The Leawood Rotarian

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This Week: Board Meeting

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Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816
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November Meetings:

November 5: Rotary Foundation – Roger Aeschliman

November 12: Former Leawood Mayor Jean Wise

November 19: Coterie Theatre - Laura Antolak, Board Member, Khalia Davis, Artistic Director and Jonathan Thomas, Executive Director

November 26 – No Meeting

November Greeters:

Mad Chhatre, Phil Gibbs, Lisa Harrison (Captain 11/5). Mel Hawk (Captain 11/12), Mary Jo Holland (Captain 11/19), Del Karmeier

November Invocators:

November 5: Dave Anderson

November 12: Jim Arnett

November 19: Chris Armer

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October 14 – Project C.U.R.E.









November 7 Service Project

Flourish Furnishings

Saturday a.m., November 7

If you would like to participate, email Chuck Sipple: csipple@kc.rr.com

Save the Date!

Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Saturday 12/5: 8:30-12:30

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Leawood's Patriotic Parkway

Raising of the Colors:

Tuesday November 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Retiring of the Colors:

Thursday, November 12 – 8:45 a.m.

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Rotarian Hobby Hub:

A Look at Paul Rueschhoff's Magnificent Model Railroad!

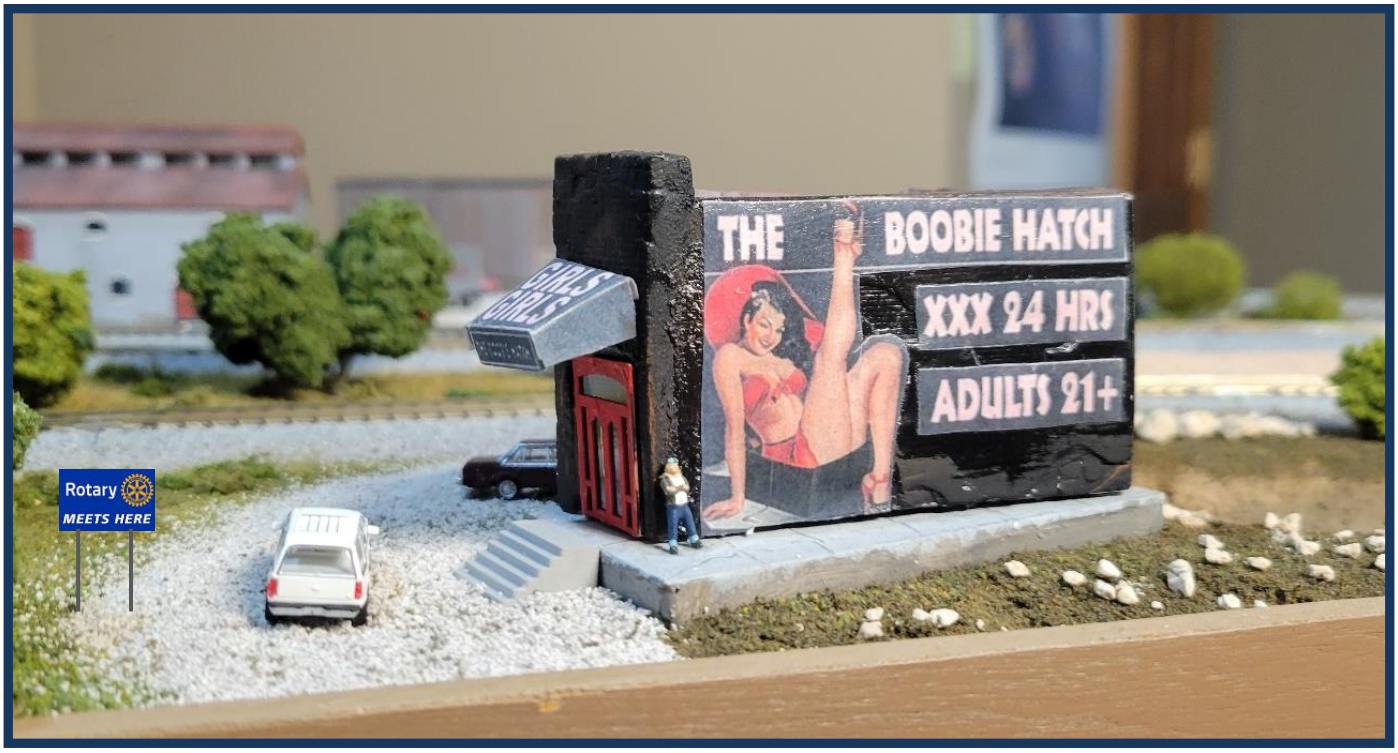
I wanted to have a model railroad layout since I was around 8 years old, when my older brother had a simple O-gauge Lionel layout. I began working on my layout 15 years ago and just finished it in the last two weeks (as much as a model railroad layout is ever "finished"). I chose N-scale for my trains, which is smaller than the more popular HO-scale and a bit harder to work with, but the smaller scale allows me to have more variety in my layout, and I can run longer trains. My layout is all agricultural and industrial - I never had any interest in having a town with streets and shops. As a child, I remember seeing Santa Fe grain trains at grain elevators in southern Kansas, and as an adult I am fascinated by oil tank car trains run by Santa Fe's successor, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF). So, it was an easy choice for me to model 1960s era Santa Fe and modern BNSF. This has been a very fun hobby!



The largest industry on the layout, Sherman's Weiner Werks, is named after my favorite dog, our late dachshund Sherman.



The Crown Jewel of the layout, the X-Cel Feed Mill, was built by our very own Brad Moore.



The Boobie Hatch has an interesting history. One day I took Denise to my favorite model railroad store, and she saw the Boobie Hatch kit. She said, "you need this on your layout". I replied, honestly, that my layout was almost completed, and I may not have room for it. She persisted, and I said, "If you build it and paint it, I will add it to the layout somewhere". And she did!



The gas station is one of my favorite scenes. A lot is going on there...an old van is being worked on outside the mechanic's bay, a tow truck is pulling a car into the station, a new Jaguar is filling up with gas. Outside this photo to the right, an old car has broken down and is being pushed by two guys toward the station.



The Farm...the first scene I built. Lots of detail to see here.



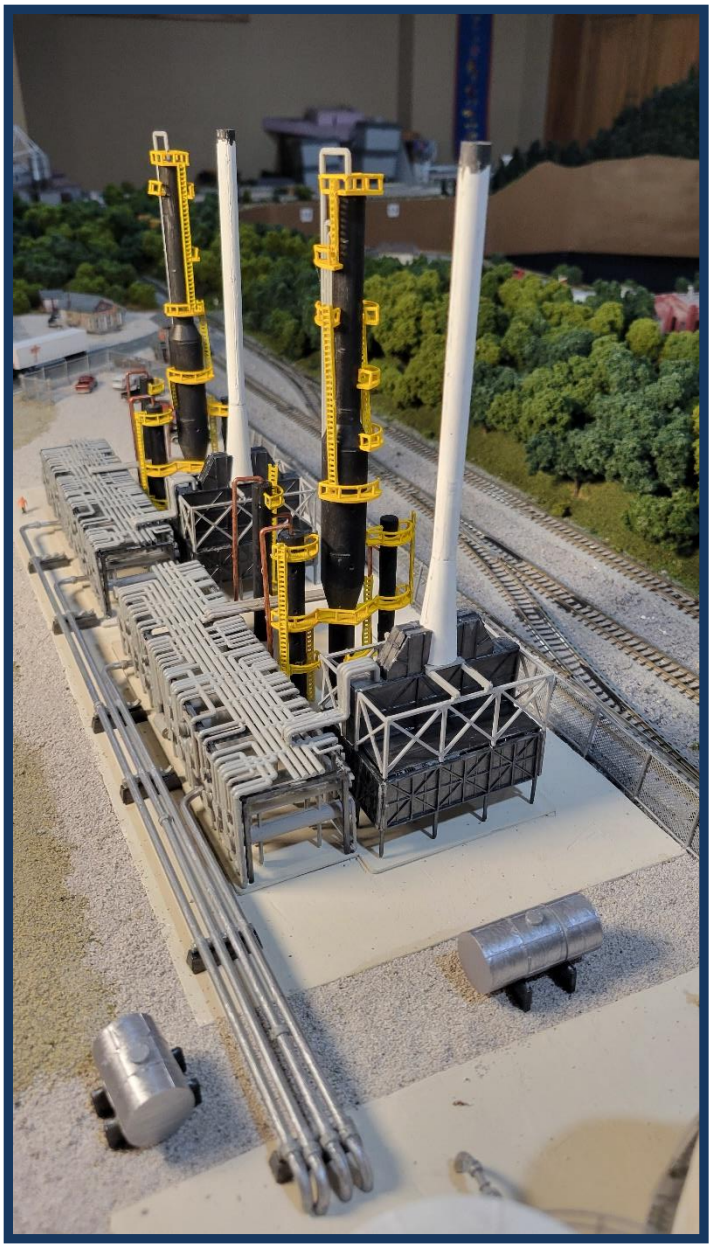
The Grain Elevator...another Brad Moore model. Can you see the trucker getting a soda from the Dr. Pepper machine?



Every layout needs a Water Tower on it...



This is an interesting scene. I was at a model railroad store and saw brass tubing for sale. For some unknown reason, I thought "that could be a discharge pipe polluting the river from the Weiner Werks". And so, I made that scene. To my knowledge, no other model railroad layout has river pollution...



The Oil Refinery, and tank farm next to it, was one of the hardest models to build. But I really like the way it turned out.



The overall layout...13.5 feet long, 9 feet wide.



The Construction Site...not certain what is being built here. Probably a Subway, a nail salon, and a Game Stop...



The Church in the Woods. A friend from church saw this kit advertised somewhere and thought it looked like an Orthodox church (it isn't...it's a model of a famous Catholic church in Austria). I agreed, built and painted it, and I like the way the church rises through the pines.



The Track Workers. Adding these two figures, repairing the rails at the end of a stub track, was literally the last thing I did to finish the layout. The work caboose on the track adds a nice touch.