



# Sunrise Herald

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## Notes from the Secretary

Because our regular meeting night occurred during Holy Week and Holy Love Church was not available, we did not have an April Division meeting. Instead we met the following week at Don Meeker’s house to tour his rocky Mountain Line layout. Our report this month will be highlights from that tour  
 Note that there are still many open topics for Tool Time and Clinics. If you have some ideas

or techniques that would be of interest to your fellow modelers, here is your opportunity to present your ideas. Send your suggestions to Gary Myers, Program Chair at: [garymyers06@comcast.net](mailto:garymyers06@comcast.net)  
 He would love to hear from you.

## Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Holy Love Church, South Chambers Road, 7:15 pm.

## Upcoming Clinics for 2015

May – Structure Lighting  
 June - TBA  
 July - TBA  
 August - TBA  
 September - TBA  
 October - TBA  
 November - TBA  
 April - TBA

## Upcoming Tool Times for 2015

May – Modeling Clamps  
 June - TBA  
 July - TBA  
 August - TBA  
 September - TBA  
 October - TBA  
 November - TBA  
 December - TBA

## Upcoming Show ‘n’ Tell Themes for 2015

May – Yard Offices  
 June – Fruit and Vegetables

July – Water / Fuel Tanks  
August – Conveyors  
September – Logging  
October – Warehouses  
November – Pork

### Rock Mountain Line Layout Tour

On Thursday, April 9, a number of Division members met at Don Meeker's house in Castle Rock for a tour of his Rocky Mountain Line. The Rocky Mountain Line models a route that crosses the Rocky Mountains to the west departing from Centennial (Denver?) and crossing into Utah. The town names along the route are fictional, but one can easily imagine Colorado towns. Trains from the ATSF, MP, RI, C&S and CB&Q use this joint line. The timeframe is in the '50s, so both steam and diesel are well represented. Because of the magnificent scenery, a lot of passenger operation is also in evidence, including the Colorado Zephyr. The layout occupies approximately 2800 square feet in Don's basement. Don uses Digitrax digital command control to operate and a CTC system using Digitrax hardware and JMRI/CATS software to operate the dispatcher's computer.

Here are some highlights from that evening.



Gary Myers, Rich Flammini and John Kerbaugh are observing operations



Dick Hunter Watches mining operations at Dragerton



Dick Hunter is observing Bill Johnson working the Dispatcher's Desk. Two levels of Don's layout are visible in the background.



An on-line refinery at Shell



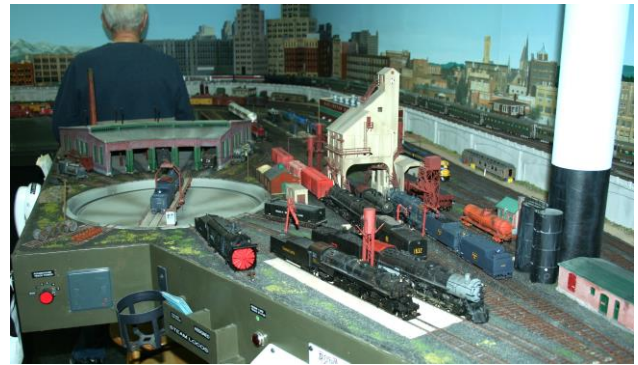
Another view of Dragerton



The California Zephyr is making a stop at Centennial Union Station. This bears a remarkable resemblance to Denver Union Station.



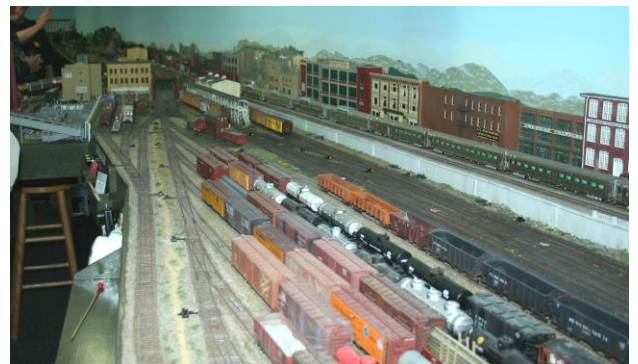
Bob Rothgery watches a reefer block pass by as it crosses the Grand River



This is a view of the Centennial steam locomotive servicing facilities. It looks like it services road engines for a number of different railroads. The California Zephyr can be seen departing in the background



Here we see the California Zephyr approaching Centennial City from the west through Johnson Junction



The east end of a large classification yard in Centennial city. It will pass JL Tower, Callyer Bluff and Buffalo Rock in the distance



To gain altitude, the line executes a horseshoe around the beautiful Lake Francis. Bigfoot is visible somewhere in the background, but you probably won't be able to see him in this photo.



A local farmer has appropriated a patch of land for growing corn and pumpkins. He has belatedly recognized the need for roof repairs and is making some progress.



At the summit the line passes through the Muppet Tunnel. The curtain is raised indicating that a train is approaching the mouth of the tunnel. On this mid-spring day there is a dusting of snow on the nearby trees.



Rich Flammini engineers a manifest freight through Midway while Bob Hochstetter monitors its progress.



A busy yard and a lumber mill are visible in Goldpin Junction

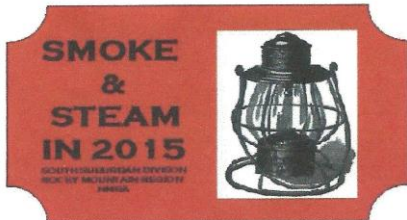


John Griffith took over Dick Hunter's job supervising the dispatcher for the rest of the evening

This was a great evening of fun for the many members who were able to attend. If you were not able to come, you will have another opportunity in June. Don's layout will be one of several that will be on tour during the Regional Convention, June 4-7. There is also a web site,

[www.RockyMountainLine.com](http://www.RockyMountainLine.com) that you may visit for more layout photos and a trackplan.

## **Regional Convention**



**2015 CONVENTION and TRAIN SHOW**

**June 4-7, 2015**

**SHERATON HOTEL – Denver Tech Center  
7007 So. Clinton, Greenwood Village  
80112**

**OPS SESSIONS - LAYOUTS – CLINICS  
SPEAKER – TOURS – MODEL CONTESTS**

The South Suburban Division will host the Regional Convention, *Smoke and Steam in 2015*, June 4-7. Our Regional Convention has not been staged in Denver for a few years. This is your opportunity to attend without incurring travel expenses and we hope most of you will. A clinic schedule has not been announced, but every convention (where we are not riding a train) always has a number of fantastic clinics that are well worth attending and might inspire some clinics of your own. Also we will send out separately a schedule of layout visits and operating sessions that you might want to plan to attend. You will receive further announcements by separate E-mail.