Central Oklahoma Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society
Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Annual Membership Meeting to be held January 7

The Oklahoma Railway Museum's Annual Membership meeting will be held Saturday, January 7 at the Hometown Buffet, 3900 NW 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. Dinner will be at 6 pm with the membership meeting beginning at 7 pm. We have reserved a room for our meeting. Members attending will be responsible for paying for their own meal.

The meeting will include a summary of the past year's events. We had very good attendance at the recent OKC Train Show and the Christmas Train. A special thanks goes to everyone who volunteered to make these events a success.

In addition, special recognition and awards will be handed out at the meeting. The election of the 2006-2007 slate of officers to the ORM Board of Directors will take place. The positions of President, Treasurer and Members At Large #1 and #3 will be voted upon during the meeting. Persons currently holding these positions are: Harry Currie, President; Charles Price, Treasurer; Ed Birch, Jr., Member At Large #1; and Gary D. Githens, Member At Large #3. We encourage every member to be on hand, bring a guest and come enjoy a wonderful evening.

The new and improved 2006 ORM clothing line will be available at the annual membership meeting. Several samples will be on hand for you to try on and order.

Since this is our annual membership meeting, everyone needs to pay their yearly membership dues to ORM and NRHS. A form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter or you can pay them to Chuck Shinn, Membership Chair, at the January 7 meeting. It's important to the Museum that members pay their dues promptly.

Hope everyone enjoys the holiday season and see you at the meeting in January.

Our February 4 ORM meeting will feature BNSF Employee and Railfan Bill Schmidt. Bill has traveled the railroad world and will be presenting selected slides on his travels including China, Russia and Europe travels. Should be very good!! LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED!

Larry D. Dodd
Vice President and Program Chair
Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd.

P.S. The next ORM Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, December 27 at 7 pm at ORM.
Museum Update

by Drake Rice, ORM Secretary

Thanks to all the efforts by the volunteers this year. A lot has been accomplished, which is making the Museum a better place for all to enjoy. Work on the exterior of the Burlington caboose continues with Charles Price and Bob Cosinart rebuilding the windows and finishing up work on the siding. Some base coat work on painting has taken place and the project is looking better each week.

Neal Baucom is continuing to prepare lettering for the F-9 that now has one side lettered for the “FRISCO,” which makes a nice sight, as you look the engine over. A good group of helpers have continued to work on the ATSF diner. They have the interior demolition about finished, so the rebuilding work can begin. The diner with the new coaches will provide nice seating and a place to eat for future special trains for fund raising events.

After a lot of travels to Sulphur Springs, Texas to make repairs and checking by the KCS Mechanical Department and review by the FRA, the two RS3 Locomotives, OKRX 2 and OKRX 3, are on their way to Oklahoma City via Alliance to the BNSF. The units should be here by the end of the year.

As mentioned in previous articles, there is always a need for help at the Museum in many different ways. A lot of the work is not just physical. There is answering the phone, helping in the Museum’s Depot Store, working in the display car and answering questions from visitors to the Museum. Of course, there is always a need for physical help for painting, constructing, repairing, etc. If you know of someone that could volunteer some time, give him or her a gift membership to ORM for Christmas or pass on a membership application. With all of the activities planned for 2006, we are going to need a lot of help.

Speaking of projects, after many years of talk, work is actually being done to CORX 1 to fix the roof. Harry Currie has been overseeing the project, which has been one that no one seems to want to work on. However, changes are now being seen in the roof of the car. Once the roof is repaired, work can begin on the windows to let some natural light in so work can start on the interior.

Also, some brush clean up along the line needs to been completed and weeds mowed down in some areas. Work will be done on the Grand Street Crossing as part of the Grand Street repaving work that is scheduled to start when the weather allows, as we have been told. Included in the joint city/county project will be the paving of NE 34th Street in front of the Museum. It will allow for a paved street from Grand to our parking lot.

On the Christmas Train weekend, we had many visitors to the Museum. This led to a lot of sales at the Museum’s Depot Store, operations of the trains and special activities on the Museum grounds. Work continues on the diner and some other projects. It’s good to see a large number of volunteers helping make ORM a place to visit. A special thanks goes to Karen Riley for her leadership on the Christmas Train Project, along with the assistance of our number 1 Polar Express Reader, Steve Davis. Our understanding is that Steve no longer needs the book for the story.

So a lot is happening at ORM now and more in the year 2006. So stop by and join in by supporting the Museum and helping it grow in the New Year.

Motorcar trip to be scheduled

ORM’s NARCOA Affiliate Railroad Motorcar trip on the Kiamichi Railroad will be either Saturday, January 21 or Saturday, January 28. The membership will be informed of the exact date and time once they are known. The planned ride on the Kiamichi line will be between Antlers, Oklahoma and Paris, Texas with the set on at Hugo.

Holiday travelers looking to buses, trains over planes

By Julie Bisbee
“The Oklahoman” Business Writer, 12, December 4, 2005

As the price of flying rises, some travelers are looking to buses and trains to get them to their holiday destinations.

The number of people riding on Amtrak is up over last year, and Greyhound has seen increases in its service, even as the bus company restructures and removes nearly 1,000 locations from its routes.

Nationally, Amtrak’s ridership increased as more travelers are opting for alternatives to driving as gasoline prices stayed high.

In Oklahoma, the number of people riding the Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth was up for October, which has been the most recent figures available.

Figures show that 11.2 percent more people rode the Heartland Flyer in October compared with the same month in 2004, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said.

For the 2005 fiscal year that ended in September, the number of passengers on the Heartland Flyer was up 23.1 percent over the previous year. Amtrak said 66,968 people boarded the train in fiscal 2005.

“Some of it could be gas prices,” Magliari said. “But a lot of it (is) people don’t have to fight the crowds. Also if they are traveling with presents, unlike going through an airport, they don’t have to unwrap their presents.”

A round trip ticket to Fort Worth ranges from $48 to $80.

2006 Rules Class to be held

A 2006 Rules Class for all ORM volunteers who wish to work as train crew will be held at the BNSF Overland Park, Kansas Training Center. This will include an opportunity to operate the BNSF Locomotive Simulator. Details are to be announced soon as we have our ‘slot’ reserved at Overland Park.

If you have a REQUEST for a meeting subject, be sure and contact me. We want to try to make our presentations as broad based as we can.

Larry D. Dodd
Vice President
and Program Chair
Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd.
2005 OKC Train Show review

Dear Manufacturers, Vendors, and Exhibitors of the 2005 OKC Train Show;

Well, the show is now two weeks behind us, and was yet another success story. There were many positive comments from local vendors to the show, as well as from manufacturers and vendors. Many of the exhibitors expressed having a wonderful time displaying to the public and meeting with new prospects to their memberships.

So, mark your calendars now for the 30th Anniversary of the OKC Train Show. It will be held on December 2nd and 3rd, 2006. The show committee has already begun the tentative planning of activities for the 30th year celebration! You won't want to miss this one!

Attendance was up again this year. To clarify some confusion about the attendance count, the final attendance for the show was 17,501. Every year in the past few years, we have added another 1,000 patrons!

Our goal next year is to add twice that to the attendance. Next year's advertising campaign will strike even harder, to include a larger region, and larger audiences from the magazine and television ads. We would also like to launch a cooperative campaign with vendor, manufacturer, and exhibit links on the OKC Train Show Website. So, keep watching for more changes to the site, as well as monthly updates posted to the site concerning next year's show.

The senior staff of the OKC Train Show will also be discussing and responding to the comment/suggestion cards that were filled out at the end of this year's show. We will be highlighting a few of these each month on the Website.

Stay informed and up to date by frequently visiting the Website.

Manufacturer attendance at the show has hi-balled, and we certainly want to keep that express train moving. There were 28 different manufacturers from many areas of rail related enthusiasm at the show this year! That set a new record for the show! Many of these manufacturers have been with us for years, and for others, it was their first OKC experience. The show's strong sense of responsibility to the user and their products and to they themselves, has compelled many of our new manufacturers to be considered for next year's show.

Thank you for sharing yet another great year in OKC!

Merry Christmas to ALL!!

The OKC Train Show Senior Staff

ORM receives donation

ORM recently received a $25 donation for the purchase of a railroad tie from Margaret Bibbo of Pasadena, Maryland. Bibbo made the donation of the railroad tie in her brother's name, Captain (Ret.) Frank V. Klein, Jr. of Oklahoma City, as a Christmas gift.

ORM appreciates her generous donation and encourages others to make donations for the purchase of railroad ties.

Model train show keeps smiles, nostalgia alive

by Sean Mathews
"The Daily O'Collegian" Staff Writer, December 5, 2005

OKLAHOMA CITY – Few sights during the holiday season conjure up as much nostalgia as a model train winding around a Christmas tree. With Christmas less than a month away, the annual Oklahoma City Train Show arrives in time to help children and adults let their imaginations run wild...on the back of a speeding freight train.

This marks the 29th year Oklahoma City has hosted the train show. The event, which ran Saturday and Sunday, had more than 100 vendors in attendance. All the businesses were on hand to show off and sell their products to train lovers from all over the region.

Tom Cook, floor plan coordinator for the show, said vendors from as far away as New Hampshire and California were present. "We are the third largest show west of the Mississippi," Cook said. With so many vendors in attendance, it's not hard to see why.

The biggest attractions of the show, however, were the layouts – all 40,000 square feet of them. Model railroad layouts of all shapes and sizes produced thousands of feet of tracks, all ready to be run by hundreds of trains. The layouts were mostly HO scale, which is the size most people are familiar with, but smaller and larger scales were well represented.

Vernon Guess could be found sitting by his G-scale layout watching two steam engines snake around, eventually passing each other. G scale is one of the larger scales available to modelers. Guess estimated the layout he had was worth $12,000.

A fourth generation hobbyist, Guess and his father, who was by his side, was influential on his start in the hobby.

When asked why he likes railroading so much, he described it was a MasterCard commercial analogy.

"One engine: $1,000; seeing a little kid's face light up is pretty cool," he said.

Most of the locomotives on Guess' layout, because of size, cost more than $1,000.

"It's definitely a hobby," Guess said. "We don't make any money; it's the enjoyment."

That enjoyment is why more than 11,400 people visited the show on Saturday, which was record for the event. Midday on Sunday, it looked like those numbers would be reached again. Enthusiasts from as far as Kansas City and Texas had driven to Oklahoma City for the show.

The aisles in the State Fairgrounds' transportation building were tight. Much of the 50,000 square feet was occupied in one way or another – mostly by trains.
The President's Column will return in next month's issue.

Standard railroad gauges

The U.S. Standard railroad gauge distance between the rails is 4 feet 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?
Because that's the way they built them in England, and the U.S. railroads were built by English expatriates.

Why did the English people build them like that?
Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the way they used.

Okay...Why did the wagons use that odd wheel spacing?
Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagons would break on some of the old long distance roads because that's the spacing of the old wheel ruts.

So, who built these old rutted roads?
The first long distance roads in Europe were built by Imperial Rome for the benefit of other legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts?
The initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagons, were first made by Roman war chariots. Since the chariots were made for or by Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

Thus, we have the answer to the original questions. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet 8.5 inches derives from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman army war chariot.

Specs and Bureaucrats live forever. So, the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right. Because the Imperial Roman chariots were made to be just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses. Now the twist to the story...

There's an interesting extension of the story about railroad gauge and the horses' behinds. When we see a Space Shuttle sitting on the launch pad, there are to big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are the solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at a factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs might have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site.

The railroad line to the factory runs through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through the tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than a railroad track and the railroad track is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

Oklahoma Christmas Express Train event is enjoyed by all

"We had a GREAT time!" said Karen Riley, coordinator of ORM's Oklahoma Christmas Express Train event. All four train rides were sold out with a total of 600 people riding the train with Santa Claus.

Steve Davis was the guest storyteller reading Chris Van Allsburg's "The Polar Express" to younger visitors. This timeless story details a boy's adventures on "The Polar Express" steam locomotive to the merry old elf's home at the North Pole.

Other volunteers served hot chocolate and cookies. It was a unique Christmas experience for the whole family. Thanks to all the volunteers for making it a success.

The ORM Board of Directors wishes everyone a joyous holiday season.

Santa Claus makes a surprise visit to ORM as part of the Oklahoma Christmas Express Train event held at the Museum.
Karen Riley Photo
Rail Happenings

Plans For Picture Archive - An archive of Oklahoma Railway Museum and Oklahoma Rail Fan Club pictures is planned. A picture index book will be created and cross-referenced to storage disks.

If you have any pictures that you would like to share of the history of these two organizations, please proved them. If digital, please provide on disk. If photographs, please contact Gary Githens at flagman@cox.net about borrowing them to be scanned.

Information requested about photographs should include: (1) date; (2) location; (3) circumstances-event description and (4) if possible, identification of people in the photograph. However, don’t let limited information be a deterrent toward not providing photographs.

Photographs will be returned within two weeks to you at the ORM during Museum hours or mailed back to you.

Disks can be mailed to Gary Githens, PO Box 7091, Moore, OK 73160, or left for pick-up at the ORM office. Gary can be contacted at 405/794-5946.

Additionally, if you have information about past events or other information toward achieving our history, please submit them as well.

2006 McMillan Calendars For Sale - Larry Dodd wrote, “I am selling 2006 McMillan Calendars again this year. Retail price of these high quality color calendars is $13.95. I am making them available to ORM Members for $9 each, plus any shipping costs if they are out of town.” Calendars available include AT&SF, BNSF, NS, CSX, D&RGW, and Fallen Flags (a collection of historical photos from “Fallen Flag” Railroads”). Contact Larry at Dodd@fullnet.net, if you are interested in purchasing a calendar.

Let your child have a fun filled event at the Oklahoma Railway Museum!

The following information is about having a Birthday Party at the ORM Museum inside the Birthday Caboose. The cabooses can be reserved during the months of April - October.

The Birthday Party Package is available to the public the third Saturday of the month at the ORM Museum. The cost of the package, which includes a train ride, is $175.

The 1 1/2 hour Birthday Party Package includes:
* 1 hour use of the Frisco Party Caboose
* Engineer paper party hats
* Coloring books
* Party host or hostess
* Guided tour through the Display Car
* And, 1/2 hour ride on the Museum train for all birthday guests

The 2006 Train Ride Party Schedule for the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Museum is as follows:

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To engineer your child’s party at the Oklahoma Railway Museum, contact 424-8222, or mail request to ORM 3400 NE Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111-4417.
Tourism train on track: project would link Bricktown, attractions

by Steve Lackmeyer
And Bryan Dean
"The Oklahoman" Staff Writers, December 3, 2005, page 1

An excursion train could link Oklahoma City’s top tourist destinations by 2007 through an ongoing project between the Oklahoma Centennial Commission and the Oklahoma Railway Museum.

The planned route would run about six miles between the Oklahoma City Firefighters Museum at NE 50 and Grand Boulevard and the Rock Island Freight Depot in Bricktown, which is being renovated into a police substation.

Visitors could then travel by train between the Adventure District, which attracts 2.5 million people a year, and Bricktown, which draws about 10 million people a year.

“It’s one of our dreams,” Centennial Commission director Black Wade said Friday. “It’s a Centennial project that we’re excited about, and we see it being part of our future.”

Wade said he thinks the project is “truly feasible,” thanks to work already done by the Oklahoma Railway Museum and 120-member volunteer association.

The museum, at NE 34 and Grand Boulevard, already runs an excursion train on two miles of the track between NE 10 and NE 36, west of Interstate 35. The joint-project with the Centennial Commission calls for rebuilding a train crossing at NE 36 and rehabilitating track through the Lincoln Park Golf Course.

Work on the museum started in 2000, and summer time excursion rides began about three years ago, museum president Harry Currie said.

Recent assistance from the Centennial Commission includes ground improvements at the museum’s depot at NE 34 and Grand Boulevard, and acquisition of a 70-passenger car.

“The Centennial Commission has been a real blessing,” Currie said. “Without them, we wouldn’t be close to getting this done.”

Currie said some major hurdles have already been overcome. The Corporation Commission recently approved a crossing to be built at NE 36. The Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority has given the museum permission to use the tracks the agency owns between NE 50 and Bricktown.

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The volunteers must also replace ties on tracks that run through the golf course.

“But that’s not anything we haven’t already done,” Currie said.

Currie estimates a roundtrip will take about an hour. The museum has the capability of including two 70-passenger cars and a dining car on the route. Currie said the service will likely be limited at first to weekends during the summer and special events, but added frequency could increase if supported by demand and funding.

The train association dates back to the early 1970s, and its collection includes a caboose donated by the late Mayor George Shirk.

Oklahoma Spirit rubber-trolleys could be used to take visitors from the Firefighters Museum to other nearby Adventure District attractions, Currie said.

Currie also said the service could be expanded to other destinations - including State Fair park.

“Our track really hooks up with the rest of the world,” Currie said. From these tracks we could go to California.”

Ward 7 Councilwoman Willa Johnson, who represents Bricktown and the Adventure District, said she thinks the train could be a boost to northeast Oklahoma City. She likened the project to efforts to establish boat service along the Oklahoma River between Bricktown and the Interstate 40/Meridian Avenue hotel corridor.

“I think it’s doable, and we should get it done,” Johnson said. “The whole goal is to be a city that is connected...We want visitors and residents to have a way to get to and from events and activities.”

Model train show cont.

Modelers and train lovers jockeyed for positions alongside many of the layouts to get a glimpse of a long train through a tunnel or a city. Small children had the advantage, for they were given a bird’s-eye view from atop their father’s shoulders.

They had a lot to gawk at, too. Some of the trains were realistically long, with more than 100 freight cars being pulled behind four engines.

The layout operators weaved through the crowds and around the large layouts with throttles in their hands to give the small engines power. This, however, did not stop them from answering the many questions admirers had.

Bret Gorn, member of the Oklahoma Rail Enthusiasts, took the time to talk to another modeler about the latest technologies available in the hobby. Gorn has been into model railroading since he was 4.

When asked what his favorite aspect of the hobby was, Gorn said, “It’s hard to say anything one thing: running the trains, I guess.”

Gorn explained how model railroading has so many facets, from building scenery to detailing the engines themselves that make the hobby so enjoyable.

Bringing enjoyment to others is what Gorn and the numerous other layout operators aim for. Judging from the many smiles, they accomplished that goal. Some people even walked out of the show with a new model train set to go under their own Christmas tree. The nostalgia lives on.

Sean Mathews/O’Collegian - Bret Gorn, member of the Oklahoma Rail Enthusiasts, makes adjustments to one of the locomotives on his club’s model railroad layout. The Oklahoma Rail Enthusiasts was one of the many clubs that displayed its layout at the 29th annual OKC Train Show at the State Fairgrounds.
**ORM Depot Store**

The Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd. (ORM) has items available for both children and adults at the Depot Store. These include baseball caps, polo shirts, t-shirts, lapel pins, and coasters. Funds raised by donations for these items support the Museum project.

The Depot Store, located inside the Oakwood Depot on the Museum grounds, is open during regular Museum hours - 10 am to 4 pm on the first and third Saturdays of each month April through October. The store is also open during special events.

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**Renew your ORM Membership today!**

For those interested in becoming members of the Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd., Central Oklahoma Chapter of the NRHS, memberships are available at the following rates: Regular Membership - $30.00 per year, Senior Member (Retired) - $25.00 per year, and Student Member (Full-Time Student) - $25.00 per year. National Railway Historical Society dues are $21.00 per year (Spouses are an additional $3.00). (Student memberships are $10 each.)

For information on membership, contact the Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd., 3400 NE Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111.

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**2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:**

30.00 per year - Membership to the Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd.

$25.00 per year - Senior (age 65 “plus”) and Student (full-time student) Membership in Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd.

$22.00 per year - To add Railway Historical Society (NRHS) Membership (add $4.00 for spouse) (Student Memberships: $11 per year)

Send your application and dues to: Oklahoma Railway Museum, Ltd.
3400 NE Grand Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Name

Address

City

Phone Fax E-Mail

Type of Membership: Membership to ORM Senior or Student Membership Add NRHS Membership

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**Order Form - Engraved Platform Bricks**

Cost is $50.00 per brick. Up to a maximum of 4 lines with 16 letters and spaces per line. To avoid confusion, please complete the form in Capital Letters.

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**Engraved Platform Bricks**

More than one platform brick can be donated to the Museum and you can make copies of the attached form. Mail completed forms with checks or money orders to: Jim Murray, ORM, 3400 NE Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail Murray at jmurray@cox.net.

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**Crosstie Donations**

Friends and families of ORM continue to make donations for crossties, equipment and facilities on the Museum property and on the leased track.

If you want to make a donation to purchase a crosstie, a donation of $25 will help purchase a new crosstie. You can donate a crosstie in recognition or in memory of someone. All donations should be made out to the Oklahoma Railway Museum Ltd.

Please note on the check what the donation is for, and mail it to: ORM Ltd., 3400 NE Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111.
TIMETABLE

Any changes to the following information or articles for “the Dispatcher,” should be directed to the Editor, Bruce Ackerman, 1408 NW 183rd Terrace, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034-4066, (e-mail: backerman@orma.com). For information on upcoming programs, contact Larry Dodd, (e-mail: Larry.Dodd@bnsf.com). ORM telephone number: 405/424-6222.

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ORM Board Meetings – Tuesday, December 27 and January 31 at ORM, Oakwood Depot, Oklahoma City - 7 pm

Upcoming ORM Meeting - Saturday, February 4 - BNSF Employee/Railfan Bill Schmidt - Location To Be Announced - 6 pm

Oklahoma "N" Rail - For information, call Mary Hanson, 405/478-2302

Oklahoma Passenger Rail Association - - Rail Consumer Advocate Organization. Meets bimonthly. For information, write or call Roger Carter, 1120 South 21st Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018, 405/224-7423

Passenger Rail Oklahoma - A grassroots advocacy organization. Meets every Saturday and Sunday morning at 11 am prior to the arrival of the Heartland Flyer in Norman. The depot opens at 7:50 am. Contact Evan Stair at sfrr@aol.com, www.passtrailok.org, 405/366-8957, or 517 Claremont, Norman, OK 73069-6020. Depot volunteer opportunities are available.

Oklahoma S.W. Division NMRA - 2nd Saturday each month, 1 pm, Goldman Room, Kirkpatrick Center, Jim Heidon, President

Yukon’s Best Railroad Museum - Thursday/Saturday/Sunday and by appointment. Located 1 block north of Main and UP tracks in Yukon. Call John Knuppel, 405/354-5079, for times and information.

OUT OF TOWN

Railroad Museum of Oklahoma - Tuesday thru Friday afternoons 1 pm to 4 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm, Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm, or by appointment, H&O, N and Lionel layouts, (Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm at Old Santa Fe Freight Depot, 702 North Washington, Enid

Enid Model Railroaders (HO & N) - Wednesday 7 pm to 9 pm, Saturday 9 am to Noon, Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm, 702 North Washington, Enid 580/233-3051.

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