

## The Editor's Notes

The heat of late July and early August is upon us. It's too hot to work outdoors. Luckily, my current field project is running a little behind schedule, and I was able to put the newsletter together at home. With retirement getting closer, I'm trying to decide what I want to do when I grow up. One thing is to build a new layout. I'm not going for an empire, but I want one that is more operations friendly.

Originally, I was going to avoid hand laying track, but I talked with Fast Tracks. They have

some new jigs for building turnouts that simplify a number of the more tedious steps. As I said last month, I learned new techniques for backdrop painting. I'll give them a try, before hiring someone to paint the backdrops. The last technique from the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Convention was an approach to painting rocks. Instead of a base coat of gray with layers on top of it, this modeler dry brushed and lightly painted the earth tones, rusts, and black in random patterns. He followed this with a wash of light gray. Instead of blending everything, he used a light layer or two of wash to allow the other colors to seep through. It was very dramatic. The other thing he did was to use a little fine sand blown against the outcrop to add some sparkle. It makes me just want to spend some time working on scenery.

I've incorporated some more pictures from layout tours. Some of the model railroads were drop dead gorgeous. Keep in mind that we have some knockout layouts here in Lawrence. Jim Turner asked me if I would be willing to give a presentation on the layout tours. However, I just discovered at 8:00 AM on this fine Friday that my presence has been requested in Red Rock, OK on Monday. I had the newsletter together with me presenting the clinic, but now it's on Jim to provide something.

Finally, Steve wants the club to move the remaining items from the basement. Please be prepared to help out after the regular meeting ends.

Gregory Ohlmacher  
Newsletter Editor

**Next Meeting: August 9, 2016, 7:30 P.M. at Steve's Place, 1388 N 1293 Rd., Lawrence, Kansas.**



## 2016 National Model Railroad Association Convention

I have some more pictures from the 2016 NMRA Convention. These pictures were taken on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

### **Rick Norris** – Rio Grande Southern in On30

Rick has a 600 square foot (sq. ft.) railroad that is 100% complete scenery. From the Convention Program: “The portion of the railroad that’s modelled is from Tank Creek just north of Vance Junction to Rico, Colorado, with staging for Ridgeway and Durango, Colorado. ... The mainline is 150 ft. plus. ... All of the backdrops are hand painted by Rick except the backdrop along Rico which is a photo of the area.”



### **Mont Switzer** – Monon Railroad: Indiana Summer Wheat Harvest in HO

Mont’s Railroad is 60 feet by 20 feet and the scenery is 75% complete. From the Convention Program: The “layout represents a compressed 40 mile section of the Monon between Lafayette, In north to the railroads namesake town of Monon, IN. The line crosses itself and splits 3 ways toward Chicago, Michigan City, IN and Indianapolis. All Three cities have hidden storage. The main line interchanges with the Pennsylvania at Battle Ground and Reynolds, IN. ... Mont has written several articles for *Model Railroader* magazine, most recently in February 2016 issue.” Pictures are on the next page.



**Matt Hewitt – Shadowton Ridge North Railroad in HO**

Matt's railroad is 800 sq. ft. and the scenery is 100% complete. From the Convention Program: "The railroad is a point to point, freelance branch route running from North Samuels, PA south of Bedford, PA to Shadowton Ridge, West Virginia. This makes up the 90 mile long Lost Ridge Division, which is the modeled portion. From there the division continues south to Hollis, Virginia and interchanges with the

Norfolk & Western. Heavy Steam and first generation diesels move coal and mixed freight through the rugged Appalachian Mountains.”



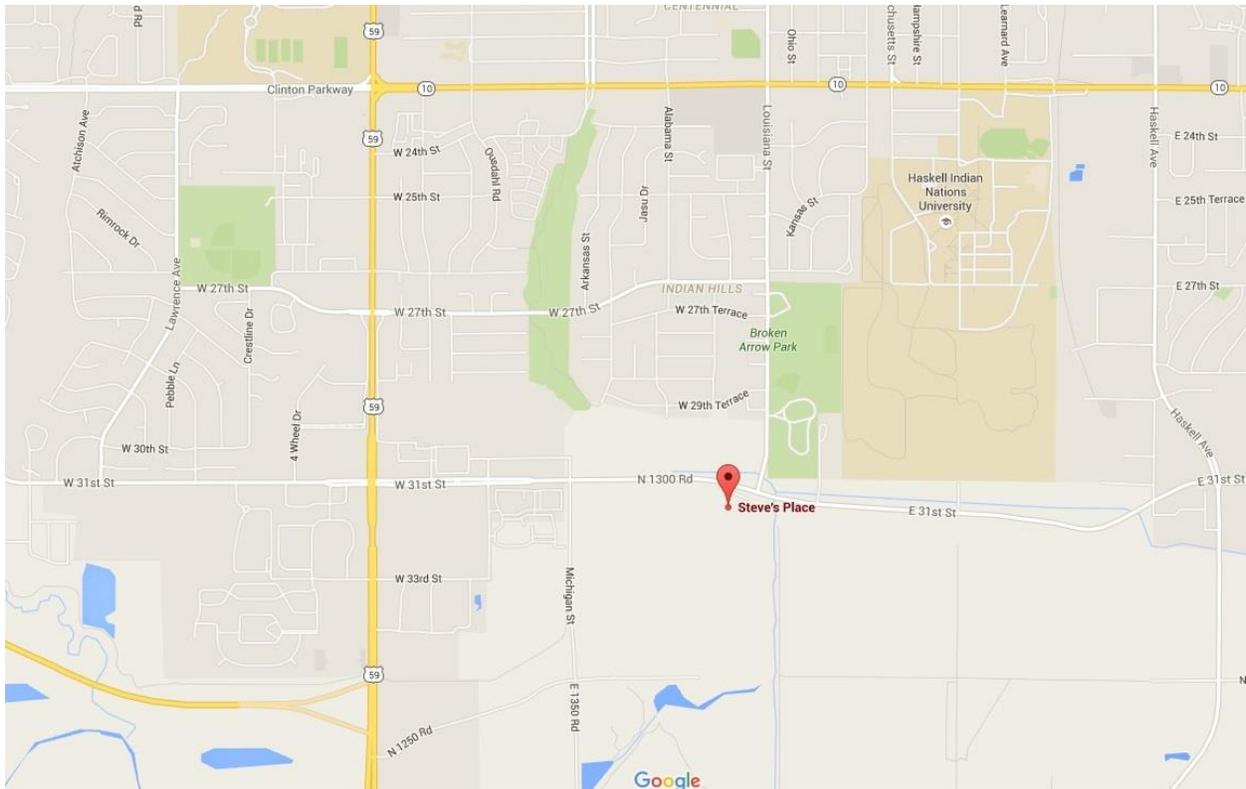
# Program and Map

The August meeting of the Lawrence Model Railroad Club will be held at Steve's Place on 31<sup>st</sup> Street near the intersection with Louisiana at 7:30 PM.

## The Program:

~~Provided that Black & Veatch doesn't send him to Oklahoma or elsewhere, Greg Ohlmacher will present a slide show of the model railroads that he visited on layout tours and at the National Train Show associated with the 2016 National Model Railroad Association Convention in Indianapolis, IN. You have seen some of his photographs in this and last month's newsletter. He will include a few stories.~~

~~If Greg gets shipped out of town, Jim Turner will have a backup presentation.~~



## Lawrence Model Railroad Club



Only one word exists for Rick Norris' Rio Grande Southern Railroad: fabulous. The photograph is of a mine tibble along a stream in Colorado. You can almost feel the cool mountain air. The On30 scale layout is one of three that are covered in this issue of the Lawrence Model Railroad Club Newsletter. Newsletter Editor Gregory Ohlmacher traveled to Indianapolis to attend the convention. He took four different layout tours while at the convention. The photograph was taken by Greg.

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

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