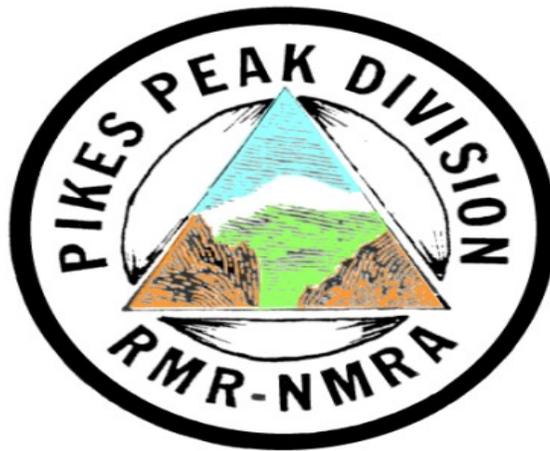


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NEXT MEETING

May, 11

Trinity United Methodist Church 6:00 PM
701 N. 20th St., Colorado Springs, CO

**Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station
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April Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by asst superintendent, Charles Marchbanks at 7:30.

Treasurer's report given by Frank Pareso.

Minutes accepted as published.

Dusty Thomson gave status update on PPD swapmeet scheduled for May 12. Most tables sold. Thousands of flyers distributed. The May meeting will be at the church at 6:00 PM to finish setup and assemble modules. Charles agreed to provide modules for one side and Dusty will bring his eight foot. John said he could manage the rest. The

May contest for steam engines will be held at the church.

Wade Mountz provided an update on the planning for the summer layout tour. He is tentatively looking at the last week end in July. He has added another layout in Monument to the itinerary. More details as they become available.

Roy Thompson gave a quick up date on TECO and noted that the Division needed a new TECO rep following the departure of Andy Buco. Need a volunteer who can attend TECO meetings that happen on Wednesday evenings. Question was asked about NMRA insurance for trainshows. Topic was set aside to be addressed at a future meeting.

Break was taken for refreshments and contest voting.

Raffle drawing was held immediately following the break.

This months program was a live show, focusing on David H. Moffat. Dave Naples, a railroad historian from Grandby, CO and the chairman of the Moffat Road Railroad Museum, described the life and times of Moffat in a first person presentation. He highlighted the character of the man and the situation that caused and allowed him to single-handedly build the Denver Northwestern & Pacific Railway west of Denver, over the Continental Divide and into the Yampa Valley. Those of you who weren't there missed an outstanding program.

Following the program, the contest result were announced. Dusty 1st, Charles 2nd, and Wade 3rd.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Photo Gallery



Photograph of junk yard on Eric Lundberg's layout

during the 2011 Division layout tour. Photo by Charles Marchbanks



Dave Naples, a railroad historian from Grandby, CO and the chairman of the Moffat Road Railroad Museum, describes the life and times of Moffat in a first person presentation. Photo by John Emmot.

Up coming Division 4 Clinics/Programs:

Mays meeting, we will be setting up for train show.

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.

Local Area Notes & Events

TECO

The Freedom Financial Services Expo Center
3660 N. Nevada Ave. Colorado Springs
June 2-3, 2012. Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-3.
\$5.00 per person. \$8.00 per Family

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>

2012 CONTESTS

May = Steam Loco

June = Boxcar/Covered Hopper

July = Caboose

August = Diesel or Electric Motive Power

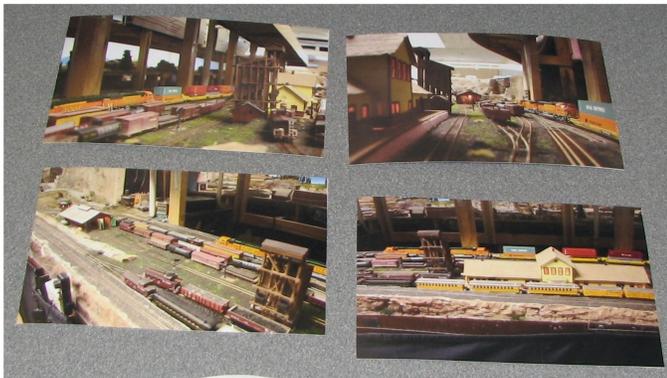
September = Bent Screwdriver

October = Passenger Car

November = Your personal picture of a diorama,
module or locomotive power

December = No contest

April Contest Photos



Dusty's photos of structures located on the pikemasters layout won first place. Photo by John Emmot



Charles' building won 2nd place. Photo by John Emmot



Wade's Hudson Gas station won 3rd place. Photo by John Emmot

NMRA INFONET NEWS

Welcome to the April 2012 InfoNet News eblast!

Fund-raising has begun for the "**Magic of Scale Model Railroading**" gallery at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA. As your members will probably recall, this gallery will introduce the Museum's 600,000 annual visitors to the hobby, as well as give them a sense of its history. One of the highlights of the gallery will be actual portions of the finest model railroads ever built. The Museum has donated the space rent-free to the NMRA for the purpose of promoting the hobby. It's estimated that the cost to build the exhibit will be approximately \$750,000, and no NMRA dues or monies will be used; instead, it will be entirely funded by donations. To date, over \$100,000 has been raised, and an anonymous donor has agreed to match donations, up to \$250,000.

Any NMRA member (or non-member, for that matter) who would like to donate to the funding of the gallery should send his or her tax-deductable donation to NMRA Headquarters at 4121 Cromwell Road., Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119, and mark it "Gallery donation."

In the February edition of the *InfoNet News* we reported the **agreement of cooperation between the NMRA and the [Hasea.com](http://www.hasea.com) Model**

Railroad Association of China. This July we'll be seeing the first fruits of that "Hands Across The Ocean" agreement as a group of teenage Chinese modelers and railfans visits California with the purpose of seeing layouts, prototype trains, and the California State Railway Museum. Several Pacific Coast Region members are helping to organize this 2-week event.

Grand Rails 2012, the upcoming NMRA national convention, has announced their **commemorative convention car**. Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once known as The Furniture Capital of the World, and appropriately the model was inspired by a postcard photograph of a turn-of-the-last-century furniture manufacturer's wood-sided boxcar. This replica, produced by Accurail, comes complete with a Grand Rails 2012 logo "poster" which can be applied by the modeler. Visit www.gr2012.org to see a shot of the prototype.

The folks at Grand Rails 2012 have posted a **preliminary clinic schedule** for the convention in PDF format, downloadable at their website. Among the clinicians are NMRA Worldwide Director Tony Koester, Jim Six, Jim Sacco, and a group of clinics by the Layout Design Sig.

Grand Rails 2012 is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to donate an hour or two of their time at the convention doing things like contest room security, helping with registration check-in, silent auction set-up and tear-down, and bus loading. If you're interested and have an hour or two you'd like to donate, contact Mark Baldwin, Vice Chair of Volunteers. Just use the "Contact Us" link on the Grand Rails 2012 website at www.gr2012.org.

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.

Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director

2012 Rocky Mountain Region Convention info:

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.

See you in June, if not before;

Dick Hunter

Private sale

As many of us do, we change scale or change gauge in our modeling lives. I am one of those persons entering into a change of gauge in my modeling. As a result, I am interested in selling my HO standard gauge equipment. I have 50 cars of various types all with metal wheels and Kadee couplers tuned to roll well. Some of the cars are weathered. Also I have several buildings for sale as well - one is a roundhouse and Daimond models turntable. Also I have diesel servicing facility available that needs to be "cut out" as well. Both units need to be cut out and taken as a units.

Please let me know if you are interested in any of the cars or building.

I can be reached at 579-6999 and we can arrange for you to view the products. Contact me via email or phone.



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