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VOTE FOR WHO'S GOING TO DRIVE THE TRAIN!

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY HAROLD HUBER

Welcome to the Special Election Issue! And yes we have enough candidates to have an election. I want to thank all those that have put their hat into the ring to be board members. Please vote either electronically to Martin Pirnat or by mail as both addresses are in this issue.



*Harold Huber,
President*

I am looking forward to the Convention at the Embassy Suites on Labor Day weekend. Thanks goes out to the Northern Colorado for stepping to the plate and taking on the convention at such a late date.

Remember the Mini Diorama Contest at the convention. I would like to see many entries in this special contest.

**NEXT EDITION OF THE CALLBOARD
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Please send in all submissions electronically to the *Callboard* staff at scottgerry@comcast.net

OUR APOLOGIES...

The Editor would like to apologize to the Road Runner Division 7 and the San Juan Division 10 for screwing up or losing their quarterly Division reports for the last issue. I took on the Callboard the day before it was due to be mailed and just didn't have my filing system ready to go. Sorry folks!

BY SCOTT PERRY, EDITOR

This issue is coming out a little early because we actually have five candidates running for office. The ballots need to be counted at the May Board Meeting so we have to send them out in April. Per the by-laws if we don't have more candidates than open offices we don't even have to send a ballot. It's a good thing we have people interested in leadership positions in the Region and I encourage you to take the time to vote. I see voting as not only a responsibility but as a thoughtful gesture to those willing to donate their time to make the Region grow.



Scott Perry, Editor

I'll be going to the Region Convention and I hope you will make your plans to be there as well. Being new to the Editor job and the Region I'm anxious to meet all the people that I can. It's hard coming in to a new Region. Even though you've been a contributing member and leader in the NMRA for 30 years, you still have to start all over and prove yourself. I hope that you like what we're doing with the Callboard and please continue to watch for more improvements as we make it the best in the Nation! Thanks to all for your help so far and I'll see you at the Convention!

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CONFESSIONS OF A ~~HOSTLER~~ HUSTLER BY RICH FLAMMINI, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As the Membership Chair for the Region, I enjoy the opportunity to promote the NMRA with all its benefits, including participation in Region and Division activities. Some people might look upon it as hustling membership. It's also good to get to know people and hear about how model railroading fits in their busy lives.

It's always a surprise to meet people from outside the Region when I am at shows. Case in point, my first sign-up this past February at the *Rails in the Rockies* show in Estes Park was from San Jose, California. Now why would a model railroader from the West Coast come all that way for the show? Well I apologize to Bob Trump and the folks from the Estes Valley Division who put on an excellent show, but I think Rocky Mountain National Park might have been a greater influence.

I'm always happy to help other Regions and the Douglas, Wyoming *Railroad Days* show provided another opportunity. Bill Tulley invited me to participate and I had the chance to visit with a fellow from central South Dakota. His pictures showed that he was really proud of his layout but very unhappy with the NMRA. He felt he was deserving of MMR status but couldn't get anyone out to his remote location to judge his work. You might have read about Morrie in an edition of *Scale Rails* (NMRA magazine) last year when the folks from the Mid-Continent Region stepped up due to the information I passed along and got Morrie's work judged. Fortunately he became an MMR shortly before he died. His wife related it was one of the proudest moments of his life.

At a show down in Colorado Springs, I talked to a young man stationed at Fort Carson. He loved model railroading but his occupation didn't give him much of an opportunity to build a layout. He was reluctant to sign up as he was expecting a deployment to Afghanistan in a few months. Attending a few meetings of the Pikes Peak Division and getting *Scale Rails* magazine wherever he was stationed convinced him that he should join the NMRA. Hopefully wherever he is stationed stateside when his deployment is completed, a local Division will welcome him.



Making new friends is what the hobby is all about. Reach out!

At a *Great Train Expo* show a couple of years ago in Denver, a gentleman and his daughter passed by. I engaged him in conversation and learned that he lived in the same community as I do. Turns out he was working on a layout and was open to learning about the new materials and technology. I invited Ernie to sign up and to come to our next Sunrise Division meeting. He said he wasn't comfortable driving at night which of course was no problem as he is now a part of our local carpool. And he is making nice progress on his layout though I think he has picked up some of my tendency to have to do "do-overs". But then no one ever said good results would always come easy.

And back to *Rails in the Rockies* in Estes Park. Three years ago a fellow who is a boiler inspector stopped to talk. He was out in our part of the world working with the folks that run the Georgetown Railroad. Didn't get him to sign up but it turned out he lived on the next block from where I lived in New Brighton, Minnesota before moving to Aurora. He didn't live there when I was there but it was interesting getting a report on what changes had taken place and also learning about steam engine boiler standards.

So, the reason for writing this is to invite you Denver area folks to join me at any shows we do in the area to promote membership in the NMRA. Its really enjoyable learning about where people are in this fascinating hobby. And for you folks in the places beyond, think of doing a display when there is a local show. If you know or expect that attendance will be great enough, I can ship our stand-up display and materials to you if I don't need the display here. That incurs a bit of expense but even if it's a small show, just having a table with literature and maybe some engines, rolling stock or structures will give you the excuse to engage attendees and promote the NMRA/RMR/ Division. That will provide you the distinction of being a model railroad hostler, er, hustler.

CANDIDATES FOR THE REGION BOARD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION 2011 ELECTION

The Region Board has three openings for Directors for a service period of two years. Below you will see five candidates that have volunteered for the position. Please read their "speech" carefully and select three of the five on the enclosed ballot.

AL HOVEY Albuquerque, NM Division #6 Rio Grande



I'm responding to your "Help Wanted Call for Candidates" column per the February 2011 "Callboard." I would like to submit my name as a candidate for election to the RMR Board of Directors. I am a current NMRA, RMR and Rio Grande Division #6 member #136609 00 and joined 09/14/06.

During my membership, I have served as Division #6 secretary two terms, worked on the advertising and promotion committee for "Rails Along the Rio Grande 2008" convention, spearheaded the project railroad with the Boy Scouts and public for the RARG 2008 convention, served as program chairman for Division #6 for 3+ years and am convention chair for the "Rails Along the Rio Grande 2013" convention to be held in Albuquerque June 6-9, 2013.

Personally, I am building the "Fremont and Mo Valley RR" in a 9'X16' room in our two car garage. After the "cowboy line" was abandoned, Fremont, NE was pretty much at the west end of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Fremont served as an interchange point with the Union Pacific Rail Road and the Fremont to Missouri Valley single track stretch served as a bypass of Omaha, NE. Each year I do an open house for the public on the first Sunday afternoon in October.

Prior to joining the NMRA I had never gotten past the plywood, cork and track stage of model railroading.

Since joining the NMRA, I have been blessed with

the friendship of wonderful people who just happen to be great model railroaders and who have been willing to share their expertise and in many cases join me to work on my model railroad. I have adopted a goal of excellence in model railroading and I acknowledge that I have a long list of contributors and friends. I don't think it gets any better than that.

My philosophy is that if you want to receive the benefits from an organization you must also "step up to the plate" and give to the organization. Stepping up and volunteering to be the Division # 6 program chairman, convention chair for RARG 2013 and serve on the RMR Board of Directors is my way of saying thank you while doing something that I enjoy.

RICHARD L (DICK) HUNTER Aurora, CO Division #2 Sunrise



I have been a member of the NMRA and RMR since 1977. Over the years, I have served in many elected official capacities including: Sunrise Division Superintendent, Region Treasurer, Secretary, President and Director. When I was the RMR President, I also served as a Trustee to the NMRA Board. I have been Contest Chairman, Callboard Editor (several times) and Membership Chairman (several times).

In 1979, I formed the Sunrise Division. I have helped form several other divisions around the Region.

In 1977, I loaded busses for the NMRA National Convention in Denver. For the 1991 convention, I served as vice chairman plus other duties. This convention brought about \$58,000 to the RMR. I was the head guide for the 1977 Post Convention Tour and organized the 1991 Post Convention Tour which brought another \$9,000 into our bank accounts.

I have chaired several Region conventions and worked on many others. I was a committee of one to put together the 1994 convention and freight special on the C&TS and for the 2006 convention in Chama, which included a day on the train. I have attended almost every RMR convention since joining in 1977.

I have handled about 15 model railroad estates for our members, netting up to \$28,000 for the family. In this, I used swap meets, direct sales, live and silent auctions, mail order and E-Bay. I was the first to put computer recording into our auctions. ctd...

I am stickler for observing the official documents of the RMR (Constitution, By-Laws, Financial Policy and Convention Guidelines). I bring knowledge of good management practices from my years of teaching management, working and consulting in business, and from self employment work.

**ROBERT (BOB)
LEMASTER II**
Salt Lake City, UT
Division #15 Wasatch



I do not know if I am really what is wanted but here goes.

I do not really know when I started in model railroading but it must have been about age six. My father bought a 4 X 8 HO circle layout with two switches and a badly laid siding. Along with the layout came an American Flyer Hudson and a few cars. Father went into model airplanes and I got to keep the layout! That layout was about all I had until I got to high school and got a part time job. I was lucky to have a couple of buddies with layouts and we swapped equipment. One of the guys was my best man and I was his, in spite of this we still keep in touch with each other.

I joined NMRA while in high school and still have some items from the silver anniversary. Next came college and the only magazine I kept was Model Railroader and sometimes Model Trains and Craftsman too. After graduation in Printing Management came a letter with "greetings" from the President, then came marriage and three kids. Model Railroader still kept coming and then a feeble attempt at a layout. By now the layout was in N-scale and the wife and kids "helped." We never did build anything like a well running layout but the family had fun.

When the son was ten Santa left a Bachmann G-scale radio control, battery powered starter set. Unfortunately the son took up model airplanes with his granddad, but fortunately one of the two daughters was interested in Model Railroading with dad. All three kids worked with dad on the White Water Valley Railroad in Connersville, Indiana, running a little bigger train with a gauge of 4 feet 8 1/2 inches.

To shorten the story one kid at a time moved west from Indiana. The oldest child lives in Colorado Springs, CO. and the other two in the greater Salt Lake City area. About six years ago grandmother said "grand kids in Utah--grand mother in Utah" and that is how we got to Utah. We now had a house on a

lot big enough for a garden railway outside and N-scale layout inside. In storage is the Hudson and some other old equipment along with a collection of Model Railroader magazines.

I wish I could not say I am active in the NMRA's Wasatch Division 15 but I am hoping with a new Division Supervisor that things will improve as they can't get much worse.

While all of the other parts of living were occurring I put in 18 years in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and am proud to say I twice commanded a flotilla. I think the Auxiliary has been an excellent training ground for work with any volunteer organization especially one with members spread over a large area and money spent on the hobby varying from very little to a lot, along with diverse interests within the hobby.

I would like to thank you for "humoring" me in this feeble attempt at applying for the "Help Wanted" for call for candidates.

SCOTT PERRY
Salt Lake City, UT
Division #15 Wasatch



As a new member of the Rocky Mountain Region and citizen of Utah, I'd like to bring my 30 years of experience in the NMRA and Southeastern Region to the table in hopes of making the Region stronger. I'm a past Director of the SER and was an active member of the Piedmont Division in Atlanta, GA.

While in the Region I rebuilt our ailing newsletter the *SouthErneR* into what is now one of the best newsletters in the NMRA. I'm willing to be the editor of the Callboard as well if elected. I was also one of the original builders of the NMRA website and I have my AP Certificate for Author. One of my articles appeared in the July 2010 edition of the NMRA magazine.

In the Piedmont Division I launched the now 400 book Division Library. Also, I developed the very successful Train'in Camp program, a series of all day, in depth clinics that teach skills using hands on teaching techniques. The Division also launched my DVD Clinic idea which has made money for the Division year after year. While in the Division I've given over 24 clinics to the membership.

I bring new ideas and energy to the NMRA and

...ctd

would like to serve the Region and help it grow into the powerhouse it should be. Likewise I can be a dedicated representative of those in Utah and will attend the board meetings regularly.

WILLIAM TULLEY
Sheridan, WY
Division #14 Northern
Wyoming



I was affected with the model railroad disease Christmas 1947 when I received a previously owned Lionel train set. Every Christmas after that date until 1957 had something from Lionel under the tree. Christmas 1958 brought an HO train set and a subscription to MR, which started the model railroad-building phase. This phase of the disease has progressed geometrically to the present. Of course, there have been lapses caused by minor irritations such as high school, collage, military service, graduate school and an attempt to earn some money working in the high arctic as a senior construction engineer.

Until the early 1990's, I was a lone wolf modeler dabbling in what ever caught my interest. This situation was the result of never being in the same location for more than two to three years. Then I made the mistake of joining the Burlington Route Historical Society. Now my interests are concentrated on that railroad. There are of course occasional lapses when a book is published on some new to me interesting railroad.

When I came back to Wyoming from the high arctic, I became interested in the history of three minor railroads in northeastern Wyoming: the Wyoming Railway – Clearmont to Buffalo, the North and South Railroad – Casper to Midwest and the Wyoming and Northwestern Railway – Casper to Lander. There is just enough information out there to pique your interest, but never enough to answer most of the questions.

In 1998 I joined the Northern Wyoming Division – Rocky Mountain Region – NMRA. I have served as the division secretary, division contest judge and division superintendent for that organization. At present, I am serving as contest chairman and am on the board of directors for the Rocky Mountain region. To date, I have earned the following achievement certificates towards the Master Model Railroader certificate. Association Volunteer, Association Official,

Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical, Master Builder – Structures, Master Builder – Cars, Model Railroad Author.

In summary, I have been interested in railroads, modeling and railroad history for most of the sixty-seven years that I have been on this planet. Therefore, if elected, I would be pleased to serve on the RMR board of directors for a second two year term.

**DON'T WAIT! GO VOTE NOW!
BALLOT ON PAGE SEVEN**

MODEL BUILDER'S TIP...

Want to keep your alphacyanoacrylate (ACC or Super Glue) lasting longer? Easy! Just keep it in the freezer. Be sure that you seal the bottle tightly and then place in the door of the freezer. You will want to tell everyone what it is and why it is there. Otherwise your next meal might really stick to your ribs!

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How would you like to work on your Achievement Program Author and Volunteer certificates at the same time? We can help! Just join the Callboard Production Committee. You'll earn one time unit per month as you satisfactorily serve in the Region as the Assistant Editor or Company Photographer and get two points for Author for each original page you assemble that is published. In only a short time you'll have a significant number of points toward both certificates! See Scott Perry, *Callboard* Editor for further details and contact him at the address below to sign up. We'll help you learn as you earn points!

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**OFFICIAL
BALLOT
OF THE
ROCKY
MOUNTAIN
REGION
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
ELECTION 2011**

The following is a ballot for the 2011 Board of Directors election for the Rocky Mountain Region. Vote for three (3) of the candidates by marking the box in front of the name and mail to the election Chairman:

Martin Pirnat
2908 Cedar Ave.
Durango, CO 81301

Or you can email the names of the three candidates you are voting for to:

martin@rmi.net

Please put the title of **Board Election** in the subject line of the email.

Resumes are located in this issue of the *CallBoard*. Ballots must be received at the above email/address location no later than May 15th, 2011.

Select only **three** of the below listed candidates:

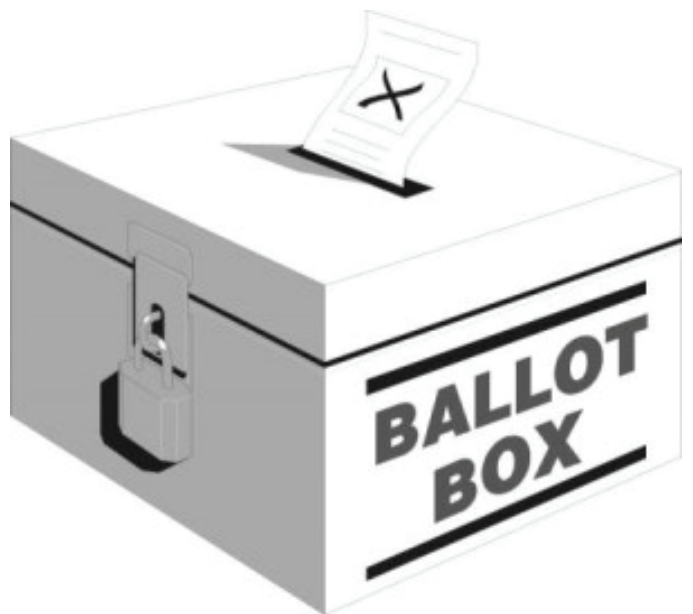
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DIV #2 Sunrise Div

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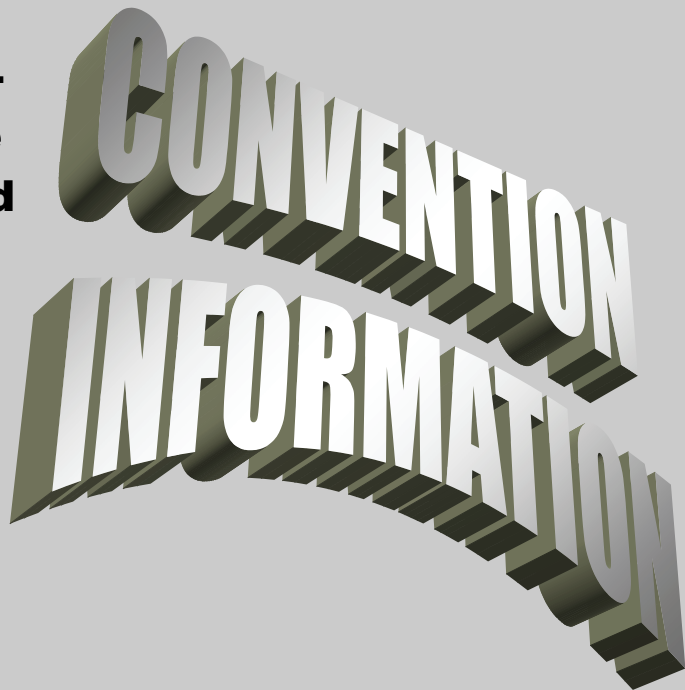
WILLIAM TULLEY
DIV #14 Northern Wyoming



Ballots will be counted by the Election Committee and the winners will be announced at the May board meeting. See the Region by-laws for further information on the election rules. They are located on the RMR website.

Don't miss the special convention information located in the on line edition of the Callboard or our website!

**September 1 - 4, 2011
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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
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**NATIONAL MODEL
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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 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 2nd. You must mention that you are with the Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA when making your reservation. For those registering on line there will be a convention registration code posted shortly on the convention web page.

Nearby are many eating establishments and a regional shopping center. Don't wait! Register now!

Come see the Oregon, California and Eastern HO Layout which is the featured element of the Greeley Freight Station Museum. This fabulous layout was featured in the cover story of the December 2008 issue of Model Railroader.



Don't forget that, in addition to the regular NMRA and popular vote contests there will be a special mini-diorama contest. Details were in the February 2011 Callboard. 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, and spouses or minor children of a primary registrant can register for \$25.00. All convention registrations include admission to the Greeley Freight Station museum during the convention.



Banquet tickets are \$40.00 each, and reservations must be received no later than August 20th. 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, or (303) 833-4831. See you there!



The convention is at the Embassy Suites Loveland Hotel.

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The program that we are planning includes:

- **Layout Tours**
- **Prototype Tours**
- **NMRA Contests**
- **Operating Sessions**
- **Greeley Freight Station Museum (<http://www.gfsm.org>)**
- **Saturday Evening Banquet, featuring railroad dining car recipes**
- **Region Company Store**
- **...and yes, even the RMR Board meeting!**

Rocky Mountain Region

2011

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September 1-4

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Loveland, Colorado

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Lots of grain & beans in the area which means lots of Union Pacific, BNSF and Great Western photo opportunities! Don't forget to pack your camera and lots of film! Uh, film? Ok, memory cards.



You won't want to miss the Greeley Freight Station Museum! It was specially built to house their collection and the spectacular model railroad. It alone is worth the trip!

GREAT WEST RAILS 2011



Its hard to believe that this (left) is a photo from Colorado and not a granger road in Kansas. You won't want to miss this Convention! Bring a friend and come prepared for the fun! This would make a good diorama for the special Diorama Contest, wouldn't it?

SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2011

LOVELAND, CO.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN
REGION

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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 = _____

Family Member Registration: _____ @ \$25.00 = _____

(Spouse, minor children)

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 that require pre-registration. We will let you know when this information is available.*



Please fill out this form and mail it to:

Great West Rails 2011, P.O. Box 854, Johnstown, CO 80534

RMR CONTEST CHAIRMAN

By Bill Tulley

I do hope that your Mini Diorama is progressing at a much faster rate of speed than mine is at present. (contest rules on page 15 - Ed.) Glacial speed would be considered fast. One of the figures that I considered essential for my presentation is no longer available. Now I am looking through the catalogs for a substitute with no luck so far.



Bill Tulley, Contest Chair

Be sure to bring something to display in the contest room. It does not have to be finished or even entered for AP judging. Just something to



Could this be Bill Tulley's next project? Is that a Jordan Spreader hiding behind all that corrugated sheet metal siding?

show your fellow modelers that you have built. Note, that all items displayed in the contest room are eligible for the Popular Vote Contest, unless the modeler requests otherwise. Models entered for AP Judging are not identified until after the Popular Vote has concluded. Even the builder is not identified unless that individual chooses to do so. The main reason for a modeler to identify their work would be to allow other modelers to find that person and discuss modeling techniques with the builder. This would not be a bad idea if someone would like to try it.

NEW ASSISTANT AUTHOR JOINS THE CALLBOARD TEAM

Welcome Chris Fallis to the editorial team of the Callboard! Chris, who is already in charge of the electronic mailing of the Callboard has now agreed to also take on the role of Assistant Editor. In his additional role he will be in charge of developing stories for the Region, providing reports and writing copy. He'll also be proofreading and providing other services to the newsletter. While Chris is working he'll be earning both Achievement Program Volunteer and Author points!

Want to earn double points for your AP Program? Come join the Callboard Team. As we grow and improve we'll need another features author, reporter, graphics artist and IT Specialist. Yes, I'm thinking about that free model train magazine that you are getting on line! Sign up now! Contact the editor and let us know you are available.

HOBBY SHOP CORNER

M.R.S. Hobby Shop in Sandy, Utah has opened their own web store. You can see it at www.hobby-on.com.

Hey hobby shops! Got something new and different? Let us know! Send your blurb to the editor.

THE CALLBOARD WANTS TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB OR EVENT

The NMRA is all about promoting the hobby. That means we want to put your club or Division activity in the *Callboard*! Hosting a train show? Send us your ad! We'll post any NMRA affiliated quarter page ad for up to three issues prior to the event as space is available. If you are hosting a Region event please work with the Editor so that we can provide all the promotion that you need. 100% NMRA Clubs are welcomed to submit promotional material as well in quarter page format. Contact Scott Perry the Editor at scottgperry@comcast.net for help!

DIAMOND CLUB CHALLENGE

The Silver San Juan Division is putting their money where their mouth is and they dare you to do the same! As a part of their business meeting they voted to support the NMRA's Diamond Club Project which is the digitizing and placing online the 100,000 photos, plans and slides from the Kalmbach Library. They sent the NMRA a check for a \$100 donation from their treasury. Their Board challenges other Divisions and the Region to make a contribution if they have not already done so.

The Diamond Club has raised over \$100,000 for the project to date but needs as much as \$400,000 to digitize the whole collection. Members can already download photos at the Online Archive site. You can find it on the NMRA website or follow this link <http://archive.nmra.org/>. Members can purchase photos for \$2.00.

Can your Division step up to the plate like the Silver San Juan Division? Let us know if you take the challenge! We'll post your Division's name in the Callboard.



YOU CAN SELECT AND VIEW PHOTOS OF ALMOST ANY TYPE OF ROLLING STOCK, PLANS OR MAPS!

THIS SPACE FOR RENT

That's right, we are accepting advertising starting with the next issue. Please contact the Callboard's Editor Scott Perry scottgerry@comcast.net to get pricing and availability. Own a hobby shop? You should be here! Non-NMRA train show? You should be here! Want to advertise your layout? You should be here! Want to sell some extra stuff? You should be here! Advertise now!

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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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.



DIVISION ROUNDHOUSE

02 SUNRISE DIVISION

During the last quarter, our clinics have featured modeling water and rocks. Over the next quarter we diversify a bit with more clinics on scenery, soldering and scale houses. Our sectional layout committee has been busy developing the general industrial and rural parameters of the sectional layout, and modifying our trailer to store and transport the layout modules. We continue to see a strong participation of the membership and a healthy attendance. However, we will soon be doing more for our members, especially those who may find it challenging to make it to our weeknight meetings, stay tuned!

Our meetings are held at the Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S. Chambers Rd, Aurora, CO 80014. We meet every first Thursday of the month, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Our acclaimed newsletter, "The Sunrise Herald" provides excellent press coverage of our activities and of our members. Please check our website <http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision> for further information. – Gary Myers,



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OG RIO GRANDE DIVISION

The next meeting of the Rio Grande Division will be held on May 14 at 1:00PM at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center. The address is 501 Elizabeth Street SE in Albuquerque.

At our next scheduled division meeting on May 14, division program director Al Hovey will be doing a presentation on Trackside scenes from the local ATSF Raton Subdivision. The presentation will include information and pictures of all variety of items from the Raton Subdivision and includes such items as ballast, battery boxes, bridges, depots, grade crossings, detectors, grass, main line, mile markers, power poles, sidings, signals, sub-roadbed, and roadbed profiles which are just some of the items that will be presented by Al in his presentation.

The modelers showcase that will be presented at the May 14 Rio Grande Division meeting will be Allan Phillips (Master Model Railroader #114) who will be showing his updated Los Pinos HOn3 module that includes a coordinated turntable module.

Members of the Rio Grande Division will be attending a local railroad fair at the State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque and will have tables at the Albuquerque Rail Fair Saturday May 21 with "walk up" ongoing demonstrations of model railroad track and trackwork and will be answering any questions that people may have about model railroading.

Also, National Train Day is coming up and will be held on Saturday May 7. At this time there are tentative plans for an event at the Downtown Albuquerque Alvarado Station from 1PM to 5PM. Plans are for displays of equipment by the New Mexico Rail Runner Express, Amtrak and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Some model train displays and free tours of the adjacent Wheels Museum (the former Santa Fe Railroad shop complex in Albuquerque) and many other activities are being planned.



Division 6 member Joe Rogers received his 50 year certificate from the NMRA. Joe has actually been a member of the NMRA for 53 years as he pointed out to the Rio Grande Division membership but due to some misplaced records Joe only recently received acknowledgement of his 50 year membership in the NMRA. Congratulations, Joe!



07 ROADRUNNER DIVISION

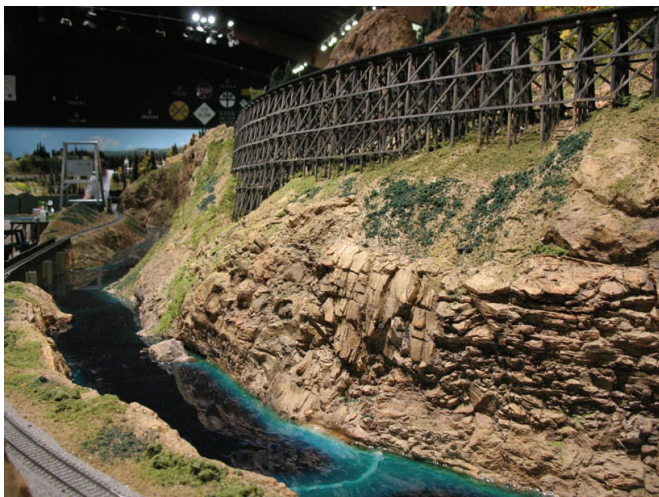
Division 7, the Roadrunner Division, held its March meeting at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum on March 12. The division voted to donate \$500 to the NMRA Diamond Club (see special article in this month's Callboard – Ed.).

There were 14 entries in the division square foot model contest. Awards were decided by popular vote: first place was Myke Breussel for his HO brewery; second was Steve McDaniel for his HO locomotive repair shop, and third was Mike Fifer for his N ice house. Photos will be available in the next Callboard.

The division meets the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 PM. The meeting location for odd number months is the Las Cruces RR Museum, and for even numbered months is the El Paso Railroad and Transportation Museum. For information call Mike Weiss 575-532-1051.

09 NORTHERN COLORADO DIV

On Friday, February 11th, the Northern Colorado Division hosted an operating session at the Greeley Freight Station Museum in Greeley, Colorado. For those who have not had the opportunity to visit, the GFSM is home to a fully scenicked 5,550 sq. ft. HO scale layout in a 9,500 sq. ft. building that also houses a fully restored C&S caboose. We had about 10 members from our Division, and nearby Divisions. Since the layout requires a crew of around 30 to operate members of the Museum's regular operating crew filled in the remaining positions.



The Greeley Museum's Oregon California and Eastern HO Layout will be featured at the Great West Rails 2011 Region Convention.



The O C & E is fully scenicked

Getting to run 40+ car trains through this spectacular Oregon mountain scenery was a real treat. Everyone who attended

had a really good time – that's the good news. The not-so-good news is that everyone was having *such* a good time that no one remembered to take any pictures of us operating to include with this report! However, there are many pictures of the museum and the layout on the museum's web site (www.gfsm.org), as well as the December, 2008 issue of Model Railroader, and Great Model Railroads videos #64 & 65. Our thanks to David Trussell and the crew of the Greeley Freight Station Museum for their hospitality!

10 SILVER SAN JUAN DIVISION

The Silver San Juan Fall meeting in Durango on October 16, 2010 hosted a capacity crowd with speaker Don Paulson presenting a 2-hour multimedia presentation on the Silverton Northern Railroad and Corkscrew Gulch. Because of the historical content, we were able to attract a number of locals interested in this important part of our history, even if they were not model railroaders. The annual photo contest, favorite train contest, the annual business meeting and layout tours completed a full day.

The Division Board of Directors met in January to begin planning the next all day spring meeting which will be held in Farmington, New Mexico in April. In July we hope to have a summer picnic in the Cortez area, building on a successful event last year. The Cortez club will have their models set up, so there will be plenty of trains running.

As a part of our business meeting we voted to support the NMRA's Diamond Club project of digitizing and placing online the 100,000 photos, plans and slides from the Kalmbach Library with a \$100 donation from our treasury. The Board challenges other divisions and the region to make a contribution if they have not already done so.

14 NORTHERN WYOMING DIV

Spring is trying to make an appearance here in the far north. However, it will have to wait a little longer since snow is flying as I write.

Various Sheridan Model Railroad association members are making plans for the annual Helena train Show on 17 April. This show is always a great excuse to get out on a road trip. The intent this year will be to follow as much of the abandoned Milwaukee grade from Great Falls back to Lewiston and then down to Harlowton before we become stuck in the mud or have to return home.

Last year's excursion was to follow the grade for the White Sulphur Springs and Yellowstone Park from Ringling to White Sulphur Springs. The added attraction that year was finding the WSS&YP combination in a field near White Sulphur Springs. Its existence was unknown to us.



WSS&YP Combination in field near White Sulphur Springs 2010



The next formal meeting for the Northern Wyoming Division will be in Casper on 14 May at the Central Wyoming Railroad association club house located at 1354 N. Center Street. (10:00am to 3:00pm more or less). No program has been decided on at present, but donuts and coffee have been known to be available.



The Boys in the Basement aka the Sheridan Model Railroad Association. Left to right: in back Dick Lenzer, Bob Charles, Rod Reckard, Harold Huber, and in front Bill Tulley, Jim Perry, Kermit Ziler

16 FRONT RANGE DIVISION

Congratulations to four fine men from the Front Range! They've all earned their Golden Spike Award! For those that don't know about the Golden Spike, it is the first step in the NMRA Achievement Program. Go to the NMRA website or contact your Division or Region Achievement Program Chairman for more details on this exciting award.



From left to right are Don Strait, Ron Renner, Keevan Burnside and Jon Bennett

RAILS ALONG THE RIO GRANDE 2013

SPONSORED BY THE RIO GRANDE DIVISION #6

Al Hovey, RARG 2013 Convention Chair

During the dates of June 6-9, 2013 the Rio Grande Division #6 of the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Model Railroad Association will host our "Rails Along the Rio Grande 2013" regional convention here in Albuquerque.

The Rio Grande Division #6 will be featuring great layouts, clinics, tours, train show, OPSIG sessions, UPRR modelers showcase night, BNSF RR modelers showcase night, banquet and more. Most importantly we are dedicated to "raising the bar" in excellence of model railroading. My belief is that if you want to "raise the bar" you must bring together great model builders who are willing to showcase their models and are excited about sharing their expertise. RARG 2013 will be an exciting convention.

The members of your organization are invited to attend and participate in RARG 2013. Starting in June 2012, your members may register for the convention and subject to availability, rooms will be made available to your organization for clinics and meetings and we have a block of sleeping rooms reserved at special rates at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North. I certainly hope that some of your members would be willing to lead clinics, display some of their best models but most importantly come to Albuquerque to enjoy the "Land of Enchantment."

Albuquerque is famous for non railroad activities also. So don't wait! Start your trip planning at www.itsatrip.org.

Spring 2011 the Rio Grande Division #6 will have its convention website home page up and running; however, in the mean time, I will endeavor to answer your questions and you may contact me at alhovey@comcast.net.

I hope that the members of your organization will consider attending and participating in the "Rails Along the Rio Grande 2013". Mark your schedule now!

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NMRA merchandise

The Board unanimously agreed that in the future all merchandise sold by the NMRA, including by Regions and Divisions, must conform to any applicable NMRA standards. Questions about certifying whether products conform to standards should be directed to Didrik Voss, who heads the Standards and Conformance Department.

Achievement Program's 50th anniversary

The 50th anniversary year for the popular Achievement Program that leads to Master Model Railroader status is at hand, but it's not clear whether it's more appropriate to celebrate that anniversary in 2011 or 2012. AP officials and the Sacramento convention host group are working to resolve the date for the official celebration.

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WE NEED PICTURES!

The Callboard is in dire need of pictures of people in the Region. Please send us pictures of your leaders, your group, your events, whatever! People make the magazine and we need to fill up our photo database. Please send jpg's to Scott Perry at scottgperry@comcast.net. Thanks!

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