



## Little Red Caboose Makes Sunrise Appearance

The February Show & Tell theme honored St. Valentine's Day with a red rolling stock requirement. Fortunately, red is a hue open to interpretation as there were samples of boxcar red, mineral red, and even grayed red. And, as you might expect, there were a few cabooses on display.



Linda Sponholtz brought a fine S-scale Rock Island caboose painted in a bright red livery. Linda also won the drawing, although the ten dollar gift certificate from Caboose Hobbies was handed to her with the strict injunction not to allow her modelling husband, Glenn, to get his hands on it.

Moving down in scale. Brian Starr, a new member, offered this HO-scale combine-caboose. Brian said he purchased his caboose used and "in pretty

bad shape." He has started to work on it. For example, the roof used to be white.

Tom Frerichs brought in an N-scale Centralia Car Shops Santa Fe caboose. Several members commented that N-scale models have much better detail work these days compared to offerings from previous years.



The smallest caboose displayed was this scratch-built D&RG

Nn3 model from Stephen Schweighofer. The picture is larger than the model, yet look at the meticulous attention to detail.

It is hard to see in the picture, but the chimney has guide wires to hold it in place.

There was more to see than just the tail end of a train; there were freight cars and locomotives as well. The display space was more than eight feet long, and the models were lined up three deep. Stewart Jones brought the longest "car" which were articulated well cars

in HO scale. They seemed to go on forever. There were box cars, gondolas, bulkhead flats...everything except a passenger car.



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**I**n a recent episode of *The Big Bang Theory*, Sheldon, after being robbed, was looking for a better town to live in. Enid, Oklahoma was on his initial list, but didn't make the cut. It didn't have a model train store. We need to sign him up for the NMRA.

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Jim Laird brought in a couple of flatcars that he had used to practice his weathering technique. If tired, old, and beatup is good, then he has a couple of winners with these flatcars.

There really isn't a Belmont Candy Company, but you couldn't tell from this HO boxcar lettered for the fictitious Provo, Utah, company. Dave Spritke explained that this box car was done as a special project for a friend of his, Jim Belmont, who worked for a candy company. Mr. Belmont made a practice, as he was driving for his employer, of stopping along the rails and taking pictures of trains.

Larry Buyck brought in a couple of HO models including this Great Northern boxcar. Larry models a modern operation, and



he feels that the boxcar is an anachronism, but it was a gift. "Besides," he said, "it is red, isn't it?"

How about a new locomotive that is twenty years old? When Bill Skinner first got out of the military back in the 90s, he was doing custom paint jobs for a local hobby shop in Mo-



line. Bill said that back then it was hard to get locomotives for certain railroads—there was not the great variety available today—so when the shop owner was going to a show in a town once served by a railway for which no models were available, he would commission a special paint job. This HO Soo Line locomotive was the last job Bill did

before moving. The locomotive did not sell after a few months, so Bill bought it, but he's never run it.



Dick Hunter brought in this 2-4-0 locomotive which qualified under two criteria: not only is it red but it could also be considered a Valentine of sorts. He'd purchased it for his late wife for to run in a loop around their Christmas tree.

There were many more models on display—Dillon Allison brought in a bright red N-scale gondola, for example—but I didn't get a chance to write down the details and take pictures of everything that people brought in. I am sorry if missed your contribution. Our Division Superintend will be back next month, and I'll have a little more time.



Sunrise members watch a video before the business meeting at the Sunrise's February gathering.

## March Program About Programming

Having trouble figuring out what CVs are about? Want to know the difference between a long address and a short address in a DCC decoder? Want to know why you would care?

Chuck Shell's clinic at our March meeting, entitled "Programming Decoders," will have answers to your questions. Be sure to join us for this chance to learn about getting the most out of your DCC decoders.

# It's Official— We Have a Place to Meet

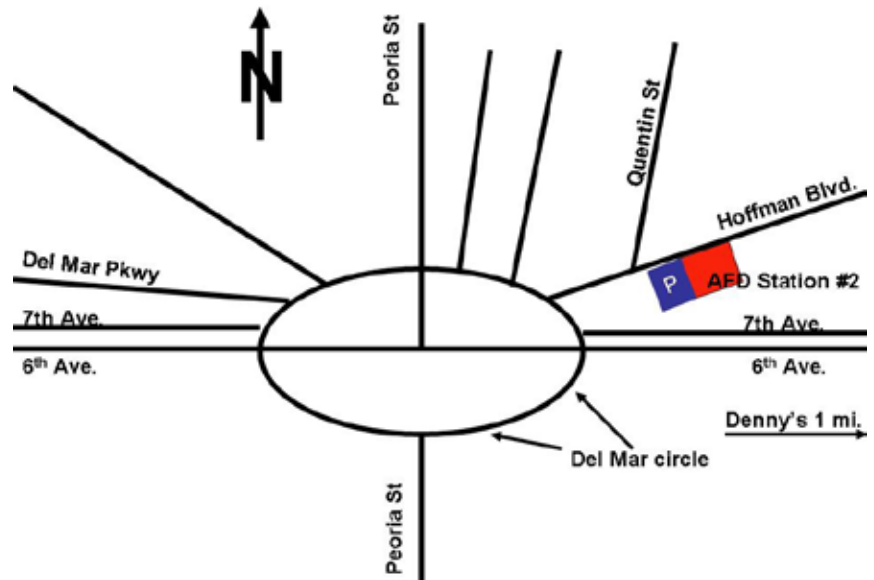
The question of where Sunrise Division will be meeting this year has been settled. We will continue to meet at Aurora Firestation #2 at 12600 Hoffman Boulevard in Aurora.

This is a good facility, with tables, chairs, and a large-sized television for videos. It also has close-in parking and no stairs. Now that we have located the switch to turn off the firestation public address system, it is even quiet.

The map can help get you to the location. Public parking is on the west side of the building. If, when you arrive, the door located in the middle of the west wall is locked, just knock. It has coded entry lock—no keys necessary—but that means we cannot leave it unlocked. We are trying to keep it propped open a bit, but that is not the easiest thing to do.

Many thanks to Dick Hunter for working on getting this nailed down.

Editor's note: An apology is due Dick. Last month there was a disconnect between my brain and my fingers. The caption crediting Dick was misspelled; his last name is not really "Hunger."



Starting at Sixth Avenue and Peoria Street, travel east to the first traffic light. Turn left on Del Mar Circle, then travel two streets, turning right onto Hoffman Boulevard. The firestation is on the right hand side. Parking is on the west side of the building. (Map drawn by Richard Hunter.)

## Just 4 Months To Make Tracks



June 3 will be here before you know it, and if you do not have your reservations for the RMR convention you will miss your chance to enjoy great camaraderie, interesting clinics, and a fun train ride over La Veta Pass. Check your Callboard for a registration form. For more information go to the web site <http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/RMRConvention2010/trackstoalamosa.html>.

## Upcoming Events

February 13-14, 2010 .....	Rails in the Rockies XI - Estes Park
February 20-21, 2010 .....	World's Greatest Hobby - National Western Complex, Denver, CO
March 5-7, 2010.....	Hostler's Train Show & Swap Meet, Ogden, UT
June 3-6, 2010 .....	Tracks To Alamosa - Rocky Mountain Region Convention, Alamosa, CO
July 11-17, 2010.....	NMRA Convention, 75th Anniversary - NMRA National Convention

### Next Meeting for Sunrise Division, RMR, NMRA Clinic "Programming Decoders"

**March 4, 2010 – 7:15 PM — 12600 Hoffman Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80010**