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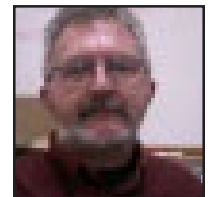
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## Daylight meet report

# **WINTER MEET SET FOR EXETER ON FEBRUARY 26**

By Brewster Bird, Don Smith

The 2011 Winter Daylight Division meet is on February 26 at Exeter, CA. It is a go-green flag extra. The meet departs from the Exeter Scout House ( also known as the Miller-Dofflemeyer Building), 264 N. 'E' Street.



### Meeting Schedule:

- 9:00 am      Check-in, Registration and Contest/Show items set-out.
- 9:30 am      Presentation about the historic Kingsburg railroad depot and restoration process by Paul May, construction Supt. and Larry Esau, President. Paul may also be sharing some personal history about the Nickel Plate Road.
- 10:30 am     Tree building clinic by Scott Hampton of Visalia, member of the Visalia Electric Model Railroaders and Historical Society. Scott has a good deal of experience modeling and is a wealth of information.
- 11:30 am     An 'all you can eat' Railroad style Brunch will be served and the Daylight Division business meeting will begin during lunch at 12:00. The usual door prizes, white elephant auction will be abbreviated. We have squeezed a full agenda in for this day and we will have to travel to the afternoon activities.

1:00 pm      Presentation about the former Visalia Electric Railroad, at the Exeter Historical Museum, where there is a display to take in. Presenters will be two former employees of this historic rail line.

### Layout tours:

2:00pm-4:00pm      George Templin's Live steam, 'O' Guage collection and layout and antique cars and tractors. 2049 W. Marinette Ave., Exeter, CA. 93221. George has an amazing collection that no one will want to miss. He is well known in Visalia/Tulare County as "the guy with the tractor fence." He also has an outdoor railroad that humans can ride on and an extensive collection of working industrial artifacts. It will be well worth the visit.

2:00pm-5:00pm      Butch and Charlene's 'S' Guage collection and layout. They also have some interest and expertise in hand cars and live steam. 1438 Thomas Ct. Visalia, CA 93277.

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# From the Super's Desk

## DAVE'S DISPATCH

by Dave Grenier



By the time you read this, the holidays will be behind us, but I hope the New Year is still young enough to wish all you Daylighters a Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have been enjoying the shiny new toys you got from Santa.

Recapping 2010, Chuck Harmon stepped up to fill the position of PCR Branch Line Editor, vacated by Bill Kaufman upon his election as one of two Vice Presidents of the NMRA. I want to express my sincerest thanks to Chuck for the wonderful job he did editing and producing the Daylight Observation for so many years. Our new Observation Editor, George Pisching certainly has big shoes to fill, but I know he's up for it. A big THANK YOU goes to George for taking this on. Good luck to both Chuck and George in their new positions.

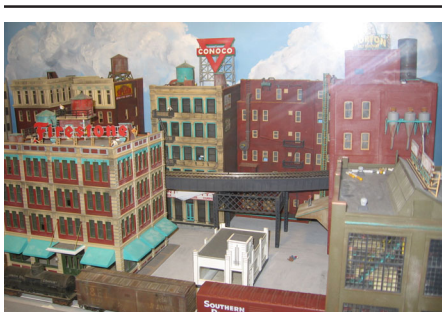
Our last meet of 2010 was November 20, at the home of Mary Carole and Hilding Larson in San Luis Obispo. Before the meet started, the San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association had their large-scale Timesaver setup for anyone wanting to give it a try. After a brief welcome by Paul Deis, the meet started with a pair of clinics, one by Bob Schremp on an overview of the Free-Mo modular standards (developed in SLO!) and the other by Jim Betz, of Coast Division, on using JMRI's DecoderPro program. Both clinics were very enjoyable and informative. The BBQ tri-tip lunch served by our hosts was, as always, scrumptious and was followed by the obligatory business meeting. Paul Deis led the spirited bidding during the traditional White Elephant Auction. A lot of good buys were made. After the auction, several layouts were open for tours and one even had an operating session. It was truly a great meet. I had a super time. If you missed it, you missed a good 'un.



Bob Schremp Free-Mo clinician (top) and Jim Betz, Decoder-Pro clinician.



Two weeks later, on December 4, the Division had its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Open House and Layout Tour. Nine layouts, from N to O scale, in Fresno and Clovis were open for the public to visit. Attendance was reportedly light, but there were always visitors already there with more coming afterwards at every one of the 8 layouts I visited. I met two members from Bakersfield at the first layout in the morning and had dinner with them after we left the last layout. It was truly an enjoyable day for me. Thanks to Gary Saxton for putting it together and to all the layout owners for opening their homes for us.



The next Daylight Division meet will be February 26, 2011, at the Scout Shack, 264 North E Street (at Palm) in Exeter, near the San Joaquin RR. Registration starts at 9:30 AM, along with the usual refreshments and an extra-fare brunch. The meet starts at 10:00 AM. Brewster Bird is planning a full slate of events for us. (See his write-up elsewhere) Be sure to mark your calendars and make the journey to Exeter for a fun-filled day.

Just a reminder, the Daylight Division meet, usually held in November, has been moved to October 8, 2011, in the San Luis Obispo area during the Central Coast Railroad Festival. Keep this in mind when planning your fall activities. For more information on CCRF, visit their website at: <http://www.ccrf.org>

By now, I'm hoping that everyone in Daylight Division knows that this year's NMRA National Convention is this July in Sacramento. If not, log on to the website, [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org), and register on-line ASAP! The sooner you sign up, the better your chances are of staying in the convention hotels and getting the tours you want. There are a lot of great tours lined up for you.

The convention committee has been working on this convention for a couple of years now. But NOW is the time for you, the members, to sign up to help out. We need all types of volunteers for Registration Booth, Company Store, Contest Room, Bus Tour Guides, and more. If you can volunteer a few hours, please contact the X2011 Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Keifer, at [kkkay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kkkay@sbcglobal.net).

I volunteered at the San Jose 2000 NMRA Convention as a bus tour guide on two layout tours and spent another day working with Bill Scott in the Company Store. I had a great time and made some new friends in the process. Hey, I met Bill, didn't I? Give it a try. It'll enhance your convention experience and is a good way to give back to the hobby that has given you a lot of pleasure over the years. We NEED your help! Contact Karen and let her know you're available.

#### Other upcoming activities in 2011:

- GEHAMS Annual Model Train Show, March 12-13, 2011, Bakersfield. Website: <http://www.gehams.net/>
- BayRails IV, March 17-19, 2011, San Francisco Bay Area. Website: <http://www.bayrails.com/>
- Sonoma Short Line 2011 mini-PCR Convention, May 13-15, 2011, Santa Rosa. Website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2011>
- Daylight Division Spring Meet, May 2011. Santa Barbara.
- X2011 West Advance Section, July 1-3, 2011, San Francisco Bay Area. Website: <http://www.x2011west.org/advsect.html>
- Extra 2011 West NMRA National Convention, July 3-9, 2011, Sacramento. Website: <http://www.x2011west.org>

The PCR Master Calendar has more events at: [www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/calendar/mastercalendar.htm](http://www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/calendar/mastercalendar.htm)

See you in Exeter! Dave Grenier, Superintendent

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Be sure to put Observation in the subject box so it doesn't get mistaken for junk mail.



Chuck Harmon (left) receives recognition for his long term of service to the Division as Editor of the Observation.



## Upcoming Events

Annual Model Railroad Days on  
January 29th & 30th at the Oceano  
Depot

SLO Model Railroad Assoc. and  
Ocean Depot Assoc. to Host Event  
Layouts, Contests, Raffles and  
Historical Displays will be Featured

March 12-13 Golden Empire Histori-  
cal and Modeling Society Train  
Show, Bakersfield, CA.

May 13-15 Pacific Coast Regional  
Mini-Convention, Santa Rosa. Go  
to [www.pcrnmra.org](http://www.pcrnmra.org)

May 21 Daylight Division Spring  
Meet, expected to be in Santa  
Barbara. More info to come.

May 21-22 Big Train Show, Ontario,  
CA.

August Daylight Division Summer  
Meet, Fresno

October 8 Daylight Division Fall Meet  
at the Central Coast Railroad  
Festival, Oceano, CA.

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## Director's Report **MID-YEAR PCR MEETING** by John Houlihan

It is a slow time of the year, with no apparent political activity regarding PCR or Daylight Division activities.

The loss of Joe Paff, husband of our paymaster, Suzie, will leave a void in division activities. I extend my condolences. The funeral was attended by modelers from Bakersfield and Visalia as well as the Fresno area. The gravesite is within viewing distance of the Kerman branch of the SP. As we were leaving, the local came by with its horn salute.

The locally produced train show by the Bakersfield group can use your support by attending the event this March 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. Google Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society for directions to the Kern County Fair Grounds.

Save your Euros for the upcoming NMRA convention in July. A lot of activity is being planned. New clinics are being prepared including one on PanelPro. The HO Bakersfield group should attend this one.

See you at the next Daylight division meet.

John Houlihan, Director



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# Membership Report

## **STUFF FROM BAKERSFIELD**

### By Doug Wagner

Happy New Year from the Boys in Bakersfield! Hope Santa brought all you good boys and girls a lot of model train stuff! For you naughty boys and girls, well, there's always next year!

Anyway, being the Membership Guy for the Daylight – and the Pacific Coast Region – I just thought I would pass on some reminders, concerning your membership. If you need to make any changes on your membership, such as address change, phone number, or even email, it is always best to contact the National Headquarters, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, either by email or by phone. The NMRA's HQ phone number is (423) 892-2846. If you'd like to save the long distance phone call and email them, you can email them the changes at [mbrservices@hq.nmra.org](mailto:mbrservices@hq.nmra.org).

Be sure to include your Membership number in the correspondence. If you can't locate the number, just give them your full name and address, and they should be able to make the changes. The Divisions do a lot of contact through emails now, and it is very helpful if you have given the NMRA your updated email. I mean, you can contact me with the information, and then I can send it into the NMRA HQ, but why deal with the "Middle Man?" However, if anyone needs any help or information concerning their membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at my home phone at (661) 589-0391, or by email at [carldw@aol.com](mailto:carldw@aol.com).

OK, on to some info concerning model railroading in Bakersfield. The local model railroad club, The Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society, held an Open House, on November 13th, to help celebrate Model Railroading month for November. We had approximately 50 members with 3 joining the club, as a result. We were pretty happy about that! Other news on the Bakersfield model railroad circuit is that the construction has begun on 3 layouts in Bakersfield. John Drazen has been working for a while on a beautiful – and large – HO layout. Kelly Cruise has been working on an N scale layout that will eventually be a double decker layout. Kelly's layout will be based on a Midwestern branchline. Doug Wagner has finally got started on his home layout, after retiring. At first, Doug was constructing an N scale layout, based on the Modesto Empire and Traction Railroad, but decided to change the layout from the MET (currently they don't make any MET N scale 70 tonners), to the Santa Fe's Porterville-Orosi Branch.

Well, that's it from my end of the world. Hope to see a lot of you at the meets this year. We have a lot of fun at the Daylight Division's meet, and would like to see more of you in attendance, as we actually do learn stuff at these meets – either by touring the layouts, or from the great clinics given at the meets.

Make it a New Year's resolution to attend at least 1 (hopefully more) Daylight Division meet, in 2011.

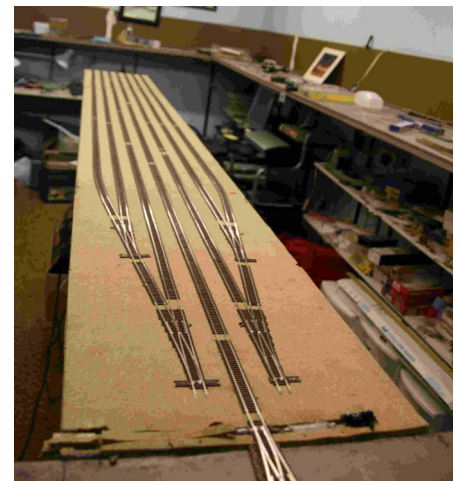
## Doug finally started his home layout

By Doug Wagner

Doug Wagner finally got started on his home layout, after retiring. At first, Doug was constructing an N scale layout, based on the Modesto Empire and Traction Railroad. But Doug has always like the rural branchline concept, and since he already had a bunch of 1950's and 1960's era Santa Fe equipment, decided to change the layout from the MET (currently they don't make any MET N scale 70 tonners), to the Santa Fe's Porterville-Orosi Branch. This way he got away from the "Urban" feel of the MET, to the "Rural" feel, of the Eastern San Joaquin Valley, where a lot of orange groves dot the landscape. Doug can now take a shot at improving his scenery skills by constructing rolling hills and orange and grape vineyards. We'll see if we can get these layouts on the tour for the next Daylight Meet, in Bakersfield – maybe in 2012.

*"Isn't it weird how Doug can talk about himself in the third person?"*  
– editor.

Doug started with a staging yard. In the middle of the room! Just because we always say we need more staging. Now we need someplace for the trains to go. See next issue in the continuing saga.



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## Industry Liaison

# HO-HO-HO FROM S-L-O!

by Jay Smith

If you had to miss Christmas this year, for some inexplicable reason, then attending the Daylight meet this past November in San Luis Obispo was your next best option. We enjoyed the sweetest of tasty treats, the most gracious hospitality in Hilding Larson's home, and the finest meal found anywhere on the California coast. And, of course, we saw several model railroads that would rival anything built by Santa's industrious little elves. As you might guess, that is not all. We also enjoyed a gaggle of gifts donated by various vendor/manufacturers in the model railroad industry that even old St. Nick would have to endeavor to outdo. Our list of donors is as follows:

- 1) Central Coast Trains/Anita Walter (Atascadero, CA) - \$15.00 Gift Certificate
- 2) Creative Promotions Resource/Jay & Celest Smith (Clovis, CA) - 'Still Plays With Trains' tee shirt
- 3) Pentrex, Inc. (Pasadena, CA) - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Daylight Combo DVD & Daylight Freedom DVD
- 4) Terri's Timeless Treasures/Dave & Terri Baker (Clovis, CA) - Athearn HO Scale 40' Flat Car Kit
- 5) Aztec Manufacturing (Carson City, NV)- Six Gift Certificates for 20% Off Next Purchase
- 6) Dave Grenier (Clovis, CA)- Two HO Scale SBHRS 2005 Commemorative Box Cars

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## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

# MERIT JUDGING

By Dave Grenier

The Achievement Program is alive and well in the Daylight Division! I say this because although there hasn't been much AP participation in the past few years, three certificates were earned by Daylight members in just the last few months of 2010, more than the previous three years combined. Good job!

Mike O'Brien earned the Golden Spike Award, his first AP award. Paul Deis earned the Chief Dispatcher Certificate, also his first. Bob Pethoud, after some prodding and encouragement from me, submitted the paperwork and earned his Association Volunteer Certificate; bringing his total certificate count to two (Model Railroad Author was his first).

If you have built a layout and can run two trains on ballasted track through at least 8 square feet of scenery and with 5 assembled buildings, you have probably met all the requirements for the Golden Spike Award. Just fill out the application and mail it in! Any current NMRA member may submit an application for another member. The member receiving the award does not have to sign it! No judging is needed. You just have to meet the requirements as shown on the Golden Spike Award listed on the application, available at: <http://nmra.org/education/achievement/pdf/2006-golden-spike.pdf>

I've heard from some of you that you are working on several certificates, and that you will need AP Merit judging to complete the requirements. Great! Just let me know when and where and I'll get you the judges. AP Merit judging can also be done at any Division meet. Just let me know ahead of time so I can get judges lined up.

Here's where I need some help from you, the members. I need 2-3 people in each area of the Division (Fresno/Clovis, Bakersfield, SLO, and Santa Barbara) to be available and able to travel to a member's home to judge their models. An AP Merit judge can be any current NMRA member designated as a judge by the Division AP Chair, me. If you would like to volunteer to help your fellow modelers, let me know. I cannot do AP Merit judging alone and that's why I need your help.

So what's involved with being a judge you ask? If you have previously been a model contest judge at a PCR Convention, then you have an idea of how AP Merit judging is done. For those that have never judged before, or haven't judged for a while, there are only two key questions to be answered when judging models:

1. What did the modeler try to do?
2. How well did the modeler do it?

The purpose of the AP is to recognize and reward good model building. There are Judging Guidelines on the NMRA website (link below) to help judges evaluate the models. Scores go up as the modeler attempts more difficult projects and methods. Scores also go up as the modeler is more successful with the chosen project and methods. Judging is "positive" in that points are awarded for what has been done, rather than points taken away for shortcomings.

Judging is done in five categories, with the (points possible): Construction (0-40), Detail (0-20), Conformity (0-25), Finish & Lettering (0-25), and Scratchbuilding (0-15). Each category is judged separately until all the categories have been judged and scored. The judging guidelines have a matrix, along with points to ponder, for each of the five categories to help judges determine how many points to award for the category. After all the categories are judged and scored, the points for each category are totaled for the final score. A model receiving at least 87.5 points (125 are possible) is awarded a Merit Award for the modeler to submit a copy of it with their paperwork for some of the AP certificates.

That's all there is to it. Please consider helping out your fellow modelers. It can also help you become a better modeler. It may even help you score more AP points or get a ribbon in a future model contest.

For more details, see the Judging Guidelines at: <http://nmra.org/education/achievement/pdf/2006-judging-guide-lines.pdf>

Do you need help with your AP paperwork? Do you have questions about the AP requirements? Sometimes this can be a roadblock to completing the paperwork and sending it in. Help is at the other end of your phone line! Just contact me at (559) 297-1345 or [grenida@pacbell.net](mailto:grenida@pacbell.net). All you have to do is let me know and we'll get you past the roadblock. Jack Burgess, PCR AP Manager, and Frank Koch, NMRA AP Executive Manager, are the go-to people, so questions can be quickly resolved. Just ask Ed Hall.

## Industry Liaison

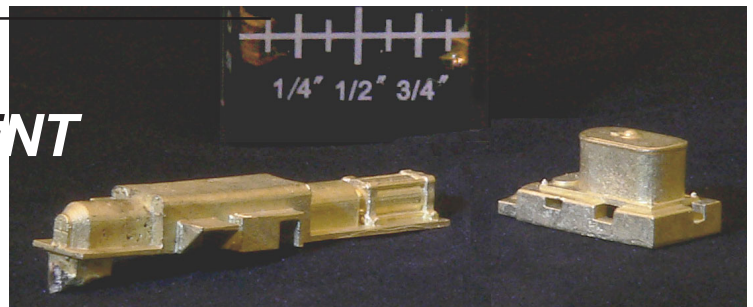
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Many thanks go out to all of our generous and wonderful donors. Without you our meets would not be nearly as fun or exciting. I want to ask our membership to remember these donors, past and present, the next time you plan to make a purchase related to our beloved hobby of model railroading. Please return the favor and give them your business.

I also want to briefly mention that the trivia question prizes awarded in SLO were as follows: 1) Kadie HO #148 Whisker Couplers, 2) Kadie #231 Greas-em, and 3) Tenax-7R Plastic Welder. See you in Exeter in February.

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## Made in the Daylight **PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT** **— WHERE TO START** By John Houlihan



Ever wanted to make a part that is not commercially available? Are you lacking in lathe and milling skills? There is a way — a class or two at the local junior college. Take a two semester class in Solid works to learn the basics of 3D modeling.

The next step is research the item you wish to produce. A trip to the railroad yard or station for a photo and measuring session is a great help with accuracy. I had the Amtrak safety officer and a yellow safety vest to get me on the property at King Street Station in San Francisco to measure the US&S A-5 Electro pneumatic switch machine and related CP valve.

The drawing was done full size. Using full size models allows one to scale it to any desired scale. I created HO, S and O scale versions of this particular machine. There were two things that kept me from going out to the slip switches for photos and measurements — the amount of traffic and the quantity of oil and grease at the point area of the switch.

The A-5 is still in use at San Francisco and Chicago Union Station. LA removed them in the 1990's. I picked up a book on Kansas City terminal because it showed pictures of the A-5 and the earlier version, the A-1 with its cylinder tank C Valve in the same photo. To model

the C valve, I relied on foundation measurements taken from a PRR common standard plan and artist license for the rest. The C Valve is still a work in progress as more photos are needed to verify what the back side looked like.

The photos are of the O scale version as it reproduced the most detail. The limitations of the 3D printing process is the size of the nozzle used to extrude the wax or plastic. A skilled pattern maker can run circles around the 3D process, but the time and cost saving is a benefit to the modeler with limited machining skills.

*The Irish Tracklayer*

# NMRA, PCR, Daylight Division Meeting

## **SAN LUIS OBISPO**

### George Pisching, Editor



Suzanne Paff and Chuck Harmon operating the check-in table.

The meeting was held at Mary Carole and Hilding Larson's home in San Luis Obispo on November 20, 2010.

It rained in the morning, but cleared and was beautiful all afternoon.

Hilding's layout of the Union Pacific branch in Yakima Washington and Yakima Valley Transportation is a work in progress. Mary Carole, an artist, is working on the background paintings. Some scenery has been added too.

Two clinics were provided by coordinator, Tom Deis. The first was "What is decoder pro and How does it work?" presented by Jim Betz, a visitor and friend from the Coast Division. Jim is a development evaluator for the JMRI Decoder Pro program so he knows his "stuff." He gave a great overall review of the program and provided specific examples on the most common features for speed controls and CV features.

The second clinic was by Bob Schremp from the San Luis Obispo Free-Mo Group. He provided a visually aided history of the Free-Mo Group, event set-up examples, what Free-Mo is and how it is impacting the model railroad hobby. Free-Mo evolved from the European modular presentation system with the U.S. modular construction and electrical connections system. Free-Mo modules are based on prototype LDEs and are not restricted to fixed module dimensions common to U.S. module systems.

Both presentations were very interesting and held everyone's attention throughout. Thanks, Tom Deis, Jim Betz and Bob Schremp.

There were two models and two photographs entered in the show-n-tell. An outstanding and excellently detailed scratch built HO<sub>n3</sub> Sawmill was submitted by Glenn Geissinger. It won the members choice model award. Dennis Pearson also submitted an equally excellent scratch built G-gauge locomotive, "Teacup." Doug Wagner from Bakersfield submitted the two photos in the show. So guess who won the members choice for photo. The photo was titled "Eastbound CSX helpers at Tehachapi Loop."

The San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association (SLOMRRRA) brought over their G-Gauge Time Saver. It is "sceniced" so it was more like operating a layout than running a speed switching contest. The times turned in showed it.

Our hosts provided their famous and delicious tri-tip sandwich meal for lunch which included cherry chocolate fudge cake for desert.

Following lunch was the Division business meeting. Chuck Harmon was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his twenty-four (24) years as editor of the Division bulletin, *The Daylight Observation*. Chuck is moving on to become the Editor of the Regional bulletin, "The Branch Line."



The new "Stetson Curve" was added to Larson's layout since our last meeting.



SLOMRRRA's G-Gauge Time Saver being put to the test.

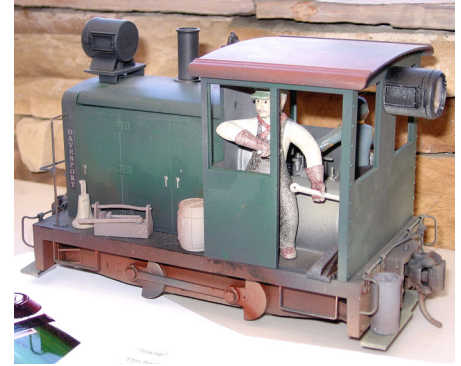




The Branch Line editor slot opened when our beloved Bill Kaufmann became the National Vice President of Special Projects. This is a new position at National – probably because Bill is well known for speaking out on many issues. *(I will deny saying that.)*

The meeting was brief because everyone was anxious to get the Raffle and White Elephant Auction (WEA) started. Many great items were donated as well as the usual recycled items for the WEA. There were also a number of items donated from some vendors in the area for the raffle conducted by Jay Smith. The Door Prize of \$25 was won by a new visitor, Jay Smith’s daughter Sophia. We would like to thank the SandVik Tool Company representative for donating a number of their saws for auction items. Matt Hoffman was the highest bidder at the event and won a large SandVik Razor Saw.

Several layout tours were scheduled. Charlie Burns’ N-scale SP Coastline layout offered operating opportunities. Open were George Gibson’s DK & Pacific Mountain Railway and Terry Taylor’s Santa Fe layouts. Thank you, gentlemen, for opening your layouts for our enjoyment.



Dennis Pearson’s locomotive, “Teacup,” scratchbuilt in G-Gauge.



Matt Hoffman, first time attendee, outbid everyone for this Razor Saw



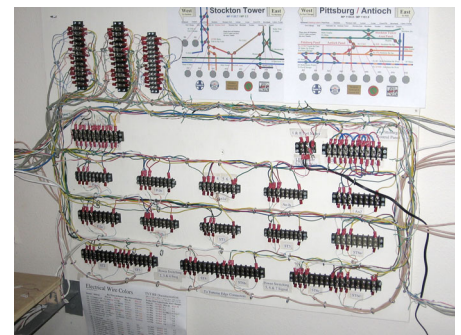
George Gibson’s layout view across the urban staging yard.



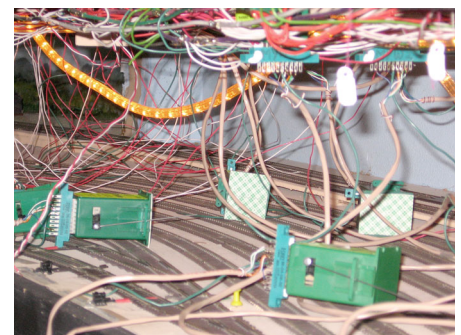
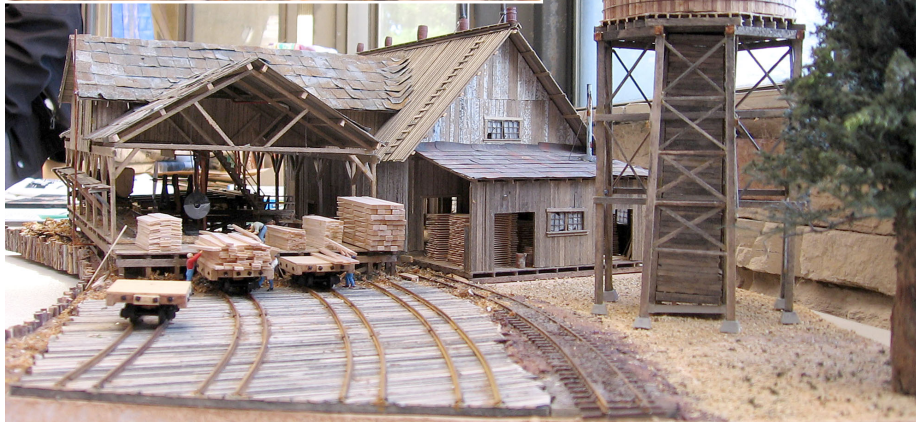
Terry Taylor shows his mastery of the control panel on his Santa Fe layout.



Glenn Geissinger’s outstanding scratchbuilt sawmill took members choice award. The insert (top) shows detail.



Speaking of control panels at Terry Taylor’s layout room, this is his version of “Electric Spaghetti.”



OK now, Terry explain this! Remember, you saw it here first!

# SANTA FE'S MANY & VARIED NAMED PASSENGER TRAINS

by Terry N. Taylor

I am a life member of the PCR and PSR and live near San Luis Obispo. I model locally with the *Thursday Nite Boomers*.

I mainly model the Santa Fe (ATSFRR) in the transition period in the Riverbank to Stockton area. Because Stockton is a key location, I also model the Southern Pacific & Western Pacific railroads as well as several local operations.

In researching the passenger trains that were prevalent then I was surprised by the number of named passenger trains (as contrasted to the normal use of train numbers) with their varied drumheads that the Santa Fe has had over the years.

Others might be interested also so following is list of the 159 regularly scheduled passenger trains and 17 specials that I have identified so far. I have added the 81 drumhead photos or illustrations by each name that I have seen plus a handful of the normal logos that we are all use to seeing. There are many color & lettering variations it seems – beyond of course the obvious fading due to exposure in the weather and changes in film color saturation. Also some of these photos, etc. were of fan trips which often had their own unique drumheads made.

The primary source for the scheduled passenger train names listed is a 12 page brochure that I believe was passed out at one of the Santa Fe Historical Society conventions many years ago. Unfortunately I did not note down the author to give credit to. He or she used a lot of timetables as source documents but missed some regularly scheduled train names that I have added in as well as the specials that I knew about and there are doubtlessly more of both types.

Hopefully this work in progress will be of some help to those interested for some info on the variety of named Santa Fe passenger trains and what some of the drumheads looked like. I of course will be interested in any corrections and additions as to names and drumhead varieties that you know.

Many of the illustrations are from the Tomar Industries and the Wikipedia websites. Others are from photos that I have scanned or from items that I own. Please note that not all of the illustrations shown in this list were actually used as drumheads or tail end signs.

Terry, Modeling the Riverbank–Stockton area in the Transition Period.

\* = SF Pax Trains List Brochure (12 pages undated but thru 1991) by ??? is a list of named passenger trains of the Santa Fe compiled from timetables dated 1876, 1886 through 1890, 1893, 1894, and 1902 through 1971.

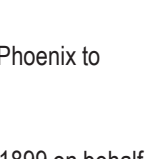
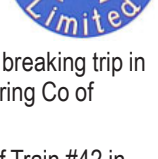
\*\* = Info from Wikipedia



## A List of the Named Santa Fe Passenger Trains with their Drumhead symbols.

- Angel, The \*
- Angeleno, The \*
- Antelope, The \* 
- Apache Holiday Fan Trip in 1948 Jul
- Arkansas City & Texas Express \*
- Arkansas City Express \*
- Atchison & Kansas City Mail \*
- Atlantic Express \*
- Beltline Express \*
- Beltline Mail \*
- Caldwell & Oklahoma Express \*
- California & Mexico Express \*
- California Express \*
- California Fast Mail \*
- California Limited & The Scout 
- California Limited Special, The Fan Trip in 1991 Dec 27
- California Limited, The \*
- California Special \*
- Cavern, The \*
- Centennial State \*
- Central Texas Express \*
- Cheney Special \*\* Trip in 1895 on behalf of a director of ATSF
- Chicago & Ft. Madison Express \*
- Chicago & St. Louis Express \*
- Chicago & St. Louis Red Express \*
- Chicago Express \*
- Chicago Fast Mail \*
- Chicago Flyer \*
- Chicago Kansas City Flyer 
- Chicago Limited \*
- Chicago Mail \*
- Chicago Vestibule Express \*
- Chicagoan, The \* 
- Chico Chief Fan Trip in 1969 Apr 26
- Chief, The \*
- Clark Special \*\* Trip in 1904 on behalf of son of then AZ senator
- Citrus Belt Local Fan Trip in 1969 Mar 11 on Santa Fe's Redlands Branch by OERM
- Colorado & Utah Limited \*
- Colorado Express \*
- Colorado Fast Mail \*
- Colorado Flyer \*
- Columbian Limited \* 

Combined Super Chief & El Capitan  
 Coyote Special\*\* Record breaking trip in  
 1905 Jul 9-11  
 Daily Vestibule \*  
 David B. Jones Special \*\* Record breaking  
 trip in 1923 on behalf of Mineral Point Zinc  
 Co  
 Death Valley Scotty Special \*\*  
 Special  
 Del Mar Race Train  
 Denver & Utah Express \*  
 Denver Express \*  
 Denver Fast Express \*  
 Denver Limited \*  
 Eastern Express \*  
 El Capitan \*  
 El Paso Express \*  
 El Pasoan \*  
 El Tovar  
 Emigrant \*  
 Emporia Passenger \*  
 Fargo Fast Mail & Express \*  
 Fast California Express \*  
 Fast Express \*  
 Fast Fifteen \*  
 Fast Mail Express \*  
 Fast Mail \*  
 Fast Texas Express \*  
 Fast Vestibule Express \*  
 First California Limited \*  
 Ft. Madison & St. Louis Express \*  
 Ft. Madison Express \*  
 Golden Gate \*  
 Grand Canyon Limited \*  
 Grand Canyon, The \*  
 H.P. Lowe Special \*\* Record breaking trip in  
 1903 on behalf of Engineering Co of  
 America  
 Hassayampa Chief Photo of Train #42 in  
 1959 at Glendale AZ  
 Hassayampa Flyer Ran fm Phoenix to  
 Williams Jct  
 Hopi, The \*  
 Huntington Special \*\* Trip in 1899 on behalf  
 of Collis P Huntington  
 Joliet - Streator Express \*  
 Joliet Express \*  
 Joliet, Streator, Pekin Express \*  
 Kansas City & Chicago Express \*  
 Kansas City & Chicago Fast Mail \*  
 Kansas City Chief \*  
 Kansas City Express \*  
 Kansas City Flyer \*



Kansas City Local Express \*  
 Kansas Cityan, The \*  
 Kansas Express \*  
 Kansas Fast Mail \*  
 Leavenworth Express \*  
 Limited Vestibule Express \*  
 Limited Vestibule \*  
 Little Ranger, The Train #25-26 began in  
 1945 between Emporia & Winfield  
 Los Angeles Express \*  
 Mail & Express \*  
 Mexico & California Express \*  
 Mexico & San Diego Express \*  
 Mexico Express \*  
 Mexico Fast Mail \*  
 Miss Nelie Bly Special \*\* Record breaking  
 trip in 1890 on behalf of New York World  
 newspaper  
 Missionary, The \*  
 Missouri River Express \*  
 Missouri River Flyer \*  
 Missouri River Mail \*  
 Navajo, The \*  
 New State Express \*  
 New York Express \*  
 North Texas Mail \*  
 Oil Flyer, The \*  
 Oklahoma & Colorado Express \*  
 Oklahoma Fast Mail \*  
 Osage City Express \*  
 Overland Express \*  
 Overland Limited  
 Overland, The \*  
 Pacific Express \*  
 Panhandle Express \*  
 Parker Peavine Extra Fan Trip in 1985 Oct  
 25-27  
 Peacock Special \*\* Trip in 1900 on behalf of  
 Carnegie Steel & Iron Co  
 Pecos Chief  
 Pecos Valley Flyer  
 Pekin Express \*  
 Peoria & Chicago Express \*  
 Phoenix Express \*  
 Phoenix, The \*  
 Pueblo Mail & Express \*  
 Ranger, The \*  
 Red Express, The  
 Rincon Express \*  
 Rose Bowl Special Trip in 1961 Jan by  
 American Express Travel Service  
 Saint, The \*  
 San Bernardino Express \*

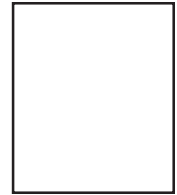


San Diegan, The \*  
 San Diego Express \*  
 San Francisco Chief \*  
 San Francisco Express \*  
 San Francisco Limited, The \*  
 Santa Fe de-Luxe \*  
 Santa Fe Eight \*  
 Santa Fe Extra Fare de-Luxe  
 see Santa Fe de-luxe  
 Santa Fe RR Boosters Special Trip in 1941  
 May on Kite Route  
 Scott Special \*\* See Coyote Special  
 Scout, The \*  
 Seaside Special \*  
 Second California Limited \*  
 Silver City Express \*  
 South Plains Express \*  
 Southern Kansas Express \*  
 Southern Kansas Passenger \*  
 St. Louis & Peoria Red Expre \*  
 St. Louis Express \*  
 St. Louis Flyer \*  
 St. Louis Limited \*  
 St. Louis Mail \*  
 Streator & Peoria Express \*  
 Streator Express \*  
 Super Chief, The \*  
 Texan, The \*  
 Texas & Oklahoma Express \*  
 Texas Chief \*  
 Texas Chief For Dallas  
 Texas Chief To Fort Worth  
 Houston Galveston  
 Texas Express \*  
 Texas Fast Mail \*  
 Texas Flyer \*  
 Texas Limited \*  
 Texas Mail \*  
 Texas Passenger \*  
 Texas Special \*  
 Topeka Express \*  
 Tourist Flyer, The \*  
 Tulsa, The \*  
 Tuolumne Chief, The Fan Trip in 1952 Oct  
 19 on Special to Sierra RR  
 Valley Flyer, The \*  
 Vestibule Express \*  
 Wakarusa Creek Picnic Special \*\* Trip in  
 1869 Apr 26 to celebrate official opening  
 of line from Topeka to Pauline  
 Wellington & Hunnewell Express \*  
 West Texas Express \*  
 Wichita Express \*



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## Chief Clerk/ Paymaster Report ***DIVISION MINUTES*** November 2010

The Fall meet was held in San Luis Obispo, CA. However, Suzanne Paff's husband passed away January 8th, so we will skip the minutes and Treasury reports this issue. The Daylight Division extends our deepest sympathies to Suzanne.

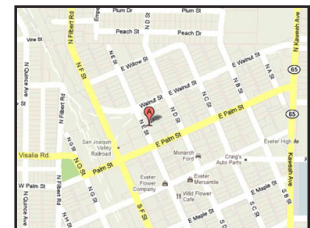
## Exeter Meet Schedule

Butch and Charlene have an amazing American Flyer collection and are the experts locally of anything 'S' guage. They are both a super railroad couple and most gracious to open their home.

2:00pm-5:00pm Tulare County Museum, at Mooney Grove Park, 27000 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA. 93277. HO guage traction layout, the Visalia Electric, was recently donated to the museum by Dr. Humason. Quite a story of how it has come to life thanks to two master model railroad builders from Visalia, Ron Wyatt, and Louis Whitendale. They will be on hand to relate their story and answer questions.

## Directions to the Exeter Meet

The Scout Shack, 264 North E Street, Exeter. The cross street is Palm Street on the south. East of Visalia 198, South on 192 Filbert Ave. From South use Hwy 65N, Left on Palm to E St.



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## Advertise in the Observation

To place your ad in the next 4 issues – send your business card sized ad and \$40 payment to the Observation Editor or contact the Editor for more information. See officers list for address.

## Call for Volunteers

The convention committee has been working on this convention for a couple of years now. But NOW is the time for you, the members, to sign up to help out. We need all types of volunteers for Registration Booth, Company Store, Contest Room, Bus Tour Guides, and more. If you can volunteer a few hours, please contact the X2011 Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Keifer, at [kkkay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kkkay@sbcglobal.net).

I volunteered at the San Jose 2000 NMRA Convention as a bus tour guide on two layout tours and spent another day working with Bill Scott in the Company Store. I had a great time and made some new friends in the process. Hey, I met Bill, didn't I? Give it a try. It'll enhance your convention experience and is a good way to give back to the hobby that has given you a lot of pleasure over the years. We NEED your help! Contact Karen and let her you're available.

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