

The Switch List contains all known Mid-Continent Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Continent Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, and OK). To list your event information please Email: L-seibel@comcast.net, or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe, KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org **Please put me in your newsletter.**

DIVISION MEETINGS

Chisholm Trail Division First Tuesday of the month Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church 3440 West 13th St. No. • Wichita, KS 67203-4560 (13th Street North & High Street) Begin gathering-6:45pm NMRA meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Information Alan A. Aagaard email: alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE) meets 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at HyVee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: Dennis M. Brandt Phone 402-992-2415 email dennisbrandt44@gmail.com

EASTERN IOWA DIVISION Tom Persoon is the Superintendent e-mail: persoont06@msn.com
For other division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: Eastern Iowa Division

GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO) meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd. St., just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. The library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am. Web page: www.tulsanmra.org Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION The first Saturday of even numbered months. Meeting start at 1PM. For the next meeting's location and program please email kd0r@fhrd.net.

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3rd. Dec. we have no meetings. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, and KEARNEY, NE) Meets quarterly in members' homes on a rotating basis or at sites of interest. New members are always welcome. Info: Todd L. Petersen, Div. Dir. 308-832-2200 or todd@gtmc.net

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA, Turkey Creek Division Meeting Lakeview Village, 9000 Park Pl., Eastside Terrace Bldg., Lenexa, Meeting starts 7:00 pm on the Fourth Tuesday of every month except and December meeting date 19th annual Holliday Party. For current information: Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 or the Division Timetable <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html>

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit www.whdnmra.info for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS) Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 4091/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store, rear entrance from parking lot) 6 layouts on display (1-O27, 2-HO, 3-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director 620-521-3591 cell or 620-272-0444 Home e-mail: trainman55@hotmail.com ; Facebook page "Western Kansas Division" also Western Kansas Division website: <http://www.wkd-nmra.org>

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN'S 2017 CHRISTMAS TRAIN TO BENEFIT HARVEY VICTIMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Kansas City Southern's 2017 Holiday Express will travel through some of the communities which bore the brunt of Hurricane Harvey and will focus on raising extra funds for ongoing relief efforts, the railroad announced in a recent news release.

“This year, KCS will work with the Salvation Army to target communities along the route most impacted by Hurricane Harvey for additional support, including Victoria, El Campo, Kendleton and Beaumont, Texas,” KCS spokesperson Doniele Carson says. “For these communities, the KCS Charitable Fund will make a supplemental donation to provide additional support as they recover from the hurricane.

Between Nov. 24 and Dec. 19, the Holiday Express will make stops in 22 communities in six states.

The schedule in our area:

Dec. 6 – 4:00 p.m. – Ashdown, AR, Main & U.S. Highway 71

Dec. 7 – 4:00 p.m. – Mena, AR, 524 Sherwood Ave.

Dec. 8 – 4:00 p.m. – Heavener, OK, KCS Yard, 403 West First St.

Dec. 9 – 4:00 p.m. – Stilwell, OK, Depot

Dec. 10 – 4:00 p.m. – Siloam Springs, AR, Jefferson St.

Dec. 11 – 4:00 p.m. – Anderson, MO, Anderson City Hall, 103 West Beaver St.

Dec. 12 – 4:00 p.m. – Joplin, MO, Union Depot, east of “B” and North Main St.

Dec. 13 – 4:00 p.m. – Pittsburg, KS, Elm & Monroe Streets, (Heart of the Heartlands could use volunteer help)

Dec. 14 – 4:00 p.m. – Oak Grove, MO, Broadway St.

Dec. 15 – 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

Dec. 15 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

Dec. 16-17 – 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

Dec. 18 – 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

Dec. 19 – 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Kansas City, MO, Union Station

For a full schedule: www.kcsouthern.com

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NAVRE

Monday, December 4 – Hutchinson, Airport Steak House, 1100 Airport Rd, 8:30 a.m. Information: Ron Pauls, arkola@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, December 5 – Arkansas City, Senior Citizen Center, 320 S. A St., 11:30

Monday, December 11 – Abilene/Salina, Bayard's Café, 540 S. Broadway, Salina. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

Monday, December 11 – Parsons, The Chinese Chef, 900 N. 16th St., 11:30. Information: Jimmy W. Dodds, jimmywdodds@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 12 – Wellington, Senior Center, 308 S. Washington, 12:00. Information: abdb@sutv.com

Tuesday, December 12 – Topeka, Coyote Canyon, 1251 SW Ashworth Pl., 9:30-11:00. Information: Larry Broadbent, lbroadbent@cox.net

Wednesday, December 13 – Marysville, Rickey's Café, Hanover, 11:30. Information: Dolores Krug, d30krug@yahoo.com

Monday, December 25? – Wichita, Ourr's Family Dining, 1606 S. Georgetown St., 11:20. Information: Tony Schmitt, asch9438@cox.net

NRHS

Friday, December 8 – Topeka Chapter, Ward-Meade Historical Site, Preston-Hale Room, 124 NW Fillmore St., 7:00. Holiday Social and Election of Officers

Friday, December 15 – Wichita Chapter, Great Plains Transportation Museum, 700 W. Douglas, 7:00. Slide free-for-all. Information: J. Harvey Koehn, jhkoehn@prodigy.net

Friday, December 22 – Kansas City Chapter, Union Station, KC Terminal Board Room, 2nd floor, 7:00. Information: Ed Conrad, Heartlandrails@aol.com

DIVISIONS

Saturday, December 2 – Kansas Central, at a members' home, 1:00. Information: Kd0r@fhrd.net

Monday, December 4 – Chisholm Trail, Olivet Baptist Church, 3440 W. 13th St, Wichita, 7:00-9:00. Information: Alan A. Aagaard, alan.a.aagaard@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 19 – Turkey Creek, Lakeview Village, Eastside Terrace Bldg., 9000 Park Place, Lenexa, 7:00, Christmas Party. Information: Louis Siebel, L-seibel@comcast.net or www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar

Every Tuesday – Western Kansas, 409½ N. Main, Garden City, 6:30-9:00. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 15, 2018 – Kansas Railfest, Great Plains Transportation Museum, Wichita

TRAIN RIDES

Santa Trains – Midland Railway, Baldwin City

Friday, December 1 – Santa Train, Midland Railway, Baldwin City, 6:00

Saturday, December 2 – Santa Train, Midland Railway, 1:00

Sunday, December 3 – Santa Train, Midland Railway, 9:30, 1:00

Thursday, December 7 – Santa Train, Midland Railway, 6:00

Friday, December 8 – Santa Train, Midland Railway, 6:00

Saturday, December 9 – Santa Train, Midland Railway, 9:30, 1:00

To purchase tickets: www.midlandrailway.org

MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

Thursday, December 7 – Augusta Model Railroad Club, 6th & School Sts. 7:30. Information: info@augustahorrrclub.org

Friday, December 1 – Topeka N-Track Associates, at members' home, 7:00. Information: Bob Wright, 785-273-7835

Sunday, December 3 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad, Leatherock Hotel, 2nd floor, 420 N. Depot St., 1:00, Cherryvale. Information: John R. Dhooghe, john@cvmrc.com or www.cvmrv.com

Thursday, December 7 – Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, Hy-Vee Supermarket, dining room, 601 3rd Pl, 7:00. Information: Robert Stewart, 785-527-8730

Saturday, December 9 – Kansas Pacific Model Railroad, Ellis Museum, 911 Washington, 10:00. Lunch at a restaurant afterward. Information: Tom Robinson, rrailway@gbta.net

Saturday, December 9 – Frankfort Division, 416 W. 1st St, 10:00-3:00. Information: Joe McAtee, joem@bluevalley.net

Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10 – Wichita Toy Train Club, 130 S. Laura, Sat.10:00-5:00, Sun. 1:00-5:00. Admission charged.

Sunday, December 10 – Heartland N-TRAK of Greater Kansas City, 131 S. Water St., Liberty, MO, 1:00 socialize, 3:00 run trains. Information: Bob Osborn, 816-452-9227

Monday, December 11 – Lawrence Model Railroad, Bridge Pointe Community Church, 601 W. 29th Terrace. Information: www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Sunday, December 17 – Cherry Valley Model Railroad

Monday, December 18 – Topeka Model Railroaders, Topeka/Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, 7:00. Information: Tony Fox, tfox57@gmail.com

Thursday, December 21 – Kansas City Narrow Gaugers, at members' layout, 7:00. Information: Dean Windsor, On3@worldnet.att.net

Saturday, December 23 – Frankfort Division

Saturday-Sunday, December 23-24 – Wichita Toy Train Club

Every Sunday – Weekend N'gineers, 16624 W. 126th St., Olathe, 1:00. Information: Ken Clark, hapheart@swbell.net

Every Sunday – MidKansas Model Railroaders, 1130 E. Kansas, McPherson, 2:00-5:00. Information: John Snell, Jsnell@cox.net

Every Monday – Garden City Model Train, 408 N. Main, back entrance, 6:30. Information: Robert Simmons, trainman55@hotmail.com

Every Tuesday – Ozarks Model Railroad Association, 429 W. Commercial St., Springfield, MO. Information: Ron Williams, rwilliams3129@gmail.com

Every Wednesday – Greater Kansas City Model Railroad Club, 6060 NW Waukomis Dr., Kansas City, MO, 7:00.

Information: J. D. Spicher, jdspicher@aol.com or W. L. Ohnell, wohrell@sbcglobal.net

Every Saturday-Sunday – North East Kansas Model Railroaders, 12" scale, 1440 N. 6th St., Atchison, Sat. 10:00-4:00, Sun. 12:00-4:00. Information: Otto Wick, 913-367-7536

MEETINGS GARDEN RAILROADS

Sunday, December 17 – Wichita Area Garden Railway Society, at members' home or Botancia, 1:30. Information:

Nancy Marin, nanmarin@att.net

Thursday, December 28 – Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, Freewill Baptist Church, 1190 N. Mingo Rd, 7:00.

Information: info@tulsarailroadclub.org

HISTORICAL CLUBS

Thursday, December 7 – Round Table, Paul & Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay St., N. Kansas City, MO, 6:00. Program: Art

Riordan Films Part III by Tony Fey. Information: Robert Walz, rmwalz@sprintmail.com

SHOWS and CONVENTIONS 2017

Sunday November 26 Mid-American Train and Toy Show Open 9am - 2pm admission \$5, 12/Under Free KCI EXPO CENTER 11728 Ambassador Dr. Kansas City, Missouri, 64153 Trains, Models, RR Collectibles & More Collectible Toys, new & used Free Train Movies * Door Prizes 200 Dealer Tables * Free Parking 913-651-5864

Saturday-Sunday, February 3-4, 2018– Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. Adult \$8.00, \$7.00 with food item, Scouts in uniform Free, child 10 & under Free. Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. Information: Phil Aylward, aylward1@cox.net

February 10-11, 2018, the 17th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet The Lawrence Model Railroad Club is **moving to a new location** for the 17th Annual Model Train Show and Swap Meet. **New Location:** Crown Toyota Used Car Kingdom, 3400 Iowa, Lawrence **Admission:** Adults \$6.00. Children 12 and under free with paid adult. Bring a canned food donation for LINK and receive \$1.00 off admission. The contest is open to all model railroaders and railfans. <http://lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org/TrainShow.htm>

Saturday-Sunday, February 3-4 – Wichita Train Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun. 11:00-4:00. Adult \$8.00, \$7.00 with food item, child 10 & under Free. Scouts in uniform free. Sponsored by Chisholm Train Division. Information: Phil Aylward, aylward1@cox.net

March 24th Missouri, Springfield - Ozarks Model Railroad Assn. 40th Annual Train Show., 9 am to 3 pm, Expo Center, 635 St. Louis St., Admission \$7, children under 12 free. The features: 150+ vendor tables; model railroad displays and a dozen operating layouts; and many children's activities including the kiddie train, train simulator, switching challenge, whistle blower. There will also be a several clinics for the mini-Frisco convention, Best Frisco Model and a tour of Frisco Museum. For show information contact Ron Williams MMR rwilliams3129@gmail.com. For vendor table information go to <https://www.omraspringfield.org>.

Saturday, April 1, 2018– Greater Tulsa Train Show, Bixby Community Center, 211 N. Cabaniss Ave., Bixby, OK, 9:00-3:00. Adult \$4.00, child under 12 Free. Sponsored by Toy Train Operating Society Sooner Division. Information: Bob Pope, 405-250-8449

August 5-12, 2018 The NMRA 2018 National Convention Kansas City, MO Visit web site for more information <http://www.kc2018.org>

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