Palmer Lake Library Events
The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection. All patrons are invited to attend this monthly book group.

The Third Saturday at Palmer Lake program on Sat-

Husted railroad towns once thrived

By Sigi Walker
On Nov. 17, 20 kiosks were set up during a snow-
storm to hear local historian Jack Anthony present the
debut of his new program, A Tale of Two Husteds, as part of the Society’s Monthly History Series. Anthony includ-
ed slides and a short video in his presentation.

A Tale of Two Husteds documents the two adjacent “tank towns” of East Husted and West Husted. Begin-
nine in the late 1890s, the two Husted depots, midway between Colorado Springs and Palmer Lake, became a place for the D&RG and ATSF railroads to pick up passengers and shipments of agricultural products. The towns grew into thriving communities until the 1920s, when they went into decline as the number of automobiles increased.

In the mid-1950s, the development of the U.S. Air Force Academy resulted in the removal or demolition of the remaining buildings. Only the Reynolds Ranch House remains in its original location and can be seen east of Interstate 25 on the property of the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) on Colorado Springs’ north side.

Anthony is well-known for his advocacy to list the Palmer Lake Star on the State Register of Historical Properties. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and for almost 40 years has served in various military, intelligence, and NASA roles as an engineer, educator, leader, and operator.

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Mark your calendars for two dates in January. On Tues-
day the 17th, Anthony will repeat his presentation of A

Western Museum of Mining & Industry News

Above: Through the end of January, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) will display an exhibit on model trains and historic train photographs. The exhibit, created by museum volunteer Johnnie Zeornes and museum staff person Audrey Gregg, shows the differences in model trains, from N gauge with a 9mm distance between rails, to G gauge with a 45mm distance between rails. O gauge and HO gauge trains will be operated periodically by museum personnel. Also included in the exhibit is a display on how to create scenery, a handmade railroad from around 1910, and information on railroad history such as the joining of the transcontinental railroad. The exhibit walls are lined with rare William Henry Jackson photo prints from the museum collection. The photos depict railroads at various locations in Colorado as Jackson was commissioned by railroad companies to take promotional photos to draw the interest of Eastern travelers. Information on this and upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. Photo by David Futey.

Above: On Dec. 14, the Haunted Mines haunted house presented the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) with a check for the 2016 donation amount of $111,456. The Haunted Mines operates on the museum property on North Gate Boulevard and acts as a fundraiser for the museum, which is a 501(c)3. From left, board Treasurer Mark Yoder and Executive Director Richard Sauers accepted the check for the museum from Haunted Mines President/CEO Angel Nuce and representative Ken Quigley. Information on the museum is at www.wmmi.org and information on Haunted Mines is at www.hauntedmines.org. Photo by David Futey.

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