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NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 10th, 2018 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).

JULY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

July 13th, 2018 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroaders Association.

Meeting brought to order by Supt. Joe Costa at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: 33

Gary Myers was present to give awards from the RMR convention.

Joe Costa received 2nd diorama and 2nd popular. Kristin 1st NMRA plus 1st popular. John Emmot 1st for passenger car and merit award log depot for 108 points.

Last month's Minutes were approved.

Frank gave Treasurer's Report.

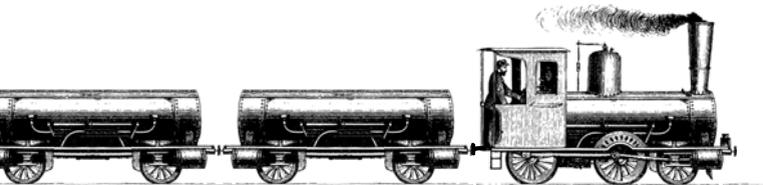
Wade Mountz discussed layout tour dates and which layouts will be participating this year.

There was a sign up sheet for running trains at the Dinosaur Resource Center operation. Please wear red shirts. Further discussion.

Discussion about Mike and Elizabeth Maline hosting this year's annual PPD picnic at their house.

Many thanks to all those who have brought door prizes.

Tom Van Wormer gave a slide presentation on the Colorado Midland Railway (ice production, storage, and delivery).



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 2018 contest schedule:

August Structure (not railroad, not commercial — i.e. house, farm or ranch, church, shack, etcetera)

September *Ready-To-Run Railcar* (Can be scratch-built, kit-bashed, and/or modified railcar — such as: critter, inspection car, motorcar, or other powered conveyance that runs on rails. The vehicle must run under its own power. Awards by popular vote with emphasis on most unique, cute, funky, broken down, falling apart, humorous, etcetera)

October *Judged & Open Contest*

November *M.O.W. Equipment*



Dennis Snyder won 1st place.



Tony Pawlicki won 2nd place.



Mark Fuerstenberger won 3rd place.

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.

This Month's Presentation:
The Malines are going to share their recent trip through Cheyenne, Wyoming and Virginia City and Ely, Nevada.

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!

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. All content of this journal is copyrighted to its respective owner unless otherwise noted. Please do not use content from this newsletter without explicit, case-by-case permission.

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MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

The biggest news this month is the follow-up to the module setup at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park on July 21-22. We had a 2½ hour window to setup on that Friday afternoon (July 20). We got a lot done, but had to finish on Saturday morning. We did get everything working well before our 10 AM start time. There wasn't much help for setup beyond the participating owners and Tony Pawlicki. We had a 32 foot oval furnished by Buco, Maline, Costa/Phillips, Fuerstenbergers, and the Division pieces. There were lots of good trains from Amtrak to Zephers and most everything in between. Freight trains and passengers, 1880's to present. Thomas and several of his friends were present and popular. Per our venue, we had about as many dinosaurs in modern times as a Jurassic Park, both on and off the trains. The museum had good traffic and lots of tourists and locals enjoyed the railroad. They reported a total of 855 visitors for the two days.

Charles came up Saturday with some UP freight consists. Tony ran some well documented BN freight consists. John's MoPac freight made some rounds and his C&O mallet made an appearance. Mark and Amber had multiple passenger equipment and Thomas's friends with dino passengers. Mike had a variety of vintage V&T equipment that included a string of 3-D printed ore cars and more of Thomas's friends. Andy ran a Pennsy passenger consist. Joe and Kristin ran a Burlington passenger train. Wade was in charge of the very popular switching puzzle with operators aged 8 to 80. Fortunately, we were torn down and loaded before the rain started on Sunday afternoon. It was an interesting drive down the hill, but as far as I know everyone made it safely.

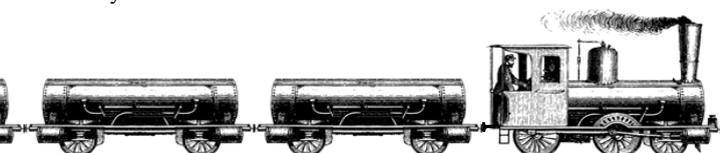
The skirting went home with Mark and Amber in anticipation of adding Velcro to it. I recommend that the hook side be put on the material and the fuzzy side be attached to the modules. In my experience, the fuzzy side eventually fails to catch and will need to be replaced. This may take awhile in this application, but it will happen. It will be easier to replace or supplement the material on the modules.

In other news, Gerry Drewes has informed me that the Pikes Peak and Southern module group will no longer set up independently. He still has several modules and has asked to be included in the Division setups as available. I need to check with Howard and Rob to see what their plans are with their modules. With these additions, and others in the works, the PPD will be able to build a rather large modular display when space permits. Gerry also says there may be an NCE Powerhouse Pro available to increase our available DCC power. We need to discuss the possibility of buying a Christmas present for the module group.

While I was in Kansas this week, I was able procure a piece of white aluminum flashing to repair the door on the module trailer. We still need to arrange to go to Roy's and accomplish the repair.

Remember, the Malines have invited a PPD picnic to be held at their place in Falcon. Unfortunately, I don't remember the date of said event. I'm sure it and the arrangements will be discussed at the meeting.

August is also the time of the annual layout tours. Wade has setup a nice round of visits for all to enjoy. You must contact Wade by e-mail (w.mountz@yahoo.com) to get the places and times of the open houses. Some are local and some are in Pueblo. That's enough for this time. Hope to see you all 'round the roundhouse.



August Superintendent Notes

Meeting with Brad Doll at Chapel Hills Mall

Brad Doll, Marketing Manager from the Gazette, paid us a visit at Chapel Hills Mall Kids First Safety Day.

He took pictures of our Operation Lifesaver table. He was the gentleman who talked the woman whose car was stuck at Royer and Las Vegas back in April into getting out of that car and into his. Brad didn't know about the Blue ENS signs that give you a phone number to call at the railroad to stop oncoming trains but then the vast majority of people don't. He had not heard about Operation Lifesaver either.



If you look in the back of the photo on his Facebook page back in April you can just make out the blue sign below the flashing lights.

Brad probably saved her from injury or even her life by talking her out of her car. He might have been able to save her car if he had known about the sign.

Fun with Dinosaurs

This past month the Division Module Group layout was on display at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park. We thank all those who participated.

It was a much more compact version of the layout comparable in size to what's on display at the December Swap Meet at Trinity Church.



Dinosaurs were seen on various modules.

That's a Kilroy-o-saurus below. According to the experts, a T-rex is about the length of a boxcar from head to tail --- not quite as impressive as what you'd see in a Hollywood movie.



About a thousand people visited the facility.



Mike Maline's 3D 3D-printed ore cars were running on the track.

Fun at the Forney



Kristin and I were manning the Operation Lifesaver table at the train show. Slick-X, Nearsighted N gaugers and COWLUG were there. We found some time to check out the vendors and museum exhibits and met some visitors from the Division up there as well.

Tour Update Layout

Colorado Springs: Saturday, August 18th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM: Bob Bandy, Jeff Cahill, Wade Mountz.

Pueblo/Canon City: Sunday, August 19th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM: John Denny, Paul Weyer, Steve Phillips.

Addresses: Everyone who plans to attend needs to email Wade Mountz (wmountz@yahoo.com), Joe Costa (joe_costa@hotmail.com) or the host personally for address information.

Who is Welcome: All Pikes Peak Division members, All members of the Arkansas Valley Division and the "N" ginners module group in Colorado Springs and their families.

R.S.V.P.: In previous years we have had hosts open up their homes, show off their layouts and provide refreshments with NO one showing up to admire what had been created. We need to be able to give each host at least a close approximation of how many guests have signed up to come visit their layout.

5. **Refreshments:** Most hosts have traditionally provided cookies and lemonade or tea. Most hosts also ask that each guest sign in at their guest register so they have a record of who came by to admire their layout.

6. **Guest behavior:** We have all done this for years now and we have very few "New" members. We should all know by now to show our host's layout the greatest amount of respect that they can.

Upcoming Train Shows (Jan & April 2019 TECO Shows will be added when dates confirmed)

August 11—12 Pueblo Depot Train Show will be held. This is one weekend later than normal, the second weekend of August.

October 13—14 TECO 33 at Chapel Hills Mall Upper Event Center

November 24--25 Rocky Mountain Train Show at Ranch Events Complex, First National Bank Building, Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, Colorado.

December 8th 9 AM—3 PM: Pikes Peak Division Swap Meet at Trinity Methodist Church, Colorado Springs

February 2—3, 2019 10:00 am—4:00 pm: Great Train Show, Colorado Springs Event Center, 3960 Palmer Park Blvd CO 80909

March 2—3, 2019: Rocky Mountain Train Show at the Denver Mart, Denver, Colorado.

TECOshow.org Website Update

TECOshow.org was just successfully migrated from 000webhost.com to hostinger.com. They are both part of the same company. The first is the free side with restrictions and no support, the second has more of everything, better performance and good support for only a couple dollars a month.

The fact that 000webhost was being inaccessible to maintenance this weekend was a motivator --- you get what you pay for. I loaded all the files to hostinger.com in a fast and smooth. move

SSL and https security are a big deal these days and browsers and security packages are increasingly giving scary warning messages to visitors (which scares them away) if you are not with the program. That is up and running for a \$10 lifetime license for us.

We try to keep the site current with information about regional train shows including our own.

We've added a link to the Colorado Railroad Passenger Association with the latest news on that front.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions, additions or corrections.

John Emmot does a great job with PPDNMRA.COM.

3D Update

I am on my third roll of filament working on the Amtrak Las Vegas New Mexico station. I have spent a lot of time reworking the doors and windows. Two important things I am focusing on two important things. The first, is getting the muntins just right. You want to get them as thin as

possible to be realistic but not too thin that they “disappear” off the print. The second thing, is that you want all the various pieces that make up the wall flat on the printer bed so you don’t have to fight scraping off support elements. To make this happen I had to lengthen the wall, which is not a bad thing as I was becoming suspicious that my walls needed to be a little longer anyway. I have been focusing on the longest walls. There actually are ten walls sections on ground level which I make in pairs.

Once I am done with the walls I go back to the upper levels and stretch them out. It may be necessary to break them up into shorter pieces to fit on the printer bed.

I pre-ordered a new book, mentioned in August Model Railroader, that is coming out from Specialty Press: 3D Printing and Laser Cutting: A Railway Modelling Companion. I’ll bring it in for show and tell when it comes in. The writeup says it has 300 pictures and 160 pages.

Durango and Silverton Coal to Diesel Conversions

The 416 Fire hit the D&S tourist train and the communities it serves hard. The railroad is buying a pair of narrow gauge diesel locomotives, to be numbered 550 and 416. Unlike their little yard diesel, these are strong enough to pull passenger trains.

The D&SNG is currently restoring former Denver & Rio Grande Western 2-8-2 K-37 No. 493 and converting it to burn oil. It takes about a million dollars to convert a coal burner to oil.

See you at the layout tours.

More Photographs From Dinosaur Resource Center Show

By Charlotte Mountz



Annual Picnic



Pikes Peak NMRA Division

Date: August 25, 2018

Time: 3pm

***Place: The Maline's
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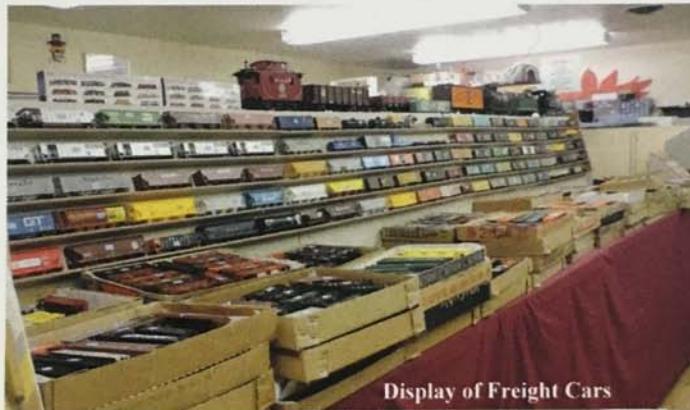
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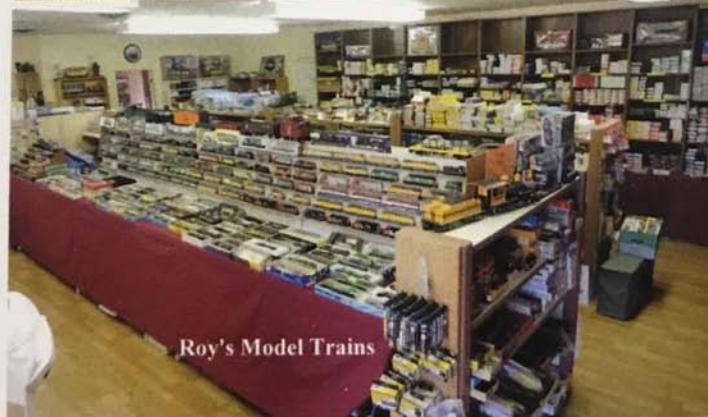
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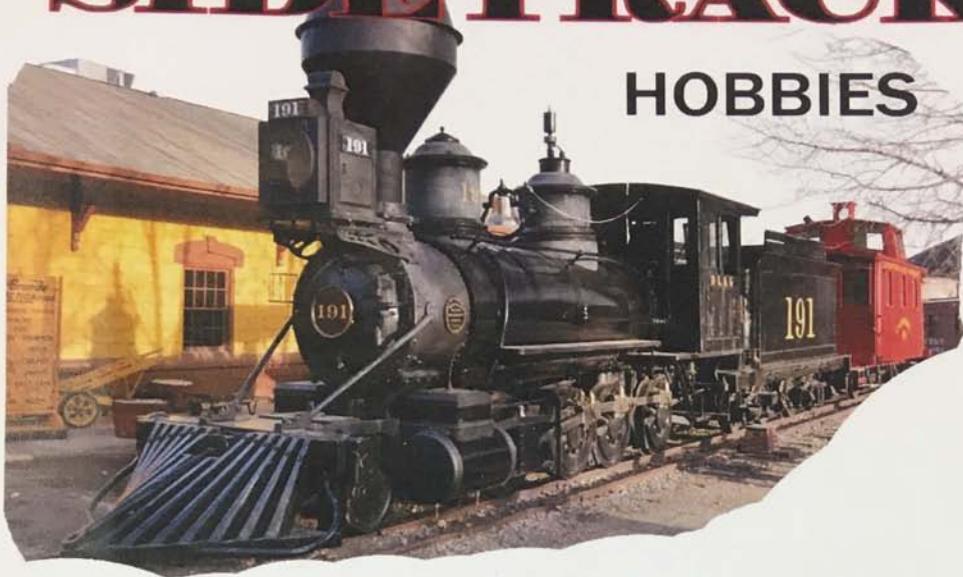
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