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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. All scales are welcome. Besides our monthly meeting, we have swap meets, train shows, and many other model railroad activities.

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JUNE 2015

MEETING MINUTES

The last meeting was on Friday, June 12th, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Wade Mountz, on Friday, June 12, 2015, at the Sand Creek Police Station, 4125 Center Park Drive (southeast of the intersection of Fountain and Academy), Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 7:02pm. There were 23 people in attendance; no visitors.

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

Under old business, Wade talked about the recent division picnic and thanked Jim, his wife, Jennifer, and Mike.

Wade mentioned that Dusty's father is very sick and that's why he isn't at tonight's meeting. Dusty is with his mother.

John Emmot gave updates for the module group. Kristin gave an update on the new division flyer (see this flyer towards the end of this issue). 500 were ordered.

Bob Binder has resigned as Membership Chairman. Wade is looking for someone else to take this position. Please see Wade if you are interested.

Andy Buco showed a presentation kit that he would like anyone who will be attending model railroad shows to take along to advertise the regional show for 2016. It is small, compact, and easy to setup. Please see Andy for more information.

Roy Thompson discussed a survey that was passed out to those interested in the 2016 convention. 54 surveys were turned back in. Roy passed out survey to division members. Plans are being made for operating sessions and tours during the convention. Roy gave details of events that will be happening at the hotel. A display of different scales and car types is also being made. If you would like to put on a program or clinic for the convention, please see Wade for more details.

Wade highlighted the following events: the next TECO show will be July 25-26, 2015 (see flier towards the end of this issue); after that, the next TECO is September 5-6, 2015; the next division swap meet is October 17, 2015 (see flier towards the end of this issue); and the summer layout tours will be August 15-16, 2015.

Jeff Cahill gave an update on the layout tours. A couple of the layouts will be in Canon City. A couple of more layouts were lined up since our last meeting.

Break and voting on contest entries.

Robert Allen discussed achievement program requirements. The next contest, for July, will be *Weathered Steam Engine*.

John Emmot brought up that the module group has been invited to participate in a two-day fall show, by Slim Rail, in Woodland Park this fall. Does the group want to go to that? Wade also brought up an idea for a proposal to reimburse fuel costs to those that haul module group trailers to out of town events.

The next meeting will be at the same location on Friday, July 10, 2015.

There was mention about the next Youth In Model Railroading meeting (see flier towards end of this issue).

John Emmot is looking for HO-scale, narrow gauge, link and pin couplers — please see him if you can help.

Joe and Kristin gave a presentation on the work they did on the inside-corner, HO-scale module — Plywood Pacific to Glenwood Canyon.

Meeting ended at 8:13pm.



A poster for the 2016 Convention was shown at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Wade Mountz, Superintendent of PPD, NMRA.

Summer is with us and the 4th of July is a memory; hope all of you had a fun and inspirational one like I did. Time to start finalizing plans for summer activities.

As you may have heard or read, a national "G" scale convention is ready to begin in a few days up in Denver. Talk to either Steve Berkheimer or Tom Shaw for details if you would like to find out more about it. Steve hosted an open house this weekend; hope some of you got to see it, I for one was very impressed with what Steve has accomplished.

Andy and Roy are working on the July TECO show scheduled for the 25th & 26th. As you know the Membership Chairman position is currently open. I have ask a well qualified member if they would be interested in the position and am awaiting a response. If I have a response by the 10th, I will announce something then.

Congratulations to one of our past Superintendents and now a member of Slim Rail — Mr. Don Bailey - for finishing his requirements and earning his Master Model Railroader award, the highest award within our hobby. Well done Don!

Our August agenda will include our regular annual layout tour. We'll get more information on the 10th.

Hope to see all of you this upcoming Friday night.

Wade

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following list are the events that were handed in, or known about, before *The Milepost* deadline. If you know of any events that should be on this list, please e-mail them to the editor. Please note that dates and times sometimes change, so please check this column each month for the latest information. Thanks!

JULY 2015

- 5-11..... National Garden Railway Convention, Denver, Colorado. Please see the following website for more information: <http://www.ngrc2015.com/>.
- 10 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 18 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.
- 23..... Pikemasters event; run your own train on their HO layout. See flyer towards the end of the newsletter for address and contact information.
- 25-26..... TECO Show (see the flyer towards the end of this newsletter for more info).

AUGUST 2015

- 1-2..... 2015 Colorado Rail Fair (Pueblo, Colorado; see this website for more information: <http://www.colorado.com/events/2015-colorado-rail-fair>
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 28-29 — Rocky Mountain Train Show, Denver (Planned).

DECEMBER 2015

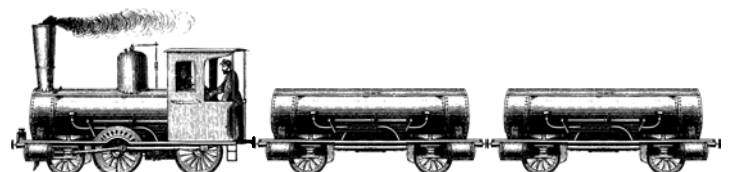
- 4-6..... TECO Show (see the flyer towards the end of this newsletter).
- 11 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 19 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>. Also see flier towards end of this issue.
- 24-25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- 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).
- 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.



JUNE 2015 CONTEST ENTRIES

June's contest was *Diorama With Railroad Theme*. We had three contest entries, which are detailed below.



Dennis Snyder won 1st Place with this nicely-detailed, HO-scale diorama of a freight house. The crane is from JL Innovative Design and the freight house is scratch built from a 1958 *Model Railroader* structures book.



Joe Costa won 2nd Place with this HO-scale Chicago diorama. The tracks are made from Micro Engineering and Central Valley kits; the hotel (right) is a Ashmore Hotel kit (changed color, added Woodland Scenics system, and was built as the 1950's version); the other hotel (left) is Ambassador Hotel kit that was bought at a TECO show. LED flashing hotel sign was added.



Looking under the railroad tracks, down the street in-between the two hotels, gives a real feeling of depth on this diorama.

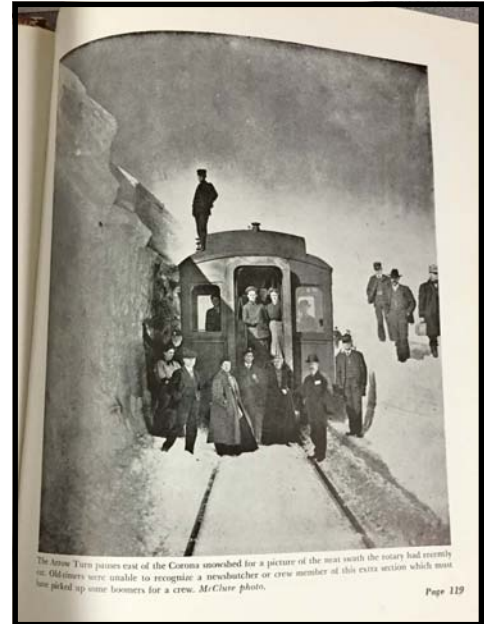


Neon-flashing hotel sign.

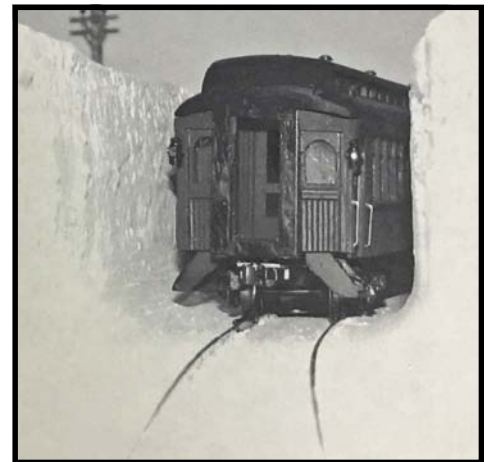
JUNE 2015 CONTEST ENTRIES



John Emmot won 3rd place with this HO-scale snow scene depicting track conditions after plowing out from a heavy snowfall. John included a list of materials: blue foam, patching plaster, white paint, flex track, skewers, dimensional plastic, glass beads, and 2 lb. test line (0.005").



John had a book showing a similar scene on a railroad in Colorado.



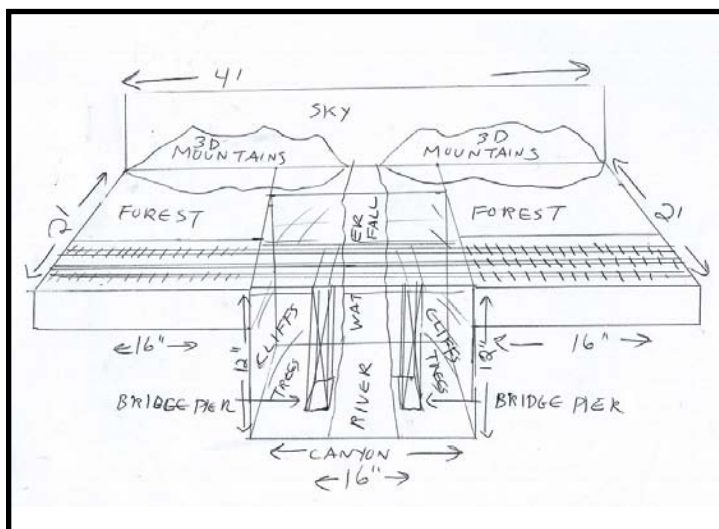
A view of the train progressing down a canyon of snow.



Joe wrote in an update on his hotel buildings from his diorama. "When we got home we transferred the structures to our home layout — we even pulled up the sidewalk. There's still a bunch or "urban renewal" going on in the area. When Kristin recovers, there are two buildings going up in front of them, the Metropolitan Building and the Trade Tower. The big "pot hole" to the right is Lake Michigan — a removable access panel.

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW HO MODULE

By Joe Costa



This is a crude sketch I came up with which I will include in the presentation I am working on while working on the module. It was inspired by modules I had seen at TCA and TECO shows. Usually, though, people only do bridges on curves. Also, I don't see them in combination with waterfalls. Kristin and I are waterfall fanatics. Another inspiration is places I've seen like Taughannock Falls.



This photograph shows the basic layout with the track in place. There are some differences between my original sketch and what I built.



The buildings and bridges are temporary — not permanently installing bridges and track until river and falls are done. Using clear caulk for the waterfall. Trees will be installed when all else is done.

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CONTEST SCHEDULE

Contest entries are submitted and judged at each monthly meeting based on the schedule below:

JulyWeathered Steam Engine.
AugustWeathered Reefer Car.
SeptemberScratch-Built Structure.
OctoberWeathered Diesel Engine.
NovemberKit-Built M.O.W. Equipment.
DecemberNo contest.

MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

It's me again, Margaret. Time to think about another module setup. We are scheduled to participate in the TECO show on July 25 and 26 at the Expo Center on North Nevada, in Colorado Springs. I am lead to believe that we will be able to setup the layout on the Friday before the show. If that is the case, the noon start time has worked well in the past. Final plans will be announced at the meeting this Friday. I expect that we will do the big boomerang configuration. There are two new modules slated to make their first appearance this time. Joe and Kristin have a new 4-foot entry and Mike Weidner is planning to bring his new eight-footer. I'm anxious to see and use both. Please let me know ASAP if you won't be able to bring your modules. As of now, I am expecting everyone, except Dan. I will have a sign up sheet for train operation times at the meeting. We will have DC and DCC tracks available. The PPD has two radio cabs and smart devices have been working well for DCC control. You may also bring and use your personal radio cabs. We just have to make sure there are no address conflicts. The DC is also radio controlled.

Is there anyone in the Division who could/would like to adopt Dan Castillo's modules for shows? They are in Roy's storage at the old Irving School on Murray Boulevard. However, they don't have transportation or a sponsor when Dan isn't here. You need a pickup or van as I'm not sure they would both fit in an SUV. Please let me know if you could help with this need.

I hope that we can get as much extra help as possible for the layout setup. It is a big job when only the module owners are there to put it all together. Don't think that your assistance isn't appreciated. It is. Please review my thoughts on assembly from last month. It isn't difficult and we can have a first class exhibit that runs well.

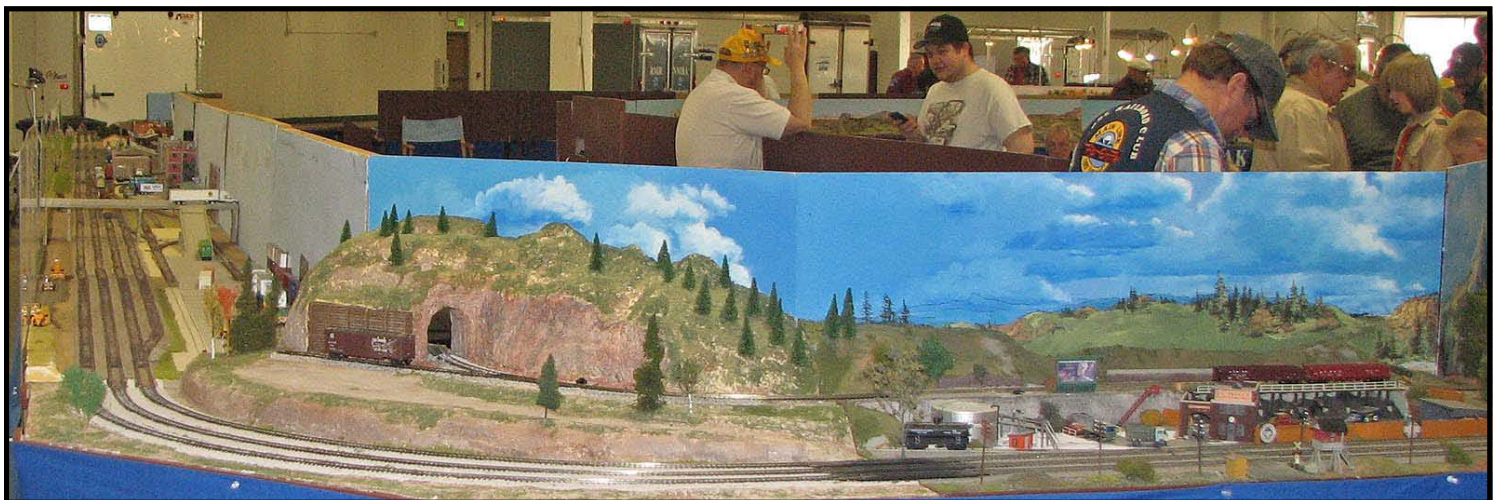
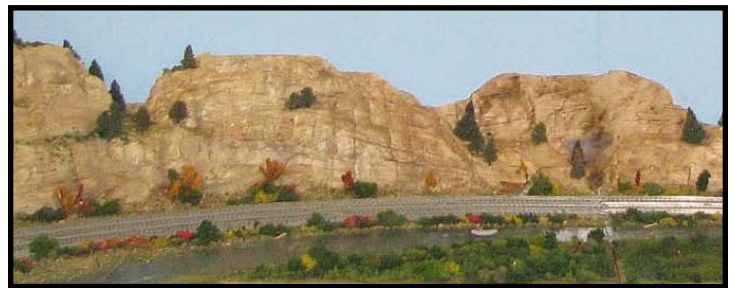
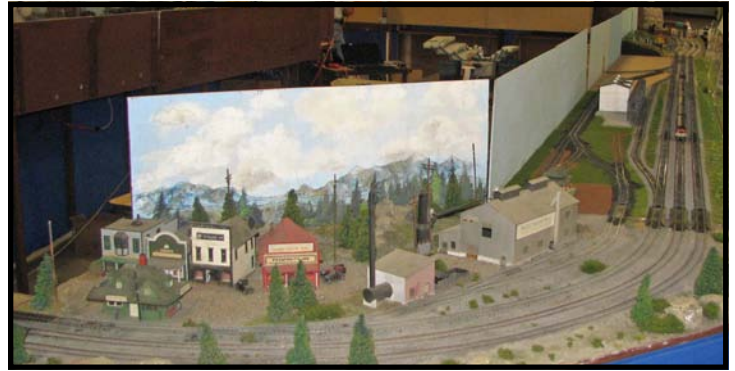
I have had a request to do a straight oval setup again. Perhaps we can plan to do that for the September TECO show. Let me know your thoughts.

It isn't too soon to be thinking about the Region Convention to be held here 14 months from now. There are some modules that need brown paint on the inside of the backdrops. The Division has paint available and we could even do it at the end of a setup day and let it dry overnight. It isn't hard. We just need to plan to do it. It really looks nice when everything matches.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. (My apologies to Ray Stevens.)

John

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



MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*

Thank you to all those that have contributed to this month's *Milepost*. I thought submissions during the summer months would be low and then pickup during the fall and winter months. But as it turns out, I believe this is the biggest issue I have seen for *The Milepost* — 19 pages!

Back in early May, I ran across an article, on the Internet at this link: <http://gazette.com/article/1549536>, written back in April 2015, concerning the old steam engine 168 — located in Antlers Park, in downtown Colorado Springs. The article discussed that plans are being made to send this engine to the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, to be rebuilt/refurbished, and then run again on that railroad someday.

Seeing as how this historic engine could “disappear” from the park at some point, I went down and snapped several photographs of this engine in mid-May. I hope you enjoy them. It will be sad to see this engine leave the Springs, but exciting if they can get it up and running again. (...the squirrel was playing around the engine while I was there...)

Michael



Gunnison Division Notes

Howe Truss Bridge

By Jeff Cahill

Hello Pikes Peak Division! It's time to finish Chalk Creek, which means getting to the bridge and fascia I mention in the last update. This month I describe my build and installation of the Hunterline 170ft Howe Truss Bridge.

Building craftsman kits is one of my favorite things, but this was my first instance of "kit intimidation." The Hunterline kit slept on my structures shelf for at least a year, and then on my workbench for several days before I got the nerve to open the package, with all the strip wood bags in there staring back at me (photo 1). Clearly this was going to take some time. A lot of the wood is already the correct length, but much of it requires cutting. So, I finally bought a wood chopper to ensure accurately repeated cuts. The bridge could be a showpiece-kinda structure if I did a good job. I did not use the chopper as much as I hoped; more on that later.

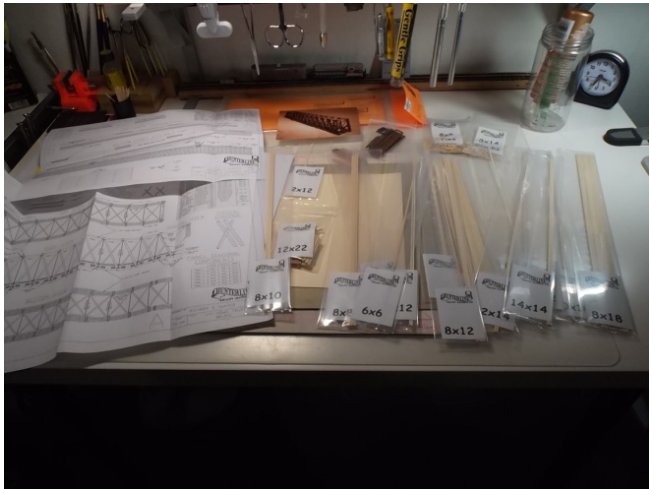


Photo 1. This is going to take awhile.

The kit has clear instructions and templates, and includes an interesting bit of 1840's William Howe history. By varying the number of rods, sizes of diagonals, and such this design can span hundreds of feet. The whole idea is to transfer the load from the middle of the span to the abutments. Genius!

Photo 2 shows the first part of the build – the tie/stringer assembly. I consider using

bridge ties requiring a level of skill a bit higher than I possess. In other words, cutting away a foot of plastic ties from my trusty Peco flex track makes me nervous. The kit instructions describe how to make using your own ties look good, but like all my bridges I simply lay the track across the bridge. Plus my installation plan was to set the bridge in place and shove the flex track through it, then nail down the track on each end to hold the structure in place. Works for me.

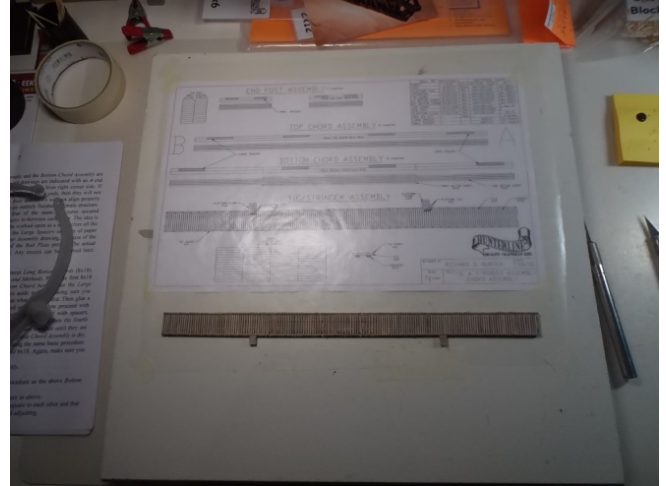


Photo 2. Tie/stringer assembly.

Next is to construct the side panels, as in photo 3. There are 55 vertical rods in each side panel, requiring two (top and bottom) tiny holes for each rod – that's lots of pin vise drilling with the included itty bitty drill bit (the tiny bit surviving the entire project without breaking, I might add!). The kit's plastic nut, bolt, and washers (NBWs) actually hold the horizontal rods in place.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR- PERSON NEEDED

Bob Binder has resigned his position of Membership Chairman for the PPD. This position is open for anyone interested. Please see or contact Wade Mountz if you are interested.



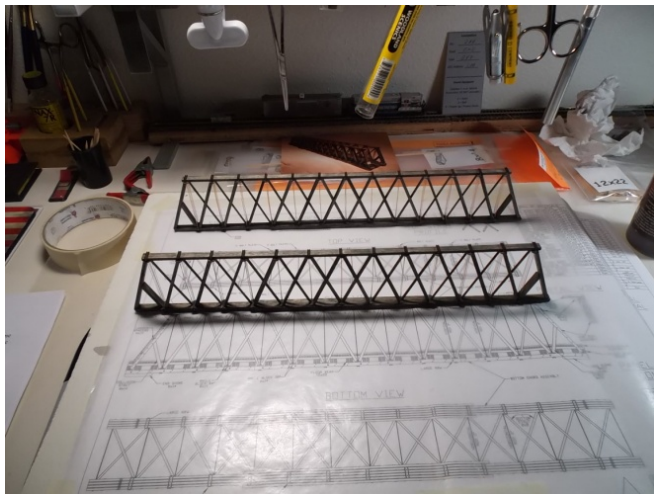


Photo 3. Side panels.

Photo 3 shows also the diagonals (photo 4 has a closer view). These involve one of the instruction's more critical recommendations: *do not* use the templates to cut the diagonal pieces. The four chords (the long pieces at the top and bottom of the side panels) are built first and are several long pieces of wood glued together with paper-thin spacers. They will "crown," or twist slightly one way or the other, after setting up. The result is just about every diagonal board (three boards per "X") is a different size. Had I used the template and gone-to-town with the new wood chopper, the result would've been a pile of strip wood for another project! Take note of the suggestions!

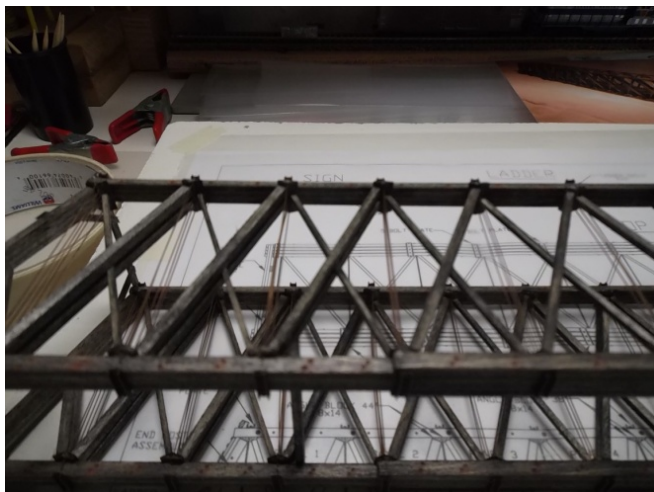


Photo 4. Diagonals and NBWs.

For my small NBWs, I sharpen a pointed toothpick, dip it in burnt umber paint, and then lightly prick the assembly so only a small dot of paint remains. After that's dry, I lightly touch a micro-brush dipped in rust

colored chalk directly on the dot and drag downward (on vertical surfaces). The result (some of this detail is in photo 4) is too large for N scale – almost the size of a person's head. But this is one of those few things in my scale where I believe being closer to HO is ok, adding significantly to the look and detail of, in this case, a finished model. I agree it's maybe not contest quality – and just make sure there are no N scale heads nearby.

Using the kit's formula, I made my first ever batch of India ink stain. The stain turns the wood the perfect gray. I dunked some pre-cut pieces before gluing to the structure, such as the floor beams in photo 5.

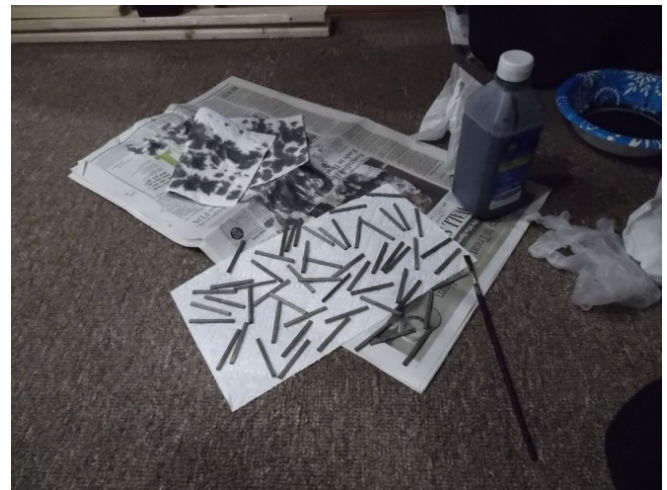


Photo 5. Staining floor beams.

The kit rightly instructs to cut, stain, and then glue together, because stain won't stain glue. I, on the other hand, usually glue together first and then stain as I know weathering powders, if needed, can cover any glue seepage. I am careful with the gluing so as little as possible creeps out of the joint. Floor beam installation is one step for which it is easy to take the time to dip them in stain before gluing.

After almost four weeks of taking my time, following the instructions, and adhering to the hints and suggestions, the finished bridge is in photo 6. The top and bottom cross struts are two more sets of pieces – like the wood for the diagonals – where using the template can lead to disaster. Every piece had to be individually measured and cut, as the instructions suggest. I confess two short-cuts: I did not install the

horizontal rods underneath the bridge (hard to see in N scale) and I just overlap the top and bottom struts, vice carving notches in them for a nice joint in the middle of each pair. Too frustrating with this small scale wood and every strut is a different length!



Photo 6. Success!

I'll spare you the installation details, but after a couple more weeks of scenery prep the installed bridge with new fascia is in photo 7, waiting on clear plexi in front for protection from elbows and sleeves. The bridge is resting on the abutments for easy removal and you can see Chalk Creek finally rushing into the isle.



Photo 7. No fishing from bridge.

As luck would have it, a month after completing this project I attended Rich Coleman's excellent wooden bridges and trestles clinic at the June RMR convention. I am happy to report that on my own I learned Rich's #1 key to a successful kit build (or scratch build) such

as this: *take your time*. And of course I agree with him that bridges are indeed cool!

I like to contact the maker of fine kits like this for two reasons. One reason is to thank them for producing such a nice kit. Secondly, as I consider myself a good instruction follower, I believe feedback might result in an improved kit for the next guy or gal. Rick Hunter addressed each of my concerns, and I am sure he does not object to contacting him during a build for any show-stopping issues (there weren't any for me). I now understand the challenges of turning a dozen or so bags of strip wood into a beautiful and complex structure and I am wiser in the ways of craftsman kit design and manufacture.

VISITING STEVE'S G-SCALE OPEN HOUSE

By Joe Costa — Sunday, July 5, 2015



A train on Steve Berkheimer's G-scale model railroad. Note the large, spiked, deer guards along the fence.



NOTES FROM A TRIP TO WYOMING

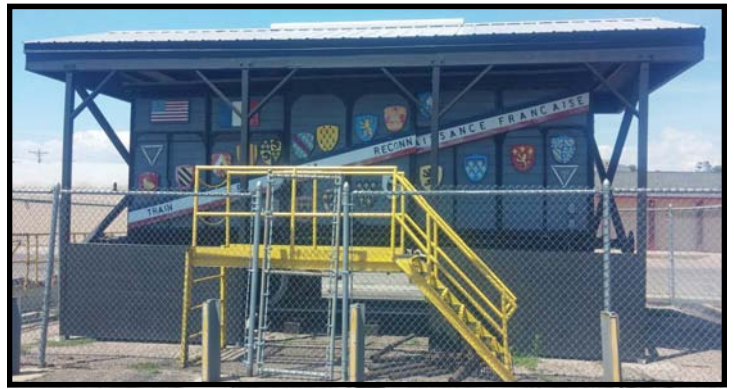
By Joe Costa



After coming back down from a recent visit to the UP depot in Cheyenne, Wyoming, we stopped by Loveland, Colorado, and found Peter Toth's Colorado Whispering Giant (http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM5N5K_Redman_Loveland_Colorado), the counterpart to the one in Winslow, Arizona. There's no real parking and it's on private property but it's easily visible on the north side of Highway 34. [Editors Note: There was a short article and photograph of a model of the Winslow, Arizona Whispering Giant that Joe and Kristin have on their HO-scale module back in the March 2015 issue of *The Milepost*.]



Up in Cheyenne, all three UP steam engines are in the shop being worked on so they'll be using one of the heritage diesels for the passenger train up to Cheyenne this year. We had a good visit with a volunteer upstairs in the Depot with the model railroad there and took a few pictures. We did get to see the 4004 big boy in Holiday Park and the 1242 next to the botanical garden.



We also saw the Wyoming Merci Boxcar (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merci_Train) in the American Legion parking lot. Unfortunately, we are one of the states that lost track of their cars. According to this website: <http://mercitrain.org/Colorado/>, it was last seen in Eagle in 1954. There are pictures of some of the dolls that survived on that same website.

SEEN AROUND COLORADO

By Michael Murdock



On a recent trip, I snapped this photograph of a BNSF Railroad (<http://bnsf.com/>) rail truck — a vehicle that can drive on regular roads and railroad track.



I also have this photograph of a nice John Deere (https://www.deere.com/en_US/regional_home.page) tractor.

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The pikemasters model railroad club is a group of hobbyists dedicated to representing American railroad history using 1:87 "ho" scale-model trains

Our layout encompasses 25x90 feet of space in the basement of the Colorado Springs city auditorium. We occupy the former CSPD pistol range on the western side of the basement. The layout features both standard gauge HO models and HO_n3 narrow gauge models that represent the 3 foot narrow gauge railroads that were common in Colorado during the late 19th century. Our layout uses both analog DC control, and Digital DCC control, with engines that have onboard processors that only respond to instructions sent directly to them.

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.



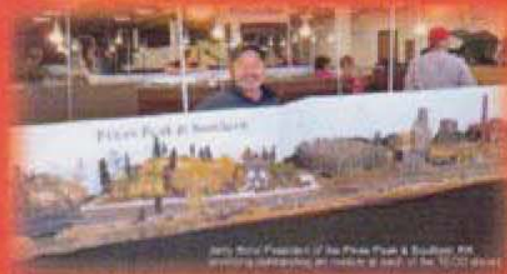
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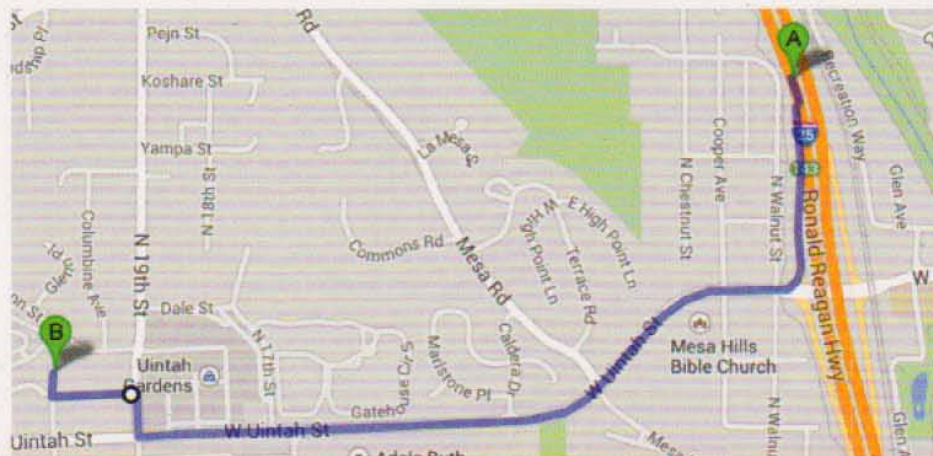


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Directions to Pikes Peak Division NMRA Train Show:

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Welcome to a great hobby by your whole family can enjoy! What I most enjoy about model railroading is that it encompasses so many areas. Among my favorites are train photography, railroad history, operations and antique toy train collecting. It also includes the electronics involved in DC and DCC power as well as interfacing a layout with your home computer. No matter what scale of model railroading you enjoy the most, you can have fun with our group.

The Pikes Peak Division, headquartered here in Colorado Springs, has meetings every month, train shows, swap meets, railroad activities and a module group where all you have to have is a 4' X 2' layout that will connect to all of the others in the group.

Through our parent group, the National Model Railroading Association, we provide an exciting, rewarding and fulfilling hobby for both you and the whole family.

We'd like to show you more about our hobby. Come to a meeting and check us out — no experience necessary.

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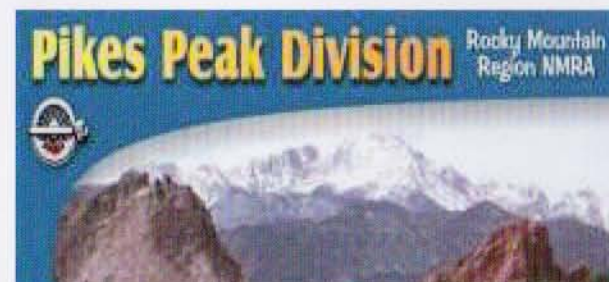
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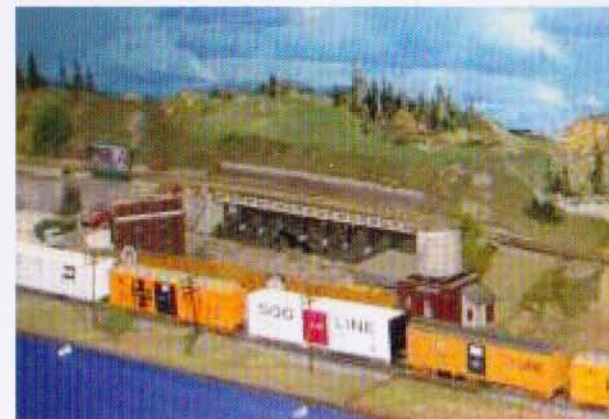


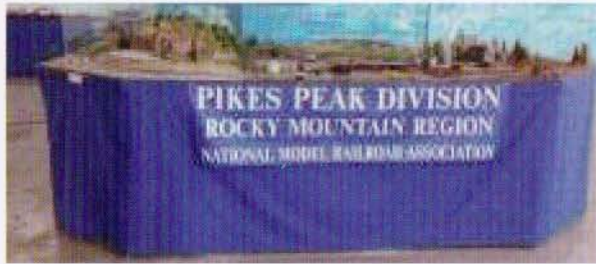
Model Contests



Meetings
2nd Friday of the month
7:00 pm

Sand Creek Police Station
4125 Center Point Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80916





Pikes Peak Division

Pikes Peak Division of the NMRA is an organization of model railroaders who like to share the hobby with others and have fun. We welcome everyone from the beginner to the advanced modeler and kids in their earliest years to kids well into their retirement. We provide the common interest from every scale, gauge, prototype or free-lance. We help each other and especially those who are learning – which turns out to be 100% of us, but again, mostly we want to have fun.

Although we have a large HO scale modular railroad group, all scales are welcome.

The Division is sponsoring the 2016 NMRA Rocky Mountain Region Convention, Pikes Peak or Bust, October 3—9, 2016.

Module Group

The club uses traditional 4', 6' or 8' X 2' modules to build the layout. New modules are welcome if they conform to our basic construction, track standards and DCC wiring requirements. All members are invited to run trains using DC or DCC power. Guest operators and trains may run on the modules in special circumstances. Standards are set by the Module Group Chairman and the NMRA. Specifications may be found on the PPD website.

Module layouts are available for display at various functions several times a year.

Module Group Chairman
John Emmot
719-380-8421
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Modeling Clinics

At many meetings we have a “how-to” clinic. Among the members, we have over two centuries of modeling experience. We are here to help you stretch your dollars and enjoy the hobby more. Each month we have a themed modeling contest, requiring at least three entries to validate the contest.

Swap Meets

The club has two swap meets a year, in the spring and the fall. They are usually held on a Saturday. There are module layouts, how-to clinics and general railroad information. Vendor tables are available.

Layout Tours

The club also sponsors a home layout tour weekend where several members open their homes and display their model railroads. This is usually scheduled in the summer.

BSA Merit Badge

The division offers the BSA Railroading merit badge yearly.