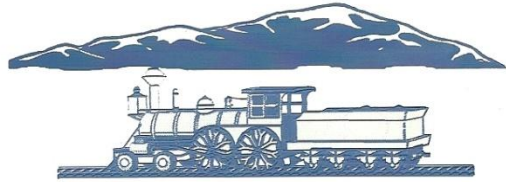


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NEWS LETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Celebrating 24 years of model railroading

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737's in the river in Montana.

Montana Raillink train derailment

August Calendar

Aug. 1, 8 & 29: Friday work/run sessions at club room 7 to 9pm.

Aug. 4: Board meeting at Big Train, dinner at 6:30pm meeting follows

Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26: Work sessions at club – 7 to 9pm.

Aug. 2, 16, 23 & 30: Saturday run/work sessions – 1 to 4pm

Aug. 10: Combined picnic – see story below

Aug. 16: MTL track repair & possible photo clinic – 10am to 4pm club room, see story below

Aug. 15: Business meeting 7pm club room

Aug. 22: Yard Sale Trains BBQ – see story below

Aug. 30: Club train ride – see story below.

September Calendar

September 12, 13 & 14: TECO 21: See story below.

Superintendent's Corner

Hi Guys,

This month is going to be busy, thou the TECO Auction on the 9th has been canceled, our club is hoping for a Photo Clinic on the 9th. And then on the 10, Sunday, we have our combined picnic at Palmer Lake, 11 AM. On Friday August 22 is the BBQ/Open House at Yard Sale Trains in Castle Rock. Meet at the Monument Park and Ride at 4 to 4:30 so we can car pool.

On the 30th we plan to take the South Fork to Wagon Wheel Gap Motor Car ride up above Creed, We have plans to drive up to Creed Friday night and catch the Motor Car at 10 AM on Saturday. I need to have a head count on who is planning on going by Aug. 8 and the cost per person is \$44 to ride the rails.

There are several Bed and Breakfast in the area and also Hotels we can stay at. I will be sending out a list shortly and I will have a couple of larger hotels picked if we decided to stay as a group. I have set the 8th as a drop dead day as we are already pushing the time dead line to get our reservations in. Contact me on my cell, 719-352-8142.

I have taken over this duty for Rick as he is taking advantage of a lull in his work to go home and see his family.

Have a great month and see you out there.

Lester Coburn

PPNG Superintendent

Club BBQ

The day started off with clear skies and the promise of being hot!! Almost everyone showed up at 11am. Thanks go to Chris & Connie and John for helping me finish setting up. Bob brought a lady friend, Ellen, and introduced her to everyone. Ellen is a member of the Iris Society and was admiring our iris out front. She did try to "RAILROAD" me into joining the Society!!

Once the pulled pork was ready we brought it out and had everyone take a plate and get started. We had pasta salad, tossed salad, coleslaw, dill cucumber salad, apples, bananas, grapes, apple pie, cheese cake and Laura's famous cookies. I don't know of anyone who went hungry.

Unfortunately, Andy got sick so the Bays had to leave early, Andy I hope you are feeling better now. About 1:30 some clouds started to roll in and I told everyone we had to stay outside so we could get a good watering rain instead of the spit we have been getting. About 2:30 the rain started and so we put everything away and tried to tough it out, but do to the wind, our dry spot was turning wet so we headed indoors and watched it rain while we visited. Around 3 there was a break in the rain and everyone decided it was time to leave. It did rain most of the night which our yard really needed.



The gang at the table, that's Helen on the right.



Another shot of the gang.

A good time was had by all even with the rain. There was a comment that this was the fourth BBQ and where did the time go!! It was determined that we had rain the first BBQ and now rain during the fourth BBQ so hopefully we don't have a forest fire during the next BBQ. Great time was had by all.

TECO Auction

The second TECO auction was supposed to take place on August 9th, but the board decided to move the auction to Saturday September 13 at 4:30pm after TECO 21 closes. We'll be asking for help to hold this auction just like last year, only we hope there will be more participation in the bidding end.

If you have some railroad stuff you no longer need write up a short description of it and send to Roy. The new cutoff date will be announced at the business meeting.

Combined Picnic

The annual combined picnic will be on Sunday August 10 at 11am at the Palmer Lake pavilion if it isn't occupied. As a backup plan bring a chair for yourself. Everyone is to bring their own sandwich and something to share with about 8 people. This worked out well last year. Don't forget to bring something to drink and your cameras, hopefully we'll have as many trains as we did last year.

Yard Sale Trains BBQ

Dave with the Yard Sales Trains has invited everyone whom he has done business with to a BBQ at his store on Friday August 22 from 5 to 8pm. We will need to RSVP to him so he will have enough food. The club plan is to meet at the Monument Park & Ride and carpool up to Castle Rock. We'll set the meeting time at the board or business meeting.

MTL Track Repair & Photo Clinic

We have some damaged track and a couple of switches that need to be replaced. The plan is to meet at the club at 10am on Saturday August 16 and unload the trailer. We'll unload those modules that need the repairs. We'll replace the damaged track with Atlas sectional track and those switches that need replacing.

As of this writing I haven't heard from Jeff about doing the photo clinic. Hopefully I'll have an answer by the board meeting.

TECO 21 September 12, 13 & 14

TECO 21 is almost here! The plan is to start setting up the layout at 12 noon so it will be ready to operate by 4pm when the show opens. So if you can help let Lester know.

Friday hours are 4pm to 7:30pm

Saturday hours: Doors open at 7am for vendors and layouts, 8am – early buyers, 9am open to the public. We'll shut down the show at 4pm and then head back to the auction area and start the auction at 4:30pm and go until everything is either sold or passed over.

Sunday hours: Doors open at 9am for vendors and layouts and then open to the public at 10am. The show will shut down at 3pm followed by teardown.

Club train trip

If you read the Superintendent's Corner above you'll notice the cutoff date of August 8th. The plan is to rent the whole vehicle with 14 people to receive a discount. If we don't fill the vehicle then the cost of \$44 should cover the trip. You need to have you \$44 per person turned into Chris by the 8th as we have to make a deposit for the trip. Contact Lester on his cell phone to confirm you are going and get the hotel information.

The vehicle is an open air vehicle so bring a coat in case you need it. It never snows in Colorado!!!