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The official newsletter of the Pikes Peak Division

Rocky Mountain Region — National Model Railroad Association.



NEXT MEETING:

Friday, August 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(Southeast of the intersection of Fountain/Academy)

Colorado Springs, Colorado

INFORMATION

The Milepost is published monthly and is the official newsletter of the Pikes Peak Division, of the Rocky Mountain Region, of the National Model Railroad Association. Our meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please come to one of our meetings — we'd love to meet you. All scales are welcome. Besides our monthly meeting, we have swap meets, train shows, and many other model railroad activities.

AUGUST'S PROGRAM

Joe Costa will be presenting the building of his latest HO-scale module with bridge and waterfall. Joe reports, "This is the cover picture from our presentation and how the module actually looks now."



Photograph by Joe Costa.

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JULY 2015

MEETING MINUTES

The last meeting was on Friday, July 10th, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Wade Mountz, on Friday, July 10, 2015, at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 7:01pm. There were 29 people in attendance; no visitors.

The minutes for the June 2015 meeting were approved as written. Frank Pareso gave the Treasurer's report.

There was no old business not yet resolved.

Dusty Thompson gave an update on the October 17, 2015 swap meet that will be held at the church (see flyer towards the end of this issue). Placing ads in NMRA's magazine and *Model Railroader*. Donation of \$200.00 will be given to the church. Motion voted and passed.

Steve Berkheimer gave an update on his G-scale open-house in relation to a national event in Denver. Steve had a great turnout of over 300 people visit his layout from at least 28 states and six countries.

Andy Buco gave a quick report on the G-scale convention recently held in Denver, Colorado. Ten or twelve vendors are interested in coming down for the PPD convention in 2016. There will also be a table setup at the next TECO (July 25th-26th) for information on the PPD-NMRA convention in 2016. Need to get surveys in as soon as possible. A copy of the survey is towards the back of this issue of *The Milepost*. If you haven't filled it out, please print it out, fill it out, and bring it to the next meeting.

John Emmot gave an update on the module group setup at the next TECO show. Everybody is still coming as planned. Planning to start setting up modules around noon on the Friday before.

Wade is still looking for a Membership Chairperson to fill the position formerly held by Bob Binder.

Jeff gave an update on the upcoming layout tour. An e-mail will be sent out to members with more information. The dates are August 15th and 16th.

Wade discussed the Greeley, Colorado Railroad Museum's newsletter that he receives via e-mail. He also passed out a survey to find out how many people would be interested in a group-trip up to this museum. Ideas such as possibly renting a 15-passenger bus and using division funds were explained.

The Weathered Steam Engine contest was cancelled because there were only two entries (three entries are required to have the contest).

Break and refreshments.

Drawing and prizes were awarded.

Charles showed two movies were shown titled, Norfolk And Western — The Modern Coal Burning Steam Locomotive and Freight Handling Capabilities.

Meeting ended at 8:41pm.



SUPERINTENDENT'S

NOTES

By Wade Mountz, Superintendent of PPD, NMRA.

I am very happy and proud to announce that our division has a new membership chairman Dennis Snyder has agreed to take over the position as Bob Binder resigned earlier this year. Bob and his wife Cathy are spending a large amount of time now in the San Diego, playing golf and running trains with a local train club. Thanks Bob for all that you have done for the division in your positions that include helping our the module group and a two-year hitch as our Superintendent. Upon receiving the next quarterly membership list from the regional chairman, Dennis will be off and running. Good luck Dennis! Remember to let Dennis (and Michael) know anytime your address, phone number or e-mail address changes.

Thanks also to ALL who helped out during the most recent TECO show. As per normal, John's module group put on a great show, proving that a module group doesn't have to set up in a boring oval! The group continues to improve their modules with every set up. If you missed the TECO show, you missed seeing a great module set up - ALL of them, not just our division's.

Prepare to get your final marching orders for our August layout tour later this month. I think that this may be our best layout tour ever and include out of town layouts as well! Be thinking about car pooling as several of these layouts go as far north as Monument and as far south as Canon City! These tours take more planning than you might think. Be sure and take your cameras, but be sure and get permission before you start shooting, and as always THANK the hosts. I hope to see all of you at the meeting on the 14th!

Wade

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UPCOMING EVENTS

This monthly column lists model railroad, and railroad, events 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. Starting this month, a “new” graphic will be added to those events that have been newly added from the previous month’s column. For more information on a particular event, click on the blue underlined text to jump out to the Internet for the relevant website (not all events have a link).

AUGUST 2015

- 14 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 15 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 15-16 Pikes Peak “N” Gineers layout at the Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center, Woodland Park.
- 15-16 NMRA, Pikes Peak Division Layout Tour.
- NEW** 22-23 [Public Toy Train Auction](#) — O-Gauge Trains, Westminster, Colorado.
- 27..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See flyer towards the end of the newsletter for address and contact information.

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 5-6..... TECO Show (see the flyer towards the end of this newsletter for more info).
- 7 Labor Day.
- 11 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 19 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 24..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See flyer towards the end of the newsletter for address and contact information.

OCTOBER 2015

- 9 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 17 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 17..... PPD-NMRA Swap Meet (Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th Street, Colorado Springs).
- 22..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See flyer towards the end of the newsletter for address and contact information.
- 31..... Halloween.

NOVEMBER 2015

- NEW** 7-8..... Slim Rail Exposition and Swap Meet. Ute Pass Cultural Center, Woodland Park, Colorado. See advertisement on Page #8.
- 13 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 21 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 26..... Thanksgiving Day.

DECEMBER 2015

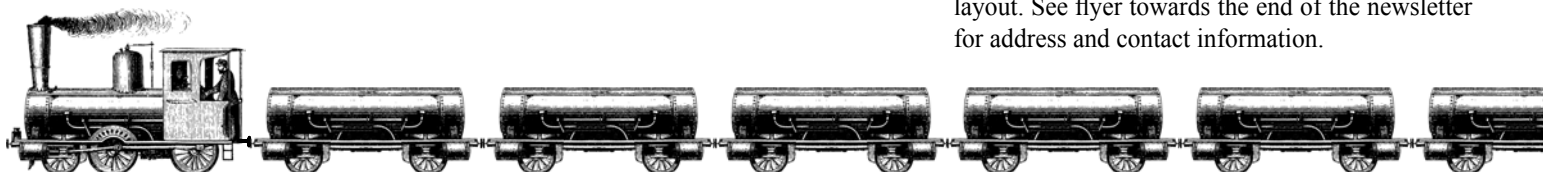
- 4-6..... TECO Show (see the flyer towards the end of this newsletter).
- 11 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- NEW** 11-13..... [Boulder Model Railroad Club Train Show](#). Runs each day 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Boulder County Fair Grounds, Longmont, Colorado. Also see flyer towards the end of this issue.
- NEW** 12-13 [Rocky Mountain Train Show](#). Denver Mart, in Denver, Colorado.
- NEW** 19-20 Pikemaster Model Railroad Club Open House (see updated flyer towards the end of this newsletter).
- 19 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 24-25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- NEW** 26-27 Pikemaster Model Railroad Club Open House (see updated flyer towards the end of this newsletter).
- 31..... New Year’s Eve.

JANUARY 2016

- 1 New Year’s Day.
- 8 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 16 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 28..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See flyer towards the end of the newsletter for address and contact information.

FEBRUARY 2016

- 12 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- NEW** 13-14 [“Rails In The Rockies”](#) Model Railroad Show in Estes Park, Colorado.
- 14..... Valentine’s Day.
- 20 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 25..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See flyer towards the end of the newsletter for address and contact information.

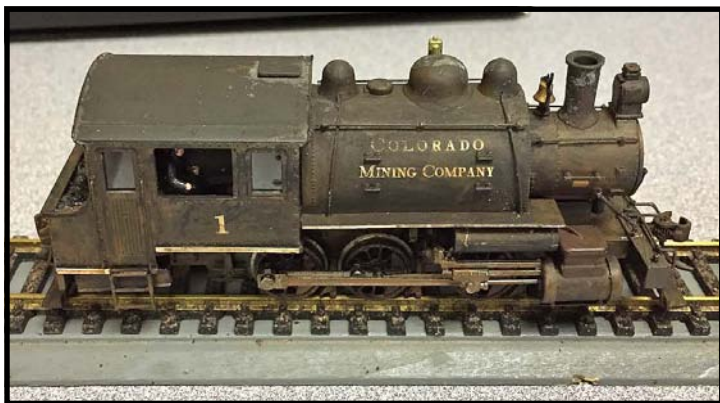


JULY 2015 CONTEST ENTRIES

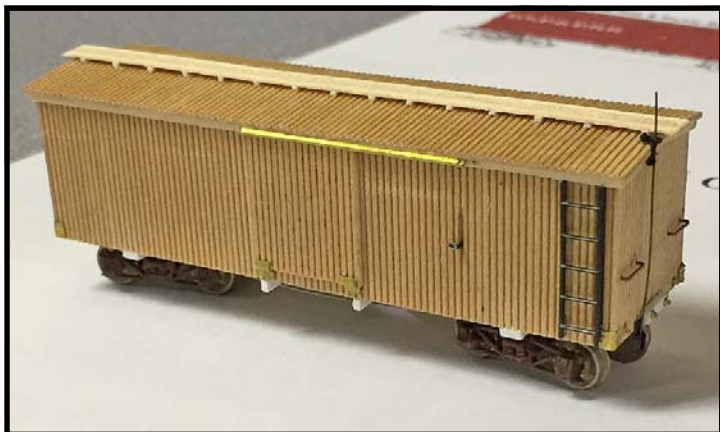
July's contest of *Weathered Steam Engine* was cancelled due to their being only two entries (three are required). The models that were entered are shown below.



Robert Allen's entered a HO-scale Roundhouse 3 truck Shay locomotive. Robert says that it, "Burns anything! Oil, coal, wood, weeds, newspaper, and even bad gin." It was assembled in about 1985.



Dennis Snyder entered this HO-scale, Bachmann Spectrum 0-6-0 saddle tank switcher. In addition to weathering, Dennis added a coal load, windows, and DCC.



John Emmot showed a HO narrow gauge boxcar kit he is working on for the Denver, South Park, And Pacific Railroad.



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- August *Weathered Reefer Car.*
- September *Scratch-Built Structure.*
- October *Weathered Diesel Engine.*
- November *Kit-Built M.O.W. Equipment.*
- December No contest.

Have you filled out the RMR–NMRA survey form that Andy and Roy have talked about? If not, please print this page out, fill the form out, and hand it in at the next division meeting. [Note: the original survey form that was handed out at the meeting had an orange background. It is shown with a white background here to save color ink on your printer.]



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Survey Form

The purpose of this survey is to get a feel of the desire of delegates and guests. We want to know what you want to do, to see, or to participate in. We have included most events that have been enjoyed at other RMR conventions, but we want to do more. It is now up to you to tell us. Besides answering questions, there is a space for ideas and suggestions, If you need more space use the back of the survey page. Send to the above address. Even if you are not planning to attend we would still appreciate your comments.

Every person returning a completed survey sheet will be given a ticket for a special drawing prize.

Question	Yes	No	Maybe
Will you be attending the convention?			
Will you be staying in the Hotel Elegante?			
We are planning an auction on Thursday Night. Would you attend?			
Was the Convention Information booklet useful?			
Will you attend the NORAD Presentation?			
Will you be attending some of the layout tours?			
Will you be attending some of the operating sessions?			
Would you attend presentations about Colorado Railroad history?			
Would you be interested in an evening trip to Cripple Creek?			
Will you be interested in the Royal Gorge Luncheon Train ride? How many would ride the train?			
What do you think of the proposed Program?			
What can we add, any other events?			
Do you have anything you can contribute? Add comments.			
Do you know of any clinics or presentations available?			
Will your wife or other female family/friends be attending? If so would they be interested in the Spouses program? How many?			

5/26/2015

MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

We need to address the next TECO Show as there is only one meeting before then. Please let me know if you are able bring your modules for the setup. I expect that we will build the layout on Friday, September 4th. The show runs Saturday and Sunday September 5 and 6. That is the Labor Day weekend. We should acknowledge that this is the time when the Pikes Peak & Southern is usually at the State Fair in Pueblo. It is my intention to do a simple oval for this event. PLEASE, let me know your intention to participate at the meeting or by e-mail.

I am still looking for someone who has vehicle capable of pulling the Division trailer. There may be times when I am not available to get the trailer to or from a show. We need to identify an alternate for those times. The trailer weighs around 3,500 pounds with no trailer brakes.

I know that of the active folks around the Pikes Peak Division each has their own comfortable niche in the hobby. In fact there is very little overlap in our general population. We have folks who are operators, some who are scratch builders, some who are specific prototypes and some who are "free range". There are historians, 3 railers, layout builders and module builders, but in very few instances is there more than one person with the same interests. We are a collection of individuals with only a common love of railroads to keep us together. In my time at the Pikes Peak Division, I have seen modules come and I have seen modules go. I am very pleased that we have enough folks involved in the module layout to make it work. There are those who have modules and invest the time to build and maintain them. By ourselves it would be a challenge to make the shows happen on our own. The assistance of other members of the Division is necessary and appreciated. I won't say that it takes a village, but it does take a Division.

I will disclose that I had a heart attack on August 4th. I caught it early and got to the emergency room in a timely manner. I came away with a single stent in a cardiac artery. The good news is I went in time and they don't expect any significant lasting damage. I am, however, under some restrictions for the time being.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on Friday.

John

The photographs on this page are by John from July's TECO.



Joe Costa's new bridge module.



Mike and Tony keeping the trains running.



On-board camera view on a train going around the layout.



Steve Berkheimer manning the convention tables next to the PPD modules.

MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*.

Just a short column this month. I got a pretty bad summer flu during the last TECO show and was out for a week — I am still trying to catch up on everything — it has been a lot of years since I was that sick. Unfortunately, I have not been able to spend as much time as I wanted to on this month's *Milepost*. Also, there were several articles I was not able to include. If yours was one of them, I apologize. I will try to include missed items in the next issue.

I have been able to add a lot of new model railroad events in the "Upcoming Events" column. A "new" graphic has been added to those events that are new from the previous issue. I have also added a lot of new hyperlinks to the events — just click on a hyperlink (in blue text and underlined) and, after a confirming dialog box, you'll be taken out to a web page with more information (obviously assuming your computer is connected to the Internet). My goal of having notices of events put on by other Pikes Peak Region clubs is coming along very well. We have flyers, advertisements, or links for Youth In Model Railroading, Slim Rails, TECO, the PPD Swap Meet, and Pikemasters. Are there any clubs we are missing? Please let me know — I would love to include them. Our "Upcoming Events" column even includes other model railroading events from around the state.

Also new with this issue, I have added hyperlinks for the model railroad hobby shops listed on Page #5. If you click on the box of a given hobby shop, you will taken to their website.

Related to the clubs in the Pikes Peak Region, does anyone out there remember, or know about, a large, HO-scale model railroad that is/was housed in Miramont Castle, in Manitou Springs? A friend of my brother's, that was a member of that layout back in the late 1980's, allowed me to run some of my railcars on it — although the track power condition was very poor at that point in time. Does anyone know if this layout is still there? Is there a club that runs it? If you have any information on this, please let me know.

Michael



Another view of Joe's new module — looking down at the waterfall. Photograph by Joe Costa.

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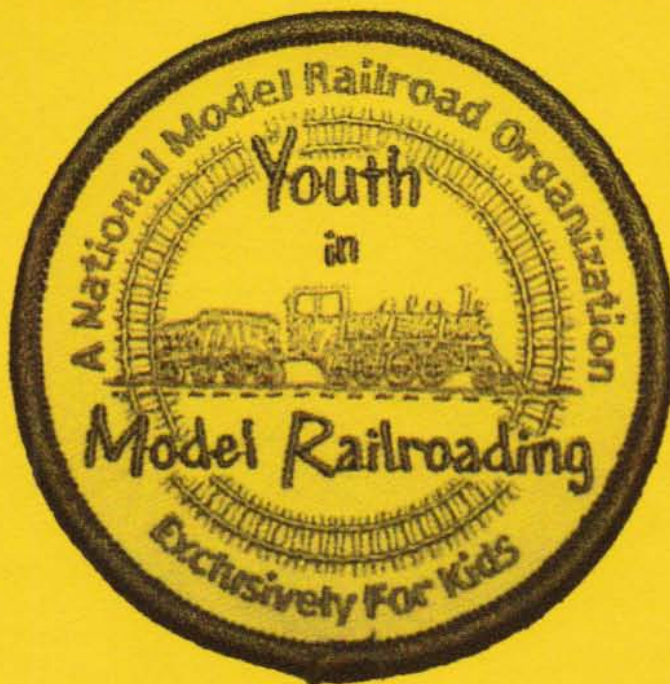
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In addition to our open houses, we have club meetings every Thursday night at 7pm. visitors are welcome to come to the auditorium on Thursday nights to view the layout.



We're located at the corner of Kiowa and Weber, entrances to the alley around the auditorium are available from both directions on Weber and Eastbound on Kiowa. Our parking lot is shared both with the auditorium upstairs, and the rock climbing place across the lot, so more than likely the alley parking will all be taken. After 6 PM, all the meters in downtown are free, and there is usually parking out on the street, if that fills up, there are almost always parking spots in front of the Century Link building at Pikes Peak and Weber. Our entrance is on the West side of the city auditorium next to the bike rack at the alley entrance. We will probably have these doors unlocked, however on the off chance that we cannot have them unlocked, a number to call to be let in is 719-217-1009. This is also a good number to call today if you need directions.



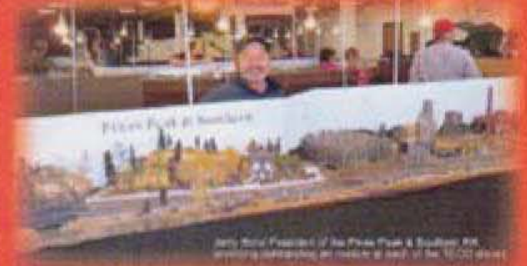
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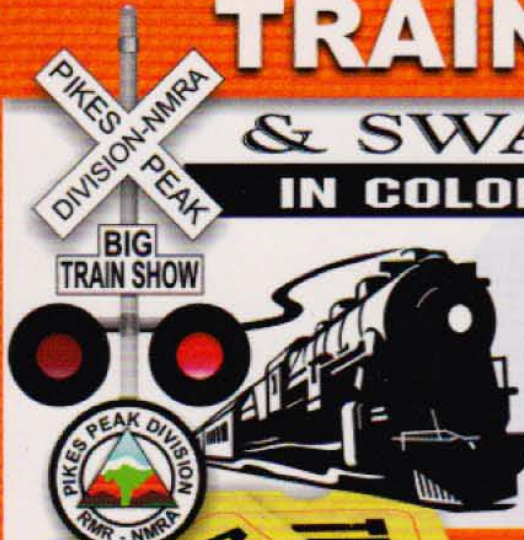
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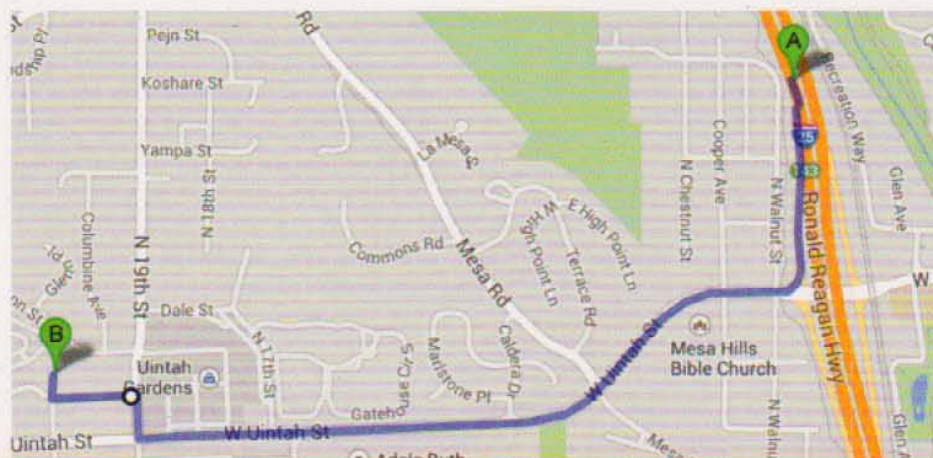


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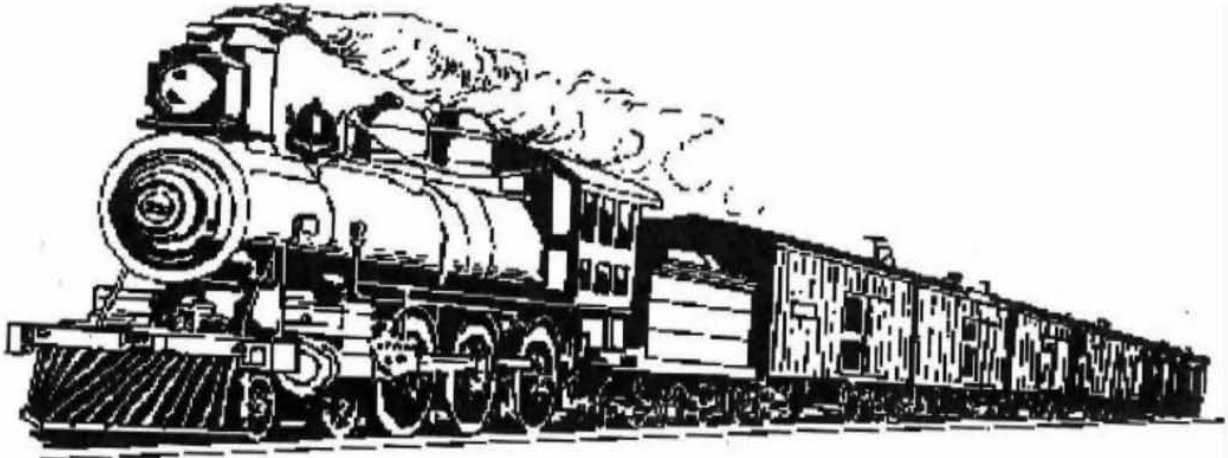
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