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The official newsletter of the Pikes Peak Division

Rocky Mountain Region — National Model Railroad Association.



NEXT MEETING:

Friday, August 13th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Classic Homes Corporate Office 2138 Flying Horse Club Drive

(See Map Inside)

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Calendar of Events

January 8th, 2021 (Friday) – Cancelled but Zoom

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting held on Zoom.

February 12th, 2021 (Friday) – Cancelled but Zoom

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting held on Zoom.

March 12th, 2021 (Friday) – Cancelled but Zoom

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting held on Zoom.

April 9th, 2021 (Friday) – Cancelled but Zoom

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting held on Zoom.

May 14th, 2021 (Friday) – Cancelled but Zoom

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting held on Zoom.

June 11th, 2021 (Friday) – Cancelled but Zoom

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting held on Zoom.

July 9th, 2021 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting.

Contest: {to be determined}

Program: {to be determined}.

August 13th, 2021 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting.

Contest: {to be determined}

Program: {to be determined}

September 10th, 2021 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting.

Contest: {to be determined}

Program: {to be determined}

October 8th, 2021 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting.

Contest: {to be determined}

Program: {to be determined}

November 12th, 2021 (Friday)

NMRA-PPD monthly meeting.

Contest: {to be determined}

Program: {to be determined}

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scales are welcome. Besides our monthly meeting, we have swap meets, train shows, and other model railroad (and railroad) activities. All content in this journal is copyrighted to its respective owner unless otherwise noted. Please do not use content from this newsletter in other publications, newspapers, magazines, books, web sites, etcetera, without explicit case-by case permission. The editor of *The Milepost* is Mr. David Bristow. He can be contacted at the e-mail address of: dave@bristow-family.org Thank you.

Editor's Thoughts

In 2013 about this time of year my wife and I went to Edmonton Alberta to visit friends. On a dreary Friday morning, I decided to venture out and visit the [Alberta Railway Museum](#). I wasn't exactly sure what I would find but when I got there the sign pointed to a wasted trip. As I was about to leave another vehicle drove in and the chap rolled his window down. After a brief conversation of me explaining I was a model railroader from Colorado and disappointed the museum was closed he said "follow me".

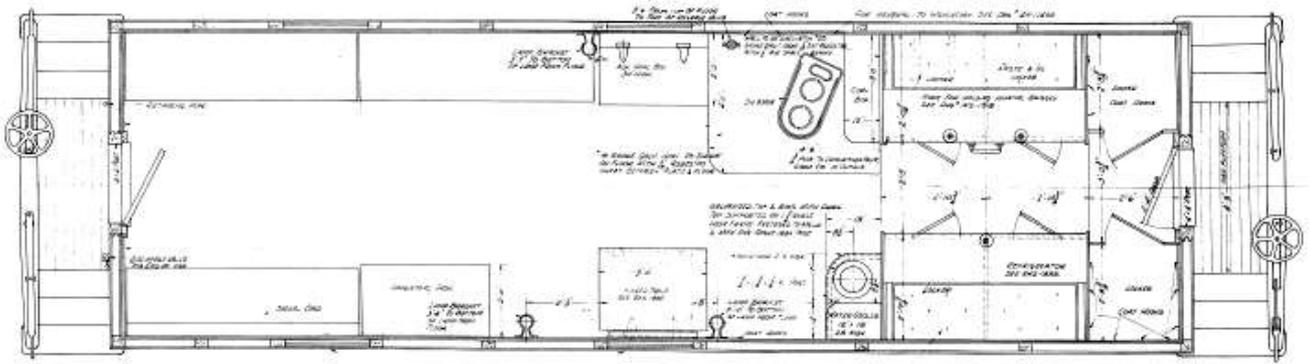


I got the best tour, probably way better than the public ones as he took me into the shed where they were working on a locomotive and several other workshops, all the while he was explaining the history and operations of the museum. If you are interested you can see some of the photos, I had taken on [my website](#).

I've mentioned the Juneco CN caboose kit I had built in a couple of the past Mileposts. I've also editorialized what motivates or inspires model railroaders to do what we do. Well, my visit to this museum was one of the reasons I undertook to build a second CN caboose. The one in the museum was built in 1929 but acquired by the museum in 1968 and restored to its original condition in the winter of 1987-1988 and received a new coat of paint in the summer of 1996. According to the Museum's website, it was used in the filming of "Monte Walsh" starring Tom Selleck.



Using a blueprint, I discovered on a website and the photo of the interior I detailed the interior of the model.



While the roof is not removable the cupola is.



David

August Superintendent Notes

Zoom Meeting vs Physical Meeting and Show & Tell

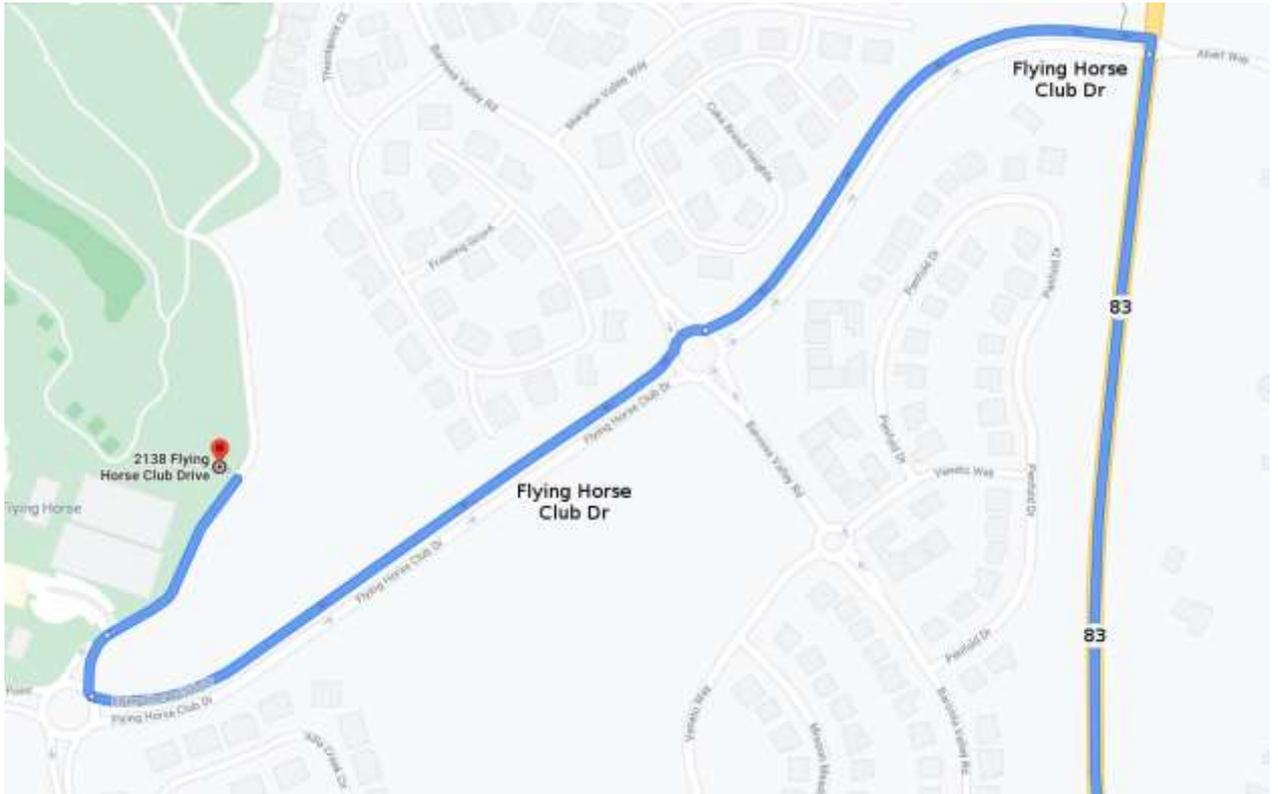
Part of what we do at our normal division meetings is to have a raffle, show and tell, and/or a presentation. All members are welcome to participate.

Thanks to Classic Homes and Mark Fuerstenberger we will be meeting in person on August 13th. The meeting will take place at the Classic Homes Corporate Office at 2138 Flying Horse Club Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

Directions

- Take I-25, Voyager Pkwy, or Powers Blvd, North to Interquest Parkway. Turn right and proceed East.
- Interquest Parkway will then become Hwy 83. Turn left on Flying Horse Club Drive.
- At the 1st round-about proceed straight, by taking the 2nd exit. At the 2nd round-about turn right, by taking the first right turn. This will lead you directly to the Classic Homes parking lot.

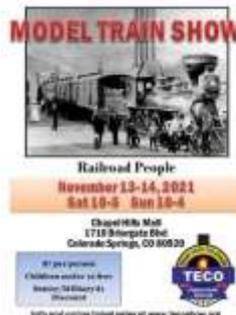
If you get lost or have questions, please call Mark Fuerstenberger on his cell phone. (719) 491-1291



Mini-Presentation

I did a little presentation to celebrate our physical return last month.

Return from the Dead
Joe Costa --- July 2021



The Grand Funk Railroad with their Phoenix rising from the Ashes cover is a fitting representation of our return to life in the form of an actual meeting.

The Model Train Show poster represents the first indoor TECO Show the Division will be participating in over 15 months. (The cruise ship represents where I will be during the show.)

Due to some email confusion on my part, I missed getting some pictures into my July Milepost column.

The Lehigh Valley Honeymoon Express ran by Taughannock Falls. That was the inspiration for our waterfall module. The prototype bridge was a single track very close to the shorter upper falls. Taking extreme artistic license, our module "imagineered" a longer triple track bridge below the taller lower falls. On the left is the classic view of the lower falls. On the right is the view from the old railroad bridge nowhere near as impressive.



For our module, we used a bridge like the one from Letchworth State Park over the Genesee River but triple tracked it:



The arched bridge, only a couple of years old and 900 feet long, was a replacement for bridges dated back to 1875.

Now, some people get to experience waterfalls near trains in a more urban environment:



For our August meeting, we plan to add in a full-length presentation in addition to a raffle and contest or show and tell. We may have to switch our Friday night meeting to Thursday night.

We had a raffle and refreshments as a part of our return to normalcy.

Roy's New Store at Chapel Hills Mall Upper Level



The Saturday after our meeting, Roy's store was open for business.

"N"ginners T-Trak layout at Dinosaur Resource Center

Here you can see how T-Trackers "cheat." Instead of using the traditional method of dragging around full-size modules and leveling them, they just use standard height tables, easily adjusting the layout to fit the available space.



Crash involving a train in Fountain just off Highway 85



The driver claimed his brakes failed. The car was damaged but the driver was not injured.

A week later on July 21 in the same area, a pedestrian was not so lucky. You never want to see a picture when this happens.

Glenwood Canyon Road and Rail Closures



The top picture shows what these slides do to the river showing the relationship between Interstate and railroad. The bottom picture, from a CDOT drone video, shows “Interstate Chewtoy.” Major chunks of pavement are missing or fractured. A structural assessment cannot be safely completed

before crews cut a channel for displaced Colorado River water to flow away from the interstate, Colorado Department of Transportation Region 3 Director Mike Goolsby explained.

Monthly newsletters may not seem to be the best place to talk about rainstorms, mudslides, and closures but this mess will continue for weeks or even months.

In this drone picture, you can see where rocks and debris from Devil's Hole Canyon on the south side of the river went under the railroad bridge to push the river towards the eastbound highway.



Union Pacific Railroad tracks through Glenwood Canyon were also impacted by mud and debris flows, shutting down both freight and passenger service through the Canyon since late Thursday (July 19).

Amtrak spokesman Mark Maggiori said Monday the California Zephyr line is temporarily suspended and is not running on an alternate route, as has been the case with past closures in Colorado. "Sometimes we will re-route through Wyoming, but UP can't support that at this time," Maggiori said.

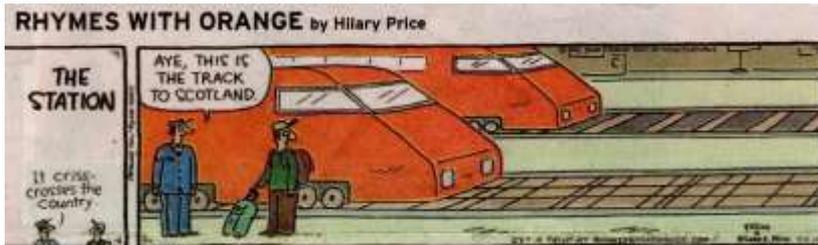
UP spokeswoman Robynn Tysver said Monday that about 80% of the debris has been cleared from the tracks and that they should be able to resume rail service through Glenwood Canyon by midweek. "Crews continued to clear debris Monday caused by last week's mudslide through Glenwood Canyon," she said. "Barring any additional delays caused by severe weather or unforeseen events, Union Pacific estimates the track will reopen sometime this week, perhaps by Wednesday (August 4)."



Pikemasters Model Railroad Club Update

We're looking for a new home! While we're saddened by the loss of our facility at the city auditorium, we're excited at the prospect of a fresh start! If anyone in the Colorado Springs area is aware of a space available that could house a model railroad club, please let us know! We still have a few months remaining in the city and, so please standby for photos of the move when it occurs. Thanks to everyone who has supported us through the years and come to see the city auditorium layout, and we hope to see you all again at a new location!

The Lighter Rail by Kristin Phillips



"You remember all of the train show dates and hours within a 200 mile radius but you have to look up when our anniversary is?"

Upcoming Division & Local Events

Any events scheduled for 2021 are subject to **cancellation**.

- August 14, 2021: YMR Yard Sale in Colorado Springs. (see the poster on page 18)
- August 21, 2021: Como.
- August 21-22, 2021: Westcliffe.
- Sept 10-12: RMR-NMRA convention in Pueblo.



- Sept 10 - 12: Pueblo Convention (see more information on pages 19 - 21)
- Sept 25 - 26: Rails in the Rockies at Estes Park.



- November 5, 6, 7: Intermountain Train Expo, Legacy Event Center, Farmington, Utah



- November 13-14: TECO at Chapel Hills Mall Event Center

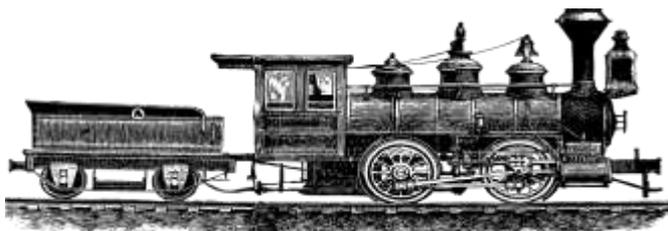
Information on Colorado and neighboring state events is posted on TECOshow.org.

Check out the Rocky Mountain NMRA Callboard: <https://www.rmr-nmra.org/callboard.htm>

Featured Regional Newsletter

“Many Divisions within the Rocky Mountain Region maintain their newsletters, and we thought you might like to see some of the fine work presented across our area.

In this edition of The Callboard, we're featuring "The Milepost", from the Region's Pikes Peak Division. Editor David Bristow puts out a highly informative publication - you'll definitely find lots to enjoy.”



Notes from The Siding

By John Emmot

Another month has expired and here we are again. Been a lot of projects getting some attention. Ford thinks they may build my truck in August. No idea when they may haul it to Colorado. But I have been repainting my old bed topper so it looks good enough to go on her when she gets here. Just doing a section at a time. Can't finish the front until it comes off.

The Parlor Car project now has trucks and couplers. Still needs grab irons and other external details. I finally found a book that has pictures of revolving RR chairs from the era. They may not be exact, but they are close enough for me. Will have to draw them in 3D and see if I can get them printed. Need 36 of them. I don't always worry about interiors, but this one could be interesting.

The O scale wooden caboose for the Moffat Road Railroad Museum is also progressing now that the under-frame question has been resolved. I'm not totally happy with the cupola, but hate to think of redoing it. Still thinking about that.

The rest of the story is that the museum has now asked about S scale passenger cars. It's amazing how much bigger S is than HO. New cut drawings are in progress. The cardboard 'proof cuts' have led to some revisions already.

In addition to all this, I have spent a few hours helping Roy get the new store set up. As we all know; everything takes longer than you think and nothing happens by magic. Things are coming together, but there is still a lot to do to get things to where they were before the move. The repair shop hasn't found a place yet. I am happy to report that the 4X8 layout that the YMR had for sale was purchased and now occupies a prominent place in Roy's front window. It is a very eye-catching item in the mall.

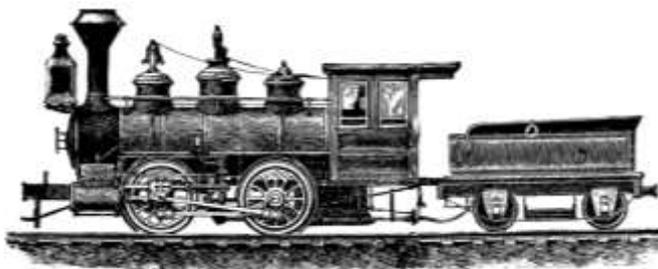
There is an activity at Calhan. The Society has acquired another Fairmont speeder. It is much like the first one, except this one has been restored and is nearly operational. Needs a new drive belt and a couple of other pieces. Jim plans on doing speeder rides if we get some more rail laid. A second Rock Island caboose was also added to the display track. This one is a much newer steel bay-window version to go with the 1943 wooden rebuild we are working on. So, with all this, there is plenty of opportunities to volunteer for a job you would like to do. If you have any interest in 1 to 1 railroading, see the page at the end of the Milepost.

In another 1-to-1 event, for those who haven't heard (I was one.) the F&CC locomotive #20 from the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden will be in Cripple Creek on August 13 & 14 as part of this year's Donkey Days celebration. It will be her first visit in many years to the town she once served. It is a stopover en-route to a visit on the Cumbres and Toltec where she will get to run with the D&RG 168.

Time is running short to complete the planning for the September Division picnic to be held at the Vade bon Couer's home. Perhaps we can have a discussion and talk with Jim by phone at the meeting.

And one final note. This month marks the 50th anniversary of my wedding to Miss Glenice Edwards. The ceremony took place at the Ft DeRussy Chapel in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1971.

And once again, I can" hope to see everyone 'round the roundhouse" as we will have a live meeting at the Classic Homes' meeting room in Flying Horse. We had a good turnout last month. Hopefully even better this month.



July 2021 Minutes

Secretary, John Emmot

The regular monthly meeting was called to order live by Superintendent, Joe Costa at 7:09 in the community room of the Classic Homes offices at Flying Horse. There were 15 folks present with one first-time visitor, Tom Milam. There was a ZOOM link setup thanks to Elizabeth, but I couldn't see how many were signed in.

The minutes of the June Zoom meeting were approved as published in the Milepost.

Treasurers Report

Tony Pawlicki had provided a digital update on activity in the PPD bank account to the officers before the meeting time. There was one hard copy to pass around at the meeting. The Bank statement showed us with \$0.03 interest and the deposit of \$236.00 from the PPD table at the May TECO show. The statement was accepted as submitted. Elizabeth reiterated that TECO was paying \$50.00 to participating groups for the May show. (It occurs to me that I don't remember the dispersal of the vendor fee to TECO. Perhaps I missed it.)

Discussion

Joe began the meeting with a 6-point PowerPoint "We're Back from the Dead" which included a Phoenix album, waterfalls that inspired a module, they'll be gone for the November TECO show, and Roy's new Train Store.

Attention was drawn to the 4' X 8' finished HO layout that the Youth in Model Railroading has for sale. Pictures were called up from the email. They are also selling a module corner they have available.

The Union Pacific 4014 steam tour route from August to September was called up from the internet.

Tony reported that the CSPD did not respond to his most recent query concerning the status of the Sand Creek Police Station meeting room.

Chairman Reports

There were no reports.

New Business

John introduced a query from Roy as to whether the PPD would like to create a layout for a window in his new store. After discussion of size, resources and manpower, and lack of specificity, no action was taken. John will inquire about any module resources the YMR may have as a basis for a display. Most attendees indicated a lack of time to participate in such a project.

Old Business

Kristin reported that her son-in-law was recovering from a medical procedure, but is working on getting two new banners for the Division. They are considering a redesign to include the PPD logo. (At the January 2020 meeting a motion was made and passed to authorize Kristin to purchase two new banners of the same size and style as the existing banners for a cost not to exceed \$100.00.)

There was no report on the status of the fall picnic planning.

During the refreshment break, most of the attendees went to Mark's office to see the display track where he shows various pieces of his HO collection on a rotating basis.

Contest

There was no formal contest.

Program

There was no formal program for this meeting.

There were four display items from Tony (a detailed covered hopper), John (an O scale caboose body and an HO passenger/observation car and Mike (a V&T train featuring link and pin coupling) representing their recent modeling efforts.

Even though I had my camera to record this return, there are no pictures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27.

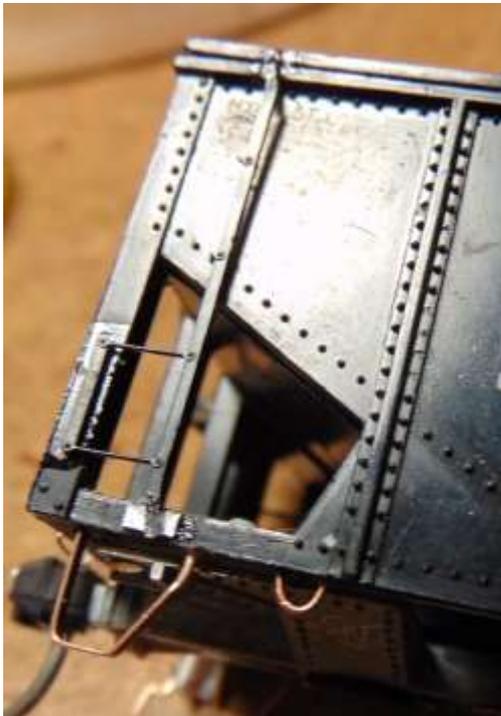
TECO Tougher - A Lesson Learned

By Tony Pawlicki

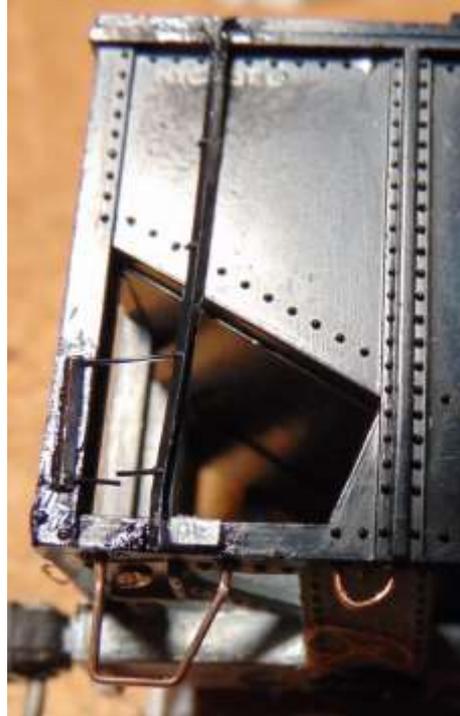
Refer to last month's article that discussed the upgrading and detailing of a vintage VARNEY NKP 2-bay covered hopper model.

New Lesson Learned

The pretty Kadee ladders on the left sides of the VARNEY model of 2-bay covered hopper NKP 99932 in the July 2021 Milepost turned out to be too fragile (rungs fracture) to survive even the handling during modifications. Not TECO-tough. Boohoo!



Pretty But Fragile



Too Fragile

A modified Detail Associates ladder like those used on the ends and right sides is the answer.



Tougher Ladder





Youth In Model Railroading
Colorado Springs Division

RAIL YARD SALE



Saturday, August 14, 10 am—3 pm

At the YMR Clubhouse—828 E. Pikes Peak Avenue

*This is the classroom module on the West side of the Pikes Peak Academy School which is just to the West of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

*Please park in the school parking in the alley that runs between Prospect and Institute.

Buildings

Animals

Track

Vehicles

Scenery

Layout building supplies

Figures

And Much More



Thank you for supporting Youth In Model Railroading.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

**September 10 thru 12
Pueblo Convention Center**

Primary Registrant (Must be over 18) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

NMRA Member: (Y/N) _____ NMRA # _____ Non-NMRA add fee

Names of all family members attending, please include age for those 12 and under:

Primary Fee: Including Train Show Admission	\$50.00/Ea	
Spouse and Family Members (Over 12)	\$10.00/Ea	
Primary Fee for Non-NMRA Primary Registrants	\$60.00/Ea	
Greg Long Operating Session (Refundable Deposit)	\$5.00/Ea	
John Denny Operating Session (Refundable Deposit)	\$5.00/Ea	
Bob Foltz Operating Session (Refundable Deposit)	\$5.00/Ea	

*****Deposits Returned at Session Upon Attendance**

TOTAL FEES: _____

All Registrations are **FULLY REFUNDABLE**

Make check payable to: Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA

Mail to: Denny Krausman, 9609 Silver Hill Circle, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Pueblo Convention Schedule

Thursday, Sept 9			
9 AM – 6 PM	Operating Sessions -Greg Long, John Denny		
Friday, Sept 10			
Convention Center Room 1			
9 AM – 5:30 PM	Contest Room Open/ Model entry		
6 PM – 10 PM	Layout Tours – Greg Long, John Denny, Bruce Barrett, Steve Phillips		
Friday, Sept 10			
Convention Center Room 2			
9 AM - 5 PM	Clinic #	Clinic Title	Clinician
9 AM – 10 AM	Clinic 1	Scratch Building made Easier	Denny Krausman
10:30AM –12:00PM	Clinic 2	TBA	TBA
12:00PM- 1:00PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Clinic 3	Resin Cars	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Clinic 4	TBA	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Clinic 5	History of the South Denver – Bragdon Joint Line	Bruce Barrett
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Free Time and Dinner		
7:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Presentation	TBA	
Saturday, Sept 11			
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Train show – Pueblo Union Station		
9:00 AM -5:00 PM	Contest Room Open/ Model entry Convention Center Room 1		
5:00PM – 8:00PM	NMRA Judging – Convention Center Room 1		
Saturday Clinics			
Convention Center Room 2			
9:00 AM –10:00 AM	Clinic 6	Santa Fe RR in Pictures	Bruce Barrett
10:30AM –12:00PM	Clinic 7	TBA	TBA
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	TBA	TBA
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Clinic 8	TBA	TBA
2:30PM – 3:30 PM	Clinic 9	TBA	TBA
Saturday Clinics			
Convention Center Room 3			
9 AM – 10 AM	Clinic 10	TBA	TBA
10:30AM –12:00PM	Clinic 11	Scratchbuilding A Styrene Depot	Denny Krausman
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Clinic 12	History of the South Denver – Bragdon Joint Line	Bruce Barrett
2:30PM – 3:30 PM	Presentation	TBA	TBA
3:30PM - ???	Free time and Dinner		
Sunday, Sept 12			
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Train show – Pueblo Union Station		
8:00 AM – 10:00AM	Model Pick Up Convention Center Room 1		
8:00 AM – 10:00AM	Contest Awards w/coffee & pasties Convention Center Room 1		
1:00PM – 5:00PM	Bob Foltz Operating Session		

Things to do while in Pueblo, Colorado

Convention

Pueblo Convention Center (320 Central Main Street)

- Registration (9 AM Friday/9 AM Saturday)
- Clinics on the Hour
- Model Contest
- Door Prizes
- Sunday Breakfast

Rail Fair – Pueblo Union Depot

- Many vendors with models
- Pueblo Railroad Museum (next to Depot)
- Train rides in cabooses

Other Stuff to see in Pueblo:

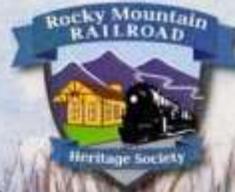
- Steel Mill Museum
- El Pueblo Museum
- Pueblo County Historical Museum (across from depot)
- Rio Grande Freight House Museum
- Rosemount Museum

Restaurants

- The Clink
- Brues Alehouse
- Angelo's Pizza
- B St Café (across from depot)

Hotels

There are many motels/hotels, not counting Bed & Breakfasts and campgrounds, RV park



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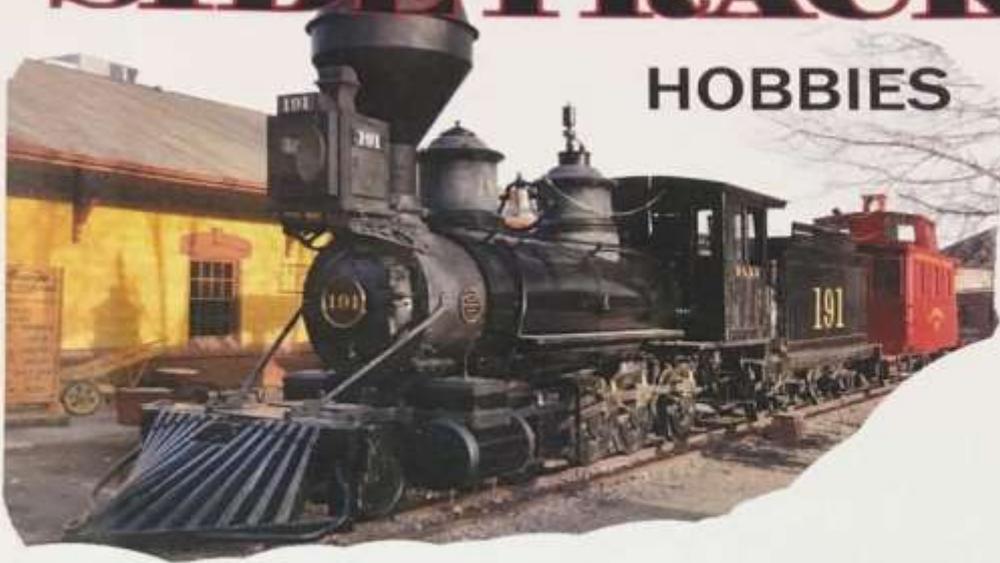
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SIDETRACK

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N, HO.S.O, 1-1/2 "

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July 1, 2017

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