

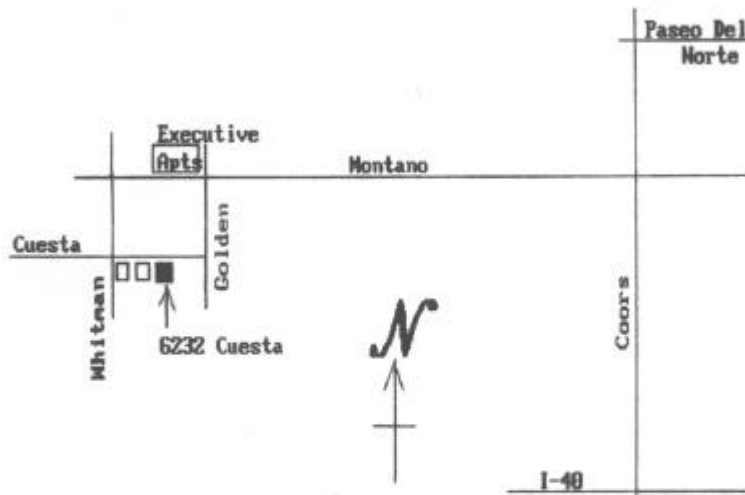


**NTRAKAGE Writes**  
**The New Mexico Rail Runners Club Newsletter**



**July/August Issue**

The next Business Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, September 3rd at Steve Stein's house, 6232 Cuesta Pl NW (directions are shown below). If you need further directions call Steve at 898-2933.



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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Deadline for submission of articles and reports for inclusion in *Ntrakage Writes* is no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. This will allow enough time to get the newsletter distributed in a timely manner.

## Presidents Caboose

Hope this has been a good month for all of you. The newsletter this month is a little different for the reason that Ken and his wife Shelly have been in Maryland for the last month adopting a new baby. The baby arrived last week, a girl and all is well. Congratulations go out to them! However Ken is still in Maryland finishing up paperwork so Bob has taken on the newsletter this month. (Thank you.) There was not a newsletter last month, so we have a lot to tell you.

### **Important information:**

*September 2, 2002-* Train Chasing Picnic, see information in letter (Buzz coordinating)

*September 3, 2002* Monthly meeting at Steve Steins. **You must be there to pick up your State Fair passes as you have to sign for them.**

*September 7, 2002* Teardown at the building to get ready for the fair.

*September 13, 2002* Meet at 1:00 P.M. at building to load trailers.

Set up at Fair Grounds (Steve and Dayton Coordinating)

Hobbies and Stuff moved last week to their new location at Eastdale. If you go to run trains at the building, Barbara's Pet Parade has a key. Please introduce yourself and let them know you are with the club. The key must be returned the same day.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

### Submitted by Steve Stein

The August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of Bob Prestridge. Attendees were Bob (of course), Kathy and Kurt, Dayton, Doug, Chris F., Bud, Steve and Jason, Chuck and Carol, Jay, Richard, George and Debra and Buzz. The meeting was brought to order by "her majesty" Kathy at 7:10.

1. Coordinator Richard gave the Tucumcari Show Report. The show was well received by all attendees and sponsors. It's amazing how much was accomplished by the five-member club from Tucumcari. We could take a lesson from them. This year awards were given for the best Layout (guess who won!), and individual modules. Disneyland took first, Carl's Skull Peak (part of the El Paso participants) took second and Keystone Canyon took third.  
One important item discussed was the excessive toil and pain involved in setting up because of so many aging and "crippled" members who cannot do much heavy lifting. That puts undue stress on the few who can. We need more strong backs at future set-ups and teardowns. So PLEASE be there to help if you can. I also recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to the Tucumcari group for organizing a great show.
2. Kathy was approached by the Highland Senior Center to do a show there with a small layout (20 x 20) on the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup>, set-up on Thursday and run Friday and Saturday.
3. The Christmas party location needs to be thought out now since the APS cafeteria won't be available now that Kathy doesn't work with them anymore.
4. The reason that no one received a newsletter this month is that Ken was off in Maryland waiting to adopt a baby that hadn't been born as of this date.
5. State Fair admission and parking passes will be passed out and signed for at my home during the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. You must be there to collect and sign for them if you want them before the set-up on the 13<sup>th</sup>. If you can't be there, send me a SASE to Steve Stein, 6232 Cuesta NW, Albuquerque NM, 87120 and I will mail them to you.

6. Buzz gave a report on the upcoming Labor Day picnic. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, meet at the Husky Station parking lot just north of I-40 on Coors at 9:00 am. There is no station there anymore, just a big sign. We will caravan west towards Grants, about a one hour drive, to exit 89 to spend the day watching the 1:1 scale layout!
7. Howie is coordinating a show in Roswell for the last weekend in May 2003. Several nearby clubs are invited as well as the Rail Runners. After discussion and a vote, we are committed to participate. He is pretty excited about doing this after the successful show last May.
8. The future of our space at the "building/clubhouse" is uncertain but will be investigated by Buzz and Stan after Hobbies and Stuff has moved.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:05. Buzz entertained us with a 50-minute video he took last weekend during a ride with Dave Farren and the Escalante Western Railway with its coal loading operations at the Lee Ranch Mine. Pretty good stuff "Uncle Pete"! Dave is happy to do the same with any of us. Just check in with him if you are interested.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JULY 2002**

### **Submitted by Steve Stein**

The June meeting was held at the Presidential Mansion on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Madame President began the meeting at 7:15 pm. Attendees were Steve, Kathy and Kurt, Doug, Sean, Chris F., Dayton, Bob, Jay, Chuck and Carol, Buzz, Richard, Ken and new member John Lisica.

1. Jay's financial report included \$240 in new dues and from the Roswell show, \$32 in donations and \$163 in drawing module tickets. Total expenses for the month of June was \$444.18
2. We have a new committee to care for the throttles. They are Kathy, Dayton and Richard.
3. The old E-Groups has been abandoned. A new one is forthcoming.
4. Richard passed out all new by-lays with coversheets and phone lists.
5. Buzz "Uncle Pete", "I saw U.P. on a boxcar, tank car, caboose, flat car, covered hopper, auto rack, and covered hopper" Lenander is making plans for the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day picnic.
6. Dave Farren is taking volunteers to ride Amtrak in September or October to Raton and Back.
7. Tucumcari update: Layout size donated is 40' x 60'. Member modules going are Kathy and Kurt, Bud, Randy, Buzz, Steve, Dayton, Doug and Chris, Jay and Howie and Doris. Ken and Richard will be pulling trailers. Load up time is 10:00 am on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. We will be running from 9 to 6 on Saturday and 9 to 3 on Sunday. Doug has reserved 12 rooms at the Holiday Inn. Saturday night a catered barbeque will be set up at the convention center for 10 bucks per. As of this meeting 15 people were going to the show.

8. The Belen yard is almost finished with simplified controls. **BE ADVISED** that if you are on the red or yellow lines there is no automatic stop if someone is entering or leaving the yard. So watch your trains carefully as they cross the Belen yard. The Klimek yard is finished. A hearty thanks to Dougie for all his hard work on these projects!!
9. **STATE FAIR SIGNUPS AT THE NEXT MEETING!!!** Set-up is after 12 noon on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will run 9 to 9 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 9 to 4 on Tuesday. I will sign you up in 6-hour blocks, 9 to 3 and 3 to 9.
10. The next Albuquerque GATS is February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2003 and will be held at the fairgrounds. Buzz "I saw U.P. on a double-stack, gondola, stock car, dash 9, SD-90 mac, and GP-9", is in charge.
11. A U.P. steam excursion train with 3985 is happening on July 21<sup>st</sup> from Denver to Cheyenne for Frontier Days.
12. Prizes won were: Chris and Steve \$10 Trains West gift certificates, Sean a doodlebug, and Jay a U.P. boxcar.
13. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 at which time we pigged out on Kathy's homemade ice cream and lemon cookies. (I only had 12 of those)

## FINAL 2002 STATE FAIR REPORT

Here is the list of participants and times that were given to me for this year's State Fair. If you need to change your time please call me at 898-2933 or e-mail me at [trainsarei@aol.com](mailto:trainsarei@aol.com) - to adjust the schedule accordingly. It is fine if you want to stay longer than your appointed time but *please be there when you are scheduled!* As always, thanks so much for your cooperation. See you at the Fair!

### *2002 STATE FAIR ITINERARY and COMMITMENTS*

9/13, meet @ 12 pm to load modules at the clubhouse and/or meet at fairgrounds whenever you can for setup	Dayton, Bud, Chris F., Bob, Richard, Kathy, George & Debra, Jay, Doug, Buzz, Chuck, Steve & Jason, Randy & Phyllis, Margaret, Carl, John, Charlie, Craig, Dave F., Mickey, Anita, Howie & Doris, Dave & Nettie, Kirt and Paul. <b>(30 total participants)</b>
Run and sell drawing tickets 9/14, Saturday 9 am – 3 pm	Dayton, Chris F., Bob, Richard, Kathy & Kurt, Buzz, Carl, Anita, Dave F., Howie & Doris, Dave & Nettie and Charlie <b>(15)</b>
Run/sell 9/14, Saturday 3 pm – 9 pm	Bud, Chris F., Bob, Kathy & Kurt, Jay & Beverly, Randy, Margaret (after 5 pm), and Steve <b>(10)</b> <b>(25 participants)</b>
Run/sell 9/15, Sunday 9 am – 3 pm	Kurt, Dayton, Bob, Kathy, Buzz, Randy, Margaret, Walt, Carl, And Dave F. <b>(10)</b>
Run/sell 9/15 Sun. 3 pm – 9 pm.	Bud, George & Debra, Jay, Steve & Jason, John, Clair, Howie & Doris, Dave & Nettie and Charlie <b>(13)</b> <b>(23 participants)</b>

Run/sell 9/16 Monday 9 am – 3 pm.	Chuck and Carol, Bud, Chris F., Walt, Mickey, Howie & Doris, Dave & Nettie, and Paul <b>(11)</b>
Run/sell, 9/16 Mon. 3 pm – 9 pm	Steve, Chris F., Bob, Randy & Phyllis, John, Dayton, Carl, Charlie and Buzz <b>(10)</b> <b>(21 participants)</b>
Run/sell 9/17 Tuesday 9 am – 4 pm	Steve & Jason, Dayton, Bud, Bob, Charlie, Jay, Randy & Phyllis, Carl, Mickey, George & Debra, Howie & Doris, Dave & Nettie
Teardown at 4 pm. Finish around 6 pm. Return to and unload modules at the clubhouse.	All of the above plus, Paul, Buzz, Richard, Margaret (after 5), Chuck, Doug, John (after 6), Clair (?), Kathy and Anita (after 5) <b>(27 participants)</b>

## ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC AND TRAIN WATCHING

Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Meet under the HUSKY sign, just North of I-40 on Coors Road. We will depart from there and head West on I-40 to Exit 89, a few miles east of Grants. Drive North of I-40 on Old Route 66 to the highway bridge over the tracks. We will set up camp there, on a dirt road on the Northeast side of the road. If this location doesn't work out, Dave Farren can lead us to several other sites along the tracks. We plan to be at Exit 89 about 10:00 am. Bring you own lunch, chairs, table, cameras, and be prepared for a fun day of watching trains, and "Geek Time" with your friends!

## KEY TO THE BUILDING (LAYOUT)

Barbara's Pet Parade, the store just east of Hobbies N Stuff, old location, will have a key for the Building. Club members can check the key out, and be sure to check it back in with the Pet Store. When you leave the Building, be sure to shut off the A/C or Heater, turn out the lights, pull the blinds, and lock the door!

## SWAP MEET

How about having a Swap Meet at the Building on Saturday, August 31. Club members are welcome to bring any train related items for swap or sale. I will open up by 9:00 am. to begin the Sale, and of course, members can bring trains to run on the layout. We can also try to get rid of some of the excess club property at this time. We need to downsize. We used to have Swap Meets at the monthly meetings every so often, but we have more room, and table space at the Building, so let's give this a try. One man's junk, might be another man's treasure!

*Buzz "I saw UP on a boxcar"*

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Hopefully everyone will get this newsletter okay. I will have copies available at the Labor Day Picnic for those of you that don't get this. Ken should be back to do this for next month!

# CALENDAR

## NMRR Layout Setup

## NMRR Involved

## FYI Only

State Fair  
Sept. 13-18  
Coord: Dayton Moltzen  
Steve Stein

NMRR Annual Labor Day Picnic  
Monday, Sept. 2  
West of Grants NM  
Coord: Buzz Lenander

Tucson GATS  
Sept. 7-8

Tulsa GATS  
Nov. 2-3

Highland Senior Center  
Oct. 17-19  
Coord: Kathy Steplowski

Monthly Business Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept. 3  
Steve Stein's House

Denver GATS  
Nov 16-17

Phoenix GATS  
Dec 14-15

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