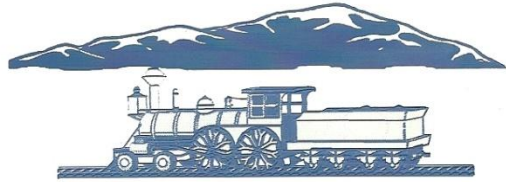


# PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS



## MODEL RAILROAD CLUB THE RAILHEAD

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

Celebrating 25 years of model railroading

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BNSF 5362, BNSF 720 & KCS 4168 HWY 30 Haigler, NE UP mixed freight Missouri Valley

### PPNG Calendar for July 2015

**July 6:** Board meeting at Big Train, dinner at 6pm meeting to follow.

**July 3, 10 31:** Friday run & work sessions 7 to 9pm

**July 4:** Fourth of July!!!

**July 11:** Ride the Durango & Silverton – see story below

**July 18:** Saturday run & work session, maybe a clinic

**July 7, 14, 21 & 28:** Tuesday work session, 7 to 9pm

**July 17:** Business meeting at 7pm club room

**July 24:** Setup for TECO 24 MOPAC theme see story below

**July 25 & 26:** TECO 24 see story below

### Other Shows and Events

**August 14:** Setup for the Dinosaur Museum show 4pm see story below

**August 15 & 16:** Run trains 10am to 4pm Saturday & 11am to 3pm on Sunday see story below

**August 22:** Como Depot open house

**September 4:** Setup for TECO 25 C&S theme

**September 5 & 6:** TECO 25

**September 12:** Club picnic at Palmer Lake

**September 19:** Rail Fest, North Platte, NE

### Superintendent's Corner

Hi Everyone:

Well it is July and the year is half gone. July 4<sup>th</sup> is here or almost.

Our First get-together is the second weekend of the month, July 11<sup>th</sup>. We are traveling to Durango to ride the Durango and Silverton. The tickets are \$90.95 for a one day round trip. Scott Schnell has reserved rooms at the Spanish Forks motel. The room rates are \$85.00 for a single king size or \$104 for a dual queen size rooms. The group will leave Friday at 11AM with a suggestion that cars be left at the I-25 and Nevada Park & Ride. If you want to go or have questions call Scott.

At the end of the month we have TECO-24 on July 25 & 26. We will set up on Friday July 24 starting at 2 PM and we have to be leaving the building at 5 PM. We run on Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM and on Sunday from 9 AM to 3 PM and then tear down.

See you out there and I hope you have a great holiday.

Lester Coburn  
Superintendent  
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

#### **TECO 24 MOPAC Theme**

The plan so far is to get into the Expo center around 9am to setup for TECO, we'll start setting up the layout around noon. If there are any changes to the schedule I'll send out an email and bring up at the business meeting.

The theme for TECO 24 is MOPAC so for those of you into MOPAC here is your chance to shine. Saturday schedule – we can get in at 7am to finish setting up & clean track, 8am early birds are let in, doors open to public at 9am and show closes at 4pm. I'll be asking for volunteers to work the registration table and the sales table.

Sunday Schedule – we can get in at 9am, doors open to public at 10am show closes at 3pm followed by teardown.

#### **Registration and Sales Tables**

It was recommended at the last TECO show that we move the sales part of the registration table to a different location. The plan for TECO 24 is to leave the registration table up front and be manned by volunteers from each organization (2 persons per shift) and I'll run the sales table in the show room with 1 volunteer from each organization. This should help alleviate some of the congestion at the front table.

#### **Iowa Trains**

Whenever Mary & I drive back to Iowa we take the back roads instead of the Interstate so we can see more interesting venues along the way. We started using Hwy 34 from Brush, CO to Hastings, NE as we found out it follows the BNSF route. Usually we see one or two trains along this route but on this trip we saw 10 BNSF trains and then after we moved up to HWY 30 we saw two UP trains. The next day proved to be even better as we saw 12 trains in the first hour and a half of driving along HWY 30 into Iowa. Just because we were seeing trains didn't mean we were close enough to get good photos or the sun was in the wrong position or too many trees in the way. We were able to catch a mixed freight along the way and I was able to video the whole thing and as I was trying to zoom in on the track and ties another train came from the opposite direction so I continued on with my filming.



BNSF double stacks along HWY 34 in NE



BNSF mixed freight along HWY 34 in NE



BNSF 7552 heading a mixed freight



UP 8965 & 4625 heading a mixed freight



UP 8466 pusher



UP 8966 2<sup>nd</sup> in leading a mixed freight



Illinois Central 799328 hopper



SOO LINE 74464 hopper

### **Durango & Silverton**

Scott Schell has setup the tickets & motel reservations for those going on the train ride. We will meet at the S. Nevada Park & ride about 10:45am and depart at 11am.

We'll be riding in an open gondola so dress appropriately and wear sun glasses for protection from cinders.

### **Editor's Notes**

If I can find my work space back in the garage I'll send out a notice of a clinic on the corner module the club is building to go into the layout so we can repair existing corner modules.

The next phase of the clinic is adding the Geo-dessic rock molds to the screened areas we did at the last clinic. Hopefully I can schedule this for Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Right now our house is cluttered with items Mary brought home from her mother's home and it just takes time to go through the contents of each box and then figure out where to put it. Wish us luck!!