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Sunrise Division Officers

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Layout of the Month

This month's three photographs are from Dennis Hagen's Sn3 layout. They were taken by the editor during the Sunrise Division's layout tours on July 22, 2023.

I need photographs for the Herald. If you have photographs of your layout that you would like to have included here, please send them to me. (Ed.)



From the Editor

I was unable to attend the November meeting of the Sunrise Division. Thank you, Dennis Hagen, for taking notes for me.

November Meeting Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunrise Division of the National Model Railroad Association was held November 2, 2023, at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Superintendent William Boorman conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Twenty-one members attended in person, and none joined via Zoom.

William began the meeting by asking the members for a self-introduction, brief mention of modeling scale and recent accomplishments.

Announcements, Tool Time, the Clinic and more followed the self-introductions. All of these are included in this issue of the Herald. William adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2023, in person at Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will also be streamed on Zoom with sign-in between 6:30 and 7:00.

Video of the Month

This month's video features narrow gauge steam engines in Colombia.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbEVE9-b_Q8

Upcoming Tool Time

December—The Computer as a Tool-Part III
Larry Stephens

Upcoming Clinic for 2023

December - My Life Riding the Rails—Rich Flammini

Upcoming Show 'n' Tell

December - Cabooses

Reminder

In an attempt to reduce problems, especially for those who join the meeting on Zoom, we continue to ask that Show 'n' Tell photos, Clinic presentations, and Tool Time photos be taken before the meeting and sent to:

Gary Myers (garymyers06@comcast.net) for presentation at the meeting, and to the editor (rlhoch422@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Sunrise Herald. (Ed.)

Module Report

Larry Stephens reported that new ballast has been applied to one side of the modules. The steel plant's track work and ballast have been completed. Most of the exposed raw surfaces of the modules have had ground cover applied. Adam has replaced the original Digitrax LocoNet plates with laser cut plates that have the Sunrise Division logo embossed on them. The plates have been recessed to prevent damage.

Announcements

Congratulations to Nick Tomlinson. He is shown here (on the right) receiving the Golden Spike award from Gary Myers. Nick's layout was featured during this summer's layout tours.



The Foothills Society of Model Railroaders swap meets
Green Mountain Presbyterian Church
12900 W. Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, CO
9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
on the third Saturday of odd numbered months
(303)989-0087 or (303)985-1491

Election Results

The current slate of officers of the Sunrise Division were re-elected for another one-year term.

Tool Time

Larry Stephens presented **The Computer as a Tool Part II**. He has again graciously converted his PowerPoint presentation into the Word document presented here.

MS update

Microsoft is looking at Windows 12
sometime in 2024.
Its all speculation at this time.
Most likely, Win 12 might be a
subscription with price by tier level (Basic
Home to Business Pro).
The free update to 11 will not last forever.

The Computer is Now an Important
Tool In Our Hobby

Windows Software used for
Modeling

Word: Used for creating the Herald.

Excel: Checking our budget.
Can we afford that next rivet counter engine?

Access: Inventory of our engines, cars and stuff.

Outlook: Receiving the Herald and keeping in touch.

Power Point: Clinics

Visio: Used to design and create many different details for our layout.

Adobe: Used to view the Herald and some of our train manuals.

Photo edit programs: editing photos for the Herald, contests and our own use.

JMRI: Changing CVs and we can also run our trains.

Zoom: Attending meetings.

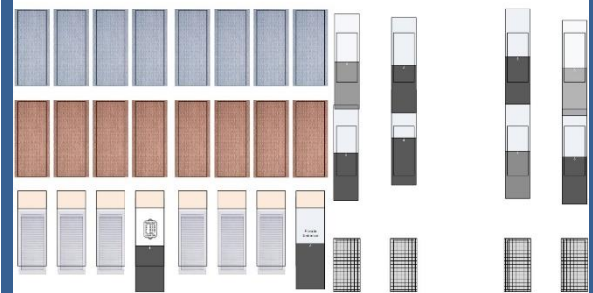
Browser: We buy trains on line.

Using a computer to create Window
Treatment.

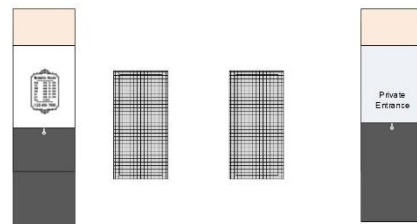
You will be using a browser, a photo
editor and Visio.

Open up Amazon or eBay.
Search for drapes.

Open a photo editing program and trim the
photo. Using the color balance feature, you
can the change the color of the drapes. The
2nd and 3rd floors are from the same drape
photo. Open Visio and insert photo or photos.
The following results required too many steps
to document as a tool time. The pull down
blinds, door security glass and the bank sign
were designed using Visio. Here is the
completed designs for the Stockman's Farm
Bank which is located on the Sunrise Modules.



Close up on the entrance doors and security glass



Make your own Billboards

A scanner, browser, photo editing, and Visio are used to create a billboard.

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The photo on the right is a scanned Lionel billboard using a photo edit program to restore to like new. Visio is used to size to any scale. The upper left photo is a scanned ad from Life magazine. The lower left photo is now trimmed to fit a template.

Video during meeting. Two clips for Herald. I use Visio to place the Life magazine in the old Lionel billboard.



After you repair the sign damage, you can use Visio to scale the sign down to your desired size.

Don't have Visio? You can do some of the Visio functions in Power Point, but you won't have that precise control.

A scanner and a photo editor are used to create floors for box cars or flat cars.

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Top photo is wood sticks from Hobby Lobby glued on a board and scanned. Bottom photo shows the wood stained.

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The scanned wood pieces was not long enough for 50 foot flat cars so I cloned (copied) one side to the other side. If you look close you can see a reversed pattern on one side.

Make your own Signs

A browser and photo editor are used to create a sign.

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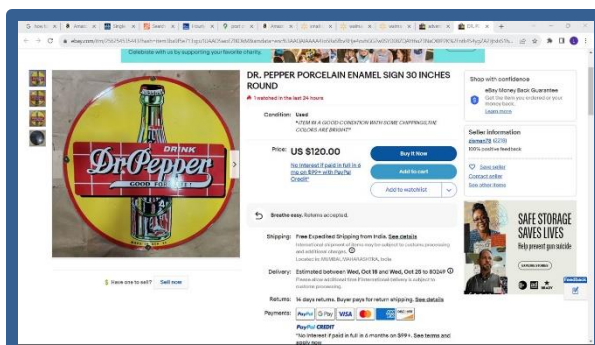
A sign listed on EBay. Double click sign for a larger image and save to a file.

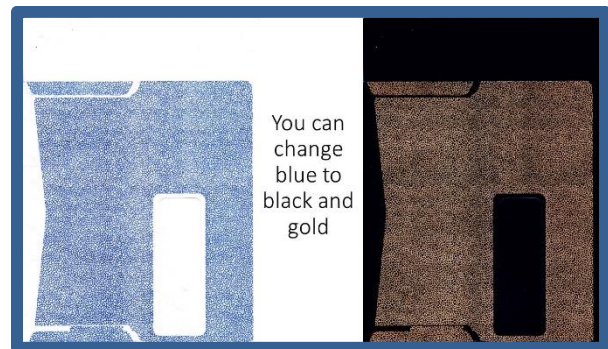
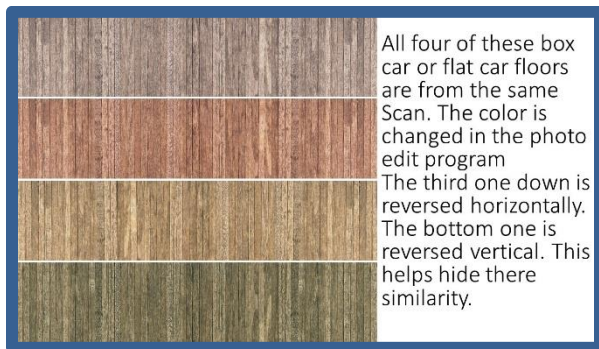
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Photo on the left is a copied sign using a photo edit program. Upper right is a magnified portion of a damaged hole on sign. Lower right is a repair using the clone function to repair sign.

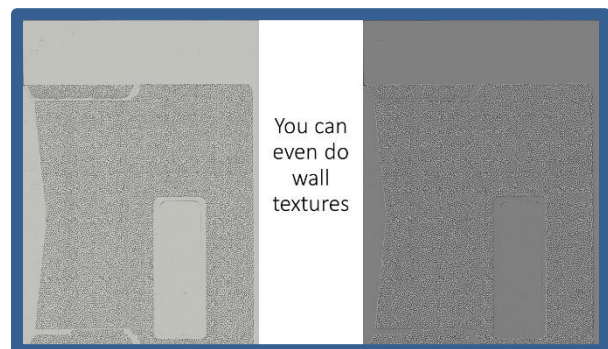


The right side is longer as it five pieces cloned from the left side.





Most Windows Office software can be learned by watching YouTube or Googling for more information. Visio does require some learning before you can accomplish anything. I have been using Visio since Windows 3.1 and every time I update, I have to go to YouTube to keep updated.



Bob Rothgery introduced us to using security envelopes for wall paper. Expanding on the colors of your own envelopes. A scanner and a photo editor are used to create wall paper of different colors and designs.

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Anyone who wants to try Visio.
<https://www.udemy.com/course/learn-visio-quickly/>
 Next month the third and last Computer as a Tool. Power Point.
 The best way to present clinics and tool times.

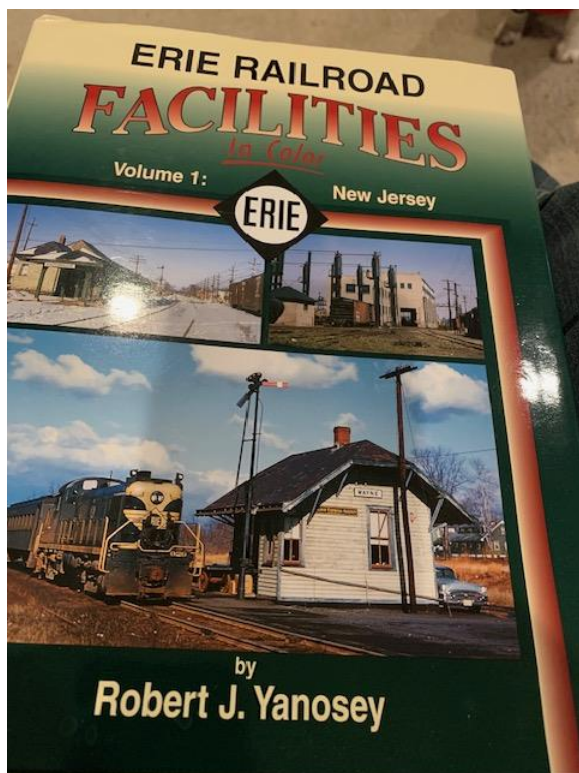


Show 'n' Tell

This month's Show 'n' Tell was a combination of October's theme (Streetcars/Trolleys) and November's theme (Anything Goes).



Adam Crews showed this streetcar that is in the process of being restored. It is mounted on a flat car that made an appearance at the April 2022 train show.



Dave Clifford presented this book.



Larry Stephens showed this AHM trolley made in Yugoslavia in the mid 70's. It has a can motor but is not skew wound. He would have to replace the motor to run it on DCC. There is room for an N scale decoder.



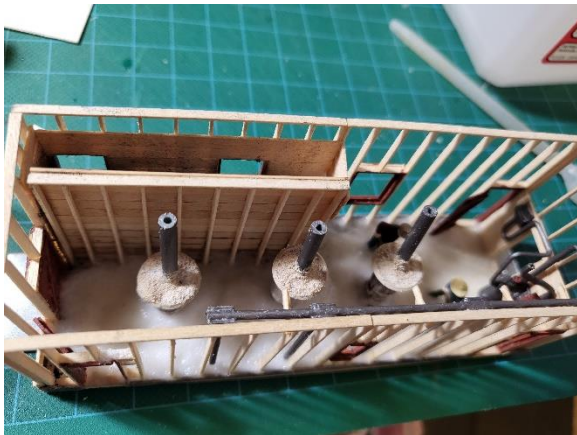
Larry showed this laser cut wood puzzle. The engine is a separate piece and is removeable.



Larry also presented this Shay locomotive model. It is a creation of Heritage Metal Art and was an anniversary present.



Rich Flammini presented this and had this to say about it: "This trolley, called Powell & Ma-son Sts. , was part of the early San Francisco system, likely a cable car. It was a gift from a friend and I think one from a Hallmark collection. I was curious if it was HO, put it on my track and yes, it is.



Gary Myers showed these three pictures of the Salida 1921 sand house model that he is building.



Lastly, William Boorman showed this HO scale loader next to an HO scale locomotive and this Transformer that goes from being a space shuttle to a train and finally to a robot.

Clinic

Bill Johnson presented this month's clinic on a miniature railway that has fascinated him since childhood, the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Light Railway. His presentation was more than 100 PowerPoint slides but only 29 are presented here. If you are intrigued by his presentation and would like to see more, links to three YouTube videos are included here. (Ed.)

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RomneyHytheDymchurchRailway>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdWv7W7wmf8>

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The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Light Railway

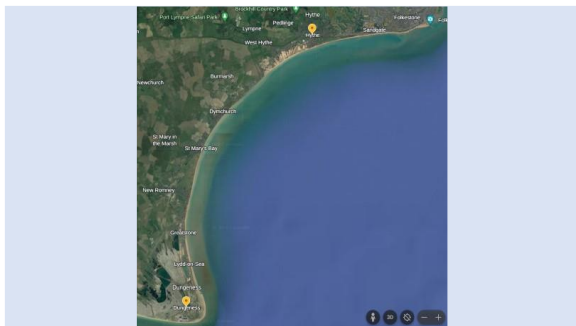
15-inch gauge

13.5 miles long

Mainline in Miniature
in SE England
opened July 1927



Location on the English coast



History

Started by two race car enthusiasts,
Count Louis Zborowski and
Captain John Edwards Presgrave Howey,
who also shared an interest in miniature railways,
particularly the "Mainline in Miniature".

Early Timeline

Unfortunately, Count Zborowski was killed while racing at Monza,
in the Italian Grand Prix on 19 October 1924.

Captain Howey continued the project.

The current site was finally found in September 1925.

After all the legal steps had been taken, the plan was formally approved, and
construction began in May 1926.

Henry Greenly, who had designed the locomotives, was commissioned as
construction Chief Engineer.

The line opened 16 July 1927 with a Hercules 4 -8-2 pulling the inaugural train.

Originally, the line was only 8.25 miles from Hythe to New Romney.

Captain Howey, unsatisfied with only 8.25 miles, extended the
line another 5.5 miles to Dungeness.

The finished line was doubled track from Hythe to the balloon
loop return at Dungeness.

The Dungeness area is a rocky shoal from which much of the
ballast for the British railways came.

There was some freight possibility, but "Mainline" passenger
service was the primary goal.

Postcard of Hythe after opening



World War II

Because of the strategic location, being very close to the Continent, the entire area was
made a Military Zone at the onset of WWII.

Most of the civilians were moved out.

The military took control of the RH&DR.

An armored train was built. It was claimed to have downed a German plane.

The most significant contribution to the war effort was the role the RH&DR played in the
PLUTO (Pipeline Under The Ocean) operation. The railway was used to transport much of
the actual pipe that would be used to cross the English Channel. This operation provided
much needed fuel to support the Allies after the Normandy invasion.

Operation "Dumbo" (the pipeline out of Dungeness) provided 180 million gallons of petro to
the Allied armies.

Armored Train during WWII



Inside the cab



Post War and the Future

After the war, a major rebuilding was required to repair war damage to the light railway.
It was made a single track from New Romney to Dungeness and re-opened in March 1947.
Post-war prosperity brought tourists to the seaside resorts.
However, by the 1960's, the availability of cheap airfares sent tourists to southern France or Spain for their beach vacations.
Captain Howey died in September 1963 and the railway went to various unsuccessful owners. The RH&DR fell on hard times.
Lead by Sir William McAlpine a successful consortium of investors made improvements and created a trust to insure the future of the RH&DR. It is now part of the British Transport Trust.
Today, as its 100th year approaches, many activities, events and high ridership, make for a promising future.

New Romney, 8 miles from Hythe, the railway's headquarters and engine shops



Inside the train shed at Hythe

note the engine escape track



The signal box at New Romney



No. 7 Typhoon



The platform at New Romney



Bill Johnson at the controls of No.7



Model railway display of RH&DR



A postcard from Dungeness, the southern terminus at 13.5 miles



No.9 Sir Winston Churchill (note the American styling)



The heart of the railway is the fleet on beautiful miniature locomotives



No.14 Captain Howey



Size comparison of the Flying Scotsman and Typhoon



No. 5 Hercules 4 -8-2



Passenger coach or carriage



No.8 Hurricane at Dungeness



All the little engines safely tucked in bed for the night



THE END of the line.

Most of the photographs are mine.

Where I have used other sources, I have tried to give credit.

Thank you for letting me share a longtime passion of mine.