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The New Mexico Rail Runners
Club Newsletter

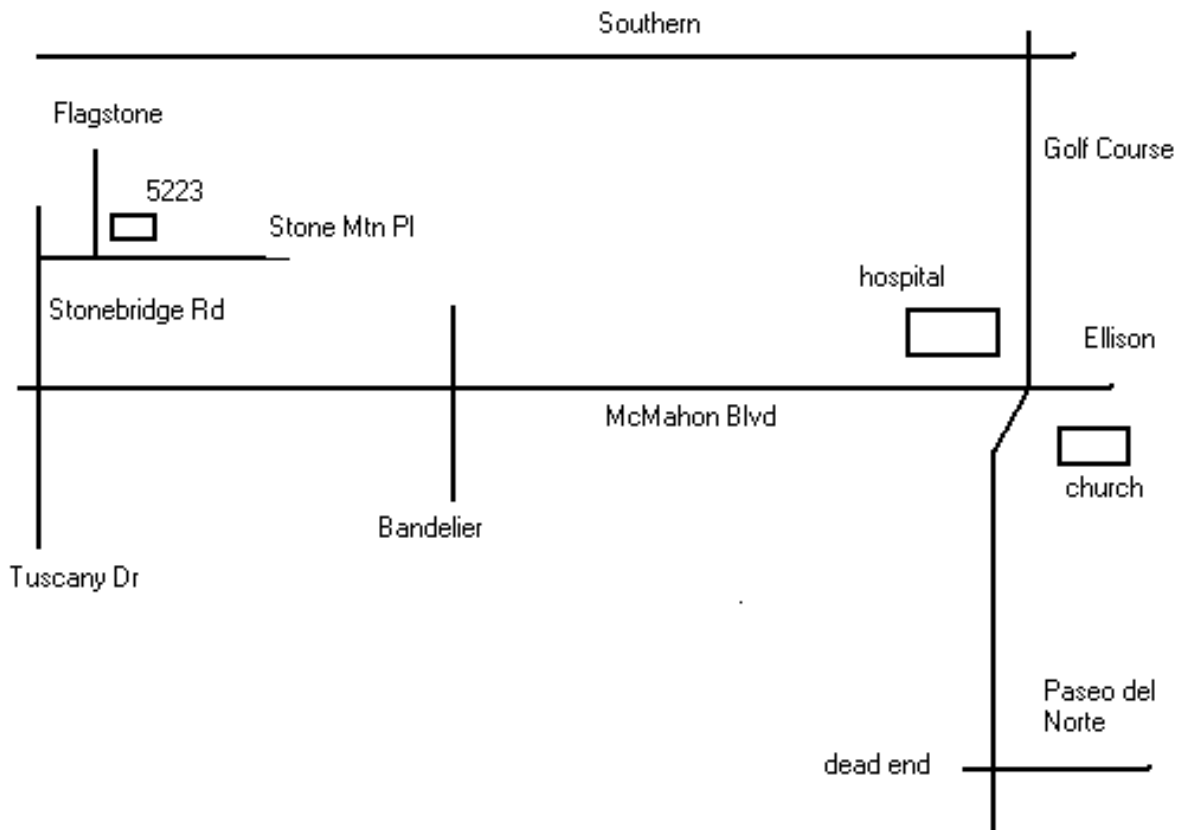


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The June business meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, June 3rd at Chuck and Carol Ackerknecht's home, 5223 Stone Mtn. Pl. NW (see map below). For further directions, call 792-4119. If possible, please bring a chair.



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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 Doug Gary

Greetings fellow members,

With the last few months behind us, it is for me to focus on the future of the club. I was not elected on a platform but I guess I could be carried out on a rail. I have no vote in situations, but I can offer advice and try to lead by supporting all that want to excel in club discussions and operations. We have 3 find board members and a President that have over 130 years of experience in model railroading. In the next 6 months, we will attempt to teach you the basics on how to build a layout/module with wiring, mountain building track planning and track laying, building manufacturing with out having to buy an extra horse for glue. This will be brought up at the next meeting about rebuilding the reverse loops... Nothing is so sad than to see George's and Deb's modules at Brian's show looking

like something out of a art magazine and to have 2 reverse loops that look like they're from HO Plywood Plains.

Another idea that has been put forth is the starting of the DCC operation. We would like to encourage this, because it is the way the world is going, and if we are to keep up and excel at every moment, then this would be imperative to complete this task. This deed would also satisfy the operation group that is calling for operation nights at least once a month. We have notice that the skill level in modeling among the troops is not as high as it was 6 years ago and mostly it seems that they are satisfied with just running in circles. By combining both plans, one group can help the other learn the qualities that are needed to make a layout great and at the same time allow all a chance at true operation.

The Roswell Show coming up this next week (May 30, 31, June 1). I seem to have counted 20 going, but there may be more. Let Buzz, Steve,

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Bob or myself know if you think you would like to go. Reservations can be made at Motel 6 and it be nothing but trains for 2 days. And as a special treat if you go, I will let you look at Disneyland (OOOOOOOOOhhhhhhhhhhh). Buzz is also bring his refinery and Steve is bring keystone bridge, dead presidents, the damn Dam, and who could forget Charlie McCarthy's home and hospital where he was born.

Teardown for this exciting caravan of a sightseeing trip you will not forget, starts at the stroke of 10 am Saturday May 24. All will attempt to come partake in the joy and happiest of this event and thy will be rewarded with many blessings upon thy house....But as with all great car (opps) deals and promises, there is a catch. To complete this magnificent joy of self worth, you must return to the sacred building on the following Saturday June 7, to reestablish the original shrine that was removed the week before. Buzz and Steve will guide you through on what and how to do it and consider this your first step to retaining the Godlike status of trains that few have.

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Secretary's Report - Meeting Minutes

by Kurt Hickman

Attendance:

Steve & Jason, Doug, Margaret, Bud, Chuck, Chris F., Den, Dayton, Kirt, Tom, Bob, Kathy, John Lisica, Richard, Buzz, Deb & George, Ed Duckett, Kit, Bill.

1. Amarillo Show Report - Kathy
 - This report was published in last month's newsletter.
2. Report on new throttles - Richard
 - Worked well in Amarillo except for yellow, which had a minor glitch.
 - Ran better than using a main power supply.
 - Throttles have momentum built into them. This will take some getting used to.
 - Warning lights are working.
 - Need to re-adjust the momentum in the throttles.
3. Treasurer's Report - Buzz
 - Total club funds: \$2871.43.
 - Members: 32 Regular, 8 Remote, 14 Affiliate, 54 Total
4. N-Scale Collectors Convention - George
 - Meeting of volunteers to be held Friday, 7pm in the clubhouse.
5. Tucumcari Show - Richard
 - Show dates: July 26-27.
 - John Lisica will coordinate with Buzz's assistance.
6. Clubhouse Location - Buzz
 - We may be able to remain in our current location for a couple more months.
 - There may be an alternate 1500sq ft space available in Osuna Park.
7. Brian Mosley's Show - Doug
 - Show date: May 18, 9am to 4pm.
 - Signup sheet was sent around.

8. Roswell Show - Buzz
 - Hotel info distributed. Each member will be making his/her own hotel reservations.
 - We can setup anytime after noon Friday.
 - Four clubs will be participating in the show.
 - Tear-down will be at the clubhouse will be Saturday, May 24.
9. Denver Show Report - George
 - Carl won best of show for his modules (both 1st and 2nd place).
 - Show started on Friday morning with tours of Inter-Mountain and Red Caboose.
 - The club should consider participating in this show next year. We need to support N-scale.
10. Vests and Name Tags - Buzz
 - Vests were given to Kent Shelton for screen printing
 - Name tags will be made for those that need them.
11. El Paso N-Scale Club - Buzz
 - A letter was sent by Carl and read at the meeting to introduce a new N-scale club in El Paso.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

The President's Lines, from page 2

Steve will be in charge of the next meeting at Chuck and Carols house since I will be running trains in Houston the following week after Roswell along with George and Deb. You can All come if you like...This is 4 days of running trains!!!!!!

See Ya in Roswell, Doug

Board of Directors Meeting

May 20, 2003

by Steve Stein

President Doug called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Here are the June 3rd business meeting items to consider;

1. Steve will run the meeting since Doug will be at the Houston Convention.
2. Buzz will give the treasurer's report.
3. We did pretty well with drawing module sales at the Albuquerque Train Show. Bob will give a report on that show.
4. Buzz will give a report on the Roswell Show.
5. We will set up on Saturday June 7th at 10 am after the Roswell show. Please be there to help.
6. There was a suggestion that we use two of the 3' x 5' old SIG modules to re-do the two reverse loop modules used at the Albuquerque Train Show. The old ones are in pretty bad shape and with no scenicing they look bad. By building new ones we can have Saturday clinics on how to lay roadbed/track, turnouts, wiring, and scenicing. One advantage to using these is that they have legs at both ends.
7. The El Paso club wants to incorporate their modules with us at the Tucumcari Show. It sounds like a great idea. We need a coordinator for that show. Any volunteers? We will sign you up at the next meeting.
8. George gave a 2005 N-Scale Collector Show update. We are hoping to sponsor that show, so George and Doug will give a presentation at the Tulsa event at the end of June. On Friday June 13th at 7 pm at the clubhouse, George will give a practice presentation to the club. This is a "mandatory" meeting for all club members so we can have input and discussion on our proposal. Please be there!

What's New in N-Scale

by Bob Prestridge

Manufacturer

Product When Due?

Artitec

Rhine Motor Vessel (120 tons)
Ferry Fehman
European Freight Vessel
Standard Frigate "KORTENAER"
Coaster

Athearn

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

RS-1 (PRR, Rock Island, Soo) May
GP38 (Undec., BN, Chessie, Conrail, Frisco, UP),
GP40 (Undec., MiLW, RF&P, SP, WP, Wisc. Cntrl)
May
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) May
1948 Freedom Train Car Set May
Intermodal Containers 40' Sea (SeaLand, Evergreen, Hanjin, NOL, Y.M. Line, Genstar, Hyundai) June

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

Swift Transportation Road Railers

Des Plains Hobbies

ACF 85' postwar coaches ????

Fine N Scale Products

Pioneer Zephyr Kit re-release Apr
Kit #570-Pile O'Wheels Two distinct gondola loads of freight car wheels and truck sideframes
Kit #1014-Two different gondola loads of used railroad ties

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

FT A & B Unit Sets (NYC - Lightning Stripe, ATSF Cigar Band) Soon

Kato

SD70MAC (with Nose Mounted Headlight) (BNSF(2), Alaska(2), TFM(2)) June

P42 (Phase IV(2), Phase V(2), Via Rail Renaissance(2)) June
Superliners & MHC (Phase IV(2)) June

LBF

Hicube Boxcars (Can Am, CAN, CHTT, C&NW, IBT, LW, NOKL, Undec.) Soon
Flatcars (GN, BN, ATSF, SP) Soon
FMC Welded Wood Chip (Undec., SP, Golden West, UP/SP Takeover, CORP Cal, Or. & Pacific) Soon

MDC-Roundhouse

June RTR 4 Packs (Norfolk Southern FMC Sgl Door Boxcars; D&RGW Overtons pre-1905) #89476-50' PS-1 Single Door Boxcar Kits ATSF June
RTR 2-6-0 Mogul (DRGW(2), ATSF(2), PRR(2), CP(2), SP(2), C&O(2), Undec) 3rd Quarter

Micro-Trains

Coming Soon (Micro Seasons Table Top Train, Micro Seasons Table Top Tree, USA State Series A Unit FT Locomotive, State Series Wall Display Case, Icicle Express Holiday Train Sets, Milwaukee Road EMD FT A & B)
May - Pullman Troop Sleepers, Troop Kitchen Cars, 40' Skeleton Log Car, UP 50' Std Box Car, C&NW 50' Cvd Gondola, C&O 40' Std Box Car, SCL 50' fishbelly flatcar, Sabine River & Northern 50' rib side box car, Undec 36' Riveted Steel Caboose, Holiday Express GP-20, Atlas U25B Train Sets)

N Scale of Nevada, LLC

Tunnel Liners & Tunnel Portals Summer

Red Caboose

June Releases: Centerbeams (12 new BN numbers, Wisconsin Central, Plum Creek, Tri-Con blue)
July Releases: Centerbeams (Mid South, St. Andrews Bay (Bay Line), Tree Source, TTZX Opera Window)

CALENDAR

NMRR Layout Setup

NMRR Involved

FYI Only

Roswell Show
May 30 - June 1

June Meeting
June 3, 7pm
Location: Chuck & Carol's home

20th Anniv. Ntrak
Houston, June 4-8

Tucumcari Show
Jul 25-27

July Meeting
July 1, 7pm
Location: Kathy's home

N Scale Collector Conven.
Tulsa, June 25-28

State Fair
Sep 12-16



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