

SFRH&MS 2025 Chicago Convention - Tentative List of Clinics

- **Richmond Bates – Illinois Northern Railroad**
- **Jim Brown – The Construction of the Sibley Bridge, 1887-88.** This clinic will feature over 50 historic photos detailing the construction of the Sibley bridge in 1887-88 as well as its reconstruction in the 1910-1913 era. Some of these photos appeared in the Missouri Division book but publishing constraints prevented more of these truly historic photos from being included.
- **Sammy Carlile – Last years of the ATSF on Curtis Hill with transition to early BNSF.** 50 years on Curtis Hill – 1975 to 2025. We will explore the last 20 years of the Santa Fe as they made their way through Northwest Oklahoma’s Red-Carpet country. Also covered will be the transition era into the BNSF merger as well as modern operations in the area. The presentation will be made possible with assistance from several friends that have allowed their work to be shared through the Carlile photo collection.
- **Tom Casey – Modeling Rr21 & Rr-29 Duryea underframe ice reefers.** Using either a C&BT shops or Intermountain 40’ ice reefer as a core, this clinic will show how to create these two classes of reefers. With their distinctive Duryea cushion underframe, they can create a contrast from the more commonly available USRA fish belly underframe cars.
- **Steve Cigolle – Changes on the former Santa Fe between Chicago and Kansas City.** This clinic will discuss physical plant and operating changes on the former Santa Fe Railway between Chicago and Kansas City since the BNSF merger. This territory continues to be known as the Chillicothe and Marceline Subdivisions
- **Jim Giblin – SANTA FE ALWAYS ON THE MOVE TOWARDS A BETTER WAY.** The inside story of how Santa Fe management shifted the paradigm on rail intermodal service by “boldly going (at a very high rate of speed) where no one had gone before.” This is a personal recollection from an active participant who was there.
- **John Hartline – 3D modeling**
- **Dave Hiler – Southern Transcon Model Railroad.** Building the HO scale Southern Transcon Model Railroad from Willow Springs, IL to Tejon, NM, A 1600 ft main line with the capacity to run up to 20 trains at a time.
- **Don Q. Lamb and Terry W. Lehmann – The Fast Vestibule Express – The Handsomest Train in the World” and the start of Santa Fe’s through Chicago – West Coast Service.** Completion of the AT&SF airline between Kansas City and Chicago in April 1888 opened the way for Santa Fe’s first luxury train, the *Fast Vestibule Express* — which Santa Fe advertised as “The Handsomest Train in the World” — and the start of through Chicago – West Coast service. In this clinic we describe both services from their chaotic early days to the autumn of 1892 when Santa Fe inaugurated *The California Limited*.
- **Ian MacKellar – Modeling Santa Fe freight cars of the early 1930’s.**

- **Dennis Opferman – History of railroads in Colorado Springs with emphasis on the role of the Santa Fe Depot.** The Railroad History of Colorado Springs, with emphasis on Santa Fe’s role in that development and that of its Passenger Depot. We will follow the chronological development of railroads in the City of Colorado Springs and explore the dynamics of how this changed over the years due to economic events, corporate rivalries, government involvement, and competitive realities. Guaranteed to enhance your knowledge of a seldom explored outpost of the Santa Fe.
- **James Regier – 3D modeling Santa Fe U30CG, Beep...**
- **Ramon Rhodes – SANTA FE’S CHICAGO OPERATIONS IN THE 1970s.** In this presentation featuring hundreds of photographs, maps, and diagrams, we will explore the operations of the Santa Fe Railway in Chicago during the 1970s. The 1970s was a transitional period for the railroad. Gone is the Santa Fe of the steam and early dieselization era, to be replaced by what can arguably be called “the modern” Santa Fe. The Santa Fe of the 70s features reduced passenger service, the rise of intermodal shipping, the birth of unit trains, telecommunications advances, and many other technological advancements that became industry standards.
- **Rita Smith – Santa Fe Courier Nurses,** Rita Goble-Smith RN, will share her experiences as a Santa Fe Courier Nurse on the El Capitan, Super Chief and San Francisco Chief during 1968 – 1971
- **Carey Williams – Minton Cronkhite and the Santa Fe Railway**