



Sunrise Herald

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Layout of the Month

This month's four photographs are from Rich Flammini's HO scale layout. They were taken by Tom Wilcox during the August 6, 2022 Sunrise Division layout mini-tour.



January Meeting Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunrise Division of the National Model Railroad Association was held January 5, 2023 at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Signing in to the Zoom portion of the meeting began around 6:40 p.m. Superintendent William Boorman called the meeting to order at 7:03. Seventeen members attended in person, with three joining via Zoom.

Introductions were the first order of business. Along with an introduction, William asked each attendee to tell how the year finished for them. A few members recounted accomplishing something related to model railroading but most seemed to just enjoy a quiet holiday.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2023 in person at Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. Mask wearing is optional for all attendees. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will also be streamed on Zoom with sign-in between 6:30 and 7:00.

Video of the Month

Featured this month are three short YouTube videos of the Peruvian Railroads. Of note are the lack of grade crossing signals and the reluctance of automobile drivers to stop for oncoming trains. The Ferrovias Central Andina (FVCA on the locomotive sides) operates the second highest railroad in the world and the highest in South America at approximately 4,781 meters (15,686 feet) above sea level.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0WmQJRaD78>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcyZNOBz90o>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flwds4tvRmA>

Upcoming Tool Time

Wire Stripping Tools—William Boorman

Upcoming Clinics for 2023

February – How to Earn your AP Electrical Certificate – Gary Myers
March- Layout Planning - William Boorman
April - Signaling - Stewart Jones
May – Safety in (Model) Railroading – Dave Clifford
June – 1903 100' DG Turntable - Gary Myers
November – Auction – Rich Flammini

Upcoming Show 'n' Tell Themes for 2023

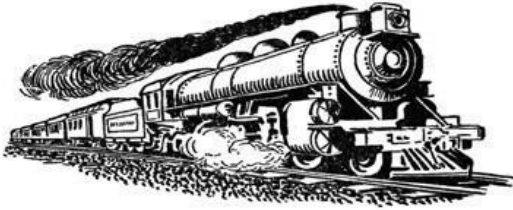
February– Railroadiana
March – Anything Scratchbuilt
April – Foreign Railroad (non US)
May – Yard Engines
June – Industrial Structure
July– Special Purpose Car
August – Weathered Model
September – Photos/Media
October – Streetcars/Trolleys
November – Anything Goes
December - Caboose

In an attempt to reduce problems, we continue to ask that Show 'n' Tell photos, Clinic presentations, and Tool Time photos be taken before the meeting and sent to Gary Myers (garymyers06@comcast.net) for presentation at the meeting and to the editor for inclusion in the Sunrise Herald (rlhoch422@gmail.com). (Ed.)

Announcements

The Foothills Society of Model Railroaders swap meets.
Green Mountain Presbyterian Church
12900 W. Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, CO
9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
(303) 989-0087 or (303) 985-1491
The meets are held on the third Saturday of odd numbered months.

2023 TECO Train Show



Model Train Show

February 4 & 5

Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-3

Colorado Springs

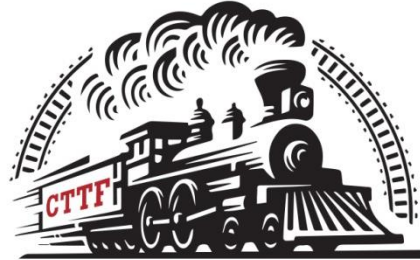
Event Center Hall B

**3960 Palmer Park Blvd
Colorado Springs 80909**

ADULT TICKET

\$10

Ken Cruise sent an email to alert members to the upcoming CTTG auction. Ken stated that he has attended several of these auctions and has gotten some great buys.



**COLORADO
TOY TRAIN
FOUNDATION**

Our next HO-N Gauge Auction in
2023 will be
Saturday, Feb 18, 2023
CTTF Headquarters
171 S. Van Gordon,
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Rocky Mountain Train Show - Spring
2023

April 1st & 2nd

Sat 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Pre-Registered TCA/NMRA
Members

Sat 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Public

Sun 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Public

National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt St.
Denver, CO 80216

Exhibit Areas

Expo Hall, Hall Of Education - East,
Hall Of Education - West, Stadium Hall

Join us for a great time and great prices!
Viewing starts at 8 a.m. and bidding at 9 a.m.

William Boorman announced that Colpar's
HobbyTown, 1915 S Havana Street, Aurora,
CO 80014, will be having a swap meet on
February 18, 2023.

The last of the announcements was a request
by William for a volunteer to fill the position
of AP Chair as Grant will be leaving the area
soon. If you are interested, please contact
William.

Achievement Awards



Program Chair Gary Myers presented The Association Official Award to William Boorman.



Gary Myers presented the Association Volunteer Award to Larry Stephens.



Gary Myers presented the Association Award to Bob Rothgery.

Congratulations to all three on their achievements.

Module Report

Modular Layout Chair, Larry Stevens, reported that no additional work had been done on the modules since last month. He also said that it was decided that the Division would not be taking the modules to the TECO show in February.

Tool Time

Gary Meyers presented a nice mini-clinic on Stay Alive devices. He discussed the rationale for using stay alives and showed a PowerPoint presentation illustrating several of the currently available devices. His presentation follows in its entirety.

Tool Time
Stay Alive



STAY ALIVE Generic Trade Name for Soundtraxx Current Keepers, TCS Keep Alives, etc

DCC device which provides backup power to your decoder over poor electrical Pickup, dead frogs, etc. to ensure reliable operation of a locomotive.

Helps prevent stalling, and sound dropouts of the locomotive.

Tool Time
Soundtraxx Current Keeper 810140



CurrentKeeper



Maintains power to the decoder for up to 10 seconds during electrical interruptions

Compatible with NMRA DCC Standards & Recommended Practices

40 x 6 x 11 mm

\$25.88

Tool Time
Soundtraxx Current Keeper 810140



CurrentKeeperII



Maintains power to the decoder for up to 10 seconds during electrical interruptions

Compatible with NMRA DCC Standards & Recommended Practices

20.1 x 13.2 x 11 mm

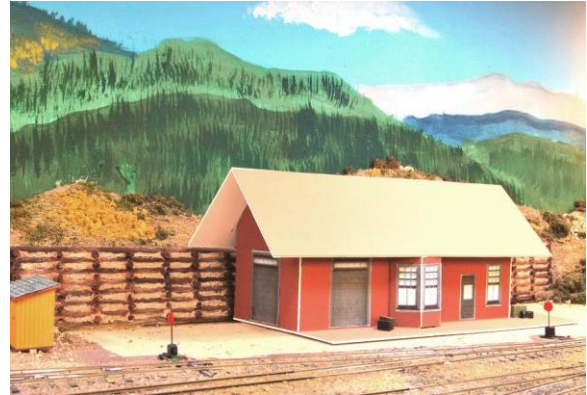
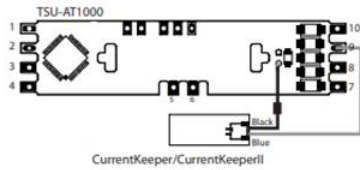
\$31.95

Tool Time
Soundtraxx CurrentKeeper Installation



For the TSU-AT1000

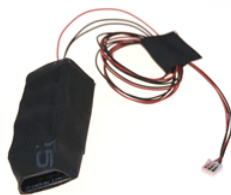
- Strip and tin the ends of the wires on the CurrentKeeper, as well as the Tsunami's black wire from the capacitor removed in Step 1.



Tool Time
TCS Keep Alive




Tool Time
Broadway Limited Inc. Go-Pack!



Maintains power to the decoder for up to 2-6 seconds during electrical interruptions

Plugs into BLI Paragon 3TM locomotive Decoders.

Earlier Paragon 3 models can use the GoPack! by removing plug and soldering Directly to pointsw on decoder board.

\$29.99

Next, Dave Clifford showed photographs of the Gaithersburg, Maryland station. Dave noted that he passed this station every day on his way to work for years. The station, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1884 by the B&O Railroad and is a beautiful example of brick and wood construction.



Show 'n' Tell

This month's Show and Tell segment featured stations.

First up were photos of Dennis Hagen's mock-up and completed model. His mock-up looks better than many stations that I have seen on layouts and his completed model looks terrific.

Gaithersburg continued:



Rich Flammini followed this with a picture of the Grand Trunk passenger station in Port Huron, Michigan. This was the terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway.



He followed that with a picture of a Model Power kit that he intends to kitbash into a facsimile of the prototype.



Gary Myers showed this picture of the station on the Scenic Line Modelers layout. The model depicts the prototype station built in the Royal Gorge.



And lastly, Stu Jones sent this picture and narrative.



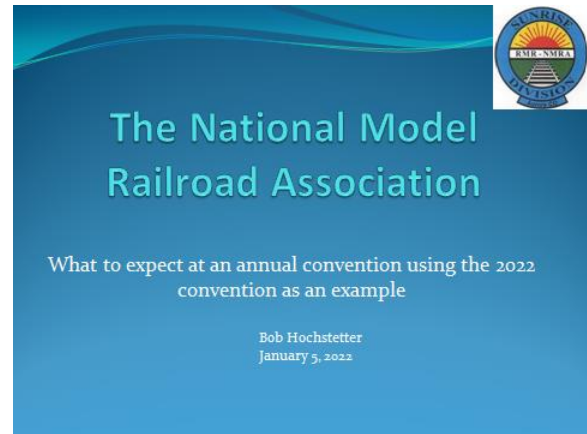
These are photos of the Show and Tell I intended for the January meeting for inclusion in the Herald.

I had a small wide spot on a curve on the Boreas and Saguache that needed a depot. I was planning on freelancing a structure when an article on the La Mesa, California depot appeared in the NMRA magazine in June 2011 with drawings. This was ideal for my space. This station was originally built as a commuter depot by the San Diego & South Eastern Ry., a subsidiary of the San Diego & Arizona Railway, for the suburb of La Mesa, northeast of San Diego. Commuter service ended in 1928, but continued receiving freight shipments for a few years. The station was eventually abandoned but has been preserved by the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. I scratchbuilt this structure as a mirror image of the actual building. It has received an NMRA Merit Award.

CLINIC

January's clinic was in two parts. The first part was an introduction to a National Model Railroad Association convention using the 2022 convention as an example. Its purpose was to encourage participation at the 2023 convention in Grapevine, Texas.

The remainder of the clinic time was devoted to showing layout photographs taken during the 2022 convention. There were too many photographs shown to present them all here but a representative number are included.



The National Model Railroad Association

What to expect at an annual convention using the 2022 convention as an example

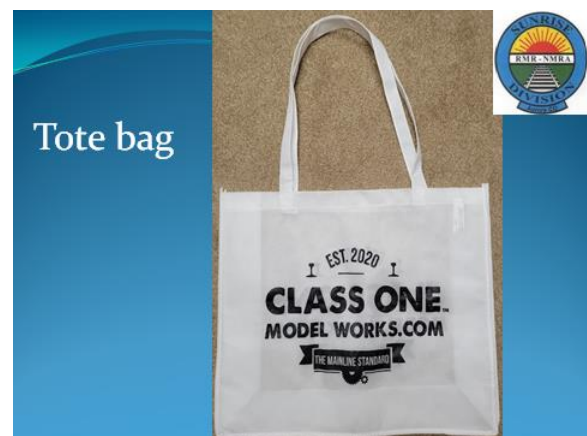
Bob Hochstetter
January 5, 2022




Gateway 2022 St. Louis



The convention was called Gateway 2022 and was held between August 7 and August 13, 2022.



Tote bag



At registration, one was given a tote bag. Why a tote bag you might ask. It is to hold all of the models that you just cannot pass up at the Train Show at the end of the week. Don't ask me how I know.

Special Interest Groups

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Leadership Roster 1/1

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- Layout Design SIG
- Operations SIG
- Computer/Media/Technical SIG
- EMR SIG
- Modeling SIG
- Prototype Tours SIG
- Special Interest Groups SIG

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 Secretary: [Name] Treasurer: [Name]
 Publicity: [Name] SIG Chair: [Name]

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There are meetings of Special Interest Groups, such as the Layout Design SIG, the Operations SIG, the S-Scale Sig and others.

Prototype Tours

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Amsted Rail Inc. (R202)

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Prototype tours are arranged to visit railroad related industries and model railroad manufacturers and dealers.

Daily Clinic Schedule M-F

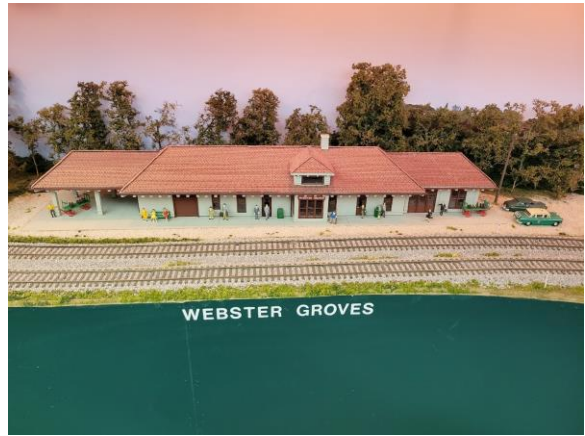
Time	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Modeling	Steve Anderson Steve Anderson Steve Anderson	John Deering John Deering John Deering	John Deering John Deering John Deering	John Deering John Deering John Deering	John Deering John Deering John Deering	John Deering John Deering John Deering	John Deering John Deering John Deering	John Deering John Deering John Deering
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Numerous clinics (presentations) are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. until about 10:00 p.m. every day. You can never attend them all.

Clinic Descriptions

Clinic	Topic	Speaker
"QUIX" Techniques for Windows and Interiors	Model Railroad Planning and Design, The MOPAC Railroad Cutoff.	Alma Richards
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All of the clinics are described in detail so that you can make wise choices.



There is so much to do at an NMRA National Convention that you will return home exhausted. I hope that that entices you to attend a National Convention.
Bob Hochstetter