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NEXT MEETING:

Friday, January 8th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(Southeast of the intersection of Fountain/Academy)

Colorado Springs, Colorado

INFORMATION

The Milepost is published monthly and is the official newsletter of the Pikes Peak Division, of the Rocky Mountain Region, of the National Model Railroad Association. Our meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 7:00 PM. Please come to one of our meetings — we'd love to meet you. All scales are welcome. Besides our monthly meeting, we have swap meets, train shows, and many other model railroad activities.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January's meeting program will be a video presentation by Charles Marchbanks, titled: "Scenery From Start To Finish" by Mr. Irving Johnson, MMR.

Charles is still in need of programs for February through November of this year! If you have a presentation, a video, or something else that you would like to have as a program for our monthly meetings, please get in touch with Charles. His contact information is in the "Pikes Peak Division Staff Members" column on this page.

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DECEMBER 2015 MEETING NOTES

The last meeting was on Friday, December 11th, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Wade Mountz, on Friday, December 11th, 2015, at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), Colorado Springs, Colorado, at approximately 7:00 PM. There were no new visitors.

Wade reported that all officers and chairpersons have agreed to continue in their position for the next year. There were no persons put up for elections. A motion was made, it was voted on, and it passed to resolve this topic.

As mentioned in the last meeting, Jerry Bonds will be moving out of the area in April 2016. Dennis Snyder will be taking over Jerry's position of Contest Chairman — with Jerry helping him until he leaves. There was no contest at this month's meeting.

Frank Pareso gave the Treasurer's report. Wade asked the group if they would like to use any of the funds for some purpose. Frank suggested making a donation to the local police department. After some discussion, a motion was made to donate \$100 to the Colorado Springs Police department's [Cadet Explorer program](#) and \$100 to the Colorado Springs Police department's K-9 Vest program (these dog vests are bullet and stab resistant). The motion was passed.

This concluded business for 2015. Wade then passed to Charles for the gift exchanges.

The photographs on this page are selected pictures from the Christmas party.



UPCOMING EVENTS

This monthly column lists model railroad and related events that are mainly in the Pikes Peak region and the state of Colorado. If you know of a railroad-related event that can be added to this listing, please e-mail them to the editor (midnightriver@ymail.com). Please note that dates and times sometimes change, so please check this column each month for the latest information. For more information on a particular event, click on the blue underlined text to jump out to the Internet for the relevant website (not all events have a link).

JANUARY 2016

- 8..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 16..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier on page #9.
- 28..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See the following link for more information: <http://pikemastersrr.com/>.

FEBRUARY 2016

- 12..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 13-14..... “[Rails In The Rockies](#)” Model Railroad Show in Estes Park, Colorado. Also see flier on page #6.
- 14..... Valentine’s Day.
- 20..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier on page #9.
- 25..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See the following link for more information: <http://pikemastersrr.com/>.

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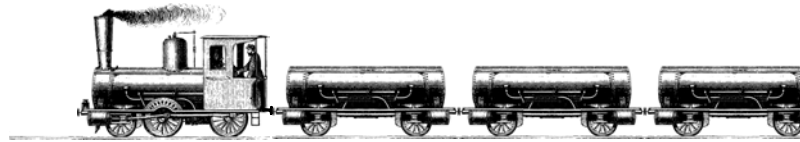
- NEW** 4-6..... Rocky Mountain Train Show, Denver, Colorado. See this link for more information: <http://rockymountaintrainshow.com/>.
- 11..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 17..... Saint Patrick’s Day.
- 19..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier on page #9.
- 24..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See the following link for more information: <http://pikemastersrr.com/>.

APRIL 2016

- 1..... April Fool’s Day.
- 8..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 16..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier on page #9.
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MAY 2016

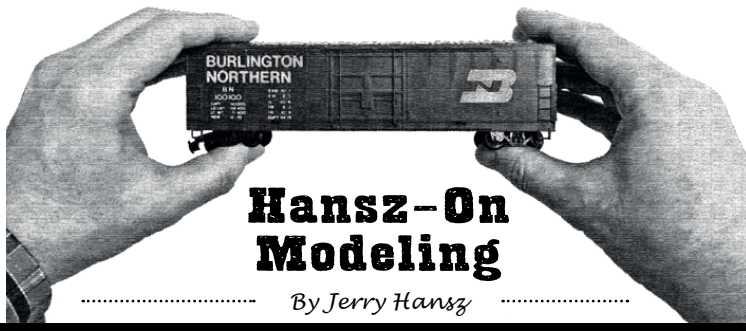
- 8..... Mother’s Day.
- 13..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 21..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier on page #9.
- 21..... 21st Albuquerque Rail Fair. Albuquerque, New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, New Mexico. No other information available.
- 26..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See the following link for more information: <http://pikemastersrr.com/>.
- 30..... Memorial Day.



2016 CONTEST SCHEDULE

At each PPD-NMRA meeting, a contest is held. A contest must have at least three entries for voting. Below is the 2016 contest schedule. If you have any questions, please contact the Contest Chairman, Dennis Snyder — his contact information is on page #2.

- January *Bill Boards*. Every railroad has them and it would be an easy project coming off the holidays.
- February *Commercial Building — Not Railroad Revenue*. Examples can include: stores, lumber yard, junk yard, hotel, restaurant, bar.
- March *Weathered Caboose*.
- April *Whimsical Model Or Scene*. Something whimsical to bring a smile or chuckle. Examples could include: animal control chasing loose monkeys, mini-scene, car with a hot tub, engine with wings, etcetera.
- May *Railroad Owned Structure*. Such as: railroad Station, yard, right-of-way.
- June *Weathered Unusual Car*. Like a weight car, clearance, black smith, coil car and exclusive of hopper, tank, box, passenger, flat, gondola, caboose, etcetera.
- July *Weathered Diesel Operated Equipment* (for track or other use).
- August *Weathered Steam Operated Equipment* (for track or other use).
- September *Scratch Built Structure* (preliminary to Regional).
- October Enter the Regional Convention Contests.
- November *Passenger Car*.
- December Christmas Party (no contest).



Hansz-On Modeling

By Jerry Hansz

AWESOME!

The December 2015 PPD Christmas party was great! Good food. Lots of presents. The ladies didn't make many waves. I was number two in the men's drawing — got a nice covered hopper.

Frank Pareso laid out a lot of packages for the raffle drawing. When my turn came, got another covered hopper! Lots of covered hoppers that night! After the first go around, there were still packages left. Frank started again. Lo and behold, I got another chance.

With about four packages left, Ruth LaFollette slid a package to me. Picked it up and it rattled??? When I opened it, it said "See Frank for number 2". A long line of "See Franks" was there. When my turn came, Frank gave me 2 packages! When they were opened, Jack Sousa almost fainted! A MTH ES44AC and eight IHC Pennsy passenger cars! WOW! I went into shock.

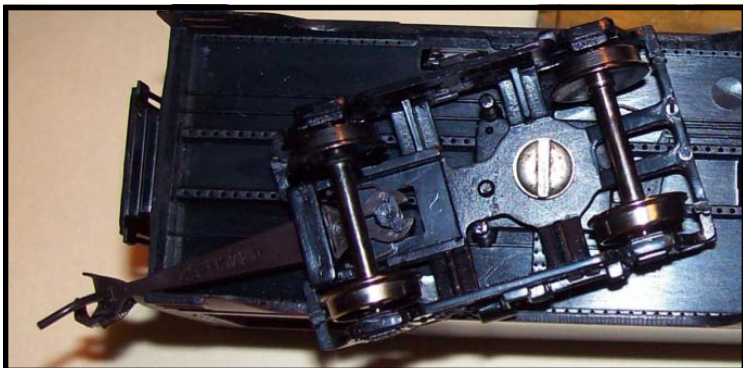
Saturday was spent opening the packages. I put the locomotive on DC, and it ran well, with good sound. Moved it to the programming track, and it responded easily to address 8102. On the layout, it ran like a dream. Good loud sound, engineers talking, alternating ditch lights when the horn sounded. Changing the couplers will be an adventure with very small screws. The locomotive weighs 20.4 ounces.



I turned my attention to the passenger cars. I opened the packages, recorded the data, including length and weight (11½ inches, 3.6 ounces (3.25 ounces too light for NMRA)).



The cars have the standard IHC truck-mounted couplers. The trucks are secured with snap-in pins (except for one which wouldn't seat). I found a machine screw and fastened it.



The cars look very nice, but they wouldn't stay coupled on my lousy track. Loose trucks let them sag. I plan to go to body-mounted Kadees. That will take a while for eight cars!

Bottom line — Ruth is good luck!


Jerry

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Wade Mountz, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a very pleasant and safe new year. I hope to see all of our regular crowd and a few new ones at the meeting on January 8th. It's time to get serious about model railroading and plan for a great convention this coming October.

Wade



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MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*.

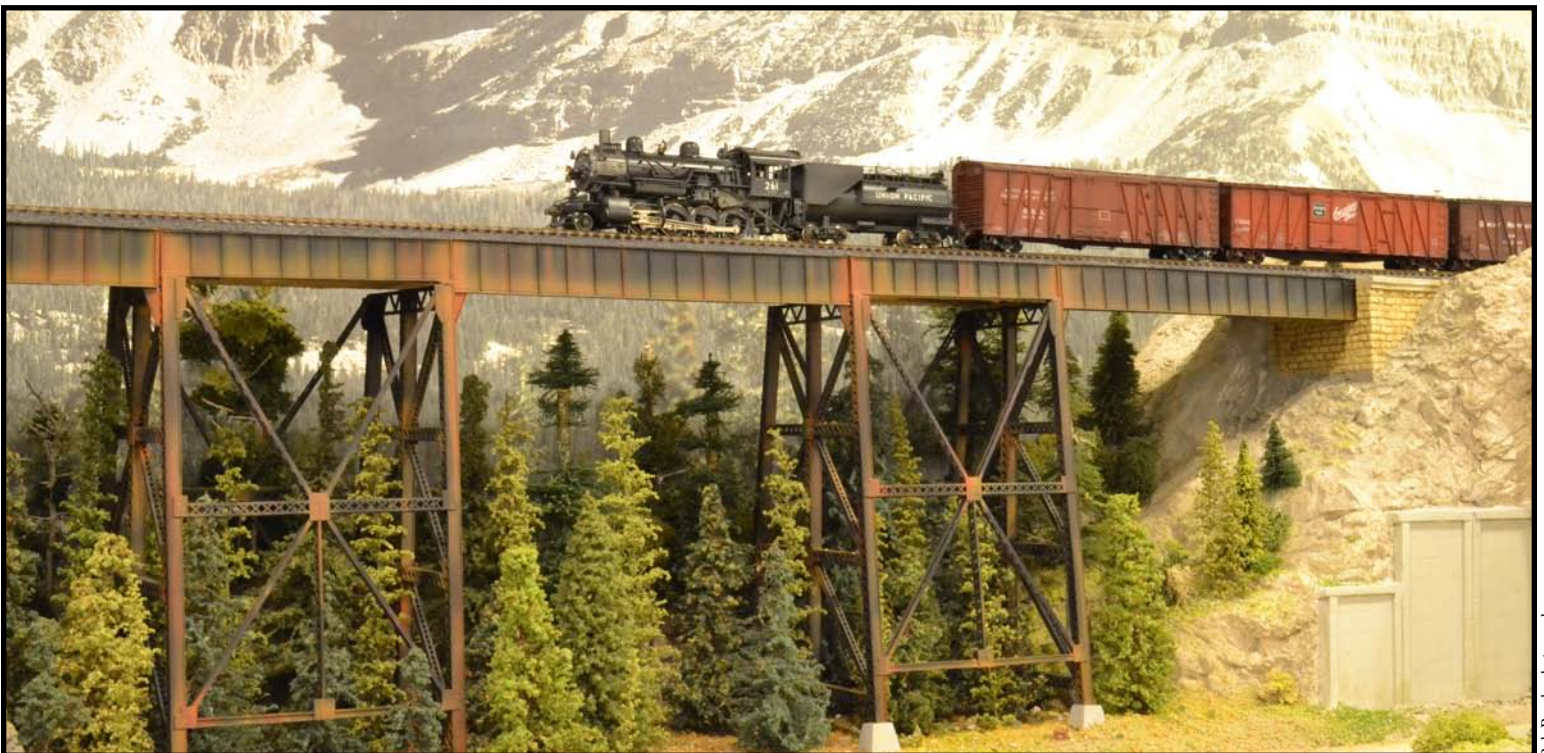
It is hard for me to believe, but this is the 13th issue of *The Milepost* that I have worked on. With the new year, I have made a few changes in the layout and headers that will help correct and improve some of the technical aspects of the newsletter. Also, new with this issue, is a monthly column by our very own Jerry Hansz.

If you were wondering, the cover photograph is looking south on the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, in Cripple Creek, Colorado, near the former Midland Terminal Railroad depot. The milepost sign was added using some Photoshop magic.

Back on December 20th, 2015, my dad and I visited Bob Bandy's HO-scale Grand Pacific Northwestern Railroad during an open-house he was having (Monument). Bob reported: they had 408 people during the open house — a great turnout; all the feedback was incredible; even though they were exhausted, they feel incredibly gratified — it was a great experience; and thank you for the support.

If you ever get a chance to visit Bob's layout, I highly recommend it. Please enjoy the photographs from his layout on this page and the next page.

Michael





Bob Bandy photograph.



TRYING UV-GLUE & HO-SCALE BALLASTER

By Michael D. Weidner

UV Activated Glue

Hey, I always seem to be called upon to repair the wife's plastic-framed cheater reading glasses and I came across this consumer version of [UV activated glue](#). I no longer have to rely on CA glue which always would drool everywhere and even fog up the lenses! Problem solved.

Okay, so fast forward.... I am at a point where I need to sprinkle some figures around on my module scenes — you know, those figures that Myron calls “dead people” 😊. I know some use a clear drying glue called RC-56 to put little things in place but it takes a long time to dry. I'm thinking I will be giving this UV activated stuff a try. [Click here](#) for more information.

HO-Scale Track Ballast Spreading Car

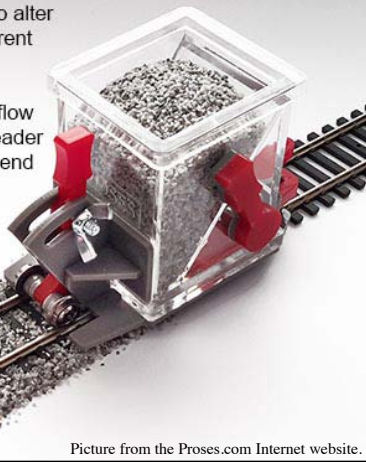
I ran across this nifty item, pictured below. [Click here](#) for more information on this railcar.

BS-HO-02 Ballast Spreading Car (HO/OO) w/Shut Off Valve and Adjustable Ballast Height Mechanism

* Adjustable height setting allows you to alter the depth of ballast and cope with different Code Rail - Code 100, 83, 75, etc.

* Shut off valve - now you can halt the flow of ballast whilst you lift the Ballast Spreader over point work or when it reaches the end of the track.

* Loco hauled - You can now pull the Ballast Spreader with a locomotive as well as by hand.



Picture from the Proses.com Internet website.

2016 TECO SHOW DATES

This year's [Train Expo Colorado](#) events will be held at the Mortgage Solutions Expo Center, located at 3650 North Nevada, in Colorado Springs, Colorado — the same place last year's shows were held. Listed below are the dates and themes for each show.

TECO #27

April 23-24 — Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad.

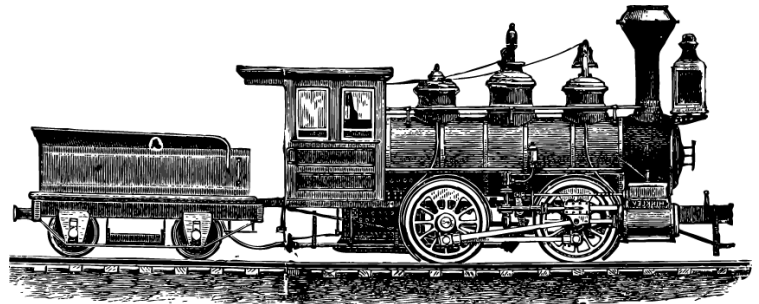
TECO #28

June 18-19 (Father's Day weekend) — Midland Terminal RR.

TECO #29

December 2-4, 2016 — Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railroad (The Short Line).

Please note that, unlike previous years, there will be no September show because of the RMR's October 2016 convention — which runs October 3-9. For that event, please see this link: <http://www.2016rmrconvention.com/>.



RAILCAR OF THE MONTH

This month's railcar is a fresh, out-of-the-box, HO-scale, 40', Ringling Brothers And Barnum & Bailey circus boxcar from Bachmann's *Silver Series*. This is one of several circus cars they carry.

If you have a railcar that you would like to enter into *Railcar Of The Month*, please contact the editor of *The Milepost* at a monthly meeting or via e-mail at: midnightriver@ymail.com. Thanks!



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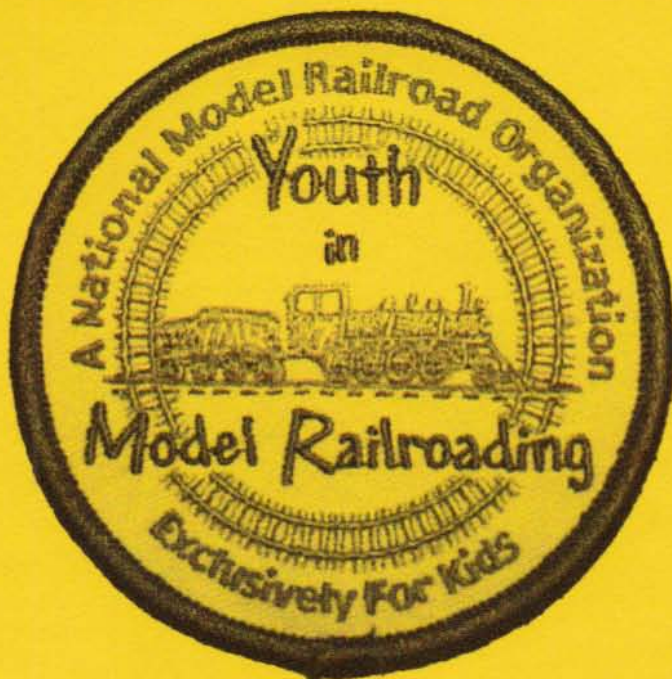
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