

# The Milepost



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*Official monthly publication of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroad Association*



## **Bob Bandy's Grand Pacific Northwestern**

*Also inside...*

**Photographs from all six layouts featured in this year's Pikes Peak Division's annual layouts tour!**

# Calendar Events

## Next Meeting Location

Friday, September 14th, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Sand Creek Police Station  
4125 Center Park Drive  
(Southeast of the intersection of  
Fountain and Academy Boulevards)  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

## Next Meeting Program

Charles Marchbanks will be presenting a program by Wade Mountz on creating dioramas.

## Reminders

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

Charalee Topinka wants to remind everyone who is a model railroader — each person 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 or railroading in general. 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? Even a historical presentation on a railroad you know about. Everyone has ideas on how to do things.

For our 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](mailto: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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# Pikes Peak Division's 2018 Annual Layout Tours

By Michael Murdock – August 18th, 2018 – Part I

This year's layout tours included six model railroad layouts in Colorado — one in Gleneagle, two in Colorado Springs, one in Pueblo West, and two in Canyon City. Thank you to all of the layout owners for opening their homes and showing their model railroad layouts to everyone. Special thanks to Wade Mountz for coordinating and scheduling the layout visits. And lastly, thank you for all of you that made the trips to visit all of these layouts. I was impressed by all six layouts — it was also my first visit to see any layouts south of Colorado Springs. **This article will only cover the three “northern” layouts — we'll cover the three “southern” layouts in the next issue.** So without further ado, here are a sample of photographs from three of the six layouts!

## Bob Bandy — Gleneagle Grand Pacific Northwestern

If you've never been to Bob's layout, you are really missing out. Bob's HO-scale layout takes up his entire basement and it is very impressive — it seems to go on forever. On my visit there, I met with some of his layout operators and was able to talk with Bob also. My wife and I had a great time. Besides the cover photograph, on this month's issue of *The Milepost*, here are some additional photographs of Bob's model railroad empire.

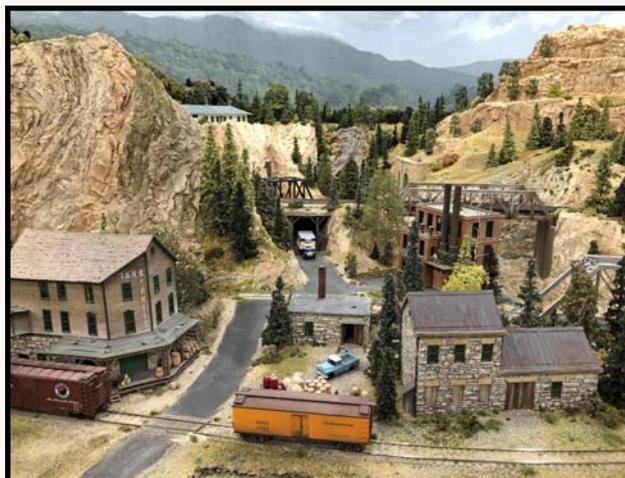


Train crosses trestle in Saltese, Montana.

Photograph by Susan R. Murdock



A busy day at Dunsmier, California.



Lower Bittercreek. This scene has incredible depth.

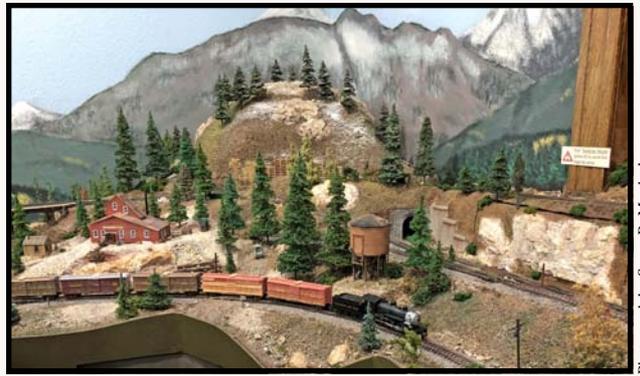
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Amazingly detailed engine house scene, at night, in Provo, Utah.

## Jeff Cahill — Colorado Springs Denver, South Park, & Pacific

Jeff has built this two-level, N-scale layout in two rooms in his basement. The detailing and weathering of this layout exceeds many HO-scale layouts I have visited — it is very impressive. I was also impressed by the nighttime lighting effects and sound effects throughout the layout. Jeff holds operating sessions and has ample instructions for layout operators. Jeff was a gracious host and did a great job explaining the history and operations of his layout. He provided bottles of water, snacks, and even a pamphlet on his model railroad.



Photograph by Susan R. Murelock

Train rounding a curve near Alpine Siding.



Very detailed wharf scene.



Locomotive gets fuel and sand before heading out.



Busy stock yard siding.

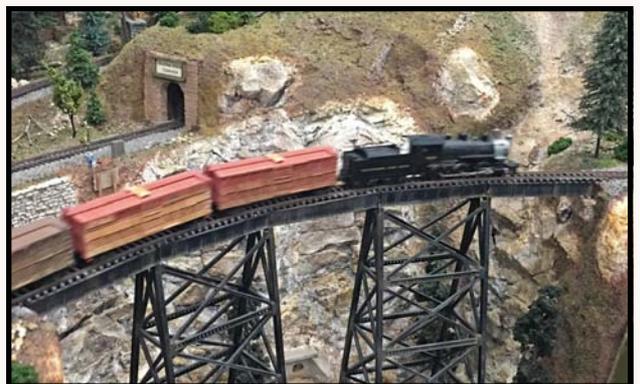


Nice scrap iron yard scene.



Cabins in the mountains.

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Steam train crossing over trestle with stock cars.

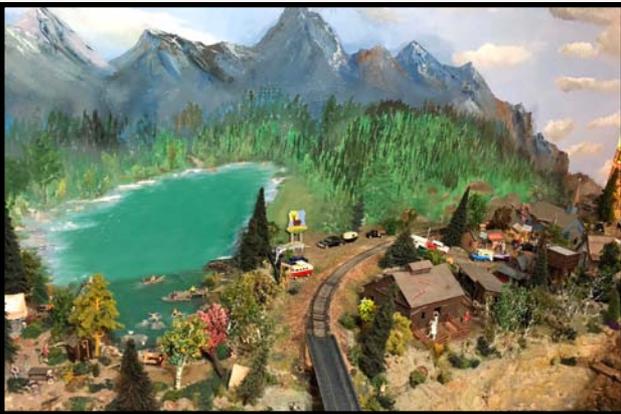
## Wade Mountz — Colorado Springs Santa Fe Railroad In Kansas

Wade's HO-scale, two-level, model railroad layout focuses on operations in Kansas in the 1960's. It is well detailed and has good operations abilities. The layout includes tracks into a separate room that is Wade's workshop. Several models on this layout have made an appearance at the Division's monthly contests. Wade, and his wife, Charlotte, gave great explanations of the history and operations of this layout. It was really nice to visit.



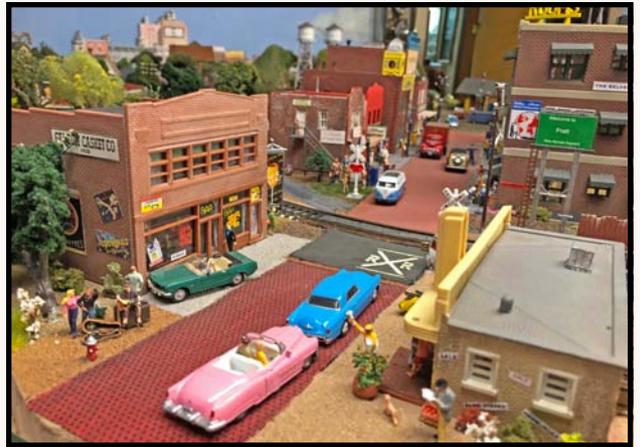
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Busy dat at the elevator as a Santa Fe train passes by.



Photograph by Susan R. Murdock

Campground scene behind the mountain.



Photograph by Susan R. Murdock

# AUGUST 2018 MEETING MINUTES

## August 10th, 2018 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of NMRA

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

Attendance: 25

Visitors: Alex and Kayden Cassner.

Merit award presented to Dennis Snyder, model railroad author.

J.B. Thistlethwaite saying to bring favorite modeling item to October 2018 meeting to make scenery. A tree, a rock, masking tape, styrofoam. A hands on clinic. And we'll see what we can make with it.

July 2018 meeting minutes in latest *Milepost* were approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Frank and approved.

Wade discussed schedule and logistics with upcoming layout tours. Schedule was in *Milepost*.

Presentation for past contest certificates.

Kristin made motion to reimburse \$25.00 to the Division's module group for gas expense for hauling module group's trailer up to Woodland Park, Colorado for a show.

Pikes Peak & Southern module group has abandoned outside train shows. Asking reasonable amount for a 5 amp power supply (?). Motion to acquire their NCE equipment for \$200.00 (this is about half of the regular price). Everyone voted yes for the equipment.

Kristen brought up item about needing velcro for module group. Do whole layout for under \$50.00, but search for price. Motion made to get the Velcro for not more than \$75.00.

Elizabeth Maline discussed the upcoming annual PPD picnic.

Announcement of tonight's model contest winners. Please see "Contest Corner" column for more details.

Tonight's program was Mike & Elizabeth's travel pictures to discover the Union Pacific in Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada. Credit goes to John Emmot for many of the Cheyenne photographs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Dennis Snyder presented with Model Railroad Author award.

Photograph by John Emmot.

# 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:

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*



Charlotte Mountz won first-place with this factory model.



Wade Mountz won second-place with this grocery store.



Dennis Snyder won third-place with the "Bates Motel".

# September Superintendent Notes

By Joe Costa

## Help Needed for October TECO Show

The Malines will miss the show and we will miss them covering Seek and Find and Clinics. In addition, we will be manning both entrances to the exhibit hall. Local train clubs and historical societies earn points based on volunteer hours which turn into donations to their group based on show profit. Come join us for the benefit of your favorite club or historical group. Send me an email based on your interest and availability. We want to thank the members of Pikemasters who have already volunteered.

## Fun at the Layout Tours in Colorado Springs, Pueblo West and Canon City

Folks from the Division visited home layouts from Bob Bandy, Jeff Cahill, Wade Mountz, John Demy, Steve Philips and Paul Weyer. Kristin and I, the Murdocks, the Malines, the Lafollette's and others visited them. There were definitive changes on virtually all of them. Mike Murdock took lots of pictures.

The mountains, forest and rivers on Bob Bandy's empire are close to complete. He gave us a tree making clinic. Jeff added a wye to his n-scale empire. Even Steve Phillips has done some landscaping. Paul show us pictures on a strange elevator building based on a prototype on his Midwestern layout.

Kristin and I gave out certificates of appreciation to all the hosts cosigned by Wade Mountz.

## Super Fun vs Superfund.

We discovered something mysterious on the way to one of the layouts in Canon City --- abandoned hopper cars on abandoned track. We did some research when we got back home. This is what we found on pictures from Google Earth.



It all starts with the track at the Royal Gorge Depot that crosses the Arkansas along an old wye.

Ultimately that track with multiple strings of abandoned hoppers leads south to:



This is the Cotter Tailing Impoundment site, near Lincoln Park, which contains low level radioactive waste, included some waste associated with uranium mining and the Manhattan Project. You can see a pair of hopper strings in the upper left-hand corner.

Hopper cars were used to transport the waste to the site. I guess no one else wanted to use them again.

This is a Superfund site scheduled to be worked on.

## Upcoming Train Shows.

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

Nov 17-8 **RARG (Rails along the Rio Grande) Train Show** at Balloon Fiesta Pilots Pavilion, Albuquerque

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

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

**January 12-13, 2019: TECO 34 at Chapel Hills Mall**

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

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

**April 13, 14:** TECO 35 at Chapel Hills Mall

**July 12-14, 2019:** NMRA NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW, Utah

**July 24-27, 2019:** Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society, Pueblo Colorado.

## TECOshow.org Website Update

Added links for 2018 NMRA and Santa Fe Historical and Modeling Society conventions

Look there for the latest regional show dates.

## New Railside Industry in Colorado Springs

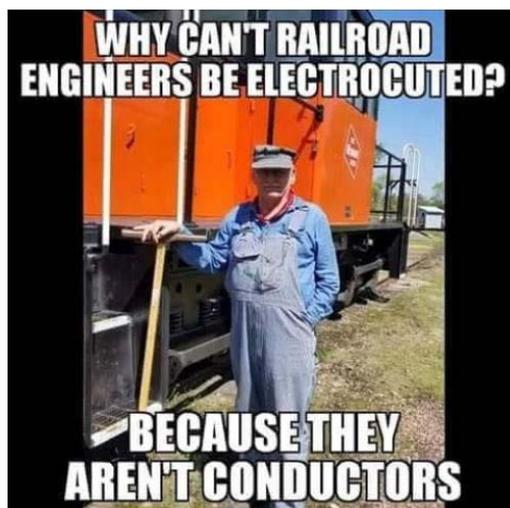
There is new rail side industry in town, Savage Transload, on Last Vegas south of Royer.



Those containers are super rugged and supposedly contain low grade gold ore from Cripple Creek. They have a Rail King visible from the street at Kelker yard.

I've joined trainorders.com which has a great library of pictures and videos.

*[ Joe's article continued on the next page... ]*



Sent in by Dennis Snyder.

# 1844 German Intermodal Prototype



## Subway Psychopath Identified

### ATLANTA

MARTA police have identified the man who allegedly pushed a woman onto the tracks at the Midtown MARTA Station Sunday, prompting a chaotic scene that ended with the woman's daughter critically wounded.

Read more: <http://www.cbs46.com/story/38916049/man-who-allegedly-pushed-mother-onto-tracks-at-marta-station-identified#ixzz5PVUd8QTJ>

# Fun Way to Move a Diesel

From Google Earth you can see the path the Rio Grande Diesel took to the Colorado Railroad Museum from the railroad tracks crossing the street, over a bridge, down the street to the museum. BNSF delivered the diesel and cranes took it the rest of the way.



View the videos here:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/coloradorailroadmuseum/videos/>



Basically, they used some "sectional" track to get through the narrow spots like the bridge and the museum entrance and finally on to the turntable.



## 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. Here is a sample of the dormer facades with printing.





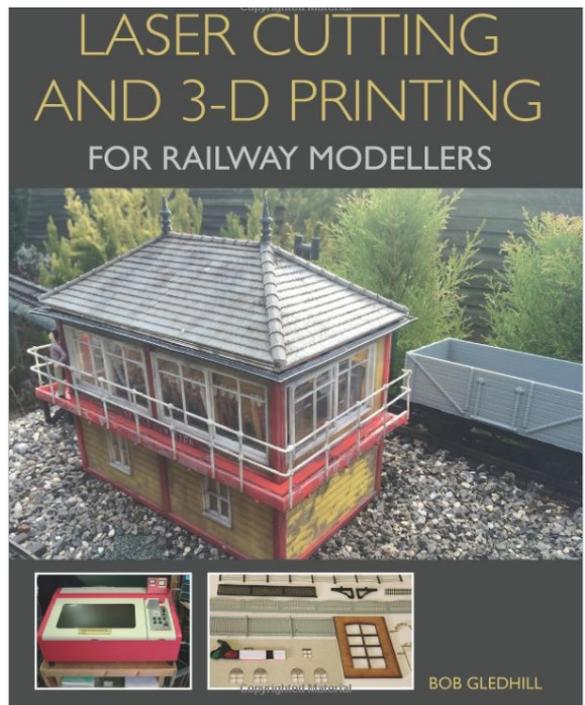
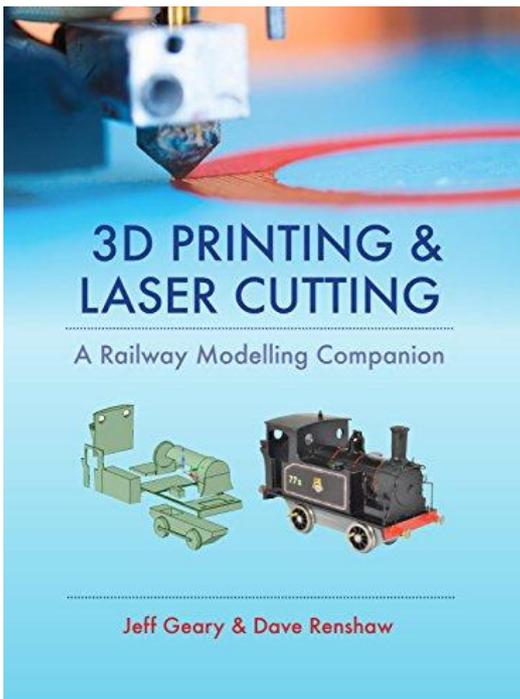
My top down approach has changed into a bottom up one.

Actually, everything is pretty much printed out. It's time to glue and paint and add lighting.

### Book Reports

The 3D Printing & Laser Cutting book that I preordered has now arrived. Now I can figure out what I've been doing wrong. It was published in the UK and printed in Bulgaria.

There is a second book from the UK I downloaded for \$10 which is very impressive dealing with both 3D printing and laser cutting. It has a great discussion of Sketchup.



# Modular Musings

Another month has gone by. Time flies when you're having fun. September is still a quiet time for module setups. Still time to do any needed work on your modules. The next setup is the TECO show at Chapel Hills Mall upper level on 13 and 14 October. We are expecting several new layouts to setup for this show. As usual, we are soliciting as much help as we can get from the Division. Your volunteer time adds points to the PPD share of the profit distribution. We have been told that Mike and Elizabeth Maline will not be available for this show. That opens up opportunities to present clinics and help with the administration of the show. We will miss Mike's modules, but Gerry Drewes will be bringing his modules and I plan to use his river scene and the Vandalia set for 32 feet. We will still have a sizable layout. I am assuming that all of the usual 'suspects' will participate unless I hear differently. We should start setup around noon on Friday and expect to leave the site by 6PM or so that day. We will get back in around 7AM on Saturday to finish any remaining tasks. Amber and Kristin are working to add Velcro to the blue skirting for the layout. We will need to install small pieces of the Velcro loop tape to each module. The banners will have to hang from hooks or from push pins. Just for the record, the PPD is scheduled to have our own swapmeet and show on December 8 at the church.

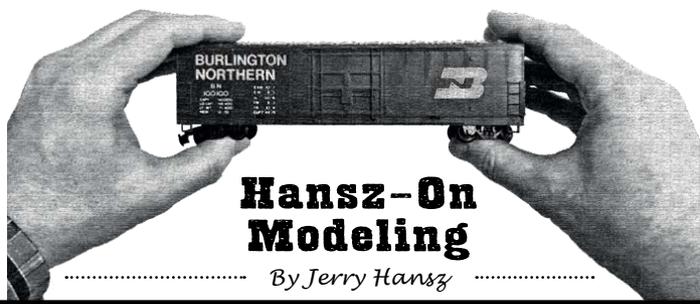
The September contest is any kind of self-propelled rail car. It doesn't have to be operational, but must represent something that can move itself on a train track. Remember, also, that October is our NMRA judged event. There is usually a popular vote contest and your models can be judged for NMRA Merit Award points counting toward MMR Certificates. You do need to plan ahead to fill out the contest paperwork from the NMRA web site to be evaluated.

August was a good month for me. I finally made my road trip to Craig and Granby. I got to spend some quality time, up close and personal with the Marcia, Dave Moffat's private car. It was built by Pullman in 1906 and is preserved in her original configuration. A truly magnificent car if you are a railroad President. Don't ask me about her unless you want to know :>). On the way home, I was able to stop in Granby at the Moffat Road Railroad Museum. They have several cars in various stages of preservation/restoration. Their newest acquisition is the Denver & Salt Lake wrecker crane built in 1913. It was never converted from her original steam power and is another great piece of railroad history that will be preserved.

On another topic, if there is anyone who has the time and inclination to work with 12 inch to the foot rail equipment, Jim Jordan of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Heritage Society needs your help. They have acquired the Calhan RI depot and have placed a C&S passenger car and RI caboose next to it. Lester Coburn had been spearheading the work, but he has experienced some medical issues and is sidetracked for the time being. Jim is trying to get paint and preservation work done before winter and would appreciate any help you can give. I have gone out the last two Fridays to paint, but there is much work to do. It is interesting and rewarding work to see the original materials and workmanship. I can put you in touch with Jim if you are interested.

See ya 'round the roundhouse.

John Emmot



# Hansz-On Modeling

By Jerry Hansz

## TESTING FOR TECO

I plan to run trains on DC in the October TECO, to show off some of my “keepers”. I decided that testing was in order. My Japanese and German trains ran well, so into the boxes they went. All except the Shinkansen and Interurban are DCC/DC.



I wanted to run my prize Tenshodo 4-6-4 on a passenger train, but it ran erratically, so I opted for the old 4-8-4 #3772 that I had picked up from a swap meet. It ran well on a long passenger train. Into the box.



I had two work trains, and picked 2-8-2 #3123 which had DCC and DC. Halfway around the layout it went into reverse, although the DC controller was set forward! Must be a decoder problem. 0-8-0 #838 was picked as replacement. It ran well on one of the work trains. The derrick had a broken coupler, which was replaced.



The other work train was packed with a short freight to be headed up by 0-6-0 #9048, a gift from my brother. I set up the short freight first, but #9048 showed a short! What th? Inspection showed that one tender axle was reversed. Reversing the offending axle fixed the problem. I had to remove one heavy car from the freight. #9048 moved the second work train okay. Hope there are no hills on the TECO layout!



Now to see if John will let me use track 1?

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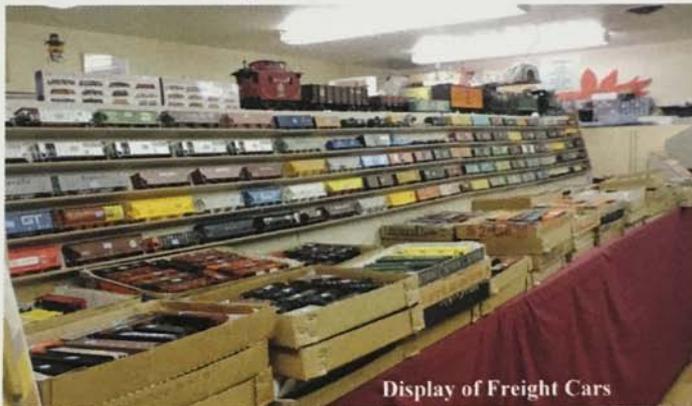
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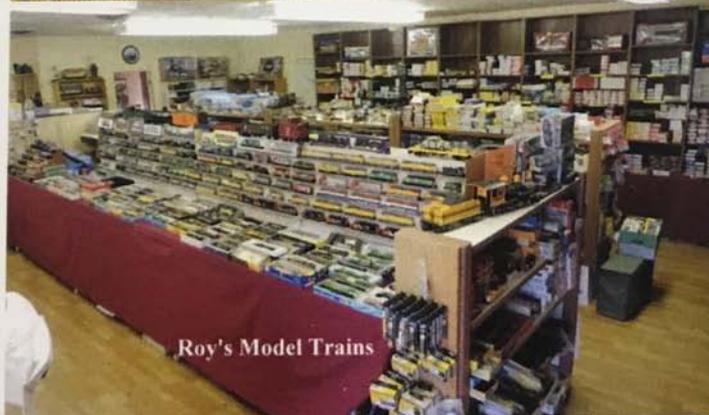
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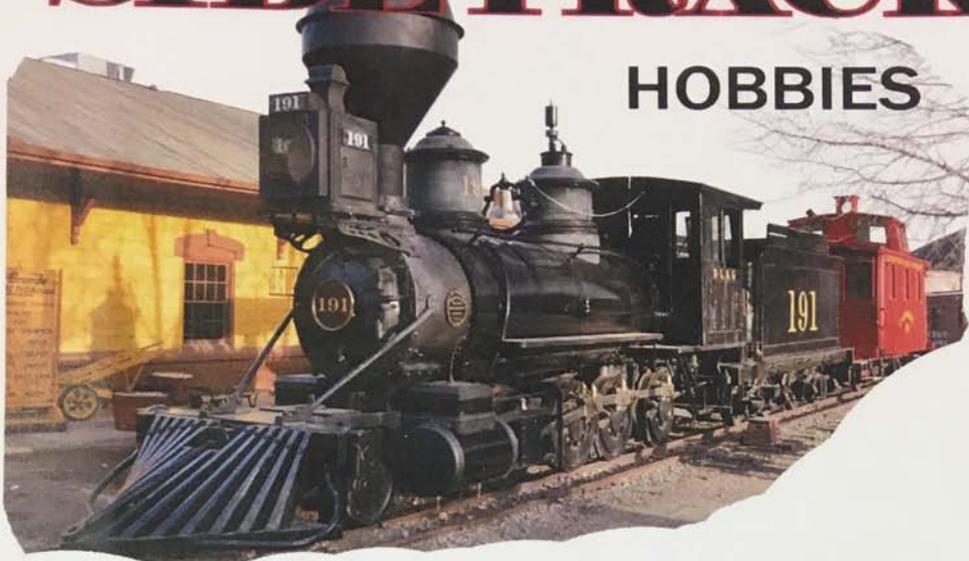
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