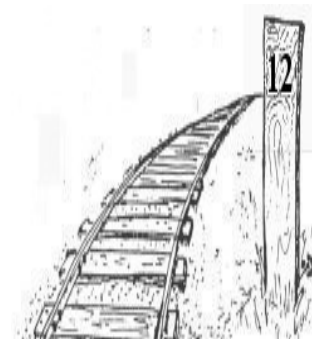




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NEXT MEETING
April, 13
Sand Creek Police
Station 7:30 PM

Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station 4125 Center Park drive(Southeast of Academy and Fountain)

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January Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Bob Binder at 7:30 PM

Minutes from December meeting were approved as printed in the milepost.

Treasures report:

Old Business

TECO Show is in March

Pikes Peak Division Show is on May 12, 2012.

New Business:

Asked for Volunteer to plan this years Layout tour.

Problem with the wireless NCE remotes at TECO show.

Contest: see contest photos for results.

Compiled by Charles Marchbanks acting secretary

Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting

Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.



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Module Display Schedule

Pikes Peak Division Show on May 12.

February Contest Photos



First place in the February contest was won by the Union Pacific work train. Photo by Charles Marchbanks



Charles Marchbanks won 2nd with his Union Pacific crane work train. Photo by Charles Marchbanks



This MofW car won 3rd. Photo by Charles Marchbanks

March Contest Photos

Only two model were entered in the contest so no awards were given.



Photo by John Emmot



Photo by John Emmot

Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

April 13th a visit from David Moffat, a Colorado pioneer and builder of the Denver Northwestern and Pacific Railway. Joint meeting with Railroad Historical Society.

Mays meeting, we will be setting up for train show.

Dates are open for 2012

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

2012 CONTESTS

April = Structures (RR or non-RR)

May = Steam Loco

June = Boxcar/Covered Hopper

July = Caboose

August = Diesel or Electric Motive Power

September = Bent Screwdriver

October = Passenger Car

November = Your personal picture of a diorama, module or locomotive power

December = No contest

Local Area Notes & Events

TECO

The Freedom Financial Services Expo Center
3660 N. Nevada Ave. Colorado Springs

June 2-3, 2012. Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-3.

\$5.00 per person. \$8.00 per Family

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/collocalevnts.htm>

<http://www.trainweb.org/drgwscenicline/events.htm>
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Modular Musings **by John Emmot**

Time passes, memories dim. The last setup was a while back. We had a 12 X 40 foot layout at the last TECO show. Friday afternoon setup went well with all of the pieces getting there in the time window. Good help was present to assemble the modules and we made a test run on DC and DCC before we left. Scheduling operators was interesting, but in the end we had trains running when we needed them. A nice variety of trains ran over the layout throughout the show. Teardown and getting everything home was accomplished Sunday afternoon. Of note; this was the last time that Andy Buco will run with this group. Andy is moving to Florida later this spring. It will be difficult to replace his enthusiasm and participation in the module group.

Our second radio cab has been returned from NCE after repair of the radio function. There was no charge for the fix.

Our next setup will be at the PPD show and swap meet on May 12. We will need a layout of 12 X 28 or 32 feet. We need to think about which modules will be available for this event. Are there any new modules nearing completion?

Remember, this month's program is a visit from David Moffat, a Colorado pioneer and builder of the Denver Northwestern and Pacific Railway.

See ya at the meeting.
John

NMRA INFONET NEWS

Quite a bit of news came out of the Winter NMRA Board of Directors meeting last week. I'm going to split it between this edition of the InfoNet News and next month's, to make sure you get a chance to see everything.

News from the Board meeting:

Tom Draper, manager of the National Train Show, reported that the [number of booth sales](#) for the show at Grand Rails 2012 is currently at the same level it was at this time last year for the show in Sacramento.

After a necessarily short search by the NMRA Canada Nominating Committee, Clark Kooning volunteered for an appointment as [NMRA Canada Director](#) when Don Hillman stepped down from the job for health reasons. We wish Don all the best, and thank Clark for his willingness to serve at the last minute.

Financially, [the NMRA ended 2011 in very good standing](#) and is currently rebuilding some of its funds from which it had borrowed in the past. In addition there is currently enough money in the budget to hire an IT professional to repair, maintain, and update the NMRA website.

The [NMRA has announced an agreement of cooperation](#) between itself and the [Hasea.com](#) Model Railroad Association (HRMA) of China, a community of over 100,000 railfans and model railroaders. The HRMA, a relatively young organization, is interested in learning how the NMRA is organized, and will promote NMRA standards in China. Members of both organizations will be able to enjoy the many benefits of each. A press release and story will appear shortly in *NMRA Magazine*.

The Board is in the initial stages of studying [electronic balloting](#) as a way of both saving on postage and encouraging additional member participation.

More Board meeting news next month!
And some other news:

The Grand Rails 2012 website at www.gr2012.org [now has these new features:](#)

- A page for the Layout Design Special Interest Group
- The Operations Special Interest Group Sign-up sheet
- PDF copies of all of the traditional Registration forms

- A complete list of all of the extra fare events and tours
- A schedule of days and times for most scheduled events
- More Sidetracks events for the non-rails
- The Silent Auction schedule

The contest room schedule Have members who are interested in the Achievement Program? Yours truly was interviewed on [The Model Railway Show](#) about it. Trevor Marshall talked to me about my road to MMR, and the hurdles and joys of taking it. Episode 32 is available for listening or downloading now at www.themodelrailwayshow.com or through iTunes, and will be available through The Model Railway Show's online archives after March 1.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in NMRA Magazine.

And if you're changing email addresses, please let me know at this email address: NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net

**-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director**

2012 Rocky Mountain Region Convention info:

Charlie Getz is now confirmed as our guest speaker. Please pass this info on to your members and friends.

Charlie will be speaking at our Friday, June 8, get together in Chama.

For those who have never heard Charlie, he is the best railroad speaker I have ever heard. You will get a barrel of laughs out of his talk.

Our schedule for the convention is:

Friday, June 8, 2012

Afternoon - registration at the depot in the Chama yard.

Evening - registration and welcoming get together at the Chama Community Center.

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Morning and afternoon - Mixed freight and passenger trip with photo run-bys, to Big Horn Wye and return.

Evening - RMR Board meeting and model contest.

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Morning - Breakfast (TBA).

We should be done with all activities early enough Sunday, so those that want to, can chase the regular train up Cumbres Pass. The regular train departure is scheduled for 10:00 am.

Don't forget to show the video we gave out at the September Board meeting . Also, for Divisions on the Front Range, I might be able to visit and show the railfanning program that I did in Loveland.

See you in June, if not before;

Dick Hunter



Teco Swapmeet

We are motivated and focused to make Colorado Springs a center of excellence in the Model Railroading Community. The success is based on producing quality educational events and the effort of all those active in the hobby. We are committed to advertise aggressively throughout Colorado and the surrounding States. We are contacting over 200 clubs, associations, societies, all news media as well as any interested parties.

Admission Fees

Early Bird Saturday 8:00am \$7.00/person
Regular admission \$5.00/person, Family group of 3 or more \$8.00
Military and family, with ID card, serving, retired, reserve \$1.00/off/person
Children under 12 must be accompanied to enter free.

Space & Table Fees

Vendors buy your tables early. We usually sell out our shows. These are the rates. Call in and reserve your tables. Then fees need to be mailed in within 5 days. Fees are set prior to each event and can change.

Vendor tables

8 ft. tables \$30.00 each for both days. Vendors required to bring their own table covers.

What can you do to help.

Pass the word around
Book a table or two.
Share a table with a friend
Book a table and advertise your organization
Bring a group of people

Rules for vendors, operators & participants

TECO Swap-meets are open to all.
TECO covers all Model Railroad gauges.
All participants are to use appropriate language in consideration of the youth present and to leave a professional image with the public.
Vendors should be set up by 9:00am.
Vendors cannot break down their tables till 3:00pm.
Vendors cannot sell or display weapons and associated material.
Vendors selling other than RR material and toys must receive permission to sell indicated material.

Vendor or Participant Registration

Call in and tentatively book your space table (719-574-4382)
Fill in the registration form and mail or email in, to include your check.
Email: trainexpoco@comcast.net
Address, **TECO 1923 Payton Cir, Colorado Springs, Co 80915**

Please make checks out to: **TECO**. Note in your check's note section, *Example: 3 tables December 18-19*
Look for confirmation and check that details are correct. Advise us immediately if you need any changes.



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