs explanation, if you email me (ronstrainsnthings@gmail.com) and you realize my limited knowledge, I will do my best to help you.

We have a good program for April with Steve McKee describing how he makes Aspen Trees for his layout.



We are in final preparations and kit orders for the Make & Take Clinic, May 25th. This is the making of a fun time and learning experience. Larry purchased a few extra kits, all not delivered yet. If you want to participate, email Larry Diehl (ldiehl066@gmail.com) and find out what kits he will have available. Larry thinks this will be informative and in the years past, the models brought to the “Challenge” have been very good. “Beat Chickenman into submission!”.

ENJOY!



Larry reports we have 22 participating by ordering kits. 3 N Scalers ... 11 HO Scalers ... 3 S Scalers ... and 5 O Scalers. Don't forget Larry will provide you with a 12" x 12" x 1-1/2" pink foam board base, you just have to pick it up at the Turkey Creek meeting.

Following the Make & Take with the Modeling Challenge in August “win the lumber” ... plus there will be a drawing, one ticket per person, two (2) \$25 gift certificates will be prizes for 2 persons.

As a reminder, the Oklahoma Train Show normally held the first of December, was postponed and will be held Friday, May 21st, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday, May 22nd, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, May 23rd, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Show held at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds, Centennial Building in Oklahoma City, located northwest quadrant of I-44 and I-40 Hwys. First train show to be held since the pandemic!

Rail On,
Ron Marsh, Superintendent
Turkey Creek Division, NMRA



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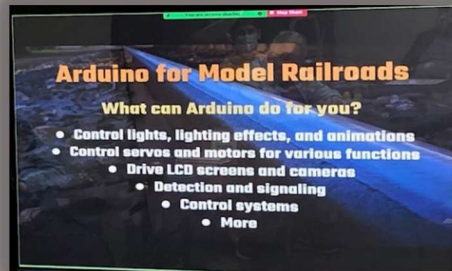
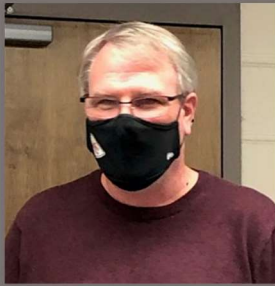
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Clerk's Report for March 23, 2021

Our new Superintendent Ron Marsh called meeting to order. The modeling challenge is coming up soon August 24 and Ron will have info on it soon for you. We are thinking of giving out 2 \$25 gift certificates for the best 2. So sign up for the challenge asap and add your name to the list.

Larry Diehl needs articles for the Lightning Slinger. We all need to pitch in and help him out on this. If you're going for you MMR this is a great way to earn author points. Larry also has some pink foam he cut to 1 foot squares he will give you for free but you must come to a meeting to pick it up. So if you want some contact Larry Diehl and let him know so he can bring yours to the meeting. Be sure to let him know which building you want for the make and take clinic and also be sure to send Larry or our treasure your money for it. Be sure to make checks out to Turkey Creek.

Ron put on a clinic on "Arduino Microcontrollers for Model Railroad Applications" This shows a new way to power your animation on your layout and a new way to control your switches. This new way almost seems like a hobby into itself. If you plan to try to Ron would be the one to contact for info. From the clinic you could tell he has done his research on it Arduino Micro controllers.

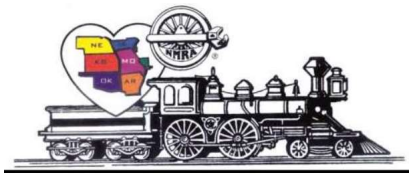


We had 11 people show up in person and about 18 people on line but that's hard to nail down because people would pop in and out. For those at home watching on zoom please mute yourselves so the rest of us don't hear what's going on in your house hold. We also don't need to hear what TV show you're watching or listen to your phone calls. Most of you are hitting the mute button but there are a few that seem to want the world to know what's going on in their house and its annoying to the rest of us. If all goes well I will be doing next months clinic on Foreground Aspen Trees. This method could be used for making almost any tree except your materials would be different to match your tree of choice.

Till next month, Steve



Attendees



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CONGRATULATIONS



Andy Luchen received his AP Certificate for **Volunteer ...**
 "Andy waited 2 years to receive his certificate, very sorry Andy, Larry. The certificate got lost somewhere! National investigated, then agreed to send Andy a duplicate copy! Mary Vaughn did the begging! Thank you."



The modelers are getting younger!!!
 Meet **Sam Ninemire**.

Sam received his first merit award for a model he built when he was 11 years old, intended for 2020 Annual TC Meet, which was cancelled. The model finally judged March 24, 2021! Sam is Bill Scheerer's grandson and he likes model railroading! He relates to Grandpa's B&O layout, where he has built several other structures for Grandpa.

Very simple!
 but
 Very
 detailed!



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MAKE & TAKE CLINIC

to be May 25th ...2021

With each of the selections are the names that I have registered you purchasing that kit. I have placed the orders with the manufacturers and the models should be delivered the last of April.

So, we expanded the manufacturers from which you could choose. You must pay:

\$15.00 for N Scale kit
\$20.00 for HO Scale kit
\$25.00 for S Scale kit
\$30.00 for O Scale kit

to be May 25th ...2021

The rest of the kit purchase price will be funded by Turkey Creek Division.

If you have not yet paid, please bring your check or cash to the April meeting ... or mail your check to Larry Diehl.

**Make checks payable:
Turkey Creek Division**

**Mail to:
Larry Diehl
7008 Millridge St
Shawnee, KS 66218**

22 participants

N Scale Option



Miner's Supply ... Wild West models

Kit #105 \$56.99

Marty Vaughn – paid
Don Bronec
Ron Marsh - paid

HO Scale Options



Miner's Supply ... Wild West models
Kit #205 \$64.99

Louis Seibel - paid
 Howard Cripe



Tower One... FOS Scale models
\$39.95

Grant Harrison – paid
 Ray Brown #2

Yard Office #2...FOS Scale models
\$42.95



Rural Penwood Post Office ... Carolina Craftsman
Kits \$49.65

Sam Ninemire
 Adam Fitzgerald

B&O Tower at Confluence...Carolina
Craftsman Kits

Bill Scheerer #1
 Richard Bartholomew
 Greg Ochmacher - paid

\$56.25



H.J. Mull Store... Carolina Craftsman Kits
\$47.55

Bill Scheerer #2
 Larry Diehl
 Charlie Fitzgerald

S Scale Options



Miner's Supply ... Wild West models
Kit #305 \$76.99

Ross Moody – paid
 Peter Ellis



Turn-of-the-Century Wood Freight/Passenger Depot
Kit #1150 \$66.95 Bill Humenczuk

O Scale Options



Miner's Supply ... Wild West models
Kit #805 \$_____ (price not determined yet)

Steve McKee - paid

The Gas Station.. FOS Scale models

Larry Alfred – paid **\$79.95**
 Gary Davidson
 Shelly Levy - paid



Quick Lunch Diner FOS Scale models
\$74.95 Missy Levy - paid



Yard Office #2...FOS Scale models
\$_____ (availability in ?)

Ray Brown #1

(Substitute for this kit as it will
 not be made.)

THE MODELING CHALLENGE GOBBLER

VOLUME 18, April 2021 ... A Randomly Occurring Notice



Keeping the BULL BUSy ...
and WATCHING HIS back

Target Date is
AUGUST 24, 2021
(this could change if church
is not available WON'T KNOW
UNTIL CLOSER to AUGUST)



Committed:

John Fales...HO
Larry Alfred, MMR...O
Miles Hale, MMR ...O
Fran Hale, MMR...?

Larry Diehl...HO
Steve McKee...O
Ray Brown...HO
Ron Marsh...N
Adam Fitzgerald...HO
Mark Juett, MMR...HO
Jason Reece...HO
Greg Ohlmacher...HO

WHO'S Next? Ross Moody...S

DON'T MISS OUT!...

Join the Fun!



2021 Turkey Creek Division

Modeling Challenge

by Larry Alfred, MMR

Well, another month has gone by and we have seen several additional commitments to participate in the Challenge. Even with this, I will take this opportunity to push everyone to complete, work on, or begin a model entry for the 2021 Modeling Challenge. The Challenge is one of the highlights of the Turkey Creek Division's annual calendar. It provides an opportunity for all member to participate with others. **As an additional incentive to bring an entry, we will have a drawing for two \$25 gift certificates. Everyone bringing an entry will be eligible for the drawing.**

The Challenge will be held in essentially the same manner as in previous years. The most significant change from past years will be the limit of one-foot square for the entry base. Please don't let this be a disincentive to your decision to enter a model. It's fun! The Challenge is planned for our August 2021 meeting. This gives you plenty of time to prepare an entry, including the possibility of incorporating a make-and-take model with your entry. Just to clarify, entries will be limited to only one per person. There have been instances in the past where two entries were allowed. A limit to one entry is felt to be the fairest way to proceed.

I was asked to remind you all regarding the awards associated with the Modeling Challenge. Each year, there are six awards given as a result of the popular vote. They are:

First Place overall

Second Place overall

Third Place overall

Most Whimsical (Red Bull Award)

Best Special Effects (sound, lighting, animation)

Best use of a Make-and-Take model

As I noted last month, I will be tracking those that have committed to bringing an entry. The list of those that have committed, with the scale of the entry, will be included each month in this publication. Thanks for committing to participate! Let's continue to make this list grow!

Here is the current list. If your name is not included, it should be! We are looking for further commitments, so please get to it! E-mail me at captlalfred@gmail.com to get on this prestigious list.

EXAmPlES OF 'X1' diSpLayS

2021 Challenge (Repeat of the 2004 Rules)

by Rusty Rails

So, what can you build on a one square foot base? That's your challenge for the first annual Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge! In G scale, you could fit a RGS 50,000 gallon water tank in one square foot and not much more. In Z scale, you could probably model the Kansas City West Bottoms. In HO, you'll be somewhere in between.

There is no restriction on how high your scene can go, so you could model a mountain or a twelve story building. If you're into Colorado mining, you could put an ore mill on a mountain side with tracks at the bottom for cars to pick up the refined ore. If coastal railroading is your bag, then a pier scene may be for you. Another thought might be a scene with an overpass with a train on the lower and upper levels.

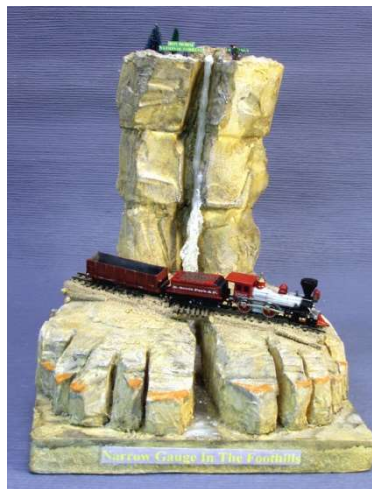
If you're into city scenes, you could model the backside of some trackside tenements with Mrs. McGurty waving at the engineer while she's hanging out laundry. Another scene that would be interesting would be a station with passengers waiting for a train or perhaps boarding a passenger train.

There is no restriction on the diorama except that the base cannot exceed one square foot – that's 12" by 12" maximum size. Can it be smaller? Sure. If you already have a base you want to use and it's 12" X 12" or less in size, that's fine. If you have a base that's 16" X 8", that's NOT FINE. Do you have to have a train on the diorama? Nope. It's up to you what to include.

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be the rule. There will be three places awarded for this challenge. So, if you're entering a diorama, start thinking about your model now. There is plenty of time, but don't put it off. This will be a fun event!

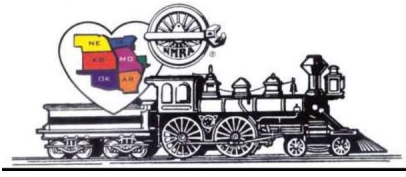
Ok...final plea...please participate!! It is lots of fun!

Example Award
Plaque



You take HOME the awards!
Join the FUN!

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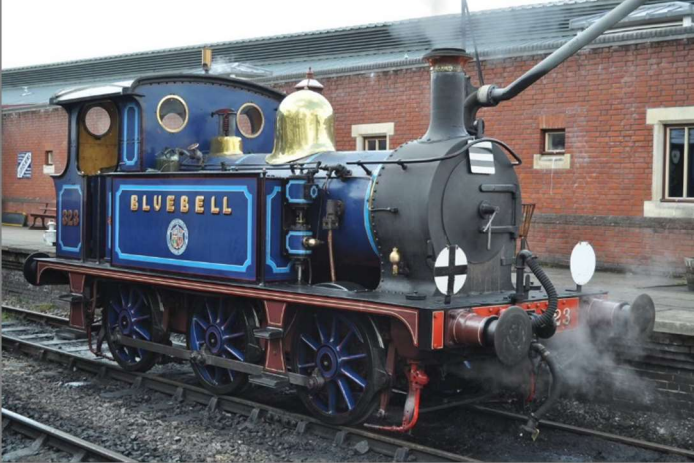
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Grant Harrison photos ... Grant visited England in 2017 and captured these interesting photos.



SE&CR Wainwright P class 0-6-0 "Bluebell"
at Bluebell Railway

The Bluebell Railway is one of the first preserved railway lines in England, all of their trains are pulled by steam engines and the railroad is a quick train ride from Central London. The weekend I was there was a special weekend where they ran extra trains of freight and passenger cars pulled by freight locomotives. The National Railway museum in York is one of the largest Railway museums in the world and very easy to get to from York Station.



SE&CR Wainwright N class 0-6-0 at
Bluebell Railway



Class 5 4-6-0 "Camelot" at Bluebell Railway

Freightliner Class 66 Diesel Electric,
York Station



DMU in Waterloo station,
London, took a train like this to
Plymouth to visit the HMS Mary
Rose and HMS Victory.

British Railways
Diesel Locomotive
"Sybilla" North
Yorkshire Moors
Railway



Not much in the way of running equipment but the insides hold very historic pieces of equipment. York itself has a neat 8 track station on a curve, there is even a great pub on one of the platforms with outside seating making for a great train watching location. North Yorkshire Moors Railway is another historic line that runs from Pickering to Whitby through a national park. The Firth of Forth is the famous cantilevered railroad bridge built in the 1880's.



British Railways
Class 08 diesel
electric locomotive,
National Railway
museum, York

Firth of Forth bridge,
just outside of
Edinburgh, Scotland





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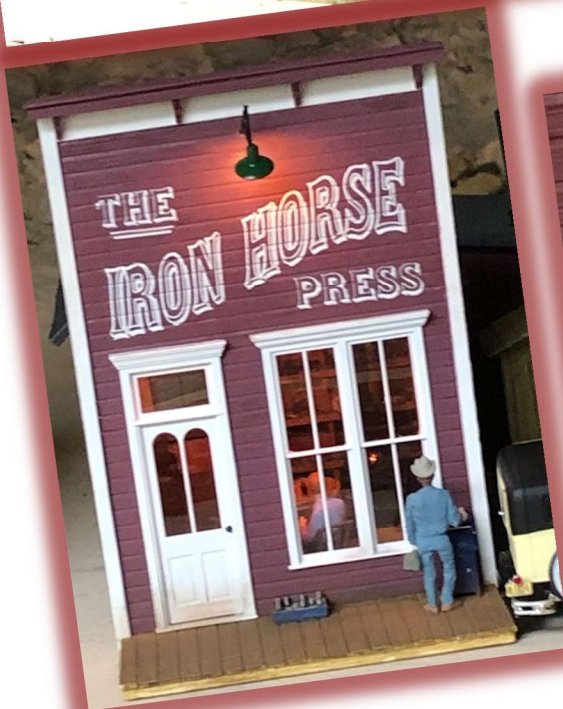
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RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN

Traveling the RGS "narrow gauge circle" on Steve McKee's "Lenexa, Colorado" home, the community of Gradens has "cropped up". Looks real good!





Steve's
handiwork
looks good.





Larry Patch
handiwork
contribution.





Larry Patch
handiwork
contribution.





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Ken Jenkins' "Clay Center Branch"

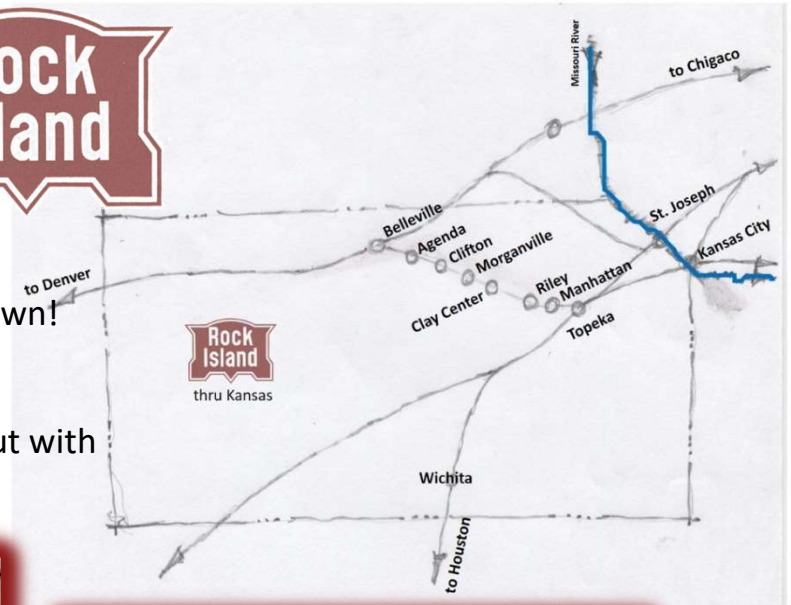
**News
Flash**



No "pandemic" is going to get this man down!



Ken Jenkins continues to improve his layout with new buildings, structures and scenery.



Two scratchbuilt/kit bashed transfer cabooses



In Clay Center, Ken has installed crossing signals at street crossings, just like the signals existed in 1969. They operate with train detection, flash and act like the prototype. One set at 6th Street has crossing arms which operate.





In Belleville, Ken knew of a grain/fertilizer operation that he did not model. That business was not served by rail, although it was situated adjacent to trackage. Well, in “Ken Jenkins protocol”, Ken recently decided to model the facility. He had very limited photos of the buildings, the site and its surroundings (he previously saw no need because it was not served by RR). These buildings are now gone.



Ken pieced together internet photos, made educated guesses on dimensions and exact layout, etc.

Scenery modifications, including a road bridge relocation, is progressing.



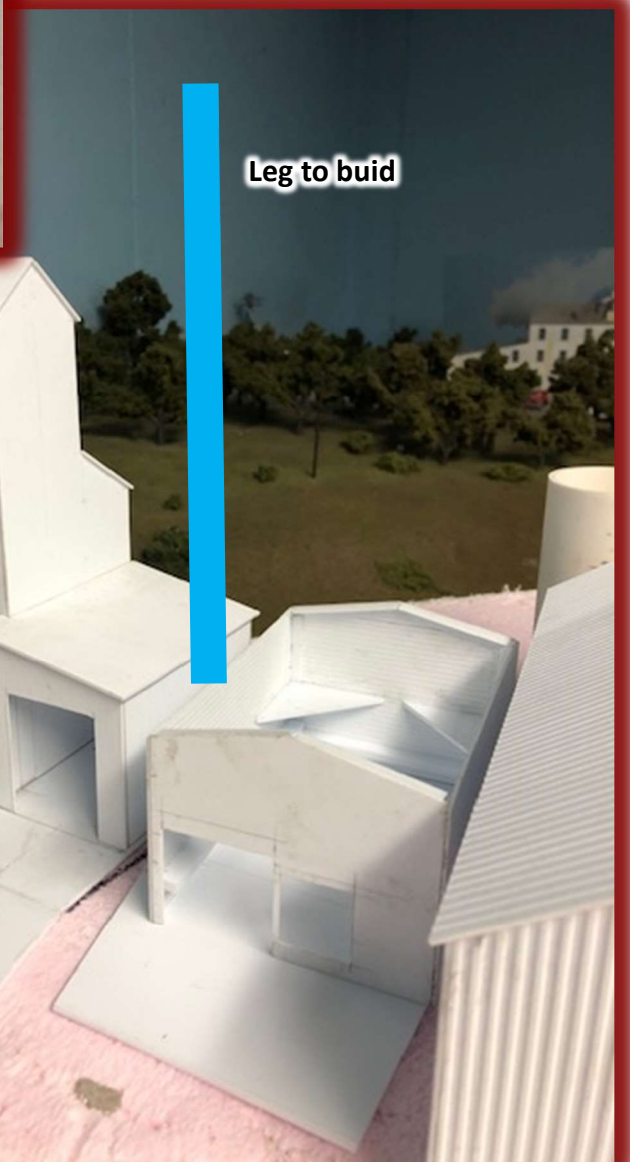
Aerial view



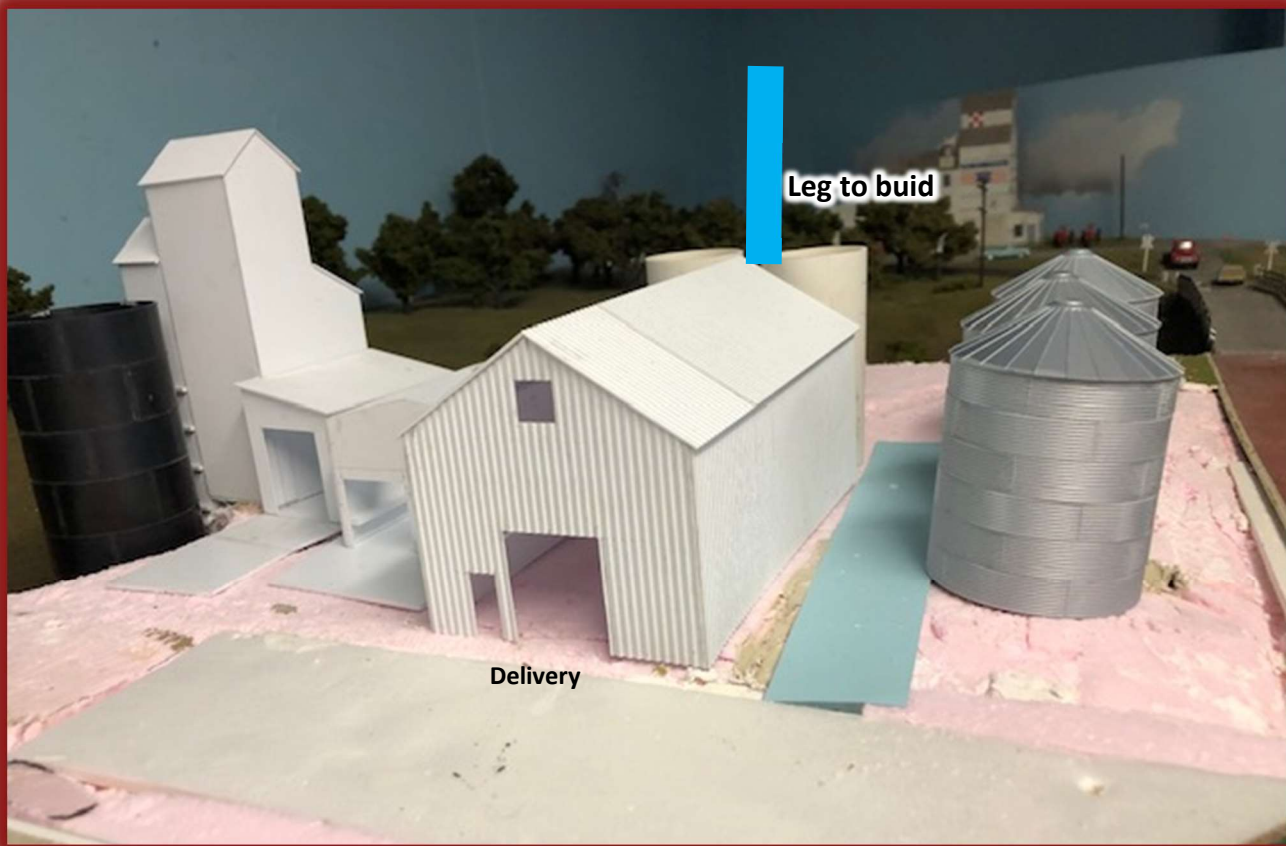
Rix tanks modified



Delivery



Example leg



Wah-lah....a model is in progress!

To model the corrugated round tanks, Ken used Rix plastic tanks and cut the overall circumference down to make a smaller circle to match prototype. He is going to add a siding (maybe modeled "abandoned"). He will be building two separate "legs" for the grain/fertilizer distribution. In 1969, trucks like 2 ton box beds, delivered and picked up grain from the large building. The trucks drove inside.

Ken plans
"abandoned"
siding



Ken plans
"abandoned"
siding



Obviously, a fun project! Not complete yet, but when complete I will photo the final models. If you ever get a chance to see Ken's layout, don't pass. It's well worth the little extra drive to Basehor, Kansas. You'll see 19 completely different grain elevator businesses, construction of wood, concrete and wrinkled tin. Very much look like each of the prototypes.

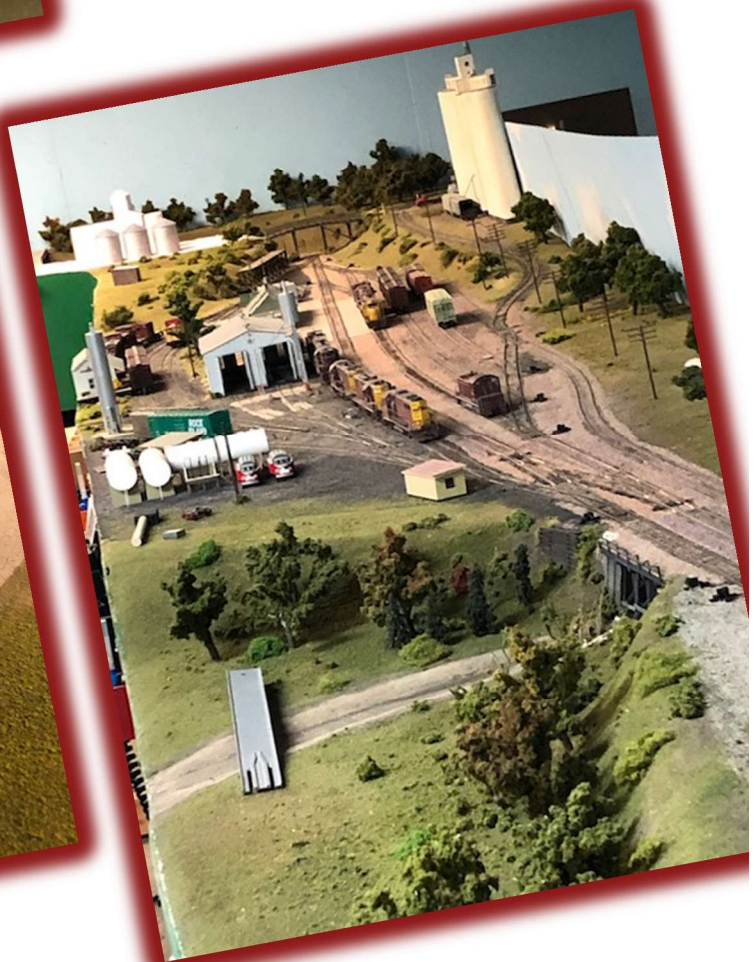
During the "lockdown", Ken also added a chicken hatchery at Morganville...

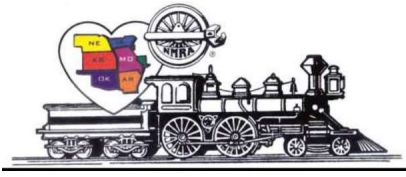


This was Nelson Chicken Farms which served the army post, Fort Riley, at Junction City.



more photos in
Belleville





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A Great Legacy

Larry Alfred MMR

My wife and I recently had the privilege to attend the Boy Scout Court of Honor where Ben Matney received his Eagle Scout Award. This was a wonderful ceremony with family, friends, and many of his scouting leaders and buddies in attendance. Congratulations, Ben! This was a particularly poignant moment for me because of the family ties.



Bob Bayley

Ben is the oldest Grandson of Bob Bayley, one of my adult lifelong best friends. Bob passed away on May 4, 2018 after an extended fight against cancer. Over the past 40+ years, he and I spent many hours modeling, talking about modeling, and railfanning all over the Kansas City area. Bob was a lifetime model railroader and an enthusiast and expert on all aspects of the Westside Lumber Company. I still miss him a lot. There is a valid reason for reporting Ben's significant achievement in the Turkey Creek Division's *Lightning Slinger*. Bob was one of the small group of us that petitioned for the establishment of the TCD and are therefore Founding Members. In addition, Bob was elected as the second Superintendent of the Division and served two terms in 1986 and 1987. Over the years, he actively participated in many Division and MCoR events and was always a friend to all. So, it was nice to watch Ben receive the Eagle Scout award, the highest award possible in scouting. I know that Bob would be extremely proud of him. Well done, Ben! The accompanying photo includes Ben, his mom (Kim) and dad (Mike), and his younger brother, Noah (also a scout).



Bob Bayley's Grandson Ben, achieving Eagle Scout



THE TULSA UNION CONVENTION

2021 Midcontinent & Lone Star Region NMRA

June 17-20, 2021

Revised:

October 6th

to 10th

<http://www.2021tulsaunion.com/>

Hurry Hurry Hurry

There are just a few slots remaining for Pete Leach's hands-on clinic on how you too can paint your own backdrop! For the low, low price of just \$10.00, you can learn from Pete how to create a backdrop for your layout with just a few tubes of paint! Sign up now for your chance to learn from one of Lone Star Region's newest Master Model Railroaders!

And if you are thinking about registering and attending the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention next June, sign up now and take advantage of the early registration rate of \$ 60.00 available until March 1st!

While we are mindful of concerns regarding Co-Vid 19, many of us will qualify for vaccinations based on our age. So, sign up now for the convention and get your vaccination! Registration numbers will be reviewed on March 1st so we can consider the financial viability of the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention.

Should a decision be made to cancel the convention due to low registration numbers, refunds will be issued to those who have registered. Sign up now and show your support!

The 2021 Tulsa Union Convention is the joint production of the Midcontinent and Lone Star Regions, NMRA.

2021 Tulsa Union Convention

Standard Registration is \$75.00 (after July 1, 2021)
Early Bird Registration is \$60.00 (if paid on/before July 1, 2021)
Non-Rail Registration is \$30.00 (No Early Bird discount for Non-Rail)

Standard Registration

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____

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Registration can be paid via Paypal by clicking here XXXXXXXX

Or, You may print this registration form and submit via USPS.

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Early Bird:	(If Paid before July 1,2021)		\$ 60.00	
Non-Rail	(No Early Bird discount for Non Rail)		\$ 30.00	
			Total	

Convention Shirts	With Pocket? Mark Y or N	Size	Quantity	Price	
Shirts will be Navy in color		Small		\$ 32.00	
		Medium		\$ 32.00	
		Large		\$ 32.00	
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		2-XL		\$ 32.00	
		3-XL		\$ 32.00	
		4-XL		\$ 32.00	
				Total	

Clinic Supply Fee		Quantity	Price	
Pete Leach-Backdrop Painting	(Limit of 10 active participants)		\$ 10.00	SOLD OUT
*Folks may audit the class on a Standing Room Only Basis				

Total Registration Cost	Total	
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Operating Session Preference (CHOOSE UP TO 3 ONLY--Final assignment based on date registration received)

Layout Name	Owner	Scale	Quantity
Tulsa Port of Catoosa RR	Dale Baker	HO	
Cherokee Sub Frisco	Steve Campbell	HO	
Santa Fe Herford Sub	Sammy Carlile	HO	
KCS 3rd Subdivision	Steve Davis	HO	
Pandara & San Miguel Rwy	Kenneth Ehlers	Sn3	
South Brooklyn Terminal	Tom Fausser	HO	
Spaendahl Yamanee & Densum	Steve Gillett	HO	
Green Country Model Railraod Club	Green Country Model Railraod Club	HO	
Tennessee Central Railway	Lane Littlefield	N	
Tulsa Junction Railway	Jon Pansius	HO	
Kansas Central Division-Coffeyville Sub	Allan Roecker	HO	
Deep River Southern	Dave Salamon	N	
Connell Northern	Sam Simons	N	
Southern Pacific	Jim Sinclair	HO	
Silverton & Lake City	David Steensland	HOn3	

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UPCOMING SHOW

I saw this ad in Cowcatcher magazine and it might interest some of our members. This is a reschedule of the normal December OKC meet.

OKC Model Railroad Expo
Ed Birch Sr Memorial Train Shows Presents
Rescheduled for Spring 2021

Fri May 21, 2021 - 3pm-8pm
Sat May 22, 2021 - 9am-4pm
Sun May 23, 2021 - 10am-3pm
Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Centennial Building
609 Kiamichi Pl, OKC 73107
Admission - \$ 8.00 -12 yrs & Under Free
Layouts - Vendors - Model Train Giveaway
Vendor Tables Available - \$35.00 Each
For More Information Contact
Whistle Stop Trains - 405-842-4846

Union Station

Shortly after opening, 1914, in it's early days.

