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Next Meeting

Our next Division meeting will be Thursday, December 6, 2018, at Holy Love Lutheran Church, South Chambers Road at 7:15 PM.

Upcoming Clinic for 2018

December – Xmas Treat Potluck Movie

The movie is going to be “Runaway Train” starring Jon Voight, Eric Roberts, Rebecca De Mornay.

Two escaped convicts and a female railway worker find themselves trapped on a train with no brakes and nobody driving.

(No unbelievable train stunts like those used in “Unstoppable”)

January –TBD

Upcoming Tool Times for 2018

December – Movie

January – Workbench/Layout Work Lamps
Larry Stephens

Upcoming Show ‘n’ Tell Themes for 2018

December – Movie

January –TBD

Introduction

Although being secretary for the Club was not on my agenda, I am excited to add what I hope is an attractive format to the Herald. The look of the Herald will be slightly different. I'm bringing back the Herald banner used by Tom Frerichs. His Herald is one I can only aspire to. I'm changing the font to Cambria as I have found that it is one of the easiest to read. I'm also applying a newsprint background tint, making it an easier read. The two columns stay but the format should have any article of length split side by side. The order of the columns will also vary to keep articles on the same page. It should cut down on scrolling.

I'll keep the Yard Master started by William. Classified ads or personal train related items such as I need a ride to train event or share a room will run once unless you update me.

William started the trackside photo section of the Herald. I plan to continue with this. Any train, prototype or model related photo will be on the last page and will be a full page. Please send in your favorites with a comment about your photo(s) to jeepnman@ecentral.com

I'm adding "URL" of the month. It will have a couple of train related YouTube videos.

November Meeting Notes

Stu called the meeting to order. We introduced ourselves and gave ideas of what we would like to see for Clinics and Show and Tell. Gary took notes on ideas. Scenery and DCC were a couple of Clinic ideas. Several ideas for Show and Tell were suggested. Larry Stephens was nominated for Secretary and was ~~sentenced~~...ummm...railroader...well, voted in.

URL of the Month

Rail replacement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oh0939ZAlzM>

Sleeper Replacement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSEn9CWKwrE>

Tool Time

Bob Rothgery presented a Tool Time on solving a problem he had with a lattice of cardboard overlaid with plaster gauze. When it dried, the areas between the strips sagged leaving potholes. Bob then put window screen over the sagged part and more plaster gauze and drywall mud. Next he used window screen stapled to the side of the roadbed on the out of view track to catch any derailed cars. The flexible screen allows for track cleaning.

Show and Tell

Passenger Engines



On the left is a Penn E7 and E8. Behind is a UP E7/E8 (I think). In front is a custom painted steam set. Right back is again an E7 and/or an E8. Right is a brass model along with a picture. Next to it is an N scale (my cell phone takes low res pictures and I can't make it out, sorry, I'll have my camera next time). At the back is a Santa Fe FA A-B-B-A.

Previous Clinics

July Basic Track Laying

- Bill Johnson

August Weathering Freight Cars

- Gary Myers

September Microsoft Visio Uses for Model Railroading and More

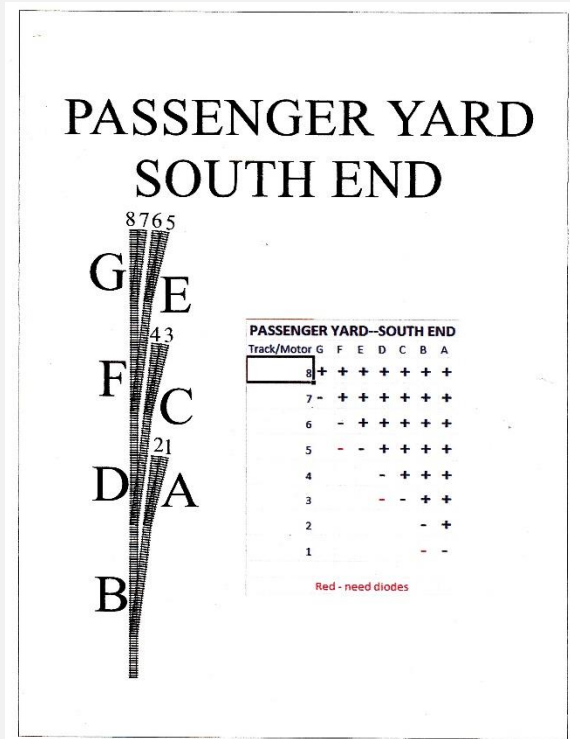
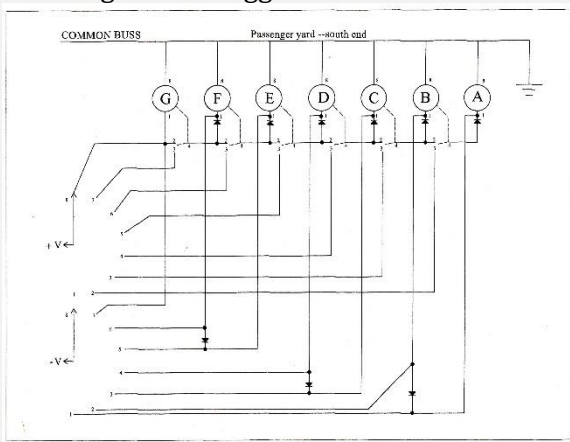
- Larry Stephens

October Royal Gorge War

- Gary Myers

Clinic

Bob Hochstetter presented his Wiring a Yard. Bob did a take on the classic diode matrix used to control multi switches. Bob drew up a diagram using fewer diodes by using one of the two switches located in a Circuitron Tortoise Slow Motion Switch Machine. Each path is controlled by a rotary switch. This particular ladder of 8 switches requires a 2-pole 8-position rotary switch. You only need to dial in the switch you need to use. Using toggle switches to control one route through the yard may require resetting several toggle switches.



Yard Master

No items this month

Upcoming Events

December 8 -- 9AM to 3PM
Pikes Peak Division Swap Meet
Trinity Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th St.
Colorado Springs

December 7-9 -- 10AM to 5PM
The BMRC Train Show
Boulder County Fairgrounds
Hover Road & Nelson, Longmont

Jan 12-13 -- 10AM to 5PM Sat; 10AM to 4PM Sun
Train Expo Colorado
Chapel Hills Mall, Colorado Springs

Feb 16-17 -- 9AM to 5PM Sat; 9AM to 4PM Sun
Rails in the Rockies
Stanley Fairgrounds Event Center
Estes Park

Modules

The Modules were set up at the Rocky Mountain Train Show November 23. The module team of Don Francis, Dick Hunter, Larry Stephens wish to express their appreciation to William Boorman, Rich Flammini and John Keiss, who left their turkey and pies at home unattended to come up and help with setup. Special appreciation goes to John Keiss and son who also came up for teardown.

There were minor glitches, such as some of the new module track joiners needing to be trimmed. The final two modules' set up tracks were added to the unpowered set up tracks of the layout. On the first day of running the Digitrax LNWI Wi-Fi interface kept dropping out. It was determined that the OP's switches for IP address and Wi-Fi channel needed to be changed. This resolved the problem as it worked all day Sunday.

A new event came up with a Junior Engineer Program spearheaded by NMRA (not sure of the facts as I have not received any information on this other than that the NMRA was mentioned on instructions for exhibitors). The kids received a page of train operations with a check off list. The kids actually did some switching and some running of trains at our layout. It was interesting to note that the kids did not grasp the Digitrax controllers that well. When running trains, ringing the bell and sounding the horn, using a cell phone, however, once shown they were off and running. A number of adults were surprised that the trains could be run by cell phone, but not one kid gave it a second thought. Using cell phones might be the way to get kids interested in trains is and to show what they can do with their level of interest these days.

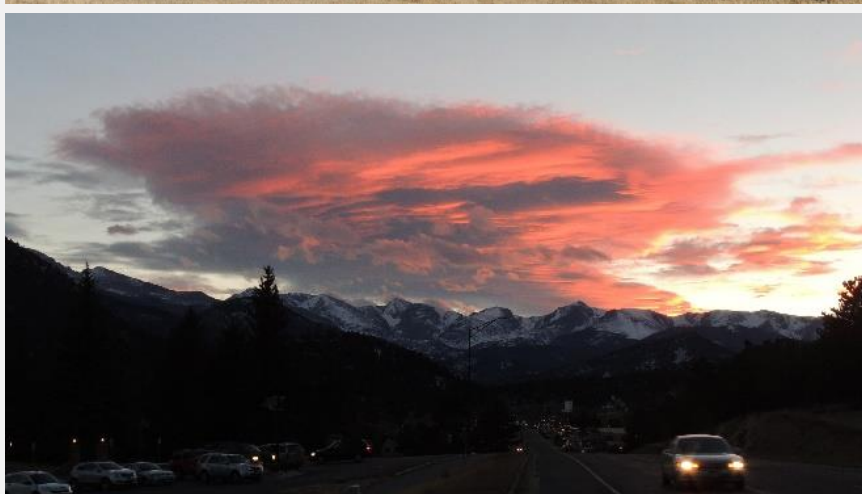
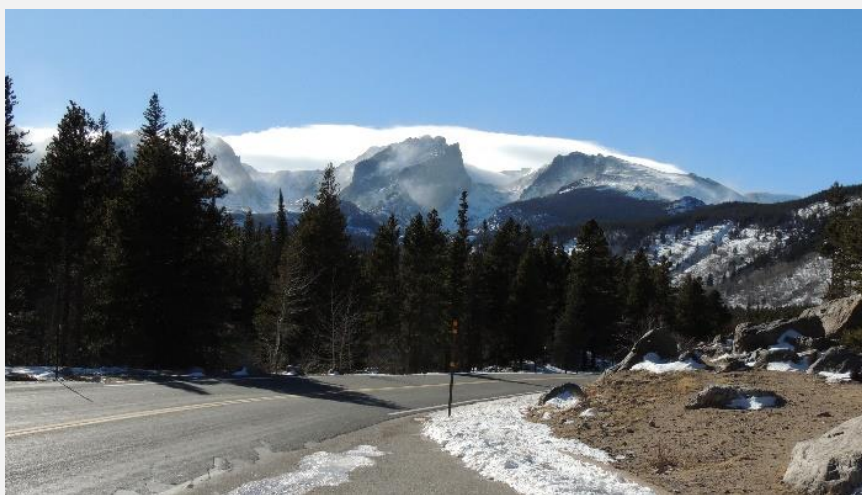
Teardown was started at 3pm and the trailer was loaded an hour and a half later with three very tired engineers, one fireman and one willing young apprentice



Modules (cont.)

We are most likely going to setup the Modules at the Estes Park Train Show February 15 with teardown February 17. There is going to be a need for at least three, ideally four to five, helping to set up and tear down. For those who can make it, it is a good time to take the wife or friend to also see Rocky Mountain Park in the wintertime (See Photos). Come up early, see the Park and then help set up or tear down. We can understand the effort of coming up both times and that is greatly appreciated. Stay the weekend, see the park, bring your trains to run,

attend the show and maybe buy that got-to-have train item you didn't know you wanted, see downtown (imagine walking downtown and not bumping into anyone and no lines), buy some fudge, eat out at a different restaurant. I attended the last two shows with the wife and she's ready to go again. She loves to get out of the house and stay overnight anywhere. The show itself is a lot like the TCA Show. Now, if the weather, which was great two years ago, cold one year ago but if it is forecasted to be dangerous this year, we won't go.





Photos by Larry Stephens

Durango and Silverton north bound Personal Trip 2013



Durango and Silverton south bound NMRA Regional Trip 2016

