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Next Meeting

Our next Division meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 2019, at Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road at 7PM.

Upcoming Clinic for 2019

November – Abandoned Railroad Routes you can Drive, Walk, Jeep or Bike – Larry Stephens

December – The General Staring Buster Keaton

Upcoming Tool Times for 2019

November – Benchwork Tools – Bob Rothgery

December – TBD - OPEN

Upcoming Show 'n Tell Themes for 2019

November – Railfan Photos

December – Old Time Item

The Denver Library digital content.

<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/>

From the Editor

I missed this month's meeting as I just had rotary cuff surgery. I had the meeting recorded for me so I'm able to cover most of what was said (some voice dropout). The photos for Show and Tell came from an old smart phone with poor images.

September Meeting Notes

Stu called the meeting to order. We introduced ourselves and as Show and Tell is scratch built that was the introduction subject.

Gary handed out merit awards from the Salt Lake City Convention. Stu Jones received two, one for his interlocking tower and one for the scenery on his layout.

Stu announced that the Sunrise officer's elections are coming up in November. He indicated that his position is open to nominations. He has been superintendent for three years. We may have one or more open positions at this meeting. If you are interested in one of these positions, please show up for this meeting.

Tool Time

Pickup Tools - Rich Flammini

Rich began by reminding us that pick up tools are not a red Corvette used for picking up girls. His first tools were a locking tweezer, a magnetic wand, a claw mounted on cable, a tool for springs, a floor grabber, a small hand held vacuum with small pickup nozzles and a partridge in a pear tree. (Sorry guys. My wife couldn't resist.)

I'm Not Cheap, I'm Frugal.

I had nearly run out of material for this column. After hearing Rich asking if anyone had some chain link fence material I remembered I bought a 25-yard x 6-inch-wide reel of Tulle from Hobby Lobby for making my own fence. Let's say I'm cheap on this one, not frugal. The Hobby Lobby Tulle is cheap. It's not well made and is too sheer. It can't be seen. So I guess I'll try JoAnn's next.

URL of the Month

This one is 1 hour 36 minutes long. The first 48 minutes is the view from a camera placed at the front of the Royal Gorge engine. The second half is in reverse. The next time you're snowed in, throw a log on the fire and take a trip through the Royal Gorge filmed in the summer. Make sure you have some popcorn on hand.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpcJ6jJlz6o>

From the Sunrise Library

This month's selection from Ron McHenry's estate is "Railroads, The Great American Adventure by Charlton Ogburn."

This is a quick read of 200 pages from the early development to the 1970's published by the National Geographic Society. In addition to being well written, it includes some impressive photography by one of their photographers, James A. Sugar.

In a preface, Ogburn reminisces: "As often as I saw that masterwork barreling down the mainline in a white surf, wheels tucked beneath her, six-foot drivers pounding the shining rails, her plume of smoke laid down her back, it brought my heart to my throat."

From both an entertainment and research standpoint, this is a book with historic and new photos and also with illustrations. It will be available on the Swap Table at the November 7 Sunrise Division meeting. If you want to have first shot at adding it to your library but want to review it first, send me an email at rmflammini@msn.com.

I'll hold it for you to decide before it goes up for grabs, and a modest donation to the Division, of course.

Rich Flammini, Sunrise Division Treasurer

Clinic

D&RGW Third Division Monarch Branch – Gary Myers

Gary started off with the steps one should do when setting up a prototype operation on the layout. Begin by researching the prototype and understanding the operation.

The layout, Scenic Line Modellers, at Lockheed Martin was to be built with standard and narrow gauge and set up for mountain operations and grades. Some research was done at Colorado Railroad Museum and, of course, the internet. Gary talked about the Third Division which included Salida standard gauge which went from Pueblo to Grand Junction; also, the line over Marshall Pass to Gunnison. Gary covered the route from Poncha Junction to Myers Junction at which point the route split with the western route going over Marshall Pass and the southern route going over Poncha Pass to Alamosa.

Gary laid out the route from Salida to the limestone quarry at Monarch. Maysville, which is about 13 miles up from Salida, is the location where long trains would be split in half. Six miles up the line a switchback was used to climb up the last two miles to the quarry.

Gary covered some of the quarry operations. He also showed many photographs.

The layout is to be single deck which would allow mountains and trees. The grades of 2 percent for standard and 3 percent for narrow gage was selected. Some modifications of this was done for Myers Junction. The layout occupied an area about 28 x 36 feet.

Gary continued to show the layout track plan draft, the location of the prototype facilities and how they are positioned on the layout. A number of changes had to be made to fit this size layout. Location of switches and their size were covered. The length of trains pulled by K27s and K36s were discussed.

Gary went over the number of cars used for the Monarch Branch. Through the showing of photos, Gary, using drawings, went through the layout from Salida through Poncha Junction and then over Mears Junction to Poncha Pass. To fit the layout some changes at Mears Junction were made. Using photos backdrops are painted. Next the main line to Monarch was covered, displaying the location of tracks, switches and wyes. Operations and the use of lead engines and helper engines were explained.

Big Boy (from UP Steam Club Update)

For the final time this year, the Big Boy No. 4014 will ride the rails on the Union Pacific system. We're calling it "The Great Race Across the Southwest." No. 4014 left Cheyenne September 27, and travel to locations in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. View the route map and October and November schedule at the [Steam section of UP.com](#). As with past tours, you can follow No. 4014 as it makes its way across the system via our [Steam Locomotive Tracking map](#), which traces No. 4014's location and is continuously updated while the train is on the move.

Track the Big Boy via the UP Steam Twitter page at http://www.twitter.com/up_steam. The account tweets the train's location as it changes. Find both the tracking map and Twitter feed, along with [steam schedule information](#), at upsteam.com.

UP has just released the schedule. Go to <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/>

I came across this. I might take this trip if the doctor says I can drive and hold a camera.

Big Boy visits Hugo and Limon.
<http://seelincolncounty.com/event/union-pacific-big-boy-steam-engine-limon-co/>

Show and Tell

Bob Hochstetter presented the scratch builds.

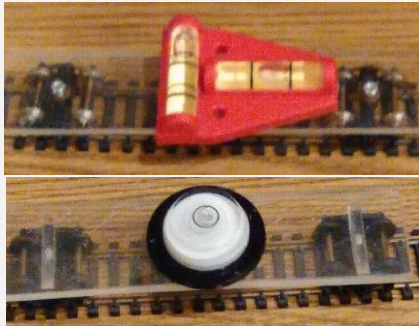
Don Francis presented his scratch built baggage car.



Dick Hunter presented his scratch built car using non hobby tools he built in his barracks in 1973.



Dave Nereson presented his scratch built cars for checking levels.



Dennis Hagen presented his scratch built D&RGW.



Stu Jones presented his scratch built coal tar tank car.



Comments made at the end explained that trucks and couplers can be commercial products.

Upcoming Events

November 16 -- Sat 9AM to 11:30AM
Model RR & Toy Train Swap Meet
(303) 989-0087 or (303) 985-1491
Green Mountain Presbyterian Church
12900 W. Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood, CO

November 30-December 1 -- Sat 10AM to 5PM;
Sun 9AM to 4PM
Rocky Mountain Train Show
The Ranch Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle,
Loveland, CO (I-25 Exit 259 East)
Admission: \$8, Children under 12, Scouts,
Active Military: Free

December 13,14 and 15 – 10AM to 5PM
Boulder Model Railroad Club
Boulder County Fairgrounds
Main Exhibit Building
Longmont, CO
Admission: \$8, Children under 12, Free

Hobby-Expo LLC runs a series of swap meets during the year. The swaps include pre-owned Model Railroad, RC, Scale Model Kits, Drones, Slot Cars, Die cast, Rockets, Collectible & Specialty Toys, Games, Pop Culture products and more!

December 15 – Sun 10AM to 4PM
Highlands Masonic Center
3550 Federal Blvd.
Denver, CO 80211

Modules

Modules are going to be shown November 30-December 1 at the Rocky Mountain Train Show, (see events for address); in Estes Park in February, (more information in the November Herald), and the TCA show in March. Bring your engine/trains to run. Don't have one to run? We'll let you run what's already on the track.

We can use any help to set up and tear down. (And you get a free pass to the show as a vendor.) Just let Don Francis know. My days of placing the modules onto the top row in the trailer are a long way off. Also, I won't be able to do any set up or tear down until the March show as my arm won't be up to it.

We are trying to add people to the modules to create normal scenes.
We have over 100 people figures on the layout as of the last show.

Small town busy street



A local bus stop



A busy back yard



His kite got stuck in a tree



Hunters at the cabins



The local school



Track Side



Photos

Photos: Denver Library digital content
<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/>

The November 2018 Herald had two photos of the Durango & Silverton engine number 486. One was the trip I made in 2014 with friends and one made during the NMRA Regional Trip in 2017. Knowing that these engines at Durango were around for many years, I had wondered what our engine 486 was doing in an early life. While doing background work for my abandoned railroad clinic, I came across photos of engine 486 working the quarry at Monarch. With Gary having done the Monarch Branch clinic, I thought these photos from the Denver Library digital content would be of interest.



Freight, westbound. Photographed: approaching Monarch, Colo., June 6, 1942.



Freight, Eastbound; 13 cars. Photographed: leaving Monarch, Colo., October 11, 1942.



Freight, Eastbound; 13 cars. Photographed: below Monarch, Colo., October 11, 1942.



Switching cars of limestone. Photographed: Monarch, Colo., July 28, 1951.



Engine 489. During switching operations at the Quarry, the caboose would be moved around. Smoke rises from Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad 2-8-2 narrow gauge locomotive 489 which pulls caboose 0585 in Monarch (Chaffee County), Colorado. The locomotive and caboose are on a trestle. Shows talus or mine tailings beside the tracks. A concrete marker near the tracks reads: "Fed. Aid Proj. 259-H, no. 2."

