

# LIGHTNING SLINGER

## JUNE 2022

**TURKEY CREEK DIVISION  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**



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## **MAKE N TAKE IS HERE!**

The June meeting of the Turkey Creek Division will be the Annual Make & Take event. For all members who ordered structure kits, the kits will be passed out and we can all begin the construction process. As in the past, none of the models will be even close to being finished at the meeting; however, the meeting does give those participating a chance to look over the kit, begin some of the initial steps in the construction, and ask any questions that may come to mind. At the May TC meeting, Larry Diehl presented via PowerPoint some tips and thoughts regarding the construction of the Banta kits. Many of you may not have been able to see this presentation, so, I intend to show it again at the June meeting. I will also be available to show how I will be approaching the build and address any question you may have.

For those that want to get a little head start on their structure, I suggest that you bring a few simple tools to begin. You may want to begin “distressing” some of the exterior siding, adding “nail holes”, or even some initial staining. In the case of any staining/painting, please bring appropriate protective work space covering so as to not mess up any of the tables.

I hope everyone finds this to be a fun event!

Larry Alfred MMR

## CLERK'S REPORT MAY 24, 2022

Miles called the meeting to order at 7pm. We had 10 people in person and 9 on Zoom for 19 total. Bill Humenezuk gave the treasures report and we are in good shape as usual.

Larry Diehl gave some good advice on how to put together and weather your make and take model from Banta Models. He explained how thin the walls are and suggested you add bracing to your walls to prevent warpage and don't use a water base glue to put these together. He also gave some great hints on what colors you might consider using to stain your model. If you missed the meeting and want to get the info contact Larry Diehl for details.

Larry Alfred came on from home and said he would have the make and take kits for us at the June Meeting.

Dr. Novella Perrin went thru and covered what your children will not want, so don't save these things for them. So if you don't need it and are not using it consider donating it for a tax deduction. That could help you now and save whoever handles your things in the future a lot of work at a time when they don't need more to do or handle. Maybe talk to them and ask them if they want these things. So don't leave them enough stuff to fill a dumpster. Dr. Perrin covered so much that there is no way to put it here so I hope you got to see it.

Last month the clinic mentioned the use of olive oil for weathering metal roofing. I tried it and must have done something wrong because all I did was to stink up the house and leave a sticky residue on my roofing and all it did was turn it a light tan color that you can see thru. Maybe somebody else had better luck.

## THE JUNE MEETING

The June meeting for Turkey Creek Division will be at:  
**The First Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO.**  
**100 West Red Bridge Road**  
**7:00 PM June 28, 2022**



The kits many of you have ordered will be at the church for you to pick up during the meeting. Because the Make N Take is the meeting, we will NOT be doing this meeting as a Zoom meeting! Please attend in person for this June meeting to pick up your kit.

### NO MEETING IN JULY.

The only meeting for July will be in St. Louis at the National Convention.

We will resume the Zoom broadcasts for the Aug. meeting. It will be at the First Baptist Church, 100 W. Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, MO.

## THE KANSAS CITY TURKEY CREEK MEET BACK ON AUG. 6 2022

Big news for the railroad community of Kansas City--the end of the hiatus on train meets. The Turkey Creek Train Meet is back and planning on being the start of a great run of area meets. This is one of the first and best opportunities to sell the trains you have been looking at for the past two years plus. You want to be a part of this meet! Get a table and sell some things to make a little railroad money to restock the shelves with the items you NEED!

Don't forget your friends because they plan on being at the meet and seeing you again. There is nothing better than renewing old friendships and the TC meet gives you a great chance to shake hands and exchange smiles. Your friends are marking their calendars and so should you - Aug. 6, 2022.

One saying remains - "We're all in this together" and we all are looking to get back to being able to see one another and share stories and support the train hobby. We all need to keep the hobby growing and going. You are a part of the model railroading world. This is your chance to be part of the effort to see the hobby continue into the future.

Check the flyer in the Lightning Slinger and register your support of your local hobby. We want to see you at the meet!!

# CLINICS

## The clinics for the KC Turkey Creek Meet are ready for YOU!

Larry Alfred has some really interesting clinics ready to entertain you and make you a better modeler.

### Planning and Wiring for DCC – Mark Juett MMR

Wiring for DCC is different than wiring for DC. We can get rid of all those blocks and toggle switch wiring but with several locos running at once we have a lot more current draw. We need beefier wiring to prevent voltage drop at the far end. We still may need multiple blocks and power districts, circuit breakers and more equipment.

If we plan to have a signal system, we will need many blocks and detectors. Learn how to calculate current draw and voltage drop, how to adequately size wiring, solder feeders to the rails that are undetectable even before weathering. Build your own snubber circuits, learn about twisted bus for reducing interference. Learn about some of the current circuit breakers, block detectors, boosters, auto reversers and other products on the market today. Learn how to wire your staging yards so that only one set of locomotives is running at a time (saving on the noise). Learn how to plan and wire blocks for signaling. A portion of this information went into NMRA TN-9 of which I was the main author, this clinic provides even more information.

### How I Model – Len Eberwein

Len will present photos of scratch-built modeling projects with details on the development and model construction, starting with his own scale drawings through to the final structure. He will show uses of hydrocal vs balsa foam, how to use a drawing as a template, using sanded grout for scenery texture, scratch building an On30 stock car, and other simple methods he uses. His presentation will include an actual diorama showing work-in-progress to show some of his modeling techniques. Len is a very accomplished modeler and has built a number of beautiful models.

### Painting Model Railroad Figures and Detail Parts – Marty Vaughn MMR

In the last 30 years, Marty has painted over 100,000 figures and sold them all over the world.

While there are no “easy” ways to paint figures and detail parts, Marty will show you some tips and techniques he uses to speed up the process. These include:

- How to handle the figure while painting
- The best low-cost quality brushes and paints
- Different primers to use on figures of different material
- How to quickly add shadows and weathering
- How to protect the figures from wear and rubbing
- Recommendations on holding the figure in place

### Easy Arduino Projects for Model Railroading – Ron Marsh

Arduino has combined open-source hardware and easy to learn code to create a platform for animations that even the novice can pick up quickly. Arduino is a great tool for creating a number of animations and automated actions. In this clinic, Ron will introduce Arduino hardware and share several applications for use on model railroad layouts.

### Structure and General Layout Details – Larry Alfred MMR

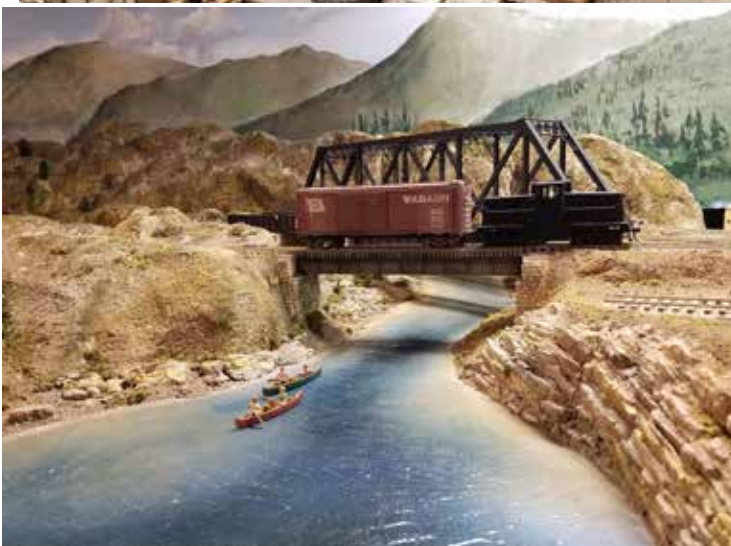
Larry will show a variety of easy ways to add details to make your structures and scenes come alive. These include a number of sources, from simple detail kits, commercial and scratch-built detail parts, and the use of common household junk to simulate something real. As Larry has said many times before, “We are only limited by our creativity.” This clinic is intended to open up some of those creative juices.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Clinic TBA

*Want to be an active part of helping other model railroaders? We have a stage waiting for you. E-mail Larry Alfred and let him give you the chance of a lifetime!*  
[captlalfred@gmail.com](mailto:captlalfred@gmail.com)

# SOME GREAT LAYOUTS FOR THE 2022 TURKEY CREEK MEET!

Larry Alfred has been modeling the Rio Grande Southern in On3 and the almost merger of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe in “O” standard gauge. Come see his unique approach to modeling these lines.



The SPSF is the standard gauge mainline of the railroad. This line is shown on the left and above.

**Gary Davidson has his sights set on modeling the Colorado mountains and he has given the D&RGW and the Cedar Gulch and Southern trackage rights.**



**GARY IS ADDING SCENERY AT A BLISTERING PACE, SO DON'T MISS SEEING THE RAILROAD.**

**Turkey Creek Division  
Annual Train Show**

**August 6, 2022**

**Lenexa Community Center  
13420 Oak Street  
Lenexa, Kansas 66215  
(about Pflumm & 93<sup>rd</sup> St)**



**Show Times 8:00 am to 3:00 pm    Layout Tours 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

Attendees \$10.00 at door ... NMRA members \$9.00 at door  
Children 12 and under attend free with accompanying adult

**Clinics Start at 8:30** – Clinics covering many aspects of the hobby.

**Model & Photo Contests** – by NMRA judging and popular vote. Each model you entered into the contest will give you a chance in the special drawing to receive one a \$25.00 gift voucher, up to a maximum of 3 chances. Awards will be announced @ 2:00 p.m.

**Special Youth Award** - for the best overall youth 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 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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**Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show 2022  
Vendor and Individual Registration Form**

Individual or Vendor Name(s) for badges: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Advance Registration \$8.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **(NMRA members \$7.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **)**  
enclosed enclosed

Eight Ft. Space \$28.00 No. of Spaces/Tables: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Registration:** Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Electrical: (very limited)

Set up from 3:00pm to 6:30 pm on August 5<sup>th</sup>, must be out by 5pm on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

One table = 1 registration ... 2 or more tables = 2 registrations

Make checks payable to "Turkey Creek Division"

**Mail to: Turkey Creek Show, c/o Larry Diehl, 7008 Millridge Street, Shawnee, Kansas 66218.**

For more information contact John Fales, (913) 782-2207 Leave a message for call back 6, Bill Humenczuk, 8624 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66210, or Larry Diehl, [ldiehl066@gmail.com](mailto:ldiehl066@gmail.com) – 816-804-0152.

## **EDITORS NOTE:**

I have had a great time going back to my days as editor of the Lone Star Region's news letter the "Marker Lamp". I hope all of you have gotten the information you have needed to interact with the Turkey Creek Division. Alas I have remembered why I have not been an editor for some time - Deadlines!

If you are interested in helping the Division out by editing the "Lightning Slinger" please let Ron Marsh know. I will put out the December 2022 issue and that is the last of my issues for the group.

I have also been told that Ron Marsh does not want to run for Superintendent again. I also want to step down from helping with the Division administration.

Needless to say we are looking for some help with both these opportunities. Now is your chance to be the Engineer (Superintendent) and run the train!

# **YOUR HAT AWAITS!**

