

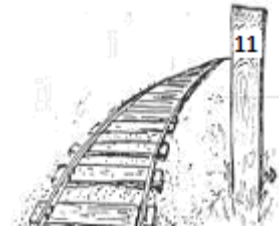


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NEXT MEETING
June, 10
Sand Creek
Police Station
7:30 PM

Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station 4125 Sand Creek Dr. (Southeast of Academy and Fountain)

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March Meeting

Meeting Minutes

No minutes were received from the secretary.

Presentation: Rick Huntsrod presented an excellent clinic on making evergreen trees using the bottle brush technique and Aspens from floral arbors.



Train Swap to be held at Each Meeting

Bring your unwanted items to sell or swap.

Editors / Assistant Superintendents Desk By Charles Marchbanks

Not much this month to mention by me. I am amazed how missing one meeting can feel like I missed half the year. I hope that you still find this issue interesting.



West bound coal train at freeman street Oakley KS photo by Charles Marchbanks

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PPD Modular Event:

Possible set up in Pueblo August 6th & 7th 2011.

Photos of contest winners:

The contest for May was passenger and there were no entries.

Ed Pals displayed his passenger cars.



Photo Gallery



Charles and the Montz's at the last division show.



D Attig's modules at the division train show.



Full view of half the division layout at the April division train show.

Local Area Notes & Events

- Limon Railroad Days Sat & Sun June 4-5, 2011 at the Rock Island Depot and Limon Fire Station. Operating model train Layouts, swap meet, door prizes, and food. Free admission to Depot museum. \$3 per person for train show.
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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>

June meeting topics:

1. Welcome new members
2. ?

Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

June-Clinic on DVD.

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.

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

NMRA Info Net news

Welcome to the April 2011 edition!

- Plans for [The Gallery Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum](#) are moving into high gear. To date, organizing and fund raising actions have raised two pledges of matching funds from anonymous NMRA member donors. One donation is for \$50,000 and the other is for \$250,000. Current plans call for the exhibit to be opened by the end of 2012. You'll find out all the details of the exhibit in the May issue of *NMRA Magazine*.
 - A special ["Carpet Cutting Ceremony"](#) (the indoor equivalent of a Ground Breaking Ceremony) for the Gallery Exhibit will be held on Thursday evening during the x2011 Convention. All are invited.
 - Speaking of x2011, if you haven't yet registered for the X2011 West NMRA Convention to be held in Sacramento in July, you should register now! If you have already registered, it is time to sign up for tours and operating sessions before they fill up! For more information and/or to register or sign up for tours, go to www.x2011west.org.
 - The "Members-Only" area of www.nmra.org is currently open to all members. Although content is still being added, right now the area houses copies of all Region and Division newsletter articles cited within the last year by Jim Zinser in his bi-monthly "Division Business Car / NMRA@Home" column in *NMRA Magazine*. In addition the "NMRA magazine classics" section of the Members-Only area will contain classic articles from past issues of *Scale Rails* magazine and *The Bulletin*. We'll be adding new material all the time so check back often.
 - The NMRA remains active with the two model railroad podcasts mentioned in a previous edition of the InfoNet News. The NMRA is now sponsoring "The Model Railway Show" podcast, produced by well known modelers Trevor Marshall and Jim Martin. Their website is www.themodelrailwayshow.com. And Board Member Clark Kooning, along with other NMRA members, continues to appear as a regular guest on the "Model Rail Radio" podcast. Their website is at www.modelrailradio. Both of these podcasts can be downloaded directly from their websites, or via iTunes.
 - We're still looking for stories of what your Division or Region does for [National Model Railroad Month](#). Write a 200-word summary and send it to me at this email address. Thanks.
 - [Notice of 2012 elections](#). The following NMRA Officers and Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2012: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Special Projects, Eastern District Director, Pacific District Director, and At-Large North America Director. Please check the NMRA Executive Handbook located at http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra_organization.html for the extent of the districts affected and qualifications. All candidate names for consideration by the Nominations Committee shall be submitted to Didrik Voss, davoss@pvmtengr.com, no later than June 15, 2011.
- An error crept into last month's InfoNet News: The [Summer Board meeting](#) will be held prior to the Sacramento x2011 Convention on [Friday, July 1, 2011](#) (not Thursday, June 30 as previously reported). The meeting is usually held at the Convention hotel, but the exact start time and room number will be announced when available. Remember, it's the responsibility of Region and Division officials to pass along this information to members.
- The NMRA is looking to identify and recognize any [model railroad clubs that were formed in 1935 or earlier](#) that are still in existence. We would like the name of the club and when it was founded. A picture from the early years would be appreciated. Send the information to Dave Thornton - NMRA Vice President of Administration, Email DThorn5552@aol.com or mail to 2027 Jeffrey Drive, Troy, MI 48085-3816.
- It's the May 2011 edition!
- [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.
- Speaking of the [Summer Board meeting...](#) this year's 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 Sacramento Grand Sheraton 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.
 - A couple of [Convention reminders](#):
 - A special ["Carpet Cutting Ceremony"](#) (the indoor equivalent of a Ground Breaking Ceremony) for the Gallery Exhibit will be held on Thursday evening during the x2011 Convention. All are invited.
 - Convention registrations have now passed [1500 attendees](#) while attendance at the Advance Section over the weekend prior to the Convention is over 150 attendees... and the Convention is still 6 weeks away! If you or your

members aren't registered yet, you can do it online at www.x2011west.org. You can also buy tickets for tours, sign up for operating sessions, and purchase convention cars and shirts online.

- Once again, a **notice of 2012 elections**. The following NMRA Officers and Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2012: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Special

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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!

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.

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