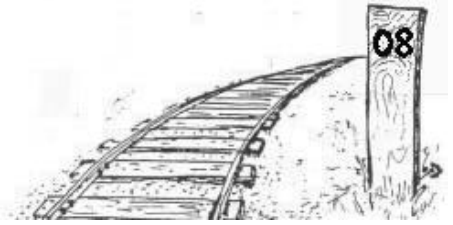


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SlimRail Show at Rampart H.S., Oct 18



Superintendent's Notes

by
Charles Marchbanks

Here it is already October and the year is getting close to an end. The first TECO show is now done and over with. The show was a success and did make a little money, but not enough to split between the groups at this point. The show showed that it has the potential to be profitable as we get established and people know about it. We have had a TECO board meeting after the show was over and discussed some things that went wrong and what to change for the next show. We had some people letting people in the side doors without paying to get in, some signing issues, and some space issues.

The lantern was won by Thomas Elwell of Colorado Springs. We made \$45.00 from the Lantern Raffle. This was another thing that was not done very well by the TECO show. The door area had too many things going on at one table.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 10, 2008 7:30 PM
Sand Creek Police Station
4125 Center Park Drive
(southeast of Academy and Fountain)

Program: Moffat Road video
by: John Emmot
Contest: Diesel Locos

The Rocky Mountain Region BOD (Board of Directors) meeting is Saturday October 18, 2008 at 6.00 PM at the Country Buffet at 751 N. Academy in the Citadel Crossings shopping center here in the Springs. If you have never been to a BOD meeting, I suggest that you come and observe the meeting. I have not been to a Rocky Mountain Region BOD meeting. I did make all the Mid-Continent Region BOD meetings from January 1992 until January 2004. I also sat in on the National BOD meeting at the San Jose and St. Louis National Conventions. If you don't know, it is a good way to find out the direction things are headed in the Region.

I am keeping this one short. I hope to see all of you at the meeting Friday.

Until next month,
Charles



Gerry Drewes had his switching puzzle module at the TECO show.

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PIKES PEAK DIVISION
Meeting Minutes
By: Secretary, Mike Cather

Date: Sept 12, 2008. Start time: 7:30 PM
 By Superintendent: Charles Marchbanks
 Attendees: 19, Visitors: 0

Old Business and Committee Reports:

1. Minutes accepted as in the MILEPOST.
2. Treasurer: Report presented by Mr. Pareso.
3. TECO Show: Roy Thompson updated us on progress, which has been substantial. So far, 52 tables are sold out of 65 max tables. PP&S and PPDiv modules will join forces for this show. Slim Rails will also be present.

Break: 8:03 8:15 PM

New Business:

1. Mike Cather handed out a note from Bill Lamdin who advises that at age 83 he is retiring from the model RR hobby and wants PPDiv members to come help themselves to his many items.
2. Model Contest: Weathering, 3 entries.
3. Program: Slide show of D&RGW by Bill Poley.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.



Editor's Corner
 by John Emmot

As most of you know, I missed the TECO show since I chose to attend my son's wedding that day. Well you have to make some sacrifices. :->) At any rate, I don't have any first hand knowledge of what went on. My thanks to Mike Cather for the photos of the event and Charles Marchbanks for the verbal update on the results. Sounds like it was a bit of a mixed bag. Plenty of encouraging signs, but not many immediate benefits. I'm sure we will hear more about the show at the meeting on Friday. Thanks to all those who did participate and to those who helped with the combined module layout with the Pikes Peak and Southern folks. I didn't get any emergency phone calls, so I believe things must have gone OK. I knew you guys could do it.

The next thing up is the SlimRail Meet on Saturday, October 18. The PPD is committed to setup a module layout for that event. (Cont on page 3)

Upcoming Events

SlimRail Train Show and Swap Meet
 Rampart High School, 8250 Lexington Drive
 Colorado Springs, CO
 October 18, 9:00-3:00

Pikes Peak Division Train Show and Swap Meet
 Knights of Columbus Hall, 456 Marquette Drive
 Security, CO
 November 15, 9:00-3:00

Please inform me if you know of local events we should cover.

Recurring Events

Monthly 2009 Narrow Gauge Convention Planning Meeting
 Doubletree Hotel on South Circle, Colorado Springs
 third Thursday of the month at 7:00PM
 contact: Jerry Carson at mmr108@hotmail.com

The local operations group has a website with their ops schedule posted. Check it out and see if you can participate in an ops session.

<http://www.rockyrail.org/index.php/home>

PikeMasters Model Railroad Club
 Colorado Springs City Auditorium Basement
 Work session every Thursday 7:00 PM
 Business meeting first Thursday 7:00 PM
www.pikemastersrr.com

Colorado Midland Chapter, NRHS
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 Murray Blvd and Constitution Ave, 7:00 PM
 2nd Thurs every month except Jun, Jul, Aug

**NOTES ON BROADWAY LIMITED
 BLUELINE SD40-2 DCC**

By Jerry Hansz

1. My original attempt to install DCC on SD40-2 ATSF 5042 was successful. However, after consisting with a non-sound SD40-2, the sound would not operate. Repeated attempts to correct the problem failed. Sound on DC was okay.
2. A second SD40-2 (#5032) never would operate sound on DCC. Sound on DC was okay.
3. Jerry Bonds had an operational SD40-2 with sound on DCC. He took my two locomotives and attempted to make them work. 5042 worked, 5032 did not. When I installed decoders, neither locomotive would operate sound on DCC. I relegated them to the DC locomotive pile!
4. After an appropriate "cooling-off period", I tried again:
 - a. I reset 5042 CV8 to 8, with no decoder or jumper installed.
 - b. I set the short address to 003 with no decoder or jumper installed.
 - c. I programmed a Digitrax DN163PS to address 003.
 - d. When the decoder was installed, the locomotive operated with sound on DCC. The head and rear lights worked, but horn and bell did not.
 - e. I then set the long address to 5042. Again everything but horn and bell worked. Puzzlement!
 - f. A flash of inspiration!
 - (1) I reset CV8 to 8, set short address to 003. (The instructions say to always set address to 003 before changing addresses.)
 - (2) I then set the short address to 42 (last two digits of 5042). All worked (lights, bell, and whistle). SUCCESS!
5. With the glow of success, I opened ATSF 5032, and repeated step 4, using a Digitrax DZ125PS. (SEVERAL TIMES!) NO LUCK! The locomotive operates fine on DCC, short address 32, with correct lights, but no sound! Sound is okay on DC.
6. In conclusion, after reflection, DCC is in the same category as other computers - "It's Magic".



2008 Contest Schedule

January-OPEN LOADS
February-VEHICLES
March-STRUCTURES
April-BENT SCREWDRIVER
May-PHOTOS (prototype or models)
June-FREIGHT CARS
July-WORK TRAIN / MOW
August-PASSENGER EQUIPMENT
September-WEATHERING
October-DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES
November-CABEESSE
December-NO CONTEST

I have learned that the PP&S is not setting up for this show. I don't have too much available from the Division. We will need to work out the details at the meeting Friday. We will have to decide if we can get the four PPD corners and the highline end to the show. Otherwise we may have to go with a dogbone and a couple of modules. Transportation help would be appreciated.

I would like to thank Jerry Hansz for recounting

one of his experiences with DCC sound. While your situation may not be the same, the techniques are universal. Read the instructions and experiment.

The contest this month is diesel locos. Pick out your best example and bring it.

In the interest of getting this on the street, I'll close with a picture from last weekend. See ya at the meeting.



September Contest

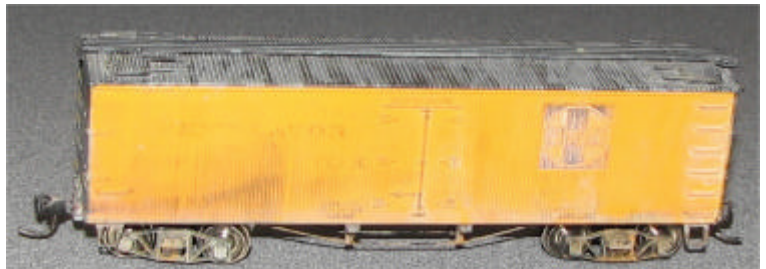


First Place - Jerry Bonds



Second Place - Bill LaFollette

Third Place - Jerry Bonds



Deadline for Milepost material is two weeks prior to the regular meeting date. If you have material that you want published, please contact the Newsletter editor.

Scenes From theTECO Show



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