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NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 10th, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy Boulevards).

Don't Forget:

If you have any model railroad cars, models, books, etcetera, that you don't want, consider donating them to the monthly meeting raffle to help raise money for the Division!

This Month's Presentation:

Wade Mountz will have a presentation on making building flats for layouts.

OCTOBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

October 13th, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroad Association

The meeting was held at the Sand Creek Police Station. The meeting was brought to order by Superintendent Joe Costa at 7:00 PM. There were 26 people in attendance. Visitors included: Jim McHenry (works on Sn3), and Gary Myers (RMR Contest Chairman).

Gary Myers presented an A.P. certificate to Charalee Topinka for Association Official.

Don Baily will be one of the Master Model Railroaders for the judging works tonight.

Frank Pareso gave the treasurer's report; motion to approve by Kristin and John; it passed. September meeting minutes, as printed in *The Milepost* were also approved.

Mike Peck gave an update on TECO. The vice-chairman has resigned and they are looking for a new person to fill this position. He will resign soon. Mike also gave information on upcoming TECO show.

Wade Mountz thanked Joe and Kristin for the recent picnic, brought pictures from the recent Greely Museum trip, discussed an e-mail from a man selling model railroad items, and discussed a photograph he has of a truss bridge in Topeka, Kansas. Charles gave additional information about this bridge.

Meeting was turned over to Jack for the program on judging for merit awards. Judges included: Don Baily, MMR, Dusty Thompson, Irv Johnson, and Jerry Hanz.



Charalee Topinka receives award from Gary Myers.



Mike Maline won the big raffle prize!

INFORMATION

The Milepost is published monthly and is the official journal 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 other model railroad activities.

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CONTEST CORNER

At each monthly PPD-NMRA meeting, a contest is held. A contest must have at least three entries for voting. Below is the 2017 contest schedule.

November *Kitbash Anything With Multiple Kits.*

December Christmas Party (no contest).

PROGRAMS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

By Charalee Topinka

Everyone who is a model railroader, has a technique or a way of doing projects that is known only to him or her. A clinic can be anything that pertains to model railroading. It could be anything, maybe a material that no one but you have thought of. Have you made a special tool to make life easier to achieve what you want to accomplish? Everyone has different ideas on how to do things.

For Pikes Peak Division monthly meetings, a clinic or presentation of about 30 or more minutes would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me, Charalee Topinka, at (719) 646-2783, or at charaleetopinka@yahoo.com, and always give me a telephone number so that I can call you back.

I wish also to thank all the presenters for their time and efforts as presenters for the Pikes Peak Division.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Joe Costa, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

TECO 30 was a great success last month at our new venue in the Chapel Hills Mall Event Center. Almost 700 guests came through the door. As a member of the board, I would like to thank the participating modules groups, vendors, presenters, exhibitors, Mike Peck, all the board and committee members and Mary, Ruth and Rudy at the front desk who contributed to that success. The Switching Puzzle and Seek and Find were very popular. Thank you, Wade, Scott, and Elizabeth. Visit the photo album page at TECOshow.org and <https://www.facebook.com/tecoshow.org> and check out the pictures.

To be sure there were some challenges. At our old location vehicles and trailers could drive right into the hall. At the mall, folks had to cart everything in through the double doors on the lower level or the freight elevator at Service Bay 17 through the freight corridors. What helped a lot was the "Fuerstenberger Express" (see photograph below). It was a train of carts powered by an electric scooter that made multiple runs during setup and tear down.

The board went through every vendor critique to learn what we did well and what we can do better.

Not many realize that everyone on the TECO board is a member of the NMRA. That's a requirement to get NMRA insurance and insurance is a venue requirement.

TECO 31 is scheduled for January 20 & 21.

On December 16, the Pikes Peak Division will be having its Swap Meet and Show at Trinity United Methodist Church.

You never know what railroading treasures you will run across in day to day life. We stopped by Federal Document Shredding near the Trolley and came across a virtual museum. There was a shredder like an old time printing press and a hand powered washing machine. In a glass cabinet were items like an old typewriter and newspapers and a couple G-scale sized handmade balsa Northern Pacific cars made long ago by the railroading father of Glenn Roney there. There were multiple signs saying "NO PHOTOGRAPHY" but we asked for and were given permission. An old trick the "N"-gineers told me was that placing your cellphone right next to glass minimizes the glare.

At the November meeting, we are open to nominations for our election at the December meeting. I'd like to know if current officials want to continue to serve, will do so if no one else wants to or really, really want to step down and accept nominations from the floor. Last minute nominations will be also be accepted at the December meeting.



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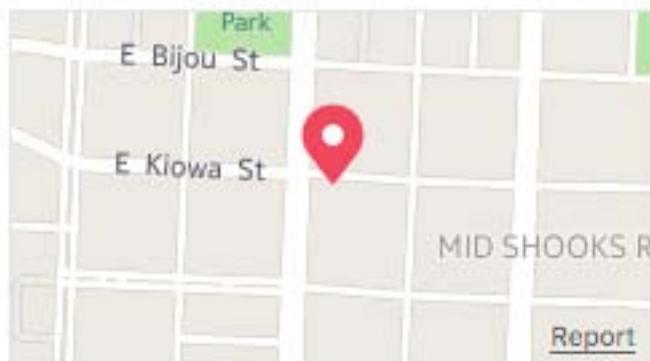
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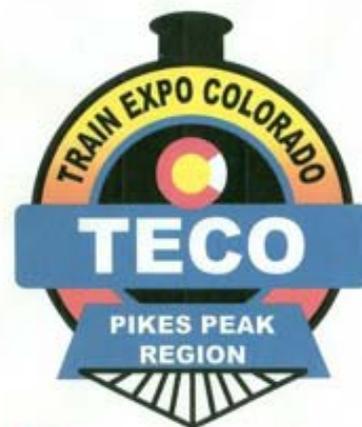
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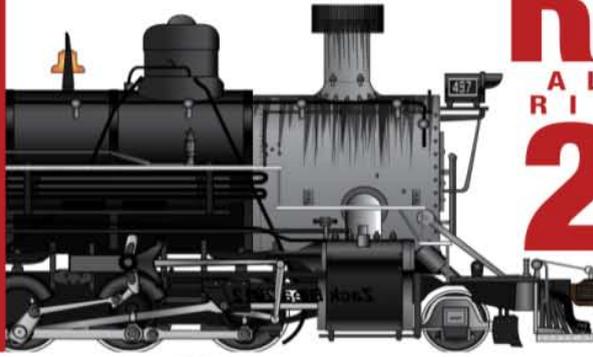
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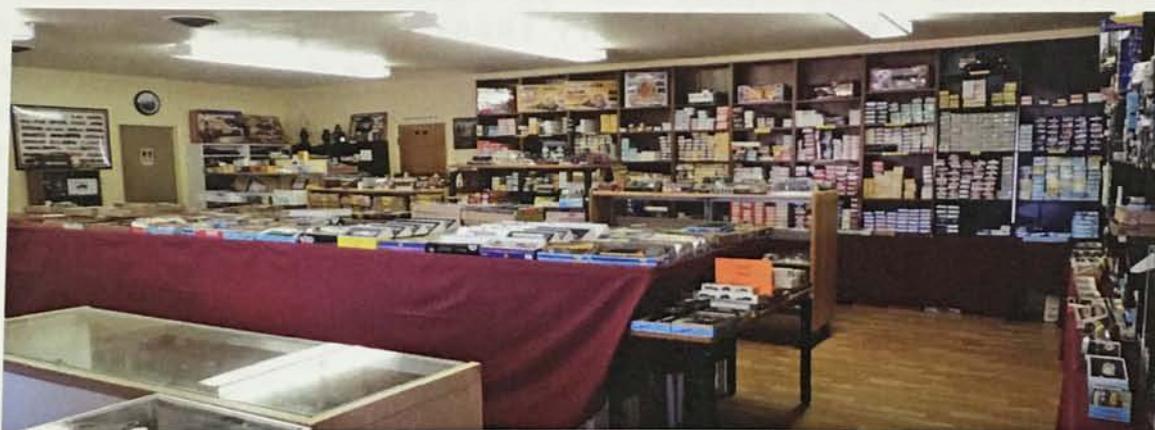
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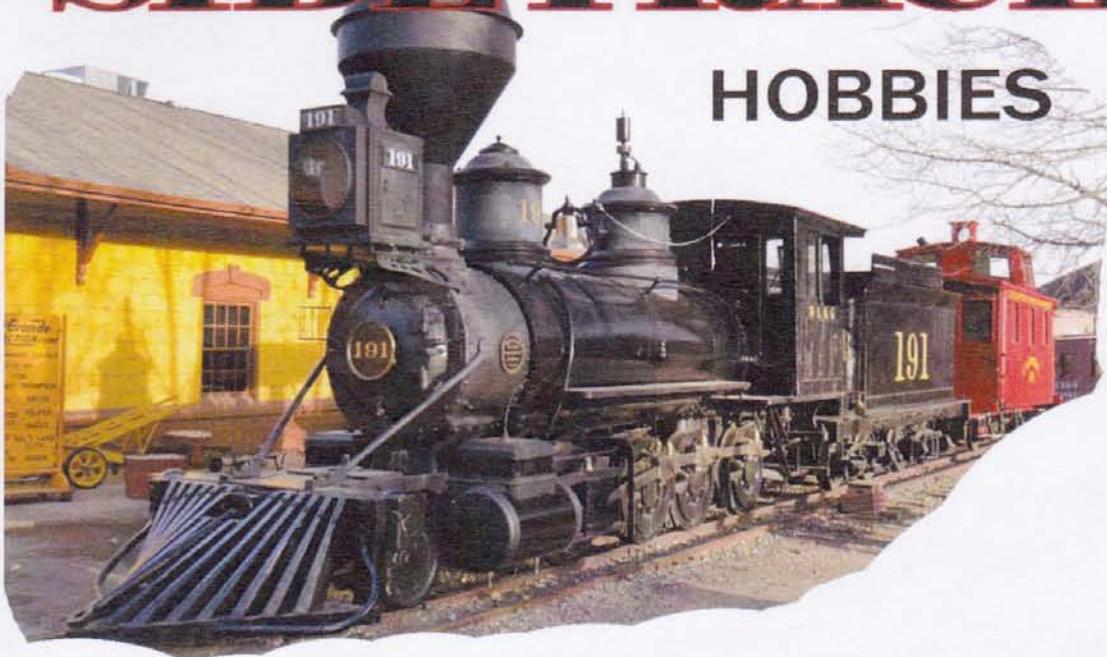
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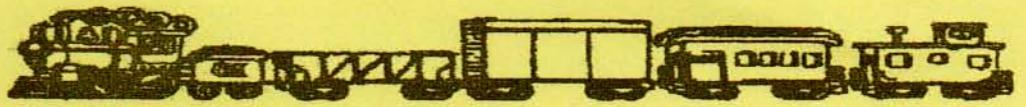
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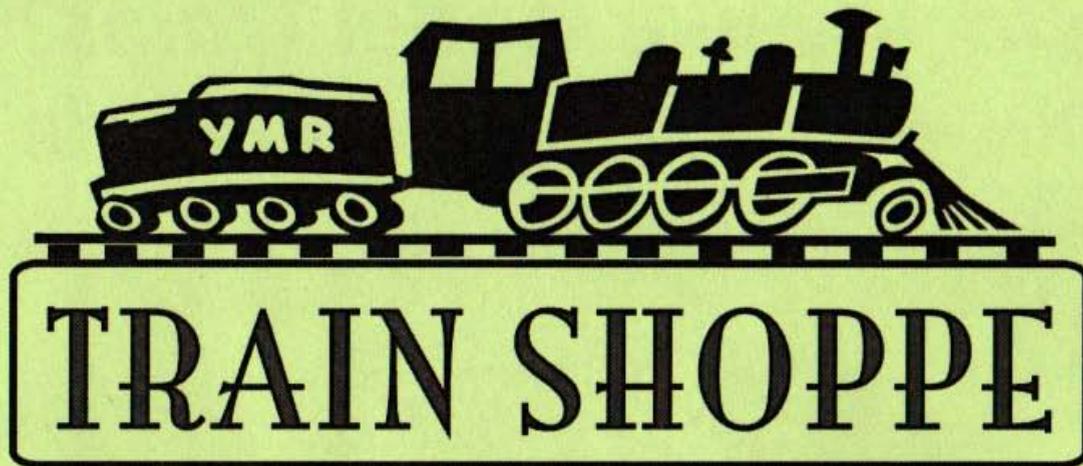
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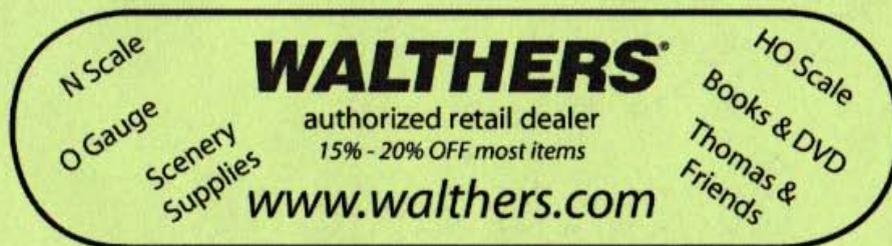
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