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Do you need some help?



John, is it ready to solder?



The Golden Spike by Ron!



Shockey's test run!

PHASE 1 IS COMPLETED IN 6 WEEKS!



THANKS TO JAVEN SCHMUCKER FOR HIS CONCEPT AND DESIGN AND OTHER MEMBERS' DESIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. THE ABOVE, RON MCLERAN, MIKE SHOCKEY, MIKE MILLER, TROY BROWN, RICH PARSONS AND JAVEN SCHMUCKER, BUILT THE STRUCTURE BY DEDICATING AS MUCH TIME AS EACH COULD WORK. SEVERAL WORKED 10 HOUR DAYS FOR MANY DAYS EACH WEEK. NEXT IS TESTING THE TRACK FOR ANY PROBLEMS BEFORE STARTING SCENERY.

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PHASE 2 STARTS IN MAY!

On April 18, Monday evening, eight of us met and discussed the following plans for the layout:

1. Large waterfall flowing under a curved trestle - Mike Shockey to design and build - location has been decided
2. Have a downtown main street city scene - group
3. Industrial area - group
4. Rail yard - location has been decided - Rich and Nancy Parsons to design and build (construction crew will lay the track)
5. Viewing window of the internal construction to be decided at a later date - group
6. Second town or several business buildings - group
7. Old mine with N gauge track for ore carts - location has been decided - Jay Schmucker probable designer and builder
8. Layout will be set in the 1950's and early 1960's and to be "scale" as much as possible (not toy like)
9. Farming area - Rich and Nancy Parsons to design and build
10. Orchard - Rich and Nancy Parsons to design and build
11. Business buildings and industries can be named after past members to honor them
12. AC Gilbert factory - location has been determined - Jay Schmucker to build
13. Layout will have a conventional backup track power source - details TBD
14. Decision needed on powering turnouts and location of controls
15. Tracks will be powered using Lionel Legacy Cab1L system - donated by Jay Schmucker

Next Business Meeting is Saturday, May 7, at 8:30 am.



Parties - April 30 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 2:00 pm, 2-year old boy;
May 7 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 10:30, 4-year old boy

Exhibit - KidFest, April 30, Saturday, 9 – 5, Century II Exhibition Hall, O Gauge Carpet Central,
set up at 7:00 am, Need Runners!

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WTTC Exhibit at Catholic Charities Adult Day Services

On April 21, Thursday, 12:30 – 2:00, Wichita Toy Train Club displayed a “sheet” central with two tracks of O Gauge and one track of S Gauge. Chris Boettcher, Gary Nicholas and Mike and Shari Shockey shared their trains with three groups. There were lots of questions. Casey, Administrative Coordinator, thanked us and already asked us to come back in the fall. Thank you to each member for participating and for us to receive such a great feeling for sharing our wonderful hobby.



Lionel Collectors Club of America

Kansas City, Missouri - 46th Annual Convention July 25-30, 2016

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 Museum Independence

Kansas Speedway and Vintage Train Lunch

Behind the Scenes of Baseball & Jazz

Home Layout Tours

Crown Center & Country Club Plaza Shopping



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Good-bye Pop Machine/Hello Snack Machine!



Thanks to Paul Goforth and Rich Parsons for acquiring the snack machine. Also, thanks for the manpower of Paul Goforth, Richard Kinney, Mike Miller, Mike Shockey and Conrad Youngblom for moving the machines. Paul Goforth was able to work with a vendor that picked up the pop machine on Saturday. The new snack machine is ready to go. Help raise funds by shopping for drinks and snacks at WTTC!

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Area Train Shows

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

Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

April 23, 2016 Layout update

The new layout started with the removal of all of the old modular layout. The lockers that were incorporated into that layout were moved to their new position by the Beltline Layout. Spacers were made so the human “Mi-jack” crane can be rolled under the layout. Items that needed to be cut were performed outside. In the Mezzanine level, we soldered wires to the switches to eventually make them non-derailing.



View of the layout rebuild as of the morning of April 23, 2016



organizing the workday schedule



positioning the lockers



tinning wire for the switches upgrade



soldering switches



stripping wire



cutting plywood outside

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Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club Continued



cutting wood outside



soldering switches



packing the finished switches



Positioning lockers for final position new framing for upper level Beltline cleaning switches of oxides to solder

Do these pictures look familiar?

The WTTC April 2016 Minutes has been sent by separate email.