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Closing After 53 Years!

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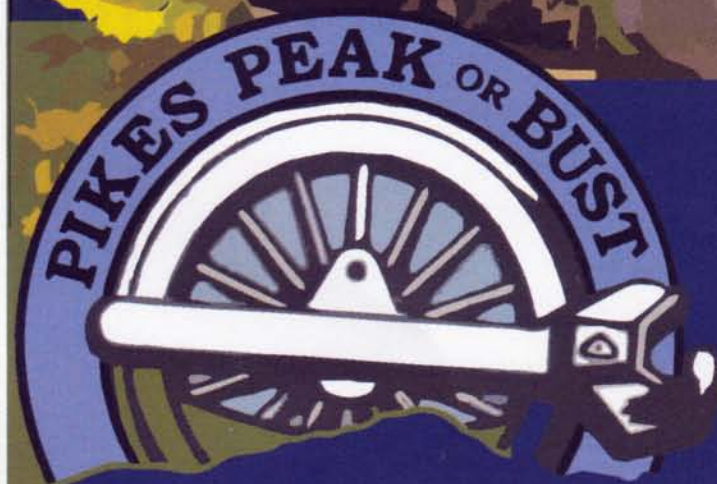
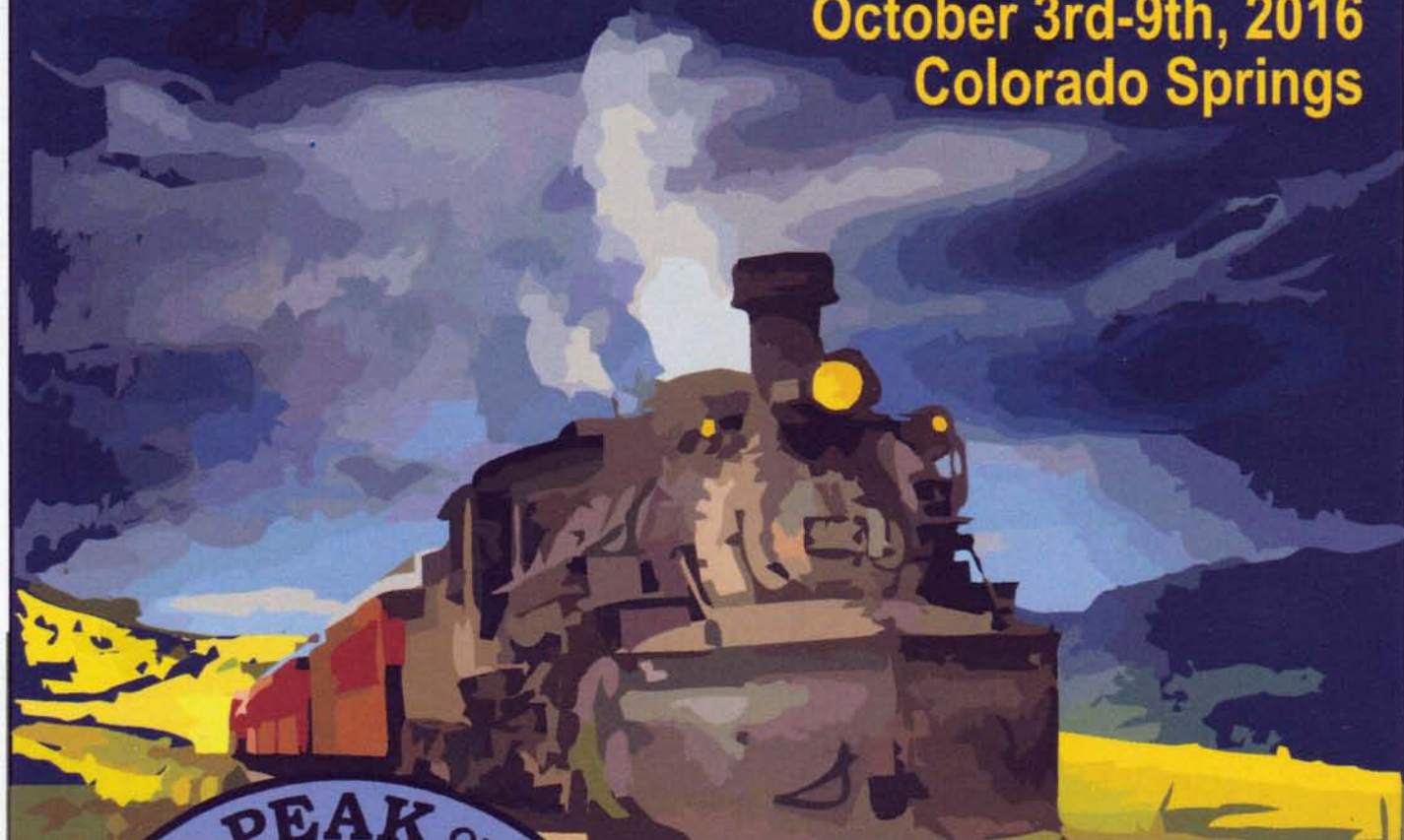
- ***Contest results from last month's meeting***
- ***Railroading in Sheridan, Wyoming***
- ***A Last Visit to the World's Largest Train Store***
- ***Photographs of Dennis Jackson's HOn3 Layout***

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 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).

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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: Caboose Hobbies model train store, in Denver, Colorado, on Friday, August 26th, 2016, at 1:01 PM. Caboose Hobbies, the World's Largest Train Store, is planning to close its doors after being in business for 53-years. Photograph 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, is still in need of programs for July through November of this year! 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:

September 2016: "Re-creating The Moffat" by John Emmot.

October 2016: No meeting this month because of RMR convention.

November 2016: [OPEN]

December 2016: No program — Christmas party.



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AUGUST 2016 MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroaders Association

By Robert Allen, Secretary

The meeting was brought to order by Assistant Superintendent Charles Marchbanks at 7:00 PM.

There were 33 members in attendance.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented in the August issue of the *Milepost*.

The Treasurers Report was read and approved as presented by Treasurer Frank Pareso.

Convention Notes: Roy Thompson – We need cash for caps and cars and other things. To get that cash we need 25 Division people to register this week. Roy talked about a prominent guest speaker he has scheduled. Roy also talked about convention cars, and brochures for the convention. Overall the registrations are going well.

The guests tonight included Rocky Mountain Region President Denny Krausman, Rocky Mountain Region Contest Chairman Gary Myers.

Contest & Merit Award Judging: Denny Krausman, Gary Myers, Don Bailey MMR, Dave Bristow, Irv Johnson MMR, Eric Lundberg MMR, and Jack Sousa. VOLUNTEERS include Dusty Thompson, Charles Marchbanks, Jeff Cahill.

No Old Business.

New Business: John Emmot has a \$37.00 bill he requested to be paid. A Motion to pay said bill was requested by A.S. Marchbanks. Jerry Hanz Moved to make the payment, the Second came from Tony Pawlicki. Motion Approved by the membership.

Train Expo Colorado by Andy Buco: December TECO Show is scrapped. We are now concentrating on January 7th and 8th, 2017. April 22 and 23, 2017 are set. June is still up in the air.

Mike Maline volunteered to be the Board Secretary, and Christi Maline volunteered to do promotions, and advertising.

TECO Clinics: Will include a 12" x 12" diorama, and track laying. Achievement Program Judging Guidelines presented by: Gary Myers.

Degree of difficulty. Quality. Scoring done on matrix basis. Complexity. The contest form has more questions, and Prototype references score more points.

Judging went on until after 9:00 PM. Everyone eventually left the meeting around 9:30 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Wade Mountz, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day week end. Time to relax, spend time with friends and family - and try and get done those things that your wife ask you to do in July!

As you can see in the Upcoming Programs column (Page #3), John Emmot will be putting on the monthly program and John always puts on a good one. Dennis Snyder is in the process of moving a daughter from Denver to Dallas so we will need to recruit a contest assistant for Friday night.

This Friday (September 9th) will be the last division meeting before the convention. I have NOT been besieged by people wanting to volunteer and get on a specific task for the convention. This Friday night, we will be passing around a sheet so each of you can go ahead and sign up and be a part of a great convention.

There was a division visitation by the committee (September 6th) in Littleton for the South Suburban Division. Two more are coming up soon. On Thursday September 8th, a Board of Directors meeting is scheduled. Many of us have been putting a lot of time on this project and it seems to be going well. The number of registered attendants from our division is still too small, if you are going to register, don't put it off. DO IT NOW! Remember that because of the date of the convention, we will NOT be holding an October division meeting.

P.S.: We currently have two projectors lined up for the convention and we would like to have at least one more. If you know of a projector that will interface with a notebook computer, please let us now right away. The division does not want to have to go out and purchase one for only three or four days of use. Please contact myself or Roy if you can help us locate one more good projector. All the audio visual equipment will be locked up and secure every night we have it at the hotel. Take some pride in your division by being a part of this years Rocky Mountain Regional convention - and say hello to Charlie Goetz.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

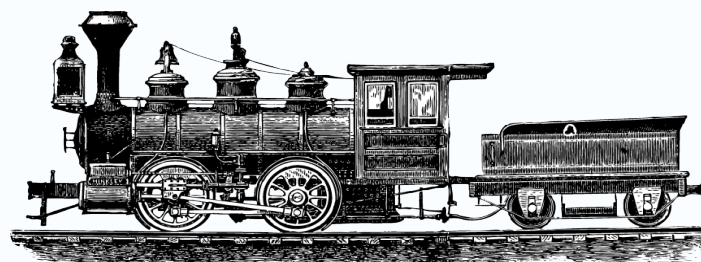
Below are the contests scheduled for the monthly meetings. Please contact Dennis Snyder for questions. Please note there have been some changes to this list from what was previous shown in past issues of *The Milepost*.

September *Animal/Stock Car.*

October Enter the Regional Convention Contests.

November *Passenger Car.*

December No contest (Christmas party).



Registration Form

2016 NMRA Rocky Mountain Region Convention

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Last Name	First Name	Name on Badge		
Address	City	State/Zip Code		
Phone number	Email Address	NMRA #		
Registration & Event Fees		Cost	Quantity	Total
Registrant Fees 2 nd August		\$70.00		
Non- NMRA Member		\$70.00		
Spouse, Family Member (13-18)Non-family Member (13-18)		\$40.00		
Children 12 years and younger with paid registrant		Free		
Banquet Tickets		\$45.00		
Hobo Buffet Breakfast tickets (Awards Presentations)		\$25.00		
Spouses Luncheon with fashion show		\$5.00		
Meet & Greet		\$15.00		
Auction each person \$10 only to participate, viewing is free		\$10.00		
Vendors Admission all 3 days (ladies free) Friday night is Free		\$6.00		
Royal Gorge Train ride include transportation to the train station		\$72.00		
NMRA Rail Pass trial membership for 6 months		\$9.95		
Operating Sessions (Refunded \$10 per session. Check the web site's Ops Callboard page for open slots and use Quantity column to note order of preferred layouts.)				
B-GWD / Paul Weyer / Tues. 11-3pm		\$10.00		
GD / Jeff Cahill / Tues. 12-4pm		\$10.00		
NM-ATSF / Bob Foltz / Tues. 6-10pm		\$10.00		
D&RGW / Greg Long / Wed. 11-3pm		\$10.00		
SF / John Denny / Wed. 11-3pm		\$10.00		
S&LS / Eric Lundberg / Wed. 6:30-10pm		\$10.00		
NY, NH and H / Bill Shanaman / Thur. 10-4pm		\$10.00		
KV / Bob Haggart / Thur. 6-10pm		\$10.00		
Deduct \$10 per room if staying in hotel		\$10.00		
Add Totals from Store purchases				
Total				

Cancellation Policy		
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Merchandise Refunds	No refund	

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Web site; 2016RMRconvention.com

Revised 7/24/2016

CONTEST CORNER

By Dennis Snyder, Contest Chairman

Wow, what a contest night! We had every table filled with great models. Since we have not done a dedicated contest night before, I had no idea how this would turn out.

First, I want to thank all of our contest judges for spending their evening working so hard to make fair assessments of your models. Special thanks go to Gary Meyers, our regional Contest Chair, and Denny Krausman, our new regional President for traveling from Denver for our contest night. Thank yous go to our other judges: MMR Irv Johnson, MMR Don Bailey, MMR Erich Lundberg, our division AP Chair, Jack Sousa, special volunteer, David Bristow. This was David's first judging contest. And, not to forget our 'volunteer judges' who were drafted at the meeting to help and learn, Jeff Cahill, Charles Marchbanks and Dusty Thomson. (By the way, all judges earned 1 TU (time unit) toward their Association Volunteer AP. If you are keeping track of this, see me for credit certification.)

We divided our contest night into an open, popular vote contest, similar to our monthly popular vote contests, and a judged, advanced contest. The advanced contest was judged to merit award standards. Those models earning 87-1/2 points, are creditable toward their relevant AP award.

Open Contest

Cars:



John Emmot and his caboose.

Mini-Scene:



Joe Costa and his Wigwam Hotel.

Both won in their categories.

Advanced Contest

In the Advanced Contest, we had a lot of entries. I think there were a lot of good models out there, just waiting for the opportunity.

Motive Power:



Jeff Cahill diesel locomotive.

Cars:



Tony Pawlicki had these three entries.



Two of John Emmot's Moffat Line cars.

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Two more of John's Emmot's Denver, Northwestern, & Pacific cars.



Dennis Snyder's two cars.



Rob Allen's Car (watch those sheep...anyone counting?).

Structures:

We had lots and lots of structures. This first batch is from Rob Allen. I think Rob has been saving them for years.



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And Dennis Snyder entered these two structure models:



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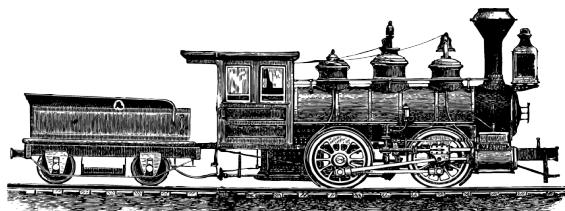
MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By Dennis Snyder, Membership Chairman

Recently, I discovered some errors in the NMRA roster for our division. I was able to contact the individuals and make the corrections to the master roster. Coincidentally, Doug Whetstone, our regional membership chair, requested that we try to fill in the gaps in our members' records. As you recall, I contacted several of you months ago for specific information.

I think I have found a better way but it will require each of you to go to <http://www.nmra.org/user/3742>, log in, and you will find yourself at your account page. Please review and edit your account information as needed to correct the record. This will ensure you stay in touch with your NMRA organization and don't miss any important announcements, e-mails or renewal reminders.

The NMRA keeps your information confidential. Some things, like birth dates, help them with their demographic understanding of the membership. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. If you know members that don't receive our stellar *Milepost* or any NMRA notices, please pass this on to them.



Contest Results

We didn't get as many ballots as I thought we should have. I think afterwards, they may have been a little confusing or just so many entries were confusing.

I couldn't do the tally at the meeting so I violated the rules and counted them all myself. I will have the ballots at the meeting and if anyone wants to tally them for verification, you won't hurt my feelings.

We had some interesting votes... tallying up the entries of 1st through 3rd places resulted in some unusual placements. We tally the number votes on an entry for each place. This resulted in some models getting top tallies in two different places. i.e. placing both 1st and tying in 2nd. In this case, I broke the tie giving the model 1st place and the tied model 2nd place, eliminating the 1st place winner from 2nd place tie. If that doesn't make sense, have another cuppa, take two aspirin and call me.

Open		
Mini-Scene	Joe Costa	1 st Place
Cars	John Emmot	1 st Place
Advanced		
Motive Power	Jeff Cahill	1 st Place
Rolling Stock / Cars	Dennis Snyder – Tool Car	1 st Place
	Dennis Snyder – Tiffany Reefer	2 nd Place
	Rob Allen – Stock Car	3 rd Place
	Rob Allen – Horseshoe Meadow Station	1 st Place
Structures	Dennis Snyder – Navis Freight	1 st Place
	Rob Allen – Santa Cruz Station	2 nd Place
	Dennis Snyder – Yard Office	3 rd Place
Popular Vote – All models		
1 st Place	Santa Cruz Station	Rob Allen
2 nd Place	Horseshoe Meadow Station	Rob Allen
	Meat Packing Co.	Rob Allen
	Jacobs Flour	Rob Allen
	Navis Freight	Dennis Snyder
3 rd Place	Yard Office	Dennis Snyder
Merit Award Winners		
	Santa Cruz Depot	Rob Allen
	Oil Derrick	Rob Allen
	Contention Depot	Rob Allen
	Jacobs Grain & Flour	Rob Allen

Thank you all for your participation and help in making this a great contest night.

Next Year Contests

Below is a proposed contest schedule for 2017. Note that I am proposing a second 'annual' contest night. The next time, we'll try to come up with another activity to keep your interest going during the judging. Let me know what you think and I'll make any changes that your recommend and we will leave it up to next year's Contest Chair to confirm the schedule.

Contests	2017
January	Weathered Motive Power
February	Off-line structure - no track access
March	MOW Car
April	April Whimsy - Something whimsical to bring a smile or chuckle (animal control chasing loose monkeys, mini-scene, car with a hot tub, engine with wings, etc.)
May	Scratch Built Structure
June	324 Contest - 18"x18" Mini-Scene, anything that fits within 324 sq in
July	Flat car that isn't flat - any load or modification
August	On-line structure (track access)
September	Passenger Car
October	Judged & Open contest
November	Kit bash anything with multiple kits
December	<i>Christmas Party (no contest)</i>

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MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

I am still hoping to find some folks who are willing to help setup the Convention module layout during the morning of Friday, October 7th, 2016. We can also use operators for the layout. The layouts open to convention participants on Friday evening along with the vender show. The public show is on Saturday and Sunday. I'm sure the committee will insist that any operators be registered for the convention, so plan ahead. I would argue that "setup only help" does not require registration, but I could lose that argument. If you aren't otherwise committed during that time, please consider helping with the modules.

If there are NMRA members in the area who read this, but do not participate regularly in PPD activities, I would encourage you to register and attend the Rocky Mountain Region Convention in October. There are lots of layout tours, excursions and clinics to appeal to everyone. See the website linked elsewhere in this issue. This is your chance to experience the NMRA working for you.

I would like to thank Dennis for conceiving and arranging the opportunity to explore the NMRA contest environment at the August meeting. It was a fun and enlightening experience. As they say you don't know what you don't know until you work with it. We all learned which forms to use for judging. And we saw how judging is done. I found that model passenger cars require interiors and brake systems in order to qualify for enough points to approach a Merit Award. However, since I don't need any cars with interiors and brake systems, my "layout models" will never be "contest models". My thoughts of AP awards and MMR aren't supported by my modeling needs. I was disappointed that the great exteriors and prototype fidelity didn't score better. Oh well.

I also have become aware that we will need to apply decals to the convention cars. If you have experience with decals, we would like to hear from you. If you would like to get some experience with decals, we would like to hear from you.

Since I am the program this month, I need to work on my presentation. Please enjoy these photographs from the contest.

I hope to see everyone on Friday.



MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*

Caboose Hobbies Closing

If you haven't already heard, Caboose Hobbies, in Denver, is closing. It is very sad news. Billed as the World's Largest Train Store, it was a unique place to visit. I was able to make my last visit there back on Friday, August 26th, 2016. The shelves were really bare and some departments, like scenery, were completely empty. I was able to buy a few railcar models and a couple of magazines. Here are some photographs I snapped while I was there.



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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.

SEPTEMBER 2016

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

OCTOBER 2016

- 3-4..... PPD-RMR-NMRA 2016 Convention setup.
- 5-9..... PPD-RMR-NMRA 2016 Convention. This will be held at the Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please see think link for more information: <http://www.2016rmrconvention.com/>
- 14..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 15..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute).

NOVEMBER 2016

- 11..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
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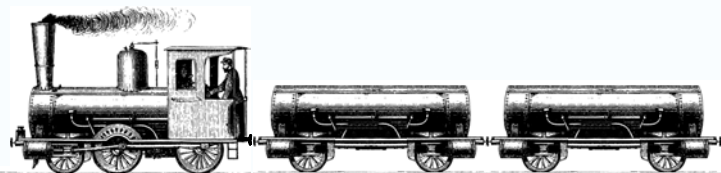
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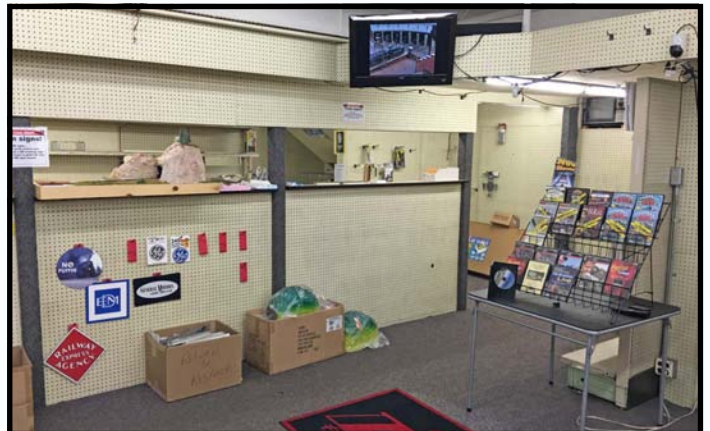
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FEBRUARY 2017

- 13..... PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 18-19..... Rails In The Rockies — Estes Park Model Railroad Show. For more information, please see: <http://railsintherockies.org/>.
- 21..... Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute).



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VISITING WYOMING

By Kristin Phillips

We finally had a chance to visit in person, Sheridan, Wyoming.

The Sheridan Inn is fully restored and looks great. Across the street, the old CB&Q steam locomotive stands next to the active line in Rotary Park. Diagonally, is the old wooden terminal used as a community art studio, for sale for one and a half million dollars. Long ago it was dragged on skids across the street to make room for the new brick station. The new station is a pool hall and lounge. BNSF load coal trains head north through town and empties run southeast.



The engine in Sheridan is behind a chain-link fence but it has four surviving sisters in the country. One we saw in Douglas, Wyoming, which has a great railroad display. Another is in our very own Colorado Railroad Museum. The list image shows all five locations. The sign image gives the engine's technical specs.

We walked through three different passenger cars there in Douglas under the watchful eyes of a giant Jackalope.



Five of these locomotives are preserved in parks and museums.

#5629	Colorado Railroad Museum	Golden, CO
#5614	City Park	St. Joseph, MO
#5620	Private Owner	Galesburg, IL
#5631	Depot	Sheridan, WY
#5633	Douglas Railroad Interpretive Center	Douglas, WY

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STOKER COAL TYPE





An afternoon passenger train arrives at the town of Jackson on the HOn3 layout of Dennis Jackson. The station is an Anvil Mountain Models kit, the water tower is a Diamond model kit, and the snow shed is scratch built. The background is painted on the wall by Dennis. The scenery base is mostly real dirt from Colorado Springs. The engine and passenger cars are both Blackstone models.



Also from Dennis Jackson's layout — Blackstone Engine #462 is pulling a load of gondolas over the creek on a scratchbuilt bridge near the Iowa-Tiger Tram Terminal (another Anvil Mountain Model kit). Trees are a combination of scratchbuilt using sagebrush and commercial bought trees. All cars are Blackstone.

MODEL RAILWAY SHOWS 2016 SCHEDULE



DECEMBER 2-4
FRI 4:30-7:30, SAT 9-4, SUN 10-3
**COLORADO SPRINGS &
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CANCELLED

The December 2-4, 2016 TECO show has been cancelled. Please see the August 2016 Meeting Minutes column on Page #4.

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