

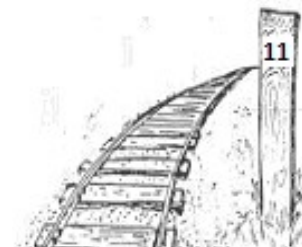


# The MILEPOST

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Peak Division



## NEXT MEETING

December, 09  
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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## November Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order by Charles Marchbanks assistant  
Superintendent at 7:30 PM

Minutes from October were approved as printed in the  
milepost.

Treasures report: \$668.20 in October with current total of  
\$1604.01. We made \$834.99 from the train show.

Old Business

Dusty T. thanked everyone for help at train show

Roy gave a report on TECO. Mentioned that the Division  
needs to have an info table at TECO.

John E. discussed the modules at TECO.

New Business:

NRHS talking about a man from Granby that  
impersonates Moffat. Possible meeting with NRHS for a  
joint meeting and shared coast to hear him.

Division Election coming up in December. Election  
Chairman gave a report with Superintendent, Secretary,  
and contest chairman.

Dusty T. proposed dates for the spring Division show.  
April 7, 28<sup>th</sup> and May 12, 19, and 25 are open at the  
church. Tentatively the date of May 12<sup>th</sup> with date of May  
19<sup>th</sup> as a back up. If the show is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May the  
meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be held at the church.

December Pike Masters open house 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Program was presented by Bob Foltz on The New  
Mexico Division of ATSF. Design of a Railroad for  
operation based on prototype.

Election and Christmas party at the December meeting.

Beth Hutchins acting secretary.

**Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting**

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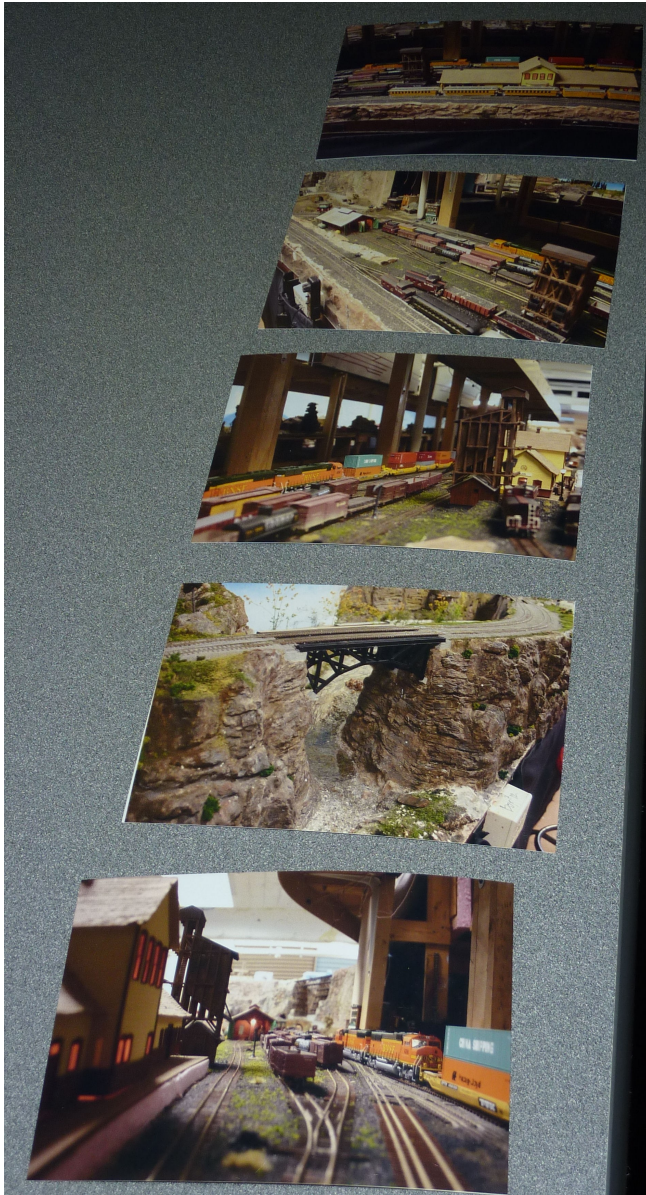
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## Module Display Schedule

**TECO December 17 and  
18, 2011 at Freedom  
financial event center.**

Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.

## Photos of Contest winning entries



1<sup>st</sup> place went to Dusty Thomson with a series of layout pictures.



Second Place went to John Emmot with a picture of his wheat field on his modules.



3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Bill Lafette

### Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

December-NO Clinic .

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.

### 2011 CONTESTS

| December    No contest    |

### Local Area Notes & Events

TECO December 17and18, 2011 at Freedom financial event center.

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/collocalevents.htm>  
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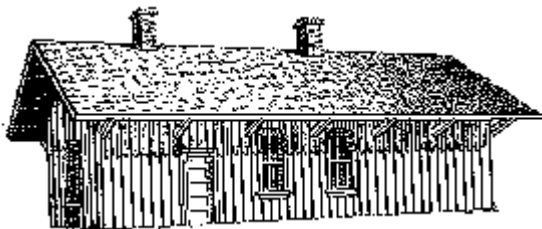
## Photo Gallery



Ed P. giving out the contest awards at the November meeting.



BNSF double stack train ahead of UP844 in October.



Track workers on Charles' modules.

## NMRA Info Net News

Here's the November news:

The **Winter NMRA Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 8, and Thursday, February 9, 2012, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m.. All NMRA members are welcome to attend the open portions of this meeting. In order save as much money as possible on the meeting, it will again be held in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel. The NMRA Budget and Operations meetings, which are not open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at the same location. The Board is expecting a packed agenda, and details of that agenda will be included in an InfoNet News eblast when they're arranged.

Several members have asked about the **current content of the NMRA's "Members-Only" section** of the website, so here's some of what you'll find when you log on at [www.nmra.org/member](http://www.nmra.org/member) :

You'll find the latest **reprints of the Division and Region newsletter articles** Jim Zinser mentions in his "Division Business Car / NMRA@Home" column every other month in *NMRA Magazine*. All previously mentioned articles also remain in Members-Only, so it's a

great resource to learn new tips and techniques. If your newsletter editor would like to reprint one of the articles, please have him/her contact the original newsletter's editor for an OK.

We've been adding "**NMRA Magazine Classics**" -- scans of articles from bygone issues of *Scale Rails* and *The Bulletin* that are truly classic articles. Our goal is eventually to have at least one article from every issue of the magazine posted. Obviously this takes a lot of man-hours, but you'll be surprised to find how many are already online. The articles may be a few years old, but if you haven't read them (or forgot about them), they're as fresh as today.

In the "**NMRA Member Extras**" section we've posted the 2011 NMRA Calendar screensaver -- a great, inspiring addition to your computer.

Each of the **photos from the 2011 NMRA Calendar** also resides in Members-Only as computer wallpaper. In addition, we asked each of the photographers to give us a brief description of how they took their shot. You'll find those descriptions posted as well. Both of these are also in the "Member Extras" section.

Our "**Promotional Materials**" section contains a wealth of items Divisions and Regions will find useful. We have the NMRA logo available in a wide variety of graphic formats and sizes. You'll also find a PDF of the NMRA Member Benefits chart and a new-member solicitation brochure (which you can print out and photocopy), along with a new-member sign-up sheet. Last, you'll find the National Model Railroad Month materials, which include National Model Railroad Month logos in various sizes and graphic formats, as well as a Word document, "A guide to promoting National Model Railroad Month," which can be a handy reference whenever you want to promote your Region or Division.

In case your members are looking for more information about the Grand Rapids convention, there are **two great convention videos** posted on the Grand Rails2012 website at [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org). Also, remember that members who register before November 30 will have first dibs on hotel reservations, tour reservations, and merchandise. The Furniture City Flyers Club is nearly sold out, so if members want to experience dessert at sunset on Mirror Lake, they'll need to get their registration in soon. Register online at <http://www.gr2012.org/register.htm>.

*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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



## **Support Your Local Hobby Shops:**

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Discount Trains  
3311 N. Academy  
Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Custom Railway Supply  
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Colorado Springs CO 80907