

NGPF PROVIDES \$20,000.00 MATCHING GRANT FOR #168 RESTORATION

Since the last newsletter, the NGPF announced a major contribution toward the restoration of former D&RGW 4-6-0, #168. Due to the generosity of a member, we made a \$20,000.00 matching grant specifically to fund restoration of the tender, a job estimated to cost between \$30-40,000.00. As a matching grant, the C&TS Railroad will raise sufficient funds for this part of the project. This grant is directly attributable to our membership.

On the way to the 37th NNGC (see accompanying story), Executive Director (ED) Charlie Getz spent a few days visiting past and current projects partly funded with your help, by the NGPF.

The tour took place due to an invitational ride behind restored D&RGW C-18 #315. This excursion will be described in the next issue. Suffice to say that the NGPF played a major role in the restoration of this sole survivor of its class.

On the way to Chama, Getz had the chance to stop in Antonito to see the results of two NGPF grants. The first grant was for transportation of D&RGW T-12 #168 from its decades-old display in Colorado Springs to the secure engine house in Antonito where it is undergoing restoration. The second is the aforementioned matching grant to restore the tender of #168. As the pictures show, this project is already showing results from the newly restored tender trucks to the rebuilt frame. The tank itself will follow shortly. While much work remains, your help has made it possible for the #168 to operate as early as 2019.

While in Antonito, Getz was able to view the EBT hoppers used



in ballast service, which were the subject of a past newsletter. The NGPF purchased three of these hoppers, later supplemented by three more purchased by the railroad, for this use. So successful were they that the Durango and Silverton followed suit, justifying the Blackstone HOn3 models of EBT hoppers lettered for the D&RGW.

On the way back from Chama, Getz stopped in Como for a tour of the recently restored roundhouse and Klondike Mines #4. Too dim for photos, the interior of the roundhouse provides a safe place for this engine to rest between steam ups. The turntable is in; trackage is being added, the depot is fully restored and the old Pacific Hotel is coming back to life. Our assistance was given credit for making much of this possible and the enthusiastic new group behind restoring Como holds great promise for the future.

Finally, he met briefly with Colorado Railroad Museum Director

Donald Tallman about our proposed display of Colorado narrow gauge models. Scheduled for 2019, this display will highlight models of prototype equipment on display at the Museum. At the convention, we received a stunning large-scale model of a D&SL 2-6-6-0 and caboose from noted modeler George Konrad. Perhaps that will join the CRRM display.

So this preconvention inspection tour demonstrated the positive impact of the NGPF in accomplishing our mission of preserving significant prototype and model narrow gauge artifacts. We will report more in upcoming editions.

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Report from Denver – Part I.

In this and the next edition of the newsletter, we would like to discuss the 37th National Narrow Gauge Convention and its positive impact on the Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation. In Part II of this report in the next edition, we will address the Board of Director's meeting and update initiatives for the upcoming year.

In this edition, we will describe what happened at the convention, culminating in a fund-raising auction netting just under \$9,500.00 for our programs.

First things first however. The 37th National Narrow Gauge convention held in Denver attracted over 1,700 participants. The NGPF had a booth and presented two clinics on the NGPF and the work we do. The booth was adjacent to the *Narrow Gauge and Short line Gazette* booth and thus benefited from the assistance of Editor Bob Brown and NGPF Board member Bob Hayden when Executive Director Charlie Getz was out and about. Interacting with attendees was rewarding and productive. We signed up nearly a dozen new members and renewed some existing memberships. We received donations and many encouraging comments. We passed out dozens of brochures.

The clinics included a power point presentation with a question-answer session. Due to a glitch, the NNGC committee did not list these clinics in their printed program, an omission luckily caught in time to allow posting of the clinics on an "update" board created for just such changes. As a result, we had a good turnout for both clinics including Board members. The clinics covered the history of the NGPF, our philosophy, a number of past projects, a discussion on current activities and a list of future potential projects.

We were pleased to have past and current recipients of NGPF grants present including representatives of Friends of the 169 and Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad. One concern we always have is not competing with these groups and others for fundraising. We were gratified that none of the grantees present, when asked, felt we in any way interfered with or negatively impacted their fundraising efforts. To the contrary, they were most effusive in their praise of our assistance and especially, our policy of giving matching grants. Unlike other organizations, we insist that the organization receiving a grant match the amount of that grant with new individual contributions. We do this for two reasons. First, we believe that the organization should demonstrate support in the narrow gauge community for their project. Secondly, this makes our money go twice as far effectively doubling our grant. Many recipients receiving these matching grants initially express concern about their ability to do additional fundraising. We are happy to report that in every case they discover the matching grant eases that fundraising and actually makes it far more effective.



Another point of interest to many attendees was our selection of projects or aspects of projects that would be difficult to fund. Examples include transporting locomotives from A to B for preservation purposes. We paid to move D&RGW #168 from its park location in Colorado Springs to Antonito where it is undergoing restoration. (See main story), and to return RGS #20 from its restoration facility in Pennsylvania to the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. Raising money for locomotive restoration is far easier than to transport a locomotive, as necessary as that may be.

The NNGC committee sponsored an auction held at the end of the convention to benefit the NGPF. ED Charlie Getz was auctioneer, ably assisted by *Sn3 Modeler* magazine Publisher/Editor Don Heimbarger. Over 100 donated items were auctioned off raising \$4,400.00. All proceeds went to the NGPF. In addition, the committee donated an additional \$5,000.00. Many thanks to Chair Patrick Tillery and the committee for this generous donation and their splendid support (*In our next issue, we will continue our discussion of the convention and Board of Directors meeting*).



UPCOMING ISSUES

- Report From Denver, Part II
- Anniversary Trip on #315
- The Models of Len Madsen
- Displays at the Colorado Railroad Museum



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.

From The Executive Director

Denver was fantastic for the NGPF and I enjoyed meeting many of you there. This was a very positive experience for the NGPF and I only wish all of you could have attended. The BOD meeting was important for the future of the NGPF with more on that meeting next issue. As we near year's end, please consider a gift to the NGPF. It may lower your tax obligations next year and it will help us immeasurably in continuing our work. We have far more projects than funds so every little bit helps.

A very happy holiday season to you all.

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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BOOK DISCOUNT!

At the Denver NGPF Board meeting, a member only discount on the three published books by Sam Furukawa was announced. Buy one title and receive a 25% discount off retail; buy two and receive 35% and if you buy all three, 50%! Titles include the *Cumbres and Toltec* (\$49.95), *Durango and Silverton* (\$49.95) and *Narrow Gauge to the San Juan* (\$53.95). Books can be ordered from Bob Hayden at www.bobhayden.com; mention the discount and provide your member number.

NEW WEBSITE COMING!

We are in the process of redesigning our website at a new address. Formerly ngpf.org, our new website can be found at www.thengpf.org. We are not quite finished yet but look for the new and improved website soon.

SPECIAL REQUEST

As mentioned in the ED Report, 2017 will soon be but a memory. As you contemplate this year's end, won't you consider a tax-deductible donation to the NGPF? It will help us, assist Narrow Gauge and might just help you come tax time next April. Any amount by check or credit card will be acknowledged and appreciated. Send to the address on page 4 or our website. And thanks in advance for any help.

Errata

We reported in the last newsletter that a new member had made a significant donation in honor of a deceased friend. That friend, Ronald Schmidt, is not deceased and we sincerely regret the error, which was entirely ours.



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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.