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NEXT MEETING

August, 09 @ 7:00 PM

at the Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park drive(Southeast of Academy and Fountain)

**Our Meetings are Normally Held on the second Friday of each month at the Sand Creek Police Station
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JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Assistant Superintendent Charles Marchbanks.

Minutes were approved as published in the Milepost. Treasurers report was not given as treasure was not present.

TECO report: Andy reported they need a secretary

for their meetings. If the volunteers is from the Division it adds points to our contribution and enhances our share of the returns. Check with Andy or Roy if interested. The June TECO has a Santa Fe Railroad theme. The Pikes Peak Division will start work on the 4X8 project layout at the June Show and plan to finish it at the 3 day September Show.

Swap Meet report: Dusty presented optional dates for the Fall train show and it was moved and passed to move the fall Swap Meet to October 26, 2013,

Module group report: John reports that we are setup at TECO and still have spots open for operators. A signup sheet was available to schedule trains for each track during the show. .

Publicity report: Kristin reminded us that the Division has new color flyer for us to hand out and distribute at public events.

Layout tour report: Steve and Jeff confirmed that the dates of this year's tour will be August 25 and 26. They have lined up six layouts for visits. Details as the time draws near.

The program was Santa Fe DVD.

Following the program, the results of the boxcar contest were announced. First place to Tony Pawlicki, Second place to Dusty Thomson, and Third place to Rob Allen.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

**Remember That The meetings
now start at 7:00 PM**

SUPERINTENDENTS NOTES

**By
Wade Mountz**

Well July is here and we all had a good fourth, I hope. Our meeting this next Friday will be put on by Jeff Cahill and will be an update to the activities of the convention in Albuquerque. I was a great

convention and one that I hope our division can also put on in upcoming years. I have not gotten any word from Roy Thompson that he has TOOOO many people trying to give him a hand with our division project. If you haven't done your share yet, give Roy a phone call or an e-mail. At Friday night's meeting, I will be asking for more feedback concerning a regional convention in Colorado Springs in 2016. I also want to discuss a division picnic in possibly August. Don't forget we are also planning the annual layout tour in August. See you all this coming Friday night

Wade Mountz Superintendent

JULY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Friday, July 12, 2013

Call to Order Time: 7:01 PM Total Meeting Attendance 21

Wade stated the following. It is my sad duty to announce the death of NMRA life member William W. Poley, and to have official record thereof made in the proceedings of this meeting. – Bill passed away last Sat. 7/6/13 – 30 sec. of quiet. Sevices on Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 PM – St. Michael Episcopal Church - Tudor Rd., Colorado Springs. A card from the div. will be sent out.

Visitor George Nelson guest, H0n3, works in Durango for the railroad.

Secretaries Report Ask for someone to volunteer to replace Bill through November of this year 2013. Kacy Thomson to record minutes tonight & ask her to fill Bills job.

Treasures Report - Frank (gone tonight) The division is in the black. One check is outstanding to Bill Poley. Wade to read report that Frank prepared before leaving town. Wade forgot the raffle tickets – duh!

Refreshment reminder – Feed the Kitty to continue the cookies & coffee & soda. Ed is resigning. Kacy & Dusty will take over and pick up all Ed has to give them next month.

OLD Business

TECO show rap up, conclusion & final report - Andy
- Next TECO show: Sept. 13-15

A check from TECO was Presented to Wade to be forwarded to Frank Pareso.

Any other final business from the June meeting not finalized or understood.

Refreshment break at 7:21 PM

NEW Business AND Upcoming related events - division – region – national

Future monthly programs/clinics. We need to get several, who can help

Last month there was some discussion concerning applying for the 2016 regional convention. Before proceeding further, I want to hear any further comments. Last convention here was in 1996.

Division “pot luck” picnic. Wade when & where – division will pay for these: meat, buns, drinks, ice & plastic ware. To be held Sept 7th, at 4:00 PM – Roy’s house.

Upcoming fall train show/swap meet. Dusty - Date: Oct. 26, 2013 – same place.

New PPD project – 4x8’ layout – Roy Thompson – progress to date: As of July 10th. Sunday work session 1:00 PM for initial wiring and ballasting – four (4) people needed.

Modular group / Trailer update – John Emmot – current plan for the TECO show. Motion to purchase signs for trailer is requested from the floor. Motion to purchase up to 4 decals from Jack Sousa + a small plaque for Bill Poley module is passed.

1.
Publicity Chairpersons Kristin & Joe – Division Flyer – who needs flyers?? Kristin talked about Boy Scouts, Fresh INK? – The Independent & Matt Miester of KRDO – West sider & The Pioneer (local publications use for our advertising of train shows).

Question – What plans are being made to maximize publicity for drawing within community?

Layout Tour – Steve Berkheimer & Jeff Cahill – update on progress

Membership chairman – Bob Binder - we now have 122 people in div. – 13 are life members

Tonight’s contest is: Flat Cars (all kinds)
Contest Chair – Jerry Bonds

NO raffle tonight (no tickets were brought)

Refreshment break AND Contest Voting - ALL members are asked to cast their vote.

Tonight’s Program / Clinic - Highlights of the 2013 regional convention in Albq. NM. – Jeff Cahill – NO-program tonight due to miscommunication with the presenter.

Contest Winners: 1. Robert Allen 2. Allen Hutchins
3. Tony Pawlicki

Next months contest will be: Gondola cars (loaded/unloaded) – right Jerry?

Closing - Next meeting date: August 9th, Next Scheduled Activity: August layout tours held the week end of August 24 & 25th. Any other picnic info. – Sept. 7th at 4:00 at Roy’s house.

Recorded by Kacy Thomson – interim secretary

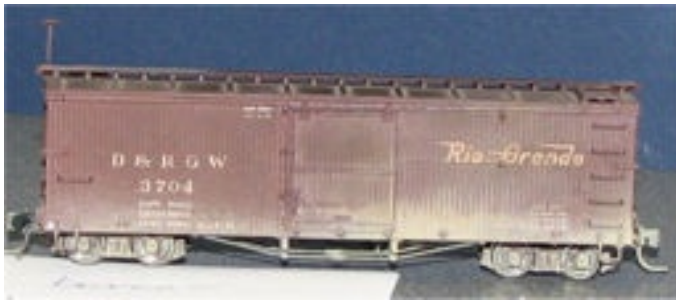
CONTEST PHOTO GALLERY



First place for June went to Tony Pawlicki with his Nevada Northern Railway boxcar,. Photo by John Emmot.



Second place went to Dusty Thomson with his Denver Rio Grande boxcars. Photo by John Emmot.



Third place went to Rob Allen with this Denver Rio Grande and Western boxcar. Photo by John Emmot.

July Contest Photos



First Place for July's contest went to Rob Allen with his flat car with fire truck. Photo by John Emmot.



Second place for July's contest went to Allen Hutchins with his Pikes Peak and Southern work Flatcar. Photo by John Emmot.



Third Place for July's contest went to Tony Pawlicki

with his Center beam flatcars, Photo by John Emmot.

MODULAR MUSINGS

By
John Emmot

We had an interesting time with the June TECO show. Black Forest was burning, Spring Spree was downtown and it was Father's Day. In spite of all that, about 350 folks came to see the trains. We started off on Friday afternoon with layout setup. When I arrived at 1:00 the only help was Andy Buco who was there with the TECO staff. He and I worked to unload the trailer and get the corners and our own modules setup. Charles Marchbanks arrived with his modules at 3:00 as expected. He was followed by James Patterson. The four of us and Jeff Cahill were able to get the modules connected, leveled and the joiner tracks installed by about 4:30 and that was where we left it. We had a 28 X 32 foot 'L' shaped layout. With the cooperation of my wife, I was able to return by about 7:30 Saturday morning and Bill Lafollette helped me put up the skirting (it just fit). I continued to get the control systems up and running. I did not setup the DCC wired bus and trusted the radio cabs for DCC control. To my knowledge, it worked well for the entire show. Operators on Saturday included Andy, Charles, Tony Pawlicki and John. Jerry Hansz' Santa Fe passenger train ran much of the day. All and all the 'L' shape worked out well and it was fun to do something different.

The Sunday operators were Myron Gelsing (who brought his neighbor, Jason), Bob Haggart and James. Good trains ran both days. The layout performed well without any major problems. This is particularly gratifying as there were two brand new, never before seen modules in this layout.

Tear down personnel consisted of the module owners. Thanks to Lindsey for helping take down the skirting. After the trailer was loaded, I was off to a Father's Day supper. I picked up the trailer on the way home and returned it to Roy's.

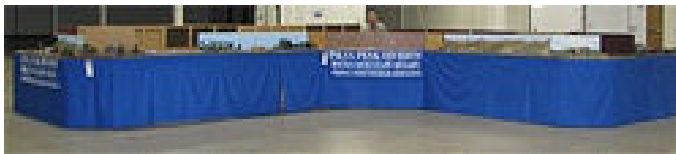
Our next scheduled setup is for the next TECO show in September. I hope to have the new highline corner scenery finished by then and Howard now has the new backdrops to paint. Remember, the next show

starts on Friday evening and runs through Sunday afternoon. We will need plenty of operators to cover all of the times. Bring a train to run or just come help watch trains run. Given that we will have a large space, I plan to use the 'L' again. The Division will also be working on the 4X8 layout prize at this show.

Hope to see a bunch of folks at the meeting.

John

PHOTO GALLERY



The new shape of the division layout. Photo by John Emmot.



The new high line corner is on the left side and the corner module with the start of the high line is on the right with a new back drop that needs painted. Photo by John Emmot.



This Santa Fe northern is working hard pulling a train containing open loads. Photo by John Emmot.



The divisions new inside corners at the June TECO show. Photo by Andy Bucu.



John Emmot working on the 4x8 layout at the June TECO show. Photo by Andy Bucu.

UP COMING DIVISION 4CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Dates are open for 2013 programs

August Program will be presented by Jeff Cahill on the Region Convention.

Got a project that you would like to share? Are there a technique you would like to learn? Let Wade Mountz or Charles Marchbanks now.

NOTES FROM TECO BY Andy Bucu

TECO 16 is over, not a bad show over all but not our best. It was not our best attended show but with the Black Forest Fire and Spring Spree going on we didn't do all that bad. 192 people through the door on

Sat. and 164 on Sun. Most of the people heard about us from past shows and from seeing the sign out-side. Our normal weekend attendance is closer to 500.

We are setting up the terms for our Auction to take place on Sat night after the show closes on September 13, 2013. More on that as the final details are worked out.

As no one was at the show to work on our project layout I want to thank John Emmot for taking the time to jump in and at least get the foam board glued down and painted.

FOR SALE

I have the following full year Model Railroader Magazine collections that are bound together in hardcover binders. The years are 1949 through 1956. Heavy and bulky but great for the collector. Take all or certain years. Contact Wade Mountz at 380-9060 or w.mountz@yahoo.com.

Wade Mountz

2013 CONTESTS

August: Reefer Cars

September: Gondola Cars (w or w/o Load)

October: M.O.W. Equipment

November: Vehicles (Cars, Trucks, etc)

December: No contest

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Slim Rails

30th Annual

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