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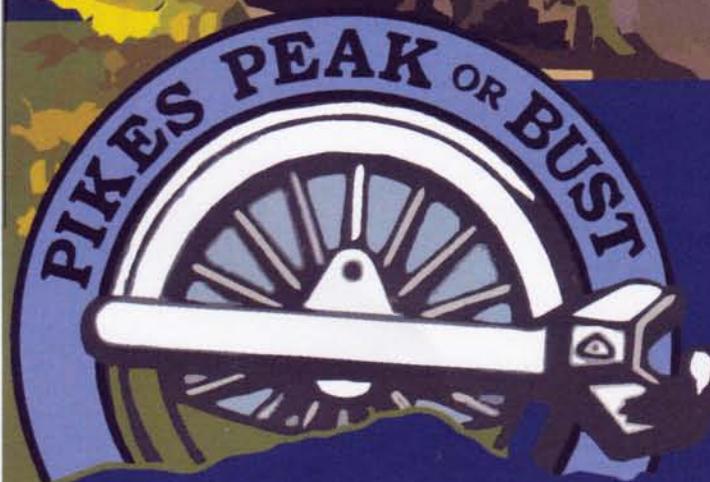
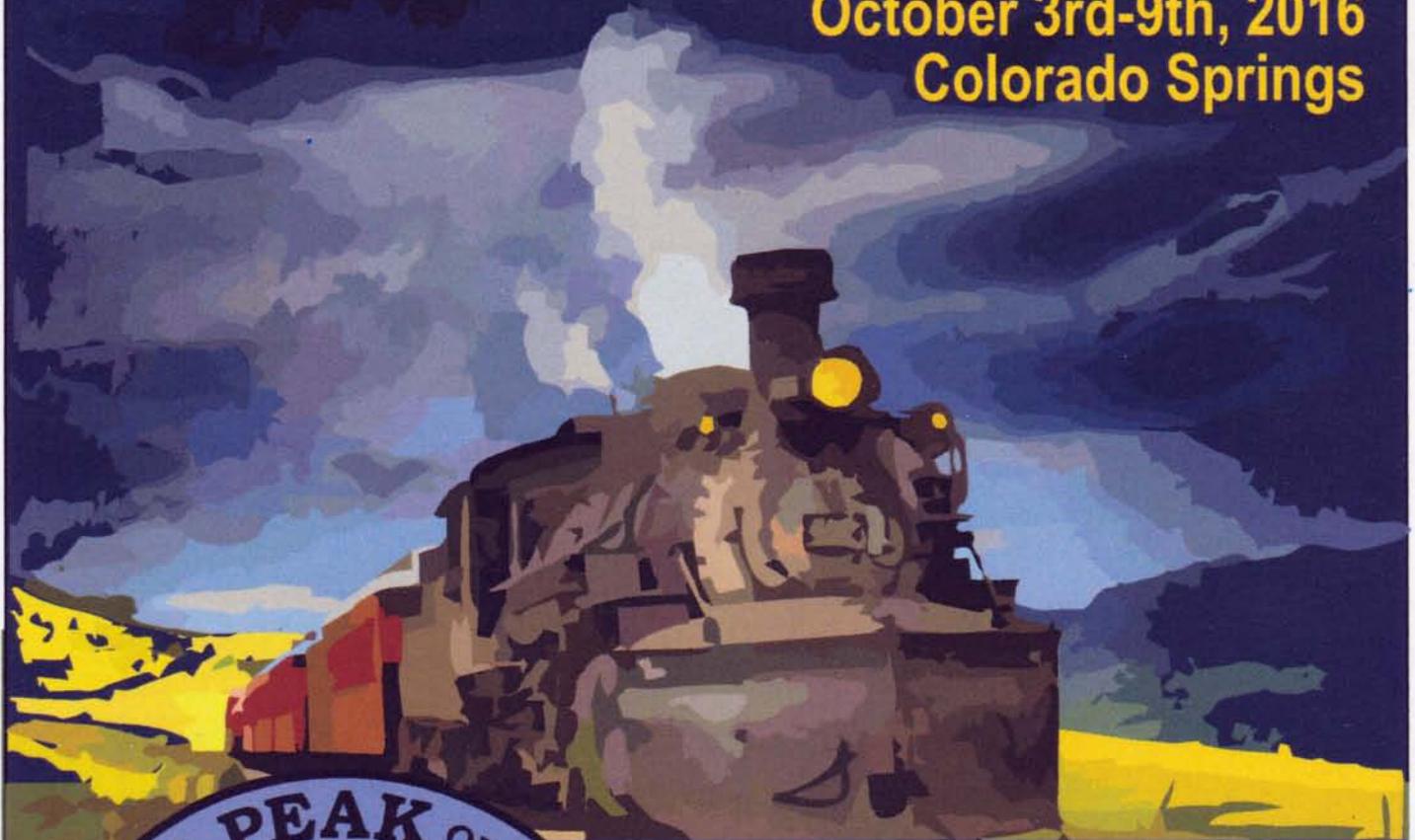
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NEXT MEETING: Friday, July 8th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy Boulevards).

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Cover Photograph: A Denver, Rio Grande, & Western Railroad locomotive takes a load of hoppers into the yard on one of the Colorado & Great Western Modular Railroad Club's modules, at the June 2016 TECO Show, in Colorado Springs, on June 18th, 2016. Photograph by Michael Murdock.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

At each monthly meeting, a program of some kind is presented for information, entertainment, and enjoyment of those in attendance. Our Monthly Meeting Programs Chairman, Charles Marchbanks, is still in need of programs for July through November of this year! If you have a presentation, a video, or something else that you would like to have as a program for one of the monthly meetings, please get in touch with Charles. His contact information is in the "P.P.D. Staff Members" column on this page. Here is the current program schedule:

July 2016: To be announced at the meeting.

August 2016: [OPEN]

September 2016: [OPEN]

October 2016: [OPEN]

November 2016: [OPEN]

December 2016: No program — Christmas party.



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CONTEST CORNER

By Dennis Snyder, Contest Chairman

2016 RMR Convention Call For Help

At our convention meetings, we discussed how it would be a great idea if we could offer a Rail School, or as I like to think of it, “I have a train set, now what?” Rail School will be offered free at the convention with the goal of encouraging more youth (and adults) to grow and become addicted (like us) to model railroading. Yeah, I am trying to get the youth ‘addicted’. Better model railroading than anything else, right?

My thoughts are that we would take a basic train set, show how to set it up on a permanent board, mount the track, hook up the power pack, and add some basic scenery and buildings. All should be ready-to-run for the sake of time. We might even offer it a couple of times during the day. It would probably be best suited for Saturday when we have the most people attending the Train (vendor) Show. For young and old minds’ attention span, it needs to be kept to less than a hour. Some of the “senior” members recall that this was done in the past so there are members that know what to do.

What we need is some help — you know, like in volunteers — to take this on, own it, and make it happen. Please contact Wade, Roy, or myself if you are interested.

Contest Month

Let’s consider August “Contest Month”, and everyone gets a spin. Instead of our themed, popular vote contest we are going to have several kinds of contests. The popular vote contest will have an open division and an advanced division. In contrast to the popular vote contest, we will have some real judges to judge models according to NMRA Achievement Program standards in the advanced division. These are not competing against each other but for the coveted 87-½ merit points. Those models achieving that goal can then be used for the requirements of their relative AP certificates.

The advanced division is for those members that have entered and won in our monthly contests or consider themselves ‘advanced’ modelers. The open division is for all others that don’t usually enter contests or have never entered one. The goal is to provide everyone with an opportunity to be comfortable, learn, and have some fun. For this month only, we are going to waive the usual ‘it takes 3 entries to make a contest’ rule for the sake of let’s have some fun. If you think you will enter the judged division, please e-mail me to with an estimate of how many entries you will have so we can have enough judges to do the judging in a timely fashion. Gary Myers, our Regional Contest Chair, has agreed to make the trip down to run the judging and talk about the AP program and the Convention contest. I know you have some merit worthy models lurking in your collection, time to bring them in and share.

Each division will have its own sections for entries. The sections are as follows:

Open Division

Rolling Stock
Motive Power
On-line Structures
Off-line Structures
Mini-scene
Open – Or anything goes
Best of Open Division

Advanced Division

Rolling Stock
Motive Power
On-line Structures
Off-line Structures
Mini-scene – popular vote
Open – Or anything goes
Best of Advanced Division

For the merit judging, we will probably need to limit the entries to those categories that you can bring to the meeting such as Motive Power, Cars, Prototype Models, and Structures. The Mini-Scenes don’t fall into any AP category so they won’t be judged. I know some of you are ready for this judging but have not finished that dreaded paper work. As they say, don’t be intimidated and don’t read more into the requirements than is there. To make things easy, I am providing you with all of the links for the individual category’s requirements, the required paper work, and some guidance by MMRs in meeting those requirements. Remember, this is not a school project, the paper work is not judged on anything other than providing the necessary information. It does not have to be typed, just legible. Too much information can be as harmful as too little. The judges will not have time to read an essay. Like Sgt. Friday used to say, “Just the facts, ma’am.” (If you don’t remember Dragnet, then don’t ask me what century it was).

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CONTEST SCHEDULE

Below are the contests scheduled for the monthly meetings. Please contact Dennis Snyder for questions. Please note there have been some changes to this list from what was previous shown in past issues of *The Milepost*.

July *Weathered Diesel Engine*.

August *Contest Month* (See Contest Corner column).

September *Animal/Stock Car*.

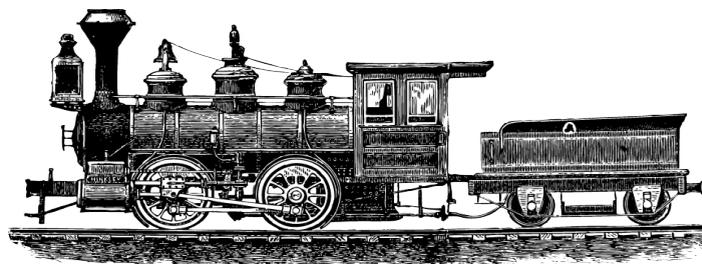
October Enter the Regional Convention Contests.

November *Passenger Car*.

December No contest (Christmas party).

JUNE 2016 CONTEST

Last month’s contest was for a *Weathered Unusual Car*. Unfortunately, there were no entries in the contest.



CONTEST CORNER

By Dennis Snyder, Contest Chairman

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	Link	Notes
Motive Power		
Requirements	http://www.nmra.org/motive-power	
Statement Of Qualification Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-soq-mbmp.pdf	This is just a summary and sign-off sheet.
Statement Of Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment giving detailed descriptions of the each model. • Identification of the scratch-built features. • List of all the commercial components appearing on each model (if it is a kit, list the manufacturer). • The materials used in building the models. • Verification of the Merit Awards. 	
Record And Validation Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-rv-mbmp.pdf	Fill in top three lines. Fill in 1st two-columns for each model.
Judging Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-jf-mbmp.pdf	Fill in top three lines.
Recommended Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.nmra.org/master-builder-motive-power • http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/achievement/pdf/mmr_motivepower.pdf 	
Cars		
Requirements	http://www.nmra.org/cars	
Statement Of Qualification Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-soq-mbc.pdf	This is just a summary and sign-off sheet.
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Structures		
Requirements	http://www.nmra.org/structures	
Statement Of Qualification Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-soq-mbs.pdf	This is just a summary and sign-off sheet.
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Recommended Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.nmra.org/master-builder-structures • http://www.nmra.org/building-inspector • http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/achievement/pdf/mmr_structure.pdf 	

CONTEST CORNER

By Dennis Snyder, Contest Chairman

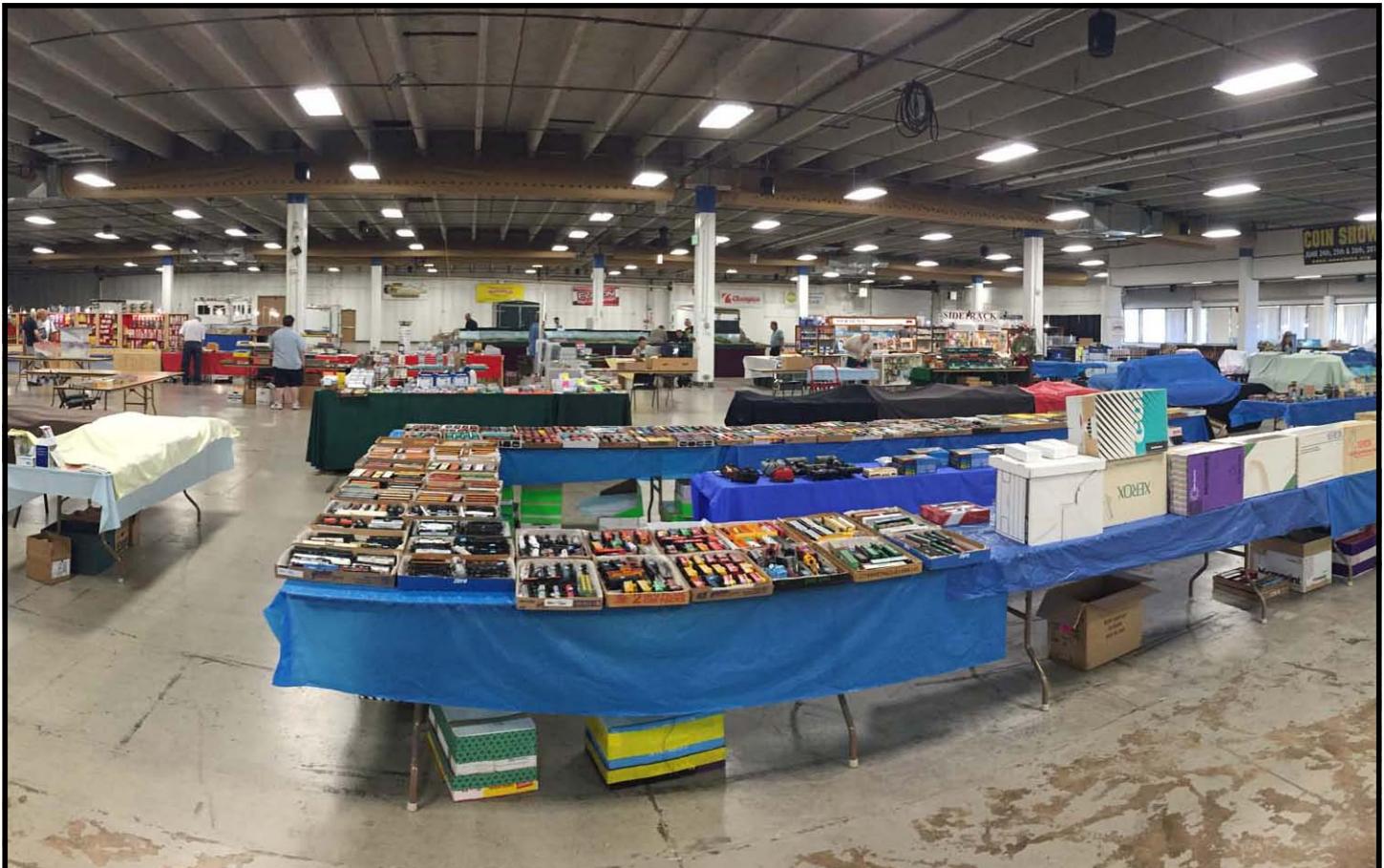
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	Link	Notes
Prototype Models		
Requirements	http://www.nmra.org/prototype-models	
Statement Of Qualification Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-soq-mbpm.pdf	This is just a summary and sign-off sheet.
Statement Of Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written description.• Photographs.• Documented evidence.• Map.• Color photos.	
Record And Validation Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-rv-mbpm.pdf	
Judging Form	http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/2006-jf-mbpm.pdf	
Recommended Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.nmra.org/master-builder-prototype-models• http://www.nmra.org/prototype-modeler-getting-judged• http://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/achievement/pdf/mmr_prototype.pdf	

See, there are lots of opportunities to enter, no matter where you are in the building spectrum. I am looking forward to presenting lots of Award Certificates after this contest. I hope that this starts a few on their way to MMR and that all that enter get their Merit Award. Let's have some fun!

Before I end, I would recommend reading, "[What I learned by becoming an MMR](#)", By Gerry Leone, a newly-minted MMR.

Dennis



Overview of vendors at the June TECO show.

MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

We just came off of the last module setup before the Region Convention this coming October. That gives us a long time to get set for the big show. If anyone is planning on having any new modules available by October, please let me know. As of now, Charles is not sure he will be able to be there, so we may have space available. I don't yet have word on how much room we will have.

The TECO show was on Father's Day weekend in June. We did the setup, as usual, on Friday afternoon. The layout was a bit abbreviated with the demise of the *Tin Cup Mine* and the *Rio Grande Section House* modules and the absence of Joe and Kristin's modules, but we ran what we had. Besides the owners, thanks goes to Mike Murdock, Jon Kern, Bob Binder and Wade Mountz for helping with the setup. The layout ran well with the usual misaligned joint here and loose rail joiner there. Most were easily repaired. The new overhead lights were put to good use as we were further back from the windows due to the presence of the Colorado & Great Western Module Group from Denver. Good trains occupied our

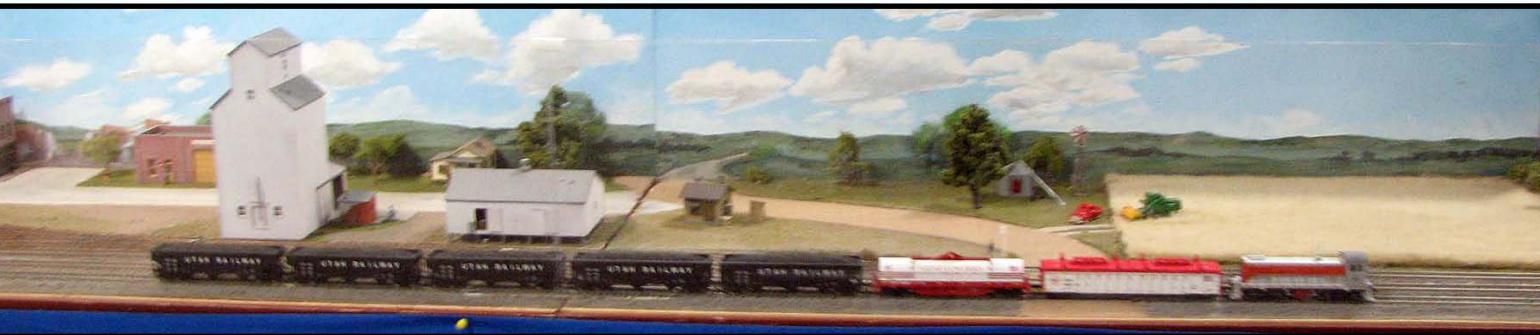
rails on both days with a long list of operators including Mike Maline, Charles Marchbanks, Dave Gontz, Mike Murdock, Alan Hutchins, John Emmot, Bob Binder, Jerry Hansz, Myron Gelsing, and perhaps others I missed. Thanks to all who participated.

Gary Coleman has told me that he has the last of Jim Lipper's magazines and catalogs. I hope to have them available at the meeting for anyone who wants them.

The plans for the December 2016 TECO show are "up in the air" at this time due to another show at the Expo Center at the same time. Possibilities range from activities as usual and share the venue to outright cancellation. Stay tuned as the details get sorted out.

For those who have signed up for the caboose trip on the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad this October, you may bring a check made out to the "Colorado Midland Chapter, NRHS" for \$50.00 for each person to me at the meeting or contact me for a mailing address. The total fare for each is \$156.25 with the balance to be collected later or you may pay the total now. The railroad has confirmed the reservation with receipt of the deposit from the Chapter.

That's about it for now. Please enjoy my photographs from the TECO show. Hope to see everyone at the meeting this coming Friday.



Dave Gonce's train hauling steel and coal.



Bob Binder ran a refer train along with Alan Hutchins' Santa Fe train.



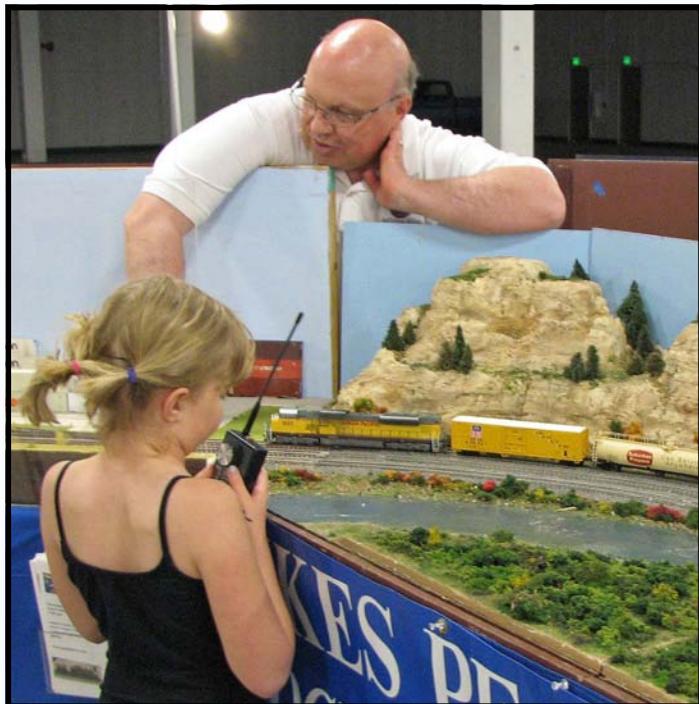
Alan Hutchins' logging train.



John Emmot's passenger train as seen from a train-view camera.



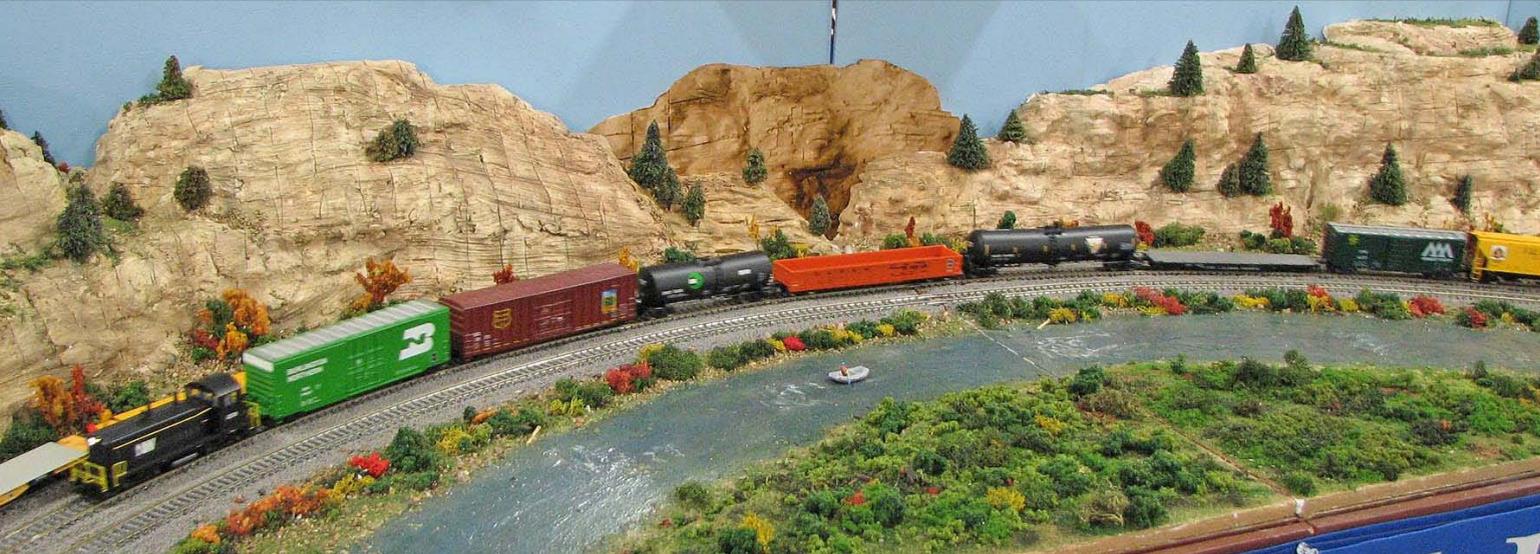
Mike Maline working on a passenger train in the yard.



Charles and Lindsey Marchbanks operating trains on the west end of the module setup.



Bob Binder monitoring the trains as seen from the train-view camera as it goes around the layout.



Michael Murdock's train rounding the inside corner of the module setup.

UPCOMING EVENTS

This monthly column lists model railroad and related events that are mainly in the Pikes Peak region and the state of Colorado. If you know of a railroad-related event that can be added to this listing, please e-mail them to the editor (midnightriver@ymail.com). Please note that dates and times sometimes change, so please check this column each month for the latest information.

JULY 2016

- 8.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 16 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute.
- 21.....Pikes Peak "N" Gineers module setup at Dinosaur Resource Center, Woodland Park, Colo.
- 30-31Rocky Mountain Train Show at Forney Museum Of Transportation (see flier in this issue).

AUGUST 2016

- 6-72016 Colorado Rail Fair at the Pueblo Union Depot, Pueblo, Colorado (see flier in this issue).
- 12.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 20 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute.

SEPTEMBER 2016 **NEW**

- 9.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 17 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute.

OCTOBER 2016 **NEW**

- 3-9PPD-RMR-NMRA 2016 Convention. This will be held at the Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please see think link for more information: <http://www.2016rmrconvention.com/>
- 14.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).



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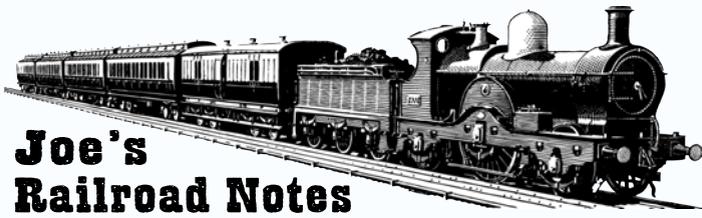
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Joe's Railroad Notes

By Joe Costa

Corinth Canal Railroad Bridge

Here are two pictures of the Corinth Canal railroad bridge, in Greece, one we took, and one of a picture on the wall of a nearby gift shop we stopped at. Had they actually sold a poster, I would have bought one.

We were not lucky enough to see a train when we were there. It did seem to us the railroads south of the canal were not electrified. Now, wouldn't that be a great idea for a module? 😊

On the east side of the canal we just found out, there is a submersible auto bridge. There's a video on YouTube for that (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJihG6QgK8Y>). Unfortunately, it catches fish when it comes back up.



Nevada State Railroad Museum and Nevada and Southern Railway

On the way to Hoover Dam from a family reunion in Las Vegas, we stopped to get our railroad fix on a Sunday.

The railroad was an extension of the Union Pacific to Boulder City where it joined the Government Railroad, which went all the way to the dam site as late as 1961. That railroad was torn up and has become a hiking trail. We rode the train, which runs only on weekends, from the depot up to the Railroad Pass Casino — a 35-minute round trip. There the railroad is paved over at Highway 95. However, the Interstate 11 project will be building pedestrian and railroad bridges over Highway 95, connecting the Nevada Southern to the UP. We rode the speeder to the boneyard — it was a converted tampo. The Los Angeles and Salt Lake car contains several operating model railroads. Below the depot is a 7.5" gauge (1.5" scale) live steam railroad which operates on the second and fourth Saturdays except in July and August. They also have a couple Jackass & Western diesel locomotives which were used in the government nuclear rocket test program at Jackass Flats. The 844 diesel was currently in the shop so we didn't get to see it.



Gunnison Division Notes

Expansion To Delta, Colorado

By Jeff Cahill

Hello Pikes Peak Division! This is serious... we're expanding the layout. After getting permission from you-know-who, and lowering the TV in the basement TV room (and crew lounge), I had space above it to extend the track from Baldwin to a brand new town. I read someplace the South Park line had plans to arrive eventually at Delta, Colorado, on its way to the Pacific. I now had the name of the new town.

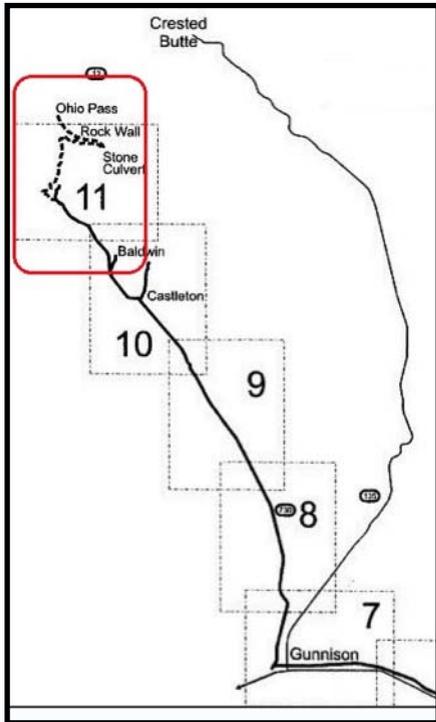


Photo 1. Baldwin Branch and Ohio Pass.

The Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad laid a few miles of track beyond Baldwin, north of Gunnison, as in Photo 1, and graded even further before ending their progress west. Delta is the furthest town on my Baldwin Branch, with Ohio Pass along a $1' \times 4'$ on the wall above Buena Vista. Most notably, I finally get that wye I always wanted!



Photo 2. Construction is in progress...

Photo 2 shows what I'm talking about. The track to Baldwin ends just off the lower left of the image, and this is what I extended to the new town. You can see how the Delta wye fits in the plan, with a removable $2' \times 2'$ support leg underneath for open houses, operating sessions, and working on the railroad. The existing town of Buena Vista is on the lower level in the photo.



Photo 3. Blue foam scenery base.

For the first time, I used blue foam on top of $1' \times 4'$ L-girder construction for a light-weight base (Photo 3), and secured the cork roadbed and track directly onto the foam. I soon discovered that trains were very noisy running over the foam. I was shocked at how loud they were and doubted my decision. Luckily, as I hoped, ballast has since quieted the noise a lot.



Photo 4. Operational necessities.

My "operations checklist" includes places for a car card box, drinks, picks, and to sort car cards. You can see all of that facing you in photo 4. A cab jack is under the town in case the wireless system craps-out on me. I designed the town so most of the switching work is away from the nearest operator switching another area (Buena Vista). The backdrop is now painted sky blue and the TV is back under the new town, almost a foot lower than it used to be – but well worth it!



Photo 5. Early scenery work.

Folks seem pleased with the new town after a few operating sessions, so with the track plan "approved" it was time for scenery. Delta greets visitors when walking into the train room so I could not leave it without scenery for long. In Photo 5, the track is spray painted and rusty, the road through town is laid, and the hills and elevation changes following the fascia and along the wall are shaping up.

I used a few newer products from Scenic Express: Late Summer Savannah Grass Mat, Buffalo Grass tufts, and Dead Fall Forest Debris

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and Conifer Floor Blend ground covers. This was my first grass mat experience, and they are very nice looking. But gluing down the pieces with spray adhesive (recommended) was a waste in my case – blending the grass mat sections with nearby scenery material soaked in alcohol and scenic cement resulted in the alcohol/cement seeping under the mat and un-gluing it. I freaked-out, remained calm, and let it all dry (which took days under the grass mat pieces). All is well and well stuck!



Photo 6. Scenery is moving along.

Ground cover is down on 70% of the town in Photo 6, with spots for most of the structures seen in the image. I still had a couple key structures to build before I could start those areas. Photo 7 is the progress happening on Ohio Pass; at the bottom, the track on the left leads to a new coal truck dump spot.

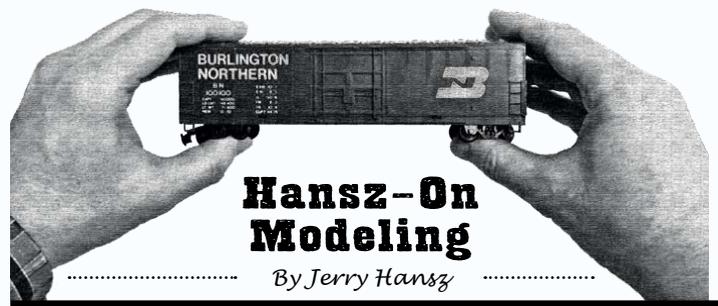


Photo 7. Ohio Pass scenery in progress.

The last photo shows part of my busy version of Delta, CO, with only a couple areas yet to finish and most of it waiting for additional details. Some say I work fast, but it was over eight months from photo 2 to the last photo. Building the new town was huge in adding visual and operational interest to the railroad.



Photo 8. Scrap metal dealer.



Sifting And Sorting

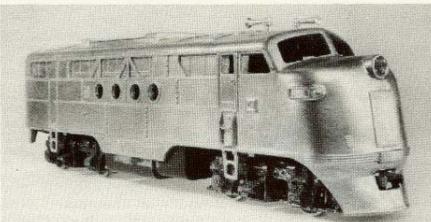
Had an interesting experience at the April 8, 2016 meeting. Took a few excess items for “grab and go”. The guys were glad to get some fixer-uppers to work on.

It brings to mind that we all probably have train items that no longer fit into our plans. Why not sift and sort them for disposal? Let’s look at what I got rid of.



Two Carey shells that I had on “blue box” Athearn chassis. The chassis were donated to Roy for an Athearn project some time ago. These shells were all the rage some years ago.

— FT A & B UNITS —



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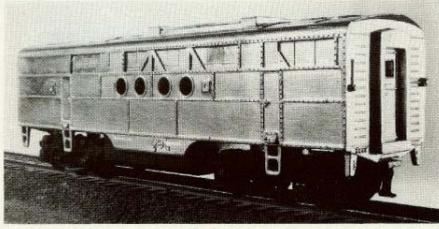
FT's as built were semipermanently coupled into A & B sets or A-B-A sets, so just about as many “B's” were built as “A's”. There being 563 “A's” and 527 “B's” ultimately built. Each unit produced 1350 H.P., and a A-B set was commonly referred to as a single 2700 H.P. locomotive.

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From the Collection of Hösseker

CARY LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Here's the photo of the catalog page for the other locomotive.



#910 is a SD24 which I had kit-bashed with the low nose from a GP20. It ran noisy and I decided not to install DCC in it, so it became excess.

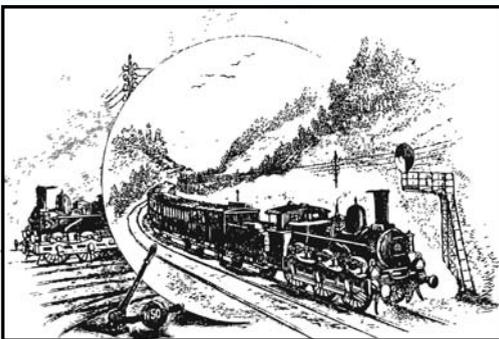


2-8-2 #3283 was a Tyco or Mantua purchased from Wayne Lemle back when. Another rough runner. I didn't want to DCC it either.



Two 0-6-0 shifters needed work. They hadn't worked well on my layout, so I decided to let someone else have all the fun!

The moral of the story is that it doesn't hurt to sift through your detritus and sort out rejects to enhance someone else's enjoyment of the model railroad hobby!



MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*.

We had a nice group of layouts at the June TECO show. I hope everyone was able to stop by and enjoy everything. Here is a few selected photos...



Youth In Model Railroading had a four-track mainline with return loops at each end.



Colorado & Great Western Modular Railroad Club brought their layout all the way down from the Denver area.



Pikes Peak & Southern's Layout.



Gordon Preller's N-scale layout.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

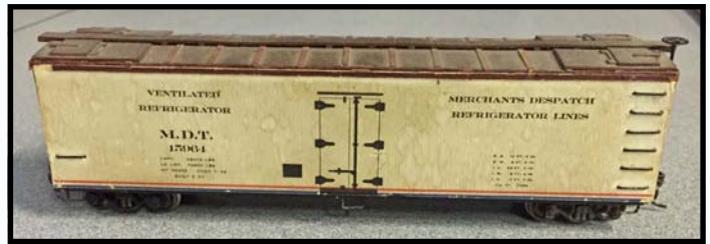
By Wade Mountz, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

The Superintendent's message is very short this month as Charlotte and I have been in Houston, Texas attending a convention. We are a little over 90-days away before our upcoming convention. Roy and his committee people are making the final plans for the convention and making final plans on a lot of important things concerning a smooth running convention. Please make sure that your calendar is clear during the week while the convention is in session. Nothing will be more aggravating than asking for last minute assistance and finding out you had planned your own vacation for that week. We will be expecting everyone in our division to be able to do something when ask. See you all Friday night.

JUNE 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The Friday, June 10th, 2016 meeting for the NMRA-RMR-PPD was opened by Wade Mountz at 7:02 PM. There were no new visitors and there were 25 people in attendance. The minutes for the last meeting were approved; no changes.

1. Discussion about the quilt to be auctioned off at the October convention; Charlotte planning more work on this.
2. Contact Charles Marchbanks if anyone has a program they would like to present to the group during our monthly meeting.
3. Dennis Snyder gave an update on contests. They're were no entries in tonight's contest. Next month's contest is *Weathered Diesel Engine*. Next month is our contest month — a different setup than we usual do each month.
4. Dennis Snyder reports that we have 111 members in PPD. We are the second-largest division in our region.
5. Dennis Snyder discussed the idea of setting up a "Rail School" for the October convention.
6. John Emmot gave updates concerning what happened at the swap meet show and with the upcoming TECO show in relation to the module group.
7. Treasurer Frank Pareso gave the treasurer's report.
8. Dusty gave an update concerning the previous swap meet show. Next one will most likely be in the April-May 2017 range. There will not be a Fall 2016 swap meet show because of the convention.
9. A motion was made and passed to give the church \$250.00 for using the church facilities for the swap meet show.
10. Andy Buco gave information concerning the June TECO show — which is during Father's Day weekend. In 2017, the tentative TECO show dates are: February 18-19, 2017, April 22-23, 2017, and June 17-18, 2017. The event center will be permanent closing in July 2017 and there will no be more shows at that location.
11. Kristin Phillips gave updates concerning Operation Safety and the Boy Scouts. Discussion about hauling modules out to a Boy Scouts event at the county fairgrounds; Wade asking if there can be any payment to help with gasoline costs. It may conflict with the convention.
12. John Emmot gave an update about the caboose trip on the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad in October.
13. Irv Johnson discussed some paper-side boxcars he brought to show everyone — one of the cars is over 80-years-old.



Irv Johnson's 80-year-old, HO-scale, printed-side boxcar.

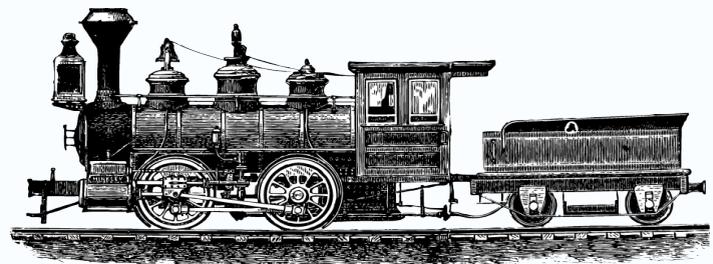
There was a short break.

There were no entries so the contest was cancelled. Next month's contest is *Weathered Diesel Engine*.

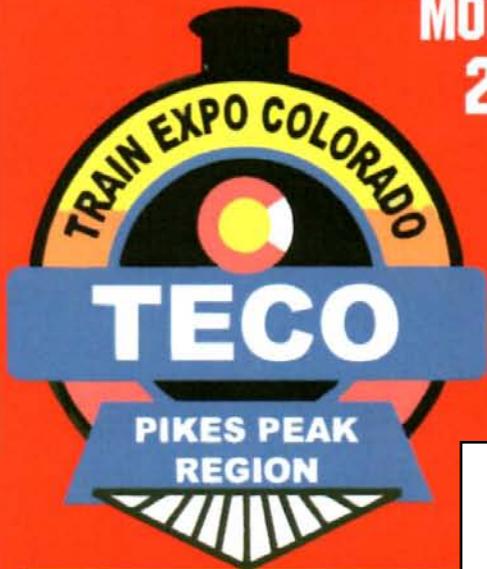
Frank Pareso gave out door prize winners.

Bill LaFollette did his presentation titled, "A Derailment, A Collision, And A Wreck — Fact, Folklore, And Music".

Meeting closed at 8:51 PM.



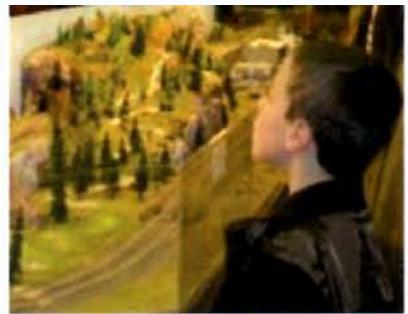
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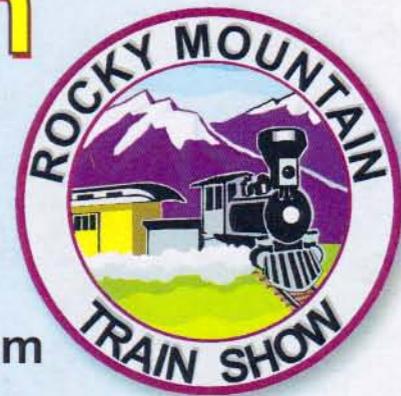
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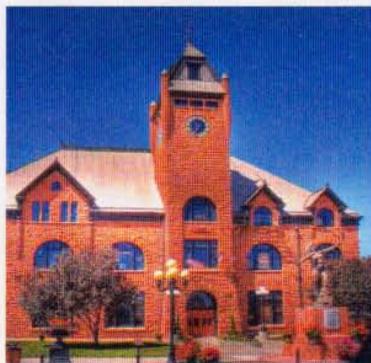


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1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):

Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits.

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

Construct a minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.

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