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# Editor's Musings

Due to circumstances, this will be a bare bones issue. Just as I was about to start work on this issue, I came down with a Flu bug, three days later my Wife, Kathy, also became ill though not as bad as I. I haven't been able to do much except housework for the past week or so. Then to top things off, I left my glasses on the kitchen island out of harms way (or so I thought), and when I returned from the Post Office, Molly the wonder dog had gotten them, and chewed them to bits, including one lens (plastic). She's fine, but now I have to wait two weeks for my new pair to arrive, so working on the layout, or the computer is blurry. I hope things will be back to normal next month.

Robert

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The look she gives you when she finds out you have a model train layout...



# Real Deal



On October 6<sup>th</sup>, a westbound freight was tied down in the Dodge City yard. The second unit, BNSF 4285 recently had some nose repairs.

**BNSF**  
RAILWAY  
DODGE CITY, KANSAS YARD



# Real Deal



10/7/22 I came across this Electromotive in the BNSF Dodge City yard today. It's an Electro Motive SD70Ace-T4 rebuilt from a SD70Ace to Tier 4 standards. The 1609 is one of the first demos out of production. Looks like it underwent cooling modifications for testing out at Pueblo as it is part of a westbound consist.



# Real Deal



(Above) Although the photo is blurry, it's the only one I have showing the entire west end of the BNSF yard in Dodge City is nearly vacant.

(Below) A closer zoom shot showing some of the MOW equipment working. There is a huge pile of new ties on the west end of the yard by the Depot, so it appears the yard is getting revamped.



# WKR Update



At this time, I'm not sure yet if the WKR layout may once again hit the train show circuit for 2023 or not, but it is better to be prepared just in case.

(Left and below) The car department has been going through the train show rolling stock, getting them ready.

The Car Department broke out and started going through all the train show rolling stock and were shocked to find a bunch of plastic wheel sets.

So, we began painting coupler boxes to match the car color, paint the trucks, then paint the wheel faces, backs, and axles as well. In the process all plastic or non-standard metal wheels are being replaced with new, ESM wheel sets.



(Left) So far, we have this many completed with more to follow.

# WKR Update



(Above) It was decided by the Car Department to paint the Micro-Trains truck coupler pockets to match as closely as possible the body color. They blend in far better than the original black of brown and appear to be body mounted. With rolling stock, there is a wide variety of colors, so we turned to our stash of craft paints and were surprised to find many direct matches and other colors can be blended for a very low cost.

(Right) An inexpensive car that looks better than it did.



# WKR Update





# In Memoria



## Peter Hayes

Sadly, the model railroading world has lost one of its greats. Allen McClelland, a prolific modeler best known for his Virginian and Ohio, passed away last night. I was fortunate to meet him last year, where he inspected my N scale models of his railroad. My heart goes out to his family, and I know for a fact that model railroading is worse off now, without one of our best.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual

# OkTrain OC Show

Something for Everyone

The Oklahoma City Train Show is one of the largest model train shows in the region with operating model train displays, vendors, exhibitors, and manufacturers from more than a dozen states. See railroad memorabilia, toy trains, scale model trains and an assortment of railroad items.

**November 5-6, 2022**

Come check out the new "Santa Fe All The Way" layout! Check out our kids area and stay throughout the day for special giveaways!

**Location & Hours**

The Pavilion at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds  
3212 Wichita Walk | Oklahoma City  
Saturday 9 am-5 pm | Sunday 10 am-4 pm



**Admission**

Admission is \$12.00  
Children 12 and under are FREE



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# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show

(Largest train show west of Lincoln and east of Denver)

SPONSORED BY THE NEBRASKA WEST-CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

**LOCATION: D&N EVENT CENTER**

501 East Walker Road

North Platte, Nebraska

**APRIL 15th AND 16th, 2023**

HOURS: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. SATURDAY THE 9th

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. SUNDAY THE 10th

# **MODEL TRAIN CONVENTION & EXPO**

— FUNDRAISER —

## **JANUARY 14-15**

SATURDAY 9-6 | SUNDAY 10-3

**McPherson Community Building | 122 E Marlin St**



### **VENDOR SETUP:**

**FRIDAY, JAN 13 | 11:30 AM - 8 PM**

6-foot tables provided;  
\$25 for the first table, \$20 for each table thereafter

1 Door prize (any value) required for every 5 tables,  
minimum 1 Door prize

**DOOR PRIZES ARE GIVEN AWAY EVERY HOUR**

Questions? Contact us at (620) 245-7650 or [staff@mcphersoncountymakerspace.org](mailto:staff@mcphersoncountymakerspace.org)

In McPherson, Kansas

# Date Book

## November 2022

**New Dates**  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> **Oklahoma City Train Show** Oklahoma City, OK  
Sat & Sun Oklahoma State Fairgrounds [www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org](http://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org)

**NO Dodge City Show**

## December 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **Great Train Show** Overland Park, MO.  
Sat & Sun Overland Park Convention Center [trainshow.com](http://trainshow.com)

## January 2023

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> **Model Train Convention & Train Show** McPherson, KS.  
Sat & Sun McPherson Community Building

Saturday **Mid-Continent Region Board of Directors Meeting** Kansas City, MO.

## February 2023

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> **Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet** Wichita, KS.  
Sat & Sun <https://www.nmra.org/events/>

## April 2023

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show** North Platte, NE.  
Sat & Sun D & N Event Center



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