



# The Milepost

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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 14th, 2017 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).**

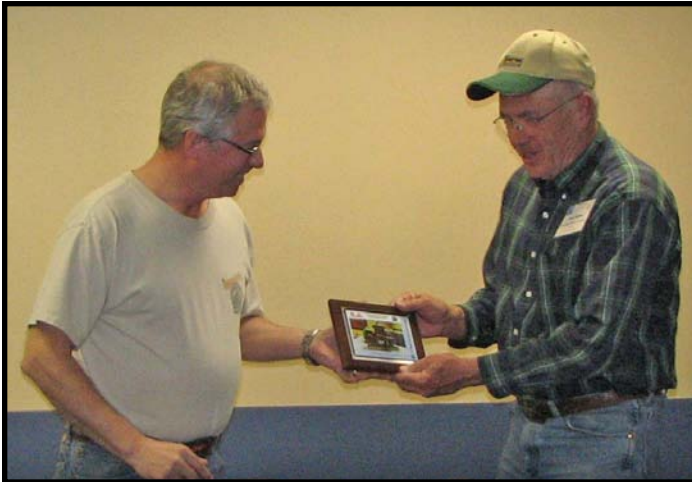
## MARCH 2017 MEETING MINUTES

### March 10th, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroaders Association.

The meeting was brought to order by Superintendent Joe Costa at 7:00 PM. There were 30 people in attendance. There were two visitors: Gary Myers (from NMRA-RMR) and Mark Kirkhuff (NMRA member, models HO-scale, Pacific Northern Railroad).

The minutes for the last meeting were approved. Frank Pareso gave the treasurer's report.

Gary gave out an award to Rob Allen for "1st Place Structures-Online" for his "Santa Cruz Vue de L'eau", HO-scale, railroad station.



Photograph by John Emmot



Gary Myers gave a lot of updated information concerning the upcoming convention in Durango. Please see Page #4 for the latest information. Please register early. Gary also passed out an registration form — which is reproduced as Page #3. The Rocky Mountain Region needs your e-mail address if you did not receive the notice of the convention. A tour at SoundTraxx has been scheduled and a clinic on the Durango & Silverton has been scheduled. 35 to 40 people have registered so far.

Dusty gave an update on the upcoming PPD swap meet show that will be held Saturday, May 13th, 2017, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, kids 12 and under are free, seniors/military get \$1.00 off ticket price. Lunch is available for purchase at the show. 22 tables have been sold so far — all repeat vendors. The May 12th, 2017 PPD meeting will be held at the church instead of the police station because of the swap meet show. There will be no presentation because some members will be setting up modules.

Mike Peck gave an update on the upcoming TECO show that will happen April 29th and 30th, 2017. There will be a switching puzzle that needs to be watched. There will be clinics on making trees and laying track. Need volunteers!

Rob Allen brought a painting he did for show and tell.



Painting by Rob Allen

During the break there was contest judging and raffle drawings.

The program for the evening was by Mel McFarland. History of the "Shortline" railroad that ran from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek. There was a question and answer session afterwards.

Meeting ended at 8:33 PM.

## 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.

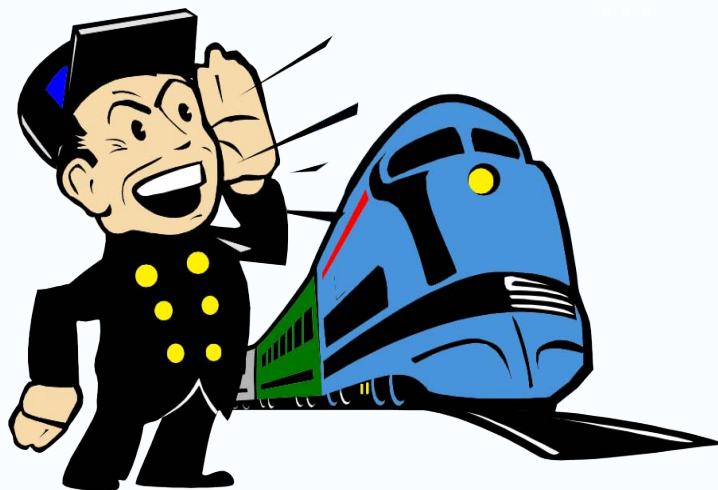
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## UPCOMING PROGRAM

The April 2017 meeting program is scheduled to be by Joe Costa, and is to be titled, "Cheap Wireless For Your Trains".

There will not be a program for the May 2017 meeting because some members will be helping to setup modules — the meeting will be at the church that night — prepping for the swap meet show the next day.

If you have a program or project you would like to present at one of our monthly meetings, please contact Charalee Topinka at one of the monthly meetings or at



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**Animas Rails 2017**  
**Narrow Gauge Steam Trip and RMR Convention**  
**Durango, CO Thursday evening through Sunday morning, June 8 - 11, 2017**  
**Registration Form** *(Please print legibly!)*  
Durango Double Tree Hotel. Reservations (970) 259-6580 (No discount available).

Please register train/bus rides and tours as soon as possible due to limited availability.

Primary Registrant (must be over 18):

Address:	City:	State:	Zip code:
e-mail:	Mobile Phone:		
NMRA Member: (Y/N)	NMRA #	If No, add Non-member fee below	

Names of all family members attending, please include age if under 12:

Children under 12 should be accompanied at all times by an adult.

**Fares and Fees**

Number	Registration Fees	Fare/Person	Sub-Total
[ ]	Primary Registrant (before April 1st)	\$45	_____
[ ]	Primary Registrant (after April 1st)	\$70	_____
[ ]	Primary Registrant (add'l fee for non-NMRA Member)	\$10	_____
[ ]	Additional Adults (immediate family, 18+)	\$10	_____
[ ]	Under 18 - No registration fee		_____

Number	Train Ride Fares	Please select car:	Coach	Open Gondola	Fare/Person	Add'l Fee for Bus Return*	Sub-Total
[ ]	Adult (12+) Train Ride	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	\$90	\$22	_____
[ ]	Child (4-11) Train Ride	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	\$60	\$22	_____
[ ]	Child (under 4 - No Seat) Train Ride	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	\$0	\$0	_____

Number	D&SNGRR Friday Shop & Yard Tour Fare*	Morning	Afternoon	Fare/Person	Sub-Total
[ ]	Adult (12+) with purchase of Train Ride	[ ]	[ ]	\$6	_____
[ ]	Child (4-11) with purchase of Train Ride	[ ]	[ ]	\$3	_____
[ ]	Adult (12+) - No Train Ticket	[ ]	[ ]	\$11	_____
[ ]	Child (4-11) - No Train Ticket	[ ]	[ ]	\$6	_____
[ ]	Soundtraxx Facility Tour 4pm			\$5	_____

Grand Total:

\*Based on Limited Availability

Cancellation Policy: Full refunds available until April 1st, 2017. Refunds after April 1 depend on the Railroad cut-off date for booking confirmation, which is not currently established.
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**Make check payable to: Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA.**

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**INFO: [www.rmr-nmra.org](http://www.rmr-nmra.org)**



2017 Rocky Mountain Region Annual  
Convention

**ANIMAS RAILS**

***Durango, Colorado***

***June 8-11, 2017***

Convention Chair – Gary Myers

Convention's website: <http://www.rmr-nmra.org/>  
(available on the Region home page!)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We have **extended** early registration  
until **April 15th!**

After that, we have our late fee,  
so **register now!**

Check out the **website** for all the latest  
information and use the **newest** registration form.

Don't forget to click on the extra fun activities on  
our convention homepage for links to value deals  
and coupons.

Convention's website: <http://www.rmr-nmra.org/>  
(available on the Region home page!)

**DON'T PAY EXTRA, REGISTER NOW!**

See you in Durango, Thanks!

Gary

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Joe Costa, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

We love trains — the miniature ones we watch or run, the full size ones we can ride and the ones we see running along the Front Range. But with that awe comes a large message of respect.

Those of use who work with Operation Lifesaver got a reminder of the importance of getting across our life and death message on railroad safety this past March.

In Navasota, Texas, a mother of a 19-year-old girl says her daughter was killed by a train while having photographs taken of her on the tracks as she tried to launch a career in modeling.

Mrs. Stevenson told a local newspaper that her daughter attended Blinn College in Bryan, Texas. She wanted to put her education on hold to begin modeling.

Police say the girl was standing between two sets of tracks in Navasota when a BNSF Railroad train approached.

She moved out of the way of the BNSF train but was apparently unaware that a Union Pacific train was coming in the opposite direction on the other tracks and was trapped between them.

The person taking photos of the girl was not injured.

Trespassing on railroad right-of-way is illegal and can be potentially fatal. Photography on railroad property compounds the danger. Wherever there are multiple tracks there can be multiple trains. Human reaction time cannot compete with the speed of a moving locomotive.

With tourist railroads, under careful supervision, strictly following the rules, we are sometimes allowed to get up close and personal with trains. Some of us did that on the Cumbres and Toltec last October and some of us will with a tour of the Durango and Silverton at the NMRA Regional Convention this June. The Colorado Railroad Museum is another great place to visit close to home.

But, if you're not on an authorized tour or visit, stay away and stay alive.

## CONTEST CORNER

At each monthly PPD-NMRA meeting, a contest is held. A contest must have at least three entries for voting. Below is the 2017 contest schedule.

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 . . . . . *Scratch-Built Structure*.

June . . . . . *324 Contest* — 18" x 18" Mini-Scene, anything that fits within 324 sq in.

July . . . . . *Flat Car That Isn't Flat* — any load or modification.

August . . . . . *On-Line Structure* — railroad track access.

September . . . . . *Passenger Car*.

October . . . . . *Judged & Open Contest*.

November . . . . . *Kitbash Anything With Multiple Kits*.

December . . . . . Christmas Party (no contest).

The March 2017 contest was for MOW Car. Below are the winners from that contest...



Photograph by John Emmot

Robert Allen won first-place with this HO scale flanger model.



Photograph by John Emmot



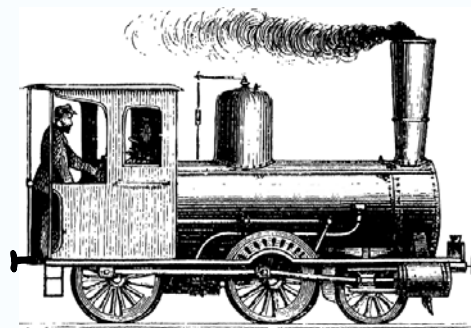
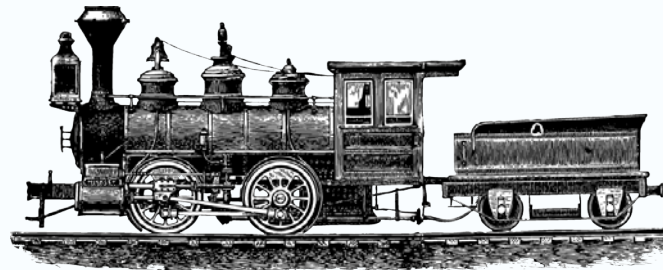
Photograph by John Emmot

Wade Mountz won second-place with this HO-scale set of a crane-car tender, a crane-car, and tank car.



Photograph by John Emmot

Tony Pawliki won third-place with this HO-scale MOW boxcar.





## MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

The time approaches. The next TECO show is the 29th and 30th of this month. It will be at the Expo Center on North Nevada. We know that Joe and Kristin will not be bringing their modules. I am expecting 24' from Maline, 24' from Marchbanks, 16' from Bucu, 8' from Gelsinger and 8' from Emmot. We will have the usual PPD modules from the trailer and I hope to have the "new" 4' Lipper module ready to go by then. Let me know if I have missed anyone or if you can't make the expectation. Marchbanks has built a whole new set of 4' modules to replace his previous 6' modules. It will be fun to see what he has created this time. I am expecting to follow the usual format. We will begin to assemble the layout at about noon on Friday. We will have to be out by 5 o'clock. We appreciate anyone who can come help with the work. We also need folks to be there on Saturday and Sunday to run trains or monitor the layout. We will have both DC and DCC tracks available. The building will not be open until 8 AM on Saturday for a 9 AM start and the Saturday show hours may be extended to 5 PM if traffic warrants. We have several extra activities planned which will require extra manpower to carryout. There will be hourly clinics on track and trees to conduct and we would like to have a time saver switching puzzle available for the guests to play with. I will have a sign-up sheet for operating trains at the next meeting. Please also consider your ability to conduct some of the clinics or watch the puzzle. Mike Peck will be compiling that list.

Just two weeks later, we have our PPD show at the church on west Uintah, the day before Mother's Day. This Saturday, the show follows our regular monthly meeting date, so the Friday meeting will be held at the church and will include setting up the tables and layout for the show. I will need modules to construct a 28' or 32' x 12' layout for that. Joe and Kristin have already committed 12' to it. Who else would like to participate in it? Please let me know. Dusty still has tables available. Contact him if you have stuff to sell.

The Division still has blue foam available, if anyone needs layout material. See me.

With all of this "down time" since last Fall, I have completed another Moffat coach and nearly finished a combine. If it wasn't for fun, what would we have?

See ya 'round the roundhouse.

## MURDOCK'S SIDING

By Michael Murdock, Editor of *The Milepost*.

The deadline for this month's issue snuck up on me too quickly. Things have been very busy with tax season, Easter, and many other projects. I apologize in advance if you handed in articles and don't see it in this issue. Several articles have been "bumped" to the next issue. I am also hoping to have a more formal cover next month as well.



## TECO Train Show

Model Train Layouts \* Vendors

Hourly Door Prizes \* "How To" Clinics

Kids Scavenger Hunt

Historical Presentations

**April 29 & 30**

**Sat 9-4 \* Sun 10-3**

**Mortgage Solutions Financial Center**

**3660 N. Nevada**

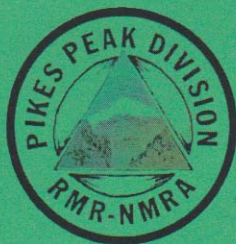
**Colorado Springs, CO**

**\$6 per person \* \$9 family of 2 or more**

**Children under 12 free**

**Seniors/Military \$1 Discount**

## TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET



**Saturday,**

**May 13, 2017**

**9:00-3:00**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

**701 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Admission: Adults \$5

Children 12 & Under FREE

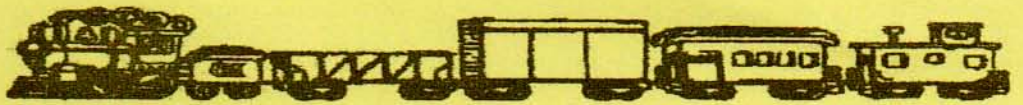
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Lunch available onsite



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Pikes Peak Division meets at Immanuel Lutheran Church  
846 East Pikes Peak Ave.

Colorado Springs

(On the corner of Pikes Peak Ave. & Institute

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday of the month from 9:00-12:00)

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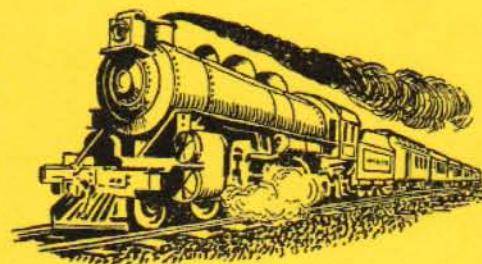


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Get some great bargains on used model trains and supplies  
Proceeds go to help with programs for kids in model trains

**Donations are welcome**

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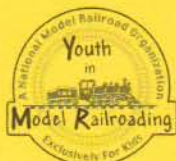


**AT THE WESTMINSTER GRANGE HALL, 3935 W 73RD AVE  
WESTMINSTER, CO 80030**

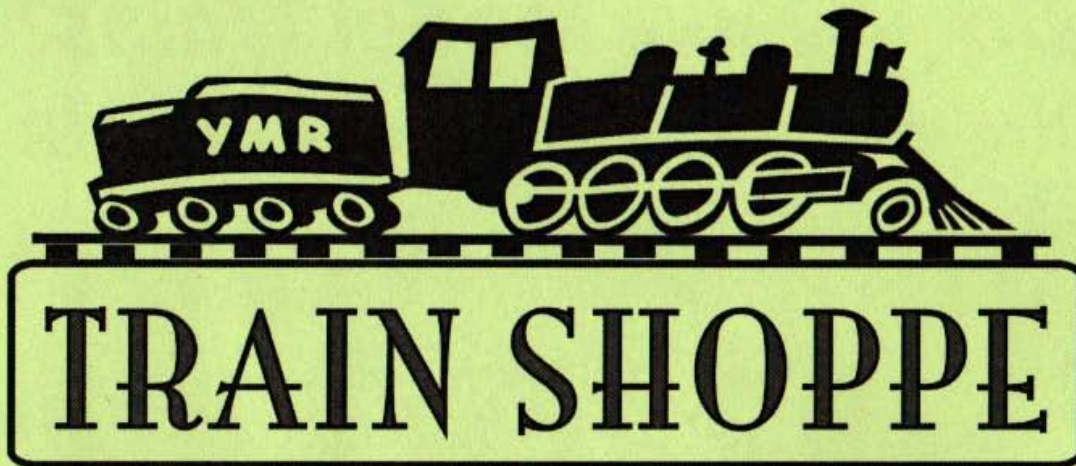
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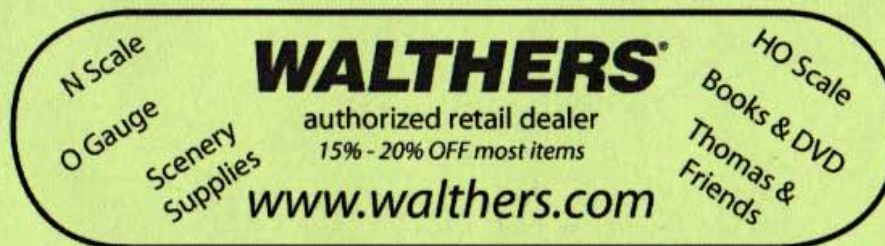






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# ***Animas Rails***

## **Durango, CO**



**Annual Rocky Mountain Region Convention  
June 8-11, 2017**

**D&SNGRR Train Ride**

**Tours: Layouts, and Durango Shop & Yard**

**Model Contest, Clinics, Board Meeting**

**Photo OP & Contest Awards**

**Convention Hotel: Durango DoubleTree**

**[rmr-nmra.org](http://rmr-nmra.org)**



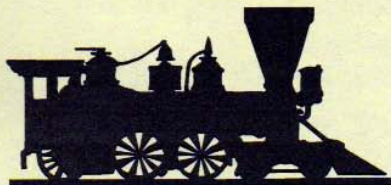
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# Denver Southeast Model Train Show



July 15, 2017 ~ 10 am – 3 pm

Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast

3155 South Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014 - Grand Ballroom

**Admission: \$5.00 each**

Active Military, Police Officers, Firefighters and Children  
Under 12 (accompanied by an adult), are admitted Free!

**Open to the Public!**

## **Train Show highlights include:**

- \* **Operating Train Layouts** – Featuring Denver's Slick-X Line ("O"), TCA's Rocky Mountain Division ("O"), Youth in Model Railroading ("HO") and others.
- \* **Train Sales/Dealers** – 10,000 sq ft of train exhibits. Vendors selling various train related items in all gauges and scales.

**Do you have something train-related to sell?**

**Register for tables today!**

Use the form on the reverse side or register at [www.lots-trains.org](http://www.lots-trains.org)



Conveniently located near Cherry Creek State Park.

**For Dealers & Sellers:** The Denver Southeast Model Train Show is being held in conjunction with the Lionel Operating Train Society's 38th Annual Convention. You do not have to be a LOTS Member to be a Vendor at the Denver Southeast Model Train Show! We encourage you to **join LOTS today and join the fun!** Visit our website ([www.lots-trains.org](http://www.lots-trains.org)) for a club membership application and details about the 38th Annual LOTS Convention. **Note: The Grand Ballroom is on street level, but no drive-in access will be offered. Parking is FREE!!!**

**Set-up Times:** Friday, July 14...11:00 am – 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 16...7:00 am – 9:00 am

**Show Times:** Saturday, July 15 .. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Convention Registered LOTS Members shop exclusively from 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

To order tables, send this coupon (along with credit information or payment made payable to "LOTS") to the address listed below.

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**Deadline to register:**  
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Grand Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send Form to:** Denver Southeast Train Show, c/o LOTS, 6376 W Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 or FAX to (866) 286-6416

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**2017**

# **Sherman Hill Model Railroad Show with Cheyenne Depot Days**

**Frontier Park Exhibition Hall**  
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