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Looking Ahead

KCD Zoom Turntable

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 @ 7:00PM

KCD Business Meeting

Saturday, August 7, 2021 @ 1:00PM @ Ross Boelling's

KCD ZOOM Turntable

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 7:00PM

MCoR Region Convention

October 6-10, 2021, Tulsa OK



Director's News

By Ray Brady

Here we are in the middle of July when you read this. We are half way through the summer months, and it has been good to finally get out and move around freely since getting vaccinated.

I suspect most of you are feeling liberated too, after the lockdown of 2020-2021. Our Kansas Central Division is back on track of having person-to-person meetings. We had our June meeting at my place and it was good to see so many people in the layout room, although I had to do considerable picking-up (shame on me) to make the layout functional. The Covid shutdown had gotten me into a sense of complacency and the place was a mess. Some folks were here for the first time, and some were old hands trying out the throttles and the track warrants again. We had a good mix....

As the end of the lockdown approached, just for fun I inventoried what I had done for the requirements for AP certificates. And, to my surprise, I had completed three AP's without realizing it. I sent in the paperwork, and Marty Vaughn, the Mid Continent Region's Assistant AP Chairman, came to our June meeting and presented them to me. *[Marty is also the founder and organizer of the Kansas Central Division around 1990]*. And, another reason for Marty coming to our meeting was to have him evaluate my layout for the AP-Electrical, I had already sent him information and all he had to do was verify that the requirements were met. After the meeting, we went to Tom Katafiasz's, looked over his layout, and Tom satisfied the requirements for AP-Scenery.

I know there are some that are not interested in the NMRA Achievement program and that is all right. Initially, when I joined the NMRA, I sort of felt that way too. In retrospect, I think it was because I was heavily involved in just learning how to spell "M o D e L r A i L r O a D." There was a lot to learn and I didn't put the AP/MMR program on a very hot burner.

But, that has changed as I have learned how to spell. My layout satisfies everything for AP-Electrical and almost everything for AP-Civil. I will get the AP-Electrical at the same time as Tom gets

his AP-Scenery, and all I need to do is do some scenery and some scratch building for three types of track to finish the AP-Civil. That means basically four are complete, and a fifth is almost there - and I didn't even realize it....

That leaves only two more to get MMR. I know I have a dream of having some Colorado Midland engines and rolling stock in front of the Leadville Station. Do I sense an AP-Motive Power, AP-Cars, or AP-Structures in my future? Gee, that gets me to MMR..... Guess I just needed to survey what I have already done....

I guess where I am heading is that the MMR program is something within the reach of each of us. All it takes is for each of us to inventory what we have done in the hobby. As you reflect on your layout, rolling stock, motive power, or catalogue the articles you have written, you may find that you already have many of the requirements already behind you.

In looking at the AP awards achieved by the KCD, there have been 48 awards for Golden Spike's, AP's, and MMR's since the Division was formed back in 1990 or thereabouts. But, except for the AP's this year, the previous ones were 3 by David Heinsohn in 2016, and the one before that was in 2010. It would be interesting to see what you all have done and how many other awards can be added to the list by you just looking at the requirements, saying "Ah Ha!, I've done that", and then doing the paperwork....

Speaking of getting out. How many are making plans to go to Tulsa in October to the Mid-Continent Region's Convention. Elsewhere in this issue is information about the convention. The early registration deadline has been delayed to August 1, so register before then and save \$15. The Clinics and Layouts that you will see there are super, and it will be a chance to meet and greet some great modelers..... And, if you have a non-rail person in your life, bring them since there are things going on at the convention or in Tulsa that may interest them too.

Well, enough for this time. Till the next BP.....
Ray Brady Director

Minutes of the Last KCD Meeting

June 13, 2021

The June 13, 2021 meeting of the Kansas Central Division was held at the home of Ray Brady in Brookville, Kansas. The meeting was called to order at 1:17pm by Superintendent Ross Boelling.

Those in attendance were Don Hazen and Gary Essells (both from Hutchinson and members of the Chisholm Train Division), Larry Shankles (from Topeka and a KCD member) and guest Bill Cutrer (from Topeka), Alan Meinholdt (from Emporia and a KCD member), Ray Brady (from Brookville and a KCD member), Ross Boelling (from Lyons and a KCD member), Marty Vaughn, MMR (from Wellsville and a member of Turkey Creek Division), Tom Katafiasz (from Salina and a KCD member) and David and Chris Heinsohn (from Emporia and KCD members, and who were present via ZOOM). The attendees introduced themselves and told where they were from and described what they modeled.

Tom mentioned that he had filed the 501c (3) report with the state for the year 2021.

Ross mentioned Herington Railroad Days that will be held on April 30 and May 1, 2022.

Ray mentioned the regional convention in Tulsa in October 2021.

Alan mentioned that he had registered for the Tulsa convention earlier, but with the change to October, he would not be able to go. He has a registration if anyone is interested.

Marty Vaughn presented Ray with three (3) achievement rewards certificates for AP-Author, AP-Volunteer and AP-official.

Ray presented a slide show program of his layout depicting the routes from Topeka to Ogden, Utah with routes thru either Salina/Denver or North Platte/Cheyenne. For many this was their initial visit to Ray's extensive layout so formed an orientation and introduction to the Track Warrants to be used for the trains already staged on the layout!

The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm and the attendees then performed some basic operating on Ray's N-gauge layout which everyone enjoyed.

*Respectfully submitted
Tom Katafiasz, Clerk, KCD*

Next Two KCD Meetings

Mark your
calendars

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**ZOOM Turntable on Wednesday, July 14, 2021
@ 7:00PM online**

**In-person Business Meeting on Saturday
August 7, 2021 @ 1:00PM at Ross Boelling's**

Editor's Comments

By Ray Brady

At the June KCD meeting mentioned in the Director's column above, I received three AP awards: AP-Author, AP-Official, and AP-Volunteer. These were awards that "just happened" to have been competed by doing what I enjoyed.

I took over the Brass Pounder Editorship in 2016 and now, 5 years and 29 issues latter, as well as quite a few articles, I satisfy the AP-Author. I have learned along the way, gotten to know what many of you are doing, and have met some new friends too.

I became the Division Director, taking over from David Heinsohn shortly thereafter. Three years later (really 4 years now), that gave me the AP-Official.

And, for just being the editor of our Brass Pounder and the Mid Continent Region's Caboose Kibitzer, that qualified me to satisfy the AP-Volunteer, just by serving in that capacity.

So, thank you, the members, for the opportunity to serve you.....

I did all this because our KCD organization is in the hands of member volunteers, and I cared about the Kansas Central Division and it's success. While my participation was not about the awards, the awards "just happened" and here we are today.

So with that, I say it is time for a change in personnel—time for some new blood. The Kansas Central Division officer elections are coming up this December and the Superintendent and Director positions are up for election. It is time for someone else to have the opportunity to take over as Director and as Brass Pounder Editor.

The responsibilities of Director are to represent the Division at the Region level. You will be called upon to attend two meetings per year, either



Marty Vaughn, MMR **AP-Author** Presentation to Ray Brady
June 13, 2021

via ZOOM or in person—normally in the Kansas City area. The meetings last 1-3 hours, and are an excellent opportunity to see the workings of the NMRA Region, meet some very competent modelers, and to report on the KCD.

And, after 5 years, it is time for some fresh energy in the position of Editor of the Brass Pounder. As you can see, the content is minimal this time so I wonder if it still meets the needs of the members, or if a fresh new approach is needed for the "publication." So, that position will be open and will be an opportunity for someone to reinvent the Brass Pounder into something better.

So, in the coming months, everyone, please reflect on the positions coming up for election, and think about "**Volunteering**," or becoming an "**Official**", or "**Authoring**" for the Kansas Central Division..... You can do it.....

Ray Brady



June 13 Operating Session

By Ray Brady

Thanks to Marty Vaughn, MMR for all the pictures

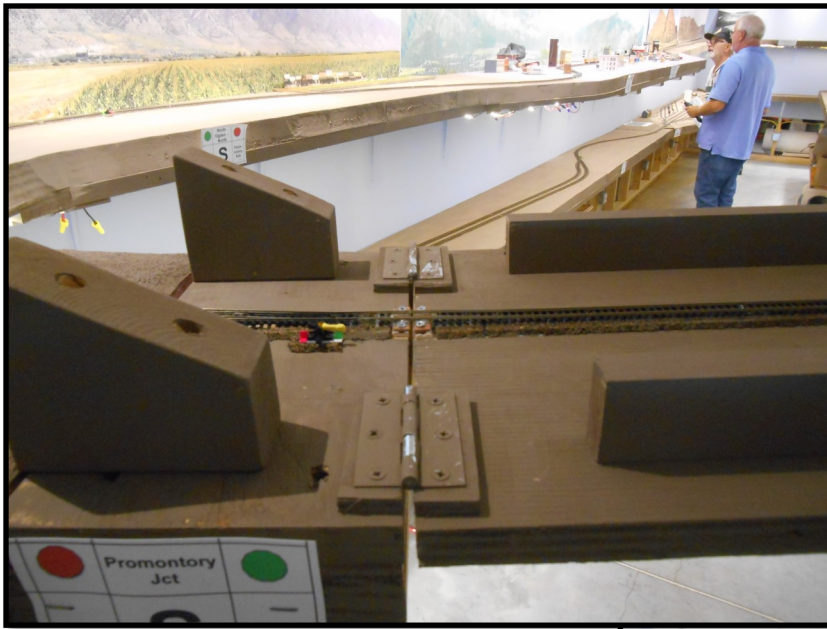


OK!
Let's go
run
trains!

Topeka
Staging!

Engines
Ready
For a
Train!





Upper “Folding Bridge” to Get Into the Layout Room



Lower “Folding Bridge” to Get Into the Layout Room



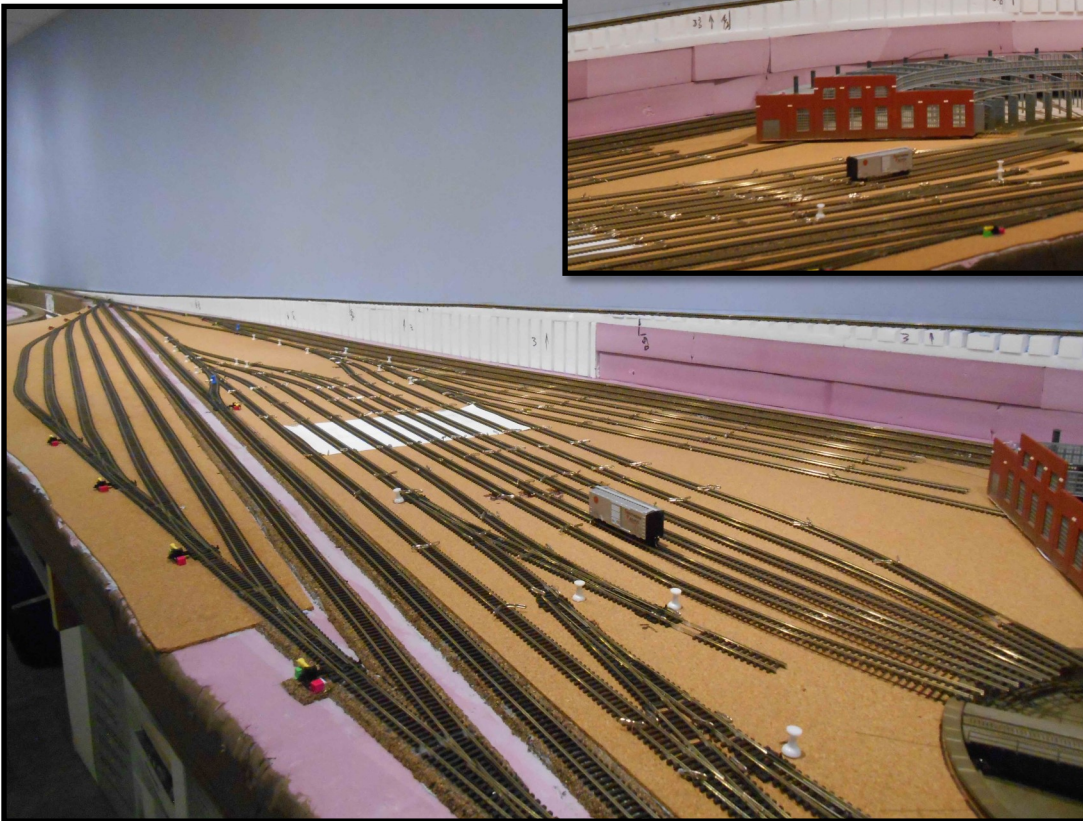
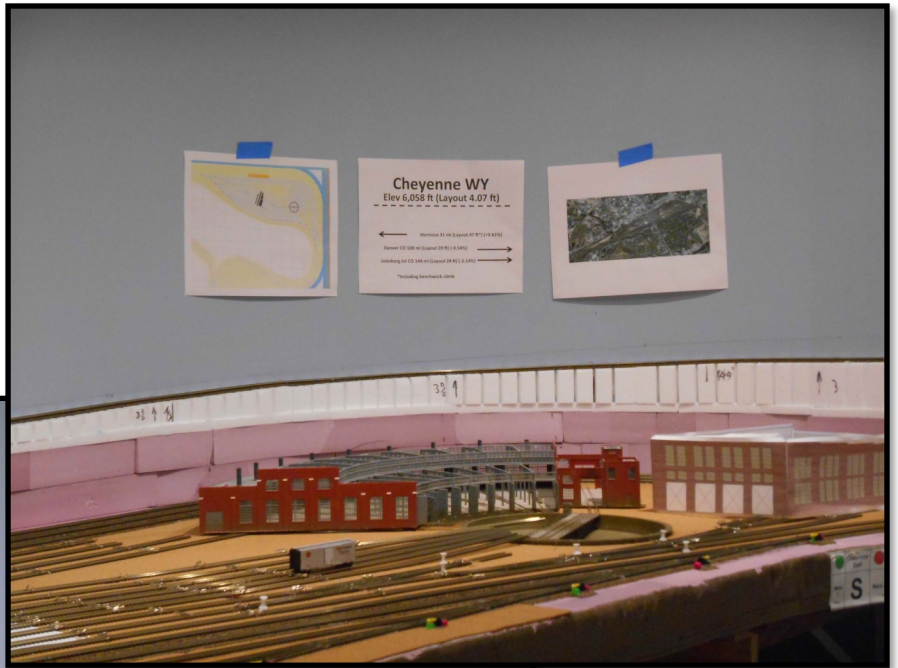


**North
Platte
Yard**



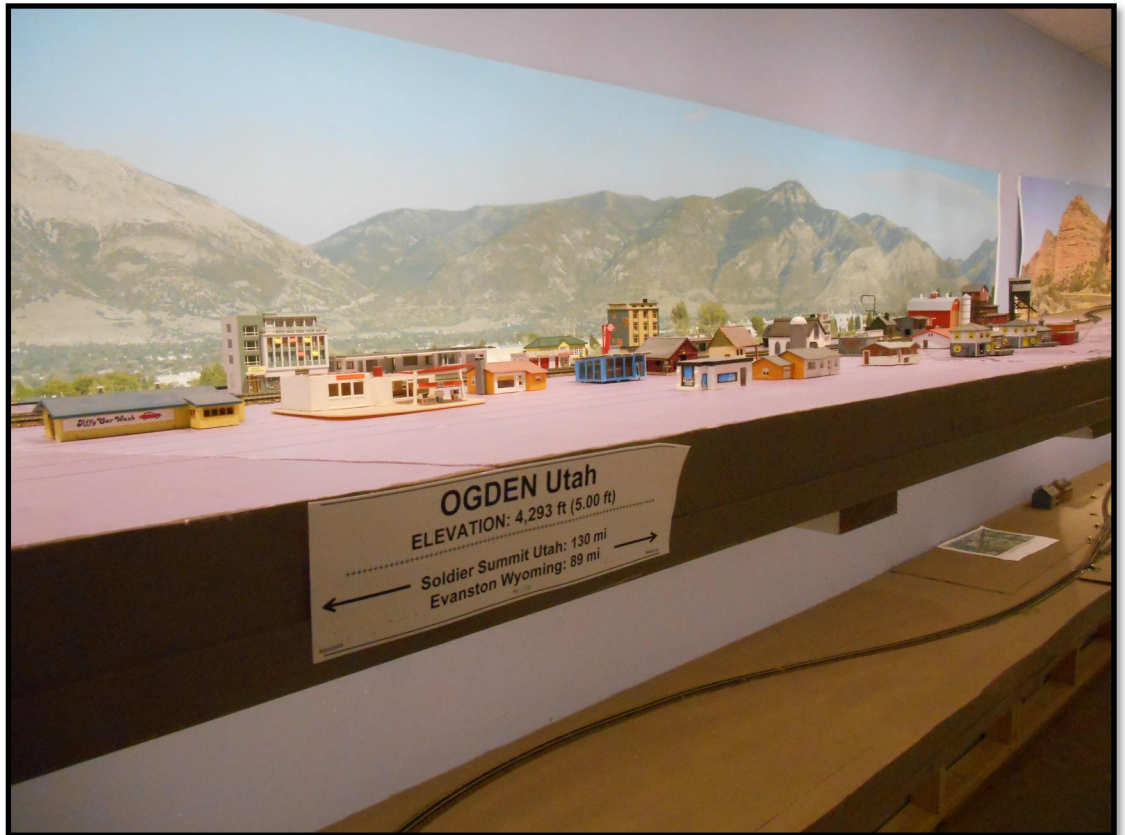
**Salina
Yard**

Cheyenne Yard Under Construction



Looking
over the
Future
Denver
Yard

Future Ogden Yard



The Spit And Whittle Club



2021 TULSA UNION CONVENTION

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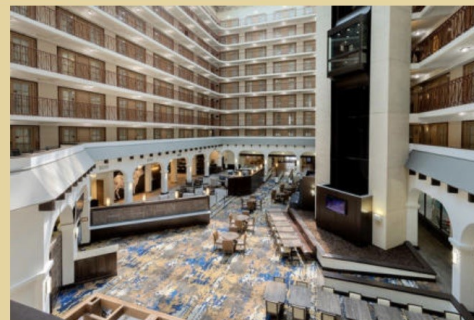
Embassy Suites

by Hilton Tulsa I-44

3332 South 79th East Avenue

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145

(918) 622-4000



Convention dates are October 6-10, 2021

Note: Group Rates are available starting October 6, 2021 for those planning to arrive early

If you made hotel reservations before February when the event was rescheduled, your reservations will be transferred to the new dates.
(you may get a confirmation email from the hotel - else it doesn't hurt to call and confirm for yourself)

Group Rates for Convention Attendees are: Double Bedroom Suite: \$111.00 King Bedroom Suite: \$106.00
Plus local tax and fees of 13.517%

Convention attendees can reserve their own rooms by calling: 1-800-EMBASSY and using the booking code TRN
or by asking for the "2021 Mid-Continent & Lone Star Regional Convention Model Rail Association" group rate.
Or you may click the 'Book Now' link below to make reservations on-line.

Convention attendees must book their rooms before September 6, 2021 to secure the group rate.

Embassy Suites Tulsa is conveniently located by I-44 and Hwy 51. As an all-suites, full-service hotel, signature amenities include a complimentary breakfast buffet, complimentary high-speed internet, evening reception with complimentary cocktails and free parking.

Book your room with the group discount

Visit to the hotel website for other details

Access Google Maps for hotel location

BOOK NOW



Note the new date. The MCoR convention has been moved to the fall, and hopefully the Fauchi Ouchi will have been administered to all of us and we can feel comfortable attending. Tulsa NMRA members have some fabulous Layouts that are being opened up for viewing and for operating sessions.

The 2021 Tulsa Union Convention will feature a number of home layouts that will be open for touring. Many of these layouts will also be open for "operating sessions. Plans call for layout tours to be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon. Operating sessions are expected to run Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evening as well as Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning.

While layouts open for touring will be open to all registered convention attendees, operating session slots will be assigned based on the date of registration. Those wanting to participate in an operating session can express their layout preference during the registration process. Our plan is for the assignment of operating session slots to begin approximately 60 days before the convention, roughly August 10, 2021.

Tulsa area model railroaders have become known for being a hotbed of operating model railroads. The Tulsa model railroad community host weekend long round robin operating sessions annually. So, the 2021 Tulsa Union Convention wants to provide an opportunity for serious operators to run on these great layouts. At the same time, this will also be an opportunity for those wanting to operate for the first time. As we contact folks to discuss the assignment of operating session slots, be prepared to let us know your experience level so that we may best match your experience to a particular layout.

Operating sessions slots will be assigned on a
first come, first served basis using your date of registration.

Assignment of slots will begin approximately August 10, 2021.

	Dale Baker	Tulsa Port of Catoosa RR	HO
	Steve Campbell	Cherokee Sub Frisco	HO
	Sammy Carlile	Santa Fe Hereford Subdivision	HO
	Steve Davis	KCS 3rd Subdivison	HO
	Kenneth Ehlers	Pandora & San Miguel Rwy	Sn3
	Tom Fausser	South Brooklyn Terminal	HO
	Steve Gillett	Spaendahl Yamanee & Densum	N
	Lane Littlefield	Tennessee Central Railway	N
	Jon Pansius	Tulsa Junction Railway	HO
	Allan Roecker	Kansas Central Div - Coffeyville Sub	HO
	Dave Salamon	Deep River Southern	N
	Sam Simons	Connell Northern	N
	Jim Sinclair	Southern Pacific	HO
	Randy Smith	Rio Grande Southern	Sn3
	David Steensland	Silverton & Lake City	HOon3

Updates

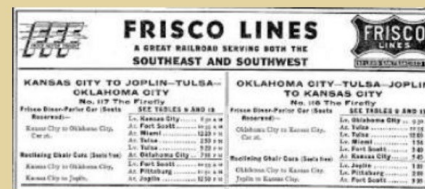
Sunday, Oct 10

9:00am Operating Sessions

9:30pm Registration Closes
Contest Room Closes

9:30pm Registration Closes

7:30pm Awards & Desert Event

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Fuzzy Anstine	Getting those classic shelf sitter engines back to running
Bob Barnett	Competition for the cotton and oil trade
Al Boos,III, MMR	Skidders and Yarders
Steve Davis	Planning for Operations
Steve Davis	CTC Detection & Electronics
Ken Ehlers, MMR	Prototype Track Planning
Richard Fisher	title to come
Mark Juett	Setting up for operations
Mark Juett	Getting started in JMRI car forwarding
Lloyd Keyser, MMR	Flat Land Strip Mine Coal Loaders
Pete Leach, MMR	Backdrop Painting (hands on & extra fee)
John Lowrance, MMR	Setting the Scene
Ryan Moats, MMR & Duane Richardson, MMR	Judging Models and completing the paperwork

*Bring your models,
bring your photos,
show off your work
in the Contest Room !*



Special Awards include:
Most Popular
Best in Show
Participation Award
Best Kit Build Model
Architecture Award
Tree Award
Youth & Teen Award
Novice Best of Show
Bob Clarke Award
Linda S. Little Award

Note: read the appropriate rules and entry forms for more details.

NMRA Judging Guide

NMRA Write Up Tips

Bring your contest entries in on Thursday afternoon or Friday before 6pm, when the Contest Room closes for judging to start.

Timetable



-Mark Your Calendar-

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