

The Editor's Notes

This month I'm writing from the 2016 National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) convention in Indianapolis. I'm having a great time. Tuesday and Wednesday, I went on tours of model railroads. I did some clinics in the evening. I've included some pictures later in the newsletter.

The clinic topics included painting backdrops, painting rocks, adding trees and trash to increase realism, and designing a model railroad using CAD programs. The clinic on painting backdrops was spectacular. The speaker has a side business painting backdrops

for model railroads. This isn't like the Hale's (formerly of Woodland Scenics) backdrop method with cloud stencils. The speaker offered some understanding of the science and art of painting backdrops. I'm not sure that I can reproduce what he did, but I'm willing to give it a try. He had a second clinic today, but I went on the 1/8 scale railroad tour and road some trains. I also picked up some tips on painting rocks that has encouraged me to redo some of the outcrops on my layout. This is why I went to the NMRA convention in the first place.

All of this brings me to the question of what are we doing as a club. Again this month we are showing a video on constructing scenery. This is fine, but it's not a clinic. There's no interaction with a presenter. I'm not blaming Jim Turner. I'd like to thank Jim for stepping into a thankless position. I will be at the next meeting. I want people to email me and tell me what they want out of club meetings. What are you willing to do to help out? My email is gcohlmac@sunflower.com. I know that Fred will email me about how bad the NMRA is, but it won't fly this month, because I'm having a wonderful time.

Here's the bottom line; I'm considering about leaving the club. Why? 1. I don't see enough participation from most club members. 2. I'm tired of requesting that people support the club by doing clinics and providing material to the newsletter. 3. I feel that \$30/year is too much to ask for club dues. Had I been at the meeting, I would have strongly opposed raising the dues.

I'm in town next week, and I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

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**Next Meeting: July 12, 7:30 P.M. at Steve's Place, 1388 N
1293 Rd., Lawrence, Kansas.**

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2016 National Model Railroad Association Convention

I attended the 2016 NMRA convention. My wife, daughter and I drove from Lawrence on the Fourth of July. The ladies headed east to visit colleges. Below are some of the pictures of the first day layout tours.

Jim Munn - Chicago Northwestern Christie Division:



Mike Duncan - Milwaukee Road 1970s





Jim and Phillip Burnside - Pittsburgh Area Steel Mill Railroad 1950s

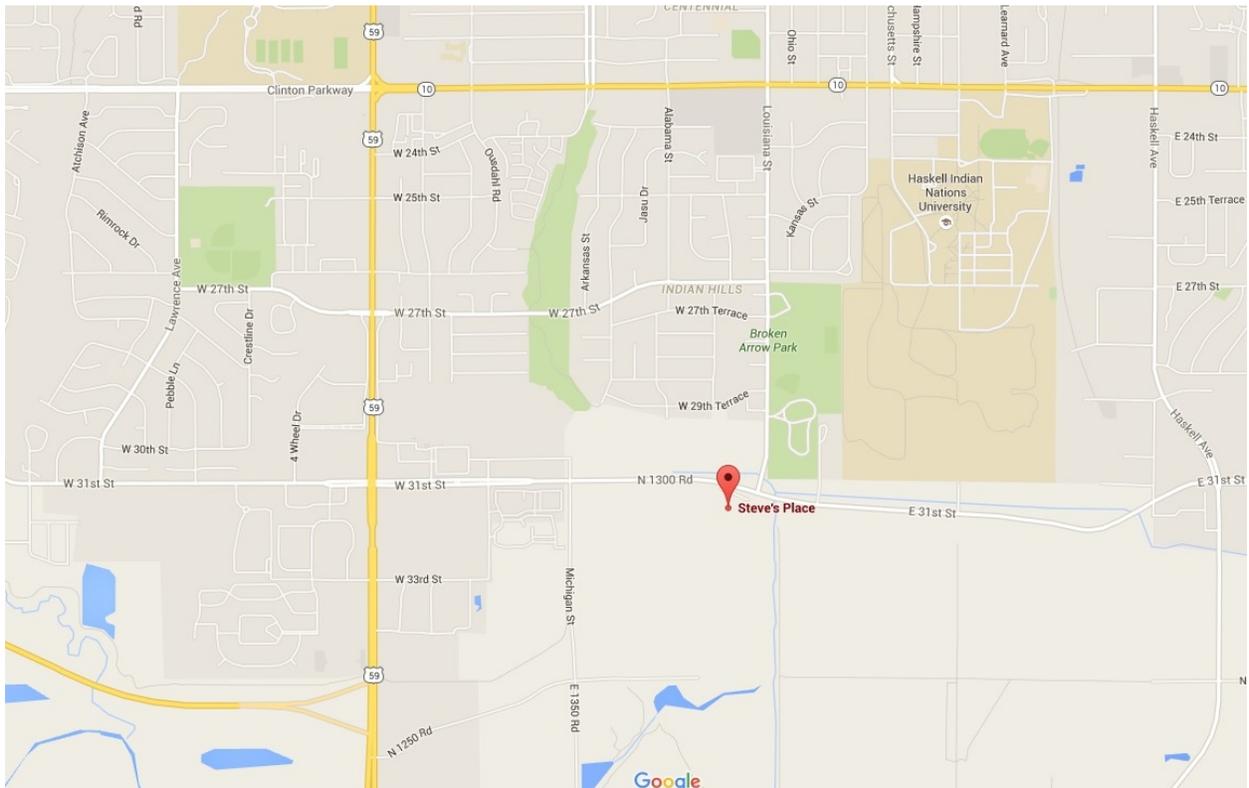




Program and Map

The July meeting of the Lawrence Model Railroad Club will be at Steve's Place and will feature the following model railroad video:

Mastering Scenery Basics: Model a River Scene



Lawrence Model Railroad Club



This photograph is of a coal tippie on Mike Duncan's Milwaukee Road layout set in the 1970s. This model railroad is based on the Southeast Division in western and southern Indiana. The railroad interchanges with Penn Central and has trackage rights granted to Peabody Coal. The layout features lots of wonderfully detailed scenery and equipment. It was part of a guided tour at the 2016 National Model Railroad Association convention in Indianapolis. Newsletter editor Gregory Ohlmacher attended the convention and took the picture.

Meetings are at 7:30 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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