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NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 9th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy Boulevards).

... INFORMATION ...

The Milepost is published monthly and is the official journal 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, at 7:00 PM. 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 other model railroad activities.

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Cover Photograph: A BNSF train, full of coal, heads southward into Palmer Lake, Colorado, along the old highway between Denver and Colorado Springs, on Saturday, November 5th, 2016. Photograph snapped by Michael Murdock.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

At each monthly meeting, a program of some kind is presented for information, entertainment, and enjoyment of those in attendance. Our Monthly Meeting Programs Chairman, Charles Marchbanks. If you have a presentation, a video, or something else that you would like to have as a program for one of the monthly meetings, please get in touch with Charles. His contact information is in the "P.P.D. Staff Members" column on this page. Here is the current program schedule:

December 2016: No program — Christmas party.



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NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

November 11th, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroaders Association

The meeting was brought to order by Superintendent Wade Mountz at 7:07 PM. There were 39 people in attendance. There were five new visitors: Katie & Andre Potts (brand new to hobby, doing research for their son); Terry Boyce (in the hobby for many years, went from Lionel to HO & N, likes NYC, Pennsy, and Central of Georgia railroads); Jim McHenry (from Minnesota, long time modeler, went from HO_n3 to Sn3, working on a large layout); David Wood (went from a used American Flyer set to HO-scale).

The minutes of the September 2016 meeting were approved as presented in the November issue of *The Milepost*. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved as presented by Treasurer Frank Pareso.

There was no old business to be resolved.

- Mike Peck gave updates concerning TECO for 2017. Planning on clinics (such as making trees; planning to last 20-30 minutes each).
- Roy gave a final report on the October convention. Looking at selling remaining convention items after the first of the year.
- Dusty discussed the local swap meet show — looking at mid-May of 2017.
- Wade brought up division goals and making plans. Be thinking about who will be the next division superintendent and assistant superintendent. Wade and Charles are stepping down at the end of December 2016.
- Discussion of 2017 regional train ride, instead of convention (either June 2-4 or June 9-11, 2017?
- John Emmot gave report on the caboose ride.
- No contest. Only two models were entered.
- Wade handed out additional thank you certificates of recognition for those who volunteered at the regional convention in October.
- Frank did raffle tickets.
- Joe had a presentation showing how UP trains run on the old Rock Island and Santa Fe tracks north of downtown Colorado Springs.
- Next meeting is our Christmas party, same location, on December 9th, 2016.
- Next TECO show is January 21st-22nd, 2017.
- There is no contest or program at the next meeting.
- Remember that the next meeting we need to elect new officers.

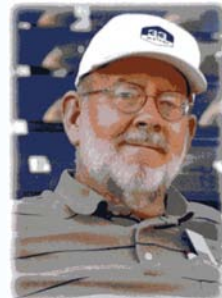
Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.



SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Wade Mountz, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

It is with sadness that I mention that Gary W. Coleman, a former member of the division, passed away on November 15th, 2016. He was born on April 2, 1945. Gary lived in Palmer lake for as long as I have known him, with his late wife Mary and their son Travis.



Gary, and son Travis, were active in the division for many, many years. Gary was very active with the module group owning one of the current corner modules. Gary's choice of railroads was the Burlington and he was more than just well read on the subject. Gary's very special son Travis is indeed that. I would still expect Travis to remember the names of every division member that he had ever met. After Mary passed six years ago, Gary concentrated more on Travis and less with model trains. The division has lost another serious and productive member from our module group and our enjoyable hobby.

As my final installment as your Superintendent I want to thank everyone in the division for all of the help, cooperation and suggestions given for our division. Being the Superintendent of this division has been enjoyable, challenging and full filling. We have one of the largest divisions in our region and one of the most active. We have a lot to be proud of. There is good reason to be proud of what we have here, I guarantee you that I am. I am sure that our next Superintendent is getting a division that is on the right track and on the main line. All of the officers and chairmen within the division couldn't have been more cooperative and the membership was always helpful and full of good ideas. This made my job very easy. Thank you all for making the last several years fun for me. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to see all of you at our annual Christmas party and again in January!

UPCOMING EVENTS

This monthly column lists model railroad and related events that are mainly 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.

DECEMBER 2016

- 9.....PPD-NMRA Christmas Party (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 17.....Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute).

JANUARY 2017

- 13.....PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 21-22.....TECO #29 Train Show, Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado. See flier on Page #5.

MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

It's time to close out another year. The Earth has made another trip around the Sun. It has been a good year in the model railroad scene. The biggest event was the Pikes Peak Division hosting the Rocky Mountain Region annual convention in October. That made some changes in our normal schedule of activities with the Fall Division swap meet and the October and December TECO shows being held in abeyance. The hard work of many folks created a great convention, though attendance was a bit disappointing. Those who were here did enjoy some wonderful tours, events and clinics. A big THANK YOU to all who helped make it possible. Many will never know what they missed.

Only two TECOs were held in April and June and one Division swap meet in May. At this time, only two TECO shows have dates in 2017. The first, January 21 and 22, and the second before the end of June. The summer closing of the Expo Center on North Nevada will end the use of that wonderful venue. We are waiting to see what location will replace it and to schedule the following events.

We are planning to setup a joint layout with the Pikes Peak and Southern for the January TECO. It could be huge. We hope many from the Division will help with that endeavor, both setting it up and operating during the show. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to be there.

The Division participated in a trip to the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railway at the end of October. Twelve lucky people made a three-day excursion of it. A chartered caboose makes a great way to enjoy the ride. We'll have to see if we can top it in 2017.

In my personal world, I have made progress with my Moffat models with more on the way. I hope everyone else enjoys their model work as much as I do.

The December meeting will be the annual Christmas party. The PPD will provide a cake and drinks. Members are invited to share their favorite finger foods to add to the festivities. The traditional progressive gift exchange will be held in two categories, regular railroad gifts and spouse's gifts. Those who bring a wrapped gift for the designated exchanges will get to participate in one or both. The second chance raffle will follow. If you have purchased a raffle ticket at a monthly meeting, you will be included in the drawing.

December is also election month. Two officers, the Superintendent and Assistant superintendent have ended their terms. The Treasurer and Secretary have indicated their willingness to continue. Without a nominating committee, we will need nominations from the floor to fill the open positions. Any volunteers???

Merry Christmas to all. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas this year and happy holidays. I apologize in advance for the smaller number of pages in this month's *Milepost*. I won't go into details, but a lot of things have hit me this month. I hope you understand. Some of you have submitted articles and I plan to have those in next month's issue.



NOV. 2016 CONTEST

The November 2016 contest was *Passenger Car*. Unfortunately, there were only two entries, so the contest was cancelled. Below are the two contest entries.



Robert Allen entered this HO-Scale, Gorre & Daphetid Railroad passenger car, named, *Great Divide*. It features an N-scale lighting kit, interior details, and a carpet that is actually fabric ribbon.



John Emmot entered this HO-scale, Denver Northwestern & Pacific Railroad coach passenger car, #703. The prototype was built by the Saint Charles Car Company for the Chesapeake Beach Railway in 1899. It was then rebuilt by the D.N.W.&P.R.R., in Denver, early in 1904. This model features custom laser-cut sides and clerestory with LaBelle Woodworking Kit HO-1. It has Central Valley T-25 trucks, Kadee couplers, and custom Alps decals.

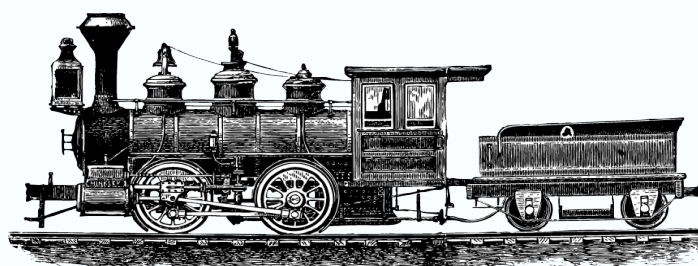
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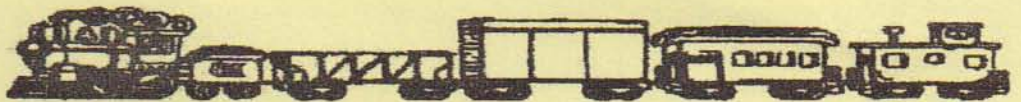
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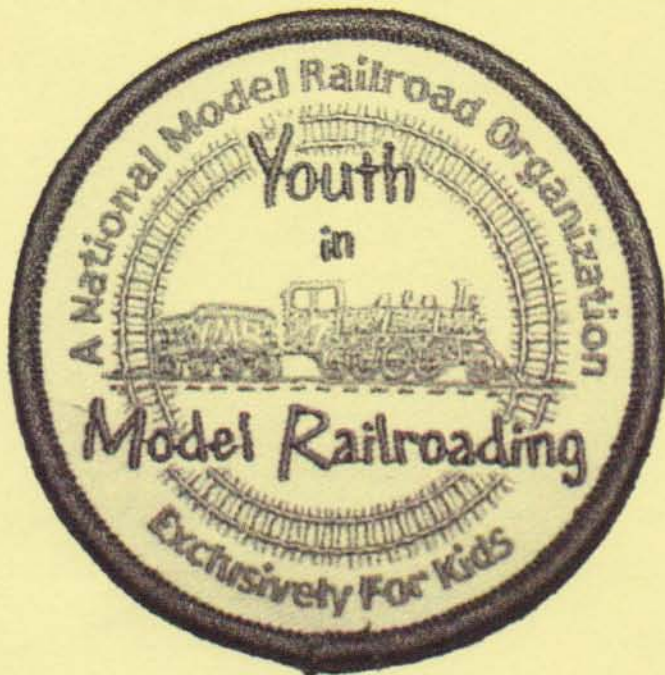
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