

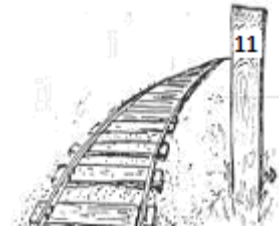


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<p>NEXT MEETING June, 10 Sand Creek Police Station 7:30 PM</p> <p>Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station 4125 Sand Creek Dr. (Southeast of Academy and Fountain)</p>	<p><u>June Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes of Pikes Peak Division of NMRA June meeting By Charles Marchbanks Assistant Superintendent</p> <p>June 10, 2011 The Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.</p> <p>Minutes from the May meeting were not available</p> <p>Old Business: Treasure Report \$1441.60 Balance from may meeting \$1385.15 balance for June</p> <p>Layout Tours July 30th and 31st 1-4:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday July 30th 1. John W. & Glenda Campbell 2. Eric Lundberg 3. Wade & Charlotte Mountz</p> <p>Sunday July 31st 1. Bob Foltz 2. Bill Galloway</p> <p>Picnic: NRHS invited Division to picnic at Palmer Lake on June 25th. Meet at the Depot Restaurant at 11:30</p> <p>New Business: Website Down-move to another server. A motion was made by D and second by Dale that the Division look at moving the website to another server and gave Chris Fox permission to take care of this. The motion passed.</p> <p>Trailer for the modular group The region will match up to \$1500 to help the division by a trailer Discussion was held, The division needs more funds, Tabled for further discussion.</p> <p>Region has asked division if it would consider hosting the 2012 Region convention. Tabled for further discussion.</p> <p>Pueblo Train show August 6 & 7th 2011. The Division will setup modules at the show.</p> <p>Next Division Train show is 29th October, 2011 Trinity UMC.</p>	<p>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&2</p> <p>Editors / Assistant Superintendents Desk: 2</p> <p>Up coming Div. 4 Clinics/Programs: 2</p> <p>Contest Photos: 2</p> <p>Local Area Notes & Events: 3</p> <p>Next Meeting Agenda: 3</p> <p>Photo Gallery: 3 & 5</p> <p>2011 Modeling Contests: 4</p> <p>NMRA Info Net News: 4</p> <p>Where to Find It: Advertisements 6</p>
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DCC controller needs to be sent in for a repair.
Suggestion made to get plexiglass for the modules.

Rail fest Sept. 16-18 in North Platte Nebraska

Discussion and motion to donate Division TV to Goodwill or Salvation Army. Motion by Charles, Second by Jack motion carried,

Break

Contest Winners

- 1st Bill Lafette Good Luck Margarine Boxcar
- 2nd John Emmot Shell Tank Car
- 3rd Bob Binder Milwaukee Road outside braced wood sheathed Boxcar

Presentation: Bob Binder



Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting

Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.

**Editors / Assistant Superintendents Desk
By
Charles Marchbanks**

Another month has passes and it is time to write a column again. The question before the Pikes Peak Division is whether we should host the 2012 Rocky Mountain Region Convention. My opinion is that we should host the convention. I do know that it is a lot of work to host the convention and prepare for it but I think it would benefit the Division to host the convention. It could be monetarily beneficial and could regain some (continued on page 3)

Photos of contest winners:



Bill Lafette Good Luck Margarine Boxcar



John Emmot Shell Tank Car



Bob Binder Milwaukee Road outside braced wood sheathed Boxcar

enthusiasm in the Division. I also know that I am not the guy to be in charge of this and I am in no way volunteering to be the convention chairman.

I do have some suggestions on how to do the chairmanship. I suggest Co-chairs so nobody has to do it on their own. They should each know what the other one knows in case something was to happen to one of them. We would need to start no later than after July's meeting to find a location set a date and make the formal proposal at the Region convention in August.

I also think that we should shoot for a labor day or late August or early September date. That way we have a full year to plan and prepare for the convention for the convention. I am excited about the prospects of hosting a convention but I will go along with what the division decides to do.

Some of the reason I think that it would be good to have the convention in Colorado Springs is all that is available in the Springs. We have several layouts that could be open for tours or operation sessions depending on what the owner wants. We have several hobby shops for the attendees to checkout. We have several places where the joint line can be watched. We also are close to several tourist lines including Pikes peak Cog Railway, The Royal Gorge Route Railroad, and Cripple Creek and Victor Railroad. We also have several good local Clinicians to provide quality clinics at the convention. These are the railroad and model railroad related options that I can think of offhand.

We also have thing available for none rail interest like the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Old Town Museum, Focus on the Family, Pioneer Museum, and Money museum just to mention a few. What we need to make the convention happen is a commitment from the members to make the convention happen. Again I know that it is a lot of work but I am willing to help make it happen if we decide to host it.

On another track. I noticed that the same train was parked in the Kelker siding at least three days this week June 29 - July 1, 2011 that I observed this week on the way to and from work. I found this interesting and thought that I would mention it. The train was mostly grain cars with some other cars at the end of the train.

Until next month Charles

Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

July-Clinic on DVD.

August-Clinic Dale Quam

September-Clinic Bob Foltz

Got a project that you would like to share? Is there a technique you would like to learn? Let Bob Binder or Charles Marchbanks know.

Local Area Notes & Events

- 2011 Pikes Peak Division of the NMRA Layout Tour July 30th and 31st. time is 1-4:30 pm both days.
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- Rocky Mountain Region Convention Sept 2-4.
- See add on page 4.

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>

July meeting topics:

1. Welcome new members
2. ?

2011 CONTESTS

January	Coil car kit bashing challenge
February	Caboose
March	Steam Locomotive
April	Structure (RR and non-RR)
May	Passenger Car
June	Tank, Box, or Refrigerator car
July	Flat, Hopper, or Gon with load
August	Mow Equipment
September	Prototype Photo
October	Diesel or Electric Locomotive
November	Photo of your Model RR, module, or diorama
December	No contest

Photo Gallery



Hugo roundhouse February 2011

2011 Layout tour information

On Saturday July 30th

1. John Campbell
2. Eric Lundberg
3. Wade & Charlotte Mountz

On Sunday July 31st.

1. Bob Foltz
2. Bill Galloway

For questions Call Wade Mountz at 380-9060 or
w.mountz@yahoo.com

NMRA Info Net news

It's the pre-convention June edition. Not much news this month because everyone is getting ready for Sacramento next month.

- **IMPORTANT!** Region Presidents and Division Superintendents, please note:

In the next few days you will be receiving a copy of the new **Member Information Policy** adopted by the Board of Directors. Be sure to read the policy carefully and adopt the changes at the regional and divisional level of the NMRA.

Recent changes in personal privacy laws make these changes necessary in order that your local group – and you personally – can avoid the ever-stronger consequences and penalties for sharing members' personal information without their permission.

Please direct any questions concerning this new policy to Mike Brestel, NMRA President, at nmrapres@zoomtown.com, or Robert Amsler, NMRA General Counsel, at nmralegal@charter.net.

- Remind your members that the NMRA has a **Facebook page and is on Twitter**. For up-to-the-minute news members should follow us at either (or both) of those two social media sites!
- The **National Train Show also has a Facebook page**. When they follow us, your members can get all

kinds of information about which vendors will be at the show, show specials, and other good-to-know previews about the NTS!

- As has been the case for several years, **NMRA Membership numbers are remaining stable**. The membership count, as of May 31, was 19,495. This represents an increase of 0.34% (that's 1/3 of 1%) over May of 2010, and a decrease of 0.32% (1/3 of 1%) over May of 2006. When you hear rumors of the "constant decrease in NMRA membership," please quote these figures -- it's **STABLE** and has been for at least five years!
- Repeating last month's news, **the 2011 NMRA election results** are in!
 - The new NMRA Canada Director will be **Don Hillman**, replacing Clark Kooning, MMR.
 - The new Central District Director will be **Peter Magoun**, MMR, replacing Bob Beatty, MMR.
 - The new Regional Advisory Council Director will be **Stephen Priest**, MMR, replacing Bob Ferguson.

All new Directors will take office at the Sacramento Board Meeting.

- The **Summer Board meeting** will be held prior to the Sacramento x2011 Convention and will begin on Friday, July 1, 2011. Current plans put the meeting in the Beavis Room in the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Tentative starting time is 9 am. All locations and times are subject to change -- be sure to keep an eye out for updates to this information. Remember, it's the responsibility of Region and Division officials to pass along this information to members.

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

**GREAT
WEST RAILS
2011**

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!

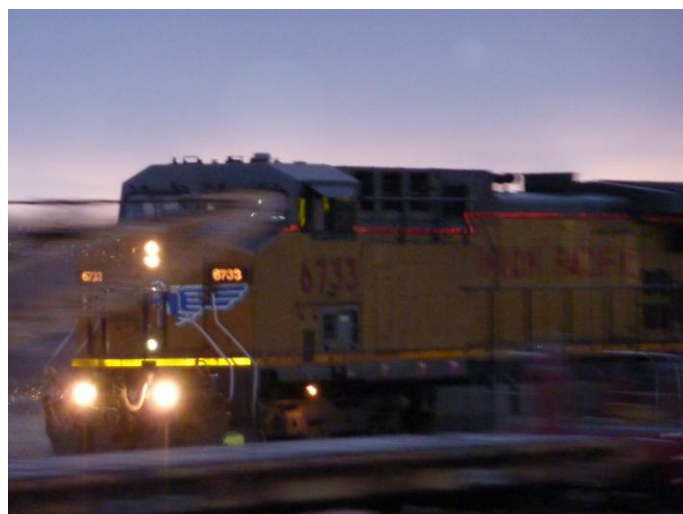
Convention registration is \$50.00, and spouses or minor children of a primary registrant can register for \$25.00. All convention registrations include admission to the Greeley Freight Station museum during the convention.

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.




Logimex 4 bay covered hopper in Burlington Colorado in a Kyle train February 2011.



Union Pacific 6733 in Limon Colorado on head end of a coal train Wednesday before Thanksgiving 2010. All pictures in this issue by Charles Marchbanks

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