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Notes from the Secretary

I have been including requirements for the NMRA Achievement Program for a number of months. This month I describe the Association Volunteer award. Note that this includes volunteering at the national, regional and division levels.

Note that we are almost out of Clinic and Tool Time topics and need more for the late summer and fall. If you have some skills you would like to share with the Division, please step forward. Last month I presented a clinic on the NMRA

EduTrain project and discussed many topics we haven't even explored yet.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 7, at Holy Love Lutheran Church. A Sunrise Division member has offered to supply our "Swap Table" with several years-worth of magazine back issues, mostly *Model Railroader*. These will be available at our next meeting.

August Picnic

The August picnic is at the Colorado Railroad Museum at 1:00 Sunday, August 17, sponsored by the Front Range Division. Each division will supply their own main course and drinks. There are no grills at the museum so the Front Range Division will buy enough KFC and soft drinks to meet the number of people attending. Attendees bring pot luck such as salads, beans, chips and deserts etc. We will poll the membership about two weeks before the picnic to see how many are coming and balance out the pot luck so we do not get too much of the same food. Family, kids and friends are welcome. We use the picnic tables at museum, but at that time of the day there is not much shade. Be prepared to be counted as a participant at the August meeting.

Upcoming Clinics for 2014

August - Denver South Park & Pacific Railroad
– Steve Schweighofer
September - Moffat Modelers - Frank Germo
October - 3D Printing - Doug Semon
November - Open

Upcoming Tool Times for 2014

August - Bob Rothgery (topic?)
September - Suitcase Connectors - Bob Hochstetter
October – Open
November - Open

Upcoming Show ‘n’ Tell Themes for 2014

Aug 7- Residential Structures
Sep 4 - Agriculture
Oct 2 - Sports
Nov 6 - Mail
Dec 4 - Switcher Engines

July Division Meeting

Steve Schweighofer, Division Superintendent, opened the meeting at 7:20 with 25 members present. Following the usual introductions, Gary announced that there will be a picnic at the Colorado Railroad Museum on August 17. Bob Hochstetter provided a report on the Rocky Mountain Regional Convention in July. Bill Johnson gave a brief report on ‘what’s new at Caboose.’ We formerly reproduced this report in the Herald, but Caboose is no longer providing a written copy. In brief, Bill stated that Athearn is providing many new products.

July Tool Time

Rich Flammini described how to build a non-stick gluing surface. He took an ordinary wood board and covered it with Teflon tape. He explained that even ACC will not stick to it.

Rich will bring some tape to the next meeting so that anyone who wants to make their own boards can do so.

July Show and Tell

The show and Tell theme for July was “Naked Ladies.” Well that left a lot to the imagination but we had four entries.

The first was a module that Gary Myers brought. This module was originally created to advertise the Lockheed-Martin railroad club. We must provide some closeups so that you can appreciate the fine detail.



Gary’s module. He explained that the big tank in the background contains oxygen for use by NASA.



This woman has been sunbathing near the pond and perhaps needs to take a dip to cool off. She seems oblivious to the alligators in the water behind her. Perhaps she has some “Gator-Aid” with her.



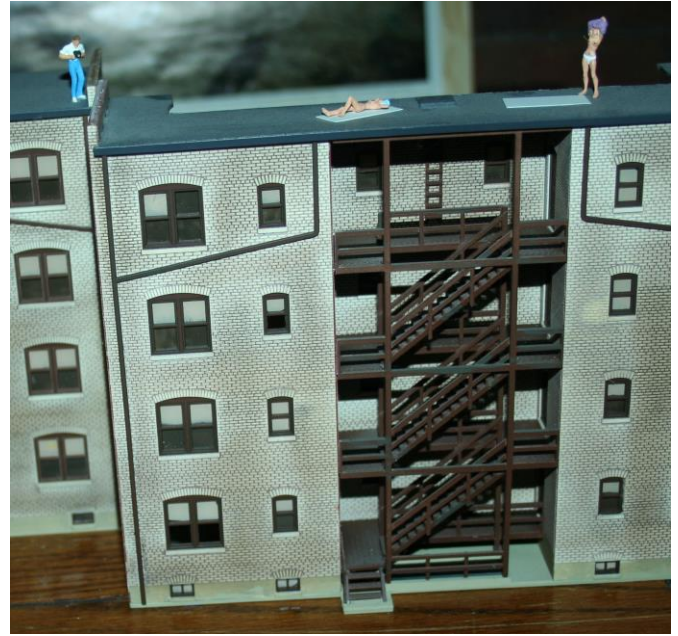
The roof of the tank may be an excellent place to sunbathe, provided it doesn't get too hot. NASA might not approve of the location, but they probably can't see the women from the ground. Rolling over does requires extra care, however

Larry Stephens submitted a model of a magazine store.



There are some interesting magazines for sale, but you need a magnifying glass to appreciate the magazine cover detail. At least this model is HO scale.

John Griffith built and detailed this apartment house backside from a Walthers background kit.



The roof is an excellent place to sunbathe and also to practice photography. We hope the photographer is not so intent on focusing that he takes one too many steps to the right to get a better angle.

Finally, Dick Hunter submitted this photograph taken at the Colorado Railroad Museum probably taken to promote the museum.



This is a beautiful shot of the CB&Q's Northern at the Colorado Railroad Museum. The model incidentally appears to be polishing the drive rods. I'll bet the ballast feels real good on her bare feet.

July Clinic

For the July clinic, Stu Jones presented a clinic on the NMRA EduTrain program that Bill Blake originally presented at the July RMR Regional Convention. The NMRA is initiating this program in an effort to provide a set of high quality clinics that can be distributed nationally to divisions to supplement their own clinic programs. But they will also be available for groups to present at local train shows to introduce prospective new members to the hobby.



Bill Blake

The essence of this clinic is how to present a good clinic. If you are preparing a clinic for national distribution, the NMRA standard is to use Microsoft PowerPoint. One of the first slides should be an author slide to identify yourself, since somebody else will probably make the actual presentation. Before the clinic will be accepted, it will undergo a review process where a committee will evaluate the presentation and probably make recommendations. This may require several iterations, but don't let that deter you. The ultimate goal is to create the best possible presentation.

The NMRA has specified a seven-step process:

1. Perform a task analysis: how can you best present your clinic.
2. Perform a needs analysis: what does a prospective modeler need to know and is it apropos for a wide audience.
3. Write your training objectives.
4. Build the course package.
5. Make a list of the materials you will need to present the clinic: e.g. will there be some hands-on activities.
6. Implement the course.

7. Make a final evaluation: you may need input from a number of people. The review committed may also have recommendations about how to keep your clinic up-to-date.

This clinic then describes the criteria for what would be good topics for a presentation. Topics may range from those you might give to prospective new modelers who are thinking about entering the hobby to topics that would help advanced modelers improve their own skills. Avoid topics that have only local interest such as how to model a specific location, but this would not exclude a discussion about how to extend such railfanning to other locations in general. (i.e. what features might you want to include in a model railroad scene.)

Another consideration to keep in mind is to obtain permission to use photos, drawings, diagrams, etc. that you will include in your clinic. This will protect the NMRA against copyright infringements. If you are preparing a clinic for your own use at a Division meeting and will not present it elsewhere, then you don't need to do this.

When you have prepared a clinic, copy it onto a CD and send it to:

NMRA *EduTRAIN™*
12136 Tower Hill Road
Sawyer, MI 49125
rm7blake@earthlink.net

The NMRA Achievement Program Award

Association Volunteer

To qualify for the Association Volunteer certificate, you must:

1. Have served actively on one or more NMRA committees (National, Regional, or Division) long enough to accumulate sixty (60) certified time units (TUs). The TUs you receive for various types of service are listed below:
 1. Active satisfactory service as a General Manager of a National committee: 4 TUs per month.
 2. Active satisfactory service as a National committee Manager: 3 TUs per month.
 3. Active satisfactory service as a Region committee Manager, or on a National committee: 2 TUs per month.
 4. Active satisfactory service as a Region committee member, a Division Officer or committee Manager: 1 TU per month.
 5. Active satisfactory service as a Division committee or board member: 1/2 TU per month.
 6. Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit at the rate appropriate for committee Chairmen at the same level.

So what exactly constitutes a "committee"?
Basically, just about any office or function that isn't covered under Association Official. Most other officers in a Division (or Region) are considered Committee Chairmen. For example, if your Division has a person who runs the contest at the monthly meeting, they can be considered the "Contest Committee Manager", your local AP representative is a member of the "Region AP Committee", and so on. Conventions (at all levels) are chock full of committees (Only the convention General Manager receives "Committee Manager" points - all others receive "Committee Member" points, even if their title includes the word "Manager"). Individuals who work just the day of the event (for example at the convention registration desk) receive credit for one month's work as committee members.

7. Service as a Division officer or director (other than at the Regional level): 1 TU per month.
8. Newsletter Editors of 100% NMRA clubs having 10 or more members, may earn one time unit per issue of the club newsletter, providing it is four pages or more. All newsletters must have four issues on file in the NMRA's Kalmbach Memorial Library, edited by the person applying, before the time units will be considered for credit.

Other club officers, even of 100% NMRA clubs, **DO NOT** earn Volunteer credits.

9. Official judges at NMRA sponsored model contests (including non-rail) shall be given time units for such service at the contest only (not monthly), as a one-time service credit per contest as follows:
 1. National Contest Judge 3 Time Units
 2. Regional Contest Judge 2 Time Units
 3. Division Contest Judge 1 Time Unit

This credit is in addition to any credit that you may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the contest event.

10. Individuals (and their crews) who open their home or club layout for layout tours in conjunction with NMRA conventions or other NMRA sponsored events earn credit as follows for each day that the layout is open for viewing.
 1. National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
 2. Regional Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
 3. Divisional Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

11. Individuals who participate in modular layouts in conjunction with NMRA Divisions, or at NMRA sponsored events, earn credit as follows for each day the layout is open for viewing at the event.
 1. National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
 2. Regional Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
 3. Divisional Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

NOTE: There is generally a maximum of 48 time units credited for any one National convention, 24 time units credited for any one Regional convention, and 6 time units credited for any one Division event.

12. Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselors who are NMRA members can earn: 1 TU (time unit) per month and 1 TU per Scout that qualifies. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as counselors in the past provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service.

13. A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Association Volunteer credits for each additional (the first presentation is credited toward Author) presentation at the following schedule:
 1. National Clinic - 3 Time Units
 2. Regional Clinic - 2 Time Units
 3. Divisional Clinic - 1 Time Unit

14. Certification of accomplishment shall be by the Committee Manager (in the case of committee members), or by the appointing officer (in the case of Committee Chairmen). The Region (or National) President or Secretary may certify when the appointing officer is not available or when many positions will require several signatures.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SERVICE

AS YOU DO IT: Obtain the record form from your local, or Regional, AP Manager, then fill it out and have it signed at the time. This is much easier than going back and collecting signatures later when you're ready to apply for your certificate.

15. Must submit a completed [Statement of Qualification](#) (SOQ) itemizing evidence of completion of the above requirements, along with the signed record of service.

Note: The Association Volunteer SOQ may be initiated by others.