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Notes from the Secretary

Note that there are still many open topics for Tool Time and Clinics. If you have some ideas or techniques that would be of interest to your fellow modelers, here is your opportunity to present your ideas. Send your suggestions to Gary Myers, Program Chair at:
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He would love to hear from you.

Next Meeting

We elected not have a June meeting because it coincided with the regional convention. The

later pages of this Herald details some of the activities at the convention. Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 2nd at Holy Love Church, South Chambers Road, 7:15 pm.

Upcoming Clinics for 2015

July - D&RGW 3rd Division Mining and Early Colorado Smelters
August - TBA
September – Lumber Harvesting and Milling
October - TBA
November - TBA
May - TBA

Upcoming Tool Times for 2015

July – Tools for Coupler Installation
August - TBA
September - TBA
October - TBA
November - TBA
December - TBA

Upcoming Show 'n' Tell Themes for 2015

July – Water / Fuel Tanks
August – Conveyors
September – Logging
October – Warehouses
November – Pork

Modular Layout

We have another opportunity to display our modular layout at the Denver Public Library, September 18-20. Since this will be a very public showing to a non-railroad oriented group of people, we need to put our best foot forward. Therefore we will be busy during the summer making our layout as finished and presentable as possible. Many of our Division have never worked on the modules, so this is your opportunity to contribute. In addition to scenery we still need a number of structures or some additional detailing on existing structures. Much of this work can be done at home. If you can help, contact Don Francis at dbyron08@aol.com for requirements and specifications or just to express general interest.

Regional Convention

The Rocky Mountain Division Regional Convention was held June 4-7 at the Sheraton Hotel in the Denver Tech Center. As always, there were interesting layout tours and clinics and some great models in the model contest. We also displayed our modular layout once again. Here are some of the highlights:



Patrick Lana presented a clinic on vehicle modeling. Patrick models in N scale where there are not as many vehicle models available as in HO scale, so he has adapted many innovations for altering existing models to represent something else. Topics included automobiles, trucks, farm equipment, and some boats and aircraft and sources for scale models, painting and simple alterations, kit-bashing and scratch-building. Among other things, Pat likes to model police cars where he uses cat whiskers (of which he has a ready supply) to model radio antennas. Of course modelers in other scales can adopt his techniques to vary and enhance their vehicle fleet.



Rodney Black gave a clinic on Layout Design for Signaling. Rodney had previously presented this clinic at the National Convention in Cleveland, 2014. Much of this clinic covered prototype practices, which vary greatly from railroad to railroad, but he included many tips about how to adapt these practices to a model layout.

Rich Coleman (not shown) gave a clinic on building wooden bridges and trestles. (Editor's note: It is not possible to attend every clinic, so some of them have only a brief Review here.) He looked at different types of bridges, including non-wooden, where they were used and how they were designed. He also covered construction methods.

Jim Harper (not shown) presented a clinic on Handlaying track



Doug Geiger, above, presented a clinic on the Iron and Steel Industry. He went into great detail describing the process and equipment used during the past 150 years. This was a major source of rail traffic in the east and Midwest, but steel mills were also found in Pueblo, Colorado and Utah. He described how steel making has changed dramatically over the years and fewer and fewer plants operate blast furnaces these days. Scrap steel rather than iron is now the most frequently used raw material. This clinic

provided basic understanding of steel making processes and vocabulary, a guide to the inner workings of rolling mills and some of the specialized railroad equipment found in and around a steel plant.

Bill Tully (not shown) gave a clinic on charcoal kilns showing existing charcoal kilns in the states of Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Utah followed by a brief discussion on a typical charcoal kiln operation. That is an industry that has now almost disappeared.

Gerry Glancy (not shown) presented a clinic on dual gauge trackwork – when one gauge is not enough.

Al Hovey (not shown) gave a clinic on Kids 'n Trains. This clinic covered lessons learned launching the Albuquerque area "Rio Grande Model Railroad Club" for boys and girls ages 8-18. It discussed startup recruiting failures and successes, paperwork for boys and girls and their parents, NMRA membership & liability insurance and activities with proven success. Several years ago, Al did a clinic for our Division covering right of way details.



Bob Chapman, above, presented a clinic on the Art of Model Color. His topic included the use of model paints. He discussed the use of lighting and the different types of lighting available and how it affects color and our color

perception. Prototype color matching is important, but he also noted that prototype colors can change dramatically after a few year's exposure to the sun. Boxcars roofs, for example, will usually have a much lighter hue than the sides.



Gary Myers gave a clinic on the DRG&W 3rd Division Ore operations. He will repeat this clinic for our July Division meeting.

Convention Model Contest

Here are some of the outstanding models entered in this year's contest:



Some interesting models were entered in the model contest. Doug Geiger's blast furnace, shown above, won the Best of Show award last year in Salt Lake City and therefore was not eligible for an award this year, but he brought it in for one final showing before incorporating it into his Granite Mountain Line.



The module above represents a scene in Sweden. The graveyard at the extreme replicates the tomb of the modeler's grandfather. Your editor did not obtain the names of the modelers, since they are not given in the contest.



This model is a RGS Consolidation apparently executed in 1/32nd scale.



This module contains a nicely-detailed grain elevator. Judging from the wagon with a team of horses, this probably represents a period sometime before 1930.



This sawmill has a removable roof to expose a highly detailed interior. The roof and walls appear to be board-by-board construction.



Another module represents a well-detailed scrapyard.

The convention concluded with a Saturday evening banquet and a Sunday morning hobo breakfast that your editor was unable to attend.

Many of our Division members were conspicuously present at the convention, but if you skipped the convention, you missed out on a lot of fun, but the good news is that next year the

convention will be in Colorado Springs which is
in easy striking distance for all of us.