

# Estes Valley Model Railroaders

## Meeting Minutes, 4 January 2012

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Attendees: Hugo Ehret, Dick Oldberg, Ron Meskimen, Joe Walsh, Rex & Sheridan Beistle, Bob Trump, John McCarthy, Gordon Goff, John Thut, Dick Putney, Rich Bray, Fred Mares, Scott Wilseck, Jan & Siv Verschuur, Joel Albeck, Richard King

Secretary: Don Widrig

President Bob called the meeting into some semblance of order at 633pm. Welcome to new members and guests (of which there were none). Treasurer Robert T opened his wallet and collected the \$10 annual dues so he could go to Mexico (kidding). Moved-Oldberg/Seconded-Bray/Passed to receive and approve November meeting minutes. Moved-Rex/Seconded-Bray/Passed to receive and approve the summary Treasurer's Report from Robert T.

**Elections:** The group actually consists of overlapping organizations, the NMRA Club and the local Club. Pres Bob announced the results of the 7 December 2011 election of NMRA Club officers:

- President: Bob Trump
- Vice-president: John Thut
- Treasurer: Robert Trumbull
- Secretary: Don Widrig

The same slate of officers was proposed for our local Club. Moved-Oldberg/Seconded-Rex/Passed by acclamation (except for a lone dissenting vote from Widrig ☺).

Pres Bob announced that the Directors for the Club have been selected. This does not require a vote of the membership. The directors are:

- Rex Beistle
- Jim Thompson
- Lynn Patten

Pres Bob announced that the next Officers and Directors meeting will be held at his house on Saturday, 21 January. Time: 1pm – 4pm + potluck dinner afterward.

**Rails in the Rockies Update:** The RITR draft floor plan was passed around for review by the membership and a few tweaks were suggested. Kudos to Lynn Patten for the excellent and informative proposed floor plan for the show.

**RITR Flyer Distribution and Pizza Party:** John Thut announced the flyer distribution to the merchants, lodgings, and other establishments will take place starting at 3pm on Friday, 27 January. Teams of two people will work areas defined by John. Members signed up for the duty during this meeting. They will meet at McDonald's fine food establishment at 3pm to get their packets to distribute. Eager beavers can pick up the materials earlier at Bob T's house or John T's house. The plan is to start at the outward end of each area and work inward. Upon completion at 5pm, the teams will convene at the Village Pizza restaurant in Lower Stanley Village for celebrations and libations. Pizzas are on the Club but the members have to purchase their own adult beverages.

**Library Partnerships:** Bob and Laura met with the head of the Children's Services at the Library, Kerry Aiken, and discussed plans for various kid projects at the Library. In addition, opening ideas were bandied about regarding having kids paint a RR-themed picture for RITR and then having a judging and prizes. A related topic of kid's photos of the RITR convention was also discussed.



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In late July/August, the Library was interested in having activities at the Fairgrounds. Probably consist of a ride-on train layout (where does this come from?) and having the Club kid layout on display. More work needed here to flesh out these ideas.

**Quiet Please!** In response to the rowdy bunch of Club members, Bob pleaded (over the crowd noise) to have more respect for speakers and other Club business instead of having so many small conversations.

**DVD Returns:** Robert T mentioned that we have quite a few overdue DVDs from the Club's lending library. He requests that everyone bring back their DVDs in a timely manner or he will send a fierce DVD collector to recover said DVDs.

**O-Gauge Layout Tour:** Scott Wilseck mentioned that David Gehagan is willing to have an open house on January 23 to show off his O-gauge layout. If anyone is interested, they should contact Scott directly for details and to arrange transportation.

**Adhesive Presentation** (I'm stuck on you, the theme song of the ACC glue people):

**Scott Wilseck** presented an informative mini-talk on his favorite adhesives, with his favorite being yellow carpenter's wood glue. The cited pros and cons are:

- Can buy by the gallon (cheaper)
- Can make small batches from the gallon
- Sniffable without rotting brain cells
- Dries quicker than white glue
- Will scrape off when dry
- Dries transparent
- Titebond III dries slightly orange
- Can be spread with finger
- Can be diluted with water



**Dick Putney** uses a variety of adhesives for different parts of his model work. He demonstrated with a small structure.

- Used ACC for fast drying of same type of materials.
- Used yellow glue for wood parts.
- Used 5-minute 2-part epoxy for strength, especially on corner joints.
- Used Crystal Clear for windows.
- Used Woodland Scenics Hobby Tack for parts that need to be removable.



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Part of his technique is the correct selection of applicators. Here is a photo of his recommended applicators:

In a complete non-sequitor, Bob T mentioned sending articles to the Callboard. I don't make this up: I just write down what happened. Now that we're out of order, Bob went on to show the proposed 15<sup>th</sup> RITR Anniversary logo. Club liked it.

Getting back on track (pun intended), **Rex Beistle** talked about his sticky experiences.

- Recommends using a sewing needle to implant teeny tiny drops of ACC. Cut the head off of about half of the eye of the needle to make a tiny fork-like applicator.
- Has used Titebond I, II, and III for wood kits
- Recommends use of micro-brushes for detailed work
- Showed a simple wooden stand to hold bottles and brushes so they are unlikely to tip over
- Recommends Formula 560 Canopy Glue
- Uses Weld Bond for strength
- Recommends Tacky Glue in liquid or spray form for removable joints
- Discussion of the hazards of using MEK (Methyl Ethyl Ketone), especially in closed areas. Modern solvents and glues are better and safer.
- Model Master Liquid Cement for plastic models
- Testor's Clear Part Cement & Window Maker for windows
- Turn a shot glass upside down and use the bottom of the glass (now on top) as a tiny reservoir to hold small amounts of liquids



Rex then showed off his test track and the wonders of using DCC to control Tortoise machines to build a ladder yard. As usual, his construction was impeccable.

**8:05pm Snack Break:** Thanks to Jan and Siv for the wonderful goodies at the break. Jan mentioned that he needs people to sign up for snack duty the rest of the year. See Jan to sign up.



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**8:27pm Back to meeting.** John Thut then related his experiences with adhesives.



- Buys his ACC at Harbor Freight Tools in Fort Collins
- Likes the ACC gel formulation for non-smooth surfaces
- Testor's Cement for Metal & Wood models Good for quick mount of wires. Doesn't run like epoxy.
- Found a new adhesive kit from Microscale, of all people. Looks promising. See details at [www.microscale.com](http://www.microscale.com). Kit includes a Micro-prep pre-adhesive that apparently functions like wallpaper sizing to give the adhesive more "grip" on smooth surfaces. This is stated to be especially useful on hard-to-glue surfaces such as delrin plastic.

In wrapping up, Rex mentioned using Kapton tape. Very durable, heat resistant, and good adhesion characteristics.

Robert T mentioned using plain old silicone seal inside locos to hold wires, etc.

**8:45pm. Meeting adjourned.** Hopefully, all this discussion will stick in the members' minds. ☺

Respectfully submitted,

Don Widrig, new meeting scribe

