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Club Newsletter

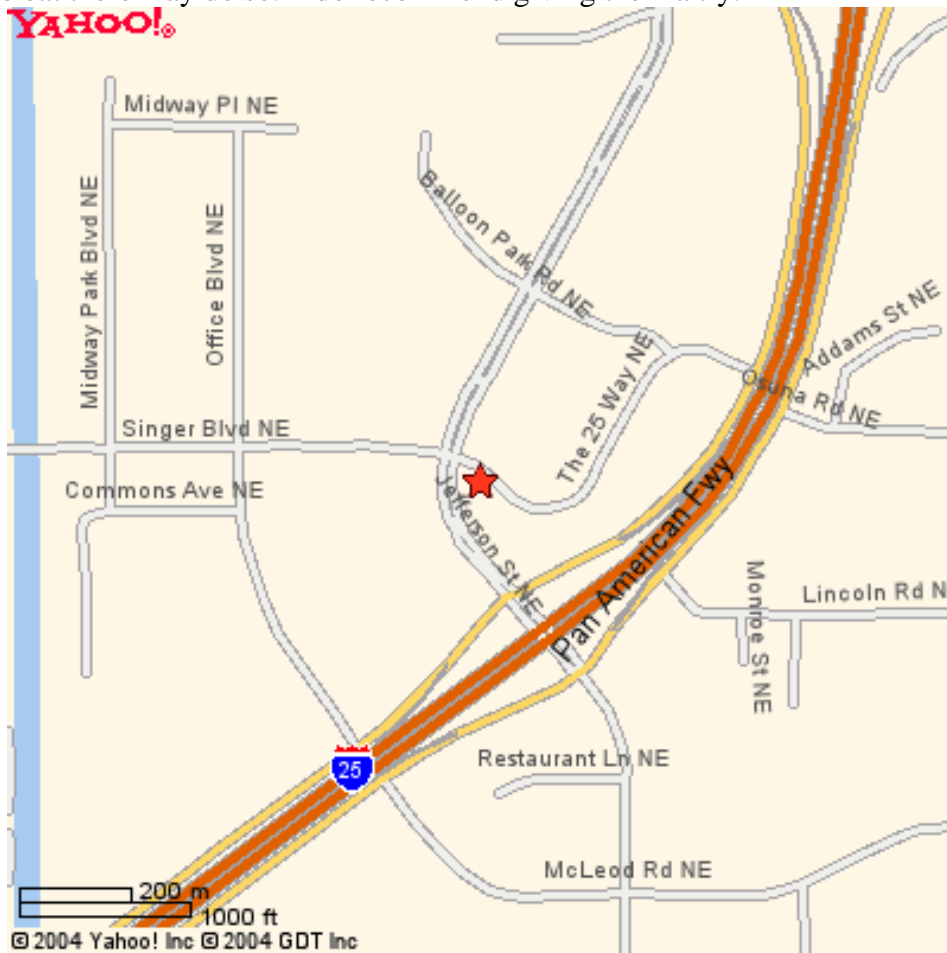


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The March Annual Business Meeting will be held at Mimi's Cafe, 4316 The 25 Way NE, in the Winery Room, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The room is reserved from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM so those of you that wish to eat there may do so. I do recommend giving them a try.



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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.

## President's Lines

Election season is well underway for the NMRR. We will be voting for a president, and two director slots. Steve Stein & Buzz Lenander's terms are up and we need to elect two new Directors. The President position is up every year. A president may stay in office for two consecutive years at a time and I will be finishing my first year. I will be running again but I also encourage other members to give it a try. Chris Friedmann and Kitto Luke have stepped up and announced their candidacy's for the Director positions.

Our March Business meeting will be held at Mimi's Café, 4316 The 25 Way NE. We have reserved the Winery Room from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. So, get there early, eat, and then we'll have our meeting.

We are making good progress on the drawing module. We have the mountain done and we have selected the buildings. We do need contributions of some cars to run along with the Atlas ATSF engine and caboose. Contributed cars should have M-T couplers.

We hope to get the keys to the new club location soon. It's too late to actually move everything and set it up for now. We'll have to wait until after GATS to set up. We will be moving our stuff out of the storage facility on the 19<sup>th</sup> because we don't want to pay another month's rent.

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## Meet the Candidates! - Directors

**Chris Friedmann** – Born in Chicago; Chris retired a long time ago too, long enough to forget how to spell that 4-letter word “work”. Chris is an avid golfer from spring to autumn, and an N-Scaler the rest of the time. Chris likes to live on the fast track. His bullet trains speed around the club layout, putting all our various consists to shame. He is presently building a layout using Kato Unitrack and the T-Trak principles.

“I would like to see the club doing more shows and extending the Club House hours on Saturdays and Sundays to 6-8 hours. This should help to bring in younger fans.”

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**Kitto Luke** – Born in Glasgow and educated in Scotland; Kitto did his two year compulsory service in the British Army then went out to Hong Kong with a big British Trading Company. There he met and married the delightful Ruby after which they went to Canada (Vancouver) for a few years before being invited to join a Company in San Francisco in 1962. They've been in the USA ever since! Most of his business life has been spent in International trade - both buying and selling - and nothing much has changed except that he's slowed down a lot - on purpose! Kitto is a sales representative for a Sales Company located in Massachusetts that specializes in tissue which involves his having to deal with both the tissue mills and the customers buying the tissue. Overseas sales also involve shipping, customs and all the bits in between that can go wrong! His plans for a club module are for a paper plant module. Train wise, Kitto is a European fan and has many fine European N-Scale models. He also admits to having quite a collection of US models as well. In addition to N-Scale, Kitto also plays the piano and he and Ruby like to travel.

“I would like to see the club go more into DCC. I also encourages more socializing at the club site. This can be accomplished by extending the hours that the club site is open to members.”

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**Meet the Candidate! - President**

**Bob Prestridge** – Born in Bad Hersfeld, West Germany, Bob first came to the United States at the ripe old age of 8 when his military father was reassigned from Germany to Ft. Knox, KY. Bob’s first encounter with model railroading was when he got a Lionel steamer and train for Christmas one year. He’s been lost in it ever since. Bob’s main interest in N-Scale is varied. His modern preferences are BNSF, Montana Rail Link, Utah Railroad and Amtrak; transition in BN, GN and CB&Q; and DRGW for steam.

“I would like to see the club more involved with DCC. I think it would bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and make us more compatible with other clubs. Not to mention that you can run multiple trains on the same line at the same time.”

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**Secretaries Report for February 1, 2005**

**In Attendance:** Jason, Chris F., Bud, Mike, Tom, Steve, Bob, Kathy, Ruby, Kirt, Ed, Kit, Ted, Buzz, Chris G., Chuck, Bill, Mickey

**7:00 PM Call to Order:** Thanks to Ruby and Kit for hosting Meeting.

**Secretary’s Report:** accepted as printed in Newsletter

**Treasurers Report:** Same amount of members.

**Old Business:**

- Elections to be held Tuesday, March 1, 2005
  - o 2-Directors: Running: Chris Friedman
  - o 1-President: Running: Bob Prestridge
- Show Reports:
  - o GATS – February 26 & 27, 2005 Bob Prestridge-Coordinator. Layout to be 42’ X 52’. Four workshops: Decals: Buzz, Weathering: Bob or Charlie, Trees: Beverly or Steve & Kathy, Mountain Scenery: Steve or Kirt, maybe ballasting instead of trees: Steve. Setup 2:30 to 7:30PM Friday, 7:00 to 9:30AM Saturday. Run times 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Load trailer on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pay for your own parking. 30 participant passes
  - o Children’s Fair – Dayton – coordinator. Who will participate? If not enough need to withdraw.
  - o Roswell – John Nothing New.
  - o Brian’s Show – May 21, 2005. Manual Lujan Building. Set up a few modules with turnarounds.
- New Building – Paperwork being cone in Arizona. We are on hold until finalized. Will need to hook up water. Call Bob Friday night to see if we can move in, Meet at storage 10:00 am, Ken pull trailer
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- Module update: Road bed and Ground foam finished. Need to finish ballasting and putting in buildings. Needs stock cars with micro train couplers donated.

**New Business:** None

**7:38- Adjourned**

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**Officer’s Meeting: February 8, 2005**

**Attendance:** Jay, Buzz, Steve, Tom, Kathy, Bob

**7:00 PM Call to Order**

**Old Business:**

- Shows: Same Status. Children’s Fair: need to find out if there will be any participation. GATS layout for NMRR: reduced to 42’ X 48’ Howie can not come.
- New Location: Move on 19<sup>th</sup>? 10:00 AM meet at storage unit to load for GATS. If possible move all extra equipment into new club house. If not will remain in storage unit.
- March Elections: To be held at Mimi’s Café (Jefferson & Singer). 6:00 to 9:00 pm “The Winery Room”. Meeting to begin at 7:00 pm. 2- Directors: Chris Friedman and Kit Luke running. 1- President: Bob Prestridge running.

**New Business:**

- Shows:
  - o ASHOME news letter: Amarillo Show possibly 2005 or 2006. GATS layout for ASHOME 40 X 60.
  - o Bob checking if there will be Tucumcari show.
  - o State Fair show dates – September 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. Check if possible to set up Thursday, run Friday, Saturday Sunday and Monday.
  - o Rocky Mountain Show – Cheyenne Wyoming June 23 thru 26<sup>th</sup>. Holiday Inn of Cheyenne
- Tom. T. Hall: proposed idea of Corporate Sponsorship. \$50 per year for business card size ad in monthly newsletter for 1 year and some kind of signage to be in at least four shows throughout the year. If we could get 12 Corporate Sponsors would be almost one-half year of rent. Maybe able to keep funds flowing and not raise dues for membership. Otherwise possible additional \$60.00 per year, per member to make money work. Train shops would get free advertising.

**7:50 adjournment.**

# NMRR 2005 Election Ballot

## President:

*(Vote for 1)*

Bob Prestridge

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*(Write in)*

## Director:

*(Vote for 2)*

Chris Friedmann

Kitto Luke

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*(Write in)*

# CALENDAR

NMRR Layout Setup

NMRR Involved

FYI Only

**Albuquerque GATS**  
**February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**Creative Arts Building**  
**NM Expo**  
Coordinator: Bob Prestridge

**Albuquerque Children's Fair**  
**April 2005**  
Coordinator: TBD  
(Dayton for now)

**May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**Roswell, New Mexico**  
Coordinators: Howie Whiting  
and  
John Lisica

**March Annual Business**  
**Meeting – Elections!!**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 PM**  
Location: Mimi's Café

**March Officers Meeting**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 PM**  
Location: The Club House



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