



## THE SEMAPHORE

October - December 2024

### From President, Rich Parsons

Greetings to all.

It feels like Fall. That means the third quarter is over. Time seems to fly by quickly.

Fall also means it is time for our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show at Cessna Activity Center on October 26 and 27. This is a major fundraiser for the Club and Museum. We will need many volunteers to make the Show a success. Please offer to help by calling Show Chairperson Shirlene LeBleu. We have an opportunity for everyone.

In the last article, I mentioned the donation from New Spring Church. Stop by the Museum and see the "Train on the Wall." It looks great with the sky added as a backdrop. Still some work to do on the trestle. We are looking for a 12' step ladder to complete the trestle. If you know of one we could use, please let us know. Thank You.

In December of 1985, the first minutes of the Wichita Toy Train Club were recorded. This means that we are going into our 40<sup>th</sup> Year in 2025. We are planning some events to celebrate this milestone. One of the things we are doing is a special 40th Anniversary car in "O" and "S" gauge. There are pictures and more information on page 3.

Zachariah Hubl has accepted the position of Treasurer. Thank You Zachariah for taking on this responsibility. The Board also welcomes Jerald Peterson to fill the term left open when Zachariah accepted the treasurer position.

We continue to receive donations from the Community. These require work to inventory, price, clean up sometimes and sell. Proceeds benefit the Club and Museum. If you are needing track, buildings, accessories, engines and cars please check out our inventory. Your purchases help the Club and Museum.

There are many interesting things in the newsletter. Take a minute and catch up with all that is happening.

Thanks to each of you for being a member and supporting the Wichita Toy Train Museum and Club.

Rich

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!

GET READY!!! Our Fall train show is scheduled for October 26 and 27 and setup is on Friday, 25 October at the Cessna Activity Center. As always, we need lots of help to get the center ready, to work the activities during the show, and for the tear down. Below is a list of places where you can help:

6 people on Friday (10am to 1pm) setting up tables (about 130)

2 people on Saturday (9am to 1pm) for admissions desk

2 people on Saturday (1pm to 5pm) for admissions desk

2 people on Sunday (10am to 1pm) for admissions desk

2 people on Sunday (1pm to 3pm) for admissions desk

If you can serve at any of these times, please call/text Jerald Peterson at 316-253-9925.

We need several people to work in the concession stand. Shifts start at 11am and finish at 5pm. If you can work anytime during these hours, please call/text Shari Shockey at 316-249-7914.

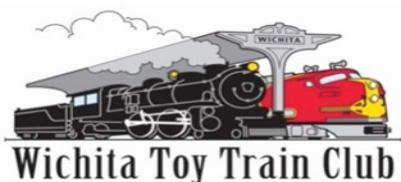
We also need people who want to run their trains at our layouts. Please call the following to schedule a time:

S-Gauge -- Gary Thompson -- 704-791-5309

O-Gauge -- Mike Gable -- 316-644-5874

There really is a lot to do, but this is one of our major fund raisers for the museum. So many of our members have always stepped up to help out, so I'm confident I can count on you again this year.

Thank you, Shirlene LeBleu



### 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: \* Operating Layouts  
\$8.00 \* Buy, Sell, Trade

Children under 13 free \* Concessions on site  
(with paid adult)

For more information:  
<http://www.wichitatoytrainmuseum.org>

### UPCOMING TRAINS SHOWS/EVENTS

All efforts are underway for the approved

upcoming train shows:

OK City Train show (Nov 2024)

Derby Library (Dec 2024)

Mulvane Library (Dec 2024)

Friends of the Art Museum (Dec 2024)

NMRA (Feb 2025)

Shows Pending approval:

S-Gauge modular layout in McPherson show,  
Jan 2025.

City of Bel Aire requested we bring a layout to  
their festival in October 2025.

## 40th ANNIVERSARY TRAIN CARS!

We have a special box car that has been painted and decorated by Javen Schmucker for our 40th Anniversary celebration in 2025. We have 26 O-gauge cars and 16 S-Gauge cars. These are the last of the stock we bought from TTOS a few years back. Thank you Javen for your hard work!

The cost of the cars will be \$65 (plus tax) for each car, with *no member discount*. Due to the small number of cars, we must limit purchases to one car of each Gauge (total of two) per household.

The cars will be available for Pre-ordering beginning October 2024. *Cars must be paid for at the time of pre-ordering.* The exact date for handing out the cars has not been established, but will be at an event in 2025. See the Yard-Master, beginning in October, to order yours!!!

### S-Gauge Cars



### O-Gauge Cars



## New Spring Church Donation

The train donation is coming along! There has been the addition of the sky going on up to the ceiling which Diane Dawson found and purchased. There are a couple more things to do yet before the display is complete. There will be some work on the caboose, another box car, a bit of touch-up painting.

A big thank you to Duane and Diane Dawson for their part in acquiring this awesome train display. The many hours put in by Duane, Gary Thompson, Frank and Shirlene LeBleu, Norval Alliston, Rich Parsons, John Flinn. Come out to the museum to see our progress.



### Folding Stairway...



Thanks to a donation of funds, we now have a folding stairway to access the area behind the new train display. This is a much safer way to access this area not only to work on the display but for storage as well.

The stairway is located by the pop machine with the cord on a hook on the wall to keep it out of the way and curious hands to try to pull down the stairs. On the upstairs level, there is a guard rail to prevent anyone working

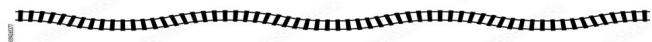
up there to accidentally step into the opening.



A big thank you to Jim Jones for moving the electric lines and to Norval Alliston and Duane Dawson for getting the stairs installed!

## FOR SALE!!!

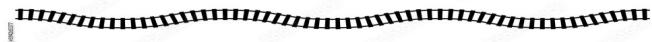
O-Gauge Union Pacific Big Boy engine #4006 (catalog #28029). Price is \$1,000, runs great. Contact Jerald Peterson at 316-253-9925.



A visitor to the museum is selling his 20x24 HO Scale layout. He asked if I could get the word out to people. Here is the information to contact the seller and some of the photos he sent me (I have more if you want to see). Contact Ron Hill at: 316-761-6168. Have fun shopping?

Shirlene LeBleu

WTTC Secretary



Western Pacific UP Heritage S-Gauge 60' Boxcars: Road Numbers 27254 & 1983. Features include: Hidden uncoupling tab, rotating bearing caps on trucks, separately applied metal underframe details, opening doors and spring trucks. \$75 each or both for \$140.

Contact Frank LeBleu 210-693 9870



As most of you know, we list items for sale on the E-Bay site. A local who lists their name as Turntable 3204 is interested in one of the items we have listed. If that happens to be you, contact John Flinn about the purchase. This will save shipping and the money that E-Bay collects on items. John's phone number is: 316-712-3947.

Shirlene

# Kids Caboose Club...



## Kids Caboose September 14th.

We had 6 Kids, 2 of which were non-members who we gave membership and birthday party information to! They painted little wooden trains today!

Next month, we are going to paint little pumpkin!

Thank you!

Danyel Gilmore





## NEW MEMBERS



Nash Patton, Kay Bailey (& son Mariuce), Larry & MaryLou Dawley, Richard Javurek (& grandson Benjamin), Clark & Carolyn Rains.



Returning Board Member, Jerald Peterson



New Treasurer, Zachariah Hubl



### Officers

President: Rich Parsons

Vice President: Brian Chestnut

Secretary: Shirlene LeBleu

Treasurer: Zachariah Hubl

### Board Members

Norval Alliston

John Flinn

Mike Gable

Gary Thompson

Jr. Director: Isaac Langhofer

Greg Jamis

Frank LeBleu

Jerald Peterson

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

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