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## Master Builder AP Awarded

The twenty-three members of Sunrise Division who came to the re-scheduled April meeting got to applaud Don Deuell as he was awarded his NMRA Master Builder AP certificate by division AP Chairman David Bol.

Don is a meticulous craftsman, and his layout shows his attention to every detail. It truly is a joy to see. This is a well-deserved recognition of his modeling skills.

Other business conducted at the meeting included a report by Nate Bryant that we had 83 registrations for the RMR convention—which has been increased at press time to 95 registrations.

Rich Flaminni reported on the Rocky Mountain Train Show, adding that he got twelve new Railpass registrations for

the NMRA.

For more information about the Achievement Program, check the “From The Chief” article inside. —SH



*Forget that posed picture above, with the serious faces and at least one fixed stare, the real Don Deuell is evident in the shot taken before the “formal” posing began. Model railroading should be fun, and Don keeps it that way.*

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# Membership Report



GARY MYERS — ACTING MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

### New Members

This month the Sunrise Division would like to officially welcome new members Leo Czyozanowski and Mike Farnsworth (who visited us earlier this year) of Aurora and Cullen Duffy, Tony Lewis, and Larry Stephens of Denver.

### Special Blast of the Whistle

We bid a fond farewell, adieu, but hope to see you again to Dave Spritke, who has gone to the Great White North, up in Newfoundland for whiter pastures, and to Ron Bennell, to the Great Down Under, and Philip Abaray to Westminster, (What the hell?! to our rival Front Range Division, traitor!). Aurora is just not good enough for some! Well, we sure hope to see you again and hope you are able to have as much fun with railroading in your new locales.

### Member Unit Train

According to the Region's official count, the Sunrise Division train is at 91 members. Even though we have five new members and two renewals last month, we also had two people leave the group, 1 for a new family and the other for dissatisfaction with the NMRA, and a few in arrears. Our Region's official roster doesn't include anyone who has their dues in arrears of more than 30 days. Unfortunately, unlike most magazine subscriptions where you get late reminders, the NMRA has elected to avoid that expense and does not send out reminders. So, if you think your dues are late and you didn't receive an NMRA Magazine last month, you can go to the website to renew electronically: [https://www.nmrastores.com/Company\\_Store/product\\_info.php?cPath=63&products\\_id=228](https://www.nmrastores.com/Company_Store/product_info.php?cPath=63&products_id=228)

### Sunrise Searchlight Car

This month we shine our searchlight in our backyard, Aurora, Colorado. We have 59 current or former members living in Aurora. That's twice as many and more than our regular attendees at meetings. Well if you haven't been to one of the meetings yet, or in awhile, you're missing out on a real local resource. Next time you see one of these guys out mowing their lawn on the other side of the hedge, bug them to come on down to our next meeting. Here is just a few fellow Aurorans to be on the lookout for:



- David Basil
- Larry Cotter
- Eugene Hill
- Devin Jones

- Steve Karden
- David Lind
- Richard Minnis
- Doug & Veronica Morrison

*[Editor's note: I know Dick Minnis well. He now lives in Windsor Gardens and doesn't drive at night. If there is anyone who can give him a ride, I'll talk to Dick.]*



## Time's Getting Short

June 8 is coming faster than you can imagine, and you don't want to miss your chance to catch a ride on the Big Horn Mixed chartered mixed freight/passenger train on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

For more information and a registration form go to <http://www.bighornmixed.com> -SH



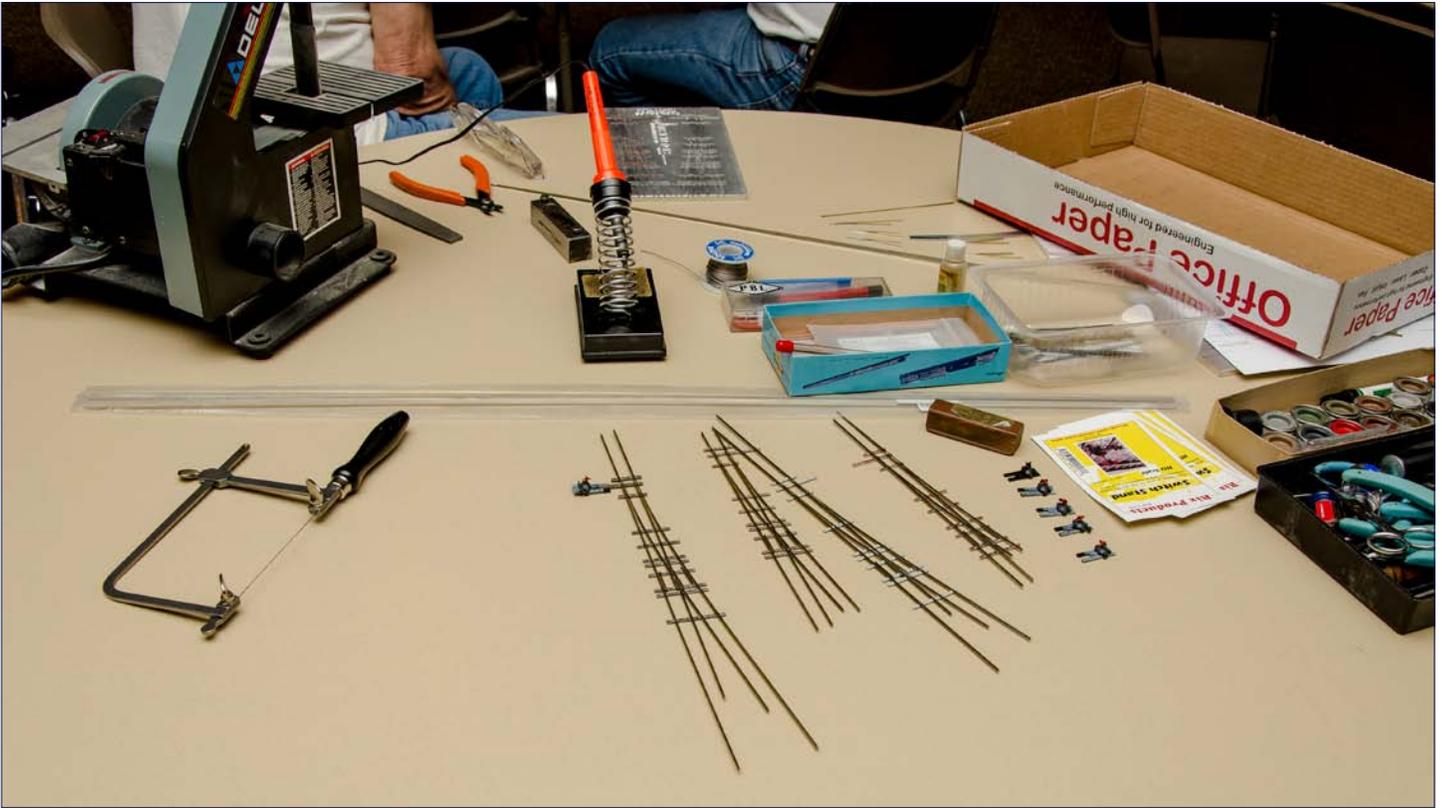
## Division Data

Sunrise Division promotes and encourages model railroading from I-25 east to the Kansas border. We welcome all model railroaders, regardless of skill or experience, because our goal is to have fun.

The *Sunrise Herald* is a publication of the Sunrise Division of the Rocky Mountain Region, National Model Railroad Association.

## Division Officers

- Division Superintendent . . . . . Gary Myers
- Asst. Division Superintendent . . . . Donald Francis
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## April Clinic Featured FastTracks Switch Magic

Sunrise Division members at our April meeting were treated to a hands on demonstration of custom turnout manufacturing by Gary Myers, Division Superintendent. Gary showed how to use the FastTracks system, which includes an aluminum jig to hold the rails in proper alignment while soldering printed circuit ties and a tool to allow the points to be properly shaped. The entire process was carefully and completely demonstrated, with parts at various stages being handed around the audience.

Gary did say that some of his efforts could be called “model railroading by misadventure.” He has soldered ties to the points and stabbed his hand with the saw. He has not burned himself with the iron...yet.

-SH



*Top: The tools laid out, ready for the demonstration. Left: Gary demonstrated the procedures with some members sitting close for a better view. Right: Some of the completed switches are laid out, ready to have the missing ties added.*





## From The Chief

BY GARY MYERS, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

### AP Certificate Awards

As you read last month or remember from the March meeting, I received AP certificates for NMRA Official and Author. It is nice to be recognized by our organization for the work that we contribute, and these awards have some of the easiest paperwork to fill out. Some do not realize that the Master Model Railroader (MMR) Achievement Award that the NMRA bestows is not only about modeling, but also about serving your fellow members.

### NMRA Official

This award is easy to achieve and comes with the territory. Serving as an elected official in the Region as a Board officer, Director, or Division Superintendent and participating in Board activities for only two or three years is all that is required for this AP award. Of course, performing superintendent's duties are not exactly effortless, nor is conducting Region business, which is often unappreciated, easy, but filling out the paperwork is mostly remembering what offices you held and when. The AP Award is more of an indication and appreciation from the NMRA that you did the job that you were elected to do.

We always need people to volunteer their time to share the responsibilities of this organization. Everyone in our organization should decide when it is their time to step up, be accountable to their peers, and take a turn helping out at some capacity. Extra involvement and service to your fellow modelers will be unexpectedly rewarding, and the simplest part of serving is taking the few minutes to fill out a sheet of paper for a well earned AP Award.

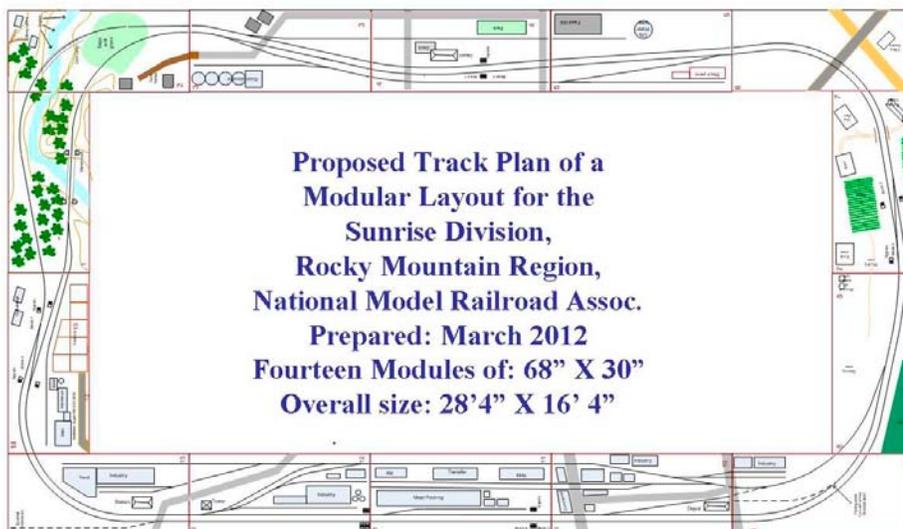
### Author

The paperwork for this award may be as simple as printing out a stack of *Sunrise Heralds* and clinic handouts. Of course, articles in other publications are counted too—even web pages. Again, the award is really about service to your fellow modelers. The *Sunrise Herald* is your newsletter, letting your friends and neighboring modelers know what you have been up to lately. It is fun to share the hobby. What is easier than supporting your newsletter or volunteering your time showing your favorite technique or topic in a clinic? The more we know about each other and do things together, the more our division succeeds and gets stronger. We really need your articles, your horse sense, and your favorite stories. All you have to do is take your turn in the spotlight for a few minutes, and we all gain.

After you have started going down this path, you will forget about AP requirements. Instead, you will do it because you discover things you never imagined, and it is a different, fun kind of challenge. After a bit, you will be recognized and thanked by your organization with another AP Award for your service.

The AP Awards are official recognition by the NMRA of your contribution to the organization, but the best rewards really come from your friends with whom you have been able to share your favorite hobby.

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### Modules Underway

Don Francis has been hard at work cutting and gluing the frames for the Division Modular Layout as the picture on the

right illustrates. The module layout plan is diagrammed above. This planned HO-scale layout will be displayed at any number of locations to educate and interest the public in the hobby.

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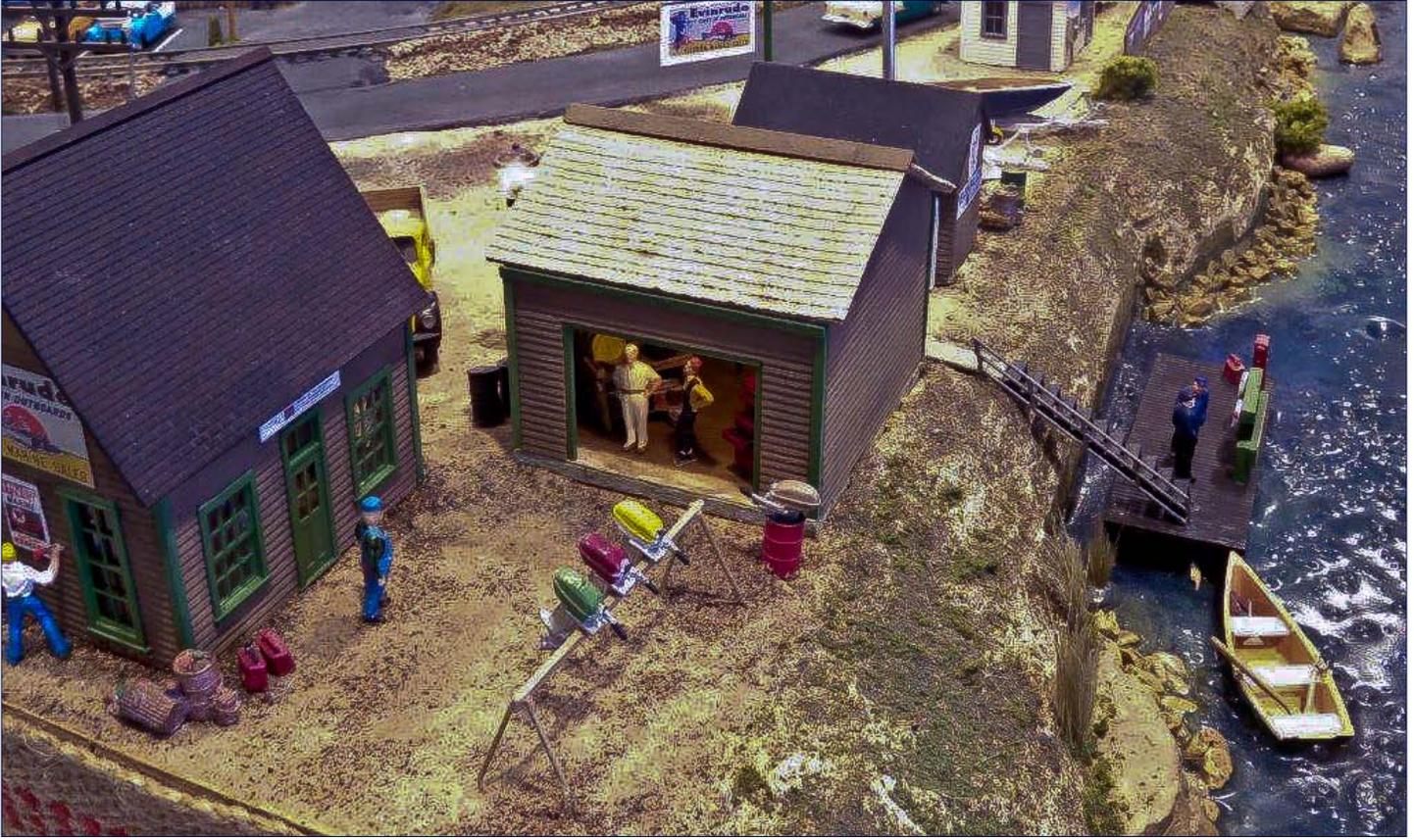
# Show & Tell



Clockwise from top: April's Show & Tell featured "waterfront structures," and Jack Getz's beautifully painted structures certainly qualify. There were also ships. The small Coast Guard vessel was Steve Schweighofer's contribution, and it is about the size of a quarter. In contrast, Stewart Jones brought in an HO-scale (approximate) model of the cargo ship Denali. Stewart obtained the construction drawings from Sterling Models and then scratch-built this model. It is over four feet long. The basic model was built in the 1970s, but it was not completed until 2012. It regularly calls at the port of Boreas on Stewart's Boreas & Saguache Railroad. (Photos by Tom Frerichs)

I MUST GO DOWN TO THE SEAS AGAIN,  
TO THE LONELY SEA AND THE SKY,  
AND ALL I ASK IS A TALL SHIP AND A  
STAR TO STEER HER BY...





## More April Waterfront Show & Tell

*Above: John Kerbaugh declined to rip his layout apart to actually bring his structure into the meeting, but what could be more waterfront than his Lake City Evinrude dealer? So he brought a photo. Look at the HO-scale outboard motors carefully displayed, and also check out the owner keeping a watchful eye on his wares from the shop building in the back.*



## NMRA Notes

Fund raising has begun for the “Magic of Scale Model Railroading” gallery at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California. This gallery will introduce the Museum’s 600,000 annual visitors to the hobby, as well as give them a sense of its history. One of the highlights of the gallery will be actual portions of the finest model railroads ever built. The Museum has donated the space rent-free to the NMRA for the purpose of promoting the hobby. It is estimated that the cost to build the exhibit will be approximately \$750,000. No NMRA dues or monies will be used; instead, it will be entirely funded by donations. To date, over \$100,000 has been raised, and an anonymous donor has agreed to match donations up to \$250,000.

Any NMRA member (or non-member, for that matter) who would like to donate to the funding of the gallery should send his or her tax deductible donation to NMRA Headquarters at 4121 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421-2119, and mark it “Gallery donation.”

In February we reported the agreement of cooperation between the NMRA and the Hasea.com Model Railroad Association of China. This July we will be seeing the first fruits of that “Hands Across The Ocean” agreement as a group of teenage Chinese modelers and rail fans visits California with the purpose of seeing layouts, prototype trains, and the California State Railway Museum. Several Pacific Coast Region members are helping to organize this two-week event.

**Grand Rails 2012**, the upcoming NMRA national convention, has announced their commemorative convention car. Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once known as The Furniture Capital of the World, and appropriately the model was inspired by a postcard photograph of a turn-of-the-last-century furniture manufacturer’s wood-sided boxcar. This replica, produced by Accurail, comes complete with a Grand Rails 2012 logo “poster” which can be applied by the modeler. Visit [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org) to see a shot of the prototype.

The folks at Grand Rails 2012 have posted a preliminary clinic schedule for the convention in PDF format, downloadable at their website. Among the clinicians are NMRA Worldwide Director Tony Koester, Jim Six, Jim Sacco, and a group of clinics by the Layout Design Sig.

# Focus on the Future



## Restoring Break For May Meet

The May meeting will open with a video on logging followed by a great Tool Time Tip segment about logging vehicles.

Lest you think the meeting is devoted only to logging, the clinic will be presented by Dennis Hagen and will be about the Restoration of K-27 #463. For those stuck in the Transition time frame or into modern railroading, the K-27 is a narrow-gauge steam locomotive.

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### WANTED: LAYOUT TOUR CO-ORDINATOR

**§Job Description:** Put together exciting layout venues for Sunrise Division layout tours.

**§Benefits:** Get to know the great layouts and projects of our Division members, keeping tabs on members' progress. You may get some first hand great tips and ideas!

**§Hours:** Awe inspiring to say the least!

**§Pay:** Your efforts directly reduce the wear and tear of your poor Superintendent and Division officers.

 APPLY TO YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD  
SUNRISE DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT.

## Show & Tell Themes

When you submit a model for the show and tell, you automatically are entered into a drawing for a gift certificate from Caboose Hobbies in Denver.

- May 3..... Logging Equipment
- June 7..... No Meeting—Convention in Chama
- July 7..... Picnic—No S&T
- August 2..... Turn of the Century (20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>)
- September 6 ..... Timber Trestles
- October 4..... Coal Mining
- November 1..... Steam Locomotives
- December 6 ..... Rail Cars

## Upcoming Events

- ◇ *May 3, Sunrise Division Regular Meeting, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. 7:15 PM*
- ◇ *May 4-5, 2012 National Z Scale Convention, Red Lion Hotel, 3200 South Parker Road, Aurora, Colorado.*
- ◇ *May 5, SCFD Free Days—Galloping Goose Ride, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. Free admission. Rides available for purchase only.*
- ◇ *May 5, N-Scale Swap Meet—Moffat Modelers Layout, Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Enter from rear parking lot.*
- ◇ *May 12, Train Show & Swap Meet, NMRA Pikes Peak Division, Trinity United Methodist Church, 710 North 20th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. 9 AM—3 PM. Admission: \$5. Children under 12 free.*
- ◇ *May 12, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM*
- ◇ *May 19, Model Railroad & Toy Train Swap Meet, The Foothills Society of Model Railroaders, Green Mountain Presbyterian Church, 12900 West. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado. 9—11:30 AM.*
- ◇ *May 19—20, Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club Train Show, Taco John's Event Center, 1530 West Lincoln Way, Cheyenne, Wyoming.*
- ◇ *May 19—20, Cheyenne Depot Days Cheyenne Depot Museum, 121 West 15th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. UP steam shop will be open for tours*
- ◇ *May 19, Steam-Up Event—Dinosaur Train, Colorado Railroad Museum, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM*
- ◇ *May 26, Galloping Goose Rides (for purchase only), Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. 9 AM—5 PM*
- ◇ *June 8-10, Big Horn Mixed, 2012 Rocky Mountain NMRA Regional Convention, Chama, New Mexico. Mixed steam freight railfan photographers' special on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. www.big-hornmixed.com*
- ◇ *July 24–August 4, Grand Rails—2012, NMRA National Convention. Grand Rapids, MI*