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



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The March Annual Business Meeting will be held at the club site at 7:00 PM on March 2nd, 2004. Due to a shortage of chairs, it is recommended that you BYOC (Bring your own chair(s)). On the agenda is electing a new President, a new Secretary, and a new Director.

At the February meeting, Bob Prestridge (that would be me) was nominated for President and Kathy Steplowski for Secretary. There were two people nominated for one Directorship, Chuck Ackerknecht and Paul Sturtz. Both are fairly new members and their input will be welcome on the board. A copy of the ballot is included in this newsletter.

Also, dues for 2004 will be due at the meeting. They are \$25.00 for continuing membership. Cash or check is acceptable. A copy of the Membership Form is included in this newsletter.

**The President's Lines by Doug Gary**

Greetings All.....

With another Albuquerque GATS show behind us, we now have our next show (or convention) in Denver at the end of April. Looks like we will have a pretty good turnout for this one and this show is nothing but N scale. The convention actually starts on Friday morning April 23 with a tour from 8-11am. It has not been announced yet, but I believe last year it was a tour of the Intermountain manufacturing plant. Setup is scheduled from 12-9:30 PM. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, which includes the registration fee and participation in the special door prize drawing. There is a pizza party (one of Buzz's favorite foods) Saturday night, which is delivered to the show. It is \$5 if you want to dine among fellow N scalers, and then it is off to tour some home layouts. Show times are Saturday 9-6 and Sunday 11-5. More will be covered at the next meeting.

The latest info we have on the Amarillo show is that it has been cancelled and the club has decided not to go to the Children's Fair this year. The Tucumcari people have contacted George Canham and the show is on for this year. Bob Prestridge has volunteered to coordinate this show and it runs the last weekend of July. Another show the club has decided to do is Brian's show that will be held on May 15 of this year. More info when we get it.

We will be meeting at the club for the March meeting, so BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair). This is the election meeting to vote for a new President, 1 officer (BoD) and a Secretary. Starts at 7pm. Hope to see you all there. Doug

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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, February 7, 2004**

By Kirt Hickman

Attendance: Kathy, Bob, Steve, Buzz, Doug, Jay, Chris, Kirt, John, Dayton, Paul, Ken, Kit, Charley, and Bud .

Secretary and Treasurers reports were received and accepted  
Election Nominations - Doug

- Chuck Ackerknecht nominated for Director
- Paul Sturtz nominated for Director
- Bob Prestridge nominated for President
- Kathy Steplowski nominated for Secretary
- Treasurer to be elected in March 2005

March Meeting - Doug

- To be held on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00pm
- Location: Clubhouse, Bring your own chair

Albuquerque GATS show report - Bob

- Show went well overall
- The club had plenty of room
- Poor club attendance during the afternoon both days made it difficult to keep three trains running
- Numerous problems with the 4" handicap module

Drawing Module Tickets

- Proposal was made to sell tickets on the website.

Rocky Mountain N-Scale Show - Doug

- George and Buzz are will coordinate the show
- Location: Denver CO, Dates: April 24-25

4" Handicap module

- This module has been red-tagged due to operating problems at the GATS show
- Scenery from this module will be transferred to the other 4" handicap module
- This is planned to be done prior to the Rocky Mountain N-scale show

Amarillo Show

- This show has been cancelled due to lack of profit last year.

Tucumcari Show

- Bob Prestridge has volunteered to coordinate this show. Show will take place during July 31<sup>st</sup>, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>?

Children's Fair - Dayton

- Club participation at this show has been canceled due to lack of NMRR membership interest.

Phoenix Show

- Show dates are March 27-28
- There is insufficient NMRR membership interest for the club to participate in this show.

Changes to Bylaws - Bob

- Officers and the Board of Directors were combined into a single body (referred to as the Officers)
- Changes were ratified by a majority of the members present.

2005 Drawing Module

- It was proposed that work on the 2005 drawing module should begin as soon as possible.

Albuquerque Railroad Show (Brian's Show)

- Show Date: May 11<sup>th</sup>, setup on Friday, May 10th.
- Club plans to participate in this show.

Door Prizes

- Bob - Model Power 4-6-2 Donated by Howie Whiting
- Chris - Undecorated Doodlebug Donated by Howie Whiting
- Kit - Gift Certificate Donated by Trains West
- Dayton - Gift Certificate Donated by Trains West
- Kurt S. - Gift Certificate Donated by Trains West

Meeting adjourned 11:20

**NMRR Officer Meeting held 2/14/04 at the clubhouse.**

Attending were Doug, Buzz, Bob, Steve & Jay.

Track Cleaner Cars

- Dayton brought up the fact that although the Directors authorized the purchase of 2 Track Cleaner Cars from Tony's Trains, this has not been accomplished. He also recommended that we buy 3 cars. This was approved and turned over to George Canham for action

Rocky Mountain Show

- There will be 12 people going from the NMRR

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Officers:

President .....Doug Gary  
 Secretary ..... Kirt Hickman  
 Treasurer .....Jay Norman  
 Directors.....Buzz Lenander  
 .....Bob Prestridge  
 .....Steve Stein  
 Editor.....Bob Prestridge

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### Brian's Show

- Occurs on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Charlie Matthews is coordinator  
Amarillo show has been cancelled  
Work on Reverse Loop and other projects
  - Work will be prioritized and scheduled by the new set of  
Officers after the March meeting
- New Handicap Module
- We will be working on the new handicap module for the  
next two Saturdays.

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## Items of Interest

### Ye Olde Editor

First, an update on the show schedule for 2004.

July 4-11 NMRA National Convention, Seattle

24-25 Tucumcari Train Show, we will be supporting  
this show. Coordinator is Bob Prestridge.

August 5-8 NTrak and N-scale Collector Conventions,  
Chantilly, Virginia

September 10-14 NMRR State Fair Show, Albuquerque.  
Coordinator: Dayton Molzen

December 3-5 Oklahoma City Train Show

The upcoming Annual Business meeting is an important  
event for the NMRR. We'll be electing a new President, a  
new Secretary, and a new Director.

The meeting will be at the clubhouse at Montgomery &  
Carlisle NE. Those of you that don't know where it's at just  
call one of the Officers and we'll be more than happy to  
provide you with directions.

We are scheduling the remaining Saturdays in February for  
working on the modules and setting up the club layout. Our  
work sessions usually start at 10:00 AM and run until noon  
or so. Please come and help us out.

GATS 2004 turned out to be a good show for NMRR  
exposure and the moneys collected for the drawing module.  
Thanks to Beverly Norman and John Lisica, we made over  
\$340.00 on the drawing module.

Also thanks to Howie & Doris Whiting for attending and for  
leaving us with a couple of engines for door prizes. I was  
lucky enough to win the Model Power 4-6-2 USRA Pacific  
and Chris Friedmann won the Bachmann Spectrum  
Undecorated Doodlebug. Thanks also to Trains West for their  
continuing support of our club.

Attached is the Membership Renewal Form. Jay will be more  
than happy to accept the form and payment of \$25.00 for 2004  
membership. **(For those of you getting this via e-mail, the  
Membership Renewal Form will be coming under separate  
cover.)**

Both proposals to change the bylaws brought before the  
membership were ratified. This means that there is no longer a  
separate Board of Directors. The 3 Director positions have  
been consolidated with the 3 Officer positions (President,  
Secretary, Treasurer), and will constitute the voting Officers of  
the club.

As soon as I can get an electronic copy of the old bylaws, I  
will be making the ratified changes and making copies  
available to the general membership.

### What we're waiting for:

- Atlas – Shay, 2-6-0, SD-24, C-630.
- Kato – Bethgon CoalPorters
- Red Caboose – Canfor yellow & red diagonal Thrall car;  
red Triangle Pacific Thrall "All Door" car.

# CALENDAR

**NMRR Layout Setup**                      **NMRR Involved**                      **FYI Only**

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

Annual Business Meeting  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm  
Location: Club location

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

Tucumcari  
July 31<sup>st</sup>, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>?  
Tucumcari, NM  
Contact: Bob Prestridge



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