

# The Milepost

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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 8th, 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).**

### **Don't Forget:**

If you have any model railroad cars, models, books, etcetera, that you don't want, consider donating them to the monthly meeting raffle to help raise money for the Division!

**This Month's Presentation:**  
No presentation this month,  
Christmas party!

## NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

### **November 10th, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroad Association**

The meeting was held at the Sand Creek Police Station. The meeting was brought to order by Superintendent Joe Costa at 7:00 PM. There were 30 people in attendance. There were no new visitors.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved, as written in *The Milepost* newsletter. Frank Pareso gave the treasurer's report and this was also approved at the meeting. Joe Costa gave Frank a check from the TECO show — the show did very well.

The division has committed to a show in January 2018.

John Emmot requested funds for four new lights for the HO-scale module group in the amount of \$60.00. This was approved.

There were no contest participants.

Joe Costa talked about the upcoming elections for officers of the Pikes Peak Division. The consensus is that everyone will continue with their current positions.

Discussion about the Dinosaur Resource Center, in Woodland Park, Colorado, wanting a model railroad setup at their museum. The museum will provide free lunch for those participating and \$50.00 gas money. There are no vendors, just the module setup. Motion passed to setup on July 20-22, 2018 at the museum.

Discussion about Bob Bandy's open house. Notice to be sent out via e-mail to everyone who gets *The Milepost* via e-mail.

Discussion about next month's meeting being the division's

Christmas party. The party will follow the same format as previous years. Cake is okay. Bring nice stuff.

Dusty has all but four or five tables sold for the December swap meet. Elizabeth is setting up the digital social media, press releases to newspapers and television. She gave a detailed description of all of the work being done on this. Everyone agrees that all of Elizabeth's efforts have paid off. Motion made and passed to approve \$60.00 to Elizabeth to boost advertising on the Facebook website.

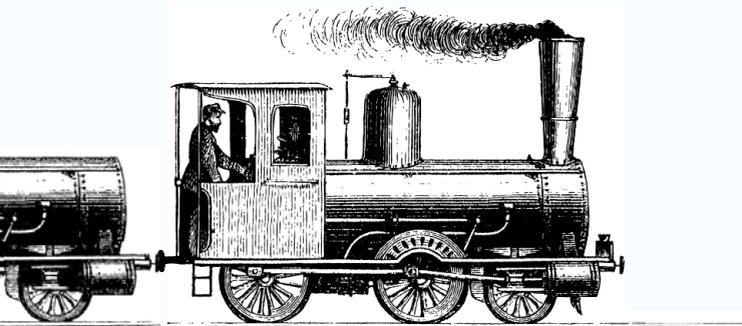
After the break, Wade Mountz had an excellent presentation on constructing and weathering background flats.



## 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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## PROGRAMS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

*By Charalee Topinka*

Everyone who is a model railroader, has a technique or a way of doing projects that is known only to him or her. A clinic can be anything that pertains to model railroading. It could be anything, maybe a material that no one but you have thought of. Have you made a special tool to make life easier to achieve what you want to accomplish? Everyone has different ideas on how to do things.

For Pikes Peak Division monthly meetings, a clinic or presentation of about 30 or more minutes would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me, Charalee Topinka, at (719) 646-2783, or at charaleetopinka@yahoo.com, and always give me a telephone number so that I can call you back.

I wish also to thank all the presenters for their time and efforts as presenters for the Pikes Peak Division.



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# SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Joe Costa, Superintendent of PPD - NMRA

This is the season for thanksgiving and celebration. Our annual Division Christmas Party will be no exception. One thing we are grateful for is our successful October TECO show in our new venue at Chapel Hills Mall and for all those in the Division who contributed to that success. We look forward to our January, April and October shows in 2018.

We are also grateful for the hard work of our *Milepost* Editor, Mike Murdock, and Modular Group Chairman, John Emmot, and all the others who go above and beyond.

More immediately we look forward to our Division Swap Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church on December 16, 2017. We are grateful for all the efforts Dusty has made there over the years, and we are working on picking up the load there.

It is election time and we are open to nominations at the start of our meeting on December 8th. All the current officers are willing to continue to serve.

Kristin and I just came back from Thanksgiving on the Gulf Coast and did some fun railroad things. We flew into New Orleans and parked at the Basin Street Station before walking down to Jackson Square. The Station is a visitor center but used to be a passenger station for the Southern Railway. It has a great exhibit inside but what grabbed my attention is a pair of signs outside the building:



At the end of our trip, we went back to New Orleans to catch our return flight — but not before checking out the trolleys:



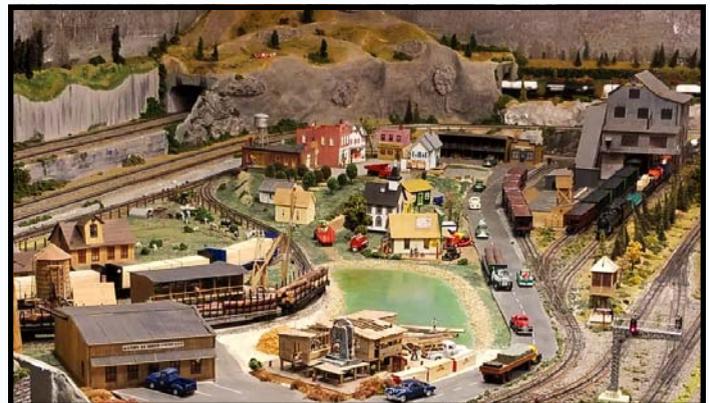
Protecting folks crossing the trolley lines to the Boardwalk is a crossing gate and lighted icon:

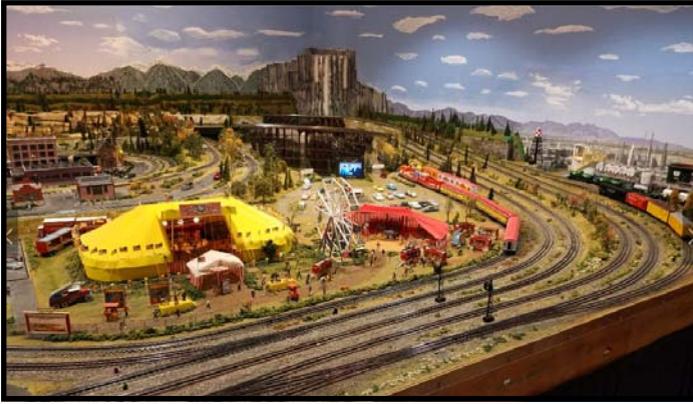
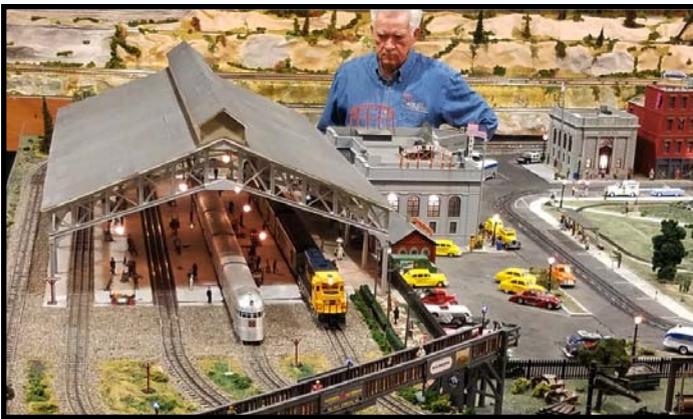


Down in Foley, Alabama on the coast near Gulf Shores, in the town of Foley is a cool Railroad Museum. Outside the depot is a L&N SW1 switcher, a Frisco freight car and L&N freight car and caboose. Among the artifacts in the museum is a teakettle:



But what we really enjoyed is the 60' x 22' O-scale model railroad housed in an adjacent building and manned by the Foley Caboose Club:

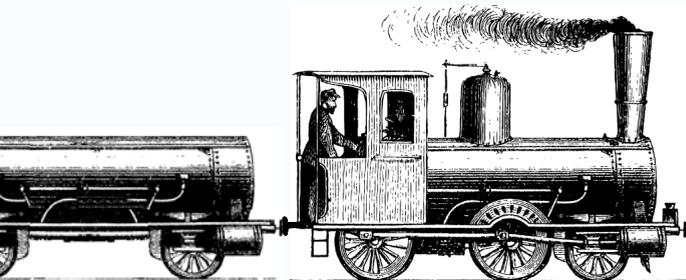




It's a very sturdy and large layout and there are no pop-ups. If they need to get to the back of the layout for maintenance, they take off their shoes and socks and walk on top.

We went on a Tuesday (the model railroad is not open every day). On Saturday they run on "Fuerstenberger"-style train around the park for the kids.

On a side trip to the beach at Pensacola, on the way back at night, we passed by the Frisco Spirit of Pensacola steam engine which is on a median in the middle of the street where the old passenger station once stood. When you look on the windows and see a steam engine next to you in the dark, it's a shock. This is what it looks like in the daytime:

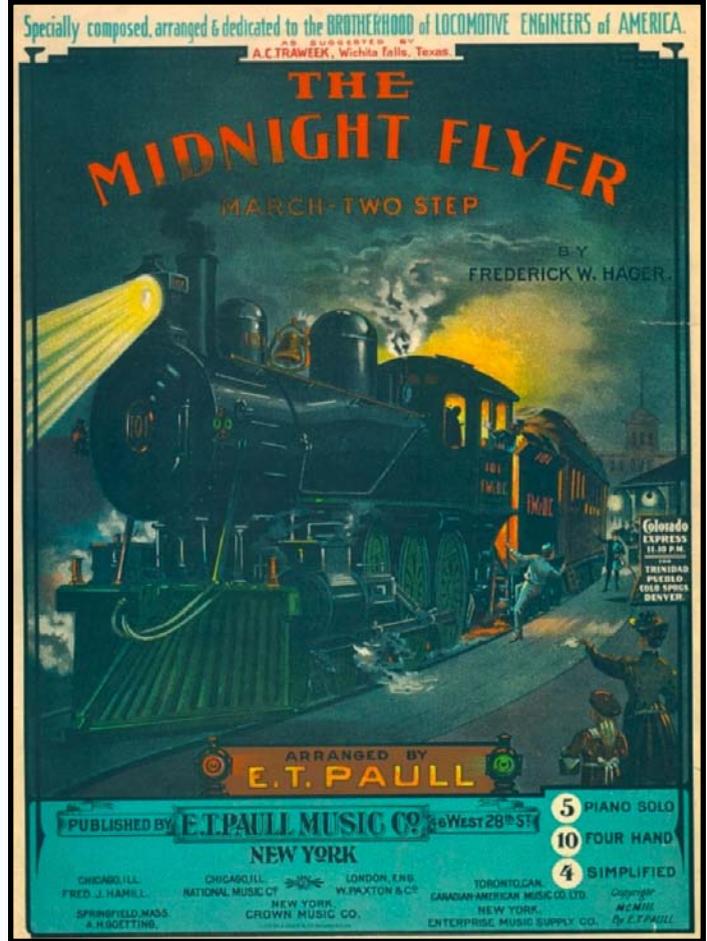


## One More Bit of Railroad Serendipity

Down in Foley Alabama I came across a large but somewhat faded tapestry of the FW&DC Midnight Flyer in a thrift store for about \$30 that I was a little enamored with. Didn't expect to see something about a Colorado passenger train in the Deep South. But the condition and potential cost of shipping the darn thing home discouraged. I did a little research online which turned out very interesting.

The image was a cover for sheet music. I ordered a poster of a much cleaned up image off eBay for \$11. During further online research I found a PDF, including this picture and the sheet music. I'm no piano player but my son is so I'll have to pass on that part to him.

Apparently, the train was from the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad and ran on the Colorado and Southern tracks. Eventually, both railroad were bought up by the Burlington.



# MODULAR MUSINGS

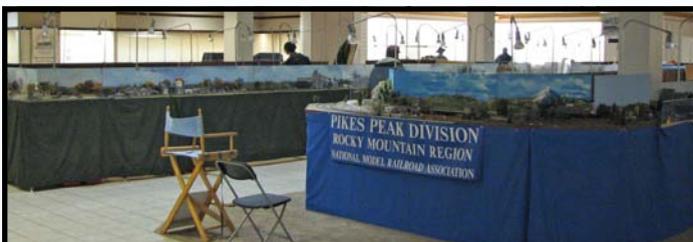
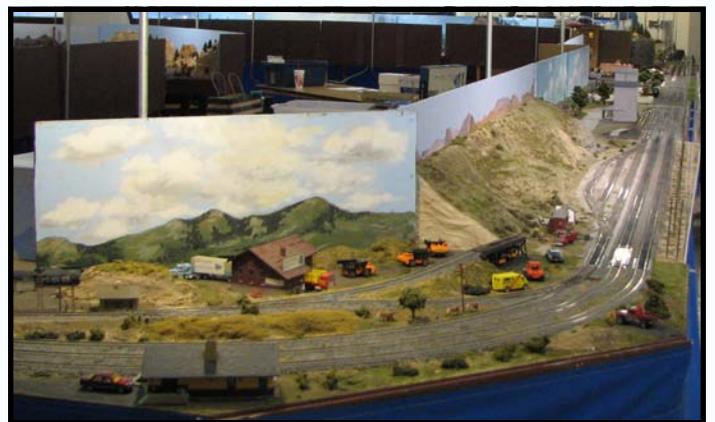
By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group

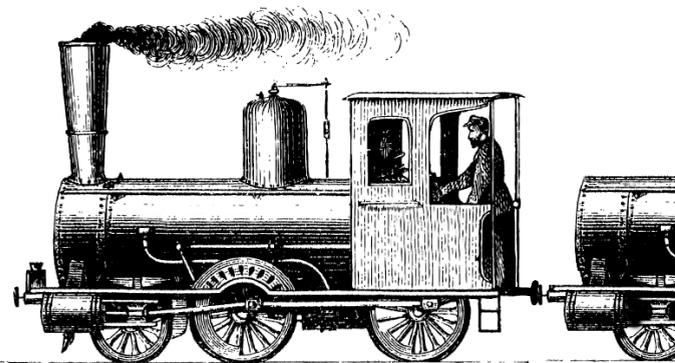
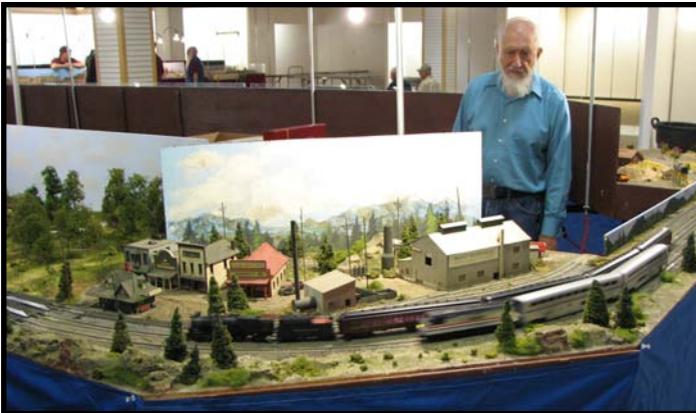
This month's meeting will sneak up on us as the first Friday was the first day of the month. That will certainly move our Christmas Party as far from Christmas as it can be. We will just have to get in the holiday spirit sooner than later. I missed last month's *Milepost* as I was just returning from an unplanned trip to Kansas. However, the world and the *Milepost* both survived. December has a couple of things we can't ignore. The first is the election of officers for 2018. As I remember, each of the incumbents indicated that they would continue in their positions, though Rob wouldn't object if someone else wanted to take on the Secretary job. The elected positions come with points for NMRA volunteer, so here is a chance to start that AP award.

The other important item is the Christmas gift exchanges (plural). There are three ways to participate. There will be a separate "ladies exchange" with gifts not necessarily of the railroad variety. Everyone who brings a gift for this will exchange with the others. There will also be the regular railroad themed exchange (that includes cars, tools, scenery or your choice of unique rail items). The third way is participation in the monthly drawing second chance giveaway. If you bought a ticket for a monthly drawing in 2017, you will be in the pool. You must be present to win, so let's all come out for this meeting. In addition to the exchanges, the PPD will provide a Christmas cake and beverages. Everyone is invited (but not required) to bring their favorite finger food or Christmas goodies to share.

Oh, and by the way, there is a Division train show and swap meet one week later on December 16, 2017. It is at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street in Colorado Springs. We plan to have a 32 foot oval modular layout for the show. I anticipate that we will have access to the church on Friday eve (December 15th, 2017) before the Saturday show to setup the vendor tables and the layout. Details of the time will be announced at the Christmas meeting. If you wish to run trains at the meet, there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. We will have the usual DC and DCC tracks available.

Well, those are the highlights for this time. Please enjoy some of the photographs I took at the last TECO show. Hope to see everyone at the party.







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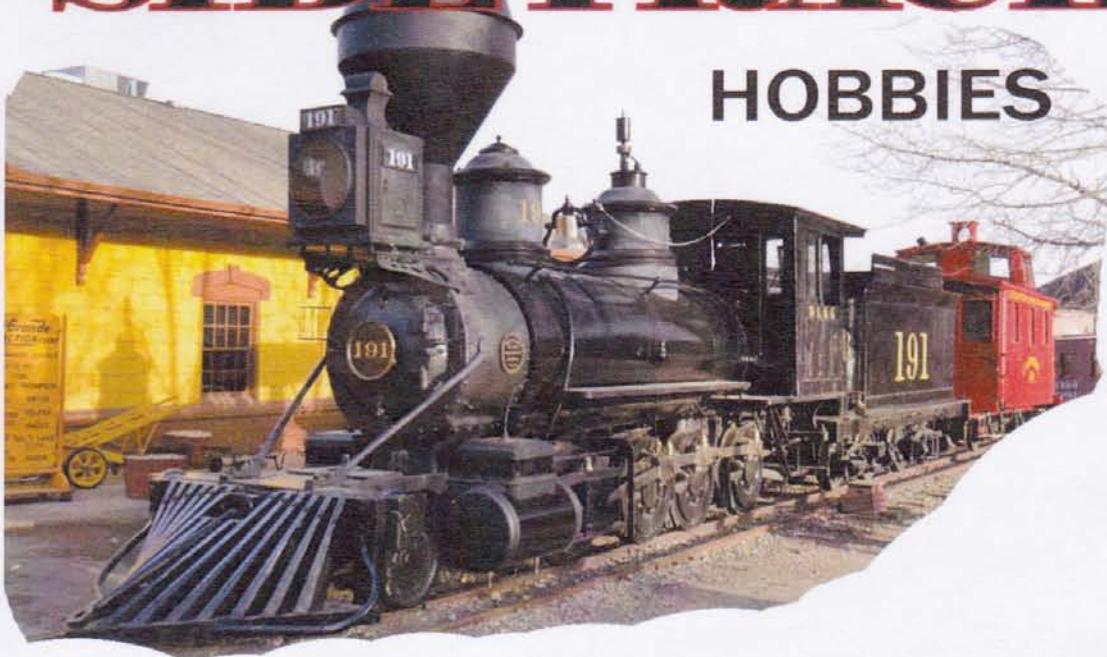
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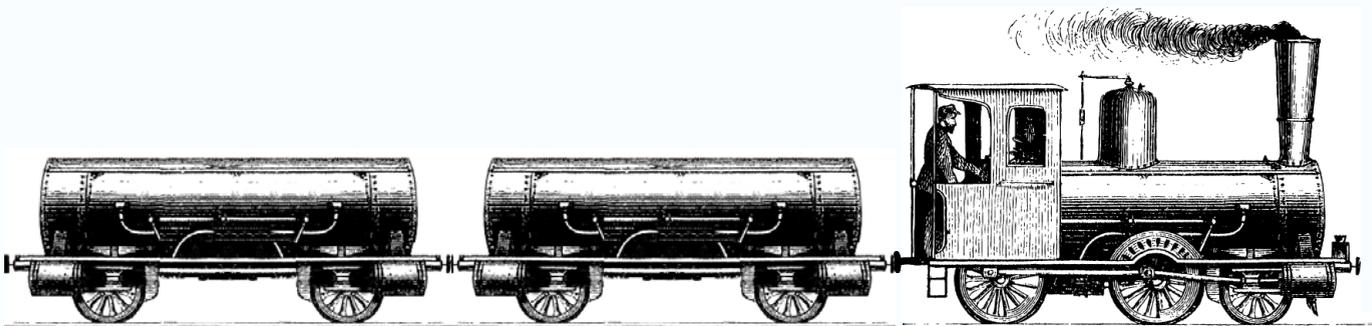
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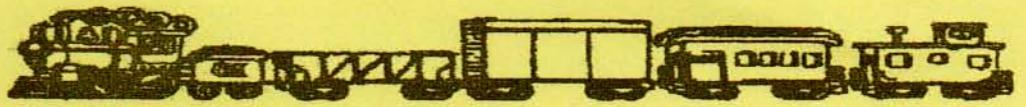
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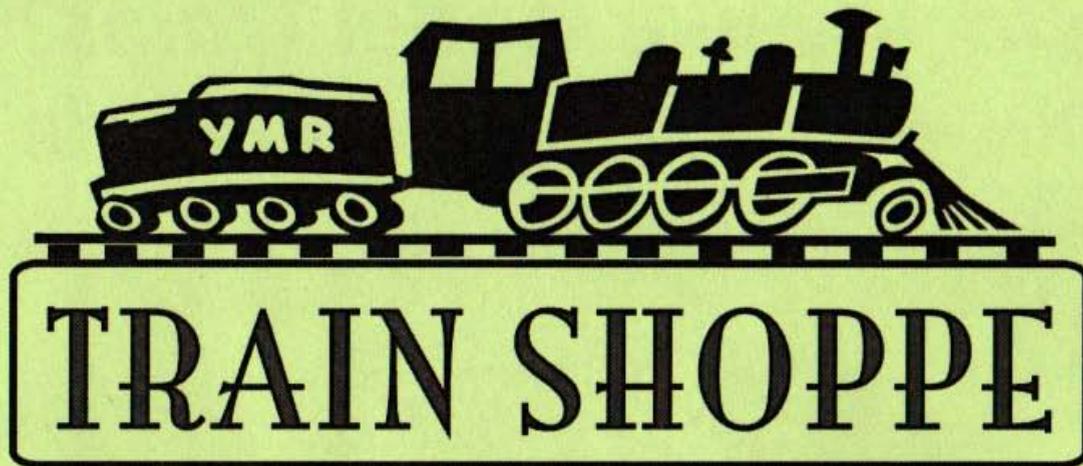
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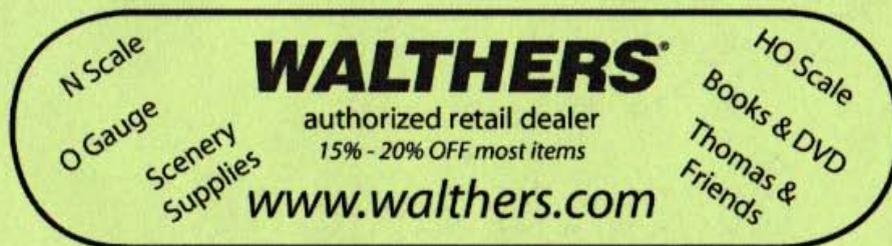
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