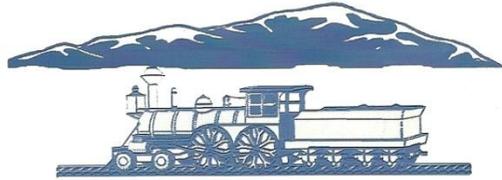


# PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS



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

Celebrating 26 years of model railroading

November 2015

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K&L Railroad, Rockwell, IA



K&L Railroad sign, Rockwell IA

### PPNG Calendar for November 2015

- Nov. 2:** Board Meeting 6pm Big Train, meeting to follow.
- Nov. 6, 13 & 27:** Friday work & Run sessions 7 to 9pm
- Nov. 14:** DCC clinic at Steve Peters at 2pm, see story below
- Nov. 20:** Business meeting at club room 7pm.
- Nov. 21:** "N" scale layout tour.
- Nov. 30:** December board meeting – 6pm Big Train, meeting to follow.

### Other Shows and Events

- Dec. 4, 5 & 6:** TECO 26, Santa Fe theme, See story below
- Dec. 13:** Setup at Fine Art Center
- Dec. 14 through January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Run trains at Fine Art Center – see story below
- Jan. 3, 2016:** Tear down
- March 11 – 14, 2016:** Garden City Show
- April 23 & 24:** TECO 27
- June 18 & 19:** TECO 28
- Dec. 2, 3 & 4:** TECO 29

### Superintendent's Corner

Hi All:

Well it is November. We have an easy calendar this month. Only a visit to the Denver area N scale layouts on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Denver area N scalars have nine layouts for us to tour. We will tour the layouts between 10 AM to 4PM. We can meet at the Monument Park and Ride at 9AM to car pool to Denver.

For the board members, I have moved the Dec. Board Meeting to Nov. 30 so we can get the Board Meeting in before TECO-26.

See you track side.

Lester Coburn  
Superintendent  
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

#### **DCC Clinic**

Steve has agreed to hold the DCC clinic again at his new home, call Mike Or Steve for address. The Time will be at 2pm. Steve uses the DigiTrak system. Be prepared to ask questions and to do some operations as this is a hands on clinic.

#### **TECO 26, Santa Fe Theme**

We are rapidly coming up on the last TECO show for the year, where did the time go? As of this writing the plan is for PPNG to setup by the food court where we were for TECO 24. TECO 26 is a three day show so we need to setup the MTL at an earlier time; I believe 12:30pm.

The show opens to the public at 4pm Friday night and closes around 7pm.

Saturday hours are; doors open at 7am; early buyers at 8am; open to the public at 9am and the show shuts down at 4pm.

Sunday hours are; doors open at 9am; open to the public at 10am and the show closes at 3pm followed by teardown.

If you have any Santa Fe equipment this is the show to show it off.

#### **Display at Fine Arts Center**

PPNG has been invited to setup the MTL at the Fine Arts Center from December 13, 2015 through January 3, 2016. We will be setup in our own room next to the Pikes Peak & Sothern's room. This program should be great publicity for the clubs and model railroading.

As of this writing the hours are 10am to 4pm daily except Friday. Friday hours have not been set yet but may be 11am to 6pm; will know more after the next meeting. We will be setting up a schedule where everyone who can work the display to sign up. We would like to have at least two people per day to operate. For those days we don't have anyone available we can keep the display closed. It is recommended to take your trains home every day just to be on the safe side.

#### **Village at Skyline**

We railroaded, I mean asked, Gerry Drewes into hauling the trailer over to The Village at Skyline. We were all setup by 8pm. We showed up on Friday at 9am to finish cleaning track and checking rail joints so we would be ready by 10am for the crowd. Not sure what happened but we didn't get the crowd we usually do. We still had a great time and got a few things repaired and finished getting the gremlins out of the layout.

On Saturday we had a larger crew and tear down was completed by 4:15pm. We were able to test Mike's new time lapse camera. According to the camera we setup in 13 seconds. We will be making another video as the camera was not pointed correctly and will try a longer time frame so the video will last longer.



Lester checking a repair job



The crew – Bob, John & Mary

### Anniversary Dinner

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On Saturday Oct. 17 we met at the Village Inn just off Lake Avenue for dinner to celebrate the clubs twenty sixth anniversary. After dinner, Mel McFarland led a disruption on "Colorado Springs Then and Now". We reminisced over the changes in Colorado Springs over the years. Everyone had a good meal and a good time. My thanks goes out to Mel McFarland and Ron Theisman for the help on this dinner.

Lester Coburn

### Editors Notes

Mary & I headed back to Iowa to finish up some business. A long the way we did see some train action, not always were you could pull off to take photos.



Eastbound BNSF just into Nebraska



UP bridge across the Missouri, was CNW



Boone Valley Scenic RR Rock Island Caboose



BVSRR Trolley #50, Boone, IA



Locomotive with Jack-O-Lantern, BVSRR



BVSRR 8419 2-8-2 Chinese locomotive



Heavy weight and boxcar, Boone IA



Rebuilt equipment for the BVSRR

Our plan for next year is to schedule a train ride on the Boone Valley Scenic Railroad and see if their dream of adding more trackage to the route ever occurred.



Algoma Central coaches



Algoma Central coach, unnamed caboose & coach

We came across the above cars while killing time between appointments. Anyone needing some coaches can find these west of Estherville, IA.

## *HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

As we are approaching Thanksgiving rapidly I have to reflect on the past year. Where the HELL do it go??? As a club we had a pretty busy schedule and I can't wait to see what's on our plate for 2016.

We had a great time at the two new venues we setup for, Colorado Springs Senior Center and the Woodland Park Dinosaur Resource Center, in 2015. So far we have been invited back to the Dinosaur Resource Center.

We have new skirting for the MTL, slowly switching over to LED lighting and have a few modules in shop being repaired or adding more animation to. We are in the process of adding metal bushings to the modules so we can insert pins when we setup to speed up the leveling process and new shipping bracket holes so everything is standardized. Thanks to Steve Tesnear for making the jig to make this all happen. When we get some down time we'll try and schedule a work session to get most of this project completed.