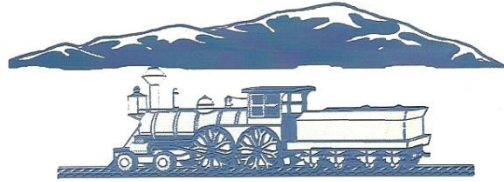


PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS



MODEL RAILROAD CLUB THE RAILHEAD

NEWS LETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Celebrating 24 years of model railroading

January 2014

RAILROADING SINCE OCTOBER 13, 1989



Sunset, Spencer, IA



HLCCX 919 at crossing in Emmetsburg, IA

2014 Club Officers

Superintendent:	- Lester Coburn
Assistant Superintendent:	- John Grier
Station Master:	- Bob LaHair
Paymaster:	- Chris Dueker
Member at Large:	- Dave Woosley
Member at Large:	- Rick Shumpert
Past Superintendent:	- Mike Peck

TIMETABLE FOR 2013

- Jan. 3, 10, 24 & 31: Friday work & run sessions – 7-9pm club room
- Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25: Saturday work & run sessions – 1-4pm club room
- Jan. 6: Board meeting at Big Train, dinner at 6:30pm meeting to follow
- Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28: Tuesday work sessions – 7-9pm club room
- Jan. 17: Business meeting – 7-9pm – club room

Future Events

- March 15 & 16: Garden City Show
- March 22 & 23: TECO 19 – Colorado Midland Theme
- June 7 & 8: TECO 20 –
- Sept. 12, 13 & 14: TECO 21
- Dec: 6 & 7: TECO 22

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Superintendent's Corner

Hi Guys:

Well here it is another new year, are you making New Year's Resolutions? Well while you're thinking over last year and this coming year, be thinking of what you want to do for a club trip, club outings, clinics, and any events you would like to see the club try because we need to be setting up the club calendar, now.

See you at the club room.

Editor's Notes

Greetings from Iowa!! As you guessed this edition is late do to the fact my computer has issues with the internet here at the house. Hope everyone had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I was hoping to get a few more photos of trains running behind the house but something has changed? Both the east-west and north-south trains used to stop at the crossing and then sound their horns to proceed, they don't do that anymore. In fact by the time I hear the first or second horn blast of the east-west train it is already behind the house so have only been able to snap a few of the last cars in the consist. The other problems I have this time of year are the position of the sun and the cold. I did get out and video the north-south train at 7 degrees below 0. Wasn't sure the camera was going to work correctly.

TECO 18

TECO 18 turned out to be a good show. We had over 600 through the door, most vendors did well and some of the clubs may have new members joining them this year.

The plan was for Mike to meet Lester over at Roy's to hook up the trailer and haul to the expo center. That was the plan, but it didn't happen that way. Lester's truck didn't like the cold snap we were having and refused to start. Lester called Mike to let him know what was going on so Mike went to the expo to help setup vendor tables until Lester called. Long story short, Mike picked up Lester and we talked Gerry Drewes into helping us haul the trailer over to the expo.

Lester and Mike were able to complete the wiring on module 9, turn table module, in time for setup. Lester and Mike started with the new 1B and B1 & B2 yard modules first to try out the alignment pins. This worked very well until they added B2 to B1 using the pins and the track didn't line up. OOOOPS!!!! Then they started adding all the other modules. This part went a little slow with just two people. They had it all clamped and wiring hooked up when help started arriving to finish the setup.

The new helicopter assembly was installed and tested but didn't hear any feed back as to how it performed at the show. A wind turbine was repaired and so was an oil well.

New Module Test

We were able to try out the new 1B yard throat and yard modules B1 & B2. During setup Mike discovered that the trackage didn't line up on the B2 module when using the alignment pins. Mike's not sure what he did wrong but will make the corrections during a Saturday, Sunday work session. Mike hopes to have this issue corrected before the club heads to Garden City.

Lester reported that there were derailment issues on the yellow line entering and exiting the yards. Steve Peters will be happy to know that these two issues have already been repaired. The two issues were with the Atlas sectional track not being in gauge on one side and the connection of the flex track and sectional track on the other. Mike pulled both sides out and replaced with flex track and then tested with two six axle locomotives to make sure they worked before ballasting.

Another issue was the back board. After getting it mounted and painted, Mike didn't like the looks so the back board will be replaced with a new six feet section and taper trimmed to fit. At this time the square sides do not fit the scene. After the mountain scenery is completed we will need to decide what other scenes to add to the module & yards. NOTE: Any scenery on yard modules B1 & B2 cannot be any higher than the track guards otherwise the modules will not fit into the storage rack.



Module 1B yard throat with backboards



Lester working on the wiring on module 9



I finally caught a train going by



BNSF bridge along Hwy 34 in Nebraska



When you don't have enough snow

2014 DUES

2014 dues are now due. Affiliate dues can be sent to PPNG, 4970 Iron Horse Train, Colorado Springs, CO 80917. To get the 1 month discount on regular membership dues need to be paid in full by March 1st.

