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In this issue: contest, achievement, election, coming events and division news.

From the RMR President

The convention in Cheyenne was a great success. I for one had a great time judging the contest and on the UP shop tour. The number of models entered in the contest was impressive, as was the quality. And the banquet was one of the best ever! I pity those who missed it. My thanks go to Bob Sherwood and all of his helpers for an excellent convention.

The BOD passed a number of initiatives:

1. The Bylaws revision was approved. The next task will be revision to the region constitution.
2. A committee was formed to look into the adoption of regional module standards. These may or may not be NMRA standards, but they will be designed to suit our needs. The idea is to have the region build and maintain at least four corner modules, and encourage the membership and divisions to build modules to these standards and bring them to the regional conventions.
3. Our next BOD meeting will be in Pueblo at the Country Buffet on Saturday, October 8. Dinner will be at 5:00 and meeting at 6:00 p.m. In addition to the BOD members, all Region members are welcome to attend and see what we do during these meetings. There will also be operating sessions early Sunday and perhaps Saturday afternoon depending on responses. There may also be guided tours of the Pueblo Railroad Museum. These activities are open to all Region members. (Let Fred Carlson know if you want to attend an operating session and Jock Peters for the museum tour. Any NMRA member residing within the RMR boundaries is a Region member. Ed.)

The BOD meeting very nearly didn't happen due to a lack of participation. With one less member or proxy, we wouldn't have had a quorum. I addressed this deplorable situation with a separate email to the BOD. We need people who are interested in turning this region around to become a vibrant, active organization. Elections will be held early next year for all four executive positions and three directors. If you are one of those people who want to help, send your resume to Bob Sherwood at "softmoods@vcn.com". The last two elections were uncontested. That is not the sign of a healthy organization!

Let's turn this around and have some fun! Fred Carlson - RMR President

Region Modules **Robert Sherwood**

(Bob is the Southern Wyoming Division Superintendent and has taken on the function as being the Region Module Committee Chairman. Ed.)

Bruce Burbank, Bill Roberts and I, with Fred Carlson sitting in, are exploring the world of Modular Layout Standards in hopes of putting together a proposal for a set of Modular Layout Standards to be used in a Region wide Modular layout.

With this in mind, would all the Modular Clubs within the region boundaries, Please forward a full copy of your Clubs / Groups Modular Standards to me at:

E-Mail: softmoods@vcn.com

Snail Mail: Region Module Group
% Robert Sherwood
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I'm looking forward to hearing from all of the Modular groups within the Region boundaries.

Robert Sherwood, Chairman - RMR Modular Standards Group

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Mayner W. Hicks 1929 – 2005

Mayner passed away on May 1, 2005. He was a life member of the NMRA and served the Rocky Mountain Region in various capacities including President and Trustee. Mayner had been an NMRA member for 50 years. He was well known for his photography and for several years, he made the plaques for the model contest. These included photos of the model.

Helen J. Hunter 1932 - 2005

Jean passed away on July 2, 2005. She has served the Rocky Mountain Region on many convention committees including the 1991 NMRA National. Jean was the wife of Dick Hunter.

2005 RMR Convention Contest Roundup

Michael Comand, RMR Contest Chairman

There was a great contest turnout at this year's region convention in Cheyenne. With a total of 54 entries, this was the highest turnout in the past five years that I have participated in the region convention. Of this total, 45 were models, six were photographs, two were division challenges, and one entry was in the arts and crafts category. Like last year, the level of competition in several categories was fierce with the modeling and photography being top notch. The results of the AP judging contest were as follows:

Category	Place	Participant	Entry
Steam Locomotive	1st	Roy Johnson	On3 Shay
Diesel and Other	1st	Roy Johnson	On30 Diesel
Diesel and Other	2nd	Dale Karl	GE 44-Ton Locomotive
Diesel and Other	3rd	Dale Karl	Logging Locomotive
Passenger Car	1st	Roy Johnson	RGS Business Car Rico
Freight Car	1st	Mark Evans	RGS Flatcar #0500
Freight Car	2nd	Mark Evans	D&RGW Stockcar #5519
Freight Car	3rd	Mark Evans	D&RGW Stockcar #5536
Caboose	1st	Donald Francis	UP Caboose
Caboose	2nd	Don Meeker	Columbine Coal Co. Caboose
Non-revenue	1st	Mark Evans	RGS Outfit #0256
Non-revenue	2nd	Mark Evans	RGS Plow/Flanger #02
Non-revenue	3rd	Mark Evans	RGS Outfit #01789
Structure - On Line	1st	Roy Johnson	Wooden Trestle
Structure - On Line	2nd	Gary Myers	D&RGW Royal Gorge Depot
Structure - Off Line	1st	Gary Myers	Salida General Store
Display - On Line	1st	Jim Lipper	JJ Saxton Gravestone Co.
Display - On Line	2nd	Arthur Wallace	Alpine Engine House
Display - On Line	3rd	Dale Karl	Section Handcar Shed
Display - Off Line	1st	Jim Lipper	Sweeney's Bar on Fire
Arts and Crafts	1st	Anita Karl	Comforter - Locomotive Motif
Color Photo-Proto	1st	Samuel Howard	Building Steam Pressure
Color Photo-Proto	2nd	Collin Stewart	Georgetown Loop RR
Color Photo-Proto	3rd	Don Meeker	Kids at Palmer Lake

For the popular vote portion of the contest, convention goers were able to cast their vote for the model of their choice within several categories. The winners of each category are listed below:

Category	Participant	Entry
Photo	Collin Stewart	Georgetown Loop RR
Youth	Alex Myers	St Louis Reefer #3105
Rolling Stock	Mark Evans	RGS Outfit #0256
Display	Arthur Wallace	Alpine Engine House
Structure	Roy Johnson	Wood Trestle
Motive Power	Roy Johnson	On3 Shay
Best of Show	Jim Lipper	JJ Saxton Gravestone Co
Division Challenge Winner	South Suburban Division	1930's Small Town Module

The Mizell Trains Challenger Award went to Mark Evans for his Sn3 model of RGS plow/flanger #02. Mark received 116 out of a possible 125 points. Finally, the Caboose Hobbies Best of Show Award went to... Mark Evans for his scratch built model of RGS outfit car #0256. This model received 119 out of 125 points. Way to go Mark!

Having a successful contest requires the efforts of many people. I would like to thank those who made this contest as successful as it was. First, those individuals that helped me during the contest. Caboose Hobbies and Mizell Trains for sponsoring their respective awards. The judges who spent a good portion of their Saturday scrutinizing the models and photos. And last, but not least, the modelers who entered the contest.

Achievement Program News

Mark L. Evans – RMR AP Chairman

I trust you are all back safe and sound after the Region Convention. I want to thank Bob Sherwood and crew for a great convention! I know I had a good time and had the opportunity to see many of you in person.

The following awards have been earned by members in the Region since the last Issue of the Callboard:

Golden Spike – Donald M. Deuell
Mark L. Evans – Master Builder Cars

Congratulations goes out to Donald who is new to the AP. Donald isn't one to let grass grow under his feet. He is already working on his application for Master Builder Structures.

I want to take a minute to thank all of you that entered the contest this year. We had more entries than the previous year, and more merit award quality models as well. I also want to thank those members that took some time out of their Convention time on Saturday to help judge the models in the contest room. We had a great bunch of judges this year and I thank you all.

The following members received merit awards for their entries in the contest:

Paul J. Stout - Montana Raillink Bulkhead Flatcar
Arthur Wallace – Alpine Engine House
Jim Lipper - JJ Sexton's Gravestone Company

Yours truly even picked up a couple of merit awards, which brings me to this month's sales pitch for the Achievement Program. I know many of you are intimidated by the requirements for the Achievement Program. I'm right there with you on that account. I thought I would take a few inches in this issue to pass along my personal experiences. This is not an effort to blow my own horn but rather to show it can be done!

I set a goal for myself last fall to complete the requirements for the Master Builder Cars category. Mind you, I had never built a piece of rolling stock prior to my conversion to Sn3 in July of 2004.

Before starting the first car, I mapped out my strategy. I selected projects carefully. I would need to have 8 cars, of 4 different types. 4 of the 8 cars had to be scratch built while the remaining 4 would need to be super-detailed. 4 of the 8 cars would also need to earn a merit award. When I had decided on my 8 project cars, I started to work. I have to admit this was a bit of an obsession at times. I also have to thank my patient spouse for allowing me a lot more hobby time than would normally be acceptable. I worked over the winter months and finished the last car a few weeks before the convention.

I had under estimated one aspect of my chase for Master Builder Cars award. The paper work was a killer! I spent two full weekends just getting my paper work ready to enter my models in the contest. I will pass along one tip to you. Make two copies of this paper work, as you will have to submit it with your application for Master Builder Cars.

With models and paper work safely packed away, I made my way to Cheyenne. I was happy to see my models made it past the scrutiny of the judges. I was able to come back from this years contest with all of my requirements met for the application for Master Builder Cars. The point I want to make here is this can be accomplished, and it won't take 10 years of toiling away at your workbench. Don't be discouraged by the requirements. Any thing worthwhile takes some amount of effort. Now on to Master Builder Structures!

If you need assistance with anything AP related please feel free to call or write. I would be glad to share examples of my paper work, and tips on how to build models that will meet the requirements for the various AP awards. You can contact me by phone at 801-254-1312 or email at mevans@slco.org

2006 Election

Robert Sherwood

(Bob is the Southern Wyoming Division Superintendent and has taken on the function as being the 2006 Elections Chairman.)

There are Three Elected Directors and all Four of the Officers whose terms will expire next year. That's seven positions that will need to be filled on the Region Board of Directors (Officers are members of the BOD). Election of individuals to so many positions happens every even - numbered year - - see the RMR Bylaws, Article V. Any NMRA member residing within the RMR boundaries and in good standing is eligible to declare and run for the Director and Officer positions. Of course an incumbent may choose to "run" for election again, provided he / she is not "term limited". The Directors positions and President and Vice President are limited to two consecutive terms. The Secretary and the Treasurer may hold unlimited terms, but they may not want to serve indefinitely.

If you're interested in helping the Rocky Mountain Region grow, prosper and move forward, submit your biography to me by Jan 1, 2006.

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I look forward to hearing from many of you for this task. - Robert Sherwood, Chairman - RMR Elections Committee

Who's Minding the Store? Do you know? Do you care?

When I first joined the NMRA and RMR in 1977, the RMR was run by a small group of people, mostly in the Denver area. (We worked hard to get our leadership decentralized.) Things were a lot simpler in those days and folks were willing to take on responsibility for their own organization. We used to have at least two, and sometimes more, candidates for each office.

But, **things have changed**. In this year's election (election?), we had only two candidates to fill three positions. Plus, we needed to fill the seat of Don Strait who had to give up his work for the RMR. We tried recruiting, evidently to no avail. So good ol' Dick Hunter stepped in and agreed to take on one more term. By now, folks should be getting tired of Dick, and willing to replace him. In last year's election, only two of the seven positions were opposed.

So, how do we fix the problem? We don't. You do.

You start thinking about how **you** can help. Remember, this is **your** organization. **You** are responsible to see that **your** organization provides **you** with the services that **you** joined up to get.

Look at the officials listing in the Callboard. This will give you an idea of the various functions in the RMR. Also, consider the various region activities. Is there an area that interests you? Or, is there an area that you would be willing to try out? Or, maybe get started by joining a committee. I am not asking you to shoulder the whole load. Just pick up your end, and carry it to the next station. Then, another crew can pick it up and carry it on. Or, if you want, you can push on to end of track.

So, how do you get started? There are some important contacts to make. The RMR President and Secretary who will help get you in touch with the appropriate people. Your local Division Superintendent who should help you as well. The committee chair, if that is what interests you. If you are not sure, contact the President and Secretary and they will help you find your niche. If you are ready to run for office, contact Bob Sherwood.

The important thing is that **we need you now!**

Note: for all RMR officials – I have committed you to helping willing folks find a way to help us. Please do so.

When I took over the editor's job, I planned to never write the material myself. I would not have done it this time if I didn't think this subject to be critical. Dick Hunter

Division News

The **Rio Grande Division** has recently become active again. The following lists their next two meetings:
Saturday, September 3, 1:00 pm, Admission free - Rio Grande Valley Model Railroad Club, Bolack Building, Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque - Popular Vote Contest: Caboose. Short business meeting.

Saturday, November 5, 1:00 pm, Admission free - Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 Alvarado St, SE, Albuquerque (1/2 block south of Central Ave) - program to be announced.

For information on either meeting call Carol Schilling 268-0376.

The **Northern Wyoming Division** announced two meetings in Sheridan:
Saturday, October 1, division meeting – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm – Sheridan Model RR Assoc. – Harold Huber and Dick Lenzer will present clinics. The club layout will be open – bring a DCC engine to operate.

Saturday, December 3, Sheridan Model RR Assoc. open house. Club layout, memorabilia and videos.

The Sheridan Model Railroad Association's club is located in the basement of the old Taylor School, 1030 North Main.

New Callboard Editor

Kurt Kramke will be replacing me as editor of the Callboard, effective November first of this year. I will be doing the November, 2005 issue and his first issue will be February, 2006. With the November issue, I will have completed three years and 12 issues. Effective November 1, 2005, the Callboard address will be - 445 S 1150 E, Spanish Fork UT 84660-2573
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Upcoming Events

September 17-18 – Western Colorado Railroad Extravaganza – Montrose, Colorado

Info: Jay Buchanan, 218 Ash Ave, Rifle CO 81650 – Buchanan@sopris.net

September 24 – Tri-Lakes Railroad Festival Swap Meet – Palmer Lake, Colorado

Palmer Lake Town hall and Elementary School

Info: Jim Lipper, trainman@pcisys.net, 719-481-4050

October 8 – RMR Board of Director's Meeting – Pueblo, Colorado

Country Buffet Restaurant – Dinner at 5:00 pm – meeting at 6:00 pm – For operating sessions and museum tour: see page one.

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November 5 – Pikes Peak Division annual train show – Colorado Springs, Colorado

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