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**The official newsletter of the Pikes Peak Division
Rocky Mountain Region – National Model Railroad Association.**



NEXT MEETING:

Friday, August 8th, 2025, at 7:00 PM

**The New Sand Creek Police Station 950 Academy Park Loop
(Northeast of the intersection of Fountain/Academy)
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Calendar of Events

January 10th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Show & Tell Program: The Royal Gorge by Postcard

February 14th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: MOW Program: Travelogue

March 14th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Rolling Stock Program: East Broad Top

April 11th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Odd Ball Program: Virginia & Truckee, Ore Movement

May 9th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Offline Bldg Program: Colorado's Biggest Rail Preservation Tragedy

June 13th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Railroad Structure Program: Layout Update

July 11th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Rolling Stock Program: Tourist Train Tour

August 8th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Diorama Program: Colorado Live Steamers

September 12th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Photos Proto Program: The McKeen Motor Car

October 10th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Photo Model Program: More Microcontrollers

November 14th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting

Contest: Loco Steam/Diesel Program: Vintage HO, Athearn

December 12th, 2025 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting.

Program: Christmas Party!



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Next Meeting on Friday, August 8

Our meeting will be at The Sand Creek Police Station, 950 Academy Park Loop (northeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Be sure to occasionally check the Rocky Mountain Region website for the latest events and happenings, as well as the current Callboard:

<https://www.rmr-nmra.org/callboard.htm>

2025 Schedule

- August Chris Thistlewaite – Colorado Live Steamers
- September Elizabeth Maline – The McKeen Motor Car
- October David Bristow – More Microcontrollers
- November Ken Rambo – Vintage HO, Athearn
- December Christmas Party!

Editor's Thoughts

In the September issue of Model Railroader magazine, editor Eric White reflected on a recent Facebook post that reminded him why he loves model railroading: it's not just one hobby, but a collection of many. It blends model building, woodworking, electrical wiring, programming, and scenic design. Enthusiasts work with materials like plastic, wood, metal, foam, and plaster to create realistic environments and fully functioning layouts. Each skill builds on the next, offering endless opportunities for growth. While mastering them takes time, that's part of the joy—model railroading is a lifelong journey of creativity, craftsmanship, and discovery.

One of the sub-hobbies I particularly enjoy is programming. Technically, programming is just one part of software development, which also involves analysis, testing, documentation, and deployment. Like the mechanical systems on our layouts, software requires regular maintenance. As our PCs—whether running Windows, Linux, or macOS—evolve to offer new capabilities and improved security, we developers must adapt to keep our model railroad software compatible and functional.

Recently, I made a classic beginner's mistake. I had been using an older version of the MongoDB database and decided it was time to upgrade. Unfortunately, after installing the latest version, I discovered—much to my dismay—that I had inadvertently corrupted my data. Thankfully, even though I hadn't properly backed it up, I was able to recover it after some effort. Lesson learned!

David

Keepin' it on the Tracks

By Mark Fuerstenberger

Georgetown Loop Railroad – Sunday, August 17th, Silver Plume, CO

The Pikes Peak Division picked the Georgetown Loop Railroad this year for our annual outing. At the June meeting it was decided that Sunday, August 17th will work best for everyone. The tickets will be \$38 each. We are planning for the 11:25am trip.

Colorado State Fair – August 21 thru August 24th, Pueblo, CO

The Pikes Peak Division module group is planning to set up at the Colorado State Fair this year. We will be setting up on Thursday, Aug. 21st. We will run trains for the first 3 days of the fair, Friday Aug 22nd through Sunday, Aug 24th. Tear down should be at the end of the day on Sunday, Aug 24th.

NMRA Interchange

If you like to be online, you should check out the NMRA Interchange. You'll need to create a login on the Discord website. <https://discord.com/> From there you'll need your login information to the NMRA website, and once you're there check out the link to the Interchange.

<https://www.nmra.org/members/nmra-interchange> You'll find a few simple steps to get setup. This setup process is only required the first time, and after that it's easy to jump online and see what others are doing. The site also allows for easy conversations, just like you might do on Zoom. I encourage you to check it out.

Drawing Prizes Preview

By Tony Pawlicki

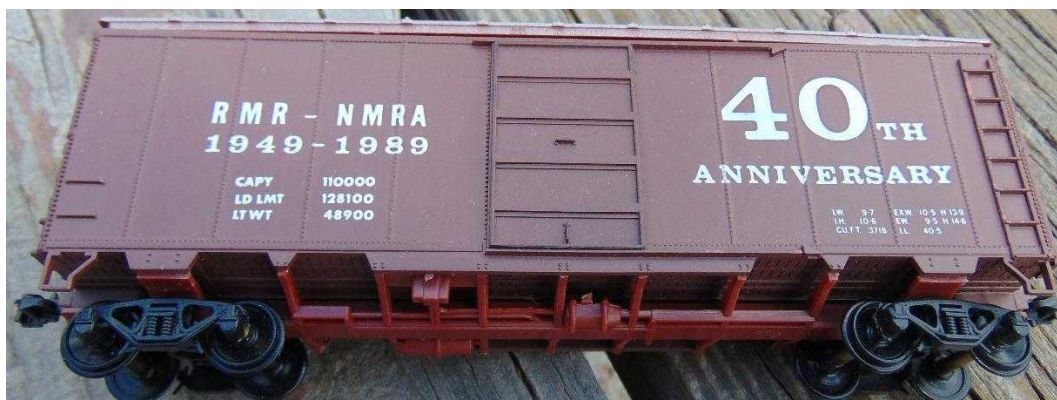
"Teaser" preview of some prizes available at the drawing during intermission at the August 2025 Pikes Peak Division NMRA meeting. The idea is to entice more members to our meetings. **HEY – feel free - encouraged, even - to bring/donate surprise items! The more the merrier! (ALERT: We have exhausted ALL of the various donations from Wade, Alan and Mr. Lugg.)**

We need some more donations in the long run, so cast a critical eye on your cars, structures and catch-all drawers for orphans that you might finally decide to disown.

(SOME OF) THE AUGUST MEETING OFFERINGS (feel free to contribute more at the meeting; some more of Wade's freebies will also be available, free to good homes).

Again, Andy Buco looked over his collectibles and found duplicates that he has kindly donated to the Division for use as drawing prizes. Some of them for this month's drawing are described below.

RMR 1989. HO scale Front Range model of 40-foot commemorative boxcar. celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA. Rigid couplers. Detailed underframe. Six-foot CRECO (Superior) doors. No roof walk but high-end ladders. Gift of Andy Buco.



MRIA 1974. HO scale Model Die Casting (Roundhouse) model of 50-foot commemorative boxcar celebrating the 1974 meeting of the Model Railroad Industry Association (MRIA) in Dallas, Texas. Old-style model with cast zinc floor. 10-foot Youngstown Steel Doors (YSD). Has roof walk. UNASSEMBLED ORIGINAL KIT. Gift of Andy Buco.



ATH 1999. HO scale ATHEARN model of 40-foot boxcar. Commemorative of the 1999 National Model and Hobby Show. Kadee #5 couplers, 6-foot Youngstown Steel Doors (YSD). Has roof walk, high end ladders. Gift of Andy Buco.



The Lighter Rail

By Kristin Phillips
Our Vacation

Some of you may remember our original plans for our summer vacation. We planned to take the California Zepher from Denver to Chicago, visit friends there for a few days, and then travel to Warren, MI via the Midwest Amtrak Wolverine to visit my cousin, Doris, and stay with her while we attended the NMRA National convention in Novi, MI. However, the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray. In our case it was a medical incident that Joe had on Friday, June 28th. It was resolved the following Thursday, and he is fine. Unfortunately, because of the problem and registration closing a week early we could not attend the convention. We did get to attend the National Train Show.

We left the following Tuesday, July 8th, from Denver on the California Zepher. It is a double-decker train, and our roomette was on the top tier. Unbelievably, the train was only about 20 minutes late. The day before it had been almost eight hours late due to extreme heat and backed up freight traffic. After boarding and finding our roomette, an exercise in Origami, we headed to the dining car. Dinner was served on tables with starched, white linen tablecloths. Joe's and my three course meals and complimentary beverage included caprese salad or a spicy fried shrimp, salmon or skirt steak, and luscious cheesecake or chocolate cake to die for. There were other entrees as well.



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The latest train car porter changes your roomette to sleep mode is 10:00 PM so basically after dinner we went to bed. Joe gallantly took the top bunk. The next morning, we went to breakfast, again a delicious meal, and went to first lunch call as the lunch call warned that they were running low on salads.

Views along the way. The land is flat!





The highlight of Chicago was taking an “EL” tour of the Loop through the Chicago Architectural Center. We got off and on different EL trains as our guide described famous buildings and their architecture in the Loop. Although I have seen many of the buildings from street level as I grew up in Chicago, this was an amazing difference. The “Archi” center as it is known as has wonderful walking, river, lake and train tours.

Views From the EL





Portrait of Joe and Kristin at one of the EL Stations



We rode the Midwest Amtrak Wolverine from Chicago to Royal Oak, MI, one stop past Detroit, leaving from Chicago's Union Station. The train departed at 6:34 AM (too early for me) but luckily you can get there literally half an hour before it pulls out. You show your ticket and ID and off you go. It is a six-hour journey to Royal Oak. We arrived there on time! (OMG) The Wolverine had two female Amtrak police on the train. It is coach or business class only and has no double-decker cars.

Chicago's Union Station Great Hall





Joe's article, the Wavy Rail tells the rest of our story.

A Final Factoid

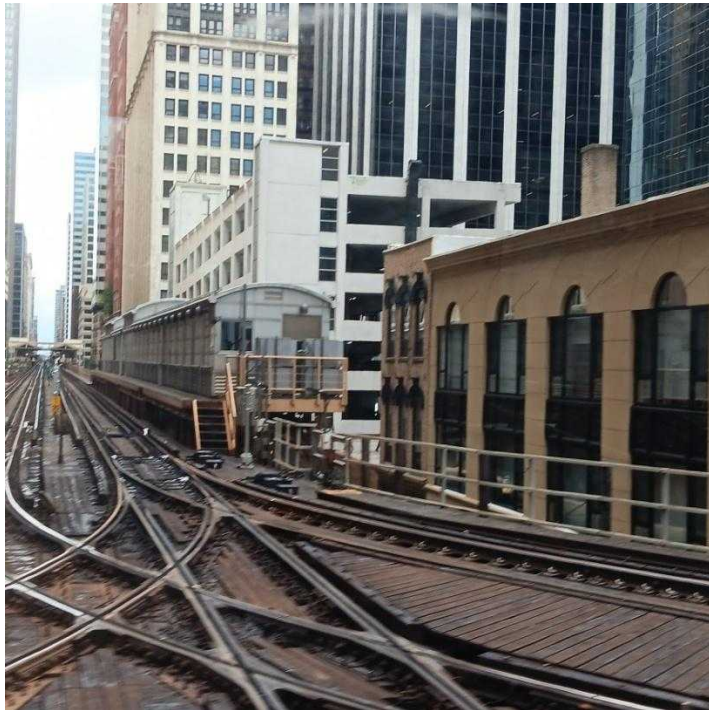
On Thursday, July 24, The Gazette Telegraph, on their Local History page, in the Back Pages column, wrote about a happening that occurred in 1925:

"All railroads will offer a round-trip rate of a fare and a half to Colorado Springs for the week of the fifth annual Pikes Peak rodeo, August 11, 12, and 13, according to word received by W. E. Scholes, chairman of the transportation committee of the Pikes Peak Exhibition club. This is the lowest rate that has ever been made for the rodeo here."

August Wavy Rails

By Joe Costa

Chicago Spaghetti on the L



Our first Amtrak Journey (Denver to Chicago & Detroit)



Amtrak Police

Got a picture of an Amtrak cop on our train:



The Upper Berth (Mousetrap) in our Cabin Suspended

It pulls down for use.



For Those Willing to Pay More



Amtrak Wolverine (milk run) to Michigan

We stayed with Kristin's cousin, Doris in Michigan.

Huckleberry Railroad at Crossroads Village near Flint

These folks have three narrow gauge engines, and they do their own maintenance. One engine is diesel and two are steam. One came from Alaska, and one was a D&RG from Knots Berry farm in California. Doris was our hostess with the mostest and tour guide.





I met a crossing cleaner on the Huckleberry Railroad. The county owns a tourist railroad and village. He was polishing the crossing lights. The railroad crosses the public street to use the return loop.



Old Conrail Sign in Detroit



H0 Scale Blue Sign at Detroit Train Show

The one on left coming early next year. Less expensive, simpler one on right ordered off eBay.



Azatrax at the Show



We have a pair of parallel elevated DC tracks on the Chicago section of our home layout. The plan is to install one of these automated systems.



Detroit People Mover



We did see the people mover. This is the nice part of town. Things are a little less scenic a few blocks off to the left.

Back to Colorado: “Model” Senile Citizens



Usually, we show pictures of young people behaving badly around railroad tracks. Real old people would never sit down where they can't easily get up from on a place that is probably dirty or oily.

SIGN too often ignored and rarely mentioned



FINALLY ---Colorado Springs FIX Coming FALL of 2026



The existing Royer Street railroad crossing just north of Las Vegas Street is a non-standard crossing and restricts the clearance of low-profile vehicles. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has recorded 25 non-fatal, "train vs. vehicle" accidents at this crossing since 1975. These accidents highlight the ongoing risk of low-profile vehicles blocking the railroad track in this location. During each occurrence, the rail operator is forced out of service until the vehicle(s) can be removed.

Big Penny Bridge, Lansing Michigan, Keeps Score --- On Bucket List!



Enid Oklahoma --- Been There!



Show and Tell: Anything Goes and Free-form

By Tony Pawlicki

This note lays out rules for the **Show and Tell** session/contest at the JULY 2025 Pikes Peak Division NMRA meeting. Free-form show-and-tell really has no rules, just do a little presentation. Rules per se apply to the (normally) bi-monthly "**salvage and resurrection**" events. The event (sort of a second, less formal, contest) was inspired by our late beloved Division Superintendent's notion in his March 2023 Milepost Conductor's Corner column.

This event was announced a bit over two months in advance (in the MILEPOST just before the June meeting) to give folks enough time to prepare their entries. For JULY, the salvage and resurrection topic is ANYTHING AT ALL, again continuing our effort to get more participation.

Starting with the June 2024 meeting, we now have two parts to the event:

- The **theme-specific** contest/presentation (for March it is ANYTHING AT ALL).
- NEW FEATURE: **Free-form show-and-tell**, on any topic you choose. This feature is being added by popular request - folks have been suggesting this to our Superintendent.

GENERAL IDEA for the theme-specific part (ANYTHING AT ALL this month):

- Grab an old failed project you couldn't bring yourself to discard (or a disaster picked up at a train show or store).
- *Plan a fix* (turning it into something good, though not necessarily creating what you originally planned), then *actually fix* it.
- Bring it, display it, then after regular model contest, stand up and tell us about your adventures.
- **The show-and-tell aspect is the main thing.** Given enough entries (3), there'll be a contest aspect too, but main goals are having fun salvaging something and entertaining the rest of us with the way you had fun.

THIS SESSION'S THEME: ANYTHING AT ALL, trying to encourage broader participation.

EXAMPLES:

- An example and the rules were provided in the April 2023 Milepost.
- To remind us that the salvage and resurrection project need not be a huge effort, **the January 2025 Milepost provided an example (SALVAGING INTERNATIONAL HOBBY CORPORATION (IHC) DTI 10175) where just one major change was needed to "save" the model.**
- This was also an example of **a model that needed saving right out of the box.** A model doesn't always need saving just due to having lived a rough life post-purchase.



July 2025 Minutes

Secretary, John Emmot

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Mark **Fuerstenberger** at 7:02 in the community room of the Sand Creek Police Station. There were 19 members present and no visitors.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as published in the Milepost.

Treasurers Report

Tony had hard copies of the treasurer report. The statement reflected the interest payment and drawing receipts. The statement was accepted as presented.

Announcements

Mark noted that they had hosted a work weekend for the Division modules at their house. Eight folks attended on Saturday and six on Sunday. Lots of good dusting and painting and ballasting and track work got done.

The PPD layout tour was discussed. David Solley said they would like to pick two of the last three weekends in September. Each would use both Saturday and Sunday. He has three layouts accepting so far. They will have settled on two dates by the next meeting so they and all participants can be announced. Bob Bandy's August open house was mentioned, but it is not part of our tour.

Sousa and Marchbanks said they had attended the Sherman Hill Show in Cheyenne, WY. It was a good show with good attendance. Jack said sales were slow.

Mark again noted that he and Amber plan to ride the Royal Gorge train at 3:30 on July 13th. He invited some other interested members to join them and his parents.

Joe and Kristin are in Novi, Michigan in July hoping to attend the NMRA National Convention.

Mike and Elizabeth are in Texas with family.

On July 17th, the Union Pacific Big Boy is scheduled to make a trip from Cheyenne to Denver and back. It should be accompanied by its new 'helper' the SD70M, 1616, Abraham Lincoln.

There was discussion about the Division summer trip to the Georgetown Loop on August 17th. Mark asked how many people planned to attend. Tickets are \$38 each. He wanted to get a count so he could do a bulk buy. Most members present indicated they plan to attend.

There was significant discussion about the PPD modules setting up for the first weekend of the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo. That would be set up on Thursday, 21st, run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with teardown/move out Monday morning. Operations would be from 11AM to about 9PM each day. Chris Fox talked about Fair access and parking, etc. More information will come out as available. Module owners and members should contact Mark to confirm participation. You do not need to have a module to come run trains.

The Scenic Line Modelers, Inc, The Lockheed Martin train club in Littleton, CO is having an open house and potluck lunch on August 30th. They have invited members of the Front Range NMRA Divisions to attend if able. They will provide KFC and ask for side dishes if you can. You may operate their equipment on the layout, but no outside equipment is allowed. Location will be available.

Mark mentioned Dan Raap's Mother Lode model shop in Denver.

Show and Tell

Four people had 'show and tell' in response to Tony's call for any topic.

- Andy Buco had a vintage, early 1950s Mantua metal A-B set that he had acquired from Roy back in 2015. The drive unit is an unusual configuration in the B unit with a dummy A. He is hoping to restore it to full operation. It is equipped with the original KaDee couplers introduced in early 1952.
- Dave Bristow discussed an upgrade on an SD70ACe that he did for Frank Pareso. He installed a new 21 pin LokSound decoder with 'stay alive'. It included new headlights and LEDs for truck lights, running lights, cab lights and ditch lights.
- Bill LaFollete described how he rebuilt a track vac. He had acquired a non-working, unknown track vacuum car. He cleaned the mechanism (not including the solvent system) and got it to work. Upon testing, he found that it scattered 'dirt' into the open power switch. So, he replaced it and found that the collection bin screen must be kept clear to avoid forcing dirt where it did not belong.
- John Emmot showed how to create a model of steel Pullman coaches built for the Moffat Road in 1913. As with his wooden models, he found that his laser cutter could create the correct window patterns using multiple layers of styrene sheets to represent the steel sides. He has a car with the correct roof and vestibules that just needs the correct sides installed. He said he is hoping that he can use the laser to make divots in the top layer to represent the rivets in the prototypes. Otherwise, he will become very familiar with the Walthers rivet decal sheets.

Contest

The July rolling stock contest had only one entry and so there was no voting.

Program

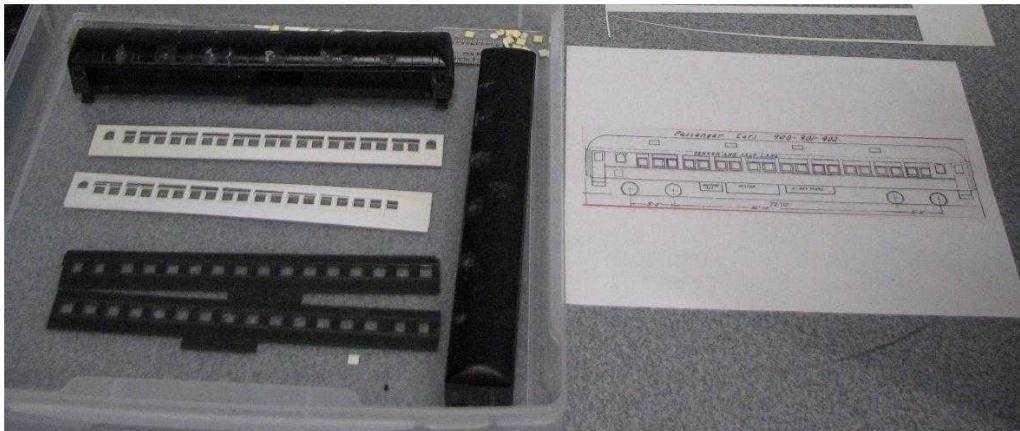
Program: Dave Solly presented a program on the tourist trains he and Audrey have ridden. They range from local Colorado to South Dakota to West Virginia and Tennessee. They included the Royal Gorge RR, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton, Leadville Railroad, Georgetown Loop, Black Hills Central, and several Mountain Rail Adventures in West Virginia. They included the Durbin Rocket,

New Tygart Flyer and the Cass Scenic RR. They had also been to the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Old Station and the Lookout Mountain Inclined Railway. He had a few pictures and short, interesting commentary for each one. He also displayed models of several of the trains they rode.

The door prize drawing was held following the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58.







Notes from the Siding

By John Emmot

This is one that sneaks up on you when Friday is the first. The fire closest to the PPD foot is the module setup at the Colorado State Fair at the end of August. It is a Thursday setup for a Fri, Sat, Sun run and Monday departure. Mark and Chris have the details on it. I would just like to encourage anyone who has any interest in planning to participate in some way. Setup help is welcome on Thursday. You don't have to have a module to bring a train to run on one of the 3 days or just come and help watch trains and talk with the visitors. The show is open from 10 AM to about 9 PM so we need folks be present for extended days. You don't have to stay all day. Just pick your time and let Mark know that he can count on YOU. We will have parking and admission included.

I have worked on the bay window for the steel caboose in Calhan. I have now completed mounting the pane in the frame for one of the pair. During the last two trips to Calhan, I have been able to install the small side windows in the bays. One on each side. Being small, they went well. So, when I finish the other frame, that will be all except for a door window. It will be more difficult since parts of the door will have to be disassembled to do it. And I believe it is thinner material. Bill Lugg is making good progress with replacing the platforms for the wooden caboose. We looked at the roof boards for the wooden caboose. Some of them need to be replaced before we can do the roof for it. That will be a job that must be done as quickly as possible to avoid leaving it vulnerable to the weather. We will have to remove all of the old roof material, identify and replace the bad boards and then get some cover back on it. It may require multiple days for that job. I also have the folding gate for the west end of the coach straightened and rebuilt. Bill Lugg is looking at fabricating the hardware to mount it.

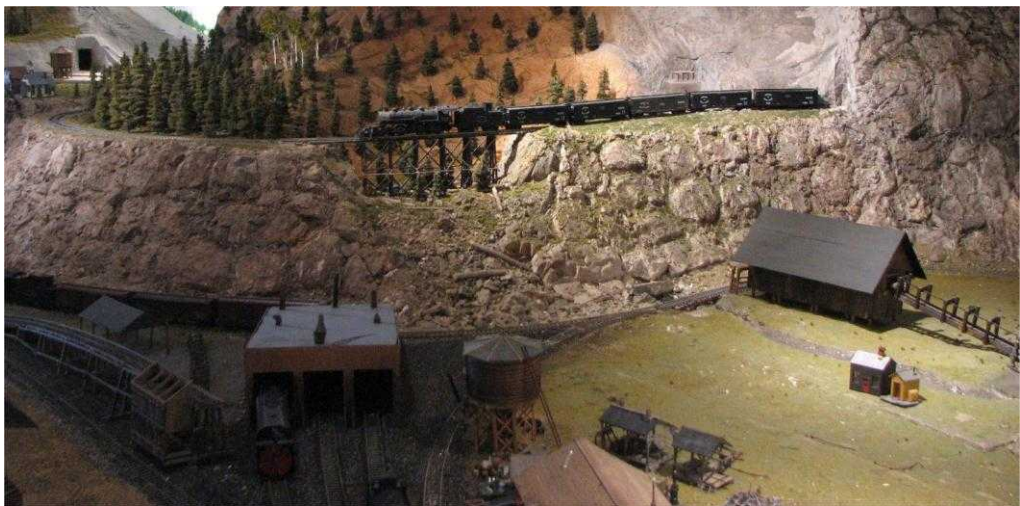


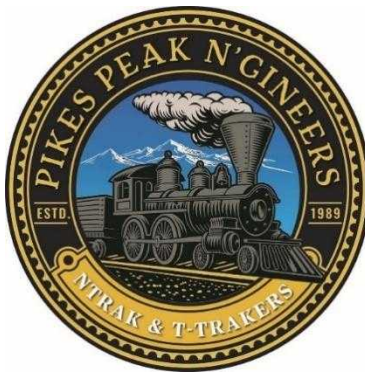
I was able to spend a day in Granby last week at the Moffat Road Railroad Museum. While I didn't have any new things to add to the roster, I was able to operate two of the reworked mallets over the route. Both worked well and showed the value of using can motors with DCC and tweaking the drive mechanisms. The Tsunami sound systems are wonderful. I identified a good consist of existing D&SL boxcars to run on the route. I also got to inspect the second actual D&SL steel caboose recently acquired by the museum. It is significantly larger than the first revamped one. The riding train is present and getting the Moffat livery applied. The paint and lettering are 'right on'. Operation is waiting for the completion of the loading platform at the depot and permitting from the state.

I was also able to make a Kansas trip in July so I could stand out in my field and reset my mind. I had a good visit with my family during the local fair.

Hope to see a lot of folks 'round the roundhouse Friday. If you are reading this, consider attending.







PIKES PEAK "N"GINEERS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

By Mike Peck



Glenn took this photo in Mombasa of a local train.

Dinosaur Resource Center Show

We arrived at the Dinosaur Resource Center around 2 pm. With the help of staff, we had the trailer emptied out and parked in no time at all. We had to reduce the size of the layout due to a birthday party going on in the room on Saturday.

During the setup there was a cloud burst and hail. With that going on we took our time and were up and running on both lines by 3:30. When the rain stopped, we headed home to get ready for Saturday.

We arrived at 8:30, checked and cleaned track and were running trains by 9 am. The day started off slowly but then picked up and we were busy the rest of the day.

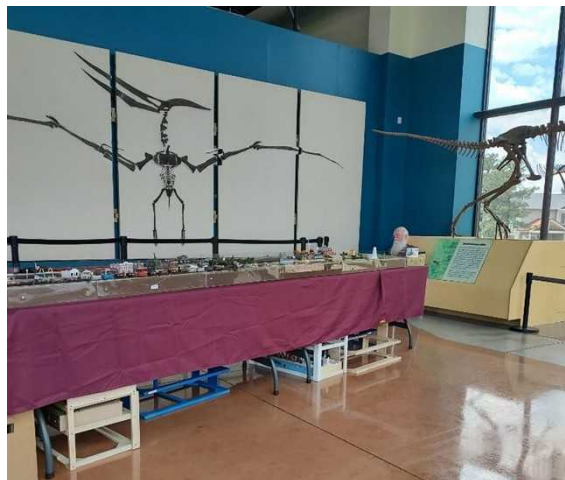
The layout as it looked on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday we had Ben & Lucas, MJ and his son, Steve, Chris, Dave & Lee, and Mary & I.

Everyone had a chance to run trains except MJ as his son kept him busy with little dinosaurs and watching trains.

On Sunday we had a smaller turnout of club members due to scheduling conflicts. We had another busy day with the dinosaurs. There were a few moments we had to warn folks not to touch the dinosaurs, buildings and trains. Nothing got broken that I could see.

We started teardown at 3 and were all packed up and on the road by 3:45 pm. Chris reported we did very well in the donation cans.

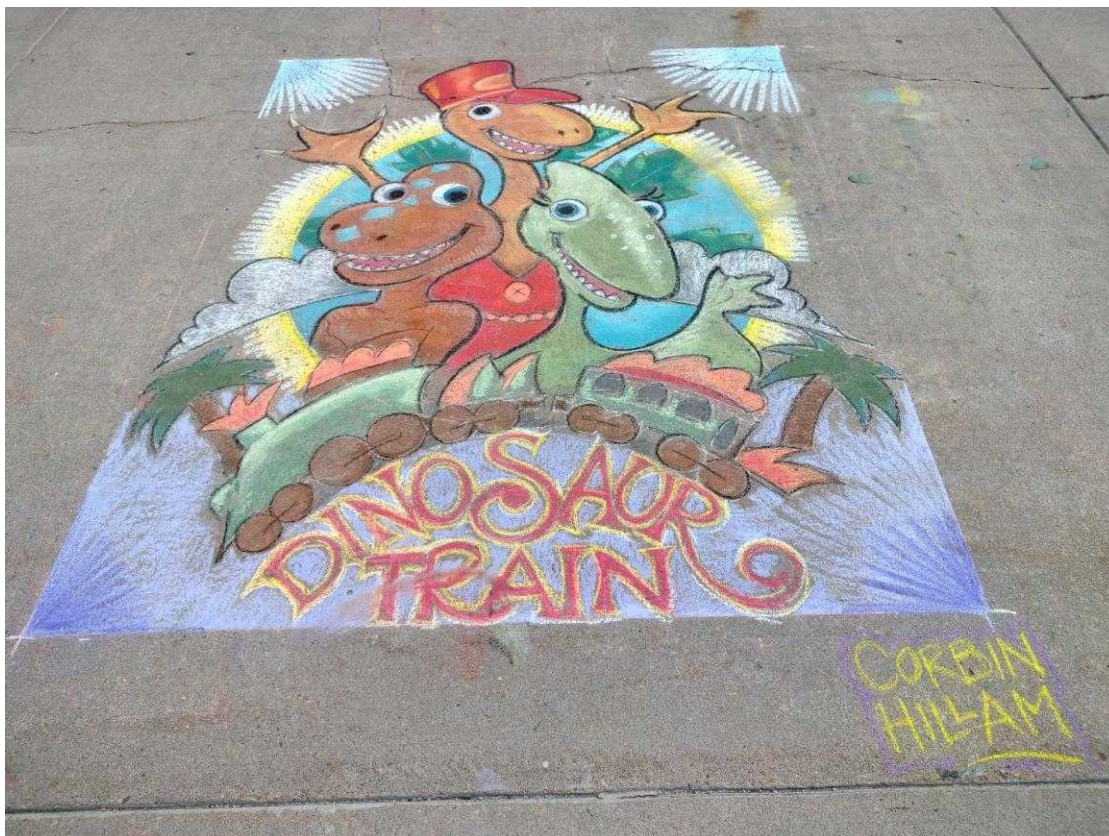


Chris was in his corner working on reports before the crowd came in.



Dave is using his phone to run his train.

I'm sorry I didn't take any photos of the crowds. It's hard to do when using the phone to run trains and take pictures at the same time. We received lots of good comments about the layout and explained to a few interested people about getting into T-TRAK.



There was even a chalk mural of the Dinosaur Train characters. It stayed there all weekend.

Club Royal Gorge Trip

The club will have our annual train trip on Saturday September 6. This year we will ride on the Royal Gorge Route. We plan to go on the 3:30 pm ride, then go someplace for dinner afterwards. Prices for the trip are Vista Dome - \$129.00 each, Deluxe Class - \$119.00 each, and Coach - \$99.00 each. If we can get 20 or more to attend, we could receive a discount, so contact your friends and family and see if they would like to join us. Please contact Glenn or me to reserve your tickets. We'll work out how you pay for the ride next month.

Colorado Railroad Museum Trip

After considering several options for the museum, the best activities are scheduled for Sunday, August 24, 2025. The Galloping Goose is running that day, and we will also have a one-hour docent-led tour featuring the Galloping Goose and other parts of the museum.

We should plan to arrive at 10:00 with our tour at 10:30. Afterwards, we can ride the goose, which runs from 10:00-3:00 that day. It is approximately a 1-1/2-hour trip if traffic is light. Heavier traffic is 1-3/4-hour trip. We go out on 6th Avenue rather than I-70.

The cost is \$12, \$8.00 admission, and \$4.00 for the galloping goose ride.

Afterwards, we can go to Woody's Wood Fired Pizza (<https://www.woodysgolden.com/>) on 13th Street in Golden, approximately ten minutes away. In addition to pizza, they have all kinds of sandwiches and, I believe, a salad bar. Their pizzas are delicious!

Tomorrow I will make a reservation for 12 people. We can adjust it up or down as necessary.

As I do not have a complete list of club members, would you please send this out to the membership?

Please have them reply to me, kristin.phillips7099@gmail.com by August 1st with the number coming.

The Clubs Annual Picnic

The picnic will be held on Sunday September 14 at the pavilion by the lake in Palmer Lake, from 11 am till 3 pm or longer if no one else has reserved it. The club will provide burgers, dogs, buns, plates, silverware, and some condiments. I'll have my portable grill there to cook on. Please bring some side dishes or desserts to share.

Action Down at the Clubroom

On Saturday July 19, we had several members show up to run trains. For the most part everything ran well until it didn't.



Steve, Chris, and MJ



MJ and new member Brian

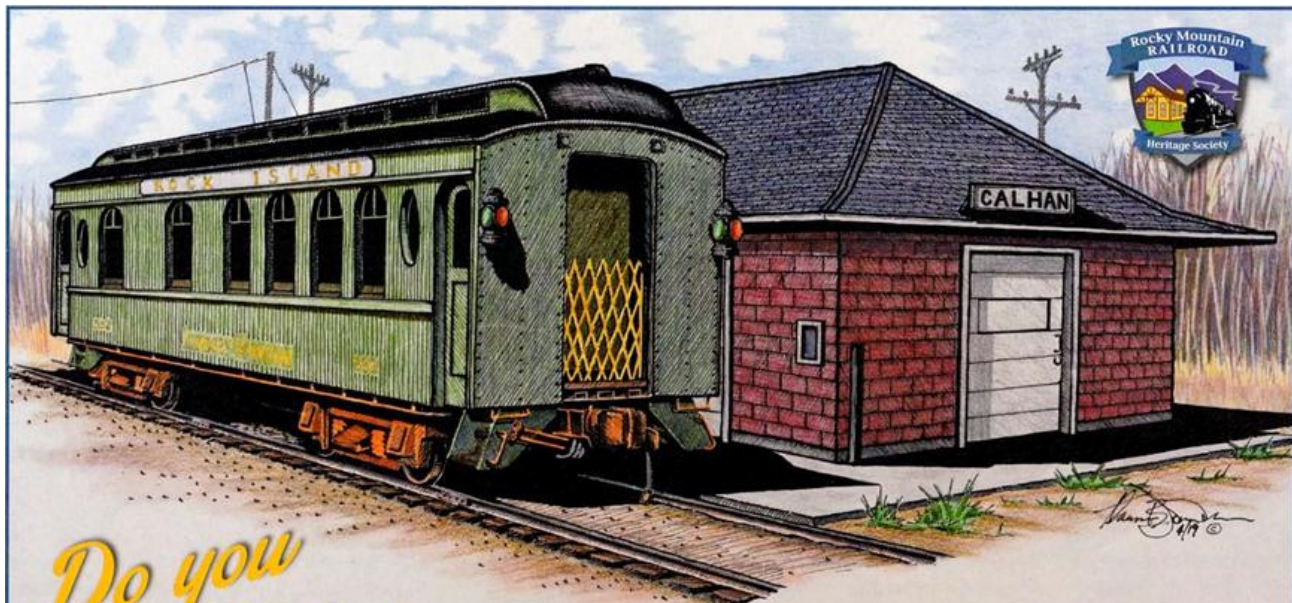


Spilt drinks and cocktails occurred when the Pennsy and UP tried to run on the same track. The passengers were well lubricated, so no injuries were reported. One passenger complained that he couldn't find his lost green olives.

"N"GINEERS Editor's notes

I'm running out of time to get the Railhead out due to some information about the club trip to the Colorado Railroad Museum. I'll send out an additional article when we get back from North Platte.





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