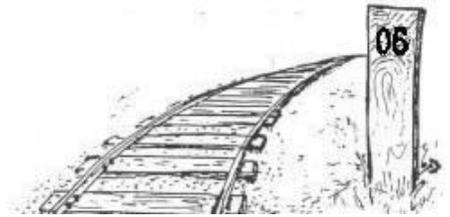


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Where Will We Go in the New Year ?



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Guest Column

By
Ray L. Rhodes

Ho Ho! My piece of the page is small this month. John has posed an interesting question above. I hope your Division will continue its success and not worry too much about the details. You have a good organization and good people. Have fun with your hobby. Do as many things as you can with the folks you have. Make yourselves available to those railroaders in the area who want to play in the Division. Work to be seen in the community at commercial displays. Many folks are just plain surprised and happy to see model trains on display. Both the National organization and the Region are trying to increase their coordination with the Divisions. This bodes well for the future. May you have an active and prosperous New Year. See ya 'round the roundhouse.



Superintendent's Notes

by
Shirley Stillely

Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to serving as Superintendent of the Pikes Peak Division in the coming year.

The Christmas party was a fun time. The gift exchange was good and the food even better.

We need a Swap Meet Chairman if we intend to have one or more swap meets this year. This is our main money making project since we no longer have dues. Think about it.

Rocky Mountain Region President, Fred Carlson will be having extensive cancer treatment beginning this month. Keep him in your thoughts.

Hope to see you at the January meeting.

Shirley



NEXT MEETING

Friday, January 13, 2006 7:30 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(southeast of Academy and Fountain)

Program: **TBA**

by: **Pikes Peak Division**

Contest: **Open Loads (rail)**

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Frank Pareso
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PIKES PEAK DIVISION

Meeting Minutes
By: Ed Pagels

Date: December 9, 2005
Opening Time: 7:30 P.M.
By Superintendent: Shirley Stilley
Attendance: 25

Old Business:

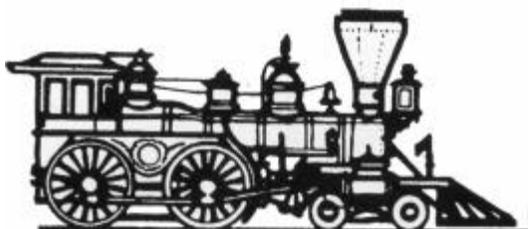
1. The minutes were accepted as published in the MilePost.
2. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Frank Pareso.
3. John Emmot announced that \$10.00 will be collected next month from all those who want the MilePost mailed to them.

New Business:

1. Shirley Stilley presented the nominees for the 2006 election of Officers. There were no further nominees from the floor. Motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of Officers. Motion passed. Your 2006 Officers are,
 Superintendent, Shirley Stilley
 Assist Superintendent, Charles Marchbanks
 Secretary, Edward Pagels
 Treasurer, Frank Pareso

Christmas party followed with gifts and refreshments for all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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

This is a good time to thank all those who do the Division's business. There are those who hold the required positions to have an NMRA Division. Thanks to Shirley, Charles, Ed and Frank. They have continuing responsibilities that keep the organization going. The Superintendent also appoints volunteers to handle many of the other nice to do jobs that make the Division more than just a shell. Howard Smith has handled the both the library and the module group as the main public face of the Division. He and Chris Fox have scheduled and executed many successful module displays. Alan Hutchins has ably served as the contest chairman, counting votes and giving out the ribbons to winners. In addition to his official duties, Frank Pareso makes sure there are prizes for the raffle each month and sells the tickets. The same for Ed Pagels. Besides taking the minutes for each meeting, he brings the refreshments and makes the coffee we enjoy. Jim Lipper will help anyone with the paperwork for the NMRA achievement program. And every month someone must create and distribute a chronicle of the Division activities. I should also note that Jack Sousa had a large role in setting up the Christmas party along with Ed and Frank. Thanks to all. Your efforts are not in vain.



2006 Contest Schedule

- January - Open Loads (rail)
- February - Steam Locomotives
- March - Cabcese
- 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

More Christmas Contest Winners



The cake that was. Your editor always gets a picture of the Christmas cake BEFORE it is cut. Somehow in all the excitement this year, I forgot. I know it looked pretty and would have been a great lead in for the party photos. Oops. There was a whole table of goodies besides. Thanks to everyone who brought their favorites.



The Division had a good year. Frank Pareso uses the proceeds of the raffle and sometimes a little from the treasury to provide a great return on our monthly raffle. The Division owes Frank a big Thank You for his work with the hobby shops on the the raffle and the Christmas bonus.

This could be the best picture of the party. It's great to see both of these guys smiling at the same time.



Gerry is taking his time making a choice, probably hoping he can use it with a coal mine. Frank and Shirley look on.



Wade is working to see what was in that boxcar size box.



Deadline for Milepost material is two weeks prior to the regular meeting date. If you have material that you want published, please contact the Newsletter editor.

Unauthorized Piggy Back Ride

This month's train wreck comes to us from Ed Pagels. Back in 1976 an Ann Arbor RR freight was rolling north into Whitmore Lake, MI, which is about 15 miles north of Ann Arbor. This is where the railroad tracks pass under U.S. 23. A tractor trailer carrying a load of soybeans was south bound on Route 23 on the overpass. It was at that point the driver lost control and went over the edge. The truck fell on top of the moving train.



The flatbed trailers that brought equipment to the sight. A Bekins van is on the overpass in the background.



The CV boxcar was lucky.



Rerailing a boxcar under the overpass.



Crew working in a tight spot.



The truck laying upside down across the tracks and a boxcar. The boxcar is folded in the middle.



The other side of the car. Soybeans were scattered every where. The truck driver survived the experience. The truck didn't. Ed says there were sure lots of wild soybeans there the next year.

Christmas Contest Winners



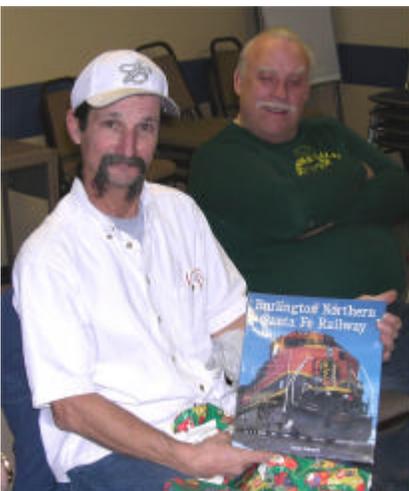
Bob seems pleased with his extra prize.

There were no sightings of Howard at the party. He had to attend the party at his new job. All those women and not a train anywhere. Oh well, maybe next year.

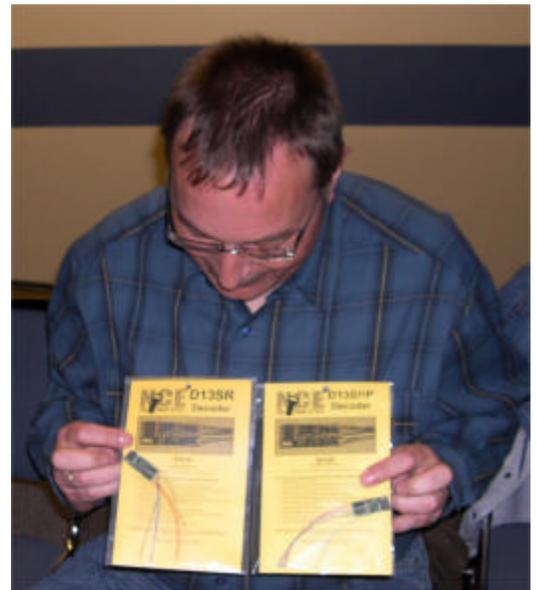
Also, some may have noticed that Jack Sousa was late arriving. He was with Wayne Lemle who had fallen earlier in the afternoon. Fortunately, no serious injury to Wayne.



Jack came up lucky in the pick too.



Joe found a book in the second package. Mel says, "Gee, I wish I'd written that."



Ulrich found a couple of decoders with the "See Frank" note.



Even Shirley hit a jackpot in the draw.



Here is a nice view of the cake that didn't get photographed this year



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