

The Rocky Mountain Region's

# CALLBOARD

Winter 2012 Edition

**SPECIAL  
CONVENTION  
EDITION**

**BIG HORN MIXED  
JUNE 8 - 10  
Chama, N.M.**



The National Model Railroad Association

# Ramblings from the President

with *Harold Huber*



Winter is progressing with very cold weather here in Sheridan (not to Alaska's standards but cold enough for me). Only spits of snow though so am hoping for more moisture as is most everyone else in the region.

I put away the Fn3 Critter and am back working on my NMRA Achievement Program Master Builder Cars. I am currently working on five tank cars that are of NCNG origin. They are tanks on flats and will be decorated for Producers and Refiners Company "PARCO," the company that owns the refinery, oil field, and oil town that consists of my first set of 3 modules. These will also serve for Master Builder Scenery, Master Builder Electrical, and Master Builder Mechanical so I can finish my quest for Master Model Railroader (MMR). I have four more cars for MB Cars but all are in the works, and in some form of completion. I want to be presented MMR at the 2013 Convention in Albuquerque, NM. There I want to display my modules as well.

Speaking of conventions, I am very impressed with the presentation, work and time put into the 2012 Convention. They are a little behind on registrations so I encourage you to register as this looks like a **GREAT** one. We also have the Northern New Mexico bunch planning another great convention in 2013, and not the least the Wasatch Division planning for 2014. We seem to be flush right now but at the convention in June we need a bid for 2015. Remember, for hotel reservations and such you need to start the process two years out to get good rates etc. I encourage all divisions, except the Denver bunch, to consider stepping up to the plate. The Denver guys can consider a convention, but they have done so much in this arena they need a break. This is a great way to bring monies into your coffers and a chance to showcase your division.

Next on the agenda is the election. Both the Vice President and myself have reached our two-term limit so we are looking for people to run for those positions. There are three board positions open and this is a great way to earn points toward A/P Official or Volunteer for your Achievement Program process. This is an easy way to start that program on your

quest for MMR. We need resumes and photos sent to Chris Fallis [chrisfallis@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisfallis@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the Callboard. Chris is the election chair and will compile everything and it will be published in the next Callboard.

Well, that about covers everything for this time. Please consider a convention Division Leaders and all of you consider an open position for the Region Board of Directors. I'll see you at the June Convention (hint, hint register now). Be working on models for the contest! See your division AP Chair for directions.

Harold Huber  
President RMR



Welcome to the Convention Special Edition! We wanted to get this out really quick per the Convention Team's request, so the edition is a little light. We'll pack the rest in the May edition. Besides, we really want your attention as this convention is going to be loads of fun. When was the last time you got soot in your eyes? I'll be there and bringing all the little Perry's with me for the fun.

I want you to know that Chris Fallis, Editor of the Callboard works really hard to bring you the convention information and he does most all of the editing. Dick Hunter works even harder to bring you the design and photo work for the convention, so while you are in Chama, give them a pat on the back.

So last month you got to see a feature edition on Utah. We'd like to feature your Division next! Keep in mind that these special editions stay on the internet forever so that new members can find you. You can also get Scott to work you up a special handout copy just for your group! Please work with Scott to get your Division highlighted in one of the next Callboards. You can't beat the price!

Meanwhile, if you need me I'm headed to the basement to start my new HO layout! Its based on the Central of Georgia and will be hauling cotton. You guys wouldn't understand.

Scott Perry  
Senior Editor



# 2012 C&TS FREIGHT SPECIAL & BIG HORN MIXED CONVENTION CHAMA, NEW MEXICO JUNE 8 – 10

The Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA, is hosting its 2012 convention in Chama, New Mexico. Activities include yard and shop tours, a guest speaker from the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, and a mixed freight and passenger train trip. Charlie Getz, renowned author and speaker, will be speaking at our welcoming get together Friday evening. A Sunday morning get together will be announced later.

The center of attraction is the **NARROW GAUGE STEAM FREIGHT** on Saturday, June 9. We take our own mixed freight and passenger train for an all day, 89 mile, round trip from Chama to Big Horn Wye and return. Included will be as many photo run-bys as time and safety allow, lunch, snacks and drinks, and the wonderful scenery of the Cumbres Pass and Toltec Gorge area with two tunnels thrown in for good measure. The train is limited to 200 people.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:** A drawing will be held among the first fifty registrants (12 or older) for a caboose pass, entitling them to ride the caboose for part of the trip. **(Subject to railroad safety restrictions.)**

**RAILFAN INFORMATION:** Some railfan information will be provided to registered guests before the convention to help you find photo spots to enjoy on your way to and from the convention.

In addition to the *on your own railfanning* information being sent out prior to the convention, we will provide information on where and which way to look while riding the train. This information is being provided by Richard Hunter from his guide books.

For detailed information on the history and scenes of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, we recommend the book "Ticket to Toltec" by Doris Osterwald. This book provides much information about the area, many photos, and a mile by mile guide to the railroad, telling you what you will see along the way. Doris has several guide books out which are available in some model hobby shops. For more information, go to [www.westernguideways.com](http://www.westernguideways.com).

For shirt pocket railfan guide books, we recommend the set of four books "Railfanning the Rio Grande Narrow Gauge" by Richard Hunter. Two books cover the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. These provide information on when, where and which way to look while riding the trains plus highway guides for train chasing. A book on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad provides a highway guide to follow the route of the RGS and find some of the still standing structures. The fourth book provides general information on the area, clothing, food, etc. plus a guide for the scenic route from Denver to Durango showing about 30 spots of both rail and non-rail interest. For more information on railfanning and these books, send email to [rgngfan@ecentral.com](mailto:rgngfan@ecentral.com) or write to Richard Hunter, 832 Geneva Street, Aurora CO 80010-3941 (FYI: Richard Hunter is chairing this convention.)

**Ask your Division Superintendent to borrow or show the 28 minute video of the 1994 freight special.**

# Rail Activities



**Visit the Yard  
and Shops**



**Take Photos  
and Videos in  
Remote  
Locations**



**Find the Best  
*On Your Own*  
Locations**



**See the  
Unusual**



**Maybe Get an  
Impossible  
Picture**



# Convention Schedule

## Friday, June 8

Afternoon

Registration and tour of shops and yard at the Chama Depot

Evening

Registration and Welcoming Get Together at the Community Center

Guest Speaker: Charlie Getz

## Saturday, June 9

Morning and Afternoon

The all day trip with photo run-bys departs from the Chama Depot

Evening

Model Contest and RMR Board Meeting at the Community Center

The yard should be open for some night photos

## Sunday, June 10

Morning

Breakfast time get together - TBA

Railfanning on your own – Chama to Cumbres Pass and Los Pinos Tank

## Railroad Activities

The rail yard and shops are open and may be visited on your own. We will have someone available to take you through these, if you want, on Friday afternoon.

Many photo opportunities are available on Friday and Sunday, of the regular train leaving and arriving. See the historic structures around the yard and at Cumbres Pass that are maintained by the Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, a non-profit volunteer group.

## Where to Stay and Eat

There are a good number of sleeping accommodations and restaurants available. These span time from historic to relatively modern. Camping is also available near the Chama Yard. You can find listings at [www.chamavalley.com](http://www.chamavalley.com), the web site of the Chamber of Commerce. The Branding Iron Motel has offered a discounted room rate of \$84.95 per room. For reservations on-line, go to [www.brandingironmotel.com](http://www.brandingironmotel.com). Enter "Big Horn Mixed" in the comment box and they will apply the group discount rate. You can also call 1-888-760-1444.

## Other Activities

Check with the Chamber for current activities and special events. There are several stores across the street from the depot, including the Chama Mall which has a model of the Chama yard as it was back in the 1950's. For children, check out the playground at the schools.

## Future Updates

Check the web site occasionally for changes and/or additions to this information. In May, we will send an update newsletter to all registered guests. This will include the latest information, schedule details and a map of Chama.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** May be had from the web site. You can use the form in this Callboard or by downloading the registration form from our web site. Of special note: our insurance requires that you be a member of the NMRA. If you are not currently a member (have not been a member for at least two years), for a small fee, we will enroll you for a special six month trial membership. **For proof of membership, please bring your NMRA membership card.**

**For more convention information:** [www.bighornmixed.com](http://www.bighornmixed.com) or email: [Big.Horn.Mixed@q.com](mailto:Big.Horn.Mixed@q.com)  
US Mail to: Big Horn Mixed, % Nate Bryant, 8333 E. Mansfield Ave, Denver, CO 80237

**DON'T WAIT! REGISTER TODAY TO WIN A TRIP IN THE CABOOSE!**

# Registration Form

## Big Horn Mixed – RMR – NMRA 2012 Convention and Narrow Gauge Steam Freight

Includes Friday through Sunday (June 8-10) convention activities, Saturday train ride with lunch and snacks (except as noted).

PRIMARY REGISTRANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE NMRA IS REQUIRED CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
SEE FEES BELOW PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NMRA NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHER IMMEDIATE\* FAMILY MEMBERS ON THIS REGISTRATION:

(\* MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD – SPOUSE, CHILDREN – SHOW AGE OF CHILDREN UNDER 12)

#	CATEGORY	PER PERSON FARE	TOTAL
<b><u>REGISTRATIONS WITH TRAIN</u></b>			
_____	PRIMARY REGISTRANT	\$ 140	_____
_____	FAMILY MEMBERS	\$ 130	_____
_____	CHILDREN AGE 5 – 12	\$ 20	_____
_____	CHILDREN UNDER 5 WITH LUNCH & SEAT	\$ 20	_____
_____	CHILDREN UNDER 5 –NO LUNCH OR SEAT	FREE	_____

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**  
 Full refund prior to April 15. Full refund less \$10/person - \$20/family between April 15 & June 1. No refunds after June 1, 2012.

<b><u>REGISTRATIONS WITHOUT TRAIN</u></b>			
_____	PRIMARY REGISTRANT	\$ 35	_____
_____	FAMILY MEMBERS	\$ 25	_____
_____	CHILDREN UNDER 12	FREE	_____

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**  
 Big Horn Mixed

**BREAKFAST – TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

**NON-NMRA MEMBER FEE:**  
**\$10 PER PERSON - \$20 FAMILY MAXIMUM** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(PRIMARY REGISTRANT WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE NMRA FOR 6 MONTHS TO INCLUDE JUNE 2012. Must not have been an NMRA member for at least 2-years.)*

**MAIL TO:**  
 Big Horn Mixed  
 % Nate Bryant  
 8333 E. Mansfield Ave  
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**LATE REGISTRATION FEE AFTER APRIL 15:**  
**\$10 PER PERSON - \$20 FAMILY MAXIMUM** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ELECTION OF OFFICERS REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

It's time to accept nominations and volunteers for office in the Rocky Mountain Region. This spring we'll be electing new officers for our group. The positions open are as follows:

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Three Directors Positions

Our fearless leader Harold Huber has served two terms and is probably happy that he is ineligible. So if you are interested in one of these positions please send to Chris Fallis, Election Chairman an email to his current address [chrisfallis@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisfallis@yahoo.com)

including the position you are interested in running for, a photo, and a two or three paragraph campaign statement for publication in the Spring edition of the Callboard which will be published in May 2012.

The election ballot count will be held at the June meeting at the Big Horn Mixed 2012 Convention. Thanks for volunteering. If you have questions, be sure to contact Chris Fallis or our President Harold Huber.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Region Volunteer Positions Need You!

The Region is currently looking for volunteers to staff these open positions:

**Company Store Manager** - Manage a key fund raising program and meet a lot of nice folks. This position manages the selling of member items through the Company Store, attends model railroad events and tracks the cash and NMRA supplies. To apply, contact Jack Sousa at [jackfrw@pcisys.net](mailto:jackfrw@pcisys.net).

**Contest Chairman** - Our Region contests are one of the most fun events in a Convention. This position manages the contest, the contest room, and runs the awards. You are responsible for recruiting and training judges, making sure we follow NMRA guidelines and most importantly to help modelers become better at the craft. To apply, contact Jim Laird at [wisconsinsouthwestern@g-mail](mailto:wisconsinsouthwestern@g-mail).

**Advertising Manager Callboard** - This is a new position. This person manages all facets of the new paid advertising program for the Callboard. You will be contacting future advertisers, collecting ad graphics from customers as well as payment, tracking insertions in the Callboard and other administrative duties. To apply, contact Scott Perry, Sr. Editor at [scottgperry@comcast.net](mailto:scottgperry@comcast.net).

**Staff Writers Callboard** - Multiple positions. We need people that like to write and edit stories for the Callboard. As our magazine grows there is more to do than ever. We also need people that can take photographs and edit them. We can tailor the job to your skills and time requirements. To apply, contact Scott Perry, Sr. Editor at [scottgperry@comcast.net](mailto:scottgperry@comcast.net).

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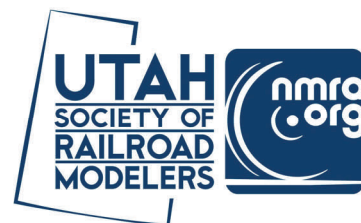
The Rocky Mountain Region now has its own Yahoo E-group. This communication tool will be used for announcements, events and for late-breaking news about the convention. Don't wait! Go sign up today!

[http://groups.yahoo.com/  
group/rmrnmra/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rmrnmra/)

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