



THE SEMAPHORE July-September 2023

From our President: Jerald Peterson

We have a great club and museum. I appreciate all who come in, run their trains, and talk to our visitors. It is important to talk to them and tell them what you know about the museum. If you want to learn more, just ask and we will help you improve your knowledge.

We have the RailFest coming up on September 16 sponsored by Great Plains Transportation Museum. We also have our train show coming up the last of October. We are going to need help taking in admissions, food preparation, running of trains on our modular layouts and enjoying the show. We are getting vendors at this time - so I know it will be a great show.

Again, thank you for your help in keeping the museum a great place for people to visit and run your trains.

Jerald Peterson,
President

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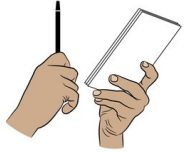


CALLING ALL MEMBERS...

We need help to get our painted fence put back up. We need people who are physically able to push, pull, and lift.

The project will require that we remove the old fence, redrill the post holes, set the posts in the ground, and then put the fence back up. We will also need someone to pick up the fence from Jerald's house.

The project will take more than one day, so we anticipate working at least 2 days. If you can help us out, please contact Shirlene LeBleu at: shirlene.lebleu@wichitatomytrainclub.org



Members, take note...

Operations Handbook Changes:

When changes are small and do not impact the overall membership in any negative manner, they are approved and implemented by the board as needed with membership notification within seven days of effective date. Significant changes that impact membership in any manner will be approved by the Board and then sent to membership at the next business meeting for their approval of the board's actions.

Member's Discount:

Effective July 1, 2023, members will receive a 10% discount on *all* items sold in the Gift Shop. This includes the non-cash donations for sale in the Gift Shop as well as those stored in the upstairs rooms.

Coming Soon To The Gift Shop...

H O storage boxes. These boxes are 18x36x2 and will be selling for \$14.00 each. We plan to have them available by Saturday, July 8th.



Crazy Caboose Club...



The Crazy Caboose Club for kids has a lot going on. The older youth are working on learning how to set up a YouTube video. They are exploring how they could use this activity to benefit the museum. Possibly a "commercial" that would mimic the "Elf on a Shelf" video but be called "Engineer in the Museum." The younger youth painted engines with marbles in paint.

They had great fun! This month's Train-Talk was about train emergencies and what is done when this happens.

We continue to seek a permanent leader to take over the committee chair position. If you are interested please contact Albert Hubl at albert.hubl@wichitatomytrainclub.org.



Strange Laws...

A Texas law once said: When two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing: each train shall come to a full stop, and neither train shall proceed until the other has gone.

MEMBER LAYOUTS...

We would like to begin sharing pictures of member's layouts in the Semaphore. Hopefully this will encourage others on their layouts or maybe even spur someone to *finally* get started on their home layout!

There are so many ideas out there for the track layout as well as scenery ideas. The creativity and effort is easily seen in just these few pictures.

We would welcome pictures of your layout... a layout can be completed (if that is even a possibility - as there always seems to be "something" to be tweaked or added) but does not need to be. For those just starting on a layout, seeing benchmark and the process of laying track or how scenery is done would be of interest as well.

We are featuring Gary Thompson's layout in this issue. Gary is always willing to share information on how he has done his layout.





NEW MEMBERS



Duane Bushnell and Mike Baxter.

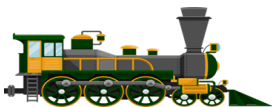


The 2023 Ark City Train Show was a great success. We netted over \$2,400 for the club. Over 200 paying patrons and many "free" kids came to enjoy and buy. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the show possible. And a BIG SHOUT OUT to all the wonderful vendors who made the show what it was. Don't forget our next show is October 28-29 at the Cessna Activity Center.

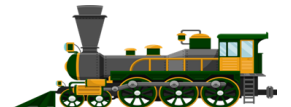


Riverfest Layout.

The layout was manned by Mike & Esther Gable, John & Cathy Flinn and Zachariah Hubl.



Upcoming Train Shows



♦ WTTTC Fall Train Show: Wichita, KS

October 28, 2023 –9am-5pm & October 29, 2023 10am-3pm

Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July - September

Amy LeMaster	July 10
Jerald Peterson	July 12
Kelley Mullins	July 25
Linda Brown	July 30
Chris Meister	July 31
Tina Jamis	August 10
Troy Brown Sr.	August 13
Albert Hubl	August 24
Rusty Peterson	September 1
Sally Richardson	September 1
Charley Thomas	September 6
Rachel Unruh	September 6
Nery Colvin	September 10
Kristie Krumrey	September 20
Thomas Schultz	September 24
Rich Parsons	September 30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July - September

James & Nery Colvin	August 12
Ken & Carol Flower	August 17
Rich & Nancy Parsons	August 21
Jerald & Rusty Peterson	August 23
Albert & Julie Hubl	August 27
Duane & Diann Dawson	August 30
Greg & Tina Jamis	September 10



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Hours:

Saturdays 10AM - 5PM (except holidays)
 Age 13 and older: \$7 6 through 12: \$4

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