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“SPECIAL EVENTS ISSUE”

contributors

GENE BOWERS ••• “31st Annual Winter Plano Train Show” in just a couple of weeks (see page 2)

(...hence this “Special Events Issue”)

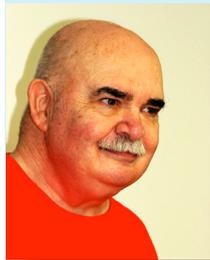


ROBERT SIMMONS ••• “Lawrence Model Railroad Club 15th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet” and the “World’s Greatest Hobby on Tour” in early March.

JAMES H. MARLETT

••• is the “moderator” of the Wichita Area Model Rail Roaders (WAMRR) Yahoo Discussion Group, and some of these events were discussed on the website. Be sure to ask Jim how to join in on this discussion board. eMail him at:

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BOB HOOVER ••• “2016 Layout Design & Operations Weekend” in mid-March (see page2)

ALAN A. AAGAARD ••• “Great Train Show” is coming to Wichita’s Century II January 23 & 24, 2016



Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

January, 2016

- Jan 19 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting ----- 11:30am
Our Hostess is “Jessica” at Golden Coral
11006 East Kellogg Drive • Wichita, KS
- Jan 16 & 17 “31st Annual Winter Plano Train Show”
Plano Convention Center • Plano, TX
- Jan 23-24 “Great Train Show” ----- 10am - 4pm (both days)
“Exhibition Hall” (...closest to Douglas Avenue)
Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center
225 West Douglas Avenue • Wichita, KS

February, 2016

- Feb 2 “Ground Hog Day”
Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church
3440 West 13th St N, Wichita, KS 67203-4560
(13th Street North & High Street)
Begin gathering ----- 6:45pm
NMRA • meeting ----- 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Discussion of the Election Process
Program by Rich Seyb
- Feb 6 & 7 “Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet”
Cessna Activity Center • Wichita, KS
- Feb 20 - 21 “Lawrence Model Railroad Club
15th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet”
Douglas County Fairgrounds ~ Bldg 21
Lawrence, KS

March, 2016

- March 5 & 6 “World’s Greatest Hobby On Tour”
American Royal Complex • Kansas City, MO
- Feb 16 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting ----- 11:30am
Our Hostess is “Jessica” at Golden Coral
11006 East Kellogg Drive
Wichita, KS 67207-1922
- March 18 - 20 “2016 Layout, Design, & Operations Weekend”
Indian Nations Division (NMRA) • Tulsa, OK

Gene Bowers sent this: I have a couple of things for you.

- 1) For those of us who are traveling rather regularly to the South, there is a train show in Plano, TX on January 16th & 17th. The “**31st Annual Winter Plano Train Show**” is built around more than 20 train clubs in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth MetroPlex. It will be held at the Plano Convention Center. I plan to go to the train show (and attend a gymnastics meet that weekend, even though my granddaughter will not be competing due to elbow and foot injuries).
- 2) I discovered an exceptional supply house for model trains, **Discount Model Trains**. It is located in Addison, TX, at the Addison airport. They have a very unusual business plan. They do not have a catalog that one can consult, especially someone (like us) from 400 miles away. They are pretty well stocked and handle products that Walther’s provides in its catalog. I can buy anything listed in the Walther’s HO Catalog from DMT and pay up to 20% below the listed catalog price. In fact, I can contact them with an order and they will ship it to me. I will be returning to Texas in 2 weeks and plan to visit them at the Plano Train Show.

To All:

It is now time to again start thinking about the annual **Layout Design/Operating Special Interest Group (LD/OPSIG) Weekend Event** in Tulsa, OK. This year’s date(s) is the weekend of March 18th-20th with the majority of the activity taking place on Saturday the 19th. This year the keynote speaker will be Stephen Priest from Kansas City. Some of you may remember Stephen when he lived here as a teenager.

In order to get the full value of your registration money you need to register early and pick the layouts that you want to operate on as the slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Last year Jim Marlett and I did attend but neither of us operated.

This is not a typical train show/swap meet event, but instead an intense, interesting, and very informative day (Saturday) of clinics geared toward layout design and operation. Operating sessions on some very good layouts are added as a bonus of sorts.

I encourage any of you interested in going to talk to either Jim or myself if you have any further questions. Below is the link:

<http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/>

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Modeling a small segment of the Frisco Wichita Sub-Division, circa. 1980, in HO called the “River City Railroad & Amusement Co.”