



# The Daylight Observation

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## Daylight Division

# Daylight Division Returns to Bakersfield May 21<sup>st</sup>

By Doug Wagner



After a 3-year absence, the Daylight Division is returning to Bakersfield, with a “meet/event” on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Beale Memorial Library, 10 AM to 2 PM.

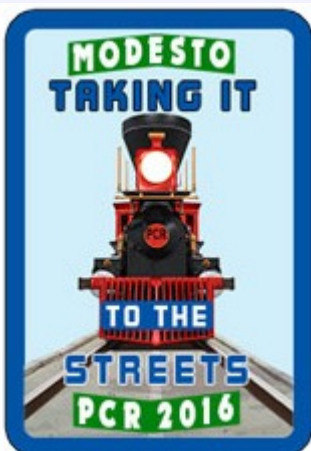
The meeting opens up at 10:00 AM for meet-and-greet, sign-in and contest entries. The clinics will begin at 10:45 AM. The first clinic, presented by Master Model Railroader #242, Ed Hall, will be “**Basic Airbrushing.**” Ed will demonstrate the basics of the airbrush, taping and masking techniques, and how to use paints for the best possible results for your model railroad.

The second clinic will be “**Cheap Sound for HO Scale Mechanical Reefers,**” presented by Brewster Bird, of Visalia. Brewster will demonstrate how to add sound to your HO scale 57' mechanical refrigerator cars for approximately \$20, using parts from your local Radio Shack. This will be a hands-on clinic, so participants can bring their mechanical refrigerator cars, and the below listed parts from Radio Shack:

1. Any HO scale mechanical refrigerator car
2. 9-Volt, 20-Second Recording Module, Catalog # 276-1323, Cost \$11.95
3. Any good 9-volt battery
4. 3/32 brass tubing
5. Pin vise or hand drill
6. Razor saw or moto-tool with cut off wheel
7. Safety glasses and gloves
8. ACC glue

If you don't have some of these, please contact Doug Wagner at [carldw@aol.com](mailto:carldw@aol.com) or by phone at (661) 589-0391, and we might be able to supply you with some of these items. So bring your HO scale 57' mechanical refrigerator car and be ready to start enjoying some sound on your layout.

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## Bakersfield Meet

The contest for the meet is **1.) Models: Steam Locomotive, Traction and self-propelled cars; 2.) Photos: Trains in Action.** You don't have to bring a model that you have built or want to be judged, but it can be any model you have.

No matter what, PLEASE bring your models and photos for the contest. If you enter a model, you get an extra ticket for a chance to win the door prize of \$25 cash. Also, we will be having a raffle prize, in addition to the door prize. You can purchase tickets for the raffle drawing from Mike O'Brien, at the meet.

After the short Daylight Division business meeting (*we have to be out of the room no later than 2:00 PM*), the layout tours begin. There will be no lunch served at the meet itself, so you are on your own for lunch. However, there are several fine eateries in the downtown Bakersfield area, so if you are looking for any particular restaurant or a certain style of food, you may contact Doug Wagner at [carldw@aol.com](mailto:carldw@aol.com), or by phone at (661) 589-0391, and he'll fill you in on all the great downtown Bakersfield food!

The layouts on tour (at press time of the *Observation* newsletter) are: Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society's HO and N scale; Larry Saslaw's HO scale Southern Pacific over Dunsmuir, California; Kevin Birkbeck's N scale Birk Ridge Comstock & Cascade Line; Doug Wagner's N scale Porterville-Orosi Branch of the Santa Fe. (See Layouts page x; maps will be available at end of business meeting.)

The Beale Memorial Library is located at 701 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield. The zip code is 93301 for your GPS. The room we are having the meet in, the "Tejon" Room, is located on the second floor of the library. There are elevators available, and for those that would like to get some early morning exercise, you can use the stairs. The "Tejon" room is in the far southeast corner of the second floor. But, you can simply ask for directions from the person at the front counter of the library as you enter the library. The library is immediately adjacent to the Bakersfield Amtrak Station, so you can bet there will be some prototype action just outside the door. And, no, the Amtrak schedule will not allow you to arrive in time for the 10:00 AM meet start.

The maps to the layouts will be made available at the conclusion of the business meeting, along with the raffle for the \$25.00 door prize and announcement of the raffle drawing winner, so stick around to the end.

To get to the Beale Memorial Library, from north or west of Bakersfield, you will be traveling south on Highway 99. When you come into Bakersfield merge onto CA-204/CA-99 Bus/Golden State Ave via EXIT 27 toward Bakersfield; travel 2.8 miles to 'Q' Street. Turn right onto "Q" Street; travel 0.6 miles to Truxtun Avenue. Turn left onto Truxtun Ave; Truxtun Ave is just past 17<sup>th</sup> Street; travel 0.07 miles and the library will be on your right. Use the same street that leads into the Amtrak Station to enter the library's parking lot, which will be on your right.

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## Coming Attractions

**April 24, 2016** - 9am, **PCR Membership Meeting**, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Modesto, 1150 9th Street, Modesto, CA.

**April 30 & May 1, 2016** – 8pm–10pm, **Railfest 2016**, [Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society](#), at Fillmore & Western Railway, 364 Main Street (2 blks north of Highway 126), Fillmore.

**April 30 & May 1, 2016** - 10am–4pm, Model Railroad Open House, [Carquinez Model Railroad Society](#), 645 Loring Ave (across from C&H Sugar), Crockett, CA. Requested contribution is \$4.00 for adults.

**May 6, 2016** - [Pomar Junction Wine-Rail Excursion](#) - Leave the San Luis Obispo Amtrak Station at 3:35pm catch the Coast Starlight over the Cuesta Grade to Paso Robles, then to Pomar Junction Winery, Party, Dinner and back. Cost is \$75/per-person for the entire excursion. Presented by the [San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum](#). Reservations required.

**May 7, 2016** - 10am–4pm, [San Luis Obispo Train Day](#) - Join us as we celebrate the 122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Luis Obispo. Presented by the [San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum](#).

**May 14 & 15, 2016** - 11am–6pm, Monthly Model Train Show, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

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## Bakersfield Meet

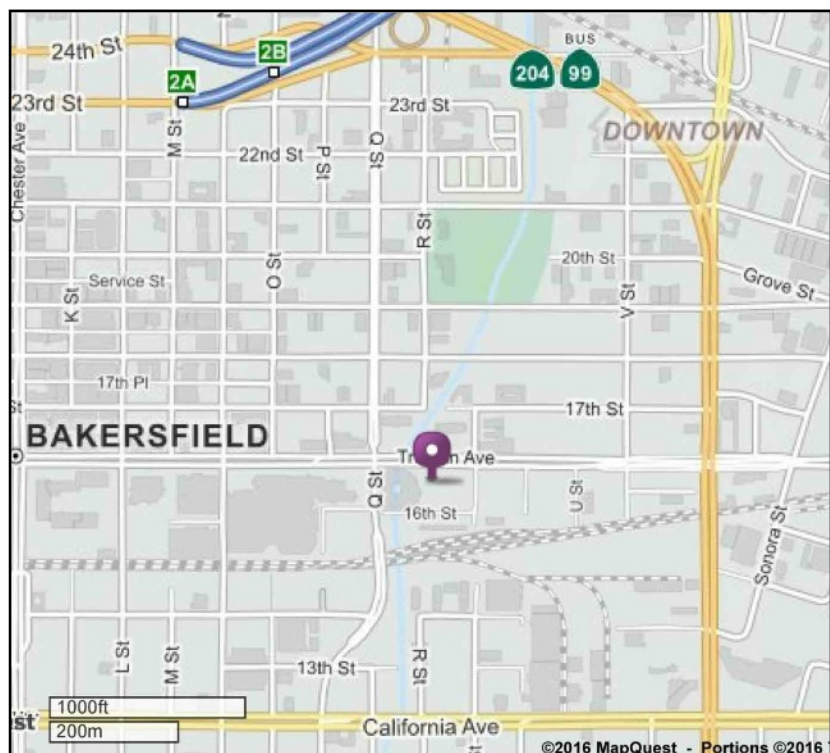
To get to the Beale Memorial Library from south of Bakersfield, you will be traveling north on Highway 99. When you come into Bakersfield: Take the California Ave exit, EXIT 25, toward Civic Center. At the end of the off-ramp, turn right onto California Ave; travel 1.5 miles to South ‘P’ Street.

Turn left onto South ‘P’ Street. Travel 0.1 miles and go under the railroad bridge. As you come up from under the railroad underpass, the stop light will be Truxtun Ave. Turn right onto Truxtun Avenue; travel 0.07 miles and the library will be on your right. Use the same street that leads into the Amtrak Station to enter the library’s parking lot, which will be on your right.

To get to the Beale Memorial Library, from east of Bakersfield, you will be traveling west on Highway 58. When you come into Bakersfield: Take EXIT 111 toward Chester Ave/H Street. The exit will turn into Richland Street; travel 0.2 miles until you come to Chester Ave. Turn right onto Chester Avenue; travel 1.5 miles to Truxtun Avenue. Turn right onto Truxtun Avenue; travel .5 miles. The library will be on your right, just passed ‘Q’ Street. Use the same street that leads into the Amtrak Station to enter the library’s parking lot, which will be on your right.

You may also visit the Daylight Division’s web site for the most up-to-date meet information and changes at [daylight/nextmeet.html](http://daylight/nextmeet.html) , where you can also download a map and directions to the library.

We hope to see a lot of you – especially NMRA members from Kern County who have never been to a Daylight meet before – at the Bakersfield meet. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Wagner, at [carldw@aol.com](mailto:carldw@aol.com) or by phone at (661) 589-0391.



# Coming Attractions

**May 21, 2016** - 10am–5pm, Daylight Division Spring Meet, Beale Branch, Kern County Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue (Next to the Amtrak Station), Bakersfield, CA Registration fee.

**May 21, 2016** - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Redwood Empire Division Spring Meet, Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA.

**May 21, 2016** - **Swap Meet**: 7am–10am; **Open House**: 10am–4pm, Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society, Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Road, Simi Valley, CA.

**May 27, 2016** - 8–10pm, **Monthly Model Train Show**, Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society, in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

**June 5, 2016** - 9am–5pm, Coast Division Meet, 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA. (at SF Bay Area Council Office of Boy Scouts of America)

**June 11 & 12, 2016** - 10am–4pm, Tri-City Society of Model Engineers, 37592 Niles Boulevard in Fremont, CA, at the Niles Town Plaza.

**June 15–19, 2016** - Selkirk Express 2016, Pacific Northwest Region 2016 Convention at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre 251 Harbourfront Drive, NE, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada.

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## Daylight Division

# Director's Report

By Dave Grenier, Director, PCR Daylight Division

Greetings from Clovis!

By the time you read this, the **Taking it to the Streets 2016 PCR Convention in Modesto** will have been over for a few weeks. I hope you were able to attend and take in some clinics, layout tours, ops sessions and prototype tours that were offered this year. If you didn't attend, you can see what you missed by taking a peek at the convention website: [www.pcrnmra.org/conv2016/](http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2016/)



Doug Wagner is planning and coordinating the Daylight Spring meet in Bakersfield at the Kern County Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, right next to the Amtrak Station. NOTE THE 10:00 AM CHECK-IN TIME. Visit the Daylight website for up-to-date information on the meet: [www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/nextmeet.html](http://www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/nextmeet.html)

The 2017 PCR convention will be in the Daylight Division in Bakersfield at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. We have a partial committee in place, consisting of PCR members from all over the region and have held several planning meetings since mid-March. We still need clinicians, layout tour hosts, and a host of volunteers at the convention itself. See the “Volunteers” and “Committee” pages on the website, [www.pcrnmra.org/conv2017](http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2017), for what we need. You can also earn AP Association Volunteer time units for your service and participation. See the NMRA website, [nmra.org/volunteer](http://nmra.org/volunteer), for the details or ask me.

Until next time, may all your balls be high.

Dave Grenier, PCR Daylight Director



# Coming Attractions

**June 18, 2016** - 9am–5pm, [San Francisco Bay Area Prototype Modelers 2016 Meet](#), St. David's School Hall, 871 Sonoma St., Richmond, CA. Admission: \$10.00

**June 22–25, 2016** - [Daylight Express 2016](#), [Lone Star Region NM-RA 2016 Convention](#), Sheraton Arlington Hotel & Convention Center, 1500 Convention Center Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011.

**June 24, 2016** - 8–10pm, **Monthly Model Train Show**, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

**June 24–26, 2016** - Friday: 7–9pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11am–5pm, **Model Railroad Open House**, [Lompoc Valley Model Railroad and Historical Society](#) (Requires Facebook log-in), 428 North I Street, Lompoc, CA. (southeast of Vandenberg Air Force Base in the Daylight Division).

**June 25 & 26, 2016** - 10am–4pm, **Crockett Railroad Days** joint show with Carquinez Toy Train Operating Museum, [Carquinez Model Railroad Society](#), 645 Loring Ave (across from C&H Sugar), Crockett, CA. Lionel club on the third floor of the building.

**July 3–10, 2016** - [Highball to Indy](#), [NMRA 2016 National Convention and National Train Show](#), Indianapolis, IN. Get full information at the web links underlined above.

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## Daylight Division

# Winter Meeting in Fresno

By Robert Sexton, Chief Clerk and Paymaster

PCR – Daylight Division

Minutes of meeting on February 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at Hobbytown USA by Division Superintendent Neal Fernbaugh at 12:15 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. The Paymaster report was approved as presented.

Bills were presented for meet expenses and were approved for payment as follows;

- Dave Grenier \$61.13
- Robert Sexton \$36.35

Superintendent's Report:

The meet in Santa Barbara was well done and the Superintendent expressed regrets that many members missed a good event. The next meet will be in Bakersfield. At this point, Doug Wagner commented on plans for that and future meets. The Bakersfield meet will be May 21 at the Beale Library, which is right next to the Amtrak station. The room will be available only from 10AM to 2PM however.

A preliminary draft of new bylaws has been prepared and circulated. The Superintendent called for volunteers to join the bylaw committee.

Director's Report: Dave Grenier reported on the coming convention in Modesto.

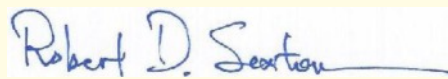
Good of the Division: Gary Saxton expressed his appreciation for the years here in Fresno as he is moving away.

Contest: Dan Seames won for model, Doug Wagner won for photo.

The door prize was won by Mike O'Brien.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Division Chief Clerk/Paymaster

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# Coming Attractions

**July 4–10, 2016 - 2016 National Garden Railway Convention**, proudly hosted by the Bay Area Garden Railway Society (BAGRS), Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA.

**July 16 & 17, 2016 - 10am–4pm, San Leandro Historical Railway Society, Summer Open House & Train Show**, 1302 Orchard Ave (in Thrasher Park), San Leandro, CA. Info: [info@slhrs.org](mailto:info@slhrs.org)

**July 23 & 24, 2016 - Saturday 10am–5pm; Sunday 10am–4pm, EuroWest 2016 Show**, proudly hosted by the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE) at the Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos Airport, 601 Skyway Rd, San Carlos, CA. FREE parking. Information: Jens Ullmann: [eurowest@ete.org](mailto:eurowest@ete.org).

**July 29, 2016 - 8–10pm, Monthly Model Train Show**, Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society, in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

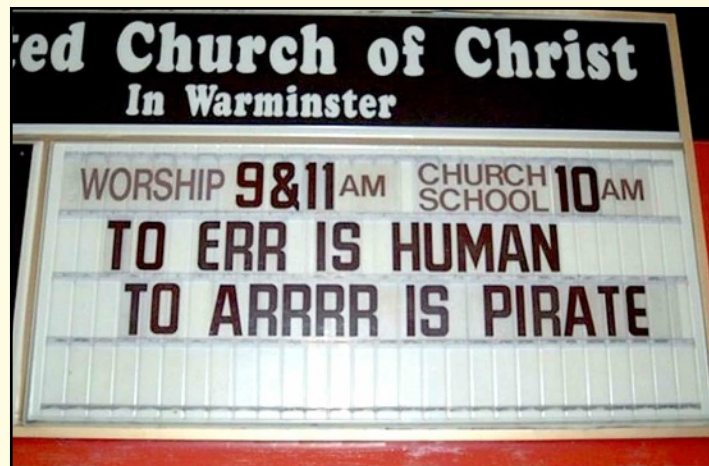
**July 30 & 31, 2016 - 10am–4pm, The Great Train Expo**, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA. Adults: \$7.00 **Good for both days!** Kids under 12: Free!

The Daylight Division of the PCR is your resource and access to active model railroaders like yourself. Make the most of it by participating in the meetings, events and activities available to you. Get more Bang for Your Bucks!

## Daylight Division Paymaster Report By Robert Sexton, Division Paymaster

### DAYLIGHT DIVISION PCR MEET BALANCE SHEET FEBRUARY 20, 2016

	cash		bank
beginning balance	\$0.34		\$4,556.58
cash advance	(\$100.00)		\$4,456.58
income:			
registrations: member	18 @ \$4 = \$72.00		
guest	6 @ \$5 = \$30.00		
total	24 = \$102.00		
auction	= \$57.00		
raffle	0		
<u>donations(?)</u>	<u>0</u>		
total income	\$159.00		\$259.34
expenses:			
door prize	(\$25.00)		
Dave Grenier doughnuts	(\$61.13) advance		
Robert Sexton coffee	(\$36.35) advance		
total expense	(\$25.00)		\$234.34
deposit 2/24/16	\$230.00	[\$4.34]	\$4,686.58
over/under budget	(\$4.00)		
<u>current balances</u>	<u>\$0.34</u>		<u>\$4,686.58</u>
Meet Gain/Loss	\$134.00		



# Letters From the Editor

## A Quick Survey to our regional railroad modelers

I will send this until I get enough replies. This is actually a serious question that I am using to shape a couple of things I am working on, but semi-frivolous responses are acceptable. Help us focus our Observation material and clinics and events to best serve you.

### 1. What kind of a modeler would you really want to be?

Do not consider restraints like money or time.

### 2. What parts of modeling would give you the most pleasure?

Don't leave anything out. Technical and mechanical are important but so are operations, clinics, social interactions of all sorts, railfanning, reading, writing, conventions, shows, anything.

Just put your feet up, lean back in your chair and fantasize,

*"What kind of a modeler would I like to be?"*

Then write it down in an email and send your reply it to me, the Editor at [gmpisching@netzero.com](mailto:gmpisching@netzero.com)



## Daylight Division

# Fresno Meet Contest Report

by Chuck Harmon, MMR, Daylight Contest Chairman

The Favorite Model contest category was Caboose. Dan Seames and Doug Wagner from Bakersfield both brought entries. Dan won first place with his HO scale Milwaukee Road Caboose. Doug's SOO Line Caboose won second place and his Central California Traction Caboose was third.

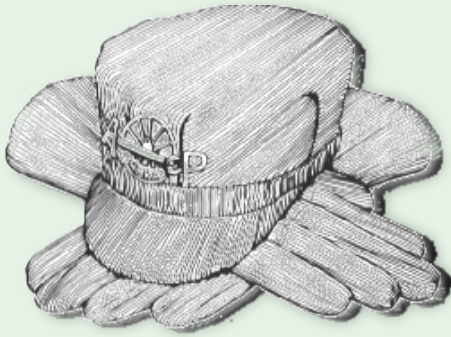


The Favorite Photo contest category was Track and Structures. Unfortunately there were no entries.

At the next meet on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Bakersfield the Favorite Model category will be **Steam Locomotive**. According to the PCR Contest Directory this includes all types of steam locomotives. However, entries must be powered. The Favorite Photo category will be **Trains in Action**. The PCR Contest Directory defines this category as "Color prints of available-light images of prototype railroad equipment in motion."

We have not had any models for judging for quite some time. Remember, if you want to get points toward an achievement certificate in model building you need to have your models judged. This can be done at a meet. Another point is that in order to have your model evaluated for suggestions that may help you get more points, bring it to a meet and a team will help you out. If you have a model that you plan to enter in a Region or National level contest, having it judged at a Division meet first is a good preliminary step.





National Model Railroad Association  
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of your model railroad. We are  
always looking for the next great  
story and photo.

## NMRA Achievement Program

# Association Official

By Dave Grenier, Daylight Achievement Chairman

In this installment, we will review the requirements for the Association Official certificate. The full requirements for this certificate are available on the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/official>. You can also get a copy of the requirements by contacting me, either by phone, e-mail, or letter. Also take a look at the *Scale Rails*, October 2008 issue, page 10, for additional information.

The Association Official certificate, as its name implies, is to recognize an individual's service as an officer at the national, regional, or divisional level. To qualify for this certificate, you must have served as an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) and completed satisfactory service in one of the following:

- At least one year in office at the national level.
- At least two years in the office(s) at the regional level, of which one shall be Region President or Trustee.
- At least three years in the office(s) at the regional level, if other than Region President or Trustee.

Division Superintendents or Directors who serve as voting members of the Region Board of Directors, either by election, appointment, or automatic by-law provision, shall be eligible for the certificate on the same basis as any other Region Board member (i.e. three years of service required).

Just to clarify, "satisfactory service" means that you actually have to perform the duties of the office, not just doing nothing while holding the title. There have also been discussions over what offices qualify for Association Official. The general rule of thumb is that if holding an office makes you a voting member of the Regional Board of Directors, then it counts.

In the PCR, Division Directors are voting members of the PCR Board of Directors, so holding this office meets the requirement. On the other hand, although Division Superintendents usually attend the Board meetings, they have no vote; therefore it does not count. However, Superintendents do earn Association Volunteer time units (2 TU) for every month served. Interestingly, since our Division Directors typically serve for 4 years, the 1<sup>st</sup> three years qualify them for the Association Official certificate, while the 4<sup>th</sup> year earns 12 TUs toward their Association Volunteer certificate. Watch for possible changes regarding this after the April 20, 2016, NMRA Board of Directors meeting.

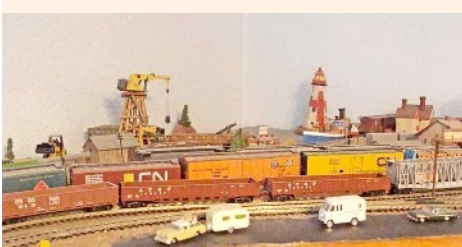
The final requirement for this certificate is the usual paperwork. You must submit a completed Statement of Qualifications Form (SOQ), listing the offices you held with the dates served, along with the signature of a qualified witness, usually the Region President (Ed Merrin) or

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Bakersfield  
**Golden Empire  
Historical and  
Modeling  
Society Layouts**  
Pictures by George Pisching

They will be open for tours after the May 21 Meeting.



## **Association Officer**

Secretary (Tom Swearingen). Be sure to send a copy of your NMRA membership card along with your paperwork to the PCR AP Manager, Jack Burgess. If you mail it to the President or Secretary for their signature, include a stamped envelope addressed to Jack Burgess, 36129 Sandalwood Street, Newark, CA 94560 and a short note asking them to forward it to Jack.

That's all it takes! In one to three years, depending on what level you serve at, you can earn the Association Official certificate. All you have to do is get involved in the NMRA. To paraphrase JFK, "Ask not what the NMRA can do for you, but ask what I can do for the NMRA." Unlike the other AP certificates, this service-related certificate does not require any judging of your efforts. All you have to do is get involved in the NMRA, do the work and put in the time. Don't be bashful! Jump right in and lend a hand. You'll be glad you did.

I'm happy to announce that **Layton Gillette** qualified for the **Golden Spike Award** since my last report and should have received it by the time you read this. Congratulations, Layton!

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Achievement Program or Golden Spike Award, call me at (559) 297-1345 or e-mail me at [grenida@pacbell.net](mailto:grenida@pacbell.net).

Next installment: Association Volunteer

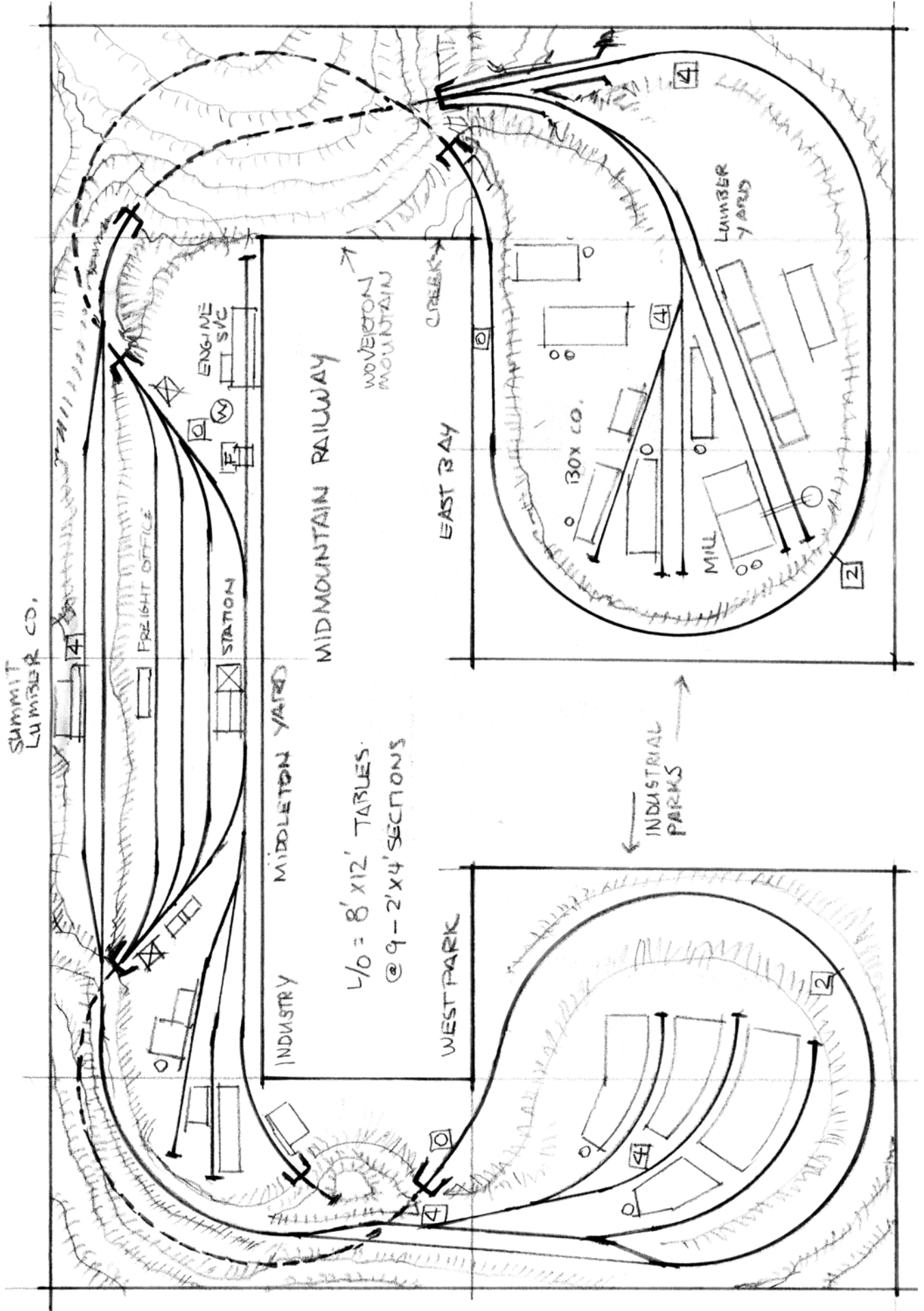


*Union Pacific freight blasting out of the tunnel next to where another tunnel collapsed during an earthquake. It is heading up to the Tehachapi Loop from Caliente. The tour to the loop will be available during the 2017 PCR Convention in Bakersfield.*

*Photos by George Pisching*

# Layout Design Challenge Diagram

Critique it, Re-Design it, Correct it, Submit another one of your designs to fit a 12'x8' space. Have at it! Please submit your response to the Editor before July 1. That avoids the July 4 meltdowns.



# Pacific Coast Region, NMRA 2016 Convention Report

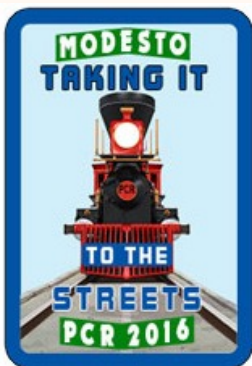
By George Pisching

I attended the 2016 PCR Convention in Modesto this past month.

This was a combined effort of the PCR and the FRRS (Feather River Railroad Society).

It is a little clichéd, but you missed a fine meeting with plenty of “new to us” clinics if you did not attend.

The FRRS people provided many clinics on their historical venue of the Western Pacific Railroad. Everything from its 50 year history to the crowning trains of the Zephyr Class. The Silver Historic Pioneer Zephyr and California Zephyr; and the Zephyrettes –RDC-1 and 2.



There were prototype tours Thursday through Saturday. I joined the Sierra Northern Tour. We rode the designated “Oakdale Dinner Train,” although we did not have dinner on board. They have a Murder on the Train Mystery Dinner Evening on the Train several times

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InfoNet News (InfoBlast) for April, 2016

# Welcome to the NMRA InfoNet News For April, 2016

## Canadian Pacific halts takeover bid of Norfolk Southern

Canadian Pacific Railway’s bid to acquire fellow rail giant Norfolk Southern came to an end following months of contentious back-and-forth squabbling and amid heightened scrutiny from the Obama administration on antitrust issues.

Canadian Pacific said that it would no longer pursue the takeover, which it has proposed publically despite Norfolk Southern’s repeated rejections.

It also withdrew a resolution that would have required Norfolk Southern shareholders to vote on whether to force deal talks.

“No further financial offers or overtures to meet with the NS board of directors are planned at this time,” Canadian Pacific said in a statement.

Norfolk Southern has repeatedly asserted that a merger would draw intense regulatory scrutiny, saying there’s a good chance it would have been rejected.

The company also questioned the value of Canadian Pacific’s offer and said it could perform well on its own.

The deal’s demise comes as the Obama administration has increased scrutiny of mergers in recent months, including the Treasury’s department scuttling recently of the proposed Pfizer-Allergan pharmaceutical match-up and the Justice Department’s lawsuit to block the oilfield services merger of Halliburton and Baker Hughes.

Also recently the Justice Department said it opposed a voting-trust structure that Canadian Pacific had proposed to the Surface Transportation Board, which reviews proposed railroad mergers.

Under the proposal, Canadian Pacific would have acquired Norfolk Southern, Canadian Pacific’s stock would have been placed in trust and its current CEO would have become CEO of Norfolk Southern before an antitrust review could be completed, according to the Justice Department.

From USA Today - Nathan Bomey

## In Memoriam – Lee Riley

“Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Lee Riley was the son of the late Luther and Miriam Riley of Baltimore and served with honor in the 175<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the Maryland National Guard from 1965 to 1970.

“He was a kind man whose lifelong passions were model railroading, riding live steam trains throughout the world, folk and blue grass music, the West Virginia and Western Maryland mountains, and his wife and family.

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during the summer and many other ride opportunities. (See their web site for info.) They even did a runby at our request. Most accommodating to us.



There was also a small vendor's room open two days, and the FRRS room where they sold drawing tickets of WP items which went over great. The drawing was held in the lobby of the ball room just before the dinner banquet. Oh, by the way, the banquet food was terrific and the speaker, John Lucas, entertained with historical and hysterical stories of his career on the Southern Pacific in the local area.

All the usual suspects were there and we made some real friends on the Feather River Group. They said they were serious about having more combined events in the future.



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“A distinguished member of the hobby industry for nearly 50 years, Lee’s professional career began in 1967 as one of original staff members of Pro Custom Hobbies in Catonsville, Maryland. He was director of product development of Associated Hobby Manufacturers before joining Philadelphia-based Bachmann Industries Ltd., the world’s largest model train maker, in the 1980s as Director Product Development and later Vice President of Product Development until his death. During his career, he also worked or consulted for GSB, Lionel, Life-Like Products, MDC, Model Power, TYCO, Westside Models, and others.

“Lee was a longtime active member of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and received the association’s prestigious Pioneer Award and the Distinguished Service Award. He was inducted into the Model Railroad Industry’s Hall of fame in 2004. He was also a valued member of the NMRA Howell Day Museum Committee, representing industry interests and bringing a wealth of knowledge and history.

“He was widely known as an innovator in the model train industry. He is the inventor or co-inventor on eight industry patents granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

“Lee was one of 100 volunteers who helped bring America’s history to the country by participating in the rebuilding of the T-1-class, No. 2101, the first steam engine to pull the American Freedom Train, during the nation’s Bicentennial celebration. The steam engine remains on display at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum in Baltimore.

“In lieu of flowers, Lee’s family suggests making a donation to the development of the NMRA’s Magic of Scale Model Railroading Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum in Lee’s memory. <https://donations.nmra.org>.

### Considerations For Inviting Speakers To Your Convention By Tony Koester

I’ve been asked to give clinics and after-dinner talks at venues literally around the world since 1969. I very much appreciate the honor, as do others who receive similar invitations.

There are several considerations that we should all be aware of, however, that will help to avoid anyone being in an embarrassing or financially untenable situation. Based on decades of presenting talks and on discussions with others who are often asked to do this, I have prepared a list of expectations and customs.

Speakers asked to give a talk in their home Region or Division do not usually expect to have any expenses covered. It’s just part of being an active and participating member of a Region or Division.

When I was elected At-large Director, Worldwide, one of my first proposals was to compensate those who are asked to give clinics at National Conventions.

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When the officers and directors worked through the numbers, however, it quickly became apparent that any significant compensation such as free lodging or even registration would cause the basic registration fee to grow significantly. That said, in my view clinicians who attend the National only for the day they present their clinic should, at a minimum, be allowed to register at a one-day rate. Even though it is a distinct honor to be asked to give a clinic at a National Convention and counts toward an Achievement Program certificate, perhaps some means of offsetting expenses for National clinicians will one day be worked out by the leadership team and convention hosts.

Those who are invited to give clinics or after-dinner talks at Regions other than their home Region cannot be expected to cover their own major expenses, including transportation, lodging, and banquet costs. They should expect to cover their own non-banquet meals, tours, and other extra-fare costs. But it is simply unfair to expect popular speakers to spend significant hobby funds to “entertain your troops,” as they are often invited to numerous conventions each year. The costs quickly become prohibitive. The model railroad publications do have budgets for staff travel, but such budgets are usually very limited.

Many travel schedules and budgets are set up at least a year out; my own travel schedule tends to fill up two or three years in advance. So as soon as you have a date set for your event and a person delegated to round up a slate of clinicians and the after-dinner speaker, immediately reach out to those you hope can help you make your convention a resounding success.

Tony Koester, NMRA At-large Director, Worldwide (2005–2013)

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If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in the NMRA Magazine

If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at [tcdraider@aol.com](mailto:tcdraider@aol.com) with the corrected information.

Regards, Tom Draper – HLM, DSA, FA, MSA, PA; Director – Support Services





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# Daylight Express to Bakersfield!

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Sign up NOW for the 2017 Pacific Coast Region's 2017 Convention. It is hosted by the Daylight Division, so WE HAVE TO ATTEND! I hope you all have the pride of ownership and participate, give clinics and volunteer. We have some of the best clinicians in the region.

Here are some preview pictures for the convention. Does this whet your appetite? I can hear you drooling already..

