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# SUNRISE HERALD

## Looking Back & Forward – That's The Job In January

JANUARY was named for the Roman god Janus, who is best known for having two faces, but those two faces were not a sign of hypocrisy or lying. Instead, he could look back at the previous year, savoring accomplishments, and at the same time look forward to the excitement of the year ahead. Let's take moment and look at Sunrise Division from Janus's view.

There was a lot of excitement at Sunrise Division meetings during last year. We had great clinics, from modeling Midwest farmland to running a real steam locomotive, and at the beginning of the year we were not always certain where we were going to meet next.

After a bond issue failed in Aurora, we lost our meeting place at the City of Aurora Municipal Building. Through the good work of Dick Hunter we were soon meeting at an Aurora Fire Station in Hoffman Heights, but there was just one problem—and it was a good problem—we outgrew the meeting room. It was beginning to look as though we would have to change our name to Sunrise Gypsy Division, but Jim Laird and his church came to the rescue in May. We now have a large enough meeting room to handle our increased attendance. Although the church does not charge us for the use of their building, we passed the hat and voted some money from our treasury as a donation in thanks for the use of their facility.

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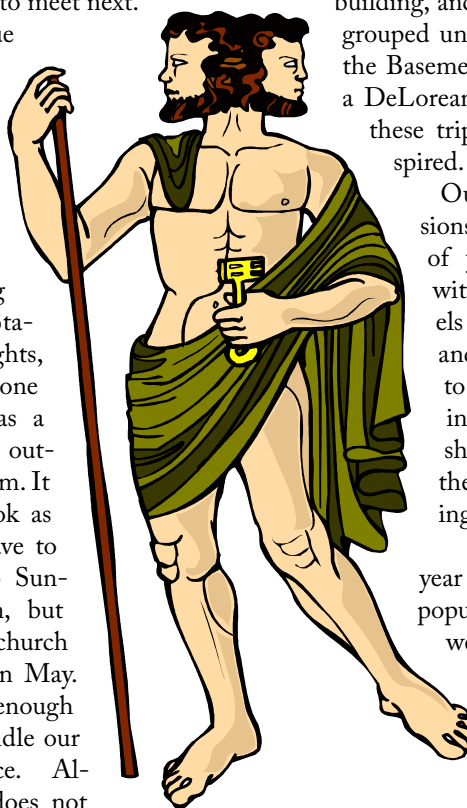
There is an exciting year ahead for Sunrise Division. Your Program Chair, Jim Laird, Division officers, and other interested members have already started to schedule some great clinics. The subjects planned so far emphasize planning, building, and detailing a layout, all grouped under the label "Back to the Basement." You will not need a DeLorean to take advantage of these trips, but you will be inspired.

Our Show and Tell sessions let you share a little of your modeling world with your peers. The models submitted for Show and Tell are not limited to "contest quality" work; instead, this is a way to share your interests and the fun of model railroading.

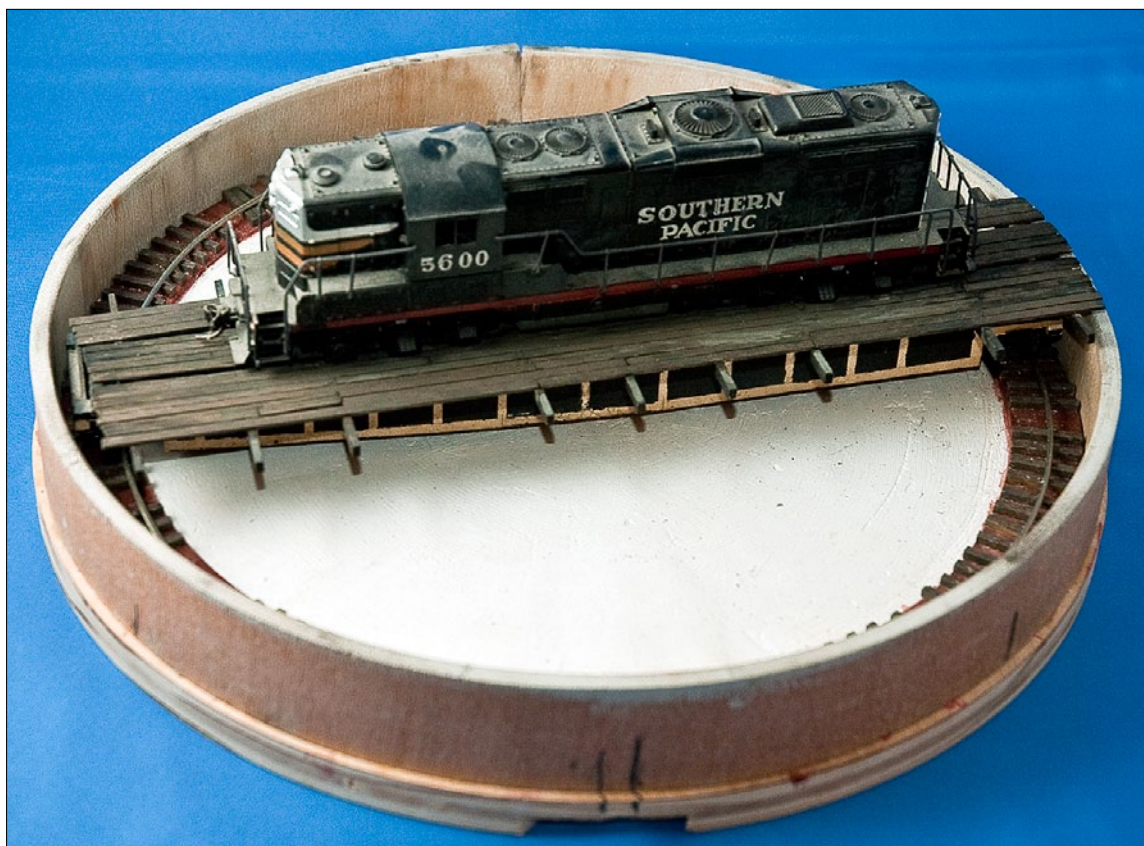
The layout tours last year proved to be both popular and inspiring, and we are planning on additional tours this year. There is an amazing amount of modeling talent in our area; we

would be foolish not to take advantage of chances to see this work.

Gary Myers is working on setting up train trips on our local tourist railroads to allow us to enjoy the real thing, too. 🚂



*Don Francis has moved a few times in his life—a military career tends to include that—but he has moved this scratch-built turntable along with him. It has had its place in several layouts. Posed on the bridge is an Athearn GP9 HO-scale model.*



## Christmas Past Was December S & T

For many of us, Christmas marked the time we were introduced to the world of model railroading. It may have been a Lionel or American Flyer running around the tree when we came downstairs Christmas morning; it could have been an N-scale locomotive given to us as an adult, but somehow trains and this time of year go together.

In celebration of those memories, December's

Show and Tell was devoted to your oldest piece of rolling stock or the one you owned the longest. As you can see, our members brought in a variety of offerings to share. 🎁

### About Sunrise Division

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.

### Division Officers

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*It was a 1968 Christmas that brought this Bachmann F7 Santa Fe N-scale engine to sit under Bob Hochstetter's tree.*



*Steve Schweighofer's AHM/Lima Q1B locomotive, from the late 60's or early 70's, is an early N-scale locomotive.*





Stu Jones's offerings included this Varney F3A and four revenue cars, all HO-scale from the early 1950's. He obtained and built the F3A in November 1952, and it features the fourth Boreas paint scheme. The stamped metal Varney reefer dates from 1950. The green boxcar is from Athearn and was made in 1952. The stock car, an MDC product, is from 1952 and has cast metal sides. The ends were originally cast metal but have been replaced due to normal wear & tear. The last is a Varney product, built in 1950.



The original bill of sale from All-Nation Hobby Shop, located in Chicago, lists the price of this Varney Berkshire 2-8-4 kit at \$39.50. Of course, that was August 12, 1950. Paul Smith brought in this kit, complete with its own tool box.

He also figured out that \$39.50 in today's dollars would be about \$364.00. That's still a bargain for an HO-scale brass locomotive model of this quality.







## From the Chief

### Gary Myers—Division Superintendent

**M**y first year as your Superintendent gave me a new appreciation for the Division. It was a very fun year with many people coming forth with some new and great clinics. I met a lot of members who are anxious to participate in various ways. We had a lot of new faces at many of the meetings. We had layout tours, the summer picnic, and the fall train ride, which brought more members out who aren't always able to come to the regular monthly meetings.

I would like to take the time to express my thanks to all the guys who worked on putting together the work involved and presenting their clinics. Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort with their layouts and graciously opened their homes for all of us to come visit and see their awesome accomplishments and truly inspire us.

Almost forgotten in this busy year was a lot of us pitching in to make another great convention. Thanks to all of you and to everyone who went and enjoyed Tracks to Alamosa.

I would like to thank my fellow officers and chairs, who have helped to build what I think is becoming probably one of the best divisions in the region. And, of course, lastly I would like to thank everyone for coming and participating in our monthly meetings and activities, because we wouldn't be a Division without you. Have a Happy Holidays, and I'm



looking forward to seeing you and more new faces in 2011!

*Merry Christmas from  
Gary & Michelle*

## Looking Back — *from page 1*

Layout tours were a big part of the year. We started with a tour of Don Meeker's HO-scale layout in April. In September, we visited three layouts: Dave Cochrun's operations-oriented HO-scale Castle Rock and Pacific, David Bol's N-scale scenic extravaganza, and Don Deuell's ode to meticulous craftsmanship in HO-scale. Although it wasn't a Sunrise Division function, we also were invited to Patrick Lana's fine N-scale Cedar River and Iowa Central Railway in November.

Members enjoyed clinics on a number of topics. Kurt Nielson gave an extensive clinic on resin casting in February, and Chuck Shell spoke on DCC in March. May's clinic was given by Don Francis and was all about railway bridges. Rich Flammini talked about how to turn a structure kit into a contest-quality model in July. Making rocks for foundations was Jim Laird's topic in August, while November brought us Patrick Lana, MMR, and his techniques for modelling farm land. Although it wasn't a mod-

## Sunrise Membership Report

*Gary Myers—Acting Membership Chair*

Sunrise Division welcomes three new members this month, Phil Tromburg, Nick Gully, and Paul L'herault. We invite you to join us at our regular meetings.

We also had three renewals this month, and I would personally like to thank all who have renewed for their continued interest and investment in—and probably patience with—the NMRA. I get membership roster information every month from our Region President, Harold Huber, who reminds the division superintendents that it is our job to make sure members are happy and continue to be members in the NMRA. Sunrise Division has had a high renewal rate and a growing membership, especially over the last couple of years.

This month, I was surprised to see thirteen members delinquent in dues. I hope the reason they have not renewed is because of the time of year—they may need to take care of higher priority bills—and that most of them will renew. I find it particularly annoying that the RMR and NMRA immediately drop those names off the rosters after only thirty days; those members never get a reminder. That happened to me, and I didn't renew for a few years.

If you lost your renewal form, you can go to <http://www.nmra.org/nmrastore/index.html> or you can contact me if you have any problems. If you are uncertain whether or not you want to renew your membership, come down to a Division meeting and see what else you are missing.

elling clinic, in October Mike O'Neill shared with us his experiences learning how to fire and run a full-sized steam locomotive on the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad.

June was a busy month for many members of Sunrise Division; it was the month of the Rocky Mountain Region convention, Tracks to Alamosa, which the Division cosponsored with South Suburban. Nate Bryant headed the committee, with the assistance of Dick Hunter and other members of the Division.

There is no doubt Sunrise Division had a busy year in 2010. Now it is time to surpass last year's efforts as we promote the greatest hobby in the world: model railroading.

## Sunrise Swap

Model railroaders, such as you, tend to collect stuff—lots of stuff, and some of that stuff is just taking up space. It will never be used on their layout, but it is too good to throw out. After all, the modeler might use it some day, even though in his heart he knows he never will. Starting in January, your Division is coming to the rescue with the Sunrise Swap, a six-month trial program.

Bring to each meeting a few of your unwanted or unneeded items to donate, putting them on the designated table. Please bring items that are worth at least a dollar and limit the number of donations. You do not want to overwhelm the membership.

Then, when you get a chance, take a look at the goodies other folks brought. You may find something you cannot live without. After you have made your selection, make your voluntary and appropriate contribution. A dollar is the suggested minimum. If a donation is of significant value, we may want to save it for a silent auction with proceeds shared with the owner.

Not only will you be able to clear out some space in your layout room, you will also be helping your Division. Initially, all proceeds will be earmarked for the sectional layout. Current funding for the sectional project will cover initial base construction, trailer modification (to haul the modules around), and most track work. The additional funds generated by the Sunrise Swap will help pay for additional track work, scenery, buildings, and lighting.

At the end of the meeting, pick up anything that you brought that has not been selected by another member. We do not have any way to transport or store the leftovers. You can always bring it back later to see if the fellow that has been looking for your widget just happened to miss that meeting.



# January Agenda

The January Show and Tell is Maintenance of Way equipment.

For those of you interested in creating models to be judged, at our January meeting Gary Myers and Jim Laird are presenting a clinic on "Contest Judging." Gary is a long-time participant in NMRA contests; his goal in life is to take a commercial rolling stock kit and, by reworking it, get a model that will earn at least 87.5 points. Jim Laird is serving an apprenticeship so that he may take over the position of Rocky Mountain Region Contest Chairman. From their presentation you will learn the fine points of what judges are looking for when they judge a model in an NMRA contest.



Our December meeting was filled with friendship, good food, and watching movies. Paul Smith and Mike O'Neill (*above*) shared modelling stories, and a whole batch of folks took a break from eating to watch *Railrodder*, a film starring Buster Keaton (*below*).



## NMRA Notes

◇ Members who do not subscribe to *NMRA Magazine* may not know there's a section on our web site devoted to reporting the same NMRA news found in "The Bulletin" section of the magazine every month. Go to [www.nmra.org/membership/bulletin/bulletin.html](http://www.nmra.org/membership/bulletin/bulletin.html).

◇ In order to create the most secure environment possible for its youth members, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies for its adult leaders. Effective June 1, 2010, those policies included Youth Protection Training. After that date, no adult may register with the BSA as an adult leader in any capacity without first completing this training. The training is good for two years and can be accomplished online. The training can be found at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org). Across the top of the page find and click My Scouting. You will be required to create an account which will then allow you access to the training.

Upon completion of the training, you will be able to print a certificate of completion which should be included with your next Adult Leader Application. The whole process should take less than an hour. If you have any questions, contact John Stevens at [scouts@hq.nmra.org](mailto:scouts@hq.nmra.org).

◇ The folks at x2011, the Sacramento 2011 Convention, report that they've now implemented rss feeds from their web site. Attendees and potential attendees can simply subscribe to the rss feed and they'll receive e-mail messages when items are added or changed on the web site. Go to [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org) and click on the orange rss box.

◇ Incidentally, the x2011 online registration system is up and running. Presently it's limited to convention registration, but once tour information is released, registrants will also be able to sign up for tours and extra fare events online. Not only will this be convenient, but registrants will be able to see immediately if a tour is sold out.

# Upcoming Events

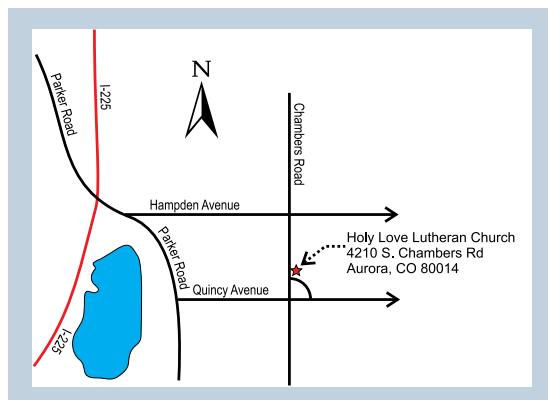


- **January 6 Sunrise Division Meeting** 7:15 PM, Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 South Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado.
- **January 8 sCFD Free Days** Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden, Colorado. Free admission. You will be able to purchase tickets for a ride in the *Galloping Goose*.
- **January 29 Jeffco Train Show** Jefferson County Fairgrounds, West 6th Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado.
- **February 20 Valentine Train** Durango & Silverton Railroad
- **February 19-20 Rails in the Rockies** Estes Park Conference Center, Rocky Mountain Holiday Inn, Highway 36 & Highway 7, Estes Park, Colorado. Saturday 9 AM-5 PM Sunday 9 AM-4 PM
- **February 20 Winter Photographer's Special Train** Durango & Silverton Railroad. Featuring Pullman green passenger cars
- **February 26-27 Great Train Expo** National Western Complex, Denver, Colorado. 11 AM-5 PM each day.

Sunrise Division meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 PM. Check out our web site, <http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/>, for the most current information.

Holy Love Lutheran Church is located one block north of Quincy Avenue on Chambers Road. Parking is on the west side of the church.

**Next meeting for  
Sunrise Division, RMR, NMRA,  
January 6, 2011-7:15 PM,  
Holy Love Lutheran Church,  
4210 South Chambers Road,  
Aurora, Colorado**



## 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**.



### Capricorn

*Dec. 22-Jan. 21*

This year, dear Capricorn, your modeling skills are fated to improve dramatically as you spend more time working on your railroad. Because you will be devoting so much time to modeling, do not be surprised when you are greeted by your Zodiacal sign's name. It is just your wife, affectionately reminding you of your household duties, saying, "get busy, you old Goat."



### Aquarius

*Jan. 22-Feb. 21*

Aquarius is the water bearer of the Zodiac, and as such you should remember to stick to the real stuff. If you don't, you will find, after the fact, a tiny hole where all the Envirotex "water" you just poured will discover that it really prefers to be on the floor and not your layout. If anyone mentions "The Age of Aquarius" tell them to mind their own business.

## 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.

January 6..... Maintenance of Way Equipment  
February 3..... Flatcar Loads  
March 3..... On Line Structures  
April 7..... Railroad Bridges  
May 5..... Diesel Locomotives  
June 2..... Passenger Cars  
August 4..... Off Line Structures