MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
THE RAILHEAD

NEWS LETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK "N"GINEERS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
Celebrating 24 years of model railroading July 2014 RAILROADING SINCE OCTOBER 13, 1989

Nickel Plate Road PA-1

N&S 611 with other old liners

July Calendar

July 4th: Independence Day!!!
July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Tuesday work sessions 7 to 9pm at club room.
July 11, 25: Friday work and run sessions – 7 to 9pm club room
July 7: Board meeting at Big Train – dinner at 6:30pm meeting to follow.
July 12: Club BBG at the Peck's, story below
July 5, 19 and 26: Saturday work and run sessions. 1 to 4pm club room.
July 18: Business meeting at 7pm club room.
July 26: TCA show at the Forney Museum.

Superintendent's Corner

Dear Club Members

It is with heavy heart that we open July. We have lost a good friend this pass month. Tom Dzakowic passed away last month. He was not a member for long but in his short stay with us he became a good friend both to our members and the club itself. He is missed. Donations in Tom's name may be made to Pikes Peak Hospice, 2550 Tenderfoot Hill St, Colorado Springs or on-line at www.pikespeakhospice.org.

Now to the events this month. The club only has a barbecue on the 12th. We meet at Mike & Mary's at 11AM and bring a side dish that will go with Pulled Pork.

And Southern Colorado wide, on July 26 is a TCA show at the Forney Museum.

Well that is it for another month, have a great fourth of July.

See you at the club room

Lester Coburn
Superintendent
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

Club BBQ

This will be the clubs fourth annual BBQ. The BBQ will be at the Peck's starting around 11am and go till whenever. The main entre will be pulled pork sandwiches, with or without onion. Members can bring salads, side dishes or deserts for about 8 people. We'll be eating outside so dress for it.

Club Trips and train ride

Bob is setting up the trip to the Greeley museum for Saturday October 25. One plan is to drive up Friday night and spend the night and go to the museum and run trains on Saturday and then go tour the missile museum on our way home.

Rick made contact with the folks at "The Wagon Wheel Gap Route", about the club taking a trip with them. At this time the historic rail line does not have a train but does have two motor vehicles. The primary vehicle "Silver Streak", holds up to 14 people. Trip 1) South Fork to Wagon Wheel gap, 26 miles round trip – costs $29 per person. Trip 2) South Fork to Wasson "Y" – this is 44 miles round trip and cost $44 per person. There are senior, military or group discounts of 10% that can apply. Another price option is if we book the whole vehicle (14) the total cost $500 divided by 14 equals $35.72 or roughly $36 each. If the club decides to make this trip we need to do it either in July or August so we need to make a decision very soon. We may have to make our decision before the July business meeting, so let Lester, Rick or Mike know if you wish to make this trip so we can begin planning and set a date.

The club is looking at a couple of other side trips for this summer so will try and keep the membership notified when these are scheduled.

MTL Repairs

The MTL is in need of some minor or major repair work on some track issues we had at TECO 20. Lester & Mike will try and schedule a Saturday work session at the club so we can get these repairs completed before the next time we setup the MTL. Hopefully the repairs can be completed in one day unless we have to do some gluing.
At the track repair and replacement clinic the members removed all the track from the A1 & A2 yards. We will be replacing the side braces on both modules then add cork to the yards and new track and switches as needed. The plan is to keep the switches in the original location and squeeze the yard trackage closer together so we can reduce damage to the outer tracks.
When Mike clears his work table and makes room for the project he will invite all who wish to work on this project over to do the work.
Next project is to replace the trackage on the 1A module and rebuild the mountains using Geo-Dessic foam to cut down on the weight.

Editor's Comments

The club lost a past member, Tom Dzakowic, in May and we will miss him. On another sad note Chris Dueker lost his mother on Thursday. Our prayers and thoughts to both families.

Some items coming up for August are a TECO auction on Saturday August 9. Will send out the time, and location when confirmed.

The combined picnic on Sunday August 10 11am till whenever. We have also been invited to attend a BBQ in Castle Rock at the YardSaleTrains office on. Will send out more details on this when received.