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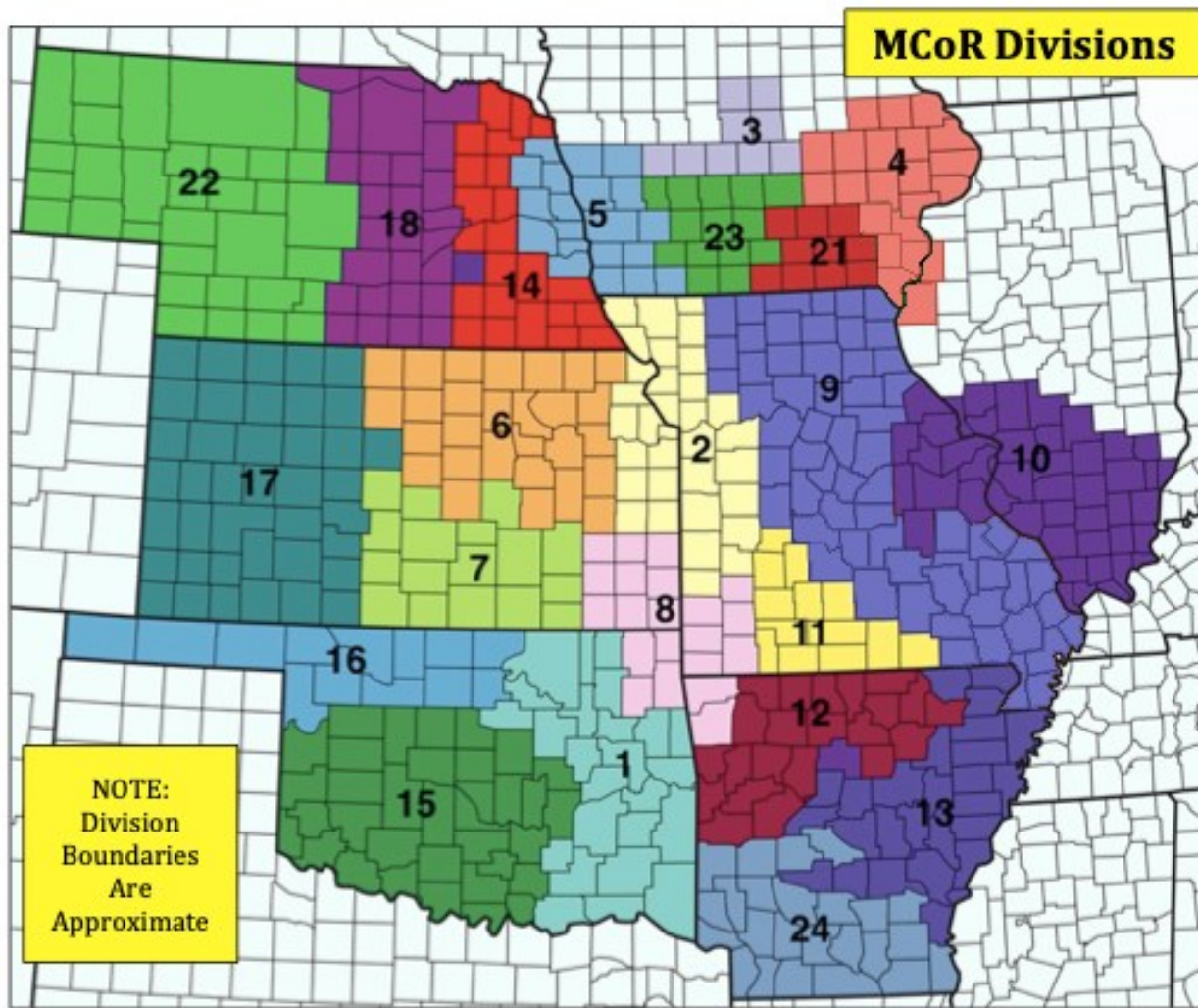
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MCoR NMRA Division Meetings

Note: COVID-19 cancelled many in-person meetings in leu of ZOOM meetings. And now, some Divisions are resuming in-person meetings. Check before showing up...

Division 1: INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION (Tulsa, OK): Meet 4 times a year. Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd. St. just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. Library opens at 9:00AM and the meetings start at 9:30AM-12:30. Superintendent - Allan Roecker 918-866-5732 or allanroecker@yahoo.com. Web page: www.tulsanmra.org for meeting dates and additional info.

Division 2: TURKEY CREEK DIVISION (Kansas City Area): 4th Tuesday every month at 7:00PM except Dec Holiday Party (Dec 17, 2019), at Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg., Lenexa, KS. For current information: Martin Wade, TurkeyCreekNMRA@gmail.com or the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

Division 4: EASTERN IOWA DIVISION: Division meetings vary in dates and locations. Contact Bob Perkins, Superintendent, for more information. rperkins5010@yahoo.com

Division 5: WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA): 1st Saturday (except January) at 9:00AM in the Sump Memorial Library, 222 N Jefferson St. (2nd & Washington Streets) Papillion, NE (across from Runza). For the latest, up-to-date information visit the WHD web site at: <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org> or the WHD Facebook page, Western Heritage Division, NMRA.

Division 6: KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION: 1st Saturday even-numbered months. Meetings start at 1PM. For the next meeting's location and program please email dir-2906@mcor-nmra.org or rkboelling@gmail.com.

Division 7: CHISHOLM TRAIL DIVISION (Wichita, KS): 1st Tuesday each month at the Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 West 13th St, Wichita, KS 67203 (13th Street North & High Street). Gathering-6:45PM; NMRA meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM. Info: Dean Lippincott, email dlipp5a@gmail.com

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Division 14: COWBOY LINE DIVISION: Info: Craig Drenkow, MMR, nascartrainman@gmail.com

Division 15: OKLAHOMA HEARTLAND DIVISION (Oklahoma City, OK): meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. Contact OHD Director at dir-2915@mcor-nmra.org. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome.

Division 17: WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (Dodge City, KS): Meetings pending a new location. Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director, 620-521-3591(C) or 620-272-0444(H). Facebook page "Western Kansas Division"; e-mail: trainman55@hotmail.com

Division 18: PLATTE VALLEY DIVISION (Hastings, Grand Island, and Kearney, NE): Meet quarterly in members homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Jim Wells, Division Director, 402-705-1048 or dir-2918@mcor-nmra.org



The Head End

By Larry Diehl, President MCoR



Don't forget to attend out MCoR Convention at the Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66214, 913-888-8440, **August 22nd & 23rd**

Currently working hard on details to finalize the prep work to make our Convention "the best". Coordination with the hotel is now top on the list, reviewing details of the banquet, timing of events, layout of tables, chairs and projector in each room. Even the details of our food!

If you have anything to contribute to the Chinese Auction or the Live Auction (small models you built), please bring those items. I would appreciate a "heads up" of items you think you may have. I must make sure I get the table count correct, ldiehl066@gmail.com. Please remember, items give to the auction are considered donations, whereby the auction ticket sales go toward paying for our Convention, and much appreciated. Any excess monies, if any, will turn back to MCoR Treasury.

Our clinics are coming together nicely. In the near future I will give Ryan the final schedule for him to post on our website. A couple of the recent cancellations have had me scrambling in these final days! But, never fear, it will work out!

There are a few folks who want to come in Thursday evening and have asked for something to do! We have put together two clinic presentations, expecting only a few to show up! Bill Humenczuk will present a KCS Historical view of the railroad in its beginnings, and Dale Shipman will run a well-produced

video of Jim EuDaly's "O" Scale Chesapeake & Ohio RR layout, including night running scenes. It's very good. Dale did a superb production job.

Then Friday afternoon, the official time we start, we will host six clinics from 1:00 thru 6:00 pm. Saturday at the Turkey Creek Train Show, we will have six more clinics in the morning.

A competitive model contest with our normal categories will be in a separate room. Special category for Kansas City Southern models, all types, stations, buildings, motive power, etc., "anything KCS". Al Warren told me he "sold" five well detailed KCS diesels. Would have been perfect entries to the KCS category. Then, train show Saturday about 100 tables, more clinics and a Turkey Creek Division model contest separate from the MCoR contest and layouts. Then, Saturday evening, a banquet with speaker, cash bar, MCoR service and model contest awards, Chinese Auction and Live Auction! *Now... Just where can you go to have such fun!*

We have a very good keynote speaker, Mr. Tim Blackwell, owner and editor of Cowcatcher Magazine. A good man and very knowledgeable of our hobby. He will have a different point of view. Should be quite interesting! *Please come! See you all there!*

Sincerely,

Larry W. Diehl
Shawnee, Kansas
Your MCoR President



Editor's Musings

By Pat Hiatte

Accommodation—There's More

The discussion of accommodating physical limitations in model railroading sparked some thoughts from longtime friend Rich Mahaney.

"On the layout I am building (or have been building for years), I wanted to add 'smells' to the layout using nonburning Yankee Candles smells. I like the smell of 'macintosh apples' (yes, they have that candle smell) and wanted to have it in my apple orchards area and apple processing plants. They have a candle for 'pine' for my mountain area as trains go through the mountains of Washington state,

"But my wife has troubles with 'smells' as she is allergic to many smells. So I can't do that any more. I have found other model railroads that have the same problem. So before you add smell to your layout and layout room, check with family members and other layout visitors about allergy issues. You would hate to create a medical emergency during a layout tour."

An N-scaler's View of the Scales ☺

N: Normal

HO: Horribly Oversize

S: So big!!

O: Oh my gosh, it's huge!

G: Gargantuan!!

The Convention

I attended my first MCoR convention a few years ago. I hadn't attended regional conventions before I retired because the convention was a several-day commitment, and I had other priorities for my limited time off.

Post retirement, we settled in a rural area, and I perceived the regional convention as being focused on metropolitan areas and, yest, to some extent the province of the Good Ol' Boy Network.

Even though reluctant to leave my comfort zone and come out of my shell, I signed up for an MCoR convention hosted by the Gateway Division in St. Louis.

My perception couldn't have been more wrong. The clinics were informative, the model contest was inspirational, the train show filled some gaps in my rolling stock roster and best of all, I met a fellow modeler who has over time become one of my best friends.

Now I wouldn't miss an MCoR convention, and often attend with my friend Joe.

So if you've never attended a convention, give it a try. You might be as pleasantly surprised as I was.

Next Issue

- Full coverage of the MCoR convention at Lenexa, Kan.
 - Contest winners
 - Layouts
 - Clinics
 - Next steps on the AP Journey
 - Division highlights
- And more

Feedback welcome: ckeditors@mcpr-nmra.org

Plan to Attend

78th Mid CONTINENT Regional CONVENTION

MCOR to KC
IN '25

AUGUST 22nd & 23rd

... Friday and Saturday ...

Lenexa/Kansas City

hosted with and overlaying

Turkey Creek Division Annual Show

Special Clinics



Clinics

Modeling Photo Contest

Dessert Bar & Ice Cream

Speakers

Train Show

More Clinics

Turkey Creek Model Contest

Layout Tours

Banquet

Good Food

Speaker

Chinese Auction

Live Auction

Fun!



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Don't Miss
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Presentation of

"The KCS Beginnings"

"EARLY BIRD"
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...AUGUST 21ST + FRIDAY AT 1:00 PM



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LINE ... ART STILWELL & E.L. MARTIN

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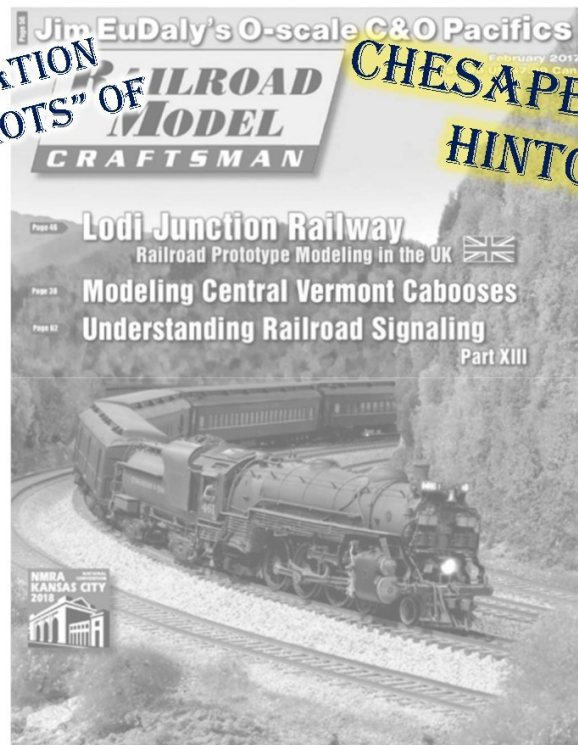
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Very Lucky are We!

Let me introduce our banquet speaker!

Tim Blackwell has agreed to be our Saturday banquet guest speaker. Tim has been working very hard for several years to develop his “Cowcatcher” magazine. He is Owner, Chief Editor and Publisher of the magazine which is growing each year!

If you haven't read this magazine, I encourage you to try it. It's a little different from MR and RMC as it showcases articles on current events in our hobby, the latest and greatest of shows and conventions in the expanded center of the United States. He is also an active member of the Hobby Manufacturer's Association. The magazine boasts articles in prototype, motive power, building layouts and craftsman structures, rolling stock and operations. I find it an interesting read. Try it!

Tim will be speaking about the state of the art of model railroading, trends and changes as he sees them in his travels. I also requested he report on the youth in our hobby and give us his views and perspective of those young folks that participate in the hobby.

Tim will not be spouting out statistics, numbers or graphs of subscribers.

He is a down-to-earth personality. He graciously is traveling from Dallas to KC to both participate in our convention, eat our river chicken and address us at our banquet. I'm looking forward to his presentation ...

You all come! ... August 22nd & 23rd
Larry Diehl, your MCoR president

July 3, 2025

Expected Schedule

MCoR to KC '25

Friday the Convention starts with clinics around 1:00 pm. Intent is to give you time to drive into the Convention on Friday morning.



Holiday Inn & Suites
Overland Park, KS

Friday will feature clinics related to Kansas City Southern, then interesting clinics on modeling and layout operations.

We are planning a couple of photo presentations on Friday morning for those who come early.

The model and photo contest room will open at 1:00 pm for displays and judging. Friday will be the only day for the contest model viewing and judging. Wrap up the judging Friday evening. Present award plaques at Saturday evening banquet.

We are overlaying MCoR activities onto the Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show with its own separate contest, awards and clinics Saturday morning through early afternoon. Their awards will be presented Saturday afternoon in a separate presentation. Turkey Creek Show is open to the public.

MCoR clinics will be Friday afternoon, MCoR contest room will start Friday at 1:00 pm, contest and judging will be complete Friday evening. All winners will be determined by NMRA judging scores. MCoR is planning a “Dessert Snack Bar” Friday evening. Maybe ice cream and pie! Trying to arrange a short presentation or speaker to highlight the evening.

Turkey Creek is planning to have six (6) more clinics Saturday morning. Turkey Creek will also host a contest room with awards presented in early afternoon. Winning is based upon popular vote. All MCoR attendees can also submit their models to this contest.

Home layout tours are planned for Saturday afternoon.

MCoR will host our banquet on Saturday evening. Planning for:

- A nice dinner with cash bar
- A guest speaker (somewhat shorter in length)
- Awards for model and photo contest
- Special award for KCS category
- MCoR Service Awards
- A "Chinese Auction"! (with tickets being sold at banquet)
- A short live auction (member built items)

Don't forget about the special contest category soliciting entries on KCS/pre-cursor railroads. It will be a very nice special plaque! See the eligible railroads which will count as KCS and its evolution.



Hope you all enjoy

and welcome the shortened convention schedule, economy motel costs! ... so you can spend more money at the train show!

Larry W. Diehl
Your MCoR President

PLEASE COME ... PLEASE ENJOY!



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MCoR to KC IN '25

...Update...

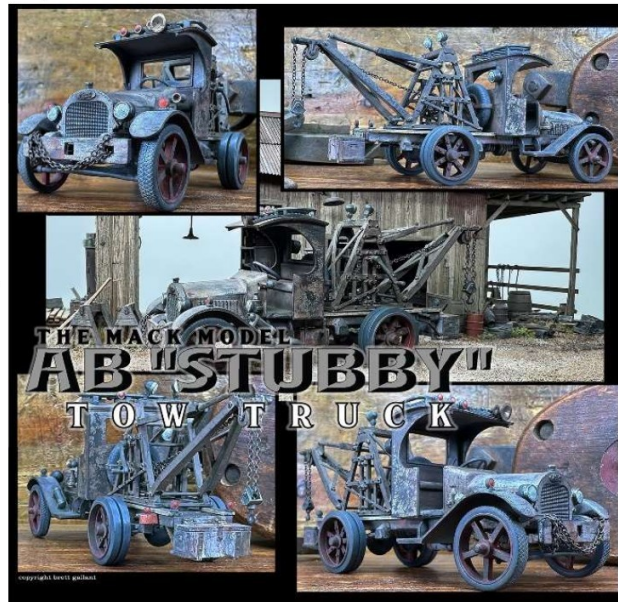


We have a few donations already ...

Look at this fantastic model from Sierra West –
Brent Gallant ...

In both “HO” Scale and “O” Scale! Wow!

The Mack Model AB was first introduced in 1914 with more than 55,000 units produced. This medium-duty truck's simple yet classic styling made it a very popular truck and the design remained relatively unchanged until it was discontinued in 1937. They were made in 1.5-ton, 2-ton, and 2.5-ton capacity ratings. Depending upon the gear ratio, the AB had a top speed of 13 to 25 miles per hour.



The inspiration for this shortened frame or “Stubby” version is based closely upon the CHB Models classic white metal kits produced by Charlie Brommer and myself for many years. Adapted as a tow truck, she is my first 30th Anniversary kit release.

Very detailed 3D printed model ... very few parts ... easy to assemble
... a little paint makes the model come alive!

Don't miss your chance to win one of these!

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August 22nd and 23rd

See everyone there!

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NMRA Mid Continent Region Convention

Having special focus on the KCS System, History, Contest Category ...
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Turkey Creek Division
August 22nd & 23rd, 2025
To be held at
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8787 Reeder Street
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Registration Form

Name of Primary Registration: _____ NMRA #: _____

NMRA membership required to enter model contest.

Spouses's Name (if attending): _____ (keep name tag for banquet)

Name of other registrants: _____

(Spouse will receive a complimentary pass for admission to include the train show, Friday dessert bar, Saturday banquet with nametag.
Other Extra fare participation must be purchased for each person attending Friday/Saturday lunches.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Are you registering as a Vendor? Yes _____ No _____ MCoR registration not required for Shawnee vendor hall, but desired!...

Select wanted "Extra Fare Events".

Registration Fee (NMRA membership number required for reduced registration fee.)

Includes Friday dessert bar and Saturday banquet ...spouses get in free.

NMRA member \$115.00 per person (includes Turkey Creek Train Show)

Non-member - \$135.00 per person (includes Turkey Creek Train Show)

Cost	# Persons	Total Cost
\$115.00		
\$135.00		

Extra Fare for basic Reservations:

Lunch Friday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (box sandwich etc.)

Lunch Saturday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (box sandwich, etc.)

\$14.00		
\$14.00		

Extra Fare Reservations for Vendors:

If you are a vendor, registered for Saturday tables at the Turkey Creek
Div show, Shawnee Civics Center, and you want to attend the banquet
and/or Friday dessert bar, extra fares are required, per person:

Friday Dessert Bar at 6:30 pm, per person, including spouse

Saturday Banquet (cash bar) choose 1 per person and spouse

\$18.00		
\$30.00		

TOTAL REGISTRATION:

Vendor Tables for Saturday Train Show Swap Meet

are to be reserved and paid for through
separate Turkey Creek Registration form.

(see Page 17)

Send Completed Registration Form to:
Larry Diehl
7008 Millridge Street
Shawnee, Kansas 66218
ldiehl066@gmail.com
for any additional information call (816)804-0152

Make Checks payable to: MCoR Convention 2025

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Ask for MCoR/NMRA group rate
www.holidayinn.com/overland-parkw

Train Show and Swap Meet

SHAWNEE CIVIC CENTER

13817 Johnson Dr #3802, Shawnee, KS 66216

August 23rd 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Home Layout Tours: See the personal layouts of local train Modelers in a variety of scales and completion.



Clinics: Get tips and tricks from some of the best modelers in the area



Vendor Tables: See how easy it is to get started on your own layout or diorama



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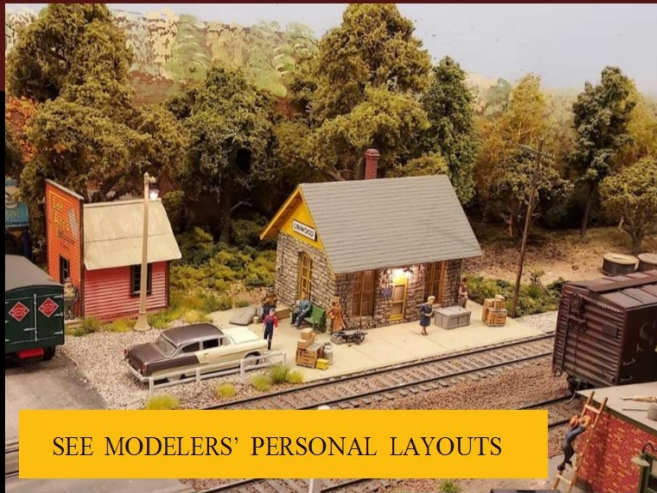


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Model Train Show & Swap Meet Turkey Creek Division NMRA

August 23, 2025

Shawnee Civic Centre
13817 Johnson Drive
Shawnee, Kansas 66216



Show Times 8:30am to 3:00pm, Afternoon Home Layout Tours

Attendees \$12.00 at door NMRA members \$10.00 at door
Children 18 and under attend free
Family \$20.00 at door

Clinics— Start at 9:00 Clinics covering many aspects of the hobby.

Model & Photo Contests — Awards are based on Popular vote open to all in attendance. Additionally, NMRA judging will be available for Merit Certification as part of the NMRA Achievement Program. Each model entered will give you a chance (maximum of 3 chances) in a special drawing of a \$25.00 gift voucher. Awards will be announced @ 2:00 p.m.

Special Youth Award - for the best overall youth (18 and under) model entry.

Door Prizes — From many different manufacturers, vendors, and local hobby shops

Display Layouts and Layout Tours — In addition to the display layouts at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon. See the schedule at the show.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups — Expect to find more than 75 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists, and other railroad groups.

Food and Refreshments — will be available at nominal cost.

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Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show 2025

Vendor and Member Registration Form

Set up from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on August 22nd, must be out by 5pm on August 23rd.

Individual or Vendor Name(s) for badges: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Pre-Registration Cut Off July 1**

Advance Registration: NMRA Member \$8.00 _____ Non-Members \$10.00 _____

Vendor Registration: Six Foot Table/Space: QTY _____ @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Electrical Access (note 15amp max) \$25.00 _____ Check # _____

NOTE: 1-3 Tables = 2 free Reg, 4-6 Tables = 2 free Reg, 7-9 Tables = 3 free Reg, 10+ Tables = 4 free Reg

Make checks payable to: "Turkey Creek Division"

For more Vendor Information Contact: Ray Brown 913-645-4134
RayBrown47@icloud.com

Turkey Creek Show,
c/o Bill Humenczuk
8624 West 116th Street,
Overland Park, KS
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2025 MCoR Convention News

MCoR to KC '25

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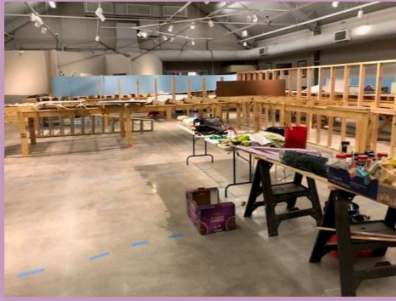
MCoR has a commitment from the “powers to be” of the Missouri Model Railroad Museum, located in Independence, that will open their doors Friday, all day, starting at 9:00 am, for anyone wanting to stop by while driving to the Kansas City MCoR Convention. The large HO layout currently under construction, should be running trains by our August Convention!

They are a proud group of guys and gals tackling this large 4,500 sf display!

It is located just north of I-70 about 4 miles, exiting onto Noland Road, signs do indicate “Amtrak Station”. The station does exist only a quarter of a mile west of the museum. It is the original MoPac Station, which includes a small gift shop!

Adjacent to the Model Railroad Museum is the old original “Alton RR” Station. It is slowly being preserved and renovated by local volunteers and may or may not be open for interior viewing at our convention.

The following are status of construction photos in December/January.



Re: Status of the Layout Construction

Work on benchwork is progressing quickly. Being “fluid” is the name of the game! Change and opportunities occur every day. The track plan is adjustable for the best visuals and the scenes of focus are constantly refined in the layout.

Just recently, they got an opportunity to incorporate accurately drawn model plans of Union Station with track canopies and Railway Express Agency building adjacent. Now the crew is faced with arranging enough trackage and space to capture the operations as it did and still occurs at the station.



Danny Willard
active helper

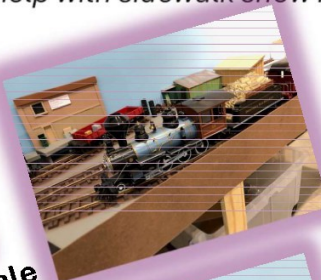
Now a chance to model the switch towers #5 and #6 at each end. A coach yard is not in the cards, as there are limits as to the space that can be allocated.

Independence will be depicted on the peninsula as you enter the layout room. Volunteers to construct representative buildings are welcome!



Union Station mockup

The City of Independence is unbelievable in their support of the museum. Helping with electrical, lighting, concrete work, new siding and even *help with sidewalk snow removal!*



“G” Scale

A “G” scale linear layout is all laid out and running. Scenery is next.



An "O" scale "Lionel" layout is also laid out and operating. Scenery is next again.



"O" Lionel



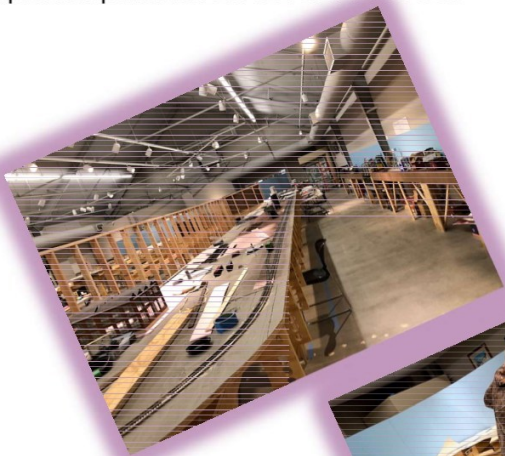
"O" Lionel

Displays are constantly changing with cabinets being built and provided. A switching layout for visitor participation is nearly ready.



David Gerdel
active helper

All in all, the museum is rapidly progressing. Donations are needed to assist in material and equipment purchases. **BE GENEROUS!**



Dale Shipman

It benefits all of us!



Missouri Model Railroad Museum

Photos by Dave Diotte



Sign at lower left of this road crossing scene described what went into creating it



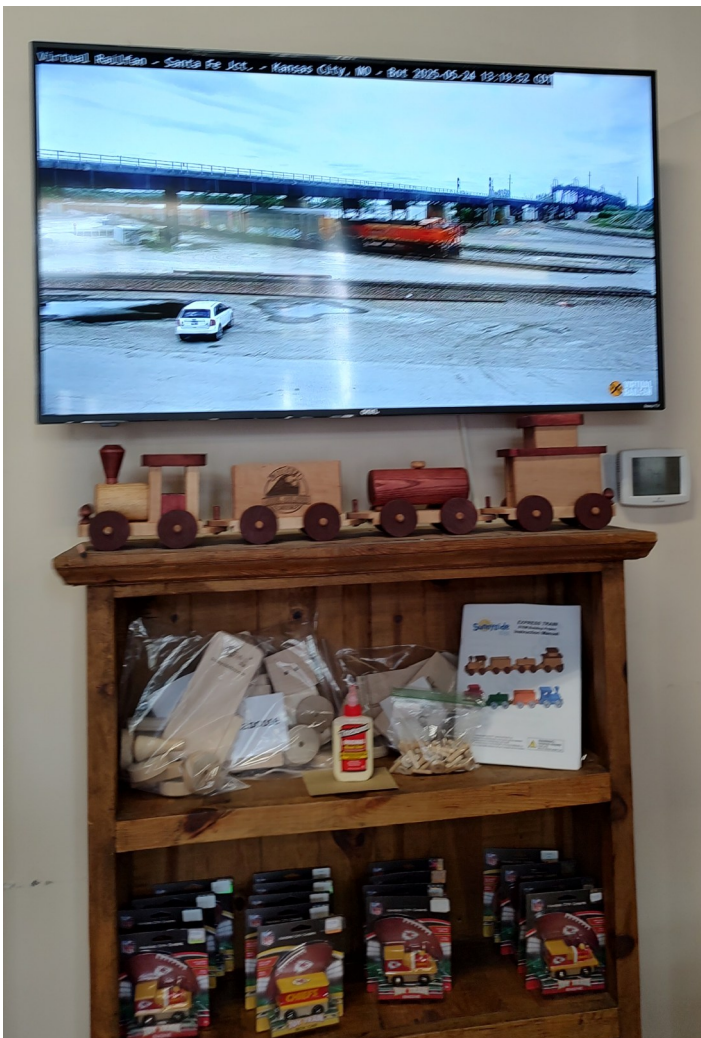
The museum includes a variety of activities for budding railfans



Placeholder shows where Union Station will be located; in the background, construction continues



Of course the museum showcases great modeling



This monitor lets you keep an eye on Santa Fe Junction; some of the gift shop items are on the shelves below

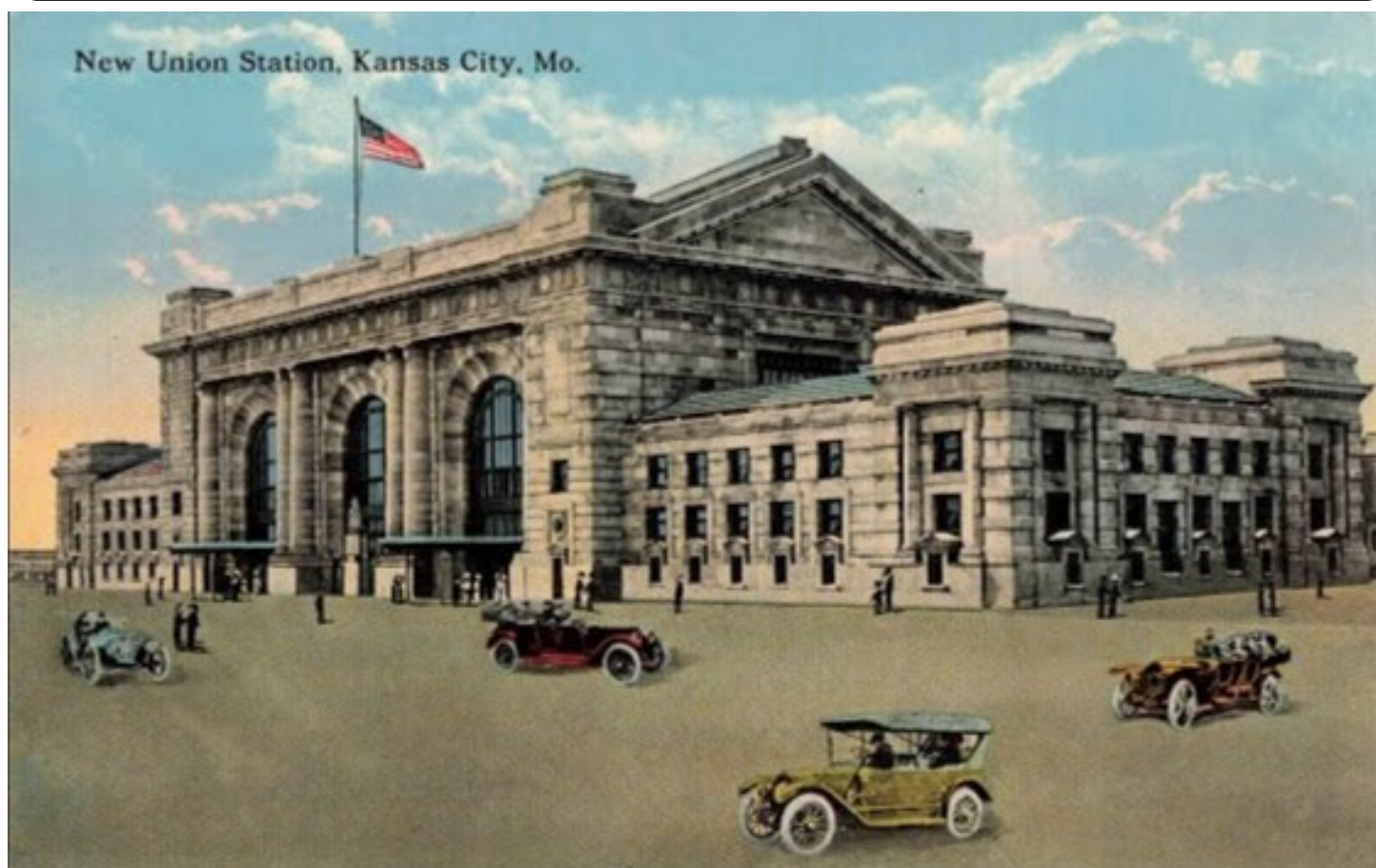


*Lionel,
The starting point for many a modeler,
gets its due*



More Kansas City-Area Attractions

Union Station



Courtesy Kansas City Public Library

Before Union Station existed the main transportation center in town was Union Depot in the West Bottoms. Opened in 1878, the depot was at the bottom of the bluffs on Union Avenue between 9th and 11th streets.

In February 1906, six railroad companies issued a joint statement from Chicago, informing the public they were working together to create "a new Union Station of sufficient size to accommodate all lines entering Kansas City and to meet future requirements for years to come." The station would be on what was then the southern edge of town, somewhere between Broadway and Grand and 21st and 23rd streets. Work on the site didn't start until 1910, and it needed significant changes before the building could take shape: existing buildings

were demolished; streets were vacated; O.K. Creek was diverted and covered; and solid rock was blasted with dynamite and scooped out with steam shovels

Union Station eventually opened to the public on October 30, 1914, in an elaborate ceremony before an estimated crowd of 100,000 people. Union Depot was emptied and boarded up the next day





More Kansas City-Area Attractions

Union Station

*Model
Train
Display
inside
Union Station*



*View below is from the footbridge
between Union Station and the Freight
House District, a great place to railfan,*





More Kansas City-Area Attractions

Joy Rides—KC Streetcar



The KC Streetcar runs a two-mile route between Union Station (bottom of map at right) and the River Market District.

Trains run every 12 to 18 minutes, more frequently during peak hours, from 6 a.m. (7 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays) till midnight (1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays),

A full loop, n from Union Station to River Market and return to Union Station takes about half an hour, depending on traffic.

And the best part: the Streetcar is free!



KC Streetcar photo





More Kansas City-Area Attractions

Joy Rides—Amtrak

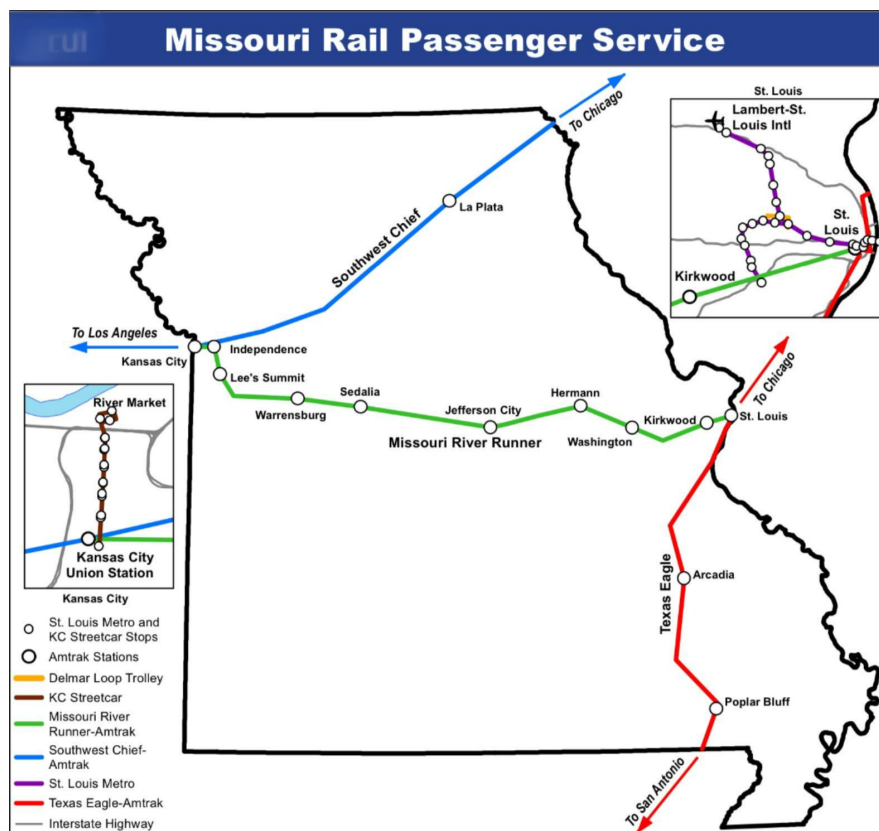
Kansas City is served by two Amtrak routes: The Missouri River between Kansas City and St. Louis and the Southwest Chief between Chicago and Los Angeles via Kansas City.

The Missouri River Runner leaves Kansas City Union Station at 8:40 a.m. and 4:05 p.m.

The morning train will get you to St. Louis in time to take the afternoon train back to Kansas City, with scheduled arrival at 8:51 p.m.

If you're not up for a full day on the rails, you can board the morning train as far as Sedalia, have a layover of about an hour, and be back at Union Station just before 2 in the afternoon.

The Missouri River Runner is generally on time or close, and it takes you over Union Pacific tracks originally built by the Missouri Pacific as part of its first route across the state.



If you're more adventurous, you can catch Amtrak Train 4, the Southwest Chief at 7:01 a.m. for a two-hour trip to La Plata, the first stop. You'll have time for a full day of railfanning BNSF's former Santa Fe Transcon. Westbound Train 3 will get you back to Kansas City at 9:48 p.m., although on-time performance varies.

While you're in La Plata, enjoy a free, self-guided tour of an extensive collection of memorabilia related to Amtrak and the history of passenger railroading. Housed in former Amtrak cars, the exhibition contains a variety of posters, artifacts, and souvenirs. In a sister boxcar next door, you will see a custom-crafted Lionel model railroad layout depicting Amtrak trains at work; grab the throttle and make the trains come to life. The museum is located next to the Depot Inn Hotel. Tell the hotel staff you wish to tour the Exhibition of Amtrak History; they will be happy to open the museum for your convenience. The Exhibition of Amtrak History is not affiliated with Amtrak or the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.—*Visitmo.com*



More Kansas City-Area Attractions

Railfanning

Kansas City is generally acknowledged as the country's No. 2 rail center, trailing only Chicago. With the exception of CSX and Canadian National, every major North American railroad reaches or passes through Kansas City.

Unfortunately, most of the rail facilities are hemmed in by freeways or development or both. Fortunately, Santa Fe Junction is one of the busiest junctions in the area and is readily accessible; just put 'Santa Fe Junction' into your GPS.



Google Maps



More Kansas City-Area Attractions

Nearby Museums



Come, take a step back in time to the first half of the last century and ride a train like your grandparents may have ridden. Board our 1920's era passenger coach, or our open-air excursion car and take a ride behind our 1950's Diesel locomotive through Old Towne Belton, Missouri, and the surrounding area.

While you're waiting for the train, walk around our yard and look at our display equipment, freight cars, Club Car, instruction car, maintenance-of-way equipment, and two static display steam locomotives. Visit our baggage car gift shop, talk to the train crew, and even visit the locomotive. Finish off your trip with a visit to the shops of Main Street Belton.

While you're enjoying your train ride with us, you might also learn about the [History of our Line](#).

In August, trains depart on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a five-mile, 45-minute round trip over part of the former Frisco Railway's High Line between Kansas City and Springfield, Mo.



Believed to be the only completely restored two story train depot in Missouri, the Chicago & Alton Depot was built in 1879.

In 1996, the Depot was moved from its original location in spectacular fashion, being lifted from its original foundation and paraded down the street in front of hundreds of spectators and news media, to its current location on West Pacific Ave. From 1992 to 2002 members of the community worked hard to bring the decaying historical wonder back to life.

The two-story depot contains three rooms on the first floor: the waiting room, stationmaster's room, and baggage room. On the second floor, four rooms, which were formerly the stationmaster's residence, are the kitchen, dining room, bedroom, and the parlor. An additional bedroom and storage room have been converted to an artifacts room. The entire Depot is furnished to appear as it did in the late 1800's.





Journey to an AP Certificate

By Pat Hiatte

This is a tale of one person's pursuit of an NMRA Achievement Program certificate. Hopefully it will inspire you to pursue one or more of your own, and show how easy (I hope) it is.

Like you, maybe, I have been interested in the NMRA Achievement Program. Even if I never get to put the hallowed acronym MMR after my name, the AP seemed to be a worthwhile way to acquire new modeling skills and demonstrate a grasp of those few skills I do have. Plus the AP certificate would look great on display on the stairs up to the layout room.

Reviewing the requirements, I discovered that the Chief Dispatcher and Association Author (thanks in part to the *Kibitzer*) certificates would be the easiest to pursue, mostly because I had completed most of the requirements.



But then there was the paperwork. I was intimidated, largely because I didn't know where to start. Eating an elephant one bite at a time is great advice, but how do you figure out which bite to take first?

Like most of us – and the Beatles – I get by with a little (or a lot of) help from my friends. Among them is Master Model Railroader Dean Smith. Dean has had his AP Chief Dispatcher certificate for some time, so I asked him about that first step. He provided a wealth of information in the form of paperwork he had submitted, and I was off to the races.

Requirements

To qualify for this certificate you must:

1.

Must have participated in the operation of a model railroad, either home or club, for no less than 50 hours. A minimum of ten hours must be served in each of three of the five categories listed below, one of which must be DISPATCHER.

The five categories are: Engineer, mainline freight, passenger or waayfreight; yardmaster, station master, hostler, power desk; towerman, traffic manager or roadmaster; dispatcher

This experience shall be accumulated on one or more model railroads having at least two mainline trains plus yard switching in simultaneous operation. Some system of freight and passenger train and car movements, including road switching, shall be used for controlling train activity.

2.

The use of a computer to accomplish the following requirements is acceptable.

The applicant shall also do the following:

Prepare a schematic drawing of a model railroad layout meeting the operating conditions described in Section 1 and indicate all pertinent simulated distances.

Develop a timetable appropriate to this model railroad, simulating prototype time and covering a period of eight hours or more, during which time at least three scheduled mainline trains move in each direction.

Develop an operating train chart (graph) which interprets the above schedule for timetable operation of the model railroad. Indicate at least one train meet on the schematic drawing required referred to above. Show the position of the train(s) involved and describe the action, giving pertinent time and movement data to effect the meet.

Develop or adapt a system of operation for the layout in Section 1 above, including all the necessary forms and explanations of their use for controlling car movements, train makeup and operation in a prototypical manner.

3.

Submit a completed Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) which shall include the following:

- Attachment of the forms and drawings in Sect. 2
- Description of the jobs held and an approximation of the number of hours accrued in each position.
- The signed witnessed Certificate of Operation form showing that all the requirements have been met and that the member requesting certification has operated a model railroad in a prototypical manner.

These requirements can be met on one or more model railroad layouts, either privately owned or club layout(s). The Witness Form is available from your Region or Division AP Chair.

Develop a timetable appropriate to this model railroad, simulating prototype time and covering a period of eight hours or more, during which time at least three scheduled mainline trains move in each direction.

Sedalia Subdiv. - Jefferson City to Sedalia

Trains Westward

	First Class					Second Class	
	9	5	15	11	19	97	79
Jefferson City	2 40 AM	11 00 AM	4 10 PM	6 05 PM	8 15 PM	5 05 AM	10 50 PM
SR Junction	2 44	11 03	4 13	6 08	8 20	5 12 ²⁰	11 00
Centertown	3 05 ¹⁰	11 17	4 27	6 19	8 35	5 31	11 32
California	3 23	11 37	4 46	6 36 ¹⁴	8 58	6 15	11 58 PM ⁷⁰
Tipton	3 35	11 48	5 00	6 46	9 10	6 40	12 18 AM
SA Tower	4 02 ²⁰	12 08 PM	5 21	7 04	9 32	7 30	12 48
Sedalia	4 10 AM	12 15 PM	5 45 PM ¹⁴	7 10 PM	9 45 PM	7 40 AM ⁹⁶	12 53 AM

Trains Eastward

	First Class					Second Class	
	10	20	12	6	14	96	70
Jefferson City	3 30 AM	5 15 AM	9 41 AM	3 15 PM	7 07 PM	10 25 AM	1 15 AM
SR Junction	3 20	5 12 ⁹⁷	9 38	3 12	7 04	10 20	12 35
Centertown	3 05 ⁹	4 54	9 26	3 00	6 52	10 00	12 18 AM
California	2 32	4 35	9 15 ⁹⁶	2 42	6 36 ¹¹	9 15 ¹²	11 58 PM ⁷⁹
Tipton	2 15	4 23	8 59	2 30	6 08	8 41	11 37
SA Tower	1 52	4 02 ⁹	8 40	2 12	5 50	8 01	11 10
Sedalia	1 50 AM	4 00 AM	8 38 AM	2 10 PM	5 45 PM ¹⁵	7 40 AM ⁹⁷	11 00 PM

Eastward trains are superior to westward trains of the same class

Since I model (loosely) a prototype, I used the actual employee timetable as a starting point.

Although I model the early 1960s, I exercised my “modeler’s license” to use the Missouri Pacific employee timetable from 1941. The two excerpts below show first-class trains only; other pages showed second-class trains: one redball freight and one local each way daily between Jefferson City and Sedalia.

6 SEDALIA SUBDIV.—JEFFERSON CITY TO KANSAS CITY											
Station Numbers	Miles from St. Louis—Seventh Street	TIME-TABLE No. 68 FEBRUARY 2, 1941		TRAINS WESTWARD							
				FIRST CLASS							
				9 Passenger	33 Passenger	5 Passenger	205 Passenger	11 Passenger	15 Passenger	215 Passenger	19 Passenger
STATIONS				Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
125	125.33	CTC	CS Jefferson City OCWTY	2 50AM	10 35AM	10 52AM	3 28PM	6 15PM		8 00PM	
127	127.95		P.....SR JUNCTION.....	2 55	1040AM ⁹⁴	1055 ¹²	332 ⁶	6 18		8 04	
129	129.38	CTC	CS.....COLE.....								
132	132.41		P.....SCOTT.....	3 02		11 00	3 37	6 23		8 10	
135	135.24	CTC	P.....ELSTON.....*	3 05						8 13	
140	140.26		P.....CENTERTOWN.....*	318 ¹⁰		11 08	3 46	6 32		8 22	
144	144.72	CTC	P.....McGIRK.....*	3 25				6 37		8 27	
146	147.09		P.....BRANT.....							8 30	
150	150.38	CTC	LS.....CALIFORNIA.....W*	3 31		z 11 18	3 57	z 6 43		z 8 37	
156	156.63		P.....CLARKSBURG.....*	3 38				650 ¹⁴		8 44	
162	162.87	CTC	LS.....TIPTON.....*	3 45		z 11 30	408 ⁹²	6 56		z 8 52	
166	166.39		P.....DOW.....								
168	168.13	CTC	LS.....SYRACUSE.....	3 50			4 13	7 01		8 58	
175	175.75		LS.....OTTERVILLE.....*	3 58		11 44	4 20	7 08		9 06	
181	181.18	CTC	LS.....SMITHTON.....*	4 05			4 26	7 14		9 12	
187	187.79		.....M-K-T CROSSING.....	4 13		11 55AM	4 33	7 21		9 19
188	188.94	CTC	CS.....SEDALIA.....\$WCTY	\$ 425 ⁹³		\$ 12 01PM	\$ 4 40	\$ 7 30		\$ 9 30	

SEDALIA SUBDIV.—KANSAS CITY TO JEFFERSON CITY											7
Sliding Capacity In Cars	Miles from Kansas City	TIME-TABLE No. 68 FEBRUARY 2, 1941		TRAINS EASTWARD							
				FIRST CLASS							
				16	212	12	6	34	14	10	210
				Passenger	Passenger	Passenger	Passenger	Passenger	Passenger	Passenger	Passenger
STATIONS				Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Yd.	157.70	CTC	CS. Jefferson City OCWTY	\$ 6 00AM		\$ 11 00AM	\$ 3 32PM	\$ 5 30PM	\$ 7 25PM	\$ 3 50AM	
....	155.08		P.....SR JUNCTION.....	5 55		1053 5	329 11	5 23PM	7 22	3 32	
....	153.65	CTC	CS.....COLE.....								
54	150.62		P.....SCOTT.....	5 50		10 48	3 24		7 17	3 26	
23	147.79	CTC	P.....ELSTON.....*	5 47					7 14	3 23	
e441 w23	142.77		P.....CENTERTOWN.....*	5 41		10 40	3 16		7 08	318 9	
55	138.31	CTC	P.....McGIRK.....*	5 36					7 03	3 12	
33	135.94		P.....BRANT.....								
75	132.65	CTC	LS.....CALIFORNIA.....W*	b 5 30		z 10 29	z 3 05		6 56	\$ 3 06	
42	126.40		P.....CLARKSBURG.....*	5 23					6 50 15	2 55	
e281 w40	120.16	CTC	LS.....TIPTON.....*	b 5 16		10 17	z 2 52		6 42	\$ 248 93	
45	116.64		P.....DOW.....								
46	114.90	CTC	LS.....SYRACUSE.....*	5 10		10 12			6 37	2 38	
50	107.28		LS.....OTTERVILLE.....*	5 02		10 04	2 39		6 29	2 28	
66	101.85	CTC	LS.....SMITHTON.....*	4 56		9 59			6 24	2 21	
....	95.24		.....M-K-T CROSSING.....	4 48		9 52	2 27		6 17	2 13	
Yd.	94.09	CTC	CS.....SEDALIA.....\$WCTY	\$ 445 93		\$ 9 50	\$ 225 92	V.....	\$ 6 15	\$ 2 10	

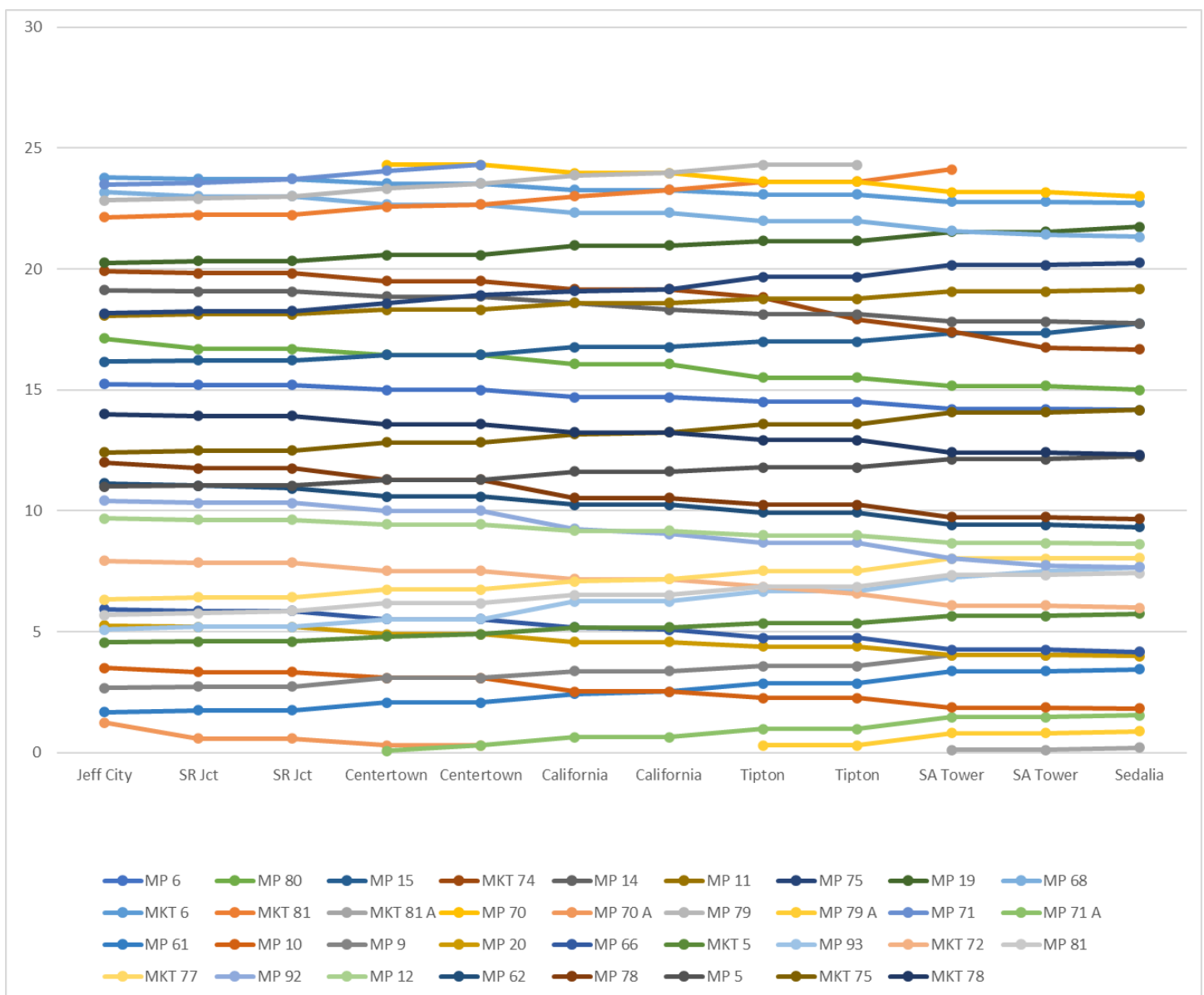
Timetable pages courtesy of the Missouri Pacific Historical Society mopac.org


Develop an operating train chart (graph) which interprets the above schedule for timetable operation of the model railroad. Indicate at least one train meet on the schematic drawing required referred to above. Show the position of the train(s) involved and describe the action, giving pertinent time and movement data to effect the meet.

Never one to leave well enough alone, I decided that in the interest of adding more trains, the Missouri River had flooded out the Missouri-Kansas-Texas 9MKT or Katy) railroad line on the north side of the river, forcing the Katy to arrange to detour its trains over the MP between St. Louis and Sedalia.

Since the Katy trains run as extras, they don't appear in the timetable, but they had to appear in the graph in order to avoid collisions,

What I don't know about Excel, which I used to develop the graph, would fill several volumes of "Excel for Dummies", so the graph is somewhat unconventional in appearance. The left axis shows 24-hour time. The bottom axis shows stations. I couldn't figure out how to show both arrival and departure time at a single point, so stations are shown twice. Overlapping lines indicate a meet such as that between MP Train 20 and MKT Train 5, running as a passenger extra west, at about 0500 (5 a.m.) at Centertown..



An analog clock face with a black border. The hour hand points to the 9 and the minute hand points to the 12. The clock is set against a background of horizontal lines.

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OPERATING LOG BOOK

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TOTAL

We'll address the rest of the requirements in the next issue of the *Kibitzer*.

The Main Line

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On The Cover:

Several FreeMo Clubs and individuals displayed their authentic and highly detailed HO-scale modules during the 2025 Garden City Train Show hosted by the Boothill Model Railroad Club in Garden City, Kansas. Details inside...

Trails, Rails, & Tales



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

BY PHIL AYLWARD

Hope all is well. Don't forget the 2025 MCoR Convention is August 22nd & 23rd at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Overland Park, KS. Go to the web site and check it out. <https://www.mcor-nmra.org/Conventions/>

– Phil

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

BY CHARLIE MONCKTON

My condolences to Larry Gulick whose wife Diana Ridder Gulick passed away June 18, 2025.

For the June 3rd Chisholm Trail Division monthly meeting we held the first annual cookout at the Sedgwick County Park. We invited all train enthusiasts from the Wichita area, modelers and their guests to join us. We had 60 registered guests and due to seven inches or more of rain that day causing flash flooding in the area, we had between 35 and 40 in attendance. In addition to the Chisholm Trail members the Augusta Model Railroad Club and Wichita Area Model Railroaders were among the attendees. The guest speaker for the evening was Jim McKeel. Being a former volunteer and occasional Conductor/Engineer at Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad and being a Former Conductor/Brakeman at Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad are just a few of his impressive credentials. He shared with us a few of his railroad related activities growing up in a small eastern Kansas community that lead to a lifelong interest in railroads. The highlight of the evening for many was when he shared his experiences riding the train from the west coast of Canada east across Canada. He posts daily pictures and reels of train activity on Facebook often featuring

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LIGHTNING SLINGER

June 2025



Turkey Creek Division of the



Mid-Continent Region, NMRA

"For all gauges and all ages"

TC-NMRA 2025Mtgs

June Special Dates

Op Sessions & Layout Tours
No regular Tues mtg

Jul 22nd

Tree Scenery Hands-on
Alan Meinhold
TBD
TBD

Aug 23rd Special Date

Annual Div Show & Swap
No regular Tues mtg

Mtg Time:

7:00 to 8:45pm

Location:

Conference Room
Eastside Terrace Bldg.
Lakeview Village Campus

NMRA National Conv

Jul 14 & 19 Novi Michigan

MCoR Regional Conv

Aug 22 & 23 Holiday Inn Lenexa

TC Model Train Show & Swap

Aug 23rd: Shawnee Civic Center

RR Community

(see flyers at end of newsletter)

May 10th National Train Day:

Missouri Model RR Museum

Jun 24-29: National N Scale Conv.

Sheraton Overland Park, KS

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- Next meeting Highlights
- Pike Bio's, Visits, Projects
- Events & Calendar
- Want Ads & Resources

Special OP Sessions Only No Division Meeting

Operations Session Schedule:

Reservations required and confirmed by email

June 24th 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Mike Fyten: KAW Valley RR

Larry Holcombe: Four Mile Creek Railway

June 28th 8:30am to noon

Bill Scheerer: B&O Monongah Division

July 1st 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Miles Hale: KC Terminal Railroad

***Thanks to all our Hosts for graciously opening their
layouts to this event.***

Next Meeting will be July 22nd

Meeting Location: Lakeview Village Campus

See last page for details



Division Points

Indian Nations Division of the National Model Railroad Association

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Marc Montray Photo



***Frisco's Howard Branch Part 1:
Dave Salamon Designs
and Builds a Portable
HO Switching Layout:***

Tulsa Rail 2025 Wrap Up

***Next Indian Nations Division Meeting
May 17, 2025 at the Hardesty Library***



MCoR Member's Pike Registry

The Pike Registry is a free MCoR member benefit for layout owners that would welcome other NMRA member's visits. For more information, contact

ckeditors@mcornmra.org

Indian Nations Division



The Deep River Southern Railroad is a freelanced N-scale layout set in 1958. It's located in a room above the garage and is a 2-level layout designed for operations using Car Cards and Waybills. The layout is wired for DC and can accommodate 4 operators. A manual elevator connects the 2 levels. Scenery is about 90% done.

Dogwood & Redbud Shortline

The Dogwood and Redbud Shortline is my 7.5"-gauge backyard railroad that is a 550' loop with numerous bridges—two cross a creek and others are for drainage. A Super Mack, Critter, and Speeder provide the motive power and are all battery operated.

Come by, take look, go for a ride, let's operate.

Dave Salamon (918)607-2793 E-mail: drs_rr@yahoo.com



Corn Country Rails is an N-scale layout primary featuring the Rock Island Railroad in the 1950s. The layout depicts a 47 mile stretch of Rock Island's Eastern Iowa single track mainline from Homestead to Grinnell. The multi-deck layout with a helix measures 15 x 20 feet. Additional staging is in an adjacent room. It was designed for operations using four-cycle waybills, train orders, and a 3:1 fast clock. A typical operating session can keep 6-8 operators busy for about four hours with eight mainline trains, two locals, and several extras worked into the schedule. The layout is powered by an NCE DCC system with both radio and plug-in throttles. The scenery is based on rural farming towns and Iowa countryside in the summer months.

Tony Bowen, MMR – Division Superintendent

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YouTube Channel: Corn Country Rails

Eastern Iowa Division

Chisholm Trail Division



Union Pacific Through the Rockies

My HO layout is a "freelanced/fictional" version of the Union Pacific in the 60's/70's on the Rio Grande's Route thru the Rockies. In a 13'x20' room, the layout is two levels connected by a 5 loop helix. The double track mainline is approximately 300 running feet with two small switching yards. NCE DCC supplies the power for the layout. The equipment roster shows UP F-Units, GP 38's and 40's, and UP/RGSD 40-2T's. Freight cars of all types supply the revenue for the line. You will see an occasional passenger train as well. 60% of the layout is landscaped and on the rest has industries/buildings in place—just not completed scenes. Industries served include coal, grain, fuel, and misc. LTL freight loads.

Terry Ross, Sup.

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Clear Creek and Quicksilver RR

The layout is a 1:20.3 indoor/outdoor layout. Outdoors has landscaping that depicts the Georgetown Loop Devil's Gate high bridge. Indoors is a logging theme railroad with basic benchwork and 250 feet of roadbed and still growing. Three locomotives have been converted to battery power with more planned.

Allen Pollock

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Central Missouri Area

Western Kansas Division



Western Kansas Rails

The WKR is an N-scale, sectional layout housed in its own building (but also transportable) depicting Western Kansas. The layout measures 18x24 feet and was designed for simple operations to introduce train show spectators to the idea of operations. The third main features two staging yards, three passing sidings, and nine industries to be served powered by Digitrax DCC with radio throttles. The scenery is based on life in Western Kansas with real business names and mostly scratch-built structures, including the signature structure of the Dodge City Pride Ag Co-Op grain elevator that measures nearly 6-feet in length and dominates the skyline. Operating sessions are available.

Robert Simmons – Div. Sup.

E-mail: trainman55@hotmail.com Phone: (620) 521-3591



Missouri Pacific RR – McRae Subdivision

The fictional subdivision of the MoPac is a shelf type HO model railroad occupying a 14X20 foot room and operating with CVP EasyDCC. The railroad consists of the town of McRae, Arkansas, and the now abandoned station and the active interchange track (known as Hog Thief Crossing) with the fictional Argenta, St Joe and Northern Railroad. McRae and Hog Thief Crossing account for extensive traffic, especially during strawberry season when huge quantities of strawberries are shipped to all parts of the country. There are 5 lengthy staging tracks to supply 2 daily passenger trains, 4 freights, and 3 locals to keep operators busy running on a fast clock.

David Bogard – Div. Sup. E-mail: mopac55@hotmail.com

Little Rock Area



MCoR Regional Club Rosters

This roster is created for the benefit of members of the MCoR Region. Clubs (NMRA or Non-NMRA) wanting to be listed contact ckeditors@mcpr-nmra.org

AR, Bella Vista All Scales

Sugar Creek Model Railroad & Historical Society, Inc.
PO Box #5452, Bella Vista, AR, 72714
Information: <http://sugarcreekrailroadclub.com>

AR, Conway HO Scale

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

AR, Little Rock G, HO, N Scales

Southwest Independent Modular Railroaders
3107 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR, 72205

AR, Shannon Hills HO, N, O

Crooked Rails Modular Club
10701 Shannon Hills Dr, Mabelvale AR 72103. Meetings 10AM Saturday. 40' x 18' traveling layout plus HO, N, and O scale at club. Visitors welcome. Contact David Ware (501-664-1923) or Charles Dempsey (510-917-5790)

IA, Coralville HO Scale

Hawkeye Model Railroad Club
860 Quarry Rd., Coralville, IA 52241. Club entrance SE corner across street from Konami Rest. Meetings: Wednesdays 7-9PM; Visitors welcome; Check website for Saturday Open House. Contact: Tom Persoon, Public Relations Officer, Persoon06@msn.com; (319)-351-0247. Website: <https://hawkeyemodellrrclub.com/> Facebook: @HawkeyeModelRailroadClub

IA, Council Bluffs HO Scale

Greater Omaha Society of Model Engineers
Contact: Brian Waters, Post Office Box 67, Council Bluffs, IA, 51502; (402) 895-0296 or (402) 491-3692
Information: SOME@TheHistoricalSociety.org

IA, Des Moines HO Scale

Central Iowa Railroad Club
Iowa State Fair Grounds
Contact: David Briely, PO Box #118, Des Moines, IA, 50301 Phone:(515) 266-8899
Information: <http://www.facebook.com/centraliowarailroadclub>
Meets: 1st Tuesday each month; Open House: 4th Friday each month.

IA, Harlan N Scale

Nishna Valley Railroad Society
1303 Eighth Street, Harlan, IA, 51537

IA, Indianola HO Scale

Warren County Modular Railroaders
Transition era. RI and CB&Q
Contact: John Averill, 14910 92nd Lane, Indianola, IA, 50125; (515) 961-3018
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IA, Pacific Junction HO Scale

The Junction Model Railroad Club

500 Lincoln Ave, Pacific Junction, IA 51561

Contact: SecretaryTJMRRC@gmail.com

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IL, Collinsville HO Scale

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

IL, Glen Carbon HO Scale

Metro East Model Railroad Club
180 Summit Avenue, Glen Carbon, IL
Contact: Bill Davis or Bob Gibson
email: memrrc@gmail.com
Information: www.trainweb.org/memrc
Work/run meetings 6:30PM every Thursday at Club House; Business Meetings first Thursday each month. Visitors always welcome!

IL, Marion HO Scale

Southern Illinois Train Club
PO Box 1633, Marion, IL, 62959

KS, Augusta HO Scale

Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School St., 7:30. Information: info@augustahorrcub.org

KS, Atchison

North East Kansas Model Railroaders
12" scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00PM, Sun. 12:00-4:00PM. Information: Otto Wick 913-367-7536

KS, Cherryvale All Scales

Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club
The Cheerryvale Bed & Breakfast, 420 N. Depot St., Cherryvale, KS, 68335
Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com
Website www.cvmrv.com

KS, Ellis HO Scale

Kansas Pacific Model Railroad
Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00AM. Lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, railway@gbta.net

KS, Frankfort

Frankfort Subdivision
416 W. 1st St., 10:00-3:00PM. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

KS, Dodge City

Western Kansas Rails N-Scale Layout
10594 W. Briarwood Dr., Information: Robert Simmons, 620-521-3591

KS, Great Bend N, HO, O, G, Standard

Golden Belt Model Railroad Association. Meet first Tuesday of Each Month @ 7:30PM at the First United Methodist Church, Great Bend. Correspondence to 209 E 6th, Ellinwood, KS68526, Jim Loesch,

KS, Hutchinson N Scale
Kansas Central Model Railroad Club
16 E. 3rd, Hutchinson, 11:00-4:00PM. Information:
www.kansascentralmodelrailroaders.org

KS, Lawrence
Lawrence Model Railroad Club
Bridge Pointe Community Church, 601 W. 20th
Terrace. Information:
www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

KS, Manhattan HO Scale
Manhattan Area Rail Joiners
420 Westview Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502
Contact: Les Kuehne 785-587-0822
Email leslie_kuehne@yahoo.com
Website <http://www.trainweb.org/MARJ/index.htm>

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

KS, Overland Park O Scale
Kansas City Module "O"
Contact: Jack Ferris, 10334 Ash Street, Overland Park,
KS 66207
eMail: fhs1955@GMail.com

KS, Olathe
Weekend N-gineers
16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00PM. Information: Ken
Clark, hapheart@swbell.net

KS, Overland Park HO Scale
Kansas City Society of Model Engineers
Contact: John Teeple, President, 9539 Perry Lane,
Overland Park, KS, 66212; (913) 492-4142
email: jsTeep@aol.com

KS, Topeka N Scale
Topeka N-Track Associates
At member's home, 7:00PM. Information: Bob Wright,
785-273-7835

KS, Topeka F/G scale
Northeast Kansas Garden Railway Society (NEKAN-GRS)
1308 SW Caldon Street, Topeka, KS, 66611

KS, Wichita HO Scale
Wichita Model Railroad Club
PO Box #48082, Wichita, KS, 67201
eMail: WCMR1@cs.com

KS, Wichita N Scale
Kansas Area N-Trak
2046 South Elizabeth Street Apartment #1306, Wichita,
KS, 67213

KS, Wichita
Wichita Toy Train Club
130 S Laura, Wichita

KS, Wichita
Wichita Area Garden Railway Society
At member's home, Information: Nancy Marin,
nanmarin@att.net

KS, Wichita All Scales
Wichita Area Model RailRoaders (WAMRR)

4323 West Maple Street Wichita, KS, 67206
Contact: Lionel A. Smith, Jr., (316) 239-1174 or (816)
518-9050: eMail: LionelSmith@hotmail.com
Meets 2nd Thursday each month 11:30AM Spears
Restaurant

MO, Columbia HO Scale
Columbia Area Model Railroaders (100% NMRA)
Missouri United Methodist Church, 204 S Ninth St, or
member's homes. Thursday Evenings at 6:30PM.
Facebook: Columbia Area Model Railroaders; Contact:
Marty Oetting, martyoetting@gmail.com

MO, Jefferson City All Scales
Capital City Model Railroaders
PO Box #243, Jefferson City, MO, 65102-0243
Email: pollocka@mchsi.com

MO, Kansas City 16" Gauge Park Train
Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad
NM 60th Street & Waukonis Drive, Kansas City, MO
Contact: W. Ohrnell (816) 746-5663
Information: www.KCNR.com
Meets 1st Wednesday each month at 7:00pm

MO, Kansas City HO Scale
Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club
Contact: Walter L. Ohrnell, 6060 NW Waukomis Drive,
Kansas City, MO, 64153
eMail: wOhrnell@kc.rr.com

MO, Kansas City HO Scale
Southern Kansas City Model Railroad Historical Society
8600 Ward Parkway Suite 2030 Kansas City, MO, 64114
Contact: Richard Boone Telephone: (816) 996-1534
eMail: rBoone@traintown-kc.com
Meets 2nd Monday each month 7PM Open house Sat. &
Sun. 12 to 5PM

MO, Kansas City N Scale
Weekend En-gineers
8600 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO, 64114
Contact: Richard Boone: (816) 966-1534
eMail: rBoone@traintown-kc.com
Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM

MO, Kansas City
Kansas City Narrow Gaugers
Members Homes, Information: Dean Windsor,
On3@worldnet.att.net

**MO, Kansas City Standard, G, O, S, HO Marklin,
HO, N, Z Scales and Wooden Trains**
Union Station Kansas City Model Railroad Society
30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO, 64101
Contact: Ted Tschirhart, Telephone: (816) 816-3449
eMail: TedTschi@kc.rr.com

MO, Liberty
Heartland N-Trak Of Greater Kansas City
131 S. Water St., Liberty, MO, 1:00. Information: Bob
Osborn, 816-452-9227
www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

MO, Mexico HO Scale
Mexico Train Works Model Railroad Club
415-B W Jackson Street, Mexico, MO, 65265,
eMail: info@mexicotrains.com,

Website: www.mexicotrains.com,
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/754983012043978/>
Contact: John Johnson, 573-473-4928 or
rphjohn@hotmail.com

MO, North Kansas City N Scale

Missouri Northern Railroad Society, Inc.
PO Box #12591
North Kansas City, MO, 64116

MO, Odessa HO Scale

Eastern Jackson County Mainliners Model Railroad Club
"Outlet Mall", Odessa, MO, 64076
Information:
www.EasternJacksonCountyMainlines.com

MO, Saint Louis N Scale

Mississippi Valley N Scalers
1684 Harbor Mill Dr., Fenton, MO, 63026
eMail: mvns@railfan.net
Website: <http://mvns.railfan.net>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mvnsrr>
Featuring NTRAK and T-TRAK modular layouts
displayed at regional shows.

MO, Saint Peters HOn3 Scale

Modular HO Narrow Gauge Society
914 Summer Leaf Drive, Saint Peters, MO, 63376

MO, Savannah G, O, HO Scales

Green Valley Baptist Model Railroad Club
11993 County Road 162, Savannah, MO, 64485
Contact: Nancy Adams (816) 262-0304
eMail: GreenPetticoat@yahoo.com

MO, Springfield HO Scale

Ozark Model Railroad Association
424 West Commercial Street, Springfield, MO, 65803,

Info: <http://www.omraspringfield.org/contact.html>

MO, Webster Groves 2-Rail O Scale (1/4" to the foot)

Big Bend Railroad Club, Inc.
8833 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, MO, 63119
Email: secretary@BigBendRRclub.org
Information: www.bigbendrrclub.org

NE, Freemont All Scales

Nebraska Railroad Museum
1835 North Somers Avenue, Fremont, NE, 68025
Contact: Dave Fachman (402) 727-0615
eMail: fevr@FremontRailroad.com
Information: <http://www.FremontRailroad.com>

NE, Hastings N Scale

Tri-City Model Railroad Association
607 South Shore Drive, Hastings, NE, 68901

OK, Claremore All Scales

Claremore & Southern
3049 Clover Creek Drive, Claremore, OK, 74017

OK, Oklahoma City N Scale

Oklahoma N-Rail
Contact: Bruce Alcock, President PO Box #96131,
Oklahoma City, OK, 73413
eMail: info@oknrail.org
Information: <http://www.oknrail.org>

OK, Tulsa

Tulsa Garden Railroad Club
Free Will Baptist Church. 1190 N Mingo Rd,
Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org



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<http://www.gatewaynmra.org/model-railroad-article-library/>

Turkey Creek Division

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

Indian Nations Division

<http://www.tulsanmra.org> and click on "Resources"