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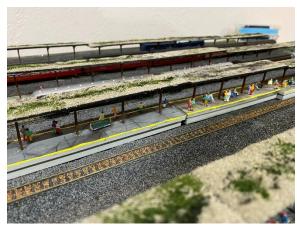
Layout Photos of the Month

This month's three photographs are from Glenn Ginsburg's N scale home layout.

I need photographs for the Herald. If you have photographs of your layout that you would like to have included here, please send them to me. (Ed.)







September Meeting Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunrise Division of the National Model Railroad Association was held September 5, 2024, at Holy Love Lutheran Church. Superintendent William Boorman conducted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Twenty-three members attended in person, and no one joined via Zoom.

William began the meeting by asking the members for a self-introduction and to tell their current model railroading projects.

Tool Time, Show 'n' Tell, the Clinic, Announcements, and more followed the self-introductions. All of these are included in this issue of the Herald.

William adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2024, in person at Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S. Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will also be streamed on Zoom with sign-in between 6:30 and 7:00.

Video of the Month

This month's featured video showcases the restored Great British steam engine 7029 Clun Castle over the last five years. It has lots of steam action and nice views of the countryside and stations.

https://youtu.be/OErSrS5gmu8

Upcoming Tool Time

October—TBD

Upcoming Show 'n' Tell

October—Beer

Upcoming Clinic

October—Colorado Rail Link Bridge—Nick Tomlinson

Reminder

To reduce problems, especially for those who join the meeting on Zoom, we continue to ask that Show 'n' Tell photos, Clinic presentations, and Tool Time photos be taken before the meeting and sent to:

Gary Myers (garymyers06@comcast.net) for presentation at the meeting, and to the editor (rlhoch422@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Sunrise Herald. (Ed.)

Module Report

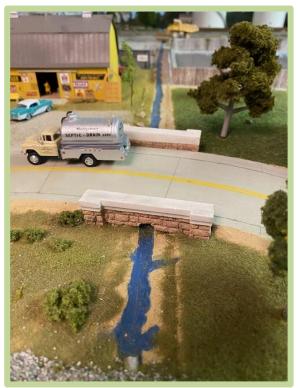
Larry Stephens reported that the wiring replacement continues on the remaining modules.

Show 'n' Tell

This month's Show 'n' Tell subject was **Bridge**.



This working bascule bridge is in Stu Jones layout. The bridge lifts to permit entrance to Stu's layout room.



Two modules meet at this point on Rich Flammini's layout. To disguise the joint, he created this waterway and roadway bridge.





Bob Rothgery showed these two photos of his scratch-built trestle and plate girder bridge. His commentary follows:

The trestle is freelanced, but I did get a blueprint as a guide. It is made from redwood and stained to make it look old. I made a jig out of plastic to help with assembly. The bents contain hundreds of rusted nut, bolt, and washer castings at each joint.

I cut out a section of scenery and rebuilt it to make room for the trestle. It makes a wow factor when entering the train room.

The twin bridges are of two types. The lower one is a trestle built lower and shorter than the one above. The plate girder bridge is made from scrap girder pieces. I carved the bridge abutments and center support out of plaster. The center support is like the one in Olmsted Falls, Ohio. I used to fish The Rocky River under a railroad bridge held up by a similar support.











Rick Elsinger presented these photos of the bridges on his layout. The second photo shows his technique for reproducing rust and the third shows the bridge piers made from wood and painted to simulate concrete. The fourth photo shows the prototype bridge near Chamberlain, SD. crossing the Missouri River.







Dave Dane's HO scale Free-Mo module rendition of the Santa Fe's Abo Canyon Bridge #1 was next.

The bridge piers are 3D prints, and the abutments are scratch built using sheet styrene. Dave used five 90-foot deck bridges from Walthers to complete the bridge.



Gary Myers showed this bridge on the Scenic Lines layout.





One bridge I've have been happy to have been on, the NCC 1701 USS Enterprise.
It was set up at the Henry Ford Museum in

It was set up at the Henry Ford Museum in 2019.

Adam Crews

Don't blame me, I only include what I am given. (Ed.)



Tool Time

Gary Myers gave an overview of Grouper at the meeting. Some Medicare plans allow Grouper to provide a membership discount for participation in a social organization. Gary presented these slides to encourage our members to check on their eligibility.



















Clinic

This month's clinic subject was the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Colorado given by Bob Hochstetter. Many of the slides shown contain copyrighted photographs and so will not be reproduced here.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad began with the March 1849 charter of the Pacific Railroad by the State of Missouri. It was to extend from St. Louis to Jefferson City, Missouri and then to the boundary of Missouri and the Pacific Ocean.

The first locomotive, the "Pacific", completed its five-mile run from St. Louis to Cheltenham on December 9, 1852. In 1872, the Missouri Pacific Railroad was formed from the remnants of the Pacific Railroad. The MP was controlled by Jay Gould at that time.

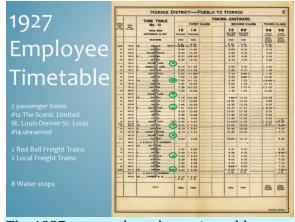
By 1887 The Missouri Pacific Railroad reached the Kansas/Colorado border.

In April of 1887, the Pueblo & State Line Railroad Company was incorporated. Its head-quarters was in St. Louis. Construction of the line was started in June 1887 and completed in December 1887.

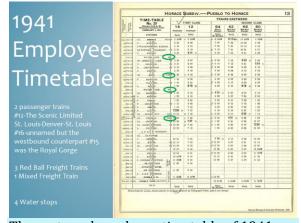
The trackage of 152.1 miles was standard gauge, 60-pound rails with a maximum grade of 0.9%. It was sold to the Missouri Pacific Railroad in January 1910.

The Pueblo Union Depot was constructed in 1889-1890 to serve the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, the Colorado & Southern Railway, the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad.

The Pueblo & State Line railroad (later Missouri Pacific) traversed only two counties in Colorado, Kiowa and Crowley, and terminated in Pueblo County. It was chiefly a bridge route between Kansas City and the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in Pueblo.

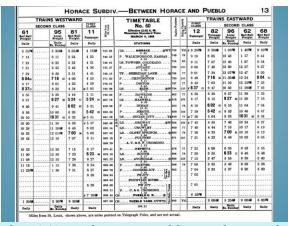


The 1927 eastward employee timetable showed two passenger trains, the #12, The Scenic Limited which ran from Denver to St. Louis, and the #14, which was unnamed. The timetable also showed two Red Ball freight trains and two Local freight trains. Additionally, it showed eight water stops.



The eastward employee timetable of 1941 had two passenger trains, the Scenic Limited #12 and the unnamed #16. By this date there were three Red Ball freight trains and one Mixed train. The water stops were now down from eight to four.





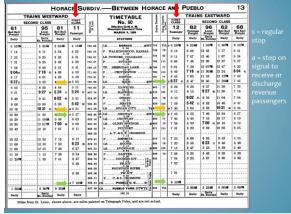
The 1958 employee timetable was discussed in depth. It had one daily passenger train each way, the Colorado Eagle. There were two Red Ball freight trains in each direction, one local freight in each direction and a tonnage freight train every day.

The junctions were pointed out on the timetable as were the areas of single and double track.

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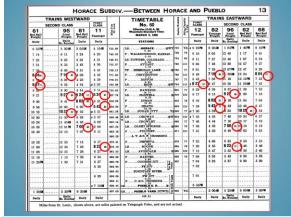
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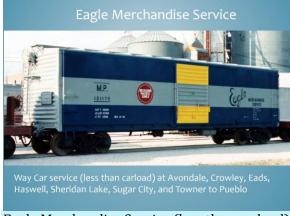


The Colorado Eagle passenger train service between St. Louis and Pueblo was a Missouri Pacific train and between Pueblo and Denver as a Denver & Rio Grande Western train. Missouri Pacific trains #11 and #12 and Denver and Rio Grande Western trains #3 and #4

It was approximately an 18-hour trip between Denver and St. Louis.



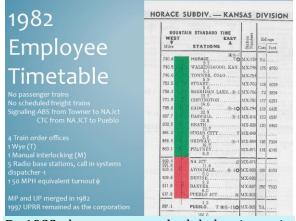
The schedule indicated train meets and these were explained.



Eagle Merchandise Service (less than carload) was available at eight locations.

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There were few on-line shippers on the MP. All, except the Army's Pueblo Ordnance Depot, were for agricultural products.



By 1982, there were no scheduled trains, neither passenger nor freight.



The tracks of the MP are still in operation. They can be followed by driving east from Pueblo on US Route 50 and then Colorado Route 96 to the Kansas State Line.

FATE OF THE MISSOURI PACIFIC TRACKAGE IN COLORADO

In 1996, the Surface Transportation Board approved the abandonment of the former Missouri Pacific Railroad trackage.

In 2004, the Colorado Department of Transportation, which had purchased the line in 1998, leased the line to the V&S Railway.

The Victoria & Southern Railroad had petitioned the Colorado Department of Transportation to dismantle the rails on the 122 mile stretch from Towner to the North Avondale Junction and sell them as rails or scrap.

The petition was denied.

In 2016, the line was sold to the Colorado Pacific Railroad which has continued to make improvements to the infrastructure.





Announcements



Colorado Rail Prototype Meet 2024

The Colorado Model Railroad Museum is looking for all the model railroaders in our region. It has been 15 years since Dave Trussell held his grand opening of the then named, Greeley Freight Station Museum. They had just finished the final touches on the scenery and the layout was complete.

The Oregon California and Eastern Railway became the ultimate layout for running trains in beautiful scenery for the visiting public. Over the years the CMRM has created programming for youth and as a museum focused on the hobby of model railroading, the need for programs for all aspects of the hobby has become evident. There are so many aspects to the hobby of model railroading that there are many kinds of modelers with many interests. This is why the CMRM decided to host our first Colorado Rail Prototype Modelers Meet this September. (CORPM).

What is an RPM? It is a celebration of the hobby through fellowship and prototype modeling. There are modelers who make structures, scenery, mini-dioramas and custom railcars and locomotives. The RPM is a showcase

of their work. There are tables that are set out for participants to bring something they are working on or a completed project. This allows modelers to meet and discuss the hobby as they view the work of others. There are also clinics and vendors to complete the show.

The first CO-RPM will be held at Zoe's Coffee Shop in Greeley on September 21st. It is open to all, even if you don't bring a model for display on the show tables. The cost is \$20 for the whole day, including the free dinner sponsored by SoundTraxx and Iowa Scaled Engineering. Register by September 1st to get in on that free dinner at the CMRM after the show! Attendees can also visit the museum any time that weekend as part of the registration.

In addition to the model displays, there will also be several prominent vendors of model railroad equipment and supplies. Check the website for an up-to-date list. The Estes Park Rails in the Rockies Train Show is also that weekend; you can come to Greeley on Saturday, then go up to Estes Park on Sunday and spend any money you may have left!

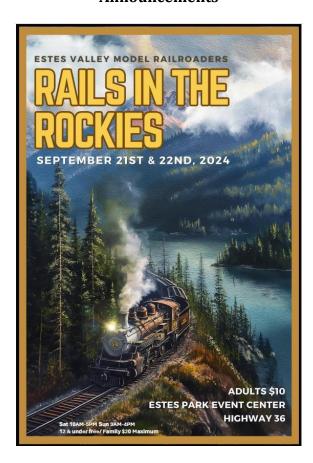
Most RPMs across the country aren't held with a nearby layout; so one of the things we are going to try it arrange to show off special models or products on the OC&E that evening, and possibly other times during the weekend. Each RPM develops a specialty; maybe the Colorado RPM can benefit from the OC&E layout and museum. Details are still being worked out, and suggestions are welcome.

Registered attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a full-scale Operating Session the night before, Friday September 20, at 6 PM. It will be in the same format as our previous Rocky Op and NMRA sessions this past May.

Adam Crews



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Denver Area Mini-Meet All Modelers Welcome

Saturday September 28th, 2024 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lone Tree Library 10055 Library Way, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Gerry Glancy – The Role the Railroads Played in WWII in Europe

Bruce Barrett - 3 Presentations on Various Railroading topics

Sales Tables Refreshments Door Prizes

Registration opens at 10:00 AM, Program Begins at 10:30 AM

Registration is \$5.00

For more information, contact Denny Krausman (303) 880-1879 dkkrausman@gmail.com

The Foothills Society of Model Railroaders swap meets
Green Mountain Presbyterian Church
12900 W. Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, CO

9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of odd numbered months (303)989-0087 or (303)985-1491

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- September 21st 1:00 PM 4:00 PM
- October 12th 8:00 AM 12 Noon And By Appointment - Call Beforehand!

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