



THE SEMAPHORE

July - September 2024

From the President:

Greetings to all.

I believe Summer has arrived in Kansas. Hot weather with wind is the formula for now.

There have been several things happening at the museum:

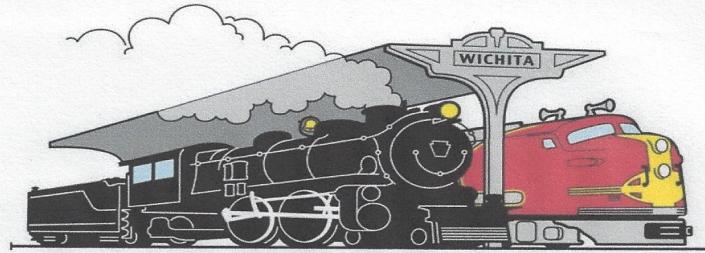
Our revenue is down from where we hoped it would be. This is caused in part by the fact that it is vacation time and people are traveling. We all need to be proactive in promoting our Museum to friends and co-workers. By doing this we expand the base of people who know about us.

We have a new train display on the wall. New Spring Church donated a 3-D Styrofoam train to the Museum. It has two parts. Part one was installed this last week by Duane Dawson, Jerald Peterson, Norval Alliston, John Flinn and Rich Parsons. Stop by and take a look. The Loco Ladies Train has been taken down and placed in storage. If any Member would like any or all of this display, it is free for the taking through July 31, 2024.

The Kid's Caboose continues to flourish. Please tell your friends about the Kid's Caboose. It is a great teaching and learning experience.

Finally, our Treasurer Cheryl Thompson has submitted her resignation to the Board. This was accepted with regrets. We are currently looking for a member who is willing to take over the Treasurer's position. If you have interest or want more information, please contact Shirlene LeBleu or Rich Parsons.

Rich



Wichita Toy Train Club

30th Annual Train Show

Saturday, Oct 26, 2024 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, Oct 27, 2024 10 am to 3 pm

Cessna Activity Center

2744 George Washington Blvd
Wichita, KS

Admission:

\$8.00

Children under 13 free
(with paid adult)

* Operating Layouts

* Buy, Sell, Trade

* Concessions on site

For more information:

<http://www.wichitatoytrainmuseum.org>

Our fall train show is always a really busy time for our club. We need many volunteers for a variety of tasks. We will soon be sending out requests for train show volunteers. So look at your schedule and see if you can spare some time for set-up on Friday, operations on Saturday and Sunday, or tear-down on Sunday.

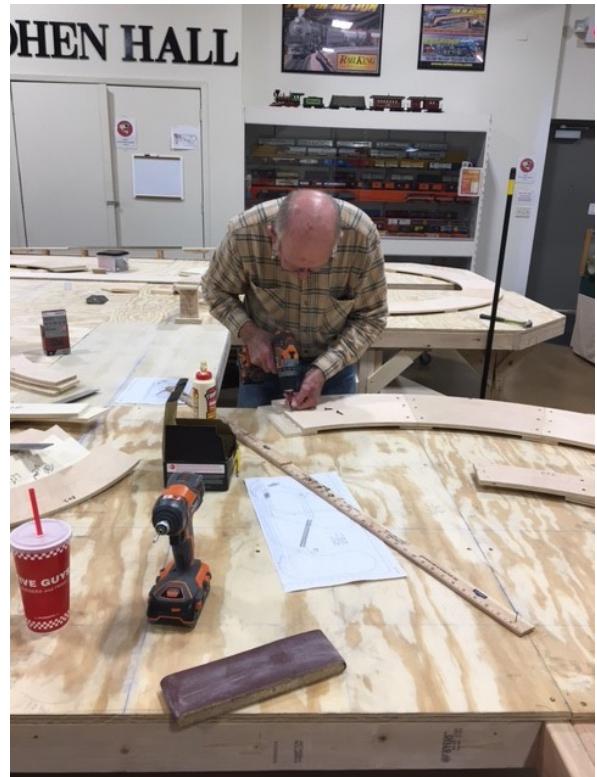
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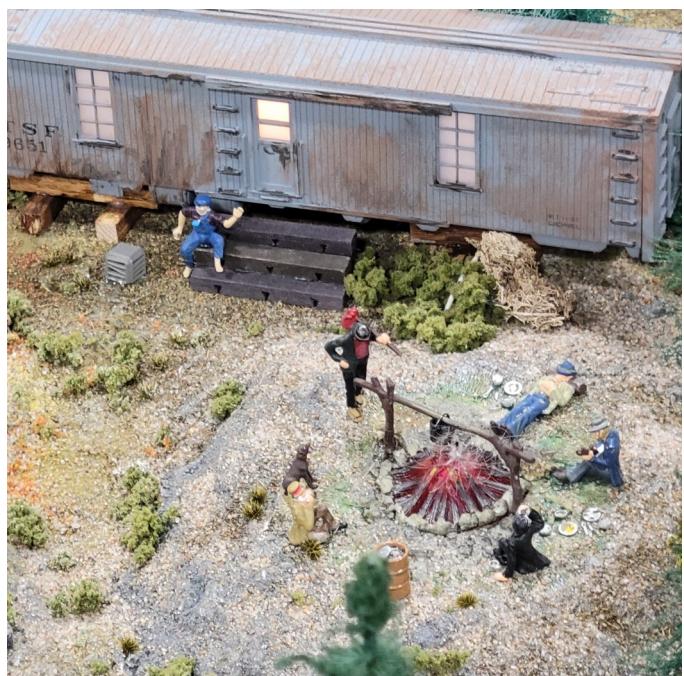
Below are some pictures of the men starting the process of re-assembling the train donated by New Spring Church. A lot of work went in to getting the site prepared for the installation plus getting all the pieces lifted up and onto the mezzanine. While there is more work to be done, this will be yet another great addition to our museum! Thank you to all those who have and continue to help complete this project.



The new O-gauge layout began in 2021. Many hands were necessary from construction to scenery to make it what you see today.



O Gauge cont.



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From beginning to end...



One must see, in person, all the many areas to truly appreciate the creativity, dedication to craftsmanship and the multitude of small details that make this layout such a wonderful addition to our museum!

There are many to thank for the hours spent to bring this layout to life:

Benchwork:

Norval Alliston
Mark Carlson
Brian Chestnut
Butch Howey
Jerald Peterson
Javen Schmucker
Mike Shockey
Tom Tarkman
Adolph Weigant

Electrical Work:

John Flinn
Mike Gable
Zachariah Hubl

Scenery:

Norval Alliston
Jon Birket
Bob Crawford
Duane & Diane Dawson
Greg Jamis
Frank & Shirlene LeBleu
Jerald Peterson
Mike & Shari Shockey
Adolph Weigant

Plexiglass:

Bob Holt

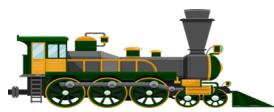




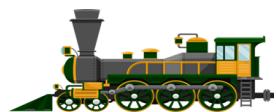
It's On Its Way!

The order of smoke fluid is on its way and *should* be here and available in the gift shop by Saturday, July 6th.

For those who special ordered smoke fluid, please come by the museum and pick up your order as soon as you are able.



Upcoming Train Shows



Lawrence Kansas Model Train Show: Saturday, July 27, 2024, 10 am - 3 pm

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Regency Ballroom, 200 McDonald Drive

OKC Train SHOW: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm & Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm, November 2-3, 2024

The Pavilion at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, 3212 Wichita Walk, Oklahoma City



Wichita Toy Train Club

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President: Rich Parsons

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Hours:

Saturdays 10AM - 5PM (except holidays)

Age 13 and older: \$7 6 through 12: \$4

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