

# August 2006

## **The Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA, 2007 Convention Aurora, CO - Thursday through Sunday - May 24 through 27, 2007**

Now that the 2006 convention is over, it is time to start your plans for the 2007 convention.

Our theme for this convention is rail related subjects over the many years. We want to include historic as well as modern railroad related displays, clinics and tours. We will also have NON-RAIL programs and tours. If you have some ideas of what you would like to see, or present, please let us know as soon as possible.

We will have the usual activities at the hotel including NMRA contest, train show, clinics, etc. We start on Thursday evening with registration, train show setup, and probably a couple nearby layouts to visit. Saturday evening we will have the banquet, contest awards and a guest speaker. Sunday morning will be the hobo breakfast and Rocky Mountain Region Board of Directors Meeting.

Outside activities will include layout tours and some special tours which are in the planning stage at this time. Schedule and cost for these special tours is yet to be determined but once established, we will notify early registrants and they will have first chance.

Our headquarters will be the Radisson Hotel which is located at Parker Road and I-225 in Aurora. Information on contacting them, and their rates are on the enclosed registration form. They have offered us the lowest room rates I have seen in years.

See the enclosed registration form for convention plans to date, and fees. Also, the web site is being added to on a regular basis.

For more information on the convention, your contacts are:

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Notice from the editor, if you use an e-mail address that requires a response from the sender, I do not respond to those for a lack of time. I also found out at the convention in Philadelphia that we do not have any contact listings at the National Office because of this problem. If you want to protect your private e-mail address, please create a separate one for the NMRA so that members or potential members can contact you to find out about the organization in their area. You can do this on hotmail, Netscape, yahoo, and others for free. I am requesting this so there will be a listing for our Region at the National office as we may be missing increasing our membership because of this lack of contact information.

Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 2006, 1:00 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 Alvarado ST SE, Albuquerque. Program: Ice Cream Social - beat the heat and enjoy a cool treat with your fellow model railroaders. Clinic: Tim Schilling will be presenting his clinic on car building for optimum operation. Having trouble keeping that car on your track? Find out Tim's building tips for smooth operation and fewer derailments. Business: Ballot tally on proposed new bylaws previously mailed to all Rio Grande Division members.

Saturday, Nov. 4th, 2006, 1:00 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Swap Meet! Limited table space available, \$10.00 each, first come, first served, all Divisions welcome to participate. RSVP for your table to Tim Schilling, 505-268-0376. Program: TBD (Lynn is looking for any/all presenters to put on mini-clinics such as tree-building, decals, weathering, etc.) Call Lynn at 505-881-1851 if you would like to present a clinic at the Swap Meet. Business: Nominations for Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer.

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## President's Message

The Steam Over Cumbres 2006 convention in Chama was a success. We had 68 registrations, and everyone had a blast riding or chasing the C&TS. As an added bonus, the RGS Goose #5 from Dolores was in town providing rides. Many of us rode or chased the goose on Sunday. The turnout for the model contest was better than I had hoped. Many thanks to Dick Hunter for organizing this convention at the last minute. It was a money maker, and it was great!

The BOD meeting was well attended and we accomplished a number of goals. The Convention Planning Guide was passed and has been distributed to the division supers. The constitution was passed, and will be submitted to the membership for a vote with this issue of the Callboard. And the BOD decided to select NMRA module standards for the region modules. The module committee consisting of Bob Sherwood, Bruce Burbank, Bill Roberts and yours truly will draft a region version of the NMRA Module Standards with amendments to suit our organization. This will hopefully lead to a region modular layout to be shown at convention train shows. Harold Huber was elected as Vice President replacing Bob Haggart, and Bill Shanaman resigned as Secretary due to his job commitments. If you are interested in serving as region secretary, let me know.

The 2007 convention, Timeless Rails, will be held in Aurora. And the 2008 convention will tentatively be in the Albuquerque – Belin area. Watch future Callboards for further info.

The Fall BOD meeting will be in Pueblo on Friday night, September 29, at the Country Buffet. Then at 8:30 am Saturday morning, September 30, operating sessions will be held on Greg Long's D&RGW Montrose Division and my Gladstone and North Houghton. Both Greg and I have early 1950's era layouts using Easy DCC and Tsunami sound systems. Greg has a mix of steam and first generation diesel, and I have about 98% steam. Greg has the best operating Hon3 that I have ever seen. Both layouts are about 98% scened. These operating sessions will be open to the BOD members, and to the general region membership on a first come first served basis. Contact me in August and let me know if you want to attend one of these operating sessions. And don't be intimidated by the word "operation". Job One is to Have Fun!

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOC. INC.**

**June, 2006**

### **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

**Sec. 1** This organization shall be known as the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Model Railroad Association, and is established under the provisions of the Constitution of that organization.

**Sec. 2** The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Model Railroad Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Region", are as follows: furtherance of the objects of the National Model Railroad Association as set forth in the constitution of that organization.

### **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

**Sec. 1** All members of the National Model Railroad Association residing within the boundaries of the Region shall be considered Region members.

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT**

**Sec. 1** The management of the region shall be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of six (6) elected directors, four (4) officers (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer), the immediate past president for one year after his/her term of office and one (1) member elected or appointed by each active division of the Region, all of whom shall be NMRA and Region members in good standing.

**Sec. 2** The duties of the officers of the Region shall be those commonly associated with such offices in general business usage.

**Sec. 3** The Board of Directors shall hold legal title to all properties and moneys of the Region, in trust for its members.

**Sec. 4** A quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business shall not be less than 51 percent of the elected and appointed members.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

**Sec. 1** There shall be at least one official Region convention each year. There shall be at least two official Region Board of Directors meetings each year. One of these Board of Directors meetings is to be held at the official Region convention. At these annual meetings there shall be transacted all regular business of the Region, including the installation of newly elected officers at the spring meeting, in accordance with subsequent provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Sec. 2** Any meeting not already provided for may be called by the president, the Board of directors by its own motion, or a petition signed by fifteen (15) current Region members.

## **ARTICLE V DIVISIONS**

**Sec. 1** Division organization of the Region may be established as provided in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS**

**Sec. 1** Amendments to the constitution shall be presented to the membership through the official Region publication and voted on through the annual ballot.

**Sec. 2** Notice to any Region member under this Constitution and By-Laws, either by publication in the official Region publication or as otherwise directed by the Board of Directors shall be deemed sufficient if sent to the last known address appearing in the current membership roster.

**Sec. 3** A simple majority vote of those members who vote shall be sufficient to approve or reject the proposed amendment.

**Sec. 4** The policy of the Board of Directors shall be to convene a special meeting only when the nature of the proposed amendment is of such urgency as to preclude waiting for the next meeting.

**Sec. 5** Constitution changes or additions may be proposed by the BOD or by a petition from Region members to the BOD This petition will contain the entire text of proposed amendment over the signatures of at least fifteen (15) Region members in good standing, said petition to be submitted to the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the next meeting for action before presentation to the full membership of the Region. Whether the Board of Directors should accept or reject said petition, it will publish the full text or abridged version thereof, together with reasons for such action.

## **ARTICLE VII BY-LAWS**

**Sec. 1** The By-Laws shall be established by the Region for its own government and that of the members, directors, and officers.

**Sec. 2** By-Laws of the Region may be adopted or amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors or their official proxies in attendance at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon approval, the changes will be made available to the membership in printed or electronic form. At least a synopsis will be published in the official Region publication..