

Daylight Observation



Dear
Daylighters,

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

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

We will provide as much ourselves as we can in the coming months. We do not need the authorship AP certificate, at this point that does not matter- what matters is our Parliamentary Responsibility for the Good of the Order. This has been started to bring us current.

Our Superintendent, Neil has been busy scoping out new venues for meets and has several ideas to present in his column.

Did you know that our organization is National in scope? If you donate, the IRS generally recognizes that.

If your employer offers matching donations you can double your gift.

If you give of your time civic minded employers recognize that (true) as community service.

As an adult learner, the clinics can teach us something.

If you have youngsters in your life , bring them to a meet.

My children still remember the Silos Clinic from the 1998 convention in Kansas City (we paid a one-day fare). We were traveling home from an east coast trip and only had 24 hours in Kansas

City (midnight to midnight). We were on the S.W. Chief. Was a lot of fun.
Use our brick- and-mortar shops when you can. Keeps 'em in business.

On a budget? Try cardboard and Strathmore for the buildings, swap meet track for R-O-W, ask your computer buddies for phone wire to assist in wiring your Loconet.

Paints? No more FloquiL? Try acrylics.

Photos and Models welcome!



Photo above taken by the Wandering Photographer, Late July 2005 in Virginia near Bowling Green and Fredericksburg. C & O freight house near CSX mainline.

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The above photo , also by the Wandering Photographer of Warren Riccitelli's B & M speeder at the Boy Scout National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill located in Bowling Green, VA-Late July 2005.



Above Photo came from the Wandering Photographer's session at Gary Saxton's N Scale "Old and Weary" NYO & W railroad that Gary had set up in a spare room when he resided in Clovis California.



Above Photo is taken from the Wandering Photographer's bag from December 2004 at Los Angeles Union Station. So if you have any extra "baggage" to share We would love to see it AND share it!.

This edition will be published electronically and printed in b & w for mailing and handing out at meets.

Superintendent's Report:
Operating in Dark Territory

Neil Fernbaugh, Superintendent

The Daylight Division took a long break after the Bakersfield convention, and having recuperated, we're moving on. We have scheduled our next meet Saturday Morning, October 14th during the Central Coast Railfest (October 13-15th) . Bob Chaparro has, once again, set up an incredible number of layout tours, and the Oceano Depot, the San Luis Obispo Railroad museum, and the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Historical Museum are all sponsoring major events. BTW, Beda's Biergarten is showing it's Guinness record holding collection of Z-scale.

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Our next meet is scheduled for January 20th at the Historic Kingsburg Depot <http://www.kingsburgdepot.org/index.html> which has been lovingly restored and will provide us with ample trainspotting opportunities. Don Smith and others will be providing local layout activities, and if I can't find other clinics, I promise a hand-on citrus tree-modeling workshop on the freight platform.

Bob Chaparro has been trying to set up a layout tour for late spring in Tehachapi, so hopefully, our Spring meet will be in Tehachapi, and we will return to Santa Barbara for our summer meet, where, at least, it is 30 degrees cooler than in the San Joaquin Valley.

We are looking to find volunteers to fill Dave Grenier's shoes, who has termed out as director, as well as Bob Sexton's position long-time position as Chief Clerk and Paymaster.

Brewster Bird has stepped up as Daylight Observation editor, and we expect a new edition of the Observation before the January meet.

Special Thanks to Doug Wagner, and all the other folks who have worked so hard for our division.

Your superintendent, Neil Fernbaugh

Thank You Neil for your report!

Daylight Division Meet Whereabouts:

October 14, 2017 - 9:00 am, [Daylight Division](#) Fall Meet, Whole Foods Community Room, 1531 Froom Ranch Way, San Luis Obispo, CA. Whole Foods is located next to the T.J. Max Department store located on the east end of the shopping mall. [MAP](#)

This location was chosen so that members can participate in the number of layout tours and other activities available during the Central Coast Railroad Festival this weekend. The meet starts at 9:00 AM with room set-up (please arrive early and help!), registration, refreshments, contest entries, and Meet 'n' Greets. For those who would like to grab a breakfast first, the store has an extensive self-service menu, and tables will be set up in the meeting room.

\$4.00 Members \$5.00 guests

Membership Thermometer:

Kern - 33
Fresno - 25
San Luis Obispo - 24
Santa Barbara - 16
Tulare - 11
Madera - 3
Merced - 3

Mariposa -2

Total Daylight Division Members - 117

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Attn: Modelers and prototypists:

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

Daylight Calendar:

Saturday, November 4th, 2017 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society
Model Train Display and Open House

On Saturday, November 11th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society, of Bakersfield, will be hosting a public open house at their downtown Bakersfield clubhouse, located on the 2nd and 3rd floors, above Chef's Choice Noodle Bar at 1534 19th St. Central California's largest permanent model train displays will be open for the public to enjoy the hobby of model trains. The N scale layout is 18' x 80' in size with a modeled version of the Tehachapi Loop. The HO layout is 30' x 90' and has 15 miles of scale HO mainline.

Entrance to the clubhouse is immediately behind Chef's Choice restaurant, in the alley. The Chef Choice is located on the Northeast corner of 19th and Eye Streets, in beautiful downtown Bakersfield.

Follow the signs for directions to the clubhouse. For more information, call 331-6695 or email carldw@aol.com.

Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club



November 11 & 12, 2017 - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Model Train Show, Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club, Aspen Builders Activity Center Inc. at the Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District, 410 West "D" Street (off Mill Street), Tehachapi, CA.

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Thanks for listening---Doug Wagner

What Will It Take.....

.....to get you to attend a Daylight Division meet? No serious, we REALLY want to know!

The Daylight Division attempts to put on 4 quarterly meets each year. And, to make it fair, we attempt to hold these meetings in different locales so that Daylight Division are not always driving for hours to attend a meet. We usually host the meets in the Fresno, Kern, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barba c5ounties, to spread them out over the Daylight Division. A lot of effort is put into organizing these meets and it is really disheartening when only 8 folks show up to a meet.

So, we'd like to ask you folks out there---what are we doing wrong? I mean we attempt to have clinics on the "how to" of model railroading and have model railroad layouts on tour so you may visit other folk's model railroad work. Is it the long drives? Please, let us know—and we'll attempt to fix it. To voice your input, you may email Doug Wagner at carldw@aol.com, or call him at (661) 589-0391. We'd really like your input! This is your Division, and we want to make it enjoyable for you.

So, how about making an attempt to attend the Saturday, October 14, Daylight Division Meet, in San Luis Obispo? All of you should have received a letter with the date/time/place. If you did not, please contact Doug Wagner, using the above information listed. We are having our quarterly Daylight Meet in conjunction with the *Central Coast Railroad Festival*, which is October 13-15. For more information concerning the Festival, please visit their web site at www.ccrff.com/ . You can always give me a call or email if you ever have any questions about anything concerning the Daylight Division.

Have You Changed.....

.....your mailing address or email address? It seems that several of you have as when we email out information, we get a lot of bounced emails back. We've even received a couple of snail mail letter sent back as "undeliverable."

So, to help find out all the member's current contact information, I will be mailing out an information sheet, with the listed contact information we have on file. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, if you have changed your email, mailing address, or phone number, let us know. Heh, we aren't going to call you up asking you to donate to a good cause, or sell your email to some company so that they can send you relentless emails, one right after another. The contact information is used ONLY for NMRA, PCR and Daylight Division use to get in contact with the member. This is very important when it comes down to sending out emails with very important information concerning meets, layouts, and another late-minute information.

Dear Daylighters, We do need and want your help. No one needs to be a professional just interested. The Spirit of Rotation is good for us all around. Just my wooden nickel-Ed.