

Daylight Observation

Dear



Daylighters,

Welcome to the new Observation!

George Pisching has retired as our illustrious editor. We hope to be able shine as brightly as he did in service to our "Foamer Fellowship". We hope to bring some new ideas to the tried and trusted things we have done before and to bring us together and not spin us apart. Help is needed in the following areas:

- *artwork
- *tech articles
- *Achievement Program guidelines
- *Railroad stories

Photos and Models welcome!



Above photo is of the Kingsburg Depot, Location of the January 20 meet.

Registration, Meet and Greet, coffee and snacks

1. Contests, displays, first white elephant raffle
2. Quick business meet (announcements, requests for volunteers)
3. 10:00 clinics
4. Regional Convention presentation (again, Guiseppe)
5. Layout tours.

Layout Tours: Steven Fisher and Ed Metheny for now, directions at the meet.

A web-based description of the Kingsburg Depot:

“According to the website Southern Pacific Transportation Company - Depots, Freight Houses, and Line-side Structures, by Art Fisher ([visit link](#)), the Kingsburg Depot is a Southern Pacific Common Standard number 18.

From the website of the Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce ([visit link](#)) - Kingsburg, like many towns in the Central Valley, owes its existence to the railroad. In 1871, the Central Pacific Railroad established the first depot at this location and called it the Kings River Switch. The first building was a wooden shed 12 by 16 feet; the first station agent was L.A. Marshall. The present depot, located on Draper and California Streets, was dedicated in May of 1923. In the early days Kingsburg was also called Draperville and Wheatville. None of these names suited the postal authorities and in December of 1875 the name Kingsburg was chosen. Shortly

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after the depot was built in 1871, Josiah Draper was commissioned to draw up plans for the town. The first business of the railroad was cattle and wheat shipping. Later, with the development of the refrigerator car, the wealth of the valley's produce was to be shipped nationwide. The year 1962 saw the last passenger train service to Kingsburg, with the discontinuance of "The Owl". On April 30, 1971, the last streamliner, "The Daylight", passed through Kingsburg, ending all passenger service in the valley for nearly two decades. The passenger station became the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society of Kingsburg ran a museum for several years in the freight station. Today it has been declared a historical monument."

Our next meet is scheduled for January 20th at the Historic Kingsburg Depot <http://www.kingsburgdepot.org/index.html> which has been lovingly restored and will provide us with ample trainspotting opportunities. Don Smith and others will be providing local layout activities.

\$4.00 Members \$5.00 guests

Daylight Division Membership Gauge

January 31, 2017—114
February 28, 2017—115
March 31, 2017—115
April 30, 2017—116
May 31, 2017—116
June 30, 2017—115
July 31, 2017—116
August 31, 2017—117
September 30, 2017—119
October 31, 2017—119
November 30, 2017—119
December 31, 2017—117

January-March 2018

We, the officers of the Daylight Division's welcome you to our "Daylight Observation" a quarterly written description of activities within and nearby the geographic limits of our Division. Our Illustrious Director, Neil Fernbaugh, is scoping out possibilities for future events. Checking calendars with the PCR Calendar is probably best all-around way to find out the details of events we might miss. We cover the area from Ridgecrest and Kern County to Santa Barbara and San Luis Counties, north to Madera, Merced and Mariposa Counties, with Tulare and Fresno Counties the filling!

-In Memoriam-

Daylight Division Members We Lost in 2017

Member	City/State	Joined
PCR		
Eric Rudolph	Fresno, CA	1/1/1984

"Enduring Rails" 2018

PCR'S unbelievable Convention

Ok, Ok, what do you get when wine country meets trains? "Enduring Rails" of course. Our favorite California County will be hosting PCR's yearly salute to everything trains. RED and the NWPRRHS (Northwestern Pacific RR Historical Society) have joined forces to create one of the most memorable Conventions in decades. The NWP steam trains of old are morphing into the Smart trains of today under the banner "Enduring Rails" which will take place April 4th to the 8th , 2018 at the stylish DoubleTree Hotel in Rohnert Park. You will be treated to private tours of the "SMART" facility and shops, not generally open to the public, the ancient steam

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operated “Sturgeon’s mill”, open and fully operational that day for our amusement; you will be standing next to a giant saw blade cutting through humongous logs; awesome!, and lastly the Korbel champagne cellars with its iconic building that started life as a railroad structure. But we cannot live on dessert only, oh no. We will be treated to a meat and potatoes program of many brand new, never seen before clinics conducted by PCR and NWPRRHS members covering a smorgasbord of topics and pictures. You will have the choice to visit and operate on a vast number of very fine layouts, many the envy of our railroading community. A full Design SIG and OP SIG program is imbedded in the schedule all day Thursday. Our non-rails will be entertained by a variety of fun activities. The Contest room promises to be at its peak and will introduce a new category ,”special event, kitbashing” just for this Convention. Very little paperwork is required; read the details in the website. So bring your models, pictures, arts and Craft to fill the room for us to enjoy. At the Company store you will find one-of-a-kind NWP cars specially made for this event; they are a beauty! The award Banquet, besides offering great food, will feature a special keynote speaker: Dr.Ty Smith, Director of the California Railroad Museum. An excellent speaker with a fine sense of humor he has been known to delight his audiences. What a way to end a wonderful week. I encourage you to register early as that will help the Convention Committee with their budgeting and scheduling. The Registration fee was kept very low to enable members on a tight budget. For those driving back and forth, know that there is NO parking charge at the Hotel (typically \$20/day at many hotels in the Bay Area). We encourage attendees who want to rent a room to please stay at the DoubleTree as that will fill the quota on the room blocks we agreed so as to get free Convention facilities. We negotiated a room charge much less than the Hotel typically charges. Reservations will be accepted beginning in January 2018. Check the website, please. For those who prefer alternate bookings, I encourage you to make

your reservations soon, as those rooms are quickly gobbled up by tourists.

The time to act is now, the place to be is at “Enduring Rails 2018”. We are all in this Hobby for varied reasons; “Enduring Rails” will satisfy every one of them. We want you to be proud to be a member of RED, PCR and NWPRRHS; we worked to make this Convention “one for the ages”.

With much hope for your support, Joe Aymar, Convention Chair.

Clinics:

Doug Wagner’s Clinic Presentation for the January 20th Kingsburg Meet Info

Doug Wagner will be presenting a clinic titled, “Modeling Roads, Streets Sidewalks and Parking Lots Using Craft Foam Sheets”. Doug will demonstrate the technique of modeling with craft foam sheets instead of using plaster and styrene. Doug has been using this technique on the GEHAMS N scale layout, on the downtown Bakersfield portion of the club’s N scale layout. Doug has found it’s a lot less messy than using the plaster method and the waste of styrene sheets—especially if there are a lot of curves in your roads.

Welcome Aboard !

Daylight Division's Newest Members

Member Joined	City/Sate	Date
Kevin Birkbeck	Bakersfield CA	4/18/2017
Ken Peterson	Visalia CA	4/21/2017
Mark Scharf	Rosamond CA	8/15/2017

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John Medvigy Bakersfield CA
9/8/2017

Membership Thermometer:

Daylight Membership by County

County	# Members
Kern	33
San Luis Obispo	25
Fresno	23
Santa Barbara	16
Tulare	12
Merced	3
Madera	3
Mariposa	2
Total Members	117

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Attn: Modelers and prototypists:

Bo Hammarling is seeking modelers who would appreciate the challenge of building a photo etched model of the Visalia Electric's A-1. He has been inspired by the book "The Visalia Electric " by J Phillips Kauke. Bo's email is as follows:
bohammarling@hotmail.com .

Daylight Calendar:

The Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society, of Bakersfield, will be hosting Central California's largest model train show, at the Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South 'P' Street, Bakersfield, March 10th and 11th.

The train show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 10th, from 10:00 AM—5:00 PM, and on Sunday, March 11th, from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM. Admission is \$7.00 per person, with children ages 12 and below admitted free, when accompanied by a paying adult. The one-time admission charge is good for both days of the show. There will be approximately 100 vendor tables and several operating model train layouts on display. There will be hourly door prizes and drawings for model train sets. For more information about the show please email carldw@aol.com or call (661) 331-6695, or visit the Society's web site at www.gehams.org.

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Addendum:

THE DAYLIGHT DIVISION NEEDS A CHIEF CLERK AND PAYMASTER. SEE FOLLOWING JOB DESCRIPTION (as written by Neil Fernbaugh):

Can you spare a couple of hours a month to help the our Division Leadership? Bob Sexton has served as our Chief Clerk and Paymaster for as long as I can remember.

He wants to retire. We are looking for someone willing to spend write a minimum number of checks from our account, insure that someone is responsible for collecting registration and fees at our meets, and filing a quarterly report of our finances. Bob, and the rest of us officers, would be happy to make sure that anyone who would like to take it on has any help or support they need.

(Editor's note): Please volunteer for this. I have held this office before, and it is fun, challenging, and worth it. I always got back more than I put in. Getting to the meets is not a requirement. Delegating is. It does pay to get to as many meets as possible, though, as one gets to meet face-to-face with other modelers, handling petty cash, paperwork, crazy bankers. Community Service hours are about 1 hour a week. Also, if you are shooting for the NMRA Achievement Program the position qualifies after several years of service, for Association Volunteer. You can add this position to your resume too. Cash handling, report writing, computer skills and responsibility for a non-profit's checkbook are salable skills. -Brewster Bird