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- ***Coverage Of The NMRA Regional Convention***
- ***Visiting UP's Wyoming Steam Shop***



NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 8th, 2018 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).

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.

This Month's Presentation:
Joe Costa will have a presentation on laser and 3-D printing the Castaneda Hotel that he presented at the Cheyenne Convention.

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!

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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SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

By Joe Costa, Superintendent of PPD-NMRA

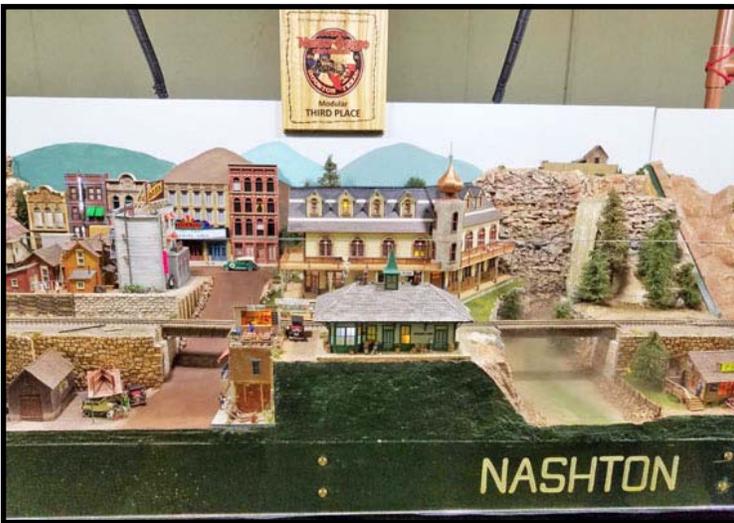
Fun at the NMRA Regional Convention and the Sherman Hill Train Show

Sherman Hill was a great show with lots of great vendors (including Jack, JB and Roy) and layouts.

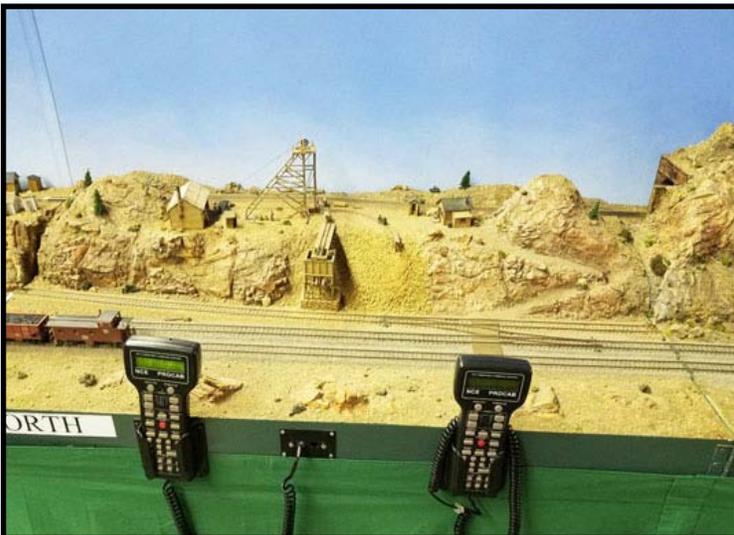
I am a sucker for waterfalls. Here are two of my favorites, both on the same narrow gauge layout:



The line is the top of the Plexiglas protecting the module.



Below is a module that used to belong to Mike Maline. It was left behind at the Boulder Club when he moved away in 2005:



Steam Shop Visit

Neither Kristin nor I had ever visited the heritage steam shop or the roundhouse. It was fascinating. The sign inside the steam shop tells it all:



These are the three engines that made up the Heritage Steam fleet.

The 844 is in good shape:



The 4014 is undergoing a total rebuild. Looking down the track, it is hardly recognizable:

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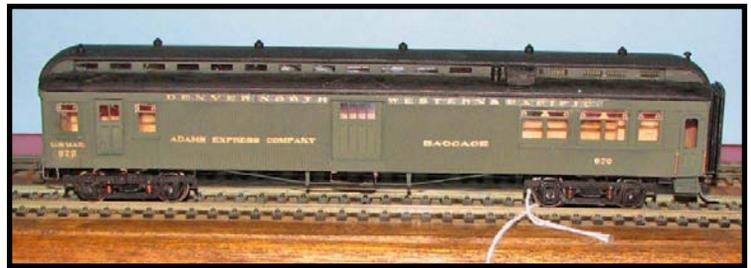
Way in the back is the boiler. Even on a Sunday, there were some serious fireworks going on with it:



Contest Results at the RMR Convention in Cheyenne

John, Kristin and I had entries in the convention modelling contest.

John's log depot was entered in the popular vote in online structures. Although it was not in the top three in the popular voting, it did receive enough points in the NMRA judging to get a merit award. His Denver North Western & Pacific combine won first place in the popular voting for passenger equipment:



Kristin had two entries. One was the Durango and Silverton High Line diorama and the other was in the "little shack in Wyoming" category. My Castaneda Hotel was also in the diorama category --- in fact, it was the only other entry in that category. Apparently, if you put your structure on a base with grass and trees, it becomes a diorama.

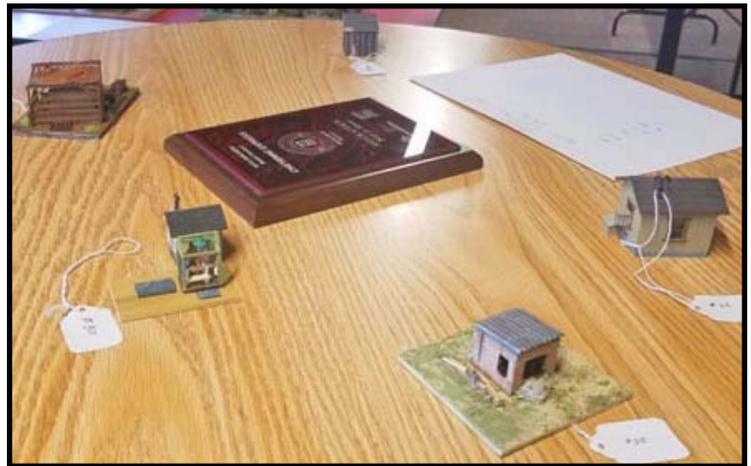


This was the first time Kristin and I were brave enough to submit something to be judged.

Neither, Kristin nor I earned enough points to earn a merit award but she did beat me out by a couple points. So she got first, and I got second there.

The first convention speaker, K. Brown, had a presentation about capturing the "essence of a scene" through photos and then creating a model that expresses that essence. At the end of his presentation he noted that the Durango and Silverton diorama captured that essence of the High Line.

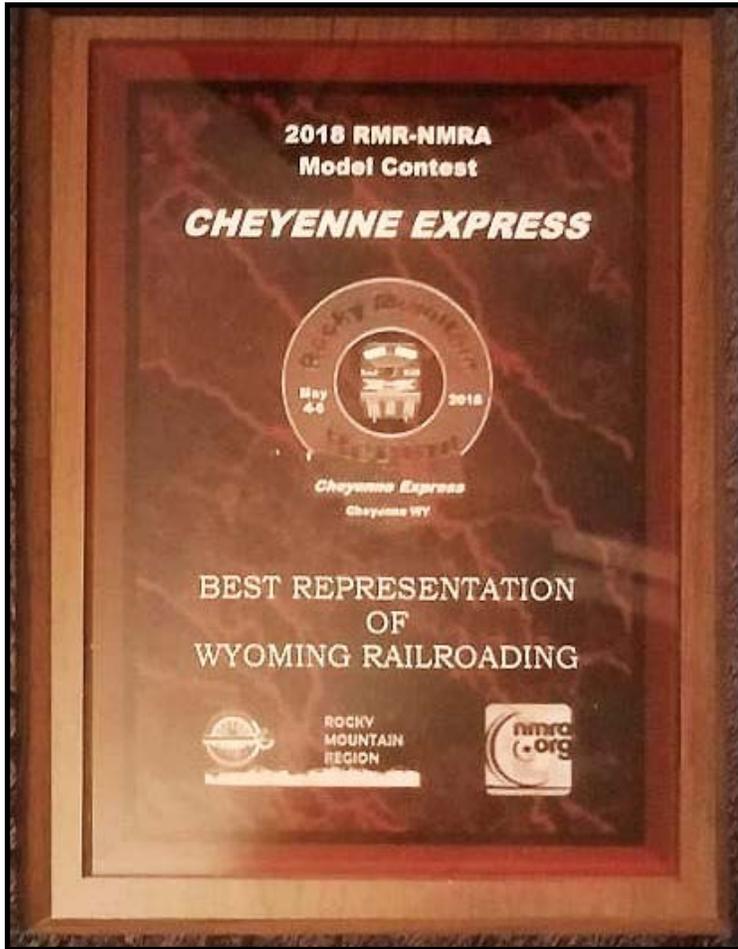
Kristin entered her little shack and didn't beat out the competition in that category but it was also entered in the best representation of Wyoming Railroading category and got the special plaque:



There were many more entries than Gary Meyers expected and there wasn't time for him to write out all the certificates. There are lots of things that judges look for that are not always obvious. He promised to give us some guidelines that will help educate members about what elements can make a difference. We'll pass them on in a future issue of the Milepost.

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Calhan Depot/Train Cars

On the way back from a visit to the Paint Mines we had to drive by the Calhan Rock Island Station. Here are the cars that were moved to the spot.



Roy's Train Store is Moving!

Roy is moving to a bigger, nicer spot around the corner from his old shop. He will reopen around June 15-20 at 2218 East Pikes Peak Ave.

Upcoming Events

Pikes Peak "N"ginners will be at the Florence Pioneer Museum, June 23 & 24.

Pikes Peak Division of the National Model Railroad Association will be at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park on Saturday, July 21, 10:00am-4:00 pm and Sunday, July 22, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Here is a great opportunity to learn about trains and to PLAY! Bring your camera and join us at DRC for this FUN and UNIQUE event.

Pueblo Depot Train Show will be August 11-12. This is one later than normal, the second weekend of August. More details will follow.

TECO 33 will be October 13—14 at Chapel Hills Mall Event Center

Pikes Peak Division Swap Meet will be at Trinity Methodist Church, December 8, 9 AM—3 PM.

Durango Fire

Jun 2 at 10:53 PM

ATTENTION: Here is an update from D&SNGRR regarding its passenger service during the 416 Fire.

D&SNGRR IS suspending all coal-fired steam passenger service through at least Sun., June 10, to ensure guest and employee safety during the containment of the 416 Fire. All guests whose excursions are canceled as a result of this decision will receive full, immediate and automatic ticket refunds.

The D&SNGRR is planning to launch an alternative diesel locomotive passenger service later in June once it has been deemed safe to do so. In the coming days, the railroad will announce all associated details, including fares, schedules, and itineraries, of these new products.

The D&SNGRR also encourages Durango-area visitors and impacted passengers to visit the depot for free museum and scheduled railyard tours.

When we rode the C&T. there was a little speeder following the caboose spraying any little fires from coal embers.

When my grown kids were young, the 1880 train in the Black Hills was coal fired. When a visiting with my grandsons a few years ago, it was oil fired --- they said because of a decision by the Forest Service.

The steam engines of the UP Heritage Fleet, are all oil fired (mainly due to a lack of coal along the mainline)..

MODULAR MUSINGS

By John Emmot, Chairman of Module Group



Several members of the PPD spent the middle weekend of May in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA held their annual Convention in conjunction with the Sherman Hill RR Club show. The combination of the NMRA contest and the tours of the UP shops were enough to get yours

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truly out of town. In addition to that, I was pleasantly surprised with the quality of the Sherman Hill Show. They used a large building associated with the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo with plenty of space for the layouts and vendors as well as separate space for the Convention. A great venue. In addition, they had transportation to the Cheyenne Depot with it's UP museum and model layout and to the UP steam shops and what is left of the roundhouse. This resulted in access to the 844, 3985 and the 4014 in restoration. The E-units and a couple of other retired steamers were also in residence. For those who cared, there was a pretty constant east-west movement of trains with yellow locos on the point.

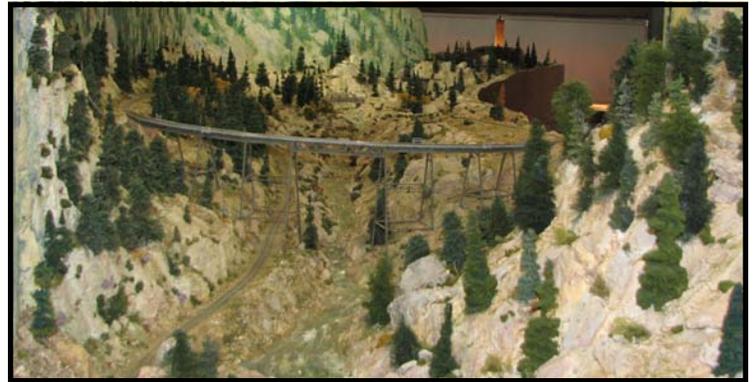
The 844 is working and will be the star of the Cheyenne Frontier Days train form Denver. It is the only operational unit of the bunch. The 3985 is in the roundhouse non-operational. It hasn't been run since 2010/11. It is in line for restoration after the 4014 is finished. The pieces of the 4014 are present and making good progress toward full restoration. The boiler and firebox are empty with rivet work on the firebox progressing and the flues ready for installation. The running gear is apart in pieces with new tires on all of the drive wheels. It is 'interesting' to see the components of a locomotive of this magnitude spread around the shop. Sorta looks like a Mantua kit. They are still saying it will be back together in time for the 150 anniversary of the Golden Spike in May of 2019.



The HOn3 layout of the Clear Creek Canyon created by Harry Brunk is now fully installed in the upstairs of the Cheyenne Depot. I have seen videos of install process, but it is now finished and looks like it was built in place. Mr Brunk's original locomotives, while they still look great, have all been replaced by Blackstone models. The layout certainly matches its reputation. It is a wonderful recreation of Clear Creek in the 1920/30s.

The Sherman Hill group had a great show. Lots of layouts in various scales. The vendor list went from latest technical sound and decoders, to toys, to tools, to plenty of new and second hand cars and structures. I'm told that this is normal for this event. Everyone I talked to had good things to say about their history. As an aside, we discovered that the club also operates a permanent layout in a storefront in a local Mall on weekends.

The NMRA contest was well attended. While it wasn't huge, it took Gary Meyers by surprise. There were many good entries in a variety of categories. A couple of single entries, but generally there was competition in the types. My latest Pullman combine was picked as favorite passenger car. My Arrow log depot had lots of competition for favorite, but it did earn 108 merit points to qualify for a Merit Award. Joe and Kristin also had entries and Kristin came away with the 'Best of Wyoming' plaque.

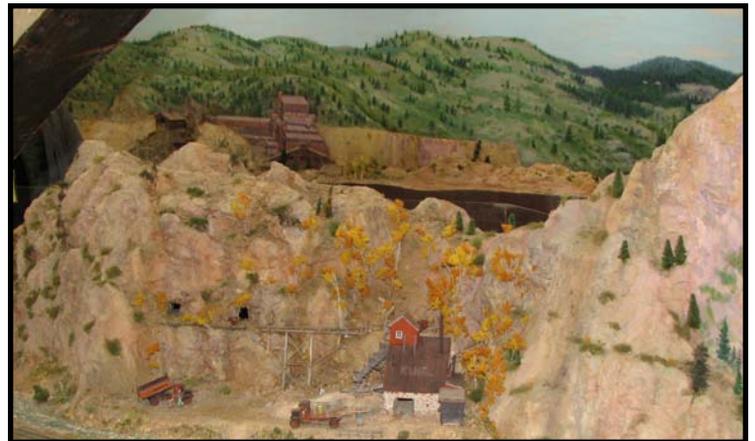


Our next scheduled module setup is July 21-22 at the Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park. It comes with a Friday setup and Sunday teardown. At this time I have Buco and Fuerstenberger on one side and Maline and Costa/Phillips on the other. Let me know if this isn't correct. You don't have to have a module in the layout to run trains. I intend to have a signup sheet for trains at the July meeting.

After that it is: TECO at Chapel Hills on 13-14 October and a PPD show at the church on 8 December.

There were a couple of omissions from last months Musing due to my not checking the file before I sent it. "LaFollette spent an hour with a nice AM-TRAK train. Mary ran a string of Myron's old-time refers. Sunday teardown went pretty smooth with about the same cast of characters plus Pawlicki and Goncse. We were out by 5:15."

See ya all 'round the roundhouse.



CONTEST CORNER

At each monthly PPD-NMRA meeting, a contest is held. A contest must have at least three entries for voting. Below is the 2018 contest schedule:

- June *1 Square Foot Contest* (anything that will fit within 144 square inches)
- July *Refrigerated Boxcar*
- August Structure (not railroad, not commercial — i.e. house, farm or ranch, church, shack, etcetera)
- September *Ready-To-Run Railcar* (Can be scratch-built, kit-bashed, and/or modified railcar — such as: critter, inspection car, motorcar, or other powered conveyance that runs on rails. The vehicle must run under its own power. Awards by popular vote with emphasis on most unique, cute, funky, broken down, falling apart, humorous, etcetera)
- October *Judged & Open Contest*
- November *M.O.W. Equipment*
- December Christmas party (no contest)



MEETING MINUTES

For The May 2018 Monthly PPD Meeting

Called to order by Superintendent Joe Costa at 7:00 PM.

Visitors: James Bynes (retired 1 year ago; loves trains; hopes he can learn a lot from everyone).

Module setup at Dinosaur Resource Center, July 21st or 28th, 2018, in Woodland Park, 2-days.

TECO show discussion. Thanks for the *Fuerstenberger Express*; electrical outlets are an issue; next TECO is in October (see ad in this issue of *The Milepost*. Theme will be Rock Island.

Last month's minutes and this month's treasurer's report both passed.

Discussion about a couple of orphan modules. Wade volunteered to fix one or two up.

Discussion about Cheyenne Convention. Several members are going to this event.

Charalee is looking for more monthly meeting clinics/shows. Joe will do next month's meeting.

Talked to Dusty about a swap meet on December 8th, 2018. Meeting party will be on the 14th. He is looking for a publicity person.

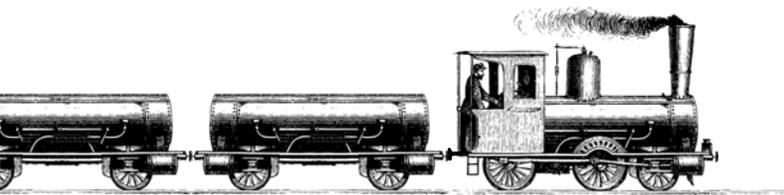
We average \$500 to \$800 at a swap meet. Motion passed to have the swap meet on December 8th, 2018. Also planning a swap meeting in the Spring of 2019.

Kristin brought up summer picnic. Dates?

No contest. There were only two entries.

Irv Johnson presented for the clinic/show.

Mel McFarland had a lot of additional information concerning the Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railroad.



CONVENTION PHOTOS

By Charlotte Mountz



Calling All Model Railroad Fans!



**The Pikes Peak “N” Gineers Model Railroad Club
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**Admission also includes a visit to the Florence Pioneer
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on SATURDAY 26th May 2018**

**We will reopen on June 15/20 at
2218 East Pikes Peak Ave, bigger facility**

**We will be Packing at Bijou 27/31 May
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2218 E. Pikes Peak 1-15 June.**

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