

National Model Railroad Association * Rocky Mountain Region Sunrise Division



SHOW & TELL

Each meeting offers a chance for division members to show off and share some aspect of their modeling, both to show pride in their work and to “show & tell” other members how fun and easy it is to participate in this greatest hobby, model railroading. It is also a chance to win a gift certificate from Caboose Hobbies. New Year's Special was the theme for January's Show & Tell. Members brought in their “most modern” rolling stock, modern as far as the age of the prototype.

Ernie Roque brought in his Bowser locomotive. He said he had started this kit several years ago, but it was



participation in the division that prompted him to complete this 4-4-2 Pennsylvania locomotive. It is displayed in a beautiful case with all the building details carefully written on an attached card—including the year of completion: 2009.

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Gary Meyers

Division Superintendent

Don Francis

Assistant Superintendent

Bill Johnson

Treasurer

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Secretary

John Kerbaugh brought in his brand-spanking new U28B, although it is the model and not the prototype that is new. Featuring the bright colors of Maine Central, this HO model is equipped with DCC and sound. Jack says he is really impressed with the quality of the model—and the noise it makes. Jack won December's Show & Tell and used the gift certificate towards purchasing this new model. John also won the gift certificate drawing this time around. Next month's Show & Tell is for something red in rolling stock, so John should get down to Caboose Hobbies soon to pick up the next





Jim Laird's contribution was an HO plug-door boxcar, which he said was an anachronism for his model railroad as he models in the 40's. This decals on this model were produced by his former division, both to commemorate their twentieth anniversary and as a fund raiser. Notice the NMRA logo right in the middle of the Winnebago-land & Whistle name?

Winnebago-land Division is part of the Midwest Region in Wisconsin; it has nothing to do with the popular RV manufacturer, although having a

model railroad in an RV sounds like a great idea to me. As you were railfanning and waiting for the next train to speed by, you could finally get that kit finished.

Gary Myers, our Division Superintendent, brought in a D&RGW SD40T-2 in HO scale. This model of EMD's famous "tunnel motor" was manufactured by Athearn for the Rio Grand Modeling & Historical Society and is of #5370. The original locomotive was built in August 1975 and retired in 1995.



Another D&RGW model, this time of a box car in gold and silver livery, was Glenn Sponholtz's contribution. This O scale model is beautifully detailed and shows off the wonderful paint scheme.

Are you noticing a bias towards the Rio Grande in our modelers' interests?



Rich Flammini showed off a Classic Metal Works 1950 Dodge, saying that it was the car that he first learned to drive. Rich must have been a lot smaller back then, because that car was less than an inch long.

PROPOSED SHOW & TELL SCHEDULE

February 4.....	Valentine's Day Special: "Anything Red" rolling stock
March 4.....	Plows
April 1.....	Reefers
May 6.....	"Tanks" for the Memories
July 1.....	Independence Day Special: Depots
August 5.....	Favorite Train
September 2.....	Labor Day Special: Shop Buildings
October 7.....	Oktoberfest: Beer Cars
November 4.....	A Piece of Railroadiana
December 2.....	Christmas Past: Your oldest locomotive or rolling stock or the one you've owned longest

2010 DIVISION GOALS & OBJECTIVES

At our January meeting our Division Superintend, Gary Myers, outlined his vision for what Sunrise should be doing for the next year, and he invited the members to comment. He touched on a number of topics, including the structure of our meetings, upcoming activities, and some changes to ensure our division health.

When you come to a Sunrise Division meeting this year you'll be greeted at the door and given a name tag. That way we will all be able to remember everyone's name. The meeting will begin with a short video or slide show, allowing latecomers to arrive.

The business meeting will be next, and Gary promises that it will be short. He will provide an agenda prior to each meeting so everyone will know what business needs to be discussed.

Following the business meeting we'll have a Show & Tell session (see *Schedule above*) followed by a clinic or presentation.

Gary has a great list of proposed activities outside of our regular Division meetings including an August picnic at the Colorado Railroad Museum, several layout tours, and a train ride in the Fall.

Finally, some housekeeping measures were presented and discussed. After the treasurer's report, a proposed budget was laid out. Plans to involve more members in Division operations, such as committee chairs, clinics, and other activities, were related; and the need to develop a Division constitution and by-laws was highlighted.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Jerry Laird has agreed to help ensure we have quality programs at our meetings. While we welcome Jerry aboard, remember that you—yes, you—can help. Each of us has an interest or skill that we should be willing to share with our members. You do not have to be an MMR to offer valuable help to someone else. Besides, it is fun to share what you've learned.

NOTIFYING OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

After discussion and looking at our budget, Sunrise Division will stop sending out meeting notices through the US Mail unless specifically requested. A mailing will be done for the February meeting, but it will include a notice that further mailings will only be done if the member lets us know. We'll continue sending out notices by email. We are also planning on getting articles into the Callboard as another way of keeping our members up-to-date.

On the topic of email, make sure you check your “junk mail” or “spam” folders. Some services are very aggressive in marking some email as spam or require specific authorization before receiving email from certain senders.

MEETING PLACE

During the last election, Aurora voters did not pass a bond issue that would have kept several libraries opened. Another consequence of this action was disbanding the office that scheduled the various meeting spots around the City. Because of this transition and the fewer number of meeting rooms, we lost out our

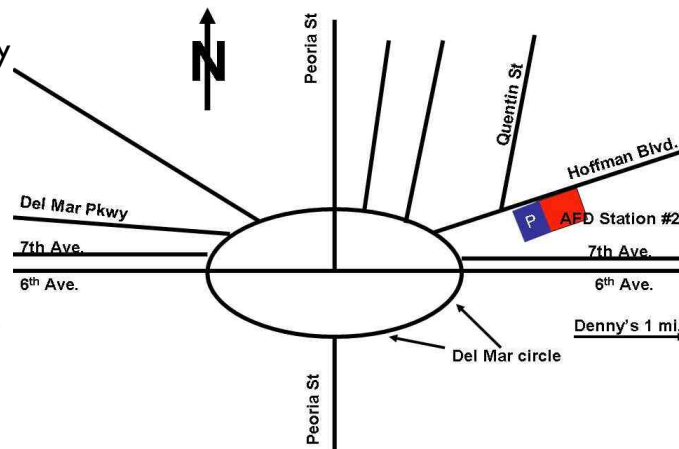
meeting space in the Aurora Municipal Building to a city group.

There are several options opened to us. We can continue to meet in the Aspen Room at the Aurora Municipal Building, but we'd have to change our meeting night to the third Thursday of the month. There may be other spaces available.

Until this all gets figured out—and possibly as the permanent solution—we will be meeting in the community room at Fire Station No. 2, 12600 Hoffman Boulevard, Aurora, CO. Dick Hunter's map can help point the way.

The folks in charge of handling this space are trying to come up with a long term scheduling process, so we are able to reserve this space for only three months at a time. On the other hand, they are not charging us a usage fee—always a plus.

Until further notice we will be meeting at that location. It is a bit smaller than the Aspen Room, but it has very convenient parking. If the Sunrise Gypsy Division has to move again, we will send out an email notice. You should also check the web site for the most current information.



WEB SITES



Gary does a great job keeping the Sunrise Division web site up-to-date and full of great information. You should keep checking our site for the most current news about our Division. You can also follow links from that site to other web pages of interest dealing with the Region, the NMRA, and the Rails to Alamosa convention. The URL is <http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/>



For the most current information on the Rails to Alamosa convention, check out this URL: <http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/RMRConvention2010/trackstoalamosa.html>. You will find preliminary scheduling, hotel information, and just about everything you will need to know to join us in Alamosa June 3 to June 6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 16-17, 2010Great Train Expo - Phil Long Expo Center, Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 13-14, 2010Rails in the Rockies XI - Estes Park
Feb 20-21, 2010World's Greatest Hobby - National Western Complex, Denver, CO
June 3-6, 2010Tracks To Alamosa - Rocky Mountain Region Convention
July 11-17, 2010NMRA CONVENTION 75th Anniversary - NMRA National Convention

Next Meeting for Sunrise Division, RMR, NMRA

February 4, 2010 – 7:15 PM - 12600 Hoffman Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80010