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## **NEXT MEETING**

**September, 13 @ 7:00 PM**

at the TECO Show (Freedom Financial Services Expo Center)

6350 N. Nevada)

**Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station  
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## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Assistant Superintendent Charles Marchbanks.

Visitors Dale and Norma Miller model in G scale.

Minutes were approved as published in the Milepost.

Treasurers report was presented.

TECO report: Andy was not able to make the meeting because of weather. Although the Boy Scouts will help publicize Show and help with Raffle.

Swap Meet report: Dusty presented Fall show fliers are ready and table sales are going good,

Module group report: John reports that Bill Poley memorial module corner has scenery and mountain started. Next module set-up around noon Friday September 13th. . at TECO at the Freedom financial expo Center. Slim rails Setup for October 12<sup>th</sup> and Pikes peak division Show October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Publicity report: Kristin see TECO Report.

Layout tour report: Steve and Jeff confirmed that the dates of this year's tour will be August 24<sup>th</sup> 12-5pm and 25<sup>th</sup> 12-4 pm. They have lined up six layouts for visits. Details as the time draws near.

The program was Jeff Cahill presenting Highlights of 2013 regional convention.

No Contest as not enough entries.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

## **Remember That The meetings now start at 7:00 PM**

### **SUPERINTENDENTS NOTES**

**By  
Wade Mountz**

1. It is important for you to attend our Friday night division meeting. The division will VOTE on whether or not to submit a request to our region to host the 2016 Rocky Mountain Regional Convention. This will be a huge project for us, but one we have done in the past. For the first two years, a group of six will be making general plans without much need for division volunteers. The last six or eight months will be very hectic making sure we have plenty of help in numerous areas. Everyone will be needed to do something, let us know your expertise and desires.

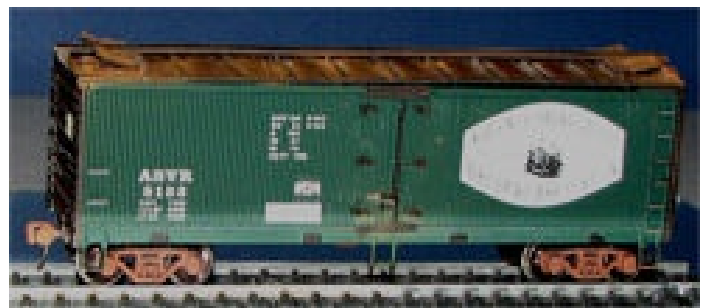
2. This coming week-end is the TECO train show/swap meet. John Emmot and the module group are needing people to help run and set up/tear down the modules. People to run the trains during the show are also needed. Even if you don't have your own trains to run, John could use you running other trains. Please contact John and let him know what you could contribute in time and energy. He needs you.

3. The division 4x8' layout is getting closer to being finished but could still use your help. Please don't wait until this week-end to do something. Contact Roy Thompson and ask him what help you could do and when you could do it. We are down to the final wiring and scenicing and tree planting; but all of this cannot wait till Saturday. The project could use you today. Sunday afternoon (Sept. 15th) will be the time we find a new owner for this summer project.

4. Final item - We are also in need of additional people to work the front gate/ticket counter at TECO. These people work in short shifts. If you are willing to work while sitting down, please contact either Mike Peck or Roy Thompson so we know when you are willing to volunteer for a few hours

Wade Mountz Superintendent

### **CONTEST PHOTO GALLERY**



Only entry in the contest but not sure who brought it,  
Photo by John Emmot.

### **MODULAR MUSINGS**

**By  
John Emmot**

We are coming up to at big three day module setup at

the TECO show next weekend at the Freedom Financial Center on North Nevada. I hope we get some good support from the PPD for the event. The module owners can't do it all by themselves. This is a three day show starting on Friday evening (4:30-9:00) and overlapping the Division meeting which will take place at the show. The first order of business will be to assemble the layout. I plan to have the same setup we had at the last TECO show with the inside corner and all available modules included. We should begin putting it together no later than 1 PM Friday afternoon. I believe the building will be open before Friday for those who can bring their pieces ahead of time. As usual, we will have tracks for DC and DCC trains.

Saturday is open 9 AM to 4 PM. We need trains to run and folks to run them. Sunday is open 10 AM to 3 PM with tear-down immediately following. Again, let me know when you can run trains or watch folks watch trains.

October will be a busy month too. We have two one day, Saturday shows lined up. The first is the SlimRail show on October 12 at Rampart High School. We will field a small oval for that. The second is our own PPD show and swapmeet at the Trinity United Methodist Church on October 26. Again, a small layout. I solicit operator support for both of these events. See ya at the TECO show.

John

## **Pikes Peak Division Summer Layout Tour wrap up By Jeff Cahill**

A couple dozen division members visited six Pikes Peak area layouts over the August 24th-25th weekend. The layouts included N and HO scales, narrow gauge, and garden railroading. Layout progress ranged from under construction to nearly 100% complete with scenery and fully operational. All of the hosts did an excellent job of presenting their railroad. The division thanks each owner for

opening their homes to division members and we hope to be able to see the changes on these pikes at next summer's tour.



Bob Bandy's HO *Grand Pacific Northwestern*. Photo By Jeff Cahill



Jeff Cahill's N-scale "*what if...*" railroad. Photo By Jeff Cahill



The joint line behind Steve Jankowski's house and his HO scale *Uintah Wasatch and Northern*. Photo By Jeff Cahill



## PHOTO GALLERY



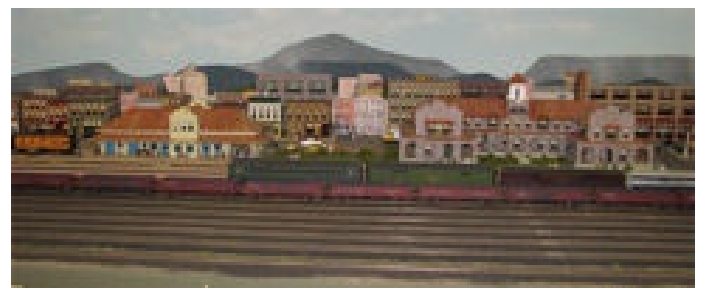
Steve Berkheimer's G-scale railroad. Photo By Jeff Cahill



Jeff Cahill giving his program on the 2013 Rocky Mountain Region Convention. Photo By John Emmot



Bob Foltz's HO *New Mexico Division*. Photo By Jeff Cahill



Bob's rendition of the station and Harvey House in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Photo by John Emmot.



Steve's big articulated at the head of a mixed freight.. Photo by John Emmot.



Eric Lundberg's HO *Sandric & Lake Superior*. Photo By Jeff Cahill



The members enjoying the picnic at Roy's Photo by Charlotte Mountz.





Members loading their plates at the Division Picnic.  
Photo by Charlotte Mountz.

Another view of the members enjoying the picnic. Photo by Charlotte Mountz.



The layout that is to be given away at TECO this month can be seen in the photo. Work still needs to be done on the layout if you get the chance. Photo by Charlotte Mountz.



Part of the group spent time indoors discussing the upcoming module setups. Photo by Charlotte Mountz.



Our host Roy behind his bar looking over the deserts.  
Thank You for letting us use your patio and downstairs!  
Photo by Charlotte Mountz.

## **UP COMING DIVISION 4CLINICS/PROGRAMS:**

**Dates are open for 2013 programs**

**September Program will be presented by .  
our  
Friend from Germany**

**Got a project that you would like to share? Are  
there a technique you would like to learn? Let  
Wade Mountz or Charles Marchbanks now.**

## **FOR SALE**

I have the following full year Model Railroader Magazine collections that are bound together in hardcover binders. The years are 1949 through 1956. Heavy and bulky but great for the collector. Take all or certain years. Contact Wade Mountz at 380-9060 or w.mountz@yahoo.com.

Wade Mountz



## 2013 CONTESTS

September: Gondola Cars (w or w/o Load)

October: M.O.W. Equipment

November: Vehicles (Cars, Trucks, etc)

**December: No contest**

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Dates Subject To Change



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3650 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

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## Model Railroad Exhibition

32nd Annual *slim rail*

Saturday October 12

Operating Layouts "How-To" Clinics  
Sales Tables Door Prizes Collectables

9:30am til 3:00 pm

Sales Table Prices

Admission: \$4.00 Kids Free

6 ft Table \$16

1/2 Table \$9

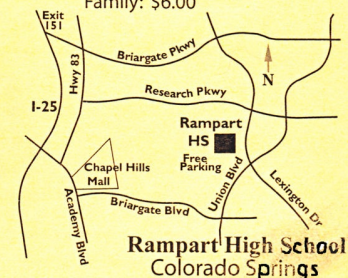
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