

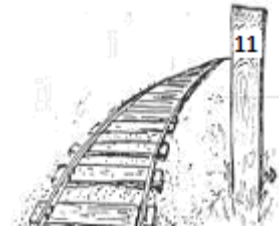


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<p>NEXT MEETING August, 12 Sand Creek Police Station 7:30 PM</p> <p>Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station 4125 Center Park (Southeast of Academy and Fountain)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes of Pikes Peak Division of NMRA July meeting Not received from Adam because of e-mail issues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.</p> <p>I Apologize to the winner of the contest in July. I took the photos but not the names of the winners as I hoped they would be in the minutes. Charles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Editors / Assistant Superintendents Desk By Charles Marchbanks</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN THIS ISSUE</p> <p>Meeting Schedule & Location: 1</p> <p>Whose Who in the Region: 1</p> <p>Module Display Schedule: 1</p> <p>Meeting Minutes 1</p> <p>Editors / Assistant Superintendents Desk: 1</p> <p>Up coming Div. 4 Clinics/Programs: 1</p> <p>Special Clinic Announcement 2</p> <p>Contest Photos: 2</p> <p>Local Area Notes & Events: 3</p> <p>2011 Modeling Contests: 3</p> <p>Layout tour Photo Gallery: 4 & 5</p> <p>Modular Musings 5</p> <p>NMRA Info Net News: 6</p> <p>Photo Gallery 7</p> <p>Where to Find It: Advertisements 8</p>
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Special August Clinic

John DeBeck is from Wisconsin and will be at the Pikes Peak Division-NMRA to do a one night presentation on the track laying tools that his company sells, and that I own and am very satisfied with as well as his company's new ballasting product that requires only water to set the ballast. Another product that I can attest to. He may also demonstrate trees and figures that his company also sells. A discount for all attendees will be offered. Please make this meeting if you can.

Bob Binder
Superintendent, PPD_NMRA

Members of the Pikes Peak Division are invited to visit with and see a presentation by John DeBeck, President/CEO of JMD Plastics and curator of the Motorcycle and Model Railroad Museum in Green Bay, Wisconsin on Friday, August 12, during the division's 7:30 meeting at Sand Creek Police station. The Motorcycle and Model Railroad Museum (www.motorcycleandmodelrailroadmuseum.webs.com) features a 3,000 square foot HO scale layout that focuses on the Green Bay and Western; Duluth, Missabe, and Iron Range; and Rio Grande (HON3) railroads, plus a collection of 100 vintage motorcycles. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds from the sales of JMD Plastics products benefits the M & MRM, which is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit.

JMD Plastics (www.jmdplastics.yolasite.com) is best known for their line of styrene plastics in black, white, and clear for the model railroad hobbyist. When comparing prices to Evergreen and Plastruct, JMD Plastics is 20-60% less than the competition, and ALWAYS has ALL products in stock! We ship all over the world and even do custom cut sizes at NO EXTRA CUTTING CHARGE!! Also world-renown for their line of STRAIGHTRACKIT, CURVETRACKIT, EXTRATRACKIT, and SUPERTRACKIT track laying tools, DeBeck will show clinic attendees how easy these are to use to lay PERFECT straights and curves. Remember the days of laying down one radius curve and taking 30 minutes or longer to measure, remeasure, and still have kinks? Now, you can (continued on page 3)

Photos of contest winners:



do it PERFECTLY in a minute or two! As if to illustrate further what a fantastic system this is, in the first 6 months of production, JMD Plastics sold 15,000 sets!!

Once your track is laid, DeBeck will also show his firm's new line of INSTANT TRACK TACK IT. Mix it 2:1 with your favorite ballast, spread your ballast, spray with water, and your track is down rock hard! Plus, this product is resistant to humidity!! No more messing with glue, alcohol, and other products. Ballast your track easily and with no mess!! Out for only two months, thousands of jars of this new product have already been sold!

Other products that JMD Plastics is now producing include their own line of standing and seated people, which are a third of the cost of equivalent figures from Preiser or Woodland Scenics, bottle brush trees, and deciduous trees---again, at lower cost but with greater realism than the competition. JMD Plastics was started because, as DeBeck said "I was tired of playing ridiculous prices for a lot of the products we needed for our own museum layout, not to mention the fact that we could never get enough of what we needed, and stuff was always on back-order!"

On his way to the west coast for a four week vacation, DeBeck has agreed to make a stop in Colorado Springs this week because as he says, "I come to Colorado several times every year, love the mountains, all of the steam railroading in the state, there are great motorcycling roads (his truck is also carrying a 1977 Kawasaki KZ1000 for this trip!) and last time, I even won \$3,000 in Cripple Creek!"

For those attending the meeting who would like to order any of the JMD Plastics products, DeBeck will be offering everyone a club discount price, with free shipping from Green Bay upon his return on all orders over \$50.

A long time businessman in Green Bay, DeBeck is also the president and CEO of North American Youth Sports, (www.northamericanyouthsports.org) which has run youth basketball tournaments and events nationwide for 25 years. He is also a long time high school girls basketball coach from 1985-2005, and a high school social studies teacher until 1992. From 1995 through 1998, he was the coach of the TEAM USA U-19 womens national basketball team, which won four straight world

titles for the USA in each of his 4 years at the helm. Two Colorado connections have played for him on the national team, Katie Cronin of the Chicago Sky, and Becky Hammon of the San Antonio Silver Starz, both who played their college ball at Colorado State. With over 1,000 career coaching wins, he also led the Wisconsin Streamliners to five straight national championships from 1992 through 1996. Twenty-four of his former players have gone on to play in the WNBA, while others have played professionally overseas. Many are also now coaching at the high school, college, or pro levels.

DeBeck says "I look forward to learning more from you than what you may learn from me! I hope you will share your ideas and feel free to ask questions, or come up during the presentation and try some of the products. If anyone wants to 'chew the fat' more after the meeting concludes, I am always open to a stop at the local ice cream or pie shop for a gab-fest!"

He also hopes to bring a computer with some slides on it showing the M & MRM layout, which began construction on September 15, 2008. DeBeck just completed a model of a 40,000 seat HO scale baseball/football stadium featuring over 1,000 LED lights and a working jumbotron scoreboard.

Local Area Notes & Events

- Rocky Mountain Region Convention Sept 2-4.
- See add on page 7.

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/collocaevents.htm>

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

2011 CONTESTS

August	Mow Equipment
September	Prototype Photo
October	Diesel or Electric Locomotive
November	Photo of your Model RR, module, or diorama
December	No contest

2011 Layout tour Photos

From Saturday July 30th

1. Eric Lundberg



Coal Tipple on Eric Lundberg's layout.



Narrow gauge locomotive coming out of the engine house on the narrow gauge section of Eric's layout.



3. Wade & Charlotte Mountz



Camp and beach scene on Wade and Charlotte Mountz layout



Livestock scene on the Mountz's layout

From Sunday July 31st.

1. Bob Foltz



Railroad hotel on Bob Foltz's layout.



Another scene on Bob's layout.



Passenger station on Bill's layout.



Mission school on bob's layout

2. Bill Galloway



Trestle and gas station on Bill Galloway's layout.

Modular Musings by John Emmot

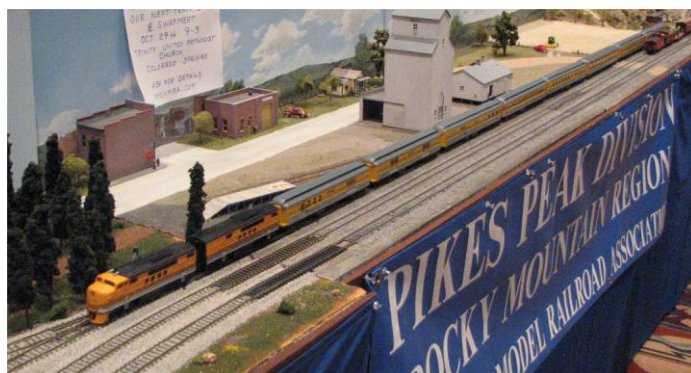
As this is written, we are in the middle of the trainshow in Pueblo. After a long day, I can say that I feel pretty good about the results. In order to avoid an extra trip to setup on Friday, we went early on Saturday. The first loads arrived about 6:40 AM. We had two trains running by 9:14 AM on a 12 X 32 foot layout. Not too bad for a bunch of old men. We must thank the owners and transporters who got up early and arrived on time: Bill Poley, Dusty Thomson, Charles Marchbanks, John Emmot and Wade Mountz who again hauled the corners. Others who got there early to setup include Bill Galloway. Thanks to all. Although we went to special trouble to take the ropes and posts down, space considerations kept us from using them. That lets the folks in closer, but so far no fingers have needed removed. For the most part, the layout ran well. There are the usual slow spots and cranky turnouts, but no show stoppers. The Yampa Valley Mail ran on the DC line until Bill Galloway got a Santa Fe steam passenger consist deployed. Dusty Thomson's Rio Grande coal train held the middle line until it was replaced by Bob Binder's freight. Bob used a whole roundhouse of locos as time passed. It was after lunch when track three became available. Bill Poley tested a couple of Rio Grande F units, but ultimately the MoPac Geep 7s hauled a string of boxcars over the line. We had "good trains" all day. The Pueblo railroaders should be pleased, as it seemed to me that there was good attendance traffic through the day. In my "down time" I got a tour of the Colorado RailLink layout. They have some good construction ideas we might copy, including a well designed bascul bridge layout

entrance that works. I hope tomorrow goes as well. Of course it will all be over by the time you read this, but it is fun to operate. I hope more of the members will take the opportunity in the future to bring and run trains or just come help run trains. I have never been to a setup where we had too much help. At this time, our next known setup is our trainshow on October 29. Watch this space for updates. See ya Friday at the meeting.

John



MoPac Geep 7s hauling a string of boxcars over the line.



Rio Grande Passenger train on modules at Pueblo show,



Aero train on modules at Pueblo Show.



Santa Fe freight train on modules during Pueblo show setup.

NMRA Info Net news

In this edition, we have some news from the Sacramento convention earlier this month.

- This year's Sacramento convention **attendance topped the 2,000 mark** -- the continuation of an upward attendance trend.
- The folks at the NMRA Membership Booth at the National Train Show signed up **243 new members in three days!**
- Many of the clinicians at the Sacramento convention have **uploaded their handouts or full presentations** as PDF files to the x2011 website at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them. Just look for the Clinics tab, then Clinic Handouts.
- Based on two big proposals for the 2015 National NMRA Convention, the Board of Directors selected **Portland, Ore. as the winner**. Details and exact timing of the convention will be announced in the coming months.
- The "Carpet Cutting" at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento marked the **official start of fundraising for a scale model railroading exhibit** in the museum's Gallery area. No NMRA dues or regular revenue streams will be used to fund this project, so its construction will rely entirely on donations. For more details about the Gallery Exhibit, see the article in the May 2011 issue of *NMRA Magazine*.
- The Board continues to review the **timing of all future conventions**. While a mid-summer date has been traditional because of lower hotel and convention center rates over the July 4 weekend, many NMRA members have voiced the concern that it conflicts with family functions. Constructive suggestions may be directed to the Convention Committee, headed by Pacific Director Peter Jensen.

For a complete summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit the homepage of our website at www.nmra.org in the next few weeks. The report will also be published in *NMRA Magazine* in the near future.

*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

Rocky Mountain Region

2011

NMRA CONVENTION



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!

Photo Gallery

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 2001 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.




Ex Southern Pacific and Burlington Northern locomotives pulling a train on the Kyle in Burlington Colorado February 2011.



Union Pacific 5766 is passing through Oakley Kansas during February 2011. The tankcars are empty ethanol cars waiting to be taken to the Ethanol plant 4 miles east of Oakley. The module photos are by John Emmot and the rest are by Charles Marchbanks

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