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

NS 8132 at Palmer Lake

CSX 6 at Palmer Lake

September Calendar

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Tuesday work sessions 7 to 9pm.
Sept. 5 & 26: Friday work & run sessions 7 to 9pm.
Sept. 6, 20 & 27: Saturday work & run sessions 1 to 4pm.
Sept. 8: Board Meeting at Big Train, dinner at 6:30pm and meeting to follow.
Sept. 12, 13 & 14: TECO 21, see story below.
Sept. 19: Business meeting, 7pm at club room.

October Events

Oct. 2, 3 & 4: Village at Skyline, see story below.
Oct. 11: Club Anniversary Party, see story below.
Oct. 25: Trip to the Greeley Freight Depot.

Superintendent's Corner

Hi Guys

First up, we have had to move our Board Meeting to September 8th because of Labor Day. See you board members and guests at the Big Train Restraint on the 8th of September.

Next we have TECO on Sept. 4th 5th and 6th. Friday night the show will be open from 4:30 to 7 PM so we need to be there early to start setting up, we need to be setup by 4PM. Mike and I plan on having the MTL there at Noon so if anyone can help please plan on being there at noon.

And that does it for September, except that John will be finishing the month as I will be recuperating from heart surgery. The doctors have found that I have a deformed Aortic Valve and due to this deformity and age it needs replacement. This will happen on the 15th of September but it will be a "minimal invasive" type of surgery and I should be out of the Hospital by the end of the week. Thanks for all the well wishes that I have received thus far.

So have a great month.

Lester Coburn
Superintendent
Pikes Peak "N" Gineers

Combined Picnic

When Mary & I arrived, Chris & Connie and Charley were already there. We sat down and had our lunch and had a nice visit being interrupted 6 times by trains. The weather was nice until the clouds started rolling in and third or fourth lightning strike made us decide it was time to leave.
We did decide that we should have more picnics in the future and we can pick different locations to go.

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MTL Work Session

Lester & I met at Roy's at 9:30am to hookup the trailer. After checking the lights we found that the left turn signal and break light didn't work. We decided to head to the club and repair it there.
After we arrived we unloaded the module racks and setup the room for work. While I worked on the track repair on module 5 (hiking & camping), Lester worked on the turn signals. It turned out to be corroded wiring. We also discussed replacing the turn signals with LED signals and placing them higher on the trailer so can be better viewed.
Next we brought in module 11 (intermodal) and Lester worked on the switch wiring. Charley showed up and apologized for being late. After we finished the repairs to the two modules we decided to call it a day as the wiring work needed on modules 8 & 9 would require more time than we had.
What few trains came through were all coal trains, one with a NS loco and one with a CSX loco and no camera.
We had two guests show up and we gave them a tour of the club room and they may become new members so was a good day.

Yard Sale Trains BBQ

Mary, Lester & I met Chris, Dave and Charley at the Monument Park & Ride we car pooled up to Castle Rock. Upon arrival we were invited to go into the gallery where there were several enlarged photos of trains from both the D&S C&T on display. Then we heard the food was on. After eating everyone sat around and talked until it started to sprinkle so Dave invited everyone down to the basement, I think he ordered the rain.
Everyone looked over his inventory of cars and locomotives and were picking out the ones they wanted. Dave explained that the way his business is setup he can only sell by email. So those people that wanted some items wrote them down on a piece of paper with their names and email address and the items so Dave didn't have to look for them.
We reconnected with the 3DNscalers and might be working on another tour for next year.

TECO 21

As of the TECO board meeting Aug. 27 the schedule for getting into the building has not been set. I'll send out an email when I receive the times we can get in to setup.
The show times are for Friday 4pm to 7:30pm with the option of closing sooner if no customers.
Tom VanWormer will give a lecture on "Yard Limits" at 5:30pm.
Saturday hours are 7am for vendors and layout setup, 8am for early buyers and 9am to 4pm for general public.
Allan Clarke will give a lecture on the "Joint Line" at 11:30am, Tom VanWormer will do the "yard Limits at 12:30pm and Mel McFarland will do his version of "Joint Line" at 1:30pm.
Sunday hours are 9am for vendors and layouts, open to the public 10am to pm followed by teardown.
Allan Clarke will do his lecture at 11:30am, Tom at 12:30pm and Mel at 1:30pm.

I'll verify the Friday night hours and if there is a change from the 4 to 7:30pm I'll send out a notice.

Village at Skyline

We'll setup the MTL on Thursday night at 4pm, so if you can help be there around 3:50pm.
Run times for both Friday and Saturday will be 10am to 4pm. We'll tear down Saturday after 4pm.
I'll need a head count for all those who can work this event so I can get enough meal vouchers for everyone. I'll need a count for Friday and one for Saturday.

Club Anniversary Party

As of this writing I have made reservations for 20 people on Saturday night at 7pm. This is the second seating and will give us more time for talks.
The chicken meal is $18.25 and the Ham meal is $19.25. This price DOES NOT include drinks,(iced tea, coffee, beer or wine), taxes or the gratuity. They will accept separate checks. Remember only checks or cash are accepted, no credit cards.
How this works, after we are all seated the waitress will come around and ask everyone if they want chicken or ham. She'll ask what type of appetizer you want and what to drink. This all served home style and yes you can have seconds or thirds, it's asked that you eat it all.
My family has been eating there since the mid-fifties when they first opened. I have always considered it a treat to eat down there.
If I can get a final head count by the September business meeting then I can call back with the final numbers. If we have more than 20 people we will need to overflow into one of the other rooms.
We will be asking both Mel McFarland & Tom VanWormer to join us and maybe a little arm twisting to have them give us a talk.