

# LIGHTNING SLINGER

## SEPTEMBER 2022

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



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### EDITOR'S NOTES:

It is not often that I start with my thoughts, but the quote of the day from the internet is -  
*“Nothing is so constant as Change.”*

This is especially true for this month's issue because we cannot meet at the Baptist Church as we have been for several months. I want to thank Bill for arranging the church as a meeting place. This has been a blessing to us through the Era of COVID. Bill is taking a break to do some traveling and so we will not have the church for the September meeting.

The idea of finding a place to meet and enjoy the company of friends with a mutual interest reminded me of my time in Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville is the home of Division 8 of the NMRA's Mid Central Region. Each year they go someplace in the summer with the group. Usually chartering an over-the-road bus and taking a “field trip” to a location that has interest to all of the group. I have always thought that this is a great way to experience railroad related places and history from the local area. They went to Indiana several times to the Wabash & Erie Canal, rode a train at several different towns, went south to Danville to visit layouts and sights, and Cincinnati for hobby shops and layouts.

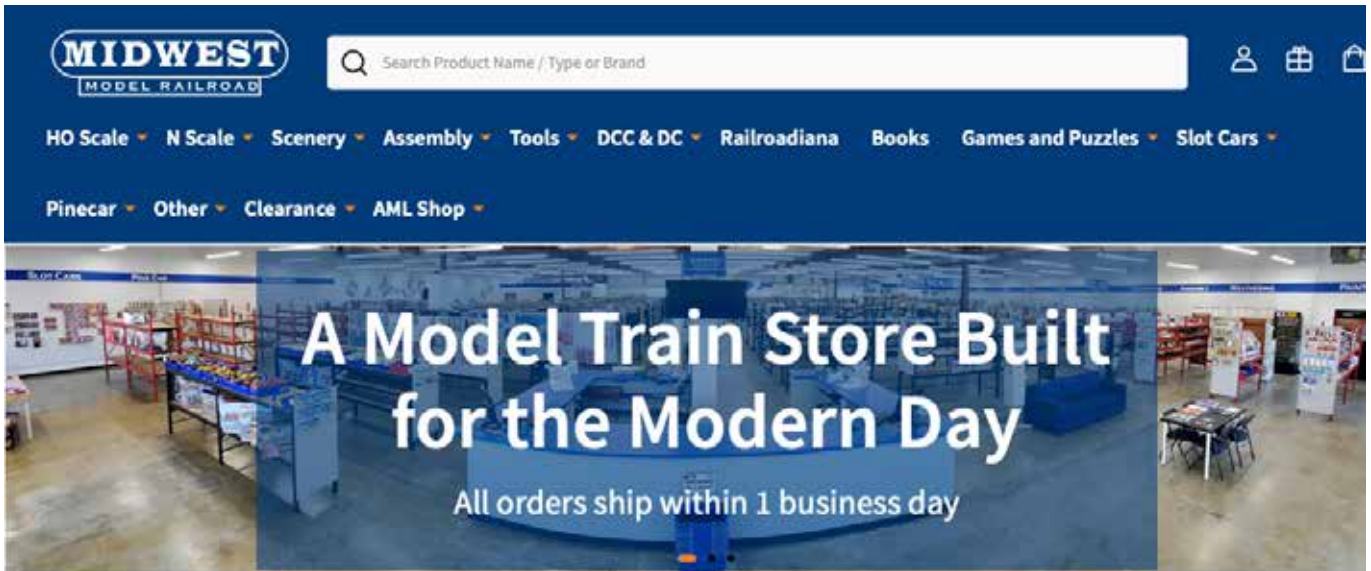
Remembering this, my thoughts turned to where could Turkey Creek go for the September meeting? I think the idea of a trip would be great but costs have risen in these recent times, so perhaps a self guided “Field Trip” could be a possibility.

I talk to railroaders from several parts of the country over the internet and one place is mentioned by them, Midwest Model Railroad hobby shop and it is right here in the Kansas City area. I know they do in house clinics and are friendly to groups coming into the store, so after a phone call we have a place to meet for September!

**\*\*September Meeting\*\***



17331 East US Highway 40 Suite 107. Independence, MO 64055  
September 27th at 7:00 PM The store will remain open for us.



## **ABOUT MIDWEST MODEL RAILROAD**

In 2011 Midwest Model Railroad started with the idea of making this hobby more accessible to everyone. Since day one we have striven to keep our operating costs to a bare minimum and pass on those savings to you, the hobby's best customers. As of 2021 we are succeeding in offering some of the best prices anywhere in the hobby.

Some great side effects of this goal have been the creation of real-time inventory on our website and a turnaround time of just one day between purchase and shipping. In 2021 we have moved to a new 15,000sqft location in Independence Missouri that serves as both our retail location and our shipping facility. Our central location near Kansas City, MO means orders can get to any corner of the United States, usually arriving within just a few days.

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS**  
**10% ON YOUR PURCHASES AT THE MEETING!!**



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**THE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 7:00 PM**  
**BE SURE TO BE THERE FOR THE TREATS AND FOR THE**  
**10% DISCOUNT ON ALL YOUR PURCHASES!**

The business meeting at the hobby shop will be as brief as possible to allow you to tour the 15,000 square feet of the Midwest Model Railroad shop.

We are still looking for a new Division Superintendant for the next year. Please consider being a part of the division and supporting Turkey Creek by serving as the “Super” for the 2023 year. Remember - You earn points for your Volunteer AP certificate!

We also need a new editor for the newsletter. This position will also allow you to earn points toward your Authors Certificate!

Larry Diehl reported that the Turkey Creek Train Show was a success! This is a great job well done, especially coming on the heels of the COVID shut downs that have changed all our lives. We hope that the path to larger shows is now ahead of us thanks to Larry’s efforts.

During this time of rebuilding our lives and renewing old friendships, it is the time to come back and offer help to the home division. We all enjoy the benefits of being a part of the Turkey Creek Division. We also see that our membership and support of the NMRA adds to our ability to use the products and the skills of model railroading. It does not make any difference what scale or prototype we choose to follow, we all gain from being with and learning from our friends both new and old in the hobby. So please consider sharing your time with the group and making a better place because you’re a part of the organization. New officers will be elected at the November meeting.

**OCTOBER MEETING**

We want to remind you that next month at the October meeting you will want to bring your modeling project to the “Modeling Challenge”. This popular vote show of models will allow you to share your work and some knowledge of how the models are built. A great opportunity to view other models and to learn from other model builders.

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