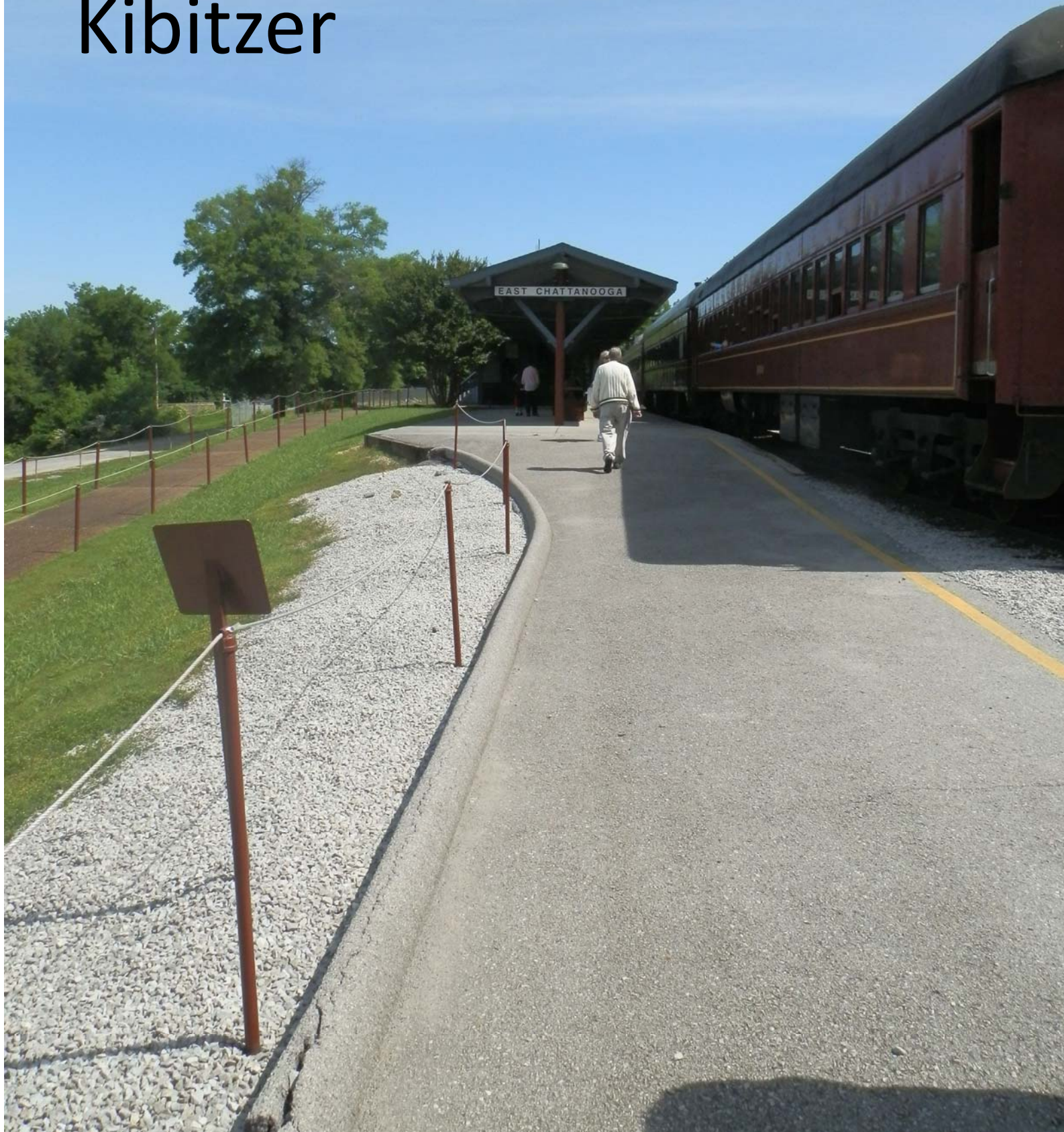


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Several of you have offered support for the "Build A Memory" program that the NMRA has been promoting. This year the pilot of the program is planned for testing in Southern California. While we have not yet heard how this pilot program is being received, we are looking forward to hearing the results and hopefully taking part of this or a similar program sometime soon. Thank you for letting us know of your support for this and programs of this type. This is a great way to share our hobby.

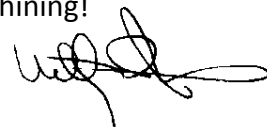
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Remember to register for Memphis, TN. The Southeast Region is hosting the joint convention in June 2014. You can register online at <http://mrtm.org/convention>. Other information about this event can be found at <http://www.ser-nmra.org/>, or <http://www.mcor-nmra.org/>.

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Keep the rails shining!

Whit Johnson



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Fourth QUARTER 2013 By Louis Seibel

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The Switch List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, and

OK). To list your event information please

Email: [l-seibel@comcast.net](mailto:l-seibel@comcast.net), or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe, KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: [www.mcor-nmra.org](http://www.mcor-nmra.org). **Please put me in your newsletter.**

## DIVISION MEETINGS

### COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE)

meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at Hy Vee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: James B Van Dekden, Div. Dir. 402 833-5531 or [genjvan@msm.com](mailto:genjvan@msm.com) for more information.

**Eastern Iowa Division:** The Next Eastern Iowa Division Meeting will be Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Bertram Township Hall 211 Angle St. Bertram, IA 52403 For other division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: Eastern Iowa Division. For further information you can contact the division's Superintendent, Tony Bowen MMR at: [railroadteacher@gmail.com](mailto:railroadteacher@gmail.com)

**GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO)** meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

**INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION** Unless other-

wise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd. St., just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. The library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am. Web page: [www.tulsanmra.org](http://www.tulsanmra.org) Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto:drs_rr@yahoo.com)

**KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION** Meetings are at 1:00 pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: [boxcar75@wamego.net](mailto:boxcar75@wamego.net).

**KATE SHELLEY DIVISION** meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dec. we have no meetings. The Ames Public Library is being remodeled, so contact KSD officers per the NMRA website for latest meeting place. This arrangement is in effect until mid-summer 2014. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

**OK HEARTLAND DIVISION**, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: [www.okcnmra.org](http://www.okcnmra.org)

**PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, and KEARNEY, NE)** Meets quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Todd L. Petersen, Div. Dir. 308-832-2200 or [todd@gtmc.net](mailto:todd@gtmc.net)

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION**, NMRA, Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. meetings will be at the Shawnee Mission North High School at Johnson Drive and Metcalf in the Library. Check the Division Timetable at <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current information. Info: Louis Seibel, Division Director 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850

[L-seibel@comcast.net](mailto:L-seibel@comcast.net)

**WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA)** meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit [www.whdnmra.info](http://www.whdnmra.info) for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

**WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS)** Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 409 1/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store, rear entrance from parking lot) 6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director 620-521-3591 cell or 620-272-0444 Home e-mail: [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

## Monthly News in a Glance

### NRHS

**December 6** Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Arthur Stillwell Room, 7:00 Election of officers and members' slides Information: Deek Deitrick, [adeitrick@swbell.net](mailto:adeitrick@swbell.net)

**December 13** – Topeka Chapter, Preston-Hale Room, Ward-Meade Park, 124 NW Fillmore, 7:00. Christmas party and election of officers

**December 20** Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 E Douglas, 7:00 Informal dinner gathering, Riverside Café, 739 W 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 Information: 316-263-0944

### MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

**December 5** – Wichita Model Railroad Club, 6<sup>th</sup> & School St, August Information: [NASFAN@cox.net](mailto:NASFAN@cox.net)

**December 14** Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00 Lunch at a restaurant Information: Tom Robinson, [railway@gbta.net](mailto:railway@gbta.net)

**Monday, December 16** – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee C. Public Library 1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 Information: Tony Fox, [tfox57@gmail.com](mailto:tfox57@gmail.com)

**Thursday, December 19** – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, members layouts, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, [On3@worldnet.att.net](mailto:On3@worldnet.att.net)

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**Every Sunday** Weekend N-gineers, 16624 W. 126<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, [hap-heart@swbell.net](mailto:hap-heart@swbell.net), or Mark Huff, 816-455-9779

**Every Monday** Garden City Model Train, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

**Every Thursday** North East Kansas Model Railroaders, HO gauge, 7:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

**Every Friday** Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cherryvale, 7:00. Information: John R. Dhooche, [JRDhooche@aol.com](mailto:JRDhooche@aol.com)

**Every Saturday**, Mid-Kansas Model Railroader, 1120 E Kansas McPherson Information: John Snell, [Jsnell@cox.net](mailto:Jsnell@cox.net)

**Every Saturday-Sunday** North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 1440 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00, Sun. noon-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536, or Steve Schaefer, 913-367-6202

## DIVISIONS

**December 7** Kansas Central Information: [boxcar75@wamego.net](mailto:boxcar75@wamego.net)

**December 10**, Platte Valley (Hastings, Grand Island, & Kearney, NE), members' homes Information: John O'Neill, [jponeill@computer-concepts.com](mailto:jponeill@computer-concepts.com)

**December 15, Heartland** N-Trak of Greater Kansas City, members' homes Information: Dick Cooper, [nscale@kc.rr.com](mailto:nscale@kc.rr.com)

**Tuesday, December 17** Turkey Creek, Knox Presbyterian Church 9595 West 95th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 7:00. Christmas program-bring a dish to the party. Website: [www.tc-nmra.org](http://www.tc-nmra.org). Information: Louis Seibel, [l\\_seibel@comcast.net](mailto:l_seibel@comcast.net)

**Every Monday**, Western Kansas, 409½

N Main, Garden City, 6:30-9:00 Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

**Every Wednesday** – Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 NW Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, [jdspicher@aol.com](mailto:jdspicher@aol.com), or W. L. Ohnell, [wohrnell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wohrnell@sbcglobal.net)

**Every Saturday**, Boothill Model Railroad, 1:00 Information: Robert Simmons, [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

## GARDEN RAILROADS

**November 24** Northeast Kansas, members' layouts Information: J. Merritt, [jmer-ritt@jccc.net](mailto:jmer-ritt@jccc.net)

**December 21** Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, members' layouts Information: Claudia Rollstin, [claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com](mailto:claudia@gardenrailwaygizmos.com)

## HISTORIC CLUBS

**December 5** – Round Table, Golden Ox, 1600 Genesse, Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Information: Deek Deitrick, [adeitrick@swbell.net](mailto:adeitrick@swbell.net)

**December 11** – Heart of the Heartlands, Webb Center, Carona, 7:00

**December 13** – Second Friday, 2241 S Crest, Wichita, 7:00 Informal, bring slides, railroad information. Meet at Hog Wild, 1200 S. Rock Road 6:00pm

**Every Tuesday** – Just a group who meets to eat breakfast and train watch, Spangles, K-15 & Pawnee, 10:00, breakfast at 9:00

## SHOWS and CONVENTIONS

**Saturday-Sunday, February 8-9** – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Sat. 9:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00 Adults \$8.00, children under 10 free. Information: Phil Aylward, [aylward1@cox.net](mailto:aylward1@cox.net)

**Saturday, February 15** Lawrence Model Railroad Club, 9:00-4:00 Information: Jan Broucker, [broucker@sunflower.com](mailto:broucker@sunflower.com)

**Saturday, February 22** – Great Northwest

Arkansas Train Show, Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center, Springdale, AR, 9:00-4:00 Adults \$7.00, \$6.00 with food item, children under 12 free. Information: [www.trainshow-NWA.org](http://www.trainshow-NWA.org); vendor information Keith, 479-871-2802

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, 14-15** – Santa Claus Express, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, 1515 High St., 10:00 – 1:00 – 3:00 each day. Tickets online: [www.midlandrailway.org](http://www.midlandrailway.org), \$15.00 12 years & up, \$8.00 11 & under. Be sure dress warm

**Friday-Sunday, March 21-23** – Tulsa Layout Design & Operations Weekend, Shriner's Temple, 28<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan, Tulsa. \$35.00 includes lunch. Information: Dave Salamon, [drr@yahoo.com](mailto:drr@yahoo.com)

## Train Shows

**December 14 -15 2013 The Santa Claus Express** Saturday Sunday is pulling into the Midland Railway again this year!! Address is 1515 W. High Street Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005 Trains depart at 10 am, 1pm and 3pm. Enjoy Christmas music, Carolers singing your favorite Christmas songs, a cookie and hot cocoa! Santa will be on the train in his own specially decorated car! Bring your cameras and take photographs with Santa Claus! Each child receives a small gift or candy cane from Santa! Tickets are available ONLINE at [www.midlandrailway.org](http://www.midlandrailway.org) or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.) Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up; \$8 for ages 1 to 11\*Please dress warm. Train has limited heat and you will be walking through the cars to meet Santa. Blankets, coats and tons of smiles encouraged!! Depot (785) 594-6982 *Answered during operating hours* 1515 W. High Street, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005

**December 28-29, 2013: The Great Train Expo** Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who



offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroad Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site [www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com)

**February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 the Great Train Expo Saint Charles, MO** Saint Charles Convention Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroad Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site

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## **February 8 & 9 2014 WICHITA TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET**

Sat. 9am to 6pm Sun. 11am to 4pm. Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd. Wichita, KS. Sponsored in part by, Chisholm Trail Division NMRA, Swap tables, Modular Layouts, Switching Contest, Model Contest, Photo contest, Live Clinics and Much, Much More!! Adult Admission \$8.00 for both days \$1.00 off with a non-perishable food item, Children under 10 Free, and Scouts in uniform Free. Advance Table Registration: Eight foot tables are \$25.00 each if paid before 12/31/1213 after that they are \$30.00 each. Contact Phil Aylward at 316-259-5190 mail registration to; 603 Chestnut. Halstead, KS. 67056 Email: [aylward1@cox.net](mailto:aylward1@cox.net).

## **February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 The Great Train Expo Council Bluffs, IA**

Mid America Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroad Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site [www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com)

**New**

**February 15, 2014 Lawrence Model Railroad Club** from 9am until 4pm for more information contact Jan Bröcker ToToTrains, LLC 1031 Vermont Street, Suite A, Lawrence, KS

66044 Phone 785-766-0467  
[www.tototrains.com](http://www.tototrains.com), [brocker@sunflower.com](mailto:brocker@sunflower.com)

**February 22, 2014 Eleventh Annual Great Northwest Arkansas Train Show** will be presented by Sugar Creek Model Railroad and Historical Society. Venue is the Holiday Inn NWA Convention Center in Springdale, AR, near intersection of I-540 and US 412. Open 9:00 AM to 4 PM, with food service on site and nearby restaurants. Admission is \$7.00 with \$1.00 off with non-perishable food item. Children under 12 and active duty military are free. There will be 150+ tables of vendors and several operating layouts in various scales, with more floor space than in past shows at the Center. Plans include the Lionel Challenge, demonstrations and mini-clinics. Door prizes plus grand prize of two round trip tickets on A&M Railroad with hotel package. Information: [www.trainshow-NWA.org](http://www.trainshow-NWA.org). Contact Keith at 479-871-2802 for vendor info.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 the Great Train Expo Wichita, KS.** Century II Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE!** **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroad Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You

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**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 The Great Train Expo** Tulsa, OK Expo Square Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, MUCH MORE! **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site [www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com)

#### New

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 The Garden City Model Train Show**, Garden City, KS Presented by the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club In the Exhibition Building on the Finney County Fairgrounds Show times are 10 to 6 Saturday, 11 to 4 on Sunday On display will be all of the Club layouts, plus layouts from other clubs, covering G, O, On30, HO, and N scales \$5.00 for Adults, children under 10 are FREE with paid adult Vendor tables are \$15.00 each Several model train retailers are coming to Garden City, bringing the latest products for you to buy This is

your chance to get new ideas for your layout, take pictures, ask questions, and visit with the Pros who built these layouts If you're interested in joining the Boot Hill Model Railroad Club, memberships are available.

Info: Robert Simmons at 620-521-3591, or e-mail [trainman55@hotmail.com](mailto:trainman55@hotmail.com)

**Saturday, March 15, 2014 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozarks Model Train Show & Swap Meet** Remington's 1655 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807 9 am to 3 pm \$7 adults, children under 12 free. **A portion of the admission goes to Crosslines See a large array of display layouts featuring a variety of scales, door prizes, food/refreshments throughout the show. Planned activities include kids can ride the Kiddie Train, test their skills operating a train on a virtual railroad, take the throttle of an OMRA train, earn a Whistle Blowers certificate and compete in the LCCA's track laying contest in three age divisions. Bring your pre-1970 train for an appraisal or find out what it will take to make it run like new. Table rental \$25 each including lunch. Bottomless coffee all show for \$1. Vendors from the Fall Meet save 10%. Tables and special requests: Dave Brashers, [dbrashers69@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrashers69@yahoo.com) or 417-848-1739. Registration forms available on website: <http://omraspringfield.org>. Ron Williams MMR at 417-883-5350 or email at [rwilliams3129@gmail.com](mailto:rwilliams3129@gmail.com) web site <http://omraspringfield.org>**

**March 21-23, 2014 5th annual Tulsa Layout Design and Operations Weekend** \$35.00 includes Catered BBQ lunch (after March 1 price goes up to \$45.00) <http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/> Shriner's Temple 28th & Sheridan Tulsa, Oklahoma. Watch the web page for the presenters and topics and additional information. Registration page will be activated after the presenters are confirmed. All other questions email: [ldop-chairman@tulsanmra.org](mailto:ldop-chairman@tulsanmra.org) or Dave Salamon at [drs\\_rr@yahoo.com](mailto:drs_rr@yahoo.com)

**March 23-24 The Great Train Expo** Des Moines, IA at Iowa Events Center Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show

features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from **HO** Scale, **N** Scale, Lionel (**O** Gauge), **G** Gauge, **Z** Scale, American Flyer (**S** Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, MUCH MORE! **Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site [www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com)

#### New

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Train Show and Swap Meet** Saturday hosted by The Joplin Museum Complex from 9am to 3pm The Museum is located in Schifferdecker Park, 7th and Schifferdecker streets. Included will be operating model train layouts and over 60 tables of items for sale or trade. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. Swap tables are \$15 each. For more information contact Rick Gardner at 417-673-4888 or email: [rickgardner4449@gmail.com](mailto:rickgardner4449@gmail.com). [www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com](http://www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com).

**April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show**, show sponsored by West-Central Division, Hours 9-5 Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> and 10-4 Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> At D&N Event Center, 501 East Walker Road, North Platte, Nebraska, One day admis-

sion \$4.00 per adult, \$1.00 for children under 12 (under 5 free with paid adult). Union Pacific extra fare bus tours on Saturday only. Vendor Tables \$12.50 each till April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup> tables are \$20 each. For additional information or questions contact: Gene R. Tacey, P.O. Box 485, Sutherland, NE 69165 e-mail [taceys@gpcom.net](mailto:taceys@gpcom.net) phone 308-386-2489

**New**

**May 2-4 2014 the Annual Thousand Lakes Region** hosted by the Prairie Lakes Division Convention will be held in Sioux City, Iowa at the Stoney Creek Inn. The convention will feature prototype tours, clinics, contests, home layout tours, swap meet. For more details go to the <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/>

Jay Davis (712) 834-2073  
[jdandice22c@hotmail.com](mailto:jdandice22c@hotmail.com)

**June 14-15, 2014 Memphis 2014 Rails Across the River:** The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the South-eastern Region and Mid Continent Region of the NMRA. The convention will be held at the Harding Academy, 1100 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117. For more information, registration and hotel information please visit the website [www.ser-nmra.org](http://www.ser-nmra.org)

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Bluff City Division *and the*  
 Memphis Railroad & Trolley Museum  
 Present  
**SER/MCoR NMRA CONVENTION**  
**Harding Academy**  
**1100 Cherry Rd.**  
**Memphis, TN 38117**



June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Name on ID Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Other Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Registration	Postmarked before 5/10/14	\$65 x _____ = \$ _____
	Postmarked after 5/10/14	\$80 x _____ = \$ _____
Spouse/Children	Postmarked before 5/10/14	\$45 x _____ = \$ _____
	Postmarked after 5/10/14	\$50 x _____ = \$ _____
Prototype Tours	MATA Trolley Shop	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	BNSF Tennessee Yards	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	NS Rossville Yard	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	CN Harrison Yard	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	FedEx Hub (Thurs or Fri)	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
	Please circle your choice	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

CC Type \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ CC# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Number (on Back) \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Event at the **Hilton Hotel** (indicate quantity; one meal per full time attendee)  
 Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

*To reserve hotel accommodations we recommend:*  
**Hilton Hotel**  
 939 Ridgelake Blvd  
 Memphis, TN 38119  
 901- 684-6664

*Make registration check payable:*  
**Bluff City Div. 2014 Convention**

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We recommend the Hilton but other hotel suggestions will also be on the website after July 15.

Follow the convention developments on the website and like our Facebook page at Rails across the River

## ROLLING TIME MACHINE

by Eugene Coffman

In May of 2013, we visited the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) in Chattanooga. The museum is itself a chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and is primarily concerned with saving, restoring, and using steam locomotives. Southern Railway was integral in the founding (1960) and growth of the TVRM through continuing donations of land in East Chattanooga, the 900 ft. Missionary Ridge tunnel, freight and passenger cars, and several miles of abandoned rail line. Past and future growth of the TVRM is financed by donations and operation of the excursion trains. The museum operates the only regularly scheduled full sized steam

powered trains in the state.

Volunteers rebuilt the rail line through the Missionary Ridge tunnel and constructed a rail yard for the storage and repair of equipment in East Chattanooga. The museum began running a heritage railroad through the tunnel. These excursions were limited until the volunteers built the long needed bridge over Tunnel Blvd. in 1979. Mainline excursions were then possible to generate more income via the Southern Railway Steam Program.

The depots are reconstructions of small town stations of 80-90 years ago. A repair shop, an 80 ft. turntable, and other buildings were





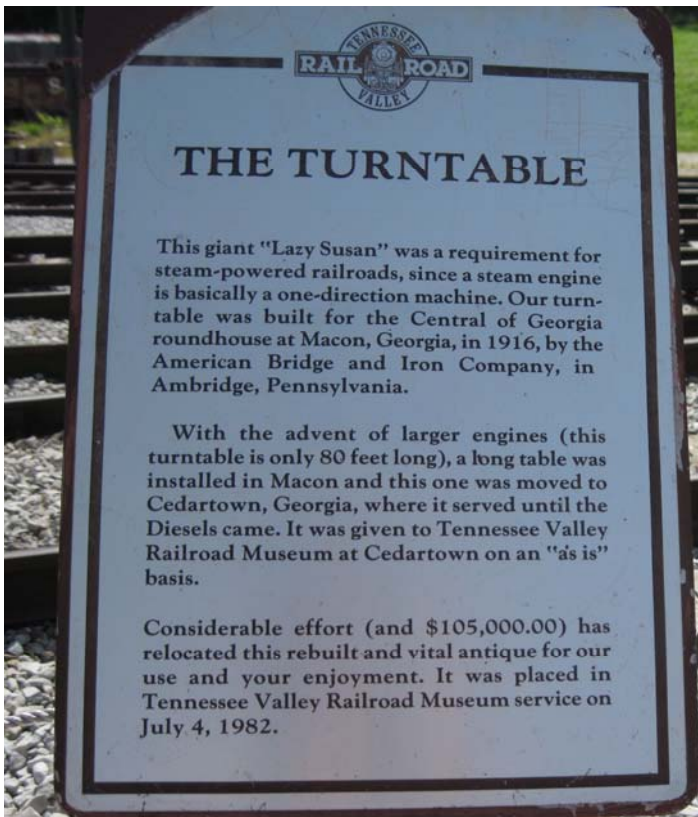
added in East Chattanooga and the TVRM was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. These wonderful facilities originated with a core of volunteers who worked tirelessly and did much of the early restoration work themselves. The volunteers were later assisted by boiler makers and other trades brought in on contract as more money became available.

We had just arrived at the Grand Junction Station when we saw a full day excursion departing with Southern GP-30 #2594 leading the way. We bought tickets for the shorter round trip excursion to East Chattanooga and began exploring at Grand Junction. The red brick depot has a large waiting room, gift shop, and café open to the public. This location is also a good place to railfan as it is just

off a heavily used Norfolk Southern track.

There are five storage tracks with steam and diesel engines and freight and passenger cars from most roads that have served Chattanooga in the past. All appear well cared for and are in a “preservation state”. Serious repairs and rebuilding are done at the other end of the line at the East Chattanooga facility. The Grand Junction Station is actually inside a “wye” used to turn the trains at this location. About 30 minutes before our scheduled departure time, our train arrived, turned on the wye, and was ready for boarding on time.

Our excursion train was pulled by Southern Railway 630, a 2-8-0 built by ALCO in 1904 at their Richmond Works, which was



the style of many European tunnels. As RR equipment became larger and the single track tunnel became a bottleneck on the two track Southern RR system, the tunnel was abandoned.

When we reached East Chattanooga, locomotive #630 and its tender were uncoupled and proceeded immediately to the turntable where we watched as it was turned for



restored over a ten year period at the TVRM. This process was one of the most extensive steam locomotive restorations since the end of the steam era on the railroads. The cars were restored pre-1930 heavyweights that were spartan but roomy, clean, and nicely painted. The cars were 70% full on our departure. The TVRM reminded us that they are not just restoring equipment, but are restoring the steam experience. Another passenger was heard to remark that he felt like he was in a "rolling time machine".

Our three mile ride crossed four bridges with one spanning the Chickamauga River and went through the 900' Missionary Ridge tunnel on our way to the East Chattanooga facility. The tunnel was completed in 1858 by the East Tennessee & Georgia RR as part of their Chattanooga branch. The tunnel is itself on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a so-called "horseshoe tunnel" as it is slightly wider at the top than at the bottom in

the return trip. The turntable bridge was at track height where the engine drives onto it and the other end was about 4" higher than the opposite track. The engine must be almost exactly centered to minimize friction for the electric motor to rotate the bridge but slightly forward of center to cause the bridge to tip to put the head end of the bridge level with the opposite track. The engineer must



pull onto the bridge and stop at the exact spot to satisfy both requirements. It is considered a mark of an experienced steam engineer that he can do this on the first try; ours did. The rotation then stopped on a dime and 630 rolled off to rejoin our train.

We then toured the large modern restoration and repair shop where a steam locomotive was being disassembled and two passenger cars were in work. Due to the work actually in progress (on a Saturday) and a 10-

ton overhead crane in use, our access was quite limited for safety's sake. Also in view was a wheel lathe "truing" a driver wheel to a tolerance of 0.001 in. We then had a walking tour of the storage yard where two more GP's and a wide variety of cars awaited their turn in the shop.

Our return trip to Grand Junction on the same route was enjoyable and uneventful. Although the TVRM has long run short excursion trains, they have added half- and full day excursions to destinations in Tennessee and Georgia, and for special themes throughout the year such as "A Day Out with Thomas", North Pole Limited, and the New Years Eve Dinner Train. An unexpected feature of the Tennessee Valley Railway is that it also handles freight as there is one industry, Allied Metals, on the Chattanooga branch's track and it also performs switching duties at a nearby industrial park where the Volkswagen Assembly Plant is located. Looking to the future, there is another Consolida-



tion, Southern #610, in storage at the TVRM awaiting restoration















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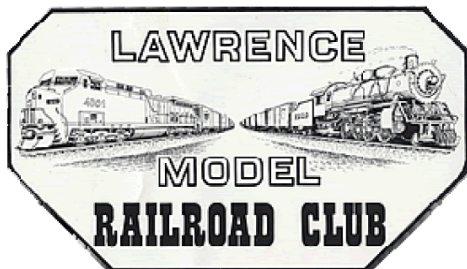
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# Having Fun.

By Robert Behlers, Marcella Jurotich, Olaf Jurotich, and Jim Van Delden

Check this out, y'all. Use an old basement with lots of treasures (model railroad stuff), some friends joining in, and you have the formula for several days filled with fun and enjoyment.



Beginning with a 2 ½ by 4 foot HO Scale chunk of plywood with a one half inch foam pad glued on top of it, a small local train will make its rounds in due time. The scenery is promising with a small creek at one end and turning into a broad river at the other. The construction crew foreman Robert helped design and build the roadbed and the rails. He also constructed a small trestle across the small creek and helped place the railroad bridge utilizing a cement pillar in midstream for added stability. Joining the rails was tricky but he mastered such tasks as cutting the rails properly, fitting them where needed and gluing the entire rail circuit to the cork road bed.



Placing the trestle entailed gouging the creek banks but Robert repaired it quickly. The wires for the current were attached at the future site of the train depot. Additional painting with earth tone colors of the grounds was also done by the foreman.

Enter Marcella and Olaf who came over one afternoon and added a road with yellow stripes and began adding the much needed scenery. The creek/river was painted blue, rocks stuck up out of the water here and there, trees were planted and grass fields appeared. Their father Kevin was asked to design and build a wooden plank bridge over the waterway. The future depot site was prepped.



More excitement occurred a week later. Both Olaf and Robert came over and “worked on the railroad”. The wooden bridge located midstream was finished and enabled road traffic to reach the other end of the county. Olaf painted the flower garden in one corner. He also wanted a gravel road with a mechanic shop located on it. Trucks were added.



More trees were needed and Marcella made quite a few of these during the scenery sessions and also worked on them during her spare moments at home. A group of houses became a small town, the train depot found a permanent home and there was even a Post Office. Of course the kids needed a school to attend and there were a couple of school busses available for transportation. The best part is when the electric company declared that electricity was available and the train finally began its route.



PS Olaf got to keep the layout.

**THE END**



Kansas City Union Station Holiday Pictures By Louis Seibel



## Next Year's 2014 **SouthEastern Region** Convention Update



### **COME ALL YE ROUNDERS!**

By Mike Fleming



The Bluff City Division and the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum will be hosting the combined Southeastern and Mid-Continent Regional convention in Memphis on June 13-15, 2014! Memphis is a logical choice for such a convention since it sits on the border of the two regions. Memphis historically is a railroad town and it still is, with 5 class 1's and 2 regional railroads serving it. All of the class 1's have done major facility improvements here in the last several years. Trolleys are represented here with the Memphis Area Transit Authority downtown trolley system bringing back memories of the Memphis Street Railway. Many facets of this history will be featured in convention events.

The convention will be based at Harding Academy, a local Christian School with a wonderful facility centrally located in an east Memphis neighborhood. The clinics, model displays and contests, meetings, and an encore of our popular Friday night show from the 2006 Railin' on the River Convention will be here. There is ample space here for many activities and will be a convenient starting point for prototype and home layout tours.

The prototype tours we are working on include tours of several of these improved rail yards, a MATA trolley shop tour, a steel mill tour, and of course the **Fedex Superhub** tour that was extremely popular in 2006. We may extend the convention activities into Thursday to allow us to offer a third night for this tour. It is limited to 25 persons per night and will be first come first served so if you want to see one of the premier industrial tours

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in the world get you registration with that request in early. We are working with MATA on including a pass to ride the trolleys during the convention in your registration.

There are several high quality home model railroads available for tour including the late Louis Ertz's West Tennessee Central Railroad, an exquisite O scale layout that has been featured in Model Railroader and O Scale Railroading magazines. We also have a unique situation in Memphis with all of the club model railroads being housed in the same building. There are seven model railroads in six scales that will be shown. For all of the OpSIG members the N scale layout modeling the L&N Memphis Sub is set up for operating sessions. It has 22 scale miles of the 210 mile division modeled.

There are a couple of special events happening around convention time that will be included in the convention activities. Central Station, home of the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum will be 100 years old and we are going to have special events throughout the year to commemorate that milestone. The convention will be one of those events and we are arranging to have a special tour of the station for the convention. The other event will be the opening of the Harahan Bridge walkway/bikeway which will allow you to walk or bicycle across the Union Pacific Harahan Bridge. The opening is scheduled close to convention time so it will be included in convention events.

For the ladies, across the street from Harding Academy are Dixon Gallery and Gardens and Audabon Park and Memphis Botanic Gardens. Oak Court Mall and other fine shopping are close by and some of the ladies here are planning several other activities.

The convention website will be on the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum website by mid June and will include the ability to register on line. Be watching at:

**[www.mrtm.org](http://www.mrtm.org)**



*The Harding Academy*





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**The O-scale "West Tennessee Central Railroad" of the late Louis Ertz**

*Photos by SER Editor Paul Voelker*



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Head Table is Left to Right (Allen Merta MMR, Dennis Brandt MMR, Larry Alfred MMR, David Poppe MR Editor, Carla Johnson, Whit Johnson)



Bill and Bob Riebe recognized as most conventions attended 53 and 54 years?





# BULLETIN

November/December 2013

## A Cleveland 2014 Update



Preparation for the 2014 NMRA National Convention in Cleveland is in full swing. The convention committee is working with the facility to ensure that clinics won't be spread out all over the building, and local modelers are preparing over

60 great layouts to tour and operate. Watch *NMRA Magazine* for a preview.

Register for the convention as soon as possible at [www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org), because tour registrations will be assigned by registration number.

The following prototype tours have been confirmed. Most are not normally open to the public, so they'll fill up fast:

- Age of Steam Roundhouse
- General Electric Locomotive (Erie, PA)
- Ohio Loco Works
- Mad River & Nickel Plate Museum
- Chartier Steel Mill Tour
- Cleveland Track Materials
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway (including shops)
- RTA Shops (local rail transit)

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## A few words from the President

### Midterm Progress Report I

### TVRM to buy Headquarters building

*This entire issue of the NMRA eBulletin is dedicated to this mid-term update by President Charlie Getz. This column will also appear in its entirety in the December issue of NMRA Magazine.*



First, the very merriest and satisfying of holiday seasons to each and every one of you. It is always a magical time to be a model railroader. In this column, I would like to report on the goals and promises made when I assumed office as your President. Under our revised regulations, I serve a three-year term. I began in the summer of 2012 and thus, this month marks my halfway point. In my first column in the *NMRA Magazine*, I outlined five areas I hoped to emphasize: modernization, communication, integration, conformance and program/function re-examination. We have made significant progress in all areas although much remains to be done.

**Modernization.** How we do business is changing. The bylaws are slowly being redrafted to simplify and better define the distinction between our not-for-profit corporate side and our hobby association side. For too long that line has been blurred to the point that we define everything equally in ways that frankly are confusing and unnecessary. By the end of my term, I hope to complete this process. Further, I have used Special Assistants under my supervision on particular programs that do not fall within an existing Department. This provides flexibility and accountability.

**Communication.** Here we have made great strides thanks to Gerry Leone and his crew, Ben Sevier, Page Martin, Tom Draper and Stephen Priest. The Magazine continues to improve and thrive. The new *NMRA eBulletin* has been well received. The Infoblast continues to provide information to Regions. The Gallery Exhibit is entering its fabrication stage. Next month I will report on that exciting development in more detail. Our website is slowly improving and being revamped. As I write this, "Build A Memory" looks to be a success which we hope to expand. Indeed, our new Marketing Department has been stellar in promoting the NMRA. Alan Anderson continues his fundraising efforts on our behalf. And we have begun EduTRAIN®, our template for a program of clinics to assist Regions and divisions in educating members on a wide range of topics. Started by Jim Six of the Michiana division, Bob Blake is now overseeing this exciting new program.

**Integration.** This means that for US regions/division, tax-exempt status under our umbrella would be provided with a minimum of paperwork and with complete local control over finances and activities. We only await a final ruling from the IRS and clarification of the procedures to be used to launch this program. We will keep you informed as soon as we know.

*The Last in this Series!*  
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(Check Web page for detailed information on presentations and activities)

- **Tony Thompson** – *Reefers and their Operation*
- **Tony Thompson** – *Waybills that are more prototypical*
- **Joe Fugate** – *Make it run like a Dream*
- **Joe Fugate** – *The state of the hobby in 2014*
- **Steve Davis** – *Designing a layout and layout room for Operations*
- **Steve Gillett** – *Passenger yard design and operation*

**Interesting Topics  
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**Sunday morning March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am - 12pm**

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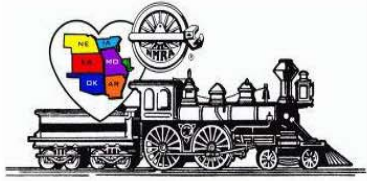
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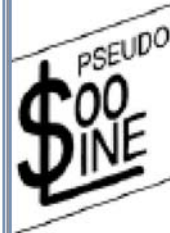
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