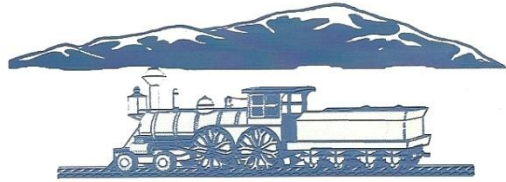


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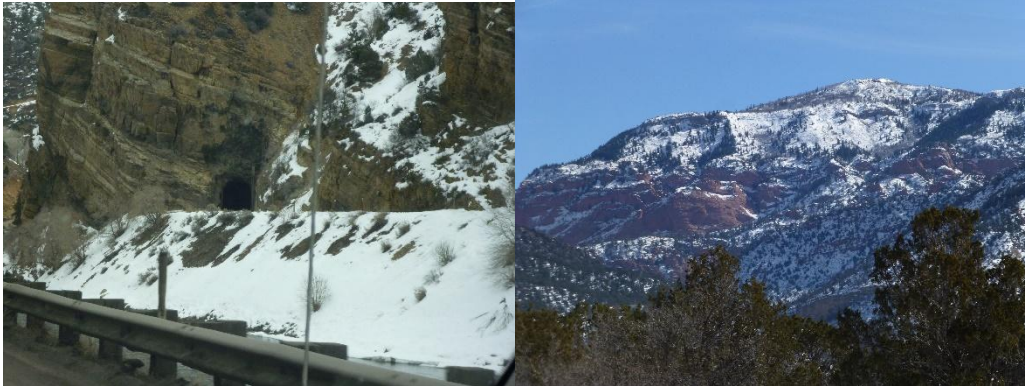


NEWS LETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK "N"GINEERS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Celebrating 26 years of model railroading

March 2016

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Snow on peaks, Utah

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Superintendent – Lester Coburn

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Members at Large – Rick Shumpert & Scott Schnell

Past Superintendent – Mike Peck

March 2016 Calendar

March 4, 11 & 18: Friday work/run sessions 7 to 9pm club room

March 7: Board Meeting Big Train – dinner at 6pm meeting to follow

March 18, 19, 20 & 21: Boot Hill Show, Garden City, KS (see story below)

March 25: Business meeting, club room at 7pm

March 26: Body mounting couplers clinic, 1pm at the Peck's house, see story below

Scheduled Events for 2016

April 7: Village at Skyline setup 5pm

April 8 & 9: Village at Skyline – Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 10am to 3pm then teardown

April 22; Setup for TECO 27

April 23 & 24; TECO 27

May 19; Setup at Peterson Air Force Base Museum

May 20, 21 & 22: Peterson Air Force Base Museum Show

June 17; Setup for TECO 28

June 18 & 19; TECO 28

July 15; Setup for Dinosaur Resource Center Show

July 16 & 17; Dinosaur Resource Center Show

Aug.14: PPNG club picnic 11am at Palmer Lake

Oct 15: Club Anniversary Party

Oct. 6, 7, 8 & 9: NMRA Regional Convention – More info on this later

Dec. 2, 3 & 4: TECO 3 day show with setup on Friday

Superintendent's Corner

Hello All

March brings us our first show of the year, Garden City, Kansas. We have Ten people attending this year so we should have a great time. We will be staying at the Magnuson Red Baron. The phone number is 620-275-4164.

Again this year, because of the Garden City trip we need to move our Business meeting to The following Friday, March 25.

That's all for now. See you at the club room.

Lester Coburn

Superintendent

Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

Boot Hill, Garden City, KS Show

The club will depart Roy's around 8:30am on Friday March 18. We will travel to Rocky Ford where we'll have breakfast at Christine's. From there we'll head to Garden City with Train viewing stops along the way. We'll check in at the Magnuson Red Baron motel when we get there then head to the fair grounds to set up. Henry will give us the hours during setup.

Coupler Clinic

On Saturday February 20 we had an informal clinic on couplers. Members in attendance were Charley, Bob, Lester, Scott, Rick, Dave, Grant, John, Chris and Mike. Members brought their own tools and coupler kits to work on. Mike and Charley assisted the members with the assemblies and coupler installations.

This clinic worked out quit well as members asked questions or need help Mike & Charley were able to assist as needed. We covered installing Unimate couplers on diesel locomotives. Go over which type of Micro-Trains coupler to use. Briefly touched on some of the other manufactures of couplers.

Two great ideas that were brought to the clinic were one Charley's foldup raised work & inspection platform and the other was Scott's track mounted on a board so you could lift the whole thing to inspect your coupler height. Both ideas work great and allow you to inspect your

work without having to get up and kneel down to check the level of the couplers. We will probably see both of these at the next clinic.

The topic of body mounts came up so we decided to have another clinic on body mounts.

Body Mount Coupler Clinic

For those wishing to try their hand at body mounting couplers we'll have a clinic to do just that. The body mount clinic will be held on Saturday March 26 at 1pm at Mike's house. Mike can schedule an additional clinic for those who can't attend on this date.

Tools: If you are working with coupler assemblies that are already assembled here are the tools you will need for this project.

- 1) Micro-Trains #1055 height gage
- 2) Pin Vice
- 3) #62 drill bit
- 4) #00-90 tap – note: tap & drill bits come as a kit from Micro-Trains, kit # 1059
- 5) Small blade type screwdriver
- 6) Small flat file
- 7) X-Acto knife with # 11 blade
- 8) Note: One way to get all the Micro-Trains coupler tools is to purchase the Micro-Trains 1050 starter kit @ \$44.79 at Caboose Hobbies.

Editor's Notes

I'm looking for stories to put in the Railhead so if you have one send it to me and I will put it in. I'm also looking for photos not just my own.

Ron is looking for "N" scale cattle haulers, tractor trailer type, for use on Cow Pie Corner.

We had a great turnout for the coupler clinic. As the clinic proceeded many questions came up about couplers that couldn't be answered in one clinic session. So while we're waiting for other clinic ideas to come up I'll be working on additional coupler clinics to cover more options. If you can't make the business meetings look out for the clinic schedules in the Railhead.