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# RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY HAROLD HUBER

With this special issue I want to discuss several items as they are very important and I hope all of you read this article. These items will help rectify some misconceptions and will help all of you understand the operation of the region.

This is the Convention Special so I want to promote our convention on Labor Day weekend at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center at the Loveland exit. There will be lots going on. Operators will have the opportunity to operate on the layout at the Greeley Freight Station Museum. There will be a contest using Achievement Program (AP) Standards as judging criteria. There will be a popular vote section which is a great way for a person to ease into the contest arena and to show off what you have been working on the past year. The judges will also provide any Achievement Program judging for those who do not want to enter the contest. Because of my experiences with the AP, I have become a better modeler. Think about the NMRA Standard which is 70% of the total 125 points (87.5 Points). We expect our children to do better than 70% in school, so can we allow that in our modeling? Yes, there is paper work, but Mark Evans and Jim Laird are going to conduct a clinic on the AP and I would like a panel discussion from the Judges just to help you in the AP. Remember, you do not have to ever enter a contest your Division AP Chair and other modelers can come to your home to test your model against the NMRA Standard. The banquet sounds great and the Hotel is superb. I stopped by on a trip to the Denver area and checked it out:

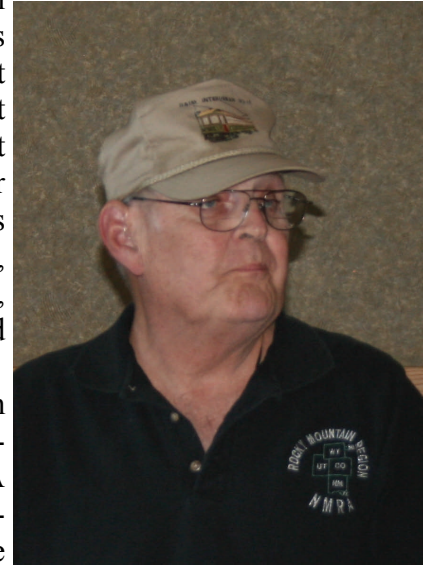
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Reservation Code: NRA

The price is reasonable if anyone has used the hotel system of late prices have increased considerably.

The guideline is to try to keep rooms under \$100 and this may have to change in the future. Many clinics are available and if you feel you have a good topic for a clinic contact Rich Coleman [richcoleman@mesanetworks.net](mailto:richcoleman@mesanetworks.net) or (303) 833-4831. A clinic earns points toward Author in the AP also. There will not be a train show this year as the time frame that we had to present this convention just has not allowed for one. Come join us have fun, learn, make new friends, and renew old friendships.

We have been having a real problem with NMRA National over addresses etc. that we receive for our CallBoard mailing.

The list we receive from National is the only tool that we have to assemble addresses. I realize some of you have not received your Callboard. I apologize for this. We are working to rectify this and we hope the changes put in place will help, but we need your help also. If you are not receiving the CallBoard you need to check the information that National has on you. If you know someone that is not receiving the CallBoard either electronically or by snail mail show them this article and have them contact National to check their information. To explain, it takes about two months for National to get a new member's information to us. That is the nature of the beast. The other part is when your data changes or you renew please take the time to update your information; again it is going to take about two months for this to get to us. Every month I give your Division Superintendent a listing of his division members and all the information that national has on those members. I am directing your Division Superintendent now to bring that list to all Division meetings and allow you to check your data. Division Supers remember this is private information so only let members look at their data, note changes and have the member contact National with those changes. This is your job, it is your data, and you must keep current with what information National has. Along this note, the CallBoard



*Harold Huber, President*

cost a lot of money to produce in paper form so if you have an email address it will be sent to you by email unless you request a mail format. The electronic version is expanded and has all the pictures etc. If you want it printed you can print it on your computer. The Communications Committee is really trying to keep the cost of the CallBoard down. The region Board and the volunteer people that provide services are trying to be good stewards with your money. Please understand the production cost and postage cost.

We just formed a new email group for the region; it is a Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rmrnmra/>. Search for rmrnmra in the group's section and feel free to join. Scott Perry, the CallBoard Editor and Communications Committee Chair

is the moderator of the email group, which means he keeps messages on track and that they are of a model railroading nature or about the region. On this note I have directed all officers and Board members to keep business of the

Board off this venue. NO, I am not trying to hide anything from the members! The Board was elected to transact business for you. Anything that comes in front of the Board we discuss it, come to an agreement on what is to be presented to the members, and the Board takes these items to you for your discussion. The Board brings back your input. Then the issue is voted on. This is the way things work in the Rocky Mountain Region. The email group is not a place to discuss the Board and their actions; it is to get useful information to you the members. Recommendations to your Division Super are discussed and either voted for or against. The Division Superintendents are elected to accomplish this task. When an item becomes approved by the Board it will then be announce to all the members through the CallBoard and through the email group.

The discussion now going on about the RMR

Module Standards by the E-group is good, but remember that the Board must vote on revisions to this standard. What I am saying is the Board (which includes your Division Super as a voting member) cannot function effectively with 859 members trying to be a Board member. If you want that right, run for the Board next time and the election call will be announced. Some may ask why such a process or why so long a process? In the past things have been stuffed down the members throat and yes the Board may vote opposite of how you feel, but I want to assure you that you have an opportunity to have your say to the correct person which is your Division Superintendent. They are elected to do this so let him/her do their job.

With that said, I have heard from my Division Superintendents

their biggest problem is getting members to attend their Division meetings. If you do not attend and let your voice be heard, you have no right to complain about what the Board votes on. Visit with your Superintendent before he goes to the Board meeting,

tell him/her what your concerns are, and they **will** be brought up at that meeting. Again, the Board may not accept you suggestion and vote against it, but that is the process. Another thing, if the Board votes for approval or disapproval of an item it is final. There are ways to get items back on the agenda and some ideas do not make it because they are against the Region by Laws or National rules.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Region Convention!

- Harold Huber, President



Did you know that Harold has lost over 60 pounds? I've had to replace his old picture with the new one and didn't even have to use the wide angle lens!

- Ed.



*Meeting of Board Members in Pueblo, Colorado.*

## BY SCOTT PERRY, EDITOR

I absolutely love a Region Convention, even more than a National Convention, mainly because it is a more tightly knit group of friends. Usually I'm less busy and can take time to make new acquaintances. This one is extra special to me because I will finally get to meet so many of you that I've either corresponded with or talked to on the phone. It's a time to make new friends.

The folks in the Northern Colorado Division have been working hard to produce this convention. They had very limited time to do it and their herculean efforts are paying off. It's only fair that we support them and show up! So make your plans and get your hotel booked. If you are in Utah and want to ride up with me, let me know.

The other thing I'm looking forward to is the contest model room. I know there are tons of excellent modelers here and I'm anxious to learn from their work. Narrow Gauge fever has hit me hard since I moved to Utah and I'm looking to learn all I can from the narrow-minded faction. My square foot model is almost ready.

For those of you that haven't been to a Convention, it is a fantastic weekend with nothing but trains, trains, trains. It's a lot more affordable than a National event and there



*Scott Perry, Editor*

are clinics, tours, contests and events in such quantity that you can never attend them all. You'll get that extra inspiration that will drive you to build and do more on your own layout. There's no better way to learn model railroading than clinics and layout tours. Be sure to bring your camera and note pad.

So come join the fun! Let's get to know one another. Let me know what you think of the Callboard and I might even take your picture!

**NEXT EDITION OF THE CALLBOARD  
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EDITOR'S INK...

## CONVENTION UPDATE... THIS JUST IN!

# GUEST SPEAKER IS SOMEONE TO GET ALL STEAMED UP ABOUT!

Steve Lee knows steam! Recently retired from Union Pacific's Steam Program, Steve has 22 years of steam experience with the steam program and logged



*Steve Lee of Cheyenne, WY  
Chris Allan Photo*

39 years of service with UP. He's still involved with historic preservation including helping the Portola Railroad Museum and the Feather River Railroad Society.

Come hear Steve tell us about his fascination with steam and what's going on with preserving these great machines.



*Click to Watch Video of Steve Lee*

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# WELCOME FROM THE NORTHERN COLORADO DIVISION!



*Rich Coleman,  
Convention Chairman*

The members of the Northern Colorado Division and I would like to invite you to come and visit us again this September for the 2011 Rocky Mountain Region convention, *Great West Rails*. We're going to have lots to do, but in a nice and relaxed atmosphere with plenty of opportunity to visit with friends both old and new. Our tours will be in the cooler parts of the day and the clinics will be inside in the air conditioning during the afternoon. We'll have new clinics and new tour locations that you haven't seen before. We'll have an operating session at the fabulous Greeley Freight Station Museum and your convention registration includes admission to the museum any time that they're open during the convention. Our hotel is the large and spacious Embassy Suites in Loveland, right next to I-25 for easy access to our tours as well as all of Northern Colorado's attractions, railroad and otherwise. They're giving us a great room rate and breakfast deal to get your days started right. Come, relax, and enjoy yourself at *Great Rails West*.

**Rich Coleman  
Convention Chairman**

*(I forced Rich to put his photo in the Callboard so you can recognize him at the convention. - Ed.)*



A wooden trestle over a raging river near Fort Collins., which may or may not be in use currently. The river is the Cache la Poudre, and when that picture was taken it was above flood stage and out of its banks! Just one of the many prototype scenes you can view at the convention.

Rocky Mountain Region

2011

NMRA CONVENTION



September 1-4

Embassy Suites Hotel  
and Conference Center  
Loveland, Colorado

Hosted by the:  
Northern Colorado Division

The 2011 Convention of the Rocky Mountain Region will be hosted by the Northern Colorado Division. It will be held September 1-4 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Loveland, Colorado. There will be many activities to make it an enjoyable weekend and worth the trip, whether you're coming from near or far. The program that we are planning includes:

- **Layout Tours**
- **Prototype Tours**
- **NMRA Contests**
- **Greeley Freight Station Museum [GFSM]**
- **Saturday Evening Banquet**
- **Region Company Store**
- **...and yes, even the RMR Board meeting!**

The convention hotel will be the [Embassy Suites - Loveland](#), located just off Interstate 25 between Loveland and Greeley. Our confirmed convention rate of \$99 per night (plus tax) for one or two people in a suite, slightly higher for 3 or 4, and includes a full cooked-to-order breakfast to start your day. To get this special rate, you must make your reservations no later than August 2<sup>nd</sup>. You must mention that you

are with the Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA when making your reservation. For those registering on line, the convention hotel registration code is NRA. Nearby are many eating establishments, an outlet mall and a regional shopping center.

Don't forget that, in addition to the regular NMRA and popular vote contests, there will be a special mini-diorama contest. Details are on page 10. With the date of the convention being pushed back, you have time to work on an even more spectacular project!

Convention registration is \$50.00, but will be going up to \$55.00 for registrations received after August 20<sup>th</sup>, or at the door. Spouses or minor children of a primary registrant can register for \$25.00 (\$30 after August 20<sup>th</sup>). All convention registrations include admission to the Greeley Freight Station museum any time that it is open during the convention.

Banquet tickets are \$40.00 each, and reservations must be received no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the accompanying registration form and send it to the address indicated.

The convention program is continuing to evolve. Please check back with the convention page on the RMR web site for updates. If you have any specific questions, please contact Rich Coleman at [richcoleman@mesanetworks.net](mailto:richcoleman@mesanetworks.net), or (303)833-4831.

#### REGISTRATION FORMS ON LINE:

<http://www.rmr-nmra.org/comingevents.htm>

#### **\*\* IMPORTANT CONTEST NOTE \*\***

This year, the contest judging is going to be done on **Friday evening**, not Saturday, as in past years. This means that entries must be turned in by 7:00 pm on Friday. If you absolutely cannot get to the convention until Saturday, please contact the Contest Chairman, Bill Tulley, at [railroadbill@vcn.com](mailto:railroadbill@vcn.com), to see if alternate arrangements can be made.



*Ranch-Way Feed Mill Just Screams to be Modeled!*

# GREAT WEST RAILS 2011

## TOURS!

How about a chance to go visit a producer of great rolling stock? No problem! We're going to visit InterMountain Railway Company in Longmont, Colorado. Maybe we'll get a peek at their latest HO and N scale offerings! But wait, there are more tours in the works!



*Currently Available Tank Car Kit*



## LAYOUTS!

The single greatest part of a Convention is touring layouts. Well, you are in for a treat! We've got over a dozen layouts booked for your visit. Colorado is full of top level modelers and you won't be disappointed in the quality of these local layouts. While you are there be sure to ask lots of questions and learn from those that have built these fantastic working works of art. Take lots of pictures and make notes.

## CLINICS!

The presentation of clinics is a key function of the Region Convention, and you won't be disappointed in 2011! While the complete schedule is not quite available yet, the clinicians are already being lined up. Expect to see presentations on:

- Layout Design for Operation
- Proto Freelancing
- Intelligent Railfanning
- Steam in China
- Hands-on Scratchbuilding – Make & Take
- Modeling and Operating with Track Scales
- Track Side Scenes to Model

You'll have to register for some clinics so be sure to keep an eye on the RMR website and the next issue of the Callboard in August.



*Dick Hunter Presents a Clinic at the Sunrise Division Meeting*

**DON'T WAIT!  
REGISTER NOW!**



# RMR CONTEST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Bill Tulley

There will be a slight change in the Model Display Room schedule at this year's RMR Annual Convention. The Achievement Program Judging occurs on Friday night. Models must be entered before 9:00pm on **Friday** evening if AP Judging is desired.

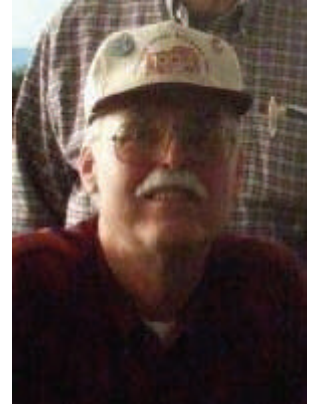
## MODEL DISPLAY ROOM SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2011

Open: 8:00am - 12noon For model entry and viewing.  
Closed: 12noon - 7:00pm For other scheduled activities.  
Open: 7:00pm - 9:00pm For model entry and viewing.  
Closed: 9:00pm For AP Judging.

### SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2011

Open: 8:00am - 12noon For viewing. Popular Vote will occur at this time.  
Closed: 12noon - 1:30pm For lunch.  
Open: 1:30pm - 5:00pm For viewing.  
Closed 5:00pm For Banquet.  
Open: After the Banquet to 10:00pm for model pick up.



*Bill Tulley  
Contest Chairman*

How is your Mini Diorama progressing? Will it be finished in time for the convention? You'll find the entry guidelines on page 10. If not, be sure to bring something else to put in the display room. It does not have to be finished or even entered for AP Judging. Just bring something to show your fellow modelers that you have built SOMETHING! Remember that all items on display will be eligible for the Popular Vote Contest.

Be fore warned that your Contest Chairman will be looking for specific details on any trestles entered this year. The following photographs show these details far better than I can describe them.



Connect the photo with the correct engineering terminology below:

- A. The right hook
- B. Come-along in place
- C. Up on blocks
- D. Fire wood pile



*Photos by Bill Tulley*

# GREAT WEST RAILS 2011

## Planned activities include:

- Thursday - Registration (late afternoon / evening)  
Company Store & display setup - afternoon  
Open house / Operating session (GFSM)
- Friday - Tours (Layout/Prototype) – Morning  
Clinics – Afternoon  
Contest entry & viewing  
Contest judging – evening  
GFSM Open house – evening  
Evening – TBD
- Saturday - Tours (Layout/Prototype) – Morning  
Clinics – Afternoon  
Contest viewing  
GFSM Open house – normal daytime hours  
Evening – Dinner
- Sunday - RMR Board Meeting – 9:00am (GFSM)  
Layout Tours

## TRAIN SHOW NOTICE

Due to the late timing of the Region Convention there is not going to be a train show. There will, however, be a room with some (small) layouts and other displays for this event.



## MINI DIORAMA CONTEST - REGION CONVENTION

A Mini Diorama is any modeled scene mounted on a base that has a footprint equal to or less than a specified area (144 sq-in). The requirements for the mini diorama are very simple.

### **THE DIORAMA MAY BE ON ANY SUBJECT THAT THE MODELER MAY CHOOSE.**

A railroad related subject is preferred but a subject representing the theme of the current convention would be also be acceptable, although not required.

### **THE AREA COVERED BY THE DIORAMA CAN NOT BE LARGER THAN 144 SQUARE INCHES.**

There is no restriction for length or width as long as these two dimensions when multiplied together equal 144 or less. There is also no restriction on the shape of this area. Square, rectangle, circle, kidney bean, etc. are all acceptable. As an extreme example: a diorama that is 1 inch wide and 144 inches long would qualify.

### **THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON EITHER HEIGHT OR DEPTH.**

Those two dimensions are dependent on what the modeler can transport.

THAT IS IT! There are no other requirements.

### **HOW DOES THE RMR MODEL CONTEST WORK**

**BY POPULAR VOTE:** First, second and third place certificates are presented in each category in which a model is entered. Placement is determined by the number of popular votes each model receives.

**BY AP JUDGING:** The Caboose Hobbies award is presented to the modeler with the highest over all AP score. The Mizell Hobbies award goes to the modeler with the second highest over all AP score.

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS** may be presented, if available. Requirements will be determined by the sponsoring convention.



# GREAT WEST RAILS 2011

## BANQUET

Banquet tickets are \$40.00 each, and reservations must be received no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>. We are working with the hotel's Executive Chef to design a menu based on real railroad dining car recipes. When it is finalized, it will be posted on the web page.

Please fill out the Convention Registration form and send it to the address indicated today!



## THE BULLCHUTE CLINIC *Hands-on Scratchbuilding in Wood*

You can't really learn scratchbuilding from a book. There's only one way to do it and that's hands-on! The make-and-take hands-on clinics have become very popular at NMRA conventions and there's a big reason why. They are fun!

We'll provide the wood, glue, blades, plans and all the materials for your first scratchbuilding project. When you are done you'll go home with a hand made model that you might use on your layout. We guarantee your success!

In this clinic you'll learn how to plan a project, read drawings, cut wood, arrange your work, place and glue parts and build a comfort level that you can make a fine model on your own without a kit! You'll also learn about sub assemblies, staining and weathering, and measuring. All key skills you can use in the hobby.

The clinic is being given by Scott Perry, a veteran clinician. Scott has given this clinic many times and no one has ever left without a finished model. He'll be assisted by two other scratchbuilders who will be there to help you every step of the way.

The clinic covers three clinic periods, or about three hours. You will not need to bring anything, but if you would like to bring your own hobby knife you are welcomed to. The clinic is limited to 24 people so you need to register before you come. No one is allowed to observe! You must be building!



*The Bullchute - an Easy First Scratchbuilding Project*

There is a \$5 fee, payable at the door, to cover material costs and you get to take your model home with you. All wood will be pre-stained due to drying time, but we will cover stain and stain application in the class.

Come have some fun, learn a new skill and build something!

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# GREAT WEST RAILS 2011 - REGISTRATION FORM

Primary Registrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Registrant Names: \_\_\_\_\_



Convention Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(\$55 after August 20th)

Family Member Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Spouse, minor children) (\$30 after August 20th)

Banquet Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_



Would you be interested in operating sessions (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_

*\* All convention activities have not yet been set, and there may be some tours or clinics that require pre-registration. We will let you know when this information is available.*



Please fill out this form and mail it to:

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# JOIN OUR E-GROUP!

The Rocky Mountain Region now has its own Yahoo E-group. This communication tool will be used for announcements, events and for late-breaking news about the convention. Don't wait! Go sign up today!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rmrnmra/>

Or go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/>  
And search for RMRNMRA

Contact Scott Perry if you need help.



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- Would you like monthly clinics that demonstrate the latest in modeling techniques?
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