



# Sunrise Herald

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### Ghost Towns October Program

The witching hour...or at least the witching month...and John Dilavou's spectacular program on Colorado Ghost Towns fit the bill. His old-style—slides and tape—multimedia presentation was a wonderful trip through many of the now-abandoned

town sites sprinkling our state.

Many of the photographs he showed could not be taken today: time and vandals have had their way with these historic scenes. John's professional presentation was both fascinating and a bit sad. Fantastic job, John!

—SH

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### Making Trees Was October Clinic

Aspens, cottonwoods, and burned pines: all of these are found in Colorado, and all of these were modelled by Gary Myers in his clinic.

Using photographs to show what nature provides, Gary showed how to model aspens in the fall using tumbleweeds, poly fiber, ground foam, hair spray, and a little craft paint.

He begins with tumbleweeds, doing a small amount of trimming then painting them with white craft paint tinted with a

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little green. He then adds streaks of charcoal across the bark and around branches and knot holes.

After the trunks have dried, he stretches appropriately colored poly fiber over the branches, then uses hair spray as an adhesive for the ground foam he sprinkles over the top. He uses different colors of foam to give variety to his trees.

For the gnarled shapes of cottonwoods, Gary uses sagebrush, which he collects at Daniels Park. Again, he uses poly fiber to form the shape of the canopy, then fills in using ground foam of the appropriate colors.

Gary said that he had made trees in the past which he thought weren't quite right, then discovered from photographs that his efforts actually matched real trees.

He recently traveled to the site of the Hewlett Gulch fire to take photographs and learned that there was a wide variety of colors in the burned trees. He showed several example photographs, and is planning to modify a modelled fire area to match what he has learned.

—SH



## Membership Report



BY JOHN GRIFFITH, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

While I was still living in Omaha, the local module group was invited to put our modules in the 1984 NMRA National Convention in Kansas City. While there, we took turns running the trains on the modules, and at one point my son Pat and I shared the running time with Richard Napper.

While running a 2-6-6-2 lettered for my West Point & Northern Railroad, Mary Coyle, fellow module-maker Tim Coyle's wife, asked who owned the engine and was I from West Point.

I said that I was not, but I had some relatives there. When I told her who, she demanded "how are you related to *my* father?" It turned out that her father and my mother were first cousins. If I hadn't taken my module to Kansas City, I might never have met this relative.

So you not only meet new friends through the NMRA, but "new" relatives, too. When I run into Tim at NMRA meets, he still says, "Hi, cuz."

—SH



## Division Data

**S**unrise Division promotes and encourages model railroading from I-25 east to the Kansas border. We welcome all model railroaders, regardless of skill or experience, because our goal is to have fun.

The *Sunrise Herald* is a publication of the Sunrise Division of the Rocky Mountain Region, National Model Railroad Association.

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## NMRA Notes

About half of the money needed to meet the “matching gift” to the “The Magic of Scale Model Railroading” exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum has been raised. An anonymous donor has offered to put \$250,000 of his own money into the Exhibit if we can raise a matching amount. In addition to NMRA member donations, substantial donations have been made to the exhibit by various manufacturers. No NMRA dues money is being used to fund this project. Watch for an informative article in the November issue of NMRA Magazine for more details on the Exhibit and fund raising efforts.

**The newly formed NMRA Marketing Department** is working with Amtrak stations in major cities to get modular layouts placed there in an effort to raise awareness of our hobby.

**The NMRA website is undergoing a facelift** and update under the direction of our new IT Director, Ben Sevier, and his web team. Members should see the changes sometime within the coming year.

**As part of an effort to improve communications with members**, and specifically those who don't receive *NMRA Magazine*, the NMRA leadership team is discussing adding an “eBulletin”—a short, concise e-mailed newsletter which will list NMRA news, announcements, and other important information. It won't replace *NMRA Magazine*, but instead will be an adjunct to it and will be available free to those members with e-mail. A proposal will be made to the Board of Directors in February.

**The Executive Handbook and By-Laws Committee is currently working** diligently to simplify and shorten both of those documents, making it easier to understand the organization and how it's run.

**The Winter Board of Directors Meeting** will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 8-10. All NMRA members are welcome to attend. Times and location will be announced later.

## Notice of Elections

At the November meeting we will be electing a new Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Secretary.

Nominated are Jim Laird, Superintendent; Steve Schweighofer, Assistant Superintendent; Stewart Jones, Secretary; and Bill Johnson, Treasurer. —SH



GARY MYERS, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

### Train Ready to Tie-Up

It's been a good three years at the throttle of the Sunrise Division, but now it's time I go over to the President's office. We had a lot of fun accomplishments from 2009 – 2012, we hosted 2 conventions in '10 and '12, a Georgetown excursion in '09, annual picnics with the Front Range Division at the Colorado Railroad Museum, annual layout tours, a mini-meet last year, the progress of the sectional layout, and of course our monthly Division meetings. This couldn't have been possible without the great team of leaders and contributors that is such a tremendous force available in our Division.

I now join the cadre of former Division Superintendents and Region officers who are still extremely active in our Division and continue to serve as officers, planners, clinicians, committee members and major contributors to the Sunrise Division and the Rocky Mountain Region; Nate Bryant, Don Francis, Bill Johnson, Jack Getz, and Richard Hunter. So although I'll be in the President's office, I'll still be working behind the scenes with the new officers to help them, just like everyone helped me.



### Support Your Local Sheriff

I am very proud that we have had several people step into roles and responsibilities to keep the Sunrise Special rolling. We have many people who contribute their valuable time, which is very appreciated. Please remember that, when dealing with all the members of the NMRA. Thanks to the new leadership team who were volunteered for their new positions, I am sure they are excited to contribute in new ways. Although we haven't officially completed the election process yet, assuming there are no surprises, I'd like to welcome Jim Laird, Steve Schweighofer, and Stewart Jones with the venerable Bill Johnson transitioning the new team. Please be patient and support them going forward as they learn the time-table, express routes, sidings, and derailis.

It is important others gain the opportunity to serve the Division in new ways. The Division gains new life and blood, and the new officers get a chance to reap the opportunities I've enjoyed. What opportunities are these? As Sunrise Superintendent, I have gotten to meet and know better many of the Division members, the other Superintendents and many members of the Region. I've been able to contribute to the direction and growth of our Division, and represent it well to the Region. I've been able to complete AP certificates for NMRA Official and Author (with ink in the fabulous *Sunrise Herald* and clinics).

### Switching Moves Ahead

One goal as Superintendent that I was unable to accomplish, was to develop the Sunrise Constitution and Bylaws. Unfortunately, those plans are still on the drawing board but I still hope to contribute to those documents in the future. I also don't plan to let the President's office take all my time and pledge to take a chair position to continue to make contributions to our Division.

Thanks for all your support, encouragement, and help. It has been an honor to serve as Superintendent for one of the best Divisions in the Rocky Mountain Region. —SH

# Show & Tell



**C**oal Mining, the theme of October's Show & Tell, started off with Larry Stephen's exhibit: a lump of coal. (Right) Larry reported that he found it on a railroad right of way at Marshall Pass and that it had definite signs of being used in a locomotive.

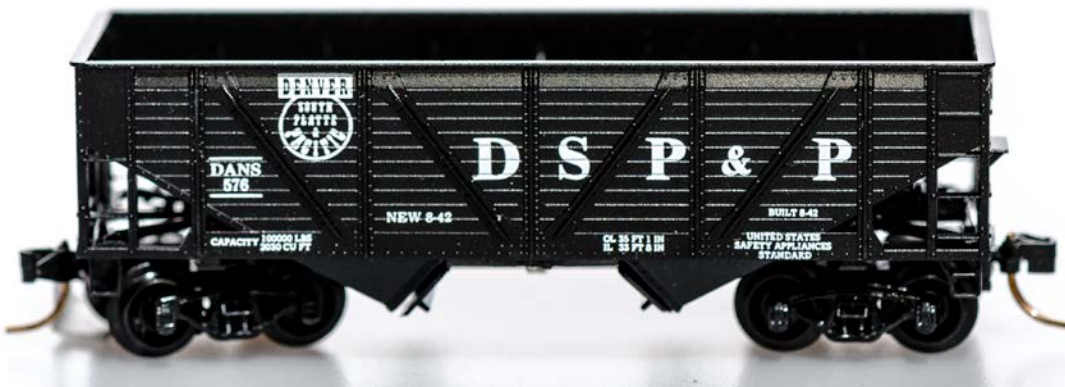
Other Show & Tell exhibits were a little more conventional, having a modeler's eye view of hauling coal on the layout. (All photos by Tom Frerichs)



Gary Myers brought this HO-scale Red Caboose kit of a D&RGW coal hopper. He said that up until the sixties, western railroads tended to use low-sided hoppers instead of the high-sided hoppers found in the eastern United States.



The Grand Trunk did not move coal from mines, but it certainly had to move coal for use by its own steam locomotives. Rich Flammini models the GT and brought this HO-scale model from his layout.



One of the long gone historic narrow-gauge railroads in Colorado was the Denver, South Platte, & Pacific: the DSP&P. If you look closely, though, you'll see that this N-scale hopper brought by Steve Schweighofer is for the Denver, South Platte, & Pacific. It was a special run for a local club and sold at a convention.



# More October Coal Mining Show & Tell



(Above & Below) The Columbine Coal Company was well represented by these custom lettered HO-scale locomotives and cars brought by Don Francis. You'll notice that the steam-era is lettered Columbine

Coal Company, but the diesel-era is for the Columbine Coal Belt. Don had far more cars, but the photographer decided to limit the number so he could get a full train in one shot. (Photos By Tom Frerichs)



(Above) When you talk about coal and railroads you are going to be talking about the Norfolk & Western at some point. It is unavoidable. The N&W was the last Class 1 railroad to regularly run steam, and

it is no wonder. Their biggest customers were coal mines. Bill Johnson brought this HO-scale model of a Y-1 engine and N&W hopper as his offering for Show & Tell. (Photo by Tom Frerichs)



## AP Certificate Awarded

Jim Laird, Regional chair of the AP program was pleased to present the Association Official AP certificate to Jim Laird, member of Sunrise Division.

Jim praised Jim for his dedication to the NMRA, but he added that the Association Official award was relatively simple to get. It just takes a willingness to volunteer to help fellow modelers.

Jim thanked Jim and told the members that Jim would be happy to help others learn how to apply for AP awards. -SH

(Photo faked by Tom Frerichs)

## Focus on the Future



November's Clinic is described in Rich Flamini's own words below. And, as you can see, the picture made it fine.

*The title of my clinic is Growing the Layout. I will step through how I created a garden center. Attached (I hope) is a pic of the almost finished product. Since I can't bring it with, I will create a Power Point presentation.*

—Rich

The theme for Show & Tell is steam locomotives. I suspect that some of our members may own one of these, so there probably will be a fair number of exhibits.

—SH

### WANTED: LAYOUT TOUR CO-ORDINATOR

**\$Job Description:** Put together exciting layout venues for Sunrise Division layout tours.

**\$Benefits:** Get to know the great layouts and projects of our Division members, keeping tabs on members' progress. You may get some first hand great tips and ideas!

**\$Hours:** Awe inspiring to say the least!

**\$Pay:** Your efforts directly reduce the wear and tear of your poor Superintendent and Division officers.

**APPLY TO YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD  
SUNRISE DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT.**

## Show & Tell Themes

When you submit a model for the show and tell, you automatically are entered into a drawing for a gift certificate from Caboose Hobbies in Denver.

November 1..... Steam Locomotives  
December 6 ..... Rail Cars

## Upcoming Events

- ◇ November 1, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ November 3, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ November 10—11, Great Train Expo, National Western Stock Show Complex, Denver, Colorado
- ◇ November 10, Model RR & Toy Train Swap Meet, The Foothills Society of Model Railroaders, Green Mountain Presbyterian Church, 12900 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 9-11:30 AM
- ◇ November 14, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ November 17, Ride the Rails Saturday, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado
- ◇ November 24, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ November 24-25, Rocky Mountain Toy Train Show, Denver Merchandise Mart, 451 East 58th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. 10 AM—5 PM
- ◇ December 1, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ December 6, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ December 8, Steam-Up Event—Santa Claus Special, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ December 9-10, TECO Show, Freedom Expo Center, 3650 North Nevada Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Saturday: 9 AM—4 PM Sunday: 10 AM—3 PM Adults: \$5 Family: \$8
- ◇ December 15—16, Steam-Up Event—Santa Claus Special, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ December 22, Steam-Up Event—Santa Claus Special, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ December 29, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily
- ◇ January 3, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM