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Layout Photos of the Month

Here are three more photographs from Bob Rothgery's HO scale home layout.



April Meeting Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunrise Division of the National Model Railroad Association was held April 3, 2025, at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Superintendent William Boorman conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Eighteen members attended in person, and two joined via Zoom.

William began the meeting by asking the members for a self-introduction and to relate what had been done in model railroading since the last meeting.

Tool Time, Show 'n' Tell, the Clinic, Announcements, and more followed the self-introductions. All of these are included in this issue of the Herald.

William adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2025, 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

Dave Goss and his son recently rode the Canadian from Vancouver to Toronto. While on board, they met Grant Eastman who operates the Southern Alberta Rail, a large N scale layout. Here is a link to one of his many videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbzGmXk8yS8&t=93s>

If you find a video that you think our members might enjoy, please send me the link. (Ed.)



Scheduled Tool Time

May— TBD

Show 'n' Tell Themes for 2025

May— Reefer

June— Sleeper car

July— Engine facility/design

August— Layout schematic

September— Vehicle trucks, utility type

October— Tractor-trailer rigs

November— Scenery

December— Anything Goes

Scheduled Clinic

May— GP7 Sound Decoder Installation – Gary Myers

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

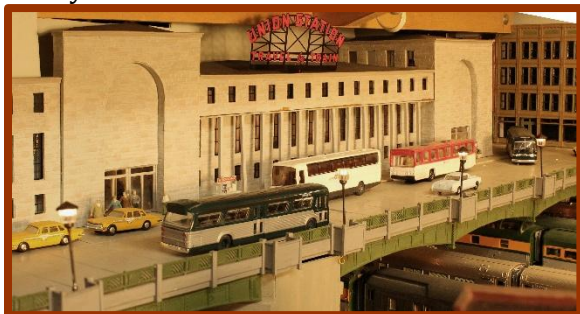
Adam Crews reported that the modules were ready for set up at the Rocky Mountain TCA train show.



.Show 'n' Tell

This month's Show 'n' Tell subject was **Depot**.

Stu Jones presented these photos of depots on his layout.



Boreas Union Station--The prototype for this building is in Stuttgart, Germany; a drawing appeared in Model Railroader.



A suburban station--The prototype is found in La Mesa, California east of San Diego.



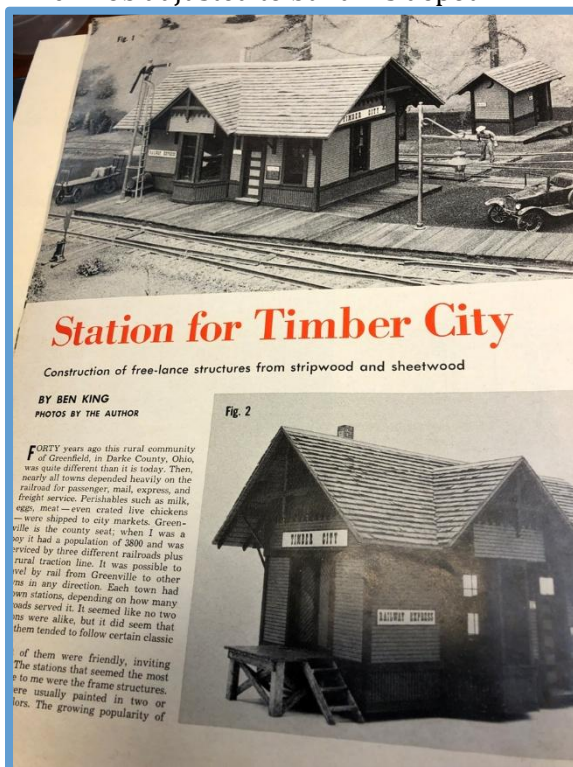
The prototype for this depot is in Jefferson, Colorado.

The train order board was not part of the prototype.



Here is Draggerton Station from the layout of the late Don Meeker. It is now on my Grand Central Railway. Bill Johnson

Bob Rothgery liked the station in this Model Railroader article. The article included plans which Bob adjusted to build his depot.



This is Bob's scratch-built model.



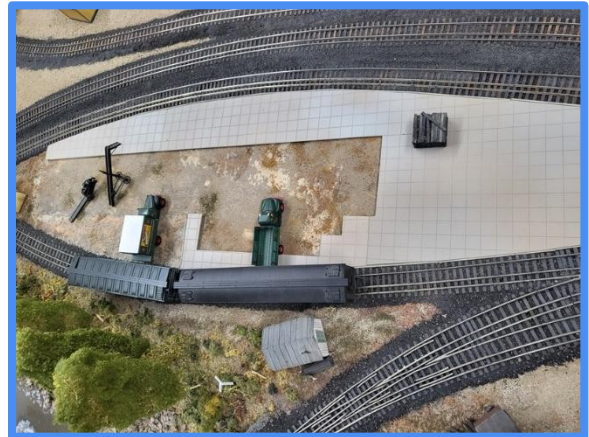
John Keiss showed this HO scale freight station that his grandfather had built at age 90. This was a Timberline kit of the structure in Loveland, Colorado on the Great Western Railroad.



Salida stone depot sidewalk/platform
 1.) Left after demolishment of depot for several years
 2.) Removed in the 50's
 3.) Built to be removable



Rich Flammini showed this stand-in for Chicago's Dearborn station on his layout.



Salida stone depot sidewalk/platform
 1.) Made from sheet styrene with tile pattern
 2.) Footprint space for Depot

The next four pictures and captions are from Gary Myers.



In Work project: Salida stone depot, Version completed in 1920s
 1.) Passenger platform on left
 2.) Two extensions shown on right, notice roof differences
 3.) Torn down in 1941



In Work project: Salida stone depot, Version completed in 1920s
 1.) Template on top lays out passenger waiting rooms, restrooms, baggage and express areas
 2.) Partial border pieces are roof overhang for sizing and layout placement
 3.) Styrene foundation at bottom Gary Myers





Depot on my N scale layout. Bob Hochstetter



The prototype depot in Boston, Missouri on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It was moved in 2006 to the Heartlands Railroad Museum in Carona, KS.

Tool Time



This is a small applicator with a forked end (Micro Mark #82448).

Dispense a small puddle of ACC (super glue) on a clean surface.

Dip the tip of the applicator into the puddle to absorb a small dollop of ACC onto the tip.

Place the tip against a joint you want to cement and let the liquid flow into the joint.

When the tip becomes clogged with solid ACC, hold the tip under a flame until the solid ACC burns away.

You can make your own applicator with a sewing needle inserted into a wood holder.

Stu Jones



This column is devoted to showcasing the modeling efforts of Sunrise Division members. It can be anything—benchwork, wiring, weathering freight cars, depots—you get the idea. Please show us what you are working on.

This month, I am showing two N scale vertical fuel tanks. They are for a very small fuel dealership on my layout. My inspiration for these was two similar tanks that had no associated structures or pumps in Weston, Missouri years ago. These are from a Walthers kit. Once assembled, they were painted with white primer and then given a very heavy dusting of Bragdon Enterprises soot powder and dark rust spots. The bases will be covered with gravel once they are finally positioned on the layout. Bob Hochstetter



If you have photos of projects that you would like to share, please send them to me, Bob Hochstetter, the Herald editor.

Sunrise Extra

The Sunrise Extra Event on March 21, 2025 was a reprise of the January event. Eight Division members met for lunch and conversation at the IHOP restaurant in Aurora. Following lunch, the group made the short drive to Nick Tomlinson's home to see his layout and to run trains. Here is a link to a YouTube video that Adam Crews made at the Event: <https://youtu.be/Hb-OU20l80A>

The next Sunrise Extra Event will be on Friday April 11, 2025. Look for an invitation in your email in-box.

Clinic

Richard Frazier presented this clinic at the meeting.

WHAT DO ALL MODEL TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS HAVE IN COMMON?

- They think N Scale is the BEST scale ever!?!?!?
- They think Santa Fe is the best railroad to have ever existed!?!?!?
- They think Ready-To-Run is evil!?!?!?
- Actually.....
 - The only thing we have in common is we are all getting older.....

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR MODEL TRAINS & LAYOUT WHEN YOU ARE GONE?

Presented by
Richard Frazier

WHO IS THIS GUY?

- Former VP of Marketing & Customer Service – InterMountain Railway Co.
- Estate & Donation Coordinator – Northern Colorado Model Railroad Club
- Owner / Operator – YardSaleTrains www.yardsaletrains.com
- N Scale guy & Regular Presenter
 - Future of Model Railroad
 - Getting Kids (and others) into the Hobby
 - How the Industry Works



THINGS TO COVER

- Harsh realities....
- What is the impact of not planning?
- What is the impact of planning?
- What is going to happen is not what you think – get over it.
- What should be the desired outcome?

MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

- Selling a Model Train Layout.....
 - Why is it so hard?
 - First you have to ask the question – What is a Model Train Layout?



A Model Train Layout Is Somebodies Dream!

But it's not 'your' dream.....

(it's not your space, your scale, your railroad, your location.....)

MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

- Selling a Model Train Layout.....
 - Things that come into play.
 - Space – few folks have instant space to take a full -size layout.
 - Era/Railroad – can it match my desires.
 - Logistics – can it even be moved without intensity?
 - Costs – Is it worth that to me?
 - Harsh Reality – there is a high high probability that the layout will be disassembled and trashed.....



MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

- Disassembling a Model Train Layout.....
 - How is done?
 - Did you plan for this?
 - Can you plan for this? YES!!
- Start Now!! How does your layout come apart?
 - Do you have a layout that could be disassembled? Does anyone but you know the process?
 - Do you know it will have to be 'sliced & diced'? Where is the best places to cut? What tools are needed?



MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

- Build a Plan / Create a Notebook / Leave it where it can be found (i.e. Put it on the wall next to the layout!)
- Who gets what? Are there friends, modelers, family that want parts of your layout? If so, put that in the book (presuming you like them enough...).
- How do you remove all the electronics? Where are they? What are they?
- Stripping the layout... buildings, scenery (especially trees), track (sometimes)

MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

- Disassembling the layout.
 - If not prepared for this, it can be overly traumatic for those left behind!
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 - Know how this should be done for your layout- and no, we are NOT going to unscrew the 1100 screws holding it together.
 - It will be FAST, it will be LOUD, and it will be DRAMATIC.
 - No room looks sadder, more barren, more empty and more abandoned than a room that was filled with a model train layout the day before.....
- Let those that are going to deal with this know what is going to happen!!!



MODEL TRAIN STUFF THE THINGS YOU HAVE

- Dealing with all the pieces.....
- What do you have?
 - Do you have an inventory? (Don't worry, no one does....)
- Break it down into Categories -
 - Engines
 - Rolling Stock
 - Structures & Scenery
 - Electronics
 - Books & Memorabilia
 - Photographs & Videos



MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Engines
 - Probably most valuable items you have.
 - Consider (Brass, Sound, DCC, Custom, Unique, Age, Emotional).
 - Where are the boxes? Put all the boxes in a labeled box. (For extra credit throw a slip of paper in each box that tells brand of decoder, is it DCC, sound, etc.)
 - Do you want some of these to go to specific people and/or organizations? (Put that in the notebook!)

MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Rolling Stock
 - Probably largest and least valuable items you have.
 - Consider (Brass, Sound, Custom, Unique, Age, Emotional).
 - Where are the boxes? Put all the boxes in a labeled box(s). (For extra credit throw a slip of paper in each box that tells if there is something unique - like sound cattle car, etc.)
 - Do you want some of these to go to specific people and/or organizations? (Put that in the notebook!)

MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Photographs & Videos



<https://www.railpictures.net/photo/696317/>
Ryan Slaton - Photographer

MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Structures & Scenery
 - Probably the most awkward items to deal with.....
 - Their fragile, their light, and non-train folks don't know how to deal with them well.
 - If you have a fully developed layout, many of your operators would love to have an item or two from your layout to add to their own.
 - Removing items from a layout can be tedious - put in your notebook how things are attached, it helps!
 - Used scenery elements (ground cover, flock, glue, ballast, etc.) needs to be donated - pick who you like!

MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Electronics
 - Can be large money real fast!
 - DCC systems are not cheap. Half price for complete systems can still be \$100's of dollars.
 - Electronic add-ons also carry value-
 - Track detection, working animation from signals, scenery, tortoise switches, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, short circuit protection.
 - Do your best to list this all in the notebook! (Oh, and mention where they are located; a Sawzall will slice a booster in half with little effort!)

MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Books & Memorabilia
 - Magazines are hard hard sale. Few people want/need them anymore.
 - Books can be a hard sale. Except in rare cases, what you paid for it will not be what you get for it - not even close.
 - Create a list, note those that are signed, special, etc.
 - If you have an extensive collection, consider specialized software - www.librarything.com
 - It's free - web-based.
 - It has an app for Smartphone.
 - You can create categories/collections. (It helps me not to buy the same book twice...)



MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Photographs & Videos



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MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Photographs & Videos
 - Curse of the digital world.....?
 - What Do You Have?
 - Is it yours? Others? Both?
 - How Do You Have It?
 - Slides, Negatives, Digital, CDs, VHS, Other.....
 - Where Is It?
 - Who Can Get To It? How Can They Get To It?
 - Does It Have Value.....
 - Short Answer - Yes!!

NOW YOUR STUFF NEEDS TO 'DISPOSED' OF....

- Do you not care - can it just be donated? To whom, how, in what manner?
- Do you want others to receive benefit from your 'investment'?
- But if the desire is to start getting rid of items, what are some of the paths?
- Who do you they call?



MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Photographs & Videos

BNSF 489367

GN Heritage Car



SELL IT ON EBAY -



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to the largest audience (global) - Will most times obtain the highest 'gross price' - Lots of tools, marketing, promotional items available. - Auction style or Buy-It-Now available. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is the highest cost to sell items. - It takes effort (lots of it) - pictures, packing, shipping. - You get to deal with a lot of strange people. |
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MODEL TRAIN STUFF CATEGORIES -

- Photographs & Videos (cont)
 - Document it some how!
 - Make Sure Others Know!
 - Do you have any 'last days' photographs / videos?
 - Start now documenting - at some level...
 - Where
 - When
 - Details

SELL IT ON FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE -



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to a larger audience (if you ship), smaller if you don't. - Set the price and list the item. - Can be listed with a Smartphone very quickly. - Can happen quickly. - Cheap to do \$0 if sold locally, 5% if shipped. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May not obtain the best price. - Expect to have folks that want to haggle. (they're not being rude, it's just the platform) - Are you comfortable have people come to your house? Otherwise should arrange a meeting spot. - Watch for scammers! |
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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HAPPEN?

- If you don't plan on it, then I can assure you it will be everything you didn't expect.
 - The kids may rent a dumpster
- Those having to deal with it a going to have a large emotional toll trying to 'guess' what you would have wanted.
- Without guidance they will make mistakes.
- Be realistic
 - Don't tell them "I have over \$10,000 invested in the layout!" and leave them with the impression they must get that out of it!

SELL IT ON AUCTIONNINJA-



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to a larger audience (if you ship), smaller if you don't, but not as 'niche'. - Get a good picture, short description. - Runs like an auction but extends with each bid. - Do 100-400 lots at once! - Can be no shipping and everyone comes to you to pick up! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May not obtain the best price. - Cost is more than Facebook, less than eBay. - On 'pick-up day', you'll need help!! |
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NOTE - This can be done as individuals, or thru an estate sales agent.

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAN

- Create a notebook that folks can find.
- Structure of your notebook does not matter (English is generally preferred).
- Document about the layout (disassembly, who gets what, locations of items)
- Document about the items (boxes, who gets what, special notes)
- Decide on a person, or persons, that can take on the effort.
- Do NOT be nebulous! "Let the kids have what they want and after that I don't care...."
- This notebook will make it so much easier for those having to deal with it all!

MODEL TRAIN GARAGE SALE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's a one-time event with exposure to the right customer. - If priced right, a lot will go quickly. - It gets things to local folks that may have known the modeler. - Advertise to local clubs and entities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a bit of work! - You need to inventory it and send that out with the invites / flyers. - You need to establish pricing. - Figure out how to take credit cards. |
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AND WHAT ABOUT

- G-Scale –
 - Removing outdoor layouts is a whole different animal, they can be sold, but the house is generally included in the sale..... ☺
 - The other items generally process the same way.
- O-Scale –
 - If it's NOT pre-war, and/or collector items, then it processes pretty much the same way.
 - Pre-war and/or Collector items – prepare for complexities you've never even heard of....
 - Watch for emotional attachments. (Yours / Theirs / Others / None)
- Tin Plate / Standard Gauge
 - Very very niche interest and audience.

FINALLY, GUIDE THEM TO A CLUB

- Things to provide –
 - Inventory Assistance – Literally the first step in most any of the processes.
 - Guidance to find pricing / valuations.
 - Assistance with sales approaches (Garage Sales, Estate Sales, Answer Online Selling Questions, Brokers).
- Things we don't provide –
 - We don't, won't, can't sell – short of making them available to the membership for a donation.

SELL IT AT A TRAIN SHOW

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pros<ul style="list-style-type: none">- It's a one-time event with exposure to the right customer.- If priced right, a lot will go quickly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cons<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This is a LOT of work!- If it doesn't all sell (and it won't) you'll have to haul it home.- Most shows / municipalities expect you to collect taxes.- This is a LOT of work! |
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SELL IT TO A BROKER / DEALER / RESELLER -

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pros<ul style="list-style-type: none">- One shot and it's done.- Some will pickup and you don't even have to ship.- It is the easiest and least traumatic. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cons<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May get picky about what they'll accept, so still may have stuff to deal with later.- Will be the lowest price received. |
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DONATE IT TOO

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pros<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Call, pack, deliver/pickup, done.- Tax benefits (maybe)- Some organizations will assist. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cons<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Don't ask what they will do with it, you may not like the answer.....- Accept that this is the ultimate "let it all go...." option. |
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FINALLY, GUIDE THEM TO A CLUB

- Club can provide estate assistance for passed members.
- The Estate Coordinator will work to determine what is needed and best path forward based on desires & guidance.
- Club members will be 'volunteered/voluntold' to assist.

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New collections arriving weekly so come,
see what's new & Stake Your Claim!

- April 12th 8:00 AM - 12 Noon
- May 10th 8:00 AM - 12 Noon
- June 14th 8:00 AM - 12 Noon
- July 12th 8:00 AM - 12 Noon

Or By Appointment - Please Call!

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(303) 819-2937

Help Us Celebrate Austin's Birthday April 12th!

We hope you have saved some "dry powder" from the Rocky Mountain Train Show the weekend before and are planning to stop by and visit us for some "Prospecting" on Saturday, April 12th from 8 AM – 12 Noon. And you can help us celebrate Austin's Birthday in the process! YES, we will have cake!

Come see incredible new collections of fine quality RTR in HO Scale and a huge selection of Blackstone HOn3 and much, much more from collections we have acquired in AZ and NM in the last few weeks! Tons of fine scale brass from Overland Models, Shoreham Shops, The Palace Car Co. and Challenger Model Imports to name a few will be available!

We will also have more of Eric Lundberg's collection available. Eric was a past President of the NMRA and an MMR and was known for his large layout and active operating sessions in Colorado Springs for years and numerous articles in the railroad press.

We are located about half a mile East of I25 and the County Line Road Exit at **14 Inverness Drive East, Suite A140 in Englewood, CO 80112.**

We are also happy to accommodate guests by appointment most weekdays. Simply call Dan Raap at (303) 819-2937 to schedule a visit and prospecting experience. There are always new areas to explore each time you visit!

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www.ebay.com/str/motherlodemodelrailroading to get a feel for what we have and remember that all inventory is on-sale when purchasing direct. We accept most major credit cards, PayPal, Cash or Check. We regularly accept consignments, and we purchase collections! Inquiries and referrals are welcome! Questions – Call us at (303) 819-2937 or by email: danraap2021@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for our future mining hours and please tell your modeling friends and club-mates! We hope to see you soon! Until then, Happy Modeling and Thank You, The Mother Lode Team.

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

During the self-introductions, Bob Rothgery showed us a recent purchase. It is a LumenLight, a very bright light emitting headband that would be very beneficial when working under the layout. It can be purchased online and locally.





Saturday & Sunday, September 27-28th, 2025

Island Grove Event Center

421 N 15th Ave., Greeley, CO

Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Model Displays—Clinics—Hands on Stations

Vendor Room—Layouts

\$35—Early Registration

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