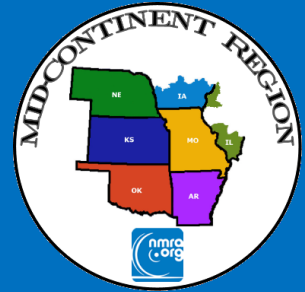
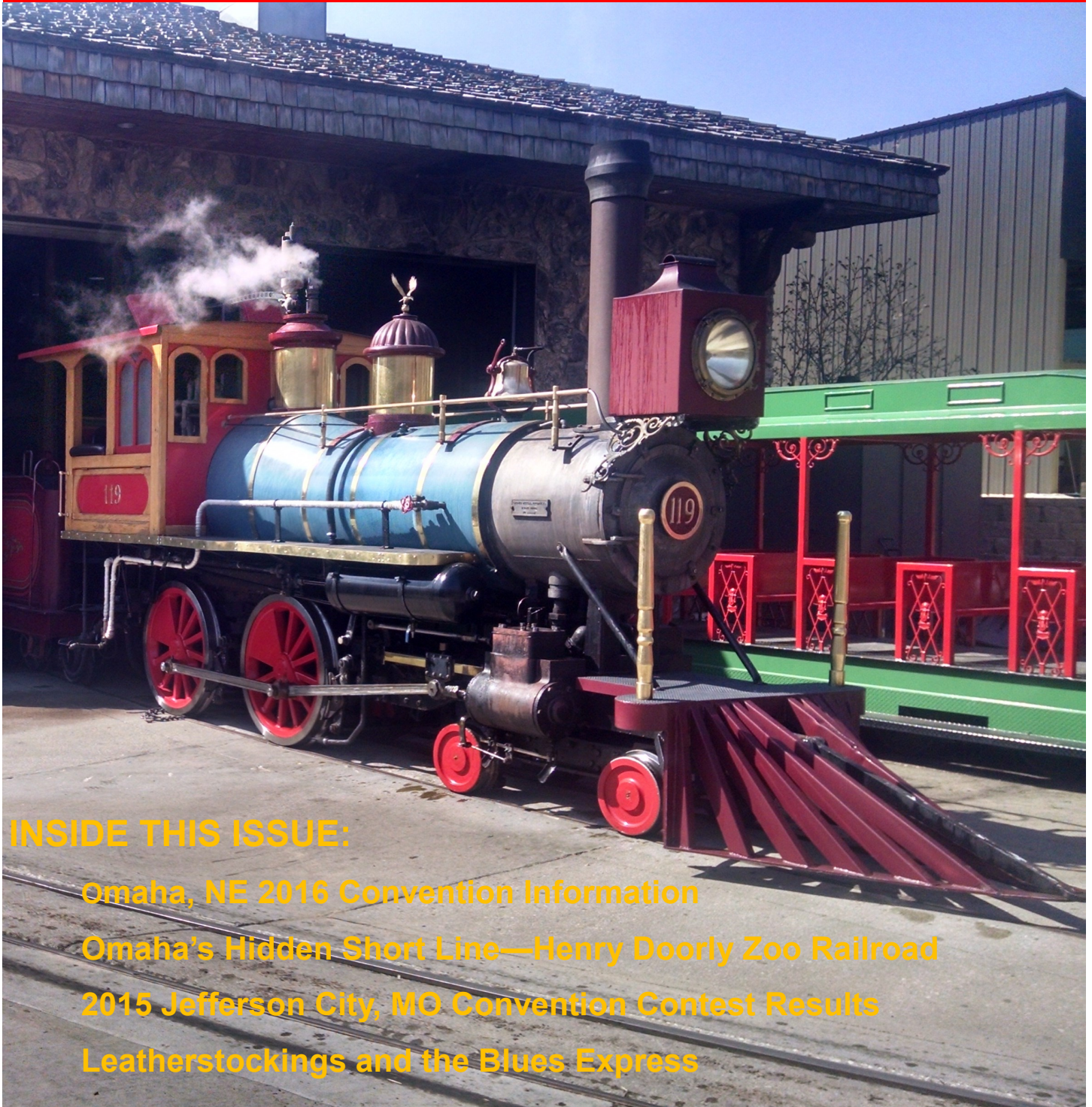


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EDITOR NOTES

Here we go! We are working on the Caboose Kibitzer and need your help. We are always looking for your feedback, articles, modeling tips, photos, and any questions that you may have. Please pass the word that the Caboose Kibitzer can be downloaded from the Mid-Continent Region NMRA web page at www.mcor-nmra.org. There is also a location on the web page where anyone can register with the staff to receive no-

tice when a new Caboose Kibitzer is online and available.

If you are interested in NMRA membership please visit www.nmra.org and join us.

If you are a member and have any updates to your member information please send the update to membership@mcor-nmra.org.

The Editorial Staff

HEAD END

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT HANK KRAICHELY

I would like to thank all the members who supported me in the election of 2015. This might seem odd since election results were announced some nine months ago but the 1st quarter 2016 issue of the Caboose Kibitzer is the first issue published since January 2015. (News in this area will be covered later in this column.)

Last Fall was a busy period filled with administrative business. This was a necessary, but less than exciting effort. The Region Regulations were edited, removing out-dated material such as Region dues and Caboose Kibitzer subscriptions. This tedious effort was accomplished by a small committee comprised of Whit Johnson—Convention & Membership Chair, Larry Diehl—Director for the Turkey Creek Division, John Garavaglia—Region Attorney and myself. The Regulations were reviewed by the Officers and the Board of Directors and then modifications were made at the BOD meeting. Through a series of votes on specific sections and paragraphs the document was approved and the revised Regulations, incorporating the BOD modifications, were emailed to the BOD for a final review.

Several additions have been made to the MCoR staff. Replacing Bob Amsler as Region Attorney is John Garavaglia, a St. Louisin and O Scale MoPac modeler. Due to the resignations of Ted Tschirhart and Lewis Seibel, Alan Aagaard has been appointed Editor of the Caboose Kibitzer leaving the position of Caboose

Kibitzer Advertising Manager open. Rounding out the changes, the relocation of Stephen August to North Carolina created an opening for Membership Chair. I am happy to announce that Whit Johnson has accepted the additional position of Membership Chairman. We thank these men for their service supporting the Mid-Continent Region.

New business, The Western Heritage Division, sponsor of the 2016 convention, has firmed up most of the key elements of the 2016 convention. You can now register for the convention by going on line and printing a copy of the registration form. Go to 2016 Convention Western Heritage Division Mid-Continent Region. Click



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on the box with the same name to open the Convention welcome screen. Using the pull down buttons, EVENTS and INFORMATION, review the list clinics, clinicians, layout tours, and prototype tours. You can find out how to enter your models in the model contest and how to test your skills on the switching layout. There will be details on the operating sessions available on Thursday and Friday evenings and Sunday morning.

Early registration is advised due to limited seating on some prototype tours. Don't forget the banquet and our guest speaker, a retiree from the UP who will explain how he used his prototype railroading experience to design, build and operate his model railroad. Just complete and mail your form ASAP. "Wow, I'm worn out from writing about this fun few days." I will be there hope to see you there.

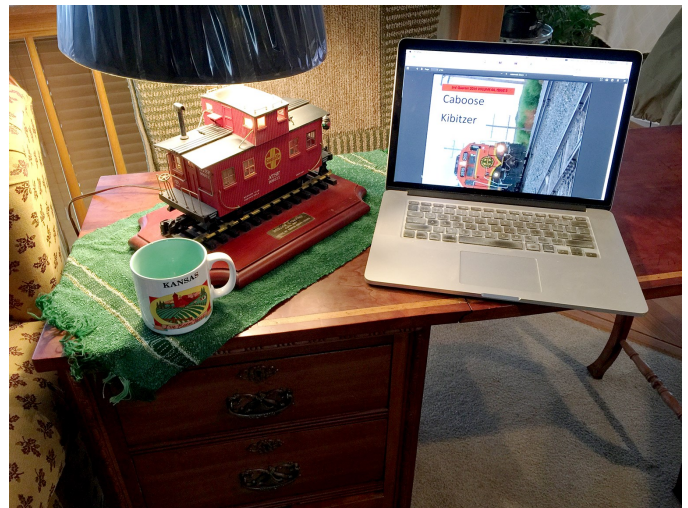
Ryan Moats, our Region Webmaster, has revised the Region website adding a banner to every page. The banner consists of photos of Region layouts. As the visitor moves from page to page, a new randomly selected photo appears (selected from 40 or more photos available.)

The MCoR Website also offers a wealth of information, just select the "CLINIC" tab. This easily accessed data can become the basis for a Division or Region clinic, a source of modeling projects and techniques plus valuable prototype information. I'm sure that every Division, regardless of it's size, struggles at times finding a clinic. Why not go to YOUR Region's website, review the 50 plus clinics and make one of them your own by adapting it with your knowledge, skills and approach preferred by your Division members. Do you have an idea for a clinic but are in need of an outline to organize your thoughts or graphics to enhance your clinic converting it into a killer presentation? As a member of MCoR all this information is available to

you or your Division absolutely FREE! Please take a few minutes and access our website. Just enter: MCoR-NMRA.org. and select the clinic tab to open the door to a wealth of invaluable data!

In closing I would like to express my thanks to Whit Johnson for the invaluable assistance he has provided. Also due my thanks are Ryan Moats, John Garavaglia and Larry Diehl who assisted me in so many ways.

Hank Kraichely



From the desk of Dr. Alan A. Aagaard. Please send in your articles and photos, this is your publication and your input is encouraged. As the new editor beginning with the 2nd Quarter issue of 2016, we are already working on it! Thank you and see you in Omaha!



SWITCH LIST

JANUARY 2015

SWITCH LIST January 2015

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, 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 . **Please put me in your newsletter**

DIVISION MEETINGS

Chisholm Trail Division First Tuesday of the month Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church 3440 West 13th St. No. • Wichita, KS 67203(13th Street North & High Street) Begin gathering-6:45pm NMRA - meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Information Alan A. Aagaard
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COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE) meets 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis M. Brandt Phone 402-992-2415
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GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO)

3rd 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 otherwise 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 Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION

Every first Saturday of a month meeting starts at 1pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: wcastegnaro35@gmail.com.

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3rd. Dec. we have no meetings. 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

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

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA, Turkey Creek Division Meeting January 26th, at 7:00 pm. Annular Make and Take will be at Hocker Grove Middle School 10400 Johnson, Shawnee, KS 66203-2895 Check the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current. Info: Louis Seibel, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 L-seibel@comcast.net

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WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets on the first Saturday (except June and December) at 9am at the Sump Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit the division web page <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org> for more information and a map.

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 ; Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: <http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

MONTHLY NEWS IN A GLANCE

NRHS:

Friday, January 22 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, Town Square Room, 7:00. Information: John DeRoo, jderoo@planetkc.com

Saturday, April 30 – Quad Chapter Meeting, Wichita hosting. More information later

DIVISIONS:

Tuesday, January 26 – Turkey Creek, Hocker Grove Middle School, Shawnee KS 7pm Library l-seibel@comcat.net

Thursday, January 28 – Kate Shelley, 515 Douglas Ave., Ames, IA, 6:00

Every Tuesday – Western Kansas, 409 1/2 N. Main, 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS:

Saturday, January 23 – Frankfort Subdivision, 416 W. 1st St., "Clubhouse" open 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Saturday, January 23-24 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00, \$5.00 adult, child up to 12 free

Every Sunday – Weekend N'gineers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, happheart@swbell.net

Every Sunday – Mid Kansas Model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, McPherson, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

Every Monday – Garden City Model Train, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Tuesday – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 424 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 7:00. Information: Ron Williams, rwilliams3129@gmail.com

Every Tuesday evening the Mexico Train Works Model RR Club meets (except at major holidays) @ 7pm at 415-B West Jackson Street, Mexico MO. The website is www.mexicotrains.com and you can reach John Johnson, President @ [in-fo@mexicotrains.com](mailto:info@mexicotrains.com) or phone 573-581-8013

Every Wednesday Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 NW Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00. Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com or W. L. Ohnell, wohnell@sbcglobal.net

Every Other Every Wednesday– Kansas City Society of Model Engineers, Wed. 7:00-9:00 E-mail for meeting Information: Steven Boeck, sjboeck@att.net

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

Every Saturday – Boothill Model Railroad, 1:00. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Saturday – Heartland N-Trak of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water, Liberty, MO, 11:00-3:00. Information: Dick Cooper, nscale05@gmail.com

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

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday-Sunday – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00. \$5.00 admission, child up to 12 free

First and Third Sunday - Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club, Leatherock Hotel Center, 420 North Depot Street, Cherryvale, KS 1:00 PM. Information contact John Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com
Add our website - www.cvmrc.com - we post the dates of our Sunday meetings on our main page

GARDEN RAILROADS:

Thursday, January 28 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, 7:00. Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

Sunday, January 31 – Northeast Kansas, at member's layout. Tedy Bellos, petedy@everestkc.net

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Saturday-Sunday, February 6-7 – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Sat. 9:00-6:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00, adult \$8, child 10 & under free, \$1 off with food item. Information: Phil Aylward, aylward1@cox.net

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February 20-21, 2016 The Lawrence Model Railroad Club 15th Annual Train Show and Swap
Meet Douglas County Fairgrounds Building 21 Admission: Adults \$6.00 Children 12 and under free with paid adult. Bring a canned food donation for LINK and receive \$1.00 off admission Vendor information at: <http://www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org/TrainShowVendor.pdf>, for flyer information at: <http://www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org/TrainShow.pdf>, Contact Information: Jon Ardahl ard00097@netzero.net Phone 785-887-9991

March 5 & 6, 2016 World's Greatest Hobby Train Show Kansas City, MO American Royal Complex, 1701 American Royal Ct., Kansas City, Mo 64102. The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour showcases the hobby of model railroading. Sponsored by the Hobby Manufacturer's Association - Model Railroad Division and by the World's Greatest Hobby Program, the show is intended to introduce the gen-

eral public to model railroading in an entertaining, lively and family-friendly atmosphere. Model railroad skills span from carpentry to artistry, from electrical engineering to historical research. World's Greatest Hobby on Tour 280 Carlton Drive Carol Stream IL 60188 Phone: 630.279.5094 Fax: 240.597.4482 E-mail: info@wghshow.com

April 16th, OMRA has had to move its 2016 Spring Train Show Springfield Expo Center, 635 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, MO.

June 2-5, 2016 Road to Omaha, 2016 Mid-Continent Regional Convention. Headquarters hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn. Train show will be at Ralston, Nebraska Arena, The Nebraska-Iowa Railroaders annual train show and swap meet details to follow soon and will be available on the Western Heritage Division website: <http://whd.mcor-nmra.org> Henry Nipper Convention Chairman

May 27-29th, 2016 - Thousand Lakes Region Convention Fargo, ND – see <http://www.thousandlakesregion.org/#!tlfargo16/cdd3> for more information.

June 22-25th, 2016 - Lone Star Region Convention - Arlington, TX – see the brochure later in this issue.

Tuesday-Sunday, June 21-26 Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society 2016 Convention, Marriott East Motel, 9100 Corporate Hills Dr., US-54 & I-35, Wichita. Registration \$150 before May 1 -- \$165 after; non-members \$165 before May 1 -- \$180 after. Schedule: Wed. – excursion behind steam 3415, Abilene, and tour of Eisenhower Museum; Thur. – excursion on former BNSF Railway, now SKOL, from Winfield to Moline, tour Great Plains Transportation Museum in Wichita with BBQ lunch. Amtrak comes as close as Newton. Numerous Santa Fe depots in area and steam locomotives on display; special spouses activities by trolley on Friday. For information: www.atsfrr.net

June 29-July 3, 2016 National N Scale Convention
Hosted by the N Scale Enthusiast
Welcome to the 24th National N Scale convention hosted by the N-Scale Enthusiast. The official convention start date is Wednesday, June 29, 2016th but as in the past we are working on pre-convention events so plan to be in Kansas City by Tuesday morning, June 28. Convention registration will start the 1st week of December 2015. Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center Phone: 913-234-2100 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas, 66211 Special Convention Hotel Reservation Page [Click Here](#)

2016 MCOR CONVENTION

THE ROAD TO OMAHA—HOSTED BY WESTERN HERITAGE DIV.



The MCOR Convention this year is coming to Council Bluffs! The convention hotel will be the Hilton Garden (2702 Mid America Dr, Council Bluffs) which is easily reached from the I29-I80 Interstate exit #1B. From that venue, many attractions in both Omaha and the Bluffs are within easy reach. The non-rail and rail opportunities include organized prototype tours to the UP Heritage Fleet Shops on Friday, June 3, and to the Harriman Dispatch Center on Saturday, June 4. Another tour opportunity to the Henry Doorly Zoo Railroad Shops is pending at this time. The zoo offers outstanding opportunities for families to view animals in a variety of well-designed habitats.



Non-rail opportunities include Lauritzen Gardens, site of an impressive garden railroad and Kennefick Park where one can look out over the Missouri River Valley from the running boards of the Big Boy and the Centennial locomotives. The Durham Western Heritage Museum also combines impressive displays commemorating the history of the area, situated in the historic Union Station where thousands of travelers entered and exited Omaha. That museum also has rail displays as well – of passenger cars and locomotives.



Branching out, visitors to Omaha and the Bluffs can view art at the Joslyn Art Museum on Dodge Street, attend children's theatre at the Rose, and participate in children's activities nearby at the Omaha Children's Museum. After tours and before, numerous restaurants and shopping venues are available in the Old Market, near the Durham Western Heritage Museum. Amtrak and other railroad views are available from the 10th Street overpass adjacent to the museum.

In Council Bluffs, attendees can visit the Union Pacific Museum, and the General Dodge

House, as well as the Rails West Museum, situated in the Rock Island Depot. There are also outside displays there, including a UP 4-8-4! These venues, as well as others in Omaha (near the Old Market) are within the 5-mile radius covered by the free hotel shuttle.

The area is home to several outstanding model railroads both from the modeling and operations standpoints. Attendees will have the opportunity to both visit and operate.



Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend the Train Show and Swap Meet sponsored by the Nebraska-Iowa Railroaders to be held in Ralston, Nebraska at the Ralston Arena during the weekend of the show. This is a highly successful show, which will have layouts as well as

vendors. It will be possible to register for this show when you register for the convention. People interested in exhibiting or obtaining tables at the show can also find the contact information via our convention web page <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org/convention/>

When one is attending the convention activities at the Hilton Garden, the program will include numerous clinics, among which is a photo presentation Thursday evening by David Seidel, President of the Camerail Club of Omaha, titled "Railroading in Omaha and Council Bluffs Through the Lens of Ray Lowery" covering a 60+ year span. John Bush will present "Building 844" based on his book of the same topic, and many clinics related to operations and modeling. Robert Schramm will present a narrated video presentation from his time as a tower operator.

Please also plan to bring models to enter in our contests – both judged and by popular vote. Categories are listed on our website for the convention. Awards will be presented at the Saturday night Awards Banquet, which will feature the celebrated 'Whisky Steak', offered by the hotel as part of their buffet dinner. Saturday's Banquet will feature Mr. Bob Krieger as our guest speaker. Bob Krieger of Cheyenne, WY is Secretary of the Sherman Hill Model RR Club. He is also the Business Manager of the

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Union Pacific Historical Society and a former member of the Steam Crew of the Union Pacific Railroad. He will be speaking on operations as a part of Model Railroading. His operational experience is based on long experience in the cab of both steam and diesel locomotives as both fireman and engineer.

On your way home on Sunday, June 5, layouts to visit will be available, as well as the Train

Show. We hope your visit to Omaha and Council Bluffs will be full and leave you not only satisfied, but also wanting to re-visit and see even more of the tremendous variety of sights and activities the area offers.

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The Road to Omaha, 2016—Registration Form

Council Bluffs, IA
 June 2-5, 2016
 Sponsored by the Western Heritage Division

Hilton Garden Inn
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 Council Bluffs,
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Rooms \$115/night, Jr. Suites \$135/night
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Event	Pricing (Each)	Quantity	Subtotal
Convention	\$65		
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Saturday Morning Harriman Dispatch Center Prototype Tour	TBD		
Saturday/Sunday NE-IA Railroad Show held at the Ralston Arena	\$6		
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Make Checks Payable to the Western Heritage Division
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Note: Parties interested in the prototype tours should enter the number of seats desired. Once prices are determined, we will contact you in the order your registration was received to confirm your interest and collect those fees.

June 2-5, 2016 Council Bluffs, IA



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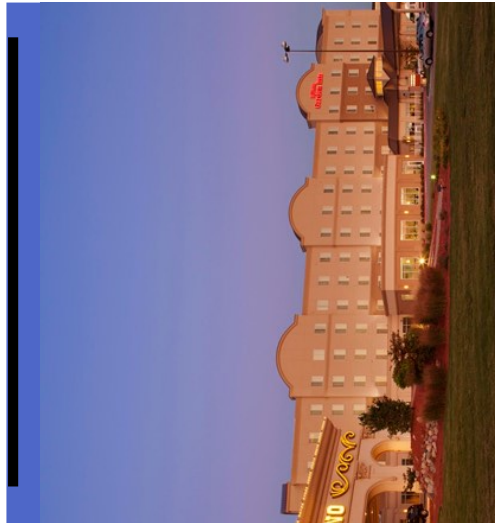
What is Planned

- Clinics / Contests
- Layout Tours
- Operating Sessions
- Prototype Tours
- NE/IA Railroaders Train Show



Clinic Topics include (and more!)

- A pictorial tour of Omaha and Council Bluffs
- Building the 844
- Building T-Trak
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- Modeling Prototypes



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Bring a model for the contest!

Judged categories include

- Steam Locomotives
- Diesel Locomotives
- Passenger Cars
- Freight Cars
- Caboose
- Non Revenue
- Structures
- Display
- Photographs

Try out your switching skills with the return of the Switching Contest!



Layout Tours/Operation Sessions will include these Omaha layouts:

- AT&SF - Los Angeles Division
- New York Central Hudson Division
- Santa Fe Surf Line
- St. Joseph Terminal

Prototype Tours: Harriman Dispatch Center and UP Heritage Fleet Car Shops

Prototype tours will visit the Council Bluffs car shops where the Union Pacific's Heritage Fleet of functioning passenger cars is maintained on Friday and Union Pacific's rail traffic control headquarters, where the movement of more than 850 trains over nearly 36,000 miles of track across the country is controlled and monitored on Saturday.

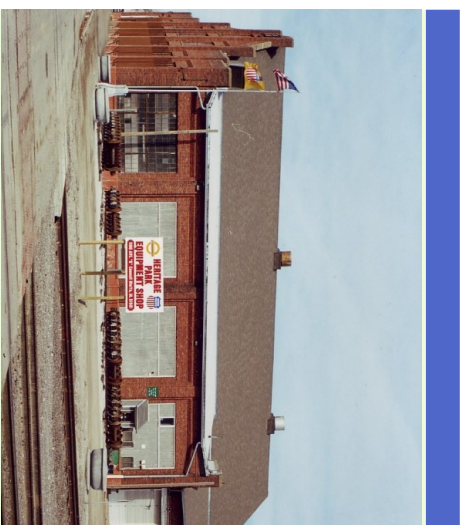
Both of these tours will be limited, so be sure to register early as space will be allocated on a first come basis.



Banquet Ceremony

Saturday Night's Banquet will feature the hotel's Whiskey Steak and our keynote speaker, Bob Krieger of Cheyenne, WY .

Bob is Secretary of the Sherman Hill Model RR Club, Business Manager of the Union Pacific Historical Society, and a former member of the Steam Crew of the Union Pacific Railroad. He will be speaking on operations as a part of Model Railroadng, based on his long experience in the cabs of both steam and diesel locomotives as both fireman and engineer.





OMAHA'S HIDDEN SHORTLINE

THE OMAHA ZOO RAILROAD — PHOTOS BY AUTHOR *Whit Johnson*

Welcome to the Omaha Zoo Railroad! Pictured above are the two oil fired steam locomotives that provide the passenger service on our line. The Omaha Zoo Railroad was built in the 1968 with help from the Union Pacific Railroad.

With just under 2 miles of 30" gauge mainline built on the bluffs along the Missouri River, this shortline railroad hauls several hundred people daily during the operating season. Climbing up 4% grades and then descending down the next, this is a challenging railroad. The railroad has a two track engine house with cranes, service pit, and machine tools to assist in the maintenance and service of the equipment. When originally constructed, there were four stations along the line. Omaha, Pachyderm Hill, Promontory, and Kennefick were the four stations. Currently we are

operating with two of the stations, Omaha and Kennefick. Omaha station is the original location where water, fuel, and service were completed on the locomotives while passengers were loaded. Today, Omaha is the location of the engine house where we also repair and rebuild the rolling stock and motive power.

The original locomotive is a Crown Locomotive model of the Union Pacific #119. It was built for the zoo as a 5/8 scale model to operate on 30" gauge track. This locomotive has operated the line with as many as 5 cars in revenue service. Currently we are operating the 119 with a 4 car train set as our primary train Monday—Thursday, and as the second section on weekends. The 119 operates with a boiler pressure set at 200 PSI using Diesel fuel for the atomized oil fire. With



#119 pulling out of Omaha.

the six chime whistle this locomotive is a treat to hear.

The workhorse at the Omaha Zoo Railroad is engine #104. Originally built in 1890, #104 served the Romanian State Railway until the late 1960's. Thanks to the generosity of Plasser & Theurer, an Austrian manufacturer of maintenance equipment, the "Riva" joined the roster in the 1974. The "Austrian" as we call her was converted to oil fire, air brakes were added, and she entered service in 1977. The #104 typically handles a 6—7 car set operating on weekends, holidays, and

special events early Spring to late Fall.

The newest addition to the motive power roster is a Plymouth 40 Ton Diesel that was originally built to 36" gauge and later gauged to 30". This engine was acquired in 2008 and has recently gone through a rebuild and paint upgrade.

Whenever you get the chance to visit Omaha, make sure to stop by the Omaha Zoo Railway for some rail fan action while the family is visiting the over 50,000 animals that can also be found here.

Zoo Railroad Motive Power getting ready.





Another load for the Austrian getting ready at Omaha station. (above)
“Virgie” our Plymouth is setting ready to fill in if needed. (below)



2015 MCOR CONTEST WINNERS

JEFFERSON CITY, MO CONVENTION

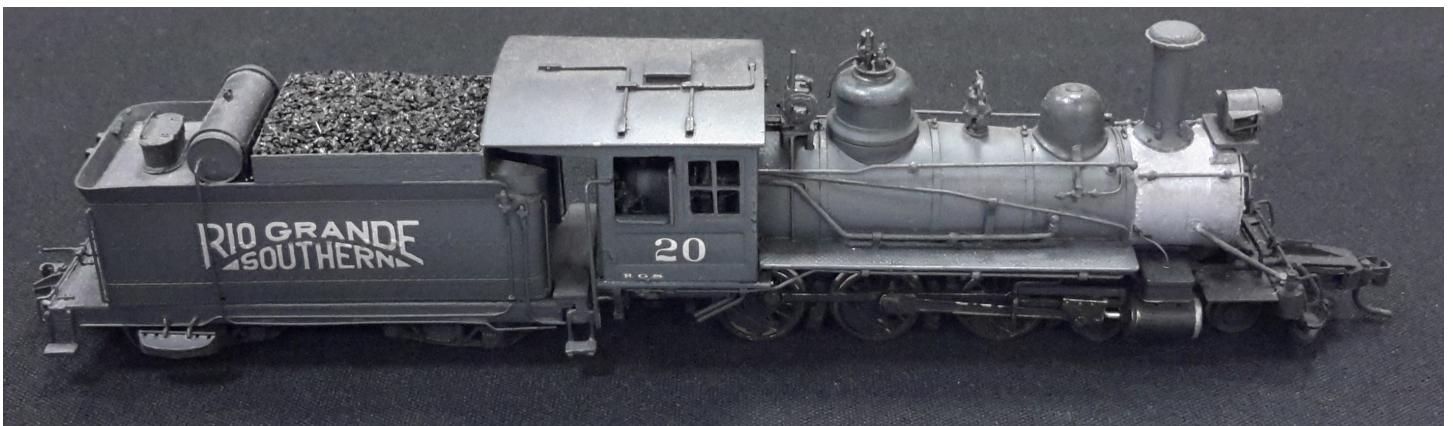
Jefferson City's model contest has 57 entries (as many as last year's joint regional) – it looks like Brad's idea of raffling off gift certificates to contest entries has struck a chord...

Results of the contest are as follows:

Steam Locomotives

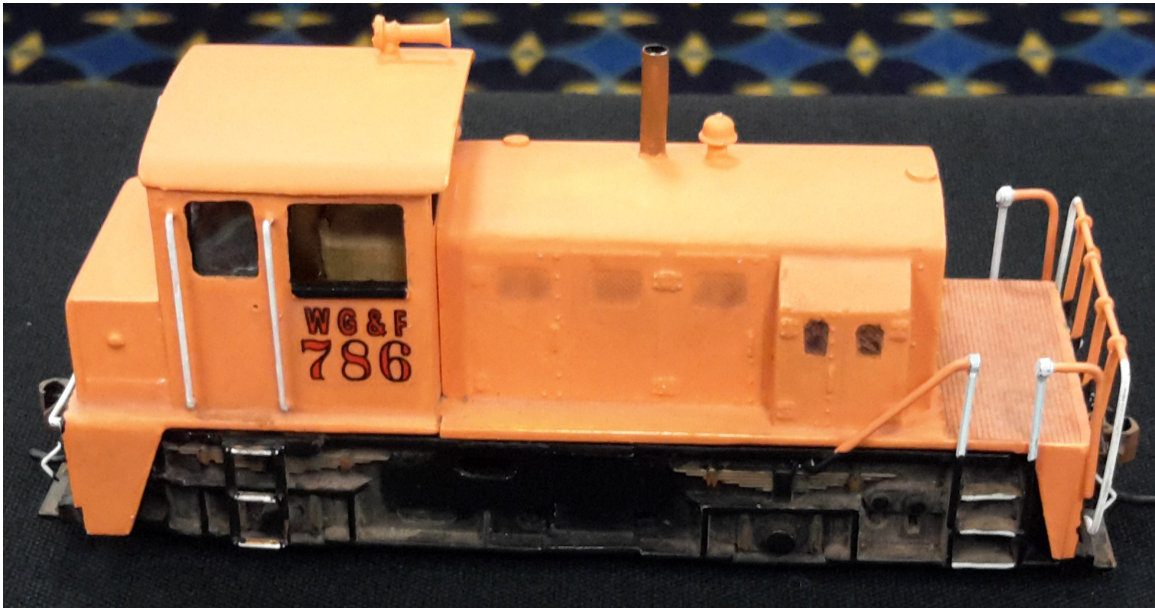


Second Place: Larry Gulick's Denver & Rio Grande Western 2-6-0 #138



First Place: John Scherez's RGS #20

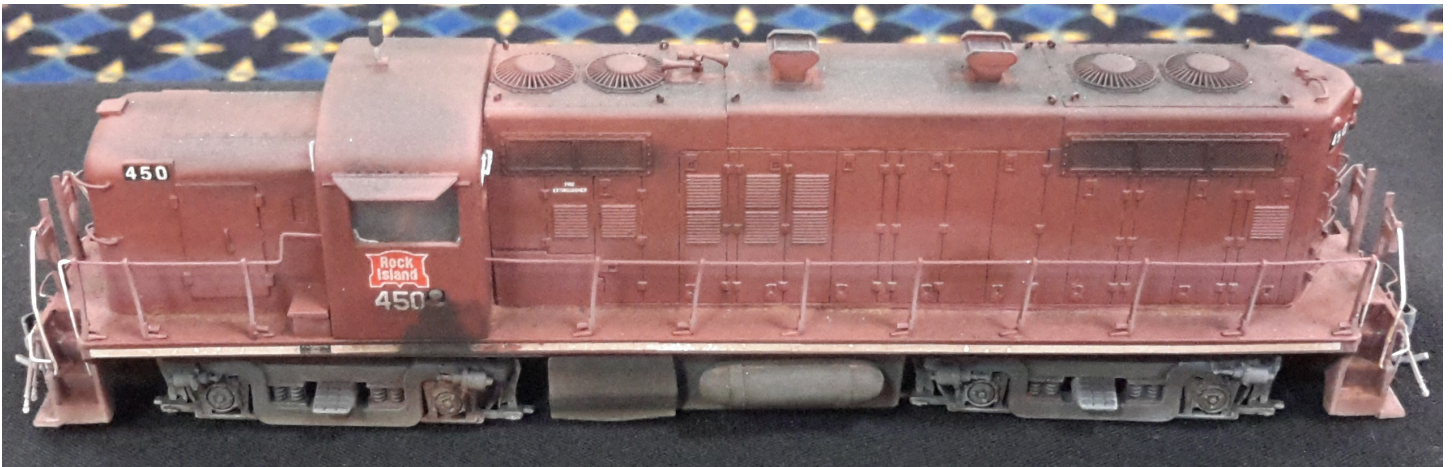
Diesel Locomotives/OMP



Third Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HO Plymouth 50 ton diesel switcher WG&F #786



Second Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HO ADM #1934 Diesel – GP9R w/ cut off cab nose



First Place: Allen Merta, MMR's Rock Island RS2M #450

Freight Car

Honorable Mentions:

Whit Johnson's 1/8 Scale Flat Car with Horizontal Pressure Filter Load

Dave Roeder, MMR's HOn3 SG&N #13 Narrow Gauge 30' bulkhead flat car

Dave Roeder, MMR's HO scale scrap gondola – 53' - David J Joseph #1320



Third Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HOn3 SG&N #15 Narrow Gauge 24' flat car with red truck load



Second Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HO Adhesive tank car TCC #521



First Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HO Flat Car 40 foot wood T&E #567

Non-Revenue Cars



Third Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's Ho Rail Inspection Automobile 1938 NASH Ambassador



Second Place: Larry Van Houten's Wabash Flat w/2 trailers (only used for advertising)



First Place: Dave Jacobs, MMR's Logging Flat Car w/ Loggers eating lunch

Caboose



Third Place: Larry Gulick's Denver & Rio Grande Western Long Caboose #0572



Second Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HO Caboose BN #10928



First Place: Allen Merta, MMR's NP 36 Foot Bay Window Caboose #1556

Passenger Car



Third Place: Philip Bonzon, MMR's HOn3 West Virginia Midland, Coach #5



Second Place: Philip Bonzon, MMR's HOn3 West Virginia Midland, Baggage #1



First Place: Dave Roeder MMR's HOn3 Observationcar Silverton Gladstone & Northerly #2

Off-Line Structures

This was the last year for this category - Beginning next year, MCoR will adopt national's designation and have a single structures category.



Third Place: Larry Gulick's Diana's Emporium

Second Place: Larry Gulick's John Harvard Brew House



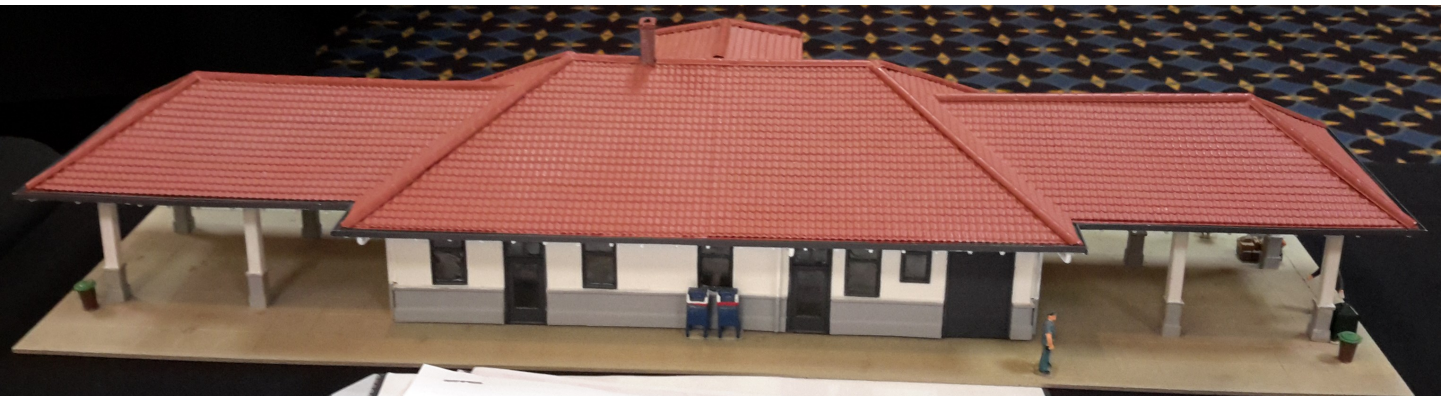
First Place: Larry Gulick's Hitchcock Mining & Farm Supply

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Third Place: Dave Jacobs,
MMR's
Clemens Transfer Company



Second Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's HO scale Webster Groves, MO depot



First Place: Pamela Todd's En-
gine House

Off-Line Display

This was the last year for this category (and the On-Line Display category, which had no entries) - Beginning next year, MCoR will adopt national's designation and have a single display category.



Third Place: Dave Roeder, MMR's 1949 Morgan Auto Sales

Second Place: Larry Diehl's Bemis Brothers Bag Co.



First Place: Larry Diehl's Loose-Wiles Office & Shipping / Shoe Repair Store

Light Iron



Philip Bonzon, MMR's HOn3 West Virginia Midland, Combine #2

Best in Show



Pamela Todd's Engine House (115 points)

Photo Contest

There were 17 entries in the photo contest... Results were

B&W Prototype

First Place: Pamela Todd's Spooky Country Grain Elevator



Color Model



Third Place: Ed Walton's Missouri Town in Transition



Second Place: Glenn Koproske's Orange Grove Pickers



First Place: Larry Gulick's Phillips 66 Gas Station

Color Prototype



Third Place: Pamela Todd's 9442 Saturday Morning Mist



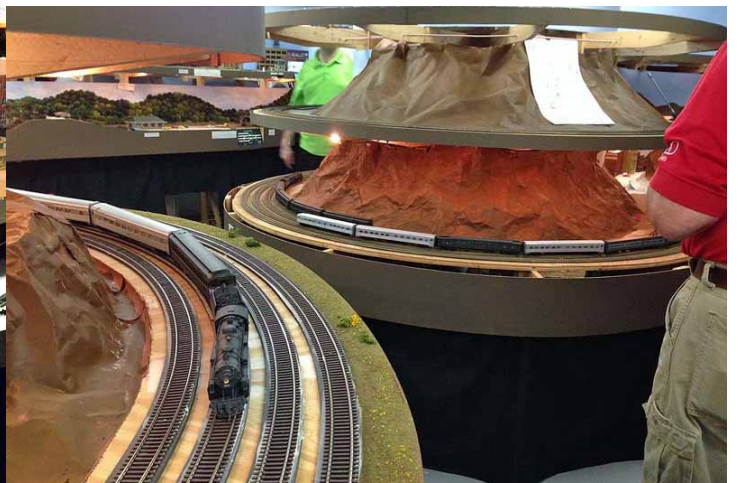
Second Place: Glenn Koproske's Erie E-unit at station at night – Spencer Shops 2014



First Place: Ed Walton's C&TS #409

OMAHA LAYOUTS

This is a preview of some layouts from Omaha 2016!





Railroad Name

New York Central Hudson Division

Owner

Paul De Luca

Scale

H0

Era

Early 1950's

Layout Description

The railroad represents the New York Central's Hudson Division from just north of Harmon to Stuyvesant, NY. A small portion of the New York City Terminal District, including the interlocking at Spuyten Duyvil, is also modeled. As with the prototype, there is a heavy emphasis on passenger train operation, based on a 1951 ETT and freight train documents. During this era, most commuter trains were still steam powered, shortly before RDC's bumped steam off the Peekskill trains. We run roughly 30 trains during a typical operating session over roughly 9 scale miles of multiple main track with the fast clock set at 3 to 1. Op sessions cover 8 hours on the fast clock (2'45"). Operating positions required include 5 yard jobs, 3 tower operators, a dispatcher, and 10 mainline engineers/conductors to handle the freight, mail and express, and milk trains in addition to the passenger traffic. The railroad is roughly 15% scenicked.

Motive Power

Steam and first generation diesels, of which about 66% are sound equipped.

Control System

NCE

Car Forwarding

Car cards and waybills. Blank switch lists are available.

Dispatching

Verbal authority managed by 3 tower operators and a dispatcher.

Operators

20

Accessibility

Basement, stairs, optional walkout down slope over grass, bathroom downstairs.

Welcome to Barstow, CA

**Railroad Name****AT&SF - Los Angeles Division****Owner**

Olin Dirks

Scale

HO

Era

Mid 1960's

Layout Description

Barstow yard is modeled as it was before the construction of the modern hump yard, and as close to track for track as possible. Train schedules, passenger and freight consists, switching and blocking have been carefully reconstructed to match the prototype. Each session represents an eight hour segment of the clock. Barstow requires two yardmasters, and three switch jobs per shift to handle the many work events and classification. As a former Santa Fe Agent at Barstow in the late 60's remarked, "it seemed like we had to mess with every train." Westbound passenger trains change power, and several car lines make connections between trains. Operations include famous trains like the San Francisco Chief, California Livestock Special, City of Los Angeles, Phoenix Fast Freight, the QLA, the SWG, and many others. Victorville, Boron, Cadiz and Milligan are also represented.

Motive Power

Warbonnet F's and PA's, early second generation freight units, Alco switchers.

Control System

Easy DCC

Car Forwarding

Car Cards & Waybills.

Dispatching

Direction of Traffic, Simplified Train Order & Verbal Train Control.

Operators

18 - (1) Dispatcher, (2) Yardmasters, (1) Crew Caller/Roundhouse Foreman, (3) Yard Jobs, (1) Roadswitcher, (8) Road Crews, (1) Trainmaster-UP, (1) Road-UP.

Accessibility

Basement, steep stairs, bathroom upstairs.

Welcome to St. Joe, MO



Railroad Name

St. Joseph Terminal

Owner

Don Wetmore

Scale

H0

Era

1960

Layout Description

Don refers to St Joe as "6 Class 1's on a Postage Stamp". The prototype featured a lot of action in a small area and Don has captured that in his basement.. The emphasis is on yard, industry and interchange operations. The 600 sq. ft. layout includes a 12'x42' main room with an extension into the next room. The layout is single deck with some shadowbox scenes below. Multiple short mainlines lead to staging. The longest is the CB&Q at 100 ft. Signature St. Joe industries include Quaker Oats/Aunt Jemima, Western Tablet Company, Wire Rope Corp and Goetz Brewery. The layout is packed with interesting, complex prototype-based track-work.

Motive Power

First generation diesels

Control System

EasyDCC

Car Forwarding

Car Cards & Waybills. Blank Switch Lists are available.

Dispatching

Mostly Yard Limits with some Verbal Authority.

Operators

12-15 including 4-5 yardmasters.

Accessibility

Basement, stairs, bathroom downstairs.

LEATHERSTOCKINGS & THE BLUES EXPRESS

Author: Eugene Coffman Photos by author.



In 1865, the Cooperstown & Susquehanna Valley Railroad (C&SVRR) was founded. The original 16 miles of track was broad gauge [6' (1829mm)] to be compatible with the Albany & Susquehanna RR until 1876 when this track was "narrowed up" to modern standard gauge. The Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley (CACV) RR evolved from some of this road and ended up as a rural feeder to the Delaware & Hudson. Passenger service was very important in the mid-1800's but mixed general freight was also moved besides lumber and a specialty crop

for the region, hops. At one time, Otsego County NY produced some of the best hops in the world and the Busch family visited so often to inspect the hops crops for their brewery that they built a country estate in the area.

The Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society (LRHS) was organized in 1982 to preserve local railroad historical equipment and develop a regional railroad museum. The next year, the LRHS became affiliated

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with the National Railroad Historical Society. Through community fundraising the LRHS began acquiring railroad equipment and options on railroad-associated real estate. It ran its first excursion train in 1983. In 1993, it was offered an opportunity to purchase the former CACV and its 16 miles of right of way from Cooperstown Junction to the Village of Cooperstown. The LRHS parlayed heavy local fundraising into matching parts of federal and NYDOT grants totaling over \$1.5 million. They then began acquisition of the needed equipment and facilities to operate a heritage railroad.



Facilities now include the 20'x70' wood frame Milford (NY) Station which was erected in 1869 and now serves as the focal point for passenger operations. A small museum is also in the building as well as some of the Society's historical archives and a running HO model railroad. The property also included a 35' x 85' steel Engine House built in 1973. A run-through track and an inspection pit allow the volunteers to bring equipment inside for restoration and repair.

In 1999, renovation of the northern 8 miles of the CACV between Milford and Cooperstown was completed including safety certification inspections of three steel bridges. The LRHS ran their first revenue passenger train shortly after and has been running trains ever since. A 1.5 ft. gauge railroad originally built by a local enthusiast now circles the Milford property and runs for visi-

tors during the summer. The engines and cars used in running the trains are kept at the Milford Station tracks. Other equipment awaiting restoration is stored on nearby tracks and 8 miles south in Cooperstown Junction.



The LRHS owns and operates two ex-Canadian National switch engines of ALCO S-4 and S-7 design. Both were also used previously by the Atlas Steel Mill in Ontario to shuttle scrap metal around their facility. Both are products of the Montreal Locomotive Works (MLW) which was the Canadian successor to ALCO. CACV No. 3051 is painted in a D&H color scheme with CACV lettering. No. 8223 is newly painted in the colors of CN, its previous owner. One of the switchers pulls the typical passenger train from Milford to Cooperstown and back, utilizing the runaround track at Cooperstown.

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The LRHS, with their own personnel, operates a wide variety of specialty trains for adults and children planned around the Easter Bunny, Train Robberies, Railfan Day, Dinosaur Express, Oktoberfest, Beer & Wine Tasting Days, Ice Cream Social Train, Santa Express, Christmas Lights, and several others. Regularly scheduled trains include weekly Thursday day excursions, Dinner Trains, and the Saturday Night Blues Express May through September.



Actually the music on the three hour Blues Express can vary to suit the riders' taste. We rode the Express in September of this year and an entire car was rented by a wedding party so the music was livelier. We guessed we were in for a good time when the bride boarded in her white dress wearing cowboy boots! The band is located in the last car, an open gondola. Since a steady cold rain was falling the evening we rode, the tent covering was installed over a metal framework (see photo) and the party went on. The coach just forward contained a cash bar, food sales, music piped in from the gondola and



some tables. We rode in the next coach forward equipped with tables and chairs. Another coach still forward had been rented entirely for the wedding party and contained their dinner buffet.

A friendly gentleman appropriately dressed as a conductor introduced himself to Barb and I as president of the LRHS and their Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railroad. In the course of our talk, he invited me to ride in the locomotive during our engine runaround in Cooperstown. This was a first for me made more memorable as it was done on a dark rainy night. For the Blues Express, the LRHS only provides the train. The promoter, who also ended up at our table, rents the whole train, markets the reservations and tickets, holds the liquor license, etc..



Volunteers do much of the maintenance tasks and restorations themselves. Authenticity is valued but if more recent inventions are superior, they will be substituted. For instance, the heavy-weight coaches each originally had a 32 vdc gen-

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erator run off an axle on that car. Now 110 vac is supplied to the entire train from a single onboard generator which allows the use of standard 110v fixtures.

Any member who wants to be trained for train service can be. The LRHS has their own rule book that the trainees must abide by. They work with already qualified conductors, brakemen, and engineers until they successfully complete a "qualifying run" where they must show they have mastered all the safety protocols as well as the

community organization meetings and at local schools. The members keep busy maintaining the rolling stock and doing maintenance-of-way. It seems to me the members could write a How-To manual on creating and running a heritage railroad and attracting the needed volunteers to make it all possible. Morale seems high and the fellows are very proud of their railroad. We felt privileged to be their guests.

Author's Note: Leatherstocking is not a railroad term but was popularized by James Fenimore Cooper when he wrote the five "Leatherstocking Tales" in the early 1800's. The most well-known of the Tales is "The Last of the Mohicans" set in this general area of upper New York State.



Rules of the Road.

The Leatherstocking Society has over 300 members and has made its railroad an integral part of the local culture. The Society recruits present and future members by presenting slide shows at





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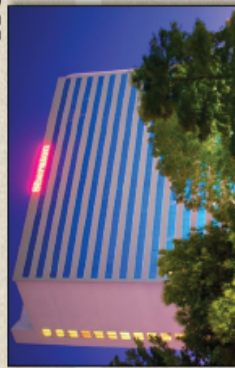
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- Museum of the American Railroad and more!



Agenda

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- Wednesday, June 22, 2016
Registration and Clinics 2-9 p.m.
- Thursday, June 23, 2016
Modeling Contest opens 9 a.m.
Rail and Layout Tours, Clinics, Non-rail Tours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Evening BBQ Railfan Mixer in Saginaw, Texas
- Friday, June 24, 2016
Modeling Contest opens 9 a.m.
Rail and Layout Tours, Clinics, Non-rail Tours 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, June 25, 2016
Layout Tours and Clinics until 3 p.m.
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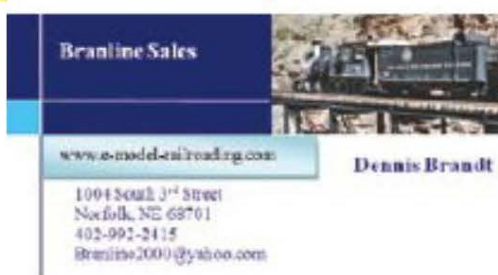
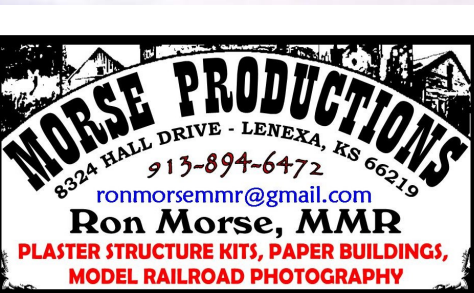
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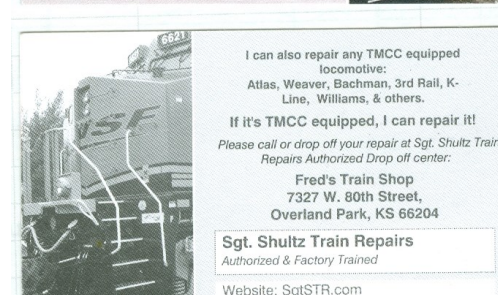
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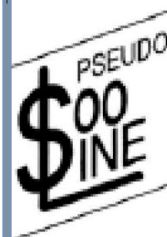
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