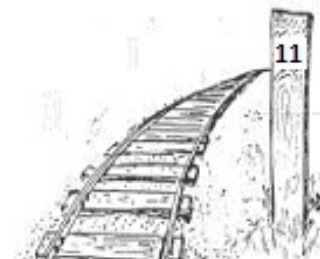




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NEXT MEETING
January, 13
Sand Creek Police Station 7:30 PM

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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December Meeting minutes

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

Minutes from November were approved as printed in the milepost.

Treasures report:

Old Business

Dusty T. confirmed date of Spring Division show.

John E. discussed the modules at TECO.

New Business:

Election of 2012 Officers

Bob Binder Superintendent
Charles Marchbanks Assistant Superintendent
Frank Pareso Treasurer
Dale Quam Secretary
Jerry Bond Contest

Christmas party with gift exchange and snacks was held at the meeting. Followed by the gifts from the raffle drawings.

Compiled by Charles Marchbanks from memory.

Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting

Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.



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Module Display Schedule

TECO March 10 & 11 at Freedom financial event center.

Pikes Peak Division Show in May.

December meeting Photos



The cake at the Division Christmas Party. Photo by John Emmot.



Me and my daughter at the Division party.



Let the gift exchange begin!



John, Dusty and other members enjoying the Division Party. Party Photos taken by Charlotte Mountz.



More gift being exchanged.



The tree maker gets trees for Christmas. John Emmot

Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

January Dale Quam.

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

January	Flatcar with load
February	?
March	?
April	?
May	?
June	?
July	?
August	?
September	?
October	?
November	?
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>

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

Modular Musings

By

John Emmot

The PPD closed out the year with a module setup for the December 17-18 TECO show. The show was in a great new venue on north Nevada. Lots of good space with drive in access. I understand Roy has it scheduled for four more shows in 2012. Perhaps this will be the break TECO needs to settle in and play with the big dogs. Our layout was 32 by 12 and included Andy Bucos new double four footer. Though he didn't have the

scenery built, his track work and wiring was good out of the gate. He says reality has convinced him that he needs another four feet to complete the scene. So more is on the drawing board. Charles had resolved the wiring issues on his 24 feet. Setup was completed Friday afternoon by John Emmot, Wade Mountz, Bob Binder, Andy Bucos, Dusty Thomson, Charles Marchbanks and Bill Poley. Jim Vade Bon Coeur was also there and helped us setup. Jim used to have a module that he brought regularly. He says he has another one in the works. Myron Gelsing also dropped by to check on things.

I was not able to attend on Saturday or Sunday morning, but I understand that trains were run and the show went on. I hesitate to mention names for fear of missing someone. I know there was a good mix of locomotives and trains operated. I did not know until Sunday afternoon that the DCC radio control did not work so the wired bus had been installed. The DC radio ran well. I was able to get one of the DCC radio cabs to work on Sunday, but not the other. Again, any DCC expertise is welcome to try to resolve our difficulties. I was able to run the new steam loco that I got at the Christmas party. DCC and sound all ran well out of the box.

Module dis-assembly was accomplished after the show by the module owners plus Wade Mountz, Bob Binder, Bill Galloway and "Dusty's girl friend". Thanks to all who helped make a successful setup by your Division.

On a related matter. There are more and more sound equipped locomotives showing up for operations. Sound locos add a new concern for the DCC power system. When the power comes on there is a large 'in rush' of power to all sound locos on the layout which may look like short circuit to the power supply. This may also happen when a track tries to reset after a real 'short/interruption'. This may explain some of the 'problems' we have experienced. There are a couple of solutions. We can check our track work to minimize the shorts/interruptions from turnouts and dirty track. Adding more track power feeds will help. We can obtain and install new DCC circuit breakers which are designed to handle the in rush. Our EB3 is notorious for not dealing well with this situation.

We'll take up the topic at a meeting.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Christmas party. We had a good turnout for the annual Christmas bash. There were just short of thirty tickets in the gift exchange (including wives). There some interesting gifts and some interesting exchanges before it was over. Frank did his usual sterling job of providing extra raffle gifts for those who participated in the monthly drawings. All of this was in addition to a great selection of snacks and sweets for everyone's enjoyment. The Division provided the drinks and cake while the rest was brought by members. Again, thanks to those who attended and those who made it possible.

It's time to close this out. See ya at the meeting.

John

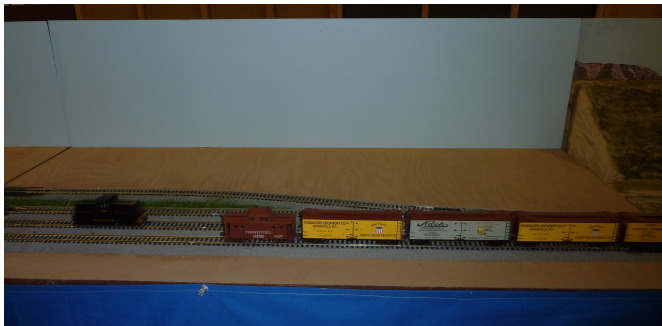
Photo Gallery from TECO show



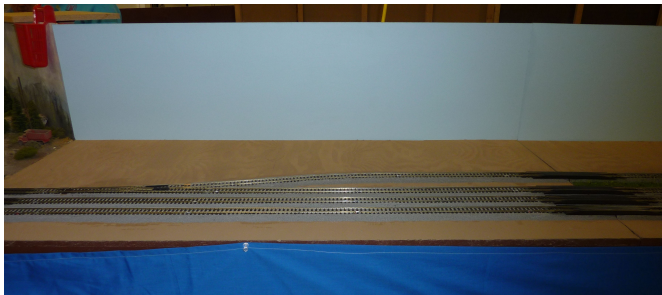
John Emmot's new steam locomotive from Christmas give away and a Milwaukee Road Locomotive of Bob Binder. Photo by Charles Marchbanks



A view of Charles' container yard module. Charles Marchbanks photo.



1 of Andy Buco's new modules. By Charles Marchbanks



Andy's other new module. By Charles Marchbanks



A scene setup on Charles' modules. Photo by Charles Marchbanks

News Note

Woodland Scenics building was destroyed by a fire on January 5 2012. The building in Linn Creek MO was a complete loss. Fire Fighter were on scene for six hours.



2012 Rocky Mountain Region Convention info:

Dick Hunter

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;



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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Caboose Hobbies
500 S. Broadway
Denver, CO 80209

Discount Trains
3311 N. Academy
Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Custom Railway Supply
1025 Garden of the Gods Suite D
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