

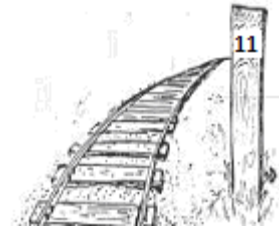


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<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>May 13</b>  <b>Sand Creek</b>  <b>Police Station</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station 4125 Sand Creek Dr. (Southeast of Academy and Fountain)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Minutes</b> by Bill Galloway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called into session at 7:30pm.</li> <li>There was a good turnout of members: 30 members present.</li> <li>The Treasury report was given and accepted.</li> <li>Dusty Thomson gave an update of the spring swap meet. Dusty said 33 spots have been sold and there are 2 tables left. He will be there Friday evening at 6:00pm to start setting up the rooms and modular sections of the Pikes Peak Division Layout. Members are needed to help Friday and Saturday. Saturday, he will be there at 6:20 am to open up and get things rolling. Vendors will be setting up between 7:00am and 9:00am. The show hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm. There will be a large amount of N scale equipment for sale.</li> <li>Wade Mountz now has 5 layouts to participate in the layout tour in July: Bob Foltz (who will have a feature article in the upcoming June Model Railroader), Bill Galloway, Eric Lumberg, John Campbell, and Wade Mountz. Dates and times TBD.</li> <li>John Emmot has completed re-wiring and fixing up the division owned modules. Please contact John for assignments at the show.</li> <li>Jack Sousa announced the Rocky Mountain Region Convention and to check the website for more details.</li> <li>Bob Haggart made a motion to sell his two loop modules - used to create a dogbone configuration for smaller shows - to the Pikes Peak Division. The motion passed. John will collect these to store at Myron's.</li> <li>Contest winners: Structures - see photos on the next page.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Jerry Bonds for his HO scale Yosemite Valley Merced Falls station.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Dusty Thomson's HO scale engine house</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Dale's N scale engine house</li> </ul> </li> <li>Next Month's Contest is: Passenger Car</li> </ul> <p>Respectively submitted by:            Bill Galloway</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> John La Borde provided a presentation on the Kansas Pacific Railroad in Colorado.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting</b>            Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IN THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Schedule &amp; Location:</b> 1</p> <p><b>Whose Who in the Region:</b> 1</p> <p><b>Module Display Schedule:</b> 1</p> <p><b>Meeting Minutes</b> 1</p> <p><b>Local Area Notes &amp; Events:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Agenda</b> 2</p> <p><b>Up coming Div. 4 Clinics/Programs:</b> 2</p> <p><b>2010 Modeling Contests:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Modular Musings:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Contest Photos:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Modeling Tips &amp; Tricks</b> 3</p> <p><b>NMRA news</b> -</p> <p><b>Where to Find It: Advertisements</b> 3</p>
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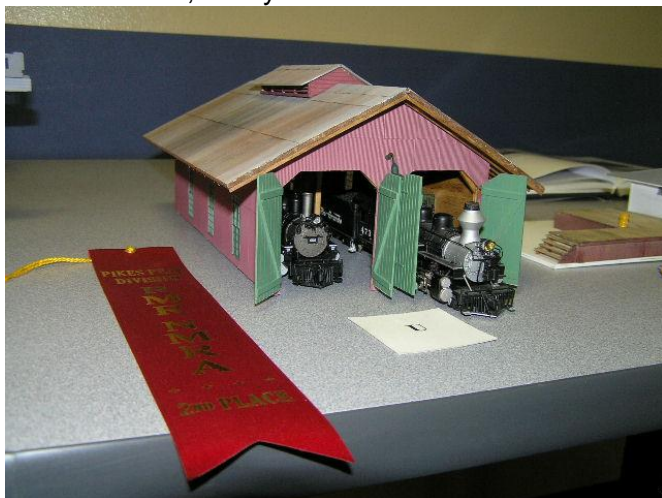
### Photos of contest winners:

There was a good turnout for this category:

First Place, Jerry Bonds



Second Place, Dusty Thomson



Third Place, Dale -----



### Local Area Notes & Events

- Pikes Peak Division Swapmeet - April 16th, 2011, Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th St., Colorado Springs, CO This is right across from the Uintah Gardens and King Soopers shopping center on 19th and Uintah. 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Rocky Mountain Region Convention Sept 2-4

Find other events at:

<http://www.tecoshow.org/index.htm>

<http://www.ppdnmra.com/>

<http://www.trains.com/trc/community/events/search.asp>

<http://www.tecoshow.org/colocalevents.htm>

<http://www.trainweb.org/drgwscenicline/events.html>

### May meeting topics:

1. Welcome new members
2. Wrap up Spring Swap Meet

### Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

May - Rick Huntrods will do a 1-hour clinic on trees  
- both Conifers and Super trees

Got a project that you would like to share? Is there a technique you would like to learn? Let Bob Binder or Charles Marchbanks know.

### 2011 CONTESTS

January	Coil car kit bashing challenge
February	Caboose
March	Steam Locomotive
April	Structure (RR and non-RR)
May	Passenger Car
June	Tank, Box, or Refrigerator car
July	Flat, Hopper, or Gon with load
August	Mow Equipment
September	Prototype Photo
October	Diesel or Electric Locomotive
November	Photo of your Model RR, module, or diorama
December	No contest

## **Modular Musings**

**By  
John Emmot**

The Pikes Peak Division has held another successful Trainshow in Colorado Springs. April 16 was a good day for the Division. We fielded a 28 X 12 foot layout for the enjoyment of those attending the swapmeet. The modules included the Division orphans along with those from Thomson and Lutt, Gelsinger, Hansz, Marchbanks and for the first time at a Division show, D. Attig. D. brought his new 8 foot pair of engine and car maintenance facilities. They featured some interesting lighting and backdrop techniques and on-the-fly scenicing. The layout ran well, though track three was not available to complete a circle. We used teathered DCC and radio DC successfully on tracks one and two. There was no joy with radio DCC and we may have to send some components to NCE for checkout. If there is anyone in the area who really knows NCE DCC troubleshooting, we invite your participation. We had good help through out the day. D. watched train watchers all day. Jerry Hansz brought and ran a Santa Fe freight and a long military equipment train. Andy Buco ran a Santa Fe freight. Irv Johnson ran a Rio Grande passenger consist and Bill Galloway ran a Santa Fe passenger train. John Emmot ran the usual Missouri Pacific freight. If I have missed anyone here, I apologize. Wade Mountz again helped transport the orphans to and from the show. Many Division members were present to help setup the layout and the swap tables on Friday evening.

There were several good conversations with folks in the area who have or would like to have model trains and cards with our contact information were handed out. We may want to see if the local train shops will let us post a sheet with our contact info as some folks said they hadn't heard of the Division before.

Again, let me encourage anyone who can to participate in future module setups. I've never been to one where we had too much help. See you at the meeting.

**John**

**Editors / Assistant Superintendents  
Desk**

**By  
Charles Marchbanks**

My thanks is given to Bill Galloway for doing the first two pages of this issue. I hope that you will enjoy this and future issues of the milepost.

The division had another successful train show in April and I thank Dusty and all those that helped him make it a success. I think that we should consider doing another show in October or November at the church again. I thought that we had a good crowd and if we continue to get the word out and people know where we are the crowd should stay the same.

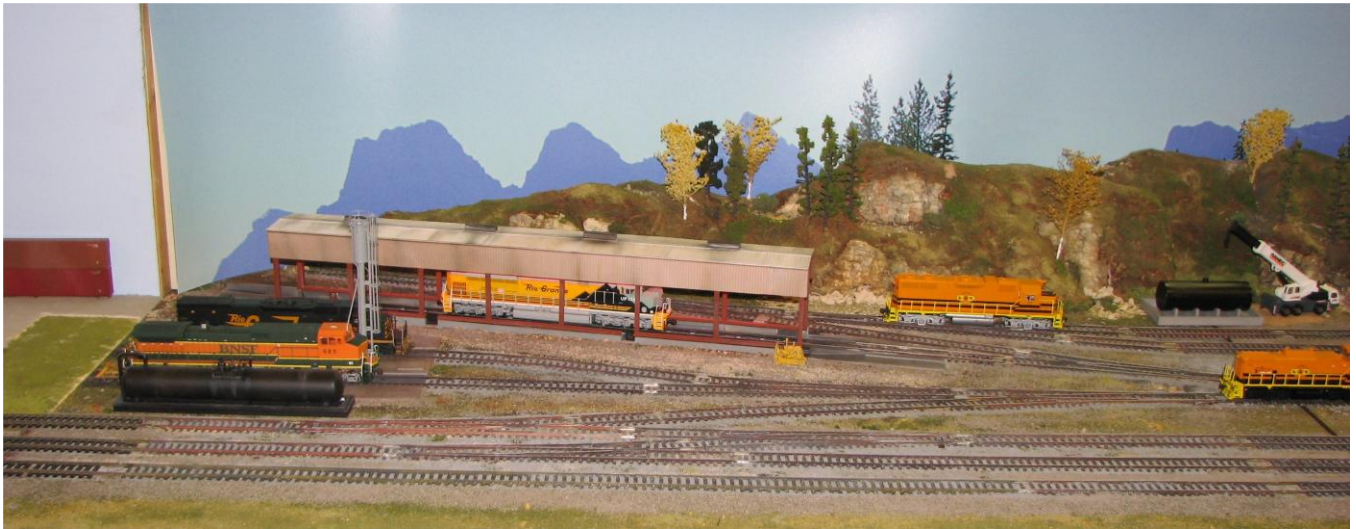
Now a few thoughts on the trailer for the modules, I have seen several variations on this but here are my thoughts. I suggest a trailer that is 6' or 6 ½ 'wide at least 12' long and 6 ½ ' tall. The trailer should have a pointed front which would work well for the corners in a stacked or shelved fashion. A side door would be nice though not essential. It should have exposed wood on the inside walls to facilitate the mounting of shelves (railing) to put the modules on. We should be able to get modules stacked 3 high in the trailer plus the dog bones on the floor without scenery. At this length of trailer and for best performance during towing a double axle trailer would be best. One more thing to think about vehicles in Colorado pulling a trailer with two axles is required to have working trailer brakes (at least that is my understanding).

We can build supports to put the 4' modules on so we can put them crossways in the trailer. I have some wood that we could use to build these supports for the modules. I would be interested in being able to keep my modules in a trailer. I am also willing to provide a spot to store the trailer. The ability to hook and go and not worrying about loading would be nice.

A suggestion that I heard made after John had left the church after the train show was to have the Region be the owner of the trailer and buy it for us to use and get the region to pay for tags. We in turn would lease the trailer from the Region. The primary puller or pullers of the trailer should add it to their insurance.

I am for the building of one or two inside corners to increase the setup possibilities for the modules. Personally I would like to be able to use all 4 of my modules at setups. Jerry Drews had a good idea of having the youth in model railroading helping build the inside corners. I think that I have given enough thoughts for this month.

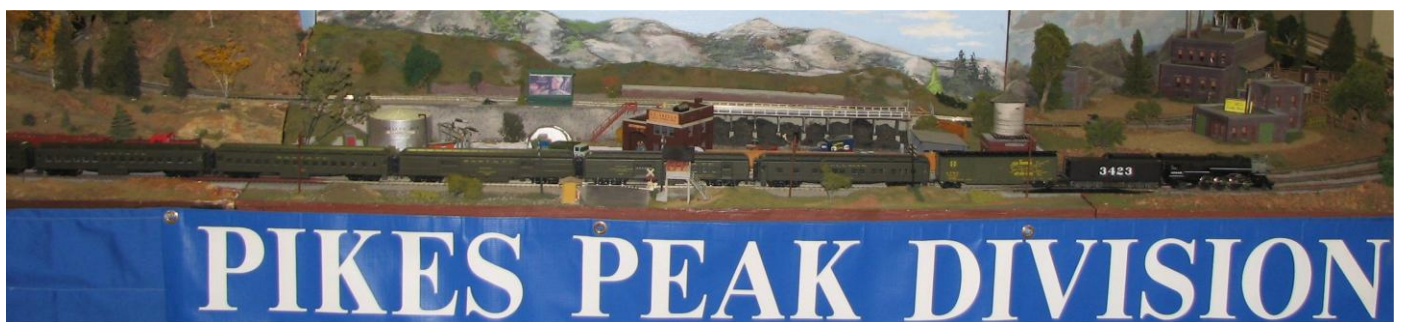
Charles  
Photo Gallery



D Attig's modules at the division train show. This is the left module featuring an engine servicing facility with fuel rack and sanding facility. It also has a open wall engine shed with inspection pit.



This is D's right module which features a car shop and work area.



Bill Galloway ran a Santa Fe Passenger train during the Divisions show. I like how John caught the Pikes Peak Division part of the sign in this Photo.



John Emmot ran his Missouri Pacific freight train at the division train show.

**Rocky Mountain Region**  
**2011**  
**NMRA CONVENTION**

**GREAT WEST RAILS 2011**

**September 1-4**  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
and Conference Center  
Loveland, Colorado

Hosted by the:  
**Northern Colorado Division**

*Layout Tours - Prototype Tours - NMRA Contests - Operating Sessions - Greeley Freight Station Museum - Saturday Evening Banquet, featuring railroad dining car recipes - Region Company Store - and yes, even the RMR Board meeting!*

The convention hotel will be the Embassy Suites - Loveland, located just off Interstate 25 between Loveland and Greeley. Our confirmed convention rate of \$99 per night (plus tax) for one or two people in a suite, slightly higher for 3 or 4, and includes a full cooked-to-order breakfast to start your day. To get this special rate, you must make your reservations no later than August 2nd. You must mention that you are with the Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA when making your reservation. For those registering on line, there will be a convention registration code posted shortly on the convention web page.


Nearby are many eating establishments and a regional shopping center. Don't forget that, in addition to the regular NMRA and popular vote contests, there will be a special mini-diorama contest. Details were in the February 2011 Callboard. With the data of the convention being pushed back, you have time to work on an even more spectacular project!

Convention registration is \$50.00, and spouses or minor children of a primary registrant can register for \$25.00. All convention registrations include admission to the Greeley Freight Station museum during the convention.

Banquet tickets are \$40.00 each, and reservations must be received no later than August 20th. Please fill out the accompanying registration form and send it to the address indicated.

The convention program is continuing to evolve. Please check back with the convention page on the RMR web site for updates. If you have any specific questions, please contact Rich Coleman at richcoleman@mesanetworks.net, or (303)833-4831.

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