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No meeting in June or July.

In June we're going conventioning in Chama, and we're having a picnic in July.

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Hagen Explains How Archive Saves Engine 463 — story page 2

Hagen Draws Upon Archives For Restoration Challenge

Built in 1903 by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Rio Grande engine 463 was neglected in later years. She sat rusting away, a reminder of earlier days now remembered only dimly, if at all. But unlike the fate awaiting many of her sisters, 463's future is bright. She will be repaired and renewed. Volunteer labor and a budget of \$1,000,000 will see that accomplished.

It is hard to get spare parts for a 1965 Ford Fairlane; think how much harder it is to get parts for a locomotive that is over one hundred years old, especially since so many parts for a steam locomotive were forged for that single engine. It is possible to reproduce worn components, but it becomes much harder to reproduce a missing piece.

Enter Dennis Hagen, who now works for the Denver Public Library. Although Dennis's primary interest is in the Tenth Mountain Division, because of his love of railroading questions about that industry are often referred to him.

He was able to help in the rebuilding effort by searching through the Rio Grande Collection at the Library, an archive that includes 14,000 engineering drawings. Initially contacted by the engineers working on the restoration, over time Dennis was able to supply an amazing amount of material drawn from those archives, including engineering drawings for various parts of Engine 463.

Dennis's program was an interesting description of how he was able to help, his techniques for getting that information to the re-builders, and photographs of the current state of restoration. He also briefly discussed other resources available through the Denver Public Library that would be of interest to model railroaders and rail fans.

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May Meeting Well Attended

There were twenty-nine members in attendance at the Sunrise Division May 3 meeting, a good turnout. Gary Myers Division Superintendent, welcomed members and visitors after a beginning video, and then opened the business meeting with announcements.

Frank Germon reminded members of the Moffat Modelers' N-scale Swap Meet to be held May 5 at the Forney Museum. He also asked for help for the upcoming Big Boy Days at the Forney.

John Griffith's acceptance of the Membership Chair was applauded and suitable (mock) sympathy offered.

Don Francis gave an encouraging report on the state of the modules, and Stewart Jones (left) added to that report by discussing the work to be done for wiring the modules.

Bill Johnson was running a little late, so Jay Queiser filled in with a Caboose Hobbies report.

After the Tool Time and Dennis Hagen's clinic presentation, members retired to Village Inn for some pie, coffee, and friendly discussion about everything. -SH



Membership Report



BY JOHN GRIFFITH, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Since I am almost a new member myself, I got "volunteered" to be the new membership chairman. For those of you who do not know me: I am John Griffith, and I have been a modeler for most of my life. However, I have only lived in Aurora for about fourteen months.

Rich Flammini signed up two new members at the z-scale Convention. They are Charles Daves and Austin Keaveny, both, I presume z-scalers. Hope to see them and the rest of you at the picnic in July or the next meeting in August.

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[Editor's note: John is a fine fellow with only two flaws. He seems to have this HO-scale bias, and, unfortunately for him, he cannot run fast when Gary approaches. We all are looking forward to his tenure as Membership Chair.]



Division Data

Sunrise 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

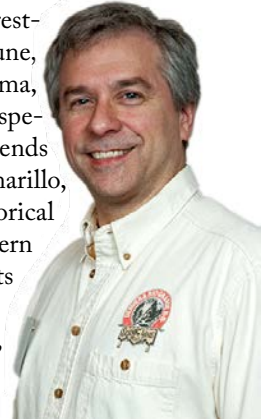
Summer Vacations and Conventions

Summer is the time for vacations and railroad conventions. Combining the two can lead to a very enjoyable outing. We are very fortunate to live near Denver, Colorado, which is the central hub from which many western conventions can be but a day's drive. Every year we are surrounded by conventions from all organizations, including our own.

Since 2000, I have attended four National Narrow Gauge conventions, one NMRA convention, one Santa Fe Modeling & Historical Society convention, and several Rocky Mountain Regional conventions. I promised Bob Hochstetter I would visit a Missouri Pacific Historical Society in the near future, as they are often located not too far away from my in-laws in Arkansas. Many of the RMR-NMRA conventions have led me to places I probably would not otherwise have visited. This year our convention will take me back to Chama, where I get the joy of having my own narrow gauge freight, something I probably would not do or might not be able to afford with other groups.

Balancing your railroad hobby budget versus attending a convention may seem like a tough choice. After all, the cost of a new, sound-equipped locomotive seems a lot more than what my father might have paid—or just not so long ago. I balance the costs by treating the conventions like a vacation with many options available for family members. Railroad societies in particular have venues in places that cater well to families. Costs generally range from the NMRA National convention as the highest down to historical societies. Looking at the cost range, our RMR conventions are generally near the least expensive, with this year being exceptionally well-valued.

Sometimes a change in venue can be refreshing. In May, we had the Z-Scale National Convention next door at the Red Lion at Parker and I-225, the C&NW in Norfolk, Nebraska, and the Locomotive & Railway Historical Society's Membership Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. I was actually tempted to take my wife to the latter, with its very interesting program. And yes, I am a member. In June, we are hosting the Big Horn Mixed in Chama, New Mexico—a great charter train ride especially for the family. Also this month, The Friends of the Burlington Northern convene in Amarillo, Texas; the Santa Fe Modeling and Historical Society meets in Temple, Texas; the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Historical Society gets together in Fremont, California; and the N&W Historical Society gathers Lynchburg, Virginia. The National N-Scale Convention ends the month in Medford, Oregon.



In July, in addition to our National NMRA Convention, the Great Northern Railway Historical Society meets in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The Union Pacific Historical Society kicks off August, followed by the Denver, South Park & Pacific Historical Society here in Bailey, Colorado, and the Durango & Silverton's Railfest is scheduled. In September, the National Narrow Gauge Convention is set in Seattle, Washington, and the SOO Line meeting is scheduled in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. In October, the Missouri Pacific Historical Society's Annual Columbus Day weekend is happening in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and last but not least, the Southern Pacific Historical Society Convention takes place in Ventura, California.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to expand your train room out of the basement. Trips you have been planning to do, but haven't had the time to take, are all laid out in front of you. All you have to do is register and show up.

Every convention has its own unique characteristics, making each a different but fun experience. Enjoy them with family and friends, and take a break from the modeling to get back in touch with the actual trains and history that brought you into the hobby in the first place. I am looking forward to my brother joining me for this year's Rocky Mountain Region's Big Horn Mixed, and my first chartered narrow gauge freight. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

—SH



NMRA Notes

The NMRA has revisited its corporate status and has incorporated in the State of Missouri.

One of the driving factors was to enable the Board to conduct electronic meetings (a practice not allowed in the State of Ohio, where the NMRA was formerly incorporated). This lets the Board vote on matters of significance in the time between the Win-

ter and Summer meetings. The move also provides the proper opportunity to revisit the regulations (bylaws) as we update them to satisfy the Missouri Corporate requirements.

The Board of Directors will meet in Grand Rapids on Friday, July 27, Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29. While the Friday meeting is a closed caucus, most of the Saturday and Sunday meetings are open to all members. At this time the meeting room hasn't been determined, so check with the convention hotel after you arrive

if you're interested in attending.

Election Results

President

Charlie W. Getz, IV, HLM

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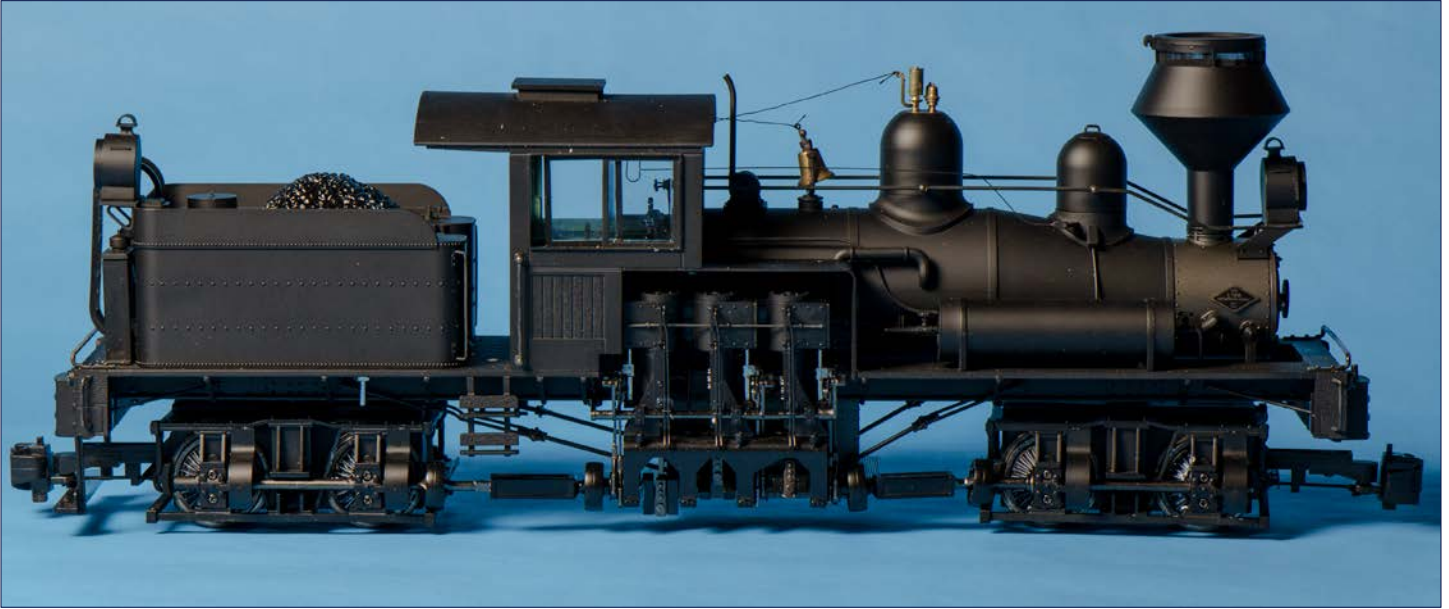
Bill Kaufman

Eastern District Director

Mike Bartlett

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Miles Hale, MMR



Logging for May Show & Tell

Logging was the subject at May's meeting. John Grigg brought in his Large Scale Shay and disconnects (*above*) and Stu Jones offered an HO-scale Walthers log car (*below*). An anonymous exhibitor brought in what he called an N-scale logging chain (*right*). Anonymous might be spelled Schweighofer.

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Show
& Tell



More May Logging Show & Tell



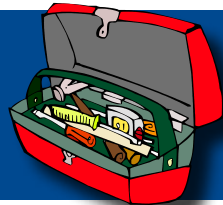
Richard Hunter brought in a cap (*left*) from the Hull-Oakes Lumber Company of Monroe, Oregon, which he picked up at a tour held during an NMRA convention. What makes Hull-Oakes interesting, aside from having the word "Oakes" in their name which is totally appropriate for a lumber company, is that the facil-

ity is a steam-powered sawmill still in operation.

The two-truck Shay (*right*) is an HO-scale Roundhouse model that is, according to Don Francis, "still in progress." Of course, we understand that Don is devoting a lot of his free time to working on the Sunrise Division modules.

—SH

Tool Time Tips



Logging Vehicles May Tool Time

May's Tool Time Tip segment was on logging equipment. Dick Hunter had prepared a presentation with many photographs of vintage logging equipment, primarily vehicles.

Unfortunately, Dick was called away, so he quickly handed off the presentation to Nate Bryant, who used Dick's notes to do a fine job.

There is no truth to the rumor that some members claimed that this was the best presentation Dick had ever given.

Dick returned later that evening after taking care of the problem that had called him away. He was not going to miss French silk pie and coffee at the Village Inn.

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Laird Recovering

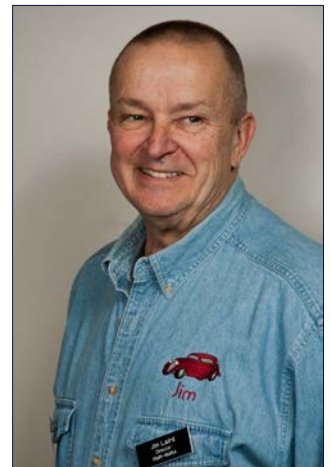
Jim Laird, Program Chair of Sunrise Division and Achievement Program Chair for the Rocky Mountain Region—NMRA, was injured about a month ago while he was traveling in the Midwest.

According to Gary Myers, "Jim is back and doing okay. His accident involved his RV rolling over his right leg and dragging him along the ground for about 90 feet. He's home, leg very swollen but no broken bones, torn ACL, and off pain killer for at least four weeks.

'His spirits are good, [and he is] healing slowly.'

Please remember Jim in your prayers, and we all hope for a full recovery.

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Your investment in the NMRA benefits not only you, but also the future of model railroading. Help make sure our hobby is strong.

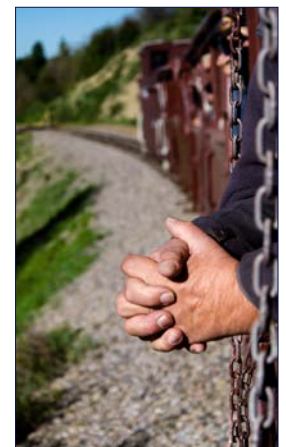


Big Horn Convention Drew 112 Members To Chama



Whether they came to photograph the train or just relax and watch the scenery go by, there is no doubt that the Big Horn Convention, put on by Sunrise Division for the Rocky Mountain Region, was a success.

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Conventions are about people, too. On the previous page you see Nate Bryant and Jack Sousa running the registration table. You will see Lena and Larry Buyck were enjoying the scenery, and a shot of the folks gathering on Friday night for the program given by NMRA President-elect Charlie Getz.

On this page you will see the crew ready to hand out door prizes under the direction of Master of Ceremonies Dick Hunter. Stewart Jones and Don Francis took time out to tour the yard, and seem to be enjoying themselves. Finally, you can spot Glenn Sponholz, a long time modeler and former member of Sunrise Division. He traveled a long way to get to Chama—all the way from Texas—but behind Glenn is Sam Furukawa, well known photographer and writer of two books on the Cumbres & Toltec and Durango & Silverton railroads. Sam came to Chama from Tokyo.

All trips come to an end as the photograph below shows, but we'll all have wonderful memories of the Big Horn Mixed 2012 Convention. —SH



Focus on the Future



Picnic On Tap For July Meeting

Do not show up at Hope Lutheran Church on July 5 and expect to find a batch of model railroaders. Instead of having our monthly meeting there, we are planning a picnic at Palmer Lake next to the Joint Line on July 7. You will be getting additional information by e-mail about this trip.

We will resume our regular schedule on August 2, and we hope to see you there. —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.

August 2..... Turn of the Century (20th or 21st)
September 6 Timber Trestles
October 4..... Coal Mining
November 1..... Steam Locomotives
December 6 Rail Cars

Upcoming Events

- ◇ *July 3-6, Galloping Goose No. 5, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama, New Mexico*
- ◇ *July 7, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily.*
- ◇ *July 7-11, 2012 Klamath Falls Convention—Great Northern Railway Historical Society, Klamath Falls, Oregon*
- ◇ *July 12, Cinder Bear Express, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama, New Mexico*
- ◇ *July 14, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily.*
- ◇ *July 21, Model RR & Toy Train Swap Meet, The Foothills Society of Model Railroaders, 9-11:30 AM. Green Mountain Presbyterian Church, 12900 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado. 9—11:30 AM*
- ◇ *July 21, Ride the Rails Saturday, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily.*
- ◇ *July 21, Fund Raising Event—Colorado Wine & Music Train, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado*
- ◇ *July 21, Cumbres Fiesta Train, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama, New Mexico*
- ◇ *July 24–August 4, Grand Rails—2012, NMRA National Convention. Grand Rapids, Michigan*
- ◇ *July 26, Cinder Bear Express, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama, New Mexico*
- ◇ *July 28, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado 9 AM—5 PM daily*
- ◇ *July 28, Moonlight Wine Tasting Train, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama, New Mexico*
- ◇ *August 1-4, Union Pacific Historical Society 28th Annual Convention, Quality Inn and Suites, North Platte, Nebraska*
- ◇ *August 2, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM*
- ◇ *August 3-5, Denver, South Park & Pacific Historical Society 2012 Annual Convention, Bailey, Colorado*