

# LIGHTNING SLINGER

**FEBRUARY 2022**

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**



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## NEWS OF THE CLINIC



### SCENERY GROUND COVER MATERIALS PALATE

John Lowrance, MMR

Today there are so many scenery products to choose from, it is difficult to know which ones to buy! The goal of this clinic is to show how to select a set of ground cover material products and make a color/texture palate. MMR John Lowrance will share his technique for creating a “Color Palate” of scenery materials and discuss solutions to the questions: How to choose the colors? What textures are needed? What sequence should I use to apply them?

### AHM CARBIDE CONTAINER CAR

John Lowrance, MMR

This clinic shows how to modify an AHM Carbide Container car to haul “Calcium Carbide containers” and answers questions: What is Calcium Carbide? Why do so many industries use it? Where do I ship it on my model railroad? and How to modify/upgrade the AHM Car.

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

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## January Clerk Report

Ron Marsh couldn't make it tonight so Miles Hale filled in for him. We had about 14 people that could make it tonight along with about 10 people watching on Zoom.

Larry Alfred spoke briefly about the upcoming Make & Take clinic in June. He asked that anybody that wants to get in on the Make & Take get back to him with what they want to order from Banta Models asap so he can get the order placed with Bill Banta. Bill's pretty busy so he needs to know asap so he can plan things out. There is a nice selection of kits to choose from so let Larry know which one you want. It's a nice discount off retail. There is a \$5 shipping charge on each kit which is reasonable considering what it cost to ship things these days.

We did take a vote to accept the minutes and the clerk's report that were in the lightning slinger this month and it was passed without any no votes.

Dan Munson gave a great clinic on Zoom tonight on "Derailments, Getting the Railroad back open again." This was a great presentation given by Dan. This guy really knows what he's talking about. He's been with the RR many years and had some great pictures to illustrate what he was talking about. There is a lot more to getting things running again than you think and I for one learned a lot I didn't know about how it works. I was with UPS for 34 years and went out once on a cleanup operation but just saw our part of the cleanup and had no idea what the RR's went thru for their part of the operation. It was a real eye opener. Many thanks to Dan for putting this on.

One of our new members Steve Sullins brought about 9 HO buildings for show and tell. They are all nicely done. He lighted up the Church he built and you could see the stained glass window, pretty neat.

That's it for now, Steve.

## Treasurer's Report

Bill Humenczuk sent this note:

I don't have anything to add to last month's report. I'd like to just do reports quarterly as there isn't much happening from month to month and there can be a lot of swings month to month in the value of our investments (especially this January).

*Editors Note:*

I will bring this up at the February meeting. I see no need for the monthly report, based on this comment from Bill.

## Friends We Have Lost

**Donald Lee Ball** left us January 21, 2022. Don was a very supportive member of the Turkey Creek Division, doing several clinics over the years and sharing his knowledge of early railroading with all of us.

**David James Engle** left us on January 26, 2022. Dave was an "S" scale modeler and a devoted promoter of the Rock Island Historical Society. Your editor rode with him to many meetings of the KC "S" club back in the early 70's.

Both of these members will be missed. We wish the families wonderful memories of these members.

## Editor's Thoughts

I have for many years now said that the NMRA is about friends. Making and finding new friends and talking to old friends that we may only see once a year at a convention or monthly at meetings or weekly at lunches. Many of my model railroad friend refer to themselves as "different" for being a model railroader. So it is good that we can get together, sometimes in person and sometimes, as in these times, by streaming on our digital devices.

I have many people I know that have no hobbies and they continue to work into their "retirement years", I think because they have no identity beyond their work place. One thing that was lectured into my thinking in college was that we need to keep our bodies active, and, yes, I am a PE teacher at heart. But they also taught us that the development of our minds is just as important. The brain is subject to decay just like our muscles and both need to be kept active as we grow older.

Model Railroading tends to lead us to learn more about not just the processes for making our models, but also to learn about the model itself. How would the model have been constructed, at the time it was built? What would have been the materials used? Did it have to fit city blocks with 25' fronts for the lots? How deep were buildings at that time? All of these questions pull us to learn more about the hobby we practice.

Talking to our friends about the project of the moment keeps us seeking knowledge about the project. Our minds and our experiences keep our minds working in a positive way that can only keep us sharper for going forward to the next project. So keep on learning and take a break to do some exercise. We need all modelers to keep on being here and being our friends! Miles - PS - *Go to your railroad room and let your trains put a smile on your face!*

## 2022 Make and Take Event!

Here we go again... the 2022 Make and Take event is taking shape! The initial meeting to begin constructing your model is scheduled for the June Turkey Creek Division meeting. The model kit possibilities this year will be provided by Banta Model Works. Bill Banta has been producing a wide range of quality structure kits for many years. His kits are offered in both HO scale and O scale, with several in S scale and we will try to arrange some in N scale, if there is interest.

The wide range of kit offerings can be viewed on Banta's website at [www.bantaworks.com](http://www.bantaworks.com). From this site, we have selected a list of kits that we would like you to choose from. However, if you see something other than this list, let me know and we will see if an alternative is possible. The list includes a range of prices and types of structures, so try to find one that fits your interest and need. Turkey Creek will subsidize the first \$30 of the kit you select, with the remainder covered by you. An added benefit of the program is that Bill Banta has agreed to offer a discount of 20 to 25%. Only one kit per member can be purchased with the TC subsidy. The following list includes model kits that we would like you to select from. The prices indicated are Banta's listed cost before the TC subsidy and a Banta discount.

Kit Name	HO Scale	S Scale	O Scale
The Warehouse	\$48	\$64	\$70
Allison Depot (on D&RG)	\$78	\$96	\$134
Oakboro Hay & Grain	\$82	\$115	\$132
Miner's Cabin	\$36	\$40	\$48
Herbert's Crossing	\$42	NA	\$64
1930's-40's Gas Station	\$32	NA	\$56
Hillside Water Tank	\$26	NA	\$36
Blacksmith Shop	\$38	NA	\$58
B&O Hotel	\$48	NA	\$97
Depot at Donkey Corners	\$54	NA	\$78
Stock Pens	\$85	NA	\$138

Note: it is possible that some of these may not be available at the time we order; however, I believe that kits are made to order, so hopefully, any/all will be available. Again, if you are interested in one of these in N scale, please let me know and I will see if Banta can do that...no guarantees!

With this announcement, we are asking all members that are interested in participating to go to Banta's website, select your kit, and notify me of your selection as soon as possible. **Do not order online!** All selections must be made by the February TC meeting on February 22. Please send your kit selection to me at [captlalfred@gmail.com](mailto:captlalfred@gmail.com). You can also call me with questions at 913-782-6584.

The Make and Take event has been very popular and fun in the past. It offers an opportunity for all members to participate and learn new modeling skills. We hope that many of you will choose to participate!

Larry Alfred MMR

Ray Brown

Editor's Note: Notify Larry of your selection and he will send you an e-mail of the amount you actually owe.



**The Lawrence Model Railroad Club**

**The 20th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet**

**2022**

**Attention: New Date!**

**February 19th (9am-5pm) & 20th (9am-3pm)**

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Admission: Adults **\$6.00** donation & Children 12 and under **free** with paid adult  
Bring canned food donations and receive \$1 admission discount per person

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**Barb Wire  
BBQ Food Truck  
Saturday and Sunday**

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**Crown Toyota  
3400 South Iowa St, Lawrence, KS**

**More information at [www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org](http://www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org)**



11/29/21

**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.

**Special Youth Award** - for the best overall youth model entry.

**Door Prizes** – From many different manufacturers, vendors and local hobby shops

**Display Layout and Layout Tours** – In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening. See schedule at the show.

**Swap Tables and Railroad Groups** – Expect to find more than 75 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups.

**Food and Refreshments** – will be available at nominal cost.

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**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.**

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