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On the cover....

Division member **Todd Skaggs** of Dodge City, Kansas has one of the best HO-scale layouts in the area. Recently Todd sent some new photos of his layout based on the Denver & Rio Grande Western in Colorado. Todd often travels to Colorado on vacation and brings back some very impressive photos of the area and train action. His layout utilizes digital photo backdrops from Colorado.

Inside this edition...

- More photos from Todd's layout
- Photo and video coverage of the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club's annual Train Show in Dodge City
- Photos of the new home of the Western Kansas Rails (WKR) N-scale layout, and more....



## Western Kansas Division You Tube Page

The activities of the Division are on my original YouTube page, located here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EPv8cQ04rRGAYts-734jw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EPv8cQ04rRGAYts-734jw?view_as=subscriber)

A Scene from the WKR N-scale layout Op Session



# Boot Hill Show 2019

For more than a quarter century, the **Boot Hill Model Railroad Club** has displayed the best in model railroading on the weekend before Thanksgiving in Dodge City, Kansas. For the past several years, the show has been held in the Western State Bank Expo Center and this year's show had a good variety of layouts in most scales.



(Above) Just one of the impressive scenes on Mark Fisher's On30 layout that is focused on the logging industry of yesteryear. Mark scratch-built the curved wooden trestle in the background, in fact all the structures are scratch-built. In this scene the sections of cut tree trunks are floated down to the sawmill and loggers are moving the trunks to the flu where a moving chain with hooks grabs the trunks and pulls them up to the cutting deck.



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(Left) After the tree trunks reach the cutting deck, the moving trolley (lower right) loads the trunks onto the trolley which runs the trunks through the band saw (center) cutting them into slices.

Ready to see the sawmill in action? Just click on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8jeqFqnztM>

(Below) A good look at the trolley which on Mark's layout moves back and forth on a timer circuit.





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The On30 layout built and displayed by Ron Whited of Garden City, KS.



You can see Ron's layout in action here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GIhzWglxRc>





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(Above) All three of the On30 layouts hooked together, the closest is the layout of Joelle Karma of Garden City, KS.



(Above) One of the more popular layouts is the large, G-scale, traveling layout and you can see it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zxe0A5AEzE>



# Boot Hill Show 2019



Hector Coss of Lewis, KS. displayed his N-scale, N-TRAK layout with a little help from Jerry Bruce of McPherson, KS. and Sylvester Rodriguez of Garden City, KS.



See the action on Hector's layout here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcZXVyYiNXc&t=31s>

Sylvester brought his Athearn 4041 Big Boy locomotive: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEDaDN\\_iH7A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEDaDN_iH7A)



# Boot Hill Show 2019

The Boot Hill Model Railroad Club displayed their HO-scale Club layout with several interesting scenes.







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# Todd's House



Todd Skaggs Photo

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Division Member Todd Skaggs of Dodge City, KS. has a highly detailed HO-scale layout in his home and he recently sent some new photos of some of the action on the layout.



# Todd's House



Todd Skaggs Photo

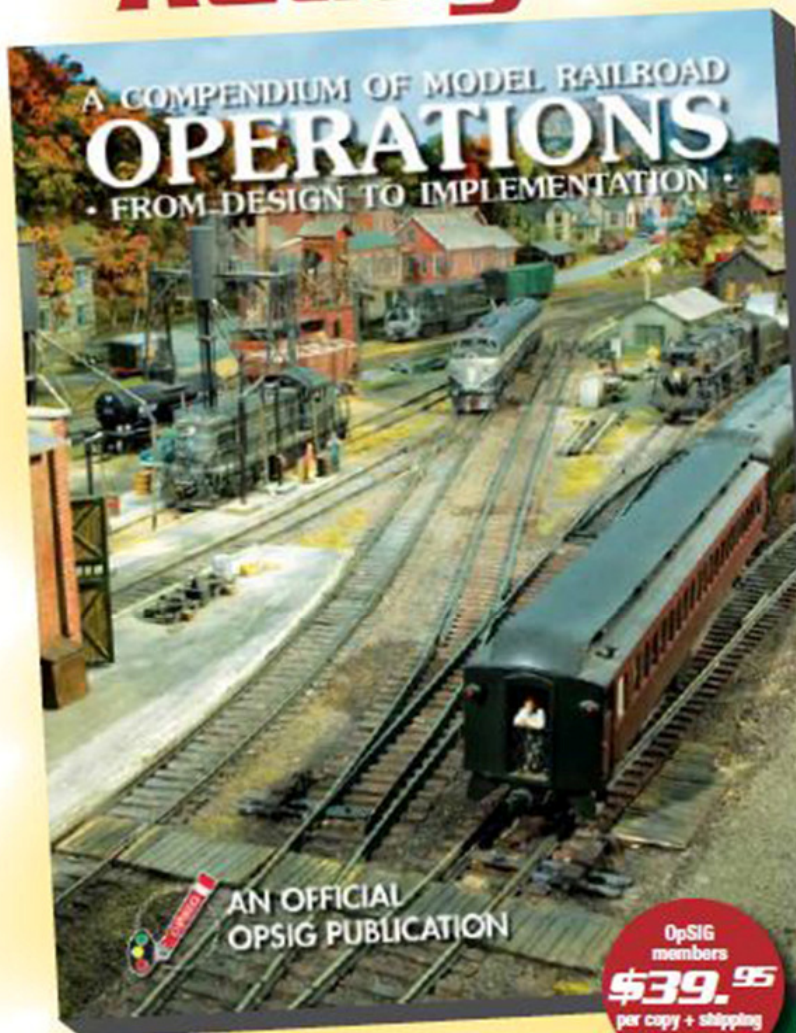
Todd Skaggs Photo



A lot of Todd's photo backgrounds came from photos he took while traveling in Colorado, and they add a tremendous amount of realism to the layout.



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# The Real Deal



(Above) Back in July I was still living in Garden City and came across a large consist of BNSF motive power tied down on the stock track.

More recently, November 29<sup>th</sup> (Black Friday), I had moved to Dodge City and while getting the mail I heard a large grain train slowly rolling through town, so I chased it to the South 14<sup>th</sup> street crossing for the Cimarron Valley, then learned later it had delivered it's cars to the grain elevator in Ensign, KS.



You can watch the run-by here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Srimn-ni3VQ&t=71s>



# The Mid-Continent Region Facebook Page

The Mid-Continent Region has its own Facebook page, open to all members to post everything model train related. You are encouraged to post any activities such as train shows, clinics, and upgrades to your home or club layouts. This is your page, so feel free to use it, just take this link to your page:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851848998468077/?ref=group\\_header](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851848998468077/?ref=group_header)



(Above) Just one of the spectacular scenes on the HO-scale Southern Kansas Free-Mo layout on display during the Mid-Continent Region Convention 2019 in Wichita, KS.



# WKR Layout

As of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the move from Garden City to Dodge City, KS. is complete. All our possessions were placed into the metal building, most in the train room, so now the plan is to move everything into the house, and we have accomplished much. The West side of the train room is nearly complete with a clean isle and the stereo speakers mounted on the wall. In addition, the South wall is also nearly complete, but the East wall area is still a disaster.





# WKR Layout



After the last train show in the spring, the decision was made to switch to radio throttles with the plug-in stations as a back-up. Back in May, an order was placed for the equipment, just before the Digitrax factory was struck by a tornado, so the parts came in as they became available during the Summer and we have everything necessary to go wireless.



(Above) A pair of the new Scale Trains N-scale Dash 9's at work on the WKR...



# WKR Layout

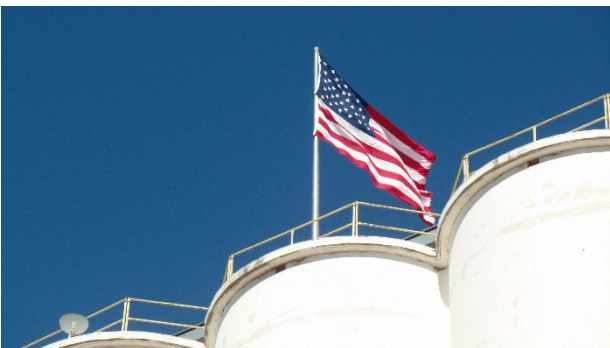


(Above) I have always preferred taking photos in natural sunlight as you get more vibrant colors and natural shadows. In our new home with no structures to the West, I intend to take one or two modules at a time outdoors in the Spring or Summer as weather permits to do some natural light photo shoots.

Scale Trains new Dash 9's on the WKR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4goLWiXZIF4>

ADM switching on the WKR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOhxl9Y2WHs>

Working Fantastic Plastics on the WKR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x2fnVitXPM>



## Facebook

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<https://www.facebook.com/Western-Kansas-Division-592835177514577/>



# Date Book

## December 2019

7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Sat – Sun	<b>OKC Train Show</b> 3212 Wichita Walk <a href="https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/">https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/</a>	Oklahoma City, OK.
13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Fri – Sat	<b>Boulder Model Railroad Club Train Show</b> <a href="http://www.bouldermodelrailroadclub.org/index.php/train-expo/40th-annual-train-expo-2018">http://www.bouldermodelrailroadclub.org/index.php/train-expo/40th-annual-train-expo-2018</a>	Longmont, CO.
14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Sat – Sun	<b>The Great train Show</b> Overland Park Convention Center <a href="http://greattrainshow.com/">http://greattrainshow.com/</a>	Overland Park, KS.

## January 2020

11 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	<b>Mid-Continent Region BOD Meeting</b> Antioch Branch of Johnson Co. Library – 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway	Kansas City, KS.
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## February 2020

Sat – Sun	<b>Wichita Train Show (NMRA)</b> Cessna Activity Center	Wichita, KS.
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## March 2020

20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Fri – Sun	<b>Layout Design &amp; Operations Weekend</b> <a href="http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/">http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/</a>	Tulsa, OK.
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If you are interested in operations you can check out the group Operations Special Interest group on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/651206015243018/photos/651213258575627/>





On the Back Cover:

One last look at the WKR layout with a bit of natural sunlight.

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