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## On the Cover

Jerry Smith caught this steam excursion coming 'round the mountain on his great N scale Augusta Station layout in Augusta.

## Superintendent's Desk

by Bill Levin

Summer is almost upon us and it is the time of year that outdoor activities sometimes take priority over model railroading. However, this is a time when there are a lot of great model railroading activities available. In addition to our regular Division meetings, there is the NMRA National Convention in July 22 in Detroit and the Regional Convention in Kansas City on August 4. These are excellent opportunities to improve your model railroading knowledge and skills, see great layouts, and meet other model railroaders.

Our programming under the leadership of Hank Kraichely has been excellent and I thank and recognize the clinicians that presented in the second quarter: Oliver D. Joseph, who showed vintage personal movies on the Santa Fe Super Chief and other railroads, as well as the famous John Allan model railroad; the Gateway Division treated members to free Blair Line laser cut wood loading ramp kits to assemble at the may meeting, and

Richard Lake presented a clinic on Prototype Yards: Adapting Prototype Operations to Model Railroading. These great clinics have contributed to increasing our members' knowledge and attendance continues to climb on both sides of the river.

We had our second Quarterly Layout Tours on the Illinois side and we were treated to some excellent layouts. I thank Dee Joseph, Brad Joseph, Pete Smith and Curt Regensberger. A sampling of pictures from this layout tour is included in this RPO, courtesy of Bonnie Moe.

Remember that the Fall Train Meet in November is expanded this year so there will be more vendors and layouts. Set aside that date.

Look forward to see all of you at a future meeting.

Bill Levin

Superintendent

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## Jerry Smith's *Missouri Kansas & Pacific*

Photos by Jerry Smith

(Editor's note: Jerry tells me he will be closing Augusta Station, his model railroad display and gift shop at the end of August. Here are some photos of the spectacular 87' x 30' N scale layout that has been the centerpiece of his shop.)



The turntable and roundhouse at Jefferson, at the east end of the MKP.





Jerry describes the MKP as running from Mound City -- 'a big city in eastern Missouri' -- to the Rockies'



There are plenty of industries in Mound City to justify carloadings on the MKP.



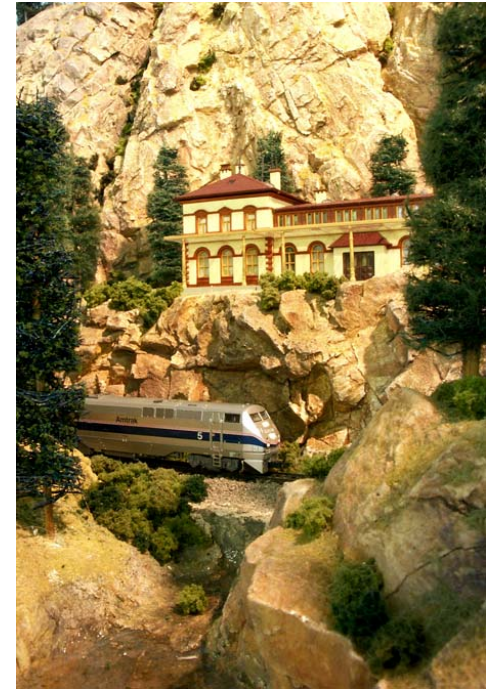
West of Mound City, the town of Anton looks a lot like Augusta.



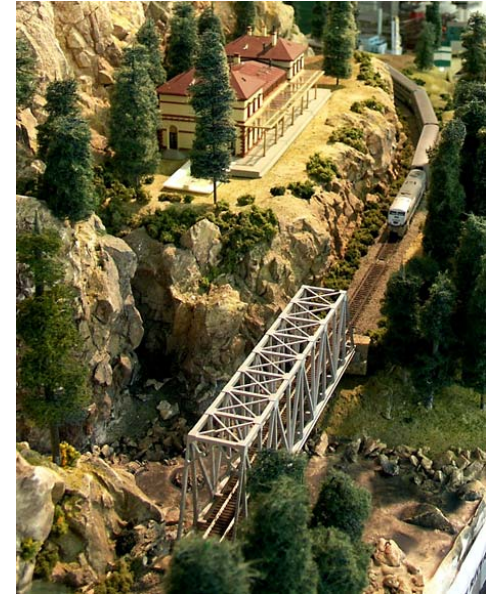
The mainline and yard are squeezed between Osage Ridge and the river.



This power plant was kitbashed by Jerry Prott of the Mississippi Valley N Scalers from two Walthers kits.



Amtrak serves the resort areas -- former mining towns -- on the MKP.



The climb into the Rockies has great scenery.



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## Gain Additional Information When You Sign Up for Email Notification

Gateway Division is offering two ways for you to get more information by email. The first is to receive **Meeting Notifications** and **other Divisions' newsletters** by email. The benefit of opting in for Meeting Notifications is that we will send other Divisions' newsletters that we receive electronically to you in this manner. Only by opting in to the Meeting Notification email can you receive these other newsletters. Second is to receive the **RPO** publication by email. The major benefit of this email is that all the pictures are in color. Because of cost considerations, the RPO is not published in color. If you are currently receiving these publications by mail, and choose to receive them by email, please email this request to [wmbill@hotmail.com](mailto:wmbill@hotmail.com).

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## Second Quarterly Gateway Division Layout Tour: The Photo Mystery Tour

photos by Bonnie Moe

*(Editor's Note: OK, so Bonnie Moe sent me a disk full of great photos she took during the Gateway Division's May 6 layout tour. Great! Trouble is, I waited until the last minute to add them to this issue of the RPO, and realized too late that I hadn't asked her to provide captions, or even identify which photo was taken at which layout. So I leave it to you to carefully examine each photo and identify the layout: The member with the most correct answers will be the next RPO photo editor.*







Thanks to Dee Joseph, Brad Joseph, Pete Smith, and Curt Regensberger for opening their homes to us.





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## Need for Volunteers

As a volunteer organization, we depend on members to help operate the Division. Some members work full time while other are retired, so time available varies based on work and personal schedules. We are developing a long term strategy for the Division where duties are divided into smaller tasks so that volunteers have specific activities that do not become burdensome yet allow for effective Division operation. To accomplish this goal we are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

Email communications manager – manage the list and mail Meeting and RPO emails (content is provided so this is a logistics position)

Merchandise Sales – attend meetings/Fall Meet and sell Division merchandise/remit moneys to Treasure (not responsible for ordering merchandise)

Membership Retention Chair – review reports, call members who haven't renewed their membership to encourage rejoining, and manage the membership survey effort

New Member Chair – work on programs to recruit new members

Clinician Program Chair – identify clinicians to present at monthly meetings and Fall Meet

Please consider helping in one of the above roles. If you are retired, you can be a big help to the Division by taking on one of these duties. Contact Bill Levin at [wmlbill@hotmail.com](mailto:wmlbill@hotmail.com) to get more information.

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## Division Minutes

*Recorded by Ron Gawedzinski, Clerk*

### Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2007

**Clinic:** Assistant Superintendent Hank Kraichely called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Hank introduced Oliver D. Joseph, who showed vintage personal movies on the Santa Fe Super Chief and other railroads, as well as the famous John Allan model railroad. The movies were very good, taking us down a nostalgic memory lane. Thanks, Oliver, for a very entertaining show.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Superintendent Bill Levin called the business meeting to order at 8:00 pm. There were 24 members and five guests present. Bill took a minute to remind members about the mission for this year, specifically, to improve our programming and membership. To that end we had our First Quarter Member Home Layout Tour on March 31.

#### **Visitors:**

The Division welcomes guests Dorothy Martin, Dave Beidle, JoAnn Bartz, John Bode and Kirk Yates.

#### **Minutes of the March 19, 2007 Meeting:**

Copies of the minutes of the March 19, 2007, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Lyon, Treasurer, was not present. Bill Levin distributed printed copies of the Treasurer's Report for the period March 19 through April 15, 2007. The balance in all funds as of April 15, 2007, was \$26,450.55. There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

**Monthly Meeting Clinician Report:** Hank Kraichely announced in May a special member group activity meeting will be held to build a laser-cut wood loading dock from Blair Lines, provided free by the Division only to members attending the May meeting. HO and N scale kits will be available. Bring some tools, like a hobby knife and glue. If there are kits left over they will be made available to members at \$5.00 each. June, July and the rest of the year are open. Hank said he needs clinicians. Please contact him tonight if you are interested. (The clinics could be on a prototype RR, your RR, some experiences you have or a modeling project.)

**Gateway Layout Tour Schedule:** Hank Kraichely stated there would be a Division

Second Quarter Member Home Layout Tour on Sunday, May 6, 2007, from 1 pm to 5 pm, covering layouts in Illinois. He has three layouts confirmed (Oliver D. Joseph, Brad Joseph and Pete Smith) and a fourth that's probable (Curt Regensberger). He's hoping to get a G scale outdoor layout. All layouts will be located in the Belleville – O'Fallon area. Directions to the layouts will be provided either by e-mail or regular mail. Ron Gawedzinski thanked Hank for all the time, effort and work he put into setting up the First Quarter Layout Tour, which was quite successful. The members gave Hank a round of applause. (September 29 is the date for the third quarter and December 29 is the date for the fourth quarter. The Layout Tour is for members only and will not be open to the general public. Any member who is interested in having her/his layout on the tour please notify Hank and indicate the Saturday you would prefer.)

**Merchandise Report:** Hank Kraichely reported he brought 33" and 36" HO wheel sets. (They are \$6.00 a package). Anyone interested in buying the wheel sets should see him after the meeting.

Bill Levin mentioned for guests that are here, that want to come to next month's meeting and get a free kit, join our Chapter for six months at a total cost of \$9.95. See Bill after the meeting.

**RPO Report:** Mike Thomas said the RPO should go into the mail this weekend. The next RPO deadline is July 1. Try to get articles and pictures to him earlier as he is going on vacation. Discussion took place on the e-mailing of the RPO and meeting announcements and the problems corrected.

**Director's Report:** Jim Anderson was not present. No report.

**Achievement Program (AP) Awards Report:** Don Taschner had no report. If anyone wants to have something judged please call Don.

**Project Layout XIV (14):** Bill Levin said there is nothing directly to report on the Project Layout. It is complete, it looks really good, and it operates well. He will be, in the next month, scheduling the layout for the fall for the shopping malls. The goal here is to attract people that are traditionally not model railroaders into the hobby. This is more about getting members. The current plan is to do Mid-Rivers Mall, West County Mall and Chesterfield Mall. Bill thanked everyone who staffed the Collinsville show.

#### **Old Business:**

**Volunteer Lists** – Bill Levin talked about the Volunteer List To Make Phone Call Survey Of Division Members. We are almost finished with the Illinois side. If you remember, the idea is

what can we do to first improve communications with them (getting their e-mail addresses) and second to get them to come to meetings. We're about ready to start this survey on the Missouri side to call fellow Missouri members. We need about 13 volunteers to make calls, ask the questions and return the results to Bill. After the meeting if any member would be willing to help out please see Bill or Hank.

**E-mail Of Meeting Notices And RPO** – Bill Levin said we have already discussed this issue earlier in the meeting.

**Computer Graphic Poster Design** – Bill Levin said we need a digital photo of a steam locomotive in the foreground, with the rest of the train behind it, to produce a banner (for our booth). It should be a royalty free photo, in landscape pose, prefer color, in high resolution. He would like to have one as soon as possible.

#### **New Business:**

**Need Volunteers To Help Hank** – Bill Levin said Hank Kraichely needs some relief due to his recent illness. Hank needs help to: 1. Set up clinicians for the remainder of our monthly meetings, 2. E-mail meeting notices to members, 3. Do merchandise sales, 4. Have a person be the Retention Membership chairperson, and 5. Have a person be the New Member chairperson. If any member would like to help out please see or call Bill.

**Special Presentation To Oliver D. Joseph** – Bill Levin presented Oliver D. Joseph with a NMRA 50 Year Membership Certificate. The membership gave Mr. Joseph a round of applause.

**Volunteer To Bring The Movie Screen** – Mike Thomas asked for a volunteer to take over being responsible for bringing our movie screen to future meetings. Due to work requirements Mike is not always able to arrive at our meetings on time.

**Announcements:** None.

**50/50:** A member won \$18 in the drawing.

**Adjournment:** A member moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by another member and approved at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting is May 21, 2007, 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Ballwin, Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk

## Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2007

**Clinic:** Assistant Superintendent Hank Kraichely called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Hank distributed Blair Line laser cut wood loading ramp kits to members present. Everyone proceeded to assemble the kits and have a good time. Thanks, Hank, for arranging this special event for the members.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Superintendent Bill Levin called the business meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 33 members and two guests present. Bill took a minute to remind members about the mission for this year, specifically, to improve our programming and membership. He commented about the increase in attendance at meetings and the Quarterly Member Home Layout Tours. Also, members signed up for e-mail will receive every other week information related to other Divisions' newsletters, etc., from Bill.

### Visitors:

The Division welcomes guests Rita Berk and Scott Warren.

### Minutes of the April 16, 2007 Meeting:

Copies of the minutes of the April 16, 2007, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Lyon, Treasurer, distributed printed copies of the Treasurer's Report for the period April 16 through May 20, 2007. The balance in all funds as of May 20, 2007, was \$26,112.61. There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

**Monthly Meeting Clinician Report:** Hank Kraichely stated anyone who would like to volunteer to be a clinician please see him. June, July and the rest of the year are open. (The clinics could be on a prototype RR, your RR, some experiences you have or a modeling project.)

**Gateway Layout Tour Schedule:** Hank Kraichely stated there would be a Division Third Quarter Member Home Layout Tour in September covering layouts either in St. Charles or South County. At the November Fall Meet we will do layouts in the West County area. (Any member who is interested in having her/his layout on the tour please notify Hank.)

**Merchandise Report:** Bill Levin reported we have a new person in charge of Merchandise. His name is Tim Stout. Tim brought 33" and 36" HO and N scale wheel sets. (They are \$6.00 a package). Anyone interested in buying the wheel sets should see him after the meeting.

**RPO Report:** Mike Thomas said the next RPO deadline is July 1. Try to get articles and pictures to him earlier as he is going on vacation. He needs more articles and pictures so please submit them. Mike said he needs a volunteer for this RPO to pick it up from the printer and put it in the mail. See Mike after the meeting.

Bill Levin asked if any member attending the last Division Member Home Layout Tour took any pictures. If so, would you please e-mail some to Mike to include in the next RPO.

**Director's Report:** Jim Anderson reported the Mid-Continent Region Annual Convention would be in Lenexa, Kansas, (Kansas City area), on Saturday, August 4, 2007. It starts on Friday evening, August 3. The registration form is in the 1st Quarter 2007 Caboose Kibitzer. Registration is only \$4.00. There will be clinics, a train show and self-guided home layout tours.

Jim reminded everyone that June is the month for all Division members to renew their publication fee (dues) of \$3.00. (NOTE: If the date following your name on the address on the post card or e-mail notice is 6/30/07 your publication fee (dues) will have expired. To continue receiving these notices and the RPO, please renew for next year by sending \$3.00 to Dave Lyon, 284 Oakleigh Woods Dr., Ballwin, Missouri, 63011-3444 or bringing \$3.00 to the next Division meeting. Make checks payable to Gateway Division – NMRA.)

**Achievement Program (AP) Awards Report:** Don Taschner was not present. No report.

**Announcements:** None.

**Project Layout XIV (14):** Bill Levin said our plan is during August, September and October we are going to take the Project Layout to some shopping malls. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with that. The goal here is to promote model railroading and attract people that are traditionally not model railroaders into the hobby. The current plan is to do Mid-Rivers Mall, West County Mall and Chesterfield Mall.

For next year's (2008) Project Layout, we are considering using an N scale layout that was given to us. We could use it either for parts on a new layout or building on the existing layout. No decision has been made yet.

### Old Business:

**Volunteer Lists** – Bill Levin talked about the Volunteer List To Make Phone Call Survey Of Division Members. If you remember, the idea is what can we do to first improve communications with them (getting their e-mail addresses) and second to get them to come to meetings. We're about ready to start this survey on the Missouri side to call fellow Missouri members. We need

about 10 volunteers to make calls, ask the four questions and return the results to Bill. After the meeting if any member would be willing to help out please see Bill or Hank.

### New Business:

**Clinicians** – Bill Levin said we need volunteers as clinicians for our monthly meetings. If you are interested in presenting a clinic please see Hank.

**Retention Membership Chair** – Bill Levin is looking for a person to call and follow-up with Division ex-members who have not renewed their memberships. We would like to encourage them to renew their memberships. If you are interested please call or see Bill.

**50/50:** Rita Berk won \$20 in the drawing.

**Adjournment:** A member moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by another member and approved at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting is June 18, 2007, 7 pm, VFW Hall, O'Fallon, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk

## Gateway Division Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2007

**Clinic:** Superintendent Bill Levin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Bill introduced Richard Lake, who gave a clinic on "Prototype Yards – Adapting Prototype Operations To Model Railroading." Rich discussed first, the operations of prototype yard crews at Rock Island's Armourdale Yard in Kansas City, Kansas, in the time period from 1957 through 1961, and second, on how prototype operations can influence what we do as model railroad operators. Rich described his personal experience as a summer employee of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad (CRI&P) during those years. A very descriptive handout was distributed. Thanks, Rich, for a very informative clinic.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Superintendent Bill Levin called the business meeting to order at 8:05 pm. There were 20 members and no guests present.

### Visitors:

There were no guests present.

### Minutes of the May 21, 2007 Meeting:

Copies of the minutes of the May 21, 2007, meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Lyon, Treasurer, distributed printed copies of the Treasurer's Report for the period May 21 through June 17,

2007. The balance in all funds as of June 17, 2007, was \$26,208.39. There were no questions and the report was accepted as presented.

**Monthly Meeting Clinician Report:** Hank Kraichely was not present. Bill Levin stated he and Brian Post (if available) tentatively would give a clinic on JMRI Decoder Pro to use a computer to simplify programming your DCC decoders. August is open for a clinician. In September, Hank Kraichely will have a clinic on his railroad; a short overview on the railroad and his operations and then everyone is invited to his house to run trains. The rest of the year is open. (The clinics could be on a prototype RR, your RR, some experiences you have or a modeling project.)

**Gateway Layout Tour Schedule:** Hank Kraichely was not present. Bill Levin stated the next Division Quarterly Member Home Layout Tour would be in St. Charles and St. Peters. It will be in early September on a Saturday beginning at 9:30 AM and ending at 2 or 3 PM. (Any member who is interested in having her/his layout on the tour please notify Hank.)

**Merchandise Report:** Tim Stout reported he brought 33" and 36" HO scale wheel sets. (They are \$6.00 a package.) He also has leftover HO and N scale laser-cut wood loading dock kits from Blair Lines available for \$5.00 as well as an assortment of NMRA Standard Gauges.

**RPO Report:** Mike Thomas said the next RPO deadline is July 1. Try to get articles and pictures to him earlier as he is going on vacation. We should be receiving the Report sometime after July 4.

**Director's Report:** Jim Anderson was not present. Bill Levin reminded members the Mid-Continent Region Annual Convention would be in Lenexa, Kansas, (Kansas City area), on Saturday, August 4, 2007. (It starts on Friday evening, August 3. The registration form is in the 1st Quarter 2007 Caboose Kibitzer. Registration is only \$4.00. There will be clinics, a train show and self-guided home layout tours.) Also, the National NMRA Convention is during July 22 – 28 in Detroit, Michigan.

**Achievement Program (AP) Awards Report:** Don Taschner was not present. No report.

**Announcements:** Ron Gawedzinski mentioned the Galesburg, Illinois, Railroad Days will be held on June 23 and 24, 2007. A few pamphlets are available on the table.

**Project Layout XIV (14):** Bill Levin said our plan is during August, September and October we are going to take the Project Layout to some shopping malls. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with that. The goal here is to promote model

railroading and attract people that are traditionally not model railroaders into the hobby. The current plan is to do Mid-Rivers Mall, West County Mall and Chesterfield Mall.

#### **Old Business:**

**Volunteer Lists** – Bill Levin talked about the Volunteer List To Make Phone Call Survey Of Division Members. He encouraged those members on the Illinois side who still have calls to make to try to complete them.

#### **New Business:**

**Donated N Scale Layout Use** – Bill Levin discussed the donated unfinished N scale layout (4ft. x 8 ft.), rolling stock, locomotives and two power packs recently donated to the Division. The question Bill asked the membership is what do we do with these items? Do we part it out and build a Project Layout for 2008? Or do we try to do something with the 4ft. by 8ft. layout? Much discussion took place. Items brought up were weight of existing layout, size and transportation problems to shows, possible interest by Brad Joseph to display the layout in his auto dealership showroom for the holidays (per Hank Kraichely per Bill; an Illinois member stated he would volunteer his garage and pickup truck if the layout would be used at Brad's dealership; Bill said he would call Brad and discuss further), donated space to build the layout, cut it down in size and appeal of N scale layout to sell chances. Richard Lake stated there are two questions that need to be answered before we can entertain a motion to vote on an expenditure of funds: 1. The cost of turning this thing into a finished layout. 2. The rental cost per day at the Malls. Bill asked the Illinois member to develop a cost proposal as to needs to prepare a finished layout. Finally, Bill stated at the next monthly meeting (July) the membership would decide what we are going to do with the layout.

#### **Approval Of Funds For Shopping Center**

**Space Rental** – Bill Levin requested funds for shopping center space rental but Bob Boedges reminded him that this item was approved at an earlier meeting. (Note: At the January 15, 2007 meeting, Brian Post made the motion, "To authorize the Division to spend up to \$600 to rent Mall space at three Malls for three two day weekends." Seconded by Dick Wegner. The motion passed.)

**Approval Of Funds For Banners For Booth** – Bill Levin discussed estimated costs for banners to be used in our booth at future shows. Bill has not heard from Mike Peters as to the status of graphics work on the banners. Bill requested up to \$400 to get the banners completed. Discussion took place. Bob Boedges made the

motion, "I move that we authorize Superintendent Levin to investigate having these three banners made up to a cost of \$500." Seconded by Jim Ables. The motion passed.

**Clinicians For November 2007 Fall Meet** -- Bob Boedges stated he has a great need for clinicians at the Division's November 3, 2007, Fall Meet. If members have something that's really cool then volunteer to do a clinic. Be generous.

**50/50:** Jim Ables won \$17 in the drawing.

**Adjournment:** A member moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by another member and approved at 8:49 pm.

The next meeting is July 16, 2007, 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Ballwin, Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron W. Gawedzinski, Clerk

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## Coming Events

**844 WILL MOVE AGAIN THIS SUMMER AND FALL:** Union Pacific's 844 steam locomotive will be making trips this year:

Corn Belt Rocket, **June 23-July 5**, displayed in North Platte, Fremont, and Fairbury, Nebraska; Boone, Iowa; and, Trenton and Kansas City, Missouri.

Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days, displayed in Denver, Colorado.

Colorado State Fair Mountaineer, **August 22-26**, displayed in Denver.

Oklahoma Centennial Sooner Rocket, **September 3-23**, displayed in Herington, Wichita, and Topeka, Kansas; and, Enid, El Reno, and Duncan, Oklahoma.

Info: Anita Cheatum, sfdepot@sbcglobal.net.

**JUL 21, 2007** – RAIL FAIR, Copeland Park, La Crosse, WI, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; \$4.00 under 12 free w/pd adult, railroad show, swap meet, guided tours of steam locomotive, cabooses, Grand Crossing tower, BNSF locomotive display at North La Crosse yard, Canadian Pacific Railway exhibits & displays, dealer setup 8 am – 10 am, proceeds support La Crosse Short Line RR display, info: Mark Hamre 608-784-0036 or Phil Lamke 608-582-4761 or email pdlamke@juno.com, or write to The 4000 Foundation, Limited, P. O. Box 3411, La Crosse, WI 54602-3411.

**JUL 26-29, 2007, TOPEKA MODEL RAILROADERS AT SHAWNEE COUNTY 4-H FAIR**, Kansas Expo Centre between 21st and 17th on Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS; We will be having the club layout set-up inside of the big

main building again in the room on the north side of the arena. Hours of operation will be as follows: Thursday July 26th and Friday July 27th, various hours, Saturday July 28th, 10:00-5:00, and Sunday July 29th, 10:00-4:00; FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING. Bring the family for a fun filled day.

**AUG 4, 2007 MID-CONTINENT REGION ANNUAL CONVENTION**, Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS; hosted by the Turkey Creek Division, Co-Chairs: Brad Morneau (913) 897-0669, bmoreau@kc.rr.com, and Louis Seibel, L-seibel@comcast.net, (913) 393-3495; Committee Chairs: Paul Richardson, MMR, Model & Photo Contests; Bob Jefferis, Swap Tables & Railroad Groups. Activities planned for this year's meet include: Clinics – a full slate of clinics covering many aspects of the hobby, Model & Photo Contests – by NMRA judging and Poplar vote. Each model (up to a maximum of 5 models) you enter in the model contest will automatically qualify you to be entered in to a special drawing to receive a \$50.00 gift voucher. Special Youth Award for the best overall youth model entry. Door Prizes – Additional door prizes will be set aside for advance registrants. 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. Layout tour maps will be available for collection with your registration.

Swap Tables and Railroad Groups – Expect to find more than 70 tables from area dealers, local hobbyists and other railroad groups. For information on tables contact Robert Jefferis at jeffbobj@swbell.net. Food and Refreshments – Scout Troop 92 will have food and refreshments available during the show.

Southern Illinois Train Club Nov.2007 show AUG 5, 2007 - MID- AMERICA TRAIN & TOY SHOW (formerly "Mid-America Train Meet"), BTC Exhibit Hall, I-435 and Front Street, Kansas City MO, 9am –2pm, Adm: \$5 adults, 12 & under, free, 7am early bird adm, \$10 ea. Trains, models, RR collectibles, toys, train movies, door prizes, operating layouts. Free parking. Info: Steve & Sherri Stich, P.O. Box 369, Leavenworth, KS 66048 or 913-651-5864. Directions: From I-435, exit 57 west (Front St) to Universal Ave. and turn right at stoplight. Or, from I-35, exit Front St. and continue east to Universal Ave., then turn left at stoplight.

**SEP 8, 2007** – BOEING EMPLOYEES RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS RAILROAD SWAP MEET, Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO, 10a.m. – 3 p.m., Adm: \$3.00 children under 12 free with paid adult, Tables (30" x 96") \$15.00

each, payment must accompany registration, seller setup 8 a.m., Info: call Wayne Schimmel after 6 p.m. Central Time, 636-668-6313 or 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206, wwhtehrse@aol.com, make checks payable to Boeing Employees' Railroad Club-St. Louis.

**OCT 6-7, 2007** – 15TH ANNUAL NORTH EAST KANSAS RAILROADERS TRAIN SHOW, Memorial Hall, 819 Commercial, Atchison, KS, Sat: 10 am – 4 pm, Sun: 10 am – 4 pm, Adm: \$3.00 under 10 free w/pd adult, Operating Layouts, Dealers Welcome, Info: 912-367-6273.

**OCT 13-14, 2007**, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY N SCALERS 17TH ANNUAL GREATER ST. LOUIS METRO AREA TRAIN SHOW, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Ave., Kirkwood, MO, Sat: 10 a.m – 5 p.m., Sun: 11 a.m. – 4 p. m.; Adm: \$5.00 12 & under free w/pd adult, take I-44 to Lindbergh N or I-40 to Lindbergh S, turn west on W. Adams Ave., go 4 blocks to S. Geyer, look for the signs; Info: on web site: <http://mvns.railfan.net>

**NOV 18, 2007 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TRAIN CLUB SHOW** New Location: Benton Civic Center, Benton IL 11am-4pm Sunday; more info: Randy Domineck 814 Chamness Rd. Royalton IL.618-984-4474

**JAN 26-27, 2008 TRAIN AND CIRCUS SHOW**, Cisco, IL, I-72 Exit 156 between Decatur, IL, and Champaign, IL; 10:00 - 4:00 both days, breakfast and lunch available, 65 Vendor Tables, 5 Layouts: N, HO, O, and G Donation \$3.00, trains@ciscojunction.com <http://www.ciscojunction.com>.

**MAR 15, 2008** – BOEING EMPLOYEES RAILROAD CLUB-ST. LOUIS RAILROAD SWAP MEET, Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park, 550 Wiedman Rd., St. Louis, MO, 10a.m. – 3 p.m., Adm: \$3.00 children under 12 free with paid adult, Tables (30" x 96") \$15.00 each, payment must accompany registration, seller setup 8 a.m., Info: call Wayne Schimmel after 6 p.m. Central Time, 636-668-6313 or 733 Hwy Y, Winfield, MO 63389-2206, wwhtehrse@aol.com, make checks payable to Boeing Employees' Railroad Club-St. Louis.

**JUL 23 – 26, 2008** – UNION PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION, Capital Plaza Hotel & Maner Conference Center, Topeka, KS, Info: Larry Tiffany ltiffany@cox.net, 2140 NW 53rd Terr., Topeka, KS 66618



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## Division Officers

### Superintendent

Bill Levin

### Assistant Superintendent

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### Clerk (Secretary)

Ron Gawedzinski

### Paymaster (Treasurer)

Dave Lyon

### Division Director

Jim Anderson

## MEETINGS:

The Gateway Division meets on the 3rd Monday each month, at 7:00 P.M.

Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Hwy 141 (Woods Mill), Ballwin, MO

Even numbered months: VFW Hall, 221 West 1<sup>st</sup> St., O'Fallon, IL

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## NMRA MCoR Region & Gateway Division

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is a world-wide organization dedicated to all aspects of model railroading. In order to bring the most benefit to its members, the association is subdivided into Regions, and each Region has a number of local Divisions. The Gateway Division is part of the Mid-Continent Region, which represents Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and parts of Iowa and Illinois.

The Mid-Continent Region is represented on the NMRA's Board of Trustees. It publishes a quarterly bulletin, *The Caboose Kibitzer*, and holds an annual convention meeting that usually includes modeling clinics, local tours of layouts or prototype facilities, and model contests.

The Gateway Division is well represented on the regional and national levels of the NMRA. Its members actively promote the modeling hobby through local monthly meetings, this quarterly newsletter, an annual train meet in the fall, participation in area train shows and other events, and a comprehensive website. Annual subscriptions to the Gateway Division publications are \$3, with all subscriptions running from July 1 through June 30. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, a member directory is published listing names, addresses, and information about individual modeling interests. New members also receive a Division membership pin.

Membership is open to anyone from the beginner to the most advanced modeler, of all ages, so that everyone can share questions and knowledge of the hobby. Visitors are welcome at the monthly Division meetings listed on our website, [www.gatewaynmra.org](http://www.gatewaynmra.org)

## How to Join

Visit our website, complete the form at <http://gatewaynmra.org/membership.htm>