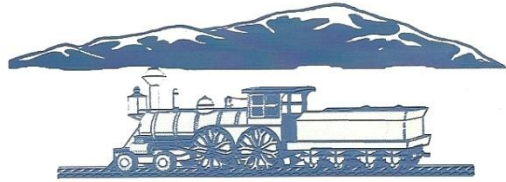


PIKES PEAK "N" GINEERS



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

Celebrating 26 years of model railroading

January 2016

RAILROADING SINCE OCTOBER 13, 1989



Bob, John & Mary at FAC

Bob working on his F3 B unit

PPNG Board for 2016

Superintendent – Lester Coburn

Assistant Superintendent – John Grier

Station Master – Bob LaHair

Paymaster – Chris Dueker

Members at Large – Rick Shumpert & Scott Schnell

Past Superintendent – Mike Peck

January 2016 Calendar

Jan. 4; Board Meeting – Big Train at 6pm meeting to follow

Jan. 15; Business Meeting – Club room at 7pm

Scheduled Events for 2016

March 18 – 21; Garden City Show

April 22; Setup for TECO 27

April 23 & 24; TECO 27

May 19; Setup at Peterson Air Force Base Museum

May 20 & 21; Peterson Air Force Base Museum Show

June 17; Setup for TECO 27

June 18 & 19; TECO 28

July 15; Setup for Dinosaur Resource Center Show

July 16 & 17; Dinosaur Resource Center Show

October ;Pikes Peak NMRA Regional Convention; exact dates will be added later.
Dec. 2, 3 & 4; TECO 29, three day show, setup on Friday.

The Scheduled events for the 2016 calendar year are just the ones we have scheduled as of this writing. I'll be adding to the list as we schedule other events such as clinics, field trips, train ride, and other layout setups for other events once we have set them.

Superintendent's Corner

Hi Guys;

Well here it is a new year and we are starting over, well not completely. Except for Scott Schell the board remains the same. Scott is our new "Member at Large", Welcome Scott.

We do not have any shows until March. The Garden City show is March 19 and 20 so start planning now.

Speaking of planning, start thinking about outings and a rail trip.

Have a good month and we will see you at the club room.

Lester Coburn
Superintendent
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

Fine Arts Center

I was a little apprehensive about doing this event do to being three weeks long, every day from 10 to 5 except Fridays. Would we have enough customers to keep us from getting totally bored!! As the old saying goes "You'll never know unless you try it".

Every day that I have been there we have had a steady crowd, just enough to help folks find items on the layout or answer questions without being overwhelmed. Those running on the days Mary & I were not there said the same thing, steady crowd all day. We have been going through the "Find me", Club flyer and tokens like crazy, so great crowd attendance. John checked with the staff working the front desk and they stated that they have had the best turnout in a long time. We have many, many compliments on the layout and many thanks for sharing our layout with the patrons.

Having the MTL up for so long we have been able to get some minor repair work done. Replaced some missing trees, do some track maintenance or write up what needs to be worked on while waiting for the next setup. Overall this has been an eventful setup for us. Hopefully we can get a few new members out of this, we'll see.



Bob talking to a couple at FAC



John talking to some friends at FAC



Christmas Train on yard bridge



Some of our viewers

Editors Musings

As I write the final touches of the January issue of the Railhead I'm trying to think of all the things the club did in 2015. As a club all I can say is that we were very busy.

2016 is starting to look as if we will be just as busy. I plan on having more clinics in 2016 as some ideas are starting to trickle in. Steve Peters has agreed to hold a clinic on installing decoders for DCC users. Steve has to check his schedule as he will be traveling again in 2016 so the notice of the clinic may be within a week or two's notice. This is the time to purchase your decoders and be ready for the announcement.

I've had a request to hold a clinic on swapping out couplers on cars and locomotives. I will do this as a two part clinic. First part covering all the types of couplers available and going over what you need as far as tools and parts. The second clinic will be on how to do the installations.

I'll be doing another clinic on the use of Geo-Desic Foam. I'll schedule this when I can get into the garage to work on a couple of modules.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!