



# THE SEMAPHORE

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wichita Toy Train Club – Established 1986

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## ARKANSAS CITY TRAIN SHOW

The Wichita Toy Train Club & Museum in conjunction with the assistance of the Arkansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau have brought this annual event back to the city for a second time. This year's event included the WTTC participating in the annual Arkalalah Parade on Saturday October 29, 2016.

WTTC works hard to promote the operation, maintenance and collection of toy and model trains. We are a 501c3 organization who work with various partners for a common goal to not only help fund our organization but also provide a service to local communities.

Most of our vendors at this year's event reported increased sales compared to last year.



We are already putting plans in place to work on increasing local awareness of the event. Operation Lifesaver will be a key part of our plans for next year's show.



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## Arkansas City Train Show Continued:

Total attendance 385: 244 (paying \$5.00), 45 (paying \$4.00), 72 (under 11 free), 24 (returns paying on Saturday). Attendance and the food donations were down from 2015.

**FOR SALE! Concession leftovers.** There are three frozen tubs of Mike's chili for sale at \$20.00 each. Hot Dog and Hamburger buns at \$.25 each. Two frozen packages of hot dogs (24 count) at \$5.00 each. Two bags of onions at \$2.00 each. Contact Tresa Miller at 316-351-4973 or [boxcarmama@outlook.com](mailto:boxcarmama@outlook.com).

Returns to the community generated by the event:

- 8 hotel / motel rooms were rented on Friday night.
- 12 hotel / motel rooms were rented on Saturday night.
- Vendors / exhibitors came from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma & Texas.
- Vendor headcount -24
- Exhibitor headcount -17
- Event sponsor headcount -26
- Patrons have come from the following Kansas cities to attend our shows: Arkansas City, Ashton, Augusta, Burden, Burlington, Dexter, El Dorado, Fredonia, Geuda Springs, Goddard, Haysville, Hutchinson, Independence, Maple City, Mulvane, Newton, Oxford, Oomona, Pratt, Rock, Rose Hill, Salina, Scott City, Udall, Valley Center, Viola, Wellington, Wichita & Winfield.
- Patrons have come from the following Oklahoma cities to attend our shows: Blackwell, Claremore, Edmond, Enid, Glencoe, Newkirk, Ponca City, Shawnee, Stillwater, Tishomingo, Tulsa & Wann.
- Patrons have come from the following Missouri cities to attend our shows: Platte City, Missouri

Wichita Toy Train Club & Museum is grateful of your support and assistance in promoting this show and future annual events. Without the involvement of the Arkansas City Convention & Visitors Bureau as well as the Cowley County Community College ACES program this event would not be possible.

*Proceeds to benefit the Wichita Toy Train Museum.*

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**Next Business Meeting is Saturday, December 10, at 8:30 am.**

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[Parties](#) – December 3 (Saturday) Birthday Party, 10:30 am

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

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## Important Dates for WTTC

**Derby Library, Dec. 3-4** – Set up on Friday, December 2, starting at 1:30, at the Derby Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove. The Modular O Gauge and the carpet central S Gauge will be displayed. Saturday hours are 9:00 – 5:00 and Sunday hours are 1:00 – 5:00. Mike Gable is coordinator.

**NEW! WTTC Christmas Party, Dec. 9** – Pot Luck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish. Service, coffee and iced tea will be provided. Doors open at 5:30 and eat at 6:30.

**Museum Open** – Business Meeting Dec. 10. WTTC open 12/10-11 and closed on 12/24-25 for Christmas. Next Business Meeting on January 7 at 8:30 am.

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## *Area Train Shows*

**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.

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## A COINCEDENCE?

Rarely does Shari Shockey, President, check her horoscope, Sagittarius (11/23 - 12/21), but on Nov. 13, it caught her attention.

“It's a good time for you to drill down and forget about the big picture for now -- you've got to make the trains run on time before you can think about laying down any new tracks!

What do you think?

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## ANNUAL ELECTIONS

THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016, FOR THE YEAR STARTING JANUARY 1, 2017. THE BALLOT SHOWS THE NOMINEES AS SELECTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING, YOU MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY:

1. SEND ME A LIST OF NAMES AND POSITIONS DESIRED FOR THOSE NAMES IN A REPLY TO RICH MEISTER'S EMAIL.  
– OR –
2. IN THE EMAIL, OPEN THE WORD DOCUMENT FORM, CHECK THE BOXES AND/OR FILL IN WRITE IN NAMES, SAVE THE DOCUMENT, THEN ATTACH IT TO YOUR REPLY EMAIL. THIS DOCUMENT IS A FILL IN FORM. – OR –
3. PRINT THE PDF, FILL IN THE BLANKS, SCAN THE DOCUMENT, AND ATTACH IT TO A REPLY EMAIL.

Please return your completed ballot or reply email to Rich Meister at [amflyer1@cox.net](mailto:amflyer1@cox.net) Cc to Norval Alliston at [nalliston1942@att.net](mailto:nalliston1942@att.net). Deadline: December 3, 2016.

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## Annual Elections Continued:

### Board of Directors Voting Ballot

Wichita Toy Train Club Election Meeting for 2017  
The Nominating Committed presents the following candidates

#### *Officer Nominees -*

Vice President: Will serve a 2-year term.

The current Vice President position is up for election for service year 2017. The Vice President will serve for the years of 2017 and 2018.

- Tresa Miller
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Write-in

Secretary: Will serve a 2-year term.

The current Secretary position is up for election for service year 2017. The Treasurer will serve for the years of 2017 and 2018.

- Mike Gable
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Write-in

#### *Director Nominees -*

Junior Director: Will serve a 1-year term.  
**Vote for (1) only.**

- Matthew Davis
- Zachariah Hubl
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Write-in

Regular Directors: Will serve a 2-year term.  
**Vote for (4) only.**

- Norval Alliston
- Chris Boettcher
- Jerald Peterson
- Adolph Weigant
- Conrad Youngblom
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## **Review of Lionel John Deere Flat Car (6-83238)**

**By John Flinn**

This flat car is a standard Lionel O-27 flat car with a glossy black finish and a crisp John Deere logo on the top. Attached to the car are two John Deere spreaders that can be attached to the tractors on a flat car in the LionChief set. The car is tough and should be able to withstand years of use, and will look great with your John Deere set or any other train! Cooper Brown, grandson of Troy and Linda Brown, proudly displayed his train.

Check out the review by Chris Meister and Zachariah Hubl and watch Cooper run his train at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0RyArzChGA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0RyArzChGA).



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