

THE SEMAPHORE

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CONGRATULATIONS! WTTC TO RECEIVE DEED!

On Monday, March 21, President Shari Shockey, Secretary Mike Gable and Treasurer Gary Nicholas met with Bill Cohen and Patricia Dengler, Brown & Dengler LLC. Bill Cohen signed the letter for the donation by the Trust of real estate to WTTC, Inc. a/k/a Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum. The deed will be recorded and provided to WTTC in approximately two/three weeks.

Looking back at all of the work that has been done, WTTC has accomplished so much. Because of all of the members, we are continuing to grow and change. Since the opening in November 2012, the O Gauge Modular Layout was built, the Marcus Layout was added, the Cohen Layout was added, and the new permanent S Gauge Layout is being built. WTTC has met Bill Cohen's requirements to receive our permanent home.

Keep up the fantastic job!



SPRING CLEAN UP!



THANKS TO ZACHARIAH HUBL AND CONRAD YOUNGBLOM FOR CLEANING UP LEAVES AND TRASH!

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Next Business Meeting is Saturday, April 2, at 8:30 am.

RUNNING TRAINS ON COHEN LAYOUT!



STILL WORKING ON THE WIRING. NEED HELP TO ADD SCENERY AND COMPLETE THE FRONT SECTION.
WORKING EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, 6:00 – 8:30.

PERMANENT S GAUGE LAYOUT

By end of day Thursday, March 24, we should be very close to having the lower level track complete and operational. (Excluding installing turnouts)

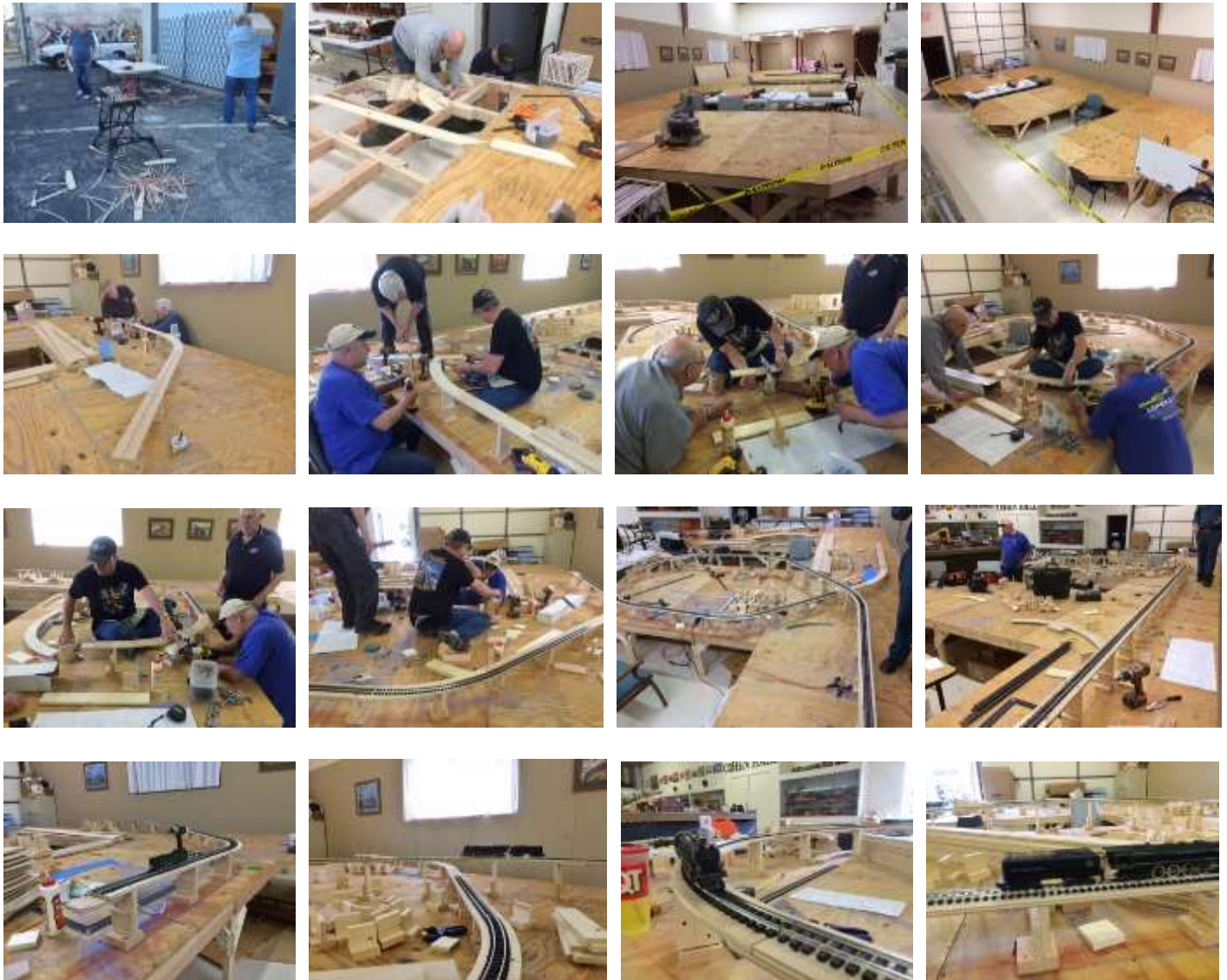
A meeting was held this evening to decide what we will be using to operate the layout. The group decided on Lionel's Cab1 or Cab1L system (whichever we can obtain) along with a backup system consisting of conventional transformer power supplies.

It is quite possible that we will be able to run a train on the layout this Saturday, March 26, while we are open to the public. This is after just three weeks of work. Workers are Javen Schmucker, Ron McLeran, Troy Brown, Mike Miller, Mike Shockey, and Rich Parsons.



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Permanent S Gauge Layout Continued:



Troy Brown's train is making the very first run on the new permanent S Gauge layout.

Garden City Train Show



March 19 & 20, Boot Hill Club Train Show Garden City Kansas, Finney County Exhibition Building, Saturday 9:00 – 6:00 and Sunday 10:00 – 4:00.

Attending the show this year were Gary Nicholas, Javen Schmucker and guest Fred Dugger of Hutchinson. Also at the show as a vendor were Norval Alliston and John Hammond.

Thank You for representing WTTC!

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AMTRAK/MTH/PREMIER FOR SALE

Paul Hetherington, former WTTC member, is selling his Amtrak/ MTH/ Premier. Anyone seriously interested should call him @ [316-838-6867](tel:316-838-6867) & leave a message. He plans on making a donation to the club as a % of the sell price.

Some notes:

1. I was an operator so there's expected wear & tear like scratches, broken/bent foot rungs; etc. Most of the Superliner cars have their roller pickups removed for reduced drag, but I have them in a bag.
2. Of the five PS2 engines, one will not read into DCS; several have low or dead batteries; one has degraded sound quality.
3. Of the non-powered Genesis, one of the MTH & one of the Williams have a sheared-off truck ... 'assume conley weld or like will fix it up.
4. The roster was purchased new in the 2001-2005 timeframe; most still have their distinctive maroon boxes.

GENESIS PS2

" Shamu / Wave "

1 ea. # 180 20-2528-1

1 ea. # 204 20-2529-1

2 ea. # 193 20-2528-3*

[* = non-powered]

5 Stripe/Northeast Corridor

3 ea. #'s 104/107/110 20-2229-1

SUPERLINER II 5 stripe

2 EA, 2 CAR SET 20-6541

2 EA, 4 CAR SET 20-6537

1 EA, Trans. Slpr, 20-6542

"HERITAGE" 5 stripe

1 ea. Slpr/Diner 20-66021

1 ea. 5 Car Set 20-65021

MISC. ROLLING STK

Autotrain car carrier

2 ea. # 9003 20-98303

2 ea. # 9012 20-98303

Full Length Vista Dome

4 ea. { same #'s } 20-7021

4 ea. Reefer 3 strp 20-94010

4 ea. Mail Box Car 20-93027

1 ea. Mail Box Car 20-93041

2 ea. Mail Box Car 20-93104

2 ea. Mail Box Car 20-93126

{ #'s 71062 & 71068 }

WILLIAMS-Genesis 3 strp/NEC

1 ea. non-pwr. # 105

1 ea. non-pwr. # 103

WEAVER

2 ea. Box car 610-50

WIND GENERATOR BLADES TRANSPORTED BY UNION PACIFIC

Submitted by John Flinn



Perhaps railway transportation is more economical than truck transportation?

Spotted at the UP Wichita yard 3/17/16.....crew change at approx. 1:15 pm...blades headed south/southwest...each blade longer than two spine cars....number of blades in this train, too many to count.

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Lionel Collectors Club of America

**Kansas City, Missouri -
July 25-30, 2016**

46th Annual Convention



It's been 44 years since the LCCA has had a convention in Kansas City, MO. Many things have changed in 44 years. When it comes to the sights to see, we will all find new and different attractions to see and enjoy in Kansas City in 2016.

Tours:

BNSF Special Train and St Joseph, MO

Union Station's Railroads, National World War I Museum, and Steamboat Museum

"Chicago" at the New Theatre Restaurant

Kansas Speedway, Topeka's Overland Station Plus Vintage Planes & Military Vehicles

Play Ball with Kansas City Royals vs Los Angeles Angels

Harry Truman's Independence

Kansas Speedway and Vintage Train Lunch

Behind the Scenes of Baseball & Jazz

Home Layout Tours

Crown Center & Country Club Plaza Shopping

Area Train Shows

April 2 (Sat 9am-3pm) - Greater Tulsa Area Train Show, Bixby Community Center, 211 North Cabaniss Avenue, Bixby OK, Adults \$3.00, Kids Under 12 FREE. For more information: Bob Pope - 405.250.8449

April 3 (Sat 9am-2pm), MidAmerica Train and Toy Show - KCI EXPO CENTER 11728 Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, Missouri, 64153. LCCA Attends MidAmerican Train and Toy Show, Kansas City, MO. LCCA will be represented at this show by LCCA member Keith Marquis. Drop by and talk to Keith about LCCA, Lionel Trains, and the benefits of LCCA membership. Also ask Keith about the LCCA Annual Convention that will be held at the Hilton at the Kansas City Airport.

April 30 & May 1, 2016 (Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm), American Train & Hobby Show & Sale, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Expo Hall #2, I-44 and NW 10th St., Oklahoma City, OK

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Parties

April 30 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 2:00 pm, 2-year old boy

Exhibit

Apr. 21, Thursday, 12:30 – 2:00, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services, 5920 W. Central Ave., one block west of Central and I-235 exit, park in the parking lot east of building, check in at front door, enter in back door, 316-942-2008, Casey

KidFest, April 30, Saturday, 9 – 5, Century II Exhibition Hall, O Gauge exhibit

***The WTTC February 2016 and March 2016 Minutes
have been sent by separate email.***