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**Notice: There will not be a meeting on April 5 because of scheduling conflicts. The meeting has been re-scheduled to April 12.**

## NMRA Awards Featured At March Meeting

Coming on the heels of last month's three Golden Spike Awards comes the fourth Golden Spike given to

N-scale modeler Frank Germino. (right). Sunrise Division's AP Chairman, David Bol, was pleased to do the Master of Ceremony duties and give Frank his well-deserved honor.

David also presented two AP Awards to Gary Myers, Division Superintendent (below). Gary achieved the Official AP and Author AP certificates after submitting the qualifying documents.

Don Deuel, an out-

standing HO-scale modeler, qualified for the Master Builder AP award, but was unable to be present. —SH



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## Hunter Offers Photo Tips For Convention Attendees

**W**hat and where to photograph at this summer's Big Horn Mixed convention was the topic of March's clinic presented by Dick Hunter. A highlight of the Regional Convention, to be held June 8—10 in Chama, New Mexico, is a full day riding and photographing the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway, and Dick is very familiar with the line. The clinic was a photo presentation pointing out the best places to photograph the mixed freight-passenger train and of interesting sights along the right of way.

Featuring many photographs that Dick has taken through the years, the presentation covered the entire trip. Scenes from the Chama, NM, to Big Horn Wye, along with practical advice, is sure to help attendees appreciate this chance to enjoy narrow gauge railroading.

This trip may be the last chance for avid rail fans to gain free access to the Chama yards as a

new operator has been retained by the states of Colorado and New Mexico, the C&TSR owner. Even though the gauge is narrow, the operations are the same, if on a smaller scale, as any steam operation. If you are modeling a transition or earlier era railroad, this is one place you can go to see how it was really done.

Go to [www.bighornmixed.com](http://www.bighornmixed.com) or e-mail [bighornmixed@ecentral.com](mailto:bighornmixed@ecentral.com) for Convention information. If you were not able to make March's meeting, Dick offers guides that detail the route, mile by mile. You can contact him at his e-mail, [hunterrl@ecentral.com](mailto:hunterrl@ecentral.com), for more information. —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.

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# From The Chief

BY GARY MYERS, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

## Details, details

For those of you who may be working on their models for the upcoming convention's model contest and especially those of you who are not, but thinking about it, don't forget the details!

Last fall I presented my clinic on Weighing Cars and Scale Tracks. I had on hand my Salida Scale House, which I purchased for fifty cents. Lately, I have been busy working on the details for the interior of this one inch by two inch structure.

Lighting is important, because eventually we plan to have night operations (of a sort), so I needed a way to light the interior and still have an interior. I constructed a rough frame from some Evergreen styrene that would fit the interior and hold a light. The object would be to make the structure removable from the interior to display the contents.



*This frame will stand alone with all the interior displayed when removing the Scale House. I'll know what is in there, but I want everyone else to see.* (All photos by Gary Myers)



A scratch-built scale and pot belly stove were made to install in the interior. A Preiser figure will be added, along with a small coal bin and coffee pot on top of the stove. A shelf will also be added for papers. I doubt a building this size would have a stove, but the building already had an oversized smokestack, so what the heck.

The details add significantly to the point total of your judged contest model, increasing your chances for that elusive Merit Award. But most important, the details you add to and around your structures greatly increases the interest level of observers and operators at your layout. You will also gain satisfaction when "filling in" the contents, clutter and junk. These details all relate to some purpose of the building, and are easiest to incorporate as you are building the structure. After you have the main details in place, other articles of junk and clutter can be added as you desire. Until then you still have the center of your scene complete, which the eyes will be drawn to and appreciate.

Oh, and this scale house will only be displayed on the layout. Sorry, contest judges!

—SH



## NMRA Notes

◇ The NMRA has a new Development Department Manager charged with seeking out new donation sources and methods and coming up with ways to expand our fund-raising potential. Alan Anderson of Salt Lake City volunteered to fill the slot, which had been vacant for

several years.

- ◇ The "Cruise Convention" idea was officially declared "not popular enough to pursue." Initial estimates dictated that the idea receive approximately 800 firm commitments from NMRA members, and only about 300 were received.
- ◇ The NMRA is in the final stages of selecting a volunteer Marketing Department Manager. The Marketing Director will help the NMRA identify ways to retain and re-rail members, as well as recruit new ones.
- ◇ Jenny Hendricks, NMRA Administration

Director, reports that the number of RailPass members who convert to regular members has reached the 80% mark. Congratulations to all of you whose hard work has made this goal a reality. Maybe we should try for 90—100%?

◇ The Celebration of Models in Grand Rapids will introduce a new contest award in memory of Dean Freytag, the "Dean of Styrene" and former national Contest Chair. The award is funded by a donation given to the NMRA in memory of Freytag and is named "The Dean Freytag Industrial Structure Award."





## Photos Show Modern Rails

Every so often, I check my mail and find another photograph taken by Tim Harkey, BNSF engineer, and I'm always pleased by what I download. This page is just a sampling of what Tim has photographed, from a jet-powered snowblower to a DP motor close-up, from a track-side shot of Fowler to a dawn view of 9145 running by. He always has something interesting to share.

One sample of his work now graces Sunrise Division's web page. I hope you will enjoy his iPhone documentary work as much as I do.  
—The Editor





## Tool Time Tips



## The Jig Is Up For Jones

**T**he Tool Time Tips segments give modelers a chance to share simple techniques that make modeling tasks easier, faster, or more precise. March's offering by Stewart Jones fit into this idea perfectly.

Making grab irons consistently was the goal, and Stu showed a simple jig he uses to perform this repetitive task. As a bonus tip, Stu pointed out that phosphor bronze wire was a better choice than brass wire because the resistance of phosphor bronze to metal fatigue was higher.

If you have a modeling tip that you could share in five to ten minutes, contact Gary Myers or Jim Laird. They will be happy to schedule you for a Tool Time Tip segment.

-SH

***N-Scalers: Got some old stuff you need to get rid of? Or do you need to get some new stuff?***

## N-Scale Swap Meet On May 5

**T**he Second Annual N-Scale Swap Meet is ready to leave the station on May 5, 2012, at the Forney Museum, 4303 Brighton Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, from ten o'clock in the morning until two o'clock in the afternoon. And, best of all, it's free.

This meet is sponsored by the Moffat Modelers, a 100% NMRA club, that is building, maintaining, and operating the N-scale Rio Grande layout at the Forney Museum.

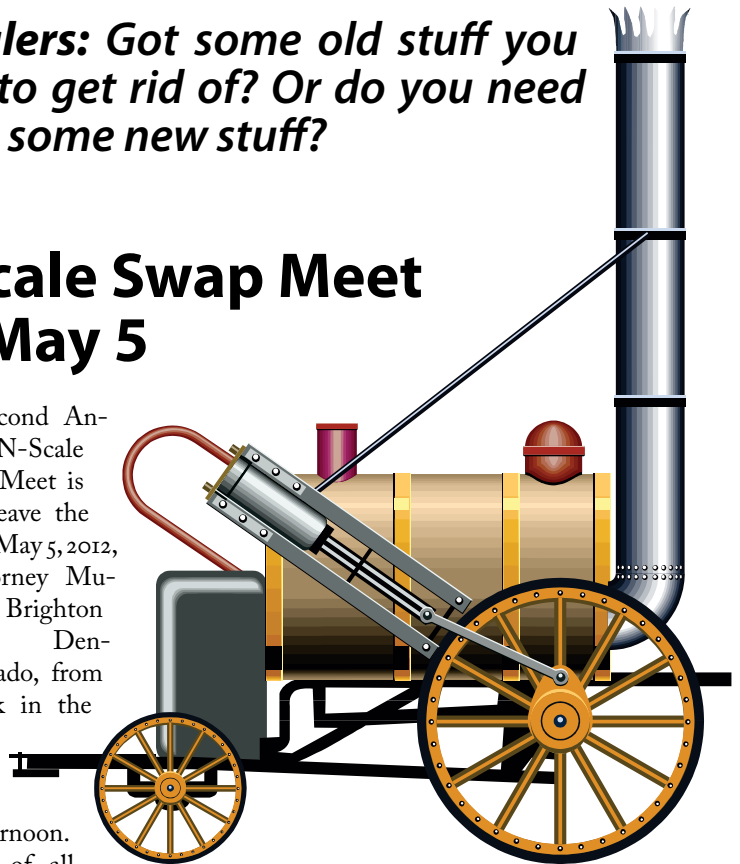
Last year it was called a "junk meet," but considering the editor's depleted wallet at the end, junk wasn't the right term. There was a lot of good stuff being offered, steam to modern era. It's a great chance to shed the extras we modelers seem to accumulate or to add to your collection. Plus, it's a great chance to speak to other N-scalers from around the area. Other participants of the event include DENTRAK, Independent N Scalers, Boulder Model Railroad Club, local NMRA divisions, and many individual N-scalers.

If you have a lot of stuff to sell or trade, you can set up a table. However, it will have to be your own table; they don't have many to spare. Or you can peruse the offerings from local dealers—which is what trapped the editor last year.

In addition to the swapping fun, the layout will be operating, and you can bring your own equipment. The layout has both DC and DCC loops, but be prepared. It takes some time to leave Arvada, traverse the Big Ten loops, make it up to the Moffat Tunnel, and then return to Denver via a helix. If you've never had the experience of walking 130 feet with your train, you will be in for a treat. The layout makes full use of one N-scale advantage: the scenery almost overwhelms the track.

To get to the swap meet, travel to the Forney on Brighton Boulevard, then go to the rear parking lot on the west side of the museum. The entrance is in the south wing of the building. It's the grey steel door at the top of the short staircase located to the left of the large loading dock doors. The Forney will be open at its regular admission price just in case you want to visit the UP Big Boy on display.

For more information about the swap meet, you can e-mail Frank Germa at [fgermo@yahoo.com](mailto:fgermo@yahoo.com) or Patrick Lana at [pglana@comcast.net](mailto:pglana@comcast.net). To learn more about the Moffat Modelers, check out their web site at [www.moffatmodelers.org](http://www.moffatmodelers.org).

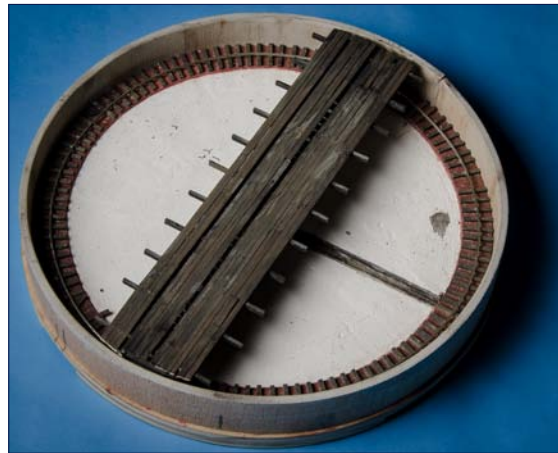
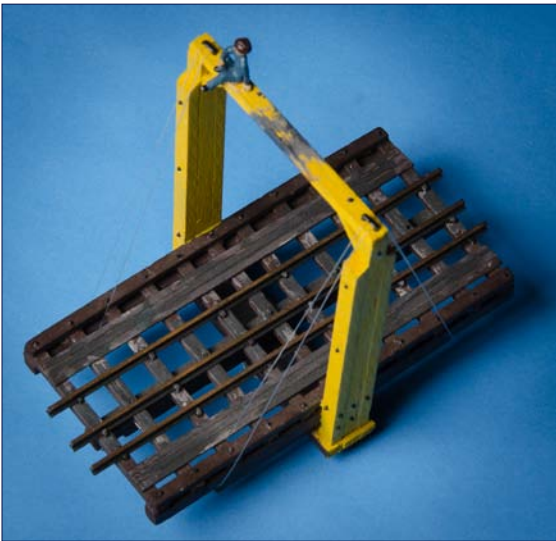
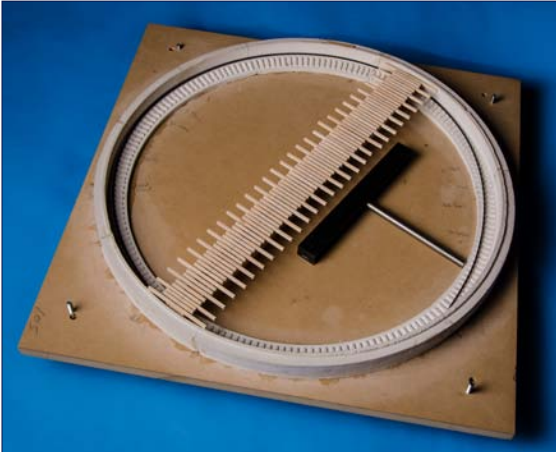


# Show & Tell



## March Show & Tell Put Spin On Turntables

Getting an engine turned was a necessity since the earliest days of railroading, and one answer was the turntable. The earliest versions were moved by hand, giving rise to the nickname "Armstrong tables," but later versions used a variety of power sources. Turntables still exist on modern railroads, though the accompanying roundhouses are long gone. Since they take much less real estate than a wye, they are popular with modelers. Besides, they really look good. —SH



**Top Left:** Gary Myers exhibited this Diamond Scale HO-scale turntable with dual gauge track. It will be used to represent the 100' Salida prototype. **Middle Left:** Dicker Hunter's Jimbony Junction turntable, featuring HO and HO<sub>N</sub>30 track, was part of a diorama for the 1977 NMRA National Convention Contest. **Bottom:** Stewart Jones exhibited this partially finished HO-scale Bethlehem Steel double span turntable. **Top Right:** John Kerbaugh decided not to rip his turntable out of his layout, so he brought a photograph instead. **Middle Right:** Don Francis's turntable has seen a lot of action through the years.





## Focus on the Future

### April On Track

The April meeting will open with a video followed by a great Tool Time Tip segment. Gary said the video would be "something possibly in Petticoats." I didn't want to ask.

Gary Myers is doing the clinic entitled "Hand-laying Switches with FASTTRACKS." This will be a demonstration clinic and should offer ideas to the scale gandy dancers among us.

Show and Tell is "Waterfront Structures." Reliable sources (Gary) tell me that you don't need a pier or an ore dock. In other words, this is a very elastic category. —SH


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### 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.

April 12 .....	Waterfront Structures
May 3 .....	Logging Equipment
June 7 .....	No Meeting—Convention in Chama
July 7 .....	Picnic—No S&T
August 2 .....	Turn of the Century (20 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> )
September 6 .....	Timber Trestles
October 4 .....	Coal Mining
November 1 .....	Steam Locomotives
December 6 .....	Rail Cars

## Upcoming Events

- ◇ *April 7, Steam-Up Event—Bunny Express Train*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM
- ◇ *April 12, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *April 14, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only)*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM
- ◇ *April 21, Ride the Rails Saturday*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM
- ◇ *April 28, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only)*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM
- ◇ *April 28-29, CTTG and LCCA Public Toy Train Auction*, Standard and Wide Gauge, The Ranch Country Club, 11887 Tejon Street (West 120th Avenue west of Pecos), Westminster, Colorado.
- ◇ *May 3, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *May 4-5, 2012 National Z-Scale Convention*, Red Lion Hotel, 3200 South Parker Road, Aurora, Colorado.
- ◇ *May 5, SCFD Free Days—Galloping Goose Ride*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. Free admission. Rides available for purchase only.
- ◇ *May 5, N-Scale Swap Meet—Moffat Modelers Layout*, Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Enter from rear parking lot.
- ◇ *May 12, Train Show & Swap Meet*, NMRA Pikes Peak Division, Trinity United Methodist Church, 710 North 20th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. 9 AM—3 PM. Admission: \$5. Children under 12 free.
- ◇ *June 8-10, Big Horn Mixed*, 2012 Rocky Mountain NMRA Regional Convention, Chama, New Mexico. Mixed steam freight railfan photographers' special on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. [www.bighornmixed.com](http://www.bighornmixed.com)
- ◇ *July 24–August 4, Grand Rails—2012*, NMRA National Convention. Grand Rapids, Michigan. [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org)