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### July, 2017

- July 4 Independence Day Holiday - NO meeting
- July 11 • NMRA meeting ..... 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- July 17 WAMRR meeting

### August, 2017

- Aug 2 • NMRA meeting
- Aug 17 WAMRR meeting

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

An up date on the MCoR convention for 2019 to be held here in Wichita. Rod and I went to some of the hotels in town and looked them over to find one we liked. We will know more of what we need after the convention in Aims, IA and keep you up to date.



Phil Aylward  
Division Director  
& Paymaster - 2017  
Chisholm Trail Division  
of NMRA

Thank You  
Phil

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year, we have been busy working on the early parts of the convention, and are making plans to bring back an activity we have done in the past. This quarter is a mix of new and old. Coming up in May, Bob Neill will make a presentation on building paper buildings for your layout. Myself and Phil made preliminary visits to the Hotels that put in bids for the convention. In May, many from our group are heading to Aimes, Iowa to our regional convention. Phil and I will meet with the new Convention Chief while there.



Rob Neises  
Superintendent - 2017  
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In June we are bringing back the bbq in Halstead at Phil's AVI Depot. The Planning Committee is putting together a full day in June, trying to visit a couple layouts and hopefully S&S Ltd. I hope as many as possible will continue to participate in the activities of the second quarter. As well as the others. Also in June, is the Hutch train show off the top of my head, hope to see you there. We will be having a booth there, so we're gonna need help. Signups for the bbq, and the Hutch train show will be there at the May business meeting.

Rob Neises  
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## FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

All of our lives we deal with things that require our attention no matter what. We often have children, pets, houseplants, gardens, lawns, and who knows what else. Those things we can't set aside until the mood strikes us again are everywhere. One of the things I like about model railroading is that we can set it aside and, by-and-large, it will be unchanged since we last worked on it. I am among the most ardent practitioners of that bad habit. It first happened after Junior High School when girls and cars started taking a greater importance in my life. The model railroading urge resurfaced after college and marriage when UNCLE SAM decided I should spend my military career in Colorado Springs, CO and I noticed the mountain roads we were coming to love were actually old railroad beds.



James H. Marlett  
Assistant Superintendent  
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That's also when I fell hard for narrow gauge. I had an on-and-off affair with model railroading for many years, and sure enough, each time I was off, my railroad waited without complaint until the next time I was ready for it. My longest hiatus was when I rediscovered cars and drag racing and the railroad went idle again until Larry Gulick called wanting to know if I was interested in participating in a reinvigorated **Chisholm Trail Division of NMRA**. Shortly thereafter, we moved to a different house and my model railroad had to be part of that. So here I am. Except for the damage inflicted by kids and cats, my model railroad was just waiting for me to do something. It hadn't changed, but the model railroading world had. So reassembling my railroad in a different configuration and upgrading it to DCC is in progress. I'm not encouraging anyone to stop modeling, but if it does happen, just remember that the train won't die over the summer if you can't get to it. If you've taken a break, just hop back on that iron pony and ride.

Jim Marlett  
Assistant Superintendent  
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

First, I really want to hear from you - **TRAINS, RAILS, & TALES** welcomes comments from readers. Published correspondence may be edited for length or style. All published letters become the property of this Newsletter. Send your questions, thoughts, comments via eMail to:

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With all the Train Shows, Conferences, Conventions, planned activities in the next couple of months, please, Please, PLEASE take lots of photos and submit them for publication (recall, there are two publications that I have Editorial input -- plus if you are working toward becoming a MMR, then think of the "Author" category. So, Pleast submit your photos and captions ...or even a story...

...alan

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## Chisholm Trail Division - NMRA

Evening Meeting at the Olivet Baptist Church

3440 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street North • Wichita, KS 67203-4560

(13<sup>th</sup> Street North & High Street)



We begin gathering around 6:45pm.

Treats and beverages were served.

Rob Neices, Superintendent, conducted a short business meeting where a brief financial report was given by Phil Aylward, Paymaster/Treasurer PAYMASTER/TREASURER, Philip



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Superintendent, Rob made a special presentation of Name Tags to the two Past Superintendents (Larry Gulick on the left and Lionel Smith on the right) who were in attendance that evening.



Phil Aylward was caught admiring a model of the "Union Pacific's 'M-10,000 ~ UP's first Articulated Passenger Train'"



Additional invitations and announcements were made by others...



The first program of the evening was  
“Paper structures for Your Layout”  
presented by Bob Neill

then after a brief intermission

the second program was “Union Pacific’s  
‘M-10,000 - UP’s first Articulated Pas-  
senger Train” presented by Larry Gulick



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## Wichita Area Model Railroaders



Ourr's Family Dining  
1606 South Georgetown Street • Wichita, KS 67218-4109  
(Off East Harry between Hillside & Oliver)  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm



NEWSLETTER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR  
Gene Bowers

### March Program

*Written and Photographed*

*by Gene Bowers*

We had a very good turnout today. Good conversations.



(Nice effect using mirrors...to extend the "layout" ~ Ed.)

### Announcements included:

- Hutchinson Train Show held on the Hutch State Fairgrounds - Sunflower North bldg June 3 & 4
- 17 June - Home layout tours included:
  - Steve Hindle's
  - S & S
  - Phil Aylward's
- 10 June - Operating Session @ Ray Brady's
- 5 July - Spring Creek - SPECIAL open house

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May Programs:

**Display your winter projects!**

plus

**Trash to Treasure!**



Rick Seyb

Material transport run on the high line  
& structure for his iron work theme

Chester, VT  
Depot



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Lionel - "goldilox" method of mixing paint

RI maroon

Modified: Removed steam generator



Bob Neill

Paper structures on one of his Layouts



Randy Stucky asked:  
"Is it Lionel or American Flyer?"

# Door prize



What can you do with an HO-scale “coil car”?

# Hutchinson Train Show

June 3, 2017

Photographs by Larry Gulick



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2011 - 2015  
Larry E. Gulick



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*(Ed. ~ I'm unsure of who to credit this photo as Larry is busy talking (left) to Don Hazen (second from left) and Phil Aylward appears to be looking at the anonymous camera person and finally, on the right is Jerry East.)*

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Begin gathering-----6:45pm

Treats and beverages will be served

• **NMRA**

° Short business meeting ----- 7:00pm - ???pm

Report presented by Phil Aylward, Paymaster/Treasurer

Displays around the room were available for viewing and distussion.



**First Program:**

Highlights of the “2017 MCoR/TLR Regional Convention” were provided by Phil Aylward, Larry Gulick, & Rob Neices

**Intermission Break**

**Second Program:**

“Making Home Decals” presented by Rob Neices





Near the end of the evening Larry Gulick reminded all of the pending Layout Tour weekend outing scheduled for June 17, 2017.

Highlights would include:

- Steve Hindle's Layout
- S & S, Ltd.
- Phil Aylward's Layouts and AVI Depot

# NMRA road trip

June 17, 2017

Was organized by Larry Gulick. Those in attendance that day included:

- Linda Aylward
- Phil Aylward
- Gene Bowers
- Dennis Buth
- Kirk Clayton
- Jerry East
- Diana Gulick
- Larry Gulick
- Don Hazen
- Steve Hindle
- Dean Lippincott
- Leace Lippincott
- Douglas Mack
- Gorden MacPhail
- Pam MacPhail
- Jim Marlett
- Patty Marlett
- Rob Neices
- Don Phillips
- Doris Ross
- Terry Ross
- Rick Seyb
- Randy Stucky



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Our first stop was to visit Steve Hindle's Layout (...near Yoder, KS)

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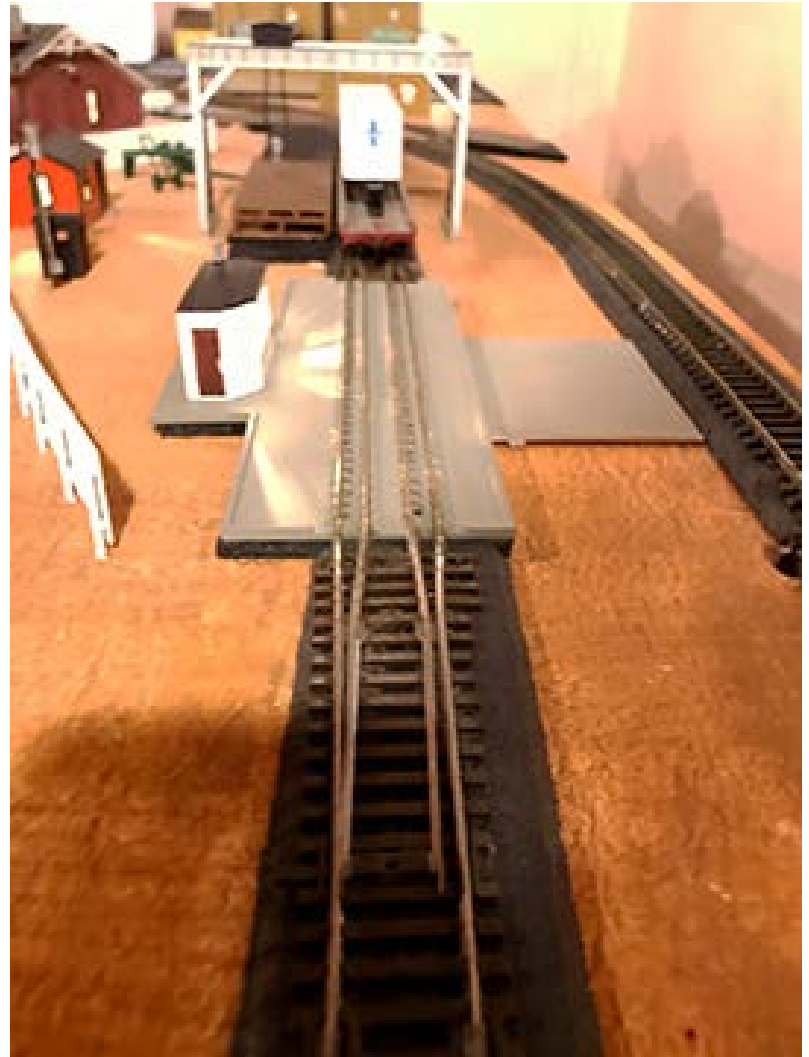




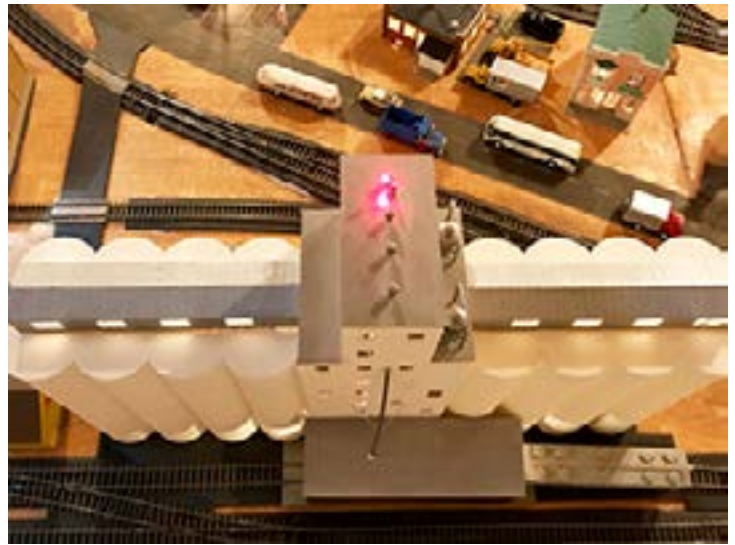
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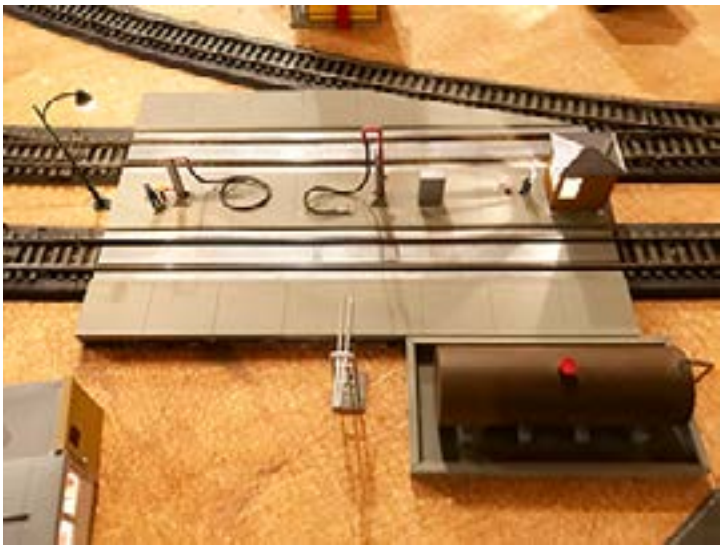


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Lunch was at Carriage Crossing in Yoder, KS



SCALE  
STRUCTURES  
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ALLOY FORMS



Peter Jung, Plant Manager  
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Plant Manager, Peter Jung demonstrating and explaining his various processes.





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and the final stop for the day was at Phil's in Halstead, KS. for BBQ and RR.



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All-in-All, it was a fun-filled day full of fellowship and Railroading

## Wichita Area Model Railroaders



### Ourr's Family Dining

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(Off East Harry between Hillside & Oliver)  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

...as we enjoyed our lunch and conversations...



### JUNE'S PROGRAM

- Bring your:

Weird, Wacky, and Wonderful Model Trains

We all have them in our collection!  
These model trains have nothing to do with prototypical trains. There were milkmen who lived in refer box cars. There were flatcars with "Surface to Air" Missiles, etc.

Plus

Fantastic Brass locomotives  
&  
Newest Prototype Releases





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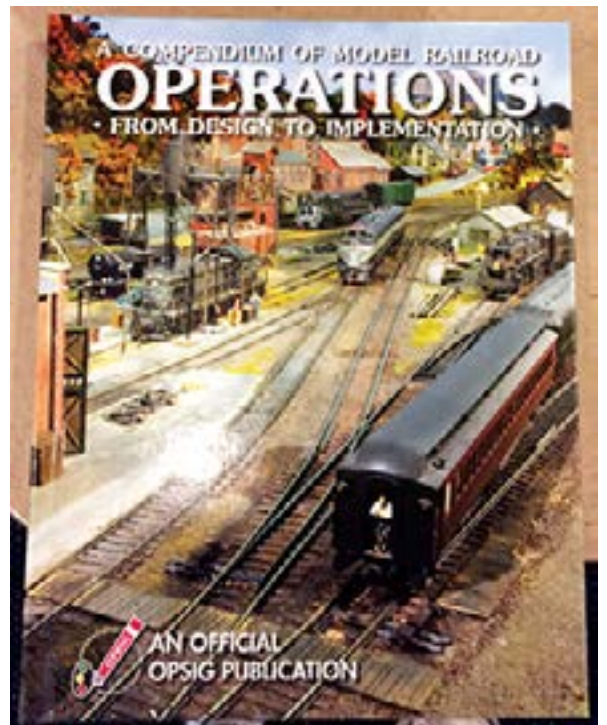
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Wood-masonry, Water



Par 4 Challenge 1-3'13



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## Roll your own steel coils

A common open load that travels between steel mills

By Bruce Dornier  
Illustration by Tom Arner

**H**uge coils of steel are common loads that travel between steel mills. Each rough and finished coil is up to 60 feet long and 48 inches high. The coils are made of high-strength steel designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of applications. They are made in a continuous process that starts with a hot-rolled coil and ends with a finished coil. The finished coil is then rolled into a coil of the desired size. The finished coil is then rolled into a coil of the desired size. The finished coil is then rolled into a coil of the desired size.

**Making hot coils**

Hot coils are made by rolling a slab of steel into a coil. The slab is heated to a temperature of 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit and then rolled into a coil. The coil is then cooled and finished. The finished coil is then rolled into a coil of the desired size. The finished coil is then rolled into a coil of the desired size.



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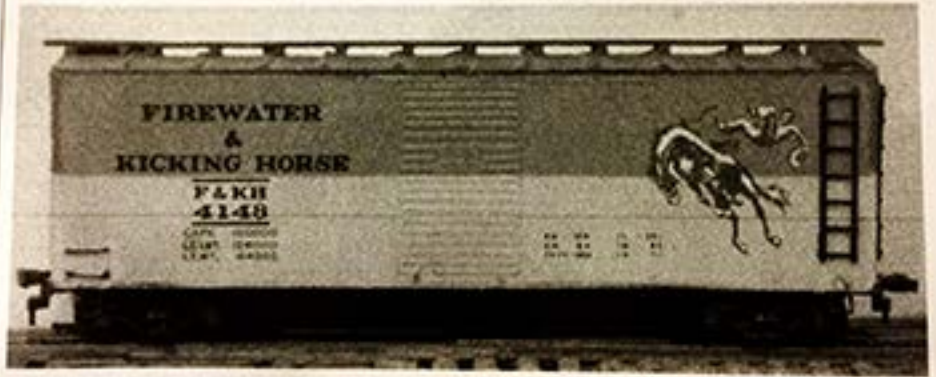
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Varney / Gordon Varney / Many Locations

Fire Water & Kicking Horse  
40' Box Car #4148

# The 2017 Steel Mill Modeler's Meet August 13-16 2017

The Sands Casino Resort  
77 Sands Boulevard  
Bethlehem, PA  
1 (877) 726-3777

<http://www.smmsig.org/>



Rick Sevö  
Chisholm Trail Division  
of NMRA



The Steel Mill Modeler's Special Interest Group (SMMSIG) is an informal gathering of individuals with a common interest in industrial history, model railroading and creating scale models of the iron and steel industry. In addition to this website we share ideas and education on steel mill modeling through bulletins, the "Steel Mill Modelers Journal" and our annual meeting. We also provide clinic and educational support to the National Model Railroad Association, its affiliated regions and divisions as well as historical societies.

*Dates and Location are fixed, other information is preliminary*

The traditional format is registration, display and vendor setup on Sunday afternoon followed by a few clinics that evening. Monday will be a full day of presentations, vendor tables and fellowship. Tuesday will be devoted to carpool layout tours followed by the awards banquet. The meet wraps up with Wednesday morning's informal good - bye breakfast and annual business meeting.

## **Clinics:**

The exact clinic schedule is still being developed. We plan on tapping a host of local modelers and veteran attendees to present fresh ideas and techniques. A few clinics specifically designed for those new to steel mill modeling will occur as we identify the number of first-time attendees. All topics will be specific to steel modeling.

## **Layout Tours:**

Tuesday will be devoted to layout tours by carpool.

We are working on scheduling a layout operating session. The 2016 event was very successful and we would like to repeat the experience. Slots on the "operating crew" will be filled on a first registered basis, so register early.

## **Displays and Contests:**

Attendees are encouraged to bring a steel related model(s) to display, even if it is only a single structure, locomotive or piece of rolling stock. Works in progress are welcome. Attendees will vote on the best displayed model to select the winner of the coveted Dean Freytag award. There is also a special photo category in the display contest that is designed for large models that can't be transported. All it takes to enter this category is photo(s) of your steel project. Judging is based on the quality of the modeling depicted and not on the artistry of the photograph.

## **Vendors:**

One of the most popular attractions is the wealth of specialized steel modeling products offered in one place. Many are "basement" producers whose items aren't readily available in most hobby shops. We have a room dedicated just for the vendors.

All activities are tentative and subject to change!

Membership in the Steel Mill Modelers SIG is required to attend!

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# Calendar of Events



## July, 2017



1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Train Show & Open House** (Spring Creek Model Trains)

Sat & Sun • 304 East Bryson Avenue (Drescher, NE)

Learn more from: Dave & Deb Zucker \* (402) 365-7628

<http://www.SpringCreekModelTrains.com>

10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> • **National Garden Railway Convention** (Tulsa, OK)

<http://www.thinktulsa17.com/>

29<sup>th</sup> • **Turkey Creek Train Show - 2017** (refer to next page)

Saturday • 8:00am - 3:00pm

Shawnee Mission North High School (Cafeteria) • 7201 Johnson Drive • Overland Park, KS

Clinics and contests (NMRA judging available)

*Home Layout Tours* • 3:30pm - 8:30pm

Learn more from: Larry Alfred, MMR, Chairman

(913) 782-6584 - Home Phone

CapTalFred@GMail.com

July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 6<sup>th</sup> • **National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)**

The Rosen Plaza Hotel (Orlando, FL)

## August, 2017

August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup> • **37<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention** (Denver, CO)

Wednesday - Saturday • Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel

Learn more at:

<http://37nngc.com/index.html>

## September, 2017

16<sup>th</sup> • **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Wichita Area Garden Railway Society Home Layout Tour** (Wichita, KS)

10:00am - 4:00pm

Admission: FREE

Learn more from: Herb Reeves, President

ReeveHa@aol.com

<https://www.FaceBook.com/WichitaAreaGardenRailroadSociety>

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> • **Model Train Show** (Wichita, KS)

Cessna Activity Center • 2744 George Washington Blvd

Learn more at:

<http://www.WichitaToyTrainClub.org>

# November, 2017

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> • Ark City Model Train Show (Arkansas City, KS)

Agriculture Business Bldg. • 712 West Washington

Learn more at:

<http://www.WichitaToyTrainMuseum.org>

# February, 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> • The Wichita Train Show & Swap Meet (Wichita, KS)

Cessna Activity Center • 2744 George Washington Blvd.

Saturday ~ 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 11:00am - 4:00pm

Admission: \$8/Adult for both days; Children 10 and under are free with paid adult

Vendors Wanted

Learn more from: Phil Aylward (316) 259-5190

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<https://www.BestTrainShow.com>

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# in future issues...

In our next issue we will feature articles from our Chisholm Trail Division which will include:

- Progress Update of those working toward/achieving the NMRA “Golden Spike”
- “Tips and Techniques” from many of us
- additional tools with “*double entendre*”
- *and please, Please, PLEASE send some photos and your story to be included in:*

## **“ONCE UPON A TIME” GUESS WHO...???**

- and much, MUCH more...

We will hear from:

- Tom Smith
- Larry Gulick
- Charles Dugnolle
- John Kraft
- Jim Marlett -- “How I Built my Backdrop”
- Gene Bowers -- “The Next Step”
- ...further adventures of the “Narrow Gaugers”
- “Programmable Servos”
- and others

# the road to becoming an MMR