



Trails, Rails, & Tales

The Official Newsletter of the Chisholm Trail Division of the **NMRA**

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Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

March, 2015

- March 3 **Evening** Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church
3440 West 13th St N • Wichita, KS 67203-4560
(13th Street North & High Street)
Begin gathering-----6:45pm
• NMRA - meeting -----7:00pm - 9:00pm
• PROGRAM PART I
"Kansas Depots" by J. Harvey Koehn
from the Great Plains Transportation Museum
• PROGRAM PART II
"Bring-and-Brag"
your items from the Contest Room of the Train Show
- March 7 & 8
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Great Train Show at Century II (Wichita, KS)
- March 17 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting ----- 11:30am
Our Hostess is "Jessica" at Golden Coral
11006 East Kellogg Drive
Wichita, KS 67207-1922

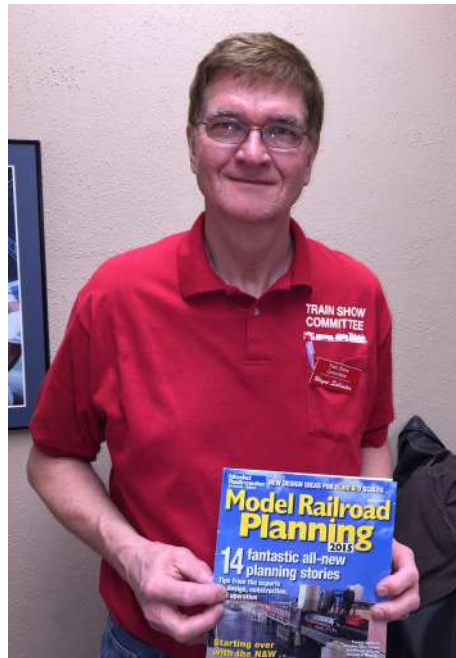
April, 2015

- April 1 "April Fools Day" - keep alert
(after all, we need more "lerts")
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- April 15 Income Taxes are DUE
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TRAIN SHOW FEATURED

WAYNE SCHLUETER - OWNER OF ANDOVER TOOL COMPANY is holding the



Model Railroad Planning 2015 - Special Issue by Model Railroader, in which he is in an article on custom building a "Drop-down mainline extension". The article written by Bill Darnaby tells how he (Bill) contacted the manufacturer (Wayne) and described to him the need for a simple but robust single-track extension that would hinge, have its own leg support, and swing up into the aisle. The article describes the custom built product and how it operates. Please join us in congratulating Wayne for being published in the 2015 edition. The Model Railroad Planning 2015 edition is available

at:

<http://mrr.trains.com/issues/2014/model-railroad-planning-2015>

Written by Pamela Todd
Assist. Editor

The **GREAT TRAIN SHOW** will be held in

Wichita, KS at Century II

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

March 7th and 8th

10:00am to 4:00pm Both Days

...for additional information visit:

GreatTrainShow.com



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Chisholm Trail Division
of the
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2015 - 2016



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

First off I want to thank Larry Gulick for all of his hard work in getting the Division up and running these past years .

I think 'the Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet' for 2015 was a good one. The attendance was a little down from last year but the Vendors were happy with the show. I thank all of you that help out in any way. It takes people like you to make the show what it is. The 2016 show will be on Feb. 6th & 7th 2016.

We made it through elections and glad we are moving forward.
Until next time. Happy modeling and be Safe.

Phil Aylward
Director
Chisholm Trail Division



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

This New Year for the Chisholm Trail Division is off to a roaring start. We have new "Regulations and Guidelines" in place, an election of officers finalized, and the sponsorship of a great train show completed. Great praise goes out to Phil Aylward and the entire "Train Show Committee" for putting on a well planned and attended, "2015 Wichita Train Show and Swap Meet."

The entire membership of the Chisholm Trail Division was startled and saddened when Larry Gulick announced that he would not be able to accept the duties of Superintendent following the election results. I know that all of the division members want to express their gratitude for Larry's many years of service to Chisholm Trail Division as Superintendent.



Lionel M. Smith, Jr.
Superintendent
Chisholm Trail Division
of NMRA

With the resignation announcement by Larry Gulick, the newly adopted "Regulations and Guidelines" gave the division a clear path to fill the vacancy. Section 3 of the division Guidelines states that: "The Assistant Superintendent shall preside for the Superintendent in the absence of the latter, and shall assume the Office of the Superintendent in the event it is vacated." So you can see that the members who developed the new "Regulations and Guidelines" and brought these "Regulations and Guidelines" to the membership for approval in December, provided rules to insure a smooth transition and continuous leadership.

As your new Superintendent for 2015, I would like to highlight some of the goals the leadership team will be striving to achieve:

Beginning with a meeting of Officers and Appointed Committee Members (February 28th) at Lionel's house.

The NMRA Achievement Program –

With so many highly skilled modelers in our division, your path to "NMRA Achievement Certificates" will be guided by many of your association partners. The mentoring concept of the achievement program allows for fun, friendship, and a guided path to outstanding modeling. *Pam Todd and Chris Dancy are co-chairpersons on the Achievement Committee.*

The Monthly Program and Business Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) –

The Program Committee is already in action; working to insure that each month's meeting offers informative and educational content about model railroading and railroad history. There will be opportunities to display your skills and learn new skills. "Bring and Brag" events are great times to display your creations. "Make and Take" events are skill enhancement training sessions for all members. Both of these events are scheduled for 2015.

Lionel M. Smith, Jr.
Superintendent
Chisholm Trail Division

Chisholm Trail Division has a *full head of steam* to make your 2015, a great model railroad experience!

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Belated happy new year!

The new year has come and gone, and according to statistics, most of us by now have broken the resolutions that we made with all good intentions but apparently not enough will power. My guess is that by now, at our age we all have gone through the process of making and breaking New Years Resolutions many times. Do any of these sound familiar? "I will lose X number of pounds!" "I will start putting away something for retirement!" "I will start living a more healthy lifestyle!" "I will try to be a better person!" *And a real common one among model railroaders: "I will spend more time on my railroad!"*



Larry Gulick
Past-Superintendent
Chisholm Trail Division
of NMRA
2011 - 2015

- OK, I have tried losing weight for years, 50 pounds impossible! 25 pounds fat chance! 10 pounds we're talking maybe! 5 pounds I can lose, but it always seems like I'm loaning it to someone who is always bringing it back. Let's not waste any more time on that resolution.
- Putting away something for retirement seems to work better if you start before retirement, so let's not waste time on that one either.
- Changing to more healthy lifestyle is a real possibility, just don't make any changes you can't live comfortably with.
- Being a better person is impossible! By the way how do you show sarcasm in print?

Now the most important resolution.

- We are all working with a 24 hour day, eight hours for job, eight hours of sleep and eight hours for everything else. Some time ago I decided that it was not unreasonable to allow my self an hour a day for my trains. I have allowed a very broad definition for the use of this hour, reading a book or magazine. Was I stuck at a railroad crossing watching a train, that counts. Was I trying to solve an electronic or a scenery problem? Drawing track plans, that counts. How about making a tree or tuning up a freight car while watching a movie or game on TV, that counts. All this adds up and sooner than you realize you will have accomplished a lot on your railroad.

Larry Gulick
Past-Superintendent
Chisholm Trail Division

I think we all can keep this resolution!!!

MARCH	APRIL
9 th • Wayne S.	4 th • Dan H.
19 th • Lloyd H.	11 th • Pamela T.
	12 th • Alan A.
	26 st • Paul M.
	27 st • Larry G.

Birthdays
March and April



"INGRIM'S EMPIRE" - JANUARY 23, 2015

Oh, be still my heart...what marvelous progress Chuck has been making! Rumor had it, he was able to run his first train (initially using DC) between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Since that "Golden-Spike" celebration, he has been dropping leads in preparation for the conversion to DCC. His layout is approximately 9 feet wide (back by Chuck) - the leg to the left measures 8 feet and the leg to the right measures 10 feet. We (Mrs. Sharon, Charles, and myself) had a delightful visit that January morning. You will be kept informed as progress continues on his Empire (yes, *I know how to spell it, but was after the alliteration*).



Mountains

Freight Yards

Station

Mexican Village

Stock Yards

Story & Photography
by
Alan A. Aagaard



THEME OF THE ISSUE: WIGWAG SIGNALS



CORP Three Pines Road Crossing, Photo (L), 2000 by Larry Faltie

Wigwag is the nickname given to a type of railroad grade crossing signal once common in North America, named for the pendulum-like motion it used to signal the approach of a train. It is generally credited to Albert Hunt, a mechanical engineer at Southern California's Pacific Electric (PE) interurban streetcar railroad, who invented it in 1909 for safer railroad grade crossings.

PE's earliest wigwags were gear-driven, but proved difficult to maintain. They were originally built in the railroad's shops. The final design, first installed at a busy crossing near Long Beach, California, in 1914, utilized alternating electromagnets pulling on an iron armature. A red steel target disc, slightly less than two feet in diameter, serving as a pendulum was attached. A red light in the center of the target illuminated, and with each swing of the target a mechanical gong sounded.

"ONCE UPON A TIME" GUESS WHO...???

Arriving at Union Station in Los Angeles, Southern Pacific was unique in its use of the massive cab-forward design, intended to keep crewmen cooler, awake, and ALIVE while traversing the numerous tunnels on many of the Line's routes...

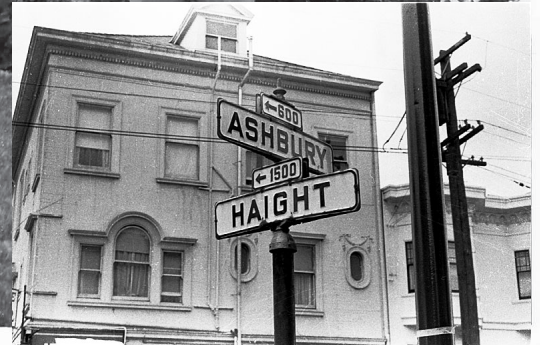
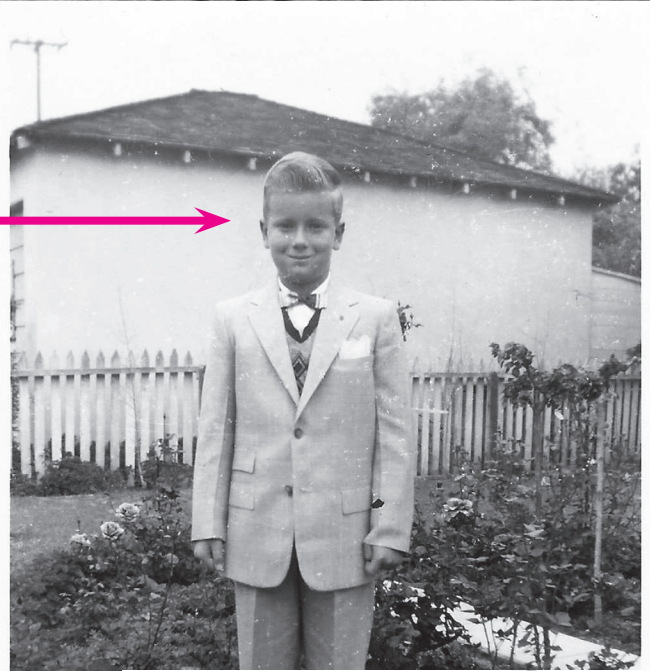


Original photo of a Chisholm Trail Division Member of the NMRA

At the age of 12, while visiting his grandparents, the next door neighbor (an Engineer for the "SP") asked if he'd like to spend a couple of days in the cab...that, eventually evolved at his being at the **"throttle" and "whistle"** of this behemoth of a machine. What a life-long experience! To actually be in control through the Tehachapi Loop, through the San Fernando Valley, and actually through the curve (above) of the Taylor Yard and into the LA Station Area!!!



Who'd a thought this would later become a "biker" (Honda Super Hawk, then Triumph Bonneville, then HARLEY - his bike of choice) and a "Hippy" (yes, "flower child" and Haight-Ashbury pony-tailed freak that's amongst you...) but, all the while an avid Model Railroader!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (...we'll never speak of his "hoping moving freights to get to and from the Drag Strip races in San Fernando...riding with the Hobos...") A most "colorful" youth...but to quote Sir Paul McCartney: "Ballroom Dancing made a man outa me"



ONCE UPON A TIME:

Share your photo from "once upon a time" and it will be included in next month's newsletter!

WICHITA TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET

SPONSORED BY NMRA

FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2015



Main Room looking toward the front door - taken near the snackbar (ps - that's Charles Ingram waving in the foreground)

Photographer's comment - YES the lighting was that much different between the two-areas (make reference to the other photo seen at the bottom of this page - it was taken from the opposite corner of the "Main Room")

Upstairs the Contest Room Ribbon Winners



Category 100 - "Steam Locomotives"
Steve Weidner
Sublett, Kansas
Boot Hill Model Railroad Club
(Home Built Steam Locomotive)
HO



Category 200 - "Diesel & Other Locomotives"
Danny Farnsworth

CB&Q set of four F2's
HO



Category 200 - "Diesel & Other Locomotives"
Dusty McCoy

Amtrak SD40F
HO

Photography by Alan A. Aagaard





Category 300 - "Passenger Cars"
Randy Stucky
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
(HO)



Category 300 - "Passenger Cars"
Randy Stucky
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
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(HO)



Category 400 - "Freight Cars"
Ricky Keil



Category 400 - "Freight Cars"
Larry Gulick
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
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D&RGW Box Car (On30)



Category 400 - "Freight Cars"
Chris Dancy
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MP Stock Car (HO)

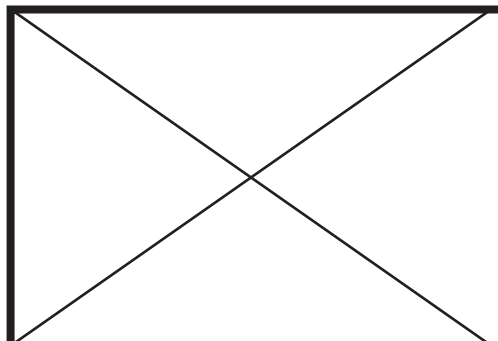


Category 500 - "Caboose"
Larry Gulick
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
"Turtle Creek" (On30)



Category 600 - "Non-Revenue Cars"
Dean Lippincott
Wichita, Kansas

Fire Fighting Train (HO)



Category 700 - "Tongue and Cheek"

...no entries...



Category 800 - "Structures"
Larry Gulick
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
Gas Station (On30)



Category 800 - "Structures"
Bill Savage
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
Propane Plant (HO)



Category 800 - "Structures"
Dean Lippincott
Wichita, Kansas

Franklin Garment (HO)



Just ONE
Vote
per person



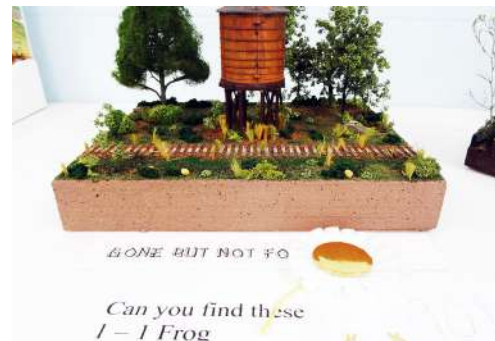
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Category 900 - "Dioramas"
Dennis Howe

1st Place And Best of Show
Wood Fabrication Factory (HO)



Category 900 - "Dioramas"
Pam Todd
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
Engine House (HO)



GONE BUT NOT FOR
Can you find these
1-1 Frog

Category 900 - "Dioramas"
Phil Aylward
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
Water Tower (HO)



Category 1000 - "Modules"
Mark Fisher
Sublett, Kansas
Boot Hill Model Railroad Club
"Saw Mill"
(On30)



Category 1000 - "Modules"
Steve Weidner
Sublett, Kansas
Boot Hill Model Railroad Club
"Mine Hoist"
(On30)



Category 1100 - "Photographs - Prototype"
Renee Lippincott
Wichita, Kansas

"UP #844 with Bi-Plane and Bird"



Category 1100 - "Photographs - Prototype"
Renee Lippincott
Wichita, Kansas

"AT&SF derailment"



Category 1100 - "Photographs - Prototype"
Pam Todd
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA
"Yard Crane"



Category 1200 - "Photographs - Model"
Mark Fisher
Sublett, Kansas
Boot Hill Model Railroad Club

"Saw Mill" (On30)



Category 1200 - "Photographs - Model"
Larry Gulick
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
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Gas Station (On30)



Category 1200 - "Photographs - Model"
Pam Todd
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"Frame of Engine House" (HO)

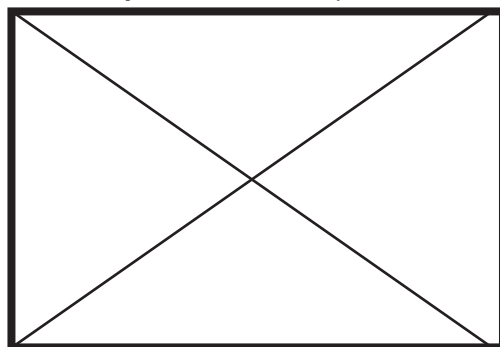




Upstairs the Free-Mo HO layout



...and New this year (2015) as
The Voice of the Train Show
Alan A. Aagaard
Wichita, Kansas
Chisholm Trail Division
NMRA



Category 1300 - "Youth"

...no entries...



Category 1400 - "My Favorite Train"

First Place – Dean Lippincott

Wichita, Kansas

PRR Coal Train (HO)

Second Place – Larry Gulick

Wichita, Kansas

Chisholm Trail Division

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D&RGW Green Passenger (On30)

Third Place – Randy Stucky

Wichita, Kansas

Chisholm Trail Division

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Fire Fighting Train (On30)



Several of those who responded to the request of
"NMRA members"
come to the banner for a group photo



Downstairs in the Layout room