



**In this issue: convention, contest, achievement, election, coming events, new store items and division news.**

## **Achievement Program News**

**Mark L. Evans – RMR AP Chairman**

We've had some great work accomplished in the Achievement Program the past couple of months. The following awards have been earned in recent weeks:

Author Certificate: Lynn D. Daugherty  
Volunteer Certificate: Lynn D. Daugherty  
Volunteer Certificate: Van H. Chanay  
Golden Spike: Howard Smith  
Golden Spike: Mark Seibert

The Greater Wyoming Division has also been earning Merit Awards for their fine contest models. The following submitted paper work for merit awards in the last few months:

Robert A. Baden  
William Tulley  
Paul J. Stout  
Harold S. Huber

This is also a great time to be building your entries for the Region Model Contest. We had great participation at last year's convention. I've been busy myself building several models I would like to have judged against the AP standards. If you have any questions on earning maximum points on your model, drop me an email or give me a call. I would be glad to guide you through the forms.

Also remember, you aren't required to have your AP work judged at Division meets or Region contests. All you need to do is find a couple of other currently registered NMRA members to work with. If you form a small group, you can work on your AP requirements no matter where you live.

Please contact me if you have any AP related questions or need help with anything. You can contact me by phone at 801-254-1312 or email at [mevans@narrowgauge.org](mailto:mevans@narrowgauge.org)

## **Company Store**

We have three new items in the Company Store. These items come from NMRA and are not yet listed in Scale Rails. The new items are:

1. Book: Porter Locomotive
2. Book: Open loads
3. Heritage Series tank car V & O

All items are in stock now. For other items or more information, contact Jack Sousa: [jackfrw@pcisys.net](mailto:jackfrw@pcisys.net)

## **To All Rocky Mountain Region Members**

It is once again time to start thinking about the Region's election. Three of the Board Member's positions are open for this election. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, send your resume to the election chairman: Harold Huber 1405 Dana Ave. Sheridan, WY 82801-2405. Those that have email may send the resume electronically to [sarge9@bresnan.net](mailto:sarge9@bresnan.net). Please send these to arrive by April 1, 2005. (Remember, you only get from the organization, what you put into it. Please serve. Ed.)

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## Region Contest

**Michael Comand - RMR Contest Chairman**

Hello fellow modelers of the Rocky Mountain Region! I hope you all had a happy holiday season and received the Christmas gifts you wished for. For this edition of the Callboard I will touch upon the Division Challenge rules as well as the new categories added to the popular vote segment of the contest.

Last year the Northern Colorado Division was the first division to take home the coveted Division Challenge ("DC") Cup. (At least I would like to think it is coveted.) Who will take home the Cup this year? Will the NCD have the wherewithal to keep the Cup in their division or will another division usurp the NCD? Well, it won't be your division unless you participate. And to participate in the DC is really not all that difficult. The only two requirements are: 1) The entry has to be entered on behalf of a division (at least two members of the division must have worked on it) and 2) the size of the entry is limited to eight square feet in area with no restriction on height. I don't think it can be any simpler than that.

Due to the success of last year's contest, if I may modestly say, the number of popular vote categories will be increased for the 2005 RMR Convention Contest. Besides the Division Challenge and Member's Choice Best of Show categories, there will be six new additions to the popular vote segment of the contest. These are: Motive Power (all types), Rolling Stock (revenue and non-revenue including cabooses), Structure, Display, Photo, and Youth (17 and under). The last category was added to encourage the participation of the younger modelers within this great hobby of ours. Hence, please encourage any young model railroaders that you know of to participate in this year's contest.

The popular vote categories are in addition to the regular contest that follows NMRA judging criteria. The regular contest will consist of the following categories: Steam Locomotive, Diesel & Other Locomotives, Traction, Passenger Cars, Freight Cars, Caboose, Non-revenue, Structure, On-Line & Off-Line, Displays (Diorama) On-Line & Off-Line, Modules, and Photo (B&W Model and Prototype, Color Model and Prototype).

Well, that's my two cents worth for this edition of the Callboard. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the contest please do not hesitate to contact me at RMRcontst@aol.com.

# Mainlines to Cheyenne

Robert Sherwood

Convention planning continues on schedule and is shaping up to be an enjoyable Convention. A Registration Form is included with this issue of the Callboard or at [www.shermanhillmrrc.org/rmr\\_conv](http://www.shermanhillmrrc.org/rmr_conv)

Clinicians at this time, include: Bruce Burbank, Debbie Huddleston, Harold Huber, Paul Stout, Gene Fusco, Darwin Vanderpol and Jack Ricketts. If you wish to give a clinic, please contact me at [shmrc@vcn.com](mailto:shmrc@vcn.com) or ( 307 ) 638 - 8535. If no answer, please leave a message.

A number of activities have been lined up. Transportation is being provided for most of the tours.

**UP Railroad Roundhouse / Shops** – Guides will explain and you will explore the home of the Union Pacific Railroad's Historic and Heritage fleet of locomotives and rolling stock including Challenger ( 4-6-6-4 ) # 3985, Northern ( 4-8-4 ) # 844, Auxiliary Water Tenders #s 809 and 814, Streamliners ( E 9's ) #s 949 / 963 / 951, D&RGW (F9b) # 5763, Rotary Snow Plow # 900082 and several Passenger Cars of various floor plans. Also here, are the machines / tools that make repairs / overhauls of the historic and heritage fleet possible.

**Costal Chem - Railroad Operations** – Guides will explain how the various chemical products are manufactured and then loaded into tank cars for shipment to various customers.

**Frontier Oil - Railroad Operations** - Listen to guides explain how butane and molten sulphur are refined and then loaded into tank cars for shipment to various customers.

**Var Nortrak - Switch Components** - This company takes the components of switches and combines them into assembled switches. After assembly, these switches are loaded on freight cars for shipment to their final destination.

**Granite Quarry - Ballast Mining / Loading Operations** - Listen to the guides and view the operations of ballast mining / loading from the pit to rail car. Possibly view ballast being dumped, no promises on this aspect of the tour.

**Cheyenne Trolley / English High Tea** - Listen to your Trolley & Convention guide on a 60 to 90 minute trolley ride through the streets of Cheyenne and F. E. Warren AFB, exploring the history and sights of the local area. The tour will terminate at the Nagle Warren Mansion for an English High Tea. English High Tea, a tradition that followed the landed gentry from England to the plains of Wyoming, and still lives on in Cheyenne today. Join the Nagle Warren Mansion staff in period costume as it continues this wonderful ritual. You'll be seated in your choice of the parlor or sitting room and while you enjoy finely steeped teas and tea sandwiches, you can enjoy the company of friends or new acquaintances.

**Arts & Crafts Festival at Cheyenne's Super Day** - An on your own tour, will find you at the annual city run event called super day. This event is held every year at Lions Park and is a gathering of various groups, food, arts, and crafts vendors.

**On you own shopping in downtown Cheyenne** ( Friday or Saturday ) - shop at the various downtown shops.

**Youth - Miniature - Golf Tournament** Youth ages 6 - 16 for a Miniature - Golf Tournament at the Ikon center. The course features historic / prominent Wyoming landmarks.

**Prototype Passenger tour - Diesel Excursion to Harriman Park - (Thursday Evening)** - Travel on a Diesel powered Excursion out to Harriman Park. Union Pacific Employees Club # 1 will be serving us hamburgers and hot dogs. This will be a time of meeting with old friends and making new ones. Estimated time of departure will be between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Excursion needs to have 120 or more, signed up to go. We should know if the Excursion is a go / no go by the 1st of March. A raffle is being held for Cab Ride (Drawing is for 2 tickets - No tickets sold on Train). If we do not get enough people, a refund will be accomplished by Check, at the time of the Convention. Refund amount will be minus \$ 10.00, for the change of venue for a cook out at Lions Park on the north side of town, and just east of Frontier Park. Serving time will be 6:00 pm.

**Awards Banquet** - ( Saturday Evening ) will held at the Terry Bison Ranch, south of Cheyenne off of I - 25, on the East side. This will be a buffet meal, with the following courses: 3 MEAT BBQ - ( Beef Brisket, Pork Ribs & Chicken Breast ), Ranch Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Corn on the Cob, Chef's Choice of Dessert. Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water & Lemonade are included. Cash Bar will be Available. TIME - Happy Hour @ 5:00 pm, with dinner at 6:00 pm.

**Hobo Breakfast** - ( Sunday Morning ) will be on the Terrace at the Holiday Inn. It to will be a Buffet style meal, with the following: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon & Breakfast Potatoes, Pancakes with Honey Flavored Butter & Syrup, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Orange Juice. TIME - 7:30 am til 9:00 am

**Train Show** - ( Friday through Sunday ) Vendors will be available with all the latest products. Invitations have been or will be extended to 20 to 40 Vendors.

**Modular Layout's** - ( Friday through Sunday ) Tentatively scheduled modular layouts, include: Hostler's Group - Odgen, Ut, Colorado Rail Link, Colorado Springs Groups - ?? If your Club / Group would like to set up at the Convention, Please contact me at [shmrc@vcn.com](mailto:shmrc@vcn.com) or ( 307 ) 638-8535.. If no answer, please leave message.

**Other Sightseeing Opportunities include:** On your own Rail Fanning - Will have maps available, Wyoming State Museum, Botanical Gardens, Wyoming State Capitol Building, Old West Museum.

**Hotel Information:** Holiday Inn of Cheyenne, 204 W. Fox Farm Road, Cheyenne WY 82009, 307-638-4466 Ask for \$79 "Sherman Hill" room rate.

Any other questions, please E-Mail or call.

## Division News

**Pikes Peak Division** – The division has some new officers. Superintendent: Shirley Stilley – 719-475-1524 – ssti681902@aol.com, Assistant Super: Charles Marchbanks, Secretary: Ed Pagles, and Treasurer: Frank Pareso.

**Road Runner Division** – The reactivated division held their first meeting with 11 people in attendance. The division plans to hold four meetings a year in various locations around the division area. The next meeting is January 30, at the Las Cruces Fairgrounds. The Mesilla Valley Club will open at 10:00 am. An exhibit room, with modules and swap tables, will open at 11:00 am. The Division Meeting will start at 1:00 pm. For more information: Bill Roberts, 505-887-1229, billstrains@warpdiveonline.com OR: Lynn Daugherty, 505-534-1021, daugherty1021@msn.com (I hope the mail goes our early so you get this in time. Ed.)

**Wasatch Division** – This division has a new superintendent: Mike Meiser. The division is planning their annual show for November 4-6. There will be a contest for Utah Rails, past and present. Models can be structures, engines, cars, dioramas of any Utah area, past or present. You have time, so get with it and create a model for the contest. You can contact Mike at 801-966-7411 or CJMacSticher@aol.com

## Upcoming Events

### Rails in the Rockies VIII

**February 5-6, 2005 – Convention Center, Estes Park, CO.**

Hours: 9-6 Saturday, 9-4 Sunday. Admission \$5.00 per adult, children under 12 free if with an adult.

[www.estesvalleymodelrailroaders.org](http://www.estesvalleymodelrailroaders.org) arhoward@estesvalley.net

### RMR Convention – Mainlines to Cheyenne

**June 23 – 26, 2005 – Cheyenne, Wyoming**

**A special passenger run to Harriman Park and a cook out is scheduled for Thursday, June 23.**

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### Sunrise Division Annual Show

February 19-21 - Buckingham Square Mall, Aurora

### Hostler's Model RR Club Festival

March 4,5 & 6 – Ogden Utah – Historic Ogden Union Station

Mike Murphy, 752 W. 4375 S., Riverdale UT 84405 801-384-4952

### North Platte Train Show

April 16-17 – D&N Event Center - North Platte, NE

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