

The Switch List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, and OK). To list your event information please Email: l-seibel@comcast.net, or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe, KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org **Please put me in your newsletter.**

DIVISION MEETINGS

Chisholm Trail Division First Tuesday of the month Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church 3440 West 13th St. No. • Wichita, KS 67203-4560 (13th Street North & High Street) Begin gathering-6:45pm NMRA meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Information Alan A. Aagaard email: alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE) meets 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis M. Brandt Phone 402-992-2415 email dennisbrandt44@gmail.com

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION Tom Persoon is the Superintendent e-mail: persoont06@msn.com
For other division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: Eastern Iowa Division

GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO) meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd. St., just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. The library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am. Web page: www.tulsanmra.org Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION The first Saturday of even numbered months. Meeting start at 1PM. For the next meeting's location and program please email kd0r@fhrd.net.

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3rd. Dec. we have no meetings. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, and KEARNEY, NE) Meets quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Todd L. Petersen, Div. Dir. 308-832-2200 or todd@gtmc.net

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA, Turkey Creek Division Meeting Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg., Lenexa, 7:00. For current information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 or the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit www.whdnmra.info for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS) Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 4091/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store, rear entrance from parking lot) 6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N)

Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director 620-521-3591 cell or 620-272-0444 Home e-mail:trainman55@hotmail.com ; Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: <http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

Monthly News in a Glance

NRHS

Friday, April 14 – Topeka Chapter, Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas Ave., 7:00

Friday, April 21 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E. Douglas, 7:00. Program: Topeka Exchange, "Behind These Walls" – Robbie Chitwood. Pre-meeting Gathering: Riverside Café, 739 W. 13th, 5:30.

Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, April 28 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, KC Terminal Room, 3rd floor, 7:00. Information: Ed Conrad, Heartlandrails@aol.com

Saturday, April 29 – Quad Chapter Meet, Topeka Chapter host. C&H Railway, 2801 SE Stubbs Road, Tecumseh, 10:30-3:30. More information under **Special Events**.

DIVISIONS

Saturday, April 1 – Kansas Central, at member's home, 1:00. Information: Kd0r@fhrd.net

Monday, April 3 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13th St., Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information: Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 25 – Turkey Creek, Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg, Lenexa, 7:00. Information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net or www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar

Every Tuesday – Western Kansas, 409½ N. Main, Garden City, 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

NARVRE

Monday, April 3 – Hutchinson, Airport Steak House, 1100 Airport Rd, 8:30. Information: Ron Pauls, arkola@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, April 4 – Arkansas City, Senior Citizen Center, 320 S. A St., 11:30

Monday, April 10 – Abilene/Salina, Bayard's Café, 540 S. Broadway, Salina, (**time?**). Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

Monday, April 10 – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16th St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, jimmywdodds@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 11 – Wellington, Senior Center, 318 S. Washington, 12:00. Information: abdb@sutv.com

Tuesday, April 11 – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl., 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, lbroadbent@cox.net

Wednesday, April 12 – Marysville, Ricky's Café, Hanover, 11:30. Information: Dolores Krug, d30krug@yahoo.com

Monday, April 24 – Wichita, Ourr's Family Dining, 1606 S. Georgetown St., 11:20. Information: Tony Schmitt, ash9438@cox.net

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Sunday, April 2 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2nd floor, 420 N. Depot St., Cherryvale, 1:00. Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com

Wednesday, April 5 – Society of Model Engineers, meet at various places for various activities. Information: Steven Boeck, 816-651-3225

Thursday, April 6 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts, 7:00. Information: www.augustahorrorclub.org

Thursday, April 6 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Pl., 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-537-8730

Friday, April 7 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Saturday, April 8 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00, lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, railway@gbta.net

Saturday, April 8 – Frankfort Division, 416 W. 1st St., 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Sunday, April 9 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water St., Liberty, MO, 1:00. Information: Bob Osborn, 816-452-9227

Sunday, April 16 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad

Monday, April 17 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 19 – Society of Model Engineers

Thursday, April 20 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at member's home, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Saturday, April 22 – Frankfort Subdivision

Monday, May 8 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Pointe Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terr. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Every Sunday – Weekend N'gineers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, hapheart@swbell.net

Every Sunday – Mid-Kansas Model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, McPherson, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

Every Monday – Garden City Model Train, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Tuesday – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 429 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 7:00. 1st Tue.-member's meeting; 2nd Tue.-maintenance; 3rd Tue.-operating session; 4th & 5th Tue.-open running

Every Wednesday – Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 NW Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com or W. L. Ohrnell, wohrnell@sbcglobal.net

Every Saturday-Sunday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00, Sun. 12:00-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536

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Second Sunday of each month Heartland N-TRAK meets at 3:00 PM at 131 S Water St. Liberty, MO. The clubhouse opens at 1:00 PM to run trains and socialize. For information contact Bob Osborn rozzie45@sbcglobal.net

– Mid Kansas Model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, McPherson, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Thursday, April 27 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, Tulsa, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

Saturday, April 29 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at member's layout, (**time?**). Information: Nancy Martin, nanmartin@att.net

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, April 6 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: DP-44 Video – Bob Jeffries. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

Monday, April 10 – Amtrak Task Force, Emporia Main Street office, 12 E. 5th, 4:00. Information: Rev. Andrew McHenry, pastorandres70@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 12 – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

Every Tuesday – Join with a group at Spangle's, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00, to rail-fan

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2017

Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21 – Mid-Continent MCoR Thousand Lakes Regional Convention, Quality Inn, Ames, IA

Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4 – Center of the Nation Model Railroad Expo, Sunflower Bldg, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Sat. 9:00-4:00, Sun. 9:00-2:00. Information: Don Phillips, dphillips31@cox.net

Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 – Trainfest 2017, Oakwood Mall, 4125 W. Owen K. Garriott, Enid, OK (HiWay

Wednesday-Sunday, June 21-25 – Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Convention, Hyatt Regency, Tulsa, OK; 3 excursion trips planned. Vendor tables – Matt Martin, mmartin104@gmail.com. Information: www.afrhms.org

Saturday-Sunday, July 1-2 – Spring Creek Train Show & Open House, 304 E. Bryson, Deshler, NE, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 10:00-4:00. Adult \$6.00, 12 & under free. Special clinics. Information: 402-365-7628 or www.springcreekmodeltrains.com

June 23 & 24, 2017 St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet

(Note this event will be Earlier than previous years Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234 Contact information: <http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

July 1 & 2 Train Show & Open House, 2017 Stop in and say WOW! Spring Creek Model Trains, 304 E Bryson Ave, Deshler, Nebraska one of the largest model train inventories in the country, is hosting their 2nd Train Show & Open House. Show location 4th & Race St. Hours 9-5 Sat, 10-4 Sun. Admission \$6.00, 12 and under FREE. Special guest clinics: Pelle Soeberg, Denmark, Doug Geiger, CO., Chris Brimley, UT. Manufacturers: Scale Trains, Athearn, Intermountain, and Rapido. Check out all the details on our website www.springcreekmodeltrains.com 402-365-7628

Monday-Saturday, July 10-15 – National Garden Railway Convention, Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Tulsa, OK. Information: www.thinktulsa17.com

Saturday, July 29, 2017 Turkey Creek Division is going to host a NMRA, train show and swap meet. Located at the Shawnee Mission North High School, Cafeteria, 7401 Johnson Drive, Overland Park, Kansas 66202. The show is open to all NMRA members and the public. The hours will be open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vendors will have access to set up Friday afternoon/evening. We anticipate having six (6) clinics, a model and photo contest with NMRA judging available, a special contest youth award, door prizes, “food & drink” being coffee, donuts, soda and sandwiches (with profits going to Johnson County Feed the Need), 80 to 90 swap tables for vendors and individuals and operating model railroad displays. Contest results with awards at 2:00 p.m. The event will close with home layout tours from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You must keep and wear your registration badge to enter private homes. We hope to have a fun day for all!

Sincerely, Larry Alfred, MMR, Chairman captlalfred@gmail.com Home phone 913-782-6584

Wednesday-Saturday, August 30-September 2 – National Narrow Gauge Convention, Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO. Information: www.37nngc.com/index

e-mail taceys@gpcom.net phone 308-386-2489

Saturday, November 4, 2017 Gateway Division, NMRA, Fall event:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (home layout tours start at 4 p.m.) Trinity Lutheran Church, West St. Louis County

More information: <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/st-louis-train-show/>

October 21st 2017 ALL ABOARD!!! The Silver Rails Model Train show is ready to “Highball” into its 8th year. This year will bring the same good food for Breakfast, Lunch, and the return of our great vendors and friends. The show is located at the Silver Rails Event Center (204 East Moore Street) in downtown La Plata, MO. Tables are \$15.00 each with discounted per table rates available for larger booths. Show hours are from 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, October 21st. The Depot Inn is our local hotel. The room rate is \$89.00. If you make reservations with them just let them know you want the "Train Show" rate. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. tart saving now so you can buy more trains. Admission will be \$3.00. Children 8 and under will be free with adult. For more information please contact Bob Cox 660-287-1714. The American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation (APRHF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and promote the role that passenger rail played in the building of this nation via local exhibits and educational programs on the internet and select passenger trains.

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