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Using a series of projected images, Rich Flammini explained the process of moving from a kit to a finished structure as illustrated by R.J. Flamboyant's development of a commercial property on Rich's layout. Photo by Alex Myers.

Flammini Constructs Great July Clinic

By Richard Hunter

Rich took us through the steps to creating a large building. The building was to fit a specific location on his layout. He started with a "Vicky's" building kit from Smalltown USA. To double the size of the building, he used the four walls from the kit for one long side and one end. The other side would be a very plain wall with delivery doors and one end would not be seen so he used plain sheeting for those two walls. He discussed painting the windows while still on the sprue and assembling the walls. He included ideas on simulated interiors, final assembly, and installation on the layout.

August Clinic In The Works

Jim Laird, Sunrise's Program Chairman, is working hard to bring us clinics of the this caliber. He's nailing down the details of August's clinic.

Working Hard for you!

Surles Is Division Merit Badge Coordinator

Gary Myers announced that Louis Surles has stepped forward to represent our Division to the Boy Scouts. Louis is active in Scouting, and feels he can spare some of his limited time in assisting in this endeavor.

Louis will be working with Blaine Bachman, who is the Rocky Mountain Region Boy Scouts of America Coordinator, in helping local Scouts

earn their Railroading Merit Badge.

Gary Myers, said when making the announcement that as a former Scout he is proud that our Division and Region will be getting more involved with the Boy Scouts of America.

Remember to say thank you to Louis when you see him. Working with the Boy Scouts is a good way to get more young folks involved in our great hobby.



August 15th Is Picnic Time

Sunrise Division will be joining Front Range Division for food, fun, and camaraderie on Sunday, August 15, at noon at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Bring a dish and join us at the pavilion, then wander the Museum grounds or talk with other model railroaders for the rest of the afternoon.

The Colorado Railroad Museum is at 17155 West 44th Avenue in Golden. To get there, take CO 58 from I-70 to the McIntyre exit. Turn north and travel a block or so to 44th Avenue, then turn left and travel about one mile to the entrance. The Museum is on the north side.

Admission to the Museum, which you will need to pay, is: adults - \$8; children (2 - 16 yrs) - \$5; and for seniors (over 60) - \$7. There are also family rates.

Gone But Not Forgotten

By Gary Myers

Glenn and Linda Sponholtz have moved to Austin, Texas, to live near their daughters and families. We will dearly miss them and were happy to have them join us for one last Rocky Mountain Region convention in Alamosa. Many of us have enjoyed the models Glenn shared for our monthly Show & Tell. They could be in S, HO, HO_{N3}, N, or even G-scale. We never knew what surprise Glenn had in store for us. We wish all the best to Linda and Glenn, and we hope we will live near our own kids and grandkids when we retire because there is nothing better than that.

Glenn & Linda Sponholtz enjoyed the view from the open car during the train ride to La Veta at the Tracks To Alamosa Convention. Photo by Tom Frerichs



Promotions Report

Rich Flammini is gearing up for the November Great Train Expo and looking for volunteers to help staff the NMRA booth, do a clinic, and have a fun day. Remember, the Division will earn a total of \$25 for doing one or more clinics, and it is a great way to draw people to the booth.

Fall Train Trip

It is hard to believe, but Fall is coming and the time to think about taking a trip to see the colors.

Combining the yellow aspen and a train trip is guaranteed to pique a model railroader's attention, and your Division is working on arranging a trip on the Georgetown Loop late in September or early in October.

At our August meeting we will have a handout available with the possible dates and times of the trip and will be soliciting your input in making the decision.



Logo Similarity?

If you have ever looked at the nameplate of the *Sunrise Herald* you will see the logo for our Division, and after significant research—asking about it over coffee at Village Inn—I learned it was designed by Bill Johnson, our treasurer. He did it old-school and used pen, paper, and drafting board. The current incarnation in the newsletter is a computer version that I recreated from the example on our web site.



When I asked Bill about his inspiration, he said that there might be some similarity to the Southern Pacific logo, but that was only a coincidence. After all, our sun is rising but the SP sun is setting, an obvious difference.



About Sunrise Division

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

Division Officers

Division Superintendent..... Gary Myers
 Asst. Division Superintendent ... Donald Francis
 Treasurer William Johnson
 Secretary/Editor Tom Frerichs

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From The Chief

By Gary Myers, Division Superintendent

Stepping Up to the Challenge

So far we have seen a positive response from individuals who are making themselves and Sunrise Division shine. Several new developments have recently taken place. At the convention, Jim Laird and Nate Bryant have taken office on your Region's Board of Directors as Directors-at-Large. Bill Johnson already serves as Vice President and Don Francis as Treasurer on the Region board.

At the convention, Mark Evans (AP Chair) and Bill Tulley (Model Contest Chair) announced they would be stepping down at the conclusion of the convention in 2011 at Salt Lake but were looking for Deputies to apprentice in the mean time so the jobs could be turned over smoothly. Jim Laird has stepped up again and has been accepted as Deputy AP Chair for the next year. Contest Chair is still open. Incidentally, the AP Chair's and Contest Chair's registrations are covered by the Region for Regional conventions.

Most recently, Louis Surles has volunteered to be the Division's BSA Coordinator. As a former Eagle Scout myself, I was anxious that we could get some help in this area and am very happy Louis stepped up. I think getting involved with youth is very important and helps us in many ways beyond what we can imagine.

Finally, the best example of why I am hoping people will volunteer for doing whatever it is they would like to try doing is Tom Frerichs. From his first day on the job to this latest issue of the *Sunrise*

Speaking of Steps *Here is a K-36 tender step, broken off the tender at the tail of the wye at Monarch, Colorado. It was found by Dave Spritke in October 2009 and donated to the Lockheed Martin Model Railroad Club. Photo by Dave Spritke*

Herald, you can see what he has changed his basic job description (Secretary - take minutes, Division officer) into something a lot more, as much as he's wanted to and made enjoyable for us all, with a fantastic and entertaining newsletter.

The other side of the volunteering coin goes something like this: the involvement you make pays dividends - from the interaction you receive with more people in the hobby, the things you probably wouldn't have done otherwise, and especially to the newer and stronger friendships you make. Those dividends really make this a get out of the basement hobby.

So think about some of the opportunities that are there for you, or what other things the Division could be doing. The Division is yours for what you want to get out of it, and for what you want it to do. Now, it's time for me to sneak back down to the basement so I can get some *real* work done. 'Nuff said!



Sectional Layout Funding

By Gary Myers

Your Superintendent jumped the gun when told to resubmit the matching funds request for our Sectional Layout project. I only asked for \$1000, which was the amount originally approved by the Division, and therefore was all that was eligible for matching. This apparently upset a few committee members because the matching fund request can be made up to \$1500, which the project will surely need. After much discussion, a motion was made by Don Francis and

seconded by Nate Bryant for the Division to set aside up to an additional \$500, making a total of \$1,500, for the sectional layout project. The motion passed 11-0. Incidentally, Don Francis was ordered to volunteer to chair the Sectional Layout committee, which he graciously accepted—under fire. Further requests for additional matching funds have been tabled for the next Sectional Layout Committee Meeting to be called by Don. Your rookie Superintendent thought he recovered nicely from his error in judgement, averting his first crisis, or so it seemed.

Depots Subject of July Show & Tell

The July Show & Tell was an Independence Day Special—Depots, but buildings, even scale-sized buildings, are not as portable as rolling stock. They tend to get built and carefully placed on a layout, never to move again. However, modelers are inventive: if you can't bring the model, bring a picture.

John Kerbaugh took photos of his Lake City Commuter passenger platform and nicely done Burlington Freight depot. Since these are permanent attachments to John's layout—and the layout didn't fit in the car—taking pictures to bring was a great way to share something from home with everyone for Show & Tell. Photo by Gary Myers



Gary Myers' scratch built D&RGW Gorge Depot. This Depot was four miles from the Hanging Bridge in the Royal Gorge. Gary said, "Even though it was totally scratch built, I only got 6 points for scratch building. I've gotten much better filling out paperwork." Photo by Gary Myers



From The Editor

By Tom Frerichs

This is the seventh issue of the *Sunrise Herald* that I have edited, and with each effort I learned something new. I hope you have enjoyed reading each issue at least as much as I have enjoyed creating them. No one has organized an angry mob, armed with torches and pitchforks, to storm my house, so I guess I haven't actively offended anyone. Although, if I don't get a better picture of Rich Flammini, I fear he would be justified seeking retribution.

Come to think of it...Rich wrote me an e-mail requesting my mailing address, saying he needed to send me some information that would be too complex to include in an e-mail. He did snail mail me some stuff, but in case he really had an ulterior motive, I think I'll keep an eye out for torches coming up the street.

Late Note: I was on vacation when the July meeting was held, so I did not get to see Rich's clinic. However, I did get a new picture from of Rich from Gary's son, Alex, which is what is printed on the front page. Rich...if you do not like that version, it ain't my fault. Keep your pitchfork in the barn.

What happened to July?

I don't mean the month; I mean the July issue. If you are keeping track, you'll see that it says on the front that this is the August, Number 8, newsletter. What happened to Number 7?

When I began as the editor, the newsletter was supposed to be composed of the previous meeting's minutes and a list of upcoming events. With that

model, the January newsletter would contain the January meeting minutes and would come out after the January meeting. This made sense, but I wanted something more than minutes to go out to our members.

I belong to a number of organizations, most of which have very formal minutes which are read out for approval at each meeting. I made a vow that I would never knowingly cause anyone to suffer that kind of pain. The newsletter became my way of getting the news out in a more palatable way.

As it has evolved, the newsletter became more forward-looking. With this model, I have decided to put the upcoming month as the issue date. And that is what happened to Number 7.

Other changes—including color

I'm switching up some of the department locations starting with this issue. I want to put more current content in the first pages, and move the more static stuff to the back. Everything will still be in the issue, but it might have moved around a bit.

Perhaps the biggest change is that I'm using more color. I realized that I didn't have to worry about an ink and paper budget since we distribute the *Herald* electronically. On the other hand, our esteemed Superintendent pointed out that if you print the *Herald*, you do have to worry about the added ink costs. What I don't know is how many of you print out a hard copy, and if you do are you worried about the cost of additional color.

Let me know what you think of the changes at tomfrerichs@tomfrerichs.com. It is good to have feedback about what we are doing.



NMRA Notes

◇ The Diamond Club Fund Raiser has been a rousing success, and we are well on our way to achieving our goal of \$75,000. To date we've raised about \$67,000, and are hoping to go "over the top" sometime in the next few months.

◇ A firm has been selected to do the Diamond Club photo digitizing and web posting, and we're anticipating that members will be seeing the first of the photographs online before the end of the year.

◇ Keep your eyes open for Part 1 of a two-part series on the *History of the NMRA* in the August issue (the Convention issue) of *Scale Rails*. It is a fascinating story of how the organization was founded, and the pitfalls it encountered as it grew and evolved.

◇ An exhibit depicting the past 75 years of

model railroad manufacturing history was displayed at the Milwaukee Convention. The exhibit featured everything from Al Kalmbach's model train to trains, kits, and accessories from our childhood. There were

even examples of items that were produced sixty years ago that are still being manufactured today, plus much more.

◇ The Milwaukee Convention also featured **Ask the Historian** sessions with Lee Riley (Bachmann) and Bill Wischer (Walthers)—two experts in the history of model railroad manufacturing. This offered a chance to ask those lingering

questions about model production, companies and lines both past and present.

◇ A new clinic about the *Regions and Divisions Handbook* was presented at the Convention on Tuesday and Thursday. Following the convention, the handbook will be distributed to the Region Presidents for each Division.



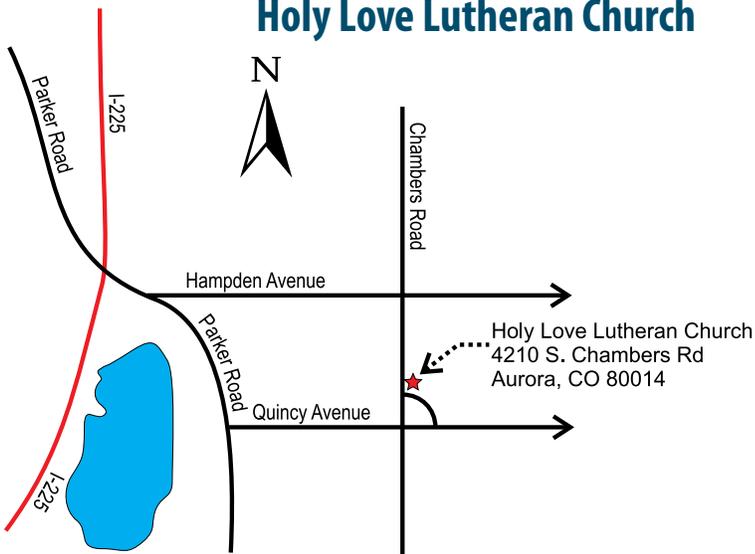
Upcoming Events



- August 7-8, 2010, *Rocky Mountain Toy Train Show*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado
 - August 7-8, 2010, *Ridgeway Arts & Crafts Rendezvous*, Ridgeway Railroad Museum, Ridgeway, Colorado
 - August 14, 2010, *Steel to Steam*, Forney Transportation Museum Lecture Series, Denver, Colorado
- August 20-22, 2010, *Denver, South Park, & Pacific Historical Society 12th Annual Convention*, Breckenridge/Frisco, Colorado
- August 20-24, 2010, *Twelfth Annual Railfest*, Durango & Silverton RR
- August 21-22, 2010, *Junior Railroad Days – Steam-Up*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado
- August 21, 2010, *Wine Train – Steam-Up*, Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado (Reservations required)

Sunrise Division meets on the first Thursday of each month. Check out our web site, <http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/>, for the most current information.

Next Meeting For Sunrise Division, RMR, NMRA, August 5, 2010–7:15 pm, Holy Love Lutheran Church



For the important meeting after the meeting, come to the Village Inn located at 15200 East Iliff Avenue, which is on the south side of Iliff about one block west of Chambers Road.

Your Model Railroader Horoscope

Each month, and strictly as a public service, we are printing the year's modeling horoscope for the signs of the Zodiac found in that month. Our resident SEER has looked into the future to divine what wondrous things lie ahead for YOU. Until your month comes up, you will have to live carefully, not knowing what modelling *pitfalls or rewards* may await you in YOUR FUTURE.



Leo

July 23–August 22

You are the King of your Jungle or at least of your layout. This year, Jupiter is in your 7th House, indicating that you will go heavily into debt buying structure kits you will never build. Your locomotives will continue to garner unexplained hair balls. Watch out for Pisces selling DCC decoders: the decoders will act fishy.



Virgo

August 23–September 22

Because you are a virgin, you actually believe what you read in the magazines and will end up changing scales at least three times this year because somebody wrote that their scale is best. With Mars wobbling through your 6th house, you will never get a layout done; every time you start, Mars will knock it down. You may want to take up kite flying.

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.

- August 5..... Favorite Train
- September 2.... Labor Day Special: Shop Buildings
- October 7..... Oktoberfest: Beer Cars
- November 4..... A Piece of Railroadiana
- December 2..... Christmas Past: Your oldest locomotive or rolling stock or the one you've owned longest

Don't get left behind. Remember to pay your NMRA dues to keep your membership active.

