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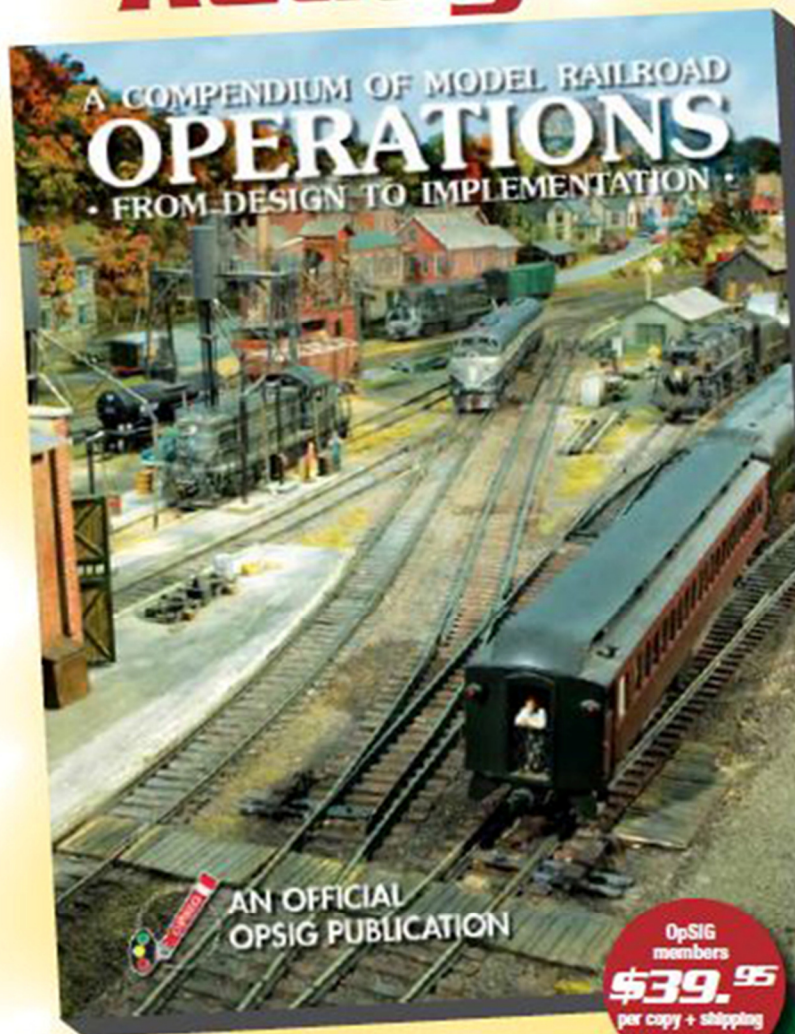
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Editor's Musings

We truly have been living in trying times, but we might be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully it's not the 3:10 from Yuma. Although many of the year's early train shows have been cancelled, the **Boot Hill Model Railroad Club** is hosting a Train Show in Garden City, KS. This month on the 13th and 14th at the Fairgrounds.



For the first time this year, the Western Kansas Division's WKR Layout (left) is being disassembled, packed-up, loaded- up, and will head off to a train show.

The 18-foot by 24-foot layout breaks down into two corner pairs and six straight section pairs.

The first order of business was to open up the LTV (Layout Transport Vehicle), and sweep it out (right). We'll break down the layout and get everything packed prior to loading as several boxes of structures fit into shelves which are later blocked by the layout, so they go in first.



The first step in breaking down the layout is to remove all the trains and pack them up. (Left) All the rolling stock fits into two cardboard carrying boxes and the hard-shell case protects the locomotives with interior foam cushioning plus we pack the Operations Manual for operating sessions.

It's not likely to be a big show, or even highly attended as many exhibitors and spectators have concerns for their health, but I am going, we will run trains, hold operating sessions, and have as much fun as allowed.

The Friends of the Burlington Northern also include BNSF, and Montana Rail Link. You can view their web site here:

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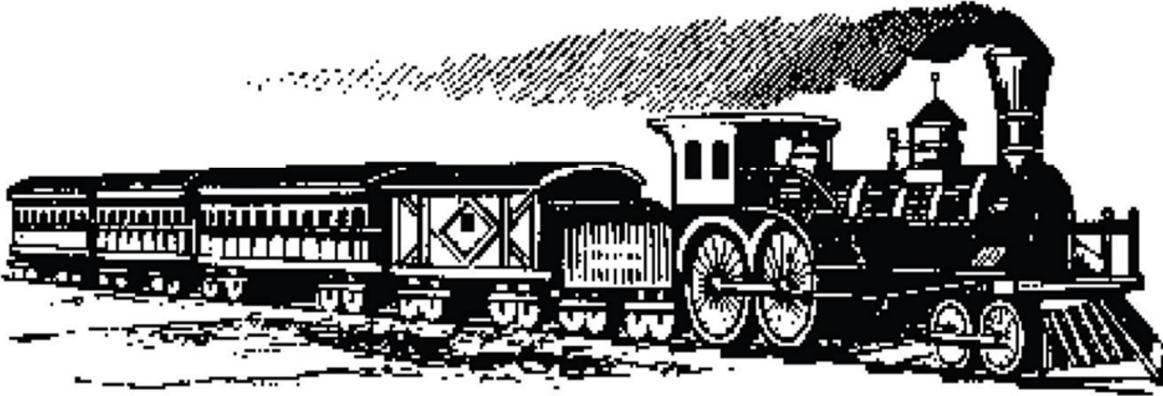




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2021 GARDEN CITY MODEL TRAIN SHOW

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NEW DATES: October 6-7-8-9-10 of 2021 for the
Tulsa Union Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma

A first-time collaboration between the **Lone Star Region**, **Mid-Continent Region**, and the **Indian Nations Division** of the **National Model Railroad Association**. We are particularly excited for members of both regions to have the opportunity to meet outstanding model railroaders from another region and learn from featured clinicians from each Region.



The expanding website will provide information for the convention activities including clinics, contests, layout tours, operating sessions, and non-rail activities. Just click the link below:

<http://www.2021tulsaunion.com/>



Please be sure to check out both the Registration page and the Hotel pages for information on how to register for each.

Take advantage of the early registration by **July 1st, 2021** and pay only \$60.00 for Attendees. After, the Attendee fee is \$75.00. With Non-Rail only \$30.00 anytime.

Clinics! We will have a range of clinics during the convention, from model building tips to prototype history. We already have a solid list of experienced and well-known Clinicians, preparing some great Clinics for your enjoyment and learning.

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

Layout Tours and Operating Sessions!

Various model railroads will be open for visits during the convention. Visit the web site to see each railroad's page, read the details and see a photo tour of the layout. Operating sessions will be available, details will be available soon.

Check back often for updates as the date gets closer. We look forward to seeing you in October of 2021. Ken Ehlers, Co-Chairman, Mid-Continent Region / Indian Nations Division

WKR Layout Update

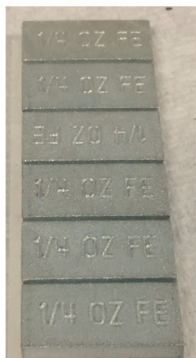


(Left) I decided to up-grade four of my Con-Cor autoracks with additional weight and metal wheel sets.

The group had already been upgraded to Micro-Trains wheel sets and couplers years ago, but the metal wheels greatly reduce the rolling resistance (below).



(Right) I decided to use most of the last sets of Fox Valley wheel sets for the project, so the Micro-Trains trucks were removed, the original plastic wheels were removed and replaced by the new metal wheel sets. The WKR has a standard that all wheels are painted "Rust", so the wheel fronts and backs were painted as well as the truck side frames, then re-installed.

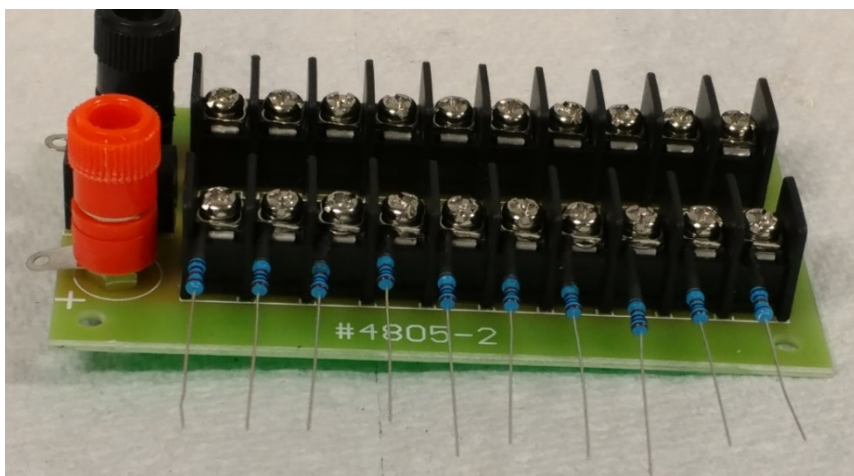


(Left) The final step was to pop the roof section off, then add two ¼-ounce weights over the truck bolsters for a total addition of ½-ounce.

See the latest video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovSd7gMaVuU>

(Right) Work progressed a bit on the addition of streetlights to sections 14 and 1. The first Miller Engineering power distribution block has been wired with the required resistors. Shrink tubing was applied to the block side of the resistor, then the wire was bent to shape and screwed to the terminal. This distribution block will allow ten streetlights which is the correct amount for section 14. Work is suspended until after the Garden City Train Show.





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Welcome to a sneak peek of the **Deep River Southern**, a superb N-scale layout that is just one of the possible layouts to visit and operate during the Tulsa Union Convention this October In Tulsa, Oklahoma.



From the Layout Design & Operations Weekend Timetable, Dave Salamon describes his layout: “The **Deep River Southern** is a freelanced N-scale layout set in 1958. It has been featured in several issues of *N Scale Magazine* and the *Cowcatcher Roundup*. The layout is a multiple level layout with the mainline making up the lower main level and the Branch line on the upper level.”

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From the Timetable: “On the mainline level the layout features the large town of Beckton which has a classification yard, engine servicing facilities for both steam and diesel, and several industries that are served. Eastridge Staging is located below Beckton and is accessed by a 4-turn helix. The next town on the layout is Green Valley and contains several grain elevators and other industries to support the local farmers and an interchange with the Frisco with a hand operated smash board where the two railroads cross along with a scale house that is used to weigh all grain cars. Port Allen is my tribute to John Allen, it has no resemblance to any location that was on his layout, but I do have a car float operation and other switching opportunities. The last main line town on the layout is Clifton, which serves mines and mills and the spur to the dam site. The layout then continues into the closet where Davis Junction is located, this is where the branch line connects with the mainline.”



(Left) The smash board that controls the junction of the Deep River Southern and the Frisco which is hand operated with a pull knob.

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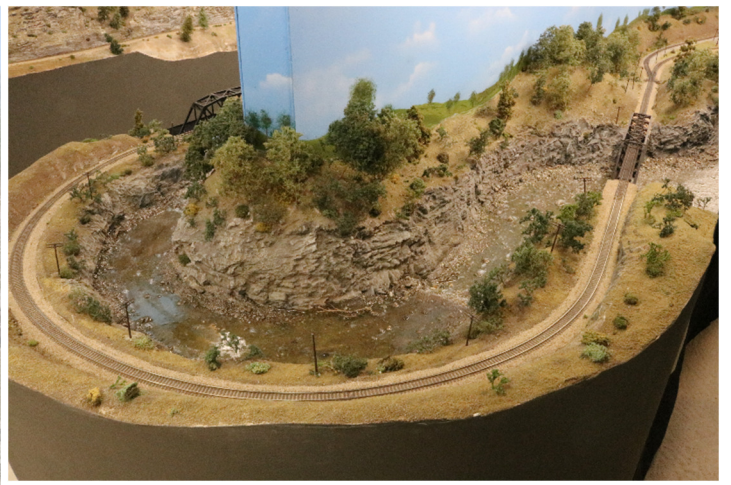
Dave Salamon's Deep River Southern



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Continuing from the Timetable: “Just past Davis Junction is the western terminus of the railroad where Westey Staging is located. At Davis Junction the branch line goes through the wall onto an elevator which connects the two levels. The elevator is an Armstrong type elevator, meaning completely manual, after your train gets on it you manually move it to the up or down position. When the elevator is secured in the up position the train goes back into the closet



across from Montray Pass. A short while later your train enters back into the main room and is at the large cement plant, the Calaveras Cement – Hastings Plant, this plant hosts its own switcher. As the branch line continues down the back wall it enters the end of the line at Pine Flat Logging Company. Also Pine Flat is known not only for the lumber industry but for the many packing plants located there. The two railroads share the wye. The PFLC has a large sawmill, log pond, engine house and small yard, as the train leaves the yard they cross over the famous Dinkey Creek bridge and around the million-dollar cut and enters Camp 9, the logging line continues into the woods to additional camps.”

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Dave Salamon's Deep River Southern



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Continuing from the Timetable: “Current operations include a Yardmaster that classifies the inbound trains, builds outbound trains and switches the local industries in Beckton.

There are two operators which run local trains, passenger trains, through trains and interchange trains. There is also a Branch line operator who runs the branch line, cement plant and logging line.”



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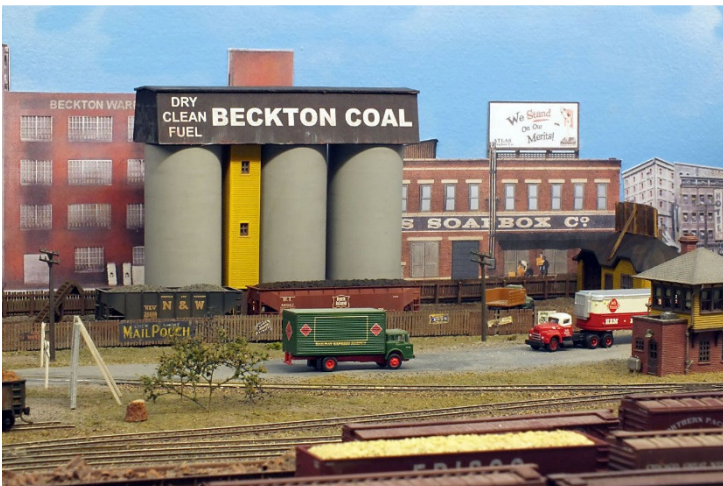
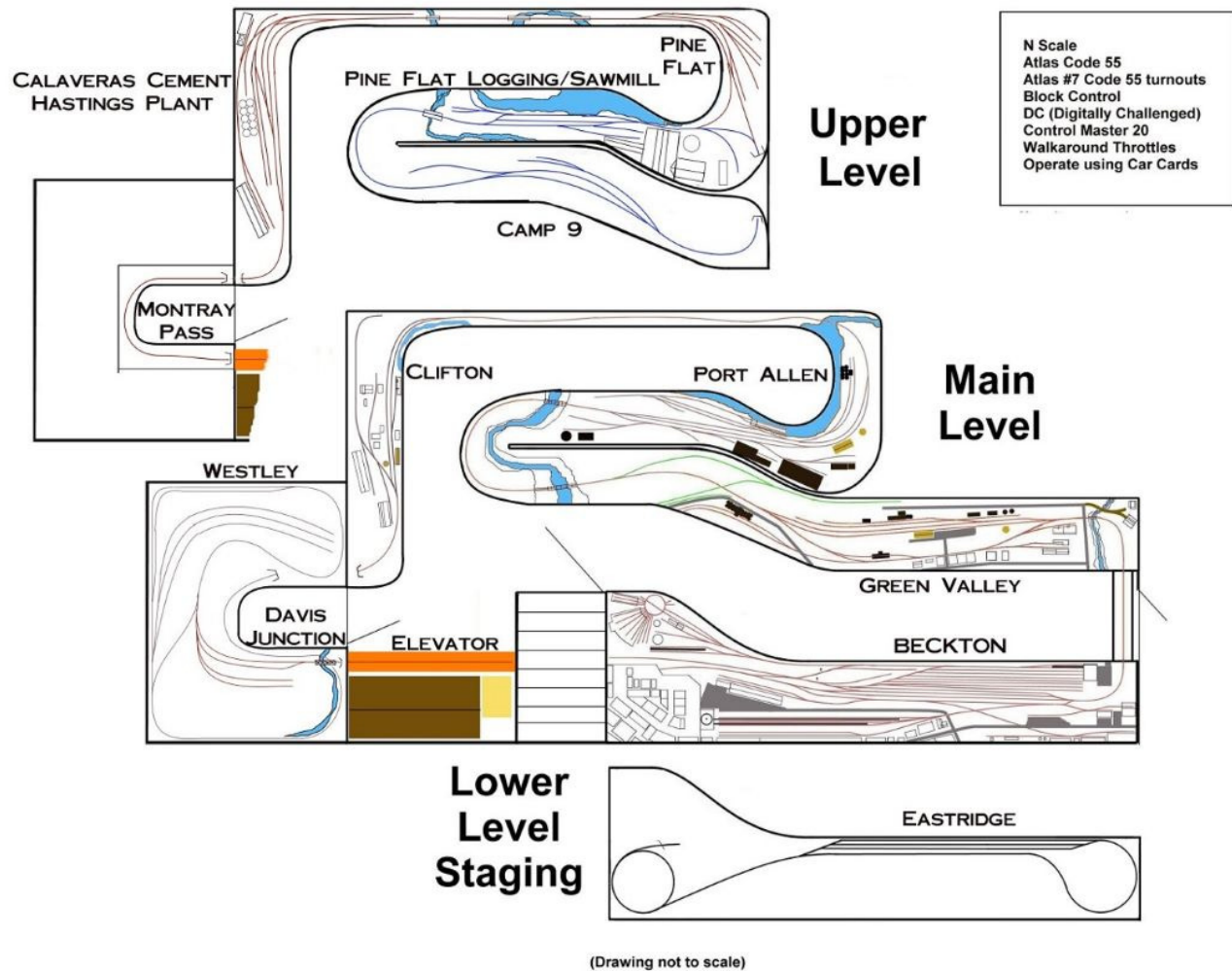
(Above) A look at the manual elevator in the up position.



“The layout is wired for DC control, and all throttles have walk-around memory. Turnouts on the layout are controlled by manual choke cables, with control panels located above the town for power assignments. The layout is operated using car cards. A big Thank You to Dave Salamon for a fun weekend.”

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DEEP RIVER SOUTHERN





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The man himself, Dave Salamon, creator and builder of the N-scale **Deep River Southern**. Sign-up for the 2021 Tulsa Convention and you could tour or operate on Dave's layout.

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