



Coast Dispatcher September 2013

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Welcome to the Coast Division of PCR

Division Meet
September 22, 2013
Janet Pomeroy Center
207 Skyline Blvd, San Francisco, CA

9:00 AM Doors open. Free Door Prizes. Buy Raffle Tickets.
9:30 AM Get Auction Cards.
10:00 AM "John Allen Timesaver" by Eric Moe
11:00 AM "Podcasting" by Tom Barbalet
11:00 AM Model Railroad Roundtable moderated by Howard McKinney
Theme "Layout Background Sounds ."
12 Noon Business Meeting
~1:00 PM* Auction starts, Roundtable continues
1:30 PM Model/Photo Contest Results – afterward Auction continues
3:30 PM Timesaver Results, Raffle – afterward Auction continues if required

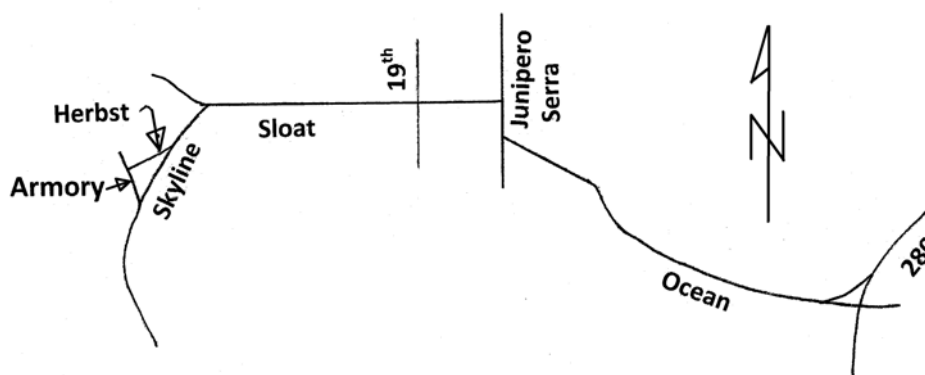
9:30 AM – 1:15 PM:

Model Contest: Steam Locomotives, Diesel, & Other Locomotives, Passenger Cars

Photo Contest: Caboose

Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)

* Auction actually starts as soon as Business Meeting ends.



From East Bay, get to **I-280 S in San Francisco**
Take exit **51** to merge onto **Ocean Ave**
Turn right onto **Junipero Serra Blvd**
Turn left onto **Sloat Blvd**
Take slight left onto **Skyline Blvd**
Turn right on **Herbst Rd**
Turn left on **Armory**
The Center will be on the left
Some maps say you park on Zoo Road

From South, get to **I-280 N in San Francisco**
Take exit **47** to **CA-1S** toward **Pacifica**
Take exit **508** onto **Skyline Blvd**
Go 4.7 miles and take sharp left on **Herbst Road**
Take left on **Armory**
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Editor's Notes:

I am actively hunting for articles and stories about your layouts. If you would like to share your layout, let me know and I will work with you to write a story, up to and including visiting it and taking pictures. Contact me at tom@thecrawfordfamily.net

The Coast Dispatcher is available on the Coast Division Website.

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/>

You may also subscribe to the Dispatcher for free by contacting Tom Crawford at tom@thecrawfordfamily.net or by going to

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Coast_Dispatcher

and signing up. When you do this, you will get an e-mail with a direct link to each new version. (we do it this way because people with slower internet connections can download at their leisure as opposed to having it slow down their e-mail.)

All Coast division members now get post-cards providing important information for the upcoming meet.

Chuck Mitchell

On June 13th, PCR member Chuck Mitchell passed away after struggling with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Although very ill, Chuck managed to attend the Coast Division Meet the previous Sunday, June 9th.

Chuck was a long time member of the NMRA, having been involved in the hobby most of his life and was a member of the Pasadena Model Railroad Club before relocating back to Northern California several decades ago. Chuck worked on a number of PCR conventions and was Chairman of the 2004 National Narrow Gauge Convention held in Santa Clara. He was a long time member of the Coast Auction Committee and served the Division as Youth Activities Chair.

He was very special to me as the guy who got me involved in the Niles Canyon Railway, convincing me to come over to help decorate for the Train of Lights.

He then convinced me to take over as the chairman of the 2009 PCR Convention (Do we see a pattern here?)

In addition to NMRA activities, Chuck was an active member of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society, whose conventions he regularly attended and Chuck was an avid GN modeler. Chuck was also very interested in Narrow Gauge and Logging and actively



modeled in HO, HO_{N3} and On3.

Chuck was a mentor who had a massive impact on my involvement with trains. We miss him dearly.

(Editor's Note: This article was originally written by Dave Connery, and then modified to include my own experiences. My apologies to Dave.)

Coast Division Superintendent's Report

Frank Markovich

The next meet location will be the Janet Pomeroy Center at 207 Skyline Blvd San Francisco, CA 94132 (415) 665-4100. It will be on September 22nd starting at 9:00 AM. We will again have a very large auction with over 500 estate items not counting regular items. The Model Contest subjects will be: Steam Locomotives, Diesel, & Other Locomotives, Passenger Cars and the Photo Contest subject will be: Caboose. The Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest will go until 3:15. There will be two clinics and a roundtable. I really want to encourage entries into the contest so there will be an extra door prize ticket for every entry in the model or photo even if it is just show and tell. On top of that I will give a special Superintendent prize to one model of my choosing. No special criteria but a model that is most artistic in my judgment. I will be bringing a couple of models myself to the next meet.

The last meet was my first time as Superintendent. I did play modeling movies and will have more at the next meet – I am working on better sound for next time. There is a solution that I will try. I am sure that it will be better. The individuals who watched the movies seemed very happy. I will be doing a couple of more movies this time on modeling. There will be two more Scotty Mason Movies and a trio of movies including one on painting figures. Again the auction made a sizeable amount due to the large estate. This meet we will continue with the estate sale. Lots of brass left! The auction is very important as it is the main method of raising money for our Division. This has allowed us to not have to charge admission as many other Divisions charge per meet. The clinics are still in process but we will have 2 clinics and of course the roundtable. Howard is working on the subject for the next roundtable. The roundtable at the last meet was on animation. There are still a few DVD's available from that clinic and we will bring them for those wanting one.

There are still some open positions in the Division and I am looking for people to volunteer. If you are interested in helping, please email me at frank@frankmarkovich.com or any of the other Coast board members. Two of these are the committee chair for the Auction and the webmaster – John Sing has been doing that but he now lives in Florida and we need to find someone local. Also if there are ideas of things you would like to see at the meets let me know.

The results of the survey showed that members would like clinics in between meets. I am working on that and any ideas for clinics would be appreciated. I would also like to get someone to volunteer to take over a youth program for the Division. I would be able to help with that. Towards the clinic between meets we will have one in November – most likely Jim Eckman or I will do the clinic. We have some ideas on locations but if anyone knows a place that would not charge that would be ideal. This first clinic will be on modeling – not sure of the subject yet. Since it will not be at a meet we could have a clinic that lasted longer than 1 hour!!

The switching contest will have some exciting news to present at the next meet. Be prepared. We are going to expand it.

The meet after this will be back in San Leandro at the Boy Scout Center on Dec 8th. Mark your calendar.

Publicity Report

Steve Wesolowski

World's Greatest Hobby Show

Wow: It's been nearly half a year since Coast Division Volunteers gathered to promote the NMRA at the Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour, March 2nd and 3rd, 2013 in San Mateo.

For me, other than a National Train Show, the 20,000 + who attended the WGH were many more than I'd even seen at a local train show. There were more exhibitors and modular trains set up than at any Great Train Expo Show, and every train running was always surrounded by

Very Big Thanks to Patrick & Ronnie LaTorres, Bob and Darlene Ferguson, Jim Eckman, Darrel Dennis, Charlie Getz, Eric Moe, Frank Markovich, Dennis and Nancy Stokeley, Richard Zeren and Michael Oberg for all giving 110+% of themselves; all sharing their helpful enthusiasm, knowledge and positive train loving attitudes with every attendee who stopped by our booth. Thanks to the hard work by all our PCR Volunteers, I believe we were able to reach out and help more newcomers and returnees to Model Railroading than during other shows, and also signed up more new NMRA members. We provided information on local clubs, organizations and resources to many people, plus many of them had questions we tried our best to answer, and usually could.

During the entire WGH show, the Timesaver was almost continuously being enjoyed while also being observed by several others waiting their turns. Meanwhile, Frank and Jim painting figures made many people stop to watch and ask questions, while Mike Oberg helped many others, especially newcomers, diagnose problems with their locos on the test track he brought.

Mike Oberg said he found WGH very rewarding, he got a fresh perspective from working with other Volunteers. Mike often is a Vendor at local shows, but Volunteering, Mike 'saw' other sides of Volunteers than he 'sees' at Coast Meets. Mike enjoyed seeing Bob Ferguson's have



fun with kids and Timesaver, different than Bob's usual Auction Volunteer roles. I was re-energized by Mike's fresh perspectives on train shows as a volunteer.

If space permits, I think one or two of Mike's photos captured Timesaver enthusiasm well. Although they only show one small part of the WGH show, I think they capture some of the excitement of the whole WGH show for those who attended.

Great Train Expo

The Great Train Expo returns to the **Santa Clara County Fairgrounds**, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111, September 7th & 8th.

After several years away, The Great Train Expo returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, November 23rd/24th, which is Thanksgiving Weekend.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the PCR/NMRA Information tables.

If you've already planned to enjoy the Great Train Expo September 7th and/or 8th, why not also enjoy meeting and helping some other local train loving people learn more about the resources available to them in the Coast or other nearby PCR Divisions? Volunteer for our PCR/NMRA Membership tables at the **Santa Clara County Fairgrounds**, 344 Tully Road, San Jose, on September 7th or 8th, and/or for our

Membership tables at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, November 23rd/24th.

By Volunteering, you'll not only be helping beginning/returning modelers enjoy our hobby even more, you'll enjoy volunteering with other Coast members, we all take turns to the show and free admission by wearing our Coast Division Badges. Volunteering also counts towards Volunteer Certification in the Achievement Program.



During the show, our volunteers meet new & returning modelers; we try to answer their questions, give out Coast Meet fliers and magazines, refer modelers to local model and train resources, demonstrate and encourage them to enjoy the Time Saver.

If you have a project or projects you would enjoy working on during the show that can be worked on using part of a table, so visitors can see and ask questions about modeling, let us know. Painting figures, assembling models, many other modeling activities should work out and we all enjoy watching actual modeling.

If you want to Volunteer or have any questions, please email me or Darrell Dennis. Our email addresses are in the Dispatcher.

For directions to the Fairgrounds, or more information about the GTE show, visit <http://www.trainexpoinc.com/schedule.html>

Model Contest/Photo Contest

Jim Eckman

Model Contest



We had one entry in the structures category, a really nicely done kit called Dari King by Edward Gregory.

Edward also scratchbuilt interior details and made the roof removable, impressive in N scale.

First place
Structures
Edward Gregory



This picture shows just how small this highly detailed model really is.

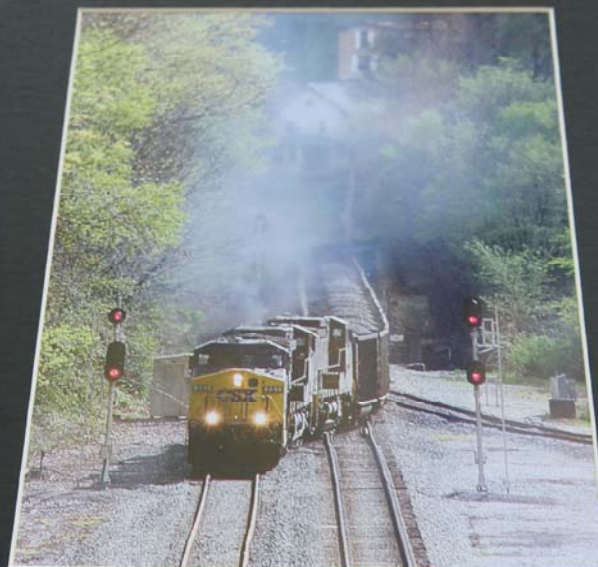
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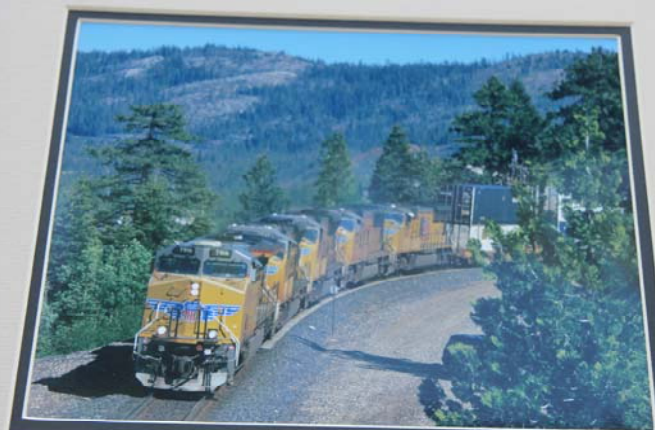
Photo Contest

There were five entries in the photo contest.

First place, entry #2 Seth Neumann – CSX Coal Drag at MK JCT, W. VA USA



Tied for Second Place entry #4 Pat LaTorres UP X7619W at Tunnel 37



and Ronnie LaTorres entry #5 602



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Third Place entry #1 Kenneth Martin BNSF



Show and Tell



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John Allen Timesaver

Eric Moe

The Coast Division Timesaver official report

Six car:

1st place Tom
Crawford@06:18

Five car:

1st place Don
Shorrt@08:50
2nd place Roni
LaTorres@09:25
3rd place Ken
Martin@13:03

No first timers.

Thanks,
Moe



NMRA InfoNet

Welcome to the InfoNet-News For July, 2013 (Edited to fit)

A Message from Mike Brestel, current Publications Department Manager and soon to be NMRA Worldwide at Large Director:

On July 12 I leave my position as NMRA Publications Department Manager, and *NMRA InfoBlast* editor Tom Draper has asked me to fill in our Region and Division leaders about our current activities.

The Publications Department is responsible for overseeing these major areas: The *NMRA Magazine*, NMRA Data Sheets, the NMRA Calendar Project, NMRA Books, and the *NMRA eBulletin*.

NMRA Magazine – White River Productions (Kevin EuDaly) continues to manage the production of the *NMRA Magazine*. Stephen and Cinthia Priest of Paired Rail Railroad Productions (PRRP) are our editors, and in addition, Cinthia has become our ad sales manager. White River and PRRP have successfully maintained the quality of all aspects of the *NMRA Magazine*, with an emphasis on NMRA organizational and member activities and accomplishments. We continue to watch the growth of electronic magazine distribution in the model railroad world, but at this time we do not plan to convert to electronic publishing.

NMRA Data Sheets – Over the past year we have moved Data Sheets back into the Publications Department. David Johnson, Data Sheet Manager, and Van S. Fehr, Assistant Manager, are working to establish new standards for Data Sheet content and presentation, and several new sheets are in preparation. I think you'll be pleased with what you see!

NMRA Calendar Project – We are in the process of selecting images for the 2014 NMRA Calendar, which as you know is an NMRA U.S. fundraising project. After the death of John Roberts, Tom Morrison and I remain to manage this project. We are on track to release the 2014 calendar in late 2013. As always, the calendar will be available to non-U.S. members for a nominal fee plus postage. Non-U.S. members are encouraged to contact HQ at nmrahq@aol.com if they are interested in a calendar.

NMRA Books – We continue to offer current NMRA books to members and the public, but development of new titles has been slowed by difficulties in obtaining copyright clearance for proposed projects. This is another area where we feel the loss of John

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Roberts. We will be looking for additional worthy titles to develop in the coming months.

NMRA eBulletin – You have all no doubt received the *NMRA eBulletin*, which is prepared bi-monthly by Gerry Leone, Chuck Dijak, and Tracy McKibben, and distributed through the efforts of Page Martin, Ben Sevier, and the NMRA HQ staff. The *eBulletin* has already proven to be an invaluable tool for the dissemination of fast-breaking news. Our biggest problem – and frustration – has been that we do not have the current email address for many of our members. You can help us get the *eBulletin* to your members by making sure they notify HQ when their email addresses change. A quick note to nmrahq@aol.com will do the trick, or contact this url: <<http://www.nmra.org/member/content/member-info-update>>

I've really enjoyed this past year as Publications Department Manager. It may actually be the best job in the whole NMRA! Fortunately, Mr. Don Phillips, who has extensive experience in the business world, with United Press International, and as an NMRA volunteer, has agreed to take over as the new Manager. All of the current Pubs Committee – Larry DeYoung, Tony Koester, Gerry Leone, and I – will happily continue (as long as Don will have us).

A message from Jeff Smith of RailMaster Hobbies, Inc.:**Testors' Model Master Line To Add Railroad Colors**

There will be 16 colors moving over to the Model Master Acrylic line from Polly Scale. They will be color matched to the Polly Scale line, but not guaranteed to be exact matches, as the formulations are different. They will be in 1/2 ounce bottles and retail for \$3.69. They are all flat colors. Currently scheduled for a September delivery.

704 – 4873 Reefer White
704 – 4874 Aged White
704 – 4875 Aged Concrete
704 – 4876 Concrete
704 – 4877 Earth
704 – 4878 Depot Buff
704 – 4879 Reefer Yellow
704 – 4880 Caboose Red
704 – 4881 Boxcar Red
704 – 4882 Oxide Red
704 – 4883 Signal Green
704 – 4884 Roof Brown
704 – 4885 Railroad Tie Brown
704 – 4886 Reefer Gray
704 – 4887 Grimy Black
704 – 4888 Engine Black

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

Regards,
Tom Draper – HLM, DSA, FA
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(Editor's Note: Due to formatting problems several charts were not included)