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NEXT MEETING:

Friday, April 8th, 2016 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, 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 many other model railroad activities.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Charles is still in need of programs for May 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 our monthly meetings, please get in touch with Charles. His contact information is in the "Pikes Peak Division Staff Members" column on this page.

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MARCH 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The last meeting was on Friday, March 11th, 2016.

1. Call to order at 7:06 PM — 23 members in attendance.
2. No visitors tonight.
3. February minutes approved as read without change or additions.
4. Treasures report accepted without challenge.

Old Business: NONE.

New Business:

1. Mention and discussion concerning the death of former member Jim Lipper from Monument, Colorado.
2. Andy presents check to the division for \$313.00 for our participation in the December 2015 TECO train show.
3. Wade & Charlotte Mountz will take train convention signs to local hobby shops.
4. Convention cross bucks have been finished by Wade Mountz and are now in storage.
5. Possible train ride in Chama, New Mexico is fixed for October 22nd, 2016. BRRRR!
6. John and Wade will be picking up the former Jim Lipper module — it will be part of the module group division modules.
7. Jeff announces that the regional October 2016 convention should have about 20 layouts to visit.
8. Charlotte displays the quilt that she had made for the regional October 2016 convention and it will be raffled off — tickets start at \$5.00 each.
9. Dennis made several suggestions for judging models at both the divisional and regional levels.
10. March 2016 meeting program: Module built by Robert Allen who explained how he did everything.
11. Contest winners: 1) Dennis Snyder, 2) Robert Allen & Dennis Snyder (tie), and 3) Kristen Phillips.
12. Division votes to cancel summer layout tour this year due to regional convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
13. Next month contest: Humorous category — open. The next Meeting date — April 8th, 2016.
14. Meeting closed by Wade at 8:40 PM.

Transcribed for *The Milepost* by Wade Mountz.



MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

When Friday is on the 1st, it isn't long until our meeting night. And this is the month we have been waiting for. The next TECO show runs on April 23-24, 2016. 9 AM to 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. As usual, we will plan to setup the layout about 1 PM on Friday. As of now, I believe most of our modules will be available. Please let me know if you do not intend to setup. I plan to have a large boomerang again. I expect to bring the overhead lights to use this time. Please be ready to provide the plug ins for your modules. Remember, you don't have to have a module to help setup and you don't have to have a module to run trains on the layout. I intend to have a sign up sheet for track times at the meeting. We will have the usual control options available; DC, DCC with wired, wireless and wifi. I hope to see a big turnout for this event. There are only two more shows after this before the Rocky Mountain Region Convention in October 2016.

We have another opportunity for someone who would like to tryout a module. There are now two modules in possession of the PPD without a sponsor. Dan Castilla's two four footers are now stored at the Expo Center and could be used if someone will get them out and do the setup in the layout. There is a bit of rail repair needed before we use them, but we have the materials for that. We also have the four foot module that Jim Lipper built and his estate donated to the Division. It also needs some modifications to the track work before we can use it. I think I may have figured out how to get it in the trailer in the future, but that is yet to be proven. Let me know if you are interested in either.

The Division needs to be thinking about a summer picnic. Jim VadeBonCoeur had suggested a gathering at a park, but the vote at the meeting favored a smaller get together at a home. Last year's party was held up as an example. This may be a busy summer with preparations for the coming convention, but there should be time for some fun. The summer layout tour was held in abeyance due to the upcoming convention.

If there is anyone left who is interested in committing to a Cumbres and Toltec train trip on October 22, 2016, after the convention, please contact me. We are close to getting the required minimum, but not quite there yet.

Hope to see you all on Friday.

John

2016 TECO SHOW DATES

This year's Train Expo Colorado events will be held at the Mortgage Solutions Expo Center, located at 3650 North Nevada, in Colorado Springs, Colorado — the same place last year's shows were held. Listed below are the dates and themes for each show.

TECO #27

April 23-24 — Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad.

TECO #28

June 18-19 (Father's Day weekend) — Midland Terminal RR.

TECO #29

December 2-4, 2016 — Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railroad (The Short Line).

Please note that, unlike previous years, there will be no September show because of the RMR's October 2016 convention — which runs October 3-9. For that event, please see this link: <http://www.2016rmrconvention.com/>.

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. 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).

APRIL 2016

- 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/>).

MAY 2016

- 8 Mother's Day.
- 13 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, this month only, at the church -- see swap meet flier).
- 14 PPD Swap Meet at Trinity Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street, Colorado Springs.
- 21 Pikes Peak "N" Gineers module setup at Peterson Air Force Base Museum.
- 21 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>).
- 21 21st Albuquerque Rail Fair. Albuquerque, New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, New Mexico. No other information available.
- 30 Memorial Day.

JUNE 2016

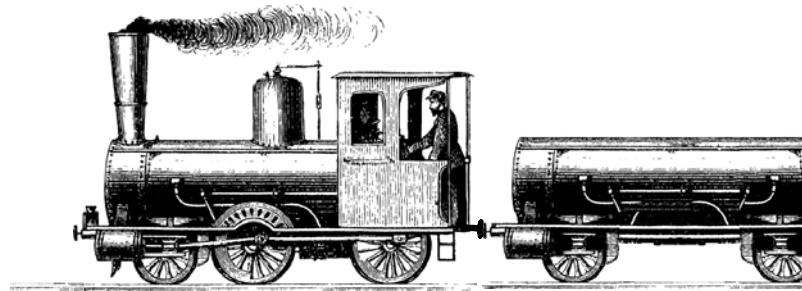
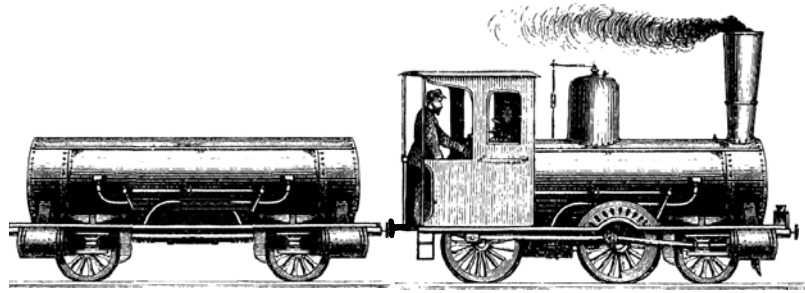
- 10 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 18-19 TECO Train Show. See "2016 TECO Show Dates" column on page #3.
- 18 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>).

JULY 2016

- 8 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 21 Pikes Peak "N" Gineers module setup at Dinosaur Resource Center, Woodland Park, Colorado.
- 16 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>).

AUGUST 2016

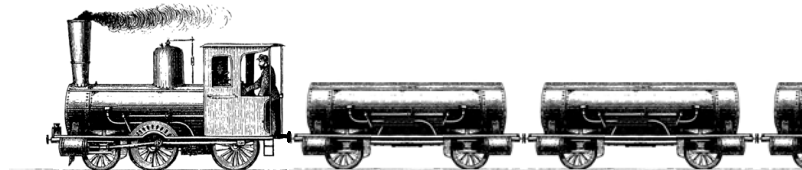
- 12 PPD-NMRA Monthly Meeting (7 PM, Sand Creek Police Station).
- 20 Youth In Model Railroading (9 AM, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pikes Peak/Institute, see the website for more info: <http://www.ymr-online.org/>).



2016 CONTEST SCHEDULE

At each PPD-NMRA meeting, a contest is held. A contest must have at least three entries for voting. Below is the 2016 contest schedule. If you have any questions, please contact the Contest Chairman, Dennis Snyder — his contact information is on page #2.

- April *Whimsical Model Or Scene*. Something whimsical to bring a smile or chuckle. Examples could include: animal control chasing loose monkeys, mini-scene, car with a hot tub, engine with wings, etcetera.
- May *Railroad Owned Structure*. Such as: railroad Station, yard, right-of-way.
- June *Weathered Unusual Car*. Like a weight car, clearance, black smith, coil car and exclusive of hopper, tank, box, passenger, flat, gondola, caboose, etcetera.
- July *Weathered Diesel Operated Equipment* (for track or other use).
- August *Weathered Steam Operated Equipment* (for track or other use).
- September *Scratch Built Structure* (preliminary to Regional).
- October Enter the Regional Convention Contests.
- November *Passenger Car*.
- December Christmas Party (no contest).



MARCH 2016 CONTEST ENTRIES

Weathered Caboose



Dennis Snyder won first-place with this HO-scale, Chicago, Milwaukee, & Saint Paul Railroad caboose.



Robert Allen tied for second-place with this HO-scale, A.T.S.F. Railroad drover caboose model.



Dennis Snyder tied for second-place with this HO-scale, logging caboose for the Colorado & Southern Railroad.



Kristin Phillips won third-place with this bobber caboose kit — HO-scale with the cupola moved towards the end to reflect more the style of the Colorado & Southern. The caboose sat on a siding, forgotten and neglected.

MURDOCK'S SIDING

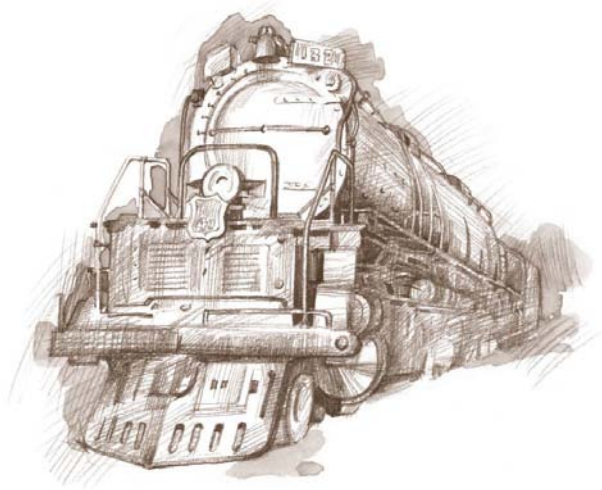
By Michael Murdock, Editor of The Milepost.

I hope not too many of our readers were affected by the major cold that has swept through town this winter. I found out that it hit one branch of our bank so badly, and so many people there got sick, they had to change the hours they were open. My cold lasted just over a month — I haven't been that sick with a cold in a long time. My wife also got the same cold, but only had it for a week or so and hardly had any symptoms. Sigh. But I am glad it wasn't worse for her. Unfortunately, the cold virus then spread into my inner ears and then I have been suffering with dizziness for just over two-weeks now. I found out from a medical website that some cold viruses can actually do this — my body told the cold virus to scram, so it goes and hides in my ears! What's up with that! Fortunately, the dizziness is getting less each day.

Along with this, my Dad had a stroke last Sunday. He is in the hospital and recovering well — he is having a lot of trouble with moving and using his right arm. The doctor's think he will be okay, but it has really worried everyone in the family. In addition, my car is in the repair garage — bad water pump and compressor — looks like I may not get it back until next week at this point. And for those of you that know, my wife's health issues are very much improved — so we are thankful for that. There are many other things going on as well, but I won't cover them in this column. Sigh. It also didn't help that the first day of the month was on a Friday — which means a lot less time to put together a newsletter.

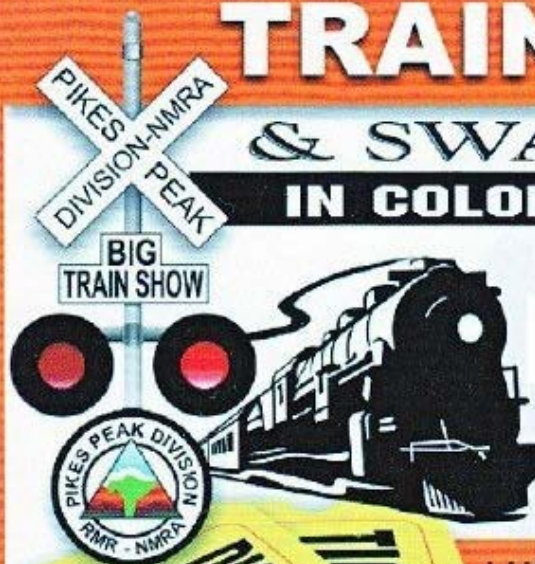
I tell you these things to explain and apologize as to why this will be another abbreviated and late issue of *The Milepost*. I hope to get back on track (sorry for the pun) with the May 2016 issue — we have received a lot of interesting content and I think everyone will enjoy the articles. Thank you for your patients. As like last month, because of everything going on, I will not be able to be at this month's meeting this Friday.

Michael



TRAIN SHOW

& SWAP MEET IN COLORADO SPRINGS



Doors Open 9:00-AM -to- 3:00

May 14th, 2016

All Scales + Trains
& Memorabilia
Easy Access Off I-25
Free Parking

LUNCH AVAILABLE ONSITE

Location:

Trinity United Methodist
Church Gymnasium
701 N 20th St., Colorado Springs

Show Admission:

Adults 13 and older - \$5.00
Children 12 and under always FREE!

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