

# OZARK DIVISION NEWSLETTER

## *“Celebrating the Magic of Toy Trains”*

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

1. GREAT ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOW
2. POST-SCRIPT NKP “CITY OF ST. LOUIS”
3. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME
4. “TRAIN TALK”

It's that time of the year again, it's time for the Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show & Food Drive. The show is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran School, 9733 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO 63132. For more information about the show you can see the attached Train Show Flyer.

Also all TCA Ozark Division members are cordially invited to attend and participate at the annual Membership Meeting for the Ozark Division. The Meeting will be held Saturday, December 9, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran School Library, 9733 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO 63132 beginning promptly at 12 noon.

Postscript: There is more to the story of the NKP “City of St. Louis” Blue Arrow which was the feature story in the Spring/Summer 2019 Newsletter. What happened to the real equipment that was modeled by MTH for the limited edition train set. Well, my research shows that some of the equipment survives today.

The first piece of equipment is the locomotive, in this case a ALCO PA-1 #183. This locomotive was one of 11 purchased by the NKP in 1947 and decorated in the “Blue Bird” paint scheme. The NKP did not purchase any PB-1 helpers. I was unable to find any other information about the locomotive after the railroad merged with the Norfolk & Western in 1964. I guess it was sold off. The next piece of rolling stock was Lackawanna Baggage Car #2097, unable to find any information about this car. However, I did find some information about Delaware, Lackawanna & Western #2078, baggage car built in 1930 by American Car & Foundry, which matches #2097. Today #2078 is at the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, Rush, NY.

Cars number 103 and 107 are lightweight coaches built by Pullman Standard in 1950. Today car 103 is at the Lake Shore Historical Society, North East, PA awaiting restoration and car 107 is privately owned at Austin Steam Trail, Cedar Park, TX and now named “Buckeye Trail”. The add-on car for the set, car #201 was built by Pullman Standard in 1950 as a 10-6 sleeper (10 roomettes and 6 bedrooms) named “*City of St. Louis*”. The car was retired in August 1965 and then acquired by Illinois Central in late 1965 and renamed “*Central City*” car #3527. Unfortunately that is where the trail ends for that car. The last car in the consist is car #5 a Heavyweight Observation Car. This car was constructed of wood by Pullman in 1883 to be a Business Observation Car. Today the car is on display at the Allen County Museum in Lima, OH.

Membership Renewal: It's that time again. it's time to renew your annual membership to the Ozark Division. The process is real easy, just complete the attached Membership Application and mail as directed. If you are not sure about your membership status drop me a note at [jonlstrains@netscape.net](mailto:jonlstrains@netscape.net) or call at 314-239-7996.

*“Train Talk”* The next *“Train Talk”* hosted and sponsored by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2020 at Kirkwood Library, 140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122 in a lower level community room. The event will start at 1 pm. Those who attend will be asked to review and vote on the new Constitution and By-Laws. Come early and stay late,,,,

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**Mission Statement:** *“To develop an appreciation of and to preserve an important segment of history—Tinplate Toy Trains—through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, establishment of collecting standards, and to promote the growth and enjoyment of collecting and operating toy, model, and scale trains”.*

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