



ADDENDUM 1

For those receiving the emailed copy of the Rocky Mountain Region Callboard, from time to time, as pertinent and timely information for our membership is received, we will publish Addendums to the current issue.

NEWS FROM THE PIKES PEAK DIVISION

The Pikes Peak Division is currently attempting to collect the email addresses of NMRA members who live in the Division area. If you live in the Pikes Peak Division, please consider sending your email address to John Emmot at john.emmot@lmco.com. Email is proving to be a great way to keep members advised of meeting dates and times as well as other Division business. It works.

VOTE NOW!

Hopefully all of us have received our NMRA 2005 Ballots by now. If not, I am sure you will be getting yours soon. Voting is important. Read the candidates position and pick the ones you think will be best for our hobby. It is always great if you know something about those running, or if you can find out more. Beyond that, we should all make an educated guess as to who we think is best deserving. Colorado is in the Western District. Each member of our District are entitled to vote for a Western District Director (one of the four running or a write in spot if you wish someone else to have your vote), At-Large North American Director (one of the three running or a write in spot), and At-Large Worldwide Director (two running or a write in spot). When sending in your ballot, be sure to affix the label from your Scale Rails into the indicated box. Your ballot must be post marked on or before May 1, but don't wait until then to do it.

PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR COMPUTER, AND YOUR FRIENDS

Members are advised to maintain a virus checking/deleting software up to date at all times. It is a shame that this has to be done, but there are now so many intruders invading our systems through the internet that those without truly vulnerable. In fact, even those who have up to date virus checking software are bombarded so often that once in a while one gets through and infects our machines. I use Norton A/V 2005. It is constantly running and automatically updates at least weekly. When there are periods of huge invasions, such as the last week of January, I will actually update my definitions daily. I do this before downloading any email. On top of this, at least once a week I do a full system scan. It is not often, but even at that, a virus will make its way into the system and will end up getting quarantined or deleted

during the full system scan. I also put my email through a spam filter. About 95% of my email is recognized spam and never gets to my computer. Not only will you be protecting your own computer, but those of everyone in you address book. Many virus' will not only attempt to infect your computer, but will gather all the email addresses you have and attempt to invade all of your friends computers.....and sometimes the email received by your friend is addressed from you. If this happens, a check of the header will show where most of these originate and the countries they travel through. Russia, India, Iran, Afghanistan, Czech Republic, Poland, and Brazil seem to come up often. So, even if you email goes through virus software at the ISP, it is still best to maintain one on your own machine.

Al Howard, Webmaster

Buckingham Square Mall Show

This weekend (Saturday through Monday) is the Buckingham Square Mall Show. Make an effort to attend. (Set up Friday, Feb 18. Show during Mall Open hours Sat, Feb 19 through Monday, Feb 21.)

This show has been around for a long time and was once just one of about six modular shows in the Denver area. It now appears to be the only one left. There are many reasons why this demise has happened and some finger pointing to go along with the reasons. That said, it is really unfortunate that modular shows appear to be disappearing from the landscape. Mall Shows are great as they usually are free to the public. Kids of all ages from 5 to 80 can see what is going on in Model Railroading, and many of us have really entered into the hobby from seeing layouts at a Mall Show.

Putting Mall Shows on is a lot of work. And when a lot of work is involved, the reward is a large audience.

So, don't allow the Buckingham Show go the way of many of its predecessors. If in the Denver area this weekend, show up. If you know of anyone, especially those who have young children, who live in, or will be in, the Denver area this weekend, give them a little nudge to go to this show.

Buckingham Square is located at the SE corner of Havana Street and Mississippi Ave in Aurora

Estate Sale

The railroad estate of long time member Jack Clark will be on sale at Buckingham Square Mall starting on Feb 17.

Almost every aspect of models is included. Mostly HO, some HOn3, some N-scale, some HO circus, some O scale. Structures run the range from plastic kits to craftsman kits. Some assembled models are included. Rolling stock goes from Tyco to Tenshoda (cheap to brass).

This huge sale will be set up in a store front in the East Wing across from the Sunrise Club.

Hours are: Thursday and Friday, 7-9 pm
 Saturday through Monday, 10 am to 4 pm

Company Store

Work on our web page's Company Store is currently underway. Hopefully by this time next week, our members will be able to access this page showing all that is available through the company store.

Do you want to be a Webmaster?

Due to advanced stage of cancer, we may soon be looking for a webmaster and assistant webmaster and electronic callboard producer. What is needed for both webmaster and assistant webmaster is a good knowledge of Microsoft Front Page and the interest to do something good and exciting. For the electronic callboard producer, a working knowledge of Excel, how emails work, and again, the interest to do something good and exciting. For both position, a high speed internet connection (DSL, Cable, Wireless) are pretty important.

For more information contact Al Howard at al@rmr-nmra.org with an info copy to Don Strait (DONCMS@aol.com).

Although these jobs take a wee bit of time, they really are fun and rewarding.

RAILS IN THE ROCKIES VIII

The Estes Valley Division reports that the Feb 5-6 Rails in the Rockies show in Estes Park was a success. Although the final numbers are not yet in (waiting one more bill from the Holiday Inn), it looks as if the show paid for itself with a little left over to help with next year's show. The Estes Valley Division wants to thank all the modular groups and vendors who made this show one of the best ever.

Al Howard
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Estes Valley Division