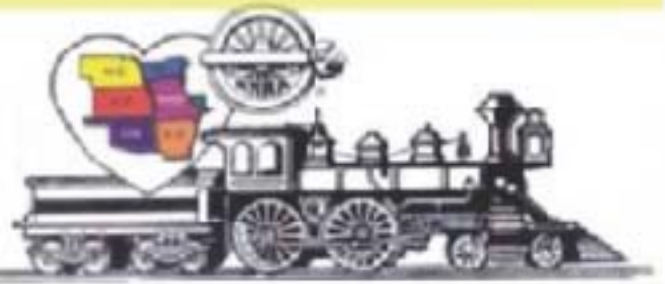


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MARCH 2022

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**



SERVING NMRA MEMBERS SINCE 1985

COME VISIT WITH US KANSAS CITY TOY & MINIATURE MUSEUM

Amy McKune will take us on a virtual tour of the newly renovated displays.



WARNING - WE ARE READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED-

Due to Covid we are moving the meeting to the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO -100 Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, MO.

A link to the Presentation, will be provided for your virtual attendance or you can come to the church. Please wear a mask if you plan to attend in person. Park in the upper lot & enter under the Blue Canopy.
Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080194385?pwd=MmJEdUtPQndGeDArcjdCVTVjJdHk5CT09>
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The meeting will be live on March 22, 2022 be sure to tune in or attend with us.

2022 MAKE AND TAKE EVENT!

Information about the 2022 M&T event was sent to the membership on Jan 18. This included a request for kit orders by the Feb TC meeting. So far, I have received 19 orders for kits. Thank you for the great participation! If you haven't responded to me and are interested in participating in this year's event, the cutoff date for ordering has been extended to Mar 17. This will be the real cutoff so that the kits can be ordered in time to get them back and distributed by the June meeting. Here is a repeat of the original information sent out.

Here we go again... the 2022 Make and Take event is taking shape! The

<u>Kit Name</u>	<u>HO Scale</u>	<u>S Scale</u>	<u>O Scale</u>
The Warehouse	\$48	\$64	\$70
Allison Depot (on D&RG)	\$78	\$96	\$134
Oakboro Hay & Grain	\$82	\$115	\$132
Miner's Cabin	\$36	\$40	\$48
Herbert's Crossing	\$42	NA	\$64
1930's-40's Gas Station	\$32	NA	\$56
Hillside Water Tank	\$26	NA	\$36
Blacksmith Shop	\$38	NA	\$58
B&O Hotel	\$48	NA	\$97
Depot at Donkey Corners	\$54	NA	\$78
Stock Pens	\$85	NA	\$138

With this announcement, we are asking all members that are interested in participating to go to Banta's website, select your kit, and notify me of your selection as soon as possible. **Do not order online!** All selections must be

initial meeting to begin constructing your model is scheduled for the June Turkey Creek Division meeting. The model kit possibilities this year will be provided by Banta Model Works. Bill Banta has been producing a wide range of quality structure kits for many years. His kits are offered in both HO scale and O scale, with several in S scale.

The wide range of kit offerings can be viewed on Banta's website at www.bantamodelworks.com. From this site, we have selected a list of kits that we would like you to choose from. However, if you see something other than this

made by March 17. Please send your kit selection to me at captlalfred@gmail.com. You can also call me with questions at 913-782-6584.

list, let me know and we will see if an alternative is possible. The list includes a range of prices and types of structures, so try to find one that fits your interest and need. **Turkey Creek will subsidize the first \$30 of the kit you select**, with the remainder covered by you. An added benefit, of the program is that Bill Banta has agreed to offer a discount of 25%. Only one kit per member can be purchased with the TC subsidy. The following list includes model kits that we would like you to select from. The prices indicated are Banta's listed cost before the TC subsidy and a Banta discount.



The Make and Take event has been very popular and fun in the past. It offers an opportunity for all members to participate and learn new modeling skills. We hope that many of you will choose to participate! Thanks...Larry Alfred, MMR and Ray Brown.

2022 TURKEY CREEK DIV MODELING CHALLENGE

BY LARRY ALFRED, MMR

Here we go again and again! For the 19th Annual TCD Modeling Challenge, the theme continues with the challenge of the Square Footer! So, again this year, you may build and enter anything, yes.... that's anything... as long as it fits on a 12" x 12" (or less) base. With the 2021 return of the square footer theme, we had 17 entries into the challenge and another 6 models were there for display only. All models were terrific and showed the creativity that the square footer challenge was established to encourage! As an additional incentive to participate, two \$25.00 gift certificates were presented by a drawing of those members bringing entries. This will continue with the 2022 challenge.

I hope that you will see this event for the "Challenge" that it was always intended to be and build something and participate! The 2022 Challenge is currently scheduled for the October Turkey Creek Division meeting. There is plenty of time to prepare an entry, so please get to it! In addition to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards, we will present awards for whimsy (Red Bull Award) and special effects. There is also an award for the best use of a TCD Make-and-Take model.

With the 2022 Modeling Challenge, we are introducing an additional wrinkle! This will be a new extra award for the best "Business Card Challenge." A standard business card measures 2" x 3 1/2". So, with this challenge, you can build anything you want on a base of that size. You may feel that

this is impossible...however, it's not. And, that is the challenge! Several photos of possible entries are included with this writeup. One example is a railroad bridge surveyor and a second is a backwoods mine train (image shown in centimeters, not inches) It is possible! I really don't remember where these images came from, but, my apologies to the modelers involved and be assured they are not used in any way for a profit motive. This addition will probably favor the smaller scales, but, not necessarily. Have fun with this!

Finally, let me emphasize here that the Modeling Challenge program was conceived to encourage everyone to participate in the enjoyment of building and displaying railroad models!! Please don't feel overwhelmed, intimidated, or...that you don't have time to join in. It is hoped that by participating you will feel a sense of "inclusion" ...that of being "one of the group."

For fun, I have included the original notice of the Modeling Challenge from 2004...the information is still appropriate.

Diorama Contest (from 2004)

By Rusty Rails

So, what can you build on a one square foot base? That's your challenge for the first annual Turkey Creek Division Modeling Challenge! In G scale, you could fit a RGS 50,000-gallon water tank in one square foot and not much more. In Z scale, you could

probably model the Kansas City West Bottoms. In HO, you'll be somewhere in between.

There is no restriction on how high your scene can go, so you could model a mountain or a twelve-story building. If you're into Colorado mining, you could put an ore mill on a mountain side with tracks at the bottom for cars to pick up the refined ore. If coastal railroading is your bag, then a pier scene may be for you. Another thought might be a scene with an overpass with a train on the lower and upper levels.

If you're into city scenes, you could model the backside of some trackside tenements with Mrs. McGurty waving at the engineer while she's hanging out laundry. Another scene that would be interesting would be a station with passengers waiting for a train or perhaps boarding a passenger train.

There is no restriction on the diorama except that the base cannot exceed one square foot – that's 12" by 12" maximum size. Can it be smaller? Sure. If you already have a base you want to use and it's 12" X 12" or less in size, that's fine. If you have a base that's 16" X 8", that's NOT FINE. Do you have to have a train on the diorama? Nope. It's up to you what to include.

The judging will be by popular vote, so crowd appeal will be the rule. There will be three places awarded for this challenge. So, if you're entering a diorama, start thinking about your model now. There is plenty of time, but don't put it off. This will be a fun event!

Ok...final plea...please participate!! It is lots of fun!

These two small dioramas are 2" X 3" each. So anything is possible. Let your imagination and creativity run wild! After all "Good things come in small packages".



CONGRATULATIONS!

Bob Spurgat is Master Model Railroader #699. This is a goal that any member can attain. But, some work on your part is needed to make the models and add to the NMRA with your time and help. Many members of the the Turkey Creek Div. are available to help you reach your goal of MMR. Just talk with a friend and find out how to move along your path to MMR.

Bob did all of these along his path, including - Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer. Bob joins a group that is the largest collection of MMR's in the NMRA. Remember that if you pay dues you have paid for the program, so why not start your journey now!

CLERK REPORT FEB 22, 2022

Ron and Miles couldn't make it tonight so Missy Levy ran the meeting tonight. We had 9 people attend and 11 more watching on zoom at home tonight. We also had a new member Martin Wade who models in HO_{N3} and a big welcome to him. Our other new member Steve Sullins brought in more of his HO models for us to see tonight.

Larry Alfred spoke briefly about the need to have everybody who wants to participate in the make

and take clinic this year to get their order in to him for which building they want. He has to turn that in soon so Bill Banta has time to get the order filled and so he can ship all of them at once to save on shipping. Larry also presented an AP award for Bob Spurgat who is our new AP guy who couldn't make it tonight. Greg Ohlmacher got the award.

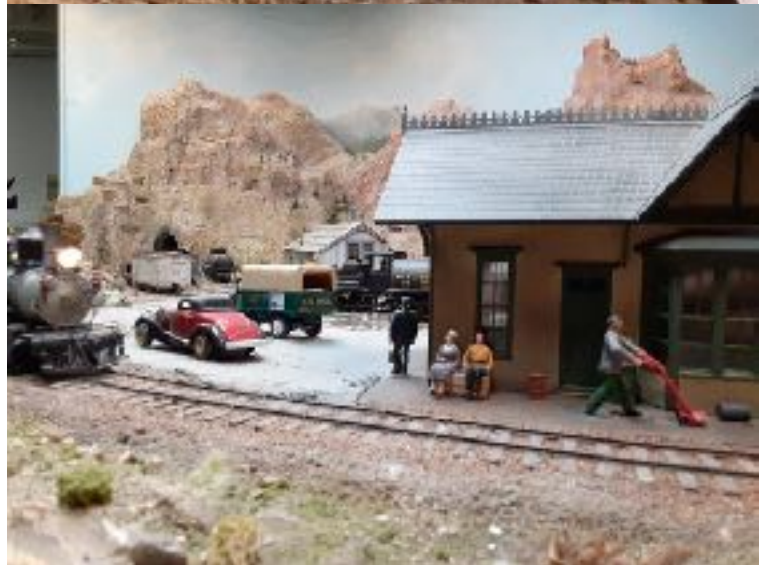
Greg mentioned that they had about 450 people who went to the Lawrence train show last weekend and it was a successful show. I know Larry

Diehl and myself went up we left some funds there and brought back some nice bargains.

John Lowrance gave 2 great clinics tonight. One was on Scenery and how to combine colors to make it look realistic and the other on how to convert an AHM car into a Carbide container car and also how to improve the car in the process. You can use this new type of load to create a new industry on your layout. Both were great clinics so I hope you got to see them.

That's it for now, Steve

AT THE 2022 TURKEY CREEK TRAIN SHOW DON'T MISS THIS LAYOUT ON THE TOUR



Shelly Levy has done a masterful job of creating a bit of Colorado in his basement. But if you want to learn of just how creative this layout is, come talk to Shelly about how the layout came to life in a basement that no one would have dreamed possible. His creativity is displayed with what you see as well as the behind the scenes imagination!