

Front Range Division NMRA / Narrow Gauge Circle Layout Tour

Saturday August 29 - Lakewood and north/east:

11AM-2PM:

Pat Lana, MMR - Cedar River & Iowa Central Railway (CRANDIC Route)
Gerry Glancy - Dueling Gauges Railroad and Navigation Co.
Mark Shifter - Franklin Southern Murphy Subdivision

1PM-5PM:

Keith Hayes - Colorado & Southern High Line
Jim Eaman - Colorado & Northwestern Rwy.
Dave Ferrier - Westside and Kaslo: Timber & Ore of the High-Country
Scott Ogle - Cascades Lines West

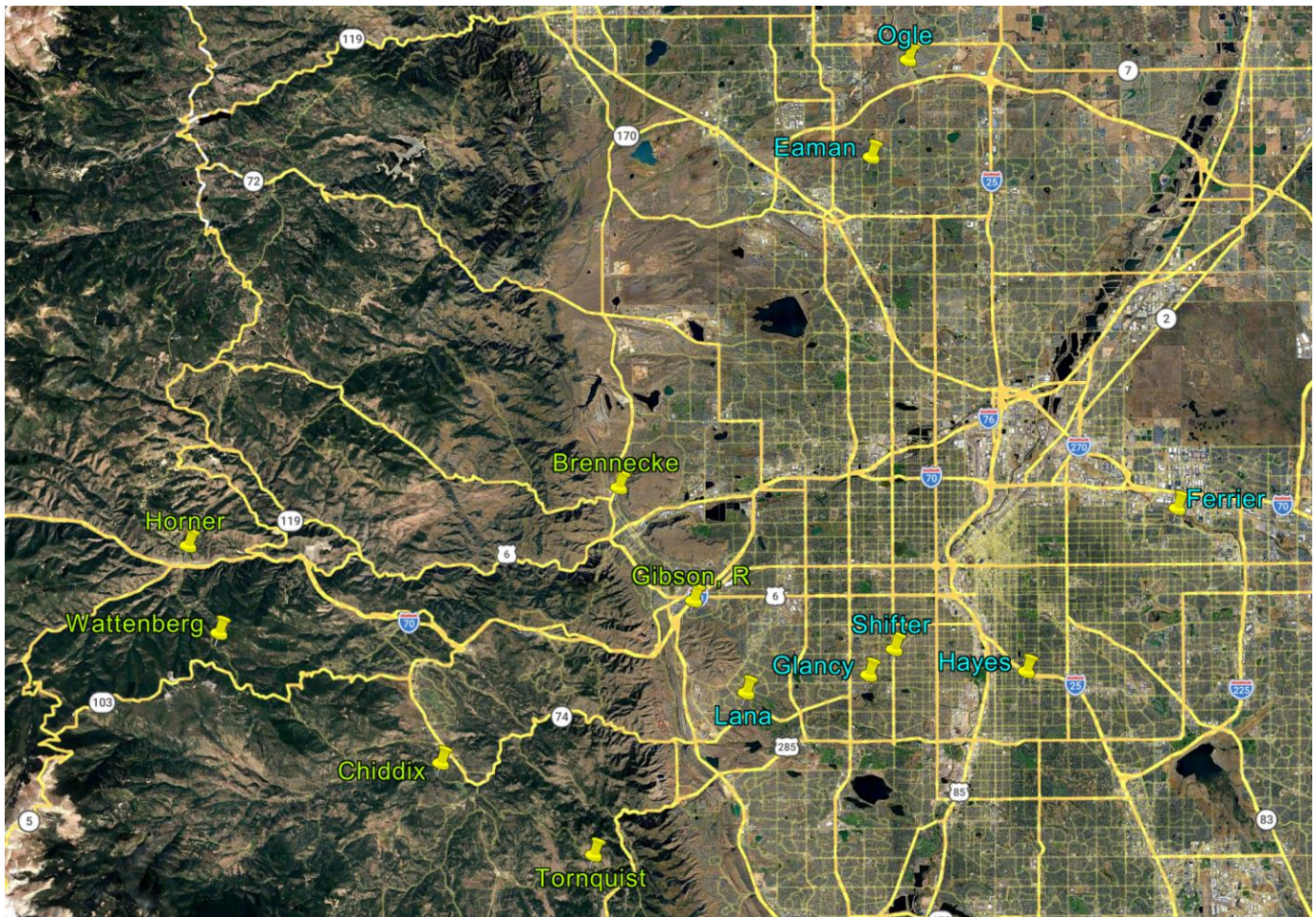
Sunday August 30 - Golden and the Foothills:

11AM-2PM:

Paul Brennecke MMR - The Grand Road
Rich Gibson - Maine Central Portland Division

1PM-5PM:

Mike Horner - RGS, D&RGW narrow gauge and DSP&P
Gary Wattenberg - Richest square mile on Earth
Jim Chiddix - Oahu Railway
Don Tornquist - Green River Gorge Division



Cedar River & Iowa Central Railway (CRANDIC Route)

Pat Lana, MMR
13797 W. Amherst Way,
Lakewood, CO

Saturday, 11AM-2PM

Park on street (Amherst Way or Coors Dr.); Please do not park in front of driveways, mailboxes, or fire hydrant. Follow signs to enter home and to go downstairs to basement.

This is an island/walk-in style N scale model railroad in a 44' X 22' L-shaped basement room. This prototype-based freelanced road runs from Kansas City north to central Iowa. Features of this operation-oriented layout include many scratch-built and kit-bashed structures; unique rural agricultural scenery of corn, soybeans and other cropland; and many mini-scenes, some humorous and some showing everyday life on this 1968-era freight and passenger railroad.



Franklin Southern Murphy Subdivision

Mark Shifter
1385 S. Benton St.
Lakewood, CO

Saturday, 11AM-2PM

Park along Arkansas Ave.; enter side door and go downstairs to basement.

The Franklin Southern is a multi-level walk-around layout in HO scale in a 12'x32' basement room. This proto-freelanced road takes place on the old Southern Railway's Murphy Branch, which ran from Asheville, NC, to Murphy, NC. It is a modern day, fictionalized version of this area, creating a bridge line from Asheville to Atlanta, GA, as well as local freight operations and a scenic excursion train. The layout represents a portion of this 114 mile line from Sylva, NC, to Murphy, NC, with a branch line from Sylva to Franklin, NC. This is an operations-oriented layout that depicts actual scenes in the Smoky Mountain region of North Carolina. There are many scratch-built and kit-bashed structures that represent present-day buildings and industries in this area.



Dueling Gauges Railroad and Navigation Co.

Gerry Glancy
6805 W Evans Ave.
Lakewood, CO

Saturday, 11AM-2PM

Park on street and enter via gate on right side of garage. Continue down steps and walkway to back yard and enter basement via sliding glass doors.



The name of the HO/HOn3 gauge railroad describes the two elements: standard gauge/narrow gauge with a good dose of maritime railroading for both gauges. Considerable geographic license is taken to allow for historical Colorado vignettes to head west and intersect with the Keddie Wye and San Francisco's Embarcadero. The latter receives a steady stream of car floats and ferries from Oakland and Ridgway (?!). The narrow gauge and the standard gauge join forces from Salida to Montrose thus permitting dual gauge operation. What buildings that do exist permit the railroad's era to be whatever the superintendent's mood to be, to wit: 30s -all steam, 50s- transition, or 80s all diesels. Having now taken the plunge with operations, the 80% complete layout will be refined as lessons are learned.

Colorado & Southern High Line

Keith Hayes
2001 S. Humbolt St,
Denver, CO

Saturday, 1PM-5PM

Park on East Asbury or South Humbolt. Enter the house through the rear door. Access is along the south side of the house. The layout is in the basement in about 400 sq ft of space.

This prototype-based S scale layout represents the 3-foot gauge Colorado & Southern 'South Park' between Leadville and Breckenridge, CO over Fremont Pass during the early 1930s at the height of the molybdenum boom. About 30% of the track and 20% of the scenery is complete. Many of the structures are scratch built based on the prototype buildings.



Colorado and Northwestern Railway

Jim Eaman
1355 Nissen Ct.
Broomfield, CO

Saturday, 1PM-5PM

Park on street in or near cul-de-sac. Enter front door of house and proceed to second floor.

The Colorado and Northwestern Railway (C&N) was built to serve the mines, mills and people of western Boulder County. The C&N was nicknamed the "The Switzerland Trail of America" and had sharp curves, steep grades and lots of history which make it an ideal prototype to model. I'm attempting to recreate the C&N in its entirety as it existed in 1908 with the intention to model most every station, all major features, every locomotive, every piece of rolling stock and every passenger car. The Sn3 layout is located in two rooms encompassing roughly 1000 sq. ft with 75% of track and benchwork complete and 25% scenicked. Prototypical operation is planned.



Cascades Lines West

Scott Ogle
15940 Vermillion Way
Broomfield CO

Saturday, 1PM-5PM

Limited parking in the cul-de-sac; 2 cars in driveway, 2 more nose-in on both sides of driveway. Lots of parking on straight street leading into the circle. Please don't block neighbors' driveways.

With mainline tracks newly completed, this will be the first time the HO scale Cascades Lines West is open for public viewing. It's a Golden Spike debut!



The CLW is an HO scale proto freelanced layout set in the Seattle area circa 1955, designed for operations. It fills a 25' x 40' area of my basement. Features include a very large classification yard, lots of industrial and maritime switching, and a long mainline up into the Cascade mountains. Even though the mainline and staging are complete, and the yard only needs its turntable, the Cascades Lines West is still very much a construction zone! Trains will run, showing off the promise of this ambitious railroad.

Westside and Kaslo: Timber & Ore of the High-Country

Dave Ferrier
9956 East 31st Ave.
Denver, CO

Saturday, 1PM-5PM

Park on street, enter through front door, and proceed down to basement.

This dual-themed, 10' x 25', Sn3 is layout inspired by West Side Lumber Co. (California) and the Kaslo & Slocan Railway (British Columbia) The layout blends logging, steep mountain railroading, ore operations, and interchange traffic in a footprint that feels spacious and purposeful. Even though two lines were not historically connected, this layout treats them as two railroads interchanging in a single mountain region. Steep grades and switchbacks create a great setting for believable interaction between the two railroads and the operation of geared and small rod engines hauling short ore and log trains.



The Grand Road

Paul Brennecke, MMR
990 N. Jackson St.
Golden, CO

Sunday, 11AM-2PM

Park on the street; enter through the garage (no knock is necessary) and work your way down stairs.

The Grand Road is a N-scale layout around the wall in a 9' by 13' room. The layout depicts about two miles of mainline track on the western slope of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Time frame of the railroad is contemporary. Seven staging tracks are under the visible part of the layout which is hard shell over cardboard strips. A major portion of the scenery are hydrocal rock castings colored with earth stains. Approximately 3000 trees populate the mountains. Turnouts are controlled by diode matrix. Train control utilizes NCE equipment. The railroad is 100% done.



Maine Central RR. - Portland Division

Rich Gibson
16431 W. Ellsworth Ave.
Golden, CO

Sunday, 11AM-2PM

Park on street; go through gate on right of driveway, down side steps, and enter through back door.

This prototype-based HO layout focuses on two branches of the Maine Central RR (MEC) that joined the E-W mainline at Brunswick, Maine, and a portion of the partly double-track mainline west toward Portland. The layout occupies a ~1900 sq. ft. basement and is built for operation. The Lewiston Lower branch heads NW from Brunswick, serving textile and other mills situated along the Androscoggin River. The Rockland branch heads east across rivers and tidal inlets to its terminus at Rockland on the Atlantic Ocean. Customers include a major cement plant, coal dock, large shipyard, canneries, and a variety of other small-town businesses. The layout is set in October 1951 when the MEC was using a mix of small to medium steam and first-generation diesels. Many of the structures are craftsman kits or scratchbuilt, and scenery is ~75% complete.



RGS, D&RGW narrow gauge and DSP&P

Mike Horner
building behind 345 19th Ave.
Idaho Springs, CO

Sunday, 1PM-5PM

Park on local streets and enter layout via steps on east side of garage. The number of people in the layout room at any time will be limited to prevent overcrowding.

This 1100 sq. ft. Hon3 layout is a composite of scenes and times from various parts of the Colorado narrow gauge. Scenery is 90% complete.

D.S.P.&P. West portal of Alpine tunnel circa 1882, including the early Alpine facilities extending across the Palisades, and around Sherrod curve to Woodstock (track continues on through a tunnel) to Vance Jct. on the RGS.

RGS: Ridgway town and RR facilities directly to Vance Jct. where the track splits to either Woodstock (DSP&P) or to Ames tank and over Butterfly trestle, then around Ophir loop, across the high-line to either Matterhorn or Rico. From Matterhorn the track reverses around a loop going to Alpine tunnel. From Rico the track passes through a tunnel (duck under) to the west side of Marshall Pass. 1935-39.

D&RGW: partial 3rd division from the lower west side of Marshall pass (tank 7) to Sargent, then either across a duck under (which will be removed for the convention) through the Tomichi valley, including Parlin, to Gunnison, or return to Ridgway from Sargent. All major railroad facilities include complete full scale size structures of all major RR buildings and structures that were in existence during RR operations at the given timelines. 1935-39.



Richest Square Mile On Earth

Gary Wattenberg
40 Columbine Dr.
Idaho Springs, CO

Sunday, 1PM-5PM

Park in driveway or on side of dirt road. Enter through garage and go up a few steps to layout room.

This 1940's era layout was inspired by Harry Brunk! Up Clear Creek On The Narrow Gauge. The layout focuses on Idaho Springs, Central City and Blackhawk located in the central Colorado Rocky Mountains. While there is an emphasis on prototype operation, the layout is a freelance of logging and mining operations! Many of the mines on my layout are prototypical of the area. I also have several modular layout diorama's. I am a native of Colorado and have lived in Idaho Springs since 1967 where the gold rush began!



Oahu Railway

Jim Chiddix
30504 Upper Bear Creek Rd
(1.1 miles west of Evergreen Lake turnoff
from CO-74, Evergreen Parkway)
Evergreen, CO

Sunday, 1PM-5PM

Follow signs up wooden driveway on left side of Upper Bear Creek Road. Park at top as directed. Enter through back door under deck at left of house and go straight ahead into basement shop and train room.



This On3 layout is based on the Oahu Railway, circa 1929, and has been constructed over the past 15 years in a 22' x 33' room. It features walk-in access and utilizes a mushroom architecture with dimmable and color-controllable LED lighting and photo-shopped backdrops derived from old panoramic photos. There are four scenes, including an 80-foot representation of Honolulu, including passenger depot, wharf, engine terminal, industries, and a large Dole Pineapple cannery complex with loads-in/empties-out operation. There's also a rural country-side area that overlooks Pearl Harbor, a pineapple plantation and a large sugar plantation with mill complex, worker village, extensive cane fields and a turning wye. The mill also has a separate On30, 2 1/2 foot cane-haul railroad. The mushroom incorporates a dual-track 39" minimum radius helix. The layout is 80% complete, with almost all track in place, including a hidden return track for continuous running and an Arduino-controlled turntable and moveable staging yard shelf. It's designed for future operations, with planned semaphore automatic block signals and many more industries.

Green River Gorge Division

Don Tornquist
21920 Rinconada Rd
Morrison, CO

Sunday, 1PM-5PM

Park along road, or in shared driveway making sure to leave space for others to get out. The trains are in the tan stucco house with entry on the back side of the house.

This fantasy On30 layout is set in southwestern-style white-water gorge country, roughly 1900-1930s. The railroad's reason for existence is to serve as the primary land transportation artery for the region and to provide rail service to Blackwater Port. Rolling stock is a mix of typical American narrow-gauge equipment of the period (no strict prototype). The outstanding model work created for the Lord of the Rings films was a strong influence and sparked the decision to lean fully into a fantasy theme. The layout is L-shaped 11 x 26 ft plus a 12 x 8 ft extension. Benchwork is complete, trackwork 25 %, and scenery 10 %. The primary purpose of the layout is to develop an operational simulation of running a railroad.

