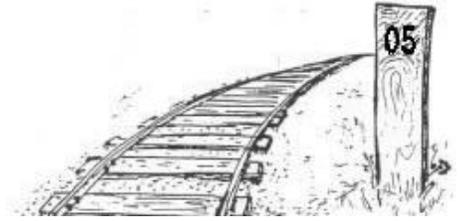


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## November is Model Railroad Month



### Guest Column

By

Ray L. Rhodes

Well, It looks like you did it again. The Trainshow and Swapmeet in Security turned out very well all things considered. In spite of the competition from the Denver show, the PPD had a good show on November 5. Jerry Hansz worked hard and ended up with 23 tables of vendors. A good mix of big guys with lots to sell and little guys cleaning out the extra stuff in their workshops. I can't speak for everyone, but I heard several vendors express their satisfaction with the day. I don't know that anyone sold many high dollar items, but traffic was steady. While I didn't get a gate count, it was good. There were lots of "civilians" who brought their kids to see the trains. Thanks in large part to Jerry Hansz who posted fliers throughout the Security/Widefield area. Street signs were posted so that if someone got close, they could find the place. With the withdrawal of O.J. Rivas' layout, the module group stepped up and setup a 12X32 foot layout. It filled most of the available space. Gerry Drewes brought his new 16 foot coal operation. While the scenery wasn't complete, he had enough done to show that its going to be impressive when its finished. He and Howard were able to track down a couple wiring glitches and establish it as run qualified. Jerry Hansz also had his new airfield module in the show. The layout ran well with good track and a mix of DC and DCC. For the most part, the folks were entertained by Myron Gelsing and Broadway Limited. He ran several of his sound equipped Pennsy fleet. Howard also ran the Colorado Midland after they got the DC line up. The church ladies prepared an excellent and reasonable lunch for those who wished to eat in place. Thanks to everyone who helped. Ya done good.



### Superintendent's Notes

by

Shirley Stille

Greetings,

I'm looking forward to the show and swap meet Saturday (Nov 5 ed.), hope to see many of you there.

Keep in mind Pike Master's Open house on Nov 12 & 13, and Dec 10 & 11, they support us, we should support them.

The Rocky Mountain Region Convention June 9, 10 and 11, 2006 in Chama, NM promises to be an exciting time with a ride on the Cumbres and Toltec. Prices will be available soon.

The RMR Board of Directors meeting for October has been accomplished by e-mail. E-mail won't be the future of Board of Directors meetings, but it worked this one time.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Shirley



#### NEXT MEETING

Friday, November 11, 2005 7:30 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(southeast of Academy and Fountain)

Program: **Video presentation**

by: **PikesPeak Division**

Contest: Worktrain/Maintenance of Way

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## PIKES PEAK DIVISION

Meeting Minutes  
By: Ed Pagels

Date: October 14, 2005  
Opening Time: 7:30 P. M.  
By Superintendent, Shirley Stilley  
Attendance: 14

### Old Business:

1. The minutes were accepted as published in the MilePost.
2. Treasurer's report was presented by Frank Pareso.
3. Module Chairman Howard Smith announced the next setup will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Security on November 5, 2005. Discussion that followed included future swapmeet sites and dates.

### New Business:

1. Jim Lipper volunteered to be Achievement Program Chairman.
2. The buying of plaques for raffle sponsors was discussed briefly and tabled until January.
3. Jim Lipper reported a disappointing profit for the Palmer Lake module setup and swapmeet.
4. Shirley Stilley informed us that future Board of Directors meetings for the region may be via E-Mail. This would save board members much in travel time and gas money.

Thanks to Ed Pagels who continues to bring the refreshments for the break. The Division appreciates your efforts. (ed.)

Following the break, Jim Lipper presented an excellent program on D.C.C.; D=Do your trucks, C=Correctly fit the era, C=Created.

He discussed the types of vehicles that go with various eras and he described how he added details to off the shelf models.

Everyone picked up hints on modifying vehicles.

### Contest winners were:

- 1st place, Jack Sousa
- 2nd place, Jim Lipper
- 3rd place, Jim Lipper

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

## Upcoming Events

PikeMasters Model Railroad Club Openhouse  
Colorado Springs City Auditorium Basement  
221 E. Kiowa  
12-13 November and 10-11 December  
10AM to 4PM

## 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

Well, I believe we have covered the Swapmeet pretty well in other portions of this edition. What does that leave for me?

November is Model Railroad Month. You can take a train to work. It doesn't have to be a contest model to create some talk in the office. Its just the unusual that might get someone's attention. You never know where the next member might come from.

Speaking of members, I understand that Mat Neely has returned the corner module. He still wants to railroad, but a corner takes more time than he expected. Does anyone want to adopt a corner? The Division is carrying three corners right now. We do have one extra.

I have been reminded of a possible equal to the smallest module setup ever. Bob Haggart ran a single module with dogbones at a Palmer Lake show several years ago.

I believe the Division owes Jerry Hansz a BIG Thank You for picking up the Trainshow and making it a success. Your efforts are recognized.

I believe its time to close this. It has been a long weekend and I'm a day late now. Hope to see you all at the meeting.



# 2005 Contest Schedule

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

## THE 5 NOVEMBER 2005 SWAP MEET

By Jerry Hansz

On November 5, 2005 the Pikes Peak Division held its annual autumn train show and swap meet. We set up the room and part of the HO modules on the evening of 4 November. At 6:30 a.m. on the 5th, we opened for vendors and finished setting up the HO

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modules. 16 vendors filled 26 tables with 'goodies'. Weather was "interesting" that morning, with a sudden snow shower, then clearing skies. Ed Pagels had to brave the snow to get a new cord for the Division coffee pot. Glad True-Value hardware was across the street! The donuts he provided were good.

The public started coming at 9 a.m. The turnout was better than expected, with all the competing events in Colorado Springs and Denver! Beth Hutchins and Ruth LaFollette provided an outstanding welcome for visitors, and stern control over the door prize drawings and myself. Think they enjoy their work! We did need a PA system. However, Jack Sousa provided ample volume, in addition to manning the Rocky Mountain Region Company Store.

We held door prize drawings each hour starting at 10 a.m. We enjoyed watching Doug Summer's sons sweating out the prizes. The final door prize was a nice diesel locomotive, won by an appreciative lady (we forgot to get her name)!

During the day, the kids enjoyed operating the Kid's Train, which was ably managed by Wade Mountz. It also was used on occasion as a test track. Jerry Drewes, Howard Smith, and Myron Gelsing operated the HO modules. Myron's DCC locomotives with sound were a hit!

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary provided lunch, which was enjoyed by many of us. The soft drinks from the Columbus Club lounge were welcome.

At the end, we drew for the vendor's table refund. Terry Sharpton was the lucky winner.

After a busy and enjoyable day, we tore the whole thing down at 3 p.m. and departed for a welcome rest!



# October Contest Winners



First Place - Jack Sousa



Second Place - Jim Lipper

Third Place - Jim Lipper

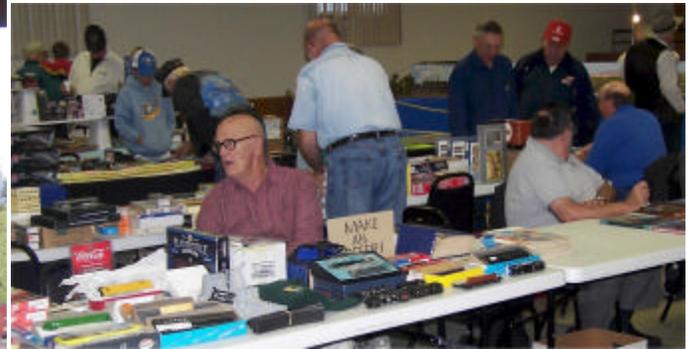


Deadline for Milepost material is two weeks prior to the regular meeting date. If you have material that you want published, please contact the Newsletter editor.

# Pictures from the Trainshow



People and trains.



Gerry Drewes' coal works.  
Lots of switching possibilities.



Jerry Hansz' WW II airfield.

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