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Rails Along the Rio Grande May 29 – June 1, 2008

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



Dear Friends,

November 2007

On behalf of the City of Albuquerque, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2008 NMRA Albuquerque Regional Convention, "Rails Along the Rio Grande", being held in our beautiful City of Albuquerque.

While you are attending the convention, I invite you to visit some of our many wonderful amenities here in Albuquerque, like the Balloon Museum, BioPark, and Albuquerque Museum. I am sure everyone will enjoy their time with us here in Albuquerque, and hope to see everyone again soon.

Once again, best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Chávez
Mayor of Albuquerque

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lynn Garrison, Layout Chairperson, has 17 layouts lined up for visits. Layouts include N, HO, Sn3, Garden, Marklin and live steam. For a "sneak preview" of 8 layouts go to RMR-NMRA.org and look in "Coming Events."

Fred Morton, Train Show Chairperson, is organizing the Model Train Show and Modular Layout Expo. Show will feature 12,000 sq. ft. of vendors, railroad groups and no less than 8 modular railroad setups. There will be N scale, narrow gauge, HO modules and more.

Allan Phillips, Clinic Chairperson, reports he has 18 confirmed clinics, 6 pending and searching for more. Topics include both railroad and non-railroad topics. Any volunteers should contact Allan at: acphillips_1@msn.com.

Dick Sons, Contest Chairperson, welcomes entries in the traditional categories and has added a new contest category, Modeling New Mexico. How about modeling the depot at Raton or Lamy? The Harvey House at Belen? The Super Chief? A Santa Fe "reefer?" New Mexico Rail Runner Express?

New Mexico Rail Runner

On July 17, 2007 the New Mexico Rail Runner commuter trains celebrated their first year of service. Currently the trains run between Bernalillo, Belen and downtown Albuquerque, a 50 mile corridor. Work is underway to extend the service to Santa Fe.

The push-pull trains are made up of MP36PH-3C engines built by Motive Power Inc. and bi-level coaches built by Bombardier. Artwork on the sides of the engines and coaches feature the New Mexico state bird, the roadrunner.

Friday, May 30 you will have the opportunity to ride the Rail Runner to Belen to eat lunch at the Rail Café, visit the BNSF yard and tour the Harvey House where the Belen Model Railroad Club will have their HO modular railroad setup and HO permanent layout open for viewing. Transport back to Albuquerque will be by bus and/or van with visitors being given the opportunity to ride a live steam layout. Fun! Fun! Fun! For Rail Runner news, events, map and schedules go to www.nmrailrunner.com.

Santa Fe 2926

Want to roll up your sleeves and go to work? NMSL&RHS volunteers are hard at work restoring the AT&SF 2926 steam locomotive. The 2926 is a 4-8-4 Northern built for the Santa Fe in 1944. It weighs 510,150 lbs and the tender weighs 464,700 lbs fully loaded with fuel and water.

Saturday, May 31 you will have an opportunity to visit the restoration site, eat lunch (cost is a donation) with the volunteers and inspect the 2926. This is a labor of love! Check out www.nmslrhs.org

New Mexico's #1 Tourist Attraction

It's the Albuquerque Biological Park including the Aquarium, Tingley Beach, Botanic Garden and Zoo. Visitors can park their cars and ride the train between the Rio Grande Botanic Garden and the Rio Grande Zoo. A G-scale garden model railroad is also a favorite attraction. Check out www.cabq.gov/biopark.

STOP/LOOK/ LISTEN

Convention information, registration form and tri-fold promotion flyer are available at www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/rarg or contact Mike Weiss, Registrar at 575-532-1051 or mikeweiss65@gmail.com.

Division News

02 Sunrise – Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Aurora Municipal Center, 7:15 pm. Having completed the convention, we are looking forward to what our goals are going to be. Are we going to build a new modular layout? If so, what standard or standards will we use? What era or area will we implement? How will the costs be handled? Also, it is time for nominations and elections of division officers.

04 Pikes Peak – Meets monthly on the Second Friday of the month at Sand Creek Police Station meeting room at 7:30. For further information contact the Superintendent on the officials page. We're planning a Swap Meet December 8, at Village Christian Church, 3113 Primrose Drive, Colo Spgs, for further information contact Charles Marchbanks at 719 574 0381.

06 Rio Grande – Division Meeting and Second Annual Swap Meet - Saturday, November 3rd, 2007 – Redeemer Lutheran Church, 210 Alvarado ST SE, Albuquerque – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Swap Tables \$10.00 each, Contact Tim Schilling 268-0376 – Division Meeting at 1:00 p.m. – Annual Elections: must present NMRA I.D. to vote – Program: Rich May: Kitbashing demonstration – Contest: Weathered Freight Cars - (Bring a 3" x 5" card describing each entry) – Refreshments, Door Prizes – Nmra Membership Information Available – For information call: 268-0376

09 Northern Colorado - The Northern Division Planning Team is having monthly meetings for the 2009 RMR Convention. We have been working with the Northern Colorado Model Railroad Club in recruiting volunteers. The Greeley Freight Station Museum is making great progress but is considering to stop giving free tours in the near future in order to be finished for the official opening in 2009.

14 Northern Wyoming - The Northern Wyoming Division held its semi-annual meeting Sept 29 in Sheridan, WY. We had 22 people in attendance and had 4 new people join the NMRA. William Tulley was elected Superintendent, and Harold Huber was elected Secretary and Achievement Chair for the year of 2008. Bob Charles conducted a superb clinic on Garden Railroading. The model contest earned Paul Stout 2 Merit awards for 2 different Montana Rail Link cars and William Tulley one merit award for a wooden trestle. The afternoon was spent at Bob Charles' garden railroad in Ranchester followed by many railfanning the BNSF or others returning to the Sheridan Model Railroad Associations layout for an operating session.

The Casper Model Railroad Association will hold its open house the 9th and 10th of November in Casper at their clubhouse. The Sheridan Model Railroad Association will hold its open house the 17th of November at their clubhouse.

The Division meetings for 2008 will be in Casper the 17th of May 2008 followed by the fall meeting in Sheridan the 4th of October 2008.

16 Front Range - The Front Range Division meets the third Monday of the month at the Colorado Railroad Museum Library. Meeting time is 7:00pm. First order of business is a clinic followed by a model contest where each model is explained. Often, we will also have models under construction displayed and we will discuss them. Lastly, we hold a short business meeting. The *Telegrapher* is our monthly news letter.

We have held several "boomer" sessions at member's home layouts where members help the host build parts of their layout. This, usually, results in the layout getting a jump start and all participants getting a recharge to their modeling battery. Several times a year we tour layouts of division members.

Rails Along the Rio Grande

“A Celebration of New Mexico’s Rail Heritage”

May 29 – June 1, 2008

Jointly hosted by the Rio Grande and Roadrunner Divisions, RMR, NMRA

Carol Schilling, Bill Roberts, Co-Chairs

The Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA, invites you to attend **Rails Along the Rio Grande**, the 2008 annual RMR Convention from Thursday, May 29 through Sunday, June 1, 2008. The event will be held at the **Marriott Pyramid North** in Albuquerque, New Mexico (off I-25 and Paseo del Norte), in their spacious Convention Center facilities. Visit their website at marriott.com/abqmc or call 1-800-262-2043 for more info on our host hotel.

The **Marriott Pyramid North** is offering us a deeply discounted sleeping room rate of only \$99.00 per night. For those wishing to reserve their room nights online, use the online hotel discount code of “NMRNMRA” which you will need to input to receive our discount, or you can call them and ask for the **Rails Along the Rio Grande** special rate. Book your room(s) early so you won’t miss out on this special price. Please note that we are required to make a minimum room night guarantee to keep our convention facility costs down, therefore, if you guarantee to stay a minimum of 3 nights at the convention hotel your Hobo Breakfast will be free (maximum of 2 free tickets for one room, double occupancy, immediate family members only as defined on registration form below).

We are working closely with the Albuquerque Convention and Visitor’s Bureau to ensure maximum publicity and attendance for our Public Train Show. We have many vendors and Module Groups already confirmed to attend at this time. Visit our website at www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/rarg often for updated convention details.

We are planning a full schedule with modeling & photo contests, layout and prototype tours, non-rail activities, 3 clinic rooms running simultaneously, a Friday and Saturday Public show, Saturday night banquet with live entertainment provided by **Coyote Crossing** (a local bluegrass band with a model railroader in their midst, <http://homepage.mac.com/morgans2/Menu11.html>) and Sunday morning Hobo Breakfast, as well as many other activities still in the planning stages.

We are pleased to announce that **Bill Schaumburg** of **Railroad Model Craftsman** is scheduled to be our Guest Speaker at the Saturday night banquet as well as one of our many clinic presenters. You do not have to be registered for the convention to attend the banquet so invite your friends to buy a banquet ticket (in advance as we will not be able to sell tickets at the door) and join us for a fun evening of good food and entertainment!

Pre-registrants only will be entered in a drawing for some special door prizes such as a hand-beaded ladies watch and a framed print of the Santa Fe 2926 Steam Locomotive-see photos on the convention website! More special incentive door prizes may be announced later so get your registration(s) in ASAP!

Some events will be available to pre-registrants only as they will occur before convention registration officially opens at the hotel, such as layout tours in the Placitas area and the Santa Fe Southern Train Ride. Please indicate interest in these activities below as early as possible so we can plan accordingly.

Those of you who attended Timeless Rails saw our 2008 Committee in their Convention Shirts. Please pre-order one (or more!) for yourself in advance along with any Convention Patches and Cars you would like. We need lead time to get the production requests in so order and pay as early as possible to ensure we have them in time for you to pick up at the Registration Desk at **Rails Along the Rio Grande**.

Convention Registration Form

Please complete the information below and return as soon as possible to: Michael G. Weiss, 2374 Tuscan Hills Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011, 505-532-1051, mikeweiss65@gmail.com. **Make check(s) payable to: "Rails Along the Rio Grande" or "RARG"**.

Primary Registrant must be over 18 years old. If primary registrant is a current NMRA member then all immediate family are considered as such and no Non-NMRA member surcharges apply.

Today's date: _____ NMRA # _____ Expiration date: _____

Name (Primary registrant): _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Only names of other **immediate family members residing in the same household** may be included on one registration form. Grandchildren may be included on grandparents registration form as immediate family. Children 12 and under must be with parent/guardian at all times.

Show all names as you wish them to appear on badges below:

Name(s): _____

<u>Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	Primary Registrant (+ \$10.00 after 2/28/08)	\$45.00	\$ _____
_____	Spouse/Other immediate family member (+ \$10.00 after 2/28/08)	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Children 12 and under (with REGISTERED adult)*	no charge	no charge
_____	Banquet Saturday night	\$27.00	\$ _____
_____	Hobo Breakfast Sunday morning	\$15.00 ***	\$ _____
*** (If you book a minimum of 3 nights at the convention hotel you can earn up to 2 free Hobo Breakfast meals)			
_____	Non-NMRA member surcharge \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 family maximum		\$ _____
_____	Adult Pocketed Sport Shirt w/ Convention Logo, (M-2XL \$20.00, 3XL \$22.00)		\$ _____
# of each:	Shirt size: Medium _____ Large _____ Extra Large _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____		
_____	Convention Patch, 3" diameter	\$4.00	\$ _____
_____	Convention Car, HO scale, 50' Boxcar	\$15.00	\$ _____
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>			\$ _____

Please indicate interest below in off-site activities. Fee info (as applicable) & details to follow.

- _____ Layout tours
- _____ Santa Fe Southern Train ride
- _____ Casa Rondena Winery tour & tasting
- _____ New Mexico Railrunner Express ride to Belen for BNSF Yard & Harvey House Tours
- _____ New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society tour of the 2926 restoration project
- _____ Balloon Museum Tour
- _____ Hot Air Balloon ride
- _____ Bio Park & Rio Line train ride

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2008 Elections

Now is the time for all good men to come to the service of their Region. The Rocky Mountain Region will be having its annual elections next spring. We need candidates for the positions of all four officers; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, three Directors posts will be up for election.

Division Superintendents; ask your members to step forward and place their hats into the ring. This is an exciting time for the Region. Be part of the shaping and directing of this organization's future. Also, this is a great way for those interested in earning points toward your Master Model Railroader in the Official category or Volunteer category.

Please send your resume prior to 1 April 2008 to: William H. Johnson, 14993 E. Arkansas Dr., Aurora, Co. 80012. Or send it electronically to: William.H.Johnson@Comcast.net

William H. Johnson, Election Chairman, Rocky Mountain Region, National Model Railroad Association

From your President

We had the Fall BOD meeting in Pueblo on September 8th, and a number of projects were finished. First, the region officially adopted the Region Module Standards. It is my hope that this will encourage divisions and individuals to build modules and bring them to regional conventions. For any of you in my own Arkansas Valley Division, contact us if you are interested in building a module. Second, the Convention Guidelines were adopted. These guidelines should help future convention committees avoid some pitfalls and traps that can easily turn a convention into a nightmare. These documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Region Website.

We accepted a bid from the Northern Colorado Division for the 2009 convention to be held in Greeley. It promises to be a great time.

And make plans for "Rails Along the Rio Grande" 2008 Convention to be held from May 30 to June 1 in Albuquerque. Bill Schaumburg of Railroad Model Craftsman is scheduled to be the banquet speaker. The convention website is up and running, with a link on the region website. There are advantages to registering early, so don't wait.

Once again I urge you to send in photos of your best modeling efforts to either Jack Sousa or myself. We'll see that they get into the website. And check out the website. You'll find photos of the operating session held on my layout prior to the BOD meeting. We all had a great time!

Our election is coming up this spring. The offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three board members need to be filled. If you are interested in serving the region, please send your resumes to Bill Johnson no later than March, 2008 at 'william.h.johnson@comcast.net'. Serving the region is not that hard, and can be fun!

Fred Carlson MMR

RMR Contests

Enter your models in the Regional Contest! Remember there are two levels of contests. For those of you who like lots of paper work (really not that much) there is the Achievement Program level and for those who hate paper work there is the Popular Vote level. Either way, I would like all of you modelers to fill the contest room at Albuquerque. There was plenty of room at Denver to show twice the number of models presented and still not be crowded. Build a model, show it to your fellow modelers and have some fun.

Upcoming Events

See Division News for more information on the following:

November 3 - Rio Grande Division Meeting & Swap Meet – Albuquerque.

November 9-10 - Casper Model Railroad Association open house.

November 17 - Sheridan Model Railroad Association open house.

December 8 - Pikes Peak Division Swap Meet - Colorado Springs.

Want to see your division's or club's upcoming events listed here? Send information to the editor as listed in the "Officials" page.

What Happens To Your Model Railroad Estate?

To that of your friends? Other modelers in your area?

It is fine to say "My family can sell it for the money". But, ask yourself, "How?" Do they know what you have? What it is worth? Where and how to sell it?

The NMRA has always had Estate Counseling as a service of the organization. The emphasis here is counseling. What about handling and selling? Does your Division offer or provide either counseling or selling services? What about clubs in your area? When a modeler passes away, who steps in to help the family? No one? A well meaning friend? A stranger who may or not may be honest? Someone who may know something about inventory, pricing and selling?

Stop and think about your own situation. If something happened to you, how would your family dispose of your train collection to best advantage?

I have handled about 15 model rail estates over the last 21 years. I know from experience, that few families have any idea what the collection is worth, or how to go about selling it. They also, do not know who to call on for help.

A group of modelers, working together, can do a better job than an individual, unless the individual is well experienced and, of course, honest. A group can share the time involvement and work. Should every division have such a group? I think so. Yet, I have not seen such action from divisions in quite a few years. I know there are people out there who can and will do the job. Some charge a fee. Our divisions used to handle rail estate sales and get a percentage of the sales. There is nothing wrong with a reasonable fee or percentage of sales.

Why do I bring this subject up? Because, it is time for more people to be involved with helping our fellow modeler's families. Think about how you and your local division and/or club can provide this type service. Now, take my questions and comments to your local division and/or club and see what kind of answers you get. Especially, to the first question (title) of this article.
Dick Hunter

Update on Silverton Northern Caboose 1005

Colorado's oldest caboose is owned by the San Juan County Historical Society in Silverton. It was built by the D&RG in 1880 and numbered 17. When it was acquired for use on Otto Mears Railroad in Silverton it became Silverton Northern 1005. Many of you will remember seeing it sitting in "Potty Park" on Blair Street, about a half block away from 12th Street, where the train comes into town. It served as a visitors' information center until four years ago, when it was moved to Durango for a Historic Assessment to determine the cost of restoration. It still sits next to the roundhouse in Durango, perched precariously on a flat car, awaiting funding for its "new life".

It will cost approximately \$75,000 to restore. The historical society has raised over \$13,000 selling t-shirts and hats during the last three years. They need \$18,000 for a matching fund. Beverly Rich, chairman of the society, plans to write a grant this winter for its restoration.

In an effort to close the gap between the \$13,000 and \$18,000, the society will be selling prints of a watercolor painting that was just finished last month by noted railroad artist Jeff Ellingson, who is also the curator of the Durango & Silverton Railroad Museum.

The painting shows a switching move on the old Silverton Northern line, in front of the Silver Lake Mill. It includes a detailed rendition of the mill, with Silverton Northern # 1 and the caboose sitting on the bridge over the Animas River, with the boxcars being switched in the background.

These limited edition 16 x 24 inch prints will sell for \$250, but an early bird special is available until the end of the year. The reduced price is \$200, plus \$10 for shipping.

For more information, please contact the San Juan County Historical Society at P.O. Box 154, Silverton, Colo. 81433 or phone (970) 387-5488.

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Especially, the Officials page. It contains information about the Rocky Mountain Region which will NOT be printed in every issue.

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Due to a computer problem, many emails sent to our Membership Chairman were lost. Because of this, some people who wanted the electronic version of the CALLBOARD are still getting the paper version and some are getting both. Please help us straighten this out.

If you get only this electronic version and that is what you want, do nothing.

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