



Train Expo Colorado

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Train Expo Colorado – TECO is a registered non-profit with the state of Colorado.

The mission of TECO is to promote our Railroad Heritage through model railroading, historical presentations, “How-to” clinics, supporting Youth in Model Railroading programs, and seeking new members.

TECO is a National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) sanctioned organization and is managed and operated by volunteers from the following organizations – Pikes Peak “N”Gineers MRR Club, Pikes Peak Division of the NMRA, PikeMaster Railroaders, Youth in Model Railroading, Colorado Midland Historical Society, Slim Rail Colorado Narrow Gauge, and local museums and historical societies.

All proceeds from ticket sales and vendor fees from the TECO shows pay for the event center and advertising expenses. Participating clubs receive a distribution of the remaining profits.

Historical Presentations:

TECO has local historians who give presentations on the railroad that is the theme for the show. Historically, 12 railroads serviced Colorado Springs. TECO also tries to get speakers from each of these railroad’s historical societies.

Education:

TECO presents “How-to” clinics that cover tree making, track laying, backdrop painting, making rocks, building structures, and any other technical skills required to build a model railroad diorama.

Visitors, when looking at the different layouts, often ask questions on how something is made or how to make it, and those operating the layouts are more than happy to explain.

Youth in Model Railroading:

Many of the young families that come to a TECO show are looking for information on how to get their children involved in model railroading. If the child is between the ages of 8 and 18, we send them over to the folks at Youth in Model Railroading. These volunteers teach the how-to aspects of the model railroading hobby.

Requirements:

To put on a TECO model train show, we require between 20,000 to 30,000 square feet of floor space, 15 to 20 outlets, 100 plus 8' tables, 250 chairs, and a food vendor if operating in a location that does not have food readily available. We have a budget of ~ \$5,000 for event operations.