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April 2024

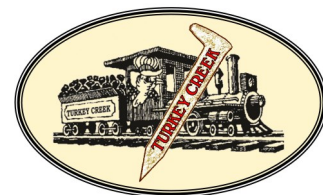


Turkey Creek Division

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Mid-Continent Region, NMRA

“For all gauges and all ages”



TC-NMRA 2024Mtgs

Apr 23rd

KAW Valley RR *Mike Fyten*
\$100 DCC Command Station
Martin Wade

May 28th

Show & Tell *You*
Passenger Station *Ross Moody*

Jun 25th

Layout Tour Operations

Mtg Time:

7:00 to 8:45pm

Location:

Conference Room
Eastside Terrace Bldg.
Lakeview Village Campus

RR Community

Railroad Days

April 26-28th: Pleasant Hill, MO

MCoR Regional Convention

June 13-15th: Grand Island NE

Turkey Creek Show n Swap

Aug 10th: Shawnee Civic Center

Lawrence Model Train Show

July 27th: Lawrence, KS

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Division Meeting Apr 23rd, 7pm

(Location: Lakeview Village Campus)

Clinic Topic: Kaw Valley Railroad

Mike Fyten is sharing his clinic about the old Kansas City Kaw Valley & Western Railroad and rebirth of that little line in S scale. Interestingly Mike named the Kaw Valley Railroad before he knew it really existed. Mike hand-laid just about all of the track and built 75-80% of the turnouts (switches). Many of us have visited Mike's layout so it will be great to hear the history and story that makes it so great!

Clinic Topic: \$100 DCC Command Station

Martin Wade is always sharing a bit about technology, but this time instead of JMRI software it will be DCC Hardware. The DCC EX is a very inexpensive, but capable DCC Command Station that may just have a place on your layout. Recently, the DCC EX team introduced a custom DCC control board and Software Installer, so no electronics or programming is required. Martin will share a quick background presentation and then do a quick setup demo to take away the "fear".

Come Join the fun!

Mtg Location: Lakeview Village Campus

See last page for details

Superintendent Report: *Martin Wade*

Most of the kits from the Division order are handed out so it's time to get building. May's show and tell is just around the corner so time to get started to show your progress. Speaking of getting started, in a couple months we will do our June meeting as a hands-on Operations clinic at local layouts. From our quick "show of hands" we cover all corners of the KC area so will be looking for layouts in Missouri East, Kansas West, and KC North (KS & MO). This year is about "doing railroading" and these hands-on Operations Sessions are about exploring a popular part of our hobby. So if you haven't tried it, it's been awhile, or you're ready to share your skills, this should be an event to jump into. On my own railroad, I have tried lots of new things. I have learned to give myself permission to not do it "perfectly" (which is really hard for a perfectionist engineer). That "permission" has allowed me to get some trains running faster and explore even more. It has also allowed me to learn what not to do, what to do better, and get input from others to improve down the road. I already know what track I'm pulling up to separate into an East and West line but without the first try I don't think I would be as far in my plans. In a similar fashion, we are trying some new Division events or features which may not all go "perfectly" but I think we are exploring and learning even more. I know some of it is a bit unusual, out of our comfort zone, or "different than before" but maybe we will find a new favorite "niche" to explore and more of us can get involved in the sharing. You never know until you try it so let's give it a try and ***let's go railroading!*** Martin

Clerk Report: *Steve McKee*

Martin called the meeting to order at 7pm. We had a nice crowd for this being so far from where we normally meet. There were 32 people there in person and 8 more on Zoom watching.

Gary Davidson spoke about this summer's Turkey Creek show and is looking for volunteers for the show. The more we have the easier it is on all those helping out, so step up and tell him you can give us a hand. He is still looking for a few more home layouts to be on tour.

Bill presented Dale with his Golden Spike certificate tonight and talked about how easy it was to get one. Most of us who have a layout and have some scenery on it can qualify for one so if you don't have yours yet just print the form from the NMRA website and turn it into Bill and get your submission for the Golden Spike Award started today.

Dale Shipman provided an update on the museum and then took us on a tour. We got to see the room where the big layout is going to be and the completed track plan as it will layout into the room. Dale said

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Larry Diehl is going to draw up the plan for the benchwork. This is going to be a large layout and is going to take a bunch of flex-track and switches along with all the wood to complete. They already had the basic layout marked off on the floor with blue painters' tape to give an idea the area it would cover. Dale said they already have 39 people who have volunteered to help out and about 200 registered on their museum site.

After the tour we came back to the meeting room after a short break and Bill Scheerer gave his clinic on what you should have for an operating layout. Lots of guys have gotten involved in operations because its another way to add more to the hobby. We do have a lot of operation layouts in the area and its about the only way to get your dispatchers certificate unless you earn it on another person's layout. All in all, it was a interesting evening and different from what we normally do at Lakeview.

That's it for March, Steve.



Check out these cool Mini Scenes from Allen Maty's layout.

Bob Myers and I stopped out after an Operation Session at Mark Juett's layout.

Allen had simply given me an open invitation after we discussed his Show N Tell pics. I took it!

The "Car Painter" above is very unique.



The Mobile home (and a campground) were ways Allen "compressed" a residential section onto the layout. What a cool idea.

***Really enjoyed the visit!
Martin Wade***



Meeting Highlights March 23, 2024

pictures submitted by Audrey Mennenga, Missy Levy

Business



Bill Scheerer presents Dale Shipman with his Golden Spike Award.

When Dale was asked how much more work he had to do in order to complete the requirements, Dale quickly responded, he had all the requirements completed. He just had to be submit the form.



Gary Davidson gave an update on the upcoming meet this summer.

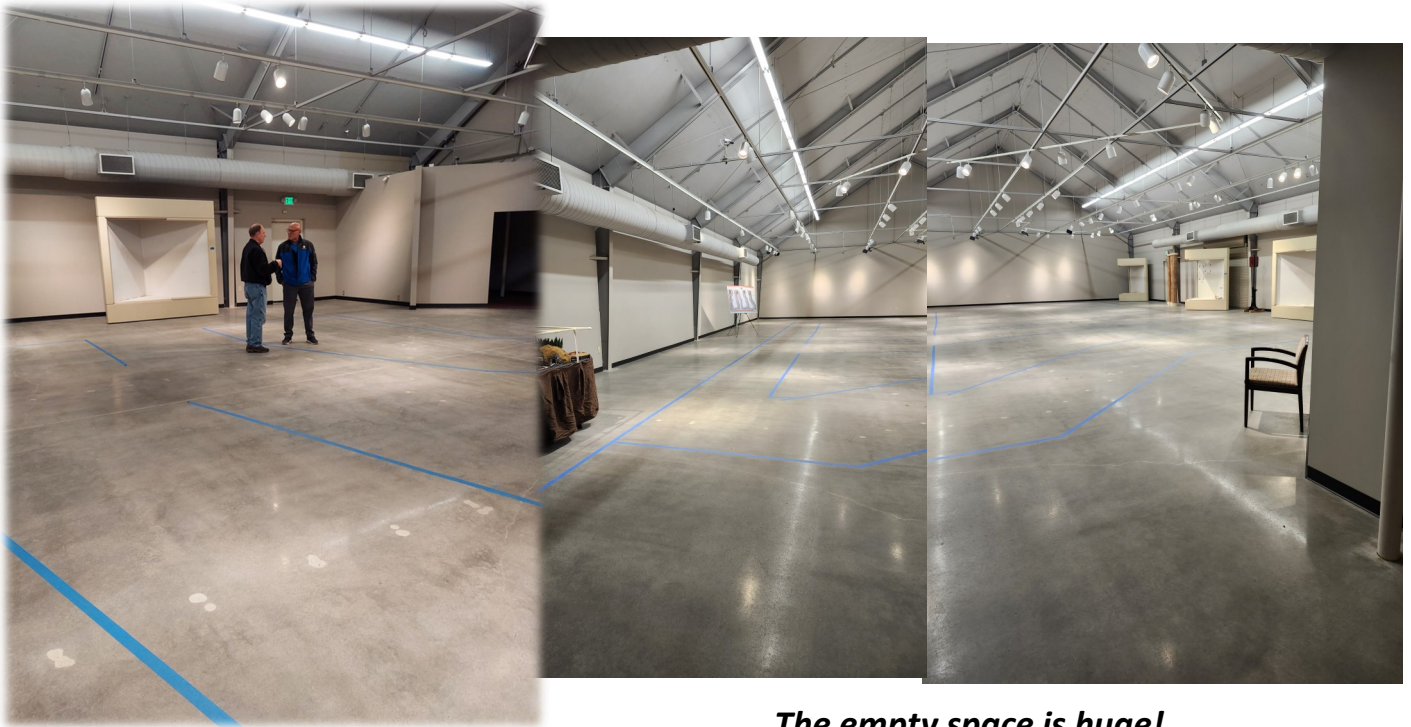
Clinic:

Update and Walk Thru of the Missouri Model Railroad Museum

Dale Shipman and Will Siegel hosted the event.



A Guided Tour of the Museum and future plans were shared.



***The empty space is huge!
Are you sure there is enough room for the model?***

***Clinic: Designing A Model Railroad
for Operations and
The Chief Dispatcher***

Bill Scheerer MMR



Long Last!

We have a date & venue!



MID CONTINENT REGIONAL ANNUAL CONVENTION

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
June 13th, 14th, 15th
2024

Location:

Ramada Midtown Conference Center
2503 S. Locust Street
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308)384-1330

They are accepting reservations now. (to get "block price" of \$147.00 plus tax, no later than May 13th) We have a block of rooms.

Activities:

Clinics
Contest Room w/NMRA judging
Layout Tours
Spouses Events
Prototype Activities
Train Show
Door Prizes
Banquet, Saturday Evening

Registration forms and vendor registration forms to follow.
Registrar ... Whit Johnson, email: steam2856@gmail.com

Train Show and Swap Meet



SHAWNEE CIVIC CENTER
13817 Johnson Dr #3802, Shawnee, KS 66216
August 10th 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.









Home Layout Tours: See the personal layouts of local train Modelers in a variety of scales and completion.



"Ask the Modeler": Get tips and tricks from some of the best modelers in the area



Vendor Tables: See how easy it is to get started on your own layout or diorama.

-  **OVER 60 VENDORS**
-  **2 MODULAR LAYOUTS**
-  **MODEL CONTEST SHOWROOM**
-  **MODEL TRAIN CLINICS**
-  **LAYOUT TOURS THROUGHOUT KC**
-  **"ASK A MODELER" HELP DESK**



SEE MODELER'S PERSONAL LAYOUTS



AMAZING VENDORS

Get your hands on those special trains and tools to get started on your home layout.

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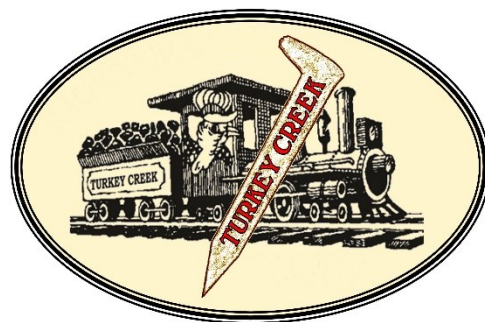
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Division Events

Turkey Creek Division Model Train Show & Swap Meet August 10, 2024

Shawnee Civic Centre
13817 Johnson Drive
Shawnee, Kansas 66216



Show Times 8:30am to 3:00pm, Afternoon Home Layout Tours

Attendees \$12.00 at door ... NMRA members \$10.00 at door
Children 12 and under attend free with accompanying adult.
Family \$20.00 at door Parent and over 13-18 children

Clinics Start at 9:00 - Clinics covering many aspects of the hobby.

Model & Photo Contests - by NMRA judging and popular vote. Each model you entered the contest will give you a chance in the special drawing to receive one a \$25.00 gift voucher, up to a maximum of three chances. Awards will be announced @ 2:00 p.m.

Special Youth Award - for the best overall youth (under 18) model entry.

Door Prizes - From many different manufacturers, vendors, and local hobby shops

Display Layout and Layout Tours - In addition to the display layout at the meet, several local modelers will be opening their homes to layout tours in the afternoon and evening. See the schedule at the show.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups - Expect to find more than 75 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists, and other railroad groups.

Food and Refreshments - will be available at nominal cost.

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Individual or Vendor Name(s) for badges: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Pre-Registration Cut Off July 1

Advance Registration: NMRA Member \$8.00 _____ Non-Members \$10.00 _____

Vendor Registration: Six Foot Table/Space: QTY _____ @\$25.00 each _____
Electrical Access (note & 15amp max) \$25.00 _____ Check # _____

Set up from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on August 9th, must be out by 5pm on August 10th.

Make checks payable to "Turkey Creek Division"

Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, c/o Bill Humenczuk, 8624 West 116th Street, Overland Park, KS 66210 Phone 913-338-4478

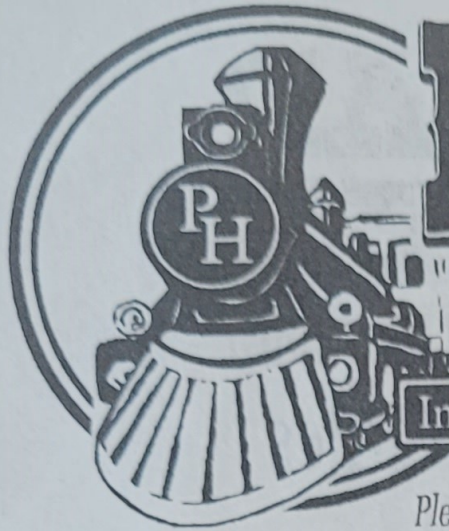
For more Vendor Information Contact: Ray Brown 913-645-4134, Tstwildcats@hotmail.com

Turkey Creek Call Board (Calendar)

Please update your calendars. We have locked in the Division Meeting dates and will be filling in the Clinics & Topics over the next Month. ***Don't miss the best time to TALK TRAINS!!!***

RESERVE THE DATE: Aug 10th TC Division Meet @ Shawnee Civic Center

Date	Event	Time	Location	Topic	Clinician
Jan 23rd	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Our Lucky Day @ Cass RR 2024 Model Challenge & Call Board	Miles Hale Martin Wade
Feb 27th	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Show N Tell HO Kit History	YOU Larry Diehl
Mar 26th	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Midwest Model RR Museum	Museum Tour Operations Clinic	Dale Shipman Bill Scheerer
Apr 23rd	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	KAW Valley RR \$100 DCC Command Station	Mike Fyten Martin Wade
May 28th	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Show N Tell Passenger Station	YOU Ross Moody
Jun 25th	Layout Tour Operations	6:30-8:45	TBA	Layout Tour with sign up Operations	3-5 Hosts
Jul 23rd	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Hands On Division Preview: Ask the Modeler, Test Station, TimeSaver Layout	Gary Davidson
Aug 10th	Annual TC Division Meet	8am-5pm	Shawnee Civic Center	TC Division Meet with Vendors, Clinics, Contest, Layouts	All Members
Aug 27th	Division Mtg			<i>NO MEETING due to Division Meet on 10th</i>	
Sept 24th	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Guest: Military Modeling Tech- niques plus Q/A	Guest
Oct 22nd	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Modeling Challenge	
Nov 26th	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Eastside Terr	Model Clinic Show N Tell	Open YOU
Dec 10th	Division Mtg	7 -8:45 pm	Lakeview Tree Top Room	Holiday Social	



RAILROAD DAYS

In Historic Downtown Pleasant Hill Missouri

Presented by
Pleasant Hill Historical Society & Museum and Research Library

April 26th, 27th & 28th
(4pm - 8pm) (9am - 8pm) (9am - 4pm)

Model Train Displays by Several Train Clubs,
Individuals & Lego Trains. Historic Reenactors,
Vendors and Train & Giftcards Raffles

Free to Attend

Live Music Featuring

The Good Sam Club Band

The Wildwood Boys

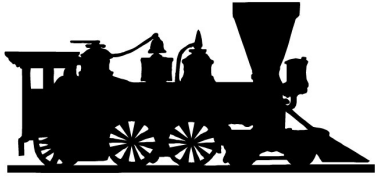
George Arbuckle

Brody Buster

www.phillrailroaddays.com

FB Pleasant Hill Railroad Days

Kansas Model Train Show



July 27, 2024: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton - Regency Ballroom

200 McDonald Drive Lawrence, Kansas 66044 - Regency Ballroom

The LOTS Annual Train Show will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton - Lawrence, Kansas Hotel** in the Regency Ballroom on Saturday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free parking is available in the hotel parking lot.

Vendor tables (6' x 30") are available at \$27 each. **Register Early!! Tables will be assigned in the order they are received, starting closest to the entrance.** If you want your table next to another Member, please list their name as a special request below. Electrical hook-ups are available for a \$15 fee. No flashing lights, sirens, blowing horns, etc. are allowed. All train items must be clearly marked and priced.

Unloading and set-up will be on Friday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, July 27, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. No trading will be allowed during set-up times. Violators will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to sell at the meet.

Show Times: Saturday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Registered LOTS Members have exclusive access from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.) Several modular train groups will bring their large layouts to fill the hall with wailing whistles and clouds of smoke. **Train drag racing will begin at 10:30 a.m.**

To order tables, send this coupon, along with payment information (checks payable to "LOTS") to the address listed below.

Name _____ LOTS Member #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Arrival Date & Time: ___ Friday at _____ p.m. or ___ Saturday at _____ a.m. Cargo Trailer: ___ Yes ___ No

Description of sales items and special requests: _____

**Deadline to register:
June 30, 2024 -- or when
we are sold out!!**

Table(s) (6' x 30" w/ 1 chair): _____ @ \$ 27 = _____

Electricity: _____ @ \$ 15 = _____

Extra Vendor Buttons (2 are included): _____ @ \$ 5 = _____

Grand Total Due: \$ _____

Type of Payment: ___ Check *payable to "LOTS"* ___ Money Order ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____

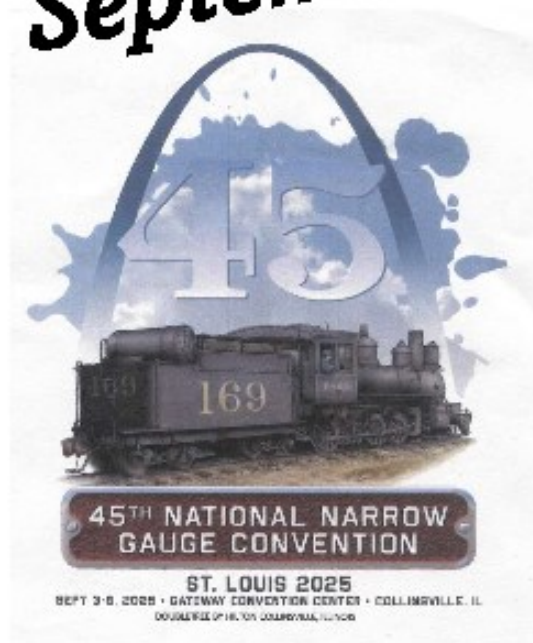
Billing Address: _____

By my signature, I authorize LOTS to charge the total amount due. Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send Form to: Kansas Model Train Show, c/o LOTS, 6376 W Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 or FAX to 866-286-6416

If you have any questions, call Geoff - 317-523-4136 or e-mail: lotstrainshow@gmail.com

Volunteers Wanted September 2025



Contact: Chuck Proudfoot
Co-Chair, "Outside Connections"
Email: cpfoot906@gmail.com

Clinicians Wanted, Desire Narrow Gauge Focus

Helpers Wanted:

Train Show Security, Contest Room help,
Registration Desk, Clinic Rooms Management,
and other helpers ...

Contact Chuck thru email above ...

Turkey Creek Lightning Slinger

Our Lightning Slinger is published monthly and is a great place to learn and share information. The “value” of this newsletter lies solely in the contributions each of you offer to our Division. This newsletter has a great sampling of Events, Models, Layouts, and Bio’s. Please find your “Track” to add to our “Layout” and send your ideas and articles to the Editor. [Editor.TurkeyCreekNMRA <at> gmail.com](mailto:Editor.TurkeyCreekNMRA@gmail.com)

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More Information: *(use these links to get started in Model Railroading)*

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[**NMRA Beginners Guide**](#)



Our Meeting Location is at the Lakeview Village Senior Community.

***The meeting will be located in the Conference Room of the Eastside Terrace Building.
Parking and Main Entrance are shown below.***

Mapping Address: [9000 Park St., Lenexa, KS 66215](#) [Click for Google Maps](#)

