



Trails, Rails, & Tales

The Official Newsletter of the Chisholm Trail Division of the **NMRA** & Wichita Area Model Railroaders

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July, August, September, & October, 2014

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

July

- July 1 Evening Meeting at the
Downtown Senior Center-----6:00pm - 8:00pm
Social following at Braum's-----8:00pm - 10:00pm
- July 4 Independence Day Holiday-----Celebrate
- July 8 Weathering Clinic 1a
"Rolling Stock"-----1:30pm - 4:00pm
- July 9 Weathering Clinic 1b
"Rolling Stock"-----1:30pm - 4:00pm
- July 12 Weathering Clinic 1c
"Rolling Stock"-----2:00pm - 4:30pm
- July 15 Luncheon Meeting at
Golden Corral East-----11:30am - 1:30pm
- July 26 Turkey Creek Division
Annual Train Show
Shawnee Mission North High School
7401 Johnson Drive
Overland Park, Kansas 66202
Show Times-----8:00am - 3:00pm
Layout Tours-----3:30 pm - 8:30pm

August

- Aug 2 En Lieu of Evening meeting this month
Ronda and Bob Hoover's home
Pot-Luck Dinner and
"Tree Making Clinic"-----5:30pm - 10:00pm
- Aug 19 Luncheon Meeting at
Golden Corral East-----11:30am - 1:30pm
Topic: "Model Railroading as a Hobby"

September

- Sept 2 Evening Meeting at the
Olivet Baptist Church (13th & High Street)
-----7:00pm - 9:00pm
Begin gathering-----6:45pm
- Sept 3 - 6 the 34th National Narrow Gauge Convention
Overland Park, KS
- Sept 13 Layout Tours
(meet at Engine House Hobbies-----8:45am)
Bill Butts (Winfield, KS)-----9:30am
Panhandle Railroad Museum
Lunch
Paul Tucker (Wichita, KS)-----after lunch
- Sept 16 Luncheon Meeting at
Golden Corral East-----11:30am - 1:30pm
- Sept 20 Wichita Garden RR Tours
- Sept 27 Wichita Toy Train Club Show & Swap Meet

October

- Oct Structures Clinic(s) - to be announced
tentatively 3 offerings similar to those of
Weathering Rolling Stock Clinic(s)

IT'S OUR INAUGURAL ISSUE

As our local/area group of Model Railroaders has grown in numbers and matured into an active group with scheduled meeting times, activities, clinics, layout tours, social gatherings, etc., we call ourselves the "Wichita Area Model Railroaders" (WAMRR)

Under the guidance and direction of our more tenured members, we are becoming active members of the **National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)**. This issue of our newsletter ("Trails, Rails, & Tales") will be an account of where we came from, what we are doing, and where we are headed. Since we are part of the "Chisholm Trail Division" we selected the word "Trail" and since we are also part of the NMRA we further selected the word "Rail" and well, here are our "Tales" (with the ampersand thrown in for grammar purposes...). Hence, welcome to the inaugural issue of "Trails, Rails, & Tales".

In order to become "active" NMRA members, we wish to share our journey...and our journey has been slow and steady and its success is beginning to show. So here are our "Tales":

2013 - We held 2 luncheon meetings per month; Attended and participated in the Wichita Train Show held at the Cessna Activity Center; February we conducted layout tours of Paul Tucker, Terry Ross, and Wayne Schlueter (in the Wichita area); April layout tours of Steve Hindle and Tom Beal (in the Yoder area); visited "SS Limited" (Inman, KS) (makers of detail kits); October we visited and participated in The Wichita Toy Train Club and their show at the Cessna Activity Center; also attended the Wichita Garden Railway Tour/Open Houses; Attended the shows at Benton, KS and the Free-Mo group.

2014 - We changed our format of monthly meetings, in that the first meeting has become an evening gathering held at the Wichita Downtown Senior's Center (followed by fellowship and taste-treats at a nearby Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store); the second meeting is a luncheon meeting where we have a private room at the rear of a Golden Corral Restaurant/Buffer.

January's Scheduled evening NMRA member Larry Gulick presented a program of "the life and work of John Allen" plus NMRA member Lionel Smith, Jr. presented a program regarding "Eastern Railroads"

February 1, we had a gathering and meal at "The Harvey House" (Florence, KS); we attended/participated in the Wichita Train Show at Cessna Activity Center (Feb 8 & 9) which included Clinics: "Concrete/Stone Foundations and Walls"

"Making Switches DCC Friendly"

"Detailing Your Structures"

February 22 - Layout Tours included:

- Larry Gulick - On30 (On2-1/2)
- Bob Hoover - HO
- Wayne Schlueter - HO
- Augusta Model Railroad Club - HO - hosted by Lionel Smith

"Our Journey"

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2014

March 4 - Scheduled evening meeting NMRA member Lionel Smith presented "New England Railroads"; showed DVD of a large HO model railroad; Rich Meister shared his experiences as an engineer on a full-sized live steam engine.

March 22 - we had a road-trip and visited the Hutchinson depot of the Arkansas Valley InterUrban (AVI) and visited the Hutchinson model railroad layout (Hutchinson, KS).

April 1 - Scheduled evening meeting ~ John Kraft presented "A Taste of Colorado Narrow Gauge"

April 15 - Luncheon meeting and a friendly discussion of "EMD F-units"

May 2 - Scheduled evening meeting NMRA member Lionel Smith, Jr. presented "EMD FT Diesel Locomotives"

May 20 - Luncheon meeting and a friendly discussion of "EMD Units"

June 3 - Scheduled evening meeting ~ J. Harvey Koehn from the Great Plains Transportation Museum (Wichita, KS) presented: "Preservation of Santa Fe FP45 - #93"; plus NMRA member Lionel Smith, Jr. presented "Second Generation ATSF Passenger Locomotives - FP45"; NMRA member Charles Moll of Hutchinson, KS presented: "A Brief History of Time Zones and New York City's Grand Central Station"

June 17 - Luncheon meeting and discussion of NMRA's "Golden Spike Award" requirements

July 1 - Scheduled evening meeting ~ we watched a video on structure construction and weathering

July 15 - Luncheon meeting and discussions about two upComing Clinics: "weathering rolling stock using powdered chalks and Alcohol" and "structures - part 1" **July 26** - Turkey Creek Division - MCoR / NMRA (Overland Park, KS) was attended by a small group of our NMRA members; some competed and some came home with Awards...see pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

August 2 - was a departure from the "norm" as we had a "social gathering and clinic" held at Rhonda and Bob Hoover's home. PhotoMontages appear on pages 9-12 of this event. Pages 9 & 10 of the socializing and potluck dinner, followed by pages 11 & 12 of the "Tree Making Clinic" Bob sponsored/taught us.

August 19 - was our regularly scheduled luncheon meeting where we discussed the many exciting events coming in September that we will be involved with:

- September 2 Evening meeting at a new location (Olivet Baptist Church)
- September 3 - 6 Attending the "National Narrow Gauge Convention" in Overland Park, KS
- September 13 Layout Tours of:
 - Bill Butts (NMRA) - HO (Winfield, KS), and possibly
 - The Panhandle Railroad Museum (Winfield, KS)
 - Paul Tucker - HO (Wichita, KS)

{...these layout tours are very effective in "sparking" renewed interest into our members...}



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The plaque reads:

National Model Railroad Association, Inc.
Certificate of Achievement

Philip Ayllard (our *Phil Aylward*)
is recognized as a

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for superior achievement in the
hobby of Model Railroading

MCoR 1088 4/1/2014
signed by Paul Richardson, MMR
Chairman, NMRA Achievement Program



Election of Officers for 2015

- **Explanation of Duties** for each office will be explained at the NMRA meeting, October 7, 2014
- **Nominations** will be made at the NMRA meeting, November 4, 2014
- **Election of Officers** will be held at the NMRA meeting, December 2, 2014



WAMRR Luncheon Meeting (April 15, 2014)

Photography by Linda Smith

Top Row (L-R): Bob Neill, Pam Todd, Tom Smith, Dan Hagenbuck, Larry Gulick, Rob Neises, Paul Melton, Bill Butts, Harry Bauer.

Front Row (L-R): Lionel Smith, Randy Stucky, Chuck Ingram, Jim Marlett, Charles Moll, Alan A. Aagaard, Bill Savage.



WAMRR NAME TAGS

Well, even though the Wichita Area Model RailRoders (WAMRR) have regular meetings, our members don't always attend each and every meeting. As easily observed from the photo above many of us are gray and bearded...with the exception of Pam (of course)...and learning names is difficult for those of us of "advanced age" (LOL), so we've decided to have name tags made and here is a sample of those name tags.



Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA

“Weathering with Chalks” Clinic

PRESENTED BY LIONEL M. SMITH, JR. NMRA MEMBER

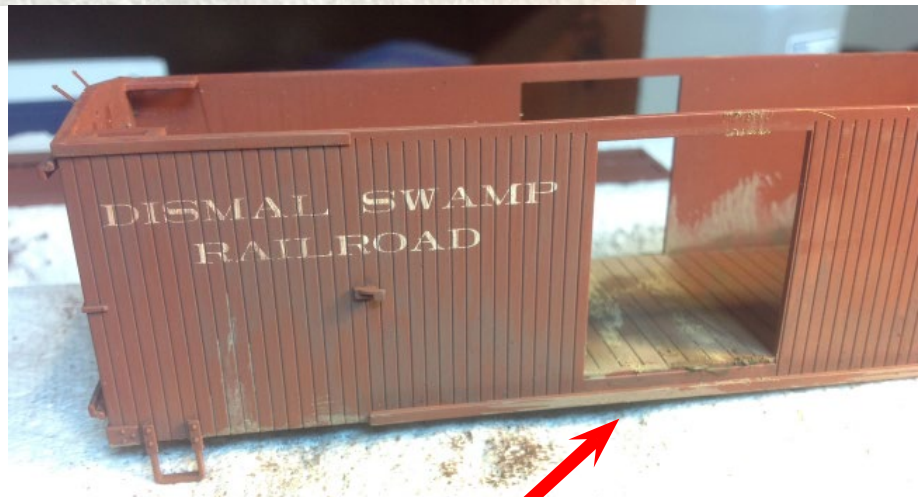
teaching us the needed skills required for the NMRA Golden Spike Achievement Award

Dr. Alan A. Aagaard, Newsletter Editor and NMRA member, began with a “pristine” Bachmann™ On30 ventilated box car, as seen in the first photograph.



Clinic leader, Lionel Smith (NMRA member) instructed us to first remove the “trucks” and wheels and place the body into the foam cradle in order to begin the weathering process.

And after a few suggestions/tips from Larry Gulick (another NMRA member), I removed the roof, and doors fell away, and was able to get to the inside for further weathering as seen in this second photo.



Plus added weights are/were needed (they are on back-order) soon to be installed in the corners above the trucks.



Note the weathering of the interior floor and walls

Note the weathering on the trucks

Photography this page by Alan A. Aagaard

Every model railroader has purchased a piece of rolling stock, got it home and said, "Why did I buy such an ugly car!" This was my all-time "bad-buy!" But with the help of some weathering chalks and lots of alcohol, I am forced to take it off my "bad-buy list". In fact, it looks fairly good for a fuchsia colored hopper car. I am not sure such a covered hopper car ever existed, for after looking on the internet several times, no fuchsia car showed up from the Axtell CO-OP of Axtell, Nebraska. I am sure that after a few years in the wind and dust of Nebraska, that fuchsia car would have looked like my weathered version.

Lionel Smith, NMRA member
Chisholm Trail Division - Kansas



Rob Neises has completed his weathering project in the "Whale Belly" group as he moves closer to achieving the Golden Spike Award. Here are the before and after photos:



Photography left and above by Lionel Smith



*Caboose above was weathered
and
Photographed by Pam Todd*

Turkey Creek Division Train Show

was held at
Shawnee Mission North High School
Overland Park, Kansas
Saturday, July 26, 2014

Several of our members were in attendance and others even received recognition for their modeling abilities.

KC Model Railroad Meet
Turkey Creek Division - MCoR / NMRA
MAINTENANCE OF WAY
1st Place
2014

Presented to Larry Gulick



KC Model Railroad Meet
Turkey Creek Division - MCoR / NMRA
STRUCTURES
2nd Place
2014

Presented to Larry Gulick



KC Model Railroad Meet
 Turkey Creek Division - MCoR / NMRA
 CABOOSES
 1st Place
 2014
 Presented to Larry Gulick



Pam being presented her plaque
 at the Turkey Creek Division - MCoR / NMRA
 Photography by Larry Gulick

KC Model Railroad Meet
 Turkey Creek Division - MCoR / NMRA
 STRUCTURES
 3rd Place
 2014
 Presented to Pamela Todd



Images of other entrants in various categories taken at the Turkey Creek Division Train Show



Photography by Lionel Smith

These Images were taken of a “Diorama” conceived and constructed by Larry W. Diehl, Turtle Creek Division #2902; NMRA, of which he is currently “Superintendent”.

Both Larry and our Pam Todd took “Dioramas” only to be informed there was not such a category. They then requested they be judged on their structure in the Structures Category.



Photography by Lionel Smith



Photography by Lionel Smith

Social Gathering (August 2, 2014)

Graciously hosted by
Rhonda and Bob Hoover



Hoover's son, Rob...the cook



Jim McKeel



Johnny and Chris Dancy



Barry Karlberg



Terry and Chuck Dugnolle



Paul and Aggie Melton



Pam Todd



Bill Savage



Harry Bauer and Wayne Schlueter



Larry and Diana Gulick



Patty and Jim Marlett



Janace and Rick Seyb



Chuck and Sharon Ingram



Linda and Lionel Smith



Dan and Millie Hagenbuck



...chow time...



Doris and Terry Ross



Linda and Phil Aylward



Paul Shattuck



Paul and Betty Tucker

Clinic: Scenery

Tree making

presented by Bob Hoover



Bob was tutoring us, while we listened intently to his tips and techniques



Bob's "Visual Aid"

We were encouraged to emulate nature - so keep photos close by for reference



Bob's instructed us on the difference between these "Starter Kits"



Vs.



Bob's suggested tools and supplies





...our preAssembled kit-tray...

This Clinic was well thought-out and planned-out. We each were provided with a kit similar to the one in the photo to the left. Instructions; Information; a SuperTree™; a foam block (previously hot-glued to the tray-like box); and a numbered clothes-pin in order to keep track of our personal tree.

At the end of the evening/Clinic, when I (...alan...) picked up my VERY FIRST attempt at a tree, one spouse said, "NICE, it looks just like an Elm with 'Dutch Elm Disease'!!!"; and i responded, "KOOL, that's what i was shooting for..."

LOL - and a good time was had by ALL (Thanks to ALL the Hoover's)



...Spray-booths with various sprays...



Step #1 - Spray the SuperTree™ using inexpensive (odorless) hairspray



Step #2/Station #2 - Sprinkle...



Flocking-Station with extra in readiness...



the first tree hanging to dry



Bob's son made the "drying rack"



Bob was soooo organized



WELL-used spray booth

"Empty" Flock Shaker



Successful evening/clinic!!!

TRAIN RIDES



- **Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, CO**

Optional train rides every Saturday. Catch a ride behind one of the Museum's steam or diesel locomotives in passenger cars from different eras in Colorado railroad history or on the uniquely Colorado Galloping Goose. Rides operate 10:00am to 4:00pm.

2014 Dates:

August 16, 23, & 30, 2014

September 6, 2014

October 4, 11, & 18, 2014

November 1, 8, 22, & 29, 2014

<http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/train-rides-home/ride-the-rails/>

- August 29, 30, 31 and September 1, 2014 - **Railfest**, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, KS. Steam train departures 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm; Diesel to Ottawa at 2:30pm. Fares = Steam Adult \$15, Children \$10; Diesel Adult \$16; Children \$8. For more information check website --- www.midlandrailway.org
- October 17-18, 2014. **Maple Leaf Weekend**, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, KS. Hourly departures, 10:00am-4:00pm. \$8.00 all For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

October 17-18 & 24-25, 2014. **Night Trains of Terror** (Halloween Train), Midland Railway, Baldwin City, KS. 6:30pm, 8:30pm, and 10:30pm. Adults \$18; Children (2-11) \$12 For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

Dec. 6-7; and Dec. 13-14, 2014. **Santa Claus Express**, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, KS. 10:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:30pm. Adults \$16 and Children (1-11) \$10 For more information check website www.midlandrailway.org

SHOWS AND CONVENTIONS

- August 10, 2014 - **Mid America Train and Toy Show**, KCI EXPO CENTER, 11730 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO 64153. Open 9am - 2pm; Admission \$5, 12/Under Free. Trains, Models, RR Collectibles & More Models, RR Collectibles & More Collectible Toys, new & used. Free Train Movies. Door Prizes. 200 Dealer Tables. Free Parking 913-651-5864 --- steve@midamericatrainandtoyshow.com
- September 3-6, 2014 - **34th National Narrow Gauge Convention**. Overland Park, KS (Metro Kansas City, MO), Info: <http://www.34thnngc.com>
- September 16th 2014 - **Railroad Swap Meet** sponsored by the Boeing Employees Railroad Club at Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park 550 Wiedman Rd, St Louis, MO 63011. 10am to 3pm. Admission \$3 (children under 12 Free) for registration information contact Wayne Schimmel at 636-668-6313 or eMail wmschimmel@gmail.com

Golden Spike Clinic:

Structures #1 - using a plaster cast structure

After spending some time trying to find a structure project we all could work on together, Alan A. Aagaard, NMRA member, sent me this product to consider.

It is a practice wall kit #3101b for HO and #3301b for O / On30. This way we could all work on the same project.

Larry Gulick, NMRA member, could order the kits from the manufacturer. I just need to know how many kits to order and the scale you want.

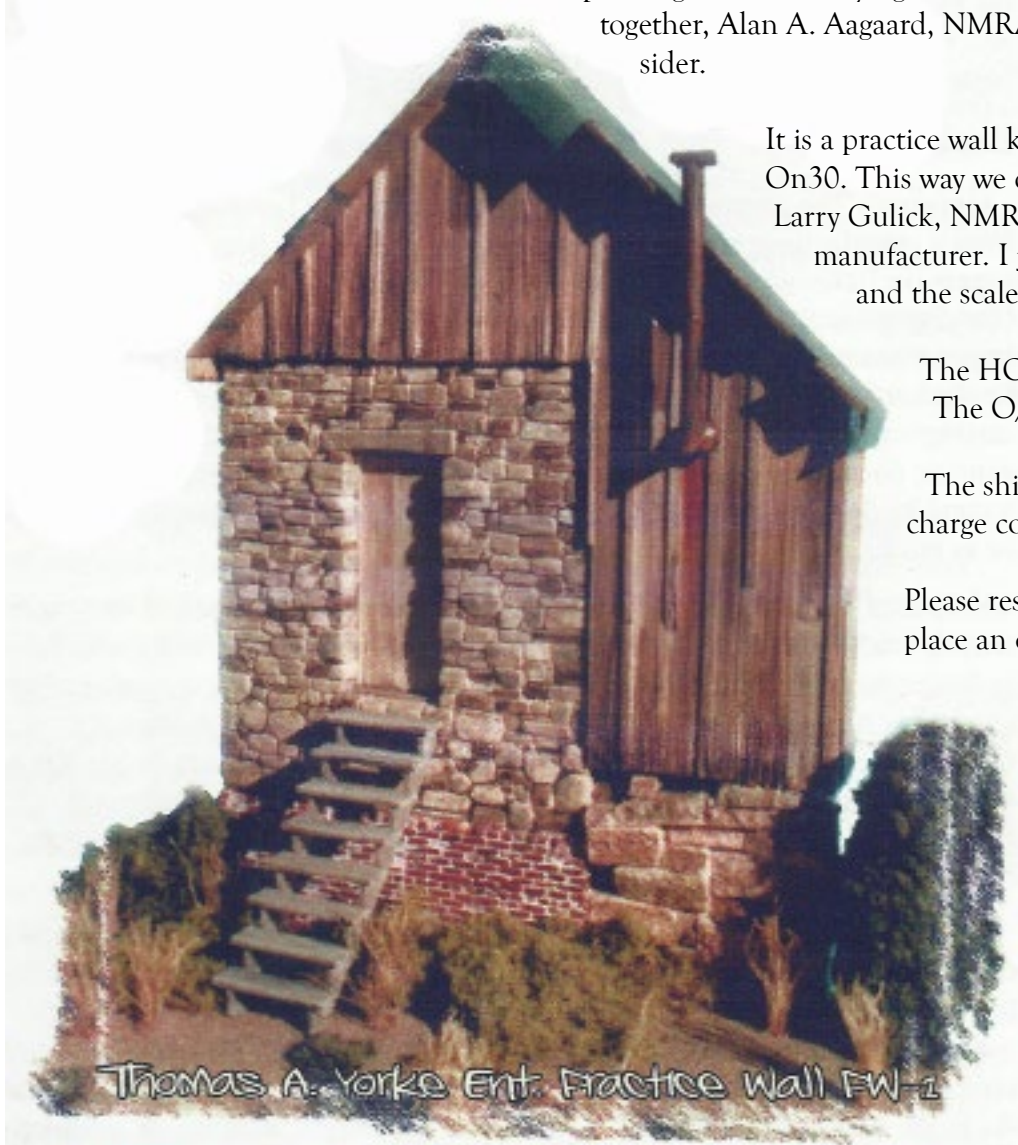
The HO model is priced at \$8.95 each.

The O/On3 model is priced at \$11.95 each.

The shipping charge is listed at \$5.00. This charge could be less by combining our order.

Please respond by July 29th if you want Larry to place an order for you from the manufacturer.

Please send your order to my eMail address: legdag@cox.net



(NMRA members Alan A. Aagaard and Larry E. Gulick are planing to approach the topic of “structures” based upon their main structural composition: kits cast in plaster/resin/acrylic; kits wooden in nature; scratch building techniques; etc.)