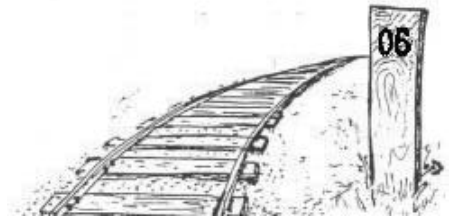


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Superintendent's Notes

by
Shirley Stillely

Greetings,

There isn't much going on with the Division this month. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to consider the Rocky Mountain Region Convention in Chama, NM this June 9 and 10. Flyers will be available at Division Meetings as long as need be. Cost for the Narrow Gauge Steam trip is \$90 for NMRA members. It should be worth that and more.

See you at the meeting.

Shirley



NEXT MEETING

Friday, February 10, 2006 7:30 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(southeast of Academy and Fountain)

Program: **Operation Lifesaver**

by: **Mel McFarland**

Contest: **Steam Locomotives**

Well, I have a bit more room this month. The Division has some good times on the horizon. There are several local operations groups in the area. If you are looking for a layout to run on, come to a meeting and we can couple you up with someone who needs your help.

Don't forget the Railroad clubs in the area with layouts. If you don't have room for a layout or a module of your own, then a club maybe for you. They will let you operate and help build the layout. See the local clubs on page 2 in this issue.

The Division's HO module group seems to be set for some good shows in a new and exciting venue at the Phil Long Expo Center. It should be easy access and good crowds of diverse people. If you are into N scale modules, the Nginers group might be for you.

The Division will have to decide if they want to sponsor a swapmeet this spring. Time is short to get a date advertised in the rail model media. A suitable venue at an affordable cost is not in hand at the moment. On the other hand, swapmeets are the primary source of income to support Division activities.

The month of June has the Region Convention in Chama, NM. The Cumbres and Toltec is certainly one of, if not the best train ride around. Folks have access to the yards and equipment like no where else and the route is spectacular. It's every bit as exciting as the Silverton. To be in Chama with a bunch of hardcore railroaders should be a wonderful time for all.

Well, there's about to be a football game, so I'm going to close this out. Hope your team won. Sorry Broncos.

See ya 'round the roundhouse.





PIKES PEAK DIVISION

Meeting Minutes

By: Ed Pagels

Date: January 13, 2006

Opening Time: 7:30 P.M.

By Superintendent: Shirley Stilley

Attendance: 18

Visitors: 2

Introductions were made to our visitors Mike Cather and Jerry Bonds.

Old Business:

1. The minutes were accepted as published in the MilePost.
2. The Treasurer's report was presented by Frank Pareso.
3. John Emmot informed us that anyone wanting hard copies of the MilePost to get your \$10.00 in now.
4. Alan Hutchins reminded us that next months contest will be steam engines.
5. Shirley Stilley requested a volunteer to be the Swap Meet Chairman. No takers yet.
6. Motion was made and passed to buy plaques for the raffle sponsors.
7. Shirley Stilley gave an update on this summer's convention being held in Chama , NM.

New Business:

1. Joe Morgan will have an open house Jan. 14. He has two new layouts to look over, one in G scale the other in N.
2. Chris Fox discussed future shows for the module group.

Following the break, Bill Lamdin presented a program on good track work. Many tips were given by Bill and the audience.

Contest winners were:

- 1st place, Irv Johnson
- 2nd place, Alan Hutchins
- 3rd place, Bill LaFollette

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Upcoming Events

Sunrise Division, RMR NMRA
Annual Buckingham Square Mall Train Show
Denver, CO
February 18-20, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5, Mon 10-6
info 720-870-6761 or 303-750-9230

Recurring Events

PikeMasters Model Railroad Club
Colorado Springs City Auditorium Basement
Work session every Thursday 7:00 PM
Business meeting first Thursday 7:00 PM

Golden Cycle Model Railroad Club
behind Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs
Work sessions every Friday 8:30 PM

Colorado Midland Chapter, NRHS
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Murry Blvd and Constitution Ave, 7:00 PM
2nd Thurs every month except Jun, Jul, Aug

O-scale Group
Ed Loeffler home
Most Friday evenings
call 380-0766 to verify meeting and get directions

Editor's Corner

by John Emmot

It was good to see Irv Johnson come down from the mountains for the January meeting. Not only did he get to pay his MilePost subscription, but he won first place in the open loads contest. Way to go Irv.

We also had a couple of visitors at the meeting. Hopefully that won't be the last we will see of them.

Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Charles Marchbanks and his wife on the addition of a new model railroader. Yes, even little girls can play with trains.

One hundred and one years ago this month the Moffat Road suffered a two week closure due to a blizzard. On February 10th, the Moffat rotary ran out of water only a mile and a half east of the 11,660 foot Corona summit. Nothing moved again until two borrowed Midland locomotives and the Midland rotary were able to reach the stalled train and reopen the line on February 23rd. Those were the days of steam locomotives and iron men. I wonder how much snow is at Corona this year?

I still have one of the bellows train whistles available for \$30.00. This the same one Schraders sell for \$99.99 plus shipping. A great Valentines present for yourself.



2006 Contest Schedule

- January - Open Loads (rail)
- February - Steam Locomotives
- March - Cabsese
- April - Bent Screwdriver (unlikely equipment)
- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Structures
- July - Passenger equip (all types)
- August - Weathering (any item)
- September - Freight cars
- October - Automobiles, trucks
- November - Worktrain/Maintenance of Way
- December - NO CONTEST Christmas Party

Special Delivery

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marchbanks announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Marie Marchbanks. She was born on Saturday January 21, 2006 at 1:25 am. She weighed 5 pounds 14 oz. and was 18" long. Mom and baby are doing fine and got to go home from the hospital on Tuesday January 24.



January Contest Winners



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2nd place, Alan Hutchins

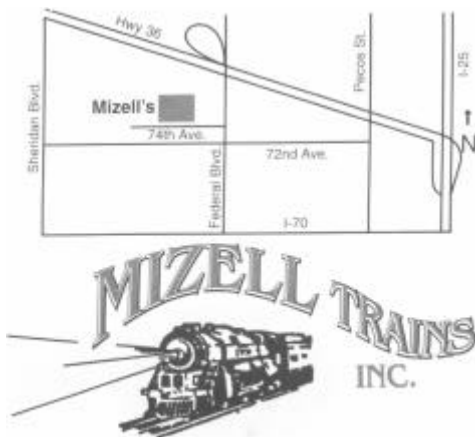


3rd place, Bill LaFollette

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