

Coast Dispatcher June 2015

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Welcome to the Coast Division of PCR

Division Event June 7 2015 Boy Scouts of America Headquarters 1001 Davis St, San Leandro, CA.

9:00 AM.......Doors open. Free Door Prizes. Buy Raffle Tickets.

9:30 AM......Get Auction Cards.

10:00 AM......The Bay Point and Clayton Railroad, including the Cowell Portland Cement Co.,

by Steven Lane

11:00 AM......Model Railroad Scales and Gauges (Roundtable),

with Dave Connery, Thomas Knapp, Mike Blumenstaadt, Frank Markovich, and others

11:00 AM...... Model Railroad Roundtable moderated by Howard McKinney

12 Noon......Business Meeting

~12:30 PM*...Model/Photo Contest Results

~12:45 PM*...Auction starts, Roundtable continues

3:30 PMTimesaver Results, Raffle – afterward Auction continues if required

9:30 AM - 12:15 PM:

Model Contest: Structures, Tracon and Self Propelled, Diorama

Photo Contest- Diesel Locomotives.

Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)

* Contest results immediately after business meeting. Auction actually starts immediately after contest results. The "Getting Started in Model Railroading" Clinic will start at the same time.

Directions to the Boy Scout Headquarters



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Climb aboard The Club Car! Jack Burgess, 2015 Publicity Chairman

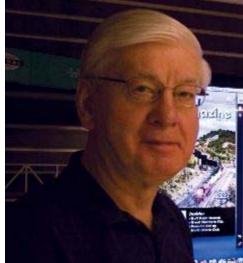
The next Pacific Coast Region Convention will here in the Coast Division! It will be held May 13-17, 2015 in Newark at the newly-renovated Newark-Fremont Double Tree by Hilton right in your backyard!

If you are planning to attend the Convention and pay your registration fee after you arrive, give that decision a second thought. The banquet for this

Convention will feature a talk by

Model Railroad Planning editor Tony Koester. Tony is a great speaker and his talk will appeal to everyone including spouses. But the last opportunity for purchasing tickets for the banquet is Sunday, May 10th. You don't want to miss this banquet so register now if you aren't already signed up. If you are registered but didn't sign up for the banquet, log on to the Convention website at www.pcrnmra.org/conv2015/ and go to the Company Store to add a Banquet ticket to your Convention experience!

The website now has the current activity schedules. There are nearly 30 different clinics. Several clinics cover prototype railroads including the Granite Rock Quarry in Aromas between San Jose and Monterey, the State Belt Railroad in San Francisco, the Sierra Railway, and the South Pacific Coast Railroad in the East Bay. There will also be clinics on subjects as diverse as batch-



Tony Koester

building freight cars and powering your locomotives with batteries rather than track power to passenger car operations. There will also be Layout Design and Operations SIG Round Table discussions followed by moderated discussions on topics offered by the group. Bring your plans and mockups to share with the group!

There will also be a very different clinic activity called the Maker Train on Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. This will not be a typical presentation clinic but instead will be a "hands on" event. The "Maker Train" is a room of show-and-tell, hands-on projects, and other activities. They will include some basic activities, such as learning about soldering techniques. But there will also some new technologies such as using SketchUp to create 3D drawing. There will be the opportunities to better understand 3D printing capabilities, 3D scanning, design software (ViaCad), and filament printing. Other hands-on activities will cover software and electronics such as Arduino, Raspberry Pi, RFID and C/MRI electronics, and other neat stuff. If some of these subjects don't sound that familiar, they might be something that you need to learn more about!

You might have heard about the BayRails operating sessions held here in the Bay Area. While these every-other-year operating sessions are limited to visiting operators who don't live in the Bay Area, local Convention attendees will have the opportunity to attend operating sessions on many of these same layouts during the Convention. But you need to register NOW to be able to have the chance to participate in one or more of these operating sessions!

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The list of layouts which will be open for viewing has grown to nearly 50 layouts, some of which have not previously been open during conventions or open house events. Layouts near the Convention hotel will be open only on Wednesday evening. Other layouts will be open in the morning and afternoon hours and are grouped by location so that attendees can visit more layouts with less driving. Except for one layout which will be open for attendees coming to or on the way home from the Convention and some club layouts, each layout will be open only once during the Convention.

There will also be model and photo contests in all of the NMRA categories. If you have built a model recently or taken a railroad photo that you are proud of, fill out the forms and bring it to the Convention! If you have received an award at the Divisional level, enter the model at the Regional level!

You might think that Outside Activities at a regional Convention held here in the Bay Area would not have anything worth signing up for. But think again! How about a half-day bus tour of Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) light rail facilities and future Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) routes with a visit to one of the rail shops? Or an opportunity to visit Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, ride the narrow gauge train, and tour the new SPCRR Car Barn? The Car Barn is normally not open to the public but this event will give attendees the opportunity to see the oldest narrow gauge box car known to exist (currently awaiting restoration); some other Carter Brothers freight cars which will be restored; and a pair of West Side Lumber Company flat cars in the same condition as when privately purchased in the 1960s.

Do you have model railroad treasures that you need to sell to free up space for more purchases? There will be a Swap Meet on Friday evening of the Convention. Tables for sellers are \$10 for a full table. Tables will be selected or assigned in the order received. You can rent a table through the Convention website.

For more information on the Convention and all of these activities or to register, go online to http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2015/.

There is a copy of the Registration form on the last page.

Coast Division Superintendent's Report Frank Markovich

Some of this information was in the Branchline but this is updated with additional information. This was one of the best events or meets that we have had in quite some time. ! We had over 94 members and guests come along with 13 new members! We had PCR members from 3 other divisions. We must be doing something right. Some of the highlights:

- Two clinics Dave Connery on the San Ramon branch of the Southern Pacific and Thomas Knapp on Corrugated roofing and siding for 64,000 square feet of warehouses. Both were very well attending and all seats were full!! Look below for clinics coming up. At each meet we will be having one clinic that addresses new people in the hobby. This next meet will be a clinic on advantages and disadvantages or various scales and gauge. Should be very interesting.
- A dozen models in the contest all were excellent! Two Show and Tell items. See Jim Eckmam's report on the contest. The contests are beginning to draw more and more entries. Remember that any model can also be judged for a merit award. See Jim or me to get it judged.

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- Over 500 items in the auction. In almost every scale and gauge. While the majority are HO there were a number of N and O scale represented and even some narrow gauge items in the auction. Lots of books and even DVD's and tapes.
- Charlie Getz updated the group on the National including some new programs and happenings at the national including that the European Region is now up and running. He even had his picture taken with the new members.
- Some discussion on Portland all the rooms for the convention hotel are full. They are looking at other hotels. I wish I could go but it is the first week of my teaching assignment. I am sure those who go will have a great time.
- PCR convention in Newark is coming up. Check the PCR website for more information and the website:
 http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2015/
 for more information. I hope to see many of you there. Note that members of local clubs can go even if they are not NMRA members. Be sure to welcome them. A friendly hand shake or talk will encourage them to attend a Coast meet. They can always visit to see what takes place at a meet and the only thing they can't do is bid at the auction.
- Richard Brennan is taking over as Clinic Chairman. If you would like to do a clinic please contact Richard or me. He is already doing a great job.
- Ronnie had lots of items for the door prizes!
- Very active round table led by Howard McKinney table was full. Discussion centered on keep alive circuits (at least when I listened in).
- Election held for officers for the Coast Division. New clerk is Doug Smith. Rather a newbe and a great guy.
- Presented a special award to Dave Gill for help with the Build a Memory (Dave built the cases for the 2 layouts). When you see Dave thank him for the work he has done for the Division and the PCR.
- Congratulated Dave Connery for getting his Master Model Railroader.
- I met with the new members who had questions. Charlie Getz also came by to offer support to any new members. I will be doing this at all future meets. It will be immediately following the business meeting (short meeting).
- The timesaver was busy all day. I saw a lineup at times to try it. Moe was very busy. He also brought his 3D printer to share and was giving out a small tool that he was making on the printer at the show!!
- Mark again provided the refreshments for the event.

While I can't speak for everyone at the meet, I had a great time. Visited with quite a few of the members and caught up on what they are doing. The weather was perfect (although we need rain) and it was nice at times to just visit outside with a member. Made connections for 2 or 3 clinics for the future, including one on custom figures and two on historical railroads in California.

I am hoping to visit more layouts in the near future. If you would like me to visit and do a short write-up let me know: frank@frankmarkovich.com is best.
Below are some of the photos from the meet.

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Some of the 13 new members with Charlie Getz and me looking on.



Charlie filling us in on all of the National Happenings.

The Director's Cut Mark Schutzer

As I write this it we are just a couple of weeks away from the Club Car convention in Fremont and David Parks and his convention committee have put together a great convention. There's a great array of activities planned to keep you busy the whole four days of the convention. I hope you all can make it!

For those that attended the March meet in Alameda you may have noticed the large number of first timers in attendance. I believe we had thirteen first timers, many of which joined up on the spot. Welcome to all you new members and I hope to see you all at the June meet.

I want to thank all the volunteers that have been recruiting at all the local train shows, these efforts are really paying off. And while on the topic of volunteering Coast is always for more help. If you have some free time and would be willing to help please contact me, Frank Markovich, or any of your other officials as we will find something you can help with.

I hope to see all of you at both the PCR convention and at the June meet.

That's all for now,

Mark

Clinics Richard Brennan

For the June 7th Coast Division Clinics, we will have

10:00 AM - The Bay Point and Clayton Railroad, including the Cowell Portland Cement Co., by Steven Lane Clinic Details:

Steven Lane's Clinic covers the Bay Point and Clayton Railroad in northern Contra Costa County. This railroad served the Cowell Portland Cement plant, included both standard and narrow-gauge lines, and crossed or interchanged with the SN, SP, and AT&SF. The clinic includes historical and present-day photos, maps, and historic aerial photography.

11:00 AM - Model Railroad Scales and Gauges (Roundtable), with Dave Connery, Thomas Knapp, Mike Blumenstaadt, Frank Markovich, and others

For the second clinic, Frank will lead a roundtable of Coast Division modelers representing a variety of the model railroad scales and gauges available today. Given the constant changes in products and technologies available, this clinic will provide some insight for both new modelers, and those choosing to extend their modeling scope.

Auction Report John Marshall

The March Event was very well filled out with items in every scale and many handy tools and accessories. There were 509 total items with 449 finding new homes where they will be put to good use. Unfortunately 60 items were not so lucky but maybe the right buyer wasn't there. Well there is always the next event.

Thank you to all those entering items into the auction and special thanks to all those who purchased items.

The auction Committee is seeking additional volunteers to assist at the events and anyone interested in learning to be an auctioneer too. For those interested in becoming auctioneers, we will be starting an auctioneering mentoring class if there is enough interest.

John Marshall

Registrar's Report Ronnie LaTorres

REGISTRANTS March 2015 **Total Number of Registrants:** 95 Number from COAST 83 (includes 13 first timers) Number from R E D 4 Number from SIERRA 6 Number from DAY 0 0 Number from Other:(Hawaii) **Total Guests:** FIRST TIMERS: Jay Escamilla / Jeff Allen / Bruce Feld / Steve Lane / Jeff Klurfeld / Dan Rom / Gordon Dakin/Vic Cavalli / David Barron

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Mike O'Dorney / Joyce Hennessey / Bill Lavender / Ryan Blake /

Gordon Dakin / Tom Knapp / Stephen Tobriner /

RAFFLE MONEY:

Ticket Sales 90 --- cash

Model Contest/Photo Contest

Jim Eckman

Jim Eckman – A lot of nice entries this time, thanks contestants!

Caboose

1st place – Ted Stephen's Ohio & Little Kanawha Caboose, a cool branchline I'd never heard of before, but Google it and it sounds extremely modelgenic. Note working marker lamps!

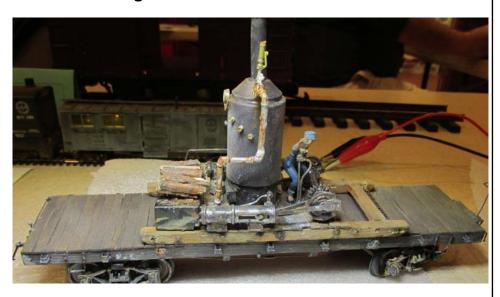




2nd Place – Ken Martin's C.B. & Q. caboose, an MDC kit.

Freight

1st Place – Pete Birdsong's O std gauge flat with skidder load, scratchbuilt! Awesome.



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2nd Place(Tie) – Anthony Sapienza's Santa Fe #101125 Tank Car – A brass kit if I remember right. Looks really crisp and well done. Anthony entered it as MOW, but I slipped up and put it in freight.



2nd Place(Tie) - Pete Birdsong's On30 flat with junk car load, deck and other bits are scratch on top of a Bachmann chassis. The engine parts and rusty chain are nice touches.



3rd Place – Tom Knapp's Nn3 D&RGW 3000 series boxcar, this critter had a detailed under carriage, one heck of a kit and a nice build!



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Steve Wesolowski also entered a large (1:20.3) freight car.



Maintenance of Way (MOW)

1st Place – Ted Stephen's MOW crane combo, the bashed crew car was really nice, note interior and marker lights.





2nd Place – Bob Wirthlin's flat car with crane, scratchbuilt car with Jordan crane kit. This little guy works! You can raise, lower and rotate the crane via some tiny controls.



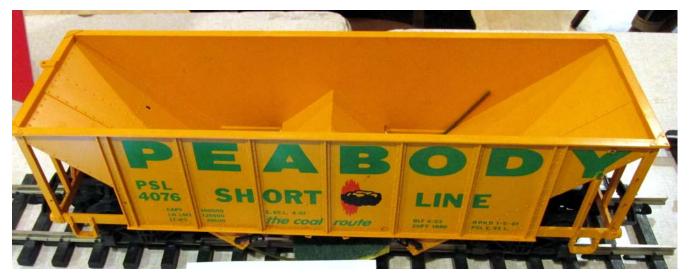
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Steve Wesolowski entered the only real MOW car, it's a large scale track cleaning car. I think Tom Knapp could build a switching layout inside of it;)



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Photo Contest

1st Place – Ton Van Horn's *Sierra Roundhouse*. I still owe him the paper, but he has the frame I hope! 2nd Place – Steve Wesolowski's *Long Bridge over Lake in Sunnyvale, CA*, at first glance I thought this was a real bridge.

3rd Place(Tie) – Stanley Keiser's *Train Drawbridge* 3rd Place(Tie) - Stanley Keiser's *Groundthrow* Also entered:

Stanley Keiser's KCS Roundhouse
Pat LaTorres' Clio Viaduct
Ronnie LaTorres' Tool Shed at Emigrant Gap
Tom Van Horn's Chicago Park



Show and Tell



Eric Moe shows us his 3D printer

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Figures by Mike O'Dorney





Cars by Ted Stephens





NMRA InfoNet News For January, 2015

Tom Draper

Welcome to the InfoNet News (Infoblast) For April, 2015

NOTE: Please forward this email to your newsletter editor and officers, mention it in your editorial, bring it up at meetings. Your members like to know what's going on at National!

Results of the 2015 NMRA Elections

The following candidates in the 2015 NMRA elections were elected to the positions shown:

President – Charlie Getz

VP – Administration – Clark Kooning

VP – Special Projects – Gerry Leone

Pacific District Director – Mike Bartlett

Eastern District Director – Joe Gelmini

At Large North America Director – Peter Youngblood

From John Stevens, NMRA Secretary

2016 Notice of Elections

The following NMRA Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2016:

- 1. Western District Director
- 2. Atlantic District Director

At-Large Worldwide Director

The current Western District Director is term limited and therefore is ineligible to be a candidate for this election. Both the current Atlantic District Director and the At-Large Worldwide Director are eligible to be candidates for this election

Please check Article III, paragraph 12, of the NMRA Executive Handbook, EHB, located at http://www.nmra.org for the extent of the districts affected. Qualifications for candidates are listed in the EHB.

Submissions of candidates for the Western District Director and US resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Tony Koester, National Nominating Committee Chair, at nkpfan@ptd.net no later than **June 15**, **2015**.

Submissions of candidates for the Atlantic District Director and Atlantic District resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Tom Winlow, Atlantic District Nominating Committee Chair, at tom.winlow@btinterest.com no later than June 15, 2015.

Submissions of Pacific District resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Sam Mangion, Pacific District Nominating Committee Chair, at mangion2@bigpond.com no later than **June 15**, **2015**.

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Submissions of NMRA Canada resident candidates for At-Large Worldwide Director shall be submitted to Stephen Wood, NMRA Canada Nominating Committee Chair, at stephen-wood@gmail.com no later than June 15, 2015.

Candidates may wish to run for these positions by petition and not be subjected to the decisions of the respective Nominations Committee. Requirements for submitting by petition are contained in the EHB. All submissions by petition shall be received by the Secretary NMRA at snevets4@bellsouth.net no later than **September 15, 2015**.

In Memoriam

Donald B. Manlick, 1937-2015

Donald B. Manlick, National Model Railroad Association Master Model Railroader no. 56, died on February 7, 2015. He was 77 years old.

Don produced decals (Herald King and DM Custom Decals); scratchbuilt HO scale freight cars, structures, and car ferries; and was active in railroad historical societies. In addition to Don's hobby activities, he spent more than 32 years working for the Chicago & Northwestern as a clerk, telegrapher, and switchman.

From Model Railroader Magazine

Positive Train Control implementation date may be extended

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) introduced a bill on March 4 to extend the deadline for positive train control (PTC) rollout in the U.S. to at least December 2020. The current law requires all railroads that carry passengers or that haul hazardous-by-inhalation material on main lines to install a PTC system by Dec. 31, 2015. Senators referred bill S.650, the Railroad Safety and Positive Train Control Extension Act, to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), John Thune (R-S.D.), and Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) joined Blunt as co-sponsors for the bill.

From Trains Magazine

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in the NMRA Magazine

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 Director – Support Services



PCR/NMRA

The Club Car 2015 **PCR Convention** Newark/Fremont Hilton 39900 Balentine Drive Newark, CA May 13-17, 2015

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