



## THE NGPF 2020 PROJECT

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to share some exciting news from the recent Board of Director's meeting held in conjunction with the 36<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention last month in Augusta Maine. We felt as members, you should be the first to learn of Project 2020 which will be announced in our ad in the January/February, 2017 issue of the *Gazette*. As always, we welcome your thoughts and appreciate your support.

The Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation began in 2002 under its present non-profit structure, as described on page 4. When it started, the primary source of funding was through the generosity of one of our board members, who donated a substantial amount to insure the NGPF had the resources necessary to make a difference. And that difference is shown by the many projects since 2002 supported by the NGPF. From K-27 #463 to the Ardenwood California restoration facility, the NGPF has given over one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to a variety of worthy projects. In many cases, those grants insured success of the project and in some cases, were crucial to that success. Over the past two years, we have shared the story of many of those projects with you because you are partners in our efforts. You are also increasingly central to our ability to continue with our work.

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The NGPF has not relied solely on the largesse of our initial donor. We published three books and a DVD, the income from which, through the generosity of the author, helped us fund our grants and programs. We have received generous donations from the public and have been the recipient of support from Narrow Gauge Convention committees. In 2015, the Houston committee hosted an auction and made a substantial donation to our benefit. Some \$12,000 was raised. Next year, the Denver committee (37th National Narrow Gauge Convention) is sponsoring a fund-raising auction to benefit the NGPF.



NGPF funded boxcar restoration underway in Alna, Maine

All of these efforts and acts of support demonstrate support from the Narrow Gauge Society for what we do and also the importance of the NGPF both to prototype preservation efforts but also to significant model preservation. We are the only narrow gauge preservation organization trying to preserve our model heritage. In short, we are very proud of our past efforts but also of our past support.

The reality is that there are far more worthy projects than we have funds available. That is why in Augusta Maine at the 36th National Narrow Gauge Convention at our annual BOD meeting (see related article on page 3), the Board announced Project 2020. In short,

come January we will embark on the most ambitious fund-raising effort to date. Our goal is to raise \$202,000 by 2020 in order to continue making a difference in Narrow Gauge Society. We will do so in a manner that does not compete with other groups or specific projects. While perhaps counter-intuitive, our mission is to help others preserve narrow gauge, not compete with them. Of course, you will be asked to help. Indeed, our members have been generous in the past both with their moral and financial support. But we harbor no illusions that the burden of reaching our goal should fall upon your shoulders alone. We will be aggressively seeking donations and support from a variety of sources and explore innovative measures to increase revenue.

That revenue is crucial toward future and existing projects such as restoration of T-12's #168 and 169. Imagine double-headed 4-6-0's on Cumbres Pass! Add restored RGS #20, operational next year, and the mind indeed boggles. SPNG #18 is near operation but lacks track upon which to run. Additional funds might insure creation of and display of more of the historic narrow gauge models in our collection. A Utah group is rushing to complete restoration of D&RGW C-16 #223 by the time of the 2019 NMRA convention in Salt Lake City. In short, there is no dearth of worthy causes and your ideas and support are appreciated.

We could not do what we do without you. So look for the ads and further details and please consider a year-end tax-deductible gift as your statement that Project 2020 is important to you too.

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**Mission**

The Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation will preserve, exhibit and interpret significant prototype and model Narrow Gauge artifacts, as well as educate the public on the importance of Narrow Gauge railroading

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**BOB BROWN**

is editor and publisher of the Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette, the premier magazine devoted to Narrow Gauge. Since 1975, the Gazette has documented the history of narrow gauge in articles, plans, photos and has acted as a focus for the Narrow Gauge community. Bob Brown, a Master Model Railroader as recognized by the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), has been building narrow gauge models for over sixty five years and has amassed a collection of pioneer narrow gauge models reflecting his own interest in the history of Narrow Gauge. Bob also serves on the Museum Committee of the NMRA. Bob is the chairman of the Board.

**SAM FURUKAWA**

is a recognized photographer of Narrow Gauge, author and modeler. Retired from a long career at Microsoft Corporation, Sam is now a professor at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. He is an author of three books on Colorado's preserved narrow gauge railroads. He has extensively photographed the operations of the surviving narrow gauge lines of Colorado and New Mexico and some of his videos have recently been released to the public by the NGPF.

**FRED HAMILTON**

was a long time employee for Kalmbach Publishing serving on the sales staff of both Trains and Model Railroader Magazines. Fred is also an avid On3 modeler and remains close to the model railroad industry. In the past, he has served as President and Executive Director of the industry's trade association and currently serves as the Treasurer of the NGPF.

**BOB HAYDEN**

is the author of numerous articles and books on narrow gauge topics and also was a long time employee at Kalmbach Publishing working on Model Railroader, Trains, Classic Toy Trains, Garden Railways and Fine Scale Modeler Magazines. Bob has also built narrow gauge models for over fifty years and currently works in the publication field. Bob serves as Secretary of the NGPF.

**FRED HILL**

is the owner of the original Whistle Stop in Pasadena, a major hobby shop in Southern California. He has long been active in railroad preservation for both narrow and standard gauges and is involved with two model companies, The Coach Yard and Thin Film Decals. He has served with distinction for many years as an officer and board member on several hobby trade associations.

**JIMMY BOOTH**

comes from a distinguished career as a principal at P-B-L (Peter Built Locomotives), a major supplier and importer of Sn3 locomotives and equipment. He also has dedicated much of his life researching the history of D&RGW narrow gauge equipment and has served as a historical advisor to both the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic and Durango and Silverton Railroads. Jimmy volunteers at a local museum as a steam locomotive engineer.

**A REPORT ON THE NGPF BOD MEETING**

The Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation Board of Directors met in Augusta Maine to address a variety of important issues. Some of the BOD members were able to visit and see the ongoing boxcar preservation efforts described in Volume 1, No. 4 describing the B&SR boxcar undergoing rebuilding. We also saw some excellent examples of what a solid preservation team with community support can accomplish. Some of the photos from those visits are featured in this newsletter. Two clinics on the NGPF were given and new members signed up. We now have a record number of members.



*BOD Chair Bob Brown in cab of WW&F #9*

The Board heard an optimistic estimate of the effort needed to restore D&RGW T-12 #169. We offered a matching grant of \$5,000 to assist in running gear repair or toward reconstruction of the cab. Earlier assistance helped rebuild the tender. It is possible, with sufficient support that two T-12's could be operating on the C&TS! The BOD also authorized two \$1500 matching grants for re-roofing of the historic South Pacific Coast narrow gauge depot at Agnew California and track construction at the Orange-Empire museum in Southern California. The latter is to allow operation of the historic Ward Kimball narrow gauge collection, housed there. The BOD authorized creation of a NGPF model display in Golden Colorado at the Colorado Railroad Museum. The BOD also recognized the need to update and modernize our website, woefully out of date. We hope to launch the new improved version early in 2017.

The most exciting and significant action taken was launching Project 2020 to insure a strong and steady NGPF presence in the future. By the year 2020, only three years hence, we hope to have raised \$202,000.00 or more so we can continue making a difference in model and prototype narrow gauge preservation. That project is described on page 1.

**UPCOMING ISSUES**

- The Models of Len Madsen
- A Tale of two T-12's; road to Restoration
- EBT Hoppers – A Long Way From Home
- Preserving Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge steam

**From The Executive Director**

This issue highlights our Board meeting held this September at the 36<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention. At that meeting, some important decisions were made as reported elsewhere. We are very busy updating our website, helping on new projects and insuring a bright future for the NGPF but more importantly, for Narrow Gauge in general. We need you more than ever as our partners in that effort. Thanks for being a member and thanks for your help.

*Charlie Getz*

Since 1975, Charlie has written a column for the Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette and has been active in the NMRA, currently serving as its President. He has been Executive Director of the NGPF since its inception.



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### WHO WE ARE - WHAT WE DO AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation (NGPF) was first established as the Narrow Gauge Trust in 2000. It was the dream of one of our board members to help preserve Narrow Gauge in both its prototype and model form. In 2002, the Narrow Gauge Trust Fund was incorporated as the Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation, and acquired non-profit status both within the State of California and as recognized by the Federal government. As a non-profit public benefit corporation, our mission is to establish interactive exhibits where the public can learn of the significant history of Narrow Gauge railroading as well as to support preservation activities and projects wherever possible.

The foundation is administered by a board of directors, which does not receive compensation. The NGPF is proud that less than five percent of its funds are spent on administrative costs. Thus, ninety five percent of the funds raised go toward preservation efforts.

Our primary function is the creation of interactive exhibits where the public can be told the story of Narrow Gauge, such as the one at Chama. As with the Chama exhibit, each exhibit will include interactive video presentations and models as well as dioramas, photographs and other graphics to explain the significance of the Narrow Gauge railroading experience. As a secondary function, the NGPF assists Narrow Gauge preservation efforts across North America. These efforts to date have exceeded over one million dollars and in some cases have made the difference between preservation and loss of significant artifacts.

The foundation is also unique in supporting the efforts of Narrow Gauge Preservation projects throughout the United States rather than concentrating on one area or one particular project. To date, the organization has supported projects on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, Ardenwood Park in California, Friends of Denver and Rio Grande Engine #169, the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Railroad Foundation, The Colorado Railroad Museum, the Southeast Narrow Gauge and Shortline Museum in North Carolina and the Durango Railroad Historical Society, among others. In addition, we have preserved the collections of prominent narrow gauge modelers, extensive libraries of books as well as important art pieces depicting narrow gauge scenes.

One of the unique aspects of the NGPF is the use of matching grants to encourage the receiving parties to reach out to the public for support. Many of our grants require that the receiving agency establish within a set time frame, an equal number of individual new donations from members of the public, which not only shows support for the particular project, but also provides new sources of funding for the organization. As a result of this policy, organizations receiving our grants have reported increased donations. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible, acknowledged and appreciated. By donating, you support a variety of worthwhile projects and thereby enhance preservation of Narrow Gauge.