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Daylight Division

Summer Meet in Goleta

By Bruce Morden



The Summer Daylight Division meeting will be held on August 27, 2016 at the South Coast Railroad Museum in Goleta at the historic 1901 SP Goleta Depot, 300 North Los Carneros Road, just north of US-101. The 1901 Southern Pacific Depot at the South Coast Railroad Museum will be our host. Registration begins at 9AM with refreshments and viewing the contest entries.



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This meeting's contest categories are: Models: Diesel and other locomotive; and Photos: Model Black & White. Be sure to bring your models and photos.

There will not be a business meeting as several of the officers will be unable to attend. The first clinic will begin shortly after a welcome at 10am.

We anticipate a couple clinics. One on "Time Table and Train Order" operation on the Southern Pacific and maybe one on the workings of a train order board. We are still looking for folks who are willing to present a clinic. This would have to be an outdoor clinic without benefit of electricity!

We will have our Division's famous white elephant auction, so if you have something you are willing to donate to the cause, wrap it up in newspaper and bring it. All proceeds go to support the Daylight Division. Lunch will be available on site at minimal cost.

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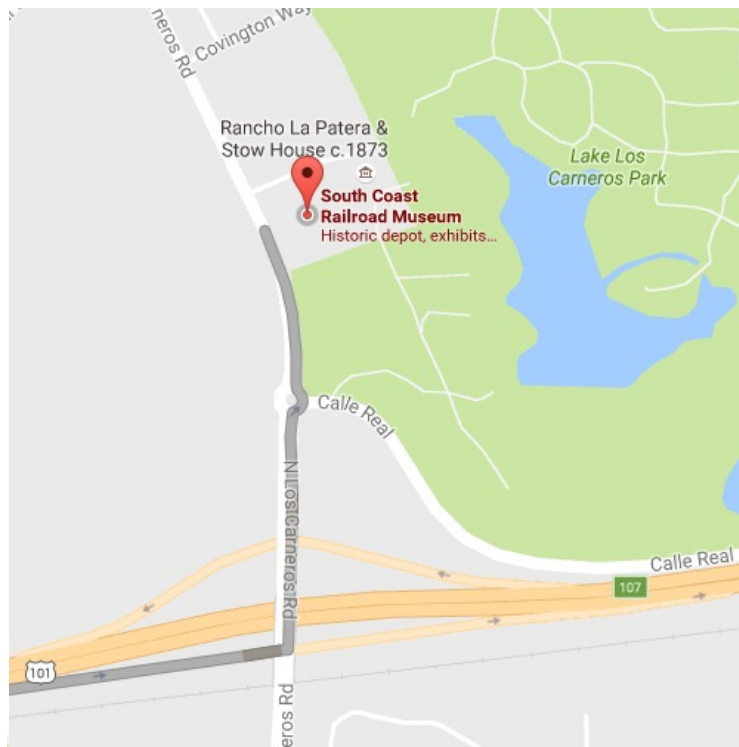
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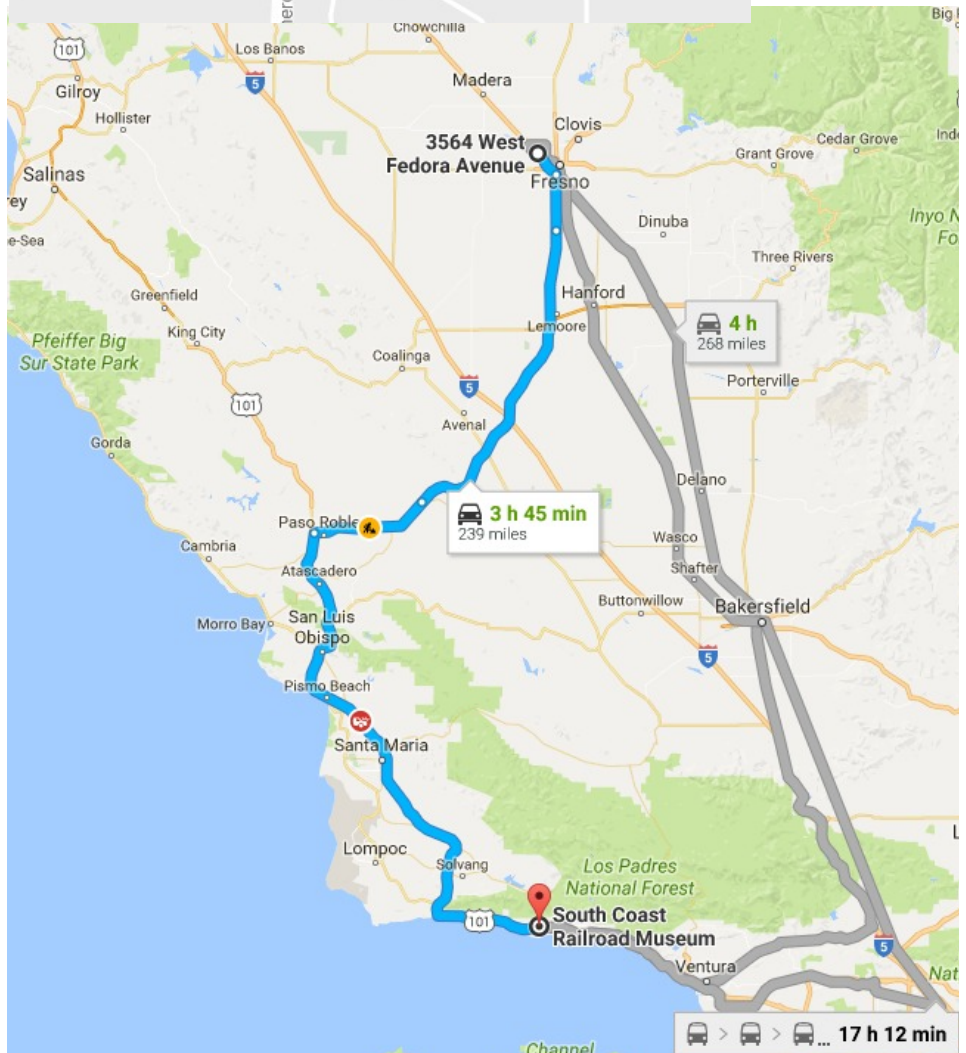
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The museum shop opens at 1pm. Miniature train rides start at 1:15pm. We will be contacting local layout owners for some possible after meeting layout visits.



Please contact meet coordinator, Bruce Morden, at bdmorden@sbceo.org (mailto:bdmorden@sbceo.org) regarding volunteering to present a clinic or with any questions regarding the August 27th meet.



Coming Attractions

July 29, 2016 - 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Monthly Model Train Show, Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society, in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

July 30, 2016 - Rail Fan Day and Swap Meet, Western Railway Museum, 5848 State Highway 12, Suisun City, CA. Swap Meet at 9:00am

July 30 & 31, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, The Great Train Expo, Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA. Adults: \$7.00 **Good for both days!** Kids under 12: Free!

August 13, 2016 - Sierra Division Summer Meet, Fair Oaks Library, 11601 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA. Clinics, Contests, Raffle. Then to Hagan Community Park, 2197 Chase Drive in Rancho Cordova, for BBQ and Sacramento Live Steamer train rides.

August 13 & 14, 2016 - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Model Train Show, Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club, West Park Gymnasium at the Tehachapi Recreation and Park District, 410 West "D" Street (off Mill Street), Tehachapi, CA.

August 20, 2016 - Rails and Ales, Western Railway Museum, 5848 State Highway 12, Suisun City, CA. Taste microbrews from area breweries and ride our historic trains all on the same day. Beer tasting requires an additional ticket and picture I.D.

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Daylight Division

Director's Report

By Dave Grenier, Director, PCR Daylight Division

A big Daylight thanks goes to Doug Wagner for coordinating our May 21st meet in Bakersfield at the Kern County Library. Good job, Doug!



Bruce Morden is planning and coordinating our next meet on August 27th in Goleta at the historic 1901 SP Goleta Depot, 300 North Los Carneros Road, just north of US-101. The South Coast Railroad Museum will be our host for this event that begins at 9:00 AM with refreshments and contest entries.

Starting at 10:00 AM, we expect to have two clinics, TT&TO operation on the SP and maybe the workings of a train order board. We will have the Division's world-famous White Elephant Auction, so bring newspaper-wrapped goodies to auction off.

Lunch will be available onsite at minimal cost. There will also be miniature train rides.

There will not be a business meeting, as several of the officers will be unable to attend. Check the Daylight website for up-to-date information on the meet at: www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/nextmeet.html

The Daylight Express 2017 PCR convention will be April 19-23, 2017, 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.

Chris Palermo of Coast Division and our own Doug Wagner are co-chairs for the convention. We still have several committee positions that need to be filled. We also need layout tour hosts, clinicians, and other volunteers at the convention itself. See the "Volunteers" and "Committee" pages on the website, 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, for the details or ask me. You can also read my Achievement Program column elsewhere in this issue of The Daylight Observation.

Until next time, may all your balls be high.

Dave Grenier, PCR Daylight Director



Coming Attractions

August 26, 2016 - 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Monthly Model Train Show, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

August 27, 2016 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, [Daylight Division](#) Fall Meet, [Goleta Depot](#), 300 North Los Carneros Road, Goleta, CA.

August 27, 2016 - Swap Meet: 7:00 am to 10:00 am; Open House: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, [Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society](#), Santa Susana Park Pavilion, 6503 Katherine Road, Simi Valley, CA.

August 27 & 28, 2016 - Saturday: 10:00 am to 9:30 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Model Train Show during Stone Soup Music Faire and Festival, [San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association](#), Ramona Garden Park Community Center, 993 Ramona Ave, Grover Beach, CA. Free admission!

September 4, 2016 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, [San Jose Mini Maker Faire](#), History Park, San Jose, CA.

September 7 - 10, 2016 - [36th National Narrow Gauge Convention](#), Augusta, ME.

September 17 & 18, 2016 - 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monthly Model Train Show, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

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Division Meet

Contest Report

by Chuck Harmon, MMR,
Daylight Division Contest Chairman



The contests at the Bakersfield meet on May 21st were Model: Steam Locomotive and other; and Photo: Trains in Action.

We had a number of entries in the steam locomotive contest. First place was won by Bo Hammerling with his Sn3 British Vertical Boiler 0-4-0. Second place was a tie between Doug Wagner's N scale doodlebug, and John Stahl's HO 2-8-0 Consolidation, MDC Kit. John Stahl took third place with his HO model of SP 4-6-0 number 2334. Congratulations, and thanks to all those who entered locomotives.

Bob Sexton took first and second place with his Trains in Action entries. Vince Cody won third with a photo of the UP Challenger on a trestle.

Next Meet Categories

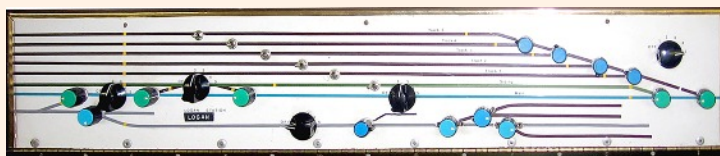
The model contest at the Goleta meet on August 27 will be Diesel and other locomotive. The PCR Contest Directory defines this as "All locomotives except steam or traction, including heavy electric locomotives. Entries must be powered; multiple-unit entries must have at least one unit powered." (The Division classifies all model contest entries as open, regardless of whether they are kit entries, novice, Teen or Youth. Judging is by popular vote.)

The photo contest will be Model, Black and White. The PCR Contest Directory defines this as "Black and White prints of model subjects." (Photo contest judging is by popular vote.)

Daylight Division was represented at the **Modesto Convention** contest, with our Superintendent Neil Fernbaugh taking third place in the Track and Structures Photo contest with his photo of the Starlight on Stenner Creek Trestle. Congratulations, Neil!

Remember that if you have a model to be judged for an Achievement Program Merit Award, even if it's still a work in progress, bring it along to Goleta and I will have a team of experienced modelers evaluate it for you. You might want us to have a preliminary look at it before you enter it at the Regional level next year in Bakersfield. A model brought for formal judging can be of any category.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our division has the honor of hosting the 2017 PCR Convention in Bakersfield, which means lots of opportunity to show the rest of the region that we have lots of modeling talent in the Valley and on the Coast. In addition to the Model and Photo contests of all categories, there is also an Arts and Crafts Contest. Start getting your entries ready now ... Only 10 months to go!



Coming Attractions

September 21 - 24, 2016 - [LA Junction, Pacific Southwest Region 2016 Convention](#), DoubleTree Hotel Los Angeles - Westside, 6161 West Centinela Avenue, Culver City, California.

September 21 - 26, 2016, [2016 Annual Conference, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society](#), Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, 888 Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA.

September 24, 2016 - Members Day, [Western Railway Museum](#), 5848 State Highway 12, Suisun City, CA.

September 25, 2016 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, [Coast Division Meet](#), BPOE Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501, [FLYER](#)

September 30, 2016 - 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Monthly Model Train Show, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

October 1 & 2, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 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.

October 3, 2016 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, [Rocklin Mini Maker Faire](#), Sierra College, Rocklin, CA. Parking is FREE! (Thank you, Sierra College!)

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Membership

In The Good Ol' Summer Time

by Doug Wagner

I'm sure most of you have heard the story that the summer time is traditionally a slow time for model railroaders with kids out of school, family vacations, outdoor activities, etc. Well, I don't know about you, but model railroading is a 12-month affair for me.



With the hot summer months here in Bakersfield, I'd much rather be working on my model railroad layout in the comfort of air conditioning, than out in the blistering 100-plus degree weather, doing yard work. In fact, I just completed laying the last of my roadbed through the town of Exeter, on my Porterville-Orosi home layout. And I hope to have the track laid down through there by the end of July. Then I will be having my Golden Spike ceremony when I nail down the last stick of mainline



track. I feel it will be an accomplishment for me to FINALLY get my entire mainline down and running. My goal is to have ALL the track put in place by the 2017 PCR convention here April 19-23, and my layout on the layout tours.

That's why the Good Ol' Summer Time ain't a period of rest for some of us model railroaders! A core of volunteers is vigorously working to provide everyone a convention to thoroughly enjoy. But as usual, there are never enough volunteers. In fact, the same volunteers are filling in for several different positions. Just look at the Daylight Call Board, you will see the same thing—the same name under several different positions. It would be nice to get some fresh blood in there somewhere! Us old guys are getting a little worn - and we ain't gonna' be around forever!

Another person that isn't slowing down during the summer months is Bruce Morden, of Santa Barbara. Bruce has been working organizing the next meet, August 27th, at the Goleta Depot. If you have never attended a Daylight Division event, please plan on attending this event. The Goleta Depot is a very nice setting with all the items they have in the railroad museum and you get to visit some very nice home layouts.

On reviewing the Division's membership roster, I've noticed several names on the membership rolls that I can't recall every seeing at one the Division's events. In my opinion, the very best benefit of membership in the NMRA and PCR is attending these events, and further expanding your model railroading skills with the excellent clinics and presentations. Besides, you get to visit some excellent home layouts that are part of each Daylight event. Show your appreciation and attend!

Well, that's it for now. I know I will be looking forward to attending the Goleta Depot Daylight event, since I missed the last one back in November. Besides, it will get me out of this stinkin' 100-plus degree weather over here in Bakersfield!

May all your signals be GREEN !

Coming Attractions

October 7, 2016 - [Pomar Junction Wine Train Excursion](#) - Leave the San Luis Obispo Amtrak Station at 3:35pm and travel on the Coast Starlight over the beautiful Cuesta Grade to Paso Robles. Buy dinner or bring your own picnic, and then transport back to the SLO Amtrak Station. Cost is \$75 per person for the entire excursion. Presented by the [San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum](#).

October 7 - 9, 2016 - [Central Coast Railroad Festival](#), San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties, CA., Hosted by [San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum](#), 1940 Santa Barbara Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA.

October 8, 2016 - 9:30 am [Sierra Division Meet](#), Chico, CA. Join us for tour of car refurbishing facility followed by a tour of Chip Meriam's layout. Meeting and lunch will follow. For more information, contact [Jim Collins](#).

October 22, 2016 - 1:00 pm, Mid Year Board of Directors Meeting, [Western Railway Museum](#), 5848 State Highway 12, Suisun City, CA. Members welcome!

October 22, 2016 - Swap Meet: 7:00 am to 10:00 am; Open House: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, [Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society](#), Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Road, Simi Valley, CA.

October 23, 2016 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, [East Bay Mini Maker Faire](#), Park Day School & Studio One Art Center, 360 42nd Street, Oakland, CA. *Continued on Next Page.*

The Answers Are Out There:

Ultimate Minimalism

By Bob Pethoud, Members Aid Chairman



Model railroading forces us to do much with little. I would like to depict Southern Pacific, circa. 1948 from Dunsmuir, CA to Portland, OR – about 450 miles of main line – in HO scale in my spare room. OK, so how about just Klamath Falls, OR to Chemult, OR, say 74 miles, using about 30 feet of track, or about one-half scale mile? I settled on modeling a small part of one end of a railyard like that at K Falls, a small town with a siding and a few spurs, and a short section of single track main joining those two. Tack on stub-ended staging at each end and that's my railroad. That will have to stand in for all of the glorious mainline railroading in western Oregon just after WWII.

Of course, that's not all of the minimizing we model railroaders do. Most model structures must be selectively compressed from prototype dimensions in order to fit our limited space, and I do the same with steam locomotives, in deference to the unrealistically tight curve radii we must employ. Instead of the Mountains (4-8-2's) and Decks (2-10-2's) the SP assigned to haul their lengthy consists, I run SP's equally handsome Pacifics (4-6-2's) and Mikes (2-8-2's) to pull much-abbreviated varnish and drags.

Lance Mindheim is a master of minimalism who designs layouts with excellent operating and scenic potential despite their having few turnouts and short main lines. Check out his website at [shelflayouts.com](#). I highly recommend all of his books on small layout design and construction. In the May, 2013 issue of Model Railroad Hobbyist, Mr. Mindheim proposed the ultimate in minimal modeling: a fully scenicked and operational layout with but one turnout. His one turnout accesses a spur serving a single industry (a bakery) featuring about ten spots for freight cars.



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Coming Attractions

October 22 & 23, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, [The Great Train Expo](#), Sonoma County Event Center at the Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA. Adults: \$7.00 **Good for both days!** Kids under 12: Free!

October 28, 2016 - 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Monthly Model Train Show, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

October 29 & 30, 2016 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Fall Train Show, [Black Diamond Lines Model Railroad Club](#), 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch, CA. Adults: \$3.00 - Seniors (60+): \$2.00 - Children (6-12): \$2.00 - Children under 6: Free Info:

November 5 & 6, 2016 - Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Fall Train Show and Open House, [South Bay Historical Railroad Society](#), Santa Clara [Caltrain](#) Station, Santa Clara, CA. (408) 243-3969. All-Day Lunch Counter

November 5 & 6, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Model Railroad Open House, [Carquinez Model Railroad Society](#), 645 Loring Ave (across from C&H Sugar), Crockett, CA. Contribution is \$4.00 for adults.

November 5 & 6, 2016 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Fall Train Show, [Black Diamond Lines Model Railroad Club](#), 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch, CA.

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Ultimate Minimalism

I intend to demonstrate the validity of his thesis that such a stand-alone layout is easy to build quickly and inexpensively, provides great opportunity for craftsman projects, and, most importantly, offers unlimited diverse, engrossing, and satisfying 20- to 60-minute solo operating sessions. Just the ticket to help one relax at the end of a stressful day!

The photo shows my progress to date on the bench work for my one-turnout layout. I chose to make it small and light in order to be portable, as I hope to unveil it at the 2017 PCR convention in Bakersfield. Three sections, each measuring 9 inches wide and 48 inches long, were constructed in the form of H-beams, using 1/4-inch thick plywood as the web and 1/8-inch hardboard (white "panelboard" from Lowe's) as flanges and fascia, all in one.

Over the course of the next few months, I plan to weather and install the track, wire for DCC with NCE PowerCab, paint a backdrop on three 16"x 48" sections of the white panelboard, create plaster-free terrain with red rosin paper and white glue, and build and install a few structures and several trees. The industry I've chosen to model is a cannery, which will consist of a minimum-depth backdrop building close to six actual feet long and featuring six or seven freight car spots. I have my work cut out.

Until next time, email me with comments or questions at pethoud@comcast.net

In Memoriam

The Passing of Gene Meyer, By Scott Inman

Gene was a great guy and was always willing to help! He will be missed.

On 3/7/2016, Scott Inman TIGHTTRAINS@HOTMAIL.COM [PCR-nmra] wrote:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of former Region President and Sierra Division Member Gene Mayer.

Gene was a life-long craftsman and recipient of the John Allen Award. He will be remembered for his warm spirits and willingness to teach younger people as they grew in the hobby.

Two weeks ago last Saturday Bob Goforth and I had one final run session on Gene's layout at his home in Sacramento. We ran multiple trains that day and Gene was pleased to see the layout running well.

After that session his wife Mary reported that his health declined rapidly.

Services for Gene Mayer were held at St. John's Catholic Church on Locust Ave. in Carmichael (Sacramento) on Saturday March 12th. NM-RA members and fellow modelers were welcomed in attendance.

Respectfully, Scott Inman

Coming Attractions

October 23, 2016 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, East Bay Mini Maker Faire, Park Day School & Studio One Art Center, 360 42nd Street, Oakland, CA.

November 12, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Shasta County Mini Maker Faire, Redding Civic Auditorium, 700 Auditorium Drive, Redding, CA.

November 12 & 13, 2016 - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 40th Annual International Railfair Model Railroad Show, Placer County Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd, Roseville, CA. Co-sponsored by PCR Sierra Division.

November 12 & 13, 2016 - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Model Train Show, Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club, West Park Gymnasium at the Tehachapi Recreation and Park District, 410 West "D" Street (off Mill Street), Tehachapi, CA

November 18 - 20, 2016 - Friday: 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Holiday Train Show, Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society, in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

November 19, 2016 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Daylight Division Fall Meet, Oceano Depot, 1650 Front St, Oceano, CA. **Registration fee:** NMRA: \$4.00; Non-NMRA guests: \$5.00. **Contest Categories:** Models: Passenger Car -- Photos: Model Color.

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NMRA Achievement Program

Association Volunteer

By Dave Grenier, Daylight Achievement Chairman

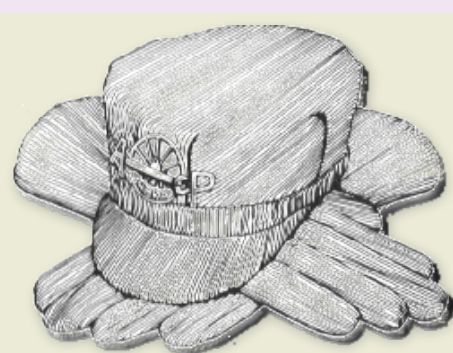
In this installment, we will briefly review the requirements for the Association Volunteer certificate. I say "briefly" because there are so many ways to complete the requirements for this certificate, too many to list here. For the full requirements, go to the NMRA webpage <http://www.nmra.org/volunteer>. You can also get a copy of the requirements by contacting me by phone, e-mail, or letter. Also see the *Scale Rails*, November 2008 issue, page 18, for a very informative article describing the requirements and many examples of how to earn this certificate.



The Association Volunteer certificate, as its name implies, is to recognize an individual's volunteer service at the national, regional, or division level. There is only one requirement, two counting the paperwork, to qualify for this certificate; you must have served long enough to accumulate 60 time units (TUs) in "active satisfactory service" in various activities. The "TU" is the basic credit earned for various volunteer activities.

Some TUs are given for each month served in a position, while others are given for each activity. Serve on a convention committee? Get TUs for each month served. Work one day at a convention? Get TUs for one month. Give a clinic at a meet or convention? Get TUs for each presentation. Open your home or club layout for layout tours? Get TUs for each day. Judge a model contest? Get TUs for the day. You're a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge counselor? Get TUs for each month served, PLUS each Scout that qualifies for the badge. Different numbers of TUs are awarded depending on whether the activity is at the national, regional, or division level.

Please note that these TUs are in addition to any TUs received for being on the committee that works to set up the event! TUs may be earned concurrently for each qualified activity you perform. The more involved you are, the faster you accrue TUs! Be sure to check the full requirements



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Instructions and Applications.
www.nmra.org/official

at www.nmra.org/volunteer to see how many TUs are accrued for each of the volunteer activities. Sometimes you can get credit for two different AP certificates, too. Giving a live clinic earns points toward the Model Railroad Author Certificate the first time it is presented, while all subsequent presentations earn Association Volunteer TUs.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SERVICE AS YOU DO IT! Nobody except you will track the TUs you accrue.

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Coming Attractions

November 24 & 25, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, [The Great Train Expo](#), Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA. [Map/Directions](#) Adults: \$7.00 **Good for both days!** Kids under 12: Free!

November 25 - 27, 2016 - Friday: 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Holiday Train Show, [Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society](#), in Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek, CA.

December 3 & 4, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 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.

December 4, 2016 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, [Coast Division](#) Meet, 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA. (at SF Bay Area Council Office of Boy Scouts of America) [FLYER](#)

December 10 & 11, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, [San Leandro Historical Railway Society](#), Winter Open House & Train Show, 1302 Orchard Ave (in Thrasher Park), San Leandro, CA.

December 25, 2016 – Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year! Letters to the Editor ...



AP - Volunteer

Go to www.nmra.org/volunteer and print out either the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) or Record and Validation Form to list your volunteer activities and have it signed to verify your service as it happens. It is much easier to do it as you earn it, rather than going back and collecting signatures later when you're ready to apply for your certificate. Have someone in charge of the event sign your form to verify your service.

The final requirement for this certificate is the usual dreaded paperwork. You must submit a completed Statement of Qualification (SOQ) form, itemizing evidence of completion of the requirements. Along with your SOQ and Record and Validation Form, send a copy of your NMRA membership card, to the PCR AP Manager, Jack Burgess.

Does 60 TUs seem like a lot of work? Remember that past service can be claimed retroactively. Look back and take credit for any service you performed in the past while a NMRA member. Did you open your layout for a division layout tour two or three years ago? That counts for 3 TUs! Were you a model contest judge at a Daylight meet or at a PCR or NMRA convention? That counts for 1, 2 or 3 TUs, respectively. You might just surprise yourself at how many TUs you've already earned. Fill out the paperwork, send it in and you'll be on your way to earning another AP certificate. You'll be glad you did.

There were no AP certificates earned or awarded since my last report in May. 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.

The Convention = The Perfect Place to Start Your AP Volunteer Program!

Offer to help anywhere at the Convention. It's Fun and You meet all the nice people with your favorite interests - model railroading! Many long friendships have been formed between the volunteers and with your new found Daylight members.



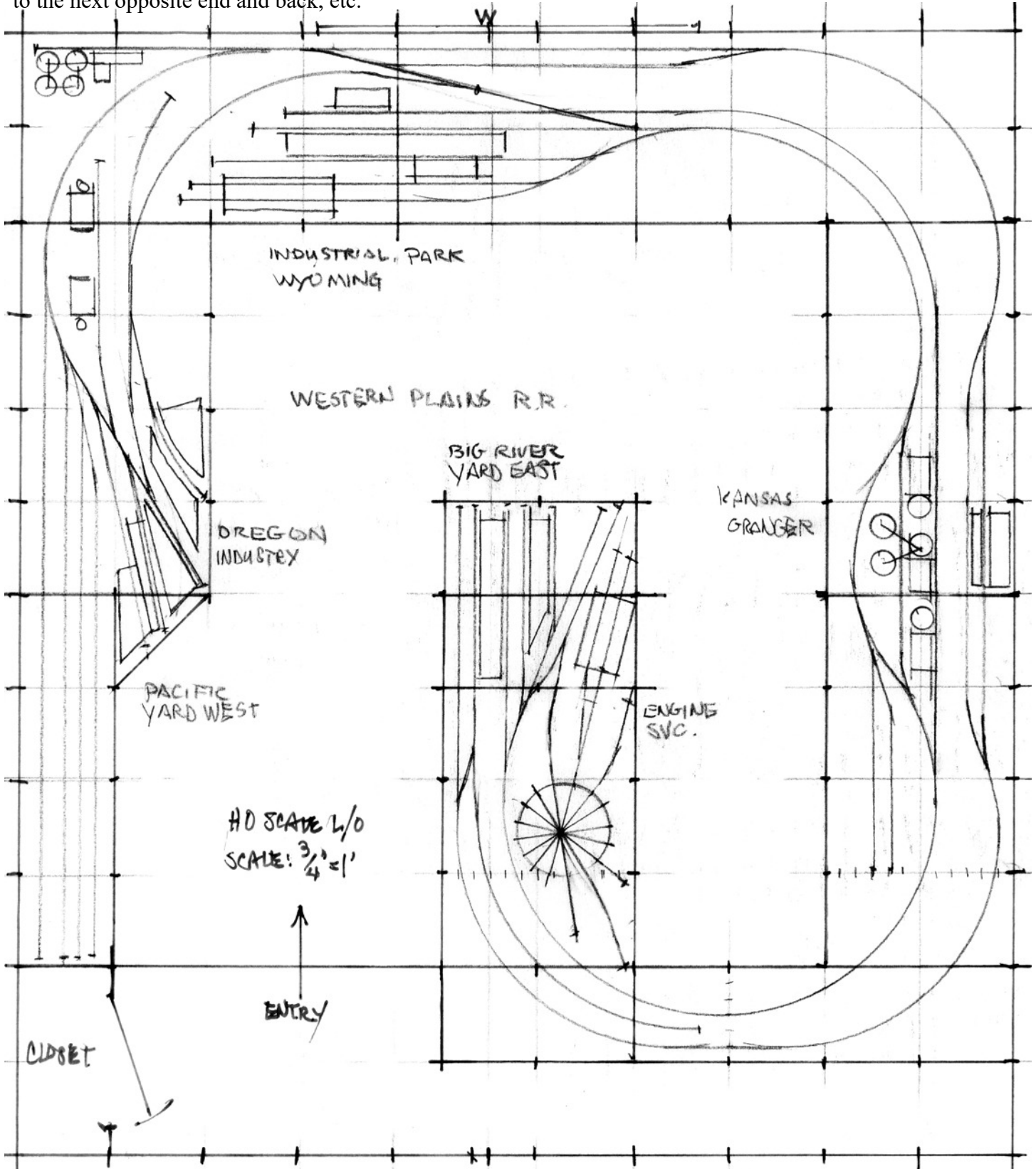
Pulling together we can get it done!



Layout Design Challenge Diagram

The Western Plains RR is a point to point layout with a visible staging yard (Pacific Yard West) and four working areas: Oregon Industry; Industrial Park Wyoming; Kansas Granger; and Big River Yard East. Due to 10'x11' size distances between working areas are short for overland travel. Operations will most likely be seesaw routing from one end to the next opposite end and back, etc.

Critique it, Re-Design it, Correct it, Submit another one of your designs to fit a 10'x12' space. Have at it! Please submit your response to the Editor by November 1 so it can be included in the DLO-Quarter-4 issue.



Letters to the Editor

From George Gibson in SLO

Letters from the Editor Survey
DLO-Q2-16, page 7 ...

Your Daylight question struck a nerve with me ... because the main subject matter was "modeler" as in one who makes models. Someone who uses raw materials, kit parts and pieces, various tools and supplies to actually make something from basically nothing.

I have a layout full of track. I have a number of locomotives and more than enough in terms of rolling stock. And all of it is for the purpose of having a place to put my structure models and scenery. I don't "play with" my trains. I don't "operate" them based on some fictional time schedule. I don't use a "dispatcher" nor do I have car cards or any other form of paperwork to track the movements of my trains. I consider these types of activities as "work" and I'm not in the hobby to do work. I enjoy building stuff, I enjoy using my hands, and I enjoy the challenge of making things look real in 1:87 scale.

For me, if you like to operate trains, you're not a modeler and you shouldn't call yourself one. I know the hobby is changing, I know modeling is becoming an ever smaller portion of those engaged in the hobby, and I know R-T-R is becoming the standard to which nearly everyone bends. But not me!

I am a modeler. I have always been a modeler. And all I see in my future is modeling. I am old school and proud of it. I am a MODEL-ER, plain and simple.

George Gibson in SLO, CA

Pacific Coast Region NMRA

DAYLIGHT EXPRESS 2017 PCR Convention



Welcome to Bakersfield, California!

The [Daylight Division](#) of the [Pacific Coast Region](#) cordially invites you to attend the Daylight Express 2017 PCR Convention in Bakersfield, California, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308. Plans and preparations are well under way by a dedicated team of PCR volunteers working together to ensure you will have a rewarding and enjoyable experience at the Daylight Express 2017 PCR Convention.

The Daylight Express 2017 runs from Wednesday, April 19, starting at **12:00 PM** for registration check-in, through Sunday, April 23, ending with the morning PCR Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting.

Sandwiched between the two will be a veritable smorgasbord of model railroading activities you've come to expect at PCR conventions, including clinics, contests, prototype tours, layout tours, operating sessions, breakfasts, banquet, and more!

Mark your calendars now, figure out how to get to Bakersfield, then get ready for some real model railroading fun and enjoyment.



• Registrations

Online registration is now OPEN! Go to the [Registration](#) page to submit your online registration and pay with secure PayPal. No PayPal account needed! A mail-in registration form is also available ([Page16](#)) if you'd rather pay by check. (Updated: Wednesday, 20 July 2016)

Early Bird: \$105.00, includes Registration, Awards Banquet, and PCR Breakfast. Good through 30 November 2016.

First Timer: \$95.00 – for PCR members who have not registered for the past 5 conventions.

Non-Rail: \$95.00, includes Registration, Awards Banquet, and PCR Breakfast.

Youth (12-18 years or student): \$65.00, includes Registration, Awards Banquet, and PCR Breakfast.

• What's Included?

All full registration fares include convention registration, clinics, contests, and layout tours. There may be extra fares for outside events or special clinics, if admission tickets, transportation, or materials are required.

"Modeling With The Masters" clinics will be extra-fare events and have

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a separate charge for each clinic attended. See the [Modeling With The Masters](#) page for more information. Go to the [Registration](#) page to register.

• Convention Hotel

The Convention Hotel for Daylight Express 2017 is the DoubleTree by Hilton, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, California. For more information about the hotel and to make reservations, go to the [Hotel](#) page.

• Door Prizes

We are soliciting door prizes from many of the fine manufacturers of model railroad equipment and publications. They have been generous in the past, and we anticipate some wonderful offerings for Daylight Express 2017. Each registrant will have a chance to win a door prize — you could be a WINNER!

We would also welcome donations of good, new kits, ready-to-run equipment, new (or in excellent condition) books, DVDs, or modeling tools from convention attendees. If you have some of these you find surplus to your interests, bring them along and donate them for door prizes. We'll find them a new home. Donations in all scales are welcome.

• Schedules

NOTE: Traditional lunch and dinner breaks not shown. Subject to change without notice!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM – Registration Desk open
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM – PCR Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 9:30 PM – Clinics
- 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM – Registration Desk open
- 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM – Contest Room open
- 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 PM – Clinics
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM – [LDSIG](#) Meet & Greet
- 8:30 PM - ??:?? PM – [OPSIG](#) Meet & Greet

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM – Registration Desk open
- 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM – Contest Room open
- 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 PM – Clinics
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM – Non-Rail Lunch
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM – PCR Bingo Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM – Hobo Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - Completion – Contest Judging
- 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM – Registration Desk open
- 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM – Clinics

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View to Tehachapi - train downhill



Prototype & model views to see at the Daylight Express



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SATURDAY, APRIL 22 *(continued)*

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open
- 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM – Pickup Contest Entries, AFTER judging is completed; also after Banquet
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM – Banquet Set-up
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM – Social Hour
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM – Banquet & Awards Presentation
- 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM – Pickup ALL Contest Entries by 10:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM – PCR Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM – PCR Membership Meeting

• Convention Hotel Information

The Daylight Express 2017 Convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308 ([MAP](#)) There will be a convention special room rate. It is not yet available.

• Making Reservations

Check back later in the year for updated information. When it becomes available, it will be posted here. Until then, please be patient.

• Why Should I Stay at the Convention Hotel?

It is important to note that the convention committee must commit to a block of rooms as the incentive to get access to all of the space needed for the clinics, contests, banquet and other events offered to convention attendees.

If we don't fill the room block as required, it will cost the convention a substantial additional amount. We priced the convention to keep it a low cost event for our attendees. Please help us ensure this low cost by staying at the convention hotel. We're sure that you will be pleased with your decision.

• Volunteers

Daylight Express 2017 Convention Committee needs your help! Volunteers are the lifeblood of any convention and the Daylight Express 2017 is no exception. We need help in the following areas during the convention: Registration Desk • Company Store • Clinic Hosts • Contest Room • Contest Judges • Switching Contest • Swap Meet • Non-Rails Hospitality Room

If you would like to help out for an hour or two during the convention in any of the above positions, please contact one of us: Doug or Chris.

Earn AP Association Volunteer Time Units!

Convention volunteers are considered "regional committee members" and accumulate Achievement Program Association Volunteer points at the rate of one time unit per month of active service. Model contest judges earn two time units for one day.

PCR Hobos History

THE PCR HOBOS FOUNDED 1961

At the 1961 Pacific Coast Region (PCR) Convention held in Sacramento, California, the Hobos group was formed at a reunion breakfast held by those members who attended the 1960 NMRA SILVER ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION in Chicago, Illinois. Karl Busch, having organized the breakfast, was designated the "Biggest Bum", and adopted the name "T. Russ Rod".

The purpose of the Hobos is to encourage and recognize attendance at model railroad conventions, particularly National Conventions. A Hobo goes to conventions for the fun of it, no matter what the program may be. The Hobo group neither supports nor opposes causes or positions. The "group attention" is focused on convention participation and fun.

Hobo membership results to the Region Member attending an out of the region National Convention.

The Hobos are a REGIONAL activity and the "Official Event" is the HOBBO BREAKFAST at the Annual Regional Convention.

Through the NMRA there are model railroaders who are members of our Region, in addition to their home Region. These individuals are eligible for Hobo membership when attending a National Convention held outside their home Region. There are many such Hobos. As a result, it is not unusual to have a breakfast at a National Convention. All arrangements for such a breakfast are up to the people in attendance.

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By volunteering to help in any position, you can renew old friendships, make new friends, and help make this convention the best that it can possibly be. Remember, you always get more than you give!

Thanks in advance for your support.

• Annual Hobo Breakfast

As we have done at PCR conventions for some 54 years now, Hobos will gather for breakfast during the convention. This year we will meet on Saturday morning at a still to selected restaurant.

Hobos are, by definition, model railroaders who have attended at least one NMRA National convention outside the boundary of their home region. While our Hobo group may not be down on their luck or out of work, they are well-traveled folks, and all are welcome to join in this time of camaraderie while enjoying a fine breakfast.

Hobos are encouraged to bring guests to this activity. If you are not a Hobo by definition and would like to join us, you are welcome to come as my guest.

A sign-up sheet will also be at the Registration Desk. If you haven't already, please sign up as soon as possible after you arrive, since we need to alert the restaurant how many folks are coming. They need to know!

As is customary, we will have the "Official Beggar" circulating with his tin can collecting any coins (or paper) you can contribute toward keeping the Hobo tradition going. We will also have pins and patches for sale at the breakfast, should you wish to advertise your allegiance.

Respectfully submitted, [Bill Scott](#), PCR Hobo In Charge

• Awards Banquet

The 2017 Awards Banquet will be held Saturday night from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and is included with Early Bird, Full, First Timer, Non-Rail and Youth registrations. There will be a Social Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for everyone to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Banquet Speaker – To be announced

Banquet Menu – The menu has not yet been finalized. When that information is available, it will be posted here.



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!

Hobo Charter Members

Pacific Coast Region Members attending the NMRA Silver Anniversary Convention -- 1960 Chicago

Allen, John	Joenston, Wm. C.
Bently, Edwin W.	Keeling, Leighton
Bently, Ida	Keeling, Sue
Bishop, W. D.	McGrew, Finley
Bishop, Hanna	McGrew, Sarah
Busch, Karl P.	Noble, Frank
Coluson, J. F.	Noble, Audrey
Craford, W. B.	Oleson, Harold
Craford, Clarice	Overlin, George
Dawson, Herbert W.	Overlin, Zulu
Dawson, Mrs. H. W.	Rider, George
Fischer, Eds. E.	Rider, Faith
Fischer, Virginia	Sapienza, Anthony
Fischer, Richard	Sapienza, Mrs. A.
Gray, Max	Shimada, Paul
Hofmann, Jack A.	Shimada, Amy
Jefferys, Robr. A.	Stearns, David
Judson, Robt. E.	Towers, Whitney
Judson, Mrs. R.E.	VanderVeen, Harvey
Johns, Dwight	VanderVeen, Muriel

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At the Hobo group Breakfast of 1964, Paul Shimada assumed the title of "Official Beggar" and collected the Hobo's pennies, stating, "For the postage, decals, ribbons and pins. All of which have been supplied at no cost to Hobos". 'T. Russ Rod' accepted the pennies, provided he did "not have to limit supplies to the amount received, or count it, or account for it". This collection has become 'traditional' and is the only source of revenue to cover the costs of planning and preparing for the Hobo Breakfast, or other Hobo items and events.

In 1982, the boundaries of the Pacific Coast Region were changed to include only the five northern divisions, Coast, Daylight, Redwood Empire, Sierra, and Hawaiian, of California and Hawaii. The Cajon, Los Angeles, San Diego and Arizona Divisions became the new Pacific Southwest Region.

In conformance with the basic principles stated above, "The Hobo group neither supports nor opposes causes or positions"; the Hobos are a group affected by the change, not a participant in making the change.

Since the Hobo membership has been Region-wide, there was no fair way to allot the organization to one of these Regions, and create a new organization in the other Region. Nor, should one Region have sole claim to the Hobo name.

The Hobo idea originated with T. Russ Rod, in San Diego, in the Southern part of the PCR. The founding Breakfast was held in Sacramento, in the Northern part of the PCR, as an accident of convention scheduling, pre-dating the event,

Whatever precedent these elements may be thought to have, regarding a claim on the organization, or the Hobo name, they are not to be considered. The name "Hobo" stays with the members in both Regions. The "herald" remains the same color for both Regions. The Region designation is the only difference in the two heralds.

The "Hobo History" and "Hobo Breakfast Guide" are on file with the Region Secretaries and the Division Superintendents.

The PCR Head Hobo is Bill Scott


The PSR Head Hobo is Ed Hall



Stay in touch with your hobby and Daylight Division. Go to www.pcnmra.org/daylight/

Send your ideas and stories and photos of your rail fanning and of your model railroad. We are always looking for the next great story and photo.

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Infonet News (Infoblast) for June 2016

Welcome to the NMRA InfoNet News (Infoblast) For June, 2016

In the World of Real Railroading

UP No. 844 moved under her own power

June 17, 2016, Bruce A. Daugherty

CHEYENNE, Wyo. Working toward returning their much loved 4-8-4 to the high iron, the Union Pacific steam crew test fired No. 844 after a lengthy rebuild, sources in Wyoming tell *Trains News Wire*.

No. 844 built up steam pressure and moved back and forth just outside the shop, blowing out dirt and scale from the cylinder cocks. Ahead is additional work, installation of the jacketing and lagging, and a test run in advance of the July 23 Denver Post Frontier Days Special between Denver and Cheyenne.

No. 844, the last new steam locomotive built for the UP in 1944 and categorized as "never retired" since 1962, has been out of service since 2013. After working to fix a problem with over-rolled tubes, the crew decided to complete a 1,472-day inspection on the locomotive. After opening up the engine, additional work was necessary, and in between all of this, UP acquired Big Boy No. 4014 and gave the Cheyenne shop a makeover.

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For the Most Up-to-Date Information Go To the NMRA Web Site:

www.nmra.org



We're sending out this edition of the NMRA eBulletin a little early this time, in order to give you the specifics of the upcoming Board meeting, and to give Indy Convention attendees the latest info. -Editors

Board of Directors meeting was in Indianapolis on July 2.

The Annual NMRA Business Meeting (including "Ask the President") was held on Wednesday, July 6.

A few words from the President ...



The Youngster Challenge

I occasionally hear that the NMRA seems unresponsive and does not change quickly. The reality is that we do tend to be slow to change or adapt and seem almost paralyzed at times. The NMRA has never been fast moving nor does it embrace change quickly. Sometimes that can be good as it prevents over-reacting to flash-in-the-pan events but bad if it prevents us from adjusting to major shifts in demographics.

For example, what is our ability to adapt, change and appeal to younger generations? This issue poses challenges that can be difficult to meet. Part of the problem lies in the comfortable nature of doing what has historically worked well although there is ample evidence it no longer is effective. Holding "meets" and convening the same clique of now-seniors doing the same thing year after year may appeal to those in the clique or in their age group, but not to those outside the NMRA or in younger generations.

Here is the dilemma that is not easily resolved. As a member-driven hobby organization, to whom do we owe loyalty? *"Do we owe loyalty to our existing members who are quite happy with our current programs and approach? Or do we owe loyalty to those younger nonmembers who represent our future and expect major changes in how we operate?"* For unlike previous generations, the newest generations seem not interested in the NMRA as presently structured and formulated. That is not the opinion of me as a senior citizen; it is the opinion, as I interpret it, of almost all of the studies and articles done on the newest generations.

And this is not youngster bashing!! Far from it; the younger generations are our future. Also, not all of the younger generations are the same. *Gen X/Y* differ from *Millennials* but much of what we currently offer is of limited interest to some in those generations. So, we must discuss what we offer those younger generations realistically.

Just recently, I saw a story about a fraternal organization facing the same challenges as we do. That story related that younger generations did not want to join that fraternal organization, which they perceived a bunch of

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NS, CSX confirm further cuts

Speed reductions, jobs, and yard operations in the works for the two eastern Class I railroads

June 9, 2016, By Bill Stephens

Norfolk Southern and CSX made additional cost-cutting moves this week as they aim to offset the steady and continued loss of highly profitable coal traffic.

NS has reduced the maximum authorized speed on several secondary routes across its system as part of its plan to downgrade, sell, or short-line 1,000 miles of track.

NS confirmed that it had reduced the maximum authorized speed on several secondary routes this week. But a railroad representative was unable to provide specifics. The speed reductions are "one of the options we are using across our network to reduce costs while not impacting service," NSTM Susan Terpay says.

Speed on the affected routes has dropped to 25 mph, generally from 40 mph. The change from Federal Railroad Administration Class 3 track to Class 2 will reduce maintenance costs.

CSX, meanwhile, announced it would virtually shut down its Winston Yard in Lakeland, Fla., to consolidate its operations in the Tampa area. CSX officials met with Winston Yard employees on Monday to inform them the yard's operations would be reduced and its car shop shuttered. Winston's locomotive shop will remain in service.

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irrelevant older folks with whom they could not relate. Now think of your last Regional or Divisional meet/event. Same folks?

So what are we to do to reach out to them? Based on the studies, which we have reviewed, in many ways we know what changes must be made to our organization to make it appeal to a broader mass of those younger generations. First, the NMRA must substantially reduce its cost of membership. In fact, free would be ideal. Secondly, we must offer exclusive features and content appealing to those generations. Third, we must emphasize the hobby in ways that are very different than we are used to in practicing the hobby, especially in technical areas. It goes without saying that going digital is a must. The result would be a major change to the structure and function of the NMRA.

Some urge us to change to meet the expectations of those younger generations. But in so doing, we could alienate and lose a significant number of existing members. That is the dilemma. Do we make the changes we know would work and appeal to younger generations at the expense of alienating and losing a substantial percentage of existing members? That is the problem we face. I think it merits a heartfelt and soul-searching discussion by all of us.

Not that we are without tools within the present structure. The NMRA is the proper organization to encourage and train beginners to our hobby. We decided we have a role to play in this area but also decided not to compete with Kalmbach or WGH, organizations doing a wonderful job of both attracting and educating beginners. Another possible approach is the "*Maker Faires*" that have become increasingly popular with younger generations. *Maker Faires* are events where a range of technical fields is demonstrated often with hands-on examples for audience participation.. I think the NMRA must become more involved in *Maker Faires* and sponsor a program allowing us to participate in those Faires on an organized basis.

A proposal with great merit is to establish a mentoring program for interested youngsters. Of course, a mentor program can be a most effective way to get younger members to into our organization. But it is also an approach that must be carefully structured in an era of paranoia about older adults interacting with youngsters. One approach, as done in other parts of the world, is to pair a mentor with a close relative of the youngster to ensure the mentoring is done within family boundaries. Finally, we could start a new parallel digital organization affiliated with the NMRA that meets the needs of the younger generations. However, are we the right group to do so and why wouldn't someone of that generation start their own group if there were really a need for one?

We all agree that we need to do as much as we can without losing existing members, to reach out to the younger generations and I believe we can do so. Your help and ideas are crucial to this process, so please share them with us.

Well, those are my thoughts; what are yours? *Charlie*

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The move, effective Saturday, will result in abolishing 80 jobs, including 76 union and four management positions. "The majority of them are expected to find other opportunities at CSX facilities in the greater Tampa area," CSX representative Melanie Cost says.

Most of Winston Yard's local service and switching duties will be handled at Yeoman Yard in Tampa. Operations at Mulberry and Auburndale yards also will be affected, CSX says, and some through trains running in and out of the Tampa area will be combined.

"The Tampa region is a strong revenue generator for CSX, but it is served by multiple yards with a large cost structure. In evaluating the region's operations, we saw an opportunity to significantly lower costs while continuing to provide safe, reliable service to all of our local customers served by Tampa-area crews," Chief Operating Officer Cindy Sanborn wrote in an email to employees.

NS leased 309 miles of its mothballed West Virginia Secondary in Ohio and West Virginia to Watco in May. The shortline railroad conglomerate is expected to begin operating the route in July as the Kanawha River Railroad.

Both NS and CSX have taken steps to streamline operations this year as coal traffic plummets.

NS aims to achieve \$200 million in cost and productivity savings this

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Education Services at the Division Level

By [Bruce De Young](#), MMR; Education Department Manager

As you probably know, the NMRA is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit educational organization. Clearly the various programs and services that fall under the Education Department are essential to earning and keeping this designation. Let me quickly summarize those programs and services that fall under the umbrella. In no particular order they are: the Contest Program; the Achievement Program, the Modeling with the Masters Program; the EduTRAINÂ® Clinic Program; the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program; the SIG Programs; the Data Sheet Program and finally, the beginners section of the NMRA website. That is a rather large umbrella!

The actual implementation of these Educational Programs occurs in various ways at the National, Regional, and Divisional levels of our three-tiered organization. But the focus of this particular column is what these educational services might actually look like at the Division level. As you look around at all the Divisions, you will see a lot of variability. Some Divisions have an active Boy Scout Program while others do not. Many incorporate one or more clinics into every event they schedule, while others might only do that at what they call "Mini-Conventions". The Achievement Program certainly depends heavily on active promotion at the Division level and most Divisions make provisions at their event to both evaluate models and publicly present earned certificates within the AP Program. Although most Divisions do not regularly schedule formal Model Contests, many do incorporate Popular Vote Contests as a regular feature of their events. And on it goes.

Up until now, the only way one Division might learn what other Divisions are doing was by perusing the on-line newsletters of other Divisions, most of which are available through links under the Regions & Divisions tab on the NMRA's website, or by actually attending the events of neighboring Divisions. Now there is another way. The Officers and Board of Directors asked for the development of a Division Superintendents' Handbook. This Handbook was presented to them in February at their Mid-Year Meeting in Atlanta.

This new Handbook contains a wealth of information useful to Division Superintendents/Presidents and others in leadership positions at the Division level. Included in that information is a collection of 'best practices' from Divisions around the NMRA and many of those best practices focus on the delivery of the educational services and programs mentioned above.

The Handbook will soon be emailed to all Region Superintendents by Steve August, our RAC Director. He will ask that the Regions forward the Handbook to all their Division Superintendents.

The Handbook will also be available on the NMRA website in the Member's Only side of the site.

Division Superintendent's Handbook

[National Model Railroad Association](#)



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year, while CSX is shooting for \$250 million.

So far this year NS has shut down the hump yard at Knoxville, Tenn., reduced switching operations at 25 smaller yards across the system, combined its Virginia and Pocahontas divisions, and reduced its operating regions from three to two.

CSX has reduced operations at 17 lower-volume car shops system wide and reduced its number of operating divisions from 10 to nine.

CSX also said it was eliminating 39 mechanical and eight engineering positions system wide.

Both railroads are expected to take additional steps to bring costs in line with revenue.

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A Visit to the Warthers Museum in Ohio

Photos by George Pisching

A small sampling of the hand carved locomotives in "Mooney" Warther's collection on display.



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South Coast Railroad Museum Railroad Days, Aug. 20 & 21

Advt from Bob Chaparro

South Coast Railroad Museum to Combine Railroad and Depot Days Into One Weekend Celebration.

Two fun-filled days of trains and railroad action await visitors to the South Coast Railroad Museum over the weekend of Aug. 20-21, 2016. Two of the museum's most popular annual family events, Goleta Railroad Days and Depot Day, are being brought together into a single two-day Railroad Days celebration. The event will be held on the museum grounds, 300 N. Los Carneros Road, from 11am to 4pm both Saturday and Sunday.



Highlighting the event Sunday will be the 34th annual Depot Day Silent Auction. The auction will feature a long list of valuable goods and services from businesses and other sources throughout Southern California. The event will also feature four different rides, involving three types of rail vehicles. On the Goleta Short Line miniature-train, there will be two trains offering rides on two different routes: a six-minute ride on the "Centennial Loop" and a three-minute ride originating from the "Phyllis Station." The motive power for all trains throughout the weekend will be miniature engines fashioned after authentic Southern Pacific Railroad diesel locomotives.

Railroad Days visitors will also be able to propel themselves on the museum's people-powered handcar or ride on an old inspection car, or "speeder," formerly used on the Ventura Railway. There is a 48-inch minimum-height requirement for the handcar and 34-inch minimum for the other rides.

Model trains will be an important part of Railroad Days, with participation from the South Coast Society of Model Engineers and the Gold Coast Garden Railway Society. The clubs will share operating model and antique toy train layouts, static displays, hands-on activities and free mini-classes. All popular model-train gauges will be represented

Other event attractions include the following:

- Unclaimed Freight & Baggage Sale, with bargain-priced used goods, including many model train and railroad-related items
- Children's Interactive Area, featuring wooden toy trains and other fun activities for the young as well as the young at heart
- Railroad Days Scavenger Hunt, with prizes for those who successfully complete the search challenge

Welcome Aboard !

Daylight Division's Newest Members

Member	City/State	Date Joined
Mark Simonian	Clovis, CA	2/22/2016
B Mollo	Fresno, CA	3/29/2016
Bryan Le Gare	Fresno CA	4/4/2016
Simon Leonhardt	Miramonte CA	5/2/2016

Railroad Days, Aug. 20 & 21

- Booths and tables staffed by local and regional groups and organizations, with information and souvenirs related to trains, rail travel and railroad hobbies, including Amtrak, the Union Pacific Railroad and others
- A special Sunday-only viewing of the agent's upstairs living quarters
- "Trackside Shop" museum store, featuring train-themed books, games, clothing, toys, videos, gifts and much more
- Plenty of food and family fun!

A full schedule of event activities will be posted on the Railroad Days website on or before Aug. 1 and updated thereafter.

For more information, visit rrdays.org or contact the museum at 805.964.3540. Shortcut URL to this page:

<http://www.onelist.com/community/daylightdivision>



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or other membership information?

Please, Pretty Please

Notify NMRA Headquarters

Email: nmrahq@nmra.org

Phone: 423-892-2846 (8am
4pm ET)

Mail: P.O. Box 1328

The always popular and traditional "Pre-Meeting Social Breakfast." We see the usual guilty parties, culprits, and dastardly merry makers. Left side of table clockwise - Doug Wagner, Rich Seames, Ed Hall, Dave Grenier and Neil Fernbaugh. Sorry I don't have names attached to the back three - but greatly welcome them; and then John Houlihan and lastly is Mike O'Brien. The joke must have been on the right side because only the left side is laughing ...

2014 NMRA Convention Warther's Museum, Ohio



Ernest "Mooney" Warther –
Truly a phenomenal woodworker!



A Special Note about the promotional emails you'll be receiving from the NMRA.

Beginning this August the NMRA will be sending all members one promotional announcement per month from video production companies who are supporters of the NMRA.

As we mentioned in the July/August *NMRA eBulletin* article, these promotional announcements are in exchange for these model railroad video production companies donating videos to the NMRA. In other words, the video production companies are giving us educational videos for our website for viewing by NMRA members, and we are passing along information about those video production companies to NMRA members.

As the article stated, the NMRA mailing list never leaves our hands -- the video companies are sending us the graphics for their promotional email and the NMRA is sending out the emails, not the video production companies. So no outside company will ever see your personal information or email address, nor will they be able to use or sell your email address. Your email address remains private and in the hands of the NMRA only.

There will only be **one promotional email per month** sent to you. You can choose to click on the link to participate in the promotion, delete the email, or ignore the email. You can also opt to unsubscribe from the promotional emails by using the "SafeUnsubscribe" link at the bottom of the promotional email page. Unsubscribing from the promotional emails will not affect your subscription to the bi-monthly *NMRA eBulletin*. In other words, you'll still receive the *NMRA eBulletin* even if you opt to unsubscribe from the promotional emails. (Note: do NOT unsubscribe from this email, or you will cease to get anything from the NMRA.)

Please note that if you choose to respond directly to the video production company's promotion, you may begin receiving email from the video production company directly.

We think that receiving educational videos for our members is a great benefit... one that is well worth the inconvenience of one promotional email per month.

We hope you take advantage of this special opportunity by watching -- and learning from -- the videos these companies are giving us! The videos will be uploaded to our site in a week or so. To find them, go to the Members Only portion of www.nmra.org and look under the "Special Programs" menu found near the top of the page.

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