

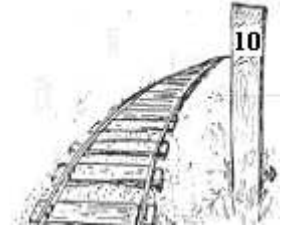


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<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>March 12</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Our Meetings are Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station 4125 Sand Creek Dr. (Southeast of Academy and Fountain)</b></p>	<p><b>2010 Shaping up to be a Great Year for Model Railroading</b></p> <p>This year is shaping up to be loaded with events for model railroaders and railfans. There are already two swap meets set up for the next two months, the NMRA Region Convention in Alamosa in June, and the Santa Fe Historical Society Convention in Denver in July. There is also a Santa Fe to Belen, NM, Rail Runner Trip set up by the Colorado Midland Chapter, NRHS. There shouldn't be any reason to be bored this year with all the events planned. Take a look at what's available, and have even more fun by volunteering for some of these events. Don't miss our next meeting to get more details and learn about scenery from the builder of the ATSF New Mexico Division, Bob Foltz. The title is "Scenery from Vision to Reality" and covers how to visualize and plan realistic scenery. The emphasis is more on planning than techniques, although some techniques are covered also as he explains the process from bare plywood to the final scene.</p>	<p><b>IN THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Schedule &amp; Location:</b> 1</p> <p><b>Whose Who in the Region:</b> 4</p> <p><b>NMRA news</b> 5</p> <p><b>Modular Musings:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Modeling Tips &amp; Tricks</b> 3</p> <p><b>Module Display Schedule:</b> 1</p> <p><b>Meeting Minutes December '09</b> 2</p> <p><b>January Meeting Agenda</b> 2</p> <p><b>Local Area Notes &amp; Events:</b> 2</p> <p><b>2010 Modeling Contests:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Video Library:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:</b> 2</p> <p><b>Contest Photos:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where to Find It: Advertisements</b> 6</p>
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## **PIKES PEAK DIVISION**

### **Meeting Minutes** by Bill Galloway, Secretary

Date: February 12, 2010

Start Time: 7:30

Location: Sand Creek Police Station

Superintendent: Bob Haggart

Attendees: 20, Visitors: 3. New Members: 4

### **Recurring Reports**

1. Reading of last meeting minutes: Bill Galloway – approved by the members present.
2. Treasurer's Report: Frank Pareso reported the balance.
3. Model Contest: Flat car with Load; there were 7 cars entered into the contest. Here are the results (see winning photos next page):
  - First Place: Alan Hutchins – Caboose load
  - Second Place: Alan Hutchins – Road Grader
  - Third Place: John Emmot - Santa Fe Flat Car with Vehicle Frame load

### **20 Minute Break**

#### **Old Business**

1. TECO – Roy (new NMRA member) has secured the Doubletree Hotel for the next TECO event on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. PPD Swapmeet – Dusty has acquired the Trinity Methodist Church for our next Module Display and Swapmeet. There will be plenty of room for tables and the module set up. Please let him know if you are available to participate in this event. More details on the PPD website.

#### **New Business**

1. Welcome new NMRA members Roy Thompson, Dave Thomson, Andy Buco, and Dale Quam
2. Bob Haggart has announced his resignation as Superintendent. A replacement for this position will need to be decided at the next meeting.
3. Start working on your Billboard for the May contest.

#### **Program**

Rio Grande Narrow Gauge presentation with history photographs by Bill Poley.

### **Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:**

- March 12: Scenery from Vision to Reality by Bob Foltz
- April: How to build turnouts, both straight and curved by Jack Sousa

### **Local Area Notes & Events**

1. Rocky Mountain Region 2010 NMRA Convention Tracks to Alamosa June 3-6  
<http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/RMRCConvention2010/trackstoalamosa.html>
2. TECO, Train Expo Colorado Sat, April 3, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel, 1775 East Cheyenne Mt. Blvd.
3. Rail Runner Trip April 30-May 1. Contact the Colorado Midland Chapter. NRHS
4. Santa Fe Convention July 21 thru 25, Denver. See [www.atsfrr.net](http://www.atsfrr.net)

Find other events at:

<http://www.trains.com/trc/community/events/search.asp>  
<http://www.tecoshow.org/collocalevnts.htm>

### **2010 CONTESTS**

JAN.	Reefers - all types
FEB.	Flat car with load
MARCH	Horizontal fuel tank on a stand
APRIL	Bent screwdriver
MAY	Scratch build a billboard
JUNE	Steam engines
JULY	Photos of prototype equipment only
AUG.	Rural passenger shelter
SEPT.	Ore cars
OCT.	Photos of graffiti on R.R. cars or buildings
NOV.	Scratch build mobile home
DEC.	XMAS PARTY - no contest

### **Video Library:**

New titles have been added to the library. See the PPD website and contact Jerry Hansz to check out a Video tape or DVD..

## Contest Winners:

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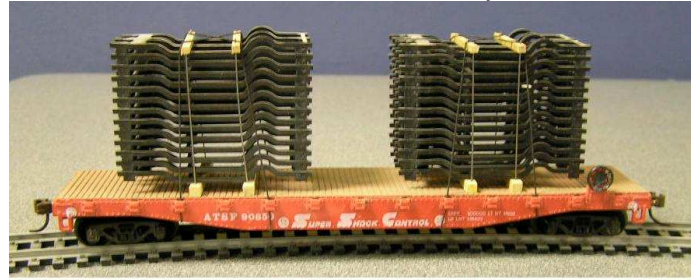
First Place:

CP Rail caboose on Pennsylvania RR flat care by Alan Hutchins



Third Place:

Vehicle frame load on Santa Fe flatcar by John Emmot



Second Place:

Earthmover on Santa Fe flatcar by Alan Hutchins



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## Modular Musings

By John Emmot

The fire closest to our foot is the TECO show on 3 April, the day before Easter. I hope we can have a circle layout for it. That will require some help from the Division. I'm not certain how much space Roy will have for us. Twelve by twenty-four is about the smallest that is worth while. The circle requires all four corners. I can haul my modules, Myron's, the bridges and one corner in my pickup. Bill Poley will bring his corner. That means we must get two corners from Myrons to the show. Can anyone commit to that? I also need to get another 16 feet of straights to have 24 feet. Perhaps Adam and Dusty with eight. Leaves eight feet open. Perhaps Gerry Drewes or Jerry Bonds could contribute one module to the Division. If we get the circle, we will have three tracks to run for the show with both DC and DCC. I assume the setup will be Friday afternoon or evening. We'll work it out at the meeting.

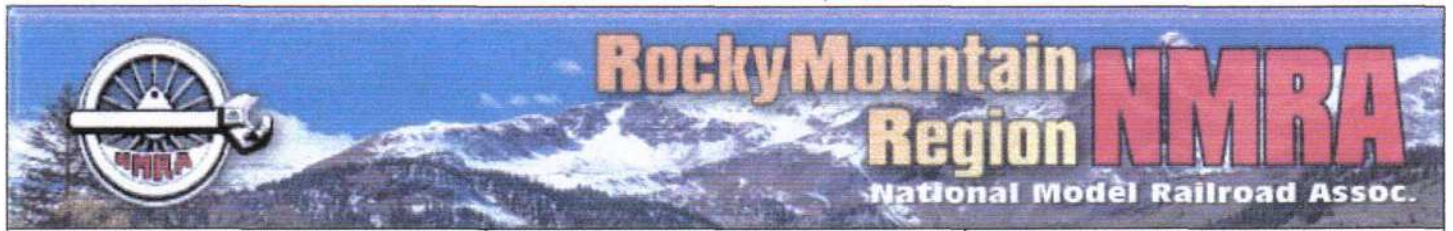
## Modeling Tips & Tricks - Burnt Farm Fields

Farmers frequently burn fields after the harvest to remove unwanted weeds, seeds and plant waste. Usually, they'll wait until after the final harvests of corn and other grains (for feed or ethanol use) in November and December. Burning takes place when cold weather arrives to reduce the chance of the controlled burn getting out of hand and spreading.

Here are a few tips for adding a burnt field to your layout. Farm fields are usually separated from adjacent fields by fences/walls, tree lines, irrigation ditches, railroad grades or roads. When fields are set on fire, these are effective firebreaks and the flames are kept from jumping into the next field.

On your layout, apply dark brown ground cover to your field. When it's dry, cover any area you don't want to appear burnt (including surrounding scenery) with paper or masking tape. Apply spray adhesive or sprayed-on diluted white glue to the area and sprinkle on a VERY light dusting of light brown flocking or static grass—this will become the remnants of burnt grasses and weeds. Once this is dry, airbrush or spray paint the entire field using very dark gray or black (flat and/or camouflage paints work very well for this). For a realistic appearance, you don't want complete coverage - check out prototype photos as reference. Some of the brown ground cover and most of the static grass should be well darkened, with a few light brown unburnt areas showing through.

Courtesy of Walthers



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## What's New at the NMRA



**NMRA 2009 Election Results**

Total ballots cast 5062.  
Spoiled ballots was 64.

**For President**

Brestel = 3478  
Dervinis=1500  
Write-ins = 8 votes for 7  
candidates.

**For V-President**

deBlieck-1716  
Pollock = 3189  
Write-ins =12 votes for 11  
candidates

**For at large**

NA Getz = 4271  
Write-ins = 61 votes for 52  
candidates

**About the NMRA**

- National Organization
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**Education**

- Beginner's Guide
- Achievement Program
- Contests Resources

**Resources**

- Standards and Conformance
- Kalmbach Library
- Howell Day Museum
- Directory of Websites
- Insurance Community

**Community**

- Conventions
- Regions & Divisions
- 100% NMRA Clubs
- Special Interest Groups
- NMRA Calendar

New Contest forms available -#901 and #902  
Final updates to Standards 1, 3 & 4 are  
available for final comment before going to the  
BOD for approval.  
Mid-year BOD Meeting draft minutes posted to  
website. Results from the Convention survey  
are now available. Details will be in the  
President's Car column in the June *Scale  
Rails*. Or, you can click on this link to see the  
results of the survey.  
2009 NMRA Calendar screen saver now  
available (3.58MB. Have to run as  
Administrator in Vista).  
NMRA Webmaster Blog added.  
You may follow it here.  
NMRA National Calendar  
added to website  
Executive Handbook modified  
August, 2008 posted.  
Online donations now available  
through the website  
Older News at - [www.  
nmra.org/national/news](http://www.nmra.org/national/news) dated copy of  
proposed S3.2 now available in the Standards  
section. This will be voted upon at the July  
BOD meeting.

## **RPM REVS UP AT NMRA 75.**

It started 75 years ago in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders intent in setting interchangeability standards for motive power, rolling stock, and track formed the National Model Railroad Association or NMRA.

It started 25 years ago at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NMRA convention in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders interested in the contemporary scene formed The Modern Prototype Modelers. Over the years the emphasis changed to prototype modeling from all eras. As a result the name changed too, and the group became known as Railroad Prototype Modelers or RPM.

Over the years both the NMRA and the RPM continued to grow and now 25 years later, both are meeting once again in Milwaukee.

The event is NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention. From July 11 through the 16<sup>th</sup>, RPM modelers and NMRA members from all over the world will join together to celebrate the accomplishments of two great organizations.

Just as NMRA standards spawned innovations that have changed the hobby, so too has the innovative modeling of RPM members. In fact the level of detail and the technical excellence of today's models owe much of their origins to the NMRA and the RPM. No doubt about it, there is much to celebrate, which is why you should come to this party!

An entire room will be devoted to RPM models from all over the world and you're invited to bring yours to display as well. The room will be open from Wednesday to Friday during convention week.

In addition to the RPM exhibit, NMRA 75 will offer a huge array of tours, clinics programs, and special events designed for model railroaders and their non-modeling family members. That means NMRA 75 makes for an ideal family vacation this summer!

Get all the details by visiting our website at [www.nmra75.org](http://www.nmra75.org). You can even register online. So join the party. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA '75!

## **CLINICS AT NMRA '75 LOOK FORWARD AND BACK**

Would you like to learn how to create a modern CTC panel for your layout using CATS? Or maybe you'd like to find out more about building kits made from brass etched parts, or increase your knowledge about chapel cars. Did you even know there were such things as chapel cars?

You can learn about these topics and many more by attending the clinics at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year the NMRA celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so its altogether fitting that our national convention be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the city where it all began. The dates are July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

While NMRA 75 will take an affectionate look back at our hobby's days of old, it will also be looking ahead to the fresh and new. This year's clinic program reflects that idea very well. Of the 163 clinics scheduled to be presented, 123 are brand new and never before presented at an NMRA national convention. These new clinics will cover everything from scenery to structures to the newest trends in Digital Command Control. So if you're looking for fresh new ideas to enhance your modeling, NMRA 75 is the convention you must not miss!

But not all the new clinics at NMRA 75 are about fresh new ideas. You can look forward to a couple of them that look back. Clinician Paul Hobbs will present Seventy-Five Years Of Development And Achievement In Model Railroading. Paul will review events, processes, inventions, companies and individuals that have made significant contributions to the hobby over the past 75 years. You might also want to see Steve Stewart's new clinic, Seventy-Five Years Of Railroading. Steve examines prototype railroading from what was in 1934 to what will be in 2011. And what could be more appropriate to bring the list of new clinics to an end than one about the history of Milwaukee Road Cabooses?

As an added bonus, many of the new clinics at NMRA 75 will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski.

Of course NMRA 75 is about much more than clinics. To find out everything you need to know, visit our website at [www.nmra75.org](http://www.nmra75.org). You can even register online. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer in Milwaukee!

Oh and in case you were wondering, no actual cats were harmed in the making of that CTC clinic.

# Click the shutter and win a steam cab ride!

With the single click of a shutter, you could find yourself riding for a full day in the cab of an historic mainline steam locomotive operated by the Union Pacific! It can happen if your photo is the winner of the National Model Railroad Association's 75th Anniversary Photo Contest.

Your day-long cab ride will begin in Cheyenne, WY in May, 2010, behind some mighty big steam power on its first leg of an excursion. And we'll make sure you're there when the conductor yells "All aboard!" because the winner will also receive airfare (up to \$500), two nights in a hotel, plus transportation to and from the excursion.


If you're an NMRA member in good standing, all you have to do is submit a photograph depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. Your photo will be judged for prototype fidelity of both the modeling and the scene, as well as for photographic art. You can submit color prints, color slides, or digital files on CD.

To be eligible, your photo must be postmarked by April 15, 2010 (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. And if you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending!

So get modeling and shooting right away. Because this May you may be behind a few horses in Wyoming!

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