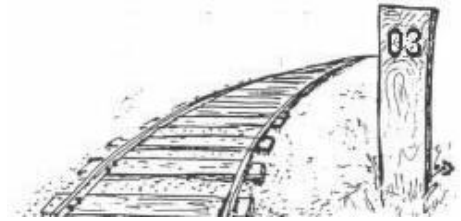


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Steel City Steamer on Track



Superintendent's Notes

by

Bill Poley

Bill is still not up to worrying about trains. Word is that the treatment is progressing and the prognosis for recovery is good. Our thoughts are with him during this trying time. Rest now, because we need you back.

In the absence of Bill's words, I will try to provide some editorial content without resorting to the Model Railroader scheme of rerunning old editors items. While the words may be new, the theme may be familiar.

It is somewhat interesting to look at the state of the model railroad hobby in 2003 and particularly in Colorado Springs. The Rocky Mountain Region is trying to re-energize itself in the face of reduced membership. The reappearance of the Callboard is a good

step in the right direction. At least they remind everyone every so often that they are still around. This Division is also encountering some of the same problems. While I am told that the model train business is still good, we have fewer people attending meetings than when I joined this group about ten years ago. To be sure, there is still a hard core of those who are always present, but the less committed are dwindling at meetings. We know there are still plenty of model railroaders out there. They just don't come out in the numbers that they used to. The Division still has a good number of committed individuals, some of whom are new in the last ten years. We can still find quality people to replace those we lose and to carry out the work of the Division. I hope that the NMRA will find a way to lead in increasing participation in the social aspects of the hobby. Perhaps the NMRA could inform new and renewing members of the Division their ZIPcode assigns them to. I think they do a good job now of standards and the Bulletin, but how do we reach the individual modelers and bring them together? Perhaps the NMRA Bulletin could extoll the virtues of Division participation. Even the Callboard could play up the grass-roots organizations at the Division level. I would be curious to know how many NMRA members have ever attended a Division meeting.

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NEXT MEETING

Friday, May 9, 2003 7:30 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(southeast of Academy and Fountain)

Program: Model Railroad video

By: Ed Pagels

Contest: Locomotives: steam, diesel

Separate voting for each type



**PIKES PEAK DIVISION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD
ASSOCIATION**

Secretary's Minutes

By: William L. LaFollette

Date: April 11, 2003

Opening Time: 7:30 PM

By: Wade Mountz, Assist Superintendent

Attendance: 23 Visitors: none

Old Business:

1. The March minutes were accepted as printed in the Milepost.
2. Frank Pareso gave the treasurers' report.
3. John Emmot reported a successful Module setup at the Youth Outreach Center both in DC and DCC.
4. Bill Poley was still out due to illness, but Wade reported a full recovery was expected.

New Business:

1. Jim Lipper provided refreshments; a volunteer was needed for next month.
2. Wade Mountz, John Emmot, and Bill LaFollette gave an NMRA Program at the West Side Library on April 8, 2003.
3. Wade suggested the Club contact the new members listed in the NMRA Bulletin.



STEEL CITY STEAMER

**2003 NMRA Rocky Mountain Region
Convention
June 12-15, Pueblo Convention Center,
Pueblo, CO**



4. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed, not to provide door prizes at the April swap meet.
5. Jerry Hansz reminded everyone about the upcoming swap meet and reported regarding tables sold. Module setup will be 6 PM Friday evening.
6. John Emmot reminded everyone of his impending move to Kansas and the need for a new Milepost Editor and Module Chairman.
7. Bob Haggart advised the Division's non-profit status was desolved as far as the State of Colorado was concerned.

The Program consisted of an update and call for volunteers for the "Steel City Steamer" convention; presented by Jerry Long.

Following the break, the raffle and contest results were announced.

Contest: Bent Screwdriver

Winners: 1st Jim Lipper, 2nd Jim Lipper,
3rd Bill Lamdin

The meeting was adjourned at
8:50PM.





Modular Musings

By John Emmot

The Steel City Steamer, 2003 Rocky Mountain Region Convention, is upon us. 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.

For maximum action, I would like to have all three track modules. If all available three track modules were committed to the project, we could be up to 36 feet long. Thus, not all of the existing pieces will be required. The layout could be smaller if some choose not to provide modules. The known modules include: Wade Mountz 1 X 4ft, Joe Morgan 2 X 4ft, Jim Lipper 2 X 4ft (one is three to two track and one is an end piece), 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, club 2 X 4ft bridge, Bill Lamdin 1 X 12ft (two track), Chris Fox 1 X 8ft, Tom Lawhorn 2 X 4ft, Myron Gelsing 1 X 8ft.

It would be up to those assigned to operate the layout when or if DCC power and motive power would be used on the layout. It is as simple as unplugging one and plugging in the other to switch over, but the hardware must be scheduled in advance to insure that it will be there.

The desire and intent would be to set

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the layout on Friday morning after 7 AM and before noon. There are home layout events scheduled for Thursday evening and the convention officially opens Friday noon. The vendors and layouts will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

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. While I don't have the exact hours, they will be approximately Friday from noon to 6 PM, Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM and Sunday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Please look at your schedule and plan to help out. Our Division will benefit from any financial success of the public show on Saturday and Sunday so do your part.

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.

This is our convention too. Many people have already expended many hours in preparation for the show. If you can help at all with the activities, please do so. If you can't help, consider attending to support the success of the event.

Times up. Gotta put this thing to bed.

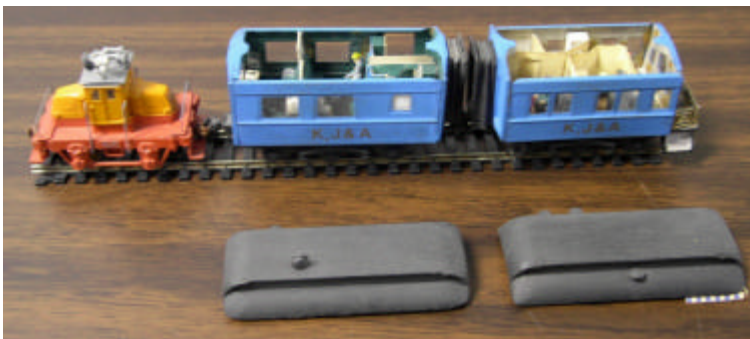


2003 Contest Schedule

- January - Cabeese
- February - Freight cars
- March - Maintenance of Way (rail & offrail)
- April - Bent Screwdriver (unlikely equipment)
- May - Locomotives (steam, diesel, other)
- June - Passenger equip (all types)
- July - NO CONTEST 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

April Contest

1st Place Jim Lipper



2nd Place Jim Lipper



3rd Place Bill Lamdin



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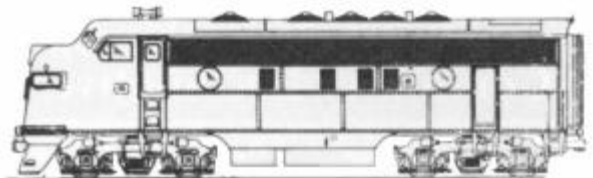
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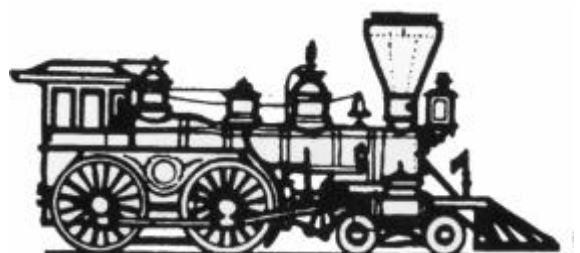
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Odds & Ends

Jerry Hansz still has one of the corner modules that make up one end of our layout. He would like to transfer it to someone who can store and transport it to module setups. See Jerry if you can help out.



This months contest is locomotives. There will be two separate contests for steam and diesel. Everyone has locomotives, so bring the ones you are proudest of for everyone to see.



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