



The Daylight Observation

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Daylight Division

FALL MEET IN TEHACHAPI

By "Choochoodoug" Wagner

The next Daylight Division Meet will be Saturday, September 22nd, in Tehachapi (Route 58 East). The meet will be at Kelcy's Restaurant, located at 110 W Tehachapi Blvd., Tehachapi, CA 93561. See Directions on Page 8. Look for the yellow "Café" sign. Kelcy's is also located right next door to Trains Etc. Model Railroad Shop.



Kelcy's asked us to use their rear parking lot and do not use the street for parking. Kelcy's phone number is (661) 822-4207, if for any reason you have to contact them. For those that would like to start out the day, breakfast will be served, beginning at 8:30 AM. You get a large complete breakfast for \$10.00 which includes the tip.



Sign in begins at 9:30am and activities begin at 10:00. The Contest categories at this meet are models of steam locomotives and photos of freight cars. So, everyone be sure to bring your favorite steam locomotive and freight car photos, to be voted as favorite. One of the clinics to be presented will be concerning DCC, by Mike Bruno, owner of Green Steam Products - a Digitrax dealer - from California City. At presstime we are still working on one more clinic. Following the clinics, the quarterly business meeting will take place, along with the contest results, raffle drawing, door prizes and White Elephant Auction. Ah, most important - don't forget to bring a newspaper wrapped train item that you no longer want. It's kind of' like re-gifting!

At the conclusion of the business meeting, several activities are planned. Maps to the layouts will be handed out at the end of the meeting.

For the first activity, you don't have to go far - in fact, right next door to Kelcy's - is the model train shop, *Trains Etc.* You can contact Trains Etc. at their web site at <http://www.trainsetc.biz>, or they can be reached by phone at **661-822-7777**.

Then, right across the street is the restored Southern Pacific Tehachapi Depot Railroad Museum (<http://www.tehachapidepot.com/>)

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Please send your email notice to me at: gmpisching@netzero.com

Put **Observation** in the subject so it doesn't get mistaken for junk.

From the Super's Desk **DAVE'S DISPATCH** by Dave Grenier



The Daylight Division held its Spring Meet on June 2, 2012, at the home of Kathy and Glenn Sutherland, in Midpines, just past Mariposa on the road to Yosemite. There were some 37 people in attendance.

The first of two clinics was presented by Glenn Sutherland on the colorful Sierra Railway, often described as the "perfect prototype." He described and showed historic photos of the Angels Branch and its colorful history. He went on to describe how to model the branch, using examples on his own HO scale Sierra Railway layout.

The second clinic was presented by Dave Tadlock, a long-time volunteer at Railtown 1897 in Jamestown. Dave's PowerPoint presentation described the care and feeding of steam locomotives year round and what it's like to work in the historic roundhouse.

Following Dave's clinic, we took a break for an onsite lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, salads, beans, and desserts, prepared and served by Kathy Sutherland and the wives of co-hosts Bob Jakl, Tom Davis, and Paul Claffey. After lunch, we moved right into the quarterly Daylight business meeting,

It was announced that Paul Deis of Paso Robles was elected as the new Daylight Division Director during the recent PCR elections. Paul took office at the PCR Board of Directors meeting held at the Siskiyou Summit 2012 PNR-PCR Joint Convention in Medford, Oregon in May. Paul replaced John Houlihan, who had termed out. Congratulations to Paul. Thanks to John for his service to the Division.

John's last act as Director was to name Gary Siegel the 2012 Daylight Division Member of the Year. Paul made the announcement at the Awards Banquet in Medford, with presentation to Gary of the award, a framed Michael Kotowski print, to be made at a later date.

Nominations for Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster will be accepted through the November 2012 meet. Current nominees are Dave Grenier and Don Smith for Super and Suzie Paff for Chief Clerk/Paymaster.

After the raffle and white elephant auction, we adjourned to tour the layouts of Glenn Sutherland (HO), Bob Jakl (O), Tom Davis (Lionel O), and Paul Claffey (Sn3). All four layouts were a real treat to visit. Thanks to all the layout owners for opening their layouts to us. Thanks especially to our hosts, Kathy and Glenn Sutherland, for their hospitality and opening their home to us for the meet.

The next Daylight Division meet will be September 22, 2012, at Kelcy's Restaurant, 110 West Tehachapi Blvd in Tehachapi. Join us early for a hearty breakfast, followed by clinics, contests, White Elephant Auction, layout tours, BBQ lunch and more. Contest categories: Models – Steam Locomotive; Photos – Freight Car.

See you in Tehachapi!

PAST DIVISION DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

Thank you for your support during the last four years. I have one official duty to perform, which I will do at one of the quarterly meetings. I want to present the member of the year award at a location where the member is present. If you think you are the recipient of this award, please attend the next Daylight Division meeting. John Houlihan, Past Daylight Division Director



Contests Report

MARIPOSA WINNERS

Steve Biggs, Contest Chairman

At the Mariposa meet in June we were a little shy of the numbers of models and photographs as in recent meets, however we were still able to vote for two favorites. The favorite photograph of Trains in Seasons was "Snow on the Loop" by Doug Wagner. The favorite Passenger Car was Ron Cox' Sierra #5. There were no open models or photos displayed. Thanks to those who brought models and photos, it is always enjoyable to see the work others have done.




And thanks to Chuck Harmon for displaying the model and entry paper work for which he received a merit award at the PCR-PNR Joint Convention in Medford.

In September we will meet in Tehachapi, the categories will be models of Steam Locomotives and Photographs of Freight Cars. And don't forget we also have the open categories, so bring your favorite models and photographs.

For more stories, reports and information be sure to go to the PCR Branch Line online at www.pcrnmra.org

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Upcoming Events

September 2012 - Tehachapi

Models: Locomotives
(Steam, Diesel & others),
and Passenger Cars
Photos: Steam Locomotives

November 2012 - Santa Barbara

February 2013 - Fresno/Kings/
Tulare Counties

April 3-7 - Iron Horse Express
PCR Convention, Dublin CA
go to www.pcrnmra.org

May 2013 - Merced/Mariposa/
Madera Counties

August 2013 - Santa Barbara/
San Luis Obispo Counties

November 2013 - Kern County

Annual Activity Dates:

National Railroad Day - May

National Model Railroad Month -
November

NMRA National Convention - July

PCR Convention - April/May

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Spring Division Meet

RAILROADING AT MIDPINES

Photographs by Mike O'Brien

For the event report see the Branch Line, page 32 at www.pcrnmra.org



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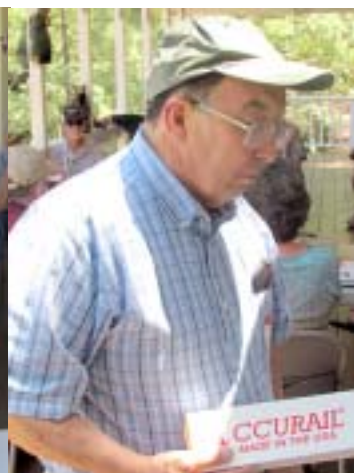


Steve Biggs

OK, Chuck. You win.



Dave Grenier
Prize Table Display. Thank you donors!



Some of the Prize Winners: Ed Keogh, Don Smith, Sylvia Pethoud, and Dan Seames



The Layout Tours:



DAVID TUTWILER PRINTS DONATED FOR A DAYLIGHT RAFFLE

Two David Tutwiler prints have been donated by Suzanne Paff our Chief Clerk and Paymaster. The prints are framed and each measures 24" by 36". They are titled "Age of Steam" and "Steam in the Rockies".

The prints are being offered in a raffle. Ticket sales started in June and will run for one year to give everyone in the Division an opportunity to see the prints and buy and sell tickets. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 6 tickets for \$10.00. Ticket holders need not be present to win and winners will be notified.

Here is a great excuse to come to a meeting to see the prints.



Title: Age of Steam; Artist: David Tutwiler.



Title: Steam in the Rockies; Artist: David Tutwiler.

Member Aid - The Answers Are Out There **LOUVERED CLERESTORIES** By Robert Pethoud

Recently I built a fruit loading shed for my Fall Creek Branch and decided to include a louvered clerestory section on the roof. This is a very common gabled roof feature on industrial buildings constructed before the advent of air conditioning. It seemed to me that there **ought** to be an easy way to create these in HO scale, and, if I could discover that way, I would use it on many other structures planned for Fall Creek and my home layout, the Cascade Northern.



Long story short, I did find a simple method to make these louvered sections using Evergreen styrene, specifically #4528 Corrugated Metal and #8208 HO 2"x8". After cutting the styrene "corrugated metal" to the length and height of the clerestory side and then cutting enough of the 2x8 louvers to length, I simply placed each 2x8 in a corrugated valley and bonded it in place.



A simple technique worked well for this. I'd stand a 2x8 on edge in the groove and hold it straight up with tweezers while I brushed on the styrene solvent in the valley. Then, after waiting a few seconds for the bond to set up, but while it was still flexible, I pushed the 2x8 over to lean against the adjacent mountain. I repeated the process for each slat, working from the top to the bottom of the clerestory side.



After completing the clerestory construction, I painted the assembly using two colors: the main building color and a flat black. First I sprayed the undersides of the louvers with the black in order to make it appear that the clerestory is hollow inside. When that was dry, I sprayed the building color on all of the other surfaces, avoiding the underside and deep recesses already painted black.

Placing the finished clerestory on the roof of the shed, I felt—as I did with my bamboo and furnace filter trees of several months back—that the results, while not contest quality, are much better than I had any right to expect, given how easy they were to achieve. Moreover, with smaller size "corrugated metal" and dimensional slats, the same method should work for those **foolhardy** brave enough to scratchbuild in N scale. Try it out on your next structure project.

Until next time, you can reach me at pethoud@comcast.net

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

By Dave Grenier

The AP is alive and well in the Daylight Division! Three Daylight members earned AP Certificates of Achievement since my last report:

Mike O'Brien	Master Builder – Scenery
Doug Wagner	Model Railroad Author
Dave Grenier	Model Railroad Author

At the recently completed Siskiyou Summit 2012 PNR/PCR Joint Convention in Medford, Oregon, the following members were awarded Merit Awards for their models during contest judging:

Steve Biggs	Sub-Divided Warren Truss Bridge	2 nd place Structures
Paul Deis	MOW Water/Fire Car	2 nd place MOW
Chuck Harmon	NC&StL Outside Braced Caboose	1 st place Caboose

During the clinics at the June 2 Mariposa meet, we concurrently held a Merit Judging session. Thanks to Ed Hall, MMR, Mike O'Brien, and Doug Wagner for forgoing the clinics and assisting me.

Merit Awards were earned by:

Chuck Harmon	Speedy Poultry and Reefer Combination Car
Chuck Harmon	Drover Caboose

Also earning Merit Awards during an in-home Merit Judging session was:

Andrew Merriam	SP Stenner Creek Trestle circa 1953
Andrew Merriam	San Luis Obispo Sand Facility circa 1953

Thanks to Rick Fulkerson, George Gibson, and Terry Taylor for their willingness to visit Andrew and taking care of this for me.

What this shows is you do not have to wait for a PCR convention contest to have models judged for Merit Awards. All it takes is a phone call or e-mail to me to arrange an in-home visit or time at a Division meet. Teams of judges are already in place in Fresno, Kern, and San Luis Obispo Counties. Each Merit Award brings you one step closer to MMR!

A Tehachapi featured Layout is Bob Sager's 1954 era Southern Pacific Line running through Santa Paula.



TEHACHAPI

The museum's phone number is 661-823-1100 for information. The museum will be open until 4:00 pm on Saturday.

We do have model train layouts for you to enjoy. The first one, which is within a few blocks of downtown, is a personally-owned railroad museum. The owner, Guy Krivanek, is an O scale modeler, and he has been able to secure some 7 layouts housed in a 2,600 square foot building. One of the layouts, if you can remember the O scale layout that was housed under the grandstands at the LA County Fairgrounds, in Pomona, is the Citrus Empire Model Railroad Club traction/street car part of that layout.

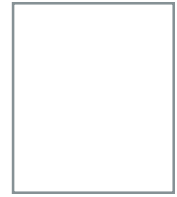
Other layouts in this display are a Z scale layout in a brief case, an HO layout built into a coffee table. A lot to see in one location!

Another layout open to visit is Bob Sager's N-scale. This layout is 900 square feet, in size. He depicts the Southern Pacific Line in 1954. Bob's layout is a free-lanced depicting the S.P. as if it had built the mainline from LA to San Francisco through Santa Paula.

At the conclusion of a long-day of layout touring, we will be finishing off with some prototype viewing. Currently, plans are in the work to give us access to The Loop ranch, so that we can view train action from inside the ranch property, without getting harassed by the well-meaning Union Pacific Police. Nothing concerning this has been finalized at printing time, but we hope to have it available soon. Watch the Daylight Division's web site for further information.

Hope this will give you enough incentive to want to visit Tehachapi for the next Daylight Division Meet.

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NEXT DAYLIGHT MEET IN TEHACHAPI 9:30 AM, Saturday, September 22, 2012, Kern County

Since some activities are still in the development stage, please visit the Daylight Division's "Next Meet" information on the web site at

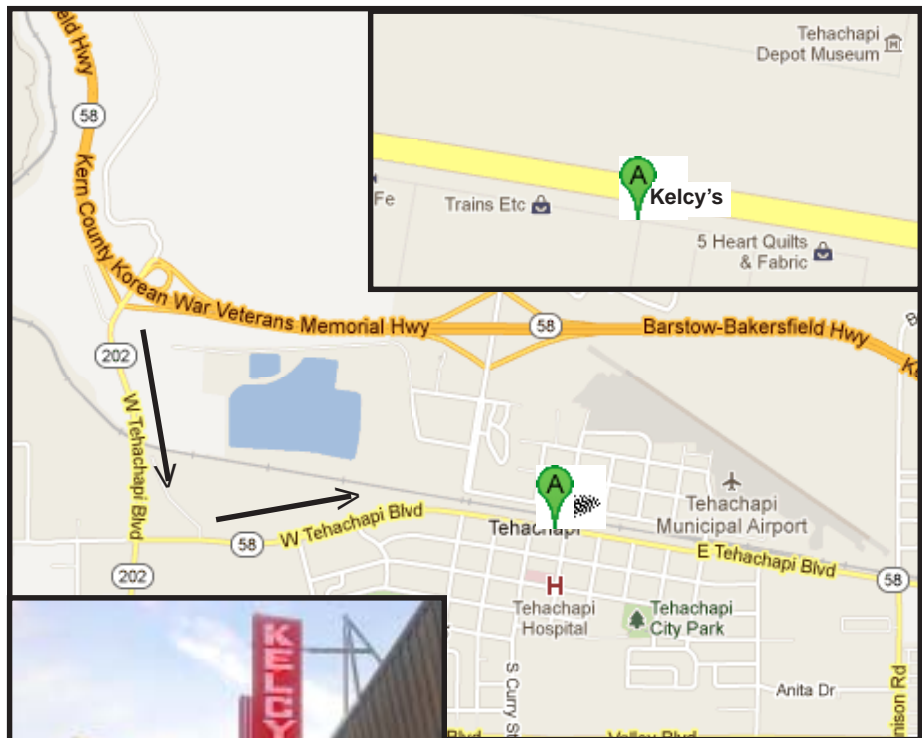
<http://www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/nextmeet.html>

for the most up to date information. Also, if you are a member of the Daylight Division Yahoo Groups site, updated information will also be posted there. If you are not a member of the Daylight Division's Yahoo Groups list, you can join by going to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/daylightdivision/?yguid=160704>

For those that are not Internet savvy, and wish more information, please contact Doug Wagner, at (661) 589-0391, or email Doug at carldw@aol.com. See you in Tehachapi!

DIRECTIONS to Kelcy's: if you are coming from Bakersfield, take Hwy 58 East. At Tehachapi take the CA-202 Exit, Exit #148; turn right onto CA-202. Go 0.6 miles, and turn left onto West Tehachapi Blvd. Then go 1.1 miles and Kelcy's will



be on your right, in a row of buildings, and you will see the yellow "Café" sign (see photo to left).

If you are traveling from Mojave on Hwy 58 West, you will take Exit 151, at Love's Truck Stop. At the end of the off ramp, turn left onto East Tehachapi Blvd and go 2.2 miles. Kelcy's will be located on your left, and you will see the yellow "Café" sign. Please use the parking lot to the rear of Kelcy's.