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Callboard

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Jerry Long has Passed Away

Fred Carlson – Callboard Editor

I'm sorry to report that Jerry Long passed away on August 9th after a short illness. He was a well known member of this region, and contributed to this organization for over 20 years in various capacities. I will remember him most for his organization of the very successful Pueblo Regional Convention in 2002. He was a boisterous fellow who was a true student on prototype and model railroading. His funeral was very well attended, and we joked that we had more than enough for an operating session after the funeral. His nurses were very confused when he hallucinated in the hospital, saying "that coal train has to hold the siding". In his mind he was participating in operating sessions right up to the last. A number of us have commemorated his memory on our model railroads by naming structures or industries after him, and on my layout the backshops were named after him and a special train was run from his birthplace of Cleveland to Houghton, Michigan. The train consisted of a NYC Hudson and 20th Century Limited cars since he spent many hours railfanning the NYC at Berea, OH. Rest in peace, Jerry!



The Gerald C. Long memorial train pulling into Nisula, Michigan on the Gladstone and north Houghton

On a lighter note, we could still use some photos and articles of your modeling efforts both in the Callboard and in the region website. SEND IN ARTICLES AND PHOTOS OF YOUR BEST MODELING! Don't be

bashful! Let's show people coming into the area what we have and what we're doing. And keep in mind that articles published in the Callboard can be used to satisfy requirements for the Model Railroad Author achievement award. Topics for potential authors to consider are reports on club activities and how-to articles.

Also, **the elections for three directors will be held this spring**. The election committee would like to challenge each Division to submit a candidate for Director and forward their resume to Bill Johnson at "william.h.johnson@comcast.net". Bill's phone number is (303) 750-9230.

November is National Model Railroad Month, so you might consider bringing a model or photos of your layout to work or an organizational meeting other than a railroad meet. Show your co-workers what you do, and brag about the hobby. You might be surprised and find someone who is interested, but had no idea where to start. Give it a try!

Ramblings from the President:

Welcome again from the Region President. I am happy to announce November as Model Railroading Month. Please encourage as many non-members to visit your layout or visit your clubs layout. Clubs should look at hosting an open house during the month of November. This is a national proclamation so let us spread the word to all. Secondly, we have voted to continue the Callboard, the region's newsletter but in an expanded manner. You should notice a difference in this edition. Remember to turn in your email address and keep it updated to receive the electronic version. By choosing to receive the electronic version of the Callboard you will save the region money that can be used elsewhere. And for those of you working on your Master Model Railroader Award, the Callboard is an excellent way to earn the author award. Submit articles with pictures to the Callboard Editor and he will include them in the next edition, thus earning you points toward this award. Thirdly, I want to draw your attention to the region's web site "<http://www.rmr-nmra.org/>". This is how to keep abreast with the happenings in the region. The expanded edition of the Callboard will be available there also. And last but not least, the Model Railroader December edition is featuring the grand layout that will be available to us at the region convention next May. The Greeley Freight Station Layout is an awesome creation; this alone should encourage you to attend the region convention May 22-24 2009 in Greeley, CO. I hope to see you at the convention. Please feel free to contact me with your complaints, kudos, questions and requests, you will find my addresses and phone number elsewhere in this edition of the Callboard.

Some Thoughts from your Contest Chairman

Bill Tulley

It has come to my attention that a majority of the membership is intimidated by the perceived paper work requirements to enter the NMRA Contest held during the Rocky Mountain Region Convention. You should not be intimidated! If you will look at requirement #3 on the first page of the entry form, you will find that the judges are under NO OBLIGATION to look at any of the supplemental information. Also, if the judges want to finish at a reasonable hour, they do not have time to read everything.

From my experiences at being a judge, a brief outline of what you have done for each of the five categories is more than sufficient. As a caveat, I should mention that under Conformity, a copy of a picture or plan for the prototype will help get more than the minimum number of points. Under Scratch building, a list of parts you fabricated yourself will help get more than the minimum. Under Details be sure to list any additional parts that you have added. Construction, Finish and Lettering are usually obvious to the judges, but it can help with points if you discuss what you may have done that is out of the ordinary.

At the national level, the paper work requirements are more important. The information that is submitted is all the national representative has to look at since he never will see the model unless a photograph is included with the submittal.

Remember that the regional contest should be FUN! You are submitting a model to be judged to learn what you should do to make your modeling ability better. You are not competing with anyone but yourself.

Incentive Program for NMRA Contest

Bill Tolley

To encourage entries in the NMRA Contest, the board of RMR has initiated the following:

- For the first entry in the contest submitted by a member, that member will receive a \$2.00 cash incentive.
- For any entry after the first one, the member will receive a \$1.00 cash incentive.
- The maximum cash incentive for any member will be \$6.00 for any region NMRA Contest.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED DIVISION CHALLENGE

The Division Challenge Award will be determined by the number of contest entries from each division. The division with the most entries will be the winner for that year. Any entry which corresponds to one of the categories listed on the NMRA Contest Entry Form will be eligible.

Region Modeling Photos

Mark Evans sent in this photo of his just completed scratch built Sn-3 Rio Grande Southern outfit car. He also provided a web link with photos of the model under construction;

<http://www.narowgauge.org/Sn3/graphics/photo-albums/RGSOutfitCarsTheSequel/Index.html>
Great modeling! Thanks Mark!



Updates on the 2009 Convention in Greeley

Rick Inglis – 2009 Convention Chair

The 2009 Rocky Mountain Region Convention will not be short of activities. Over the Memorial Day weekend will be an ambitious collection of model and prototype railroad events with family activities thrown in. During the same weekend of the convention the Northern Colorado Model Railroad Club will host the “Trains on the Plains” train show at Island Grove Fairground and the spectacular “Greeley Freight Station Museum” will have its grand opening. A convention badge will give you free admission to all events while the public will need to purchase individual tickets for each event.

The RMR convention will be structured similar to the National Narrow Gauge Conventions with clinics in the morning and evening and layout tours and other activities in the afternoon. Prototype tours include the Union Pacific RR steam operations in Cheyenne, WY, diesel refurbishing at the Loveland Locomotive Works in Loveland, CO, and the Fort Collins Municipal Railway Society streetcar operation. Special tours and activities are planned for spouses and families, including a shopping trip in Estes Park in the high country near Rocky Mountain National Park. The RMR NMRA will be officiating a model contest and will have merit judging and a popular vote. Over the three days of the convention more than a dozen high-quality home and garden layouts will be on tour. And at least three top-notch home layouts will be open for operating sessions.

The Convention hotel (Greeley Clarion Hotel and Conference Center) is conveniently located downtown near numerous fine restaurants, the Greeley City Museum, and neighborhood parks. Within a few blocks is a rail fan paradise of the UP mainline between Cheyenne and Denver, along with the still active tracks of the Great Western RR, the beautifully restored passenger depot and the Greeley Freight Station Museum featured in Model Railroader Magazine. A shuttle will be available for a short ride to Island Grove Regional Park and the “Trains in the Plains” Train Show. Besides showing their models at the train show, radio controlled aircraft and ship modelers plan on free exhibition of their hobbies over the weekend near the fairgrounds.

See the Convention website (www.2009-rmr-nmra-convention.org) for more information and the registration form (also included in this Callboard). Register early, register often.

Region Fall Board of Directors Meeting

This column is to update all on what your board members are doing for you. The Board met in Colorado Springs on 18 Oct. 2008 and had a very productive meeting. As I mentioned earlier, we voted to continue Callboard in hard copy. Although this costs the region, we believe that it is important that you are kept abreast of all that is going on in the region. If you have an e-mail address please send it to the proper person so you can receive the Callboard electronically. The electronic version will be more expanded than the hard copy of the Callboard with color pictures etc. By getting the Callboard electronically you will save the region money, money that can be used elsewhere in the region. To get more entries into the model contest the board added some incentives for you to enter the contest. Please see the Contest chairman's report for these changes. The board voted against submitting a bid for a national convention in Denver 2014 because of the current national policy of kicking back only 10% to the local hosting region. The board also approved the forming of a new division. I want to welcome the Southern Utah Division to the region. This consists of Beaver, Piute, Wayne, San Juan, Iron, Garfield, Washington, and Kane counties of Utah. James Moore has been elected as the division Superintendent and James Harper as the Achievement Chairman. There is one sour note that happened at the board meeting; no one has stepped up to the plate for the 2010 convention. If anyone is interested in hosting the 2010 convention please notify the Vice-President or myself. The board at the May board meeting approved a new trailer for the company store so if you see it on the road give Jack a honk and wave. Please contact any of the board members with your requests as to the way you want the region to run, they are all good people and we will consider all requests.

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Boy Scouts of America Railroading Merit Badge

By John Stevens - National Boy Scout Coordinator

Have you ever sat and thought about where the future model railroaders are going to come from? Although there are areas within the United States where rail traffic is quite heavy, most of the youth of today have no interaction with railroads. Most travel today is done by automobile or airplane. Of course, some major cities have a form of rail transportation, but in most cases it isn't something that you would think about modeling. We know that there is a great interest in trains with very young people today. Have you ever tried to visit your local train museum when Thomas the Tank Engine was going to be there? But, without seeing trains on a regular basis, there is no reason to think that the youth of today will have any interest in becoming the modelers of tomorrow. Without the modelers of tomorrow, the number of modelers in this country will continue to shrink. We all know what happens to the availability of good modeling supplies as the number of modeler's decreases.

One of the best ways that we as model railroaders can help grow our hobby is by helping Boy Scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge. My division has a program that we started in 2002. We present our program twice a year at a local NRHS museum. We divided the merit badge into stations. We limit attendance to 30 scouts so that we have only four or five scouts at each of the stations at any one time. We have presented the program twelve times during which we have had 289 scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge. Presenting the program is always a lot of work, but it is also very rewarding.

The National Board of Directors knows that there are individuals and divisions throughout the NMRA who are doing a wonderful job of presenting programs to help scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge. Unfortunately, National doesn't have a record of those programs. As the National Boy Scout Coordinator, I am attempting to gather that information. If you or your division runs a program to help scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge, we would like to hear about it. Please send me a brief description of your program. If you are active in the Railroading Merit Badge program and would be interested in being a regional coordinator, please contact me. In either case, I can be reached at "scouts@hq.nmra.org".

Editors Note: The RMR could use a regional coordinator with the Boy Scouts. If anyone is interested let our president know.

Upcoming Events

Division 14 Northern Wyoming Fall 2008 Events

Central Wyoming Model Railroad Association
1354 North Center
Casper, Wyoming
Open House: November 14 - 6:00pm to 10:00pm, November 15 - 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sheridan Model Railroad Association
1030 North Main
Sheridan, Wyoming
Open House: November 22 10:00am to 3:00pm

Estes Valley Model Railroaders

Once again we, the Estes Valley Model Railroaders, are planning another outstanding train show for Presidents' Weekend, February 14-15, 2009. That also happens to be Valentines Day Weekend, and Estes Park, CO is a Winter Wonderland with mountains all around, and the festive Holiday Lights in our mountain town.

Rails in the Rockies XII, Estes Park Conference Center at Holiday Inn. Sat. 9a - 5p, Sun. 9a - 4p.
Adm: \$5, under 12 free w/adult. Info: Jim Mount (970) 577-1807, jpmount2@frii.com
or "www.estesvalleymodelrailroaders.org."

Boulder Model Railroad Club

31st. Annual Boulder Model Railroad Club Train Show

Dec. 13 -14 Boulder County Fairgrounds Longmont CO. Hours - Sat. - 9:00 - 5:00 Sun. - 10:00 - 4:00

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Contact:: Roy Johnson 303 443.8604 roy@4dvision.net www.bouldermodelrailroadclub.org

Great Train Expo Nov 8 & 9 - National Western Complex, Denver (we have a NMRA Booth for the Region)

Pikes Peak Division swap and show at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 456 Marquette Dr. Security, CO. 80911
in southern Colorado Springs, Colorado. Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9am-3pm.



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2009 RMR NMRA Convention Registration Form

(May 21 - 24, 2009)

Check the convention website at www.2009-rmr-nmra.org for full details.

Please complete the information below and return as soon as possible to: Mark Ostrander
1213 Elm Drive, Berthoud, CO 80513-1003. 970-532-2926 (msobuddha@msn.com)
Make check(s) payable to 2009 RMR NMRA Convention. No credit cards accepted
(\$25.00 Service Charge for Returned Checks)

Primary Registrant must be over 18 years old. If primary registrant is a current NMRA member then all immediate family are considered as such and no non-NMRA member surcharges apply. Registrant is responsible for obtaining their own lodging and are responsible for all charges incurred. Registration fee does not include lodging or any other incidentals.

Todays Date: _____ NMRA #: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Name (Primary Registrant): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____
[] Check here to have confirmation and other correspondences sent to this address in lieu of standard mail.

Phone(H): (_____) _____ Phone (W): (_____) _____ Phone(C) (_____) _____

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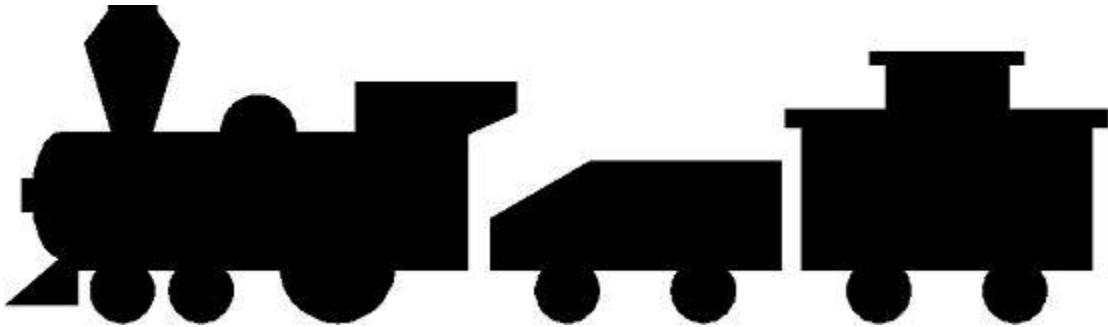
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Primary Registrant (add \$10.00 after 4/30/09)	\$45.00		\$
Spouse/Other immediate family members (add \$10.00 after 4/30/09)	\$20.00		\$
Children 12 and under (with Registered Adult)	n/c		n/c
Banquet Saturday Night. Indicate number of each: Steak__ Chicken__	\$32.00		\$
Hobo Breakfast Sunday Morning	\$16.00		\$
Non-NMRA Surcharge (\$10.00 per person, \$20.00 family maximum)	\$10.00		\$
Convention Shirt - Order until 4/30/2009			
Polo Sizes: [] M [] L [] XL [] 2XL [] 3XL	Polo: \$27.00		\$
Tee Sizes: [] M [] L [] XL [] 2XL [] 3XL	Tee: \$12.00		\$
For 2XL and 3XL, add \$1.00/Shirt	\$ 1.00		\$
Convention Patch	\$10.00		\$
Estes Park Trip (Ralettes)	\$10.00		\$
Grand Total:			\$

Please indicate interest below in off-site activities. Fee Info (as applicable) & details to follow.

Layout Tours	
Great Western Railway Tour	
Cheyenne Backshop Tour	For Office Use Only
Fort Collins Trolley Tour	Date Received
Non-Rail Events	Amount Due
Model Boat Demo	Amount Received
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Model Car Demo	Registration #

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