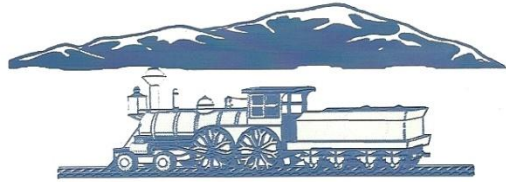


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BNSF 7905 & NS 9618 at La Junta

NS 9835 & NS 7710 at Lamar

Superintendent's Corner

Hi Guys

Here we are in April with two shows coming up. The first is Village at Skyline. We will set up on Thursday April 3rd after 4pm. Then on Friday we'll run from 10am to 4pm and Saturday we will run between 10am and 1pm and teardown after 1m on Saturday. We always have a good time while we are there so everyone come.

The Next weekend is TECO 19. On Thursday and Friday we will again be working on the wiring of the MTL modules, as permitted. At 2 PM on Friday, we will stop the rework and start setting up the MTL for the show. Saturday the show opens at 9AM and runs till 4PM, then on Sunday the show opens at 10 and closes at 3PM and of course then we teardown.

Finally this month, Mike is giving a clinic on Wheel Cleaning on Saturday the 19th from 1 to 4.

Let's have a good club showing by having lots of members for all these events.

See you at the Club.

Lester Coburn
Superintendent
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

April Calendar

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Tuesday night work session 7 to 9pm

April 3: Setup at Village at Skyline after 4pm

April 4: Run trains at Village at Skyline 10am 4 pm

April 5: Run trains at Village at Skyline 10am to 1 pm then tear down. See village at Skyline below

April 7: Board Meeting at Big Train, dinner at 6:30pm, meeting to follow.

April 10: Work on MTL modules at Expo Center 10am to 4pm

April 11: Work on MTL till 2pm then start setup at Expo Center.

April 12: TECO 19, Doors open for vendors and displays at 7am. Open to early buyers at 8am, open to public at 9am, show closes at 4pm.

April 13: TECO 19, Doors open to vendors and displays at 9am. Open to public at 10am and closes at 3pm followed by teardown.

April 18: Business Meeting at club room 7pm

April 19: Wheel cleaning clinic: 1 to 4pm if needed.

April 25: Friday work/run session, 7 to 9pm

April 26: Saturday work/run session, 1 to 4pm.

May Shows

May 3: -PP Division NMRA Swap Meet – Methodist Church

May 10: Moffat Modelers “N” scale swap meet, Forney Museum, 10am to 2 pm

May 10: 2014 Midland Days, John Wesley Ranch S of Divide, 9am to 4pm.

Garden City Show

We had great weather for our trip to Garden City as we had very little wind. We were setup and running the test locomotive by 7:30pm. We used some leather strapping to clean the track and it worked great. We were setup and running by show time and then the gremlins came out. They stayed with us most of the day. We need to replace a couple of bad switches. Need some major track and mountain repair on module 7 (hiking). Found that the trackage on the yellow in yard line is narrow gaged and needs replacing.

We had many train wrecks. One of Mike’s 2-8-0 locomotives was running on blue line and really wanted to run on red line as it tried unsuccessfully to switch over on each lap.



Mike wreck

Rick’s freight & John’s Passenger trains got into it

Then Saturday night after we got back from dinner received a call that the club trailer had been blown across the parking lot and there appeared to be no damage. Mary & I drove over to the fair grounds to look. The trailer was on the embankment for the Arkansas River and appeared to be OK. As the wind was blowing up a storm I decided to leave it till morning when we could see what we were doing and

check out any damage. Next we drove over to where the trailer was parked and picked up the chalks. Next morning we checked everything out and hooked up the trailer and then went and parked it. We determined that there was probably a micro-burst that lifted the trailer off the chalks and rolled the trailer across the parking lot. Luckily there was no damage at all to the trailer. The fairgrounds has video they are looking at and hopefully they can send us a copy of it.

Sunday went well until the last hour then the Gremlins came back for a visit. We were loaded and ready to go eat within an hour and a half.

On our way home we made a stop at the Otero Museum as a request from Roy to look at their two layouts that do not work. Found mostly dirty track and wheels. Mike brought the locos home to work on. This was a neat museum and worth another trip to La Junta to see. When Mike gets the locos cleaned up he'll make a trip down to give them their locos back.

Village at Skyline

We are scheduled to setup the MTL after 4pm on Thursday April 3. We will run trains from 10am to 4pm on Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday. We will have an hour to tear down and move out as there is musical group moving into the room at 2:30pm.

Mike has confirmed with Crystal that they will feed us.

TECO 19

After bouncing around the dates for both the TECO 19 & TECO 20 shows the TECO board was finally able to lock in the dates of April 12 & 13 for TECO 19 and June 14 & 15 for TECO 20.

TECO 19 will not have a theme as our historians will not be at the show due to another commitment.

The Colorado Midland theme was moved to the first show of 2015.

We'll be able to get into the expo center on Thursday (10am to 4pm) so we can work on the wiring on the MTL. For those who can help we'll try and perform some other needed repairs, time permitting.

Editor's Notes

April is proving to be a very busy month for the club with two back to back shows and a clinic. Then a field trip to Cheyenne in May and TECO in June. Are we going to survive??

After the DCC clinic with Steve Peters there is a renewed interest in getting the DCC operational on the both the club layout and the MTL. I'm sure there will be a scheduled track and switch cleaning session setup for the club layout. We may setup the blue line as the DCC designated line to perform operations on. These are both long term projects and hopefully we can accomplish them by the end of the year.

The club is still looking into a train trip for this year so get your ideas turned in.

Clinic Chairman Notes

Steve Peters gave a very good clinic on DCC and he will do another one in the fall for those who missed the first one and a refresher for the rest of us.

For those attending the track cleaning clinic you will need to bring a couple of cars and a locomotive to clean. You'll need to bring your wheel cleaning trackage setup if you have made one. This is the setup Mike tried to use at the last wheel cleaning clinic only this time he will be using ribbon for the cleaning cloth. More details on this will be given at the April business meeting.

Some other subjects that have been suggested for clinics are "track & switch replacement" & "additional track cleaning techniques". If you have any ideas for future clinics let Mike know so he can set them up. Hopefully we can get Jeff to reschedule the photo clinic as the weather is turning nicer.

In Memorial

Rose Carrillo passed away on March 21 after a long battle with cancer. Our hearts and prayers go out to John & Verta. The club will have a card to sign at the Village at Skyline.

Photos



La Junta moved 1024 to a better location



7973 loco at Otero Museum, La Junta



Caboose at Garden City, KS



sign from yesteryear