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The New Mexico Rail Runners
Club Newsletter

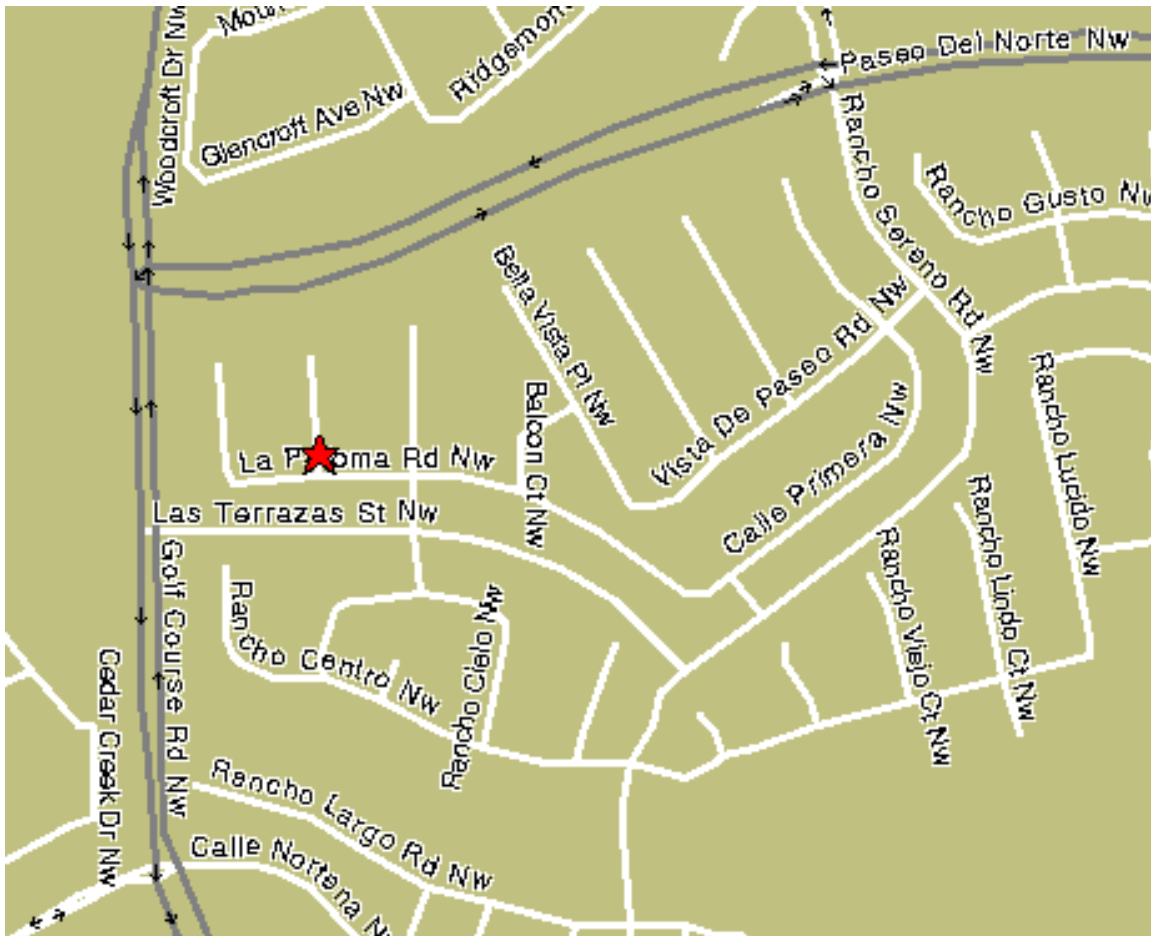


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The April business meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, April 1st at Kirt and Lisa Hickman's home, 8423 Los Reyes Ct NW (see map below). For further directions, call Kirt at 822-7188.



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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 20th of each month. This will allow enough time to get the newsletter distributed in a timely manner.

The President's Lines

by Kathy Steplowski

Next Stop..... Amarillo.

The club will be attending the Tri-State Train Show in Amarillo April 11-13, 2003. Our layout has been left up to us as to how big we would like it to be. They have given us up to a 40 foot by 50 foot area. We will again be selling tickets for the drawing module. There have been many people working diligently on it and it is very near completion.

At our last meeting, Howie and Dave surprised us with their presence, driving up from Roswell. Howie updated us on the Roswell Show. He and his crew have done a lot of work and have the advertising end very well covered. The show will be May 30, 31 and June 1, 2003. Our club will be acting as the show host and this may become an annual event.

Just a reminder, it is time for annual dues once again. We would like you to fill out a new application in order for us to keep our records up to date. If you need an application, we have them at the club building on Carlisle, at Trains West or you may contact Jay or Kathy and we will see that you get one.

If you have not already heard, as of April 1, 2003, Doug Gary will be the new President of the New Mexico RailRunners. Buzz Lenander and Steve Stein were elected for the two Directors positions, and Bob Prestridge will finish his last year of his two-year term as a Director. Congratulations to all of you.

Our next meeting will be on April 1, 2003 at Kirt Hickman's house. We will be giving out the final arrangements for the Amarillo show. How to see you all there, "April Fools" and all!

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Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2003
by Steve Stein

Attending were Steve, Kathy, Doug, Richard, Dayton, Bob, Jay and George

1. Kathy brought the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. Amarillo update:
 - a. Remember that Amarillo is one hour ahead of us.
 - b. Our space allotted is 40'x 50'. After final participant list is determined at the April 1st meeting, a layout will be designed.
 - c. The club trailer will be brought in to the clubhouse on Saturday the 5th of April to be loaded at that time. Please be there to help.
 - d. Debra Babb will haul it to Amarillo the morning of the Friday the 11th.
 - e. The list of participants so far are; Den, Richard, Tom, Kit and Ruby Luke, Bob, Doug and Chris, and John. Those coming with modules are; Howie, Dave,

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Secretary's Report - Meeting Minutes

by Steve Stein

Our annual March business meeting was held at Shoney's on March 4th. Attending were: Howie, Dave, Bob, Margaret, Doug and sons Chris and Tyler, new member Kit, George and Debra, Buzz, Steve and Jason, Bud, Kathy, Kirt, Richard, Ken, Den, Norm, Jay, Mike J., Chris F., John, Paul, Chuck, Charlie, Tom and Mike Gonzales who re-joined the club. Peter Nolan came as a guest as he is an avid N-Scaler and potential new member. Those who came to eat arrived between 6 and 6:30 pm. Kathy brought the meeting to order at 7:06.

1. The treasurer and secretary's reports were accepted.
2. Buzz gave a report on the GATS, pretty much the same as in the newsletter.
3. Steve gave a report on the nearly completed Drawing Layout. Special thanks to all of you who have been "on site" and "on task" for many of the past Saturdays.
4. Bud's inside/outside "Confusion Corner" module is for sale to the club or any member. Give him a call and make an offer or ask him what he wants for it. It's a very versatile piece and just needs some creative scenic work.
5. Howie and Dave gave a comprehensive report on the Roswell show coming up during the last weekend in May. Here are some details;
 - a. Set up is 2 pm or later on Friday the 30th. Teardown at 4 pm on June 1st.
 - b. There will be four layouts, 2 in HO and 2 in N Scale
 - c. Our space is 40'x 40'.
 - d. 2700 attractive and informative flyers are going out all over the place, especially in the southern part of the state and west Texas.
 - e. The Roswell Convention Center, The

Clovis Club, KBIM TV and others are participating in advertising.

- f. Howie says there is some serious interest in the region thanks to the hard work of The Whitings and The Crockers.
 - g. Next year we may join up with the Miniature Show, but they haven't committed as yet.
6. The DCC intent sign-up sheet went around. Chris Friedmann has inventoried and tested our equipment.
 7. An Amarillo Show sign-up sheet also went around. As of this meeting 16 members are going. We have asked for a minimum of 25'x 25' and a maximum of 40'x 50'. Final plans will be made at the April meeting at Kirt Hickman's home on April 1st.
 8. Kathy has 5 vests made so far with 2 more in the works.
 9. The results of our annual election are as follows; Doug Gary is the new president. Bob, Steve and Buzz are the new board members. Bob still has one year on his assignment; Steve and Buzz have 2-year duties.
 10. George and Debra thanked everyone who helped set up their modules at the GATS, since his business called him out of town at the last minute.
 11. Thanks to Trains West who donated three \$10 gift certificates. The winners were Doug, Howie and Den.
 12. Most of the members present renewed their memberships and paid their dues to Jay.
 13. A final "Hurrah" was given to Kathy and her outstanding stewardship as our President. Again, Kathy, we all thank you for a fantastic and caring term!!

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- Charlie and son, Jay and Beverly, Kathy and Kurt, Carl and maybe Dayton. If you want to go we need to know by the next meeting.
3. The April 1st meeting will be at Kirt Hickman's home in Taylor Ranch.
 4. The BOD assumes that clinics are still desired by the membership. We think that Saturday mornings at the clubhouse are the best times to do them. Let us know what you want to learn and we will schedule them accordingly.
 5. A DCC clinic is forthcoming. We will eventually set up the Blue line for DCC.
 6. The Drawing module is now complete. Thanks to all who participated! It looks pretty fabulous because of all your hard and skilled workmanship. We need donations for cars, people, a water tank, 8 cross bucks, a single stall engine house and some trackside buildings. We could purchase them, but we've already spent around \$500.00 for the layout so far.
 7. Last week the power to the layout was left on, perhaps for a whole week. Of course this is a bad idea since the life of the new lights Doug installed in the yard as well as all other electrical items has been reduced. Please be careful!!!
 8. We are able to put on a show pretty much anytime we want at Cottonwood Mall. We can use the "Center Court" area, 70'x 40' by making arrangements with the mall management.
 9. It was decided that Randy and Phyllis be made permanent honorary members.
 10. George gave A 2005 Convention update. N-Scale Collector wants us to make a presentation at their Tulsa Convention from the 25th to the 28th of June. He is willing to give a Power Point presentation on our behalf. He may be calling on some of you who gave your names to help out soon.
 11. Kathy adjourned her last official duty at 8:10 with a well earned round of appreciation.

What's New in N-Scale

by Bob Prestridge

Manufacturer

Product When Due?

Athearn

F59PHI (Metro, Sounder,
Coaster, West Coast Express,
Dallas-TRE) Feb
Bombardier Cab Control Coach
(Metro, GO, Coaster, Sounder
West Coast Exp., Fl Tri-Rail,
Dallas-TRE, Metro 10th Anniv.)
May

Bombardier Coach (Same lines as
Above) May

Atlas

International Car Co. Extended Vision
Cabooses (Undec, Chessie, CSX, Frisco, & RF&P)
Apr

53' Evans Box Cars (Undec, BC Rail,
IC, Ill. Term, Jeld-Wen, La. Pac.,
Mtn. Pine Lumber, Multnomah Ply.,
ATSF) Apr

Kaolin Tank Cars (Undec., ACFX, Anglo-
American Clays, Cyprus, Georgia Kaolin,
Ontario Carbonate, SHPX)
Apr

Coalveyor Bathtub Gondola (Undec, DAPX
Dairyland Power Coop, UNSX Unitrain
Services-Iowa Power & Light, WEPX
Wisconsin Electric Power Co., WPSX
Wisconsin Public Service Corp)
Jun

Bachmann Spectrum

Dash 8-40C(C&N, Conrail, CSX, N&S
Undec., UP) Fall

Dash 8-40CW(BNSF, Conrail, Conrail
Quality, CSX, LMS/Lease, ATSF,
Undec., UP) Fall

SD-45 (BNSF, Conrail, GN #400, Pennsylvania
Reading, ATSF, Undec.) Fall

4-8-2 (Frisco, MP, NC&SL, NH, NYO&W,
Undec., Southern, SP, UP)
Fall

Challenger N Scale Hobbies (Brass)

Passenger Car Kits (ATSF Horse Express) ????

Con-Cor

American Freedom Train PA1 & PB1
1948 Scheme May

PA-1A (ATSF, Pennsy, GN, SP, UP, D&H, NPR,
B&O, NH (McGinnis), Erie, Amtrak,
Southern, EL, DRG&W, MP, NYC)

1948 Freedom Train Car Set May
Intermodal Containers 40' Sea (SeaLand, Evergreen,
Hanjin, NOL, Y.M. Line, Genstar, Hyundai)

Intermodal Containers 45' Sea (Maersk, NYK, K-
Line, CP Rail, ATSF) June
89' Flat Cars w/2 Containers (SP w/EMP 45', UP
w/Transam 45') June

deLuxe Innovations

Soo Distribution Twinstacks
Tom & Bobbi's Tru-Weld
BNSF Mineral Red Twin Tub CoalGon
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Jade Green AAR 40' Boxcar

Des Plains Hobbies ACF 85' postwar coaches
????

Fine N Scale Products

Pioneer Zephyr Kit re-release Apr

GHQ

Vehicles: 1941 Chev. Stake-body, Checker Cab,
1950 Ford F-1 Pickup, Ford 9000 Cement Truck

The following Kits designed for use with American
Limited Passenger Car Core kits (not included) and
consist of brass etched sides & doors, pewter castings
of roof details and underbody housings, decals &
illustrated instructions. No trucks or couplers are
included: 1942 Hiawatha RPO w/skirts, 1942
Hiawatha Express Baggage, 1942 Hiawatha 1938
Express Baggage, 1942 1938 Diner, 1942 Hiawatha
1938 Parlor, 1942 Hiawatha 1938 Coach, 1942
Hiawatha 1938 Parlor Observation "Beavertail",
1942 Hiawatha 1942 Express-Coach, 1942 Hiawatha
Diner, 1942 Hiawatha Tap Lounge, 1942 Hiawatha
Coach, 1942 Morning Hiawatha Basic Set, 1942
Afternoon Hiawatha Basic Set, 1942 Afternoon
Hiawatha Expansion Set.

Intermountain

Cylindrical Covered Hoppers - Trough Hatch
Version (CP Rail (Multi-Mark)) Apr
1937 AAR 40' Boxcar (PRR) Apr
50' AAR Single Door Boxcar (ATSF)
Apr
ACF Center Flow 2-Bay Hopper (CNW)
Apr
FT A & B Unit Sets (NYC - Lightning Stripe, ATSF
Cigar Band) Soon

Kato

P42 (Amtrak Ph. IV, Ph. V, Via Rail) Apr
SD70MAC (BNSF, Alaska RR, TFM (Mex.)) Apr

Superliners & MHC in Phase IV June

LBF

Hicube Boxcars (Can Am, CAN, CHTT, C&NW,
IBT, LW, NOKL, Undec.) Soon
Flatcars (GN, BN, ATSF, SP) Soon

Life-Like

Nothing New

DC-Roundhouse (RTR 4-Packs)

#89465 - Maersk Husky-Stacks Mar
#89466 - Amstar-Domino Sugar & Mid-Western
Apiarists Sunflower Honey Mar
#89467-Ca. Short Lines (McCloud River 50' FMC
Dbl. Door Boxcar; Sierra RR 50' FMC Offset Dbl.
Door Boxcar; Camino, Placerville & Lake Tahoe
50' FMC Offset Dbl. Door Boxcar; Stockton
Terminal & Eastern RR 50' FMC Plug-Door
Boxcar) Mar
#89468 - Tropicana Mechanical Reefers Mar
#89469 - DRGW Boxcars Apr
#89470 - Reading Railroad Plug-Door Boxcars
Apr

#8965 - Single RTR Graffiti Car Mar

Micro-Trains

#54130 - Indiana Harbor Belt 61'8" Bulkhead
Flat Car
#92160 - C&O 2-bay ACF Center Flow Covered
Hopper
#105090 - Wisconsin Central 50' Steel Side,
14-Panel, Fixed End Gondola
#21330 - California State Car 40' Standard Boxcar
w/Plug-Door

N Scale of Nevada, LLC

Tunnel Liners & Tunnel Portals
Summer

Red Caboose

#RN-18410-6 - BREX 40' Steel Side Reefer
Mar
#RN-18412-4 - Rath Packing Co. 40' Steel Side
Reefer Mar
#RN-18817-1 - ART-MP/N&W 57' Mech.
Reefer/Hydro-Cushion Mar

CALENDAR

NMRR Layout Setup

NMRR Involved

FYI Only

Amarillo Show
Apr 11-13

April Meeting
Apr. 1, 7pm
Location: Kirt's home

Albuquerque RR Fair
May 18

Roswell Show
May 30 - June 1

20th Anniv. Ntrak
Houston, June 4-8

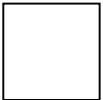
Tucumcari Show
Jul 25-27 (?)

N Scale Collector Conven.
Tulsa, June 25-28

State Fair
Sep 12-16



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