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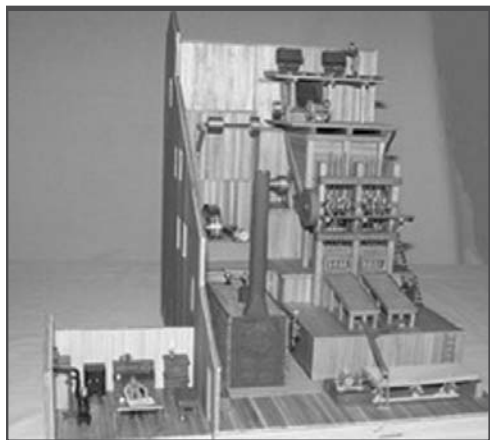
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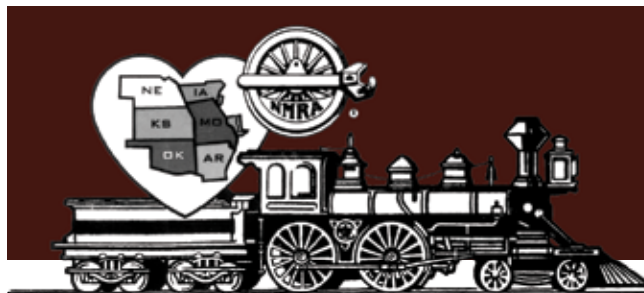
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On the Cover: "Snow Train to Shavano" by Ron Morse, MMR
A Forks Creek & Central Railroad (FC&CRR) conductor enjoys a frosty view from the rear platform of the caboose as his freight train crosses over the Fall River Trestle en route to Shavano, Colorado.

This photo was shot on an "HO" scale diorama I built. I hand painted the backdrop, and used powdered marble dust for the snow. The trees, the trestle and bridge abutments are all scratchbuilt. Canon EOS 20D 8.2 megapixel camera.

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THE HEAD END

BY LARRY ALFRED, MMR

MCOR PRESIDENT



This, my first Head End column, will briefly describe the “State of the Region” and recognize the service of several MCoR officials. I can say the state of the Region is good.....no, actually it is great! This is in large part due to the many contributions of a very capable and dedicated group of people. The following paragraphs provide some insight into who they are and what they do. Although these volunteers are highlighted here, there are many others at both the region and division levels that are also making significant contributions. Please take the time to thank them for their service when the opportunity presents itself.

Richard Napper, MMR has served as your President for the past four years. He is now serving as Vice-President, as well as his continuing role as Membership Chair. So, not only has he lead the Region during this time of significant change (adjusting to the new NMRA Regulations), but he has also been half of the team that has significantly revamped our membership roles. I

believe that we now have a better handle on our membership than any other NMRA region. A job well done!

Whit Johnson has served as your elected Secretary for the last four years and has been reelected to an additional two-year term. In this position, Whit has done everything asked of him, and a lot more! There is significant “paper work” in his performance as Secretary, and Whit handles this challenging position without any problems. Whit also serves in his ongoing position as MCoR Contest Chair. This is a very demanding job, and Whit makes it look easy! Great job, Whit!

John Shaw has been your elected Treasurer for the past two years and was also reelected to another two-year term. John has been doing a great job in administering the Region's financial picture and, in addition, is the other half of the team that reworked our membership list and procedures for keeping it current. John is also the MCoR Webmaster.....check out the Region's web site if you haven't already to see the great job John is doing there!

The publication that you are now reading is the great work of Wendy Harlow. She has been the Caboose Kibitzer Editor for a little over a year, and during that time has introduced a number of fresh ideas to make the CK a first rate regional publication....in my mind, one of the best! She is always looking for usable material to publish. Please

contact her if you are interested in getting your ideas or work in print.

Last, but not least, Marty Vaughn, MMR has been the MCoR Achievement Program Chair for the last four years. Marty has been very active in motivating and assisting many region members with participation in the AP. The NMRA presents awards annually to the “Best Performing Region” and the “Most Improved Region” in terms of activity and AP Certificates awarded. Because of Marty's diligent efforts, MCoR has received the Most Improved award once and the Best Performing Region award three times during his four year's as AP Chair. This has been an exceptional job!

So, there you have it.....a quick sketch of your current elected officers and selected volunteers. Again, there are many, many others that help make the MCoR operate smoothly, and I apologize for not being able to mention them all at this time.

As for me, many of you know me or know who I am. For the rest, I hope to get to know as many of you as possible during my term as President. I have been the MCoR Vice-President over the last four years, and now I have the honor to serve as your President. I am humbled by this opportunity and will continue to work hard to keep the MCoR as one of the preeminent regions in the NMRA.

Until next time, Happy Railroading!

Larry

A NOTE ABOUT SUBMISSIONS:

Please, PLEASE take the time to label your photo submissions! Filenames like DSCN0001.jpg tell me nothing, especially when it's in a folder full of similarly-named images. I don't know everyone in the Region by sight, and it takes a LOT of time to sort through 100+ photos trying to figure out which model is which. Please don't send me a publication and tell me to pull what I need out of it. If you're serious about getting it printed, please take the time to make it easy for me to do.



Marty Vaughn
MMR, MCoR AP
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John O'Neill Master
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Award #395 at
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THE SWITCHING LIST

FOURTH QUARTER 2007

BY GARY HEMMINGWAY

The Switching 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, OK). Sign up for the email List for the most up-to-date and complete listings.

DIVISION MEETINGS

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION meets the first Saturday of even-numbered months at various locations around the div. area. BOD meetings are usually at noon and general meetings are at 1 p.m. For the full schedule, check the MCoR website or email Gary Hemmingway (garyonho@cox.net).

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

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION (KANSAS CITY, MO & KS) holds monthly meetings every fourth Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Johnson County Courthouse, NE Branch, 6000 Lamar, Shawnee Mission, KS (DMV Building on SW corner of Lamar and Mastin)

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon. Sump Memorial Library, corner of Washington and Second Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit www.whdnmra.org for more info and a map.

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION (CEDAR RAPIDS, IA) - Info: Rich Mahaney, Superintendent, (505) 640-5909 or hazmatrichm@aol.com, or visit our website at www.TheWig-Wag.org.

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION (AMES/DES MOINES, IA) meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 15th & Wilson, Ames, IA.

WICHITA TOY TRAIN CLUB TRAIN MANIA, each Saturday noon-5pm, below Blockbuster at Twin Lakes Shopping Center, 21st and Amidon, Wichita, KS. (316) 838-5103 or www.members.cox.net/wttc.

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION (OKLAHOMA)

meets at the New Hardesty Library at 8316 E 93rd St (just east of Memorial) in Tulsa, OK. The time is from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Each meeting, we have various presentations from clinics to slide shows. After the meetings we have a layout tour at one of the members' layouts. Contact Dave Salamon at drs_rr@yahoo.com for further information.

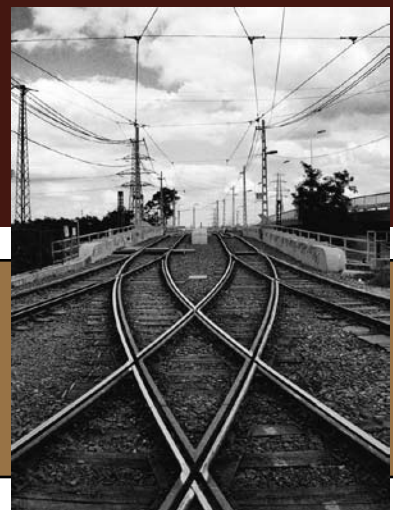
PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, KEARNEY, NE) meets second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes on a rotating basis. Info: John O'Neill, Div. Dir., 308-384-5011 or jponeill@computerconcepts.com.

CLAREMORE & SOUTHERN RR OPERATING SESSION, Second Friday each month starting at 7:00PM and finishing by 10:00PM. 9372 E. Clover Creek Drive, Claremore, OK 74017-1487. Please send a confirming RSVP a week in advance if you are planning to join us. Info and RSVP: George F Maulsby, 918-341-9446 or www.csrailroad.com.

TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

NOVEMBER 24, 2007: Joplin Museum Complex Train Show & Swap Meet Joplin Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool. Admission is \$3 adult children 12 and under free. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex; operating HO, N and G gauge layouts and over 60 tables of items for sale and trade. For more information contact Rick Gardner at 417-673-4888 or email rickgardner@sofnet.com. Visit us on the web at www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com.

NOVEMBER 25, 2007: Mid-America Train and Toy Show (formerly "Mid-America Train Meet"). BTC Exhibit Hall, I-435 and Front Street, Kansas City, MO. 9am - 2pm. Adm: \$5 adults, 12 and under, free; 7am early bird adm: \$10 each. Trains, models, RR collectables, toys, train movies, door prizes, operating layouts. Free parking.



Info: Steve and Sherri Stich, PO Box 369, Leavenworth, KS 66048 or (913) 651-5864. Directions: From I-435, exit 57 west (Front St) to Universal Ave. and turn right at stoplight. Or, from I-35, exit Front St. and continue east to Universal Ave., then turn left at stoplight.

JANUARY 26, 2008 - The Great Tri-State Rail Sale, Copeland Park, La Crosse, WI, info: Mark Hamre 608-784-0036 or Phil Lamke 608-582-4761 or email pdlamke@juno.com, or write to The 4000 Foundation, Limited, P. O. Box 3411, La Crosse, WI 54602-3411.

JANUARY 26-27, 2008 - Train And Circus Show, Cisco, IL, I-72 Exit 156 between Decatur, IL, and Champaign, IL; 10:00 - 4:00 both days, breakfast and lunch available, 65 Vendor Tables, 5 Layouts: N, HO, O, and G; Donation \$3.00, trains@ciscojunction.com <http://www.ciscojunction.com>.

FEBRUARY 9, 2008 - The Dupo Show: 18th Year, sponsored by Reynolds Railways & Dupo Community High School, Dupo High Gym, 600 Admiral Trost Drive, Dupo, IL (I-255 to Exit 9; 7 minutes from the Arch in Downtown St. Louis, MO; hotel accommodations 7 to 10 minutes away in St. Louis South County, Downtown St. Louis, or Waterloo, IL.) 10 am - 3 pm; Adults \$3.00; 12 & under FREE with adult, 40-plus vendors, Lionel, Flyer, HO, N, etc., including operating layouts; Smoke-free environment. 8 ft. tables, \$12 each; tables usually sell out by January 1st; electric \$5.00; payment payable to Reynolds Railways must accompany registration; mail to Reynolds Railways, 212 North Main Street, Dupo, IL 62239; Seller set-up 7 a.m.; ROTC carry-in/our service. Info: 618-286-3399.

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2008 - Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet, Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS, Sat: 9 - 5, Sun: 12 Noon - 4, Sponsored by Chisholm Trail Div. & Engine House Hobbies, Registration; \$6.00 both days. Advance table registration; before 12/ 31/07 take 10% off. Six foot tables are \$20.00 each, eight foot tables are \$25.00 each. Mail registration to: Philip R. Aylward, 603 Chestnut, Halstead, KS. 67056-2302, Email: aylward1@cox.net.

FEBRUARY 23, 2008 - Lawrence Model Railroaders Annual Train Show, Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St., Building 20, Lawrence, KS; for information contact Jim Turner, 255 N. Michigan # 5-25, Lawrence Ks, 66044, 785-841-6256. His email address is jimforegolf@hotmail.com, more information in the future.

MARCH 15, 2008 - Boeing Employees Railroad Club-st. Louis Railroad Swap Meet, Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO, 10a.m. - 3 p.m., Adm: \$3.00 children under 12 free with paid adult, Tables (30" x 96") \$15.00 each, payment must accompany registration, seller setup 8 a.m., Info: call Wayne Schimmel after 6 p.m. Central Time, 636-668-6313 or 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206, wwhtehrse@aol.com. Make checks payable to Boeing Employees' Railroad Club-St. Louis.

MAY 15-18, 2008 - Mid-Continent Region Convention, Settle Inn & Resort, Branson, MO, After 9-30-07: registration \$40, banquet \$25; Hotel rate \$69.98 per night, Ph 1-800-677-6906 and refer to Group Number NMRA-5158; Info: Jim Dimatteo, Convention Chair, 190 Western Ave., Branson, MO 65616.

JULY 23 - 26, 2008 - Union Pacific Historical Society Convention, Capital Plaza Hotel & Maner Conference Center, Topeka, KS, Info: Larry Tiffany ltiffany@cox.net, 2140 NW 53rd Terr., Topeka, KS 66618

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CONDUCTOR'S CALL

BY WENDY HARLOW

EDITOR

A friend of mine sent me a link to Sid Meier's Railroads! on Amazon.com. I'd heard of the game before, as well as the Railroad Tycoon franchise. I'd really not considered playing them myself. The comments were the most interesting part of the listing:

"The wife won't let me build a layout in the basement so this is the best option for me to play with trains." "I live in an apartment and don't have room to build a layout."

"I don't have money to spend on models - this is a cheap way to get my train fix."

"While not perfect, it's a good way to learn about how a real railroad economy works."

I downloaded a demo of Railroads! and played it, with my entire family taking turns watching over my shoulder. My husband also downloaded the demo and spent an entire Sunday afternoon playing. Not long

after that, we both had full versions and were comparing notes on how we'd beaten this scenario or that one.

My only disappointment is that it's nearly impossible with this software to have a Gomez Addams moment, where trains collide in spectacular (and explosive) fashion. While most collectors dread hearing the sickening crunch of plastic on plastic (or worse, metal on concrete - ouch), isn't there a little gruesome part of us that wants to see it, just once?

Another genre of railroad software is the simulator, where you become the engineer. How many of us would ever get the opportunity to drive a living, breathing train?

We, as a hobby, tend to complain that video games are killing modeling. I venture to say that it's more the "perfect house" magazines and TV shows and the high cost (in money, space and time) of modeling itself. The interest is there, but there are legitimate barriers to entry.

What if, instead of decrying these particular video games, we embraced them as a stepping stone into our hobby? Is virtual modeling any less valid than plastic and metal modeling? Isn't the point education

about railroading, rather than the size or value of the person's layout and collection? How many "wannabe" modelers bring their children to our model train shows, thinking, "Someday, I'll be able to do this, too"?

To my readers:

I need your help.

I don't mean "Send me articles", though those are always appreciated. What I need is editorial and/or layout help.

This issue got caught in the midst of several large projects at work and a couple of family crises. Time and energy became scarce, leaving the Kibitzer languishing on my hard drive and in my inbox.

What I'm looking for is experienced help in editing articles, photos, and/or doing layout in Adobe InDesign, or other quality publishing software (I'm sorry, but Microsoft Publisher won't do it). We work with a professional printer; they need professional files to print.

If you believe you have the skills I'm looking for, please contact me ASAP for more details.

HOBBY SHOPS OF CHICAGO

BY DAVE ROEDER, MMR

GATEWAY DIVISION, MCOR

Don Morice and I spent a pleasant couple of days up in the Chicago, Illinois area visiting hobby shops and looking for detail parts in HO and HO_{N3} scale. The places we visited were chosen because they offered mostly model railroad items and detail parts. What we discovered was if you want items for customizing or detailing steam locomotives, you better get them now, because stocks are not being replenished and the old parts are no longer shown in catalogs. Part numbers have changed as companies like Cal-Scale have been bought out. Most of what we purchased was old stock that had been sitting around for years.

The hobby shops around Chicago were ripe with old stocks of Cal-Scale, Precision Scale and Bowser parts in HO scale. I found HO_{N3} parts from Grandt Line, Northwest Shortline, Tichy Train Group and The Model Railroad General Store.

We began our search up in Springfield Illinois at a place called **CASTLE TRAINS & TREASURES**, 4782 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, Ill. 62711. Open Tuesday and Thursday, Saturday Sunday only. This shop is located in the basement of a large Victorian home set back from the road. Model railroad supplies only. We have made three trips up there and they always have something interesting. The shop is small, but well stocked with HO and N scale. They have a nice collection of detail parts for diesels and a very good selection of structures and scenery materials. Don found two new IC passenger cars. On my last trip I found two "new old stock" wood chip hoppers that I repainted in BN colors. The staff is very friendly and most helpful. There is a very nice garden railroad out back. I rate this shop as a 9 for the variety of stock and the service.

After Springfield, we headed up to Chicago and managed to get to two shops before they closed for the night:

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN SHOP, 6357 West 79th Street, Burbank, Ill. 60459. This shop is down south and was right on our way into town. Closed Wednesday, open the rest of the week till 7:00pm weekdays. The owner, Bud Ruback has been there for years and has an extensive detail parts inventory. Old time model railroad shop; no cars, trains or boats. Everything is behind locked cases, but Bud was very helpful and even dug out some boxes containing older than dirt detail parts he had stored under the counter. I found three sets of Model Railroad General Store HO_{N3} passenger car trucks and some old Grandt Line HO_{N3} wheel sets. Both of these items are out of production. Don spent a lot of time with Bud rooting through boxes and digging out old Cal-Scale parts. We rated this shop a 10 due to the extensive stock of old detail parts. There were also a lot of old craftsman structure kits on the back shelves. We received a 10% discount without asking.

AL'S HOBBY SHOP, 121-123 Addison Avenue, Elmhurst, Ill. Closed on Wednesday. This shop has been in Elmhurst downtown on Addison forever. The street runs right into the tracks at the Metra Depot for Elmhurst. I visited this shop once before, but they now have separated the model railroad store entirely from the other stuff. This gave them much more room for the planes, trains and boats

that are the bulk of the business. We did not find a lot of detail parts, but they did have a nice amount of stock. Prices are fair and the staff was very helpful. I rate this shop as a 7. A good general hobby shop that is separate from the other hobby shop selling all the R/C stuff that draws the crowds and pays the rent.

After Al's (which was open till 8:00pm) we took a room at the Holiday Inn Elmhurst, had a nice dinner and crashed.

RON'S MUNDELEIN HOBBIES, 431 North Lake Street, Mundelein, Ill. This looked like a pretty good shop. They were shut down for vacation, so we did not get a chance to see it. It is far north of the loop, and at least 45 minutes from Elmhurst. Plan ahead if you go there and arrive at 10:00 am. The traffic going across town is almost always heavy.

DES PLAINES HOBBIES, 1468 Lee Street, Des Plaines, Ill. This is a general hobby shop with mostly trains. It has been in the same place for 22 years. The storefront is in a strip mall and it sits way back from the road. There is a big sign that simply says "Hobbies". The people were very helpful and Don found the last of the rare detail parts on his list at this shop. This store has the largest book/magazine supply I have seen in this area. The detail parts are out on rotating racks and are very accessible. They must have one of every Grandt Line part on those racks. Don missed the parts he was trying to find, but the owner found them for him very quickly. This is something we noticed in these shops with a lot of small parts. The owner knows what he or she has and can put it in your hands very quickly. We rated this shop a 9 since they were not model railroad only. It is worth the trip if you need any Grandt Line parts.

CHICAGOLAND HOBBY INC. 6017 North Northwest Highway, Chicago, Ill. 60631. Open all week to 7:00pm but closed Sundays May through September. This shop had a good selection of everything, but no detail parts to speak of. If you are into trolleys, this is your store. They have a large selection of brass and die cast trolleys. They also have a large selection of trolley books and periodicals. They have a large stock of Lionel for the three-rail guys. There is also a good supply of used brass HO engines. They even have some HO_{N3} and HO_{N2} (24") steam in brass. This one gets a 5 simply because there are two other stores with much more to offer the detail parts customer. If you need trolley stuff, this would be your first (and only) stop.

In preparation for this trip I researched the area using the Walther's and Rail Serve websites. Fellow Saint Louis modeler and good friend Dale DeWitt sent a nice review of these and six others in the area. We chose to visit only those that were selling detail parts.

If you go, plan on spending one night in a hotel. The drive is five hours minimum and when you hit the never-ending construction on the freeways, all bets are off on travel time. We burned up about \$150.00 worth of gas in two days.

REGIONAL WEB DIRECTORY

The Web is probably one of the easiest and least expensive ways to keep in contact with your membership. The Region offers space on their webserver for Divisions to use - contact Webmaster John A. Shaw for more details.

I'm only including websites that are active and updated since the last issue of the CK.

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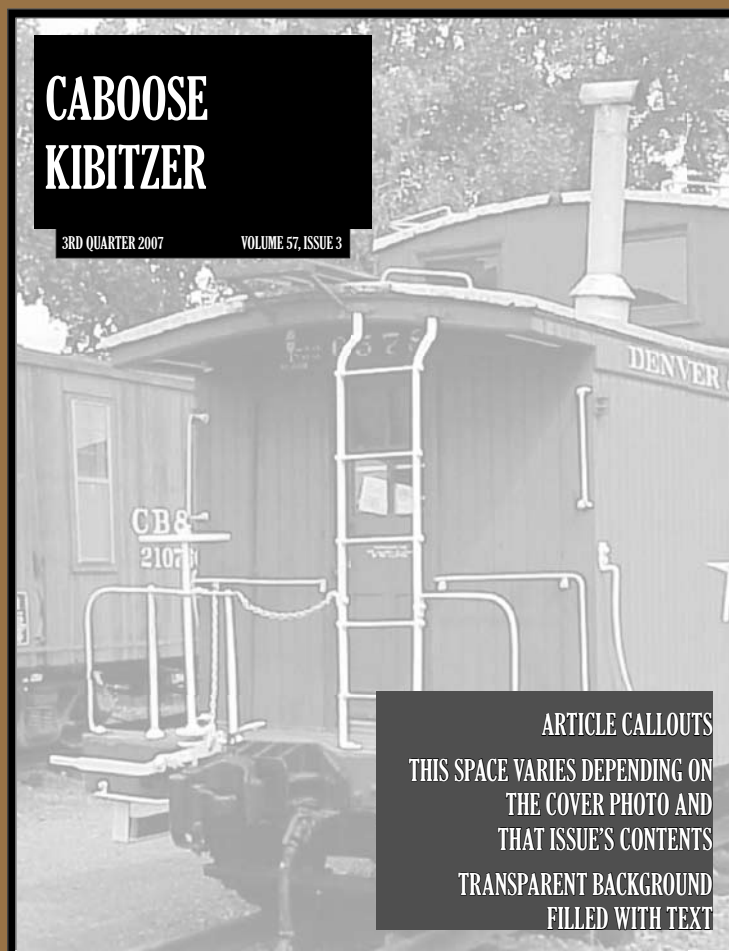
THEME: Cabeese. This IS the Caboose Kibitzer, after all. Model, prototype - it doesn't matter. Regional railroads are preferred. Have fun with it!

ENTERING: Contest is open to MCoR members. Enter as many times as you wish. Digital or film photos are accepted (include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you'd like your prints returned). Color is preferred. A note for digital photos and scans of film photos: the cover is 8-1/2 x 11 inches with a 1/8-inch bleed (8-3/4 x 11-1/4 inches total). The digital file needs to be at least 2625 x 3375 pixels for a quality print result. DO NOT use any compression when saving your image. Please don't use any filters or special effects - including sharpening. JPGs or TIFs are preferred.

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REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS



I-r: Whit Johnson, Larry Alfred MMR, and Richard Napper MMR. Larry is accepting the Ken Cline Award posthumously for Tom Shook MMR.

This award is given by the last three recipients, in recognition of outstanding service to the Mid-Continent Region and to the hobby of model railroading.



Larry Alfred MMR presents John Averill with the Larry Long Award.

The Larry Long Award is given for service to the model railroading hobby at the division level. The recipient is chosen by Larry Long's family from a list of nominees.

Richard Napper MMR presenting Larry Alfred MMR the 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.



Pat Harriman MMR presents the Light Iron Award to Larry Patch.

This is a privately-sponsored award for the model that best exemplifies the spirit of narrow-gauge modeling.



THE MID-CONTINENT REGIONAL CONVENTION 2007

BY DAVE ROEDER, MMR

GATEWAY DIVISION, MCOR

Don Morice and I attended the Regional Convention in Lenexa, Kansas August 4th. We arrived in the area Friday afternoon and visited three hobby shops.

Saturday morning we went over to the convention center to pick up our registration and tour maps. The Turkey Creek Division asked all attendees to bring models to the contest. A popular vote contest was held on the Divisional level to attract those who don't like to fill out forms. Apparently contest modelers are becoming rare. There were 45 entries at the National Convention in Detroit. At Lenexa there were about 90 or more.



I went to Lenexa with 23 models to enter in the contest. The contest registration was done in a very efficient manner. There were 4 people taking care of the paperwork. Each person handled two or three classes of entries. At one point there were three people working on my entries.

Don spent the time over at the swap meet and found a sound equipped IC 2-10-2 steam locomotive.



We left the building and went to have a late breakfast. We were not able to attend any clinics due to our tight schedule. The business meeting and awards presentation lasted until late afternoon. The tours were organized so that you could see twelve layouts if you did not spend a lot of time at each. After reviewing the maps and photos of the layouts, we decided to see if we could visit all

twelve. If you followed the maps, the layouts were all in line with little or no backtracking. It was a simple matter to follow along and reach each destination in a minimum amount of time. The longest drive time was 24 minutes and two others were 19 minutes. We would arrive, then go down to see what was there. We stayed for only a minute or two if it was not something we were interested in.

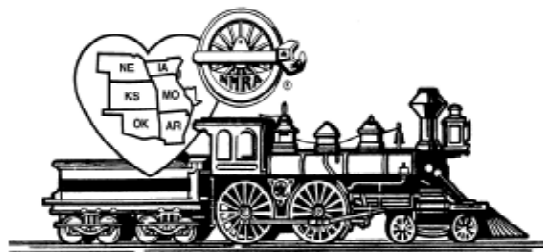
The instructions were arranged in two groups of six. The first group was open from 4 to 7 pm. The second group was from 6 to 9 pm. This is a very clever way to set up tours. The advantage is for the layout owners who can host a tour, then after the session closes, they can go visit up to six other layouts. It also works well for the people touring. We were able to visit eleven layouts. The only one we did not see was the second to last layout. When we arrived at about 8:45 pm, the house was dark and there was no sign of activity. The last layout was Steven Priest HO and it turned out to be one of the top four in our estimation. The others at the top of our list were Ron Morse HO, HOn 30 – Chuck Hitchcock HO – Douglas Taylor HO, HOn3.

It is always educational to visit layouts and to see what others are doing. Almost all were in finished basements with good lighting and access. We noticed a lot of the CTC-80 controls. This was the last system before DCC. CTC-80 requires a receiver in each locomotive and runs on DC current. I later learned it was designed and manufactured in the Kansas City area. Another common sight was the evidence of operation sessions. At several places I asked how often they ran and how many operators it took. Most operated monthly and took at least ten people. The dispatcher was always in a separate room or nook.

I received two Divisional and three Regional trophies Saturday afternoon. At the business meeting, the 2008 Regional Convention was announced. It will be held as a two-day event at Branson, Missouri in May.



Dave Roeder accepts his Regional awards from Whit Johnson.



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Excursion train trip – On the Branson Scenic Railway. Information will be available at registration.

Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and Poplar vote.

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Mid Continent Regional Convention / Branson Express 2008 Registration Form

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POPULAR VOTE CONTEST WINNERS

POPULAR VOTE CONTEST WINNERS				PHOTO #
Best of Show		Larry Diehl	Small Town Scene Display	1
Diesel	First	Robert Wintle	MKT 3 Stooges: #226, #227, & Slug (GP40)	2
	Second	Chester Miles	PRR BP20	3
	Third	Al Warren	CNW GP30 #818	5
Steam	First	Chester Miles	Reading 2-8-0	4
	Second	Steve Newland	AC-12 Cab Ahead	7
	Third	Paul Richardson	Rio Grande #461	6
Non-Revenue	First	Marty Vaughn	Railgun	8
	Second	Timothy Scholl	Welding Flat #197294	9
	Third	EJ Watson	Crane Tender	10
Freight	First	Chester Miles	KCS Gondola #29000	11
	Second	Larry Alfred	San Juan Mining & Petroleum Tank Car #204	12
	Third	Gary Davidson	CG&S Gondola Car #210	13
Passenger	First	EJ Watson	Observation	
	Second	EJ Watson	Combination	
	Third	Paul Richardson	P&DR Vista Verde #226	15
Caboose	First	Chuck Heying	Caboose	
	Second	Bob Wales	SR&RL #551	
	Third	Dave Roeder	Silverton, Gladstone & Northerly Caboose #3	14
Structures	First	Gary Davidson	Monero Coaling Station	18
	Second	Pat Harriman	Sullivan Furniture	19
	Third	Brad Morneau	Passenger/Freight Station	pg. 17, #12
Displays (Dioramas)	First	Larry Diehl	Small Town Scene	1
	Second	Larry Patch	Narrow Gauge Mining Supply	16
	Third	Marty Vaughn	Lerner Junction	17
Model Photos	First	Dave Salamon	Local Freight Drifting by the Old Clark Farm	
	Second	Ron Morse	Snow Train from Shavano	
	Third	Ron Morse	Little Ella Gold Mine on the FC&CRR	
Prototype Photos	First	Fred Hulen	#486 Arrival at Silverton Station	
	Second	Louis Seibel	Moving Bridge on Sunday	
	Third	Dave Salamon	Eureka Springs & Northern Arkansas Engine	





ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM MERIT AWARD WINNERS

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Diesels	Al IWarren	Ames, IA	ATSF SD45B #5502	1
	Al Warren	Ames, IA	CNW GP30 #818	2
Freight Cars	Larry Alfred	Olathe, KS	San Juan Mining & Petroleum Tank Car #204	8
	Gary Davidson	Bucyrus, KS	CG&S Gondola Car #210	6
	Gary Davidson	Bucyrus, KS	Standard Chemical Co. Tank Car	3
	Dave Roeder	Webster Groves, MO	PRR Coal Gondola #123	9
	Dave Roeder	Webster Groves, MO	UP 35' Flat Car #2345	5
	Dave Roeder	Webster Groves, MO	SG&N RR #15	4
	Dave Roeder	Webster Groves, MO	SG&N RR #12	7
Caboose	Gary Davidson	Bucyrus, KS	CG&S Short Caboose #3	13
Passenger Cars	Dave Roeder	Webster Groves, MO	CP Baggage/Smoker #185	10
Structures	Pat Harriman	Overland Park, KS	Morneau Assembly Co.	19
	Pat Harriman	Overland Park, KS	Sullivan Furniture	20
	Pat Harriman	Overland Park, KS	Welling Wood Shop	21
	Brad Morneau	Overland Park, KS	Passenger/Freight Station	12
	Larry Alfred	Olathe, KS	SP Open Deck Pile Trestle	17
	Gary Davidson	Bucyrus, KS	Monero Coaling Station	16
	Gary Davidson	Bucyrus, KS	Gaskill Gazette	15
	Rick McClellan	Shawnee, KS	Lenexa, Kansas Depot	
	Dave Salamon	Owasso, OK	Modified Bar Mills	
	Lester Lorhan	Hastings, NE	Pump House	18
	Edward Bommer	Okmulgee, OK	1953 House Trailer & 1954 Mercury Convertible	14
Track Work	Lester Lorhan	Hastings, NE	Tool House	
	Al Warren	Ames, IA	CNW Nevada, Iowa Engineering Garage	11
	Robert Wintle	Parsons, KS	#10 Turnout	
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	Robert Wintle	Parsons, KS	Gauntlet Track	





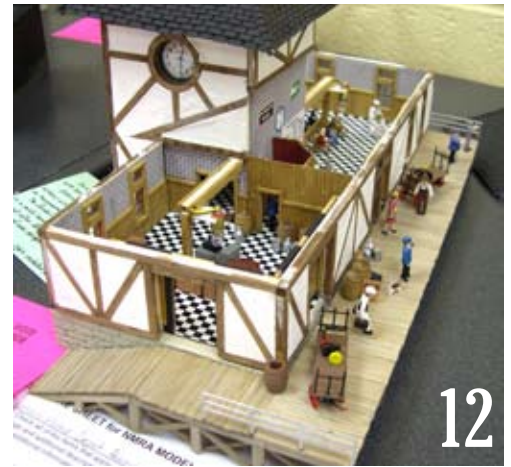
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM JUDGING WINNERS

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM JUDGING				PHOTO #
Best of Show		Al Warren	Little Ella Gold Mine on the FC&CRR Display	1
Diesels	First	Al Warren	CNW GP30 #818	2
	Second	Al Warren	ATSF SD54B #5501	3
	Third	Al Warren	ATSF SD45B #5502	4
Non-Revenue	First	Dave Roeder	1941 Ford Motor Rail Car - FRISCO #2900 (F scale)	5
Caboose	First	Gary Davidson	CG&S Short Caboose #3	6
	Second	Bob Wales	SR&RL #551	
	Third	Dave Roeder	BN Caboose #10907	7
Passenger Cars	First	Dave Roeder	CP Baggage/Smoker #185	8
	Second	Dave Roeder	SG&N #4	9
	Third	Dave Roeder	SG&N #5	10
Structure, On-line	First	Gary Davidson	Monero Coaling Station	11
	Second	Brad Morneau	Passenger/Freight Station	12
	Third	Larry Alfred	SP Open Deck Pile Trestle	13
Structure, Off-line	First	Al Warren	CNW Nevada, Iowa Engineering Garage	14
Display, On-line	First	Ron Morse	Little Ella Gold Mine on the FC&CRR Display	1
	Second	Marty Vaughn	Lerner Junction	15
	Third	Ron Morse	Morse Timber Co. Sawmill	16
Railway Pass	First	Dave Roeder	Silverton, Gladstone & Northern RR Unlimited Pass	
	Second	Dave Roeder	Webster Groves & Fenton Railroad	
	Third	Dave Roeder	Silverton, Gladstone & Northern RR Round Trip Ticket - First Class	
Photography, B&W, Model	First	Keith Wilhite	Concrete Bridge with NS Caboose	
Photography, B&W, Prototype	First	Larry Alfred	Atchinson II	
	Second	Larry Alfred	Atchinson	
Photography, Color, Model	First	Ron Morse	Snow Train from Shavano	cover
	Second	Ron Morse	Little Ella Gold Mine on the FC&CRR	
	Third	Dave Salamon	Local Freight Drifting by the Old Clark Farm	
Photography, Color, Prototype	First	Fred Hulen	#486 Arrival at Silverton Station	
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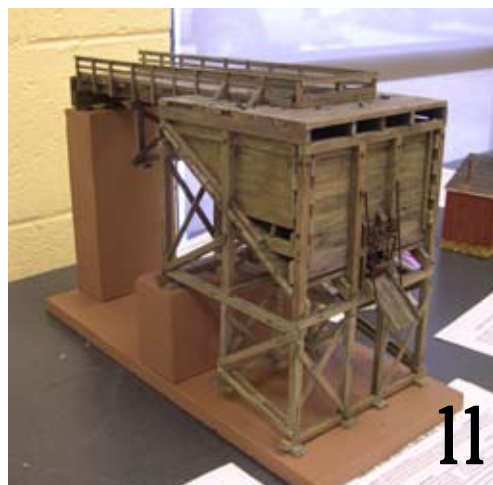
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8833 Big Bend Blvd
Webster Groves, MO 63119
(O)

Capital City Model Railroaders
PO Box 243
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(HO)

Claremore & Southern
3049 Clover Creek Dr
Claremore, OK 74017
(HO)

Columbia Model Railroaders
410 Camelot Dr
Collinsville, IL 62234
(HO)

East Jackson City Mainliners
807 W Main St Ste A
Blue Springs, MO 64015-3757

Greater Omaha Society of Model Engineers
Post Office Box 67
Council Bluffs, IA 51502
402-895-0296 or 402-491-3692
GOSOME@TheHistoricalSociety.org

Green Valley Baptist Model RR
11993 County Rd 162
Savannah, MO 64485
Contact: Nancy Adams
nadaams@bi-vetmedica.com
816-262-0304

Kansas Area N-Trak
2046 S Elizabeth #1306
Wichita, KS 67213
(N)

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Hutchinson, KS 67501
(HO)

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24595 Hedge
Paola, KS 66071
GScalefun@hotmail.com
913-406-3400

Kansas City O-Scale Modulares
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Overland Park, KS 66207
(O)

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13817 Bradshaw
Overland Park, KS
913-402-7210
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1223 Pierre St
Manhattan, KS 66502-4331
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785-587-9075

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20 Apostle Ct
Fenton, MO 63026
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mvns@railfan.net
(N)

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North Kansas City, MO 64116
(HO)

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914 Summer Leaf Ct
Saint Peters, MO 63376
(HO)

Mo-Kan Railjoinders Inc.
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Olathe, KS 66062
(all)

Nishna Valley Railroad Society
1303 Eighth St
Harlan, IA 51537
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603 S Smokyhill
Oakley, KS 67748-2321

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424 W Commercial
Springfield, MO 65803
(all)

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Cherryvale Depot
Cherryvale, KS 68335
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PO Box 1633
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Little Rock, AR 72209
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