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November – Building a Campbell Kit and Roof
Details

December – Christmas treats and movie

Upcoming Tool Times for 2016

November – Micro Mark Topside Creeper
Modifications

December – No Tool Time

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Upcoming Show 'n' Tell Themes for 2016

November - Military

December – Water Craft//Boat/Ships

Convention Report

Since our October meeting was pre-empted by the Regional Convention, there are no meeting notes to report. Instead we are highlighting some of the convention events. In addition to operating layouts, a number of vendors were on site providing rolling stock, tools, books and memorabilia for sale.

Next Meeting

Our next Division meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Holy Love Lutheran Church, South Chambers Road at 7:15. We must have Division elections at this meeting. Consider possible nominations.

Convention Clinics

Your reporter did not attend any of the operating sessions or layout tours. However this convention did include a number of very

Upcoming Clinics for 2016

interesting clinics. The one shown below was titled *Balsa Foam Carving* and *Balsa foam Coloring* however the material was not balsa but a dense foam. Kris Blackmar from Littleton demonstrated how to “carve” the foam to represent stonework and other masonry and provided samples for each participant to work on. After carving he demonstrated how to paint the model to represent realistic rockwork. Those who model rock foundations for structures would have found this most interesting.



Kris Blackmar

Victor Kuklin from Buena Vista presented another clinic titled *Dirty Water is the Key to Rock Casting*, shown below. The “dirty water” is simply a bucket, almost out of view to the left, with some Hydrocal in it. You obtain this water by rinsing your molds in it after removing castings. By using this water to mix with new Hydrocal batches, the chemical residue in the water apparently helps the new batch of plaster set faster.



Victor Kuklin

The mockup in the foreground provided the base for applying new castings. After mixing the plaster, Vic poured it into his rock molds, then waited until it had almost set up, (the mold can still be flexed without cracking), then flopped onto his back support. He now waited until the mold became warm before removing the mold to ensure that the plaster had set up firmly.



These are Vic’s buckets of plaster and “dirty water.”

Doug Geiger, below, presented his perennial clinic on *Tools, Tools, Tools*. Although he describes many of the same tools year after year, he always comes up with some new tools and techniques that make his clinic refreshing and fills in memory gaps.



Doug Geiger



Al Hovey

Al Hovey from Albuquerque presented a clinic on scenery making. Al was able to obtain a variety of sample materials from Woodland Scenics. The visible white chunks are blocks of plaster rocks that Woodland Scenics donated. Al described how to paint this material and had each participant attempt his own coloring. After painting each modeler applied his own scenic ground foam to complete his vignette. He also had some tree armatures, visible to the right. To make a tree, these armatures must be shaped, then covered with polyester fiber and ground foam to make a finished deciduous tree. (Don Francis presented a similar clinic several years ago.) You may remember that Al also presented a clinic to the Sunrise Division on the topic of right-of-way structures about three years ago



Bob Binder

Bob Binder from Colorado Springs presented this clinic on weathering with Pan Pastels. (John Griffiths present a similar Tool Time several months ago.) For this clinic, Bob was able to obtain a number of unfinished Athearn box car shells to work on and a selection of Pan Pastel colors and tools for each participants to use. We had a lot of fun dirtying up the box cars.



Bill Aspach

Bill Alsapach from Woodland Park presented this clinic on quick and easy tree making. Basically he demonstrated bottle brush trees. (His technique was similar to that which Stu Jones presented last year.) The difference was that he used straight floral wire as the armature that made the assembly much simpler.



Bill included this display board that showed his raw materials on the left and partially assembled and finished trees on the right.

Gary Myers (not shown) presented a clinic on model judging. This was an updated version of a clinic that he has presented to the Sunrise Division before. His presentation covered not only judging criteria, but provided helpful hints for anyone wanting to enter a contest model.

Convention Banquet

Below are several pictures from the Saturday evening convention banquet. The hotel served a very good dinner of chicken and beef brisket.



The guest speaker for the evening was Richard Luckin who has produced several PBS programs including *Amtrak: the first 40 years, 1971-2011* and *Rails to Rodeo*. He has also authored of the book *Dining on the Rails: an Encyclopedia of Railroad China*. He described the process of creating a documentary film and as part of his presentation he showed the Amtrak documentary.

Convention Awards

The regional convention always has a model contest that is divided into two parts: a popular vote and a merit award contest. Here are some of the popular vote award recipients:



Rocky Mountain Region Award (NMRA 3rd Place) - Payne Mine Tram House - Robert Allen



Popular Vote Freight Cars - from left to right, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, Stewart Jones, John Emmot, and Denny Krauseman.



The Convention Special Award - Best Car Load:
Bill Tulley



The Duane Miller Award (NMRA 1st Place) - D&RGW C-16 #278 - John Campbell. This award has been renamed from the Caboose Award.



Favorite Train Recipients: from left to right, 2nd

- John Emmot(also received Best Representation of Colorado Railroading), 1st - Bill Tulley

The Sunrise Division merit awards went to:

- Stewart Jones – Freight Car
- Gary Myers – Caboose
- Stewart Jones – Non-revenue car
- Rich Flammini – Online Structures
- Gary Myers – Scenery display
- Gary Myers – Best Car Load

There were many other merit awards that went to members of other divisions.

The 2017 Convention

The Sunrise Division will host the 2017 convention in Durango, June 8-11. Gary Myers is Convention Chair and Dick Hunter will arrange the train ride. There will be many opportunities for each of us to assist in organizing this convention

Utah Rail Show Announcement

The following flyer was distributed at the meeting for a Train Expo in Sandy, Utah in November. This is your opportunity to discover what railroaders in other division are doing.

