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On the cover:

On Saturday, January 26th Eddie Alvarado and I traveled west to Sugar City, CO. to participate in another operating session on the fabulous "New York, New Haven, & Hartford" HO-scale railroad. I was able to begin collecting hours towards the Chief Dispatcher achievement award besides having a ball. More pics and vids are inside....



Western Kansas Division You Tube Page

The activities of the Division have been moved to my original YouTube page, located here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EPv8cQ04rRGAYts-734jw?view_as=subscriber

Great Northern Butte Division HO-scale layout by John Breau in Peculiar, MO.



The Mid-Continent Region Facebook Page

Created in August of 2017, the Mid-Continent Region now has its own Facebook page. It's 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

Wichita Train Show 2019



The first weekend in February, the **Chisholm Trail Division** played host to one of the best shows in Kansas, held in the Cessna Activity Center in Wichita, KS. The building is divided into two halves, the first near the front door held the mass of vendors with products in every scale, and the rest of the building was reserved for multiple train layouts in most of the scales.



Wichita Train Show 2019



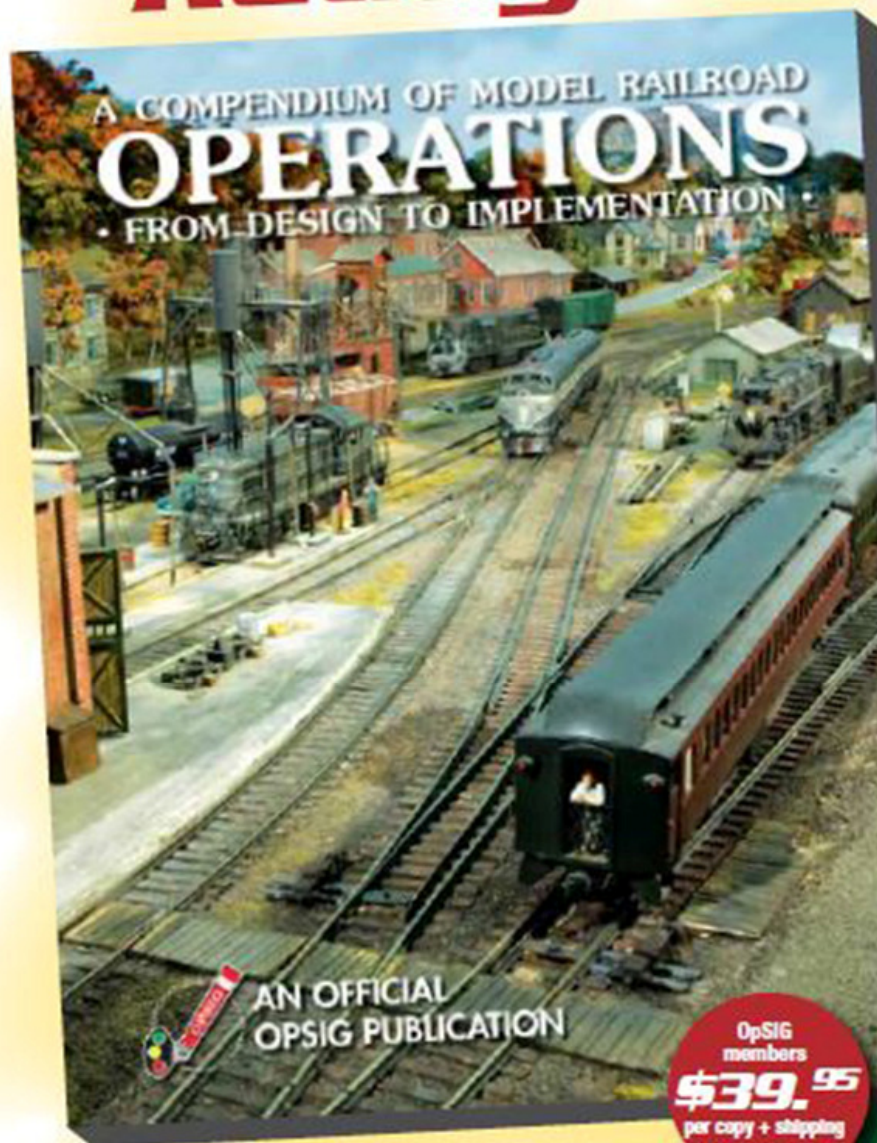
Wichita Train Show 2019



The Western Kansas Division wishes to thank the members of the **Chisholm Trail Division** for inviting us to display the N-scale WKR layout, and for all their hard work in putting on such a good show.

We'll see you next year!

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BOD Meeting 2019



The January Board of Directors Meeting was held on Saturday, January 5th in Kansas City, and all the Region business was dispatched in a timely manner.

I took the opportunity to drive up to Kansas City on Friday and was met by the delegation from the Gateway Division including Region President Hank Kraichely and Region Attorney John Garavaglia. The first task was to hit a local Hobby Shop, second, was to experience the excellent bar-b-que offered by the City and we found a great restaurant.

With some advance warning, past Region President, Larry Alfred opened his home to allow us to visit his excellent O / On3 home layout. Thank You Larry for the tour.



Layout Updates

Todd Skaggs – Dodge City, KS. – HO / N Scales

Last month, Todd added a new N-scale layout to his collection, and this month has some new HO-scale locomotives from Scale Trains.

C44-9W Start-Up: <https://youtu.be/Rg5h3ELgVC0>

Scale Trains “Rivet Counter” C44-9W in HO: <https://youtu.be/2IPTayPxPvg>

Patrick Pedersen – Jetmore, KS. – HO scale

I met Pat at the Dodge City Train Show in November, and after visiting for a bit, he joined the NMRA and is the newest member of the Western Kansas Division. He was having troubles with his first layout, so I drove over one Sunday and worked on it together. He has a dedicated train room in his basement and is in the planning process for a room-sized layout.

Dr. Terry Hunsberger, MD – Garden City, KS. - O scale

Terry has been a big help to me in arranging help to unload the ambulance and returning the layout to the second story of the club building. He likes Lionel trains, and has a separate storage building which has just been cleaned out, so after some upgrades to the interior, he will begin construction on his new layout.

Robert Simmons – Garden City, KS. – N-scale

While attending the Oklahoma City Train Show, I learned that the Indian Nations Division was holding a closed operating session this year, so with March freed-up, I applied to display the WKR layout during the **Rocky Mountain Train Show** in Denver. After a short delay, they decided to open a new section of the building, and therefore I am proud to announce that the Western Kansas Rails N-scale layout has been accepted into this year’s show.

Big changes are on the horizon, my Wife and I just completed the purchase of two lots in a development just north of Dodge City, Kansas. Plans include a single-level ranch style home on a full basement plus a metal building to become the new home of the Layout Transport Vehicle and the WKR layout. Of course, this would also mean a new N-scale home layout in the future. This move will allow my Wife to leave the nursing home and live in her own home again with nursing care from an agency.

Operations

The Operating Crew of the Western Kansas Division (Eddie Alvarado and I) again headed west to the magnificent “New York, New Haven, & Hartford” HO-scale layout located in Sugar City, Colorado. It’s an all-day adventure as it’s a three-hour trip one way, but the operations are worth it. Since I have been participating in numerous operating sessions, the thought struck me that I should start keeping records so I can achieve my sixth award of Chief Dispatcher while enjoying myself, so I clocked the first five hours on this trip.



Operations



I discovered an ad for a tiny TAC camera on Facebook in November and brought it with me to the operating session. Bill was kind enough to provide a flat car and locomotive plus delay the start of the session a few minutes. The camera was attached to the flat car, and around the layout we went, giving a cab-view of his impressive layout.

You can see Part 1 here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8O7E5V25lbg>



Operations



Part 2 of the New Haven Cab Ride can be seen here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kNUy---gPM&t=2s>



Operations



Part 3 of the New Haven Cab Ride can be viewed here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7LPRfZ89zY&t=17s>

A regular video of the session is available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uozgnwmLZQM&t=287s>



Thank You Bill for a great time.

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9 th & 10 th Sat & Sun	Lawrence 18th Annual Train Show Crown Toyota Used Car Kingdom http://lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org/TrainShow.html	Lawrence, KS.
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March, 2019

2 nd & 3 rd Sat & Sun	Rocky Mountain Train Show Denver Mart https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/	Denver, CO.
16 th & 17 th Sat & Sun	Model Train Show (Boot Hill Model RR Club) Gray County Rec Center – 801 West Avenue A	Cimarron, KS.
29 th – 31 th OK. Fri - Sun	OKC Railroad Expo (Toy Train Operating Society) http://www.ttos-sooner.org/next-show/	Oklahoma City,

April, 2019

13 th & 14 th Sat & Sun	Arkansas City Train Show (Wichita Toy Train Club) http://www.wichitatoystainmuseum.org/	Arkansas City, KS.
27 th & 28 th Sat & Sun	Herington Railroad Days Herington Community Building – 800 S. Broadway	Herington, KS.

June, 2019

20 th – 23 rd Thu – Sun	2019 Mid-Continent Region Convention NMRA	Wichita, KS
29 th & 30 th Sat & Sun	Spring Creek Model Trains Train Show Thayer County Event Center http://www.springcreekmodeltrains.com/	Deshler, NE.

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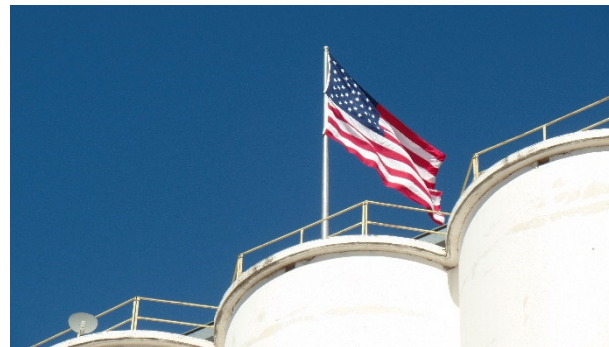
7 th – 13 th UT. Sun – Sat	2019 NMRA National Convention Little America Hotel http://www.nmra2019slc.org/	Salt Lake City,
27 th Saturday	Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show (+ Layout Tours) Shawnee Mission North High School	Overland Park, KS.

*** Click on the blue links to go to the Club's show page ***

Facebook

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You can tune into the WKD Facebook page.

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





On the back cover:

One last look at the 2019 Wichita Train Show with a view of the Western Kansas Rails N-scale layout presented by the Western Kansas Division of the NMRA.

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