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Early convention registration extended to May 14 Mainlines to Cheyenne

Robert Sherwood

More information and a Registration Form is available at www.shermanhillmrrc.org/rmr_conv

If you wish to give a clinic, please contact me at shmrc@vcn.com or (307) 638 - 8535. If no answer, please leave a message.

Prototype Passenger Tour - Diesel Excursion to Harriman Park - (<u>Thursday Evening</u>) - Travel on a Diesel powered Excursion out to Harriman Park. Union Pacific Employees Club # 1 will be serving us hamburgers and hot dogs. If we do not get enough people, a refund will be accomplished by check at registration. Refund amount will be minus \$ 12.00 and the cook out will be at Lions Park.

UP Railroad Roundhouse / Shops –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 (E9's) #'s 949 / 963 / 951, D&RGW (F9b) # 5763, Rotary Snow Plow # 900082 and several Passenger Cars. Also here, are the machines / tools that make repairs / overhauls of the historic and heritage fleet possible. **Costal Chem - Railroad Operations** – Various chemical products are manufactured and then loaded into tank cars. **Frontier Oil - Railroad Operations** - Butane and molten sulphur are refined and loaded into tank cars for shipment. **Var Nortrak** – Cancelled due to insufficient sign ups.

Granite Quarry - Ballast Mining / Loading Operations - Ballast mining / loading from the pit to rail car. **Cheyenne Trolley / English High Tea** - Trolley ride through the streets of Cheyenne and F. E. Warren AFB, to explore the history and sights of the local area. Then to the Nagle Warren Mansion for an English High Tea.

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

Youth - Miniature-Golf Tournament - Cancelled due to lack of sign ups.

Awards Banquet - (Saturday Evening) Hobo Breakfast - (Sunday Morning) Train Show - (Friday through Sunday) Other Sightseeing Opportunities include: Rail Fanning (maps will be available), Wyoming State Museum, Botanical Gardens, Wyoming State Capitol Building, Old West Museum.

Location: 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, use addresses and phone numbers on last page.)

Convention Schedule

Thursday	1 - 9 pm	Vendor and modular set up
	3 - 9 pm	Registration open
	4:30 - ?	Train to Harriman Park
Friday	All day	Railfanning on your own
	Time to be set	Prototype tours
	Morning	Non-rail shopping on you own
	7 – 9 am	Vendor and modular set up
	8 am – 9 pm	Registration open
	8 am – 9 pm	Clinics (Closed for meals)
	9 am – 9 pm	Train Show open, Contest entry (Closed 5-6 pm)
	1 – 3:30 pm	Trolley tour and English High Tea
Saturday	All Day	Railfanning on your own
	8 am – 4 pm	Registration open, clinics
	9 am – 4 pm	Train Show open
	9 – 11 am	Contest entry
	10 am - 2 pm	Non-rail Super Day at Lions Park
	11 am - ?	Contest Judging (contest room closed)
	5 – 6 pm	Attitude Adjustment (cash bar)
	6 - ? pm	Banquet, awards, guest speaker
Sunday	All Day	Railfanning on your own
	7:30 – 9 am	Hobo Breakfast
	9 am – 4 pm	Train Show open
	9:15 – 11:30 am	RMR Board meeting

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Division News

Northern Wyoming Division – New Superintendent is William Tulley. 307-674-4885, 305 Coffeen Ave, Sheridan WY 82801-4808

Rio Grande Division – New Superintendent is Carol Schilling. **Next meeting is May 7** at 1:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 Alvarado (between Zuni & Central), Albuquerque. Future meetings are scheduled for September 3 and November 5 at the same time and location.

Road Runner Division – Held their quarterly meeting on April 24 in Alamogordo. Contact the Division Superintendent for the next meeting schedule.

Mayner Hicks Passes

Mayner Hicks passed away on May 1 and his services were held on May 10. Mayner was a life member of the NMRA. He served as the RMR President prior to the 1977 NMRA convention. He also organized and coordinated a Railroad Dinner Club for 22 years.

Candidates for the RMR Board of Directors

Cindy Meiser – I have been president of the Salt Lake Trackers MRRC for 13 years and Superintendent of the Wasatch Division, RMR, NMRA for 3 years. I have been show chairman four years, election chairman 5 years and convention chairman 2 years. I am currently involved with the Toole Valley Railroad Museum.

Mark L. Evans – I am a member of the Wasatch Division. I have been a member of NMRA and RMR since 1991. I created and maintained the RMR's first website in 1998. I have been the RMR's Achievement Program Chairman since 1997. This has allowed me to meet and work with many of you on a one-to-one basis. I have enjoyed participating in the program myself over the past 14 years.

Richard L. Hunter – The only reason my name is here, is because we cannot seem to get people to take an active part in the management of the RMR. As of this writing, I have served the RMR for almost 20 of the 28 years that I have been a member. I have held almost every position in the RMR except vice-president.

NOTE: According to the By-laws of the Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA, if there is only one person running for each open board position, ballots will not be used. Also, Don Strait's position on the board is currently vacant. It will be filled by RMR-BOD appointment at the June board meeting.

Many people want the service but not the work. Think about it. (Ed.)

Achievement Program and Contest News Mark L. Evans – RMR AP Chairman

It's been a slow winter for the Achievement Program. Come on guys, get to that workbench, and build something! It won't be long before that yard work will return to eat up valuable modeling time.

We did have a couple of members who where busy during the last few months. The following awards have been earned by members of the Pikes Peak Division:

Golden Spike – Phil Johnson Golden Spike - John C. Cawood

I want to take the remaining space in this month's column to remind you of the upcoming Region model contest. The contest will be held in conjunction with the Region Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming in June. Your Region Contest Chairman, Michael Command, puts on one fine contest. We had a large number of entries last year, and expect the number to increase this year.

I want to encourage you all to participate in this year's contest. Remember, the AP is not a "me vs. him" process but rather a "me vs. me" affair. The purpose of the AP is to encourage YOU to improve YOUR model building skills. Winning a plaque or ribbon is just icing on the cake. Improving your own skills and pushing yourself into areas that you might not have otherwise attempted is the real purpose of the Achievement Program.

I also want to encourage those of you that would like to participate in the judging process to let me, or Michael know of your interest. We usually judge the contest models on Saturday during the Convention. We will have a short training session for the new judges and then pair them up with a more experienced judge. Participating as a judge is the best way I know of to find out how the AP works. It also lets you know first hand how to build a model that will measure up to the AP standards.

Just to prove I eat my own dog food, expect to see a table full of models from my workbench in this years contest. I've been busy working to complete one of the AP certificates. Working on this certificate has pushed me into areas that I might not have felt confident to pursue. In the end, it has been a very enjoyable process. I also think my modeling skills have benefited as well. 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 contest forms and help explain what the judges will be looking for.

Also, remember, you aren't required to have your AP models judged at Division meets or Region contests. Just find a couple of like-minded, currently registered NMRA members, and form your own team to work with. You can work on your AP requirements no matter where you live, or what time of year it is.

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

Upcoming Events RMR Convention – Mainlines to Cheyenne June 23 – 26, 2005 – Cheyenne, Wyoming

Sign up NOW

Advance registration is still available – until May 14 – do it now! A special passenger run to Harriman Park and a cook out is scheduled for Thursday, June 23. See more information elsewhere in this publication and at the following: www.shermanhillmrrc.org shmrc@vcn.com Robert Sherwood (307)638-8535 2837 Olive Dr. Cheyenne WY 82001-5736

May 21-22 – Pike Master Show – Colorado Springs, Colorado City Auditorium – Info: Jack Sousa – jackfrw@pcisys.net

July 24 – Mile High Rail Fair – Golden, Colorado

Jefferson County Fairgrounds – 15200 W. 6th Ave – info: 303-298-0377

September 17-18 – Western Colorado Railroad Extravaganza – Montrose, Colorado Info: Jay Buchanan, 218 Ash Ave, Rifle CO 81650 – Buchanan@sopris.net

November 5 – Pikes Peak Division annual train show – Colorado Springs, Colorado Info: Bob Haggart, 158 Widefield Blvd, Security CO 80911-2241 – 719-390-8911 – kvrr@adelphia.net