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Modular Musings

BY JOHN EMMOT

Another month has rolled by and some of our members have rolled out of town. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are both gone at the same time, so it falls to me to be the Conductor, Engineer and Switch thrower. Joe is off sailing in the Mediterranean and Mark is taking pictures of the 4014 in Utah. Guess they just don’t know what fun is 😎 There is not a lot to muse about the modules right now. We don’t have a setup until late July, when we are scheduled to do a weekend with a small layout at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park. We have just come off of a successful TECO show in April. There was a good assortment of layouts including a couple from Denver in addition to our local stalwarts. The PPD was able to welcome back some old friends that had been part of the Pikes Peak & Southern module set. Howard Smith brought back a reincarnation of his high trestle corner with the same great scenery and a strengthened bridge. Gerry Drewes also had his four piece end set with his farm corner. Even with the downstairs venue that limited our footprint to a 44’ × 44’ boomerang and Charles absence, we still had modules left over. We may have to consider rotating modules for TECO setups or revising our footprint with a second inside corner. Another possibility is setting up a second layout using the dog-bone ends.

On another front, I have been commissioned to construct a LaBelle HO-scale model of one of the Baptist Church’s Chapel cars. These cars were built at the turn of the last century to serve remote areas where the railroads had gone, but polite society had not. There was one on the west end of The Moffat in the early 1900’s. The kit is a standard LaBelle offering. I figured that being a new laser cut product, it would be well done. It had several laser cut parts and the instructions were correct, but other parts provided were not as expected. Fortunately, I have built enough other LaBelle pieces that I was able to find the needed parts in the remnants of previous efforts. So, the build continues. As some of you know, the secret to building wooden kits is making sure the parts fit before they are assembled. How many stokes on 100 grit sandpaper does it take to remove 0.01"? We’ll let you see her when I get it finished.

And yet another event. On the Saturday following our meeting, one of my Moffat friends with a 5,000 plus square foot Moffat layout is having an operating session. Assuming I am still on the sunny side of the grass, I plan to go. It is a chance to see trains run again over the Corona Pass and put my Moffat cars into their natural habitat. I may have a picture or two for the next Milepost.

I hope there is a good show for the contest this month. It is a bit different and maybe something difficult to bring. Sometimes automation is built into the layout and can’t be moved, but if you have a portable automated scene, let’s see it. If it’s fastened down, bring some pictures of it.

Those who attend will also see an entertaining program. Mel McFarland will tell us how he moved a 12 inch to the foot caboose, twice. I know there is some intriguing background in there. And what do you do with one once you have it?

How many have been following the 4014 on the way to pose for Mark?

Hope to see you all ‘round the roundhouse.
Photographs Of April 2019 TECO Show — By John Emmot
Nevada Railway Cat

Irv Johnson sent in a link:

http://va.topbuzz.com/s/pdmTeN

...about a true “railroad cat” that lives at the Nevada Railway. Enjoy!
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**Saturday** Schedule at the Buena Vista Heritage Museum:

8:00 to 9:00 am  Registration at the museum

9:00  Mel McFarland...Colorado Midland RR

10:00  Bob Schoppe...Denver South Park & Pacific RR

11:00  George Barnett...Denver & Rio Grande RR

12:00  Hobo Lunch provided with your registration

  Tour the Buena Vista Model RR Society historic layout

12:45  Dan Abbott...Colorado Midland RR

1:45  Ray Perschbacher...Denver South Park & Pacific RR

2:30  Round Table discussion, questions with all of our speakers

4:00  Tour of the 1890 DL&G Depot and 1883 CB&Q Caboose.

7:00 to 9:30pm  Layout and factory tours.

See the factory shops of BK Switches, Trout Creek Engineering, Classic Miniatures, and Tru-Scale Models.

Tour the home layouts of Harley Hamilton and Vic Kuklin MMR.

**Sunday** Schedule departing from the Buena Vista Heritage Museum:

9:00  Carpool tour of the DSP&P Railroad from Buena Vista to Hancock.  A hike to the east portal of the Alpine Tunnel is optional.  The tour will be narrated by Suzy Kelly.

  Box lunches may be ordered in advance.

Presenter notes...

Mel Mcfarland has edited the Colorado Midland Quarterly for many years.  He has authored “The Midland Route, A Colorado Midland Guide and Data Book” and “The Cripple Creek Road”.  

Dan Abbott has written “Colorado Midland Railway, Daylight Through the Divide”, “Stairway to the Stars”, “Colorado Central Railroad, Golden, Central City, Georgetown” and others.

Bob Schoppe authored “Summit County’s Narrow-Gauge Railroads” and is president of the DSP&P Historical Society.

Ray Perschbacher’s father and uncle were DSP&P engineers.  Ray lived the DSP&P as a lad.

George Barnett was a D&RGW telegrapher based at several locations on the line.

Suzy Kelly authored “Buena Vista’s Tales from the Past”, “Memories of St. Elmo”, and “A History of Chaffee County”.

CHARALEE’S DILEMMA

At the 2017 Pikes Peak Division Christmas party, I was sitting by Charalee Topinka. As the drawings progressed, she didn’t participate. It turns out she models in 1:29 scale. Everything on the table was HO scale! Jack Sousa felt bad about her situation, so he gave her a package. Inside were several small boxes.

Obviously, the HO scale vehicles wouldn’t work on her layout! I bought them from her. Building them would be another adventure! I decided to do the 1923 Mack AC dump truck first.

Mack trucks are famous the world over. Here is an excerpt from a Wikipedia article on the Mack truck:

The heavy-duty AC, with its well-known tapered hood, started the bulldog theme. It was strong, reliable, and worked well in rough terrain. The AC was well suited for logging and construction work. 40,299 ACs had been built by 1939.
Another preserved Mac AC truck.

Kit parts laid out.

Cutting, painting, and assembling the truck required careful sprue cutting, trimming, and painting, as explained in the instructions. Based on the above pictures, I wondered what color I’d choose. Had to check my paint supply! (Ended up flat black.)
READ "PAINT NOTES" BEFORE BEGINNING. FIT EACH PART BEFORE GLUING. A SINGLE EDGE SHAVING RAZOR BLADE IS IDEAL FOR TRIMMING AND FITTING SMALL PARTS.

1. GLUE TRANSMISSION TOP HALF TO BOTTOM HALF LOCATED ON OIL PAN PLATFORM. FIG A.
2. GLUE RADITOR TO BACK OF HOOD.
3. GLUE FRAME RAILS TO OIL PAN PLATFORM WITH THE BOTTOM EDGE OF THE PLATFORM Flush WITH THE BOTTOM OF THE FRAME RAILS. GLUE FRONT AND REAR FRAME PIECES TO FRAME.
4. SAND BOTTOM OF HOOD AND RADITOR AND TOP OF FRAME RAILS TO INSURE A CLOSE FIT THEN GLUE IN PLACE. FIG A.
5. ASSEMBLE CAB BY GLUING TOP TO ONE SIDE, GLUE THE BACK IN PLACE, GLUE THE OPPOSITE SIDE IN PLACE. FIG B.
6. IF THE WINDSHIELD (OPTIONAL) IS USED, CEMENT THE WINDSHIELD FRAME TO THE PIECE OF CLEAR PLASTIC AND CUT THE EXCESS AWAY. USE THE WINDSHIELD AS A GUIDE TO FIT THE CAB TO THE FRAME ASSEMBLY. MAKE CERTAIN THE CAB SITS HIGH ENOUGH TO ALLOW ROOM FOR THE WINDSHIELD. A LITTLE CLEAN UP OF THE AREA AROUND THE RADITOR AND COWL IS REQUIRED FOR A GOOD FIT.
7. GLUE STEERING WHEEL TO BRACKET ON COWL.
8. GLUE GEAR SHIFT, BRAKE LEVER, AND SEAT RISER TO FLOOR-Piece. GLUE SEAT TO RISER. FIG C.
   -(THIS IS A GOOD POINT TO BEGIN PAINTING)-
9. GLUE FLOOR PIECE TO FRAME ASSEMBLY BEHIND RADITOR.
10. GLUE WINDSHIELD TO COWL AND CAB TO FRAME ASSEMBLY.
11. FIT AND GLUE FENDERS IN PLACE. NOTE FENDER SUPPORT BRACKET ON FRAME.
12. GLUE FRONT AND REAR AXLES TO THE CENTER OF THE SPRINGS.
13. GLUE CHAINS TO AXLE AND BRAKE.
14. GLUE REAR TANDEM WHEELS TOGETHER AND THEN TO CHAIN SPROCKET. GLUE FRONT WHEELS TO AXLES.
15. GLUE HEADLIGHTS TO FRONT SPRING BRACKET.
16. GLUE BRACKETS TO BUMPER, BEHIND RIVETS, AND GLUE BUMPER TO FRONT PIECE.

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The kit was a bear to assemble, with my failing eyesight and clumsy hands. I continued, but didn’t expect to win any trophies! The truck became a load for an old-time flat car. I continued the exercise, assembling the major components. Before final assembly, the parts were painted, including the black tires. Color was flat black, with earth-tone weathering.
At the last swap meet, I picked up a couple of old-time flat/gondola cars. They had truck mounted horn and hook couplers. I cut the couplers off the trucks, and mounted Kadee couplers on the bodies.
The truck was in an industrial accident, with damaged hoist mechanism and bent frame, and was totaled.

After the wreck.

The damaged truck was loaded on a flat car for removal. The wheels were removed and placed in the flat car.

Loaded for removal.

So ends the Mack truck saga. Charalee doesn’t know how lucky she was! The remaining kits will find their way into the raffle.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The “2019 Midland Days” Symposium – Our Tenth Anniversary!

Divide, CO  February 20, 2019 - Ten years ago, David Martinek and Edward M. “Mel” McFarland had an idea to hold a day-long symposium to highlight the legacy of the Colorado Midland Railway, and its spur line to Cripple Creek and Victor, the Midland Terminal Railroad, and to raise funds to support the renovation of the Midland Depot in Divide. The John Wesley Ranch was chosen as the venue since the Midland Terminal grade passed just to the north of the ranch boundary, and the surrounding atmosphere of the old lodge’s rustic interior was just right for talking about railroads. That first symposium was a small gathering, scarcely more than 25 people, including the presenters and volunteer help. It’s seems like a decade ago.

Midland Days at Divide, Inc., along with its partners, the Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (T.H.E. Coalition) and the Divide Chamber of Commerce, and its sponsors, proudly announce the tenth annual gathering of the Midland Days symposium, still held at the historic John Wesley Ranch south of Divide, on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

“This will be a special time,” said David Martinek, President of Midland Days at Divide, Inc. “Since that first symposium on a snowy day in March 2010, on the Saturday after Good Friday, our small ad hoc group of railroad enthusiasts has morphed into a full-fledged non-profit that owns the Midland Depot property. We’re going to celebrate!”

In addition to a general focus and overview of the “Midland” railroads, just to get everyone on the same page, this year’s symposium program will reprise some of the more popular presentations from the last ten years. Plus, some special treats are planned for those in attendance who are invited to share and reflect on a decade of symposiums and how an organization has grown and evolved as a result.

The 2019 symposium will begin with a social gathering at 9:00 a.m. followed by introductions and announcements. The agenda for the day will include presentations (including numerous historical photographs) and conversations with local author and historian, Mel McFarland, and local historians Tom VanWormer and Dwight Haverkorn. David Martinek will moderate the discussions and present, as well.

Seating for the symposium will be extremely limited, as always. Advanced reservations, at $55.00 per person, are strongly encouraged. Reservations should be made on or before Sunday, May 12, 2019 by calling David Martinek (719-213-9335) or by emailing your RSVP to MidlandDays@yahoo.com. A reservation fee may also be mailed to
Midland Days at Divide, Inc. Press Release

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Midland Days (see the Midland Days mailing address below). Refreshments will be available throughout the day and lunch will be served. Walk-in attendees are welcome for $60.00 per person, but seating and lunch cannot be guaranteed.

According to the tradition established in 2010 at the first symposium, all those with advanced reservations will receive a limited-edition railroad print (ink on parchment) - entitled “Colorado Midland Locomotive 10 Waits at Divide” especially drawn and provided courtesy of Mel McFarland (the 10th in a series). Additional copies of the print, and prints from past symposiums, as well as other items and memorabilia will also be available for purchase.

The John Wesley Ranch, is operated by the First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs who once again has graciously opened their historic lodge facilities to host the symposium for the 10th consecutive year. The ranch is located south of Divide at 21285 Highway 67 just before the entrance to Mueller State Park. There’s ample parking. Directions from Colorado Springs: Take U.S. 24 west up Ute Pass for 25 miles, through Woodland Park, to Divide. Turn left on Highway 67 South. The entrance to the John Wesley Ranch is 3 miles on the right (look for the Midland Days sign).

Midland Days at Divide, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit Colorado corporation formed in 2013 (EIN 46-4067659). Its mission is to devote its assets and operations to the protection of the historic legacy of the Colorado Midland Railway and the Midland Terminal Railroad, as well as other related railroads, and those cultural and natural resources affecting the continued preservation of such history. Midland Days at Divide, Inc. is owner of the Midland Depot at Divide property and complex.

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All proceeds, sponsorships and contributions (less meal costs) from the “2019 Midland Days” symposium will help support Midland Days at Divide, Inc., future symposiums and the Midland Depot at Divide Preservation Project, and its partnering organizations.

Contact:

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Note: The attendance contribution may be paid in advance by mail (c/o Midland Days, P.O. Box 1088, Divide, CO 80814) or upon arrival (make checks payable to “Midland Days” – check, cash or credit card may be used at the door). Submission of an RSVP is an obligation to pay the tax deductible (less meal costs) attendance fee.