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Club Newsletter



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The May Meeting will be held at the club site at 7:00 PM on May 4th, 2004. Due to a shortage of chairs, it is recommended that you BYOC (Bring your own chair(s)).

For those of you that haven't paid yet, dues for 2004 will be due at the meeting. They are \$25.00 for continuing membership. Cash or check is acceptable.

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**The President's Lines by Bob Prestridge**

For those of you of haven't heard this yet, Charlie Matthews was in a severe auto accident in late March and is presently recovering from his injuries. He is home now and made a guest appearance at the teardown for the Denver show on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

It looks like this month is going to be the start of our "show" season. As everyone should know by now, we are supporting the Rocky Mountain N-Scale Train Show in Denver at the end of April. Many thanks to our members who are going up there to "show the flag". Also special thanks to George Canham for acting as coordinator. Soon after that show, we have the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Albuquerque Train show in mid-May, which Buzz has graciously agreed to coordinate since Charlie's accident. We will be using the turn-around modules for this event. Our next scheduled show is July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Tucumcari. I'll be coordinating the Tucumcari show this year, so all interested parties please get in touch with me. All-in-all it looks like a busy summer.

We also have the State Fair this year. However, instead of the middle weekend, we'll be setting up and running the first weekend of this annual event. That makes us headliners, folks. Dayton Molzen is the coordinator on this show. It is beginning to look like we'll be running a DCC line at the Fair, so all you DCC adherents come on down and put your two cents worth in.

As for the T-Trak project I'm pursuing, I've made contact with the Chaparral Girl Scout Conference and they are extremely interested in our participation. I also left e-mails with two of our local Boy Scout Troops.

George brought in our new cleaning cars on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> and they look really good. Let's take good care of them. Huey, Dewey & Louie ought to be a good addition to our NMRR fleet.

Bob

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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.

**Secretary's Report - Meeting Minutes, April 6, 2004**

By Kathy Steplowski

**Attendees:** Bob, Tom H., Paul, Chris, Chuck, Dayton, Steve, Jason, Buzz, Mike, Den, John, George, Debra, Doug, Ed, Kathy, Kirt, Jay & Kit

7:00 PM Called meeting to order

**Presidents Remarks:** Thank you to all of the our going Officers

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as written in Newsletter

**Treasurers Report:**

- Reviewed for last fiscal year
- Membership: 32 Regular, 2 Remote, 7 Affiliate
- **Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.**

**Offers Meeting Report:**

- Priorities Identified:
  - A. Module Repair
    - 1) Handicap
    - 2) Turn arounds
  - B. Post Schedule of things to be done
  - C. Mayors for modules: There are a few modules remaining with no Mayor. (See Bob if interested)
  - D. Tool Box with Tools: Will be marked. Please return to toolbox after use.

**Old Business:**

**Rocky Mountain Show**, April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, Denver, Colo. George Canham, Coordinator.

- Will teardown April 17<sup>th</sup> at Building
- Thursday- Group leaving

- Final plans discussed- Where staying, location of mall, etc.

**9<sup>th</sup> Albuquerque Railroad Fair**, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Manuel Lujan Bldg. NM Expo. Charlie Matthews, Coordinator

- Need new coordinator, Charlie out of commission
- Buzz Lenander, new coordinator
- Show Schedule:
  - Set up Fri., May 14<sup>th</sup> Noon to 9:00 PM Sat., May 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 AM
  - Show times: Sat., May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM -4:00 PM
  - Tear down: Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM

**Tucumcari Show**, Jul 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Bob Prestridge, Coordinator

- 50' x 60' area reserved for us.
- El Paso Group joining us?

**NM State Fair**, Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, NM Expo, Dayton Molzen, Coordinator.

- DCC line on Red line: Red has passing lanes, can run trains in both directions. Can be switched from DCC to Analog if needed.
- Locomotives not a problem. See John Lisica.
- Kirt Hickman to help train on DCC before Fair.
- Dayton: Has 4 receivers programmed for blocks
- Buzz: help set up blocks
- Old Throttles- plug in- hard to use
- New throttles- easy to use, DIGITRAK DT 100
- Need to practice on Saturdays before Fair. Will set up after Denver show and try.
- Need radio sets to operate, \$29 Radio Shack
- Need new Silver Box to store DCC equipment \$25, approved for purchase

**Standards Committee:**

- Bob, Buzz, Doug, Kirt, Bud (cannot approve own module)
- Badges? Not Approved

**Maintenance of Way Team** (Electronics needed for shows)

- Buzz, Doug, Bud, Richard
- Badges- Approved
- Show Coordinators- Need to make sure at a member of the Team is present at set up. "Doctor In House"

**Order of 3 cleaning cars.** George has ordered. Should be here by the end of the week.

**Date and location of meetings.**

- April 13<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 PM Officers Meeting- Club Building
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM Business meeting- Club Building
- June 1<sup>st</sup>- 7:00 PM Business meeting- Club Building
- Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>- Dayton's House, BBQ & Pot Luck

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# CALENDAR

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Rocky Mountain N-Scale  
Train Show  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Denver, CO  
Contact: George Canham

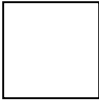
Business Meeting  
May 4th, 7pm  
Location: Club Site

9<sup>th</sup> Albuquerque Railroad Fair  
(Brian's Show)  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lujan Building, NM Expo  
Albuquerque NM  
Contact: Buzz Lenander

Tucumcari  
July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Tucumcari, NM  
Contact: Bob Prestridge



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