

NMGRR Member Triumphant

Boomer Keel

The Cibola Railroad crew is proud to report that NMGR member Boomer Keel brought home two awards in the 2014 "Mik's Build Challenge" hosted on line by Largescalecentral.com. Working in 1/20.3 scale, he constructed a circa 1930's fireworks stand with a complete selection of pyrotechnics as well as figures and vehicles. The entry won first place for "Best Build" and second place for "Best Build Log". You can find his build log (construction notes) and more pictures on line at <http://www.largescalecentral.com/forums/topic/20602/bupp-s-fireworks-stand-2014-1s>

The challenge is hosted annually by Large Scale Central, a privately run G scale model railroad forum. Participants do not need to be paying members of the forum (although registration is required to post). There is no charge for entering the build challenge. The challenge was originally started by Allan "Mik" Bupp and run with the assistance of Bob McCown, LSC.com owner, and Dave Taylor, a G-scale modeler from Farmington NM. It was renamed this year in memory of Mr. Bupp who passed away last fall.

Each entrant is provided a basic starting point and a few basic rules, #1 of which is, "have fun". The category changes annually and is a mystery until the contest period begins. For 2014, Mr. Taylor took over as the coordinator and chose the subject of the build to be a structure of no more than 90 linear feet (in the builders scale) and incorporating a standard door which he provided in three different scales. Contestants then had five weeks to complete their project documenting their progress in a build log on the forum. This year was one of the highest levels of participation, with 26 model railroaders entering and 17 finishing.

Dave Taylor hopes to make the trip from Farmington to present Boomer his prize at the NMGR East Mountain Tour. Prizes are donated by members of the LSC Forum. A complete list of winners follows:

1st Place Best Build: Boomer Keel -- "Bupp's Fireworks Stand"

2nd Place Best Build: John Passaro -- "St Francis yard station and tower"

3rd Place Best Build: Tom "Doc" Grabenstein -- "Fish Creek company store"

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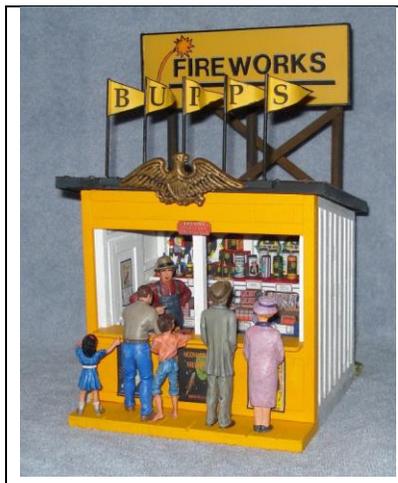
2nd Place Best Build Log: Boomer Keel -- "Bupp's Fireworks Stand"

3rd Place Best Build Log: Doug Arnold "Undertaker and furniture shop"

Sprit of "Mik" Award (best use of found materials): Aaron Loyett -- "Mik's Salvage Company"

Most Original 1:20.3 Build: Tom & Cody Huisenga -- "Big John Iron Mine"

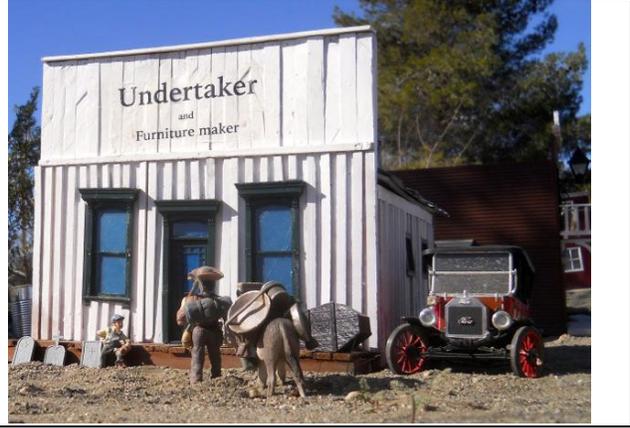
Best use of Vehicles/Rolling Stock: John Passaro -- "St Francis yard station and tower"



Bupp's Fireworks Stand by Boomer Keel won first place in the LargeScaleCentral.com building contest and second place in the documentation contest.



Aaron Loyett's "Mik's Salvage Company"



Doug Arnold's undertaker & furniture shop



John Passaro's St. Francis yard station



"Doc" Grabenstein's Fish Creek co. store