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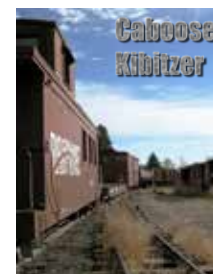
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# HEAD END

## NOTES FROM PRESIDENT HANK KRAICHELY

### 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2018

**T**he weather outside is frightful”. Yes it is, here in St. Louis, we are in the midst of a snow storm with 6-10+ forecasted. While my neighbors are rushing to the grocery to purchase milk and a loaf of bread I am sitting here in front of the fireplace. I am sitting on the coach planning the ways I will use the cement bag kits that the mailman just delivered.

Should I stack them, put them on pallets, lean some against a wall or inside an open box car? What color should I paint them? Should I leave them one color or add a stripe, a dot or maybe a tiny decal?

I think the above thought process is what makes our

hobby great. Let your imagination run, taking some plastic bits plus an empty dock and create a bit of realism.

I challenge our members to take some odds and ends and enhance or create a scene (any size will work). Take a few photos, attach a paragraph or two explaining the why and how of this project and email it to our Editor. Let's share our ideas and techniques with the 950+ members in our Region.

Finally, begin planning to join us in Wichita for the Mid-Continent Region's convention June 20 - 23, 2019. For just \$125.00, a member can attend clinics, tour layouts, take the excursion, the Train Show and the BANQUET. A great deal!



Hank Kraichely  
President

Mid-Continent Region of NMRA

**For additional information and a "Registration Form" please refer to pages 12 and 13 by clicking on this text.**

[click here to go to the Convention site](#)



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# NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Several of you have expressed your confusion about these older/replacement issues of the Caboose Kibitzer. As I attempted to explain in the previous issue, I have a personal commitment to the readers to fill in the missing ones while at the same time keep you all up to date.

In fact, I have all four quarters of 2018, begun and have space planned out for timely events/information, and activities plus ALL of your articles and photographs. (YES, ALL of your submissions.)

*Most especially those requested by Hank  
on the previous page.*

**So, bring 'em on.**



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definite goals, and a  
burning desire to achieve them



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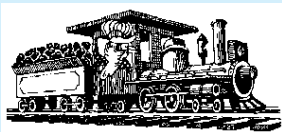


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• **March 23** The sounds of steam and diesel locomotives will fill the air along with hundreds of excited children when the Ozarks Model Railroad Association hosts its 41st Annual Spring Train Show time 9am to 3pm, Springfield Expo Center, 635 St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO. Nearly 200 tables will display railroad equipment of all scales as well as memorabilia. Ten, or more O, HO and N scale model railroads will be operating including the OMRA's switching layout for kids of all ages. Kids can receive an Official Switchman certificate upon completion of their assignment. In addition, there will be displays by the Railroad Historical Museum, Greene County Museum. They can also earn an Official Whistle Blowers certificate by blowing the whistle on one of the operating layouts or become Official Locomotive Engineers by operating the Simulator program. Michael Landis, former TV journalist and author of the book "Show-Me Katy" and "The Main Track" will share vintage videos about the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad (Katy). Connie and Willie Misemer, Mt. Vernon, MO will be operating the Kiddy Train provid-



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# 2019 NMRA Mid-Continent Region Convention

## Wichita, KS

### June 20 – 23, 2019

## Registration Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

[www.WichitaMCoR2019Convention.org](http://www.WichitaMCoR2019Convention.org)

NMRA #:

Registrant Full Name:		__ Dr. __ Mr. __ Mrs. __ Ms. __ MMR	
Complete Name As It Should Appear on Badge:		PayPal Name: (If paying with PayPal)	
Name of Companion		__ Dr. __ Mr. __ Mrs. __ Ms. __ MMR	
Companion Name As It Should Appear on Badge:		Main Registrants Area Code & Telephone #:	
Street Address:		City, State, Zip Code:	
Registrant's email:		Companion email:	
Names & Ages (As Of June 2019) of Youth Family Member(s):			
<b>Note:</b> Registration Fee Includes Convention Entry, Clinics, Banquet, Train Show Admittance.			
<b>Banquet Choice:</b> (Choose <u>One</u> per person)    __ Chicken    __ Salmon    __ Vegetarian			

### Convention Fees

*Sub-Total*

*Sub-Total*

Basic Registration    ____ x \$125.00	\$	Convention T-Shirt    ____ x \$20.00	\$
Companion*    ____ x \$80.00	\$	Convention Polo Shirt    ____ x \$30.00	\$
Youth * (age 5-11)    ____ x \$50.00	\$	Convention Souvenir Cup    ____ x \$5.00	\$
Banquet Only    ____ x \$45.00	\$	Decals (Scale ____)	____ x \$5.00 \$
++ Excursion    (TBA)	\$	Convention Cinch Bag    ____ x \$5.00	\$
Convention Hat    ____ x \$12.00	\$	+ Convention Lanyard    ____ x \$5.00	\$
Sun Visor Hat    ____ x \$12.00	\$	+ Convention Lapel Pin    ____ x \$5.00	\$
Rally Towel    ____ x \$5.00	\$	+ Convention Patch    ____ x \$5.00	\$
* Must Accompany a Basic Registration		<b>Total Submitted To:</b>  <b>MCoR 2019    \$ _____</b>	
+ Included With Basic Rate Registration			
++ Excursion Info Coming Soon			

*Note: Items ordered can be picked up at the Registration Desk at the Convention.*

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Check / Money Order payable to: **MCoR 2019**

Mail to: 2019 MCoR Convention  
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or

Pay Online with Major Credit Card through PayPal

*Special Considerations:*



Greetings fellow MCoR members,

The **NMRA Mid-Continent Region Convention** is drawing near in Wichita, Kansas. The planning committee has been working hard to assemble everything that is needed for a successful convention. Planning with convention hotel management, seeking clinic presenters and organizing operations volunteers are but a few of the many tasks undertaken by the convention planning committee. We look forward to welcoming all of you to the convention.

Our convention hotel is the Double Tree by Hilton, located at 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67209. Please call the hotel directly for reservations at 1 (316) 945-5272. *To receive the convention rate mention that you are affiliated with the Mid-Continent Region Convention.* Consult the convention website for directions to the hotel.

On **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** the Registration Site will be open from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening clinics will be offered at 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

On **Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** the Registration Site will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Morning clinics are offered at 9:00am and 10:15am. Lunch is from 11:15am to 1:00pm. Afternoon clinics are offered at 1:00pm, 2:15pm, and 3:30pm. Dinner is from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Evening clinics will be offered at 7:00pm and at 8:15pm. The Augusta Train Club will conduct an Operating Session at their site in Augusta, KS. Go to the convention website for complete information.

On **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** the Registration Site will be open from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Morning clinics will be offered at 9:00am and 10:15am. The convention banquet festivities will begin at 6:00pm. Check the convention website for the banquet timetable.

On **Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Plan to attend local layouts on your way home. Consult the convention website for the tour schedule, map and timetable.

The **train show** will open on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am for convention attendees only. Entrance into the show will be by your convention badge. The train show will open to the public at 9:00am. The show will be open Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> as well. Vendors are invited to visit the convention website for table information.

Go to the convention website to register. Select REGISTRATION & MAIL-IN. **Print the form**, enter the required information and desired purchases. Payment of registration fees may be by check or through PayPal.

[www.WichitaMCoR2019Convention.org](http://www.WichitaMCoR2019Convention.org)

Send the completed registration form and payment to:

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**Change Policy:** For a cancellation of or change to a registration made prior to May 15, 2019, a refund of up to the full amount paid will be made available. For a cancellation of or change to a registration made between May 16, 2019 and June 1, 2019, a refund of up to one-half of the amount paid will be made available. For a cancellation of or change to a registration made after June 2, 2019, no refund will be made available. A check will be cut for any refunds due and will be sent to the attendee by mail no later than July 12, 2019.

Welcome to Wichita, we look forward to seeing you in June,  
Your MCoR Convention Planning Committee

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# “Learning to be a Brakeman, the Hard way”

by  
**Leon Sapp**

**B**y the time I came to the Katy in 1966, I was something of a seasoned veteran, having service as both a fireman and brakeman on two different railroads. But my experience had begun five years earlier with a very rocky start.

In 1961, I was a freshman in college and working part time for a small dry goods store in Coffeyville, Kansas for the princely sum of \$20 a week. One afternoon a friend of mine came by the store and asked if I could leave work a little early and take him down to the local Missouri Pacific Railroad yard, where they were hiring a Fireman, a job which would pay as much in one day as I had been making in an entire week. To make a long story short, he didn't get the job, but I did. I became the newest employee on the railroad, with the dirtiest, most undesirable job they had, that of “**hostler's helper**” working the graveyard shift.

I quickly found out that a hostler was the engineer that moved engines around the dump, which was how the service tracks were collectively known. Somehow “dump” seemed appropriate, given the mud, grime, and numerous puddles of oil one had to wade through constantly. The helper was the “grunt” that was expected to keep up with him, fuel, sand, water, sweep and generally muck out locomotives, align switches, clean the crapper in the locker room, and just about any other thing the hostler was unable (or unwilling) to do. It was hot, dirty, and unless you happen to like the smell of sweat and diesel fuel, extremely unpleasant work. The job did not require a great deal of explanation or training, and I was, therefore, given little of either. As a fireman I was only a temporary necessity in the railroad's eyes since there was a national push to eliminate “feather bedders” on all, but the few remaining passenger trains. In fact,

National Arbitration Board Award 282 in 1963, did just that. When that finally did happen I had not been around long enough to develop a bad reputation with the trainmaster, and he sent word that I could stay on to cover the needs of the switchman and brakeman's extra board right there in Coffeyville.

Now remember my total training had revolved around putting sand in the top of the engines and fuel in the bottom. Not much had been said about anything else since apparently they had not wanted to confuse me with extraneous details. The day-to-day operations of the railroad were still a vague and mysterious thing to me.

I caught my first run in my new capacity, on one cold December night during the 1963 Christmas vacation. I stopped by the yard office on my way home from school, and when I walked into the crew clerk's office door and reported in, I was immediately “called” for the Dexter Local. I had just enough time to change my clothes and grab a snack before train time. I had no idea where to find Dexter on the map, or for that matter, what a “local” was.

I reported to the Roundhouse and found that I was to be a “Rear Brakeman”. The old conductor had a very bad cold and an equally bad disposition, and nearly fainted when he found out that I had neither a rule book nor a timetable. The embarrassed clerk quickly supplied me with both, and after reading me the Operating and Safety Rules for the day, the conductor instructed me to walk our train, checking for any hand brakes that might need to be released, and then to build a warm fire in the caboose. OK, I could figure out the hand brake thing, and I made it to the caboose without getting lost, but this was

my first encounter with a coal-fired pot bellied stove. I had no idea how to start a fire in the thing, and after a half a box of matches, it was still a cold, dark caboose. About that time a carman came through the caboose door to complete the air test of the train. He was as cold as I was and therefore inclined to help me with the fire thingy. It seems the first thing you do is to carry the ash pan to the back platform and bang it loudly on the end railing. Now I knew where all those little white dusty pyramids on the yard tracks had come from. After that you shoveled in about four good scoops of coal and shoved a burning red railroad flare (known as a fusee) down among the pile, quickly slamming the door on the thing before the heavy sulfur fumes suffocated everyone in the vicinity. With a little luck, in a few minutes, you had a roaring fire. After the caboose got rolling, the draft really got the thing cherry red, and once lit, a small stove can keep a very large caboose quite warm and toasty with very little attention. By the time we picked up the conductor at the yard office, the carman had shown me how to fill, light, and hang up the marker lamps on the back, making us officially a “train”.

I felt I was ready for the old conductor’s inspection and approval. Not to be. Where was the coffee? Then I discovered that above all else, it was the rear brakeman’s job to have a pot of fresh, strong and extremely hot coffee ready when the boss arrived. I quickly retrieved the beat up old tin coffee pot from the shelf and walked to the sink to wash it out, since it had an amazing collection of grounds and something that looked like dirty little black Frisbees up to the half way point. I was reaching for a container of soap when the conductor noticed and in rather strong language imparted the first three primary lessons in railroad culinary etiquette. **Lesson No. 1** is to never wash a coffee pot with soap, followed by even more important **Lesson No. 2** never wash the conductor’s coffee cup at all. You simply dump the pot when you can no longer get enough new stuff in the thing to make “HIS” cup of coffee, and if the floating coffee grounds bother you, break an egg into the boiling pot. As it cooks and sinks, it takes the grounds to the bottom, hence the dirty little Frisbees I had noticed earlier. They actually had been eggs at one time in their life. And soap of any kind and in any quantity forever ruins a pot or a cup.

Coffee cups are never to be touched, and are supposed to look like you just used them to drain your crankcase. His did, so I guess it was a very good cup after all. **Lesson No. 3** was that most people use far too much water making coffee. It should pour slow and make you pucker to be really good. My evening was not getting off to a good start.

We went about eight miles on the main track to a small junction at Dearing, Kansas, and it was my job to hop off the moving caboose, align the switches, lock and check to see that the points were tight, and then run to catch the caboose, which was now about as far down the track as you could reasonably expect to be able to catch, considering you had on long johns, a winter coat and heavy boots. I made it, but only just, and the conductor was not happy with my delaying his train.

Our first stop was at Caney, Kansas, where we crossed the ATSF and had to switch a small grain elevator. The elevator was actually on the ATSF, and we had to go out onto their mainline a short distance to get to it. The train pulled to a stop and the conductor and I had to walk over to the head end to help switch the small industry. There was a high wooden trestle going into town, and it had no walkways. Instead, the section men had placed long 2” x 12” boards across a running stream, which in the dark seemed close to the Royal Gorge in depth and width. I said a prayer and followed the daredevil ahead of me across the bouncing boards, hoping the caboose would be somewhere else when we returned.

I was left at the junction switch with instructions to “flag”. Here was another mystery. To me a flag was something you saluted in Boy Scouts, but I had absolutely no idea how it applied to railroading. Besides, I did not have one, so.... Sure enough, about ten minutes after my crew disappeared down the ATSF main track, one of their freight trains showed up, and not knowing what else to do, I waved at their Engineer and watched them roll by. Not good. They almost went into the elevator on top of my crew. The conductor spent a good ten minutes describing the sorry state of my family tree. At least that was the gist of it; he was talking too fast for me to remember all of it.

After the ATSF train got by us and my engines returned to “our” train, we got back on the caboose and headed off to the west. At least this time the caboose came to us and I did not need to brave the makeshift foot bridge again.

The next stop was at Sedan, Kansas, where we switched a small elevator. The radio on the caboose had quit about a mile or so out of town, and we discovered the belt had slipped off the pulley under the caboose. The conductor had me help lever the thing back together, a chore he had obviously done many times before. Before long, we were on the air again and in communication with the rest of the world. We made one more stop at a small country siding, where we “dropped” a box car of hay out of a spur track to our train on the main line. As “Rear Brakeman” it was my job to ride the top platform and control the speed of the car using its handbrake, a real thrill if you have never done it before in the dark. Actually, I guessed the right time to crank the brake down, and made a rather gentle coupling. I expected congratulations but got none.

Once again, we were on our way. A real challenge awaited us at Dexter, but one that everyone but I seemed to understand perfectly. Three locals met there at the same time, one from Arkansas City, one from Winfield, and our train out of Coffeyville. Both the other jobs had arrived first and had made their exchanges. When we arrived, we pulled down the main track and stopped with our caboose east of the siding switch. The plan was to leave our caboose uphill on the main, and after the rest of the train had pulled to the west end, release the hand brake and allow it to roll into a short siding. When our engines returned with our train, they would back in to couple on the caboose and be ready to leave for our return to Coffeyville. A simple maneuver, perhaps. That is, unless you had a green brakeman on the crew who did not know that a caboose had two handbrake wheels, one on each end. I had let the one off the rear way back in Coffeyville, but had neglected to notice that a “creeper” had been wound down on the one on the leading end. It had not been noticed during the entire trip, but still had just enough of a drag to slow the caboose down so that it died halfway through the switch. Again, the conductor was not kind in his remarks to me or about me, and I received additional information

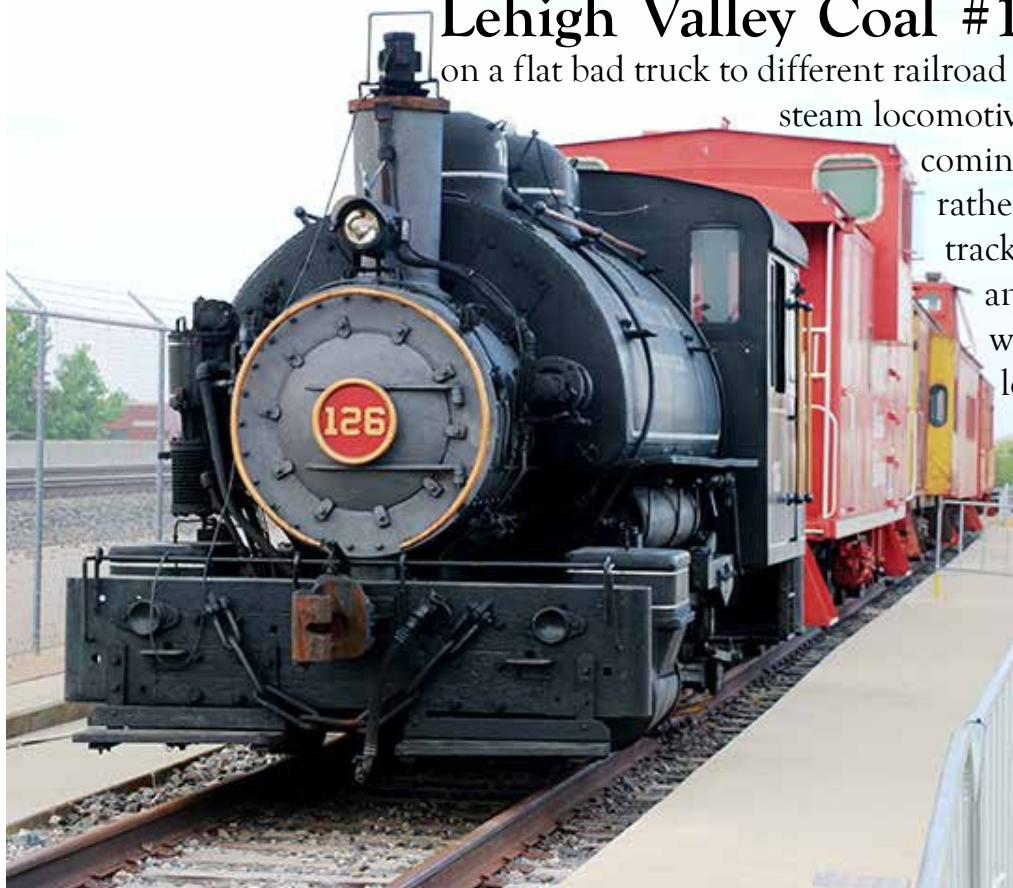
about my lineage and my prospects for a long life. The experience was not a total waste of time since I was able to find out then how a caboose chain works. Retrieving a fifty foot chain from the tool box slung beneath our caboose, the conductor signaled one of the other local’s engines to come up and hooked the chain between our caboose coupler and theirs. We gave our caboose a little tug and it rolled into the siding just where it should have been all along, but with a lot of laughter from the other crews which my conductor took quite personally. He shared some of his earlier observations with them, and my position in the food chain dropped even further. I was given orders to ride the head end of the train on the return trip. The “Captain” has apparently had enough of the new kid to last him the rest of the trip.

Our engines were two of the Midland Valley black and red GP-7 units that had come to the Missouri Pacific through the recent merger of the two railroads. The accommodations were rather Spartan and since there were only three seats on the locomotive (and now four people in the cab with me the junior member), I sat on the floor all the way back to Coffeyville. It somehow seemed appropriate, and after an uneventful return trip we put our train away. I went to the yard office to offer my thanks to the conductor for teaching me a little about railroading, only to find that he had deposited his waybills and quickly left for home, telling the caller that he would be off “sick” for an unspecified period of time. I never saw the conductor again nor had the opportunity to offer my apologies or anything else.

So much for my first trip as a brakeman. I think I might have been the reason the railroad decided to begin a formal training school for new brakemen rather than throwing them to the wolves and trusting to luck and the generosity of the “old heads”. Compassion had seemed in short supply at 3 a.m. in the middle of Kansas. I made other trips on the Dexter Local, all under the watchful eye of a different conductor, and with a little more experience under my belt I was able to keep up and contribute a little better. I guess some lessons truly are

**learned best the hard way.**

**Lehigh Valley Coal #126** is hauled around the country on a flat bad truck to different railroad museums that normally do not have steam locomotives. I was quite excited to hear it was coming to Wichita, Kansas. The action is rather boring with only about 1/4 mile of track to run on. But it was still fun to see and hear a real steam engine in a city well know for its rich history in steam locomotives. Filmed at the Great plains transportation museum in downtown Wichita, in September, 2017.



The Great Plains Transportation Museum hosted the second annual Kansas Railfest Sept. 16. It featured music, shopping, food, vintage vehicles, and activities

for young and old. The event takes place at the combined sites of the museum



The Saturday prior, a coal-fired steam locomotive named "Sadie" pulled into Union Station in downtown Wichita. Officially known as Lehigh Valley Coal Co. #126, "Sadie" was the featured attraction for the Second Annual Kansas Railfest at the combined locations of the Great Plains Transportation Museum and Union Station at 700 and 701 E. Douglas, respectively.

It is a rare sight to have a coal-fired steam locomotive in Wichita, said Drew Meek, Railfest committee chair and a board member of the Great Plains Transportation Museum, which hosted the event. Buckley Roofing, Allied Crane, the Big Tool Store, and Bulk Conveyors have helped sponsor Sadie's visit. "I have no idea when the last coal-fired steam engine was operated here," Meek said. Most locomotives that operated in the region were oil-powered engines, he said. Railfest-goers purchased separate tick-







*image above is a "ScreenSnapshot" from a video*

ets to take a short train ride with "Sadie" pulling the museum's vintage caboose cars up and down the tracks on the Railfest grounds, Meek said.

"Sadie" is owned by Gramling Locomotive Works, run by the father-son team of John and Barney Gramling who restore steam tank engines at their farmstead in Indiana and take them to tourist railroads and museums, according to [Trains Magazine](#). "Sadie" had to share the limelight with another train engine at this year's Railfest event. Union Pacific brought its one-of-a-kind diesel-electric locomotive #1982 that is painted to commemorate the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The Mo-Pac Railroad played a significant role in Wichita's early years.

Other Railfest activities included a miniature G-scale train display by the Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, a toy train layout by the Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum, an outdoor market on the upper level of Union Station, and tours through the Great Plains Transportation Museum. There were raffles and giveaways of model train sets and collectible trains, too. Food merchants at Union Station had Railfest specials, and food trucks also were available.

Railfest is the museum's major fundraising event, Meek said. "It was created because we needed a fundraiser and we needed something that provides outreach to the community in a manner that people of all ages and interests can enjoy," he said. "It costs a lot of money to keep vintage railroad equipment stable in an outdoor environment."

Read more here: <https://www.kansas.com/entertainment/arts-culture/article173340071.html>



# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WICHITA AREA GARDEN RAILWAY TOUR



“Lake George Garden Railway” by David & Lana McLain

located on North Amidon in Wichita, KS

Lake George Garden Railway encompasses most of the McLain’s backyard. The railway is built around a large fish pond, two tunnels, and three waterfalls. Three separate loops of track on the layout permit the operation of three separate trains at the same time. All track loops are interconnected so that a train could go from any one loop to another. Altogether the layout has about 400 feet of track including a village, trolley, and refinery.

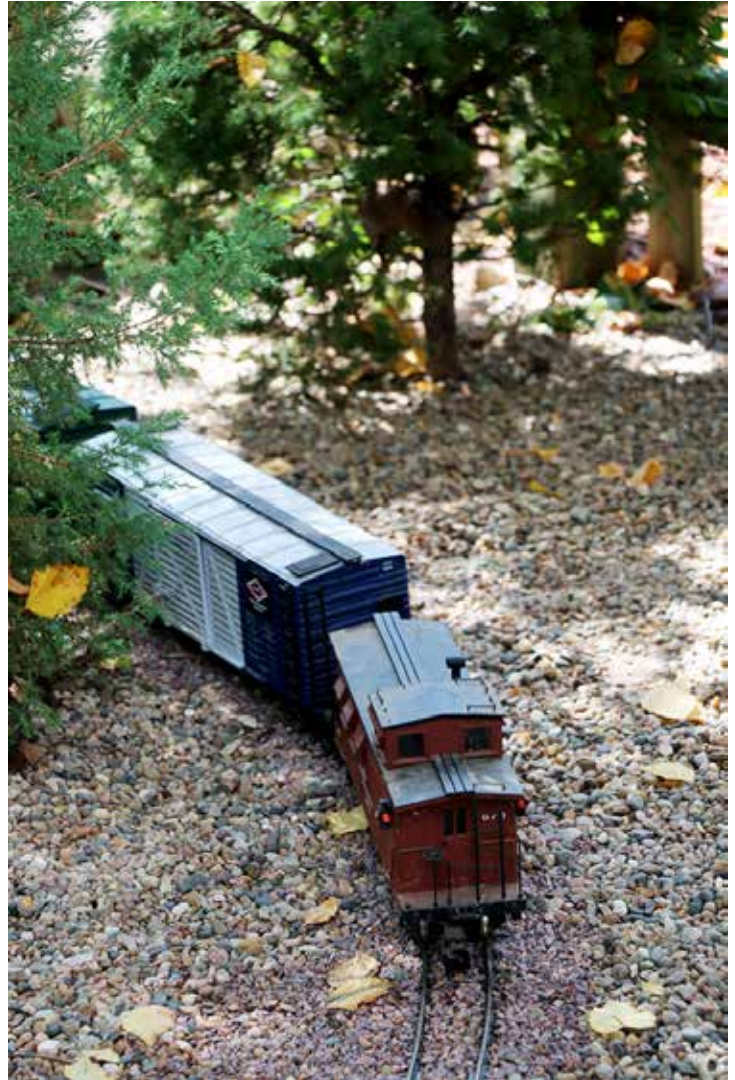






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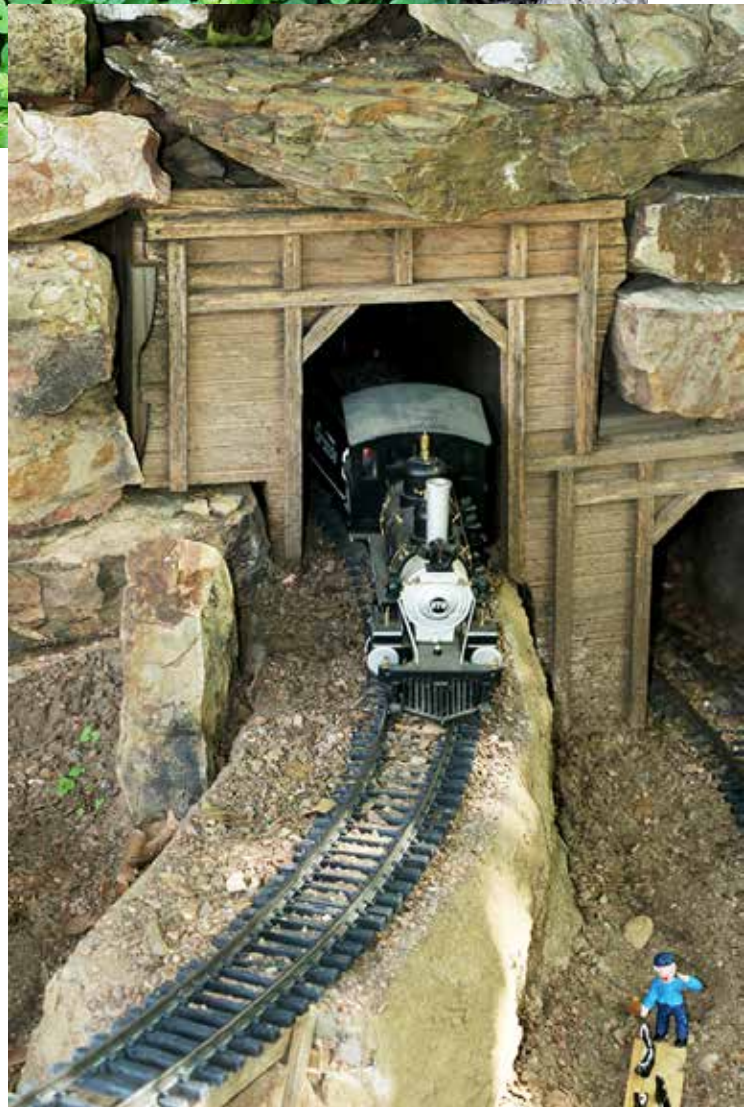
# “D & M Railway” by David & Marie Rothenberger

located on North Joann Street in Wichita, KS

The “D & M Railway” is a compact layout with two loops, a small fish pond, waterfalls, trestles, tunnels, and Bridges. Most of the buildings including the mine, diner, working water wheel, and paddle boat are scratchbuilt, as well as most of the “Characters.” A hot air balloon hangs above the layout. Trains cross a bridge to enter the screened-in porch for storage. The train can be operated from inside the porch..







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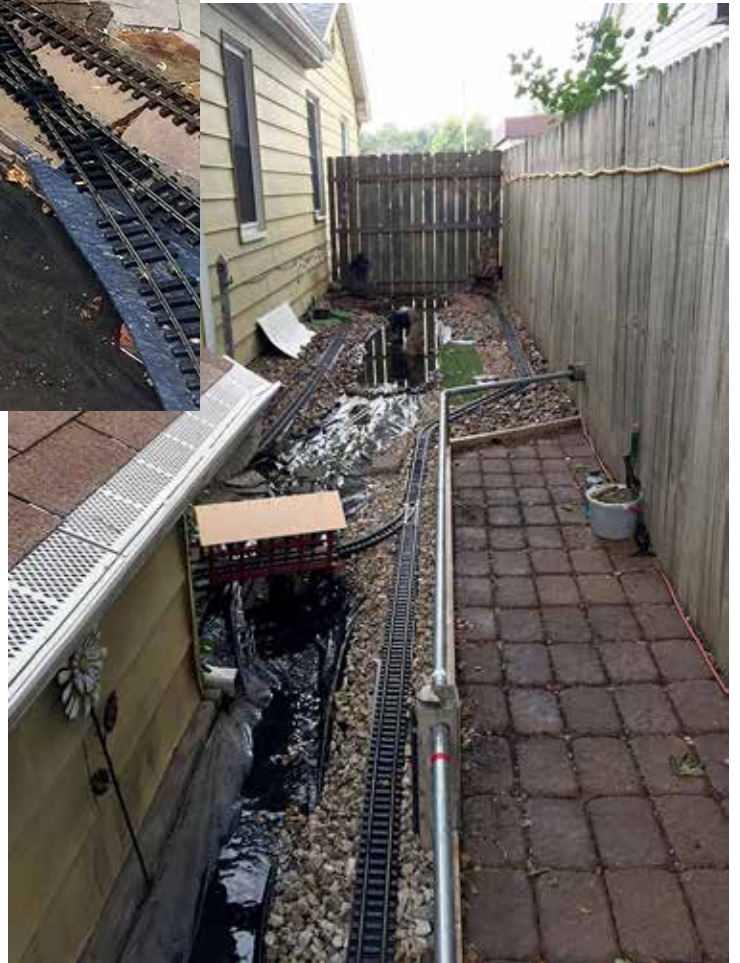


“LJM Railway” by Larry & Marylou Dawley and Joe & Leigh Ann Dawley  
located on East Blake Avenue in Wichita, KS

This is a work in-progress railroad. The backyard loop goes around a water feature that includes a pond, waterfall, and flowing stream. The tracks encircle a gazebo where the railroad can be enjoyed in shady comfort. Eventually the Dawley’s plan to expand their railroad to three houses in a row as a real family enterprise!

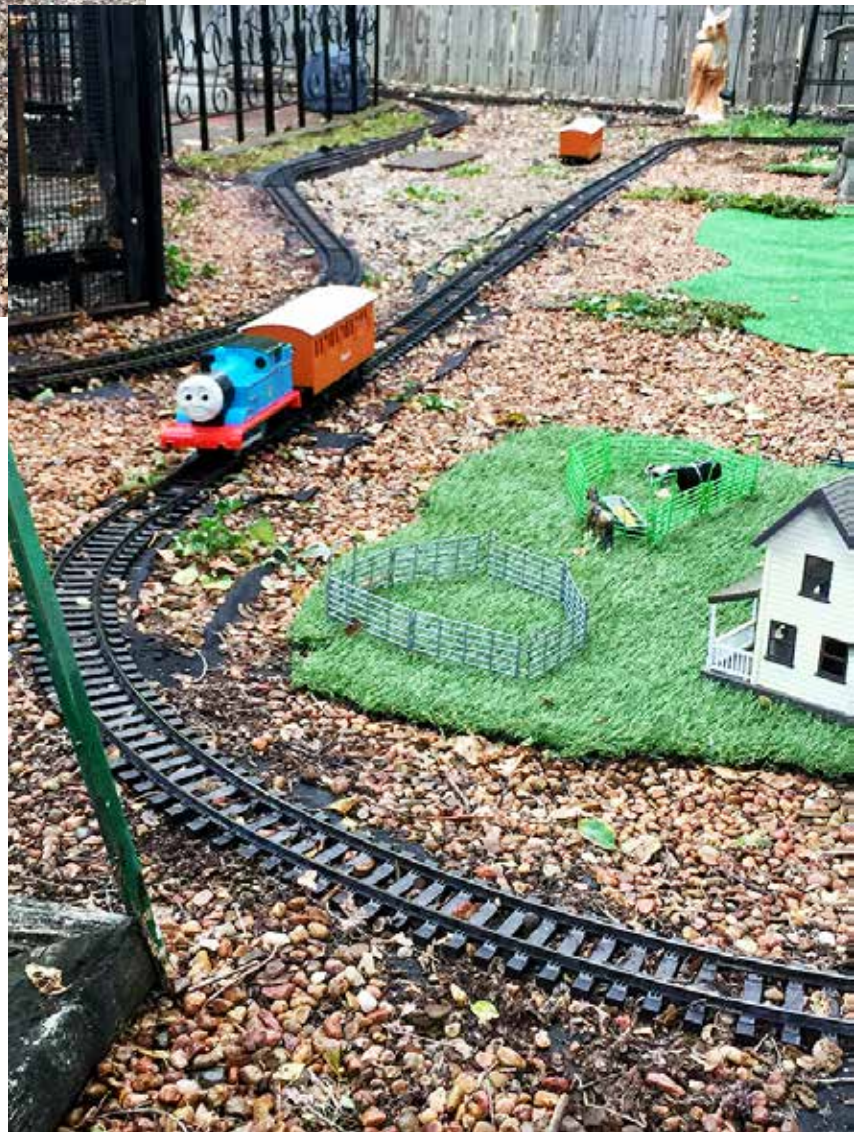






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# “PGH & H Railway” (“Live Steam” by Bob Wald

located in O.J. Watson Park on South McLean Blvd. in Wichita, KS

This display uses a 31 foot, 2 track portable steam loop to run “Live Steam” locomotives. This exhibit is free. After viewing Bob’s steam trains, enjoy a ride on the park’s miniature train.







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KS

Enjoy a  
ride on  
the park's  
miniature  
train.



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Tickets for the train ride are #3 person to travel around the scenic 40 acre lake and through two tunnels



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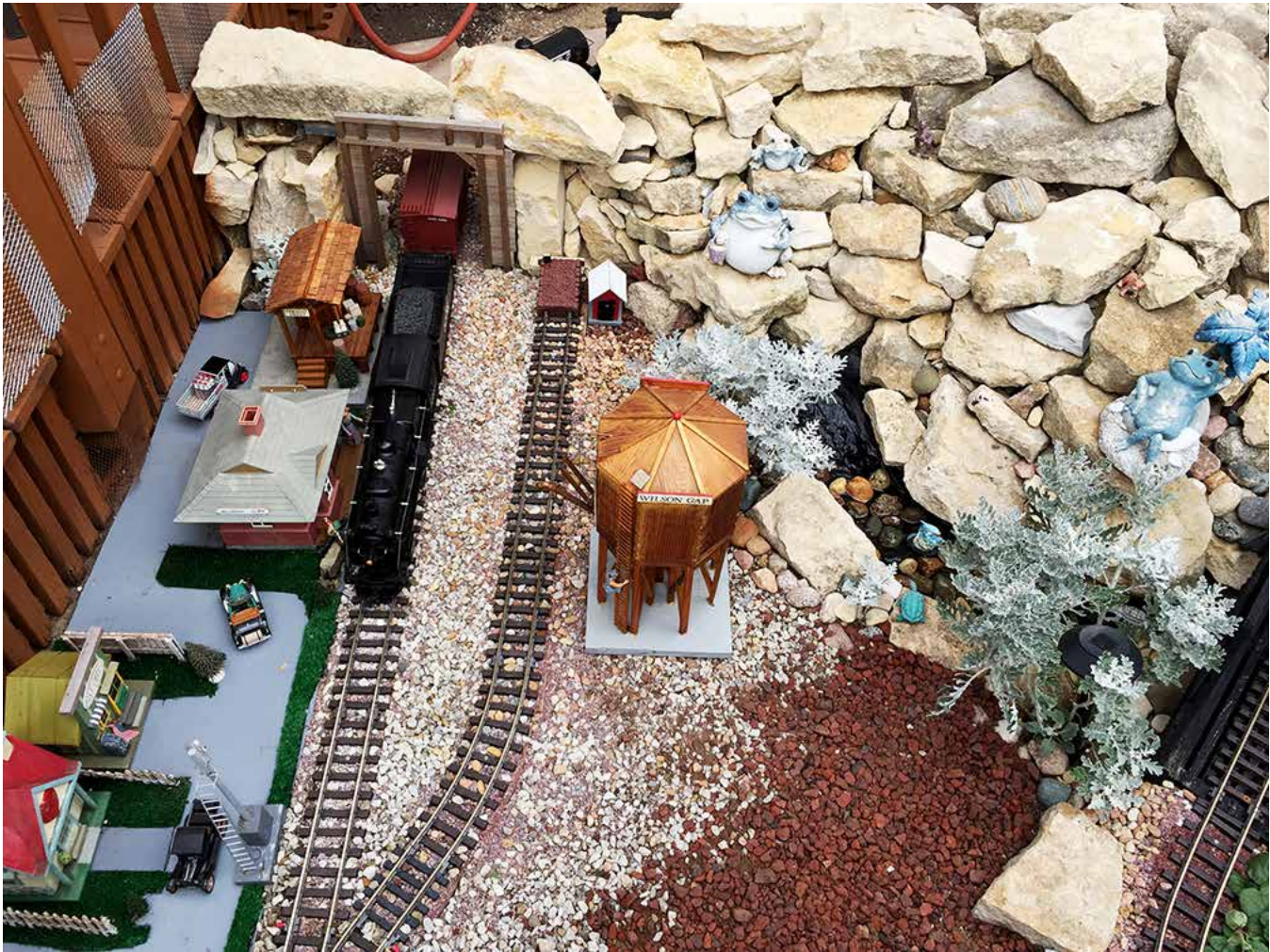
# “Wilson Gap Railway” by Bruce & Carolyn Wilson

located on South Cooper Avenue in Wichita, KS

Wilson Gap is located between two decks and a gazebo Originally the space was planned for a pond and water wheel. And then the outdoor railroad bug bit. The single loop passes through a mountain, town structures, and siding track, under a real foot bridge arch, and back out to cross a bridge over a “mountain” stream and into a tunnel. The “gap” between the desks has been fully utilized. Wilson’s Gap demonstrates how much can be accomplished in a small area.







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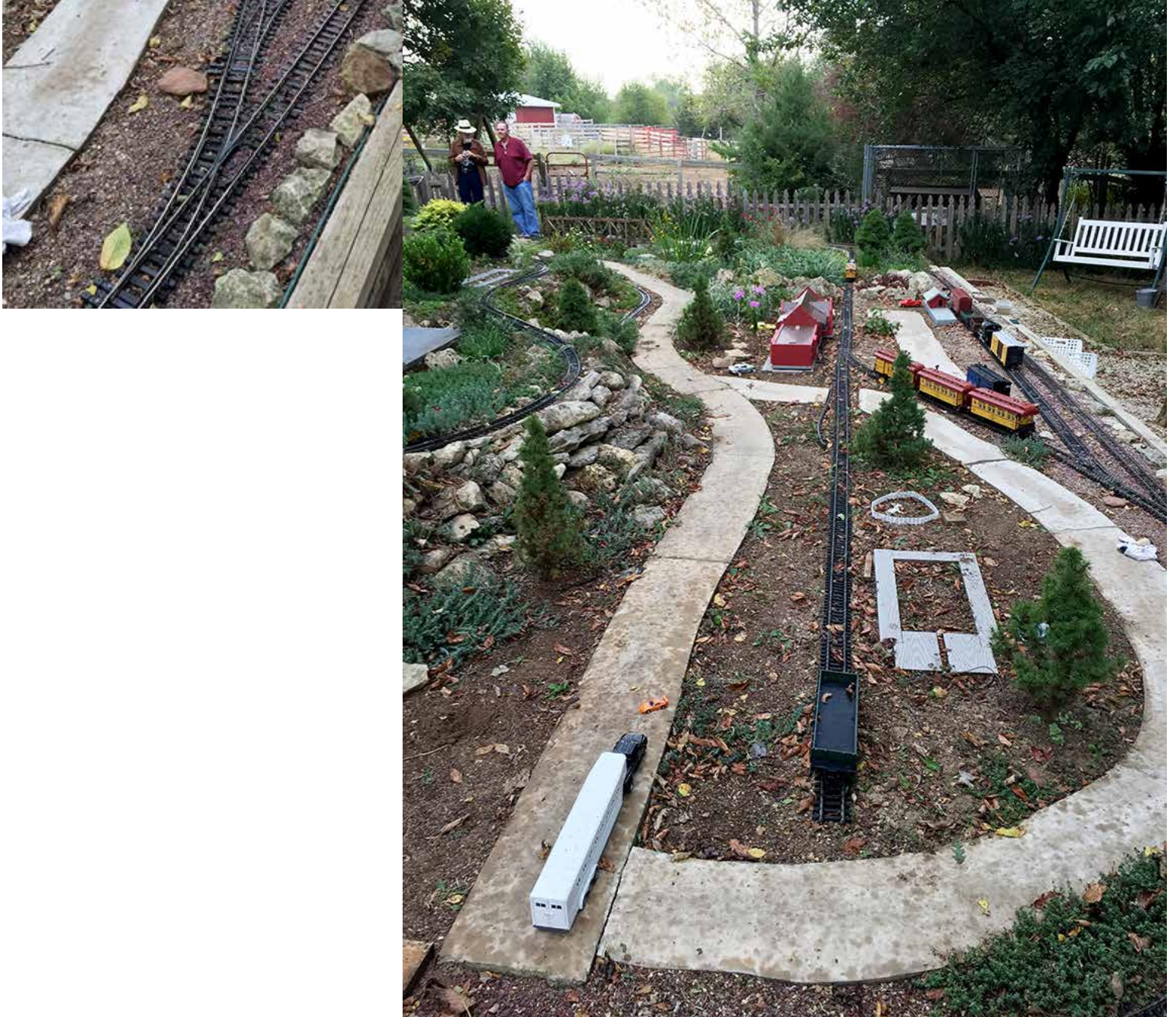
# “Redbird Railway” by Nick & Bonnie Roark

located on SW Diamond Road in Augusta, KS

The Redbird Railway garden wraps around the south end of the Roark’s house from the front porch to the back porch. It has two intersecting loops, ponds, and roads. Beautiful landscaping with rocks and a variety of plants make this a must-see garden railway.







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“E\*X\*T\*R\*A” by Augusta Train Club - was an “Open House” at the newly restored Augusta Depot Museum in Augusta, KS



Above: the exterior of the Restored Depot

Below/next page: a diorama of the area as recreated by members of the Augusta Toy Train Club in HO Scale.





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# “Working Depot” by ATSF

located in South Augusta, KS

...well, this author was lured by the sound of actual train horns and whistles to discover the actual “Working Depot”. Actually, I missed the original noisemaker, but it wasn’t long after...







...that yet another came around the bend (see the headlights in the distant bushes)



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# 41st Annual

# 2017 Oklahoma City Train Show

DECEMBER 2-3, 2017

Train Show Give Away  
drawing for  
children 12  
and under!



THE PAVILION, OKC FAIRGROUNDS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

“Chisholm Trail Division takes  
their annual ‘Road-Trip’”

by Alan A. Aagaard







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Ken, kindly gifted each of our group with "Broadway Limited" hats - many thanks!



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Everyone happily with bags in hand and hats on heads.





Lunch in Guthrie, OK



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# Don't overlook the Obvious

when you don't have your "measuring Stick"

use your anatomy...

(two knuckles...

...or three fingers).



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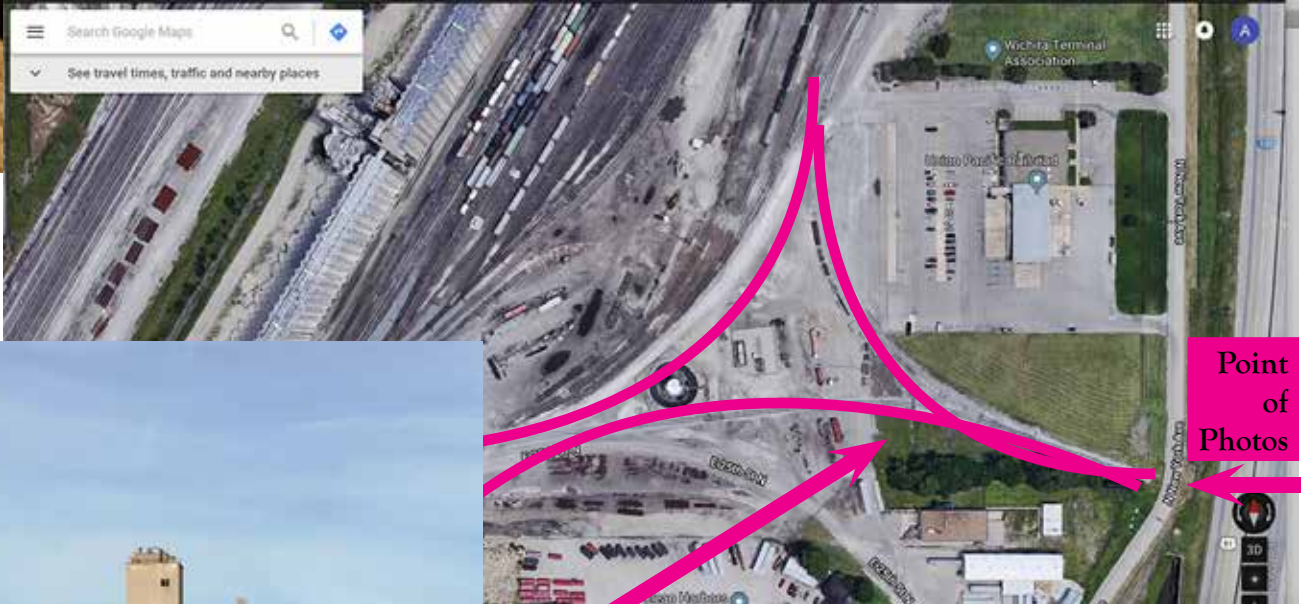
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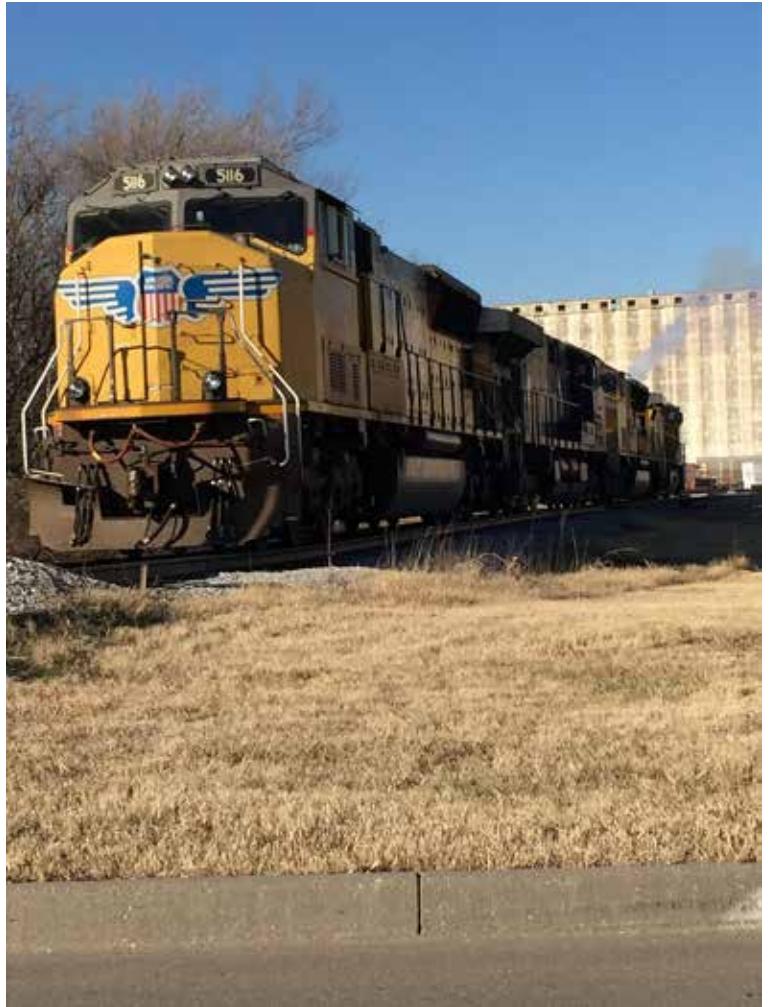


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Smoking badly in early morning sunlight





# Calendar

## 2019

### April

- April 4th - 6th • 2019 Sn3 Symposium (Seattle/Bellevue, WA) [www.Sn3Seattle.com](http://www.Sn3Seattle.com)

### May

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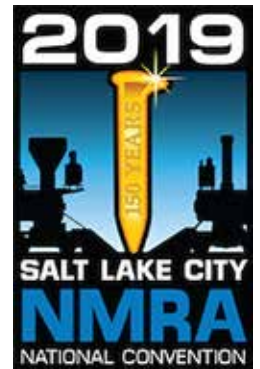
### June

- June 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday - Sunday) 2019 MID-CONTINENT REGION CONVENTION OF NMRA (Wichita, KS) Please refer back to pp 12 - 14
- June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday, 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10am - 4pm) SPRING CREEK MODEL TRAINS - TRAIN SHOW, Thayer County Event Center & Store, 304 East Bryson Avenue (Deshler, NE)  
For additional information: call (402) 365-7628 or

[www.SpringCreekModelTrains.com](http://www.SpringCreekModelTrains.com)

### July

- July 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday - Saturday) 2019 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION (Salt Lake City, UT) Little America Hotel  
For additional information:



<http://www.nmra2019slc.org/>

- July 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> SANTA FE RAILROAD HISTORICAL AND MODELING SOCIETY (Pueblo, CO) Pueblo Convention Center



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## August

- August 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> • 35<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION (Portland, OR)  
Learn more at: <https://2019ngrc.wildapricot.org/>



## September

- September - 39<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION (Sacramento, CA)  
Learn more at: <http://nngc-2019.com/>

## October

## November

## December



## 2020

## January

## February

## March

## April

## May

## June

## July

- 2020 National Garden Railway Convention ( )

## August

## September

- September - 40<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention (St. Louis, MO) Learn more at: <http://nngc-2020.com/>  
2020 St. Louis - NMRA National Convention

# LONG RANGE PLANNING

CLUSTERED BY ORGANIZATIONS

## Garden Railway National Conventions

- 2020 National Garden Railway Convention ( )

## NMRA Conventions

- 2020 St. Louis - NMRA National Convention
- 2021 Santa Clara, CA
  - July 4, 2021-July 10, 2021
- 2022 Birmingham, UK
  - August 14- August 21, 2022
  - Website:  
<http://www.nmra2022uk.org>



## National Narrow Gauge Conventions

- September - 40<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention (St. Louis, MO)  
Learn more at: <http://nngc-2020.com/>
- 2021 - 40<sup>st</sup> • Hickory, NC

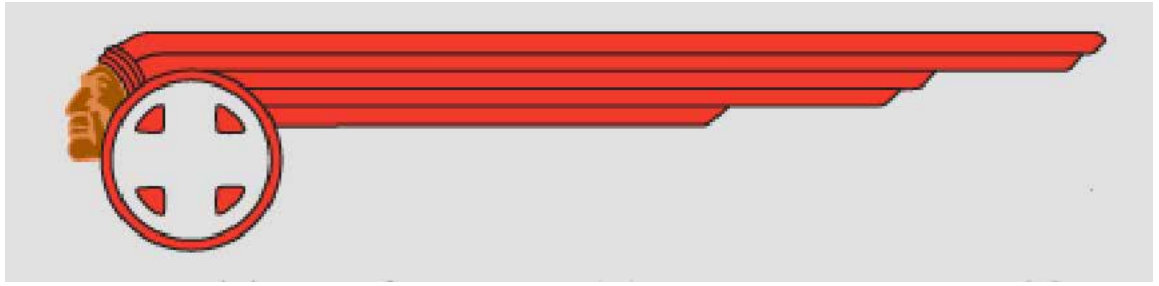




# Santa Fe Historical and Modeling Society Conventions

2020: June 17-21: Albuquerque, NM, contact Dave Traudt

2021: Kansas City, MO



## Sn3 Symposiums in conjunction with National Association of S Gaugers (NASG)

### Sn3 Symposium

The annual Sn3 Symposium is kind of an odd creature. It is a fantastic annual event focused around Sn3 modeling, but there is no overseeing organization that puts it on every year. It is organized quite organically by a group of modelers that propose to hold a particular year's Symposium in their town.

An Sn3 Symposium is quite similar to the NMRA or NASG Conventions. It is held for several days, offers how-to clinics, contests, vendors, local layout tours, etc., and provides a place for modelers from all over North America (and even abroad) to gather and share ideas. The "Sn3" part in the title should be taken lightly, because you will find other scales' narrow-gauge layouts and modelers at an Sn3 Symposium. So, it really turns into more of a pure modeling-focused mini-National Narrow Gauge Convention.

The NASG is not directly involved with Sn3 Symposiums, but we still wanted to have a page dedicated to this annual event. If you are interested in Sn3, bookmark this page, so that you can always find the latest.

Learn more at: <http://www.nasg.org/>

2020

Location:

Pasadena, CA

2021

Location:

Albuquerque, NM



The 2019 National Association of S Gaugers (NASG) Convention

Learn more at: <http://www.nasg.org/>

The 2019 NASG Convention “Queen City Express” will be held from July 30 through August 3 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It will be hosted by the Central Ohio S Gaugers club

Learn more at: <https://2019nasgconvention.com/>

The 2020 NASG Convention

No formal decision has been finalized as to who will host this Convention.

Learn more at: <http://www.nasg.org/Events/Convention.php>





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## FOURTH QUARTER - 2017

SWITCH LIST - Fourth Quarter 2017

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### DIVISION MEETINGS *(alphabetically)*

#### **Chisholm Trail Division** (Wichita, KS)

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at

*Olivet Baptist Church*

3440 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street North • Wichita, KS 67203-4560  
(13<sup>th</sup> Street North & High Street)

- Begin gathering-----6:45pm
- NMRA meeting & program(s) 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Information: Alan A. Aagaard, Division Editor

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#### **Cowboy Line Division** (Norfolk, NE)

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Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Norfolk Avenue

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#### **Gateway Division**----- (St. Louis, MO)

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 7:00pm.

Odd numbered months at:

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road

(Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO

Even numbered months:

VFW Hall O'Fallon, IL

Information:

<http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

#### **Indian Nations Division**(Tulsa, OK)

Meets at the new *Hardesty Library*

8316 East 93<sup>rd</sup> Street

(just east of Memorial Road in Tulsa, OK.

The library opens at 9:00am and the meetings start at 9:30am

Information found on our web page:

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**Kansas Central Division**(Elmdale, KS)

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even numbered months  
meeting starts at 1pm  
For the full schedule check the MCoR website or  
Contact: David Heinsohn  
eMail: kd0r@fhrd.net.

**Kate Shelley Division**~ (Ames, IA)

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month  
*(except November which we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> week and*

*at the Ames Public Library*

515 Douglas Avenue • Ames, Iowa

- Business meeting starts at 6:00pm and
- Social gathering at 7:00pm (anything railroad goes)

Contact Kate Shelley Division through the NMRA web site

**Oklahoma Heartland Division** (OKC, OK)

Meets in the even numbered months in the Oklahoma  
City area. All who are interested in Model  
Railroading are welcome.

Information:

[www.okcnmra.org](http://www.okcnmra.org)

**Platte Valley Division**(Hastings, Grand Island, & Kearney, NE)

Meets quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis  
or at sites of interest.

New members are always welcome.

Information: Todd L. Petersen, Division Director

Telephone: (308) 832-2200 or

eMail: todd@gtmc.net

**Turkey Creek Division** (Lenexa, KS)

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at

*Lakeview Village*

9000 Park Street

Eastside Terrace Building

Lenexa, KS 66215-3306

Exceptions:

- No meeting in July due to "Train Show"
- December's meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> for their annual "Holiday Party"

Information check the Division Timetable:

<http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

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**Western Heritage Division**(Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA)

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (*except June and December*)

at 9:00am at the *Sump Library*

2<sup>nd</sup> & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). ~~~~~

Information 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 6:30pm to 9:00pm

4091/2 North Main Street

(second floor above "Stage" department store, rear

~~December~~ have

6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N)

Operating sessions available

Contact: Robert Simmons, Division Director

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**Quad Chapter Meeting**(Wichita hosting)

More information at a later date

**Wichita Toy Train Club**~(Wichita, KS)

130 South Laura Street

Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

\$5.00 adult, children up to 12 free

**Weekend N'gineers**~(Olathe, KS)

16624 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street

Every Sunday 1:00pm

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**Mid Kansas Model Railroaders**, ~~~~~

(McPherson, KS)

1130 West Kansas Avenue

Every Sunday 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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**Garden City Model Train**~

(Garden City, KS)

408 North Main Street (*back entrance*)

Every Tuesday 6:30pm

Information: Robert Simmons

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Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad  
NM 60<sup>th</sup> Street & Waukonis Drive  
Kansas City, MO

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
each month at 7:00pm

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Information: [www.KCNRR.com](http://www.KCNRR.com)

**F/G scale**----- (Topeka, KS)  
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(NEKAN-GRS)  
1308 SW Caldon Street  
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**G scale**----- (Olathe, KS)  
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...items to look forward to...

## 2018 • Second Quarter Edition

(April, May, June)

*Topics to include:*

- Santa Fe Historical and Modeling Society 2019 Convention
- 2019 Wichita Train Show and Swap Meet
- 2018 National Garden Railway Convention
- Life after Retirement



## 2018 • Third Quarter Edition (July, August, September)

*Topics to include:*

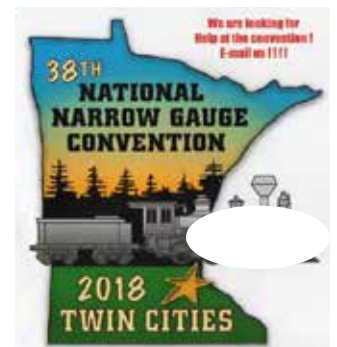
- 2018 NMRA National Convention
  - MCoR Board of Directors meeting
- 2018 National Train Show
- 2019 MCoR Convention (Wichita, KS)



## 2018 • Fourth Quarter Edition (October, November, December)

*Topics to include:*

- 38<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention
  - Minneapolis, MN - September 5 - 8, 2018
- 21st Annual Wichita Area Garden Railway Tour
  - Wichita, KS
- 39<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention
  - Sacramento, CA • Learn more at: <http://nngc-2019.com/>



## 2019 • First Quarter Edition

(January, February, March)

*Topics to include:*

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