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**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**



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NEWS OF THE CLINIC

Fall is here and it's time for the **Modeling Challenge**. Yes, that wonderful intro to the "Land Down Under" we call the basement. Where all our projects for tomorrow are still waiting from last Spring. So dust off the tools and get that project for the Challenge ready. The challenge is Tuesday October 25th, 7:00 pm, and that is next Tuesday!

The meeting and Modeling Challenge will be at the:

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANSAS CITY, 100 RED BRIDGE ROAD, KANSAS CITY, MO
COME THROUGH THE DOOR AND ENTER TO THE ELEVATOR AND GO TO LEVEL "F".**

2022 TURKEY CREEK DIV MODELING CHALLENGE BY LARRY ALFRED, MMR

This is a quick reminder of the Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge (19th annual), coming up in less than a week... Tuesday, October 25th, to be exact! I hope you have your entry(s) completed; however, a week is still plenty of time to finish up that project you may have been working on! I'm still working on mine!!

Remember that the primary Modeling Challenge includes anything on a square foot or less. We have stayed with this theme for several years and I think everyone understands the requirements and the rules. A reminder that only one square foot entry is allowed per person. Based on a popular vote, awards will be presented for overall preference, as well as, whimsy (Red Bull Award), special effects, and best use of a Make and Take model. This year we are adding an award for best entry on a standard business card (2"x3 1/2"). This has been titled the Business Card Challenge. If you choose to enter a business card model, in addition to a square footer, you will be allowed both entries. I hope that you will see this event for the "Challenge" that it was always intended to be and build something and participate!

As an additional incentive to participate, two \$25.00 gift certificates will be presented by a drawing of those members bringing entries.

Finally, 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."

I hope that you will attend the meeting and participate!! See you on the 25th!

Clerk Report SEPT. 2022

Miles Hale called the meeting to order at 7pm. From my count we had 20 people in the room and I counted 9 more in Zoom for a total of 29. More than we have had for awhile. 2 were visitors from another club that are looking for a new home.

John Fales was awarded 2 merit awards for structures toward his MMR.

Larry Diehl talked about the Turkey Creek Train show we just had. It looks like we did make a little money on it so we are in the black for the show. We had about 270 people and had about 25 kids and about 70 vendors for about 400 total. Sales were a little off but the dealers were not giving any discounts. Bill Humenczuk said our treasury is in good shape considering the market. Larry also mentioned the NMRA show in St. Louis and said they had about 800 people attend that and I'm sure they counted the vendors in that number. Prices were not cheap this year, parking was \$30 at the hotel itself. Maybe the NMRA will wake up one of these days and see why the Narrow Gauge conventions do better than theirs. Hint, they always have to have it in a downtown area where parking isn't free and prices are always higher. Just my opinion.

Matt Reeves, PHD, put on a great clinic for us tonight. He works in the KC Public Library and Missouri Valley Special Collections Room. He showed us how to do our own research but is more than willing to help anybody research anything pertaining to KC and the surrounding area. You can email him at mattreeves@kclibrary.org or call him at 816-701-3465. He passed out his business cards for those in attendance at the meeting.

That's it for August, Steve

PAYMASTERS REPORT:

Bill Humenczuk will give a report of the Division finances at the October Meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE DIVISION

Great News - Martin Wade has offered to be the Lightning Slinger Editor for the coming year. Many thanks go to Martin for stepping up to the job!



BUT WE NEED YOU!

If you would like to be the one-
SUPERINTENDENT

for 2023 we are ready to follow
your lead.

As a matter of fact we are begging anyone to step up and support the Division and the NMRA by heading the meetings for the coming year. You will have plenty of help, if you want it, so give back a little to a great group of your friends. Talk to Ron or Missy.

Nominations at the Oct. meeting and elections next month.

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