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Next Meeting

Our next Division meeting will be Thursday,
 May 2, 2019, at Holy Love Lutheran Church,
 4210 South Chambers Road at 7PM.

Upcoming Clinic for 2019

May – JMRI Decoder Pro– Jon Zook
June and after TBD – OPEN

Upcoming Tool Times for 2019

May - Home Made Tools & Jigs - Bob Rothgery
June and after TBD - OPEN

Upcoming Show 'n Tell Themes for 2019

May - Your Favorite Railroad
June - Non-RR Hobby Item
July - Cancelled for Convention
August – Scratch Built Structure
September – Kit Built Structure
October - Scratch Built Car
November - Railfan Photos
December - Old Time Item

The following web page is for searching the
 Denver Library digital content.
<http://digital.denverlibrary.org/cdm/>

March Meeting Notes

Stu called the meeting to order. We introduced ourselves. Those who brought items for the auction gave a brief description of what was going to the auction block. Rich explained the procedures and rules.

From the Editor

Just a reminder. I'm Not Cheap, I'm Frugal, Yard Master, URL of the Month, and Trackside are your columns. Also the Yard Master column is for classified ads or personal train related items such as needing a ride to train event or sharing a room. It will run once unless you update me.

Another thing, if you are giving a Tool Time or Clinic and have handouts or any pertinent information or comment that would best be seen in print, send them to me. If you want more than a basic review, I can include more information on your topic. This also applies to detailed announcements and to "Show and Tell."

Giving a Clinic or Tool Time is open to all division members regardless of whether you come to the meetings or not.

My email: jeepnman@ecentral.com

Auction

Rich Flammini held his annual auction. His auctions are not just putting forth an item to sell and then going on to the next item. He cajoles another bid by extolling the virtues of the item, "...just the Kadees are worth the price alone." Let's just say, it was a night of entertainment. If you think an auction is boring, you haven't seen Rich in action. Right off the bat we had a hot bidding war between Gary Myers and Dave Clifford. Dave won the bidding at \$16. From there on most everything sold either on the first bid with some going through a half a dozen bids. Some of the items:

Gary Myers—Two craftsmen wood kits
Bob hos—Magazines
Rich Flammini -- Shovel bucket machine
Bob Hos -- Colorado Mountain railroad book
John Kerbaugh ---- Barn and depot
Stu Jones – Scratch built Silk and Tea car
Mike Menze – AHM Steam Engine
Bill Johnston – 2 sets of billboard box cars

The Swap Table

"You bring it; you take it back."

I'm Not Cheap, I'm Frugal

If you use Digitrax as your DCC system, there is an alternative to using a Digitrax throttle. With a DT500D going for \$254 and a DT4D going for \$135, you could, instead, purchase an LNWI for \$79. The LNWI is a Wi-Fi interface that you can control trains using a smart phone. Using Engine Driver from Google Play Store, you can run up to four engines and use four smart phones per one LNWI. Whether your layout is small or requires many operators, there can be big savings. You can have an operating session with an RSVP of BYOCP (bring your own cell phone).

RIP Track

Correction Track Side: DLCX is a reporting mark for Waste Management but not a train reporting mark. DLCX is for Diesel Locomotive Company, (now that makes more sense). They provide quality locomotives that do the job - from 900 -1500 HP EMD switchers to GP9-SD18 units, as well as larger 40-2 and Dash 3 locomotives. I had both engines as SDs but they are both GPs. I also misspelled John Kiess. I had it as John Keiss.

URLs of the Month

I have one non-train video but going to keep this column fresh with something different:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvUU8joBb1Q>

This is a montage of some nice trains with a nice relaxing song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8GsXKdKKLg>

Yard Master

Anyone have any M V Products L149, L173 and L180 lens that you don't need? I'll pay EBay rates...Larry jeepnman@ecentral.com

Tool Time

Micro Brushes, Pipe Cleaners and Cotton Swabs

Larry Stephens gave us a refresher of some of the uses of toothpicks, swabs, pipe cleaners and micro brushes.

Toothpicks have been used for years as a way to place a drop of glue or oil. Larry also used one end roughed up with sandpaper to work a drop of rust paint in the springs of trucks. When clipped to a third hand device it can reach into hard to reach places to hold items in place for soldering and gluing.

Cotton swabs are used to remove lettering, to clean small parts for painting and works quite well for cleaning wheels. The swabs from Dollar

Tree are better than Q-Tips because they are harder and don't unravel so quickly. For locomotives there is a better way.

Larry has found that pipe cleaners are very good for cleaning locomotive wheels as it can clean the space between the wheel and flange. When the end is bent as a hook, it makes a quick brush to weather wheels.

Micro brushes find uses in weathering fine lines, applying precision amounts of glue, clean truck journals, applying solder flux and weathering track rails. Have some on hand. I'm sure you'll find more uses.

Upcoming Events

May 4--Big Boy will be leaving Cheyenne at 10AM traveling through Laramie and on to Rawlins where it will stay the night. This is a perfect time to see this great engine. Those who have not busted the budget going to the NMRA Convention could also go to Ogden as there are planned activities to celebrate its arrival. There is going to be a meet at Promontory Summit May 9 between the Big Boy and #844. On May 17 both engines, double heading, will arrive in Laramie for a one-day layover. Both engines will head back to Cheyenne on Sunday, May 19. More on the web. <https://www.up.com/forms/steam-trace.cfm>

May 18--19 -- 10AM to 5PM Sat; 12 PM to 4PM Sun
Sherman Hill Model Railroad Show
Frontier Park Exhibition Hall
Adults:\$10 for all Venues (Depot Days)
Children under 12 Free
1312 W 8th Ave, Cheyenne, WY

May 18--19 -- 9AM to 3PM Sat; 9AM to 3PM Sun
Cheyenne Depot Days at Cheyenne Depot
121 W 15th Street Cheyenne, WY 82001
Adults \$10; Children under 12 free

May 25 -- Sat 9AM to 11:30AM
Model RR & Toy Train Swap Meet
Green Mountain Presbyterian Church
12900 W. Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood, CO

Modules

The modules are going to the Spring Creek Model Train Show in Deshler, Nebraska, June 29 and 30. Help is always appreciated. View prototype of that 50s layout look. See brick roads and standalone traffic signals. Interested? Email me at jeepnman@ecentral.com for information, location and motel list for the train show.



Show and Tell

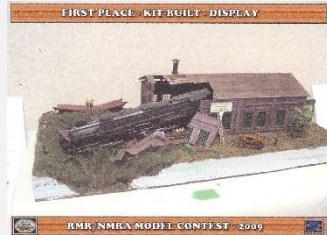
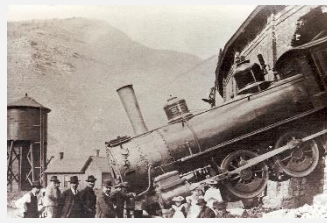
Model/Prototype Photo

There were eight displays.

Gary Myers displayed a photo of the Rio Grande F9 5771 at the Colorado Railroad Museum. This engine had a fresh repaint done in 2008-09. This was the last operational F-unit on the Rio Grande. It powered the Rio Grande Zephyr passenger train between Denver and Salt Lake City from 1971 to 1983.



Dick Hunter displayed two photos. A photo of an engine going through the end of the Minturn, Colorado, round house with a kit built model showing almost the same scene. A (whoops) photo of what appears to be a wooden gondola with the trucks torn from underneath.



Bob Hochstetter displayed a photo of the Colorado Eagle northbound near Colorado Springs. The train departed St. Louis, Missouri, at 4pm as Missouri Pacific train #11. It arrived at Pueblo at 7:20am the next day. Now, with a Rio Grande crew, it is D&RGW train #3 and is scheduled to arrive in Denver at 9:50am. Photo by Otto Roach.



Rich Flammini displayed a photo of himself in front of the Galloping Goose at Telluride.



William Boorman displayed a book of photos that had a prototype photo of the HO locomotive that he owns.



Steve Schweighofer displayed three photos. A photo of the Ophir Loop, an 1880 Baldwin 2-8-0 class 56 "Bill Williams," and a photo of the San Luis Valley Southern Railway Company.



Bill Johnson displayed a photo of the Mountaineer. A D&RGW overnight, Grand Junction to Denver train. This photo was taken by John Maxwell about 7am on July 26, 1947.

The picture has significance for Bill as he was born on that date only a few hours before that 7am arrival and less than a mile from that location at Denver's Saint Joseph Hospital.



Larry Stephens displayed two photos of the same scene. The top is in color and the bottom is done in sepia tone. Larry took the photo at the Colorado Railroad Museum June, 2010.



Track Side



Photos

Photos by Larry Stephens

The photo I used for Show and Tell was 1 of 159 photos taken that day at the Colorado Railroad Museum. I had just acquired a monopod which would allow me to raise my camera up to eight feet above my head. So, like a kid with a new toy, I couldn't resist the Paul Bunyan view.



