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On the cover:

On the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd 2019, the fun place to be was the **2019 Rocky Mountain Train Show** inside the Denver Mart in Denver, Colorado. They bill this show as “the largest west of the Mississippi river” and it was certainly the largest I have ever attended. This picture was taken just minutes before the doors opened on Sunday. Part II of our coverage is inside....



Western Kansas Division You Tube Page

The activities of the Division are on my original YouTube page, located here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EPv8cQ04rRGAYts-734jw?view_as=subscriber

The Mid-Continent Region Facebook Page

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851848998468077/?ref=bookmarks>

Tunnel motors on Todd Skaggs' HO-scale home layout

Todd Skaggs Photo



Rocky Mountain Train Show, 2019



The 2019 Rocky Mountain Train Show was a truly Unique experience, one that I would highly recommend to anyone. There were twenty-five operating layouts of all sizes, and I was disappointed to have been able to visit only twelve.

Not only were there a large number of layouts on exhibit, but the quality of the modeling was also exceptional, as the rare air of the mountains must activate the modeling gene.

The layouts were spread throughout the Denver Mart building, including many hallways. While walking from one area to another, I came across the layout displayed by the **Colorado O-Scale Modelers**, a smaller layout, but well done.



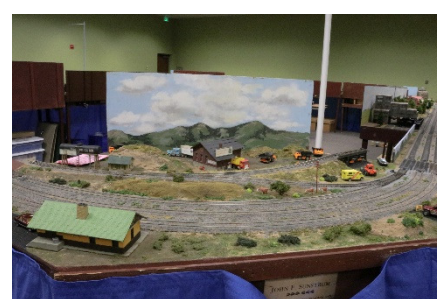
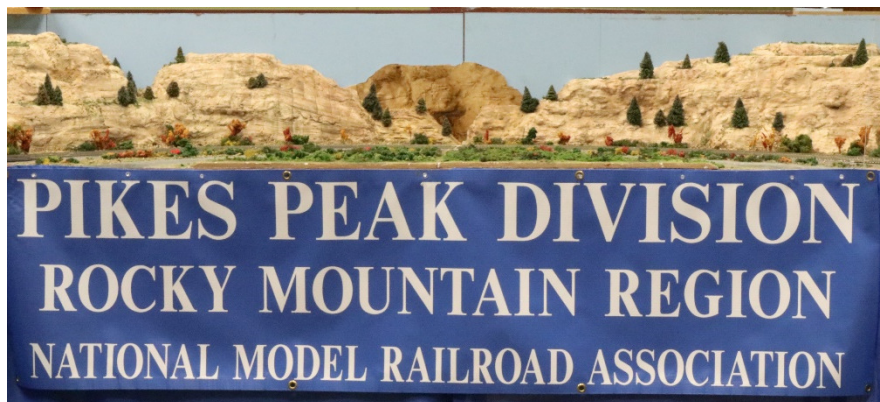
Rocky Mountain Train Show, 2019

More from the **Colorado O-Scale Modelers...**

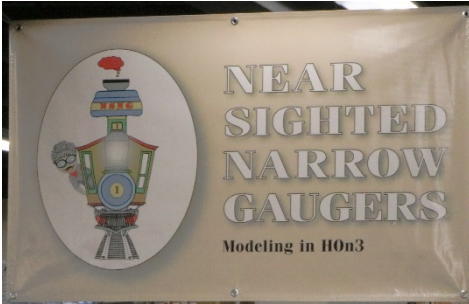


Rocky Mountain Train Show, 2019

The Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA was well represented by the Pike's Peak Division, and their eye-catching HO-scale layout



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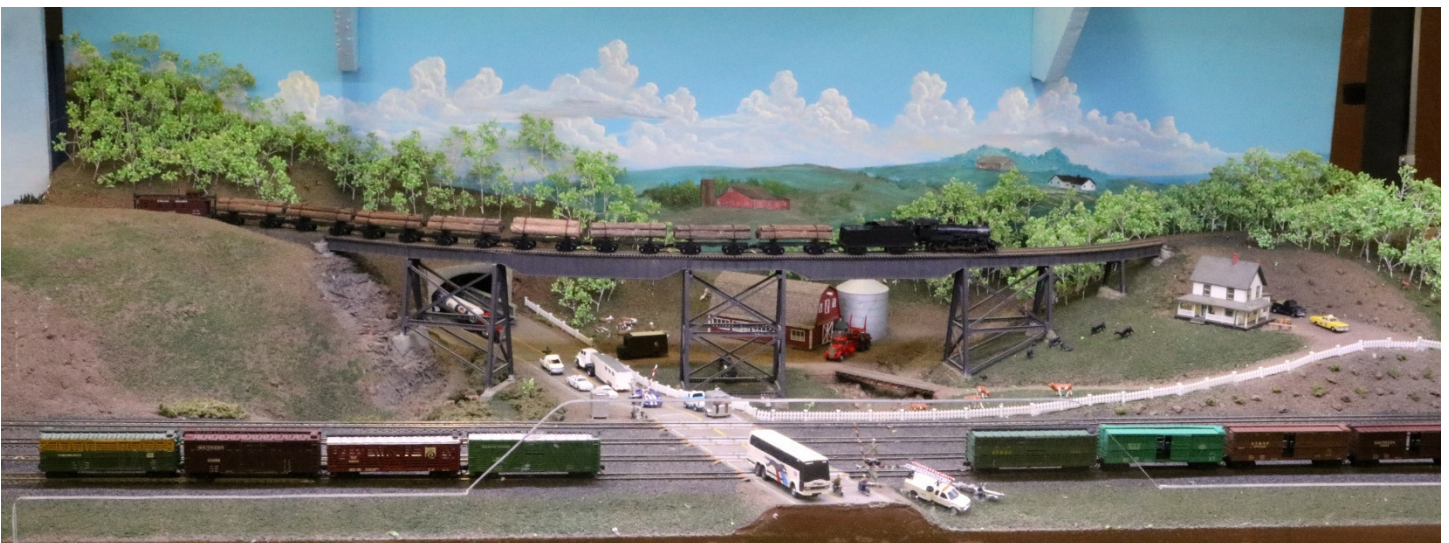


Excellent modeling on display by the **Near Sighted Narrow Gaugers**.

Rocky Mountain Train Show, 2019



The **Denver N-Trak Modular Railroad Club** had one of the best N-scale layouts at the show.



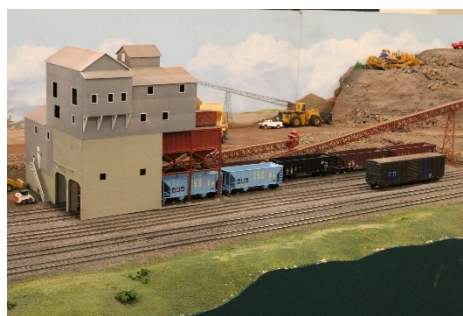
Rocky Mountain Train Show, 2019



The Rocky Mountain Region was also represented by the **Sunrise Division** with their highly detailed HO-scale layout.



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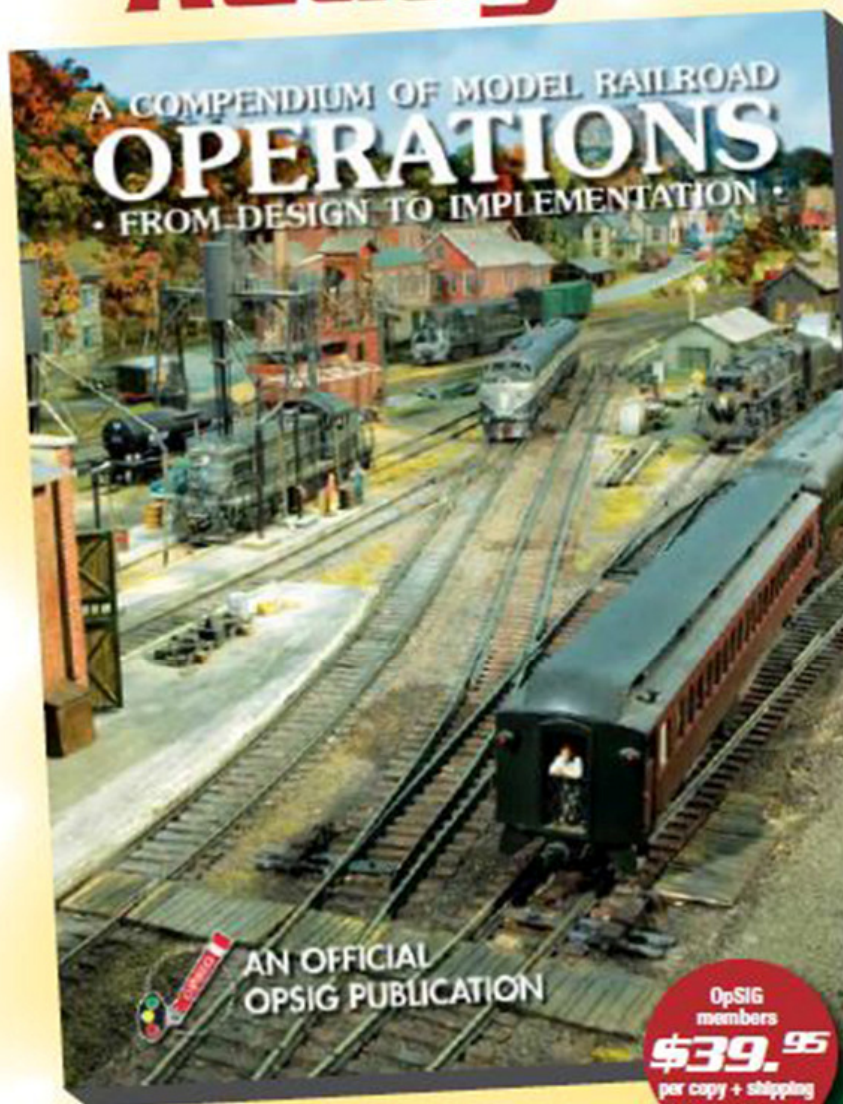


One of the most eye-catching and attractive layouts was displayed by the **Colorado and Great Western Modular Railroad Club**. The detailing on this HO-scale layout was matched only by the weathered rolling stock.

Rocky Mountain Train Show, 2019



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What's New

Todd Skaggs – Dodge City, KS. – HO and N scales

Todd sent an e-mail with some great photos of the new Scale Trains SD40-2T's. Todd writes, "Here are some photos and a quick video of my new Scale Trains tunnel motors. I have a couple of Southern Pacific locos as well but no photos for them yet." I hope to have some more photos of Todd's excellent layout in the future.



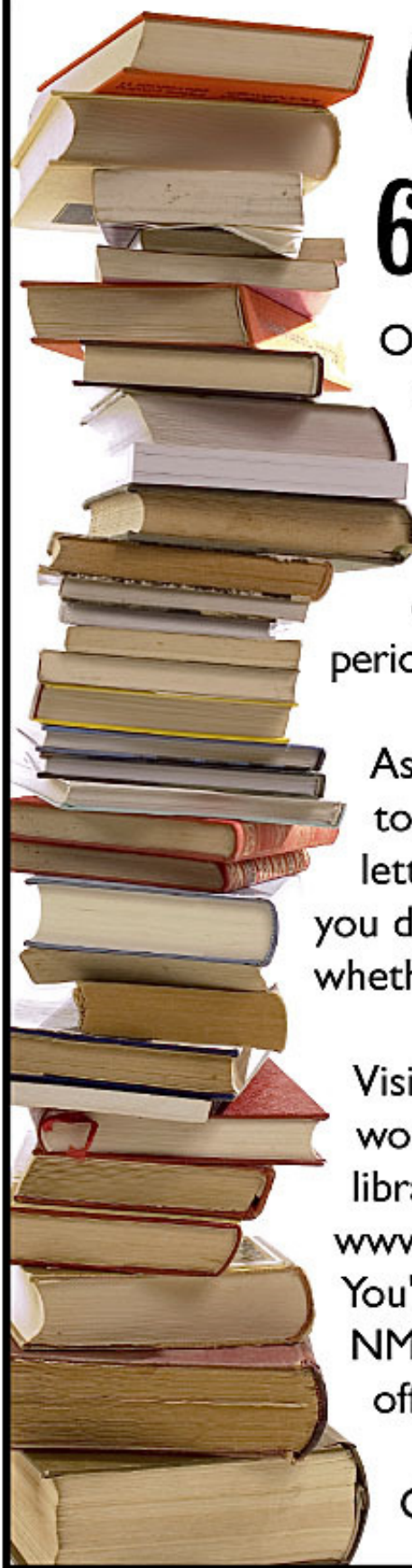
All photos on this page by Todd Skaggs

WKR Layout

Robert Simmons – Garden City, KS. – N-scale

With all the train shows in the recent past, it was hard to make additions to the layout. The scenery crew finally got busy making street signs for the City scenes. New signs were made for Home Depot, Western State Bank, Dairy Queen, and Denny's. The signs themselves were scratch-built from 0.30 sheet styrene while the poles are aluminum tubing. The Shell sign on module 8 had been broken during transport, and it was repaired with 0.60 styrene legs. Now, all the businesses on module 1 have signs, with just a couple on module 14 left to go.





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The Real Deal



Back on March 25th, **Todd Skaggs** caught an unusual sight in the BNSF yard in Dodge City, KS. Todd writes, “Here are a few photos of a friend of mine (the engineer) and his conductor boarding a BNSF Officer Special, and then departing west out of Dodge City.”

All
Photos
On this
Page by
Todd
Skaggs



New Beginnings



Robert Simmons – Garden City, KS

My Wife and I decided to sell our home in Garden City and build a new home in Dodge City, KS. (Above) the basement is dug, the footers are poured, and about half of the wall forms are in place.

(Below) The plan is to build a new home with attached garage but also a 36 x 72-foot metal building. The lot slopes down to the East so the leveled pad was graded for the building.



Date Book

April, 2019

13 th & 14 th Sat & Sun	Arkansas City Train Show (Wichita Toy Train Club) Agri-Business Building http://www.wichitatomytrainmuseum.org/club-shows-1.html	Arkansas City, KS.
13 th & 14 th Sat & Sun	TECO (Train Expo Colorado) Chapel Hills Mall Event Center https://tecoshow.org/	Colorado Springs, CO.
20 th Saturday	SKRS (Southwest Kansas Railroad Society) Curtis Butler	Great Bend, KS.
27 th & 28 th Sat & Sun	Herington Railroad Days Herington Community Building – 800 S. Broadway https://www.facebook.com/HeringtonRailroadDays/	Herington, KS.

May, 2019

3 rd - 5 th Fri – Sun	Rocky Ops 2019 Pre-Registration required http://www.covenantfamilyministriesl.org/RockyOp/index.html	Denver, CO. area
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June, 2019

1 st & 2 nd Sat & Sun	Center Of The Nation Model Railroad Expo Kansas State Fairgrounds http://www.kansascentralmodelrailroaders.org/train-show.html	Hutchinson, KS.
20 th – 23 rd Thu – Sun	2019 Mid-Continent Region Convention NMRA Doubletree by Hilton 2098 Airport Road http://wichitamcor2019convention.tripod.com/mainx.html	Wichita, KS
29 th & 30 th Sat & Sun	Spring Creek Model Trains Train Show Thayer County Event Center http://www.springcreekmodeltrains.com/	Deshler, NE.

July, 2019

7 th – 13 th Sun – Sat	2019 NMRA National Convention Little America Hotel http://www.nmra2019slc.org/	Salt Lake City, UT.
27 th Saturday	Turkey Creek Division Annual Train Show (+ Layout Tours) Shawnee Mission North High School	Overland Park, KS.

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On The Back Cover:

We have all had a concern that young people are not entering the hobby as before, one excellent way to promote the hobby is through the Junior Engineer Program. This program was developed by the WISE Division of the NMRA and is spreading. I am presenting to the Mid-Continent Region Board of Directors the particulars of the program to see if we can also establish a similar program in our Region. The Western Kansas Division was able to participate in this program and it worked quite well.

The parents bring their interested kids to the registration table (above) and younger children are given a sheet of easy questions they answer at the program layouts in the show. Returning participants or older kids are given a list of “duties” they need to perform, such as operating a train, or switching actions.

Placing a throttle into their young hands is the best way to get them interested in this fascinating hobby.

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