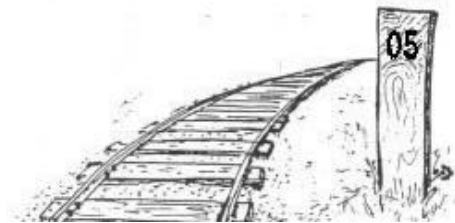


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PPD Trainshow Nov 5



Superintendent's Notes

by
Shirley Stillely

The Rail Meet at Palmer Lake was a success, I'm told, was unable to attend. Surely was a great day for it.

An e-mail from Jerry Gridley apologizes for offending the model railroading community. Not sure what he did to offend us, perhaps some one else does.

So far no table reservations for the swap meet in November, perhaps they're just slow getting them in or we may end up with a module setup.

RMR President Carlson has scheduled a BOD meeting by e-mail this month due to high gas prices and long commute for some, especially Road Runner Division in Carlsbad, NM. We shall see how it goes. Expect to receive it this week and know more by meeting date.

See you at the meeting.



NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 14, 2005 7:30 PM

Sand Creek Police Station

4125 Center Park Drive

(southeast of Academy and Fountain)

Program: **DCC?**

by: **Jim Lipper**

Contest: **Automobiles, trucks**

Guest Column

By
Ray L. Rhodes

Congratulations on being a part of the successful railroad day in Palmer Lake. Howard and company were able to setup a 24 X 12 foot layout in the Townhall. SlimRail was in the Townhall too with the Nginers in the firehouse next door. The public had three great layouts to railfan. The swapmeet held in the school was a success too with more than thirty tables of vendors. A good time was had by all. The PPD was represented by Howard Smith, Joe Morgan, Bill Lamdin, Bill Poley, Gerry Drewes, Matthew Neely and his Dad. A couple of orphan corners rounded out the layout. With a couple of twelve foot modules, a couple of bridges and the ends Howard was able to fill the space allotted. Coming so close to the end of the State Fair, many of the Division module players were unable to muster the ambition to attend. There in lies an advantage of many module owners, at least a few will be up for a show. This was about the minimum needed to put on a show. The Rail Festival is a town event of Palmer Lake and this year they retained more of the gate to cover their expenses. That made the financial return a bit disappointing, but all of the module groups were in the same boat. Money notwithstanding, Palmer Lake is still a great venue for railroading. It would be premature to ruleout any future association with the event. While it is nice, even necessary, to bring money into the treasury, it is not your main purpose. You have done lots of "free" shows and you will continue. You need exposure to potential modelers and you need a forum for your modelers to show off their skills and talent. Having said that, the PPD has an opportunity to help itself. You have a Trainshow scheduled for November 5th. At this time swaptable reservations are slow. Your best option is to do the work necessary for a big turnout of local train watchers, not train buyers.



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PIKES PEAK DIVISION

Meeting Minutes
By: Ed Pagels

Date: September 9, 2005
Opening Time: 7:30 P.M.
By Superintendent, Shirley Stilley
Attendance; 16
Visitors: 2

Old Business:

1. The minutes were accepted as published in the MilePost.
2. Treasurer's report was presented by Frank Pareso.
3. Chris Fox commented on the fine job done by the module group at the State Fair.
4. Shirley Stilley announced that the turn out for layout tours was much less than expected.
5. Swap meet chairman Bob Haggart resigned for health reasons. Jerry Hansz volunteered to take over the position.

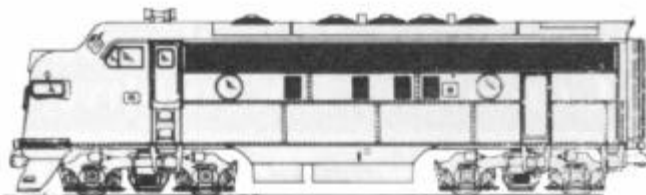
New Business:

1. Jim Lipper reminded all of the up coming swap meet and module set up in Palmer Lake on September 24, 2005.
2. Discussion involved affordable sites for future swap meets.

Following the break, Howard Smith presented a program on building structures from 3x5 index cards.

Contest winners were:
1st place- Alan Hutchins
2nd place- Alan Hutchins
3rd place- Bill Lamdin

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.



Upcoming Events

SlimRail Model Railroad Show & Swapmeet
Masonic Center, 1150 Panorama Dr, Colo Spgs
15 October, 9:30am - 3:00pm

PPD Swapmeet and Trainshow
Knights of Columbus Hall
567 Marquette Drive, Security, CO
November 5, 2005

PikeMasters Model Railroad Club Openhouse
Colorado Springs City Auditorium Basement
221 E. Kiowa
12-13 November, 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

Well, since I was among those who did not make it up to Palmer Lake, I don't have any pictures of the event to share with the readers. I understand it was a good show and well attended. Howard had as much layout as the room would permit. They used the DC/DCC combination controls, but didn't have enough operators to keep trains moving on every track all of the time. A big Thank You! goes to all who did participate in the show. The next event is closer to home and is more significant to the Division. We have scheduled a show and swapmeet for the first Saturday in November. We all knew it was the first day of a GATS show in Denver and it appears that that may have had an impact on the willingness of the big vendors to participate in our show. However, there are a great number of local folks who will not know or care about the Denver show. We must do everything we can to bring out the casual families here who will take their kids to see the trains. We must reach them and then we must have a good layout to entertain them when they show up.

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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

Wade Mountz and Jerry Hansz have done a good job of getting the event advertised in the model RR press and the local media. I have reproduced the flier with this issue. If everyone who gets it would hang it on the bulletin board in their local grocery store in the first week of November, it would help a lot. This is one where we need the whole Division to pitch in and help make it a success. We have several layouts committed to attend or available if there is room. I don't know about the Ngeiners, but I heard they had canceled their November show. Don't forget the SlimRail Show October 15th.



Pikes Peak Division, RMR, NMRA
Model Train Show
and Swapmeet
Sat. Nov. 5th
 Admission \$3.00
 Kids under 12 free
 9:00 am til 3:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
 567 Marquette Drive, Security, Colorado
 South on I-25 to S. Academy exit - East to Hiway 85-87 - South to Main St. - North to Marquette Dr. (NE of the Sonic drive-in on Main St.)

For Table Reservations Contact:
 Jerry Hansz
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Vendors and module setup 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Teardown 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL!

For Sale
 Pneumatic Train Whistle, bellows type, four pipe
 \$30.00
 John Emmot 380-8421

September Contest Winners



First Place - Alan Hutchins



Second Place - Alan Hutchins

Third Place - Bill Lamdin



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.

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