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On the cover:

"Downtown Fremont, Colorado", just one of the spectacular scenes found on the **Slim On3 Rail** modular layout. The layout was on display during the TECO Show held in Colorado Springs on the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. There were many well-done layouts, including the two layouts from Slim Rails. The attention to details large and small with the combination of eye-catching backgrounds, DCC and sound almost made the layout come alive. More on the TECO Show 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EPv8cQ04rRGAYts-734jw?view_as=subscriber)

Miles & Fran Hale's Kansas City Southern On30 layout



## *The New 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:

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# TECO SHOW

On the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the **TECO** Show was held in Colorado Springs, CO. presented by TECO (Train Expo Colorado), a group of several model railroad clubs joining together to put on shows to promote the hobby. There were several layouts featuring the more popular scales, and with several different aspects of the hobby.

Before the show opened on Sunday morning, I had the opportunity to take many photographs followed by videos of each layout.



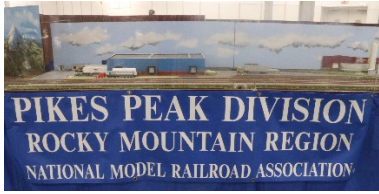
The largest scale on display was the **Slick X Line** O-scale layout that featured many structures and railroad equipment that were highly detailed and/or weathered.



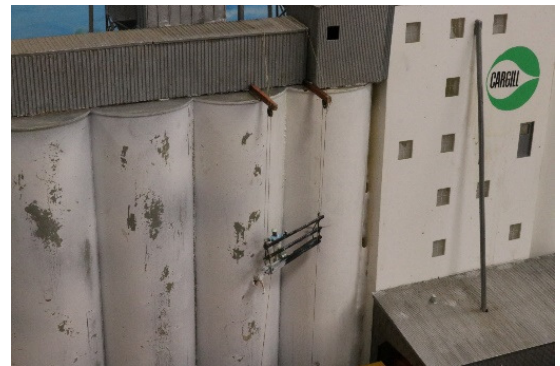
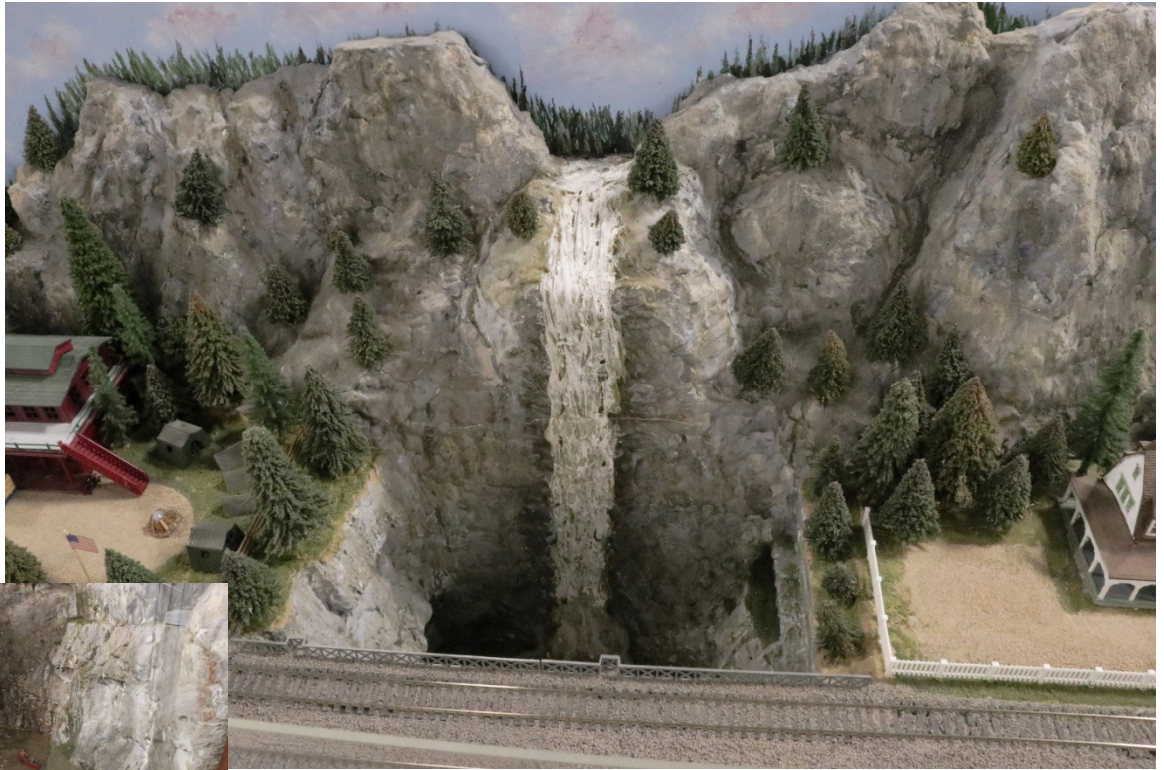
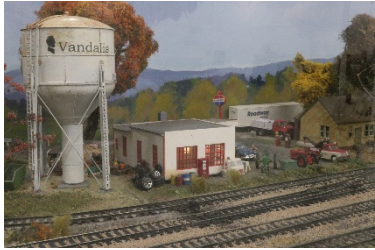
You can watch the video tour for the Slick X Line here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uz1JWSSKfx8>



# TECO SHOW



The **Pike's Peak Division, NMRA** presented the largest layout in size with their Excellent HO-scale modular layout. There were so many well-done scenes but I can only show a few of the best here.

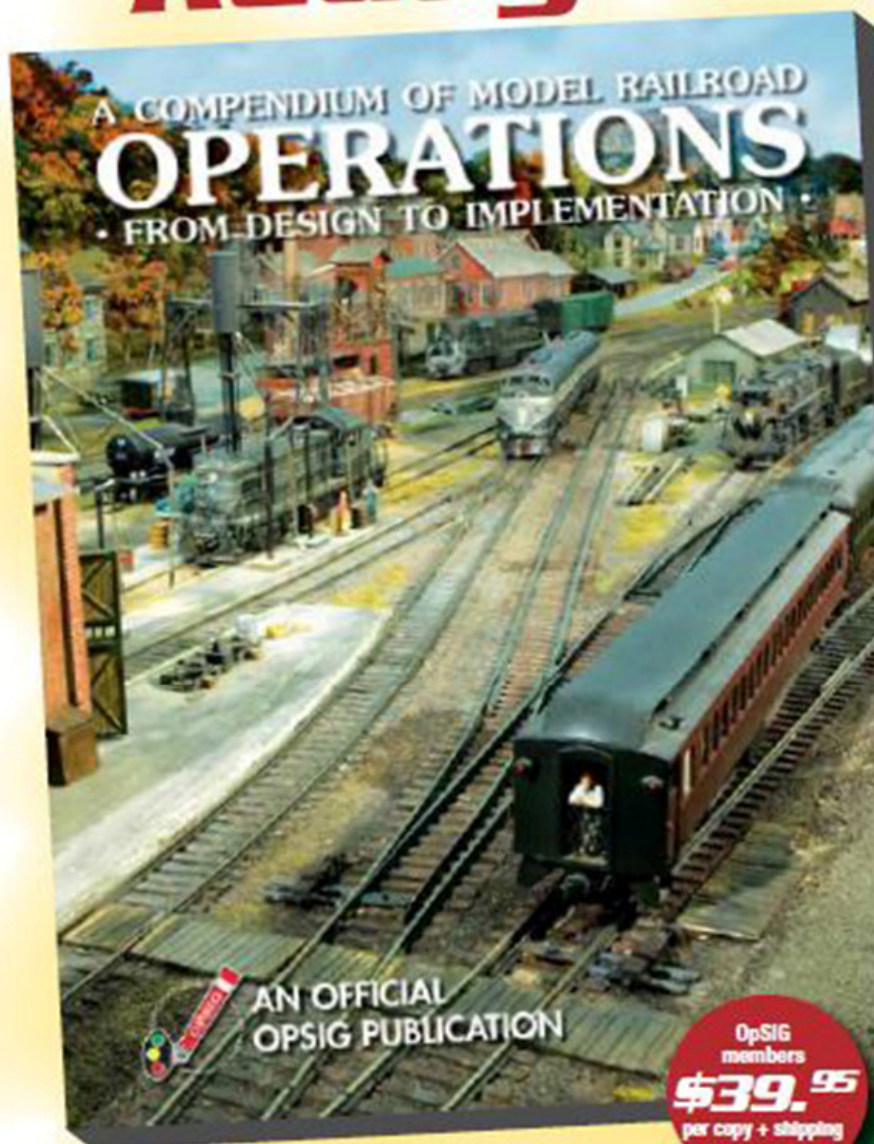


You can view the video tour here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHCc7M1Krzs>



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# TECO SHOW

The Pike's Peak "N" Gineers displayed their N-scale, N-Trak layout that is always a crowd favorite with their innovative scenery ideas and animation.



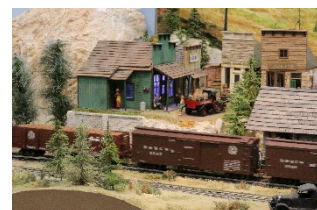
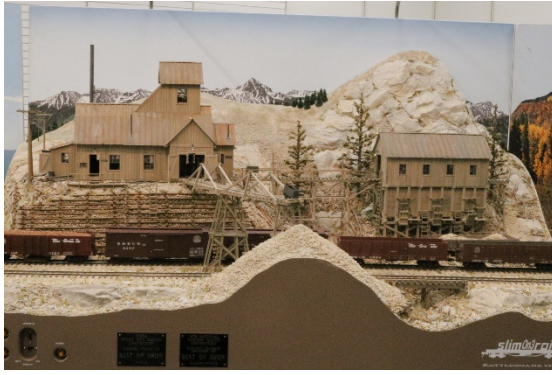
You can watch the video tour here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eukGRJ723Lg>





# TECO SHOW

One of the more highly detailed layouts belonged to **Slim On3 Rail**. Everywhere you looked, you could spot more details, they even included a couple of Displays explaining the area's real history and the men behind it, a truly well-done Layout.



You can view the video tour here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl\\_SsJu24Sk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl_SsJu24Sk)



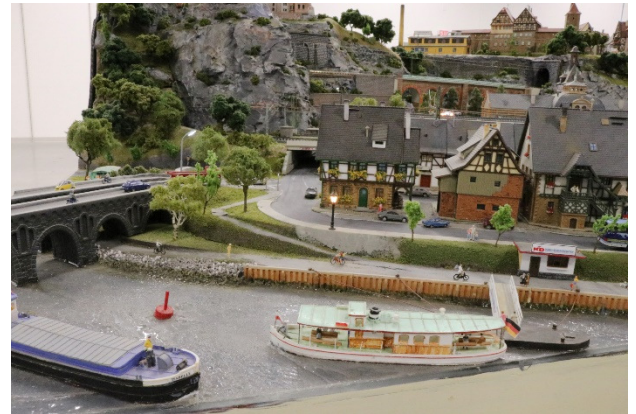


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## *Rheinland Bayern Bahn (N Scale)*

(BB 43) depicting the Rheinland - Bavarian Town and a Schwarzwald

An N-scale peek into Germany was provided by the excellent layout  
**Rheinland Bayern Bahn**, a small layout packed with animation and details.

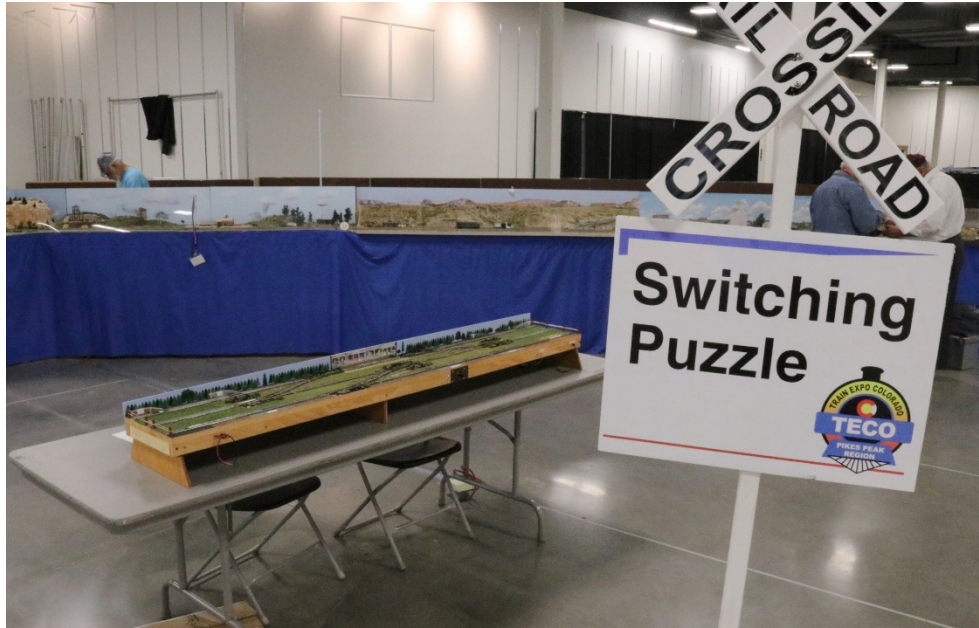


You can experience the video tour here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m28Wwuhi3b4>



# TECO SHOW



Just one of the attractions for kids of all ages was the **Switching Puzzle**, where you are tasked with spotting a small group of cars at several industries with a minimum of moves, quite the Chess game.

You can view the video tour here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhlroxYvDkc>



The Western Kansas Division, NMRA was represented by the **Western Kansas Rails** N-scale layout.

You can watch the video tour here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYQGJ7oEZ\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYQGJ7oEZ_I)



The **Pike's Peak Division, NMRA** showed their devotion to sharing their love for the hobby with a full schedule of clinics.

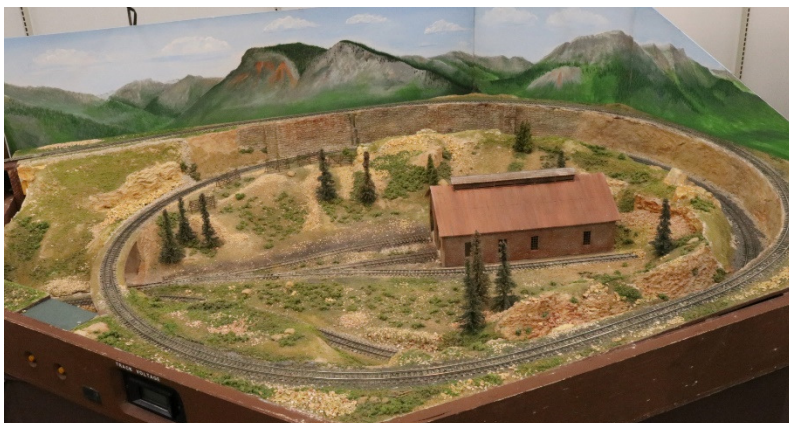
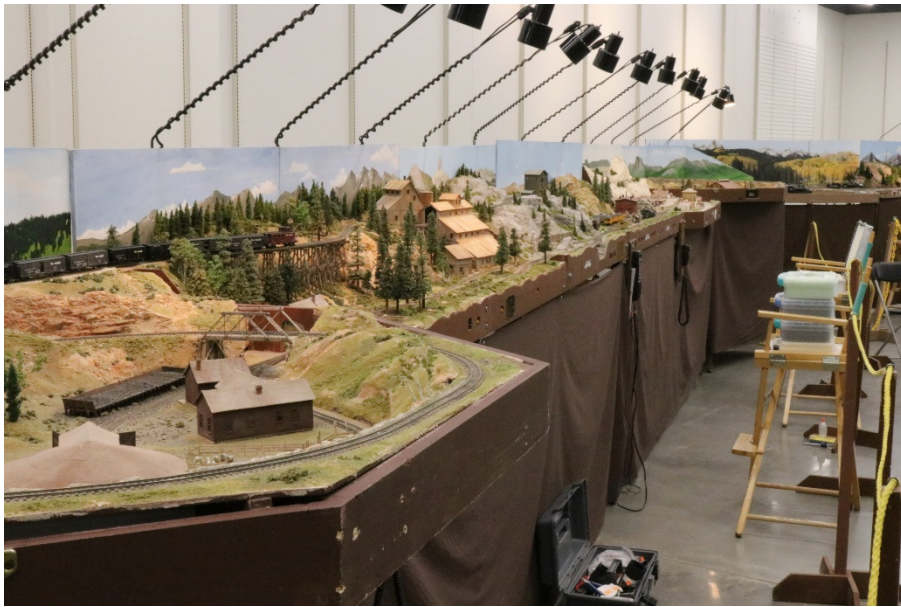
You can view the video of one clinic here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhFarIhXJ4>





# TECO SHOW

The **Slim Rail** crew also displayed their excellent **HOn3** layout, again packed with details, but is a smaller scale.



You can view the video tour here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ns4QEzZRQlw>



I would like to personally thank all the members organizations and members of TECO for a fine show and allowing the Western Kansas Division, NMRA participate.





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# Layout Update

Todd Skaggs – Dodge City, KS. – HO Scale



Todd e-mailed some pictures on his HO-scale layout. “Two Rivet Counter SD40-2s from ScaleTrain's 3rd run arrived yesterday. An EMD lease unit and a BNSF Heritage One unit. Both locomotives are equipped with ESU Loksound. Here's some pictures.”



Great views of an impressive layout, thanks for sharing Todd.



# Layout Update

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



The Western Kansas Rails N-scale layout Has been selected to display at this year's Oklahoma City Train Show.

In preparation, we are performing some upgrades to the Irrigation Dealer scene on module 3. Before adding the storage area details, we need to add a fence to protect their inventory.

(Right) A template was made from used pieces of paper to indicate the area to be fenced in.

At home I was able to use a scale ruler to mark on the template the positions for all the fence posts.

The fence posts are made from .032 brass rod and are long enough to penetrate the 3/4-inch foam board with a scale 10-feet remaining above.



(Right) The pre-cut and pre-painted fence posts are planted along the property line, allowing for a gate across the track, plus a second gate for vehicle traffic through the fence.



(Left) After the fence posts were planted, 1-inch-wide metallic mesh ribbon was cut in half length wise to simulate the chain link fence. The ribbon comes with wire edges which make great top rails, and is glued to the posts with "Tacky Glue" which is clear when dry. Now the details of the storage area can

be added, including racks of different size aluminum pipes and PVC pipes, equipment, and foliage.



# *The Real Deal*

**Robert Simmons** – Garden City, KS.

On Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, I was able to spot a lash-up of locos on the stock track in Garden City which included two unusual visitors to the area, CSX 448 and 5495 sandwiched between the usual BNSF power while being refueled.



CSX 448 is a GE CW44AC

CSX 5495 is a GE ES40DC





# Date Book

## November, 2018

17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Sat & Sun	<b>Boot Hill Model Railroad Club Show</b> Western State Bank Expo Center	Dodge City, KS.
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>Mid America Train &amp; Toy Show</b> KCI Expo Center <a href="http://www.midamericatrainandtoyshow.com/">http://www.midamericatrainandtoyshow.com/</a>	Kansas City, MO.

## December, 2018

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & Sun	<b>2018 Oklahoma City Train Show</b> The Pavilion @ Oklahoma State Fairgrounds <a href="https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/">https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/</a>	Oklahoma City, OK.
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Fri – Sun	<b>BMRC Model Railroad Exposition #41</b> Boulder County Fairgrounds <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
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <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.

## February, 2019

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat & Sun	<b>Wichita Train Show</b> (Chisholm Trail Division) NMRA Cessna Activity Center – 2744 George Washington Blvd.	Wichita, KS.
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat & Sun	<b>The Great Train Show</b> <a href="http://greattrainshow.com/">http://greattrainshow.com/</a>	Colorado Springs, CO.
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Sat & Sun	<b>Lawrence 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show</b> Crown Toyota Used Car Kingdom <a href="http://lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org/TrainShow.html">http://lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org/TrainShow.html</a>	Lawrence, KS.



# Date Book

## June, 2019

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Thu – Sun

**2019 Mid-Continent Region Convention** NMRA

Wichita, KS

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Sat & Sun

**Spring Creek Model Trains Train Show**  
Thayer County Event Center  
<http://www.springcreekmodeltrains.com/>

Deshler, NE.

## July, 2019

7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sun – Sat

**2019 NMRA National Convention**  
Little America Hotel  
<http://www.nmra2019slc.org/>

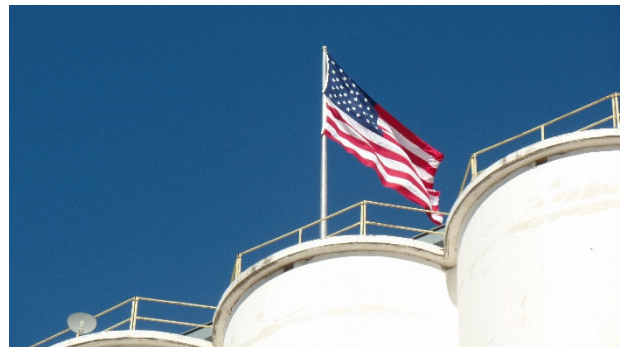
Salt Lake City, UT.

\*\*\* 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:

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, while waiting for the ambulance to warm up in the crisp morning air of Colorado Springs, I was awed by the beauty of the mountains, and had to take some pictures as the low, early morning sun cast shadows across the face.

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