

# LIGHTNING SLINGER

**JANUARY 2022**

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**



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## NEWS OF THE CLINIC



### DAN MUNSON PRESENTS:

Dan is a professional Yard Master and trains other railroad employees to be effective yard masters. He brings his expertise to the model railroad world and to us, applying some of the procedures and techniques he has learned over the years to making our model trains run like the real railroads. Don't miss this opportunity to talk to and hear from an experienced Yard Master as he shows the operations of the prototype.

Join us for this presentation at the January Turkey Creek meeting, Tuesday evening, January 25, 7:00 pm.

***WARNING - WE ARE READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED-***

**Due to Covid we are moving the meeting to the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO -100 Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, MO.**

A link to the Presentation, will be provided for your virtual attendance or you can come to the church. Please wear a mask if you plan to attend in person. Park in the upper lot & enter under the Blue Canopy.

Zoom = <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080194385?pwd=MmJEdUtrQndGeDarcjdCVTVJdHk5QT09>

Meeting ID = 850 8019 4

Password = 03

# The Superintendent

It is model railroading season again. These cold winter months leave us with less outdoor chores and less opportunity for outside recreational activities (snow skiers exempted). That means for most of us there is more of our leisure time to be spent working on our railroad and model building activities. I am sure many of you have a list--physical or mental--of projects you would like to accomplish on your own railroad during these colder months. I hope you are able to set aside some regular time to accomplish those tasks. I also hope many of you are working on projects in pursuit of AP awards and perhaps your MMR. This process is one of the greatest learning and growth opportunities the NMRA offers. If you have not already, I hope you will take advantage of it.

It has been unfortunately necessary for me to miss some meetings in the past five months, and I wanted to take a moment to explain. For those of you who are unaware, I am the leader of a team of volunteers associated with the second largest disaster response organization in the nation, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. My team is one of dozens of teams from across the country who respond to help homeowners following tornados, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, ice storms, and other natural disasters. We respond to requests for chainsaw work--removing trees from homes or that impede access to a home. We also perform flood damage remediation--removing ruined belongings and damaged flooring, drywall, insulation, etc. from homes so repairs can begin. In addition, we have mobile kitchens that can feed up to 5,000 meals per day in the immediate aftermath of disasters when communities lack power, potable water, and other essential utilities. These are just a few of the services we perform.

It so happened that my team was deployed to perform disaster relief services that conflicted with three meetings of our division in 2021. In June we were called to Colorado to perform ash out work following wildfires in the state. In

October we were deployed to eastern Missouri following tornados there. Finally, in December we were deployed to Dawson Springs, Kentucky following the devastating tornadoes there. It was unfortunate that I had to miss these meetings. As you can see, however, this work, which is connected to my day job, was so important that I could not walk away from it. Because of these conflicts, I hesitated to accept the position as Superintendent again, but reluctantly did so. As such, I will do my best to fulfill the role for 2022. I look forward to serving you as such to the best of my ability this year. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation as we move forward in 2022.  
Rail On,  
Ron G. Marsh, Superintendent

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## 12/14/2021 December Clerk Report

Miles Hale filled in for Ron tonight for our 2021 Xmas show get together. Shelly's daughters did a great job setting the room up for tonight's get together. As usual there was more food there then we could eat. Larry Diehl gave us an update about the new location for this year's Turkey Creek show and it sounds pretty good.

Miles put together a slide show that ran though out the evening with more different kinds of flowers then I knew there were.

Next month's meeting will be at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO - 100 Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, MO. Covid has caused the change to our plans. Be sure to wear a mask if you are attending in person. The meeting will be part of a ZOOM virtual presentation as several meetings were last year. See the lead story for the link to the meeting.

Have a safe New Year.  
Steve

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## Turkey Creek Division 2021 Financial Analysis

Turkey Creek Division ended the year in excellent financial condition. Our assets at the end of the year totaled \$45,999 with net worth of \$45,763. Our net income for the year was \$1,761 with income from our investments totaling \$4,428. Investment income included both dividends from our mutual fund and the increase in the value of our fund, both of which were above historical amounts. Neither is likely to be realized at the same level in 2022. Final financial statements will be prepared following receipt of the final year end investment statement.  
Bill Humenczuk  
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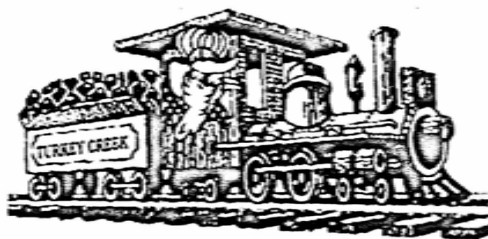
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Turkey Creek Division  
Annual Train Show

**August 6, 2022**

Lenexa Community Center  
13420 Oak Street  
Lenexa, Kansas 66215  
(about Pflumm & 93<sup>rd</sup> St)



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

Attendees \$10.00 at door ... NMRA members \$9.00 at door  
Children 12 and under attend free with accompanying adult

Clinics Start at 8:30 – 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 a \$25.00 gift voucher, up to a maximum of 3 chances. Awards will be announced @ 2:00 p.m.

**Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show 2022**  
**Vendor and Individual Registration Form**

Individual or Vendor Name(s) for badges: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Advance Registration \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (NMRA members \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_)  
enclosed enclosed

Eight Ft. Space \$28.00 No. of Spaces/Tables: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Registration: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Electrical: (very limited)

Set up from 3:00pm to 6:30 pm on August 5<sup>th</sup>, must be out by 5pm on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

One table = 1 registration ... 2 or more tables = 2 registrations

Make checks payable to "Turkey Creek Division"

Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, c/o Larry Diehl, 7008 Millridge Street, Shawnee, Kansas 66218.

For more information contact: Jack Ferris, [fhs1955@gmail.com](mailto:fhs1955@gmail.com), 913-226-4476, Bill Humenczuk, 8624 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66210, or Larry Diehl, [ldiehl066@gmail.com](mailto:ldiehl066@gmail.com) – 816-804-0152.

NMRA National Convention  
Marriot Grand Hotel, St Louis,  
MO  
August 7-13, 2022



Nationally known clinicians

Model contest

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Layout tours

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Registration and Information:

**Gateway2022.org**



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**The Best Train Show  
in Wichita, KS**

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Saturday, February 5, 2022 9am-5pm

Sunday, February 6, 2022 11am-4pm

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2744 George Washington Blvd.

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Clinics – Over 100 Dealer Tables



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## "The Turning Point"

By Missy Levy

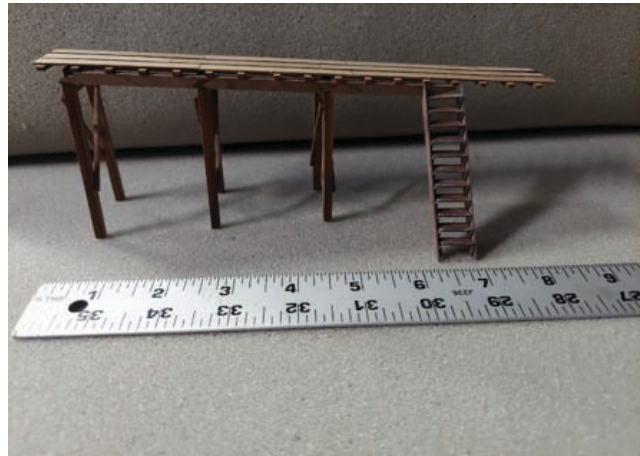
As we enter another year, I contemplated what is in store for the coming year. Then the revelation happens... build a model of a mine for the layout and enter it into the contest. I am one of those who "do" read the instructions and follow them. Since I do not have a degree in architecture, nor engineering, and admit it, I was not involved with models as a kid, instructions are my best friend.



First step... build all the sub buildings and parts for the Mine. First, the trestle, a long straight track that connects the headframe to the bins is 8" in length when finished.

Second, the headframe is assembled and the bins are completed. However, what was not specified in the instructions was to review the contest rules!

"Uh... what do you mean there are restrictions for this year's contest? 12" x 12", but the mine is in O scale. You mean 12" x 12" for the small scale and we can go up in size depending our scale. Right? My building alone is 8". Let's do the math... 8" (trestle) + 8" (headframe base) is greater than 12"!"

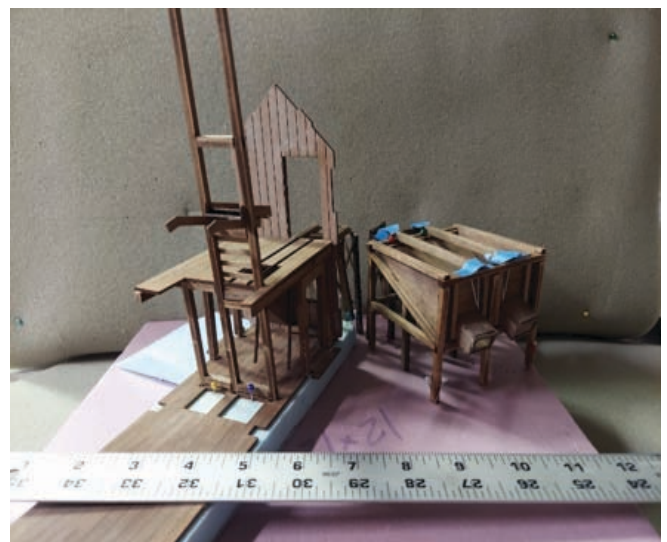


I was corrected and the answer to my question was

"NO". I did not realize that contest rules change from one year to another. All I can think of is this is fine mess I have gotten myself into, should I do a different model? With direction of the pros guiding me, the trestle does not need to be straight... it can curve.

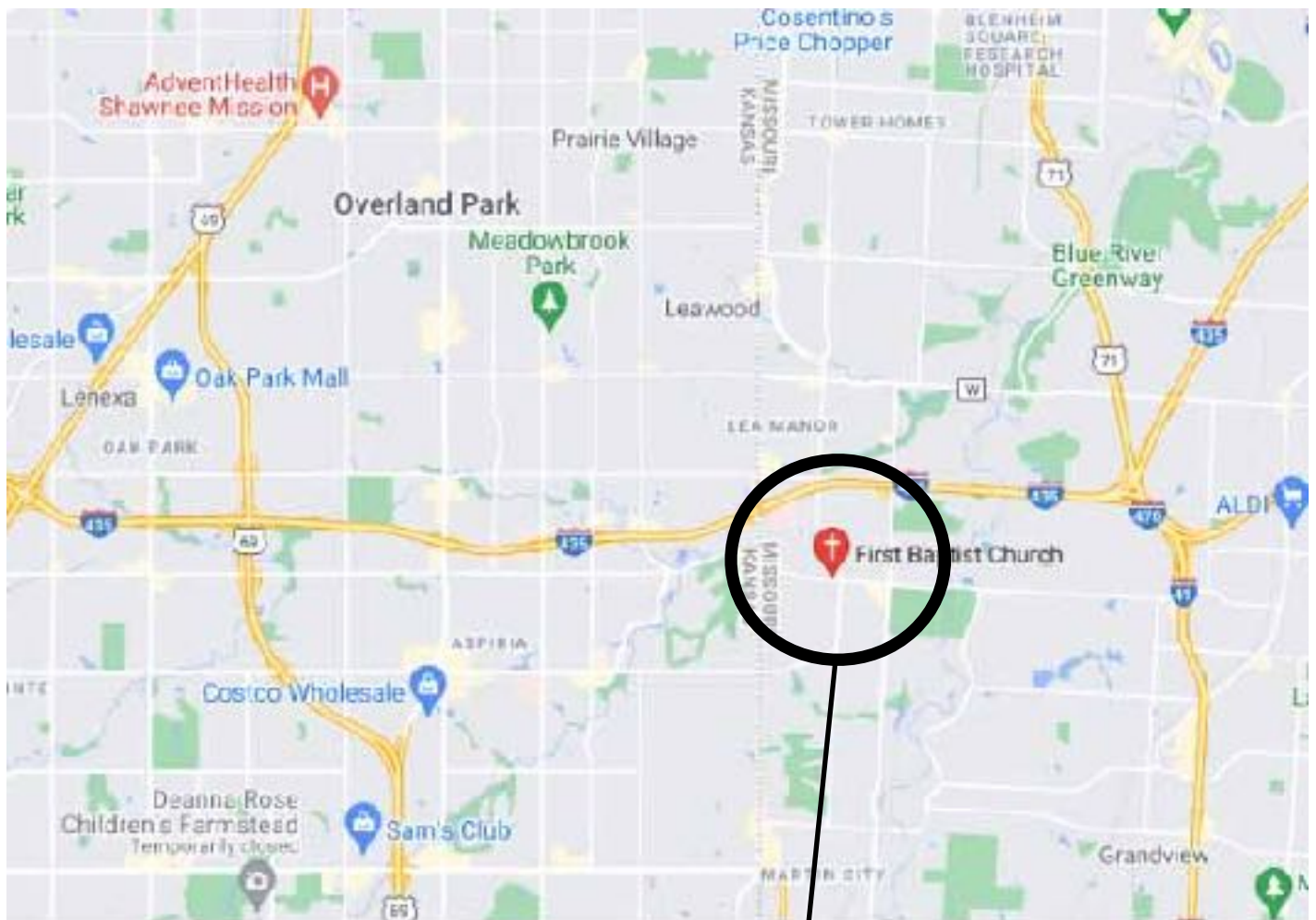
Ahhhh, the turning point! A curved trestle has been completed and then someone comments about a powerhouse. Powerhouse? There is no room for the powerhouse nor the worker's bunkhouse, or even a full car for the coal. My solution is to cut the car down, suspend the cables in mid-air. Powerhouse and bunkhouse might be completed at a later date.

The 12 x 12" mine is almost complete, but it will change once it goes on the layout. Perhaps my next model will be a smaller scale so that it will easily fit on the 12 x 12" base restrictions – well, until the rules change.



Moral of the story: Measure twice and Cut once. Missy - Congratulations on your win in the "Building challenge"!





First Baptist Church  
of Kansas City, MO  
100 Red Bridge Rd.  
*From 435 exit South  
on Warnall Road.  
The church is on the  
right at the  
intersection of Red  
Bridge Road.*

