



Division Points

Indian Nations Division of the National Model Railroad Association

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From the Superintendent

It's been a busy year for the division in regards to Layout Operations. In the spring we hosted the 2nd Tulsa Area Layout Design and Operations weekend. It was well attended and we are going to do it again March 23-25, 2012. Mark your calendars and hope that you attend.

The layout owners were also busy with the Tulsa Line 2011 this past October. Several people came from Houston, Dallas and Bella Vista to operate on the layouts. Next year we will be invited to participate in HOOTERS, the operations weekend in the Houston area. There are some great layouts down there, and if you get the opportunity to go down I encourage you to do so.

If you have never given operations a try there are lots of opportunities to do so here in the Tulsa area. There are several local layouts that host operating sessions and the C&S and Green Country Model Railroad Association hold monthly operating sessions. Newcomers are encouraged to participate and always welcomed.

See you at the meeting!

Dave Salamone



November 19th Meeting

SHOW AND TELL:

Structures and Dioramas

CLINICS/PRESENTATIONS:

Nelson, IL Coaling tower on the C&NW - Robert Bornfleth

Australian Bulldogs - Graeme Nitz

The Muskogee Roads - Mike Condren



Upcoming Events in the Region...

OKC Train Show

OKC Fairgrounds

December 3rd 9am-5pm/December 4th 11-5pm

Admission is \$8.00

Children 12 and under are FREE!

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

Great NWA Model Train & Historical Memorabilia Show

Holiday Inn & NWA Convention Center

1500 S 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission: Adults \$6.00 and Children 12 and under FREE

www.railroadclubsugarcreek.org

Tulsa Layout Design and Operations Weekend

March 23-25

Shriners - 2808 South Sheridan Road

Tulsa, OK

<http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/>

2012 MCoR Regional Convention

May 30 through June 3, 2012

St. Louis, Missouri

<http://www.gatewaynmra.org/2012/>

2011 MEETINGS

Nov 19 - Structures/Dioramas

2012 MEETINGS

Jan 21 - Antiques & Collectibles

May 19 - Photography

Sept 22 - Rolling Stock

Nov 17 - Structures & Dioramas

Meetings are from **9:30 to 12:30**
Meetings in the Pecan or Maple Room

New Hardesty Library
8316 E. 93rd St.



INDIAN NATIONS NMRA **OFFICERS**

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Dave Salamon

Assistant Superintendent
Carl Schorfheide

Director
Vic Pinamonti

Paymaster
Hal Blakeslee

Achievement Program
John Anderson

Larry's Question of the Month:

What is meant by 'Ball the Jack'?

(If you have a railroad question and answer that you'd like to ask of the group let Larry Munro know about it!)

Local Model Railroad Organizations

Indian Nations Division of the NMRA
Dave Salamon

www.tulsanmra.org
918-272-5512

Oklahoma Narrow Gauge
Randy Smith

www.okng.org
918 - 366 - 7152

North Eastern Oklahoma N Scalers
Richard Fisher

<http://www.tulsa-neons.com/>
918 - 298 - 4800

Tulsa Garden Railroad Club
Vernon Guess

<http://www.tulsagardenrailroadclub.org/>
918-361-6084

Green Country Model Railroaders Association
Lynn Dietrich

<http://www.gcmra.org/>
918 - 361 - 6669

Claremore & Southern RR
George Kohlhofer

<http://www.csrailclub.com/>
918-638-0075

In Recognition of the Divisions Structures and Diorama Theme of Meeting

Sunset Park Structure Co.

(a division of Morris Park Car Shops)

is pleased to announce its November sale. Great deals without having to drive to the OKC show.

Lots of DPM, Smalltown, some Walthers & lots of Out Of Production kits - Magnuson, Supply Line Models etc.

See you at the division meet.

Visa/Mastercard accepted.

Thanks.

Tom Fausser;

MORRIS PARK CAR SHOPS



***LAYOUT DESIGN AND
OPERATIONS WEEKEND
TULSA, OK***

March 23 - 25, 2012

**Updated information and Registration at:
<http://ldopsigmeet.tulsanmra.org/>**



St. Louis: Your Gateway to Model Railroading Fun



2012 MCoR Convention: May 30 through June 3, 2012



- Attend clinics by noted model railroaders, including Tony Koester, Bill Darnaby and Mont Switzer.
- Visit more than forty model railroad layouts.
- Experience guided tours of the Union Pacific Car Shop, Gateway Rail Services and American Model Builders.
- Operate on great local model railroads.
- Enter the model and photo contests, enjoy St. Louis activities, and dine at the Awards Banquet at the Transport Museum.



For more info or to register online: www.gatewaynmra.org/2012

The 2012 Mid-Continent Regional Convention is hosted by the Gateway Division NMRA, May 30 through June 3, 2012, in St. Louis, Missouri. We've added an extra day this year for more activities, more clinics, more layouts, and more value for you. The convention, train show, and hotel are all under one roof at the Holiday Inn Southwest Convention Center at Watson Rd. and Lindbergh Blvd. in Sunset Hills, Missouri, with a special room rate of \$89 per night.



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The Mystery Train - Ed Bommer

Ed Bommer gave a presentation based on an undated photo someone had sent him. It showed a B&O steam freight loco backing a string of five wooden coaches into a terminal on Staten Island which was served by multiple unit electric (MUE) equipment.

From close examination of details in the photo, Ed explained how he was able to date it. Also, a second steam powered train was discovered in the background. The wooden coaches were rarely seen Class A-14 B&O cars built in 1910. The locomotive was a B&O Class E-13b camelback 2-8-0, used on Staten Island from 1905 until 1945.



The train and ferry terminal building dated the photo before 1946, when that 1895 structure was demolished in a huge fire. The position of a stand-by ferry in the background indicated a weekend or holiday. Vegetation and a jacketless crewman in the coach vestibule hinted at warm or hot weather. The angle of the shadows set the time at about mid afternoon.

The use of steam and MUE cars indicated a date between 1925 and 1946. This was narrowed to 1935-1946 by the way two MUE cars in the background were painted and lettered.

The tracks on which the two steam trains were set helped determine their destination. It would be on the Staten Island Rapid Transit's Perth Amboy sub-division to a branch line that did not have third rail.

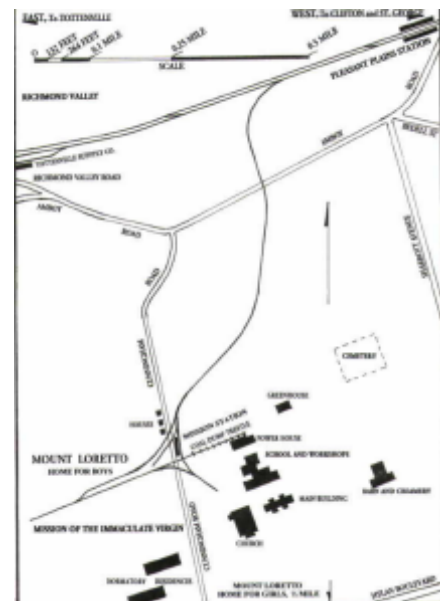
Only one such branch offered a possible reason. A little over a mile long with curves and a 2% grade, it served a large Catholic orphanage at Mount Loretto. A search of New York Times on-line archives from 1935-1946 set the actual date as Sunday, June 19, 1938.

A special celebration at the home's huge Gothic style church was held on that day. It was the 50th anniversary of the death of the home's founder. It brought over 1,000 visitors. Some 680 of them would arrive on these two special trains. The event ran for about three hours, starting at 4:00PM.

Ed then described how both five car specials may have been "turned" on the branch's confined trackage which included a wye. Citing SIRT rules and noting the length of the trains, locos and the track space available, each step in the process was described.



For departure after the event, both trains had to be in the same locations at which they arrived with their cars, but facing the opposite direction. 'Turning' had to be done with hand signals, hand thrown switches, hand setting brakes on the coaches, uncoupling and recoupling equipment as each loco was wyed. Then, going through all the coaches to turn the seats around.



MORE SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The Mystery Train (Cont'd)

It would be a time consuming process. Both trains arrived about 10 minutes apart. So turning took place after all passengers had left the trains. This was the last such special movement to Mount Loretto the SIRT would make.

Within a year, the usual every third-Sunday visitor's train that had been running since 1885 would be discontinued by the Arch-diocese of New York, in favor of chartered buses. The orphanage closed in the 1960's but some buildings are now used as a social service agency.



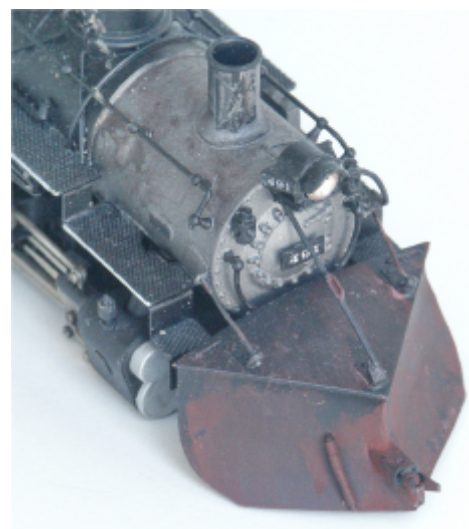
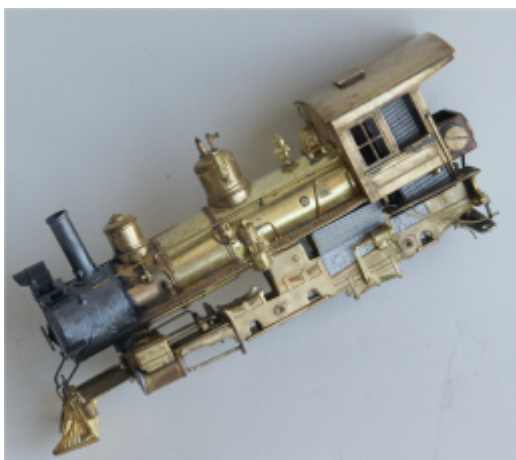
Extensive farm land surrounding the home, which raised all its own food, has become second growth woods. The railroad bed is now a hiking trail. The large stone church that could seat well over 1,000 persons was destroyed in a spectacular fire in December, 1973. It was built in 1891 and all the wooden furnishings in it were made by the home's boys as part of their training.

Painting with spray cans - Henry Townsend

Henry explained how to use (Rustkurb, Flat Black by Chase Products Co., Dept. 11, # 10-1622-R, and Krylon, Indoor/Outdoor Primer (Black), both from Lowes Outdoor Center. He also recommended use of Testors "Steel"Non-Buffering Metalizer for smokebox and fire-box painting. Use of inexpensive acrylic artist paint for water thinned washes for soot on smokeboxes, boiler tops, and tender sides was suggested.



Henry stressed that use of spray can paint application must be preceded by careful surface preparation and scrupulous attention to masking of different parts of the locomotive for different colors.



MORE SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Bob Foltz's Axioms, Rules and Guidelines for Layout Planning and Operations - presented by Marc Montray.

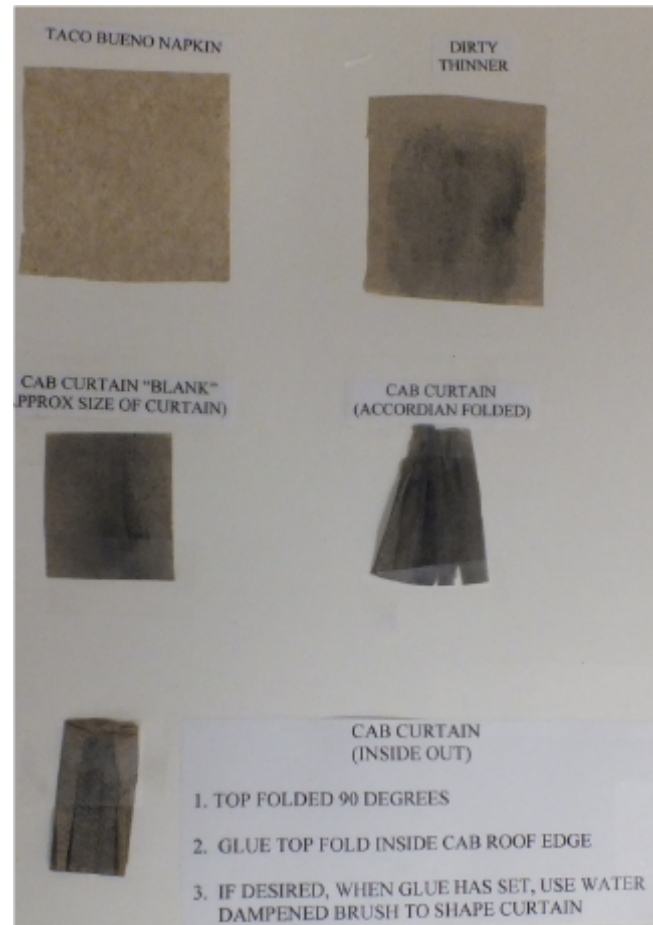
Marc lead us in conversation of Bob Folt's Axioms. This was very entertaining, and I think most of can relate to every one of them. Below are a few Examples, the whole list can be found here:

<http://www.atsfrr.com/resources/FoltzBob/Axioms.doc>

- 1. *HOW MUCH STAGING DO YOU NEED? Figure out what you think you need, double it and add one—and you'll still wish you had more.***
- 2. *You'll never regret putting in wider aisles, but you will always lament aisles that are too narrow.***
- 3. *Use the widest radius curves you can—and you'll end up wishing you had enough room to have made them even broader.***
- 16. *Keep a note pad handy to write down that "the couple on the B end of boxcar 12345 is low" or any other deficiencies that get reported or that you notice. I guarantee that you'll never remember these the next morning otherwise.***

Easy Realistic Cab Curtains - Henry Townsend

Creation of realistic cab curtains for HO, S and O Scales from buff color Taco Bueno napkins washed with oil-based paints/solvent , cut to size, accordion folded vertically and horizontally across the top and clued inside the car roof edge with carpenter's glue.



Rich Gibson - Thank you for the visit!



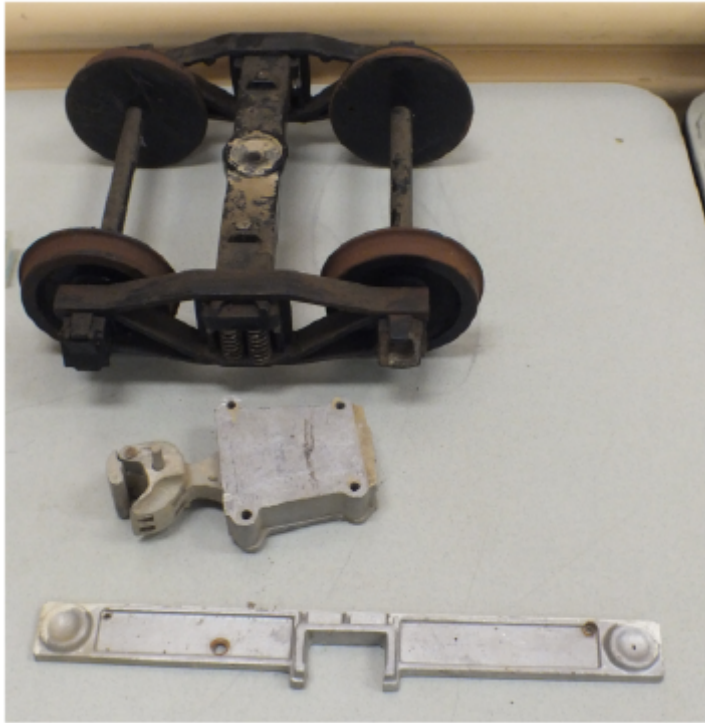


*Rich Gibson
Thank you for the sit!*





Randy Smith - Sn3



Dave Salamon - 1.5" Scale

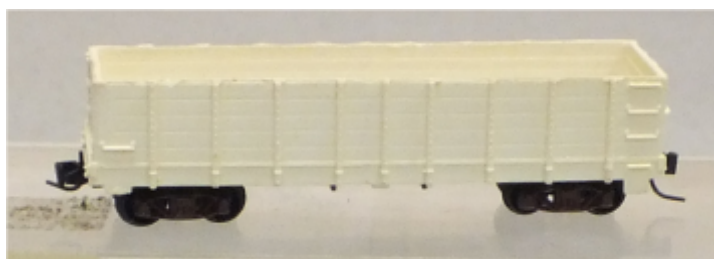


Lind Wickersham - On2

Show and Tell



Rich Gibson - HO Scale



Dave Salamon - Nn3



Joe Salamon - G Scale



2. Model T&P 22364 box car: Wood, metal castings, 1947.



5. Weaver C&O Well-hole flat: Wood, soft metal castings, 1943.



4. Walther's 36' double sheathed D&H box car: Wood and soft metal castings, 1947.



3. Rail Craft P&L E panel side hopper car: Tin-plated stamped steel and brass 1946.



5. Atchafalaya 40' SFE box car: Wood, exploded steel castings, 1949.



6. San Coast 40' A.T.S.F. panel side box: Wood, soft metal castings and stamped brass, 1976.

Ed Bommer - O Scale

Show and Tell

KIT BUILT O SCALE FREIGHT CARS FROM 1930'S TO 1980'S

Most of these cars were built from new, 'undecorated' kits.

A few were rebuilt from 'junkers' found hiding in boxes under tables at train shows.

Some have been modified to more closely model a specific prototype.



2. Grace Line 50' C&NW single door box car: Wood, plasticized and embossed cardboard, stamped and cast metal frame, 1946.



6. All Nation 40' PFE refrigerator: Wood, stamped metal, cast metal and plastic details, 1956.



5. Arvid Anderson 32' N&W rib-side hoppers: Brass, 1968.

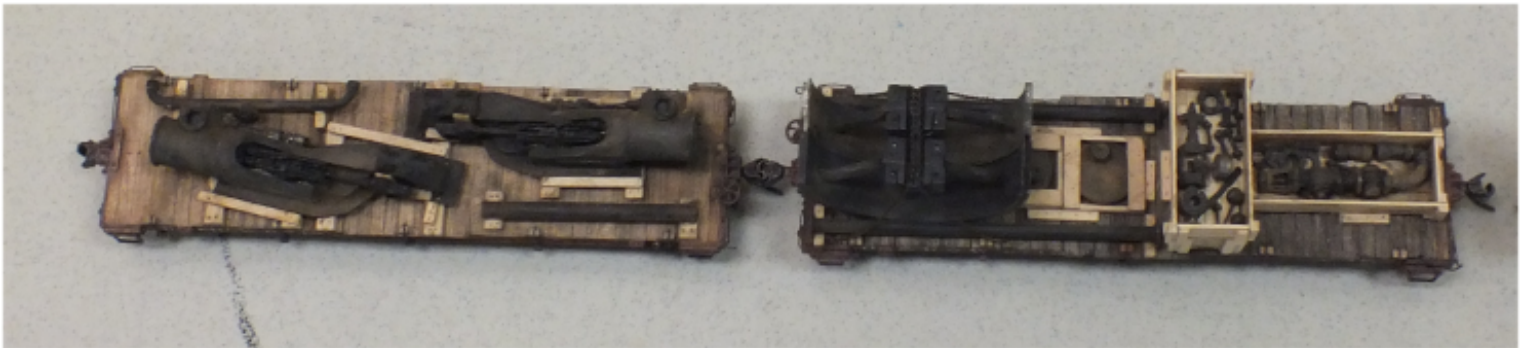
Show and Tell



Henry Townsend - HO



Ken Ehlers - HOn3



Ken Ehlers - Sn3



A view from Rich Gibson's Layout

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