



At the Throttle **Fred Carlson, President, MMR**

Since I took over as Rocky Mountain Region president, your Executive Committee has been very busy. We've had two meetings to date, and have identified a number of areas that we think can be improved. We will start with the By Laws. We intend to have a revised By Laws package for a B.O.D. vote in October that will include changes to accommodate the new national dues policy of the NMRA, the elimination of the Trustee position (thanks Kurt) and the addition of verbiage to quantify the duties of the Communications and Promotions Department (CAP) and the company store. Kurt Kramke has also produced a revised Convention Guideline and some additional changes to the constitution to accommodate those changes. These are just part of the items the B.O.D. will have to address at the October meeting.

In the next few weeks I will be calling as many of the division superintendents as I can. And the next board meeting will probably be in Pueblo over dinner, with an operating session on my layout the following morning. In my opinion, the B.O.D. needs to get to know each other and work and play more closely together, and I'm hoping that these actions will help to promote a can-do spirit. With the passage of uniform national dues, and a change in attitude over the money we've been hoarding over the last few years, I'm confident that we can change this region for the better. True, we are a business, but we must never forget that our business is to promote this hobby and have fun doing it.

Mainlines to Cheyenne **June 23 – 26, 2005** **Robert Sherwood, Supt. Sherman Hill Division**

RMR Members and Non-Members alike, Please, plan to join the Sherman Hill Division and the Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club for the 2005 RMR Convention. This is the last weekend of June next year.

Not an NMRA / RMR Member? No problem. A small Non-Member surcharge will be required with Registration.

Convention Facilities will be located at the Holiday Inn of Cheyenne on West Fox Farm Rd.

Five different Prototype Tours are planned along with the Awards Banquet, Hobo Breakfast, Clinics, Model Contest and general fellowship with other Model Railroaders.

Also, planned for Thursday Evening, is a Diesel Excursion out to Harriman Park for a Hamburger and Hot Dog cook out. The following equipment is planned for the trip: Locomotives, power car, concession car, dome/coach, coach, open baggage, coach, dome/coach, caboose (that's more than one caboose). A photo run-by is planned on the way out to dinner. In the event the Excursion falls through, we will have the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs at the Pavilion in Lions Park. A \$ 10.00 per person fee will be withheld from your Excursion Refund.

The Awards Banquet will be held at Terry Bison Ranch at Exit 2, I-25. The Banquet will be a 3 meat buffet with all the trimmings and an no host bar.

The Hobo Breakfast will be held at the Convention Hotel (Holiday Inn). The Breakfast will be buffet.

For the Spouses, we'll have: A Trolley Tour of Cheyenne, followed by an English High Tea at the Nagel Warren Bed & Breakfast on Friday. An Arts & Crafts Festival at Super Day on Saturday.

For the Youth (6-16), we'll have: A Miniature Golf Tournament on Friday at the Ikon Center.

See **Upcoming Events** elsewhere in this issue for contact information.

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Actions of the RMR Board of Directors

At the BOD meeting on June 6 of this year, the following actions were taken:

A new Board Financial Policy and changes to the By-laws were approved. These eliminate the Financial Advisory Committee while still controlling the Region's funds.

The BOD approved most of the review/revision of division boundaries and the move of Monte Vista into the Silver San Juan Division and Broomfield into the Flatirons Division. The boundaries of the St. Vrain Valley Division are to be settled by the superintendents of the effected divisions.

The 2004 election was approved. Only 6% of the membership voted. See the RMR Officialdom section for your representatives.

Bill Roberts was appointed as interim superintendent of the Road Runner Division. Lynn Daugherty of the Silver San Juan Division will help get the Road Runner Division active again. Billstrains@warpdriveonline.com

2004 Convention - With the close of the convention, the committee is reporting over 140 attendees, 93 at the banquet and 67 for the hobo breakfast. Many clinics and layouts were provided. I personally went to 8 layouts, some clinics, and saw some great models in the contest room. See elsewhere in this issue for a report on the contest.

2005 Convention - See elsewhere in this issue for information on the 2005 Convention.

2006 Convention - No decision has been made on the 2006 convention as yet.

Glen Brazelton

Norman Glen Brazelton passed away April 25, 2004 at the age of 99. Glen was the long time owner of Caboose Hobbies. He was a strong supporter of our hobby, the National Model Railroad Association, the Rocky Mountain

Region, and the Colorado Railroad Museum. Our condolences go to his immediate family and to his extended family at Caboose Hobbies and throughout the modeling community.

2004 RMR Convention Contest Roundup

Michael Command, RMR Contest Chairman

In one word, how would I describe this year's Region Convention Contest? Fantastic! This year's contest included: 39 models, nine photos, and three Division Challenges. With these many entries, the level of competition in several categories was fierce. The modeling and photography was top notch. I always knew that RMR-NMRA members built some of the finest models around. And to see for yourself, take a look at the revamped RMR website <http://www.rmr-nmra.org/> and make your way to the photos section. (I must admit though, the photos only do partial justice to the workmanship that you would have seen in person.)

The results of the contest were as follows:

| Category | Place | Modeler/Photographer | Model/Photo |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Steam Locomotive | 1 st | Bruce Burbank | 3-Truck Shay #7 |
| Steam Locomotive | 2 nd | Cris Park | D&RGW #340 |
| Diesel and Other | 1 st | Greg Long | D&RGW SD40T |
| Diesel and Other | 2 nd | Roger Neuscheler | F3A+B Units |
| Traction | 1 st | Bruce Burbank | MOW #01 |
| Passenger Car | 1 st | Roger Neuscheler | Observation Streamliner |
| Passenger Car | 2 nd | Roger Neuscheler | Pullman Streamliner |
| Freight Car | 1 st | John Campbell | Lowside Gon #501 |
| Freight Car | 2 nd | Jeff Stone | Frisco Boxcar #121014 |
| Freight Car | 2 nd | Raymond Hoppes | 2 D&RGW Flatcars |
| Freight Car | 3 rd | Michael Command | D&RGW Stockcar #5938 |
| Caboose | 1 st | Duncan Harvey | DSP&P Waycar #72 |
| Caboose | 2 nd | Mark Evans | D&RGW #0577 |
| Caboose | 3 rd | Denny Krausman | ATSF #1997 |
| Non-revenue | 1 st | Jeff Stone | MOW Rail&Tie Car #223 |
| Non-revenue | 2 nd | Raymond Hoppes | RGS Flanger Plow |
| Structure – On Line | 1 st | Denny Krausman | ATSF Bristol Station |
| Structure – On Line | 2 nd | Martin Pirnat | Aztec Station |
| Structure – On Line | 3 rd | John Volp | Coaling Tower |
| Structure – Off Line | 1 st | Martin Pirnat | Open Shed |
| Structure – Off Line | 2 nd | Martin Pirnat | Blue Sky 1948 |
| Structure – Off Line | 3 rd | Richard Wholf | The Mundy Shoe Store |
| Display – On Line | 1 st | Pete Doty | Oops! I was sure I set the brake! |
| Display – Off Line | 1 st | Chuck Hagemeister | Leaverite Mine Complex |
| B&W Photo-Proto | 1 st | Carl Barna | Devil's Slide Trestle |
| Color Photo-Proto | 1 st | Gerry Cole | RGS #20 |
| Color Photo-Proto | 2 nd | David Spritke | Utah Ry Coal Drag, Springville |
| Color Photo-Proto | 3 rd | Gerry Cole | Westside Engine Terminal |
| Division Challenge Winner | | Northern Colorado Div. | Great Western Ry Time Saver |

The Member's Choice Best of Show Award went to Martin Pirnat for his Blue Sky 1948. The Mizell Trains Challenger Award went to Chuck Hagemeister's for his Leaverite Mine Complex. Chuck received 122 out of a possible 125 points. Finally, the Caboose Hobbies Best of Show Award went to John Campbell for his Lowside Gon #501. John's model received 123 out of 125 points. Way to go John!

I would like to take a little time to thank those who made this contest as successful as it was. First, those individuals that helped me during the contest. Caboose Hobbies and Mizell Trains for sponsoring their respective awards. The judges who spent a good portion of their Saturday scrutinizing the models and photos. And last, but not least, the modelers and photographers who entered the contest.

As I mentioned at the awards presentation, I will continue to expand the popular vote segment of the contest along with bringing back the youth award. Look for further details in upcoming Callboards. Until then, happy modeling!

Communications and Promotions (CAP)

What you see is what you get. Sound familiar? In our case, what you see **and** get is up to you.

The **printed** CALLBOARD is mailed to all NMRA members, in the Region, who do not receive an electronic version. As this is an expensive process, we have to limit the amount of printing. Therefore, the printed CALLBOARD will contain a minimum of information.

The **electronic** CALLBOARD will contain more information, photos and articles where available. This version of the CALLBOARD currently goes to about 1/3 of our members. We would like to increase this to 75%. This increase would save the RMR over \$400 per year in postage alone.

The RMR **website** carries some of the information and photos from both versions of the CALLBOARD plus other items for public use.

Share your photos. Any Region member who has a photograph that they would like to have considered for the web site photos section or possibly to be included in a future on-line Callboard should send the photo in jpg format to photos@rnr-nmra.org. The subject line should say RMR Photo Submission and in the text area should give all information about the photograph and a request to either have it on the web site or in the on-line CALLBOARD. Final location and use of the photo shall remain with the CAP. Each submission will have an email sent explaining why and how we have decided to utilize the photograph.

For members only! For expanded version of the CALLBOARD, go to rnr-nmra.org and click on the **Members Only** link.. When asked for a login name, type **member**. When asked for a password, use **2004**. Do not provide this information to anyone who is not a member of the Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA. The password will be changed periodically and will be published in the CALLBOARD. The security of this page is the responsibility of all members of the region.

Division and convention web pages. Any division or convention of the RMR-NMRA may have a web page added to our web site. Contact al@rnr-nmra.org for more information.

Visit the web site at: rnr-nmra.org

Sign up for the electronic CALLBOARD at: al@rnr-nmra.org

Upcoming Events:

RMR Convention – Mainlines to Cheyenne

June 23 – 26, 2005 – Cheyenne, Wyoming

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South Suburban Division Model Railroad Show

October 23 – 24, 2004

Buckingham Square Mall – Mississippi & Havana, Aurora CO

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