



# Trails, Rails, & Tales

The Official Newsletter of the Chisholm Trail Division of the **NMRA**

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November - December, 2015

## Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

### November, 2015

- Nov. 3 **Evening** Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church  
3440 West 13<sup>th</sup> St. No. • Wichita, KS 67203-4560  
(13<sup>th</sup> Street North & High Street)  
Begin gathering-----6:45pm  
• NMRA - meeting -----7:00pm - 9:00pm  
• PROGRAM PART I  
"Structure Modeling Contest/Judging"  
-----presented by Pamela Todd, Chris Dancey, & Larry Gulick  
• PROGRAM PART II (MOST LIKELY SIMULTANEOUSLY)  
"Swap Meet"  
-----Open to ALL attendees. So Bring your items you wish to swap

- Nov. 17 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting -----11:30am  
ALL are Welcomed  
Our Hostess is "Jessica" at Golden Coral  
11006 East Kellogg Drive  
Wichita, KS 67207-1922

### December, 2015

- Dec. 1 **Evening** Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church  
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(13<sup>th</sup> Street North & High Street)  
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• Refer to details to the right

- Dec. 15 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting -----11:30am  
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### January, 2016

- Jan 1 "Happy New Year"

- Jan 5 **Evening** Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church  
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## HOLIDAY SEASONS



Make Plans to Attend

## The Chisholm Trail's Second Annual Family Holiday Party

on

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

This event for our model railroaders and their families  
is scheduled to begin a little earlier on  
December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm,  
because we'll have an awesome full-evening planned!

Lots of holiday food and fellowship!

A "White Elephant" gift exchange  
for the railroaders!

A video presentation  
of  
Chisholm Trail's Year in Review



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I hope all are well. Fall is in the air. Looks like we have some train shows coming up. Try not to spend too much. HA, HA.

I think the Chisholm Trail Division is doing well and hope to continue the good work of all involved (sic. "involved").

Phil Aylward  
Director  
Chisholm Trail Division



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Director  
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of NMRA

Be safe in your travels.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

I was talking with one of the vendors at a recent train show in Wichita. He said he was looking forward to the cold weather of winter when model railroaders start planning their winter projects. For him, the winter upturn in sales is critical to running a successful model train business. That is also true regarding the area model railroad community's level of activity. Our clubs and shows will fill our calendars with many great events!



Lionel M. Smith, Jr.  
Superintendent  
Chisholm Trail Division  
of NMRA

From now through the end of the year there is a continuous string of events for us to attend (also refer to the end of this newsletter). November starts with the Chisholm Trail "Modeling Contest" and "Swap Meet" on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. That event is followed by a "Prototype Modelers" event in Benton, Kansas on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November. The Chisholm Trail Division's "Holiday Party and Gift Exchange" comes very early in the month on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our holiday party is followed by the Oklahoma City Model Train Show at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Lionel M. Smith, Jr.  
Superintendent

There are plenty of great events through the holiday period!

Chisholm Trail Division

## FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Well, it's been a busy year and in an attempt to keep it brief, allow me to wish all of you the Happiest of Holiday Seasons and keep up those fantastic modeling skills (as it was my pleasure to lead you through the "Wooden Structure Clinics" in my basement).

Pamela Todd  
Assistant Superintendent  
Chisholm Trail Division



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Assistant-Superintendent  
Chisholm Trail Division  
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## FROM THE CLERK/SECRETARY'S DESK

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Randy Stucky  
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# Election of Officers for 2016



November and December are the months we plan for and execute the election of officers for the Chisholm Trail Division of the National Model Railroaders of America (NMRA) in 2016.

The following positions are up for election:

- **Division Superintendent** (*President*)
- **Division Assistant Superintendent** (*Vice President*)
- **Division Clerk** (*Secretary*)
- **Division Paymaster** (*Treasurer*)

All “full members” of the Chisholm Trail Division are eligible to nominate any other full member to any one of these posts. Please communicate with that person you select to be sure they are willing to assume the post, if elected. If they are willing to run for that position, eMail or mail your nomination on or before **November 25, 2015**.

Here is the information you need to submit your nomination. Please include your telephone number.

eMail: [lionelsmithjr@icloud.com](mailto:lionelsmithjr@icloud.com)

or,

Mail: Chisholm Trail 2016 Election  
c/o Lionel Smith  
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The receipt of your nomination will be confirmed by telephone.  
The “Ballot Committee” will eMail or mail your ballot on or about December 1, 2015.

The completed ballots must be returned by December 31, 2015.

The results of the election will be announced at the January 5, 2016 NMRA meeting.

# "ONCE UPON A TIME" ~ GUESS WHO...???

well, folks, this is the last of my "stash" - so, PLEASE send me your photos and/or stories of your past



## NOVEMBER DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> • Don H.  
5<sup>th</sup> • Chuck I.  
11<sup>th</sup> • Gene B.  
23<sup>rd</sup> • David N.  
30<sup>th</sup> • Bob N.

10<sup>th</sup> • Howard R.  
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18<sup>th</sup> • Gerald C.  
19<sup>th</sup> • Dennis B.  
29<sup>th</sup> • Lee R.  
31<sup>st</sup> • Harry B.



**Birthdays**  
November and December



## GETTING ORGANIZED - SUBMITTED BY RICK SEYB

Rick Seyb has been busy

He has built a cabinet to hold his paints and powders. It appears very practical and should inspire the rest of us to get better organized. Nice Job Rick

ps - he wanted us to note his "truck fleet" perched atop his new cabinet.



## "COFFEE/ICED TEA WITH..."

My memories of the Long Island (New York) trains have surfaced, now that I have been visiting my daughter for the last two weeks. She lives near Zoo Blvd & West Street. Nightly at 1:00am, the whistle goes off frequently for the next three hours. My 'favorite' Aunt relocated to Long Island upon finishing college. I would take a five hour Greyhound bus trip to visit her in the summer. Fortunately, she was a teacher with long summer vacations and enjoyed children. Aunt Mary initially took me in to the museums, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, & plays. Once I hit my teens, it was a quick walk to the train and onto the subway. I loved exploring New York City. No way could this have been possible without train transportation.

~ Debbie Riley-Williams

{...a friend and fan of our newsletters...}

# Painting (detail parts, mainly figures):

...something we all struggle with, well here is what works very well for me:

1. Yet another: wonderful solution after many struggles and failures...(LOL, don't even ask me how I know...)

So...more brainstorming and a trip to my  
"favorite/neighborhood" "big-box" store...

In the Lumber Section, I was able to locate "coat/clothes closet rod material" (most affordable), and by properly and safely using my **band saw** (what a terrific tool), I proceeded to cut the five/six foot over-grown dowel rod into 3" long sections. Then using a combination **disc/belt sander** I chamfered the sharp edges.

Having some double-sided Mounting Tape

available

I pro-

ceeded

t o

cut

squares to

the appro-

priate size

and

went

about affixing them to the end of the

dowels. Off

to the garage

on a lovely

Kansas after-

noon with detailed parts adhered. I began spraying my "base coat" onto

the detailed parts using "rattle-can spray" (you know, that "rusty named-

brand" is my choice)...allowed them to dry (over-night) and headed inside

to determine how to adhere figures to my new holding devices...the tape

wasn't the answer...ugh...ESPECIALLY, the next day upon returning to

my dried pieces/parts only to discover that the paint had "EATEN" the

double-sided tape...back to the brainstorming in my basement.



*Alas - Alac - another "BRAIN FLASH"*



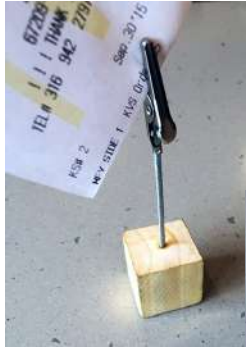
Next, I measured (using my digital vernier calipers ~ ah, that large tool store near Seneca and Pawnee...and their sale prices!!! ~ okay, enough of my side-tracks) my supply of straight (sewing) pins' diameter to determine what size drill bit to use.

I drilled into the blocks; pressed in the pins, using EYE PROTECTION, I proceeded to cut the "heads" off the pins. Again, using the appropriate sized drill bit, I drilled the feet/base of my figures/detailed parts and pressed them onto the straight pin (onto the dowel).

Yes, I agree that all of the above seems very logical, but why "round dowel"???

Well, it's so natural and comfortable to rotate the dowel & figure between your thumb and fingers when detail painting using a #000 brush or even smaller (and using a magnifying device).

**2. Something Next:** while having a "gourmet lunch" with fellow model railroader Larry Gulick at that famous "golden arches" near the end of the Eisenhower National Airport landing pattern (Kellogg frontage road), I was taken aback by a similar device used by their employees to deliver your meal to the proper table, and wanted to share the event with you as you might find a use for their device.



(they seemed to be a bit top heavy for me)



The URL below should be a "Hot/HyperLink" to their location for your benefit.

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(The above also come with various colors of acrylic bases...)

Well, my "dowel rod" works for me...hope it helps you...

...alan

## TRAIN TRIP - SUBMITTED BY LARRY GULICK

On September 18, 2015, my wife Diana, two of our friends, and I road the Arkansas and Missouri passenger train that runs from Rodgers Arkansas to Vanburan Arkansas.

This is a fully functioning freight railroad that also runs a tourist train. At one time they had the distinction of being the only railroad using Alco



engines exclusively. The passenger trains are still pulled by well maintained older Alco units. Our train was pulled by two four axle lower horse power units.



dates changed, and a upgrade to the dome car we made it just in time for the train to leave.

After going through a hassle over having tickets canceled,



Did get some pictures from our seat in the dome car of the train working it's way through the Arkansas countryside.

After we arrived at Vanburan the engines did a run around the cars, the passengers were let off, and an-





other group of passengers boarded and left for three hours. We used the three hours to eat lunch, do some exploring and shopping around town.



On the way back I managed to get a picture of the track taken out the door of the last car.



This issue has many hidden treasures/"Easter Eggs" you may wish to Zoom in on and inspect. Like Peru; the photos top right and bottom left on page 7; that B-17 on page 14; the "junk-yard dog" on page 18:



View from my Speeder along the "Leadville & Colorado and Southern"

submitted by Phil Aylward  
October 6, 2015



# RAILROADS OF PERU - SUBMITTED BY JIM MARLETT

Ah, world travel... Long flights, sleep deprivation, digestive upsets – I love it!

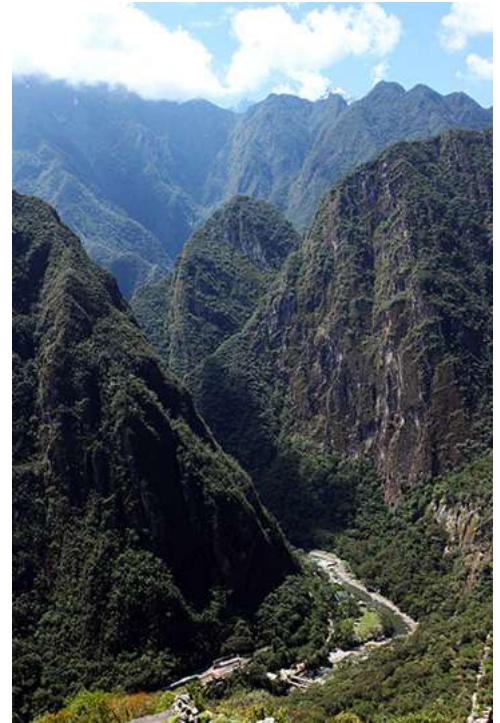
My trip to Peru in July influenced me to share some of the railroad things I've seen on my various trips to that country.

Most of the railroads in Peru were built or at least started by North Americans so the standards tend to be familiar to us. While standard gauge tends to be the same over most of the world, narrow gauge is not. And since Peru uses the metric system, you would expect its railroads to be in metric gauges. Not so. Although meter gauge does exist in Peru, it has or had an extensive 3ft gauge system. There were other gauges as well.

The railroad most familiar to American tourists is the 3ft narrow gauge formerly known as Ferrocarril Santa Ana. Today it is PeruRail and extends from the town of Cusco (also spelled Cuzco) to the town Aguas Calientes at the base of the famous ruins of Machu Picchu. Going the other way from Cusco, running south to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca, the road is standard gauge. The northern narrow gauge section of this line is the only way to get to Machu Picchu unless you want to hike the



Switching at the passenger station at Aguas Calientes.



At the bottom of the picture you can see the narrow gauge yards and passenger station of Aguas Calientes, the town at the base of Machu Picchu.



Peru's "Sacred Valley" nestles between Andean peaks, some of which are over 20,000 ft high. The narrow gauge from Cusco to Machu Picchu enters the Sacred Valley several miles to the left, but I wasn't able to get a picture at that point. There is no railroad in this picture.



Waiting at the Ollantaytambo depot to take the three foot narrow gauge to Machu Picchu. There are trains of both Perurail and Inca Rail.

Inca Trail. Several companies operate trains on the same rails and tourists normally use the higher end options. Unfortunately, one of the most interesting parts of this railroad is no longer used for tourist operations although the rails are still in place. It includes a series of five switchbacks just north of Cusco. The switchbacks added considerable time to the trip, so most tourists already boarded the train at the town of Ollantaytambo situated in the area called "The Sacred Valley." I rode the abandoned section once, but my pictures were all lost when I was editing them for a program I was giving at work. A custodian thought they were trash and tidied them up. Grrr...

The southern portion of this line meets a standard gauge freight-only line that runs from the coast through the town of Arequipa to near Lake Titicaca. Besides going through some amazing countryside (what railroad in Peru doesn't?), it passes through a "Zona de Vicuñas" where these endangered members of the camel family graze right along the railroad tracks.



A herd of vicuña grazing near the standard gauge railroad tracks in the Zona de Vicuña on a high Andean plateau. The railroad runs from the Pacific coast to near Lake Titicaca.



A closer view of vicuña grazing near the tracks. Vicuña are the smallest members of the camel family.

Although I have never seen it, there is another reasonably well-known railroad in Central Peru called the Ferrocarril Huacayo-Huacavelica. That name doesn't ring a lot of bells, but it had a particular claim to fame. Until it was out-done by a recently completed railroad in Tibet, it was the highest railroad on earth with the summit at an elevation of 15,692ft and a now abandoned spur that reached 15,850ft. It was 3ft narrow gauge until 2010, when it was standard gauged for interchange with the main line to Lima. This is mostly a freight line, but tourist excursions are occasionally run.



Besides these main routes, there were little short line roads to serve industries such as the sugar cane fields in the north.

These were in various gauges, both metric and English. They are virtually all gone making their presence known only as display locomotives in parks and town squares. On our trip through northern Peru this summer, we passed a couple of these that once worked as sugar cane haulers. East of the Andes there were



Sugar cane locomotive, tender, and flat car on display in the town of Tumbán near Chiclayo, Peru. This is probably 700mm gauge equipment, but may have been 2 ft



A 700 mm narrow gauge sugar cane locomotive and car on display in the town of Pátapo in northern Peru.

some railroads in the Amazon jungle. These railroads were associated with the rubber boom that ended when rubber tree seeds were smuggled out of the Amazon and to other tropical parts of the world. The Jungle town of Iquitos has a locomotive on display as evidence of its narrow gauge history.

There have been some books on Peruvian railroads, none of which I have actually seen. The most extensive is a two volume set titled "Railways of Peru" by Rodrigue Lévesque. There is also a wealth of information on the internet.

I've often thought that South America's railroads would be interesting prototypes from which to base a model railroad. Many had spectacular mountain scenery and others trudged through tropical rain forests while others had a bit of both. It's tempting to me, but I doubt I will ever abandon my love of Colorado narrow gauge.



Perurail diesels working the passenger yards at Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu. There are no steam engines on this line and, in fact, there are only two operational steam engines in Peru that I know of, both are 500mm gauge locomotives from sugar cane roads that operate in a park in Surco, Peru.

So if you are planning a trip abroad, keep your eyes open for evidence of railroads.

You never know what you will find.





## Links to Machu Picchu ride:

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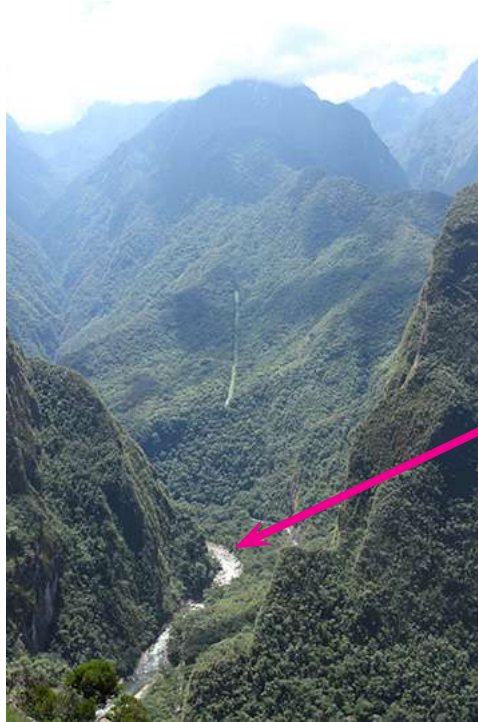
• Although this lady is probably not a rail fan, it shows modern narrow gauge on the line from Cusco to Aguas Calientes at the base of Machu Picchu. Most of the higher end trains that tourists take are self-powered rail cars. Apparently one of the switchbacks remains on the ride, although I have gotten on board the train beyond it since the route was shortened. This video shows the train negotiating the switchback. You might want to include a link to the video in the article.

• Here is another link to an older video that starts in Cusco and includes the section of switchbacks that the railroad eliminated by shortening the ride. First they climb up out of Cusco, then down toward Machu Picchu. This train is pulled by a diesel locomotive that is working very hard on the climb out of Cusco. You can see why they eliminated this part. The video is more of a rail fan's video.

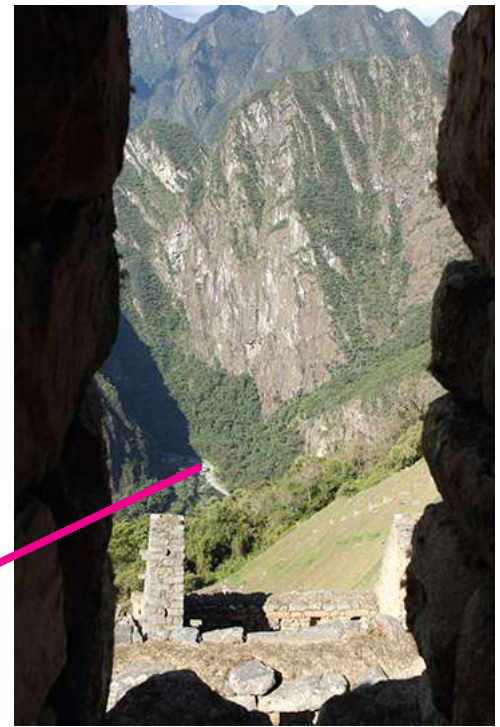
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adsBiyDFRGM>

Well, that's the end of the pictures and article for this time. I plan to visit the Queensland Railways Workshop Museum when we are in Brisbane. I have been promised a tour by curator, David Mewes. Here is a link:

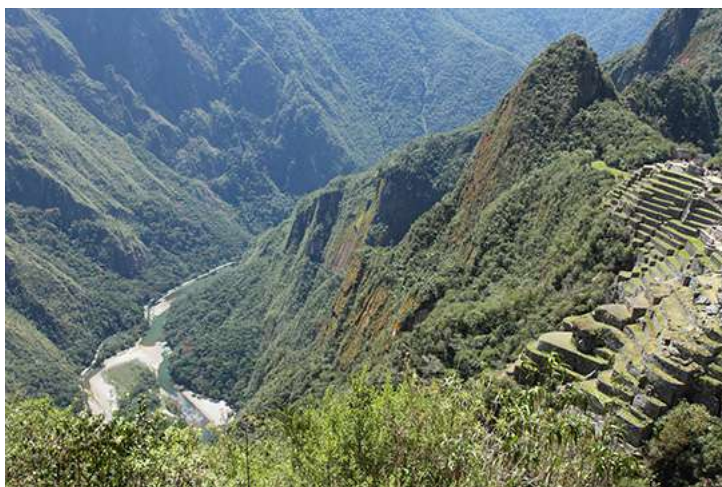
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*Seen from the ruins of Machu Picchu, the railroad runs in the river valley at the bottom of the picture. This is extremely difficult terrain well suited to narrow gauge.*



*This is a picture shot through a window in the Machu Picchu ruins at the valley below. The railroad is somewhere down there in the shadows. I'm not really sure why I included this one except that it tends to show how darned high up above the tracks you are.*



*A broader view of the area with the railroad down by the river. The area around Machu Picchu is montane rain forest. At about 8,000 ft elevation is much lower than the starting point in Cusco, which is about 11,000 ft and a much dryer part of the Andes.*



*I had to include the famous view of Machu Picchu. The railroad is out of sight way, way below.*

# LOTS OF "HOT AIR" FROM NEW MEXICO

- SUBMITTED BY LARRY GULICK -

On October 5<sup>th</sup> Diana, some friends and I left on a trip to Albuquerque, to view the hot air balloons. On the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> we arrived about an hour before sunrise in order to observe pre-takeoff procedures. The first picture shows some of the balloons lit up. They were only lit long enough to stand upright with the hot air inside. After the flame was shut off the air inside would cool and the balloon would collapse.

Picture #2 shows balloons in all the different stages off inflation and ascending.



Picture #3 shows a small number of the balloons ascending just before sunrise so they are not very colorful. The unusual thing about this picture is the B-17 flying right in the middle of the picture, if you can enlarge the photo you can see it clearer. We were in the area until about 4:00 that afternoon and the B-17 was flying most of the time.



Picture #4 shows the sky with even more of the balloons but the sun was not high enough to get all the color of balloons.



Picture #5 shows how colorful the balloons are and some of the different shapes. We didn't get an exact number of how many balloons there were, the number ranged from 500 to 750. The sky seemed to be full of them all day.

After spending a day and a half in Santa Fe we went on to Chama to ride the train. We arrived just in time to get on the train, so I missed getting any pictures of it before we started. Also missed pictures of the engine service area and the other equipment.



The first picture shows the two engines as they struggle up the all most constant 4 percent grade that we encountered until our stop for lunch.

Picture #2 shows the ten cars that made up our train. We rode this train about six or seven years ago and it looks like all the equipment has been repainted and cleaned. I believe the cars were yellow and green at that time.





We had a perfect day for our trip. Windy Point is the focus of Picture #4. It's not far away but quite a change in altitude, but with a lot of twists and turns the train made.

Notice the "track cut" ahead on "Windy Point"



Picture #5 shows us climbing and rounding a curve on the way to Windy Point. Look close and you will notice the engines have two different road names on them. The trees were turning color.

The engine smoke was lingering in the air around the sheer rock face of Windy Point as we round the curve in picture #6.



The helper engine was uncoupled and put off onto a siding as the grade became less steep in Photo #7.



Photo #8 shows Tangle Foot Curve where the tracks are about 20 feet different in height and have made an almost complete circle. I have often wondered if I had used the right color of ballast on my railroad, but this picture answers that question.



After an excellent dinner in Osier we boarded the train for the rest of the ride to Antonito.

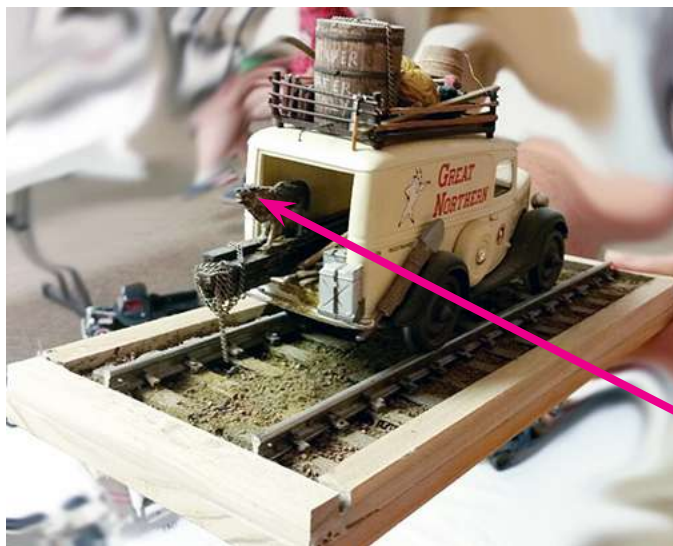
Picture #9 shows my wife Diana, me, and two friends, Theresa Bishop, and Gary Wagner.

The train ride made for a full day of fun and beautiful scenery to look at. Now for an interesting thought, how come no pictures from Osier to Antonito? My only excuse is that my digital camera ran out of film!

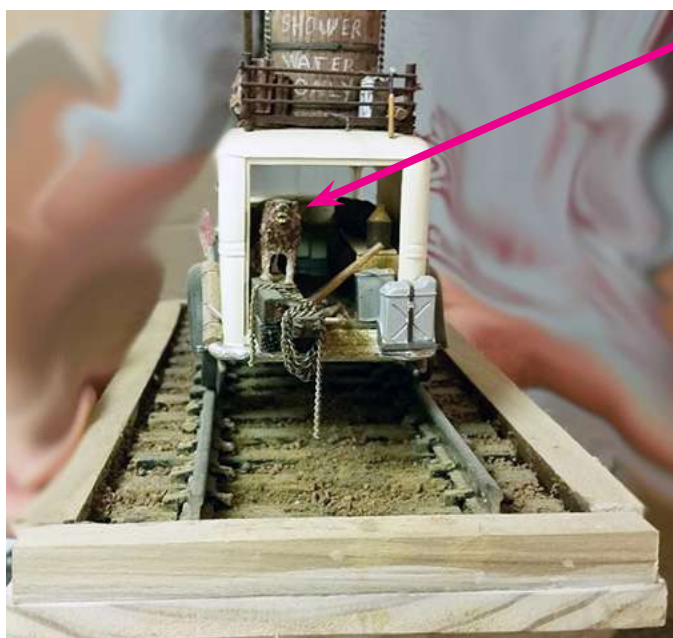




# DAN'S WILD TRAVELS AND DISCOVERIES INCLUDE: "AutoMobilia" in July



EVERYBODY loves a  
"junk-yard dog"  
complete with snarling  
and gnashing teeth.



Photography by Dan Hagenbuch



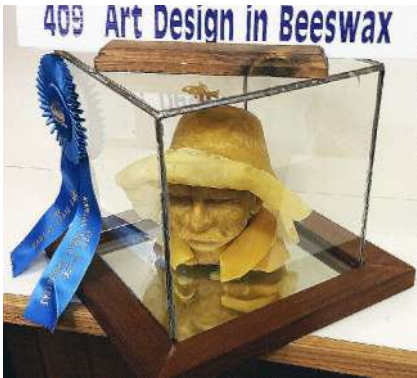
DAN'S WILD TRAVELS AND DISCOVERIES INCLUDE:  
The "Kansas State Fair" in September



The State's Largest  
and prettiest...



Butter and Beeswax  
Sculptures



State Fair train • 2<sup>nd</sup> place • made out of wood • really neat

~ Hot Rod Dan



Photography by Dan Hagenbuch



# COKE OVENS AT REDSTONE

BY JOHN KRAFT

We traveled to Redstone, Colorado for a 'look see' after reading reports the coke ovens are being restored and/or having their decay arrested.



In their day these coke ovens were used to take coal from the nearby mines and convert it to coke by burning in a low air oven. The resulting product was then shipped by narrow gauge railroad to the steel mills in Pueblo for use in steel making.



Crushed coal was poured into the ovens through a hole in the top and then ignited. The door was then bricked up with just a small hole for air. 48 hours later the door

was opened and the coke was raked out and loaded into rail cars for transport.



The nearby town of Redstone was created for the workers who made their livelihood working these ovens. There were as many as 200 ovens in use.

There are a large number of ovens alongside the highway in various stages of repair. Select ovens are being restored and others having their decay arrested. Signage gives a good overview of what is happening.

It is nice to see this bit of history is being preserved.



## “Pike Progress”



Please feel free to mention the about my new “modular” layout ,but just show it with no name.

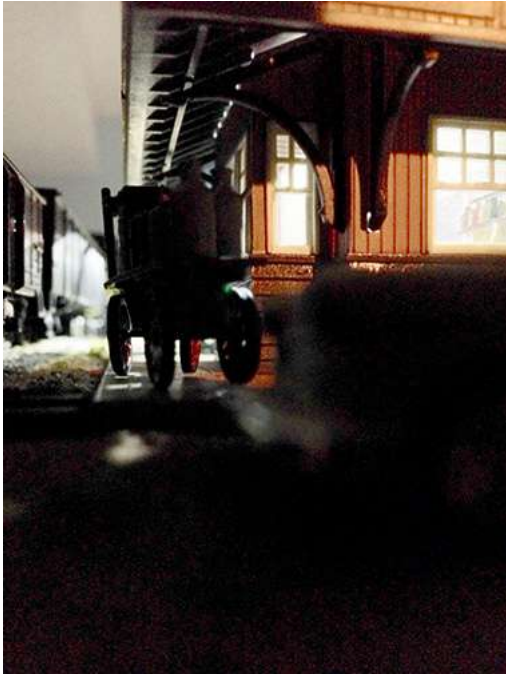
Maybe just say

“Wonder who is building this?”





# "PROGRESS ON TWO FRONTS" - SUBMITTED BY CHUCK DUGNALLE



The "Home Front"

# “Badgers Arse Toilet Paper Lab”



on the road...



Editor's comment: "Thanks, Chuck for sharing what's possible while traveling/living out of a suitcase. Truly inspiring to us all"



## Chisholm Trail Division - NMRA Meeting - Tuesday September 1, 2015 @ 7:00pm

The evening began around 6:45pm with cordial visiting and the telling of “stories” amongst those present.

Superintendent Lionel Smith called the NMRA meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. Normal business was conducted and then the evening continued with:

- PROGRAM PART I  
“Detailing Scenery and Buildings with wood” presented by Pamela Todd  
she shared her clinic as presented at the Turkey Creek 2015 Train Show
- PROGRAM PART II  
A video history of Grain Elevators entitled: “Prairie Sentinels”

The evening concluded around 9:00pm.

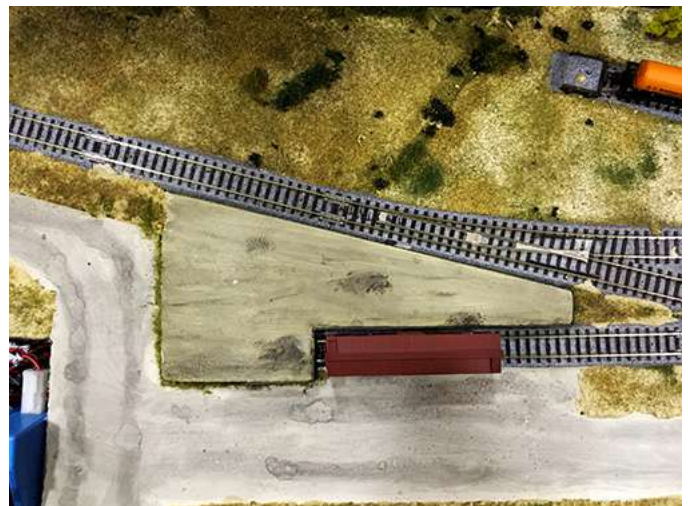
## Chisholm Trail Division - NMRA Meeting - Tuesday October 6, 2015 @ 7:00pm

The evening began around 6:45pm with cordial visiting and the telling of “stories” amongst those present.

Superintendent Lionel Smith called the NMRA meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. Normal business was conducted and then the evening continued with:

- PROGRAM PART I  
“Constructing a model Concrete Loading Dock” presented by David Heinshon
- PROGRAM PART II  
A video presentation of “Santa Fe’s Historical Development of Comfortable Railroad Passenger Service - Chicago to the West Coast”

The evening concluded around 9:00pm.



# Wichita Area Model RailRoders (WAMRR) News

WAMRR - Sept 15, 2015

Luncheon fellowship open to all  
followed by a brief program "The Skills of Applying Decals to Locomotives and Rolling Stock" by Lionel Smith



WAMRR - Sept 15, 2015

Luncheon fellowship open to all  
followed by a brief program "Lessons Learned while attempting to hide Decal edges" by Lionel Smith  
(he shared that he applied weathering powders his way using alcohol) which seemed to work very well until he applied a light coat of "Dull-Coat" which visually reverted back to the decal edges showing once again.



## Wichita Toy Train Club

Annual Train Show

September 26th & 27th, 2015

Cessna Activity Center

Wichita, KS



*Back room*

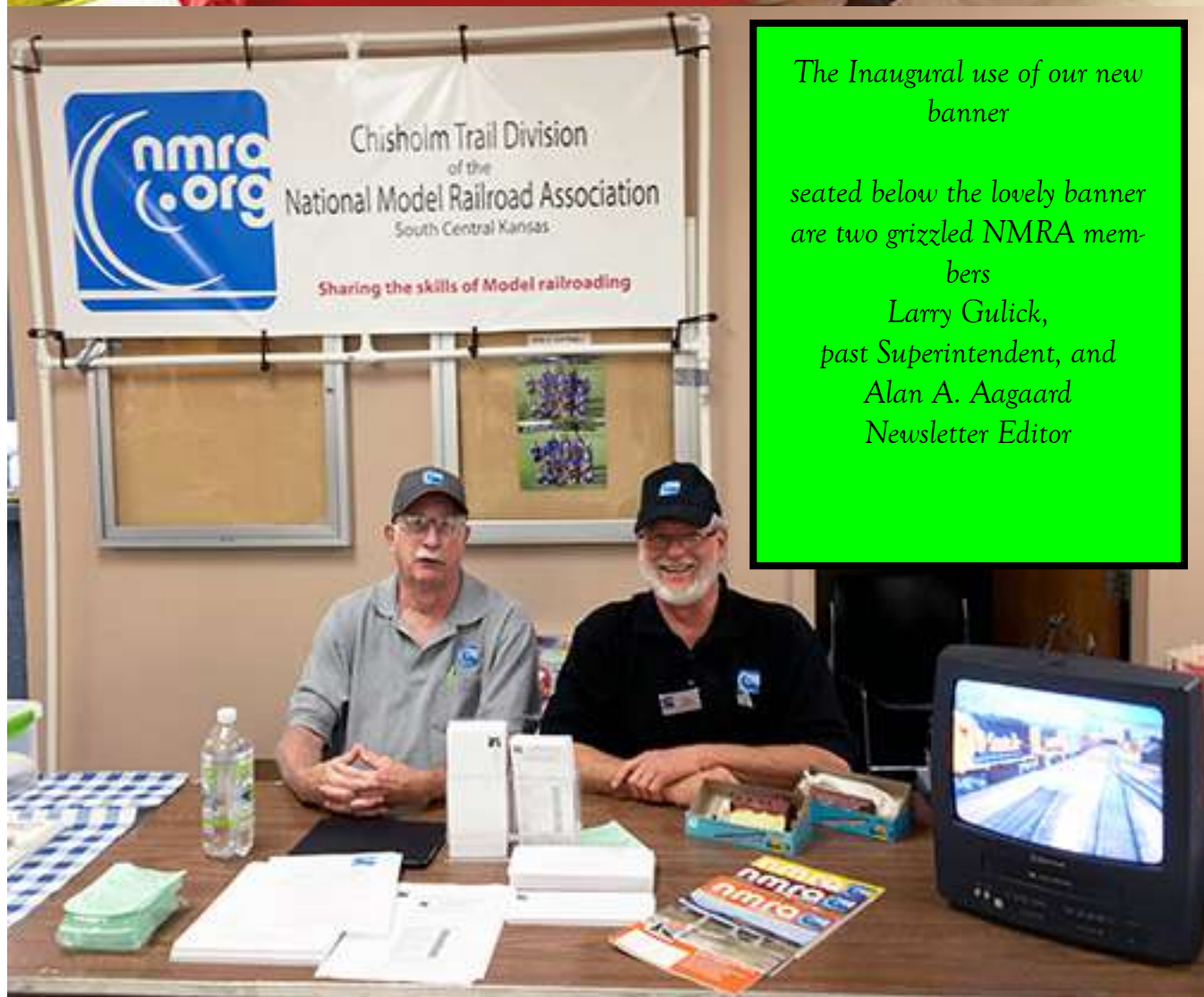


*Front room*





*Representing the Augusta Model Railroad Club  
were Pamela Todd, Assistant Superintendent  
and NMRA member Rob Neises.*



*The Inaugural use of our new  
banner*

*seated below the lovely banner  
are two grizzled NMRA mem-  
bers*

*Larry Gulick,  
past Superintendent, and  
Alan A. Aagaard  
Newsletter Editor*

# Who In Their Right Mind Would Build A Model Out Of Paper?

Actually, I do not know anyone in their right mind. Most of the people I know mess around with miniature trains, planes, cars, boats, even military things.

My excuse is cost, secondly scale, third type of model available. Thanks to home computers, there are a tremendous number of models available through computer websites, some of them are decent, some very nice. With a color printer, it is relatively easy to come up with something to add to a scene as backdrop or enhance the mood. If nothing else, the paper model could be used as a template to scratch build a better structure.

## **Scale:**

A number of years ago (in elementary school) I felt challenged to merge my interest in aircraft with my Dad's HO railroad. Trying to plant a 1/72 model in a 1/87 layout did not seem correct, 120% or 83%. When becoming involved with the WTTC (Wichita Toy Train Club), I became curious about the S (1/64) layout. Do you have any idea how few models are available in S gauge? They now have a couple of 1/64 scale paper airplanes on their layout.

## **Type of model:**

After stumbling across a website offering *FREE* download samples, my other interests lead into playing with even WWI tanks. Then, with building a county fair switching module, I added a tank to a flat car load to amuse little eyes. Currently, I am trying to get an N scale layout together and fake a city scene, (would a seaport fit?), should the hillside have a mine? I have found a couple of fishing boats, but they are 1/250 and 1/66 scale. They will be printed differently, to scale(?). Maybe for the larger scales (S?) you would consider paper people, not 2-D. Since my uncles were involved in construction, I am also curious about cranes, bulldozers, etc.

One thing interesting about model railroading is that whatever your interest is, it fits in to a layout. Would you like a sternwheel riverboat, or a side-wheeler? How about a Civil War gunboat to go along with the re-enactment scene or historic site? There is even a kit (download) for the Up the Creek Paddle Shop.



# EL RENO, OKLAHOMA

## MANY VARIED SIGHTS...



While running errands on my extended visit in El Reno, Oklahoma I encountered this beauty in the middle of town as a reminder of those “Rock Island” days gone past. Then of course, Historic Route 66 goes through town. I’ve located the Rock Island Museum and El Reno Depot, too.



These next two photos are sights right next to the parking lot of “Bleechler’s Grocery Store”. Ah, to be in a “railroad town”...



And the final two were taken inside (with permission, of course) the first one is

approx 10' \* 20', and the one on the right is approx 10' \* 30' (I'd go to that Deli counter!!!)



## 2015

### November



- November 7 & 8, 2015 (Saturday, Sunday) The 7<sup>th</sup> annual MidContinent Prototype Modelers, 150 South Main Street (Benton KS) Learn more at: <http://www.midcontinentprototypemodelers.org/>  
For more information contact: Glenn Hoover [mr1250@cox.net](mailto:mr1250@cox.net)

- November 7 & 8, 2015 (Saturday 9am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm) Arkansas City Train Show, Agri-Business Building, 712 West Washington Street (Arkansas City, KS)  
For more information contact: Javen Schmucker at [javen1927@gmail.com](mailto:javen1927@gmail.com)

- November 14, 2015, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual ATSF Mini Meet at the old Mission United Methodist Church in Fairway, KS. Doors open at 8 am and program begins at 9 am. Cost is \$5.00 at the door and lunch will be available for an additional cost. Info: [www.atsfrr.com](http://www.atsfrr.com) or Jeff Needham (913) 645-3841

- November 28, 2015 (Joplin MO) The Joplin Museum Complex is hosting a Train Show and Swap Meet Saturday, from 9am to 3pm at the Joplin Museum Complex. The Museum is located in Schifferdecker Park, 7<sup>th</sup> and Schifferdecker streets, Joplin, Missouri. Included will be operating model train layouts and over 65 tables of items for sale or trade. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. Swap tables are \$15 each. For more information contact Rick Gardner at (417) 673-4888 or eMail [rickgardner4449@gmail.com](mailto:rickgardner4449@gmail.com) and additional information is located at [www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com](http://www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com)

- November 29, 2015 (Sunday 9am-2pm) Mid-America Train & Toy Show, KCI Expo Center, 11730 NW Ambassador Drive (Kansas City, MO)

### December

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> • 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Southern Plains N-Scale Convention  
Thu - Sun in the Transportation Building - Oklahoma State Fair Fairgrounds (Oklahoma City, OK)

- December 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Fri - Sun • Train Expo Colorado (TECO) held at the Freedom Financial Services Expo Center - 3660 North Nevada Avenue (Colorado Springs, CO)

- December 5 & 6, 2015 (Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 11am-5pm) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma City Train Show, Transportation Building - Oklahoma State Fair Fairgrounds (Oklahoma City, OK) Learn more at: <http://www.okctrainshow.com/>

- December 12 & 13, 2015 (Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm) Rocky Mountain Train Show, Denver Mart, 451 East 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Denver, CO) Learn more at: <http://rockymountaintrainshow.com/>

### TRAIN RIDES

- Midland Railway in Baldwin City, KS - additional details on their website: [www.midlandrailway.org](http://www.midlandrailway.org)  
Friday, November 27 - Santa Claus Express, 7:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday, November 28-29 - Santa Claus Express, 10:00am & 1:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6 - Santa Claus Express, 10:00am & 1:00pm  
Friday, December 11 - Santa Claus Express, 7:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13 - Santa Claus Express, 10:00am & 1:00pm



# 2016

## January

- January 23 & 24, 2016 (Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-4pm) The Great Train Show, Century II (Wichita KS)

Learn more at: <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

## February

- Saturday, February 6, 2016 (9am - 6pm) & Sunday, February 7, 2016 (11am - 4pm), The Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet, Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd. (Wichita, KS) Admission \$8.00 includes both days. Scouts in uniform get in FREE; \$1.00 off with non-perishable food item. For more information contact Phil Aylward at: [aylward1@cox.net](mailto:aylward1@cox.net)

- February 13 & 14, 2016 (Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-4pm), The Great Train Show, Expo Square (Tulsa, OK)

Learn more at: <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

- February 25 - 27, 2016 (Thursday- Saturday) 31<sup>st</sup> Sn3 Symposium (Tampa, FL)

Learn more at: <http://www.sn3-2016.com/>

## March

- March 5 & 6, 2016 World's Greatest Hobby Train Show Kansas City, MO American Royal Complex, 1701 American Royal Ct., Kansas City, Mo 64102. The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour showcases the hobby of model railroading. Sponsored by the Hobby Manufacturer's Association - Model Railroad Division and by the World's Greatest Hobby Program, the show is intended to introduce the general public to model railroading in an entertaining, lively and family-friendly atmosphere. The hobby of model railroading has a unique ability to bring the family together in activities that teach many skills. Model railroad skills span from carpentry to artistry, from electrical engineering to historical research. Model railroading is truly the World's Greatest Hobby Train Show Inc. World's Greatest Hobby on Tour 280 Carlton Drive Carol Stream IL 60188 Phone: 630.279.5094 Fax: 240.597.4482 E-mail: [info@wghshow.com](mailto:info@wghshow.com)

## April

## May

## June

- June 2-5, 2016 Road to Omaha, 2016 Mid-Continent Regional Convention. Headquarters hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn. Train show will be at Ralston, Nebraska Arena, The Nebraska-Iowa Railroaders annual train show and swap meet details to follow soon and will be available on the Western Heritage Division website: <http://whd.mcor-nmra.org>

Henry Nipper Convention Chairman

## July

- July 4-10 2016 - National Garden Railway Convention (San Francisco, CA,USA)

## August

## September

- August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 (Wednesday - Saturday) 36<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention (Augusta, Maine) Learn more at: <http://nngc-2016.com/>

## October

## November

December

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- April 6 - 8, 2017 (Thursday- Saturday) 31<sup>st</sup> Sn3 Symposium (St. Louis, MO)

Learn more at: <http://www.sn3-2017.com/>

May

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July

- 2017 National Garden Railway Convention, Tulsa, OK, USA

August

- August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 (Wednesday - Saturday) 37<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention (Denver, CO) Learn more at: <http://nngc-2017.com/>

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July

- 2018 National Garden Railway Convention (Atlanta, GA)

August

- August - 38<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention (Twin Cities, MN) Learn more at: <http://nngc-2018.com/>





## COMING ATTRACTIONS

In our next issue we will feature articles from our Chisholm Trail Division which will include:

- Progress UpDate of those working toward/achieving the NMRA “Golden Spike”
- “Tips and Techniques” from many of us
- additional tools with “*double entendre*”
- *and please, Please, PLEASE send some photos and your story to be included in:*  
**“ONCE UPON A TIME” GUESS WHO...???**
- and much, MUCH more...



# FINALLY !



## THE CUP FOR LEFT-HANDED !

...our “Tool for this Issue”...