



Coast Dispatcher March 2009

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Pacific Coast Region Web Site: <http://www.pcrnmra.org>

**Welcome to the Coast Division of PCR
Here are our next few events.**

Division Meet

March 1, 2009

Buchser Middle School, 1111 Bellomy St., Santa Clara, CA

(map on last page)

- 9:00 AM Doors open. Free Door Prizes. Buy Raffle Tickets.
- 9:30 AM Get Auction Cards.
- 10:00 AM Clinic - Mark Schutzer – How to install DCC decoders (with emphasis on steam locos)
- 11:00 AM Clinic - Dave Biondi – Basic Backdrop Painting
- 11:00 AM Model Railroad Roundtable moderated by Jerry Littlefield
- 12 Noon Business Meeting. Elections.
- 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: “Caboose”, “Freight Cars”, and Maintenance of Way”

Photo Contest: “Working on the Railroad”

Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)

Layout Tours

March 7 & 8, 2009

Monterey Bay and Salinas - Robert Bowdidge Coordinator

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Coast Banquet

April 4, 2009

El Patio Restaurant, 37311 Fremont Blvd, Fremont

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Division Meet

June 7, 2009

Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA

Model Contest: “Structures,” “Displays,” “Self Propelled and Traction”

Photo Contest: “Trains in Action”

Clinics: Show and Tell by various groups.

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This Dispatcher is full to the brim. I just plain ran out of room, and had to chop articles and pictures to stay within my 10 page limit.

The full version of the Dispatcher is called the E-Dispatcher and is distributed by E-mail. It is also available on the Coast Division Website.

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

You may subscribe to the E-Dispatcher for free by contacting Tom Crawford at Crawford.Tom@sbcglobal.net



CFC 12286

Federal Employees! For the first time, the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) will be included in your annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) to be conducted at your workplace. To offer the NMRA your support please designate #12286 on your CFC contribution form.

Note to Paid Dispatcher subscribers: Due to a database glitch, I missed a couple of Dispatchers. I am extending all paid subscriptions to December 31, 2009 to compensate. Your expiration date is on your Mail Label. Sorry for the mix-up.

COAST DIVISION ELECTIONS AT MARCH MEET By Dave Connery

At the March 1st Meet we will hold elections for Coast Division officers for the coming two years. The positions of Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster will be filled in this election. The Nominating Committee has submitted the following candidates, their Candidate Statements appearing below:

Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election. Floor nominees will be asked if they are willing to be elected and perform the duties of the position. If a member nominated from the floor is not present, a written statement of the members desire to be elected must be provided to the Nominating Chairman prior to the election.

For Superintendent:

Mark Schutzer - I've been modeling on and off since I was in high school 30 years ago, but I only joined the NMRA six years ago. When I look back at the last six years the most enjoyable part has been all the new friendships that I have made along the way. My membership has exposed me to aspects of the hobby I never thought about before. Along the way I became interested in operations, DCC, prototype modeling, clinics and contests. All of this was a result of my membership! I'm running for Superintendent because I want to give something back to the organization that has made this hobby so much more enjoyable for me. I appreciate your support.

For Chief Clerk:

Darrell Dennis - As my friends have been telling me for many years, "Darrell, you are going to finish your last year as Chief Clerk, or else!" Back in 1992, I had to resign my position as Chief Clerk with the Coast Division to start a new job in Bakersfield, in January of 1993. Now that I have been back north for a while, I feel the need to take my buddies friendly nagging to heart and finish my "misplaced term". Seriously, I enjoy the hobby, the comradery, and fun of NMRA. I may not have the intensity of my predecessor, Tom Crawford, but I will do my best to serve the Coast Board, and it's members.

For Paymaster:

Bob Ferguson - As a Life Member of the NMRA and a supportive volunteer, I am serving the members of the NMRA as the RAC Director on the National BOD. In addition, I am also serving as the Member Services Chairman for the PCR. As the paymaster of the Coast Division since 1982, I have striven to protect the assets of the Coast Division from unnecessary expense and to maintain a comfortable balance of funds. I have recently installed the Division's financial records onto the Quickbooks accounting software system for a more complete and standardized accounting. Continuing service is my goal.

Tom Crawford - If elected I intend to do the following:

- Change the checking account so that at least two people who have full access to it. (Currently if the Paymaster becomes disabled or unavailable, we have no access to our money.)
- Prepare, distribute and maintain a budget. (Currently we have no budget.)
- Provide a complete and understandable Paymaster's report that meets the needs of the Board at every Board Meeting.
- Separate Auction Accounting so that we can track exactly how much income and expense we have from the auction.
- Make the books transparent and auditable.

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Super's Notes

John Marshall, Superintendent

Closing notes.

The March meet will be my last as superintendent of the Coast Division. It has been a challenge and a learning experience for me. And, a lot of fun too! It seems like light years ago I served in the same function back in Division 1 of the Mid Central region. Boy how things have changed.

As I look back I see a number of things that have changed in our division since I first took office. The expansion of our division by the National to include all NMRA members in the area was the first event. Membership in our division doubled overnight. Our news letter circulation doubled too and with it the expense to the division. We hosted a "Build-a-Layout Clinic" for any modelers who were interested (NMRA or not), Hosted our first "Show and Tell" division meet which had excellent participation by presenters as well as attendees and many other positive events and meets. We also brought some new people to the leadership positions of the division. Tom Crawford excelled as Chief Clerk. John Sing took on the Model Contests and did a bang up job of it then added the responsibilities of updating our web page as well. If you haven't looked at that lately, you are really missing out! Mark Schutzer took over the Time-Saver challenge and has created a fun success with it, John Ameling took on Registration and Door Prizes and turned that into a success as well. Dave Parks took on the Layout Tour responsibilities and he and his team have done a fantastic job with that. And the list goes on and on. Remember each of these posts are filled by volunteers! Nobody gets paid. They bring their own skills, talents and enthusiasm to the position. They are individually motivated to making your experience as a participating member of the division an enjoyable and memorable one. All of these guys are who I owe a deep debt of gratitude to for making my term in office what it was. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible.

And I owe my thanks to each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your superintendent. I will miss being in that post but taking on the Auction Management responsibility will give me something to do.

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Coast Division Banquet

April 4, 2009

El Patio Mexican Restaurant, 37311 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA

The Reason To Go

This is an opportunity to have a fun, social outing with members of the Coast Division in a non rail environment with their significant others. I have seen many people in a new and interesting light at these banquets that make them well worth while.

The Presentation

Last year we gave a presentation on the Niles and Centerville Depots, describing the moves to their current locations.

This year the people from the Niles Depot Historic Foundation and the Tri-City Society of Model Engineers are going to give you an update on what is now happening with the depot. Also the Pacific Locomotive Association will talk about their effort to build a replica of the 1869 depot as the western terminal of the Niles Canyon Railway.

The Details

The restaurant is across the street from the historic Centerville Depot, which is an active train station on the Capital Corridor line. The dinner will be timed so that people who want to take the train can take the train to Centerville, enjoy dinner and the presentation with time to catch the last train home.

The Social hour will start at 4:30PM and Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. The presentation will start at approximately 6:15 PM and we should be done by 7:30PM.

For those travelling by train, the incoming trains are 2:39 PM westbound and 2:49 PM eastbound (okay, you'll have to blow an hour and a half in Centerville before the social hour) and the trains going home leave at 8:09 PM (westbound) and 8:19 PM (eastbound).

Tickets are \$25 per person, and will be available at the March Coast Division Meet. If you wish to go but cannot make it to the March Meet, send a check for \$25 per person to:

Tom Crawford
4337 La Cosa Ave
Fremont, CA 94536

If you have questions, call 510-790-0371

Coast Division Layout Tours

By Dave Parks

Coast Tours 2009 Schedule

The 2009 Coast Tours will be the weekend following the Coast Division quarterly meetings. The preferred distribution of tour maps is on-line and free via links from the Coast Division <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/> web site. Hard copy map sets are available only by pre-ordering from a member of the Coast Tours committee (contact below). The hard copy map packet cost is five dollars per tour weekend and distribution is at the Coast Division meeting preceding each tour weekend.

March 7—8, 2009 - Monterey Bay and Salinas – Robert Bowdidge coordinator

June 13 – 14, 2009 - North East Bay - Andy Schnur coordinator.

September 19 – 20, 2009 - South East Bay - Bob Osborn coordinator.

September 27, 2009 North Beyond the Bay - Ernie Simard coordinator.

December 12 – 13, 2009 - North West Bay - Pete Cressman coordinator.

North Beyond the Bay includes Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties. Other tours outside the Coast Division boundaries are being planned. Please let us know if you would like to have your layout on a tour. There are no minimum layout standards, just an accurate description of what you have.

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Layout Tours and Operating Sessions at PCR Rails Across the Bay

There will be layout tours and operating sessions every day of the PCR rails Across the Bay convention centering on Fremont. Those registered for the convention will be sent advance information about the choices of operating sessions and the layouts to be open. This information will also be on the convention web site about one month before the convention. <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009/>

The Director's Cut

By Rod Smith

The PCR Board meeting in Fremont authorized purchase of two more video projectors, bringing PCR's total to four. More and more clinicians are using PowerPoint for their presentations, and with four projectors we can have one in each Division and at conventions, we can equip every clinic room with one. This should lead to smoother transitions between clinics, and a more clinic options at our local Division meets.

Read about the almost here 2009 Rails Around The Bay convention elsewhere in this Dispatcher issue. It sure sounds like a fine convention with plenty of features to keep even the most 'Type A' modeler busy from dawn to dusk (and beyond).

The March meet is a very important meet for Coast Division. There, we will hold our election of officers to serve for the next two years. Our By-laws require a quorum of at least 10% of Coast members. We are a pretty large division, so your attendance is needed. Please plan to come, enjoy the clinics and auction, and VOTE in the election. There are candidate statements included here, so look them over, make your decision, and come help elect our officers. We need your vote.

Rails Across the Bay PCR2009: All Aboard! By Steve Wesolowski

Because you enjoyed PCR 2008, you know why to attend PCR2009, because you came last year. I guess that's it...what's that? You weren't in Fresno? What? Didn't I see you there?

Whether or not you missed PCR2008 in Fresno, here's why you should attend PCR2009:

#1: PCR Conventions are Fun! We all enjoy trains more with others who also love trains! Even if you don't know anyone at PCR2009, you soon will have new friends because of your shared interest is trains! And, Train people are really fun!

#2: There's a Steam Train to Ride! Because Everybody likes Riding Trains, for \$25 added fare, the Niles Canyon Railway is running a Steam Train Special for PCR2009. Your Ticket Includes: a guided tour of their Brightside shops & yard, a Steam Loco Photo Run By, AND a box lunch, too! Doesn't that sound Fun? Of course!

#3: Even if you DON'T want to ride NCRy, what else is there to do at PCR2009? Lots, including:

- More than 50 clinicians presenting a total of 72 Clinics. Visit www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009 for descriptions.
- Limited Numbers of Speeder Rides in Niles Canyon, also for \$25 extra fare. First Come, First Served: so Hurry!
- Over 25 layouts will be open for self-guided tours and your viewing pleasure: more are still signing up.
 - Many layouts will have Operating Sessions, with First Preference for those with NO experience or who are not members of regular crews! (more info below)
- Saturday Night's Banquet w/3 entree choices, features Henry Luna, whose Niles Canyon Rwy & PLA experiences ensure his presentation is certain to be enjoyable and interesting (included with Regular/Spouse/Youth Registration)

#4: And, even more fun!

- Free Sunday Breakfast for all attending PCR's Annual Membership Meeting.
- Many Excellent, World Class Models, Photographs, and Crafts for judging or displayed for enjoyment.
- John Allen/Allen Fenton Switching Contest, including Free Lessons and Open Practice times (see more below)
- Offsite Hobo Breakfast (for Hobos and their guests) for \$11
- More? Visit our website www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009 for our latest information and schedules.

By the way, If you have not attended the last 5 PCR conventions, to enjoy what you've been missing, we have a Special \$75 First Timer registration fare. Such a Deal! If you qualify, Go For It!

First Time Operators Preference

All of PCR's 65 annual conventions have offered unique opportunities. Our Rails Across the Bay theme is derived from our unique regional transportation history, including

railroads, ships and other types in and around our SF Bay Area. Partly to honor our region's history, our local Operations Special Interest Group is offering ALL Operating Sessions with First Preference given to First Time Operators and those who are not members of regular crews.

The OPS SIG's goal is for any and every attendee who has never tried and enjoyed a Prototypical Operating Session to enjoy trying at least one session, and hopefully more! Of course, experienced operators will be there to help train "newbies". If you've never tried Operations before, this is your chance to enjoy something new and fun!

Timesaver 'Classes'

Similarly, the John Allen/Allen Fenton Timesaver Regular Operators decided to have open Learning Times, when experienced operators are available to help anyone learn how to run & enjoy the Timesaver for fun or to compete. The Timesaver was Born in The PCR, There will be scheduled times to enjoy practicing or enjoying it without timers, to encourage everyone who has wanted to try it to enjoy this fun/friendly puzzle. There will also be scheduled times to compete against the clock.

Non-Rail Activities

Some of the many Non-Rail Activities planned include Ardenwood Historical Park and Historic Niles tours, their Open Hospitality Suite and Train Movie Night and other activities still being planned. Once again, your most current and best source of Non-Rail Activity information is our website, www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009

Convention Logo Stuff

Of course, we will have a PCR 2009 Convention Car, an HO scale 50' Double Door Boxcar, with logo decals, for \$15. 2009 logo shirts and hats are also available. Check our website, www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009

Rooms Reserved by 3/29/09 at our Convention Hotel, Marriott's Fremont Silicon Valley, located at 46100 Landing Parkway, are available for \$79/night (plus tax), Single or Double, a bargain-- see our website or the bottom of our Registration form for details on how to get that special rate. Hotel guests may also enjoy a \$10 Full Cooked to Order Breakfast (tip extra). Besides the Marriott Hotel's restaurant, a map of many nearby tasty restaurants will also be available.

The most current Rails Across The Bay convention information is always on our website www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009 Use our website to Register online or to download a registration form to mail, and to begin planning your convention schedule today. Any questions our website doesn't answer, please email Tom at PCR2009Conv@pcrnmra.org

We all hope to see you April 15-19 in Fremont! By the way, you'll want to finish your tax forms early to enjoy the first day more!



PCR/NMRA
RAILS ACROSS THE BAY
2009 Convention
Marriott Hotel, Fremont CA
April 15-19 2009

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
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 Website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009>

Hosted by: Coast Division, Pacific Coast Region, National Model Railroad Association

Registration Form

Last Name		First Name		First Name (for Name Badge)	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Home Phone	E-mail Address			NMRA # (Membership Required)	
Registration Type (Please check one)				NMRA Region (if other than PCR)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Model Railroader <input type="checkbox"/> Non Rail <input type="checkbox"/> Youth					
Banquet Meal Choices: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie <input type="checkbox"/> None (not going to Banquet)					
Other Important Stuff: <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Free PCR Breakfast/Meeting on Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Need _____ daily Breakfast discount chits					
Available to Volunteer on <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Times: _____					
Primary Scales and Interests <input type="checkbox"/> HO <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Z <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> O <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT LIVING AT SAME ADDRESS (Use another form for more than 1)					
Last Name		First Name		First Name (for Name Badge)	
Registration Type (Please check one)		E-Mail (if Different)		NMRA #	
<input type="checkbox"/> Modeler <input type="checkbox"/> Non Rail <input type="checkbox"/> Youth					
Banquet Meal Choices: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie <input type="checkbox"/> None (not going to Banquet)					
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All Fares, except Day Fares, include Clinics, layout tours, & Saturday Night Banquet

FARES: Please fill in and total	QTY	Unit Cost	Total
Normal Registration		99.00	
First Timer - PCR Members who have not registered for the past 5 conventions		75.00	
Spouse Registration		70.00	
Banquet Only (only for significant-others who will be coming to nothing else)		45.00	
Youth Registration (12-18 years or student)		50.00	
Day Fare (No Banquet) <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat		45.00	
Non NMRA member must join the NMRA		9.95	
6 month Rail Pass (allowed one time only)		64.00	
Full NMRA membership/PCR subscription		11.00	
Hobo Breakfast (for qualified Hobos and their guests only)		25.00	
Niles Canyon Railway/Brightside Tour (includes lunch) <input type="checkbox"/> Can Drive Carpool		25.00	
Speeder Rides in Niles Canyon (limited - first come first served)		5.00	
Ardenwood Non Rail Tour <input type="checkbox"/> Can Drive Carpool		0.00	
Niles Non Rail Tour (Free but we need a count) <input type="checkbox"/> Can Drive Carpool		25.00	
Shirts - Polo w/ Pocket and Logo (Check Size) <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		28.00	
Shirts - Polo w/ Pocket and Logo (Check Size) <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL		15.00	
Ball Cap		15.00	
Convention Car		15.00	
Swap Meet Table Rental 1 table - Read rules on web site - Initial here _____		25.00	
Swap Meet Tables Rental 2 tables - Read rules on web site - Initial here _____		5.00	
Swap Meet Table Electrical Power (5 amp max.)		TOTAL:	
Payment by <input type="checkbox"/> Check** <input type="checkbox"/> Cash [Use website for credit card]			
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 Reservations at the convention rate (prior to 3/25/09): 1-800-455-6712 or 510-413-3786 and mention Market Code NMRC
 Or. online go to: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sicfm?aroupCode=nmrnmra&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/15/09&toDate=4/19/09>

Registrar's Report

By Randy Homan

Attendance at the December 1st, 2008 meeting was good with 103 attendees.

Raffle income was \$148 and six badges were purchased for \$12.

The raffle income per attendee was \$1.44.

Raffle Prizes

Tom's Trackage Trains (purchased)
\$50.00 Gift Certificate
Train Shop (purchased)
\$50.00 Gift Certificate

Door Prizes

Train Shop (purchased)
Screwdriver set
Mechanical pickup tool
Needlepoint bottle
Metal mitre box
Tweezers
Hemostats

Attendees

Coast Division	80	
Daylight	2	
Redwood	10	
Sierra	5	
Other	2	
Guest	4	
Total Attendees	103	
First Time (Included in Guest Count)	2	

Wanted: Meeting Site(s)

By Steve Wesolowski

Q: Doesn't Coast Division have meeting sites? Are they going away'?

A: Yes and No: we meet at Buchser School & the Computer History Museum. Those connections are strong., but we could use more.

Q: Why? Is there a problem?

A: Today we have no problem/both sites are available because of a Coast member's relationship with them. But relationships change: after a member retired and moved the CA School for the Deaf became unavailable, but luckily CHM became available.

But because both the locations we currently have access to also have others who may want to use those sites, conflicts may arise. In those events, the group that has the closest ties to the location (one of their own events) or the event which offers the most remuneration (most likely not the Coast Division) will get to use the site. This would require the Division to either shift the date of the Meet or find an alternate (abet more expensive) meeting site.

And both sites are in Santa Clara County, maybe

less desirable for Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Cruz County members. Meeting outside the South Bay some times would be easier for some and might increase attendance. Members are free to move and lose their connection: then a site may become unavailable, or unaffordable without an insider's discount. When money is tight, any venue may raise their fees beyond what our division can afford. Most organizations, including ours, must meet to achieve their goals. Finally, since both current member contacts will someday leave, our Division must eventually find meeting places we can afford.

Q: What are our requirements?

A: -- Parking for 50 plus cars, with Good Disabled Access (also for equipment and auction items hand carts).
-- A Large Room seating 100+, including a couple dozen auction item tables, and enough room for the tables

-- Two (preferably Three) rooms or areas suitable for presenting clinics to at least 20-30 people each.

-- AC power available, bathrooms nearby, plus an area for volunteer food vendor use would be great.

-- Available Saturday or Sunday, from about 8AM until about 5PM.

-- Coast Division is insured through NMRA; a Certificate of Insurance is available.

-- Coast currently donates \$150 per meeting; significantly more may mean charging for attending, which we prefer to avoid.

Q; Who should I contact to ask if a location is suitable?

A: John Marshall, Tom Crawford or Bob Ferguson all know our requirements and are listed in the Dispatcher and Branchline.

Thanks for listening and helping us find more meeting sites.

Steve Wesolowski, Publicity Volunteer

Model Contest / Show Tell Report

December 2008 Meet

By John Sing

Hi, all,

We had another successful Model Contest and Show Tell at the December 2008 Meet.

Our lucky winners by popular vote in the "Favorite Model" (Open category) model contest were:

1st Place: Steve Wesolowski - Nevada Country Narrow Gauge - Chicago Park Depot, scratchbuilt in HO

2nd Place: Bob Booth
Texas & New Orleans boxcar in HO, heavily weathered

3d Place: Kenneth Martin
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Inspection Car
#9012 in HO

You can see all of the great entries online at:
http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/contest/Contest_Dec_2008.shtml

The category for March will be “Caboose”, “Freight Cars”, and Maintenance of Way”

Show and Tell

Show and Tell continues to be very popular and an essential aspect of our model displays at every Coast Division Meet.

We were honored with :

- Bill Swindell's 1:29 large scale CB&Q SD45 with full sound
- Another one of Bob Booth's magnificent “Dollar Car” upgrades of a standard boxcar
- Bob Booth's under-construction 1899-era double sheath boxcar
- Ken Lunder's latest from Stevens Creek Models – a Corrugate Woodshed kit
- Manuel Noriega's work-in-progress large scale scratchbuilt caboose

And especially, Bob Wirthlin's award-winning SP Fire Train – this was awarded the “People's Choice Award” at the NMRA Nationals in Anaheim this past July 2008

And we always love to appreciate our volunteers – this time, our new registrar, Randy Homan:



Finally, we also had excellent clinic by the Free-moN team

Webmaster Report

I am also the webmaster for Coast Division, and I am happy to report that we are up to *13* consecutive online Coast Division Meet Report web pages, dating back to December 2005. See all of them online, and take a pleasant journey back over the past 3 years, to see all of the many great models by our members, at:

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

We also have updated the Auction, Layout Tours, and Meeting Clinics pages, so check those out as well.

Photo Contest By Pat LaTorres

The winners of the photo contest for “Model Photos” were:

1 st	Pat LaTorres
2 nd	Ken Martin
3 rd	Steve Skold

The category for March will be “Working on the Railroad.”

Editor's Note.

My sincerest apologies for the hacking job I had to do on this Dispatcher to get in all in. I cut like crazy, and was unable to any pictures in.

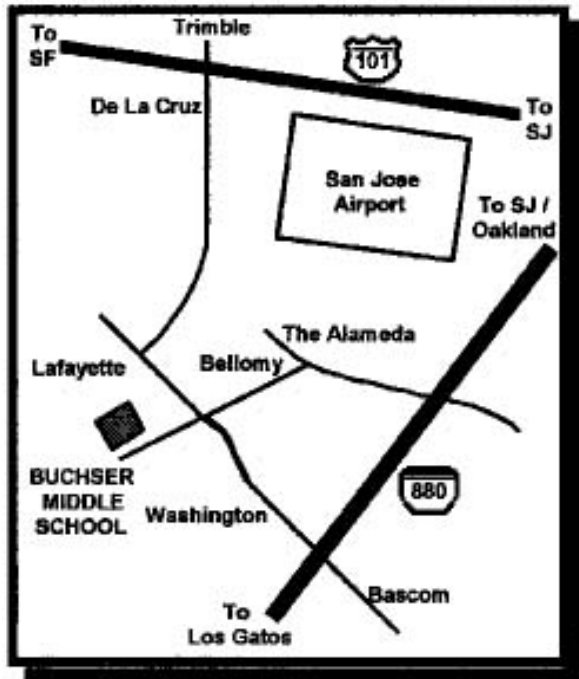
(Well, actually I got the picture of Randy in, and probably could have gotten one model pictures in the space this apology is written, but then I would have to pick which one.)

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The next meet will be on March 1, 2009 at the
Buchser Middle School, 1111 Bellomy St., Santa Clara, CA
Details are on Page 1. Here is the map.



From San Francisco: Take Highway 101 South. Exit on De La Cruz, and follow for about 1.7 miles until De La Cruz bears right and becomes Lafayette. Turn Left on Lafayette and continue 0.6 miles to the school on your right at Bellomy.

From The East Bay: Take Highway 880 South. Exit at Bascom. Turn Right and continue north on Washington. The Street will dog leg and change to Lafayette. Right after the dogleg, the school is on your left at Bellomy.

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