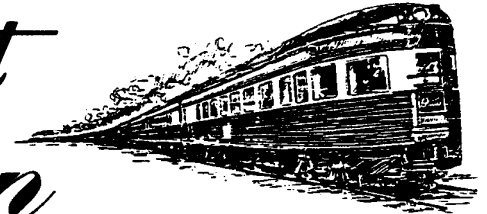


# The Daylight Observation



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## Daylight Division's Summer Meet To Be Held In Fresno August 24<sup>th</sup>

*4 Layouts Open For Tours Plus Two Model Railroad Shops*

The summer meet of the Daylight Division will be held in Fresno, August 24th. The meet will be held at Marlin Costello's home, located at 1125 East Holland Ave. in Fresno (see map). Marlin's home layout, the "Goshen Goose Chase, will be up and running for the meet. The layout, a free-lanced layout, is under Digitrax's DCC control and is currently under construction, though operational. Marlin used a modified steel bench work, based on the nuclear blast proof bench work made world famous from the folks on the coast side of the division.

The meet starts promptly at 10:00 AM with registration and contest entries (**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE MODELS, PHOTOS, OR MODELS TO BE JUDGED!!!!**). Marlin will be giving a seminar on how he modified his bench work to fit his needs. After the seminar and contest judging, we'll have the business meeting and immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, we will be having the world-famous White Elephant Auction, so don't forget to bring any brown-paper or newspaper wrapped items for the Auction.

After the closing of the Auction, time will be allowed for lunch, then it's time for an operation session on Mel Norwood's home layout, the "Grand Canyon and Central Arizona Lines". Mel's layout is now fully Digitrax DCC'ed. He has 8 throttles for those wishing to operate on the layout, but if you have your own Digitrax throttle, please bring it along. Mel has a new addition to the layout—the Santa Fe's line into El Paso. Mel's layout is a 14' X 40' HO scale that depicts the Santa Fe mainline running from needles, California, to Williams,

Arizona, during the steam to diesel transition era. It also includes the branch line running to the Grand Canyon. All this while being serenaded by a thunder and lightening storm over the Grand Canyon and the Grand Canyon Suite!

After the operation session on Mel's layout, there are two other layouts on tour. The Fresno Model Railroad Club's Manchester Mall layout, in both HO and N scale, is a real crowd pleaser and is located in the Manchester Mall, which is located at the northeast corner of Shields and Blackstone, in Fresno.

The other layout, Jim Neil's Santa Fe Los Angeles and Mojave divisions is one of the best looking layouts depicting the Tehachapi Loop area. Although not fully finished with the scenery yet, Neil has been plugging along on the scenery, and this layout makes you feel like you're right at "The Loop" watching those trains!

Fresno is also home to two model train shops. The first, Tom's Trains, is a quaint train shop that is located in Fresno's Tower District, with it's many restaurants. The shop is located at 1476 North Van Ness Ave.

The other shop is logically named Fresno Model Railroad Shop, located at 744 "P" Street, and the shop is a stone's throw from the Amtrak Station.

To get to Marlin Costello's home from the south of Fresno off of Highway 99:

- Take the CA-41 N exit towards YOSEMITE. And merge onto CA-41 N and travel 5.13 miles
- Take the ASHLAN AVE exit
- Turn LEFT onto E ASHLAN AVE and travel

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# A Model Railroad Celebration

In conjunction with National Model Railroad month, the Cajon Division will host "A Model Railroad Celebration" on November 2–3, 2002 at the Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 E. Main Street, in Barstow, California.

**Admission at the door: \$5.00 one day or both days for \$8.00**

## ACTIVITIES

• **CLINICS**—Clinics will be held in the morning on both Sat. and Sun.

Confirmed to date are:

3 Amigos Slide Show\*\* (hoping to schedule this Saturday evening)

Don Ford "Pennsy Covered Hoppers"

Brain Block "Painting Detail"

Chuck Nauman "Rail fanning" (use only if necessary)

Carl Heimberger "Making Trees" (Hands on clinic)

Bob Moore "NW Diesels That Don't Exist Anymore"

Bob Chaparro "Trackside Details"

Todd Scott "title undecided"

Jim Fuhrman "title undecided"

## • **SELF-GUIDED TOURS**

**Western American Railroad Museum (W.A.R.M.)**

Saturday and Sunday Open Hours: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Located approximately 10 minutes from the Ramada Inn or the Home Layout

Maps will be provided - Approximate Length of Tour: 45 minutes to 1 hour

Museum Highlights:

Outdoor displays of rolling stock, locomotives, general railroad operating equipment such as the Santa Fe FP-45, ATSF Caboose, UP Caboose, ATSF Horse car, a 44-ton locomotive, Gas powered speeder, Manual powered hand car, etc. WARM is located in an authentic railroad depot with indoor displays such as Hank Graham's award winning models, railroad china, the largest date nail collection, etc. Also on display is the Dogtooth Mountain RR, an operating HO layout with superb detail. This layout was featured in the April 2002 issue of Model Railroading magazine. In addition the Route 66

museum and Harvey House is located within the property.

**\*\*A Special Narrated Tour (Saturday 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM)** with a Museum Guide. We hope to have open for viewing the FP-45, the ATSF caboose and possibly the 44-ton locomotive. Also, there is a small operating steam engine (NOT locomotive) that is being run on air and hope to have it operating during this special tour.

## **Home Layout Tour**

Saturday Open Hours: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday Open Hours: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Located approximately 10 minutes from the Ramada Inn or the RR Museum (WARM)

Maps will be provided.

**LAYOUT DESCRIPTION:** Ron Tucker is opening his Bodie Southern RR, a fully operational DCC controlled HO layout, for this event. The "Bodie" is an "L" shaped, single track main line with passing sidings built on two levels that also contains two yards all housed in a separate home all of its own. Dee Tucker has offered to provide afternoon refreshments.

## **Mining Museum**

Saturday and Sunday Open Hours: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Located approximately 10 minutes from the Ramada Inn

Maps will be provided - Free Admission

Highlights: Mining artifacts and displays. There is a Drover's Caboose on display.

• **CONTESTS** (Judging and Awards will be Saturday)

The 1x2 diorama contest (popular vote judging—cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Model contests, if any.

• **MINI TRAIN SHOW:** Hours are Saturday, 10 to 4 and Sunday 11 to 3.

Open to the public

Public Admission Fee: \$3-Adults; \$2-Youth 6 years up and under 6 is Free

• **WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION** – Saturday afternoon. Jim Kociemski has been tapped to be the auctioneer. Some donated items received from model railroader manufacturers and retailers

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will be inserted into the white elephant auction.

• **RAFFLES:**

Saturday: two beautiful raffle baskets, one for “rails” and one for the “ladies”

Sunday: Cajon Division logo clock and RR vest (donated by the Tuckers).

For those wishing to spend the night, the Barstow Ramada Inn rooms have been discounted to a very modest \$59 for the event. Call 1-800-272-6232 prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> to make your reservations and state you are with the Model Railroad Group to receive this rate.

Full RV Hook ups is available at Barstow Calico KOA, \$27 (located about 8 miles out of town. )

## Coming Down The Line



### October

**5 & 6—San Luis Obispo.** San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Club’s Annual model train show. Veteran’s Memorial Hall, 801 Grand Ave. Contact Terry Taylor for more information.

**12 & 13—Tulare.** San Joaquin Model Railroad Club’s annual model train show. Tulare County Fairgrounds located at “K” St. and Martin Luther King Drive. 10:00 AM—4:00 PM, both days. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and children ages 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Admission is good for both days.

### November


**17—San Luis Obispo.** Daylight Division meet. More info in the next issue of the Observation newsletter.

### January

**18 and 19—Bakersfield.** Golden Empire Historical and Model Society’s annual model train show. Kern County Fairgrounds, 1501 South “P” Street. Contact Doug Wagner, (661) 589-0391 or carldw@aol.com for information.

## A Word From The Superintendent

*By Bob Randall*

As Superintendent of the Daylight Division for the last 6 years, I have had fun getting to visit different layouts and meeting a lot of our members. But after 6 years, I feel it is time to step down and hand the throttle over to someone else. So come this November, when nominations will be accepted for officers of the Daylight Division, I will not allow my name to be put in nomination for Superintendent of the Daylight Division. As Lyndon Baines Johnson, United States President, in 1968, said when he was asked if he would seek re-election as President, “I will not seek, and if nominated I will not run, and if elected, I will not serve.” And this is my answer if asked if I would seek nomination again. It’s been a fun ride, and I look forward to all the fun things that the Daylight Division meets offer—only not as the Superintendent. So come November, in San Luis Obispo, please put into nomination someone that is willing to accept the position as Superintendent of the Daylight Division. I know there are several members out there that would make excellent Superintendents of this great Division! See you in Fresno August 24<sup>th</sup>! 

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0.75 miles

- Turn RIGHT onto N COLLEGE AVE and travel 0.25 miles **14:** Turn RIGHT onto E HOLLAND AVE. and travel .02 miles and Marlin House will be on your right.

If you are traveling to Fresno from the North on Highway 99, use the following directions:

- Take the exit towards GRANTLAND AVENUE. And travel .25 miles
- Turn LEFT onto W HERNDON AVE. and travel 7.44 miles
- Take the CA-41 S ramp. and merge onto CA-41 S. and travel 2.59 miles
- Take the ASHLAN AVE exit. And turn RIGHT onto E ASHLAN AVE. and travel .63 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto N COLLEGE AVE. and travel .25 miles
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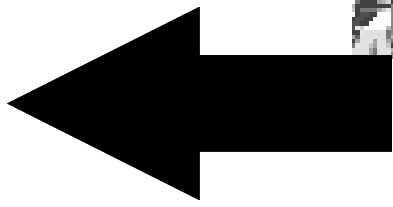
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# North

## Map to the location of the August 24th Daylight Division meet in Fresno

Daylight Meet Location  
1125 East Holland  
Fresno

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