

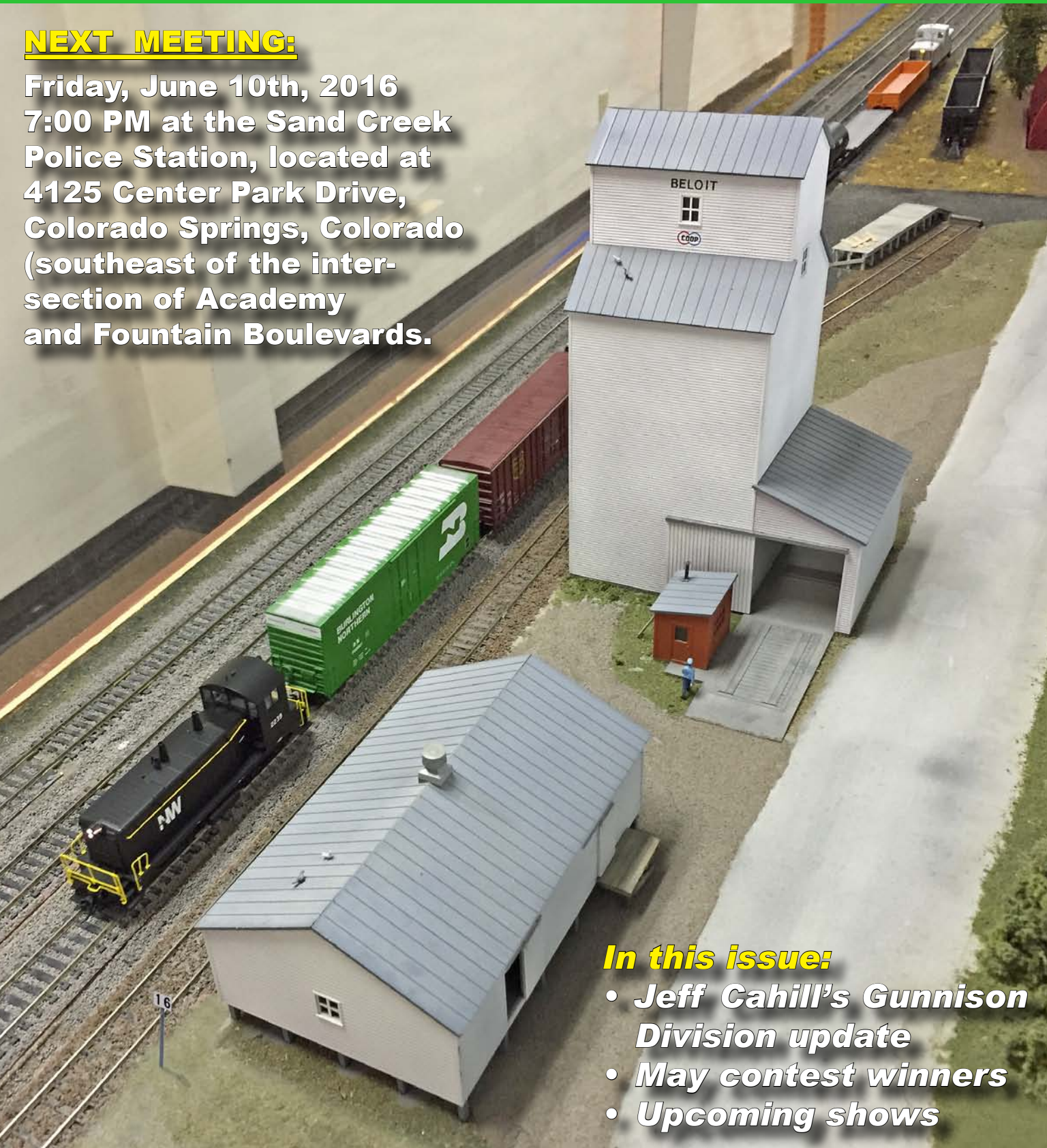


The Milepost

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NEXT MEETING:

**Friday, June 10th, 2016
7:00 PM at the Sand Creek
Police Station, located at
4125 Center Park Drive,
Colorado Springs, Colorado
(southeast of the inter-
section of Academy
and Fountain Boulevards.**



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Cover Photograph: A Norfolk & Western Railroad freight passes through the town of Beloit on John Emmot's HO-scale module while at the PPD swap meet show, in Colorado Springs, on May 14th, 2016. Photograph by Michael Murdock.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

At each monthly meeting, a program of some kind is presented for information, entertainment, and enjoyment of those in attendance. Our Monthly Meeting Programs Chairman, Charles Marchbanks, is still in need of programs for July 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 one of the monthly meetings, please get in touch with Charles. His contact information is in the "P.P.D. Staff Members" column on this page. Here is the current program schedule:

June 2016: Bill LaFollette will have a presentation titled, "A Derailment, A Collision, And A Wreck — Fact, Folklore, And Music.

July 2016: [OPEN]

August 2016: [OPEN]

September 2016: [OPEN]

October 2016: [OPEN]

November 2016: [OPEN]

December 2016: No program — Christmas party.



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CONTEST CORNER

By Dennis Snyder, Contest Chairman

A number of people have mentioned that our contest participation seems to be up lately and I am glad to hear that. Like the NMRA Achievement Program, I believe the monthly contests should be fun, an opportunity to share what we are doing and to learn to better modeling techniques. I always study everyone's work to see if I can use their tricks and techniques to make my models better.

Some people are more interested in operations or just plain running their trains but even these people need models as a backdrop for running. Me, I love to build and I do the reverse, run trains as a backdrop for my building. I guess that is why my simple double folded dog bone with yard and sidings still hasn't made the loop yet. And, that is what makes this hobby so great... we can do it all... build models, run trains, build scenery, study geology, flora, and history, share camaraderie and just have a good time.

This year, we are hosting the regional convention and one of the mainstays of all conventions is the model contest. Gary Myers, our new regional contest chairman, recently wrote an article on the region's *Callboard* about his plans for the Convention Contest (see my summary and links below) and on some new categories for the Regional contests.

Since we are hosting the convention, it seems that our division should play a part in the model contest so I would like to inspire you to think about entering. Some very excellent modelers in the division told me they didn't really understand the judging criteria and just never tried to enter. Well, I found a great clinic by Gary Myers on Sunrise Division's website that addresses those items and a series of articles on the NMRA site. Please see "Model Contest Judging: Eliminating the Mystery" at http://www.trainweb.org/SunriseDivision/handouts/Model_Contest_Judging.pdf or see <http://www.nmra.org/masters-articles-updated-2009>

At the last meeting, we changed the August meeting's contest from "Weathered Steam-Operated Equipment" to "Judged and Display Models". September's contest is changed from "Scratch-Built Structure" to "Animal Car" — any car used to haul animals (stock car, circus car, etcetera). Basically, the August 2016 meeting will have two contests. A division level, judged merit contest based on NMRA AP standards with multiple categories.

Contestants can have their models judged to AP standards and achieve merit awards. Remember AP merit contests are judged on their individual merits, not against each other. Then, using the judges' notes, contestants have two months to improve their model and enter the regional contest. Please see <http://www.nmra.org/categories> for all the details. If contestants are willing, we can have the judges go over how they judged the models as part of the meeting. I believe we may have a future program around Advanced Placement categories and judging.

The second contest is our usual division popular vote contest. To encourage everyone to participate, our division contest will have two categories, first-time (or nearly first-time) contestants, and experienced contestants.

I expect a good part of the August meeting will be taken up with this. This will provide a great opportunity for everyone to get some recognition of their work and to share what they are doing. I will provide more details on these in the next issue or two of *The Milepost*. Anyone that wants to get ideas, critiques, whatever, to me can e-mail me at:

ppdcontest@outlook.com

The following is a summary of Gary Myer's Contest Article from the Spring *Callboard*:

1. The convention will have judged and popular vote categories.
 1. All entries are in the popular vote category.
2. Contestants choose if they want their entry judged by NMRA merit standards or popular vote only.
 1. Merit judged entries earning 87-1/2 points are eligible for Merit Awards.
 2. The top 3 Merit Award scored entries will earn Special Category plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places.
2. Entries that request NMRA judging that are not in the categories below; such as Structures: Track; Structures: Bridges, Structures: Miscellaneous are eligible for Merit Awards.
3. There are 3 special popular vote categories that are eligible for special convention awards listed below (these may also be judged for Merit Award by request):
 1. "Best Car Load" Convention Special Award for any car load displayed on any type car, limited to a 2 car length (e.g., a crane and boom car), and a limited to 1 entry per contestant.
 2. "Best representation of Colorado Railroading" Convention Special Award for any locomotive, train, rolling stock, mini-diorama or module (no limit on number of entries/member).
 1. Modules, as part of a layout at the Convention, are also eligible, if so designated. However, models/dioramas/modules that have previously received this award are ineligible.
 3. "Youth Award" Convention Special Award for the best model by an under 18 participant.
 4. "Best" plaques for other popular vote sub-categories having a minimum of 5 entries in the category. i.e. 5 quilts and 5 hand-made lanterns by different people, we could have Best of Art and Crafts: Needlepoint, Best of Arts and Crafts: Railroadiana, for example.

<https://sites.google.com/site/callboardfebruary2016/the-contest-chair-1>
(Note: Gary's link to the NMRA site is broken. You can find lots of info at <http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program>)

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Below are the contests scheduled for the monthly meetings. Please contact Dennis Snyder for questions. Please note there have been some changes to this list from what was previous shown in past issues of *The Milepost*.

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 Engine*.

August *Judged And Display Models* (first-timers welcome).

September *Animal/Stock Car*.

October Enter the Regional Convention Contests.

November *Passenger Car*.

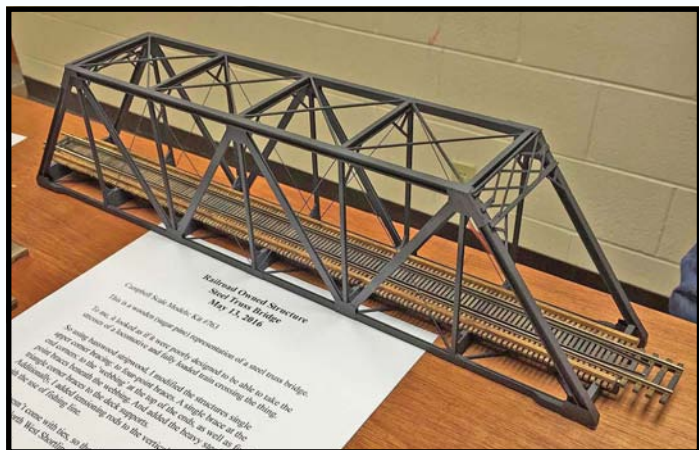
December No contest (Christmas party).

MAY 2016 CONTEST

Last month's contest was for a *Railroad Owned Structure*. Below are the winning entries:



Dennis Snyder won first place with this railroad crossing tower. This is an HO-scale Fast Trails kit. Dennis added lights, figures, and an interior.



Robert Allen won second-place with this HO-scale Campbell Scale Models steel truss bridge (Kit #763). Robert writes that this is a wooden (sugar pine) representation of a steel truss bridge. Robert thought it looked as if it were poorly designed to be able to take the stresses of a locomotive and fully loaded train crossing the thing. So using basswood stripwood, Robert modified the structures single upper bracing to four-point braces. A single brace at the end corners to the "webbing" at the top of the ends, as well as four-point braces beneath the webbing. And he added the heavy steel triangle corner braces to the deck supports. Additionally, Robert added tensioning rods to the vertical super-structure with the use of fishing line.



Paul Petty won third-place with these two railroad depots. The left model is HO-scale and the right is S-scale.



Tony Pawlicki entered this HO-scale two-stall enginehouse model. Tony reports that he added: a scratchbuilt office/shop complex, outside painters working off of scratchbuilt wall jacks, interior walls (cardstock), workbench and cabinets, a door from the enginehouse to the office/shop annex, interior enginehouse lighting, roll-up door housings, painted sills and mullions, and decals for the Illinois Industrial Railroad above the roll-up door housings. Note: a concrete floor with rails and inspection/service pits permanently attached to layout, so not shown here.



Ever wonder how all those modules get to a show? Many are brought by those of the module group. However, the "cornerstone" modules are transported in the Division's trailer — shown in the photograph above. The inset photograph shows the NMRA logo that is on the side of the trailer. Thanks to John Emmot for hauling this trailer to the shows.

MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

It is that time again. We are coming up on the June TECO show. This is the last show before the Rocky Mountain Region Convention in October this year. I hope we can identify and accomplish any cosmetic updates for the modules with this show. Mike Maline has brown paint, if anyone needs it. I believe most have the overhead lights. We have a couple more if anyone is short. I know we will be short a couple of modules this time. We will get a final count at the meeting this week. Please e-mail me if you won't be present. I understand that the Youth In Model Railroading and the Pikes Peak & Southern HO-scale module group plan to be at the show. The Colorado & Great Western module group from Denver will also be present as will the Pikes Peak "N" Gineers.

We will plan to begin our setup a little after noon on Friday, June 17th, 2016. I hope that as many as possible will be able to schedule their Father's Day observance to be present through the show. We welcome any help who can come for setup or operations. Some of the "problems" with the layout in recent times have been because of loose rail joiners on the connecting tracks. As we put the connecting tracks in place, please be aware of the fit — fix or exchange any loose joiners. Those nine inch sections only get power via the joiners. Keep that in mind if you want your sound locos to perform well. Remember to use re-railers near the corners and by the gate as that is where trains get put on the track. I will have a sign-up sheet for running at the June 10th meeting.

We had a successful Division show in May with a 28' by 12' layout. Thanks to Mike Maline, Myron Gelsinger, and John Emmot. Also thanks to those who helped setup before and during the meeting. There were plenty of good vendors and a good turnout through the door. Over all, we did well.

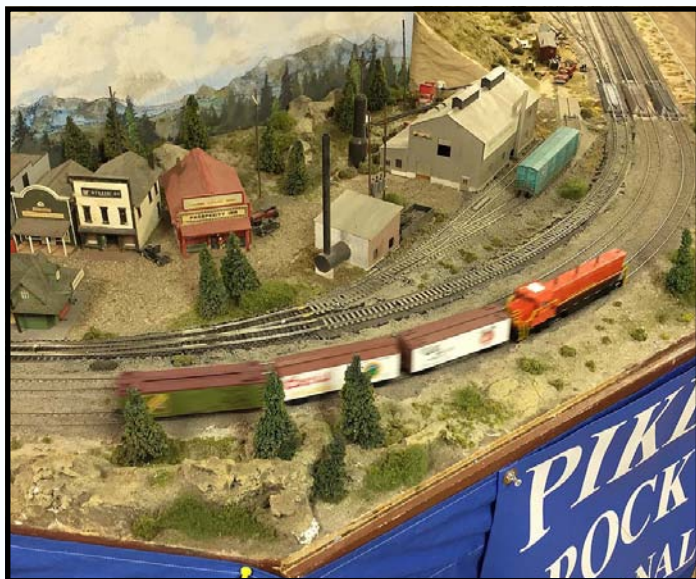
On another front, James Patterson has abandoned the two four foot modules he got from Dusty. Jim Vadeboncoeur has disbanded the Tin Cup Mining Company module. We will miss those modules. We have added a four foot module built by Jim Lipper and donated to the PPD. We also have the two four foot modules belonging to Dan Castillo which are currently stored at the Expo Center. While they are available, they need someone to take care of them during setups and tear-downs. Any volunteers? We will have to identify a new storage location for the Castillo modules when the Expo Center closes.

Hope to see everyone on Friday.

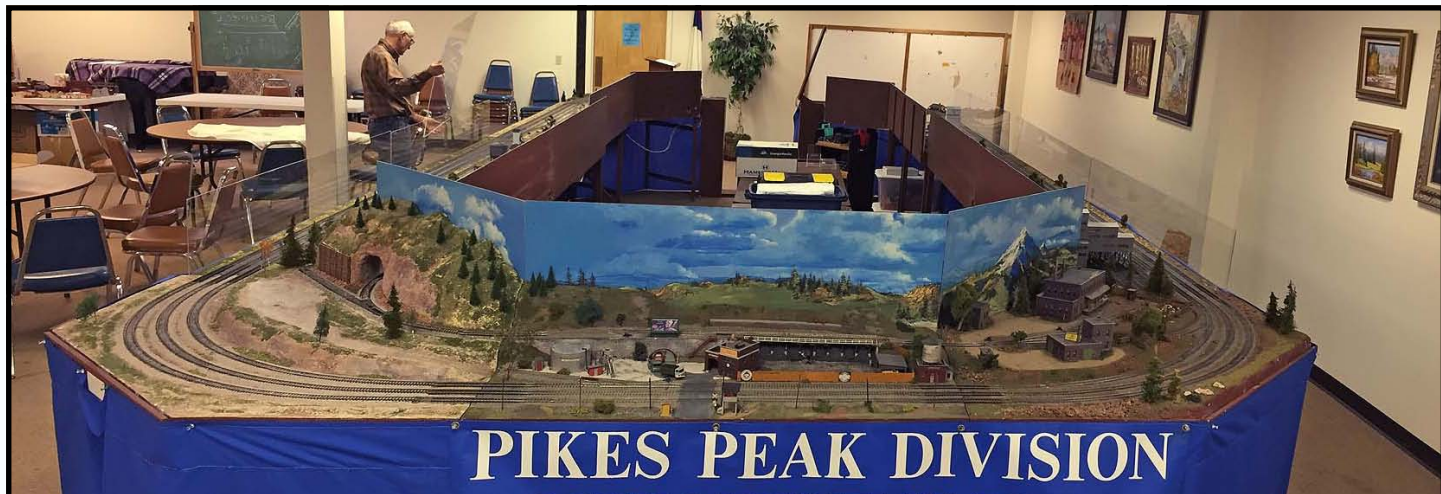
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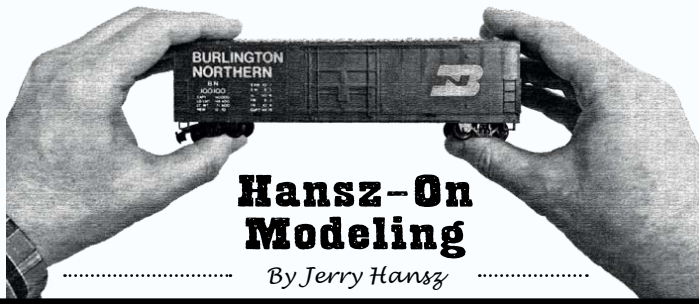
John Emmot and Jerry Hansz getting some of the track connected between modules before the May 14th swap meet show.



An Army locomotive pulls a short train of three refrigerated beer boxcars — apparently for some kind of party on base?



John Emmot gets some of the last clear panels attached to the layout late on the Friday night before the May 14th swap meet.



Hansz-On Modeling

By Jerry Hansz

Back Then...

Remember when you started model railroading? My adventure started in the 1940's. My first layout was in my upstairs bedroom on the farm. While putting scenery on the 4' x 6' layout, I ran out of plaster. A trip to the workshop produced some wheat paste. Worked okay, until one night, I heard the mice eating my layout! Out it went!

My first locomotive was a Mantua "Big Six" 0-6-0 switcher. Gave it to my brother when I went into the Army. He sold it!

In Japan, our guys built an HO layout. I used dried coffee grounds to do roof and roads. Didn't get any photos of that. Tours in Korea, Maryland, Hawaii, and Texas didn't give much time for trains, although I did work on some kits.

In Alaska from 1959 to 1963, we had a full basement. Midst the amateur radio equipment, I built a small layout, which didn't get finished. Ham radio was too much fun!



Athearn Hustler in the lower right.



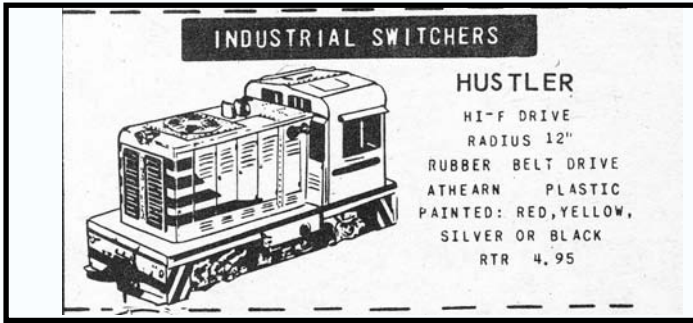
The railroad station in this picture still resides at Oidar on the Santa Fe Central.



The Athearn Hustler is a little diesel with "Hi-F" rubber band drive. I have two.

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From the 1961 AHC catalog.

In the 1990's I repainted them to resemble the little diesels that Santa Fe used in their tie plants. Still with rubber band drive.

I also replaced the "Big Six".



When I bought the can motor for it, Jim Lenehan thought I was crazy!

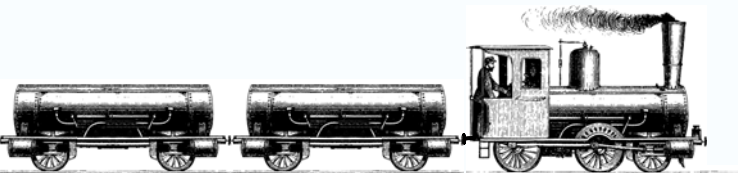


Also from the 1961 AHC catalog.

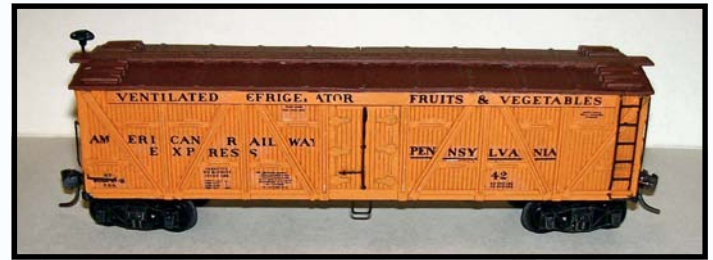
During the 1960's I built some cars. Two were Ambroid kits, which I still have. The Great Northern express reefer is 7 inches long and weighs 5.2 ounces, vs. NMRA recommended 4.5 ounces.



Great Northern express reefer.



The Pennsy reefer is 5 3/4 inches long and weighs 2.3 ounces vs. the NMRA standard of 3.875 oz.



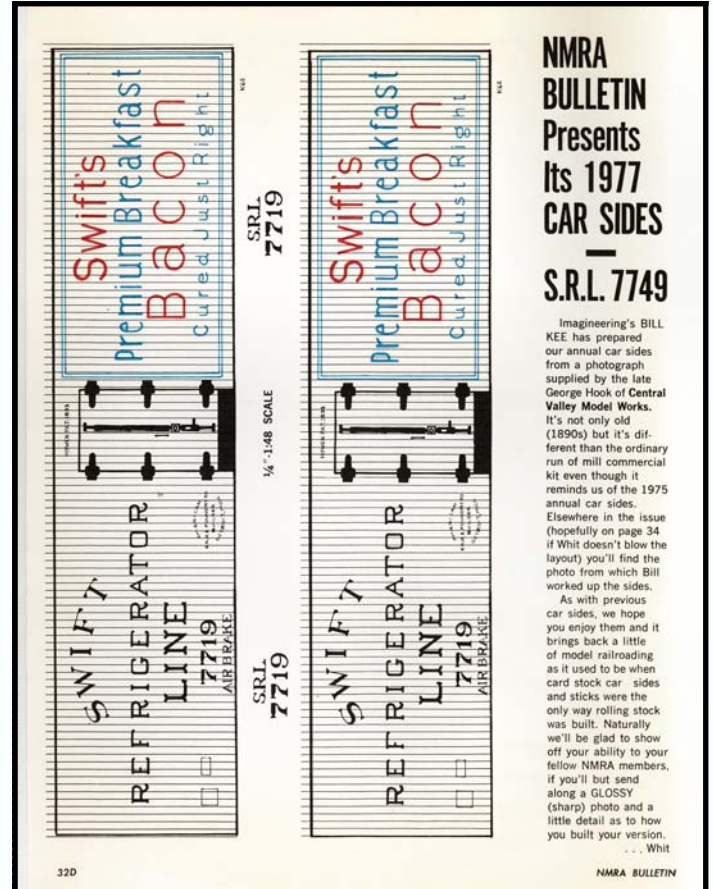
Pennsylvania Railroad reefer.

In the 1970's and 1980's the NMRA Bulletin printed a number of cardboard car sides in the magazine. I did build a couple of cars using the sides. One is PRR 78500, a 40 foot box.



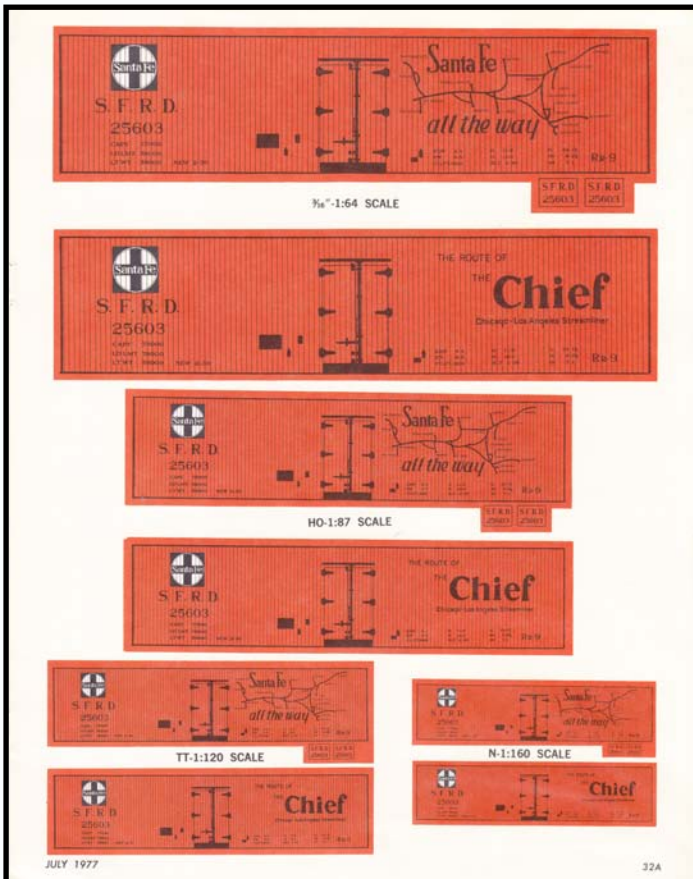
The carcass, roof, and under-frame were scratch built. It weighs 3.5 oz. vs. 3.75 oz.

The other car is somewhere in one of my junk boxes. The next two photos show examples of the NMRA bulletin sides.



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I have a bunch of these. If anyone wants to try their hand, please let me know.

As I said, model railroading back then was an adventure!

Jerry

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MAY 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The Friday, May 13th, 2016 meeting for the PPD RMR was opened by Wade Mountz at 7:15 PM. There were no new visitors and 24 people were present. The minutes for the last meeting were approved without changes. Treasurer Frank Pareso gave the treasurer's report. The convention account has now been opened.

1. In old business, J.B. Thistlethwaite mentioned that Jim Vadeboncoeur needs to postpone the picnic to this Fall.
2. Contact Charles Marchbanks if anyone has a program they would like to present to the group during our monthly meeting.
3. Dennis Snyder reports that at this point in time, there are no changes to the contest rules for the monthly contest.
4. Andy Buco gave information concerning the June TECO show — which is during Father's Day weekend.
5. Dusty Thomson gave updates and thanked everyone concerning the setup of the swap meet show that will be tomorrow. The show has been advertised in a wide-variety of media. Lunch will probably be sandwiches for sale.
6. Kristin Phillips will or has new division fliers printed up. A sample was passed around.
7. J.B. Thistlethwaite mentioned that the Pike Masters layout downtown is still down — it will probably not open back up until June 2016.

Short break with voting on contest entries (*Railroad Owned Structure*).

Frank Pareso gave out door prize winners.

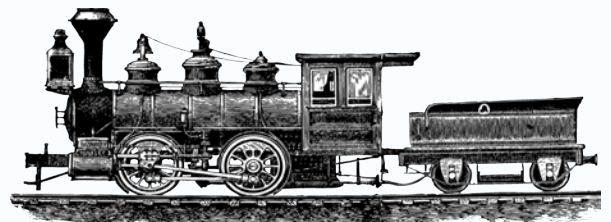
Next month's contest is a *Weathered Unusual Railcar*.

Wade mentioned that he is hoping everyone can help out with the big regional convention coming this October 2016.

Bob Binder showed off some weather work and related information that he has been doing on his locomotives.

Contest winners were announced (see "May 2016 Contest" column for more information on this).

Meeting was closed at 7:55 PM. Module group continued setting up the layout for tomorrow.



MODEL RAILWAY SHOWS 2016 SCHEDULE



JUNE 18-19
SAT 9-4, SUN 10-3*
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Gunnison Division Notes

Spar Tree

By Jeff Cahill

Hello Pikes Peak Division! Some features are simply going to be someplace on my layout and this is one of them. After seeing spar tree scenes in the magazines and on John Denny's HO Santa Fe – Raton Pass layout, I decided to find room for one in the logging camp on my railroad. This is another of many structure kits that sat on my kit shelf for quite some time, but I finally got around to building and planting the KMP Models N-scale Spar Tree kit.



Photo 1. A spar tree (from <http://gallery.crmuseum.ca/photograph/spar-tree-heel-boom>).

A spar tree (Photo 1) is the tree used as the highest anchor point in a high-lead cable logging setup. A spar tree was chosen based on height, location, and strength and lack of rot to withstand the weight and pressure of moving and loading the timber. Once a spar tree was selected a climber removes the limbs and tops the tree. Cabling, block and tackle was then affixed to the tree. They are rarely used today, if at all. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spar_\(tree\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spar_(tree))).

Photo 2 shows the entire KMP spar tree kit: a two-part tree made of wood dowels, a couple of other small bits of wood, and a bag of metal castings for the block and tackle. Not much to it, not even thread for the “cables.” I’ve already made the boom, done some painting, and I am starting work on the tree.



Photo 2. KMP Models Spar Tree kit.

I asked my woodworking-wife what she thought the instructions meant by “put it in a drill and taper it.” She explained to secure the dowel in a power drill, hold sandpaper around it, and let ‘er rip! And do it outside. Boom – a nicely tapered tree!

Photo 3 shows the spar tree lying on the kit template and you can see it is less than the recommended height.

The kit calls for a 9.5 inch (about 127 N-scale feet) spar tree, and I thought that was too tall. The spar tree would be three inches taller than

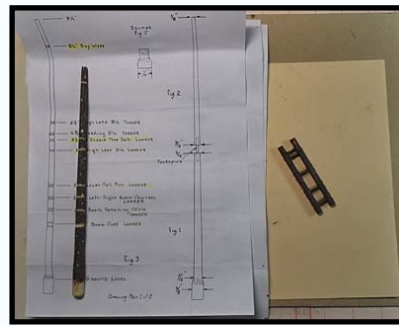


Photo 3. Spar tree kit template.

any other tree on the layout. I settled on a smidgen over seven inches tall with the tallest trees on the layout being about six inches, and there are only a few of those. My spar tree is still the biggest and baddest tree in the woods, just like the real thing. The template shows also where to notch around the tree for tying off the rigging cables. And I’ve filed off where some limbs used to be.

Building the tree on the work bench (Photo 4) is recommended in the instructions and a great idea. You need to get all around it to attach the rigging and doing this on the bench makes that step much easier. I modified the rigging a bit so one of the cables does not go over the track, because I have operators reaching in there to uncouple cuts of logging flats. Maybe only a “spar tree expert” would notice, huh? Oh, and everyone reading this.

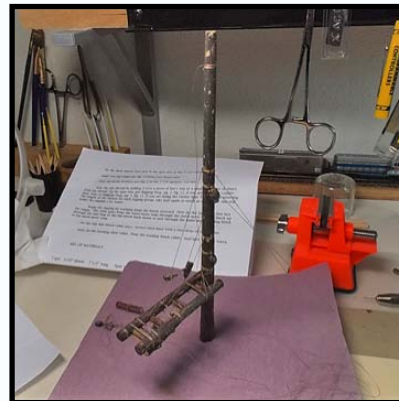


Photo 4. Rigging the tree at the bench.

Before starting the cable rigging, I held up different color thread in the logging camp to decide which color was easy to see. Once again, I want to make sure operators see the lines, so I made sure I didn’t select a nearly invisible thread once it is tied-off in the surrounding landscape.

I had to clear an area in the logging camp area for planting the spar tree and running the rigging. Spar trees are like turntables: both eat up some real estate. Photo 5 shows where I set a few stumps for tying-off cables according to the rigging diagram in the instructions. And of course I drilled a big fat hole for the tree.



Photo 5. Prepping the logging camp.

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Finally the spar tree is installed in the last photo. In the narrow space it wouldn't look right for one of the cables to go almost straight down behind the tree, so I ran one thread through a small hole in the backdrop and penciled the rest of the cable onto the backdrop. A couple of the threads needed adjusting once moved from the bench to the layout... nothing major. A scratch built steam donkey, scraps of wood, and nice tall trees help complete the scene.

The kit is pricey – like all KMP kits in my opinion – but I like the way it turned out and believe the spar tree is one of the cooler structures on the railroad!



Photo 6. Sort-of finished spar tree scene.

Jeff

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.

JUNE 2016

- 10.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 18-19TECO Train Show. See flier in this issue.
- 18 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute).

JULY 2016 **NEW**

- 8.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 16 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute).
- 21.....Pikes Peak "N" Gineers module setup at Dinosaur Resource Center, Woodland Park, Colo.
- NEW** 30-31Rocky Mountain Train Show at Forney Museum Of Transportation (see flier in this issue).

AUGUST 2016

- NEW** 6-72016 Colorado Rail Fair at the Pueblo Union Depot, Pueblo, Colorado (see flier in this issue).
- 12.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 20 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute).

MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of The Milepost.

I hope everyone had a good time at the swap meet back on May 14th. I thought it was a pretty good show and we had a good turnout. I was finally able to run a train on the modules this time around.



Switching a grain car at a local elevator.



There were, in my opinion, a lot of good deals at the swap meet show. I snagged this HO-scale grain car for \$10.00 (original price was \$22.00).



Did anyone else notice the man inside the crossing tower in Dennis' first-place entry back on May 13th (see page #5)? He even had a cup of coffee on his desk! I think it is amazing the amount of detail and the mood that can be accomplished in HO-scale -- nice job!



Joe's Railroad Notes

By Joe Costa

Kristin and I went to the recent Gem & Mineral Show over at the Mortgage Solution Financial Expo Center (same place as TECO).

We were pleasantly surprised that Slim Rail was here and we had a little chat with them. They have a nice poster from NMRA explaining DCC as well as a display of various scaled train cars. Sounds like they are participating in the Regional Convention in October 2016.

Apparently they do not have a public website or print any brochures. They really should let us know when they are attending a show and get themselves included in the list of clubs and activities published in *The Milepost*.

Kristin can pass on to Mike Peck the picture of the confusing TECO banner in the front of the convention hall. I think they mean 2016 and not 2015.



Funicolare On Capri

On our recent trip to Europe, I got my best "railroad fix" on the Isle of Capri. After taking a boat around the island to visit the Blue Grotto (in a rowboat), we went back to town to ride the Funicular to the upper part of town — it was crowded by inexpensive. What surprised me was the curvature on the track — you can see a close-up of those pulleys they use.



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Montserrat Rack Railway

Unfortunately, the rack railway, similar to our Cog Railway, was not working on the day we visited Montserrat. I did take these pictures of the track and the station. There are two funiculars going to religious sites up and down from the monastery. We signed up for a half-day tour which ended up being a mistake from a railroading point of view. Those funiculars run every half hour and we couldn't afford the time in addition to touring the monastery. In addition to full-day tours, there is also a hotel at the monastery so tourists could actually stay over night. Maybe the next time we visit.



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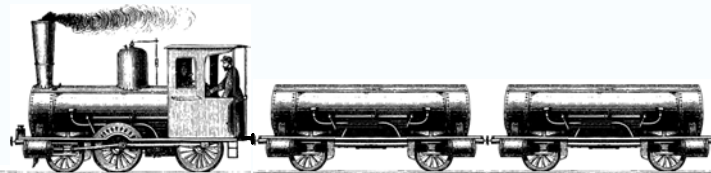
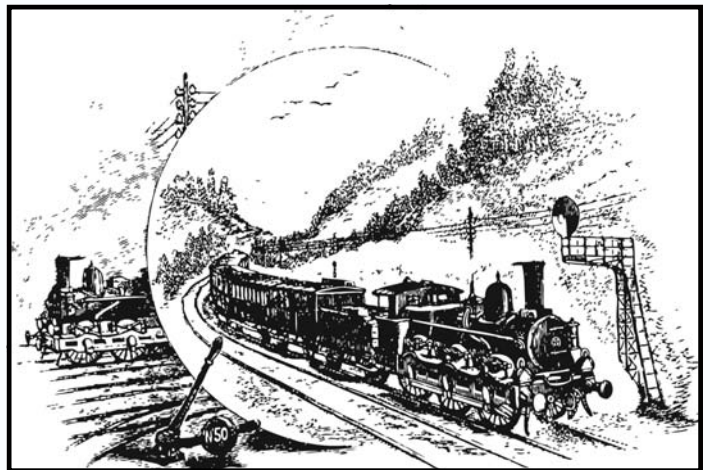
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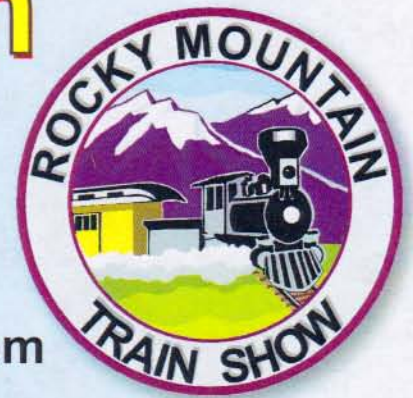
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