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A House of Cards(tock)?

BY STEWART JONES & TOM FRERICHs

Our January clinic, presented by Jim Laird, featured wall paper, but not the alternative to painting the walls that tries the patience of even strong men. Instead, it was about making walls—and roofs and floors—from printed card stock.

Jim demonstrated techniques to build models that are startling in their realism. He showed a number of tools for preparing models: steel scale rules, T-square, drawing board, cutting mat, drafting triangles, single edge razor blades, box cutters, soft pencils, and weathering chalks and powders.

Jim suggested using inexpensive backing materials to reinforce each model; he used a cardboard separator from a wine carton. He cemented the printed picture to the backing material using contact cement applied to both the print and the backing material. He recommended using a soft pencil or chalks to dress up the

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Top: This HO-scale model is created entirely from paper and was Jim's sample. Both HO- and N-scale printed pages will be available at the February meeting for you to try out. Above: Jim Laird demonstrated techniques and tools as part of his clinic.

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Notes From The Secretary

BY STEWART JONES, DIVISION SECRETARY

Superintendent Jim Laird called the January 3 Sunrise Division meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. Mickey's little hand was pointing almost to eight. The first order of business was the introduction of members, including new members: Jim Ivey, Brian Kupzyk, and Andy Meteer. There were twenty-six members and visitors present.

Rich Flammini presented a list of forthcoming activities in the Region, which are listed in the Upcoming Events on the last page.

Bill Johnson gave a report of new products available at Caboose Hobbies including:

- Micro Trains N-scale wood reefers
- BLMA N-scale wood reefers
- Athearn HO-scale Genesis GP9s
- Athearn HO-scale bay-window cabooses
- Athearn HO-scale AC4400CW locomotives
- Broadway Limited HO-scale steam locomotives
- Broadway Limited HO-scale Alco RS15 Alligator
- Intermountain HO-scale reefers
- Atlas HO-scale tank cars

Bill apologized that he was only able to present a partial report because the person who prepares Caboose's new product list has been on leave.

Tom Frerichs regaled us with a Christmas story about a Yuma, Arizona newspaper editor who conceived a project to have a wing-walker pose as Santa Claus on a barnstorming aircraft, then parachute to earth to present gifts to children. At the appointed time "Santa" turned up in a saloon too inebriated to perform, so the editor substituted a manikin dressed as Santa instead. The pilot then pushed "Santa" out of the airplane, but the parachute failed to open. The dummy plummeted to earth. A lot of dumbstruck and disappointed kids returned home and the entire promotion failed. Tom noted that after this editor's demise, he was eulogized as the man who "killed Santa Claus."

For tool time Ed Doorgeest described low cost lighting fixtures for illuminating scale structures. It was further noted that rather than lighting the bulbs at their intended voltage, wiring several in series would provide a more realistic lighting level.

Don Francis provided a module report. Don's report was followed by a brief discussion about when and where we will display our layout.

Before a break, we presented the Show and Tell models. All entries become eligible for a Caboose gift certificate that this month was awarded to Bob Hochstetter for his N-scale model of a Chicago commuter train.

Jim Laird presented a clinic on making card stock structure models. The Show & Tell theme for March will be cardboard models, so we can all demonstrate how creative we can be.

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edges where white material might show. He circulated both printed material and finished models around the group.

There are a number of sources for such models, many of which can be downloaded for free. The modeler need supply only the cardstock and a color printer. Sources include:

- www.ModelTrainSoftware.com (web site)
- [CleverModels](http://CleverModels.com) (web site)
- *Model Railroad Hobbyist* (web publication)
- *The Modeler's Annual* (magazine)
- *Model Railroader* and *Railroad Model Craftsman* (magazine)

Accessing these sources may involve a little creative surfing, but the results often come in different scales.

The particular model he displayed is from Model Train Software and is available free on their site in O-, S-, HO-, and N-scale sizes. At the February meeting, pre-printed copies in HO- and N-scale will be available for free. The March Show & Tell is your chance to show off your completed model. —SH



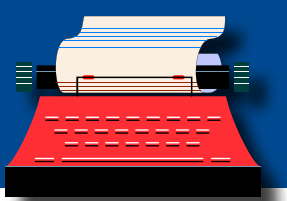
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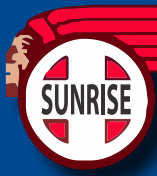
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From The Chief

BY JIM LAIRD, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

February Meeting Is Coming

There's lots going on for the February meeting: Al Hovey is coming up from Albuquerque. He will be presenting information about the Rails Along the Rio Grande Convention, and he will be giving the clinic for the evening. Tank cars is the subject matter for Show & Tell; dust one off, put one together, but just bring one.

Remember that we will have those card stock buildings available. Take one in your favorite scale and bring it back for the March Show & Tell.

Christmas is past, but helping others knows no season

Remember, you heard it here first and last. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry at Holy Love. This time of year resources are stretched pretty thin, and every little bit helps.

Spring Meet proposal

Last meeting I proposed that we have a Spring Meet in April as a dry run for the modules. If we are going to do so, we need to get some committees going to make it happen. I will be asking for volunteers for a lot of areas, so be ready to help out where you can.

Supporting the NMRA

I had a conversation with a former member about this dissatisfaction with "National". I went back and reread Charlie Getz's editorial piece in the January *NMRA Magazine*. I do not utilize all

of the programs that "National" provides, but maybe if I was more familiar with them I would.

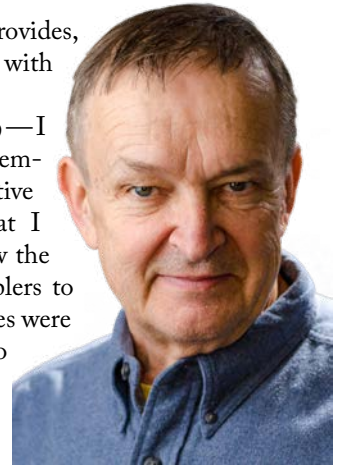
I first joined the NMRA in 1959—I still have the Silver Anniversary membership card and the commemorative car—and the implication is that I have been around for a while. I saw the progress from hook and loop couplers to the X2F—yes it was ugly, yes Kadees were better—but it allowed everyone to couple up and get going. What about wheel standards and track gauge? Do we want to return to the earlier non-standard standard?

I marvel at the fine scale work that is being done in many different scales. Most of us do not strive for that kind of perfection, but I don't think we are "settling" when we use the NMRA standards to build our railroad empires. However, our trains will interchange with others, and they will operate well. I personally identify with the local division: it is the "model railroad club" that I choose to belong to. It is where I find the time to meet with My Kind Of People to enjoy all things that encompass model railroading.

Charlie extols the virtues of the national conventions as a vehicle that could only be provided by a large national organization. Actually we are really an international organization. The Achievement Program is uniquely NMRA and is well recognized even outside of our group. I echo Charlie's statement, "Exactly how has the NMRA harmed model railroading? What damage have we done? What mischief have we caused? The answer is" none."

So I suggest we continue to support "National" so that we may continue to enjoy those benefits that this hobby of ours provides. Think about it, I did.

—SH



NMRA Notes

The tour of the new, highly restricted Chinese High Speed Rail factory and facilities which Hasea.com, our NMRA counterpart in China, was going to schedule for the NMRA representatives has been temporarily cancelled, with the hopes of rescheduling later in the year.

The Winter Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Sheraton Suites Galleria-Atlanta, on February 8-10. Although the Board meets in a closed caucus the evening of February 8, the general meeting is open to all NMRA members on February 9 and 10. This year's meeting has a jam-packed agenda, including discussions about the eBulletin, an electronic newsletter

meant to supplement *NMRA Magazine*. Also, because membership dropped from 19,500 to 18,800 in one year, the Board will be discussing ways to attract new members. A task force which has studied the challenges of attracting Generation X, Generation Y, and Millennials will be making a report at the meeting.

The Board is reviewing bids for upcoming conventions. Indianapolis has thrown its hat in the ring for the 2016 convention, and Sydney, Australia, and Orlando, Florida, may be vying for the 2017 convention. Nothing has been decided yet on either convention.

The NMRA continues to receive donations for *The Magic of Scale Model Railroading Exhibit* at the California State Railroad Museum. While we haven't yet hit our goal of \$250,000, we're getting closer every day to hitting the mark which will trigger a matching donation from an anonymous donor. If you, your Division, or Region have any questions about the exhibit, please contact Howell Day Museum Committee Chairman Allen Pollock at 573-619-8532. You can contribute via the web by visiting www.nmra.org and clicking on the donation link near the top of the home page.



Show & Tell



The best railroad related Christmas present was the theme of January's Show & Tell, and we had several fine examples.

From top to bottom: Bob Hochstetter received this N-scale Chicago commuter train (RTA), and although it doesn't fit his modeled layout—he models the Missouri Pacific—it sure is pretty.

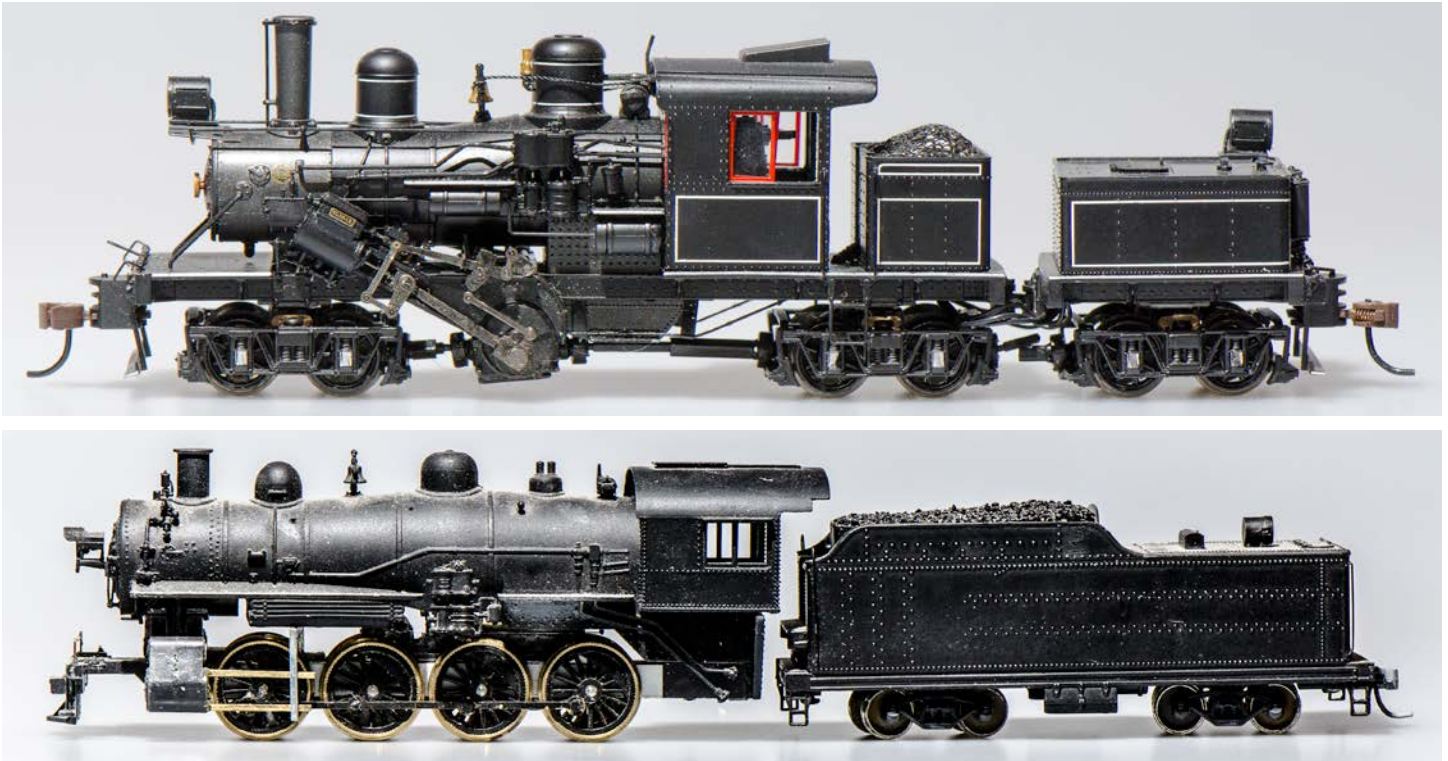
Rich Flammini got this "Pass to the Candy Store," which has already been used as you can see from the register tape. However, he kept close eye on the card, so it still had a balance.

John Griffith has been working on this HO-scale B&O wagon top boxcar kit he had received as a gift, and it is almost ready for painting. He also got two 1959 Chevrolet El Caminos. Interestingly enough, they came from two different sources as his wife was sure that the first seller would never deliver on time.



Finally, Stewart Jones showed off his Varney forty-foot reefer and boxcar kits. He got this for Christmas in 1950, and they were his introduction to scale model railroading.





More Show & Tell

Top to bottom: Dan Toerpe got this HO-scale three-truck Climax in 2012, while Don Francis got his HO-scale Mantua model in 1973, just 39 years apart.

This HO-scale Great Northern NW2 switcher was John Kerbaugh's present.



Tool Time Tips



Lighting The Way

Ed Doorgeest showed the twenty-six members attending a clever way of building interior lights for scale buildings. He discussed the materials, including which bulbs he used, and the lessons he learned as he build the devices.

Some of the members offered additional information, including reducing the voltages by wiring the bulbs in series, to both increase the life of the bulbs and to reduce the light levels for a more natural appearance.

-SH

Module News



BY STEWART JONES, DIVISION SECRETARY

On December 11, Don Francis, Module Committee Chair, had invited the “Tuesday Evening Group” to his shop to set up the modules and try an inaugural run. This group, though unfamiliar with the layout design, was able to set up successfully in less than an hour. The tubular leg and hinge and pin arrangement worked well. The power supply was then connected and an attempt was made to run some locomotives. Only three locomotives were in evidence with no rolling stock available to pull. Dick Hunter provided two of the locomotives, which by his account weren’t just dirty, but filthy, not having been run for a few years. The start of the test was halting at best, but after a little track cleaning and extensive wheel cleaning very good performance was achieved. At the end of the evening, tear down was achieved in less than half an hour.

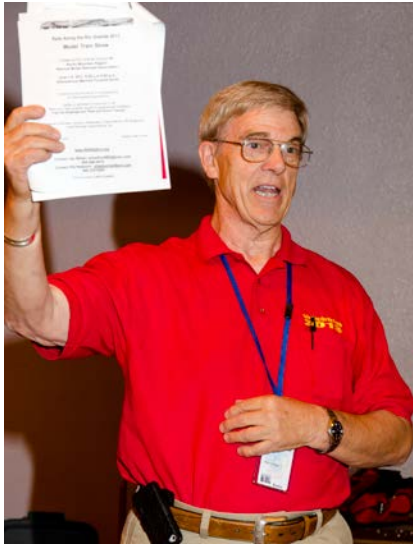
The module committee resumed work on the modules on Thursday, January 10, at Don’s shop. There was still some electrical work to be completed and scenery to be started. Don made a general appeal for structures but we don’t have a specific list compiled yet.

—SH

Don Francis took a few shots during the Great Module Tryout



Focus on the Future



February Meeting Includes Albuquerque Guest

On February 7, Sunrise Division will again meet at Holy Love Lutheran Church.

Al Hovey will give us the run-down on the Rails Along the Rio Grande 2013 Regional Convention. The previous conventions put on by the Rio Grande Division have been entertaining, enlightening, and extremely well organized. It's a great chance to meet other modelers, learn some new techniques and skills, and just have a great time.

In addition to the presentation and a clinic, we'll have our normal Show & Tell segment, which this time is on tank cars.

We hope to see you at the meeting, and of course, at the after meeting at Village Inn. -SH

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.

February 7.....	Tank cars
March 7	Look what I made from the free card-stock download
April 4.....	Foreground tree or trees
May 2.....	Culverts
June	No meeting (RMR Convention)
July	No meeting (Have a safe Fourth!)
August 1	Favorite photo (model or prototype)
September 5	USRA — you pick the category
October 3	On-line structures
November 7	Narrow gauge rolling stock
December 5.....	Christmas memories

Upcoming Events

- ◇ *February 7, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *February 16—17, Rails in the Rockies Train Show*, Estes Park Conference Center, Highway 36 & Highway 7, Estes Park, Colorado. Saturday 9 AM—5 PM, Sunday 9 AM—4 PM
- ◇ *February 23—24, Train Expo Colorado*, 3660 North Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Saturday 9 AM—4 PM, Sunday 10 AM—3 PM
- ◇ *March 7, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *April 4, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *May 2, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *June 6—9, Rails Along the Rio Grande 2013 RMR Convention*, Albuquerque, New Mexico. For information: <http://www.rarg2013.org/>
- ◇ *August 1, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *September 5, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *October 3, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *November 7, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM
- ◇ *December 5, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting*, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM



Don't forget the meeting—after-the-meeting. Join us at Village Inn, Iliff & Chambers, for pie, coffee, and maybe a little stretching of the truth now and then.