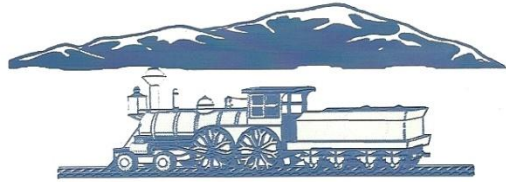


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NEWS LETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Celebrating 25 years of model railroading

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Dinosaurs train surfing at the Resource Center



Andy, Jo and Connie at the PPNG combined picnic

September Schedule of Events

Sept. 1: Board Meeting at big Train, NOTE this is a Tuesday only meeting

Sept. 4: Setup for TECO 25

Sept. 5 & 6: TECO 25 – see story below

Sept. 11 & 25: Friday work or run sessions 7 – 9pm.

Sept. 12: Club trip to Ulrich Locomotive Works – see story below

Sept. 19: Rail Fest

Sept. 25 – 27: Durango & Silverton trip – story below

Future Events

Oct. 1: Set up at Village at Skyline 5:30pm

Oct 2 & 3: Run trains at Village

Oct. 17: PPD-NMRA Swap Meet

Oct. 17: Club Anniversary Party – see story below

Nov. 7 & 8: Slim Rail Swap meet in Woodland Park

Nov. 21: "N" scale home layout tour in Denver area

Dec. 4, 5 & 6: TECO 26 three day show

Superintendent's Corner

Hi Gang:

Whether we like it or not fall is almost here. A couple of mornings this last week have felt like fall. I find that in Sept. we have a problem and that is the First Monday of the month which is the date that the Board meets, this month is Labor Day and is a full week into the month. And because we have a pretty full month I have moved the board meeting to the first Tuesday of the month, which is the First day of the month. So board members please take note and be at the Big Train Restaurant on Tuesday the First of Sept. Time is 6 PM for dinner and 7 PM for the Meeting, and as always the meeting is open to the public.

Our first event for Sept. is TECO 25 on the 5 and 6. We will start set up at 2 PM on Friday and need to be out at 5 PM. On Sat. be at the layout at 7 AM to set up trains and clean track. Early shopping starts at 8 AM and the show starts at 9 AM and shuts down at 4 PM. Sunday, be at the layout at 9 AM. The show starts at 10 and closes at 3 PM at which time we start tear down.

On Saturday Sept. 5, after TECO 25 closes, The TECO group is holding an auction, starting registration at 4:30 PM. Roy is still accepting items at this time.

Ulrich Locomotive Works

Then on the 12th, we will try again to have a tour of the Ulrich Locomotive Works In Strasburg, CO. Meet at the Monument Park & Ride at 8:30 AM and we will car pool to Strasburg. The tour starts at 10 AM. Remember the cost is \$20 per person but that includes lunch, rides on the Comanche Crossings & Eastern RR – 15 inch, riding railroad and tours of their machine shop, their locomotive shop, and museum. I think it will be a good tour. Pray for no rain.

Durango & Silverton Trip

And at the end of the month, Sept.26, we will ride the Durango-Silverton Scenic Rail Road. We will car pool down on Friday ride the train on Saturday and return on Sunday. If you want to go contact Scott Schnell. Ticket monies should be to him already (Aug. 31).

Have a great month.

Lester Coburn
Superintendent
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

Club Picnic

We had a good tour out from the membership for the picnic, as usual the food was great!! We were joined by Bill & Rudy LaFollette from the PPD-NMRA. The weather was great and it was good to see water in the lake again. As usual we could have used more trains going by.



BNSF coal trains at Palmer Lake, SEE the WATER!!!!

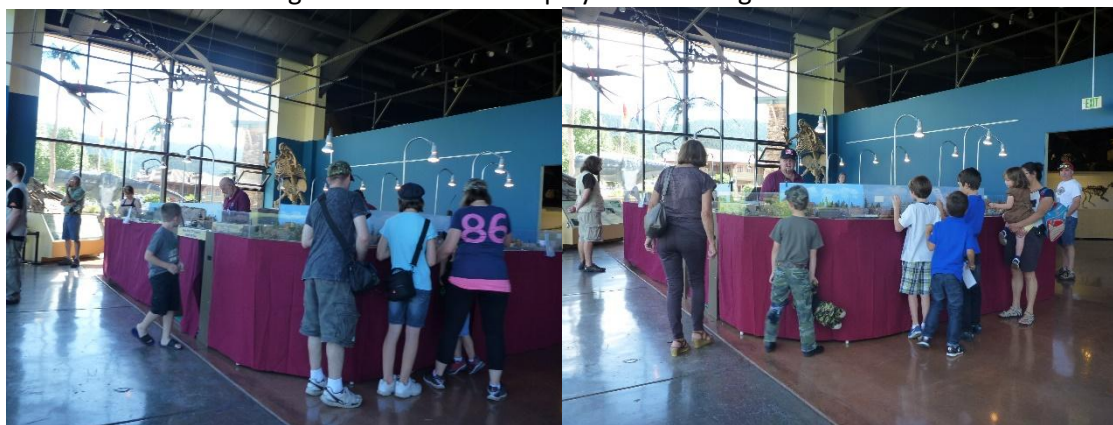
Dinosaur Resource Center Event

Rick got to the Resource Center early so the staff helped him move all the cart into the staging area and then helped unload them and then put the carts back into the trailer. The rest of us arrived at 4pm and began setting up. We had to make a couple of trips back to the trailer to retrieve some items left on the carts but had everything set up and ready to run by 6pm.

Those running on Saturday we arrived at 8:30am and finished cleaning track and finishing up the minor repairs to oil wells and wind turbines. We then watched the motorcycle rally take off on their run to Cripple Creek.

Then it got busy in the Center and we had many visitors. We did have to attach an extra piece of Plexi-glass to the walk-in bridge due to quick fingers. We did have a few minor accidents so the law suits were down from normal. No BEER was lost during the weekend.

The staff was excited to see the layout and at the end of the event on Sunday stated that this was the first event they had where people were telling them they were here to see the trains not the dinosaurs. Most of the visitors did go and look at the displays after seeing the trains.



Some of our visitors



Scott enjoying the quiet before the storm



Track crew cleaning up after a derailment

Como Depot Dedication

Lester, Rick & John met at Mike & Mary's at 9am on Saturday and headed up to Como for the dedication ceremony of the Como Depot. Upon arrival it was a zoo everywhere you went in town. Mike dropped everyone off so he could look for a parking space. One opened up right in front of the van as the last person exited the van. We then walked down to the depot to take photos and see what there was to see. The people involved in the project did an excellent job of preserving the structure.



Two views of the restored Como Depot

At 12 noon or just a little after the dedication ceremonies began. Most of the dignitaries were introduced and some gave a short speech on the project. To top off the celebration an old C&S whistle was blown so the sound of it once again resounded around Como. The whistle was on loan from the Colorado Railroad museum and was actually on a C&S locomotive that once served Como. We then checked out a road side food stand for lunch. A little expensive but very good eats. Then off to the roundhouse.

Mike found a spot right in front of the gate so just had to walk across the road. Once inside the gate we all went our separate ways to see the inside. We entered through the side door and were greeted by a docent and told to enjoy. First items we saw were printing presses. These will be on permanent display at the roundhouse when it is turned into a museum. Other items found were parts for the turntable, part of passenger car #68 I think, the old smoke flues from the roof, and old steam drill and other salvaged items. Just outside one of the doors there was a boxcar in need of much repair. The car is DSP&P boxcar # 608.

The society just received the bearings and plates for the turntable and will be placing these in place on Wednesday. It will be a while before they are ready to set the turntable in place.

I talked to a few members of the Society about Alpine Tunnel and from what they said it will be worth a trip to the west



Interior views of the roundhouse, notice the printing presses, they still work



Como Roundhouse and turntable pit



DSP&P boxcar #608



1881 DSP&P Harp type switch



Wheel sets to be used on turntable



Locomotive pit in roundhouse



Bearing assembly for turntable