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30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9,



WAS A HUGH SUCCESS!

The 30th Anniversary Celebration weekend has come and gone. There are several thank you's that need to be made.

Thank you to the Anniversary Committee: Norval Alliston, Adolph Weigant and my wife Nancy for their work and contributions to make this weekend happen.

Thank you to all those who supported the WTTC and its incredible 30-year milestone by purchasing the special t-shirts and attending the banquet Saturday evening.

Thank you to club members Barry Cooper and Richard Kinney, along with Don McClaine for their wonderful Celtic dinner music.

Thank you to the members who came to the museum on Saturday and Sunday to help by running trains, working in the gift shop and ticket window, helping in the children's areas and greeting our guests.

Thank you to Pat Holt, who asked about getting advertising and taking our advertising sheets around to many different businesses. For advertising, thank you to Shari Shockey for the KAKE News 30th Anniversary video now on youtube and for Wichita on the Cheap highlighting that weekend. Rich printed all of the handouts and banquet tickets.

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30TH ANNIVERSARY CONTINUED:

A very special thank you to Nancy for cleaning the museum entirely by herself before the weekend. Thank you to Bob and Pat Holt, Conrad and Sharon Youngblom, Ron McLaren, Norval Alliston and Nancy for their help in cleaning the museum after closing on Sunday. Bathrooms were cleaned, floors swept and vacuumed, trash was gathered, children's room was cleaned up and because of the many helping hands, the job was done in very short order!

Thank you all for making this weekend a great and hopefully memorable one not only for those of us in the club but for the many families who came through our doors. They were amazed by what they saw and appeared to really enjoy the time they spent at WTTC that weekend.

*Rich Parsons
30th Anniversary Committee Chairman*



DAVE COOPER SHOWING RICHARD HARROLD WHAT HE SHOULD ORDER NEXT?



COLORING PICTURES



ORGANIZED CHAOS



COAL IN THE HOLE FUN

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30TH ANNIVERSARY CONTINUED:



Door prizes of three sets of two tickets for the Abilene and Smokey Valley Train ride were won by Jerry Marcus, Richard Kinney and Troy Brown. The two \$25 gift certificates to Schrader's Rail Catalogue were won by Esther Gable and David Stevenson (speaker).

The centerpieces made by Nancy were won by June Meister, Patsy Hickman, Linda Brown, Henry Jennings, Linda Whitfield, Joan Weigant and Rich Parsons.

A very special thank you to Rich and Nancy who did about 80% of the work. Rich secured the speaker, and dealt with the supplier for the printing of the 30th anniversary t-shirts. It was their hard work that made our 30th Anniversary Celebration a success!

ARKANSAS CITY ARKALALAH PARADE



Thanks to the WTTTC parade crew, Charley George, Javen Schmucker, Gary Nicholas, Shari and Mike Shockey, Adolph Weigant, Ron and Yvonne Schmitt and Conrad Youngblom, for representing the club at the annual Arkansas City Arkalalah parade. We handed out over 1900 cards promoting our upcoming show at this event. Javen Schmucker, Coordinator, hopes to see as many of you as possible at our train show this coming weekend in Arkansas City.

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Last year, WTTC hosted the first Arkansas City Train Show as a new fundraiser and it was successful. This year WTTC hopes to have more admissions. Currently, we have 86 vendors compared to the 66 vendors last year. Javen Schmucker is the coordinator and needs help from the membership. Tresa Miller is the concessions coordinator and is also needing help by contributions and members serving. You don't have to have a food handler's card to help serve. WTTC is being successful because of the membership support at the Wichita Model Train Show, the 30th Anniversary Celebration and now the Arkansas City Train Show. The train show is already in the black so all admissions and concessions will be revenue for WTTC. The O Gauge Modular and S Gauge Carpet Central layouts will be exhibited.

Hope you can help!

Next Business Meeting is Saturday, November 12, at 8:30 am.

Lionel Ambassador Review October 2016 Submitted by John Flinn, Director

This motorized unit by Lionel is listed as a 1955 Inspection truck. It resembles a Ford pickup truck of that time period. Part number 6-58267 was made exclusively for the LCCA as their 2016 registration gift for their annual convention in Kansas City, MO. It is decorated in Kansas City Southern "Southern Belle" colors, which is the current color scheme used on their diesels. This particular truck runs on O-gauge track in the forward direction only. The driving wheels that ride on the rails are partially hidden by the body of the truck and the truck's tires.



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Lionel Ambassador Review October 2016 Continued:

The truck is close to 1/48 scale, much closer to scale than other vehicles offered in the past. The headlights operate and are a blueish-white led lamps. A warning light on top of the cab is not illuminated. Add on's include door handles, rear view mirror, gas filler cap, rear taillight, front & rear bumpers. The bed has stake sides with a tarp covering an unknown load. Inside the truck is a driver and steering wheel. The de cast frame gives this unit quite a bit of heft for good traction. Two center rail pickups on the bottom are spaced 2 3/4" apart and the truck runs smoothly thru most switches. Wheelbase of the rail driving wheels is 1 3/4" and the truck tire wheelbase is 3 1/4".



The KCS Logo is reproduced on each truck door and the tailgate. The year of production 2016 is also on each door and the back of the cab, with the lettering LCCA-46 on both bumpers. Top speed of this unit is not extremely fast, so even at 18 volts it stays on the curves well. This is an interesting unit that draws attention whenever it runs on the rails.

LIONEL AMBASSADOR REVIEW OCTOBER 2016

CHECK OUT WTTC'S WEBSITE FOR THE REVIEW BY ZACHARIAH HUBL AND CHRIS MEISTER OF THE LIONEL LEGACY (6-38754) C&NW F-7 AA SET THAT WAS ALSO SUBMITTED AS THE OCTOBER LIONEL AMBASSADOR REVIEW.

Exploration Place Exhibit

On [October 15-16](#), we exhibited at Exploration Place in the KEVA room. After some initial problems of getting in and getting tables. we were up and running. Even though the museum was quite we gave out 100 Halloween bugs to children and the exhibit was enjoyed by everyone. A special thanks to our exhibit helpers: Richard Harrold, Troy Brown, Ron McLaren, Bob Holt, Pat Holt, and Gary Nicholas.



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Parties – November 20 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 2:30 pm

December 3 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 10:30 am

December 10 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 2:30 pm

Important Dates for WTTC

Derby Library, Dec. 3-4 – Mike Gable is coordinator. Details to be determined.

Museum Open – Next Business Meeting is Nov. 12 due to Arkansas Train Show. WTTC open 11/12-13 and Thanksgiving weekend 11/26-27. Move next Business Meeting from Dec. 3 to Dec. 10 due to Derby Library. WTTC open 12/10-11 and closed on 12/24-25 for Christmas. Next Business Meeting on January 7 at 8:30 am.

Area Train Shows

Boot Hill Model Railroad Show, Nov. 21-22 - Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 US Highway 283, Dodge City Kansas. Saturday November 21st 10 to 6, Sunday November 22nd 11 to 4. Admission: Adults \$6.00 Children under 6 free with paid adult. Javen Schmucker will take his layout. Gary Nicholas is also attending.

Mid America Train & Toy Show, Nov. 27 – Sunday, 9 – 2. KCI Expo Center, 11728 Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO.

Annual Oklahoma City Train Show, Dec. 3-4 - Saturday, 9am to 5pm and Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Cox Pavilion at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, 3212 Wichita Walk, Oklahoma City, OK. Admission is \$12.00 and children 12 and under are free.

WTTC Membership Shirts

If you ordered a WTTC shirt, you can pick up your order at the museum this Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 pm. and wear it to the Arkansas City Train Show.

The WTTC September and October 2016 Minutes will be sent by separate email.