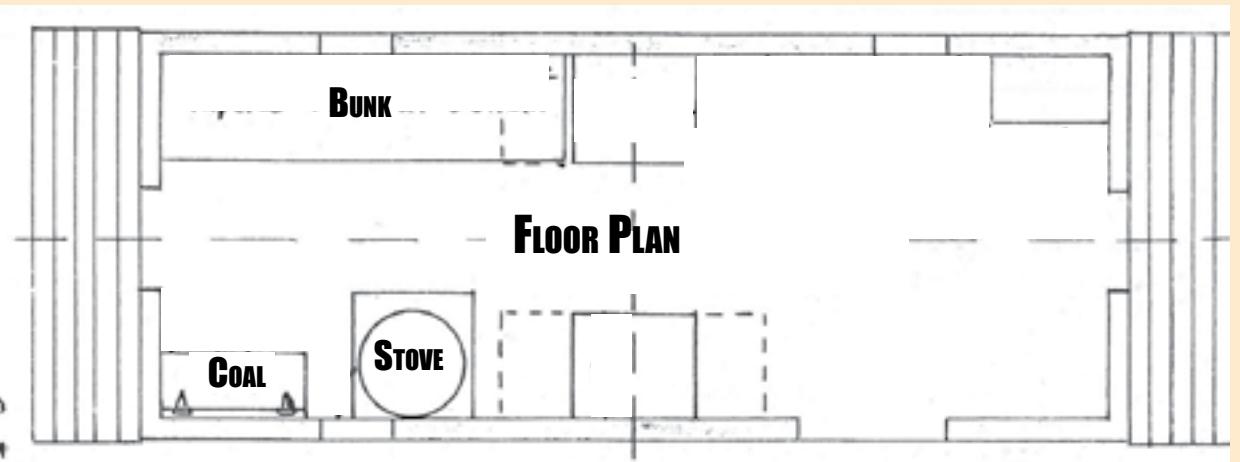
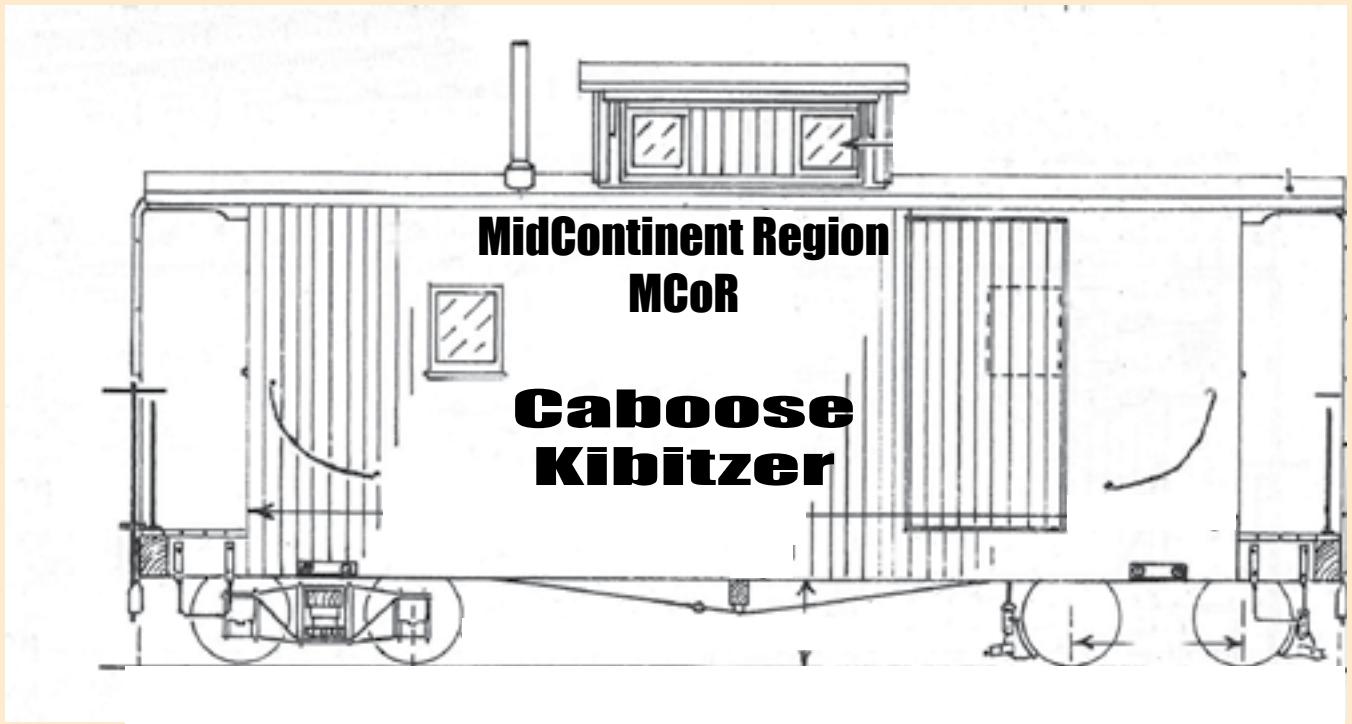
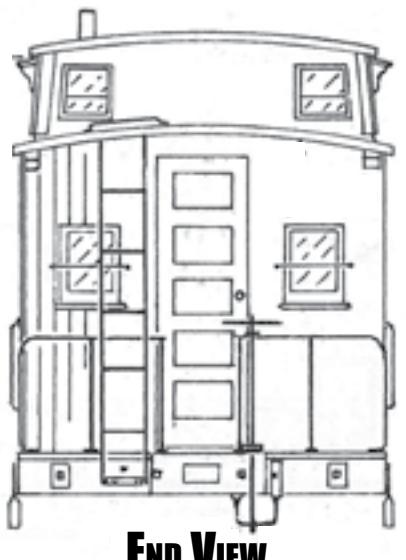


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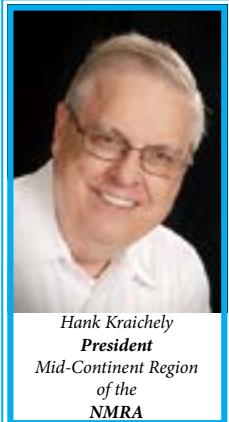
Just over a month ago many of us were in Ames, Iowa enjoying the annual MCoR convention. This year we had the privilege of combining our convention with the Thousand Lakes Region which is responsible for the Northern half of Iowa. I believe both Regions learned from the experience. I enjoyed the raffle/auction and I believe our partners saw the benefit of holding a train show during the convention.

I would like to take a moment to thank **Whit Johnson** for his yeomen effort in planning and implementing a great convention. His efforts provided each attendee with a wonderful experience. We toured a limestone mine and reached a depth of 430 feet. We observed many specialized machines including:

- One that bored holes in the ceiling for explosives.
- Another with a long arm with jaws on the end to pull down loose rock from the ceiling.
- A third that drilled holes in the ceiling then screwed in long threaded rods with a bottom plate to provide additional support.
- Finally, a 3,000 plus foot conveyor to move the limestone to the surface

Friday afternoon everyone road the Boone Scenic railroad and toured the museum that was added to the end of the station. This museum contained many unusual artifacts and railroad related equipment. With the one price concept, everyone shared the experiences that provided all of us with lasting memories.

I would also like to recognize **Phil Benson** for his 4 years serving as the Vice-President of our Region. For the last year Phil, was plagued with several illnesses that sidelined him several times and unfortunately prevented him from attending his last Board meeting.



As Phil's last official act, he resigned his position so that **Robert Simmons** (*the newly elected Vice President*) could assume, the office at the Board meeting and not on September 1st, as the Region Regulation stipulate. Phil's action allowed Bob to assume the duties and get a 3-month head start in bringing, his talents to our Region.

I was very pleased to introduce **Charles Getz** NMRA President and **Gerry Leone** NMRA VP-Special Projects. Charlie shared a few interesting facts including the fact he was contacted by a group of Chinese model railroaders who wanted to join the NMRA. They have 250,000 members with a average age of 30, WOW! Unfortunately, the decision was made that they form their own organization and have it be an affiliate of the NMRA.

The subject of member recruiting and retention was discussed. Gerry pointed out that our best target is the near and recently retired individuals. This makes sense, since they have time and funds to pursue our hobby.

I then suggested that we should consider beginning model railroad clubs in High schools. When these

young adults marry, raise families, and have free time what are the odds that they will become model railroaders? If they grew up with iPhones, computers, and the interNet, how can they be expected to become interested in our hobby?

A high school club can be the answer to filling the lack of exposure to model railroading. The topic was discussed, and a committee was formed to put together an outline of how a Division might approach a school and provide necessary expertise to get the club up and running. The committee was charged with preparing a plan to present at the January Board meeting.

We are now beginning the 3rd quarter of 2017. The time seems to fly as I become entrenched in the mid-seventies. Retirement has many advantages including time to work on my layout. I have begun to experience the fun of creating scenes on my railroad. I currently am modeling a rural area, Bellflower, MO, which I remember when visiting my Aunt and Uncle's farm with my family.

While driving out US 40 we turned onto gravel roads that stretched all the way to the farm. On the way, we crossed the Burlington branch that ran from Old Monroe to Francis (a railroad name) to identify the point where the CB&Q branch joined the GM&O line to Kansas City. The Q had purchased trackage rights from the GM&O to make their St. Louis to KC traffic competitive. The Q line from West Quincy to St. Joe then South to KC was far too long for trains originating in St. Louis or East St. Louis. I have modeled this branch on my railroad.

This very small town, that I modeled consisted of a grain elevator, oil dealer, and cattle pen for at least 10 years. But all this changed one morning when I visited a layout a daughter was selling for her 88-year-old Mother. The layout was medium sized railroad but it had a small town with many small structures. As I looked at this town, I was drawn to the small single-family homes and

small commercial establishments. I had always focused on buildings that generated freight for the railroad. This was different, and I thought of my incomplete Bellflower, a small town with no homes for the workers to reside.

I purchased 6 small homes of several styles and colors plus a few small businesses such as grocery and a bar. I added a small gas station, a row of 4 small retail stores and a machine shop and a used tire and auto parts dealer. The two business blocks were split by a road that entered town from a tunnel under the Northbound main. This gravel road ended in a "T" intersection with a gravel road that ran through town. The gravel roads took me back to my trips to the farm.

There was just one problem; where to locate the homes and how to create this family environment? I suddenly realized that I had never modeled a place where people lived. A second complication popped up as these homes had to be located on the opposite side of the tracks and with a curve in the branch line. What if the homes were located on a 1 inch piece of foam insulation? This would give the homes some separation from the railroad while adding interest as elevation was added to a flat area. I placed the homes on the foam to get a feel for home placement, driveways, (some shared) and uses for narrow ends of the elevated sections.

Houses sitting on flat green yards are not homes. What about fences, trees, flowers, and shrubs. Again, I have entered an area I never modeled before. I was lucky to find a box of white picket fence and a black iron fence; the later for the big house. I added different sizes and types of trees and placed them in different locations in relation to each house. More is needed, maybe fruit trees or a small garden. Those odd shaped ends became home to several trees, bushes, and weeds. I also added some rocks dumped when the railroad, and later the town, was built. Well it is a start, but still needs more details,

but mostly a more focused growth. It is an ongoing process with new ideas popping up every time I return to this area.

This is what makes model railroading **FUN**, building, and revising while putting my memory to work. After all the world was very different in the late 40's and early 50's.

I hope all of you will take some time, this summer, to work on that unfinished plywood area on your layout. All the hard work of layout construction is complete, why not turn it into a realistic scene that will showcase your prized models!

Have a great summer. I hope to see some of you this fall.
Hank

Hank Kraichely
President
Mid-Continent Region of NMRA



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue is incredibly late due to my computer - which will be going in for repairs right after sending this Newsletter to you...well, that didn't happen...as my computer is still "on the bench" for several days



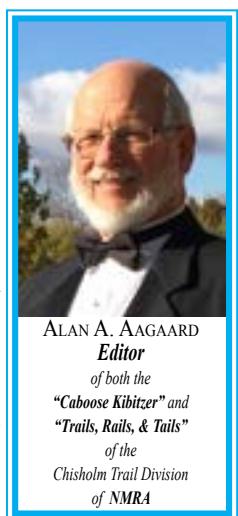
Please accept my "professional and personal" apologies. Well my computer was diagnosed as having electrical issues and has

been FIXED - RAH!

Certainly hope you enjoy my article regarding my ride on the Amtrak Special.



Also, this is a very lengthy issue due to all the activities happening during the past quarter. A major thanks from the Editor to all the new contributors. Keep it up folks.



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Not necessarily a "product review",

but this is a "Vendor Review"

While recovering from my first of two back surgeries, I was also celebrating a "Major Milestone" of a birthday - and decided to "treat myself" to a structure. So far, so good...until I began the OnLine "check-out" procedure and encountered "techno-issues" ~ finally, after several attempts, I gave up and picked up the phone...Left a VoiceMail message, and "Lo and Behold" they actually returned my call; resolved the issues; took my order; and just yesterday I received my order in EXCELLENT condition. So it is with Great compliments I extend a "rave review" to Deb & Ben of

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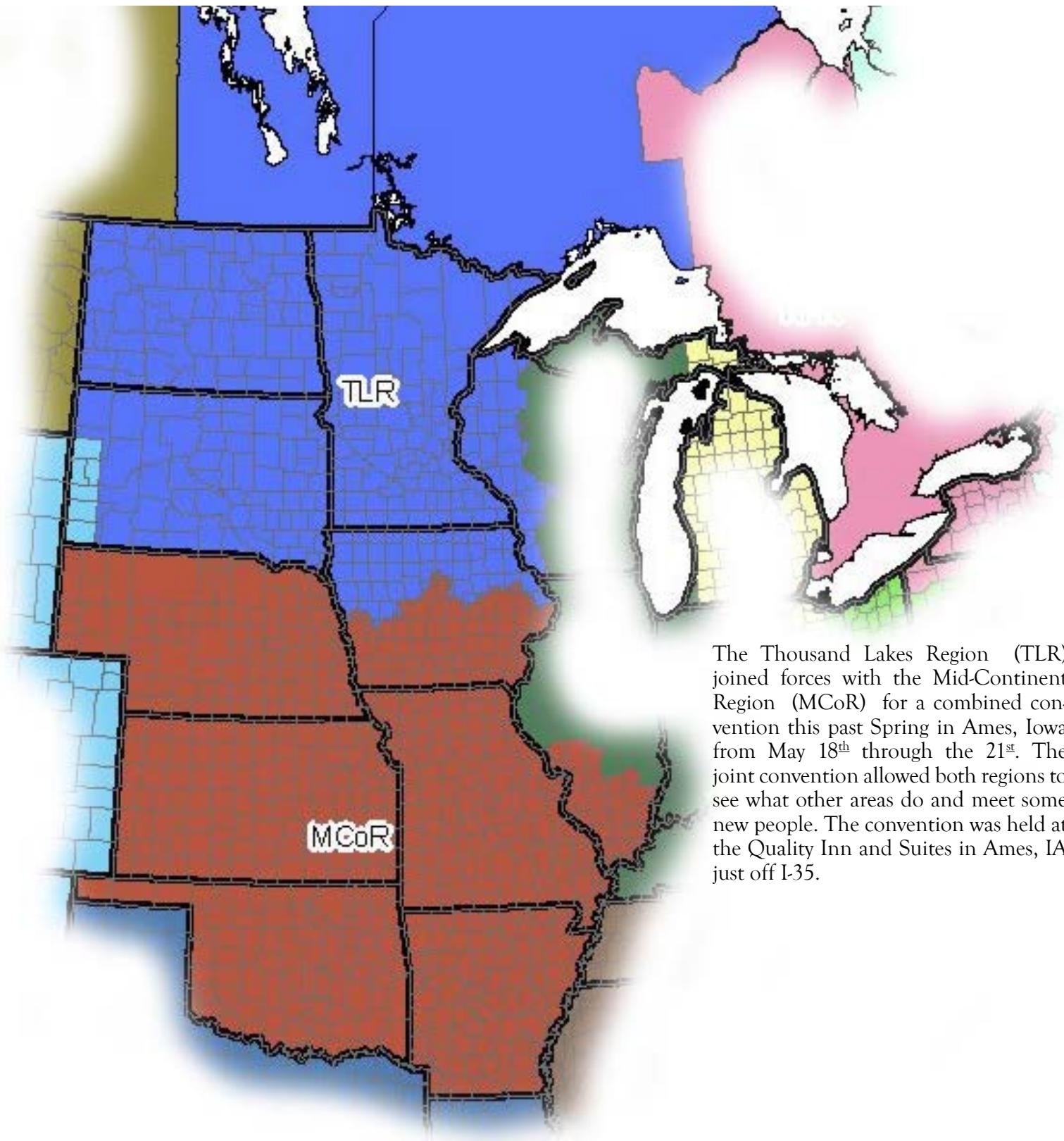
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The Great Plains Joint Line

Mid-Continent Region (MCoR) of the NMRA

2017 Convention

Yes, the Convention was held last May, but the following is the follow-Up/wrap-Up for your further edification.



The Thousand Lakes Region (TLR) joined forces with the Mid-Continent Region (MCoR) for a combined convention this past Spring in Ames, Iowa from May 18th through the 21st. The joint convention allowed both regions to see what other areas do and meet some new people. The convention was held at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames, IA just off I-35.

MCoR - 2017 Convention
Ames, IA

LAYOUTS ON TOUR

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
May 18, 19, & 20th, 2017

LAYOUT #1

Al Warren, MMR (Ames, IA)

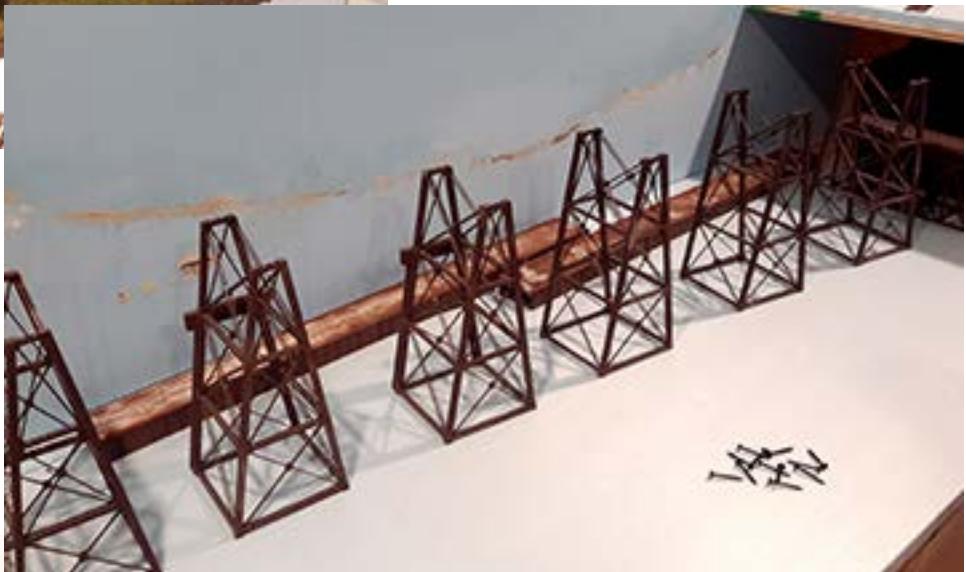
Al is one of the Master Model Railroaders in Iowa. He models the CNW extensively. His original layout was featured in the December 1998 issue on Model Railroader. Al's layout has recently been expanded to and depicts many scenes that can be seen



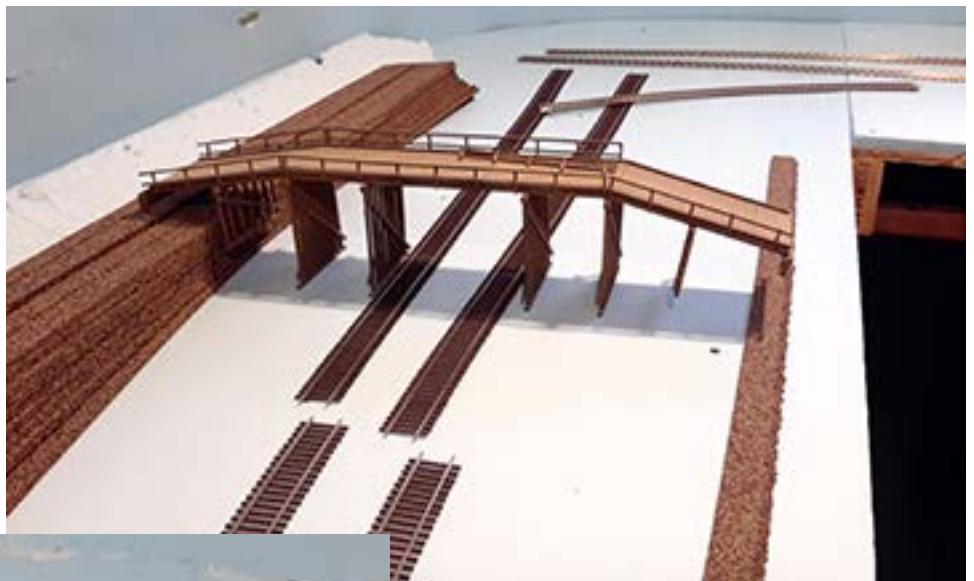
along the CNW/UP Central Iowa Mainline and many branch-lines.



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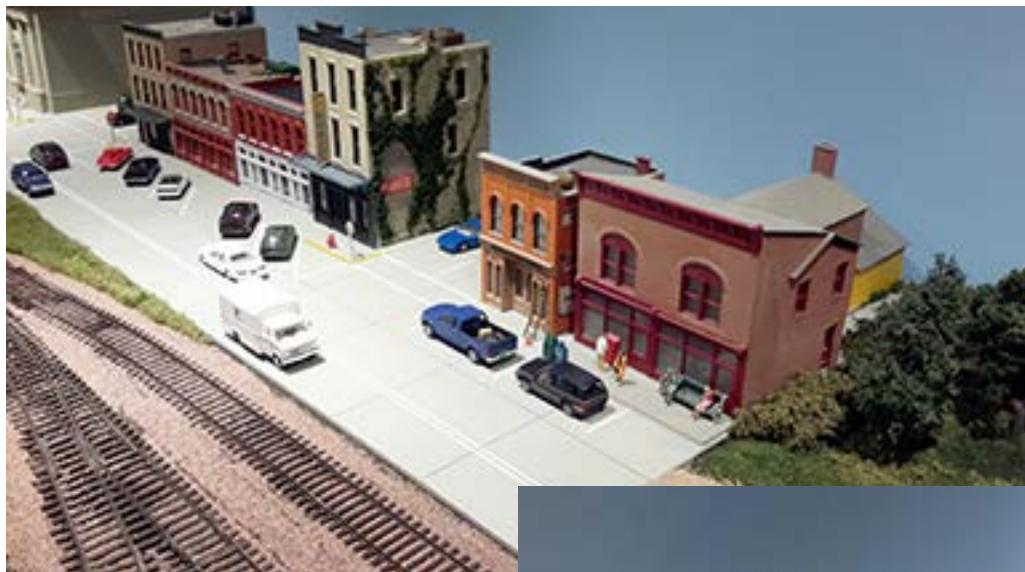


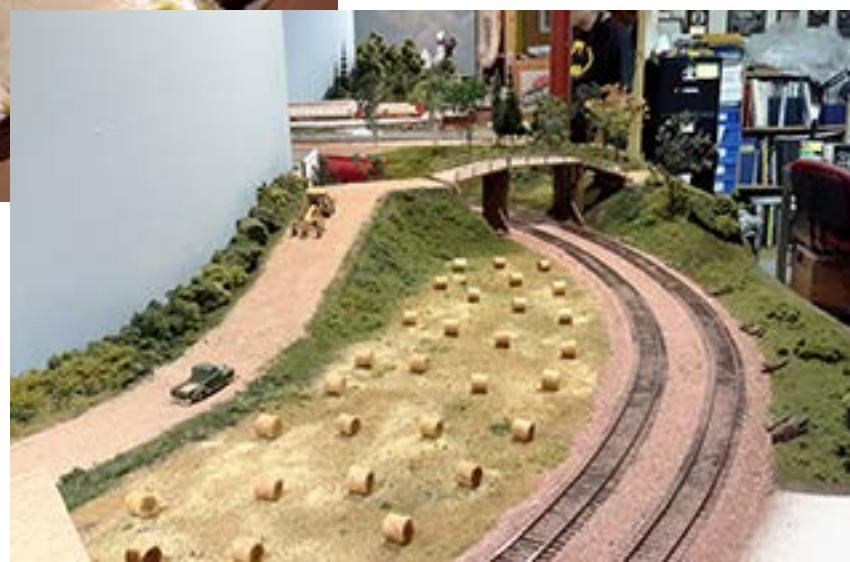
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LAYOUT #2

Doug Harding (Colo, IA)

HO scale Minneapolis & St. Louis set in 1949, follows the original Iowa Central from Albia to Mason City. It's a shelf design around the walls. 30' by 58' basement with over 300' of mainline.

LAYOUT #3

Dave Yetter (Ames, IA)

Free Lance UP N-Scale double track mainline meanders through the plains in the 15' by 40' basement with approximately 200' of mainline.

LAYOUT #4

Raccoon Valley Model Railroad Club (Johnston, IA)

This is a multi-scale club with individual areas for each scale.

LAYOUT #5

Central Iowa Model Railroad (Des Moines, IA)

This is an HO-Scale Model railroad which uses DCC and is intended for scale operations

LAYOUT #6

Ames Hobby Shop (Ames, IA)

This is an operational railroad that was built by a club in Ames several years ago. This layout is currently undergoing restoration by some local modelers with the hope of returning an operational railroad to the area. It is located upstairs directly above the Hobby



Shop.



PHIL AYLWARD, Division Director & Paymaster - 2017 (Chisholm Trail Division of NMRA)



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Clinic Abstracts

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"THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION TURNS 4"

presented by Stephen Priest, MMR

The 50 minute clinic showed the progression of design by the presenter and how challenges faced in earlier layout design were met in a new railroad. These challenges include, New technologies such as DCC implementation, new lighting systems featuring LEDs, better locations for overhead lighting and longer and more linear design for the layout itself. Some time will be spent talking about keeping people working and how to manage their time so they have an enjoyable and productive experience working on the layout. A few basic techniques will be presented including backdrop and fascia treatment and sky painting. Over all design principles and "Big Picture" ideas will also be presented.

"EVALUATION AND DOCUMENTATION"

presented by Ryan Moats, MMR

This clinic presented the differences between contest judging and merit evaluation and discusses strategies for assembling documentation for each, based on the presenter's experience. Each category (Construction, detail, conformity, finish and lettering, and scratch building) will be covered. Handouts include copies of actual documentation for attendees to take away and use for later reference.



"LITTLE THINGS, BIG DIFFERENCE"

presented by Stephen Priest, MMR

This clinic was all about helpful hints that have been learned by Stephen throughout the 16 layouts he has built during his lifetime. Many of these not only will save you time but money as well. Some topics include: mounting Tortoise switch machines, creating fascia and backdrops, working with people to really get your layout construction moving, lighting and more. This clinic was it is packed full of good ideas for a great layout experience!

"INTERESTING FLAT CAR LOADS"

presented by Rich Mahaney

This 45 – 60 minute presentation looked at a variety of “stuff” that is transported on flat cars by railroads. It answered the question: “do they really transport that “stuff” on flat cars for real”? It gave these modeler some ideas for their own flat car loads to build.

"JUNCTIONS, INTERCHANGES, AND DIAMONDS FOR YOUR MODEL RAILROAD"

presented by Rich Mahaney

This 60 minute presentation looked at real railroad junctions, interchanges, and diamonds and how they could be modeled by model railroaders. Their use allows more rail traffic, the use of other railroad equipment and some interesting operations. If a modeler likes a number of railroads, this is the solution to allow the many different railroads to operate on a layout. A variety of examples from different model railroads were shown as part of this presentation.

"DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT GATHERING"

Moderated by Fred Headon, MMR and Gerry Leone, MMR

This participatory gathering is for Division Superintendents or a Division's designated proxy and coverd two topics:

1. Retention of members (and recruitment of new members).
2. Communication with the region and national organizations

The moderators want to know from attendees what has worked and what hasn't for each of these topics.



"MODELING A GROCERY DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS"

presented by Douglas Harding

Western Grocer was one of the largest wholesale grocery distributors between Chicago and Denver 1901 – 1947. Based in Marshalltown, Iowa, they owned Marshall Canning with canning factories and pickle works located in several states. At warehouses in Iowa & Minnesota, they repackaged foods for their “Jack Sprat”, “Mayflower”, “Brown Beauty”, and other brand names. They were served by the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. The clinic looked at the grocery distribution business with suggestions on how to model the same.

"COMPUTERS IN MODEL RAILROADING"

presented by Dr. John A. Bate

Why would you want to connect a computer to a model railroad layout? There are a lot of reasons. If you use DCC, you've already connected computers to your layout. Probably a lot of them. Would you like wireless throttles? You can do that by just purchasing an interface that connects your PC or Laptop to the DCC system, software which allows the two to communicate and an old iPhone that will use an app and your WiFi network at home. Do you want

to program today's most complex DCC decoders with ease? Have a fully-functional signaling system? Use a USS-style dispatcher's console? Connect a computer to your railroad and you can do all these things and more.

"MEET THE PRESIDENT"

hosted by Charlie Getz, NMRA President

Members were given the opportunity to meet the President of the NMRA and ask him questions about direction, plans...anything on your mind.

"GRADE CROSSINGS I HAVE KNOWN"

presented by Fred Headon, MMR

As modelers interested in our prototype railways, we often use a grade crossing to safely observe these prototypes. When modeling these sites, the question should become, "Have all of the features that are present in the prototype been replicated?" We spend untold amounts of time detailing our locomotives, rolling stock, and structures. Similarly, we should detail the grade crossings themselves. The actual crossing can be made by using a great variety of materials, but that is only the bare beginning. Railways (and those darn roadway people) also introduce a great number of other features around crossings that we should consider in our modeling efforts. This Clinic looked at the details of the infrastructure found where our rails are crossed by roads at grade – details that are important highlights within our setting.



"CUSTOM DECALS FOR MODEL RR's"

presented by Dave Roeder, MMR



CUSTOM DECALS
FOR YOUR RAILROAD



DAVE ROEDER MMR



REQUIREMENTS:

Microsoft Office Professional 2013

Inkjet printer

Testors decal paper – clear and white 5.5 X 8.5

Krylon UV resistant gloss spray

Tools to cut and apply decals

Testors Model master Flat Acrylic

This presentation covered the design, printing, and application of custom decals for freight cars, locomotives, and vehicles. Tools, techniques, and tips with numerous slides were used to illustrate the wide variety of decals that can be produced with this technology.

“SCRATCH-BUILDING BOARD-BY-BOARD, AND MORE”

presented by Mike Engler, MMR

Mike demonstrated several ways of scratch-building structures using board-on-board construction, helping attendees develop some new modeling skills, including how to make forms and jigs for framing, what tools to use for graining and detailing strip wood; staining methods and materials using acrylic washes and rubbing alcohol and India Inks. Attendees learned multiple methods to achieve effects like aged-peeling paint, rust, and other weathering tricks. The great nail-hole controversy. He shared how to paint signs on wooden buildings, how to represent and weather several roofing types, as well as what materials and decorating materials to use. Mike discussed the great nail-hole controversy. Window treatment choices were reviewed as well as some great adhesives available that you may not have considered using.

“BRIDGES”

presented by John Hotvet, MMR

Did you ever wonder how engineers determine which type of bridge to use in a given location? We learned about the various types of bridges and their usage from a retired civil engineer who oversaw the bridge program for the City of Minneapolis for ten years. Slides from John's railfanning trips around the country illustrated the various examples throughout his presentation. Even if you don't care about bridges, most pictures did have trains in them.

“USING JMRI FOR OPERATIONS”

presented by Mark Juett

Over the course of many years, as many of us have become more interested in model railroad operations, several methods of car forwarding have been developed. Some have used colored tabs or thumb tacks placed on the cars to indicate to where they should be switched. But someone had to decide the routing and tabs on rolling stock was not very prototypical looking. Others have used a card with several destinations listed in sequence. As they reached each destination a colored pen was used to check off the destination and during the next operating session it would be forwarded to the next, and around and around the cars would go. Many have adopted the 4-cycle waybill system, but there are many cards to keep organized and the car completes the cycle in four sessions and is back at the original location. Several people have written software programs and some have been made available commercially. It takes a very long time to write your own software and some of the commercial products are no longer supported...so here's JMRI's approach.

“CREATING REALISTIC AND ENJOYABLE PASSENGER OPERATIONS”

presented by Drake Hokanson

Using the Lake Erie & Southern as a case study, this presentation took us through the creation of varied and realistic passenger trains, some intriguing switching options for them, and the making and use of easy and clear paperwork for their prototypical operations.

Vendor Area

Looking forward



Looking 45 degrees to the left



Looking left (at Layout seen on next page)

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Prototype Tours



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- Finally, a 3,000 plus foot conveyor to move the limestone to the surface

Friday afternoon

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad



miles without even crossing a road. Enjoy the Iowa scenery and realize that Iowa is not entirely flat lands.

The event was for all registered. A bus ride to the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad and the Iowa Railway Museum upon boarding the charter train we rode from Boone, IA to Fraser, IA through the Des Moines River Valley. This railroad is home to the Highest Interurban Bridge in the world. Once we departed Boone, we had several

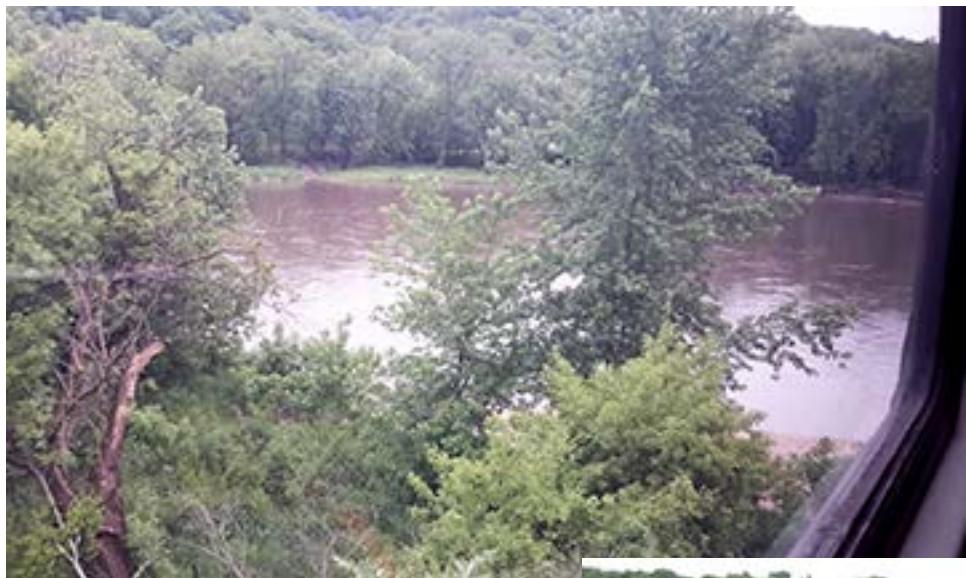
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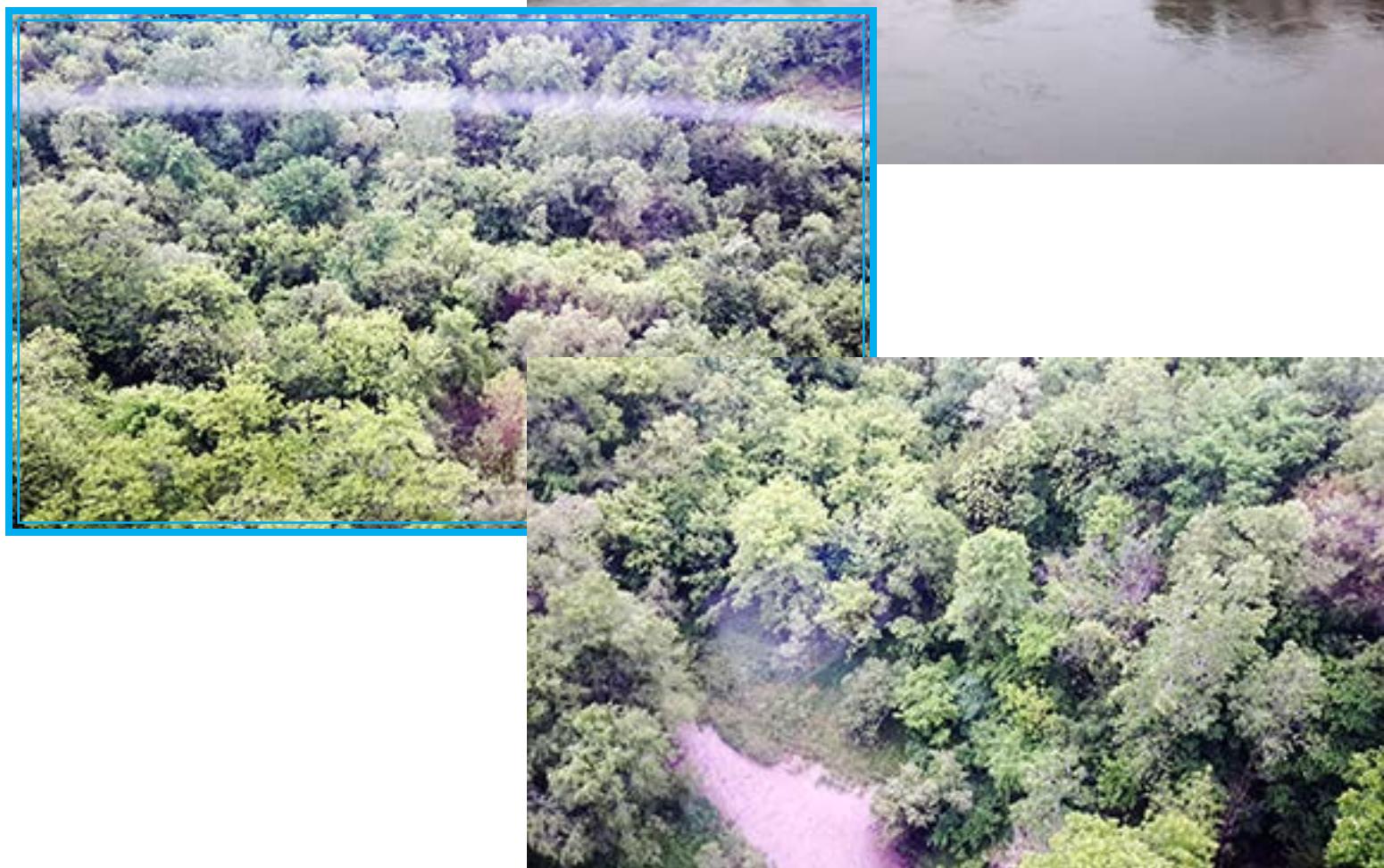
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After crossing the river, the rest of the trip paralleled the river.



Looking down into a valley from the highest single track trestle in the United States.





View of the lead of the train as we curve.



Contest Room Results

presented by **Ryan Moats, MMR #464**

Contest Results from the 2017 Joint Regional in Ames, IA

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Ryan Moats, MMR

DIESEL		
3 rd Place	Dave Roeder MMR	HO Plymouth 50 ton diesel switcher WG&F #786 - standard gauge
2 nd Place	Al Warren MMR	Chicago and North Western GP 35 #853
1 st Place	Al Warren MMR	Fort Dodge - Des Moines Line GE 70 Ton Diesel
FREIGHT CARS		
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	David Lowell	CIM #7070
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Jon Marx	Peter Piper Pickle Packer NG Pickle Car
3 rd Place	Jon Marx	Sandusky and Columbus Short Line Wood Gondola
2 nd Place	Jon Marx	1905 Big Four Wood Gondola
1 st Place	Dean Smith	ET&WNC Hopper #12
NON-REVENUE CARS		
3 rd Place	Dave Roeder MMR	CHTX 8 - 250 ton crane - Colossal Transport Solutions
2 nd Place	Mike Engler MMR	Welding Car
1 st Place	Larry Diehl	Work Caboose with oil tank BR&BPRR #8
CABOOSE		
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	John Hotvet MMR	SR&RL Caboose 551 in On2
3 rd Place	David Lowell	CIM 34
2 nd Place	Larry Diehl	Transfer Caboose BR&BPRR #7
1 st Place	Dave Roeder MMR	HO Caboose Webster Groves & Fenton # 4005
PASSENGER CARS		
2 nd Place	Dave Roeder MMR	PPCX 800490 Passenger Car - two tone green
1 st Place	Brad Slone MMR	Combine #203
STRUCTURES		
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Al Warren MMR	Rock Island Station
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Todd Summers	KinZua Valley Stockyard Repair Day
3 rd Place	David Lowell	Avenue Tower
2 nd Place	Dave Roeder MMR	1955 Towboat - Mississippi river - HO scale
1 st Place	Mike Engler MMR	"O" Scale Gas Station

RAILROAD PASS

2 nd Place	Ryan Moats MMR	Colorado Central Rail Road Pass #102
1 st Place	Ryan Moats MMR	Blackhawk and Central City Rail Road Pass #81

DISPLAYS

3 rd Place	Larry Diehl	Ideal Hosiery
2 nd Place	Larry Diehl	Bitterroot Station
1 st Place	Mike Engler MMR	Renner City Mine

COLOR MODEL PHOTOGRAPHS

3 rd Place	Gerry Leone MMR	#25 Enters Mill Creek
2 nd Place	Don Morice	#2608 on the mainline
1 st Place	Gerry Leone MMR	#25 switches Pierce

BLACK AND WHITE PROTOTYPE PHOTOGRAPHS

3 rd Place	Don Morice	CB&Q #4960 at Speed
2 nd Place	Larry Alfred MMR	Sentinel
1 st Place	Gordy Miller	Sierra RR Roundhouse

COLOR PROTOTYPE PHOTOGRAPHS

<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Larry Leavens	CP #8559
3 rd Place	Larry Leavens	Loading Grain at Louis Dreyfus
2 nd Place	Larry Leavens	HLCX #7193
1 st Place	Don Morice	Rio Grande photo freight at Labato Trestle

SWITCHING CONTEST

Brakeman	Andrew Merkel	
Light Iron	Dean Smith	ET&WNC Hopper #12
	Jock Olivant	
Entry 39	Mike Engler MMR	O'Neill's Fabrications HO

BEST IN SHOW (PHOTO)

Photo 49	Larry Leavens	CP #3027
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BEST IN SHOW (MODEL)

Entry 39	Mike Engler MMR	O'Neill's Fabrications HO
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Contest Room Results

presented by **Ryan Moats, MMR #464**

Contest Results from the 2017 Joint Regional in Ames, IA

DIESEL



3rd Place Dave Roeder MMR HO Plymouth 50 ton diesel switcher WG&F #786 - standard gauge



2nd Place Al Warren MMR Chicago and North Western GP 35 #853

Photography courtesy of
Ryan Moats, MMR



1st Place

Al Warren MMR

Fort Dodge - Des Moines Line GE 70 Ton Diesel

FREIGHT CARS



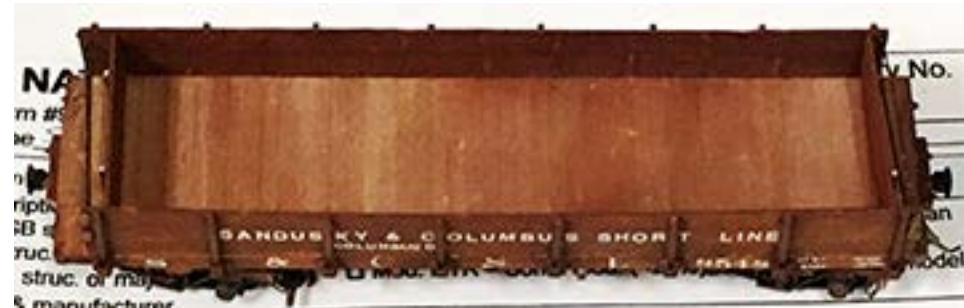
Honorable Mention David Lowell

CIM #7070



Honorable Mention Jon Marx

Peter Piper Pickle Packer NG Pickle Car



3rd Place

Jon Marx

Sandusky and Columbus Short Line Wood Gondola



2nd Place

Jon Marx

1905 Big Four Wood Gondola



1st Place

Dean Smith

ET&WNC Hopper #12

NON-REVENUE CARS



3rd Place

Dave Roeder MMR

CHTX 8 - 250 ton crane - Colossal Transport Solutions

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2nd Place

Mike Engler MMR

Welding Car



1st Place

Larry Diehl

Work Caboose with oil tank BR&BP RR #8

CABOOSE



Honorable Mention

John Hotvet MMR

SR&RL Caboose 551 in On2



3rd Place

David Lowell

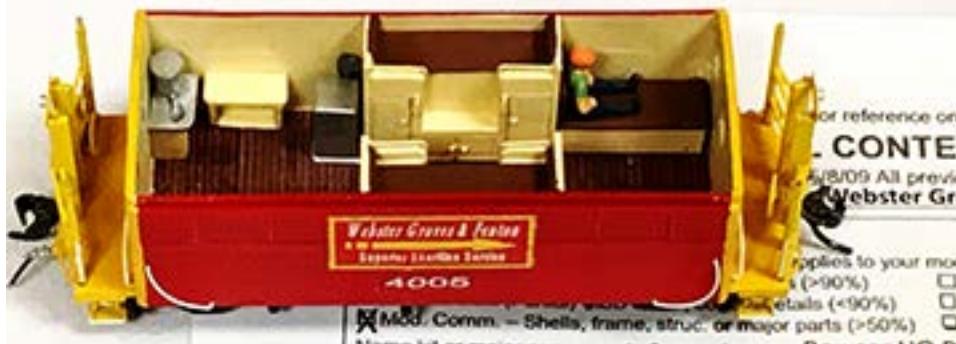
CIM 34



2nd Place

Larry Diehl

Transfer Caboose BR&BP RR #7



1st Place

Dave Roeder MMR

HO Caboose Webster Groves & Fenton # 4005

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PASSENGER CARS



2nd Place

Dave Roeder MMR

PPCX 800490 Passenger Car - two tone green

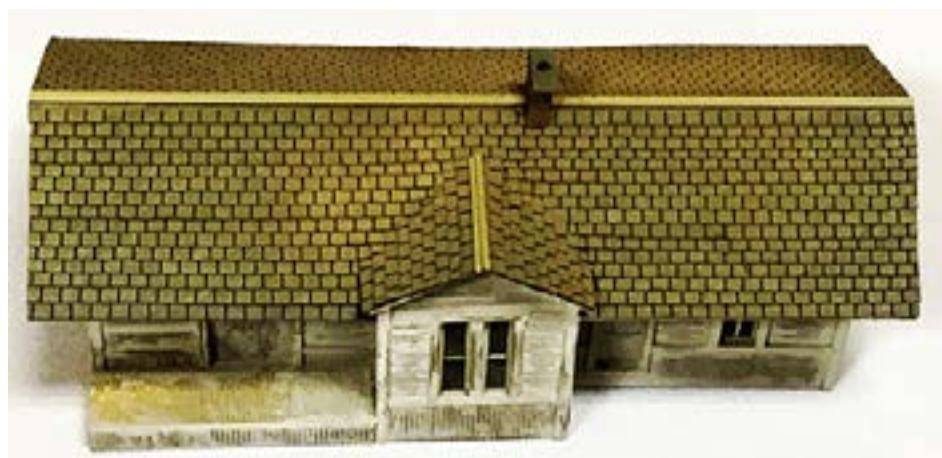


1st Place

Brad Sloane MMR

Combine #203

STRUCTURES



Honorable Mention

Al Warren MMR

Rock Island Station



Honorable Mention

Todd Summers

KinZua Valley Stockyard Repair Day

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3rd Place

David Lowell

Avenue Tower



2nd Place

Dave Roeder MMR

1955 Towboat - Mississippi river - HO scale



1st Place

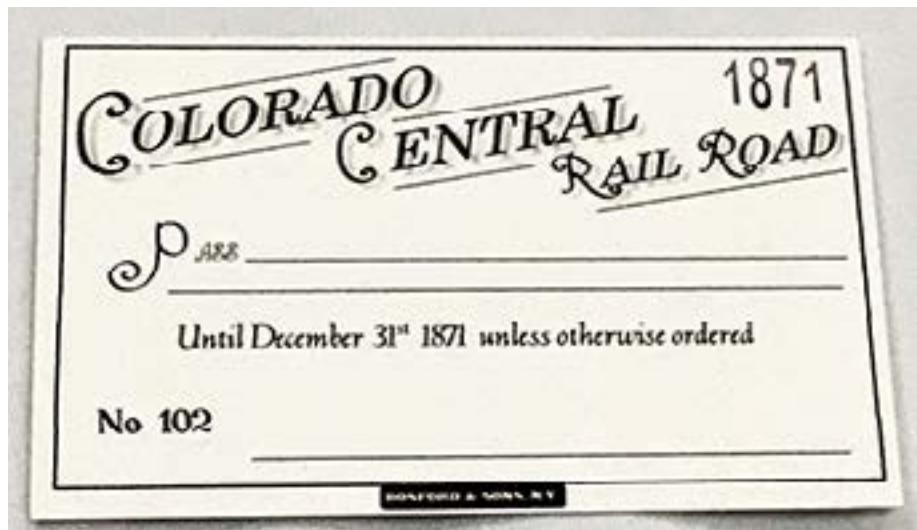
Mike Engler MMR

"O" Scale Gas Station

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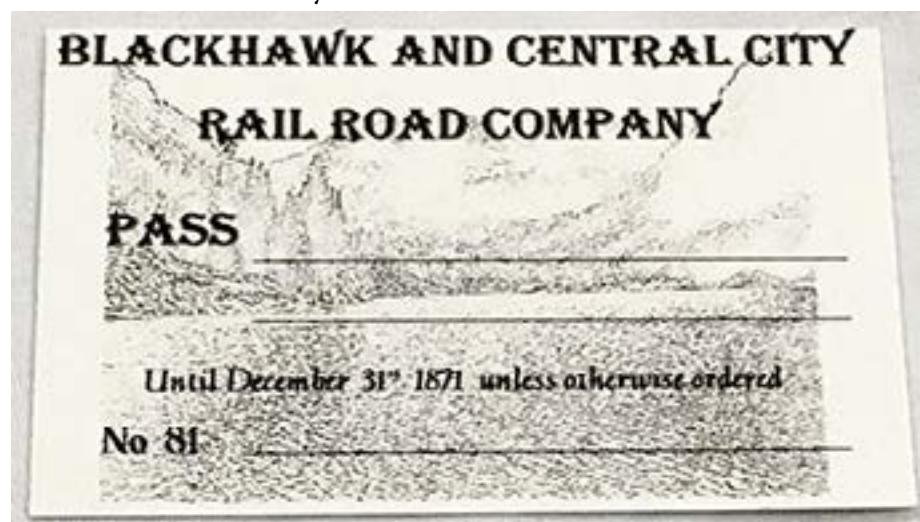
RAILROAD PASS



2nd Place

Ryan Moats MMR

Colorado Central Rail Road Pass #102



1st Place

Ryan Moats MMR

and Central City Rail Road Pass #81

DISPLAYS



3rd Place

Larry Diehl

Ideal

Hosiery



2nd Place

Larry Diehl

Bitterroot Station

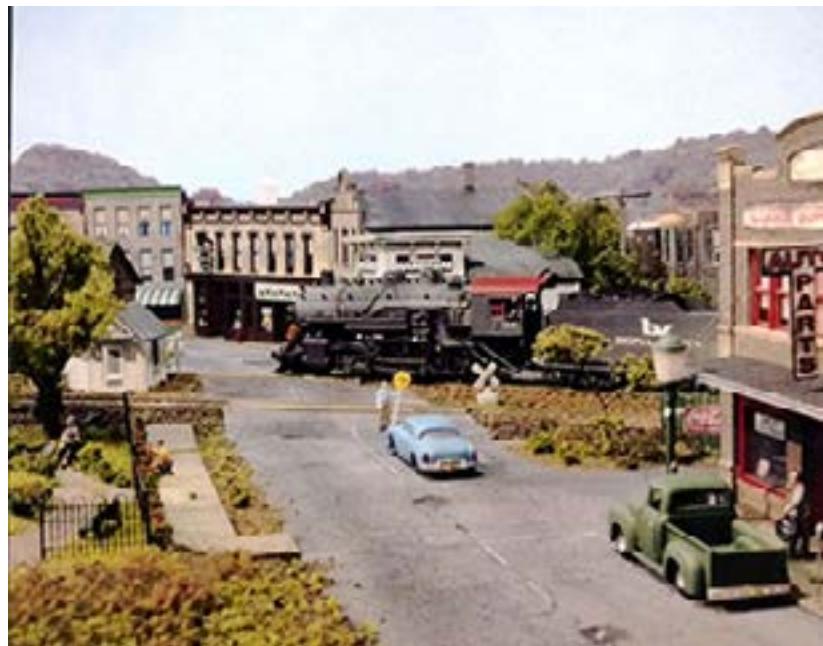


1st Place

Mike Engler MMR

Renner City Mine

COLOR MODEL PHOTOGRAPHS



3rd Place

Gerry Leone MMR

#25 Enters Mill Creek



2nd Place

Don Morice

#2608 on the mainline



1st Place

Gerry Leone MMR #25 switches Pierce

BLACK AND WHITE PROTOTYPE PHOTOGRAPHS



3rd Place

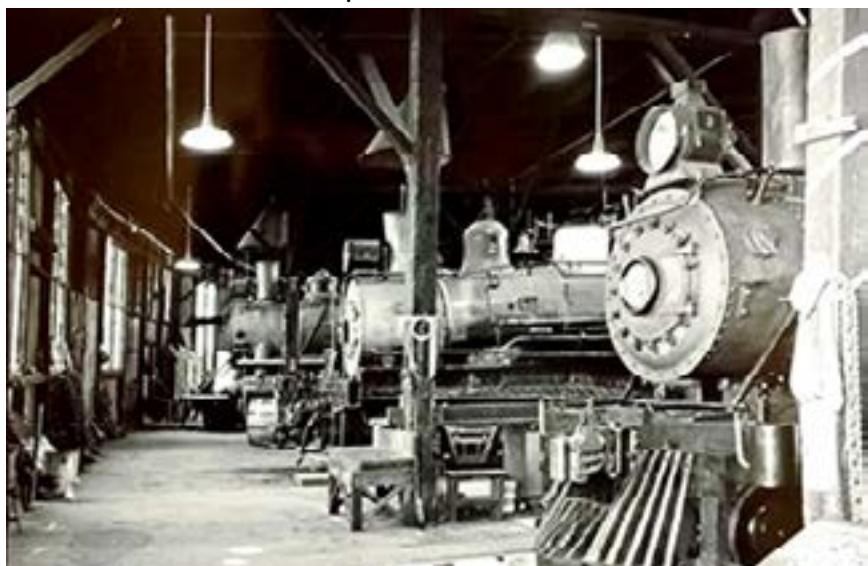
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2nd Place

Larry Alfred MMR

Sentinel



1st Place

Gordy Miller

Sierra RR Roundhouse

COLOR PROTOTYPE PHOTOGRAPHS



Honorable Mention Larry Leavens

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3rd Place

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Loading Grain at Louis Dreyfus



2nd Place

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Light Iron

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Jock Olivant

Mike Engler MMR

O'Neill's Fabrications HO



BEST IN SHOW (PHOTO)

Larry Leavens

CP #3027



BEST IN SHOW (MODEL)

Mike Engler MMR

O'Neill's Fabrications HO



ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET

Saturday, May 20th

Story by David Heinsohn, Director
Kansas Central Division, NMRA

Each year at the banquet held during the Annual convention, the Mid-Continent Region presents three awards. This years award winners and a brief description of the award and the winner's accomplishments are noted below. Award descriptions are taken from the regions' website, http://www.MCoR-NMRA.org/region/MCoR_Awards.php. Each year the region needs input from members from all over for those worthy of each award. The award selection is made by the last three awardees for the Larry Long and Kenny Cline Awards. And by the Region President for the Kenny Johns Award.

LARRY LONG AWARD



Emcee from Thousand Lakes Division handing the microphone over to Robert Simmons, Vice-President Mid-Continent Region of the NMRA



This award is given by the last three recipients, in recognition of Larry Long, who served as President from 1991-1993, and is best known for his Imagineering Clinics done with Pat Harriman.

This award was envisioned to recognize the individual who has contributed to the hobby by encouraging us to remember that Model Railroading is Fun. It is presented to an individual who is known for doing outstanding and entertaining clinics, doing some of the things that promoted the Imagineering Clinics, or involving member and nonmembers in fun modeling activities.



This year's recipient is **David Heinsohn**.

Robert Simmons, the 2016 awardee made the presentation and noted the following characteristics that caused the committee to select David. David and his wife Chris bring their shelf switching layout to train shows for the purpose of getting young people and their parents hands on experience in operating a model railroad and when appropriate introducing them to basic switching. Additionally, Robert pointed out David's willingness to "roll up his sleeves" and help

others. The specific reference was to David helping Robert set up his train show layout.

KENNY CLINE AWARD

Kenny Cline served as Secretary/Treasurer for several terms, as Vice-president for 1 two year term (1977 & 1978) and served as President for one year term (1979) before passing away while in office. Allan Pollock, his Vice-president, completed his uncompleted term.

Screen captures courtesy of
David Heinsohn's (video of the event)
Director, Kansas Central Division within MCoR
NMRA

The highest award that the Mid Continent Region can bestow upon an individual is that of the **KEN CLINE AWARD**. This award, established by the MCoR Board Of Directors in June of 1981, is given annually to someone in recognition of service to the Region, the NMRA, and the hobby in general.

This year's recipient is **Brad Sloane**.

Larry Gulick, the 2016 awardee made the presentation and noted the following characteristics that caused the committee to select him. Brad earned his MMR in 2010 and continues to serve the NMRA and region in various ways. He is a member of the region board of directors representing his division. Brad has taken on the job of region secretary to fill a void left by the unexpected retirement of the previous secretary. Brad honchoed the 2015 region convention in Jefferson City. One of his goals was



to encourage more young people to attend the train show. [An author's note: Not mentioned in the award announcement, Brad is the auctioneer at the fund raising auction held each year at the region convention. His sense of humor comes through each year.]

Larry Gulick, Brad Sloane, and Ryan Moats.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: K.B. (KENNY) JOHNS AWARD

This award is given by the President of MCoR, in recognition of outstanding service to the Mid-Continent Region and to the Hobby of Model Railroading.

K.B. "Kenny" John was a charter member of the Mid-Continent Region. He was an active participant of every Region Convention from 1949 until his passing in 1963.

He was the builder of the Fern Mountain Model Railroad in St. Joseph, MO, which served as the unofficial meeting place and "club" layout for local modelers around St. Joseph.

This year's awardee is **Robert "Bob" Folkmann**.



The Mid-Continent Region President, Henry (Hank) Kraichely, made the presentation and noted the following characteristics that caused him to select Bob. He is currently serving his third term as region treasurer. Bob has been an a key organizer for several Boy Scout Camporees aimed at helping boys complete the Railroading Merit Badge. These camporees have in some years seen over 1000 boys complete the requirements for the Railroading Merit Badge.



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Whit Johnson, MCoR Convention Chair

“Oh, you sweet talker, Betty Crocker!”

by

Alan A. Aagaard



INTENTIONALLY all decked out in my:

- NMRA hat (with Logo) (turned backward as I had been taking photos with my 35mm sized SLR digital camera and the bill collides with the camera body)

- NMRA shirt (with Logo)

- NMRA name tag (with Logo)

(...details later in the story...)

“Chisholm Trail Division” members pictured from Left to Right: Rob Neises, Superintendent; Gene Bowers, Assistant Editor of our Division Newsletter “**Trails, Rails, and Tales**” (in his Stetson); and Alan Aagaard, Editor of both “**Trails, Rails, and Tales**” plus our MCoR publication the “**Caboose Kibitzer**”

It has been years since a passenger train made a stop in Wichita, KS. But, Amtrak will make a “test stop” the morning of June 9, 2017. Currently, Wichita is one of just a few large cities without passenger train service.

The event aimed to give Wichita a taste of what passenger service would be like. The train stopped at Union Station at Noon. A new route between Oklahoma City and Newton would connect two existing lines - the “Southwest Chief”, which travels from Los Angeles to Chicago, and the “Heartland Flyer” which runs to Fort Worth.

Amtrak is studying the possibilities of including Wichita service to their regular routes.

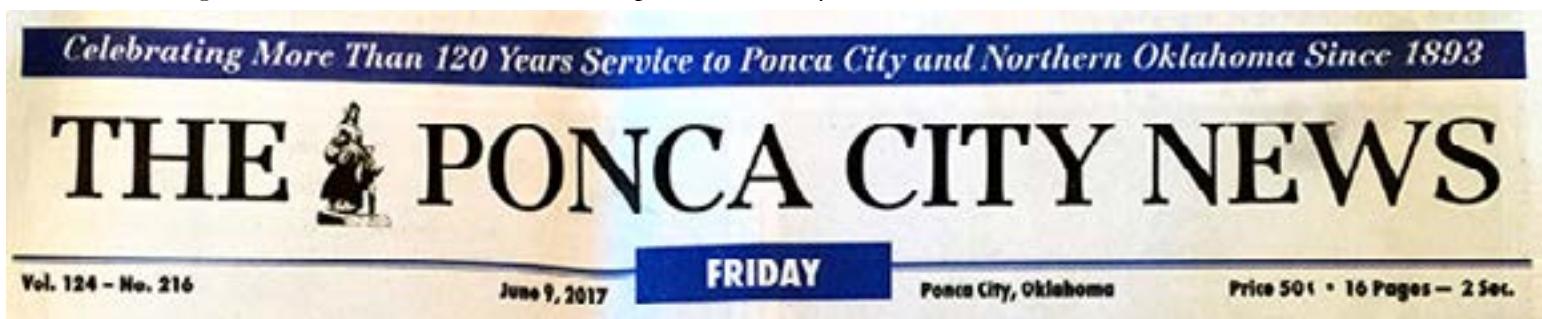


There will be a test stop today in Arkansas City as well. Andrew Lawson, a spokesperson for Arkansas City, said a route like this would provide an easier option for those traveling to Oklahoma... "It provides an opportunity to go to the bigger metro areas and do shopping and entertainment and come back in a day," said Lawson. "Ya know we have a lot of Oklahoma Sooners fans in town, they could just go down to Oklahoma City for a football game and come back on the same day."

Ark City officials said, not only would this new route provide citizens an easier opportunity to travel, but would hopefully also bring new tourism to Ark City for those passing through. City officials from Wichita, Newton, and Ark City will be on the train.

The train stopped in Ark City at 10:30 that morning.

Prior to crossing into Kansas, the train made a stop in Ponca City, OK.



Legible details of the Front Page
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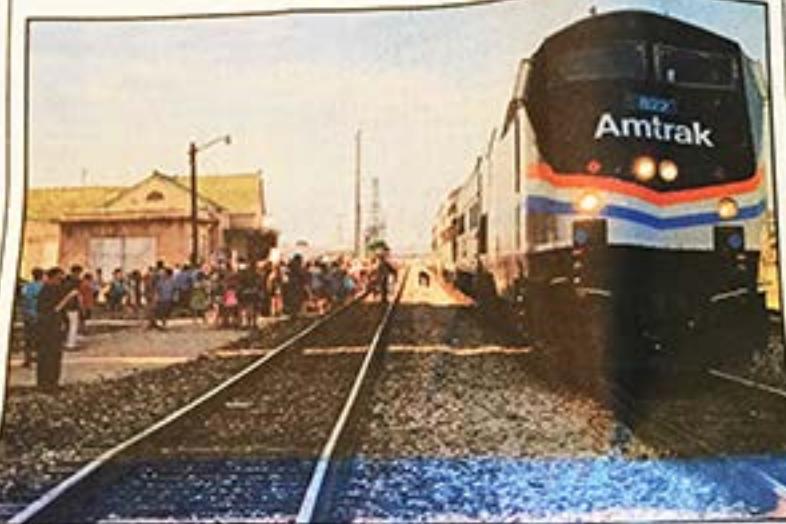
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Amtrak Train Makes Stop



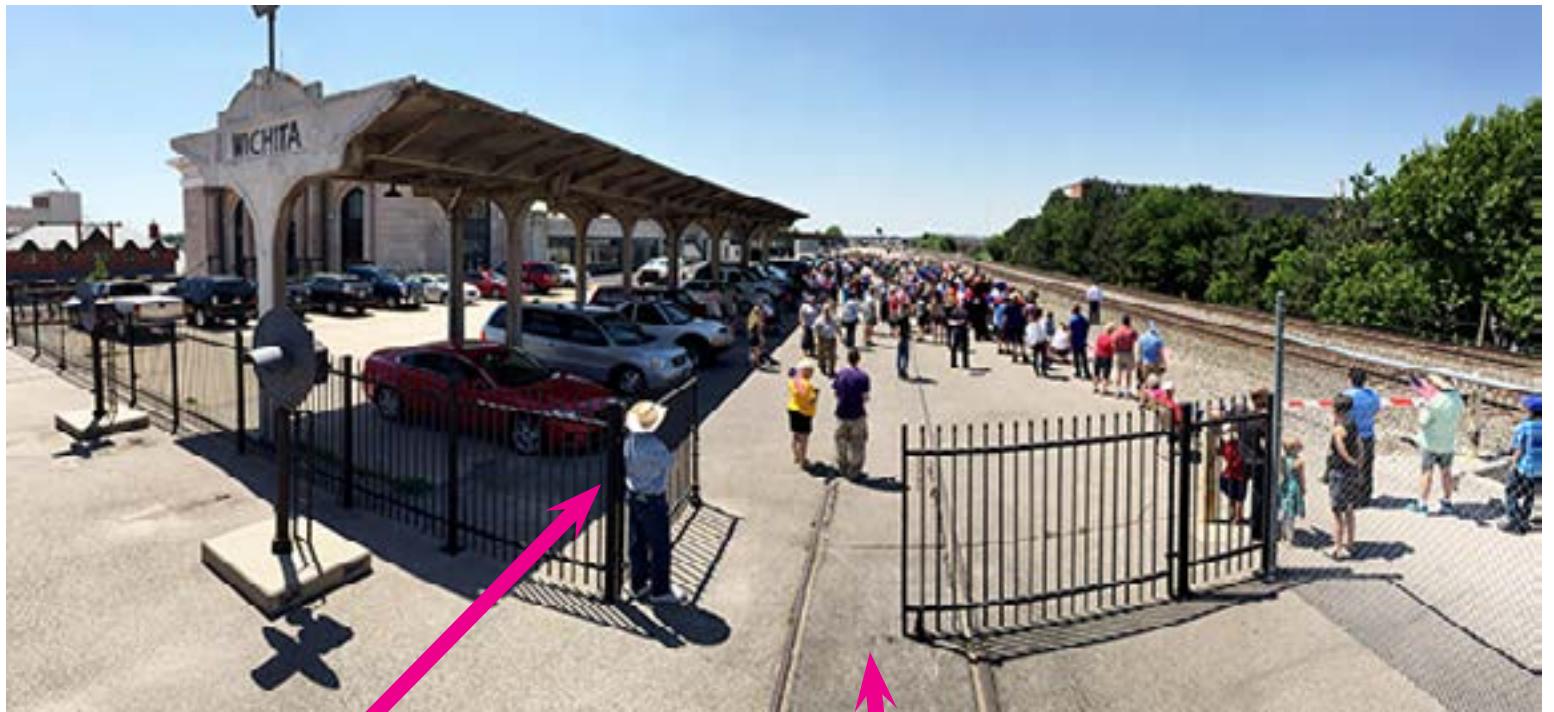
WELL WISHERS greet the special inspection run of an Amtrak passenger train as it made a short stop today in Ponca City before it continued north to Wichita, Newton and Kansas City, Kan. Backers are seeking to extend further northward existing train service which presently runs from Fort Worth, Texas to Oklahoma City, by adding stops in Perry, Ponca City and up into Kansas so that riders may connect to east-west routes and other connections. (News Photo by Rolf Clements)



A LARGE CROWD gathered Friday morning at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Depot during a city-to-city Amtrak tour. (News Photo by Louise Abercrombie)

This special train originated in Oklahoma City, OK and travelled to Guthrie, OK (the first territorial Capital of OK). From there its next stop was in Ponca City, OK where it was well received by the public and government officials.





...ah, there's Gene and his Stetson once again...

Dr. Aagaard was perched in the middle of the Santa Fe within the Great Plains Transportation Museum to capture the crowd photo and several others which follow



To my left on the deck of the Santa Fe, patiently awaiting the arrival of the Amtrack Special Passenger train was Michael A. Martin (the father of Matt Martin). Both father and son were active last year (in this very same spot) during the 2016 - 36th annual Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Convention



Various views of Union Station (Wichita, KS)





Our first sighting of the Amtrack Special



*and it kept getting closer,
and closer,
and finally arrived.*





Some “panorama errors” are worthy
of being published...



The crowd enjoying the speeches being given by the dignataries present. In this photo the Mayor of Wichita (blue sleeve) was speaking to the crowd.



"Old-School" (cut-and-Paste) panorama showing the original depot coverings on the left (and from page 53)



Young and Old enjoying the event



...and now comes the explanation of the title of this article...

As your editor had worked his way to the “front of the line” and asked if it was at all possible to get on the train for an article for our national (after all it’s an “NMRA”) publication; I was told that since I was not on the “official list” I was not allowed to board.

Well, being **EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED**, I “faded” back into the crowd. As luck would have it, I began speaking to “Executive Chef” Will Johnson (seen below on the left) about this and that...He noticed all my “LOGOS” and my impressive looking camera gear (LOL) and asked why I was present. We were still visiting about NMRA and Amtrack when the Locomotive Crew blew the THIRD of 3 whistles to get moving (in order to stay on their time schedule). When the words **“Well, my life-long friend, Alan...you'd better climb on-board! and start your photo-documentary for your National Organization's publication”**

and I proceeded to scamper aboard the Dome Liner and was followed immediately by Chef Will, Ken, and Conductor Morales (photographed from left to right in the photo on the left) with the step-stool in hand. and the train was moving before all was “secured”.



“Oh, you Betty sweet talker!”

The train was moving, as we passed the Great Plains Transportation Museum (here in Wichita); just barely snapping the photo (right) of the Caboose.

...oh, I'd better call Gene on my cell phone and tell him that I'm on board, and oh, by the way, would he please drive to Newton and meet the train, so I'd be able to get back to Wichita...

LOL - WOW, what a

Wonderful Friend, Thank You, Gene!!!

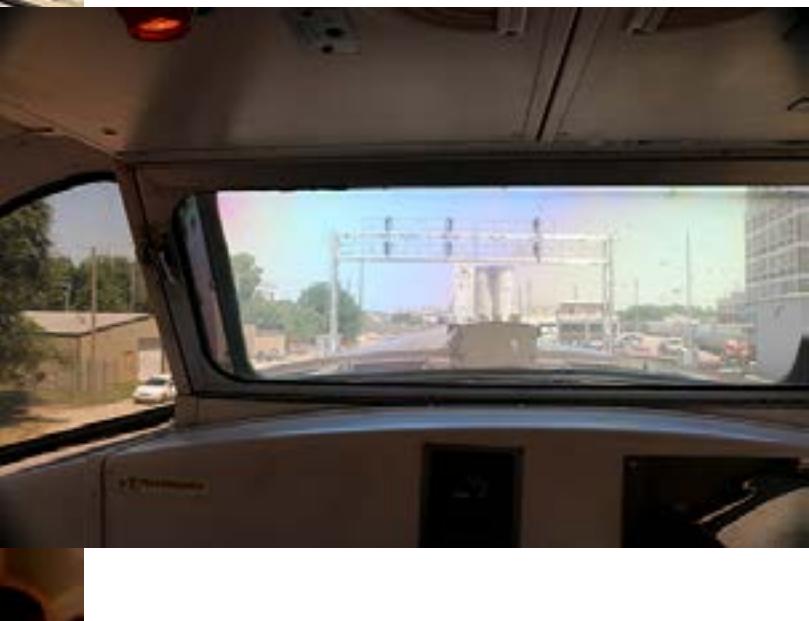


...and this INCREDIBLE journey began...(please proceed to the next several pages)....views from the Dome Car as we travelled North on the "Elevated" portions of track through downtown Wichita.

Via Christi St. Francis Hospital is off to the left of the top photo



Now approaching the signal towers as we descend to ground level near 17th Street North



On Ground level passing silos between 19th and 21st street crossings.

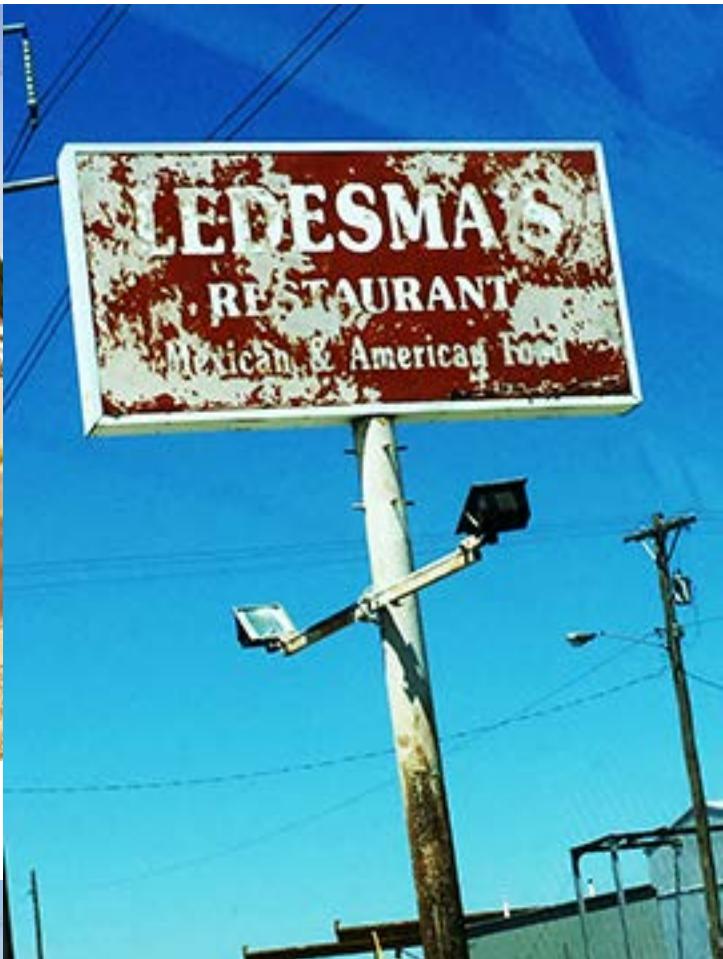


...approaching the 21st Street crossing (Notice the orange/rust colored triangular shaped building on the left).

...the lead of our train has just cleared under the next signal tower just north of the 21st Street crossing just across Broadway near Connie's Mexican Restaurant (changing the signals).



...approaching the 25th Street crossing on Broadway --- notice the stacks of old (removed) ties as the roadbed is being improved through the North Yards.



...near 33rd Street, is my most favorite Mexican-American Restaurant - LaDesma's





During our Travels northward, many governmental dignataries were discussing and documenting their travel experiences using their cell phones and/or pad and pencils - we are crossing the Arkansas River.

Story and Photography courtesy of
Dr. Alan A. Aagaard, Editor of both
“Trails, Rails, and Tales”
plus our MCoR publication the
“Caboose Kibitzer”
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What a joy it was to encounter one of my previous University students as a Wichita Government dignitary and then one of my Patrons from Music Theatre Wichita Jane B. and her grand children...all seeming to be enjoying themselves.





Next, as luck would have it, I was invited on a personally guided tour of the train by **Mr. Knox Ross**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Mississippi Commissioner
(eMail KnoxRoss@gMail.com)
(<http://www.SouthernRailCommission.org>)

Our first stop was the Conference Table area complete with a large screen TV with the image/view from the rear “Observation Car”. That wall was also part of the enclosure for my “Life-Long” Friend Will Johnson, the Executive Chef’s kitchen.

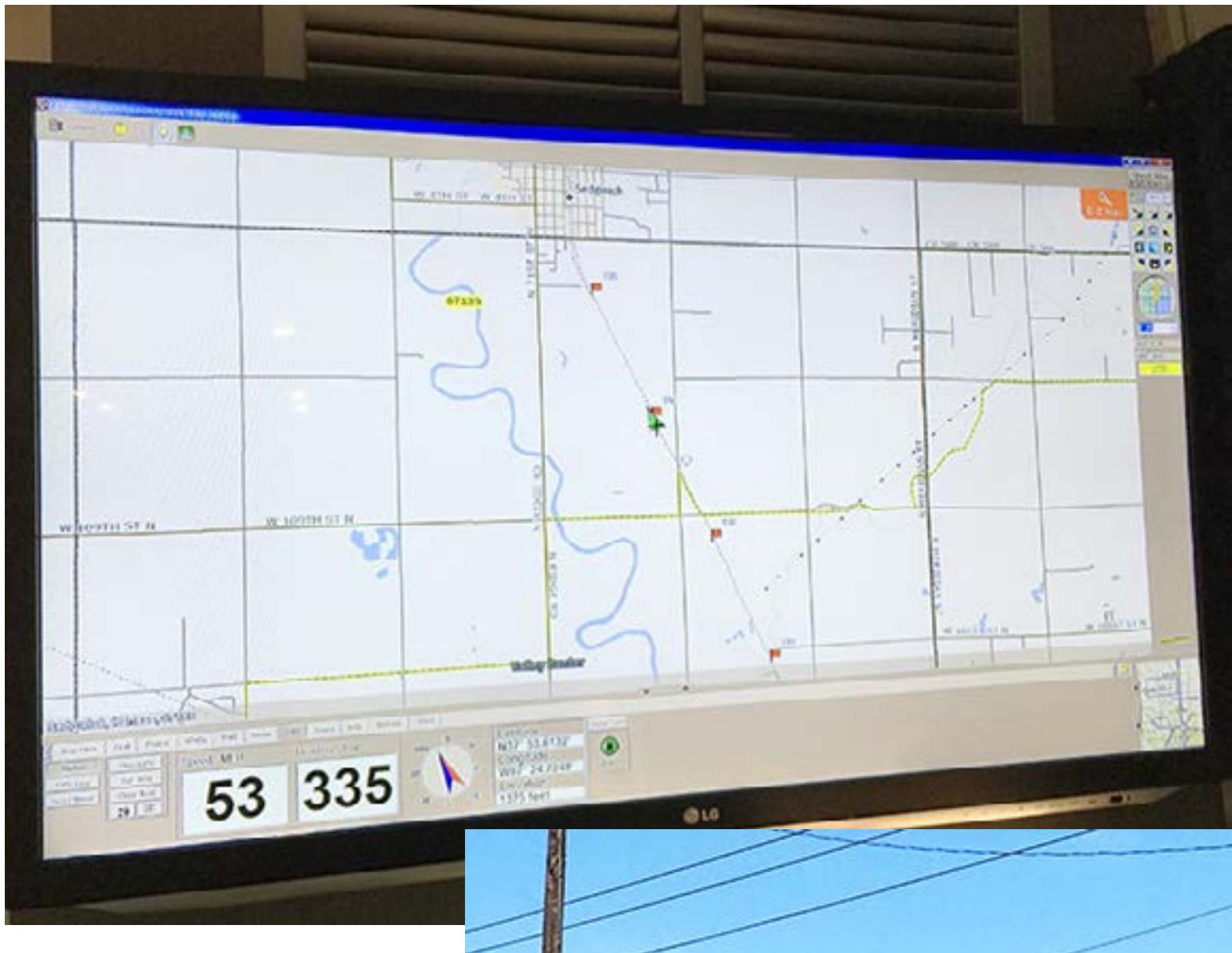


Just rounding the partition/kitchen here is the view out the back of the “Observation Car” at the rear of the train.

Please, note Nick, the “attendant” serving folks from Chef Will’s kitchen as he climbs up the stairs.

Again, large screen TV’s showing the view and also a large “ACTIVE” image of our position provided by on-board GPS.

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OKAY, folks, here we are in the “Observation Car” ~ Notice they are in “Stadium Seating” and Nick is ascending the stairs to serve food, drink, and snacks to the dignitaries.

Also, those in this area are treated to a wonderful view out the tinted glass end of the train, plus they, too have the large screen Monitors for their entertainment pleasure.



Truly, a spectacular view (notice also the two laptop computers {in silhouette} near the base of the photo...yes, the train even was equipped with "WIFI".



Here are a couple of Chef Will's Amtrack cookies

Further exploration of the train took me to the front and the crew's quarters, complete with "RailTime" in all four time zones.



Then upon returning to our Dome Car, and being a California Kid, I was tickled by the actual name of



our Car..."Ocean View".

Well, after my wonderful tour of the train, I returned to "my Place" on the train only to find that one of the Local Wichita TV (NBC affiliate) station was interviewing Mr. Pete Meitzner, Wichita City Council person from District 11.

So...??? well if you look closely, they are using my NMRA hat to hold up their microphone for the interview...LOL

Now, we are at the end of our journey in Newton, KS. Upon entering the Newton Yards, we pass a “Slug or Calf” sitting (idling).



then moments later two more locomotives... just feet from their turntable adjacent their service facilities.



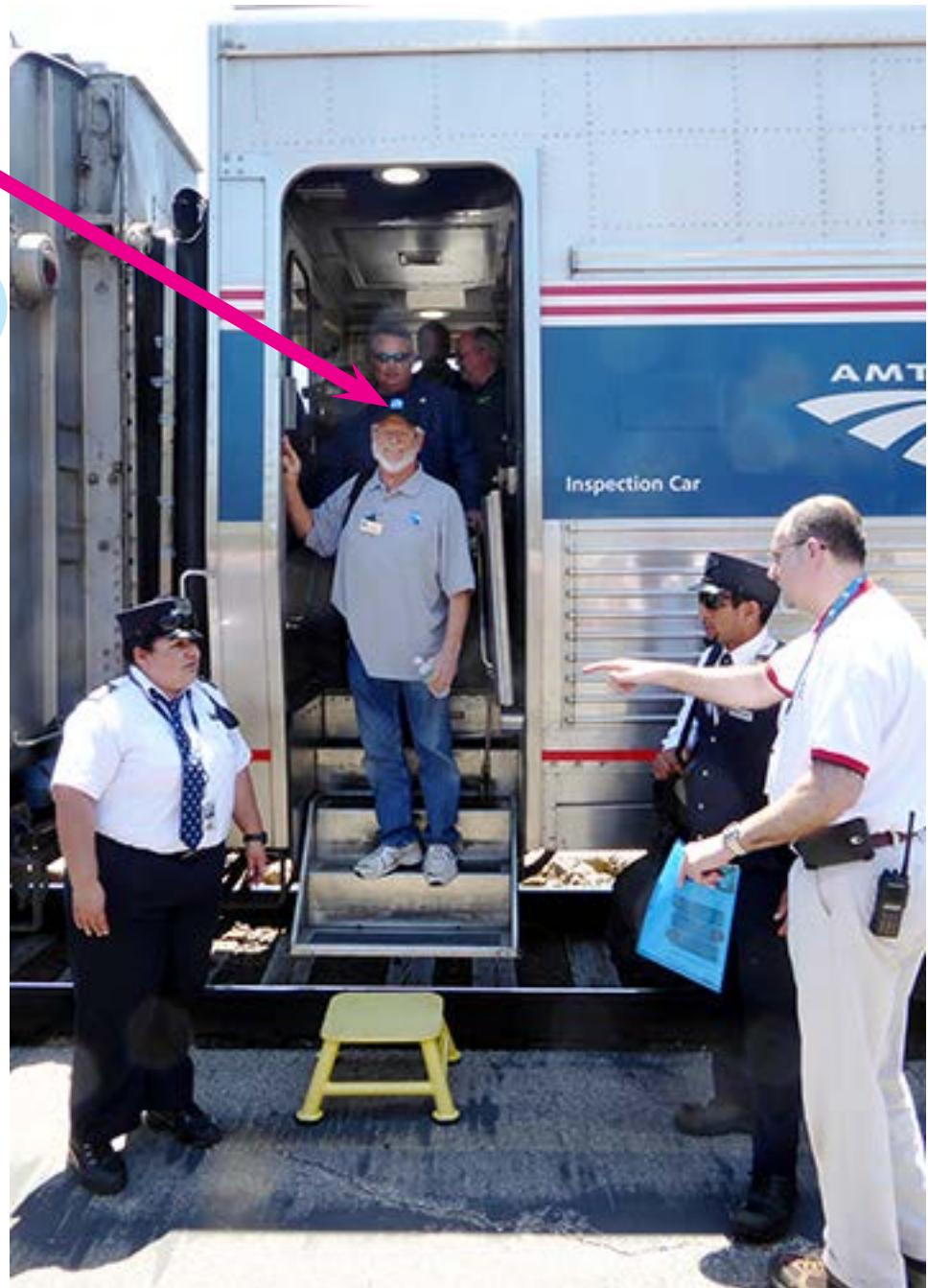


Here was the last view from the Dome Car as we come to a stop just outside the station.

Now, departing from his wonderful experience, **Alan Aagaard**, with his NMRA hat on properly.

Photo Courtesy of David Heinsohn,
Director, Kansas Central Division of
the NMRA.

...and let's not forget about Conductor
Ms. Morales





The crowds in Newton, KS were both supportive and enthusiastic.

Photo Courtesy of David Heinsohn, Director, Kansas Central Division of the NMRA.



(top photo) Train employees anticipating the arrival of "our Special Train" about to arrive at the station platform in Newton, KS - Conductor in middle of photo.



Amtrak Inspection train arriving in Newton, KS

These photos are courtesy of Randy Stuckey, Secretary,
Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA

Front of Inspection train - entire consist:
Amtrak P40 #822;
Amtrak passenger car (Crew Quarters);
Viewliner passenger car;
Fulllength dome car (the "Ocean View");
and Viewliner inspection car.

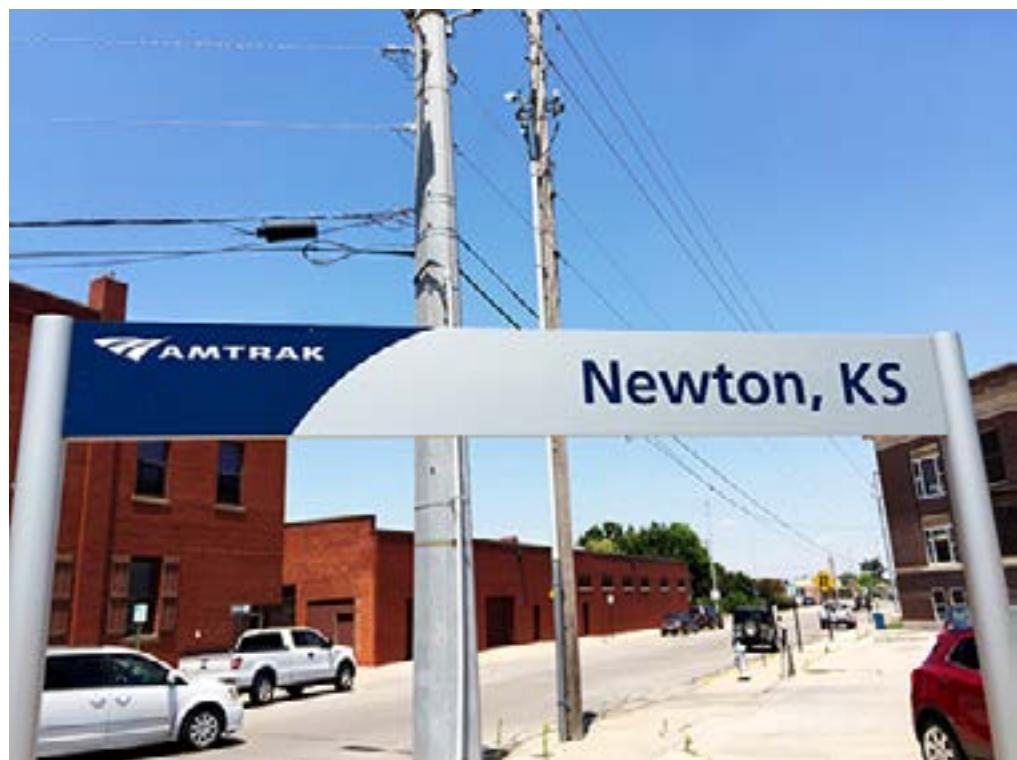




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Here you see the “Observation Car” at the end of the train. Also notice the location of the video camera which was providing all the video feed during our ride.



Dome Lounge 1000+



"Photo-Ops" were plentiful and the entire crew was extremely well suited for such a "PR run".

The crew claimed their "Home Base" was that of our Nation's Capital - Washington, D.C.

I, for one, wish to thank them all for their warm and cordial demeanor.





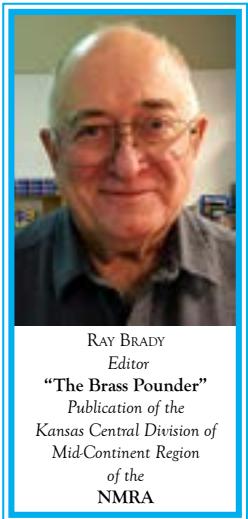
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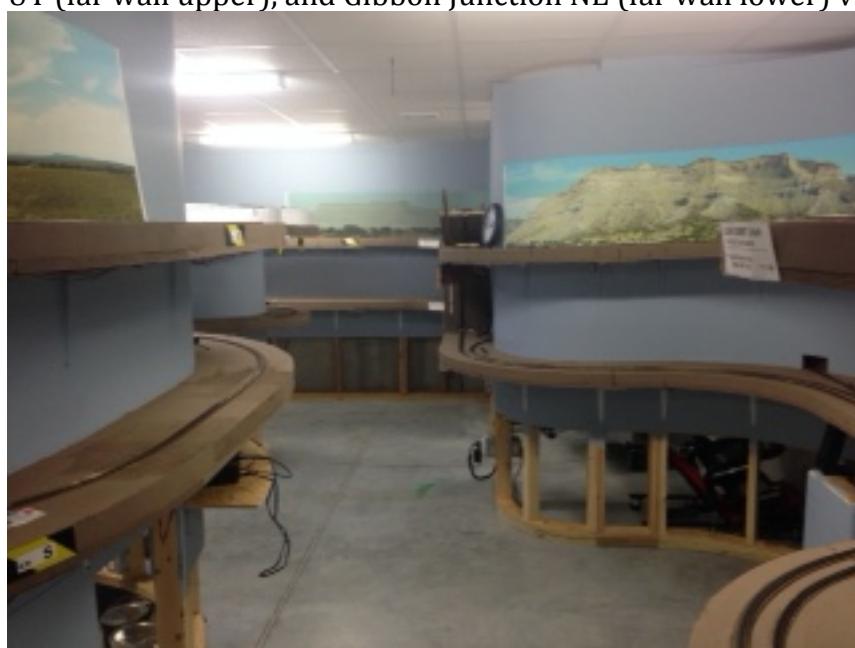
...ah, a Joint Venture between two “NMRA Divisions” within the State of Kansas (the Kansas Central Division and the Chisholm Trail Division

NMRA Meeting at Ray Brady's 6/11/16 1:00PM

Below: View as you enter the layout room with Ogden UT yard (near top left), Soldier Summit UT (near top right), and Salina KS (far distant bottom left) visible.

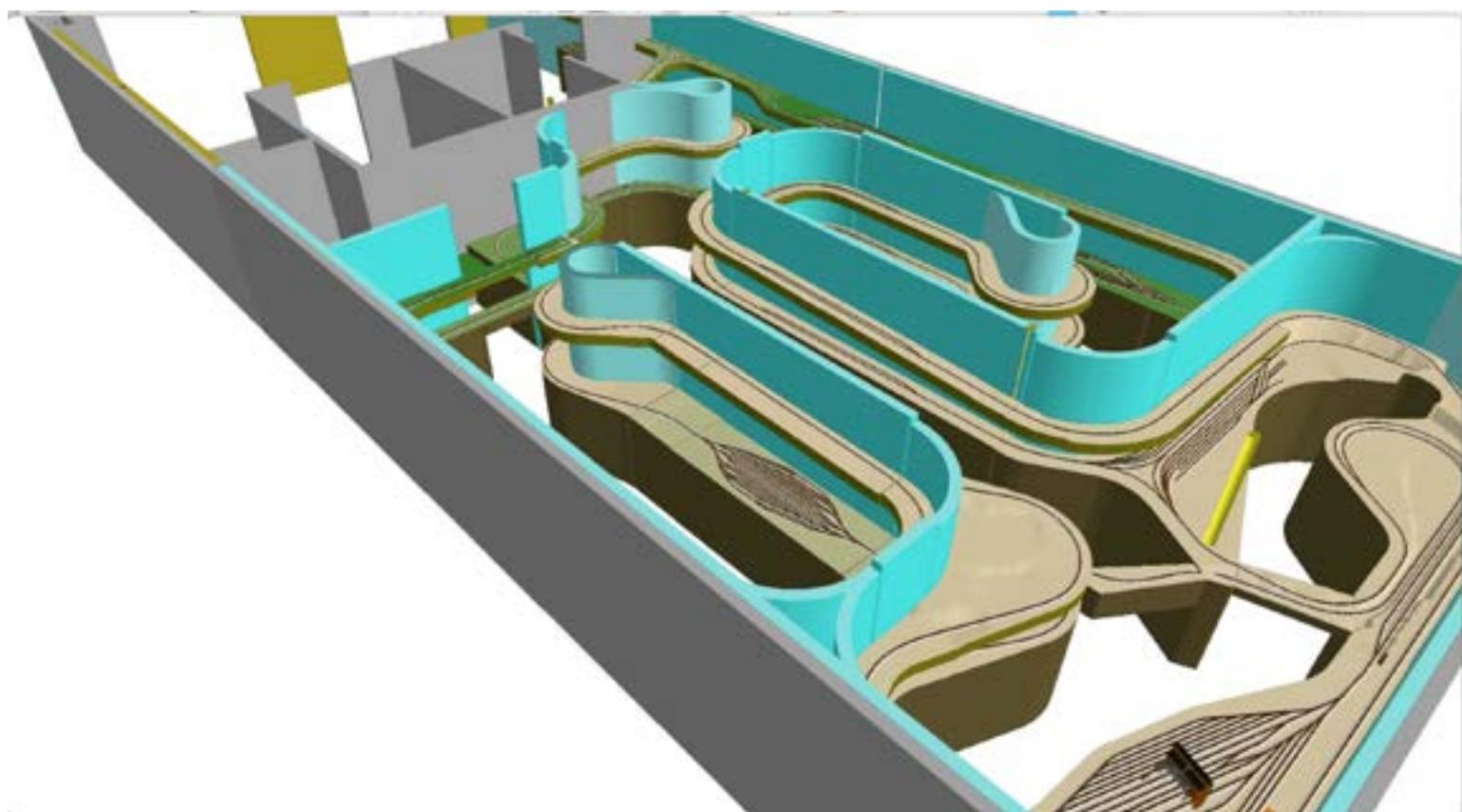
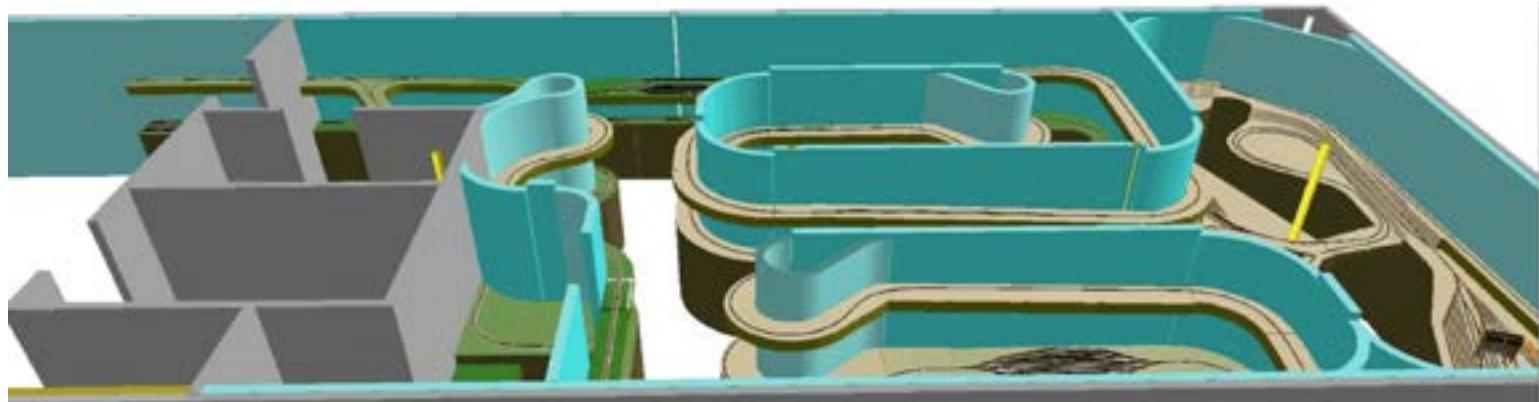


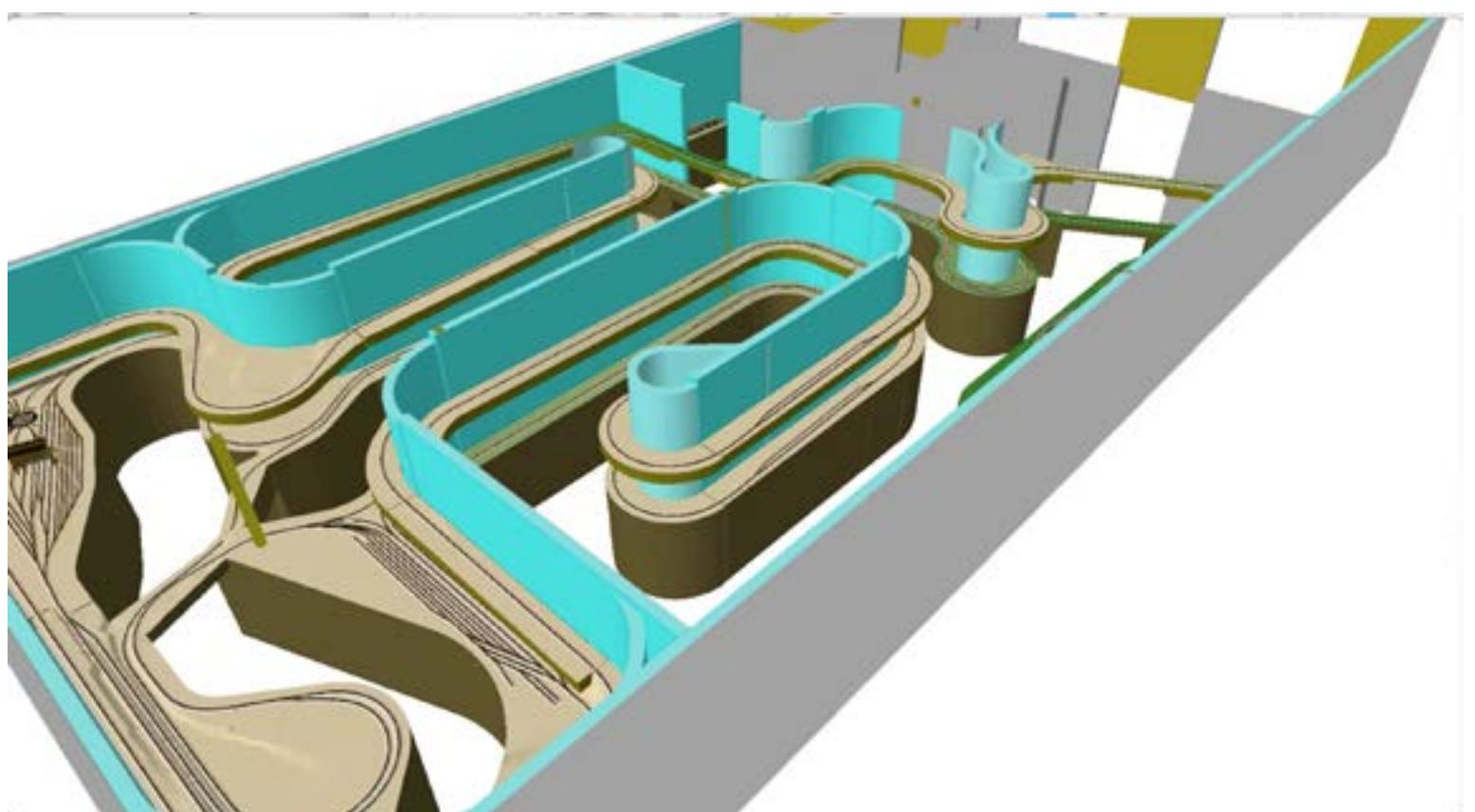
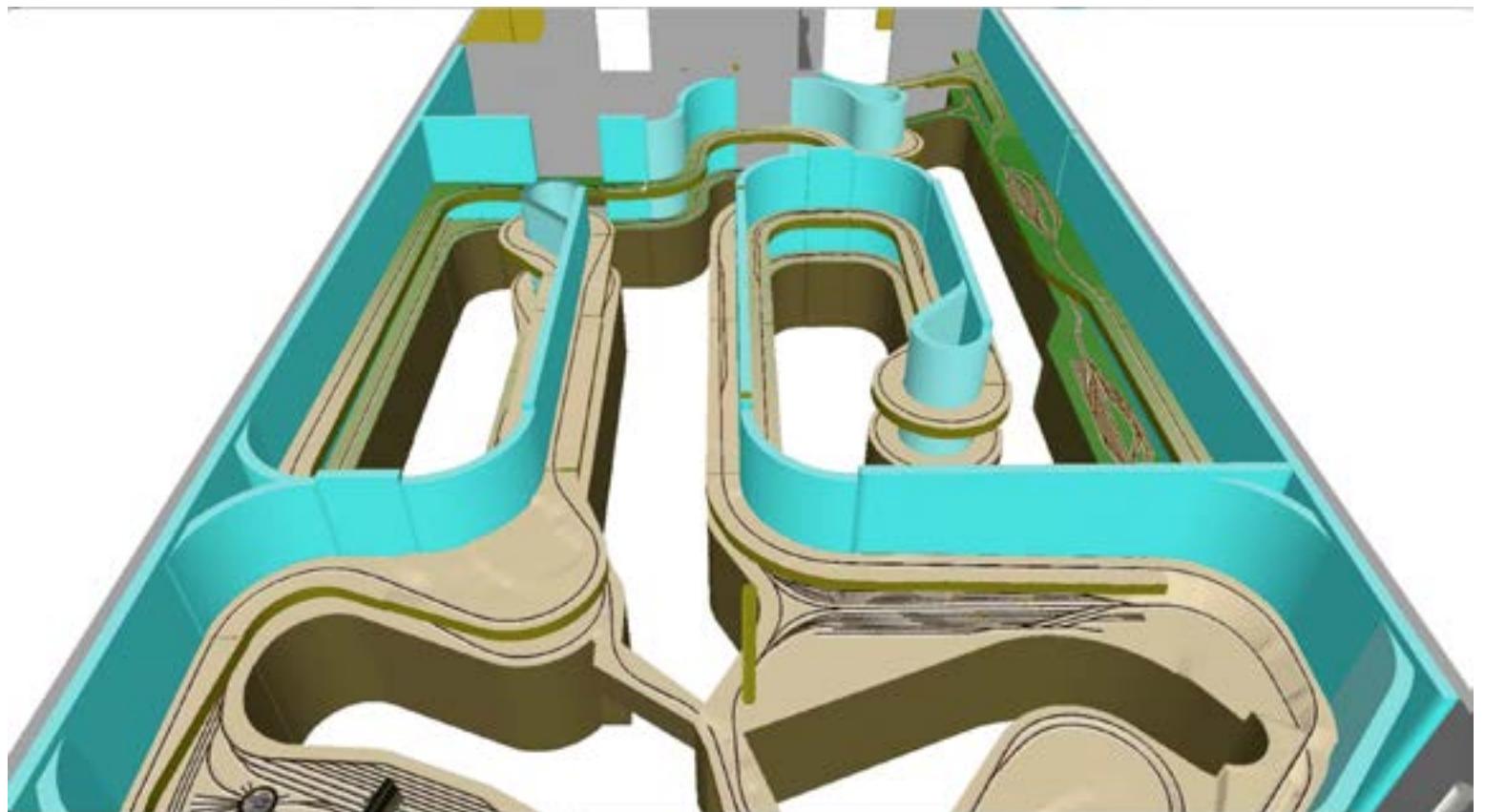
Below: Looking towards Cedar Point CO (bottom left), Hermosa WY (upper Left), Green River UT (far wall upper), and Gibbon Junction NE (far wall lower) visible.

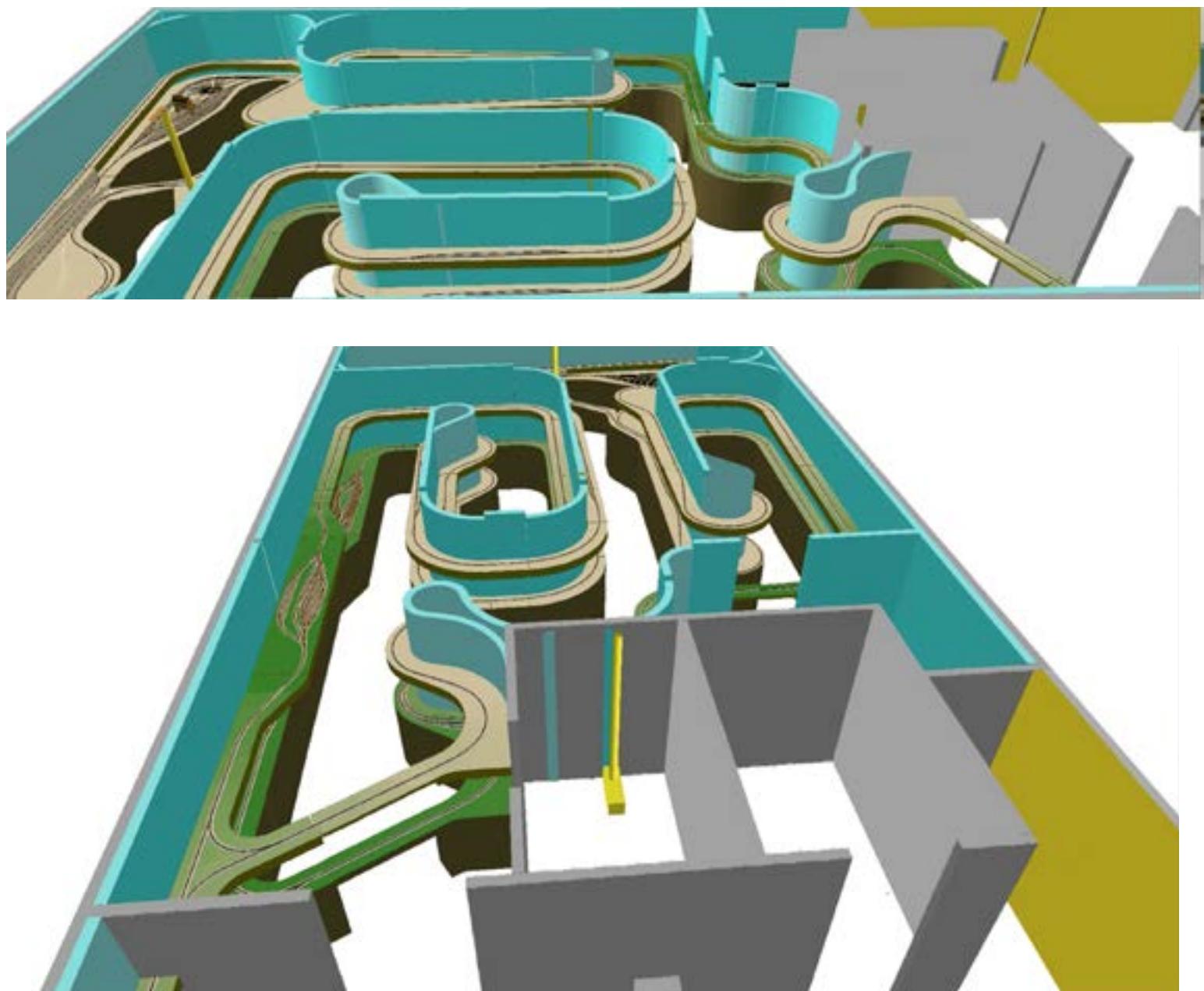


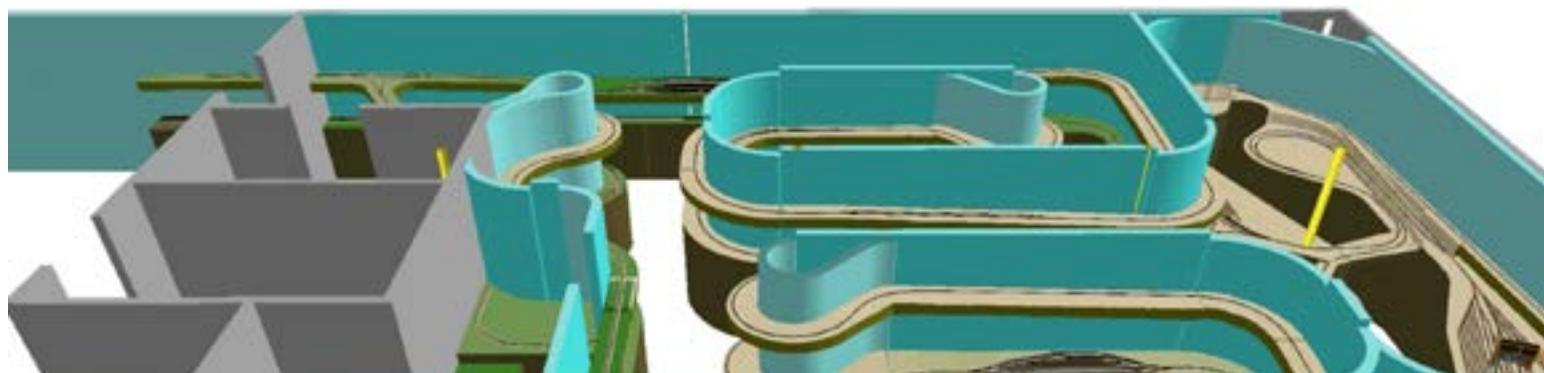
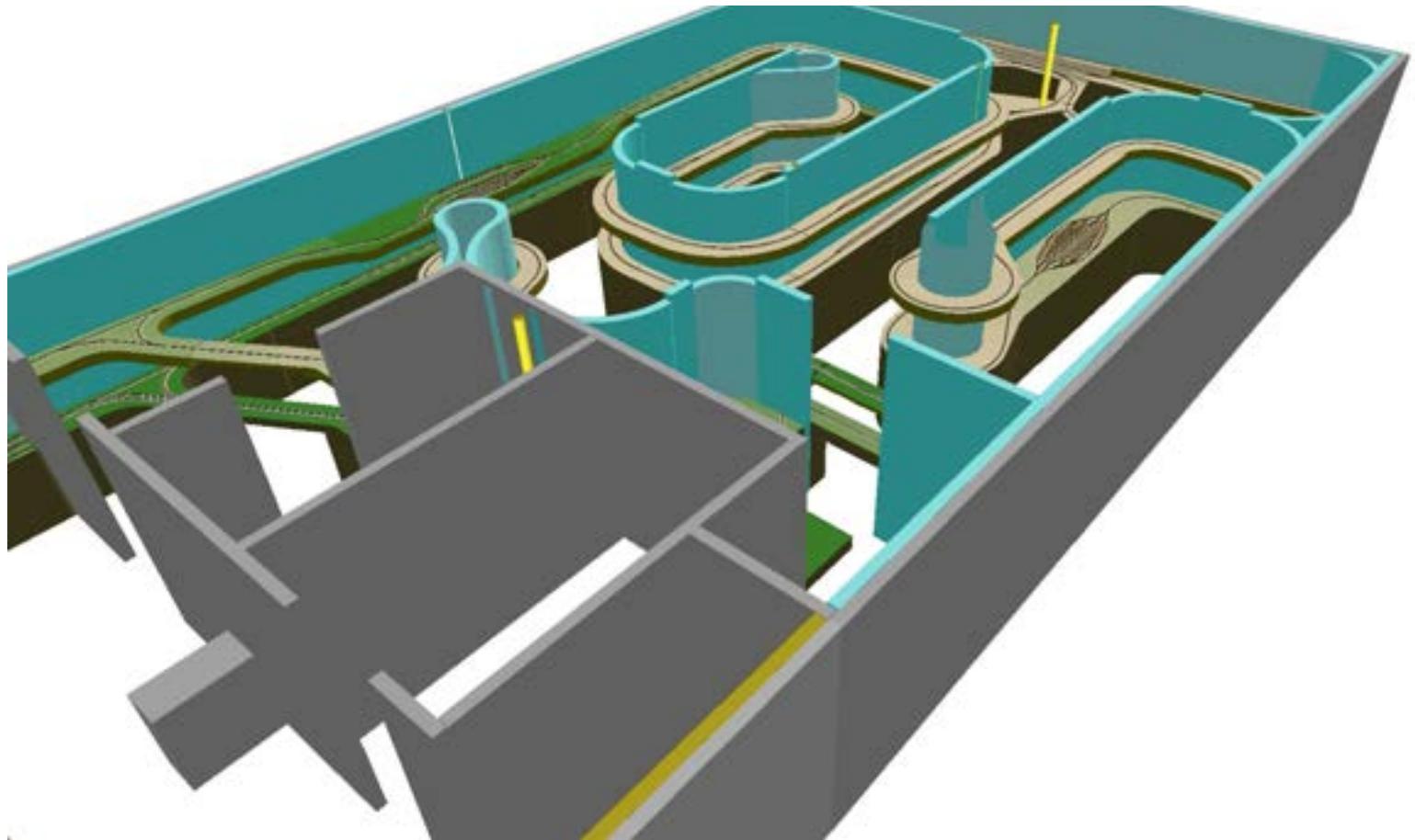
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Becoming a Master Model Railroader (MMR)

Service to the Hobby

by David Heinsohn (not an MMR)

Welcome back to the model railroading banquet called Master Model Railroad. Our previous course in this banquet was Engineering and Operation. Hope you enjoyed it. This time around I'm going to drop to the bottom of the menu. That's where desert is right? This course is **Service to the Hobby**. Some folks might say that sounds more like veggies than desert. I like my deserts, so I ended up with two of these as my first APs. Boy was that a surprise.

This course's menu selections are Association Official, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author. Since I've only been in this hobby for six years as I write this, how on earth did I get two of these so soon? Good question and the answer surprised me. They are actually easier than they sound from the names.

ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL

So starting at the top, **Association Official**. The link to the requirements is here:

<https://www.nmra.org/official>

The statement of requirements is pretty simple, serve as a voting member of the national Board of Directors (BOD) for one year, Serve as the region president for one year with another year on the BOD, or serve three years as a voting member of the region BOD. Fill out the Statement Of Qualification (SOQ) with a witness to your service, like the region secretary. And that's it!

But, But, But! You say. I'm just a peon in my division, how on earth am I going to get on the BOD of the region, let alone national? Four and a half years ago I would have said the same thing. And here's the story. Chris and I attended the December meeting of our division.

The then region BOD member and former region president said he would NOT serve another year on the BOD and that someone would need to take his place. Chris and I looked at each other, knowing what we were going to say, but needing to wait to talk in private. No one else spoke up. After a quick discussion when we were alone, I volunteered. The rest, as they say, is history.

Being on the BOD sounds like a lot of work. Well it isn't all that bad, and it offers some good excuses to do more model railroad stuff. Here in this region the BOD meets twice a year. The first meeting is in January on a Saturday afternoon in Kansas City. The second meeting is at the regional convention. Remember what I said about excuses? Now you have a GREAT! excuse to attend the regional convention. After all you are a member of the BOD so you have to attend that meeting. Hmm, this course is starting to sound more like desert after all. The meetings offer a good chance to visit with some fellow modelers you don't get to see every month at division meetings too.

What other work is involved in being on the BOD? You need to write up a quick summary of what's gone on in your division since the last meeting. Mine are usually one to two pages. This is not Pulitzer Prize writing, just a summary. Sometimes the President will ask for additional ideas, and you can write down your thoughts on those before the meeting. You'll need to take some notes about what goes on so you can report back to your division.

How do you become your division's representative to the BOD? That is going to depend on your division, mostly on how big it is. In the case of Kansas Central Division, I've served my term of three years,

if anyone wants the job next year all they have to do is let me, or our Superintendent know and it'll be theirs. I know some of the BOD reps have served for many years. You might get them in a quiet corner (no not with a knife!) and ask if they'd mind letting you have a go at it. In other cases you might have to actually run for an election.

ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER

Here's a link to the full description:

<https://www.nmra.org/volunteer>

The fundamental requirement for this AP is to earn 60 Certified Time Units (TU). That sounds easy enough. The hardest part may be documenting what you've actually done. Below is the form used for documentation, and here's a link to it:

<https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-rv-av.pdf>

All you care about at this point is the record sheet, page 2, which is partially copied below.

So what do you earn TUs for? A quick note before I go on. The requirements that follow use the word committee "Manager" rather than the more common word "Chairman." The text under sub-point **1.6** tries to clear this up. It's a bit like having both caramel and chocolate sauce on your sundae for dessert, kinda mixed up.

1. 4 TUs/month for the General Manager of a National Committee. The AP fails to make clear the difference between the General Manager and the Manager of a committee. Sorry I'm no help, but if you think you qualify for this one you probably don't need my help either.
2. 3 TUs/month for a National Committee Manager
3. 2 TUs/month for a Region committee Manager or serving on a National committee.

4. 1 TU/month for a Region committee member, Division Officer or division committee Manager (based on the requirements of the Association Official this is the credit I earn toward Volunteer, for serving on the region BOD beyond the time needed for Official.)

5. ½ TU/month for division committee or board member.

6. Newsletter editors 1 TU/month for division and 2 TU/month for region. (It looks like Mrs. Priest gets 3 TU/month for editing the NMRA Magazine.)

7. 1 TU/month for service as a Division officer.

8. Newsletter editors of 100% NMRA clubs get 1 TU per edition. There are several other requirements for this one, so check the actual requirements in the AP. Note: officers of 100% NMRA clubs are not eligible for volunteer credits.

9. Judges at NMRA contests (in addition to credits for being on the judging committee if appropriate)

- a. National 3 TUs/day at the event, 12 TUs maximum
- b. Regional 3 TUs/day at the event, 6 TUs maximum
- c. Divisional 3 TUs/day at the event, 3 TUs maximum

10. Owners and crews for layout tours in conjunction with NMRA events

- a. National 3 TUs/day, 12 TUs maximum
- b. Regional 3 TUs/day, 6 TUs maximum
- c. Divisional 3 TUs/day, 3 TUs maximum

11. Participants in modular layout groups at NMRA events are the same as judges and tour crews.

12. Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselors 1 TU/month AND 1 TU per Scout who qualifies.

13. Live clinics second and additional presentations (first presentation is for Author credit)

- a. National 3 TUs
- b. Regional 2 TUs
- c. Divisional 1 TU

All the TUs have to be certified. The requirements are in the AP instructions. In bold type it says **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SERVICE AS YOU DO IT**. That's what that form up above is for.

MODEL RAILROAD AUTHOR

The requirements are found here:

<https://www.nmra.org/author>

This one really surprised me. It seems daunting. How could I, a very new model railroader possibly have anything to offer as an author? Turns out it's pretty easy actually. You may have already qualified and not even know it. Stay with me.

Before I had any idea there was an Author AP, I was already on the regional BOD. As part of that, I took it upon myself to write "**A FEW WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR**" for each edition of our newsletter. Let me be clear, this is NOT a requirement of the Official AP, just something I thought I should do. By the time I checked out the Author AP requirements I was well on my way. So what are these easy requirements?

The basic requirement is to earn 42 points. Points can be earned using any media, print, photo, digital, video, etc. The topics must be, Model Railroading, Prototype Railroading applicable to modeling, or NMRA Administration, (things like

committee reports etc.) You, of course, have to be the producer of the work.

"Print media" earns points as follows. Articles, photos, and track plans, earn 3 points per page for national to include NMRA or commercial, 2 points per page for regional and 1 point per page for divisional work. No more than half of the total 42 points or, 21 points may be claimed for divisional work.

Clinics prepared and presented by the author must be at least 30 minutes in length and MUST include a hand out. Points are earned at the rate of 6 points at a national NMRA event, 4 points at a regional NMRA event, and 2 points at a divisional NMRA event. *The rates are half the above for non-NMRA events.* Remember that this credit is only for the first presentation. *Further presentations earn volunteer credit.*

Multi-Media presentations earn credit at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ point per minute of presentation.

Electronic Publications are the area that makes earning author easy for lots of us. No duplications from other types of material, like print are allowed, but that makes sense. Material you've created on a public internet site (no pass words needed to access it) earns credit at the same rate as regional publications of print media. Additionally, all graphics, like photos, are treated as $\frac{1}{3}$ page each. Do you have a blog about your layout, the trials and tribulations of model railroading, or some other model railroading subject? If so, it all counts. No more than half the total points can be electronic, So, no more than 21 points. For lots of us with cameras that 21 points will be earned quickly.

You don't have to be a Pulitzer Prize winning author to earn this one, that's for sure! I did it. I don't know of a division newsletter editor who is not always looking for new material. Likewise, Alan is always looking for material for the [Caboose Kibitzer](#)

as well. (***ED. YES, I AM!!!***)

One of the nice things about most of our newsletter being mostly published via digital media is that the editors can include lots of pictures for our entertainment. Which means we authors build up our points quickly.

There's a record for this one as well. One thing I'd add to the form, maybe by using two lines per article, is a link to anything that is available online, even if you're submitting it for print credit. The link makes the evaluator's job easier and means you don't have to include a paper copy of the article as well.

Well, that's this edition's visit to the **MMR** banquet table. I hope you found dessert interesting and will try out at least one sample. Remember you have to have at least one of the three APs from this course to

complete the banquet. If you have further questions about any of these APs, ask your division AP chairman, or if your division doesn't have an AP chair ask Brad, apchair@mcor-nmra.org. They like it when they get MMR questions as that means someone cares about the program. There's also more reading on becoming an MMR in the ongoing series in the **NMRA Magazine**, and The Masters articles at

<https://www.nmra.org/masters-articles-updated-2009>.

Next time we'll take a look at another course in our banquet where you've probably already taken a few bites, Settings. Until then Bon Appetit!



DAVID HEINSOHN
DIRECTOR,
Kansas Central Division
of the
NMRA



“Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society

by Gene Bowers
(Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)



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The 37th annual Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Convention was held at the “Hyatt Regency Tulsa Hotel” (for the first time) in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 21 – 25, 2017. Fittingly, our theme was The Tulsan, which was a Tulsa to Kansas City streamliner with connections to and from Chicago.

Convention Clinics

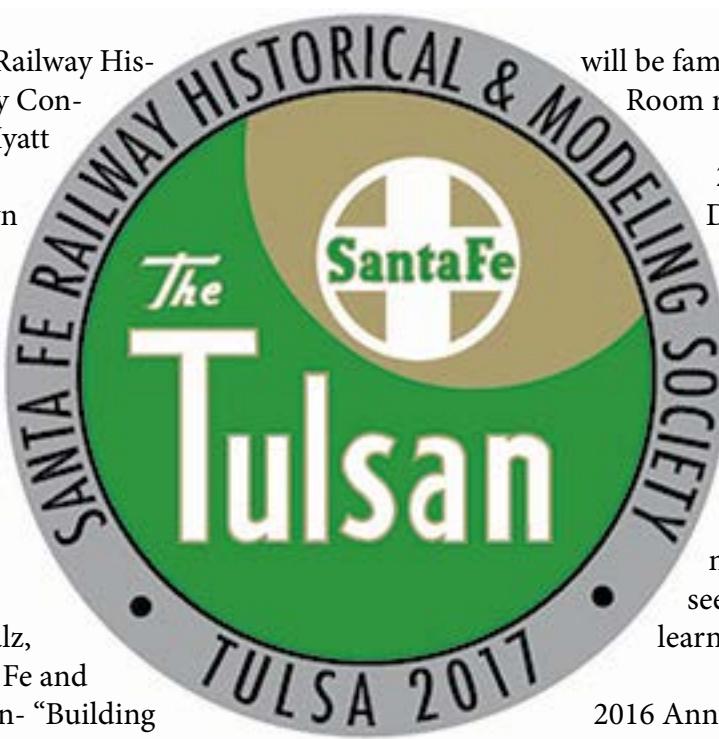
Our excellent Clinic Organizer, Bob Walz, rounded up clinics covering both Santa Fe and BNSF topics including Denny Krausman- “Building a Prairie School Depot”, Bob Walz- “Otto Perry’s Santa Fe”, Mike Flick- “Tulsa Passenger Service”, Eric Goodman- “Constructing the Emporia Sub in HO”, Merrill Walz- “Business the Fred Harvey Way”, Steve Sandifer- “Howard Branch in History and Model”, Kenny Rhodes- “Riding the Vista Canyon”, Craig Ordner- “SFRH&MS Archives”, Eric Hiser- “Freight Car Distribution”, Dr. Ray Quackenbush, Forensic Psychologist from Cave Creek, AZ “Shawnee Depot and Shawnee Operations”, Ramon Rhodes- “Modeling BNSF Operations”, Mike Tomei- “Modeling BNSF Diesels”, Keel Middleton from Wellington, KS “BNSF Operations” (Registrar of the 2016 Wichita Express Convention and Engineer for BNSF) and more.

Upcoming Conventions

The Society is planning Annual Conventions at the following locations:

2018: Chicago, IL, Preston Hamilton

That convention will be from Tuesday, July 17th through Sunday, July 22, 2018 at “Sheraton Lisle Hotel”. Members who have attended RPM Naperville in the past few years



will be familiar with the hotel.
Room rate will be \$109.

2019: Pueblo, CO, John Denny

2020: Seattle, WA, Ed Holman

Past Convention Reports

Read about prior Annual Conventions and see what members did, learned, and showed!

2016 Annual Convention, “The 2016 Wichita Express”

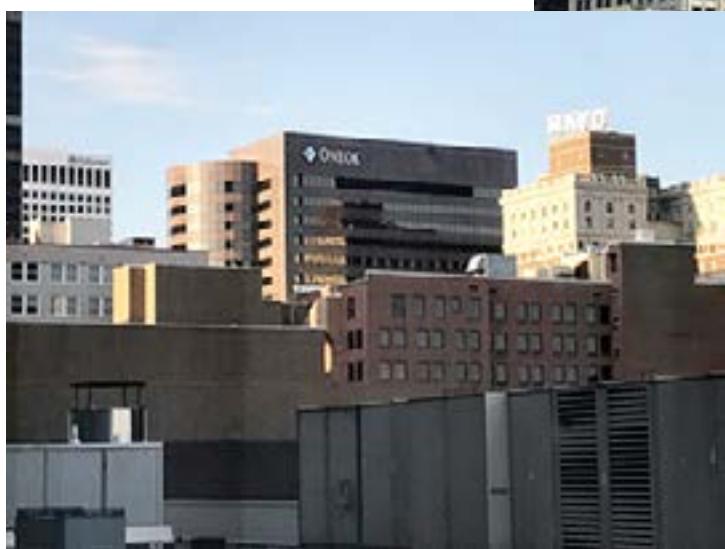
<https://sfrhms.org/>



Tulsa is much taller than I expected. In fact, Tulsa sported the tallest buildings in Oklahoma until Oklahoma City built a taller one.



...an open space incorporated into the “Hyatt Regency Tulsa Hotel Campus



...”Oil Country!



Registration Desk



Venders Sale Room, Including books and other items from "The Country Store"



Awards Banquet ~ June 24, 2017



Pictured on the right is Dr. Ray Quackenbush, Forensic Psychologist, Modeler, and Clinician for the Santa Fe in Shawnee, OK and its unique depot (shown below)



Pictured on the right is Steve Corp, Great Plains Transportation (Wichita, KS) and Co-Chair of "The Wichita Express" Convention, 2016



“Kansas City Narrow Gauge Railroad Group”

by Alan A. Aagaard
(Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)

June 24, 2017, the began with a “call to order” by Larry Alfred, MMR #333



only to be interrupted by Alan Aagaard in order to take a group (panoramic) photo of those attending.

All pre-registered were provided
a “loan” of a name badge
complete with a
“water tank”



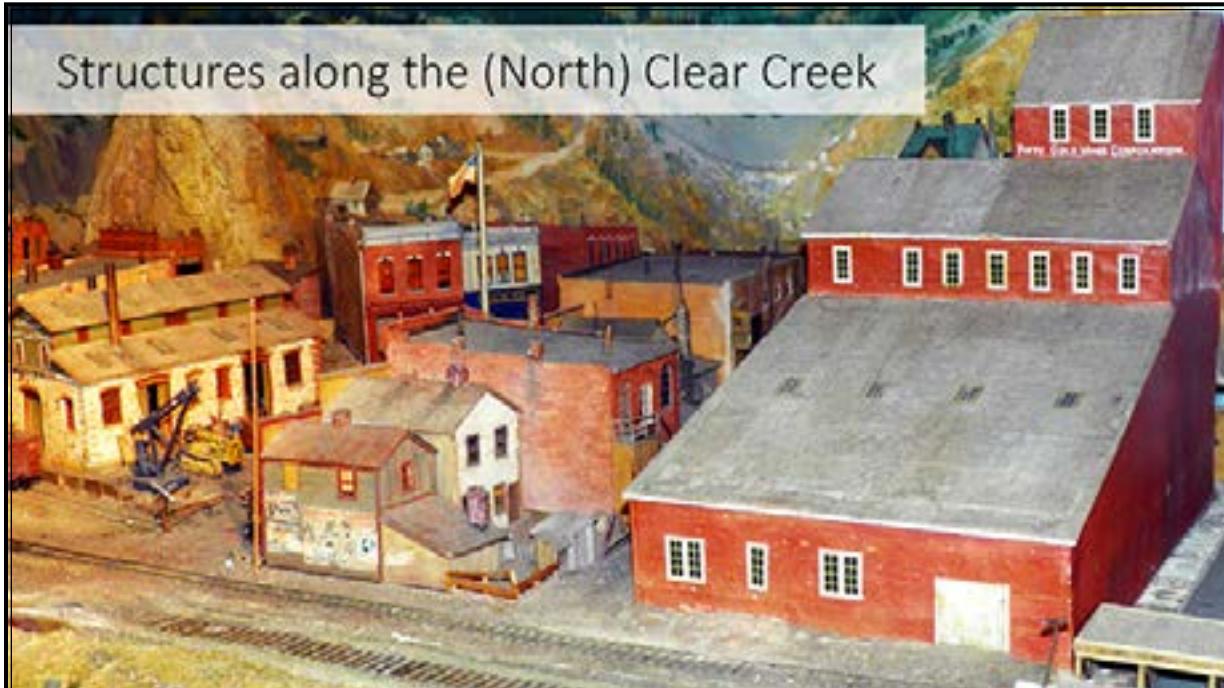
Clinics

RYAN MOATS, MMR

Omaha, NE

Shared his expertise using a PowerPoint™ on the topic:

“Structures along the (North) Clear Creek” (Colorado)



...and he kindly shared his list of resources

For Fun – Fuel Platforms



Sources

- Denver Public Library Digital Collection
 - <http://digital.denverlibrary.org/>
- UC Boulder Sanborn Map Collection
 - <https://content.cu.edu/digitallibrary/#>
- Books found via Google Search
- Personal Photographs

...this coal bin will appear it a few pages during “Show and Tell”

Clinics

LIND WICKERSHAM
Tulsa, OK



Shared his expertise on the theme: “Building and Finishing Structures”



It began with his favorite Tools and Materials...



Lind claimed he prefers Bragdon weathering powders



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Lind went on to share his tips and techniques of “cribbing” using Grape Vines (from Hobby Lobby). There are vine knobs about every four inches; has excellent natural coloring which requires little additional work - even has subtle natural bark

(right) here the Buena Vista Mine log structure was created using natural grapevine without any additional finish. Notch the ends to simulate axe cuts...He used his Dremmel tool where the logs intersect.



This, the final image, is a Stone Dynamite Shed constructed of real Sandstone and a styrene door. Sage brush tree and stump; weeds made from jute twine.

Yes, individually broken and stacked...

Now, in the 21st Century it's called

Share & Tell

or was it

“Sharon Tell (the daughter of William?)”

or what was once “Share and Tell”





...ah, recall this coal bin from previous pages...



Yes, it's a paper kit from Morse Productions, Inc.



Shingles individually cut and laid from actual wooden cigar wrappers





Doug shared the background stories of his 3 scale cog trains



Miles Hale, shared his progress on his background build flats



These photos are courtesy of Kelly Loyd
Kelly.Loyd@icloud.com

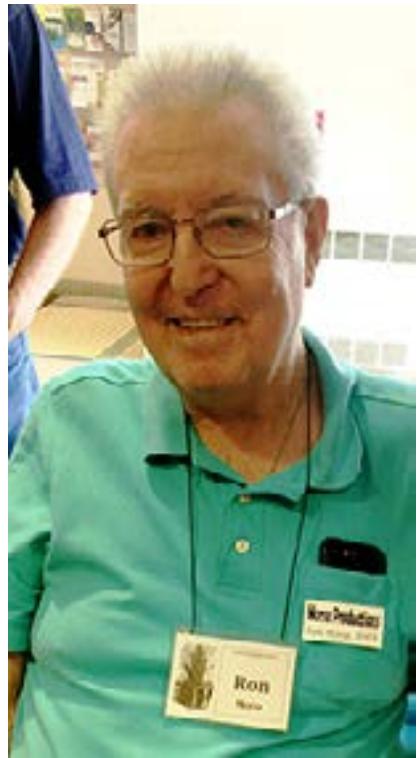


Dennis Brandt explains his latest model

AYOUT TOURS by Alan A. Aagaard (Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)

RON MORSE, MMR #159

"Forks Creek and Central Railroad"



"Turkey Creek
Store"

He and his wife gladly opened their home (and basement)

As we were greeted at the bottom of the stairs we also were able to browse through the various paper kits offered in various scales.



"Morse Photography"



"Gunsmith"





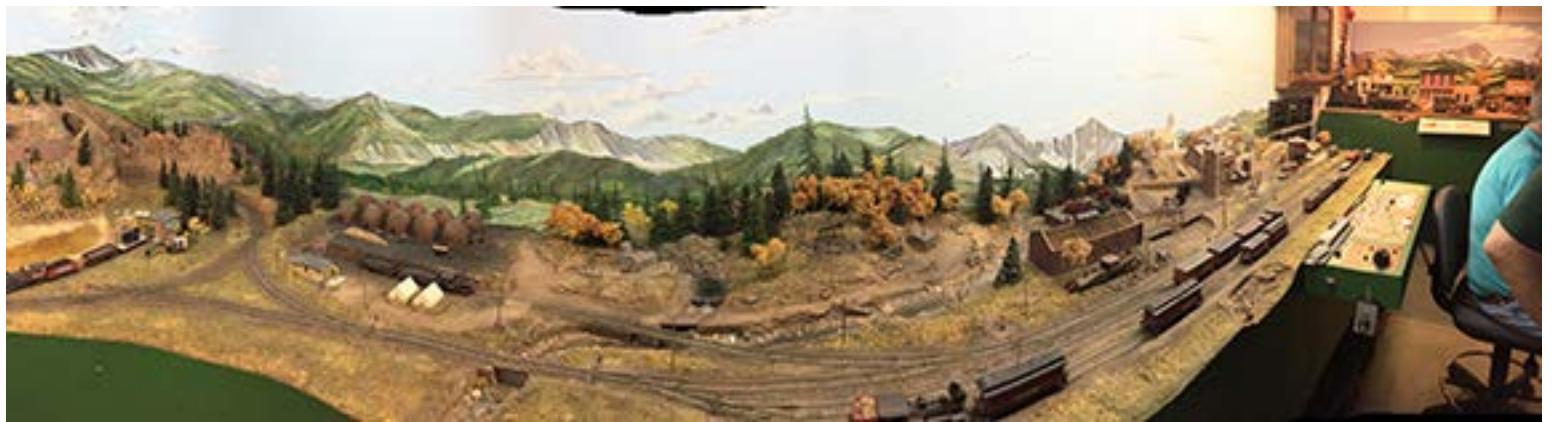
This Mercantile kit was used as a "Make-it and Take-it" evening clinic at the Turkey Creek meeting.



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Panoramic view of the left half of Ron's Layout



Panoramic view of the right half of Ron's Layout (including Ron himself...)



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by Alan A. Aagaard
(Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)

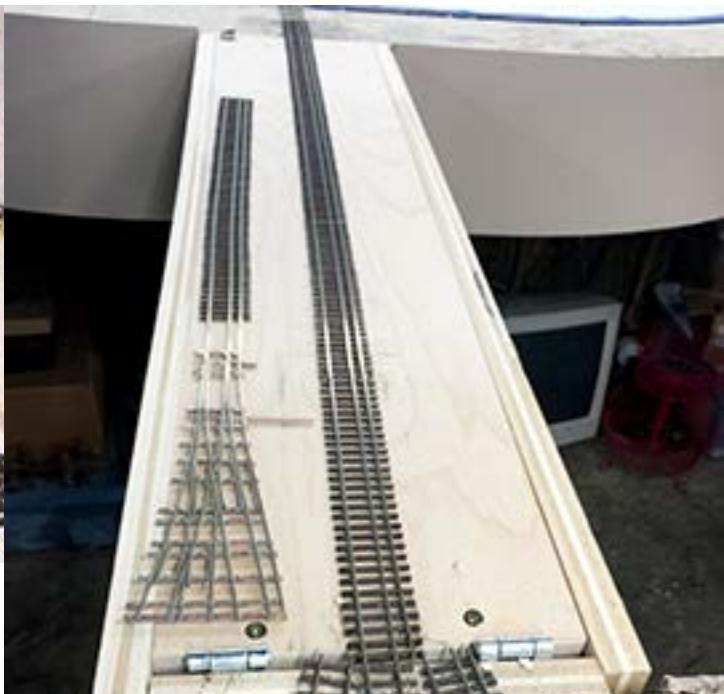


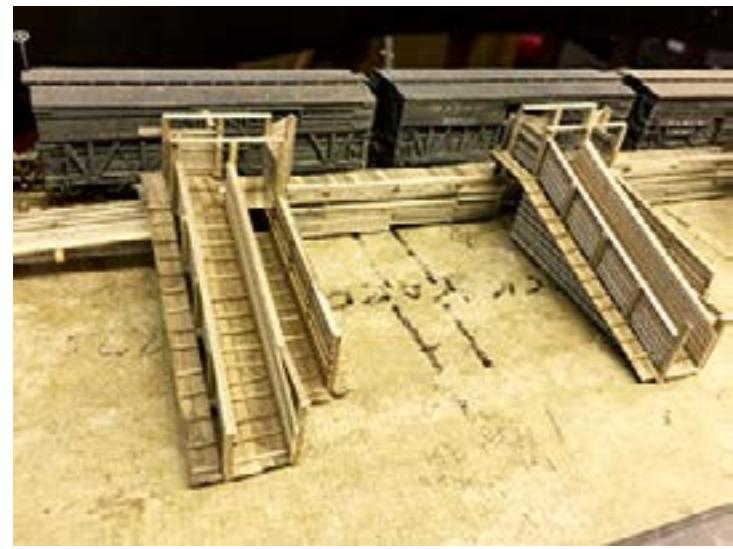
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Ah, up popped Jim Marlet, Assistant Superintendent
and Larry Gulick, Past Superintendent
of Chisholm Trail Division







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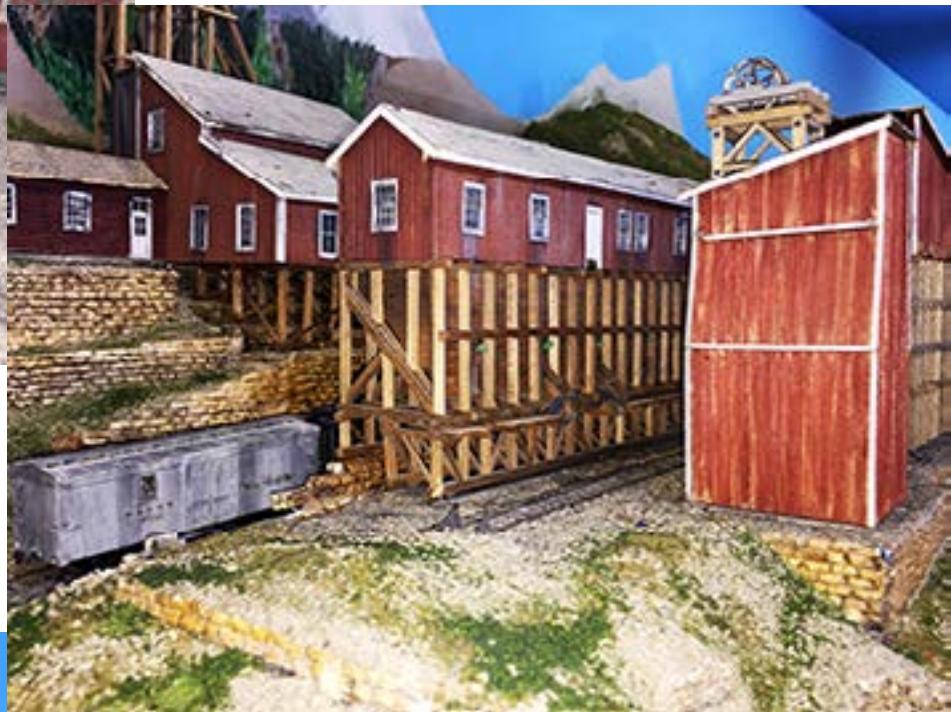
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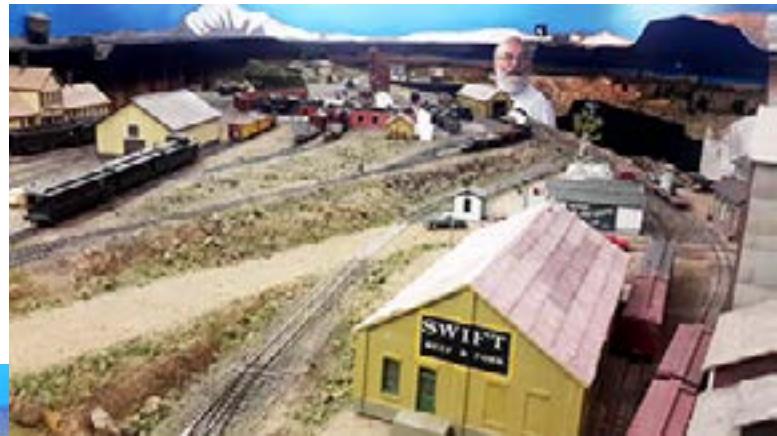
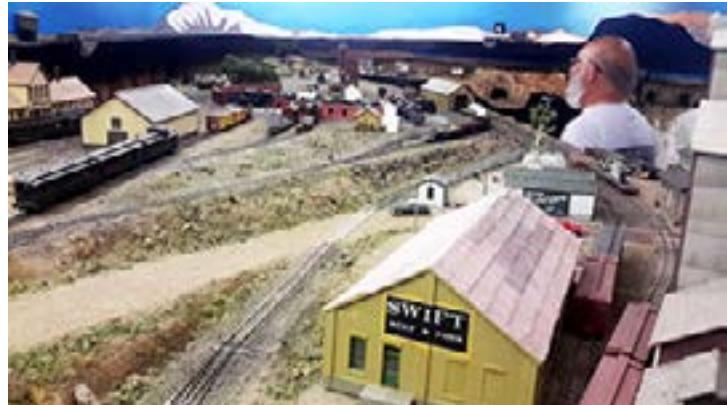


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“John Vandenberg’s”

by Larry Gulick
(Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)



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Larry Diehl,





Caution: Beware of the Glare from atop your Editor's head...LOL



“Spring Creek Model Trains *SPECIAL* Open House”

by Gene Bowers

(Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)



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Clinicians

PELLE SØEBORG

Pelle is from Farum, Denmark and is a frequent contributor to *Model Railroader* magazine. His current home layout is based on the Union Pacific in Iowa. His new book was released by Kalmbach Publishing in June, 2017.

<https://kalmbachhobbystore.com/product/book/12803>

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The second was a Weathering Clinic. It was a slideshow based clinic like the first including photos of his work

CHRIS BRIMLEY

Chris is from Provo, Utah. He is an N-Scale modeler. He demonstrated how he develops and scratch builds structures modeled after or influenced by the prototype to create unique buildings.

DOUG GEIGER

Tools, Tools, Tools: Tools can easily be the most important part of enhancing your modeling skills. He explored various modeling tools and supplies, ranging from basic (like exploring the work-bench), advanced (for example, calipers and material organization, moving to the exotic (punch and die sets and scribes to name just a few), and he concluded with power tools (slow speed drills and mini sawz-all). Modeling tips were also discussed during his clinic. Examples of many of the tools were available after the clinic for further examination, discussion, and trial.

Iron and Steel: The industry has a rich history and formed the backbone of America's growth. And from moving raw ingredients to delivered finished product, steel has been an integral part of railroading. This clinic provided a basic understanding of steel making processes and vocabulary. It provided us a guide to the inner workings of rolling mills and some of the specialized railroad equipment found in and around a steel plant. Many references (both prototype and modeling) were presented to enable us to accurately add this fascinating industry to our own layouts. Although mostly a prototype clinic, modeling ideas were injected as the clinic was presented.

{Other clinics were presented by Matt Herman (“Lok Programmer 101”), Shane Wilson (“Prototype detail differences in SD40-2 locomotives and reCreating the differences in small scale).

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Manufacturers and Vendors

ATHEARN

Athearn celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year, 2017. Athearn's Matt Gentry (Products Manager) and Christopher Palomarez (Brand Manager) were available to answer questions and take new product suggestions. Athearn displayed brand new and exciting announced products and a few "first look" items giving an exclusive viewing of never before seen paint schemes of their products.



INTERMOUNTAIN RAILWAY

Doug Dolloff and Kirk Orndorff manned their booth. Doug is Senior VP, and has been with InterMountain for 27+ years. Kirk is VP of Sales and Customer Service having been with the company 3-1/2 years.



ESU LOK SOUND

Matt Herman is the Manager of Operations for the United States. He displayed the latest and greatest in sound decoders and gave several mini-clinics from his table.



RAPIDO TRAINS

Dan Darnell and Jordan Smith were displaying some of their newest releases. (Canadian venders)



Pennselvania Decoder Vender
LokSound.com

SCALE TRAINS

Showed products to make scenery building easy, fast, fun, and affordable. Making your scenery appear as realistic as possible has never been so easy.



SCENERY SOLUTIONS

Offered products to make scenery building easy, fast, fun, and affordable. Making your scenery look as realistic as possible has never been so easy.





SPRING CREEK MODEL TRAINS

Along with the store, they displayed at the show selling ExactRail products plus other items.



Layouts on Display

GULF WESTERN MODEL RAILROAD SOCIETY

LOCATED: Corpus Christi, TX

SCALE: HO

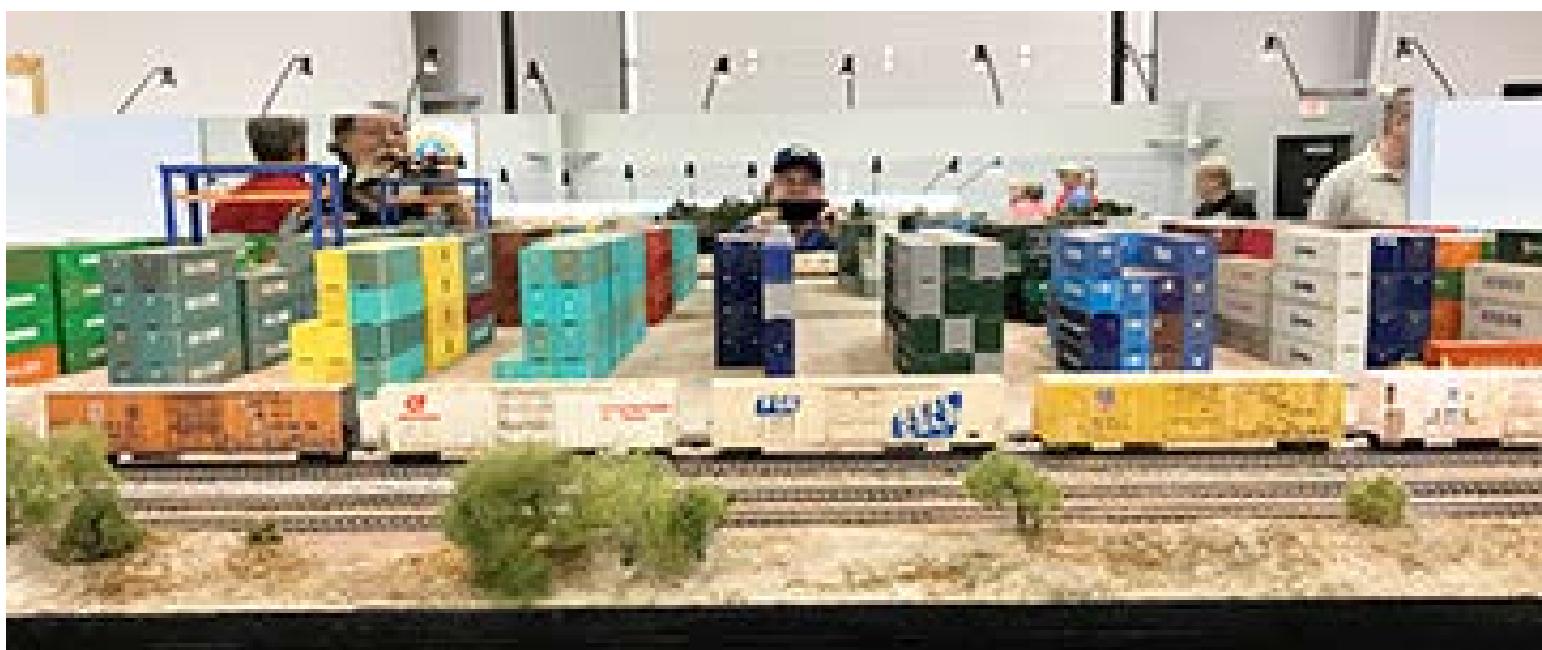
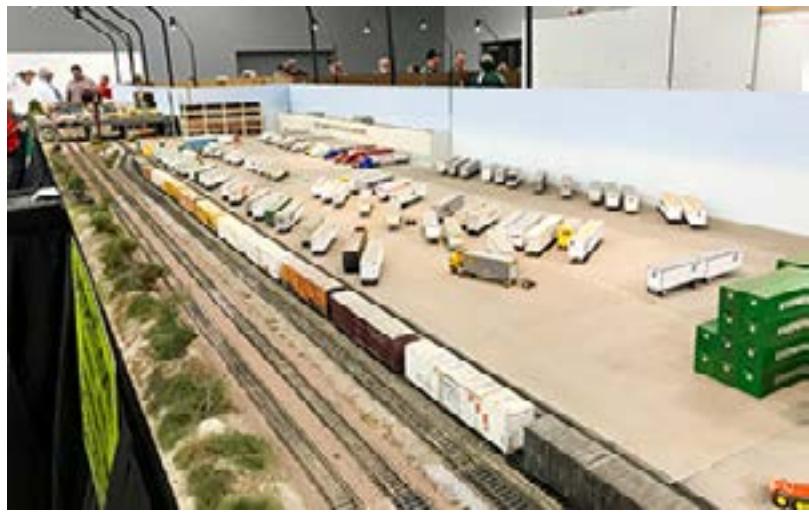
This traveling layout is 27 feet by 57 feet in size. They have participated several times at the National Train Show and was displayed at the 2015 show held in Spring Creek. They are a loosely grouped bunch of model railroaders whos primary goal is to run trains.







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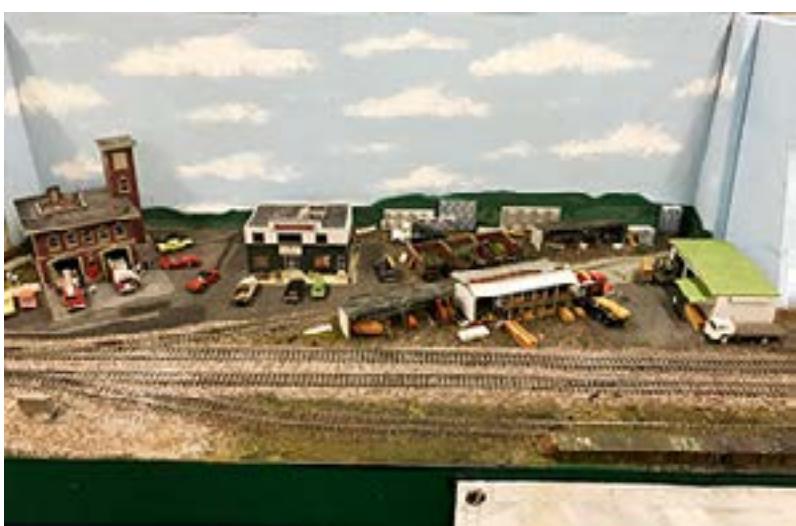
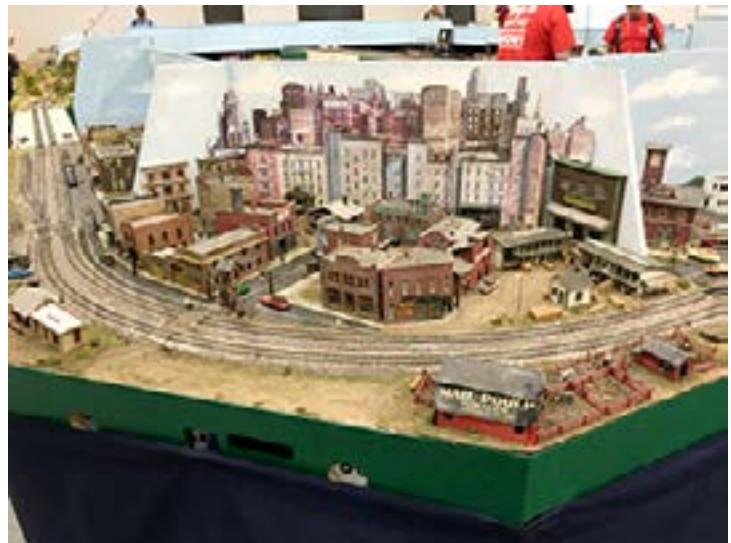
Fascinating bit of trivia shared by Dan:
The fans atop this cooling tower
were from computers and actually still work.

CHEYENNE AND NORTHWESTERN

LOCATED: Cheyenne, WY

SCALE: HO

This traveling layout depicts the high western plains. They display at events throughout the Rocky Mountain region.



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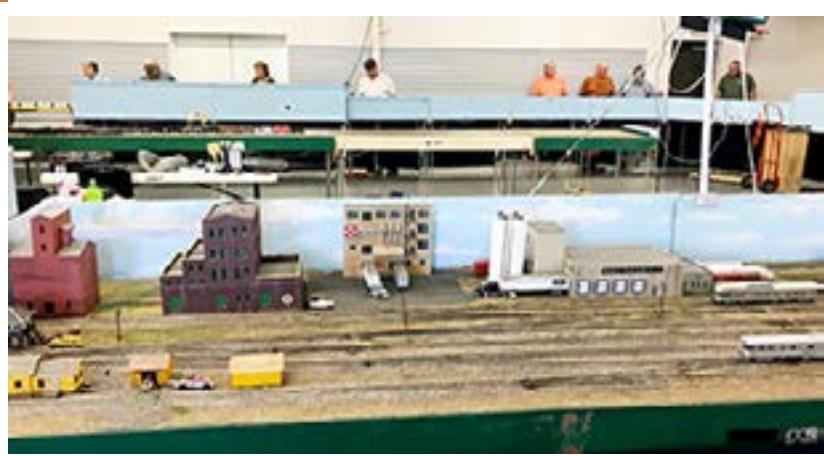
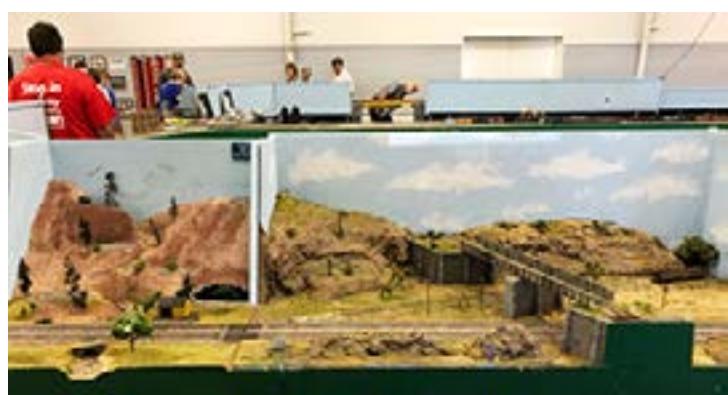


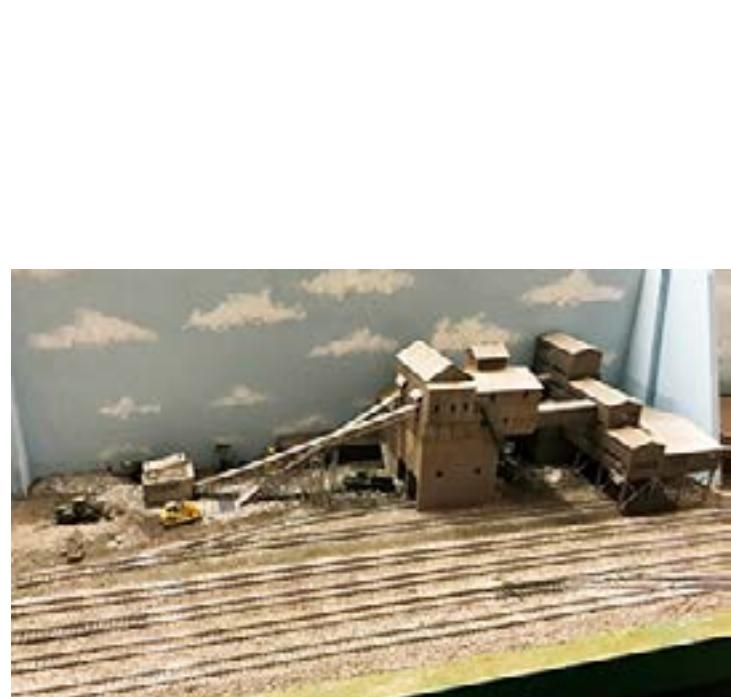
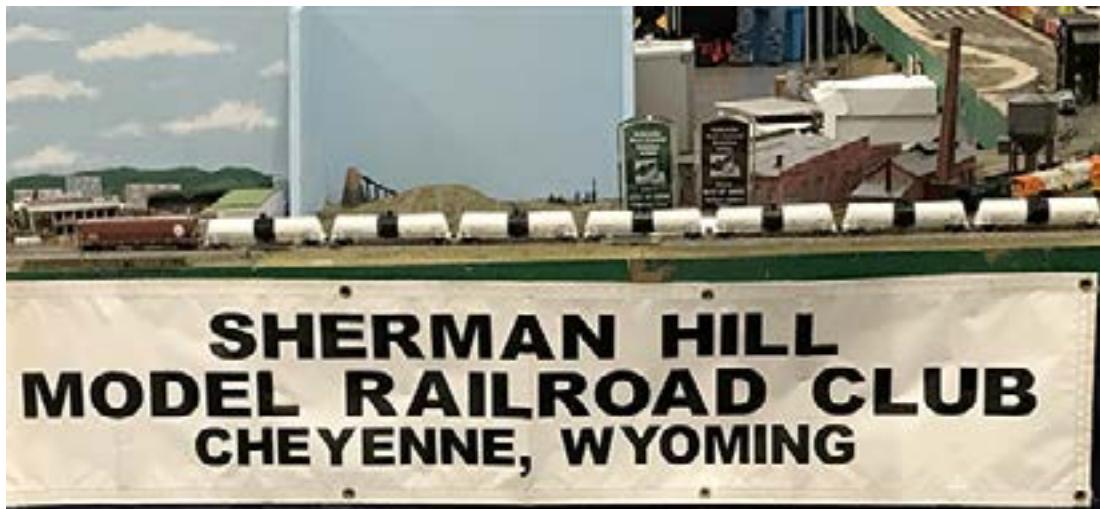
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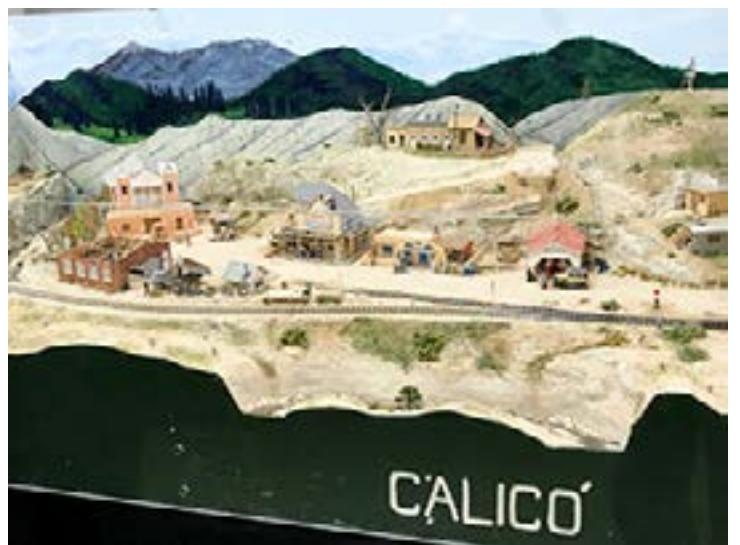
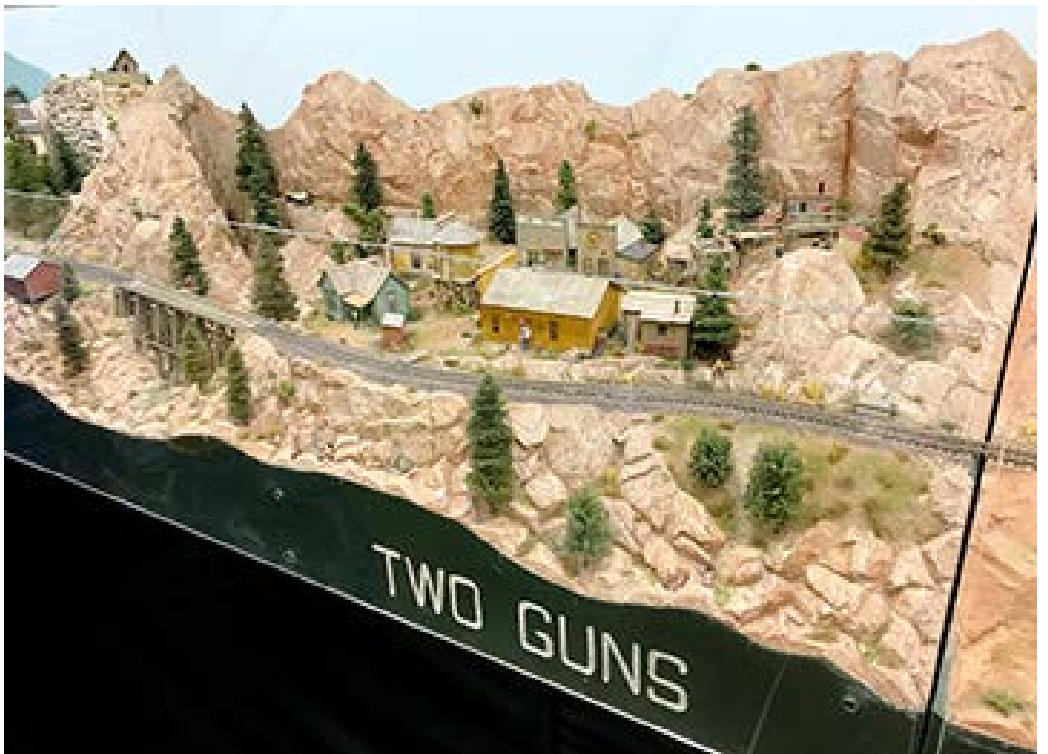
NEW MEXICO NARROW GAUGE MODULAR CLUB

LOCATED: Alburquerque, NM

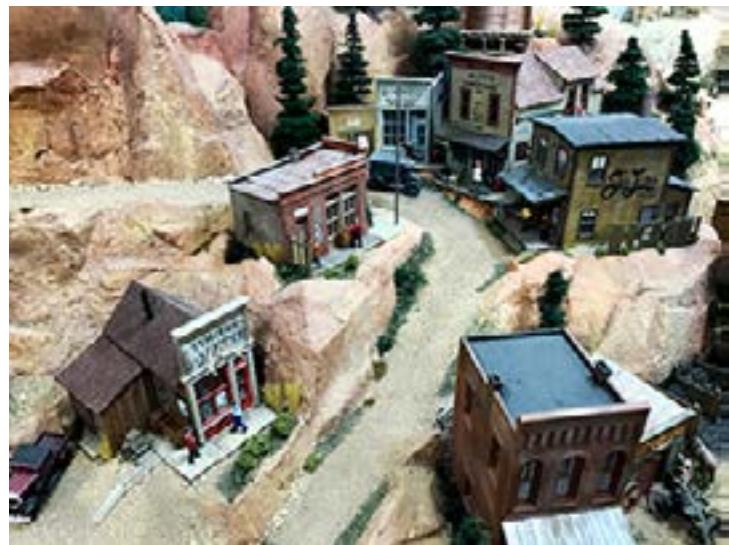
SCALE: HOn3

This traveling layout has superbly done scenery and will take you back in time to when steam locomotives were used to climb the rugged mountains.





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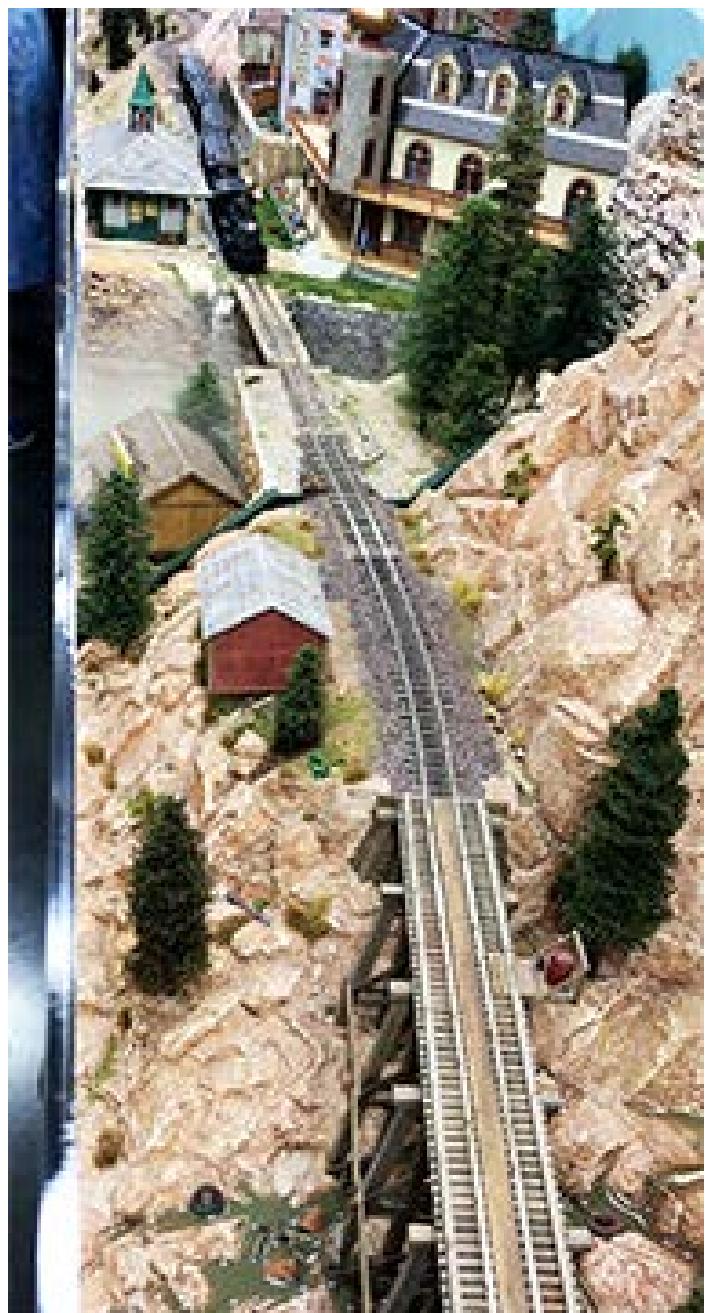
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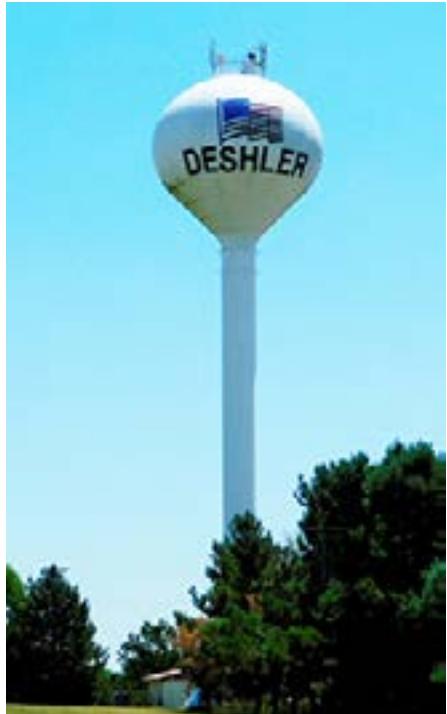
FREE-MO NEBRASKA

LOCATED: Lincoln, NE

SCALE: N

This traveling layout done in the Free-Mo standard has superbly done scenery and has scenes depicting some areas of Nebraska





Dan Hagenbuch
HOSPITALITY CHAIR
Chisholm Trail Division
of NMRA

“Spring Creek Model Trains SPECIAL Open House”

by Dan Hagenbuch
(Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA)

Deshler, NE
Population around 750



Fairground Pavillion on Left



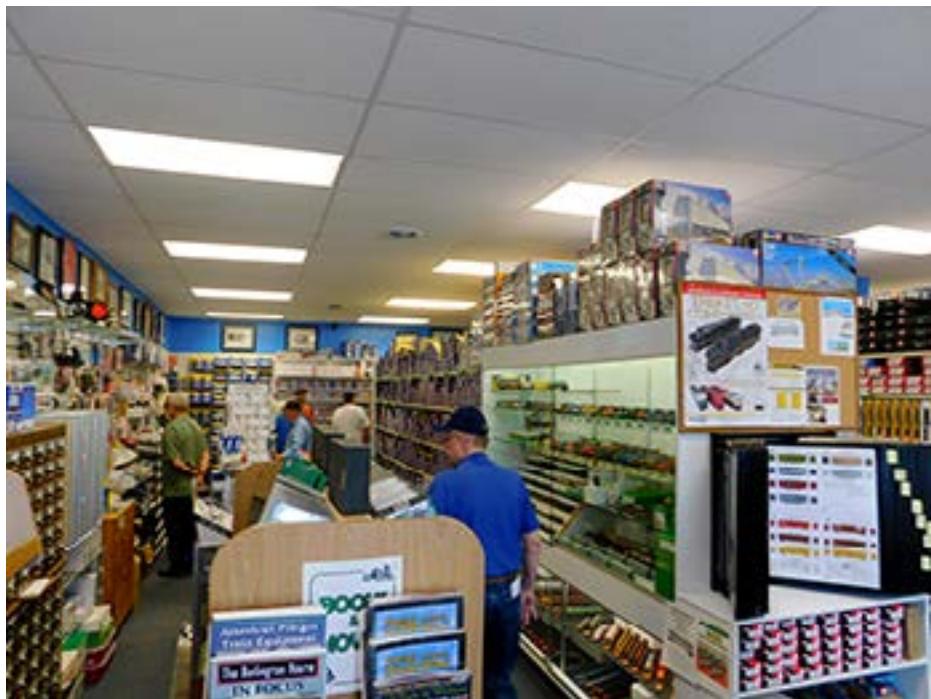
Above: 3-D Street scene painted on vintage building

Right: Town Center

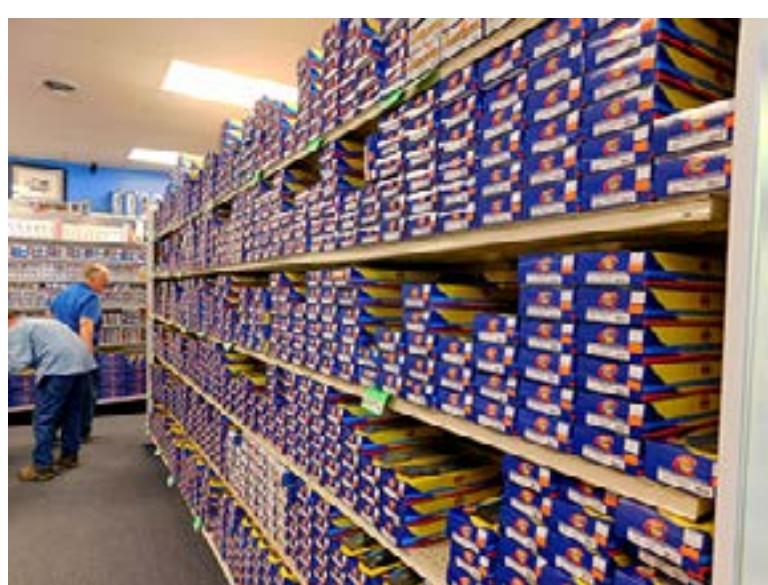


Home of Spring Creek Model Trains





*Interior views of
Spring Creek Model Trains*





"Wheelhouse Restaurant"
Deshler, NE



Clinic: Realistic Scenery

PELLE SØEBORG

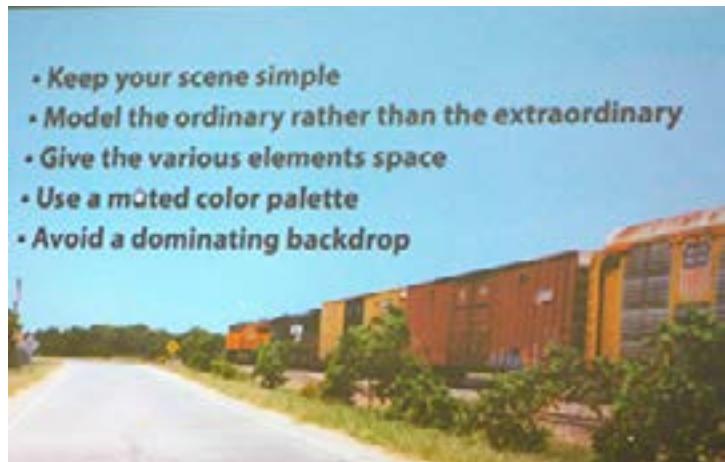
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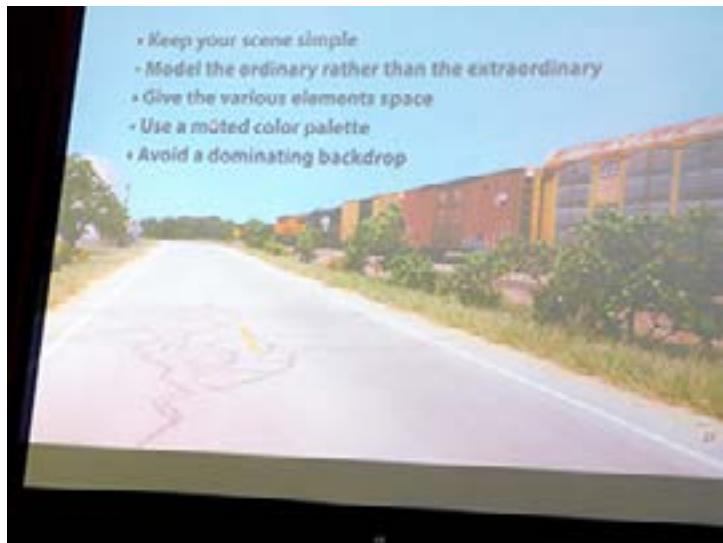
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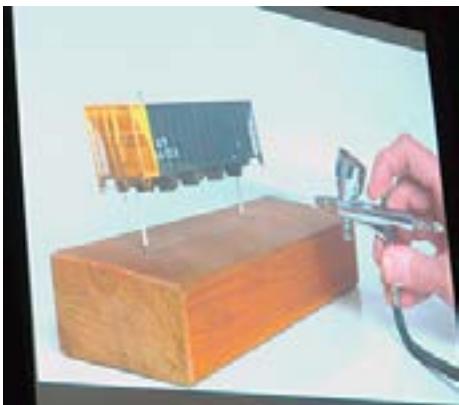


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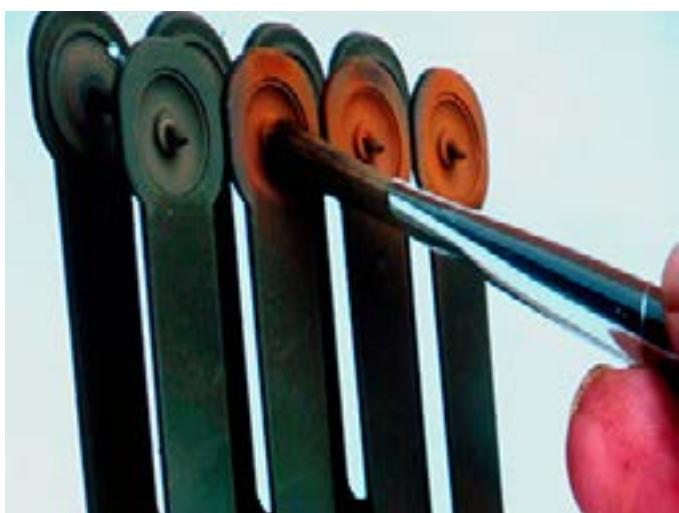


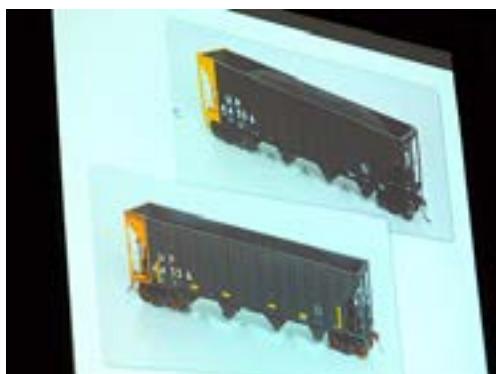
Ah, the “Signature Hat”





PELLE SØEBORG
“Weathering
Clinic”





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Here Phil Aylward and Gene Bowers listen and watch intently.

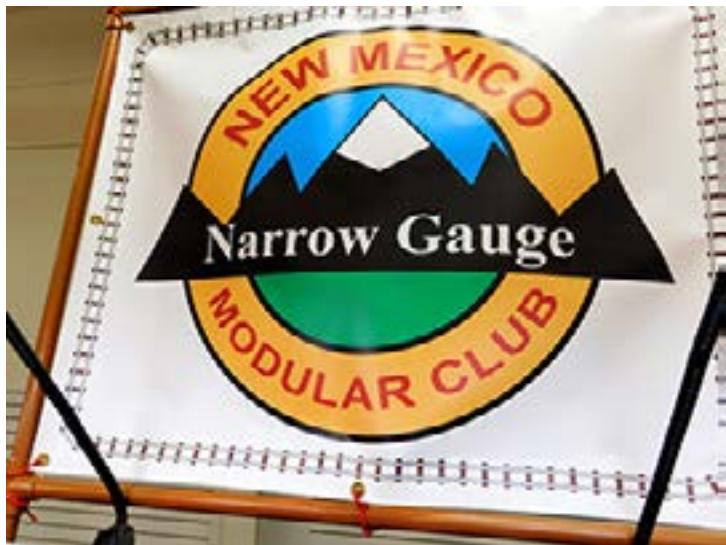


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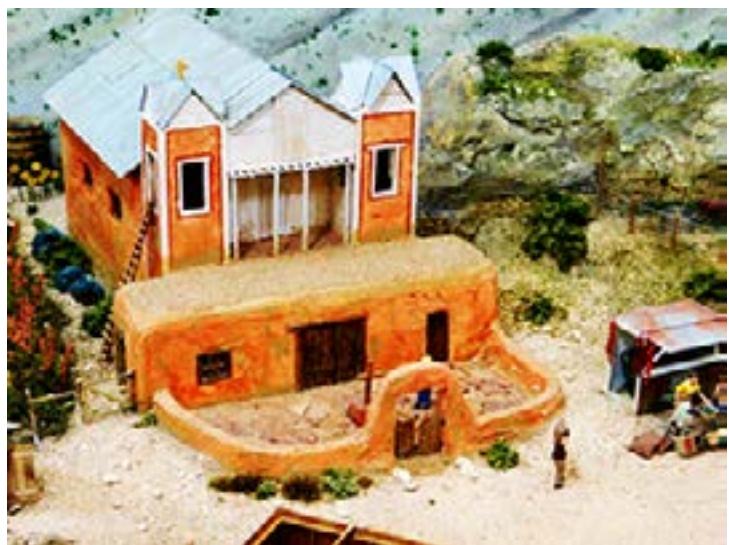
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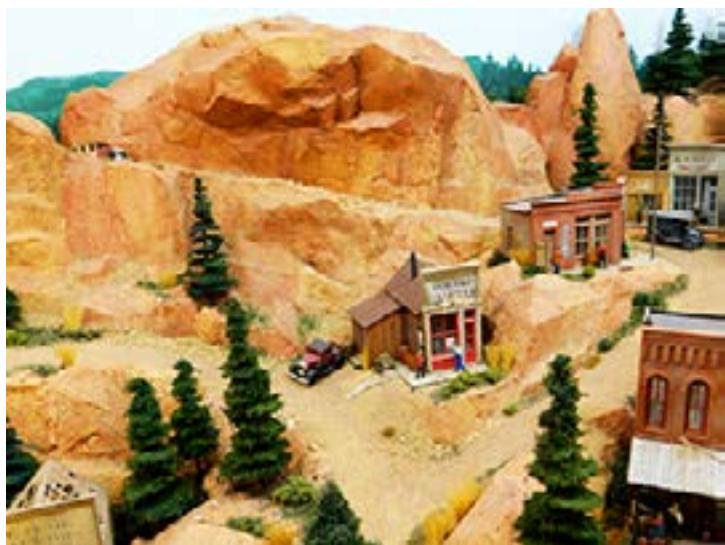
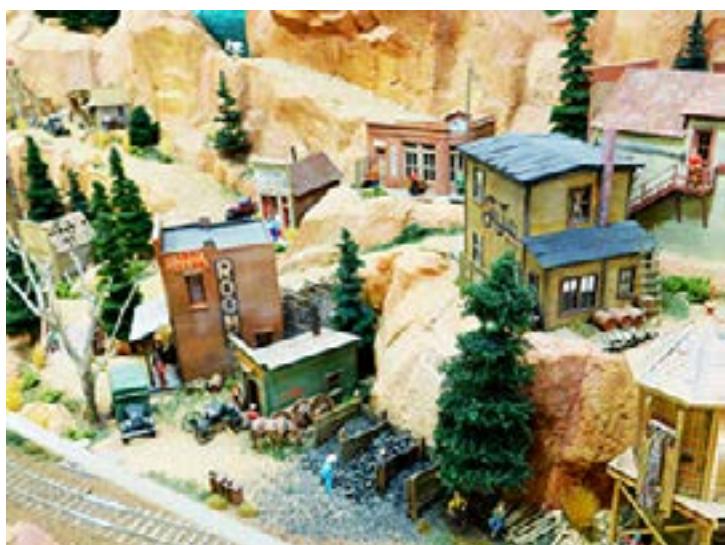


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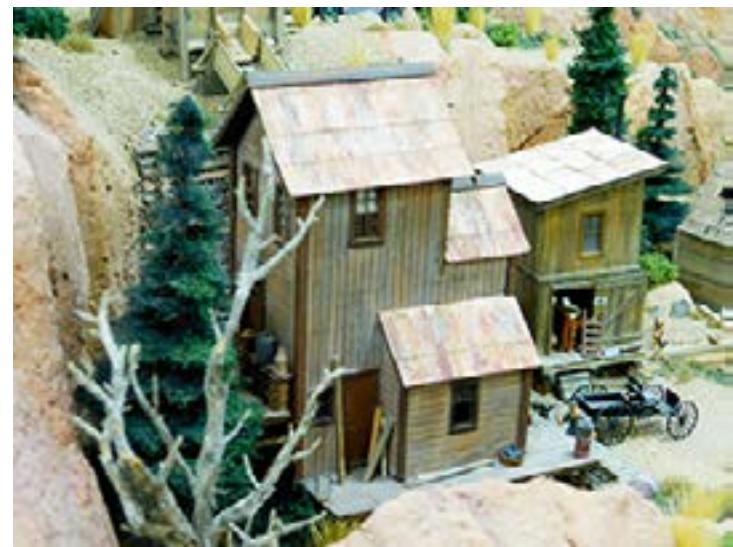


Dan really enjoyed all the detailing
(Exterior and Interior)





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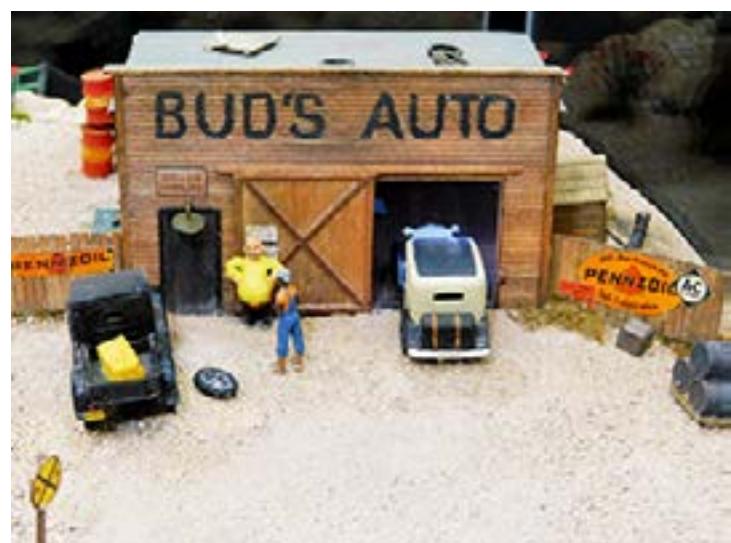


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Dan really was taken by the letter by
letter animated sign on the Cafe





July 19

an eMail to Staff, Officers, BOD

At the Ames Board Meeting, Charlie Getz mentioned an idea that can find people interested in learning more about Model Railroading. It is a simple button, about 4" in diameter red with white lettering.

The button states "ASK ME ABOUT MODEL RAILROADING" which will really catch people's attention. The button could be used at train shows, swap meets and Division sponsored shows/meets.

Please introduce this idea to your Divisions as a means of finding people with an interest in MODEL RAILROADING without the need of stopping them or calling out to get their attention. Since in it is not confrontational, our members won't be reluctant to employ this technique.

Let me know if your Division is interested and how many they will need. Once we have a rough estimate of a quantity we can obtain bids (quantity discounts should be available).

Your Divisions are not committing to a purchase until costs are in and each Division submits an order and a check.

Thanks for your time, have a great summer,

Hank



New on the Shelf

BOOK REVIEW:

A Compendium of Model Railroad Operations
• From Design to Implementations •

Review by David Heinsohn

Details:

Title:

A Compendium of Model Railroad Operations
• From Design to Implementations •

Author: A total of twelve, though not listed on the title page the co-editors are Steve Benezra and Phil Monat.

Copyright: 2017 Operations Special Interest Group (OpSIG)

ISBN: None listed

Hardback only

Cost: \$39.95 for OpSIG members, \$49.95 for non-members. U.S. Shipping \$8

Ordering Information:

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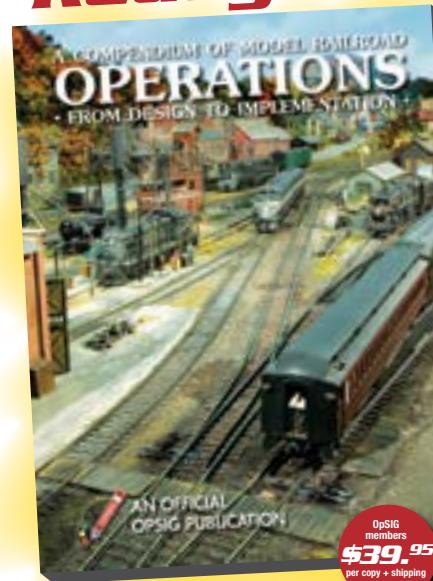
eMail:

Opseg.editor@gmail.com

This is the second book produced by the OpSIG. As the title suggests it is a broad look at model railroad operations. It includes ten chapters plus an introduction. Each chapter covers a specific aspect of operations, written by an expert in that aspect. Here's a look at the Table of Contents as seen on the OpSig's page.

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This book surprised me with the quality of the work. The pages are laid out with enough white space and a good font to make the text very readable. There are plenty of good quality color photos with worthwhile captions. Sidebars are used well to expand on the primary text. Oh, and it's hard cover as you would expect for this price. My one quibble with the book is that the OpSig decided that the market would be limited, so they did not apply for an ISBN, nor is it available for retail sale. At just under 300 pages, this may well be the best operations oriented book available anywhere. It is certainly better than the books I've read from the commercial publishers.

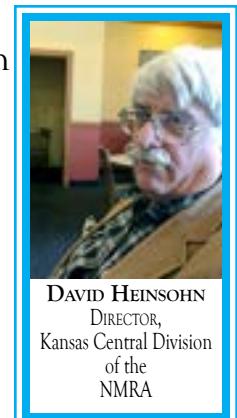
If you have any interest in Model Railroad Operations I suggest you buy and read this book. I finished it in less than a week and will be going back to it as I further develop the operations scheme for the Flint Hills Railroad. Below is a link to the announcement on the OpSig website, with ordering instructions:

<http://www.opsig.org/OPSigBook2.pdf>

"If you're going to talk about setting up freight operations to follow the prototype, some prototype photos and a map are in order."

"Talking about passenger operations a diagram of a prototype passenger track plan, a photo of the prototype and maybe a how one modeler approached passenger operations will help in understanding."

"All of the sidebar pages are green in color. In this case a part of the Authorizing Train Movements chapter showing one famous pikes approach to the authorizations."



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The 2017 Steel Mill Modeler's Meet August 13-16 2017



Rick Seyb
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<http://www.smmsig.org/>



The Steel Mill Modeler's Special Interest Group (SMMSIG) is an informal gathering of individuals with a common interest in industrial history, model railroading and creating scale models of the iron and steel industry. In addition to this website we share ideas and education on steel mill modeling through bulletins, the "Steel Mill Modelers Journal" and our annual meeting. We also provide clinic and educational support to the National Model Railroad Association, its affiliated regions and divisions as well as historical societies.

Dates and Location are fixed, other information is preliminary

The traditional format is registration, display and vendor setup on Sunday afternoon followed by a few clinics that evening. Monday will be a full day of presentations, vendor tables and fellowship. Tuesday will be devoted to carpool layout tours followed by the awards banquet. The meet wraps up with Wednesday morning's informal good - bye breakfast and annual business meeting.

Clinics:

The exact clinic schedule is still being developed. We plan on tapping a host of local modelers and veteran attendees to present fresh ideas and techniques. A few clinics specifically designed for those new to steel mill modeling will occur as we identify the number of first-time attendees. All topics will be specific to steel modeling.

Layout Tours:

Tuesday will be devoted to layout tours by carpool.

We are working on scheduling a layout operating session. The 2016 event was very successful and we would like to repeat the experience. Slots on the "operating crew" will be filled on a first registered basis, so register early.

Displays and Contests:

Attendees are encouraged to bring a steel related model(s) to display, even if it is only a single structure, locomotive or piece of rolling stock. Works in progress are welcome. Attendees will vote on the best displayed model to select the winner of the coveted Dean Freytag award. There is also a special photo category in the display contest that is designed for large models that can't be transported. All it takes to enter this category is photo(s) of your steel project. Judging is based on the quality of the modeling depicted and not on the artistry of the photograph.

Vendors:

One of the most popular attractions is the wealth of specialized steel modeling products offered in one place. Many are "basement" producers whose items aren't readily available in most hobby shops. We have a room dedicated just for the vendors.

All activities are tentative and subject to change!

Membership in the Steel Mill Modelers SIG is required to attend!

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**Gateway Division, Mid-Continent Region
National Model Railroad Association**



MODEL TRAIN MEET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

9 AM – 3 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd, Ballwin, MO
(At the intersection of MO Highway 141 and Clayton Rd in West St Louis County)

Activities

- Model Railroad layout displays (Lionel, N and Z)
- Clinics
- Model Railroad Vendors
- Swap Tables
- Model Contest (Popular vote/Merit judging)
- Layout Tours after the Meet
- Door Prizes

Admission \$7.00, children under 12 free

For additional information or to display your layout contact
Rich Velten, 636-391-0643 or rich.velten@gmail.com

www.gatewaynmra.org

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Calendar of Events

July, 2017

1st & 2nd • Train Show & Open House (Spring Creek Model Trains) •
Sat & Sun • 304 East Bryson Avenue (Drescher, NE)

10th - 15th • National Garden Railway Convention (Tulsa, OK)

Learn more at:

<http://www.ThinkTulsa17.com/>

29th • Turkey Creek Division Train Show & Swap Meet (Overland Park, KS) (refer to previous page)

Shawnee Mission North High School • 7201 Johnson Drive

8:00am - 3:00pm = Train Show & Swap Meet

3:30pm - 8:00pm = Self-Guided Off-Site Layout Tours

Admission \$6.00

Learn more from: Larry Diehl (816) 804-0152 or

Learn more at: <http://www.TC-NMRA.org>

July 30th - August 6th • National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)

The Rosen Plaza Hotel (Orlando, FL)

Learn more at:

<http://nmra2017.org/>



August, 2017

August 4th - 6th • National Train Show

Orange County Convention Center (Orlando, FL)

Learn more at:

<http://nmra2017.org/NationalTrainShow.aspx>

<http://www.nationaltrainshow.org/2017/ntsorlando.html>

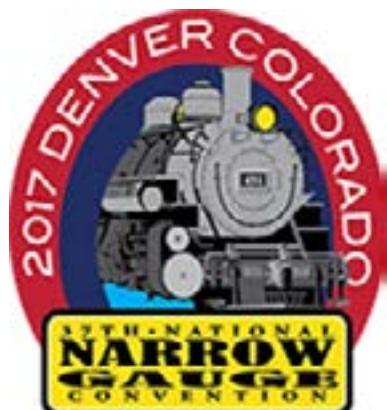
August 13th - 16th • The 2017 Steel Mill Modeler's Meet (Bethlehem, PA) (refer to page 143)

The Sands Casino Resort • 77 Sands Boulevard

1 (877) 726-3777

Learn more at:

<http://www.smmsig.org/>



August 30th - September 2nd • 37th National Narrow Gauge Convention (Denver, CO)

Wednesday - Saturday • Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel

Learn more at:

<http://37nngc.com/index.html>

September, 2017

16th • 20th Annual Wichita Area Garden Railway Society Home Layout Tour (Wichita, KS)

10:00am - 4:00pm

Admission: FREE

Learn more from: Herb Reeves, President

ReeveHa@aol.com

Learn more at: <https://www.FaceBook.com/WichitaAreaGardenRailroadSociety>

23rd • Ozarks Model Railroad Association of Springfield, MO presents their "Annual Fall Train Show"
Springfield Expo Center 635 Ar. Louia Arewwr (Springfield, MO)

Learn more from: OMRAShows@gMail.com or

Learn more at: omraSpringfield.org

23rd & 24th • 23rd Annual Wichita Model Train Show (Wichita, KS)

Cessna Activity Center • 2744 George Washington Blvd.

Learn more from: Gary Nicholas at (706) 248-6433 or

Learn more at: <http://www.WichitaToyTrainMuseum.org>

November, 2017

4th & 5th • Ark City Model Train Show (Arkansas City, KS)

Agriculture Business Bldg. • 712 West Washington

Learn more at:

<http://www.WichitaToyTrainMuseum.org>



February, 2018

3rd & 4th • The Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet (Wichita, KS)

Cessna Activity Center • 2744 George Washington Blvd.

Saturday ~ 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday ~~~ 11:00am - 4:00pm

Admission: \$8/Adult for both days; Children 10 and under are free with paid adult

Venders Wanted

Learn more from: Phil Aylward (316) 259-5190

Aylward1@cox.net or

Learn more at: <http://www.BestTrainShow.com>

June, 2018

5th - 9th • 2018 34th National Garden Railway Convention (Atlanta, GA)

Learn more at:

<http://www.NGRC2018.com>

August, 2018

- The NMRA 2018 National Convention
Kansas City, Missouri, August 5-12, 2018

NMRA • 2018 Kansas City (Kansas City, MO)

Learn more at:

<http://www.kc2018.org/>

and/or

<http://kc2018.org/>

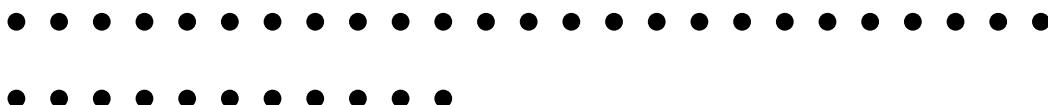


September, 2018

- September - 39th National Narrow Gauge Convention (Sacramento, CA)

Learn more at:

<http://nngc-2019.com/>

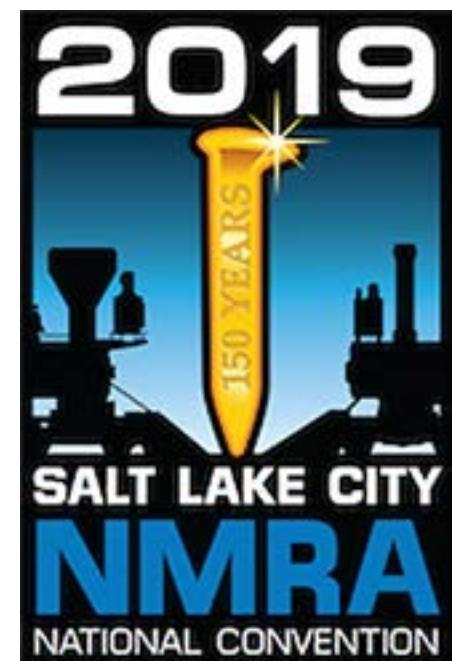


2019

July, 2019

- 2019 National Garden Railway Convention ()

Learn more at:



August, 2019

- NMRA • 2019 Salt Lake City

Learn more at:

September, 2019

4th - 8th • 2019 35th National Garden Railway Convention (Atlanta, GA)

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Learn more at:

<https://www.2019NGRC.WildApricot.org>

- September - 40th National Narrow Gauge Convention (St. Louis, MO)

Learn more at:

<http://nngc-2020.com/>



2020

July, 2020

- 2020 National Garden Railway Convention ()

Learn more at:

- NMRA • 2020 (St. Louis, MO)

Learn more at:

September, 2020



Plan to visit these upcoming:

National Narrow Gauge Conventions:

2018 - 38th • Twin Cities • Minneapolis, MN
<http://nngc-2018.com/>

2019 - 39th • Sacramento, CA

2020 - 40th • St. Louis/St. Charles, MO

2021 - 40st • Hickory, NC

Plan to visit these upcoming:

National Garden Railway Conventions:

2018 National Garden Railway Convention (Atlanta, GA)

http://www.ggrs.info/Georgia_Garden_Railway_Society/NGRC_2018.html

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THIRD QUARTER - 2017

SWITCH LIST - Third Quarter 2017

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

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Chisholm Trail Division ----- (Wichita, KS)

Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at

Olivet Baptist Church

3440 West 13th Street North • Wichita, KS 67203-4560
(13th Street North & High Street)

- Begin gathering ----- 6:45pm
- NMRA meeting & program(s) ----- 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Information: Alan A. Aagaard, Division Editor

eMail: alan.a.aagaard@gMail.com

Cowboy Line Division ----- (Norfolk, NE)

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at

HyVee East, upstairs meeting room.

Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk Avenue

Information: Dennis M. Brandt

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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

Information: Tom Persoon, Superintendent

eMail: PersoonT06@msn.com

Gateway Division ----- (St. Louis, MO)

Meets the 3rd Monday each month at 7:00pm.

Odd numbered months at:

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road
(Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO

Even numbered months:

VFW Hall----- O'Fallon, IL

Information:

<http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

Indian Nations Division ----- (Tulsa, OK)

Meets at the new *Hardesty Library*

8316 East 93rd Street

(just east of Memorial Road in Tulsa, OK.)

The library opens at 9:00am and the meetings start at 9:30am

Information found on our web page:

www.tulsanmra.org

Contact: Dave Salomon, Superintendent

Telephone: (918) 272-5512

eMail: drs_rr@yahoo.com

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Kansas Central Division (Elmdale, KS)

Meets the 1st Saturday of even numbered months
meeting starts at 1pm

For the full schedule check the MCoR website or
Contact: David Heinsohn
eMail: kd0r@fhrd.net.

Kate Shelley Division (Ames, IA)

Meets the 4th Thursday of every month
(except November which we meet the 3rd week and

December we have

at the Ames Public Library

515 Douglas Avenue • Ames, Iowa

- Business meeting starts at 6:00pm and
- Social gathering at 7:00pm (anything railroad goes)

Contact Kate Shelley Division through the NMRA web site

Oklahoma Heartland Division (OKC, OK)

Meets in the even numbered months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model Railroading are welcome.

Information:

www.okcnmra.org

Platte Valley Division (Hastings, Grand Island, & Kearney, NE)

Meets quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest.

New members are always welcome.

Information: Todd L. Petersen, Division Director
Telephone: (308) 832-2200 or
eMail: todd@gtmc.net

Turkey Creek Division (Shawnee, KS)

Meets 4th Monday of every month at 7:00pm at Hocker Grove Middle School

10400 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203-2895

Information check the Division Timetable:

<http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

Contact: Louis Seibel

Telephone: (913) 393-3495

or (913) 927-6850

eMail: L-seibel@comcast.net

Western Heritage Division (Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA)

Meets on the 1st Saturday *(except June and December)* at 9:00am at the Sump Library

2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza).

Information visit the division web page:

<http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

for more information and a map

Western Kansas Division (Garden City, KS)

Meets every Tuesday evening 6:30pm to 9:00pm
409½ North Main Street
(second floor above "Stage" department store, rear entrance)

6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N)

Operating sessions available

Contact: Robert Simmons, Division Director

Telephone: (620) 521-3591 (C) or
(620) 272-0444 (H)

eMail: trainman55@hotmail.com

Facebook™ page "Western Kansas Division"

Information: Western Kansas Division website:

<http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

MONTHLY NEWS AT A GLANCE:

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Quad Chapter Meeting (Wichita hosting)

More information at a later date

DIVISIONS:

Kate Shelley (Ames, IA)

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515 Douglas Avenue

Contact Kate Shelley Division through the NMRA web site

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409½ North Main Street
Information: Robert Simmons,
eMail: train-man55@hotmail.com

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130 South Laura Street
Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm
\$5.00 adult, children up to 12 free

Weekend N'gineers (Olathe, KS)
16624 West 126th Street
Every Sunday 1:00pm
Information: Ken Clark
eMail: hap-heart@swbell.net

Mid Kansas Model Railroaders, (McPherson, KS)
1130 West Kansas Avenue
Every Sunday 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Information: John Snell
eMail: jSnell@cox.net

Garden City Model Train (Garden City, KS)
408 North Main Street (*back entrance*)
Every Tuesday 6:30pm
Information: Robert Simmons
eMail: trainman55@hotmail.com

Ozarks Model Railroad Association (Springfield, MO)
424 West Commercial Street
Every Tuesday 7:00pm
Information: Ron Williams
eMail: rWilliams3129@gMail.com

Mexico Train Works Model RR Club
(Mexico MO)

8 West Jackson Street
Meets every Wednesday (except at major holidays)
at 7:00pm

Information:

www.mexicotrains.com
Contact: John Johnson, President
eMail: info@MexicoTrains.com
Telephone: (573) 581-8013

Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club
(Kansas City, MO)

6060 NW Waukomis Drive
Meets every other Wednesday at 7:00pm

Information: J. D. Spicher
eMail: jdSpicher@aol.com

or

W. L. Ohrnell
eMail: wOhrnell@sbcglobal.net

Kansas City Society of Model Engineers
(Kansas City,)

Meets every Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Information: Steven Boeck,
eMail: sjBoeck@att.net

North East Kansas Model Railroaders
HO gauge (,)

Meets every Saturday at 7:00pm

Information: Otto Wick
Telephone: (913) 367-7536
or
Steve Schaefer
Telephone: (913) 367-6202

Boothill Model Railroad (, KS)
Meets every Saturday 1:00pm
Information: Robert Simmons
eMail: trainman55@hotmail.com

Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City
(Liberty, MO)

131 South Water Street

Meets every Saturday 11:00am - 3:00pm
Information: Dick Cooper
eMail: nScale05@gMail.com

North East Kansas Model Railroaders
12" scale (At)

1440 North 6th Street
Meets every 2nd and 4th
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Information: Otto Wick
Telephone: (913) 367-7536

or
Steve Schaefer
Telephone: (913) 367-6202

Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club
(Cherryvale, KS)

Leatherock Hotel Center
420 North Depot Street
Meets at 1:00pm
Information: John Dhooghe
eMail: john@cvmrc.com
and visit our website
www.cvmrc.com

Dates of our Sunday meetings on our main page

GARDEN RAILROAD CLUBS

Tulsa Garden Railroad Club (Tulsa, OK)
Freewill Baptist Church
1190 North Mingo Road
Information:
info@TulsaRailroadClub.org

Northeast Kansas (at member's layout)
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peTedy@everestkc.net

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Contact: W. Ohrnell
Telephone: (816) 746-5663
Information: www.KCNRR.com

F/G scale (Topeka, KS)

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Topeka, KS 66611-2412

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gScaleFun@hotmail.com
and
<http://www.kcgrs.com>
or
Telephone: (913) 406-3400

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Information:
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secretary@BigBendRRclub.org

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Jefferson City, MO 65102-3243

O Scale (Overland Park, KS)

Kansas City Module "O"
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10334 Ash Street
Overland Park, KS 66207-3910
lhs1955@gmail.com

HO Scale (Des Moines, IA)

Central Iowa Railroad Club
Iowa State Fair Grounds
Contact: David Briely
PO Box #118
Des Moines, IA 50301-0118
Telephone: (515) 266-8899
Meets: 1st Tuesday each month
Open House: 4th Friday each month

Information:
<http://www.facebook.com/centraliowarailroadclub>

HO Scale (Conway, AR)

Central AR Model RR Club
PO Box #1825
Conway, AR 72033-1825
Contact: Daniel Gladstone
Telephone: (501) 269-3030

Information:
<http://www.ARtrains.org>

HO Scale (Collinsville, IL)

Columbia Model Railroaders
410 Camelot Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234-4715

HO Scale (Odessa, MO)

Eastern Jackson County Mainliners
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Information:
www.EasternJacksonCountyMainlines.com

HO Scale (Kansas City, MO)

Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club
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Kansas City, MO 64153-
eMail: wOhrnell@kc.rr.com

HO Scale (Council Bluffs, IA)

Greater Omaha Society of Model Engineers
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Council Bluffs, IA 51502-0067
Telephone: (402) 895-0296
or (402) 491-3692

Information:
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Kansas City Society of Model Engineers
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Overland Park, KS 66212-5153
Telephone: (913) 492-4142
eMail: jsTeep@aol.com

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Kirkwood Railroad Association
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100 North Sappington Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122-4845
rmVelten@swbell.net
Information:
<http://www.krra-stl.org>

HO Scale (Manhattan, KS)
Manhattan Area Rail Joiners
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1223 Pierre Street
Manhattan, KS 66502-4331
eMail: dClagett@ksu.edu
Telephone: (785) 537-7624

HOn3 Scale (Saint Peters, MO)
Modular HO Narrow Gauge Society
914 Summer Leaf Drive
Saint Peters, MO 63376-7065

HO Scale (Olathe, KS)
MO-KAN Rail Joiners
Contact: Louis Seibel
1069 North Logan Street
Olathe, KS 66061-6321
Telephone: (913) 393-3495
or (913) 927-6850
eMail: L-seibel@comcast.net

N Scale (Wichita, KS)
Kansas Area N-Trak
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Apartment #1306
Wichita, KS 67213-3427

N Scale (Harlan, IA)
Nishna Valley Railroad Society
1303 Eighth Street
Harlan, IA 51537-1640

HO Scale (Marion, IL)
Southern Illinois Train Club
PO Box 1633
Marion, IL 62959-7833

HO Scale (Kansas City, MO)
Southern Kansas City Model
Railroad Historical Society
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8600 Ward Parkway • Suite 2030
Kansas City, MO 64114-2643
Contact: Richard Boone
Telephone: (816) 996-1534
eMail: rBoone@traintown-kc.com
Information:
<http://www.traintown-KC.com>

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Wichita, KS 67201-8082
eMail: WCMR1@cs.com

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every Thursday at Club House -
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Hutchinson KS 67502-2481
eMail: c.Moll@sbcglobal.net
Telephone: (620) 663-8167

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Mississippi Valley N Scalers
20 Apostle Court
Fenton, MO 63026-
eMail: mvns@railfan.net
Information:
<http://mvns.railfan.net>

N Scale (North Kansas City, MO)
Missouri Northern Railroad Society, Inc.
PO Box #12591
North Kansas City, MO 64116-2591

N Scale (Oklahoma City, OK)
Oklahoma N-Rail
Contact: Bruce Alcock, President
PO Box #96131
Oklahoma City, OK 73143-6131
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N Scale (Hastings, NE)

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Springfield, MO 65803-2650

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Contact: Nancy Adams

Telephone: (816) 262-0304

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Nebraska Railroad Museum

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Contact: Dave Fachman

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eMail: fevr@FremontRailroad.com

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<http://www.FremontRailroad.com>

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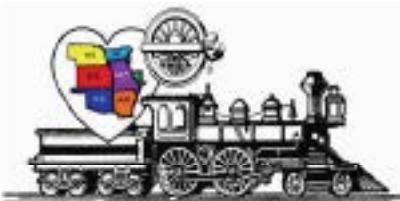
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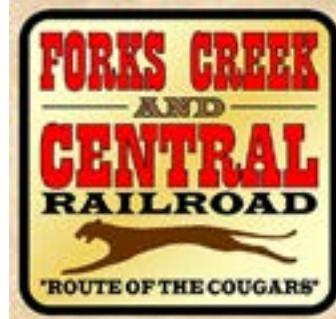
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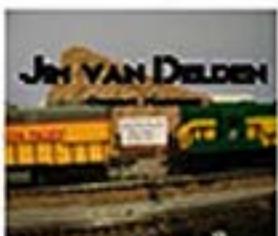
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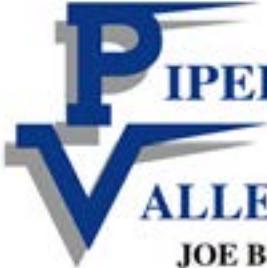


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