

Trails, Rails, & Tales



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HAPPY LEAP YEAR-DAY

contributors

JIM MARLETT will be presenting both in March and April at our evening NMRA gatherings. He will be sharing his wonderful experiences of the various "Layout Tours" he attended (and photographed) while he and his wife Patsy attended the 2016 National Narrow Gauge Convention (NNGC) recently held in Houston, TX. (see also page 54)



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Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

March, 2016

- March 1 **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
 - Short business meeting, to be followed by:
 - Program by *Lloyd Hurst* "Depots of Kansas"
 - Program by *Jim Marlett* "Layout Tours - Part I" from the National Narrow Gauge Convention (NNGC) Houston, TX
- Mar 15 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting ----- 11:30am
Our Hostess is "Bere" at Golden Coral
11006 East Kellogg Drive
Wichita, KS 67207-1922
- Mar 17 "St. Patrick's Day" holiday

April, 2016

- April 1 "April Fool's Day"
- Apr 5 **Evening** Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church
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(13th Street North & High Street)
Begin gathering -----6:45pm
- NMRA meeting -----7:00pm - 9:00pm
 - Short business meeting, to be followed by:
 - Program by *Larry Gulick* "Scenery: Expanding on a good thing"
 - Program by *Jim Marlett* "Layout Tours - Part I" from the National Narrow Gauge Convention (NNGC) Houston, TX
- Apr 19 WAMRR • **Luncheon** Meeting ----- 11:30am
Our Hostess is "Bere" at Golden Coral
11006 East Kellogg Drive
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

First off I want to thank you all for your hard work on the two train shows we had in January and February, here in town. I think we had a positive outcome. I hope we have a good turnout for the rest of the shows in 2016.

I want to thank Alan Aagaard for the time that he puts into the "Trails, Rails, and Tales", so next time you see him, say thanks!!!

Congratulation on the new officers. Hope they are not overwhelmed at this point.

For those of you that are working on your "Golden Spike" and other "AP Certificates" keep up the good work.

I will be heading up to the MCoR convention in June. I do like to have a good report to give at the Director's meeting .

Remember; Laughter is wine for the soul ~ Laughter soft or hard and deep, tinged through with seriousness..... The hilarious declaration made by man that life is worth living ' Sean O ' Casey.



Phil Aylward
Director
Chisholm Trail Division
of NMRA

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

The weather has certainly been unusual for this time of year. We had nice weather for the **Wichita Train Show and Swap Meet!** I applaud all of those who had entries in the Train Show contest, and all of those who had their projects judged for the NMRA Merit Awards. We still have several members who are interested in applying for the **Golden Spike Achievement Award**. For all those members interested, please reach out to *Chris Dancy and Larry Gulick*, who are this years' Co-Chairs of the **Achievement Program Committee**.



Pamela Todd
Superintendent - 2015
Chisholm Trail Division
of NMRA

The **Programming Committee** is currently in the process of planning this years' activities. During our March 1st NMRA Meeting, there will be a "Q&A" questionnaire for all members to fill out, regarding your train hobby interests. Plan to attend the MARCH meeting and enjoy the following presentations: 1) **Depots in Kansas** - both past and current, from about every railroad in the State, presented by *Lloyd Hurst*, 2) *Jim Marlett* will be sharing "Part 1" of a slide presentation from the **National Narrow Gauge Convention (NNGC)** at Houston, featuring many layouts. Coming up in APRIL - *Larry Gulick* will be sharing a demonstration video on **Scenery** (Chapter 1) - creating scenery building from the bare base on up to the landscaping process begins on your layout, and *Jim Marlett* will share "Part II" of the layout tours from **National Narrow Gauge Convention (NNGC)** at Houston.

Happy Railfanning

Pamela Todd

Superintendent - 2016
Chisholm Trail Division

FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

I sit in the hospital wondering what to say on my first "column", I hope, to be of many updates from my desk. Obviously, Thank You for entrusting me to do a good job as your Assistant Superintendent. Hopefully soon, our division will have a first-rate website. Updates will be featured here in future issues. But, as I think more about it, I have to think that as model railroaders, we're here for even a nobler reason...Friendship and camaraderie. I know I am. Let's have a great year, Thank You.



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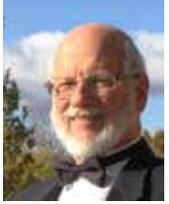
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Zero, Nada, Nil, No One Read the last issue...that's correct (not even the Officers made any comment(s)). I announced changes and no one made a comment ("...good, bad, or ugly...") in the two months since it has been distributed to the membership. Is anyone reading, observing, looking at this issue???



Alan A. Aagaard
Newsletter Editor
Chisholm Trail Division
of NMRA

I am EXTREMELY pleased to announce that Gene Bowers is our new "Associate Editor" to - **TRAINS, RAILS, & TALES** and he has begun his tenure with great Zeal. Many of the photos from the recent Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet and Layout Tour were his. Plus, you'll read all about his Pike Progress in the next issue. I've been blessed to know Gene for over 40 years. We both had involvement in the Boy Scouts of America with our sons, and also happen to worship at the same Church. (Speaking of which...we are also members of a group of: **RETIRE**D **OL**DER **M**EN **E**ATING **O**UT - **ROMEO**s)

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As ALWAYS
WE WISH TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO OPENED YOUR HOMES FOR THIS YEAR'S LAYOUT TOUR
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

MARCH

- 9th • Wayne S.
- 16th • Bill P.
- 19th • Lloyd H.
- 25th • "Brady"

APRIL

- 4th • Dan H.
- 11th • Pam T.
- 12th • Alan A.
- 26th • Paul M.
- 27th • Larry G.





Election of Officers for 2016



Rob Neises
Division Assistant - Superintendent

Pamela Todd
Division Superintendent

The following positions are:

- **Division Director - Phillip Aylward**
- **Division Superintendent (President) - Pamela Todd**
- **Division Assistant Superintendent (Vice President) - Rob Neises**
- **Division Clerk (Secretary) - Randy Stucky**
- **Division Paymaster (Treasurer) - Phillip Aylward**

The following positions were “**Appointed**” by the Division Superintendent:

- **Newsletter Editor - Alan A. Aagaard**
- **Newsletter Associate Editor - Gene Bowers**



Photography by Alan Aagaard

looking back at our past events...

NMRA

meeting
January 5, 2016

Business Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Lionel Smith, Jr.

Election Results were presented by Dan Hagenbuck (see previous page 4) which was followed by the Installation of 2016 Division Officers (who took their positions immediately).

Newly elected Division Superintendent Pamela Todd, indicated a "Survey & Planning Session for 2016 Events" would happen almost within the next two weeks and details will be announced through eMail. (held January 27, 2016)

Treasurer's Report was presented by Phil Aylward (accepted as presented)

Preview of The Wichita Train Show and Swap Meet
February 6 & 7, 2016
Cessna Activity Center
Chisholm Trail's

- NMRA Clinics & Modeling Contest (see pages 15 - 31). NMRA AP judging will be made available (along with the popular voting)
- NMRA Booth "Manpower" and new member opportunities

Announcements included:

- Jim Marlett is planning on participating in the 7th annual *Layout Design and Operations Weekend* coming up March 18-20, 2016.
- Dean Lippencott announced that Claudia Ralston's Garden Railway Gizmo's (13th & Broadway, Wichita, KS) is offering nice discounts and "Free" shipping on most products. (others agreed)

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Following the snack break:

Video Presentation of Rensselaer Model Railroad Society's version of "New England, Berkshire & Western" layout from the "DREAM • PLAN • BUILD" series

The evening ended at 9pm



WICHITA AREA MODEL RAILROADERS



Monthly Luncheon Meeting

January 18, 2016

11:30am at Golden Corral

11006 East Kellogg Drive

Wichita, KS 67207-1922

(Just a short distance west of Greenwich Road on north side of street)

Our Hostess is "Bere"

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

That's the reason for...Wichita Area Model Railroaders,
a fellowship of model railroaders in the Wichita, Kansas area.

*****Tuesday's Program*****

Two Great Train Shows coming to Wichita within the next three weeks!

Great Train Show

January 23 & 24

Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center

10am - 4pm both Saturday & Sunday

and

Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet

February 6 & 7

Cessna Activity Center

Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm & Sunday 11:00am - 4:00pm

Topics of discussion will include the following:

- The best show to bring your grandkids!
- How to get a discount on the admission price!
 - The benefits of attending clinics!
 - A preview of some of the clinics!
- Entering a model in the modeling contest!

Train Shows

Great Train Show

January 23 & 24
Century II Performing Arts and
Convention Center



Indeed it was a cold day to wait in line outside Century II



(above) the ticket sellers worked fast and steady



(left) while Gene and Alan graciously greeted and tore tickets both days, donating their time and efforts to the Chisholm Trail Division of the NMRA



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Photography by Pam Todd & Alan Aagaard

Alan A's guests from Germany were Hannelore and Reinhard S. They live in Geses (a quaint village near Bayreuth) (north and east of Nuremberg approx

1 hour driving time). She is a Professor of English at the Universität Bayreuth (5 minutes away), and he is an Architect.

Their smiles indicate they seemed to be enjoying the event.



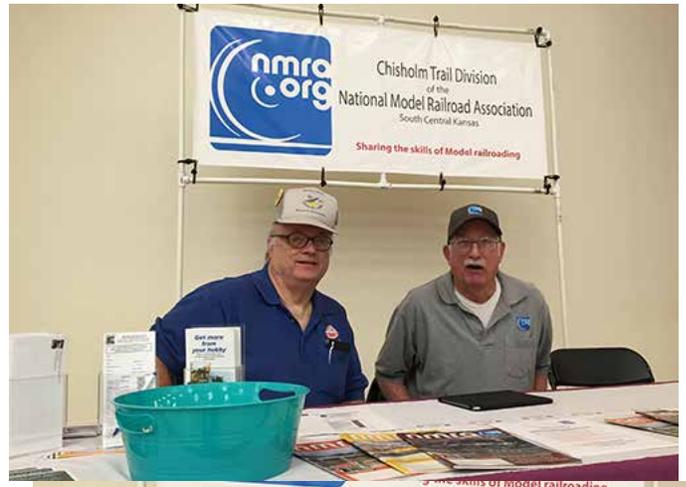
Our NMRA booth



Claudia in her booth



Photography by Pam Todd & Alan Aagaard



(above) “...all work and no play;
makes ‘the boys’ dull...”

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Brady & Grandpa were seen enjoying the show and even while visiting our NMRA table



Brady has spotted the "boys" having fun with CANDY



...while on his break from tearing tickets, Gene is "spotted" eyeing CANDY of a different flavor...

Photography by Pam Todd & Alan Aagaard



"Great Train Show"

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here we see our Superintendent posing by the banner



and then "mixing" it up with an old friend /celebrity Merrill Teller, KWCH chief meteorologist (and train enthusiast)



a young rail fan proud of his "face Painting"



Larry was trying to "close the deal" while working the crowd for the NMRA booth



Photography by Pam Todd & Alan Aagaard

and finally, at the end of a long day, here we see a young model railroader proudly taking his first train set home



...some photos are just too wonderful to pass up...

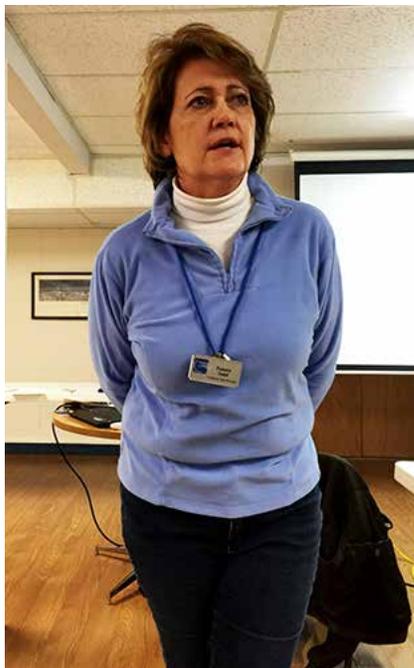
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looking back at our past events...

NMRA

meeting
February 2, 2016



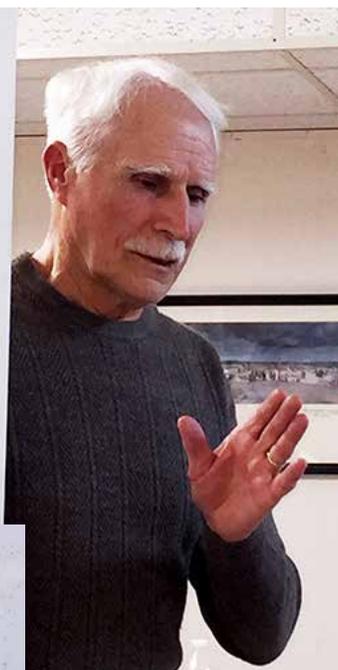
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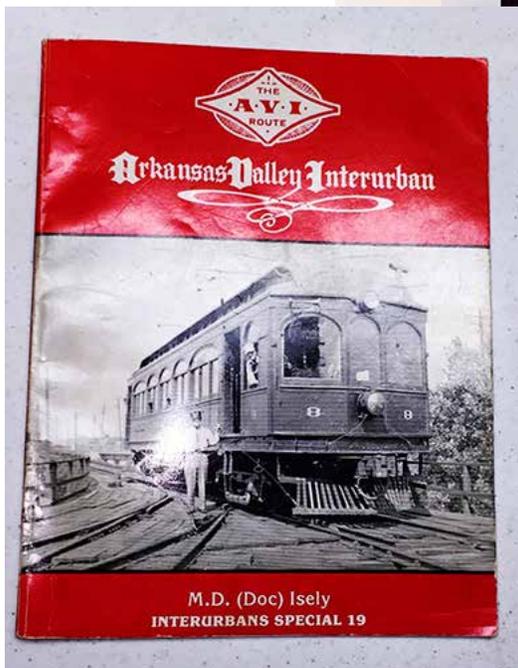
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Part 1

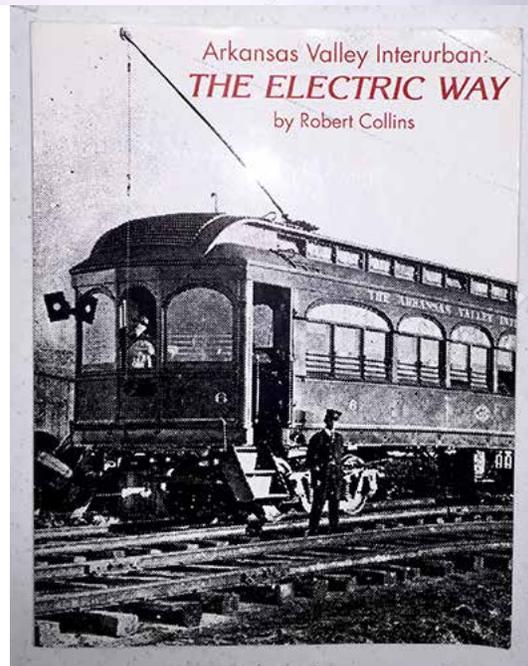
and activities of the AVI electric railroad that served Wichita, Newton, Hutchinson and smaller towns in between.



Vince Marshall
Arkansas Valley Interurban Railroad - 1910 to 1941.
Learn about some of the interesting developments

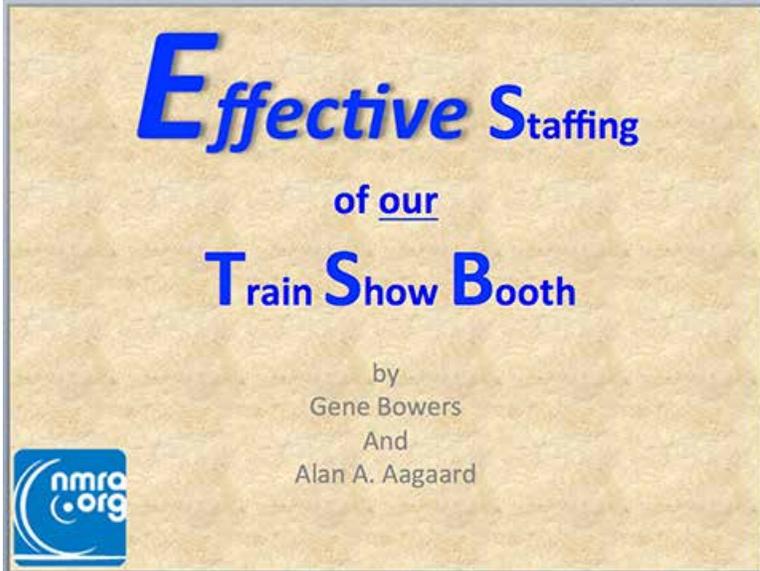


...and these were just a few of the artifacts Vince brought with him that evening for us to look over/through.



Part 2
Welcoming New
2016 Chisholm Trail Division Committee Members
and

NMRA Table Coverage
Booth coverage guidance - by Alan Aagaard and Gene Bower



The evening ended at 9pm

How will trade shows benefit from new tablet technology?

- Attendee schedules

—QR items to be scanned by clients

- Your booth personnel must be friendly, lively and fully engaged in achieving our goals.

NMRA "Lone Star Regional" booth
(Plano, TX - 2016)

What'll be expected of them

- Including:
 - how to dress,
 - when to arrive,
 - how long they'll need to staff the booth,
 - proper trade show etiquette (i.e. no eating, drinking or sitting down), and, above all,
 - remaining polite and professional.

show staffing should include

- a well-practiced script where attendees are greeted quickly:
 - Staffers introduce themselves with a **one-minute overview** of your company and its benefits.
 - ask questions to find out if the visitors are good prospects
 - then spend another **30 seconds** giving details on products or services
 - and getting visitor information for effective follow-up after the event.

Train Shows



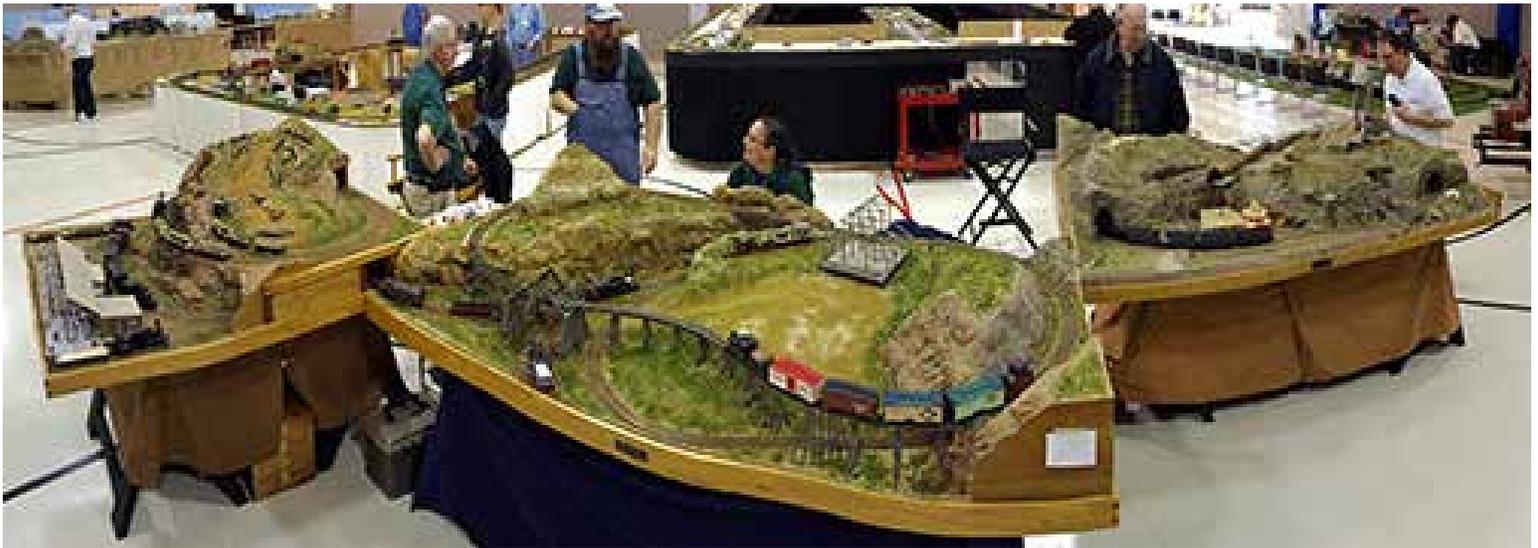
Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet

February 6 & 7
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SetUp completed on Friday afternoon



*On 30 modules - each easily qualifying for "The Golden Spike" awards from NMRA
each module is independent of one another; yet all easily connect together for shows such as ours*

Steve Weidner (Sublett, KS)
"Logging with working saw mill"
second installment
4 feet by 7 feet

Ron Whited (Garden City, KS)
"curved trestles, barn raising, & miners panning in stream"
latest, third installment
4 feet by 7 feet

Mark Fisher (Ingalls, KS)
"animated above and underground mine,
depot (with subtle humor) miners panning, and
boxing match"
first installment
4 feet by 5 feet

Darla Jackson (seated behind) (Sublett, KS)
current theme: "working cattle ranch of 1800's"
"coming soon" as the fourth installment
4 feet by 7 feet

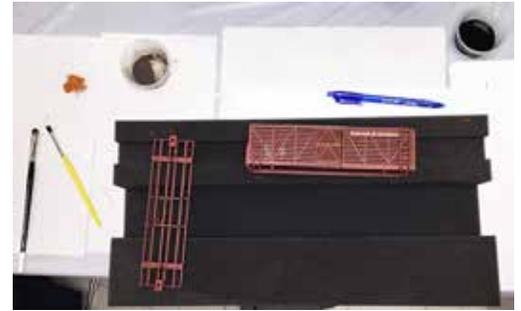
Weathering Stock Cars

presented by Pamela Todd

The techniques of India ink and weathering powders have been used by several expert modelers.



Prior to the clinic beginning, the rolling stock had the trucks & couplers removed and "Dull Coat" was applied to reduce the shiny glare and also to provide a "tooth" for weathering to grab hold



and here Pam is doing her best to instruct while Harry is enjoying himself way too much...

...yet Gene keeps concentrating, while listening and learning.

DCC - The Latest trends in Digital Command & Control

presented by Lee Ryglinski, Keith Ottman, Mark Gurries, and Lionel Smith

copy of PowerPoint available at: www.MarkGurries.com

- **For the Modeler interested in converting from DC**

A short introduction covering the latest equipment to convert DCC from DC. Attendees received helpful information to compare between the various choices in the marketplace (NCE, Digitrax, and others)

- **For the Modeler already using DCC**

Those interested in a greater understanding of locomotive control, better sound management turnout control, and converting older equipment to DCC

- **Some of the topics covered included:**

- Approximate costs involved in the switch to DCC
- Can locomotives be converted from Athearn "blue boxes" to DCC?
- Issues with brass collectibles
- Need I be a computer whiz to use DCC
- What is a sound dummy?
- What if there is no space for a speaker?



- Plus discussion and demonstration on using "DecoderPro" (free software written in Java) (A Java Model Railroad Interface (JMRI) that works seamlessly on both a WinTel or Macintosh computer, in-conjunction with a USB card similar to the one pictured below from "NCE" to aid in programming "CVs".



clinic on:

Painting Figures

presented by Mark Fisher

A hands on clinic where you will paint your own figure and take it home with you.

Eric L. is observing and listening to Steve

(Left &



above) The figure was washed in warm soapy



water, rinsed, and dried. Later "Squadron Green Putty" was used to form a mus-



tache, fill voids, and the head was cut to allow for the hat (and head) to be built. The next step would be to spray with inexpensive automobile primer. Steve taught us to paint with acrylics, from the skin out much as we get dressed. After totally dry, a "wash" using oils ("Burnt Umber") and mineral spirits to accentuate the folds and wrinkles (shadows).



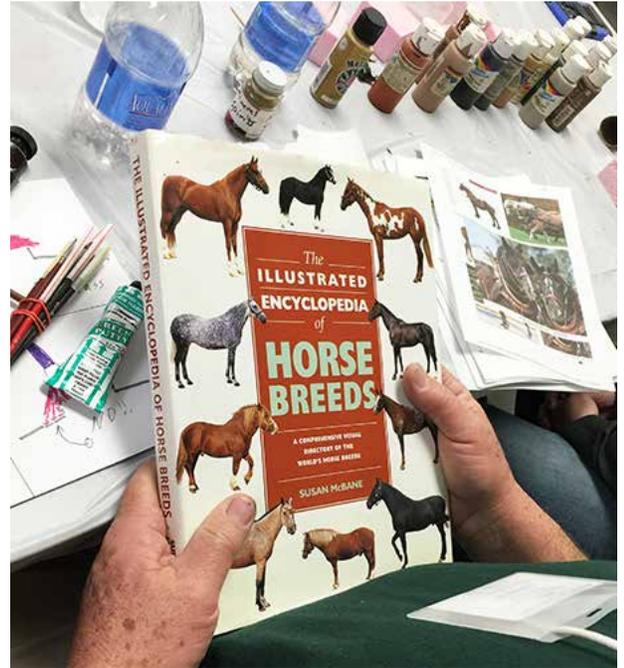


Painting Cows and Horses (Mules, Donkeys, and ****)

presented by Steve Weidner & Darla Jackson

A hands on clinic where you will paint your own farm animals and take it home with you.

The animal was washed in warm soapy water, rinsed, and dried. Later "Squadron Green Putty" was used to form a mustache, fill voids, and the head was cut to allow for the hat (and head) to be built. The next step would be to spray with inexpensive auto-mobile primer. Steve taught us to paint with acrylics, from the skin out much as we get dressed. After totally dry, a "wash" using oils ("Burnt Umber") and mineral spirits to accentuate the folds and wrinkles



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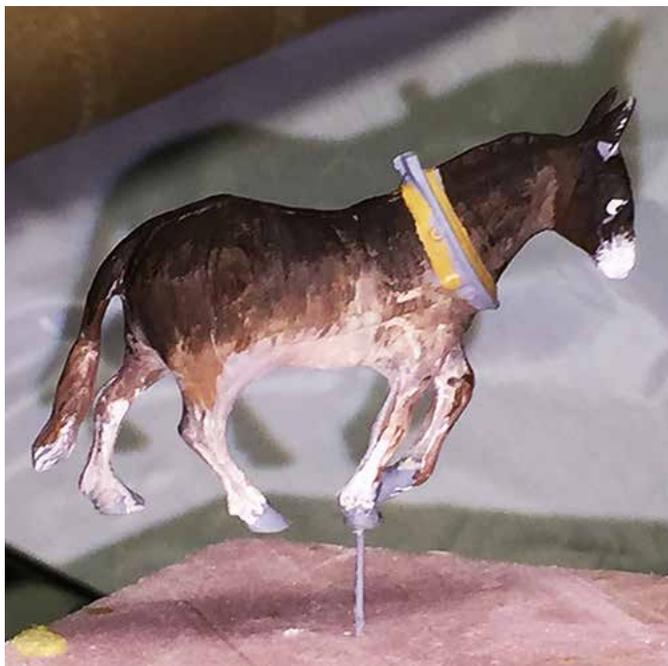
Resource books and images from the interNet are very helpful and useful



"Painting Animals"
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ALWAYS keep your source of lighting in mind as you do your painting (same mule different lighting)



The next technique involves using a “Sponge” to achieve subtle mottling



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clinic on:

Building Trestles

presented by Steve Weidner & Ron Whited

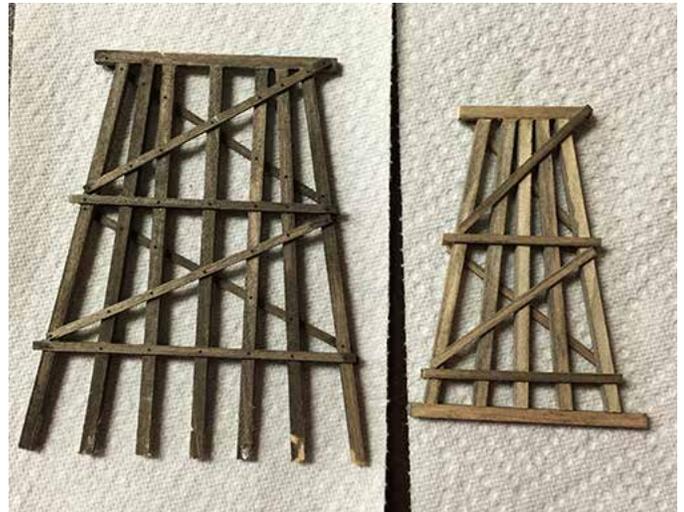
In this clinic you received instructions on how and why Trestles are built

Beginning with the type of stain you apply and how dark you desire is all a personal preference.



The “bent” on the left was stained using Acrylic Black & water. The “bent” on the right was stained using India Ink & Alcohol.

Also, Steve prefers using 3/16” basswood while Ron prefers using 1/4” stock; yet both model in the same scale (“O”).

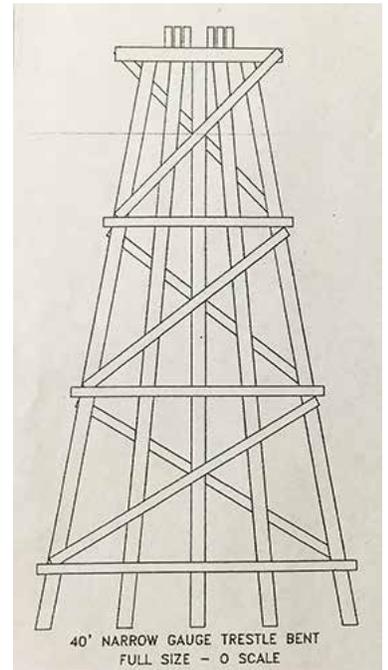
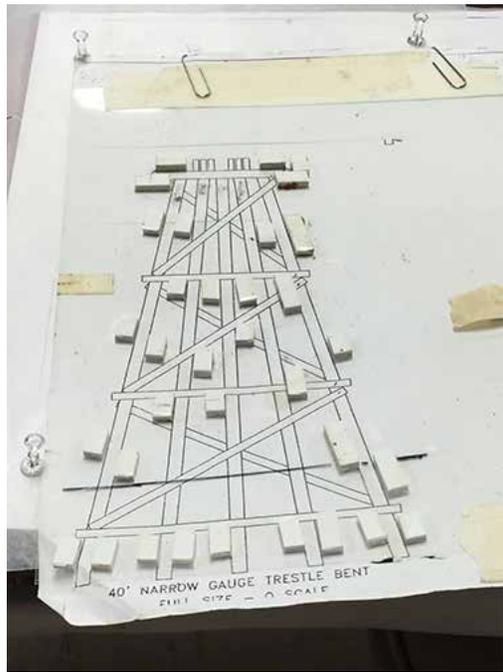
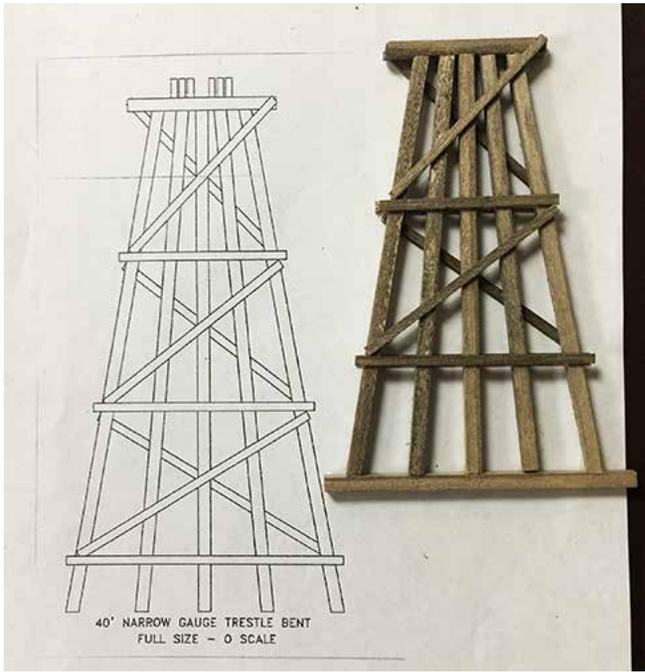


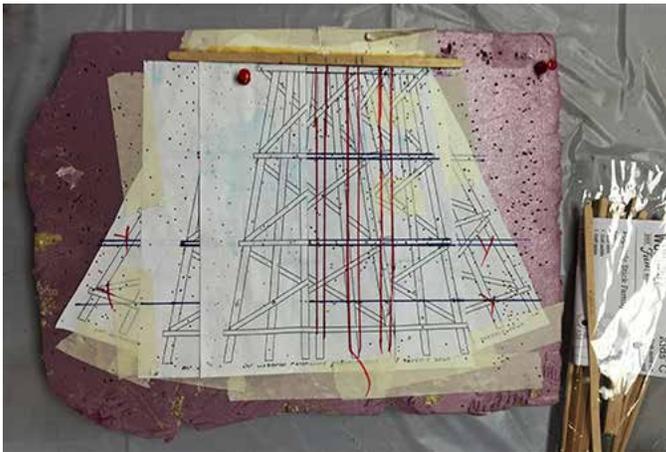
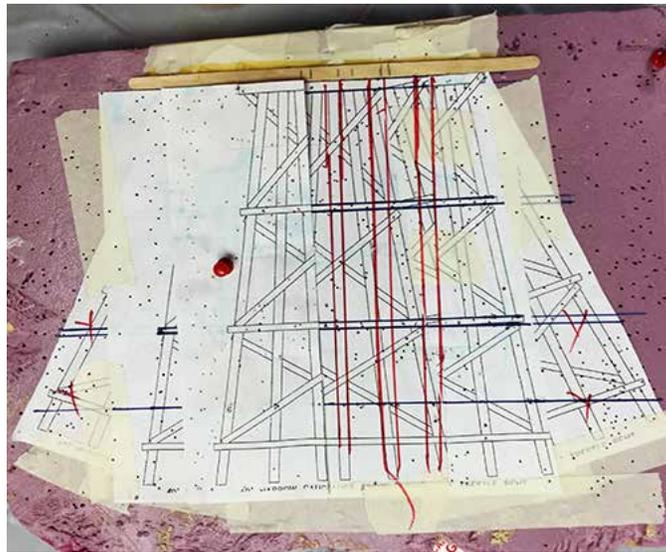
Steve’s workstation (seen above)



WOW, great tip: this “craft ruler” with notches to quickly determine the scale size of your lumber after staining piles and piles is available at Menard’s in their “Craft/scale Lumber” area.

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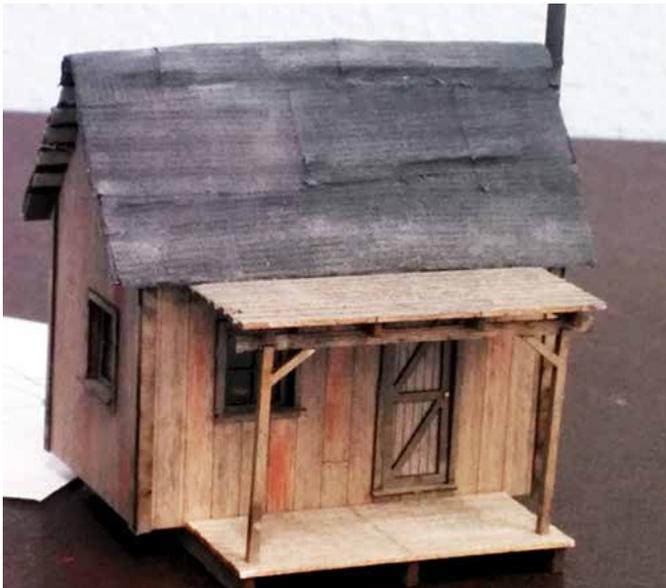
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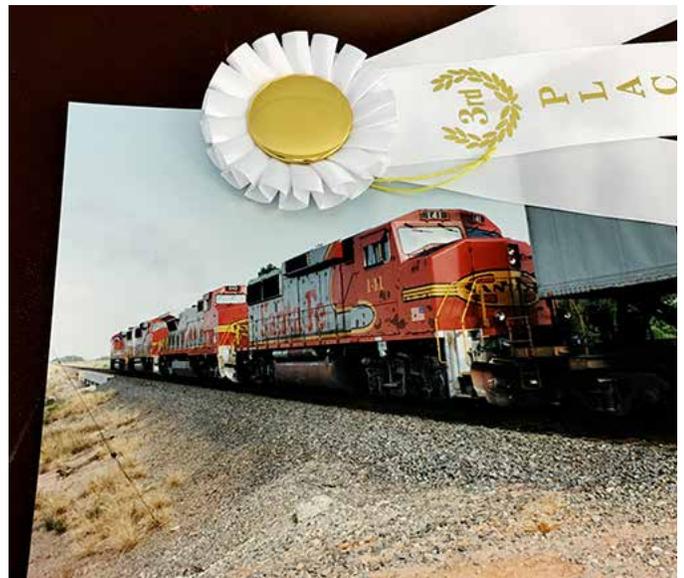
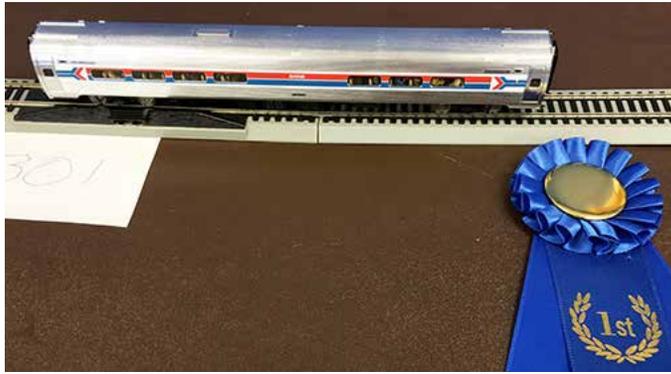
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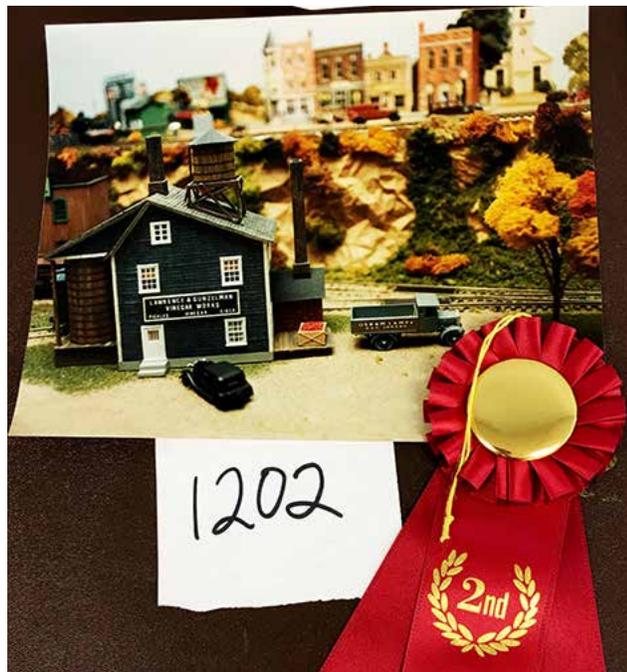
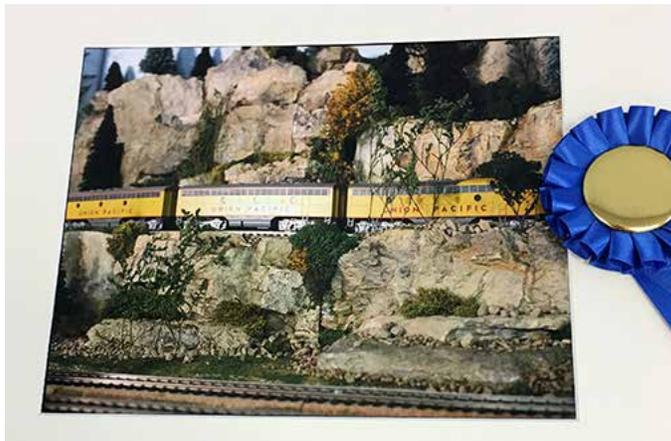
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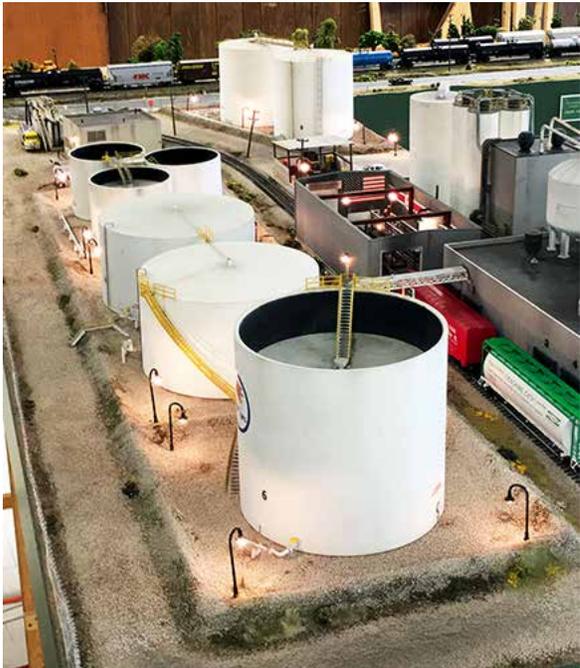
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“Contest Room”

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DOOR PRIZES

Again, Welcome to our annual visitor, Mr. Forrest Helton. (on right)

Below is the "drawing" and winner of the Train Show Grand Prize and the "Winner"



Finally, a terrific Sunset to end this years show!!!



...don't even ask Alan how/where this photo was taken that evening
tee hee hee

DOOR PRIZES



WICHITA AREA MODEL RAILROADERS



Monthly Luncheon Meeting

February 16, 2016

11:30am at Golden Corral

11006 East Kellogg Drive

Wichita, KS 67207-1922

(Just a short distance west of Greenwich Road on north side of street)

Our Hostess is "Bere"



Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

That's the reason for...Wichita Area Model Railroaders,
a fellowship of model railroaders in the Wichita, Kansas area.

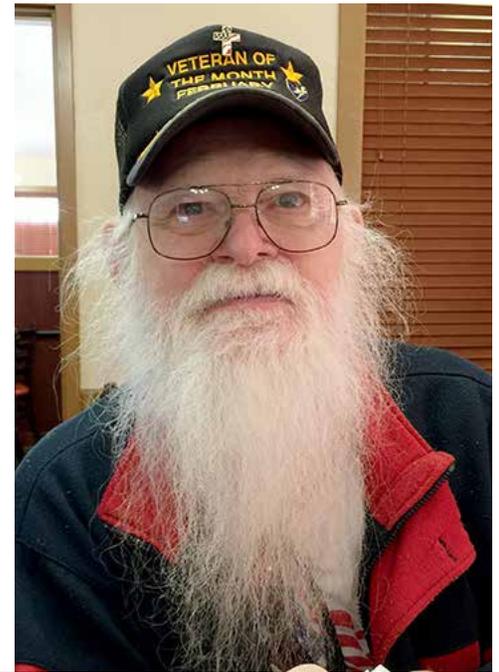
*****Tuesday's Program*****

Treasures from the Train Shows!

Show us your prized purchases!

Bring your stock car clinic creations!

Bring your prize winning models!



and we welcomed our visitors...





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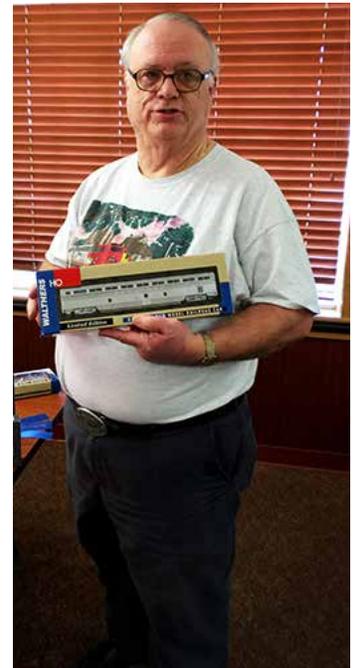
“flash” photography

Gene shares that when weathering...be aware of your lighting source(s)



Bob asks: “Why not a Hanukkah car?”

Randy shares his stories about obtaining some of “his favorite things”



Dan and his mule...



layout tours

Saturday, February 20th layout tour which follows two weeks after The Wichita Train Show and Swap Meet.

Met at Olivet Baptist Church

3440 West 13th Street North, Wichita, KS 67203-4560

(13th Street North & High Street

Began the day by gathering at 8 am,

First Stop was to visit **Terry Ross'** HO scale layout

*Photography by:
Gene Bowers,
Dan Hagenbuch, and
Alan Aagaard*



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Terry & his wife provided drinks & donuts in their Den, thus allowing the 25 of us folks to circulate through the layout room. The layout is a double-decker with a helix and is DC powered. He went on to explain his concept of lift-out scenery: because it is easier to build on a table-top than it is to build

in place. 15 different rock molds were used, plus using foam to vary the appearance. Terry explained that his layout is over 25 years old and was designed with his sons - each one had the “run” of their own mainline.



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The Helix is made of half circles - making 5 coils - and according to Jim Marlett (who actually timed it) the trains take approximately one minute at 2.72 percent incline.



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...and after all those years, Terry Ross forgot to duck-under long enough, which resulted in his head injury

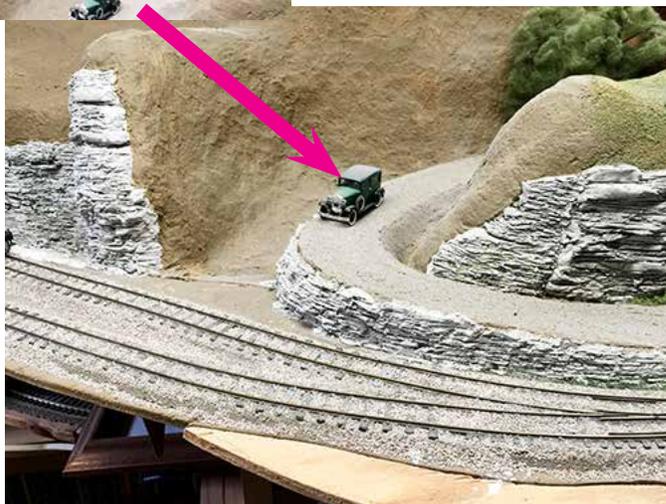
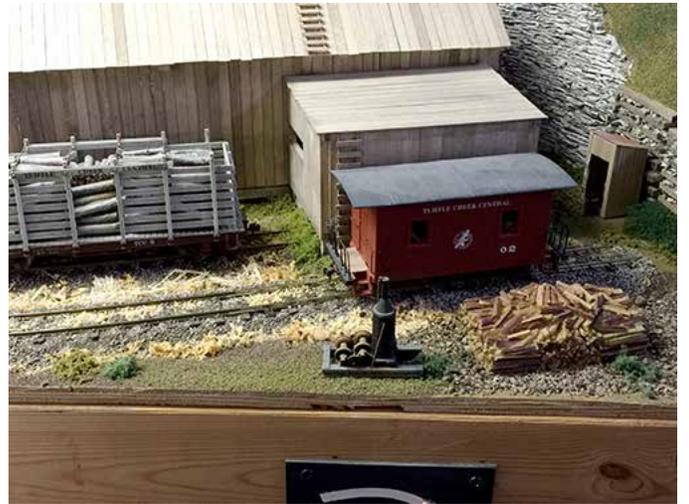
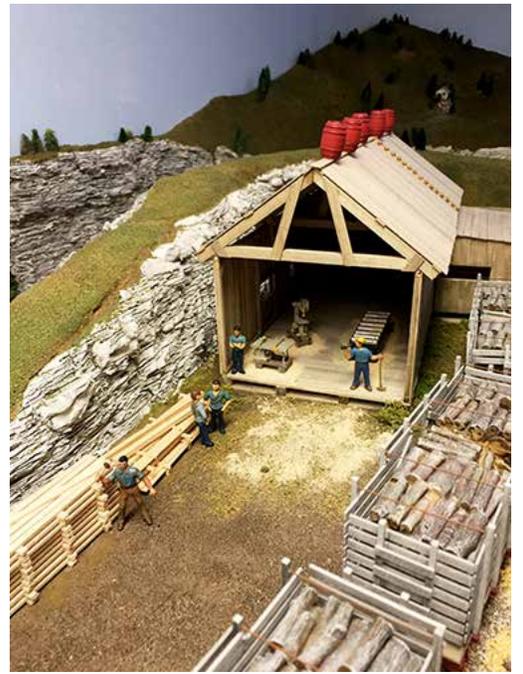
The second layout will be **Larry Gulick's On30** scale layout was a wonderful...yet short



visit due to crowds in small spaces. Larry is expanding his "scenic'd" areas by extending his mountain range and adding some 30+ trees in the new 6-8 feet. In addition, he has been working on the corner (at the base of his stairwell) as seen above. His visit ended around 10am.

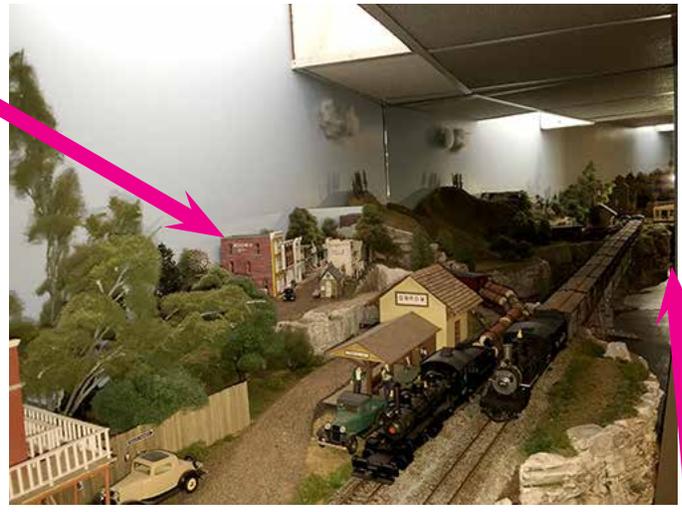
Below is the new area which will be shared by Larry at our upcoming April NMRA meeting





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Larry enjoys this corner as it is mixed 41 visual trickery - first he has incorporated “HO” scale buildings (and did you locate his “N” scale cabin in the mountains?) from his previous Layout, and...



...secondly, he enjoyed playing with mirrors in this corner, as well as the first corner upon descending into his basement, to give the illusion of a very long freight train.

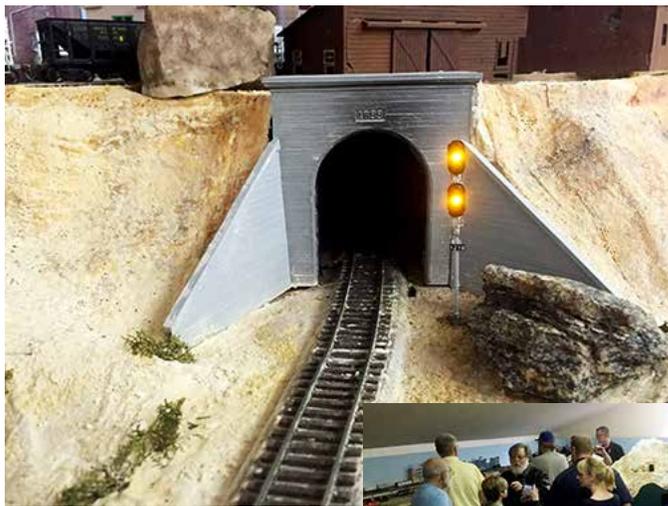


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Next came a visit to Dr. Dennis Buth's HO scale where we stayed until 12:30pm. It was reported to be a huge layout area above his three-car garage. His layout includes an impressive array of operating signals in active use, plus a densely populated (more than 25 locomotives) rail yard.



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Denver & Rio Grande Landscape Details (...just a few of the 33 provided by Dennis on his handout)

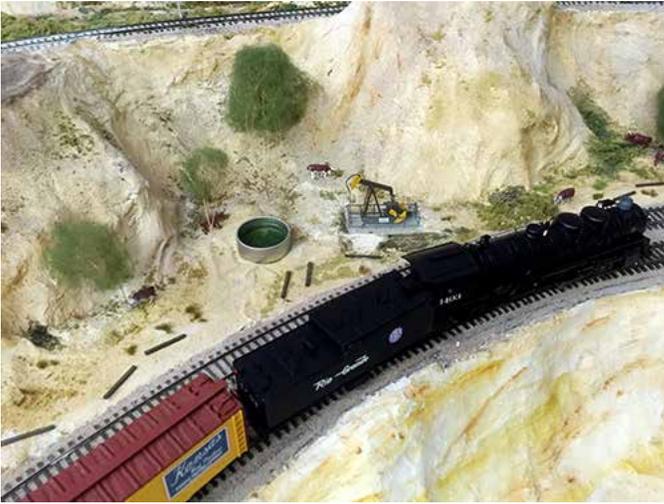


1. Antlers
2. Barber Shop
3. Bear coming out of a river
4. Boomerang Sale
7. Checkers Game
9. Climbers
11. Dynamite Shack
13. Elk up in the hills
14. Ladies (hidden in buildings - visible only when interior lights are turned on (LOL))
15. Mine Lights
18. Outhouse
20. Plutonium spill
24. Riverside Rexall
25. Rossi Pet Supply
29. Steel Company
33. Tent



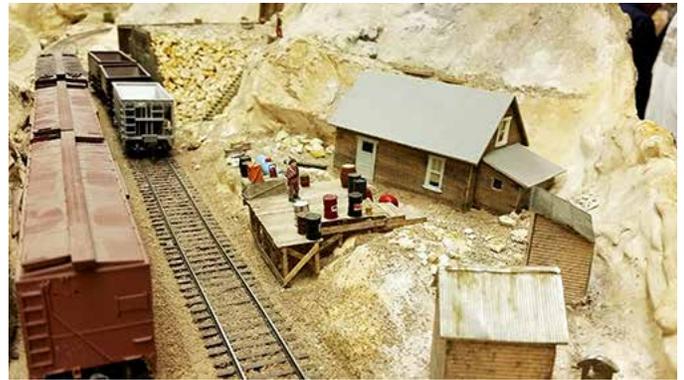
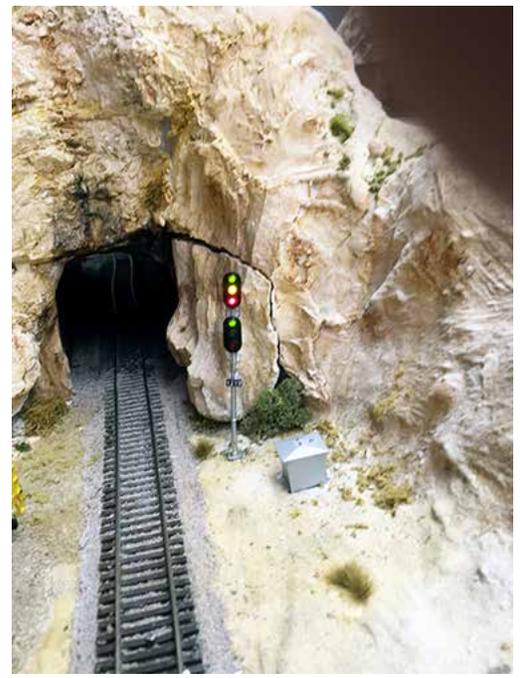
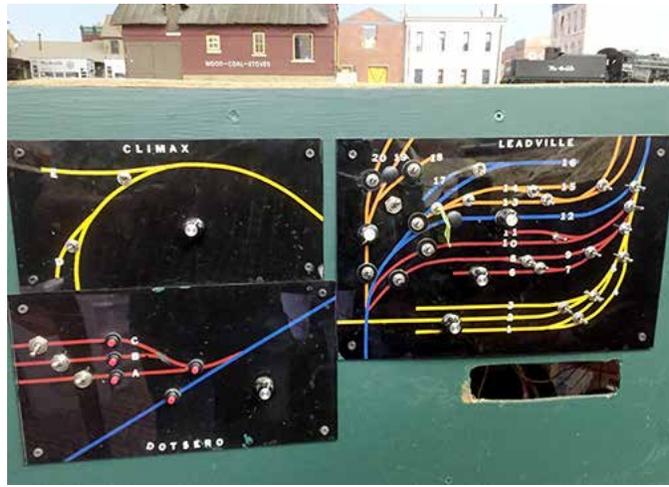
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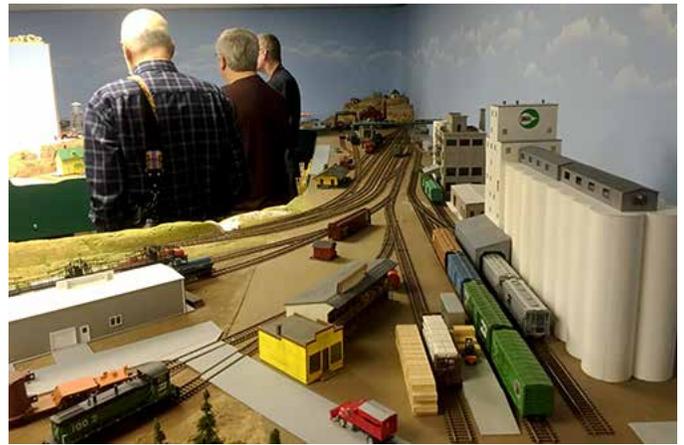
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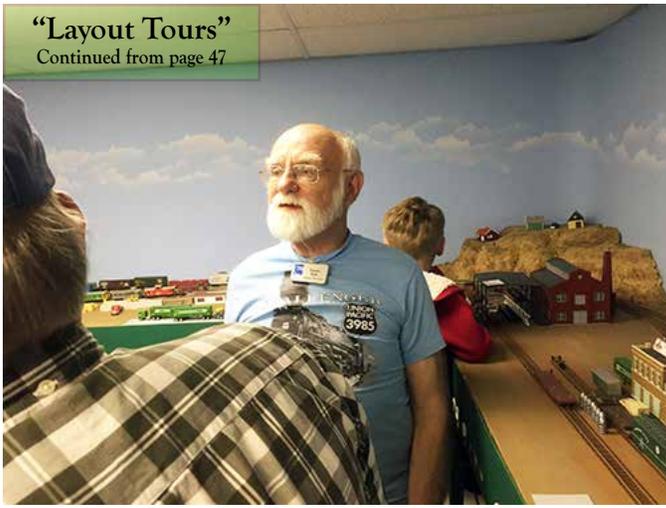


From there we went to Wayne Schueter's HO scale layout

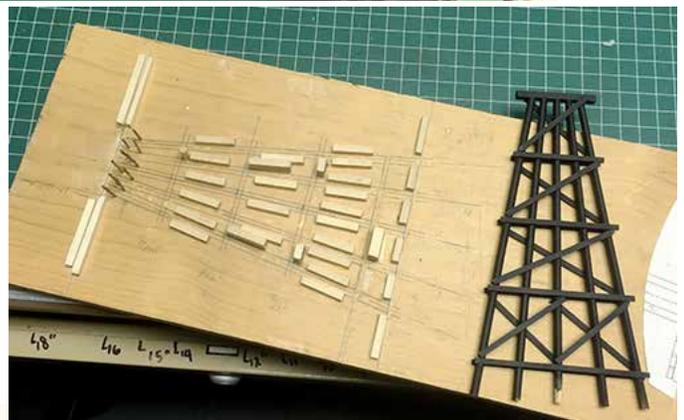
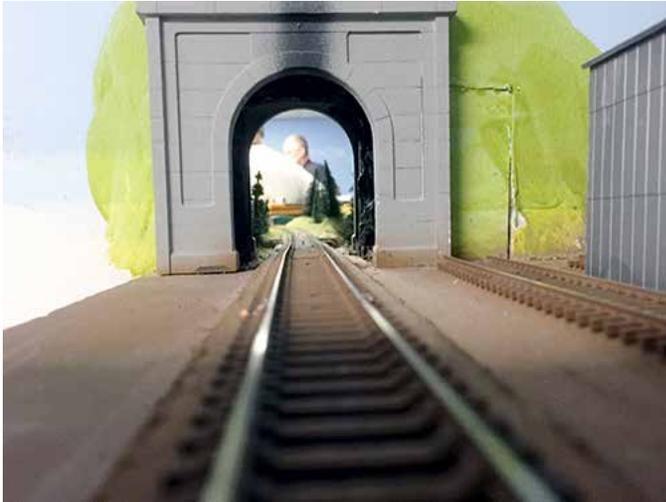


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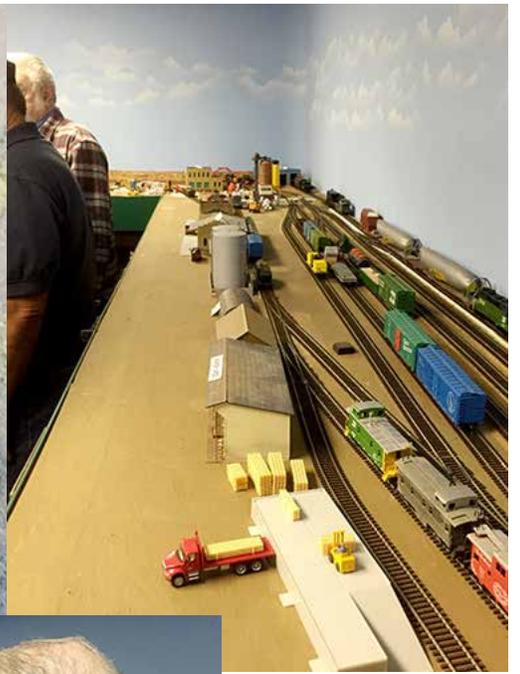
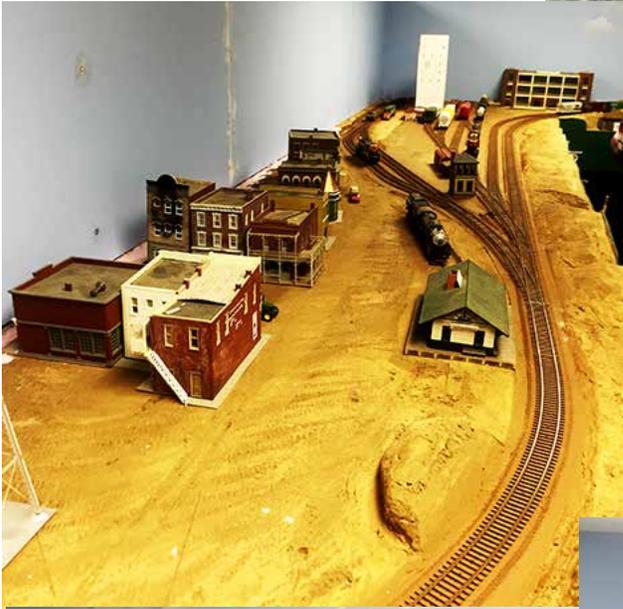


Wayne has been extremely busy here of late, as he ripped out much of his “island” and has replaced it with a “visual” scenic/room divider; and has done a fine job.



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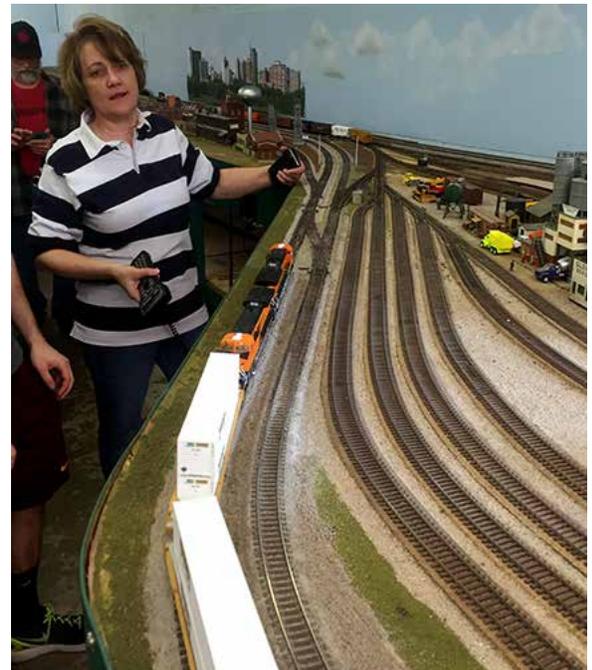
and, of course, we were treated to Mrs. S's "Holiday" themed railroad in their family room as we gathered.



The final stop of the day was the Augusta Train Club.
(and our group photo was taken by "anonymous" using Gene's iPhone - so, Thanks to "anonymous")



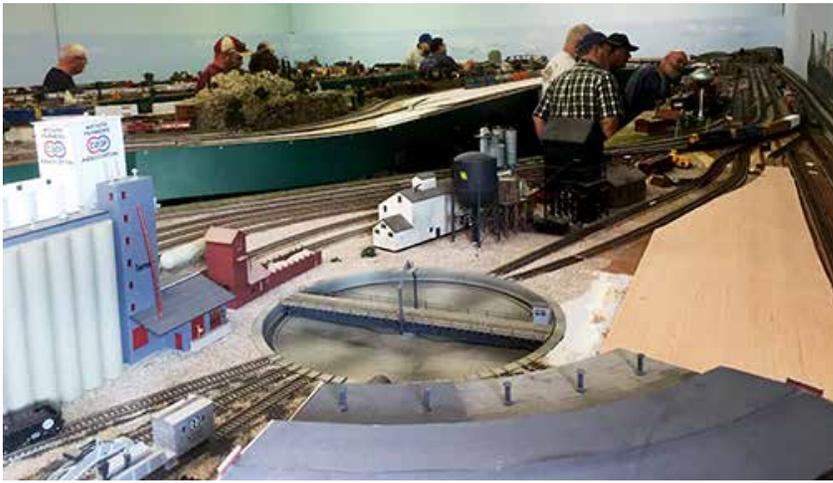
Operating session enjoyed by members



(Interesting observations/communications by many, were shared as just how much enjoyment the clique from the Augusta Club enjoyed their operating session, and what a closed-club image it was so successfully projecting. Ed.)

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We were so glad that:

* Eric (& his Mom)

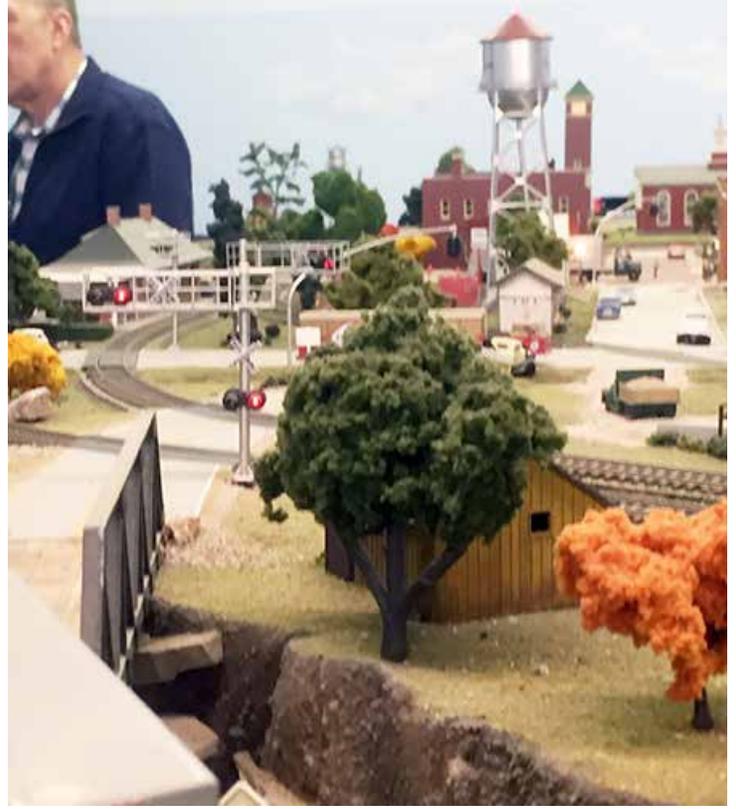
• Lynn & Fred Way and their Local relatives were also in attendance.

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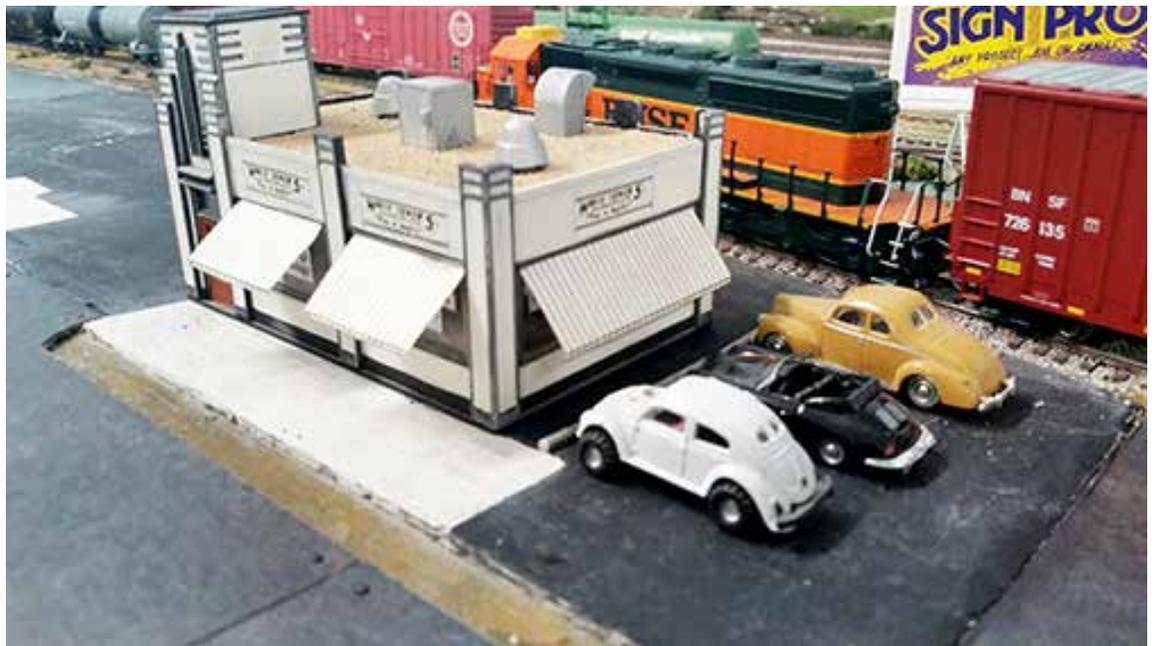
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...happiness is model railroading...



Looks like a White Castle Drive in and the old hot rods around



tales from the road

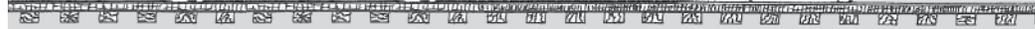


Here is a link to a web page my wife Patsy, just put up. There are a few railroad images in these. Look for them in the sections labeled Brisbane, Cairns, Undara, and Sydney.

http://travel.flatheadrag.com/Australia_2015/Welcome.html

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piques in progress --- upDates...



I posted some pictures of my light tests so far. i captioned the photos, so I won't repeat the information. Just click the pictures and read the notes.

<http://jimmarlett.zenfolio.com/p378442831>

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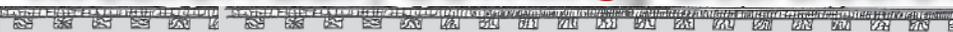
NMRA meeting
April 5, 2016

The 2015 National Narrow Gauge Convention, Parts 1 & 2
by Jim Marlett

Last year's convention was held in Houston, Texas, home to many remarkable model railroads, and they are all built without the benefit of basements. This month's presentation will cover the layouts Jim visited in the first part of the week. They will include an amazing indoor G-scale layout, an N-scale layout, a couple of On3 layouts, a beautiful garden layout, the world famous HO/HOn3 layout of Gil Freitag, and the largest HO/HOn3 home layout Jim has ever seen. Next month in Part 2, he will finish up the layout tours and show some of the modular layouts and displays at the convention hotel.



...calendar/coming attractions...



2016

March

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- 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
 - March 5 & 6, 2016 (Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm) - Rocky Mountain Train Show, Denver Mart, 451 East 58th Ave, Denver, CO 80216
 - March 26, 2016 (Sat 9am-3pm) - Joplin Museum Complex Model Train Show, 504 S Schifferdecker Ave., Joplin, MO

April

- April 2, 2016 - Greater Tulsa Train Show - Bixby Community Center, 211 North Cabaniss Ave. - Bixby, OK
- April 3, 2016 - Mid-American Train Show - KCI Expo Center, 11730 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO
- April 16, 2016 - Ozarks Model Railroad Association - #8th Annual Model Railroad and Swap Meet. Springfield Expo Ctr., 635 St. Louis Street. Springfield, MO
- April 16 & 17, 2016 (Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm) - 22nd Annual Train Show, D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, NE
- April 30 & May 1, 2016 (Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm) - American Train & Hobby Show & Sale, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Expo Hall #2, (I-44 and NW 10th St.) Oklahoma City, OK

May

- May 14, 2016 (Sat 9am-4pm) - 5th Annual Model Train and Railroad Memorabilia Show, Walsworth Community Center, 124 East Ritchie, Marceline, MO

- 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
- June 4 & 5, 2016 (Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm) - Center of the Nation Model Railroad Expo, Sunflower North Building, Kansas State - Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS
- June 21-26, 2016 the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society (SFRH&MS) is hosting the national convention right here in Wichita. The convention attracts Santa Fe fans from all over the globe and is the premier event for education and modeling of the Santa Fe Railway. The main draw are the exquisite clinics and extra fare trips, likewise there will be model railroads on display, a vendor room full of great items (mostly, but not all Santa Fe), and a contest room. Also, on the Sunday afternoon, after the convention breaks up, there are usually layout tours. I have been put in charge to find local model railroads that would be willing to open their homes for just a few short hours on that Sunday afternoon. At the moment we have one model railroad open house. Please reach out to myself (Matt Martin) at MMartin104@gmail.com if you would be willing to share your layout to members and modelers from around the world. Your layout does NOT have to be Santa Fe either.

The convention hotel address:
9100 E Corporate Hills Dr Wichita, KS 67207

More details as they become available
<http://atsfrr.com/convention/2016%20Wichita/Index.htm>

July

- July 4-10 2016 - National Garden Railway Convention (San Francisco, CA)
- July 19 -24, 2016 - National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) National Convention, Denver, CO

August

- August 6, 2016 (Sat 10am-2:30pm) - Train Show & Swap Meet, Warrenton Elks Lodge, 1101 East Veterans Memorial Parkway, Warrenton, MO

September

- September 7 - 10, 2016 (Wednesday - Saturday) 36th National Narrow Gauge Convention (Augusta, Maine) Learn more at: <http://nngc2016.org/wp/>

October

- October 6 - 9, 2016 - Missouri Pacific Historical Society National Convention, Jefferson City, MO

in future issues...

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...

We will hear from:

- Gene Bowers
- Charles Ingrim (oh, that photo is to make you wonder...)
- Tom Smith
- Larry Gulick
- Charles Dugnolle
- John Kraft
- ...further adventures of the “Narrow Gaugers”
- and others

