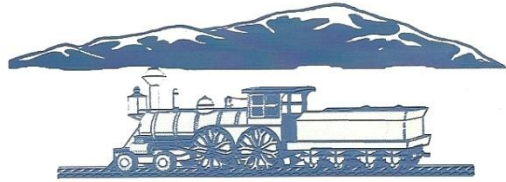


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Bob & Lester posing at Village at Skyline

Mike at Garden City

Superintendent's Corner

Hi PPNG Members:

We are into May now, and May 10 is National Train Day and there are a couple of things to do. To start with is the Midland Days Symposium at the John Wesley Ranch presented by the Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition, contact me or Mike Peck if you are interested in attending. Second is the Moffat Modelers Swap Meet at the Forney Museum, 10 to 2.

On May 17 is Cheyenne Depot Days. We will meet at the Monument Park and ride at 7 AM and car pool to Cheyenne. Some of the things we can see are UP 4014 Big-Boy, Northern # 844, the steam shops, The Amtrak Exhibit Train and lots more. I know some are making arrangements to stay through to Sunday as the event lasts through Sunday.

Finally on the 31 of May which is a Saturday, is the Pikes Peak Division of the NMRA Swap Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church at 701 N 20th St. this swap meet is a morning only affair.

So have a great May and see you at the Business meeting on the 16th

Lester Coburn
Superintendent
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

May Calendar

May 2, 9, 23 & 30: Friday work or run sessions – 7 to 9pm.

May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31: Saturday work or run sessions – 1 to 4pm.

May 5: Board Meeting at Big Train, dinner at 6:30pm meeting follows.

May 6, 13, 20 & 27: Tuesday work sessions – 7 to 9pm.

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.

May 16: Business Meeting 7pm club room.

May 17 & 18: 2014 Cheyenne Depot Days

May 31: -PP Division NMRA Swap Meet – Trinity Methodist Church, 701 N 20th St, 9am to 3pm

June Calendar

June 14 & 15: TECO 20 – Theme: Cog Railway

June Clinic

On the weekend of June 7 & 8 the club will be having a clinic on track removal and replacement at the club room. We will be using the 1A module and yard modules A1 & A2 for the clinic. First we will demonstrate damaged track removal and how to replace it utilizing different techniques. Once we are finished we will remove all the track on the yard modules so the yards can be rebuilt. Mike will get a list of tools to bring and pass out at the May business meeting.

Hours for this clinic will be 10am to 4pm on Saturday and 11am to 4pm on Sunday if needed.

In the fall we will resume clinics. Steve Peters has agreed to do the DCC clinic again as a refresher for those who were there the first time and for those who missed it.

Mike will be working on developing a clinic titled “You Want to Build a Model Railroad”, if you have some ideas or suggestions about this subject let Mike know.

Mike is looking for more clinic ideas from the membership, so if you have something you wish to go over or review let Mike know so he can get it researched and scheduled.

Chris Dueker is working on “Operations” and will give a clinic on this subject when he is ready.

TECO 20

TECO 20 will be held on June 14 & 15 with a theme of “The Cog Railway”. As of this writing I don’t know who will be giving the lectures but Mel & Tom will have their own lectures.

We should be able to get into the expo center on Thursday again to work on the MTL. There is still some wiring issues that need attention and some loose rail to be repaired. If you can help let Lester or Mike know so they can schedule work.

Cheyenne Depot Days

May 17 & 18 will be the Cheyenne Depot Days with the anticipated display of the 4014 Big Boy. There will be an AMTRAK train on display as well. The AMTRAK train may come through the Springs sometime between May 14 & 16 but haven’t heard of any set date or times so we can be looking for it.

Summer Time

With the arrival of summer coming, the action in the club room will slow down as we turn our interest to outside events. We will have a BBQ at the Peck’s on July 12 and the combined picnic on August 10. More info on these two events as they get closer.

As the scenery on the club layout is getting closer to being completed we will be scheduling a few track cleaning sessions on the whole layout. Lester is working on setting up the DCC for those wishing to use it. We will perform any tack repair required to make the DCC work and work well.

Lois's Bridges

Remember last year Dan Benton donated two bridges to the club that belonged to his mother, Lois, to be used by the club. Well they are finally in place and ready to use.

The photos below show the first bridge before and after modifications to fit on the new MTL yard throat module. Some of the original bents had to be replaced so the longer bents could be added. The center bridge section of the original bridge was installed as a separate bridge between two tunnels.



Lois's first bridge



Lois's first bridge after modifications on module 1B



These two photos show the bridges during the installation of the Geo-Dessic foam scenery.



Lois's second bridge was added to the walk-in bridge in the club room. No modifications were made to this bridge. The scenery is still a work in progress. Geo-Dessic foam was used on this project as well.

Editor's Notes

Here it is "May"!!! Spring has sprung, winter, spring, winter, well I'm confused as to the weather, and well that's Colorado weather for you.

The club has several projects going on at the club. Bob, John & Lester are working on a sugar beet display, 1920's – 1930's era. Mike is assisting Ron with the scenery on his modules. The walk in bridge has a few more details to be added. Are we ever going to be finished? NO!!!! Just a work in progress!!

Pikes Peak Division of the NMRA Convention

Mike has been assigned as the liaison to the NMRA convention board as the PPNG rep. Plans are ongoing and not much to report at this time.

The PPNG may be asked to setup the MTL for the convention. At this time size is unlimited so something to be thinking about is if you have a module you want to show off this might be a good opportunity to do so. You have until October 2016 to get it ready. In the meantime the club can start sprucing up the MTL to have it ready. The club room may also be on the layout tour so again more sprucing. These are not set in stone, but does give us a little over a year to get some work completed.