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Steel City Steamer



Superintendent's Notes

by

Bill Poley

Life is like a Mountain Railroad

Things were going well. We had a high green, moving along well with full tonnage, no hotboxes, no dragging equipment, keeping up with schedule.

Then suddenly -- rocks on the track, locomotive in the ditch. Fortunately, we were not going too fast and the tender and everything behind stayed on the track, with only the engineer having to lay off. The locomotive should be back in service soon, and the engineer should be back in service in late July or August. Only time will tell how limited that service will be.

With that overly dramatic lead in, an up date on my condition: I am

NEXT MEETING

The June meeting will not be held due to the schedule conflict with the Steel City Steamer

Program:

By:

Contest: The June contest will be held at the July meeting.

getting better and should be at all or most meetings, but Wade will still be running the July meeting. It will be late July or August before I have some idea what will be going on with my voice.

With that out of the way there are a few things that need to be discussed. As most of you know, [see May minutes] the June meeting has been canceled, since most of us will be down in Pueblo at the RMR spring convention. In lue of the June meeting, we will have a regular meeting in July at the Sand Creek Police Station, in addition to the July layout hop. There will be more about this in next month's Milepost.

A little more on the convention. As most of you know, the convention takes place mostly at the Pueblo Convention Center, just west of I-25 at the First Street off ramp. There is a good map of the area on page 16 of the Convention Timetable No 5, which you can get on the convention web site.

Registration starts at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, 12 June, and the convention runs through Sunday, 15 June. In addition to the clinics and layout hops that are the heart of a model railroad convention, this one has trips to the Royal Gorge Route and RGR shops at Canon City Friday and a visit to a live steam model railroad in (Continued on page 3)

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**PIKES PEAK DIVISION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD
ASSOCIATION**

Secretary's Minutes

By: William L. LaFollette

May 9, 2003

Opening Time: 7:39 PM

By: Wade Mountz, Ass't Superintendent

Attendance: 32; Visitors None

Old Business:

1. The secretaries' report was accepted as printed in the milepost by vote.
2. The treasurers' report was given by Frank Pareso.
3. John Emmot declared the module set up at the swap meet a success and announced the convention setup would be on Friday the 13th of June in the AM.
4. Superintendent Bill Poley was present, but restrained the use of his recovering voice.

New Business

1. A motion was made by Jim Lipper and seconded by Bill Poley to cancel the June meeting due to it coinciding with the regional convention. The motion was voted on and passed. The July meeting will be held as usual.
2. Jerry Hansz reported the net proceeds of the swap meet were \$38.00
3. With John Emmot leaving around the end of June; the following duties were transferred: Web Site to Bob Haggart, Modules to Joe Morgan and Jim Lipper,

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**2003 NMRA Rocky Mountain Region
Convention**

**June 12-15, Pueblo Convention Center,
Pueblo, CO**

Milepost possibly to a gentlemen in Pueblo West (name not given).

4. Bob Haggart stated he was still investigating the Non - Profit and tax status of the Pikes Peak Division.

5. Bob Haggart, Awards Chairman, presented Ed Pagels with his Golden Spike Award.

6. Refreshments were provided by Jerry Hansz.

7. Bill Poley announced the region is looking for a treasurer; contact Bruce Burbank if you are interested

8. Jack Sousa advised the group he had a limited number number of NMRA cars in stock in the company store.

Following a short break, the program, a video titled "Working on the Railroad" was shown. More specifically the part which was related to the machine devoted to the removal of wooden ties and replacing them with concrete ones.

Contest winners were as follows;

Diesel

1st place, Bill LaFollette;

2nd place, Wayne Lemle;

3rd place, Jim Lipper.

Steam

1st place, Wayne Lemle;

2nd place, Jim Lipper;

3rd place, Jim Lipper

2 Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.





Modular Musings

By John Emmot

The Steel City Steamer, 2003 Rocky Mountain Region Convention, is now. The Pikes Peak Division is committed to setting up a modular layout at the convention center in Pueblo for this event. A space of 20 X 40 feet has been set aside for us. Considering a roped off buffer around the modules, this provides a layout size of 12 feet wide by up to 32 feet long.

The layout will have all three track modules. The modules include: Wade Mountz 1 X 4ft, Joe Morgan 2 X 4ft, Jim Lipper 1 X 4ft, Bob Haggart 1 X 12ft, Alan Hutchins 1 X 4ft end bridge, Bill Poley 1 X corner, Gary Coleman 1 X corner, Jerry Hansz 1 X corner, Howard Smith 1 X corner, Chris Fox 1 X 8ft, Tom Lawhorn 2 X 4ft, Myron Gelsinger 1 X 8ft. In addition, the clubs 2 X 4ft bridges are available to fill in for any missing straight modules if necessary. At this time, it appears that transportation may be an issue for some of the modules and equipment. It may be necessary to rent a U-Haul or use one of Bob Haggart's vans to get everything there. If anyone can haul an 8 foot module and the rope posts to Pueblo on Friday morning or is willing to drive a van down, please call me at 380-8421.

We will plan to start setup of the layout on Friday morning starting at about 8:30 AM. The convention vendors and layouts officially opens Friday at 1 PM. They will also be open to the public on Saturday (8 to 5) and Sunday (8 to 3).

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.

Since many of the module owners are already committed to jobs in support of the convention, it is important that other members of the Division will agree to operate the layout through the times it is open to viewing. Please look at your schedule and plan to help out. Call me at 380-8421.

Directions to the convention center at 320 Central Main Street are from I-25. Exit I-25 at exit 98 to First Street and go west to the second traffic light. Turn left (south) at the second light (Central Main). The convention center is southeast of the intersection.



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Walsenburg by bus or car on Saturday.

For more information, visit the convention web-site at <http://www.pcisys.net/~innocpts2/>.

As part of the convention, the PPD modular group will be setting up early Friday morning [the hall opens at 7:00 a. m. for set up] and will be running Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For more information, see John Emmot's Modular Musings column.

A little more on the convention. Before the Arkansas Valley Division went to the RMR Board and bid for the 2003 spring convention, they came to us and asked for our help in putting on the convention and we said that we would help them. If you can help, and you have not been in contact with Bob Haggart recently, please call him at 390-8911 or 392-1617 or e-mail to bob@innocpts.com.

One final thing. As your superintendent, I am your representative to the Rocky Mountain Region Board, which will be meeting Saturday, 14 June. If you have anything you want to ask me about the board or its actions, please contact me directly at 266-8989 or Wpoley@aol.com. There will be a short report on the RMR Board meeting in the July Milepost.



2003 Contest Schedule

- January - Cabeese
- February - Freight cars
- March - Maintenance of Way (rail & offrail)
- April - Bent Screwdriver (unlikely equipment)
- May - Locomotives (steam, diesel, other)
- June - NO CONTEST (meeting canceled)
- July - Passenger equip (all types) Layout Tour
- August - Weathering (any item)
- September - Photos (model, prototype)
- October - Automobiles, trucks
- November - Worktrain (loco, caboose, one or more cars)
- December - NO CONTEST Christmas Party

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1st Place Wayne Lemle

May Contest

1st Place Bill LaFollette



2nd Place Jim Lipper



2nd place Wayne Lemle



3rd Place Jim Lipper



3rd Place Jim Lipper



Golden Spike Award



Ed Pagels received his Golden Spike Award from Achievement Chairman Bob Haggart at the May meeting. Congratulations Ed.

July Schedule

As noted previously in this issue, the June and July meetings have been affected by the Convention in Pueblo. The June 13 meeting will not be held. We will add a meeting in July at the regular time on the regular second Friday date at the Sand Creek Police Station. In addition, we will have the annual layout tour on Sunday afternoon, July 13th. The tentative plan is to have the layouts north of Woodmen Road open from 1 to 3PM and those south of Woodmen Road open from 3 to 5PM. We will have the layout list and final schedule in the July newsletter. Contact Wade Mountz concerning the layout tour.

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