



Sunrise Herald

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Layout Photos of the Month

This month's three photographs were taken on Bob Rothgery's home layout.

I need photographs for the Herald. If you have photographs of your layout that you would like to have included here, please send them to me. (Ed.)



April Meeting Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunrise Division of the National Model Railroad Association was held April 4, 2024, at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Superintendent William Boorman conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Twenty-three members attended in person, and one joined via Zoom.

William began the meeting by asking the members for a self-introduction and to relate any amusing outhouse stories that they had. Some stories had the members doubled over in laughter.

Announcements, Tool Time, the annual auction and more followed the self-introductions. All of these are included in this issue of the Herald. William adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2024, in person at Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 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

This month's video features some unique railroading south of the border.

Mexico's Mainlines in the Early 1990s - National Railways of Mexico, Part 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0tKmg_s3xgk

Upcoming Tool Time

May—Lighted Uncoupling Tool—Bill Johnson

Upcoming Clinic

May—Bridges—Stu Jones

Upcoming Show 'n' Tell

May—Water/Fuel Tank

Reminder

To reduce problems, especially for those who join the meeting on Zoom, 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 (rlhoch422@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Sunrise Herald. (Ed.)

Module Report

Larry Stephens reported that the modules were set up at the TCA show and that everything was ready to go. The show was scheduled to open two days after the meeting.

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.
on the third Saturday of odd numbered months
(303)989-0087 or (303)985-1491

Kick Off Event! Save the date!

COLORADO
RAIL PROTO MEET

Saturday, September 21st, 2024
9am-5pm—Zoe's Café and Event Center
715 10th Street, Greeley CO
5pm-8pm— Colorado Model Railroad Museum
680 10th Street, Greeley CO
\$20 admission
(Includes free dinner at the CMRM)
Model Displays—Clinics—Hands on Stations—Vendors

www.corpm.org

Hosted by the Colorado Model Railroad Museum and the Northern Colorado Division NMRA



Call for Clinicians


Rocky Mountain Region Convention
Salt Lake City----June 2024

If you would like to present a clinic at the Region Convention, please contact Kevin Anderson MMR 752 at 801-842-747 or trainfishfan@gmail.com

Tool Time

Gary Myers presented this month's Tool Time, a live presentation of the **NMRA Interchange**, an online platform for NMRA members to collaborate, learn and share ideas and information. Since it was a live online presentation, Gary converted some screenshots to make this PowerPoint presentation for inclusion in the Herald.

TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE




Instructions to get free Discord account

TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – GARY MYERS

Available from your Membership Login
On the NMRA homepage


TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE



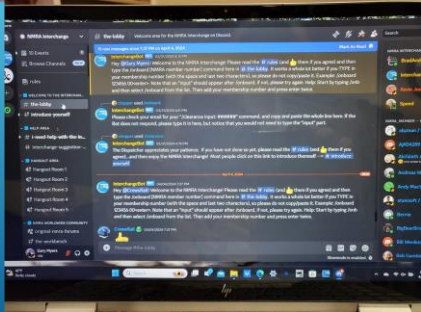
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TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE


Go to NMRA home page, members' login



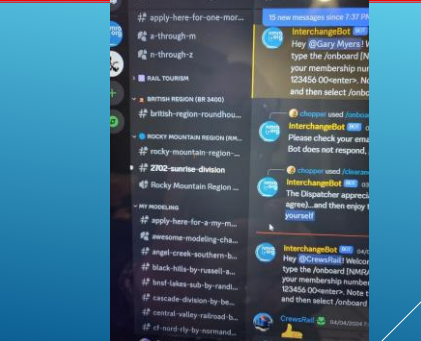
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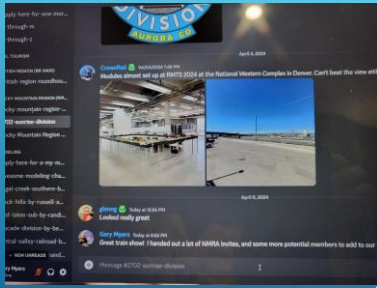
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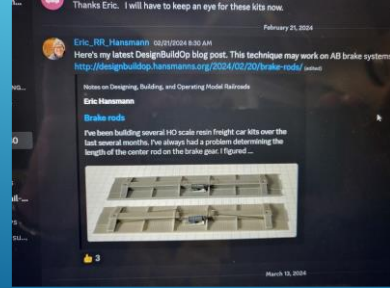
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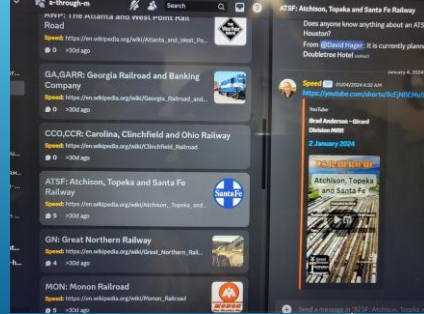
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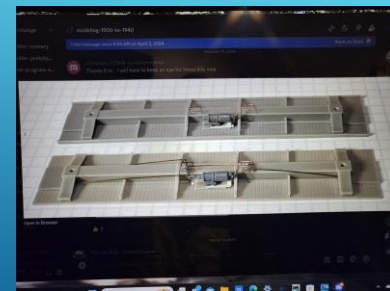
TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – SPECIAL MODELING HINTS



TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – VISIT YOUR FAVORITE PROTOTYPE



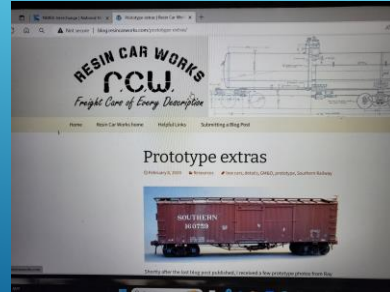
TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – CLICK ON A PHOTO



TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – MEET OTHERS ON YOUR RR



TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – CLICK ON A LINK TO A WEBSITE



TOOL TIME
NMRA INTERCHANGE – POST/SHARE YOUR FAVORITE



Show 'n' Tell

This month's Show 'n' Tell subject was out-houses.

Adam Crews presented these two photographs.

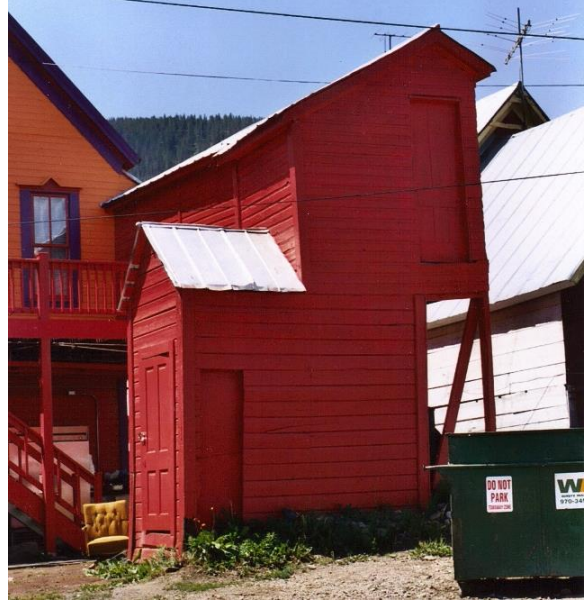


This first outhouse is on the Sunrise Division's modular layout next to the school-house. It is a boys' and girls' outhouse that Adam bought two years ago at the TCA show.

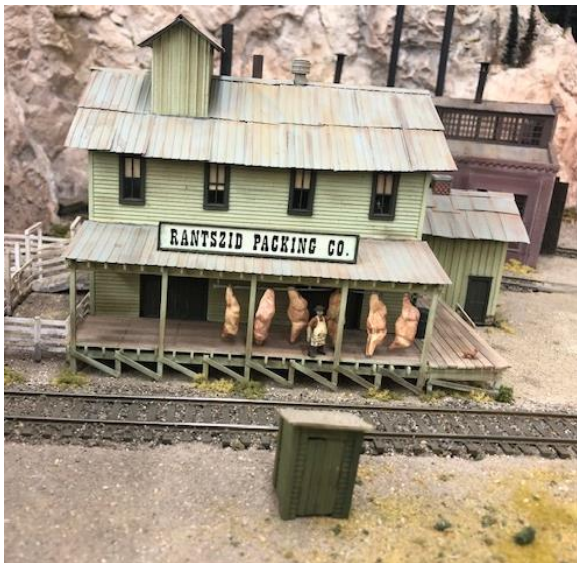


The second outhouse has a **miniprints** figure in an **ITLA Scale Models** building. This image is from the **miniprints** website as Adam has not painted his yet. *Adam Crews*

Gary Myers showed this two-story out house in Crested Butte, Colorado.



And, lastly, Bob Rothgery showed a few of the 39 outhouses that he has on his Elk Pass HO scale layout.



Auction

A fund-raising auction was held in lieu of a clinic presentation at this month's meeting. Members brought model railroad or railroad items that they wished to sell. If an item sold, 10% of the sales price was donated to the Division's coffer.

Pictured here is the Division's own "world-famous" auctioneer, Rich Flammini, getting ready to select an item to auction.



In Remembrance Donald Meeker

The model railroading community lost a talented modeler on April 1, 2024. I asked his close friend, Bill Johnson, to write a remembrance for the Herald. (ed.)

Don was active with the Sunrise Division when he lived in Aurora before moving to Castle Rock around the year 2000. His participation with the Sunrise Division's modular layout added to the quality of our display. He built a "duck under" bridge that allowed for easier access into the layout. Also, his 100+ car coal train always got the crowd's attention.

Don taught math at Aurora Hills Middle School. My son, Chris, was in his 8th grade math class. They both had an interest in model railroads so they formed a model railroad club. Meeting after school they built a 16 foot module. Most of the work was done by the students with Don's help.

The "Aurora Hills" module was displayed with the Sunrise layout for many years.

Don was the chairman of several National Narrow-Gauge Conventions here in Denver. Some of his Denver conventions drew more attendance than the National NMRA conventions. Some may remember Don from the time that he worked in the Brass Department at the original Caboose Hobbies. There he shared his knowledge of railroads and the hobby with customers and fellow employees alike.

The Rocky Mountain Line (RML) was Don's home layout. It was a freelanced model based on his favorite prototype, the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy (CB&Q), which on his layout, extended into the Colorado mountains. He built 3 versions of his RML. All were beautiful layouts. One appeared in Model Railroad Craftsman and another in Great Model Railroads. Don's sense of humor was evident on his layouts. The Moffit Tunnel was replaced by the "Muppet Tunnel" on Don's railroad. Another example, on his 1950's era layout, was a small corner shop named IEKA with a blue and yellow sign in the window saying, "Watch us grow". Of all of Don's many talents perhaps his best was his ability to create beautiful and realistic scenery.

For anyone that has not seen Don's layout, I suggest you may want to Google (RML model railroad). There you will find a few YouTube videos of his layout.

Beyond Don's prowess as a modeler, Don was a most decent person who always held his faith and family first. He was a quiet man, not one to shout out his own many accomplishments. However, he was always willing to share modeling skills with others. Those of us who knew him are better for it.

What a true blessing to have had him in our lives.

Bill Johnson