



THE SEMAPHORE

January - March 2024

**From Outgoing President, Jerald Peterson**

I want everyone to know how much I enjoyed the last six years as your President. Yes, it was a long term with many ups and downs. But I can sincerely say we accomplished a lot of important jobs during this time. We started the "O" Gauge layout, and we are nearing completion; we had several successful train shows in Wichita and Ark City; and we have started our new "HO" Gauge layout. We also have several things started that will come to fruition in the near future. We are getting our fence put up around our northside lot, and we have committees running the many aspects of the museum that keeps our "trains running." We also have a group working with our young people to foster their desires to be model railroaders! It isn't about blowing my horn because without you, our museum would never keep running! Thanks to all of you for what you do and how you help, for it is truly a group effort. We need you running trains and talking to visitors. Thank you for helping make my time as your president a success.

**From Incoming President, Rich Parsons**

2024 is here! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we begin the new year, I would like to thank all of you for putting your trust in me as President of the Wichita Toy Train Museum and Club. Together, I think we can do great things to promote and make the Museum even better than we already are.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter, you will find a list of Committees that we have at the Museum. All these committees need a chairperson and committee members. The Chairperson does not need to be a Board Member. He/she only needs to be someone who has a desire to help and a passion for a certain area within the Museum. As we begin to fill these positions, if you have a desire to help in an area, please send me an email at [rparsons31@cox.net](mailto:rparsons31@cox.net) and let me know. I will see your name gets added to the right committee.

There will be several projects that we will be working on in 2024. You will receive emails informing you of the projects and a timeline for working on them. It will take all of us to complete these projects.

I am thankful to each one of you who has chosen to be a part of the Museum. I hope to meet more of you at our different projects, meetings, and functions.

Again, Thank You for your participation with the Museum.

Rich Parsons, President



# WTTTC Member Winter Party

January 26, 2024  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
1415 So. Topeka  
Wichita, KS

Cost \$10 adults

**Menu:**  
Glazed Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Carrot cake

Presenting Guest Speaker:  
Kevin Dawson  
Retired Union Pacific  
Engineer

Drawings for  
WTTTC Gift Card



We are looking forward to the Winter Party and hope to see you all there. The party will be from 6:30-8:30 pm. There will be good food, an interesting guest speaker and above all, a time of good fellowship. We especially encourage our new members to join us so that we can get to know you better!

## WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW BOARD, AND OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

### Officers

President: Rich Parsons

Vice-President: Brian chestnut

Secretary: Shirlene LeBleu

Treasurer: Cheryl Thompson



We welcome Cheryl Thompson  
as our newest officer

### Board Members

Norval Alliston

John Flinn

Mike Gable\*

Zachariah Hubl

Greg Jamis

Frank LeBleu

Gary Thompson

Conrad Youngblom

\*Mike Gable will complete the one-year term vacated by Rich Parsons.

Isaac Langhofer will serve a one year term as Jr. Board Member



### Committees...

The new year is here and we need to begin selecting members for each of our special committees. Generally, a board member chairs the committee, but being a aboard member is NOT a requirement! If you see a committee you would like to lead or be a part of, contact any board member and let them know. As always, the more members we have participating, the less work each does.

Ark City Train Show  
Birthday Parties  
Building maintenance  
Christmas Display  
Club Shirts  
Kids Caboose  
Elections  
Electrical  
Endowment  
Fall Train Show  
Fence Moving  
Finance

Gift Shop  
HO Gauge Permanent  
IT Program  
N Gauge Permanent  
O Gauge Modular  
O Gauge Permanent  
S Gauge Layout Permanent  
S Gauge Modular  
Showcases  
Trailers  
Vending machine  
Winter Party



## NEW MEMBERS



Andy & Marie Baldassarre

James Goerzen

Melvin James

Mike Mitchel

Daniel Burkhalter & Laticia Morrison

Bonnie Whitehill

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** We look forward to seeing you at the museum!

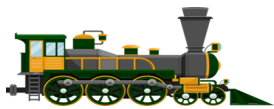
## Kids Caboose Club...



Isaac Langhofer with Santa (Duane Dawson) showing the model he built of the Thomas the Train engine!



Shari Shockey is helping two of the kids with their candy train and Albert Hubl with a finished train! So much fun!!!



## Upcoming Train Shows



Model Train Convention & Expo: January 13-14 - 122 E. Marlin St. in McPherson, KS

North Texas CRC: January 20-21, 2024 - 2000 E. SpringCreek Pkwy in Plano, TX

NMRA Train Show: February 3-4 - Cessna Activity Center in Wichita, KS

WTTC Ark City Train Show: April 20, 2024 - Agri-Business Building 712 W Washington Ave, Arkansas City, KS

Herrington Kansas Railroad Days: April 27-28, 2024 - 810 S. Broadway in Herrington, KS

## MEMBER LAYOUT:

This issue's member layout belongs to Rich & Nancy Parsons. Their layout was designed, for the space in a downstairs bedroom, by Javen Schmucker. The dog bone shape works very well in this smaller room.



Finished sections



A fun discovery was, when the ceiling fan is on, the laundry on the farm house clothesline (lower left) flaps!



Our friend and neighbor, Matt Anderson, made the shirts, shoes and ties for the men's wear store.



We always enjoy the lights at night!



Of course, no layout is completed without help... Jingles, who was diligent in inspecting the blueprints, also appointed herself project supervisor and road and bridge inspector... with the occasional surprise inspections!





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Jr. Director: Isaac Langhofer

**Hours:**

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

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