



The Daylight Observation

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Daylight Division Winter Meet at **YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE AT GRANITE PARK IN FRESNO** by Dave Grenier

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled day of activities, including two clinics, model and photo contests, layout tours, door prizes, the "World Famous" Daylight White Elephant Auction (well, WE know about it!), and, of course, the obligatory quarterly Daylight Division business meeting, including election results.



Come at 8:30 AM and enjoy a hearty breakfast to start off the day. The meet starts at 9:30 AM with registration, refreshments, contest entries, socializing and more. The program begins at 10:00 AM.

Registration is \$4.00 for NMRA members, \$5.00 for non-members.

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 am – Breakfast (no-host)
- 9:30 am – Registration, Contest Item Check-ins
- 10:00 am – Clinics
- 12:00 pm – Daylight Business Meeting, Election Results, Door Prizes, White Elephant Auction
- 1:00 pm – Adjourn for Lunch (hopefully at the Yosemite Falls Cafe!) and Layout Tours

Clinics: George Pisching and Chuck Harmon

Contests Categories: Models: Maintenance of Way

Photos: Steam Locomotives

Display-only models and photographs are also welcome. Awards will be presented to the winners of each contest as determined by popular vote. There will be no contest judging.

There will be tables for display-only items, in addition to contest entries. Please bring whatever items (prototype, model or photograph) that you are especially proud of and would like to display for our enjoyment.

Door Prizes & Auction: Donations of new, unused items for door prizes would be especially welcome. Remember to bring plain-wrapped railroad-related items for the White Elephant Auction. The more the merrier! Think of it as "re-gifting!"

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upcoming events and other
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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 new enough to wish all you Daylighters a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and have been enjoying the shiny new toys you got from Santa.

Our last meet of 2012 was November 17, at the home of Gary Siegel in Santa Barbara. It was a rainy day, but our spirits weren't dampened enough to ruin the day. Instead of setting up in the back yard as usual, Bruce Morden setup the chairs and tables on the covered patio. It was a bit cool, but we stayed dry nonetheless. After a brief welcome by Bruce, the meet started with a pair of clinics, one by Bruce on a nostalgic look back on model railroading in the past and how the hobby has progressed over the years. The second clinic by John Ryan was "Operations 101 – Running Trains on the SP Santa Cruz Division." Both clinics were very enjoyable and informative.

After a lunch break for pizza and drinks, the obligatory business meeting was held. (See Suzie's minutes elsewhere). John Houlihan, past Daylight Director, presented Gary with his 2012 Daylight Division "Member of the Year" award, previously announced at the PNR-PCR Joint Convention in Medford, Oregon, back in May 2012. Congratulations, Gary, and thank you for all that you do for the Division and the hobby.

Following the White Elephant Auction, we turned to train operations. Unfortunately, due to the rain and muddy conditions, the op session on Gary's outdoor layout was cancelled, replaced by a session on his indoor HO layout. It was another good Daylight meet. If you missed it, you missed a good 'un.

Three weeks later, on December 8, the Division had its 5th 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 up from last year. Thanks to Gary Saxton for putting it together and especially to all the layout owners for opening their homes for us.

On a sad note, Roy Ogle of Roy's Trains and Things in Clovis, retired and closed his doors on 12/31/12. No more hobby shops in Clovis!

The next Daylight Division meet will be February 23 2013, at Yosemite Falls Cafe. No-host breakfast at 8:30 AM. Registration starts at 9:30 AM. The meet starts at 10:00 AM. Be sure to mark your calendars and make the journey to Fresno for a fun-filled day. See the website for up-to-date information: www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/nextmeet.html

The PCR Master Calendar has more events at:

www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/calendar/mastercalendar.htm

Dave Grenier, Superintendent, PCR Daylight Division

Unofficial Former **DIRECTORS REPORT** By John Houlihan



My last official action as your Daylight Division Director occurred at the Santa Barbara meet where I had the pleasure of presenting the Daylight Division's "Member of the Year" award to Gary Siegel.



The meet seemed crowded, yet the attendance was down from last year. It was crowded because the rain pushed us under the patio cover. I think this condition caused a few anxious individuals to overbid on items in the White Elephant event.

After the meet, some members ignored the wet conditions and ran on the battery operated G Scale layout, while the more sane people operated the HO layout. I chose to watch the CTC operator rather than run one of the trains.

Having observed the operation of the ATSF's CTC panel in Fresno, I was interested in how Gary's board would work. From its outward appearance, all the right switches and buttons are on the board. Throwing turnouts and clearing switches was done in a prototypically manner. The board did not have the paper printout of the time each train cleared an OS section. To compensate for this shortcoming, the operator wrote the number of each lead locomotive on a piece of tape and placed it next to the train's approximate location, advancing the tape as the train moved down the track. Also missing was the electronics to make the local control of turnouts a functioning feature of the board. I was told that the person responsible for the wiring moved out of the area. I wonder if there is an interested student at UCBS that could tackle the project.

Upcoming Events

- **GEHAMS Annual Model Train Show**, March 9 - 10, 2013, Bakersfield. Website: www.gehams.net/
- **BayRails V**, March 14-16, 2013, San Francisco Bay Area. Website: www.bayrails.com/
- **Iron Horse Express 2013 PCR Convention**, April 3 - 7, 2013, Dublin. Website: www.pcrnmra.org/conv2013
- **Daylight Division Spring Meet**, May 23, 2013.

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The Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Association is hosting their Annual Convention in Dublin California on April 3-7, 2013.

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Achievement Program Report

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

By Dave Grenier



One Daylight member earned two AP Certificates of Achievement since my last report:

Chuck Harmon Model Railroad Engineer Civil
Model Railroad Engineer Electrical

Congratulations to Chuck for his accomplishments. He has now completed five of the seven certificates needed for the Master Model Railroader Award. Keep up the good work, Chuck!

Remember that you do not have to wait for a PCR convention contest to have models judged for Merit Awards. All it takes is a phone call or e-mail to me to arrange an in-home visit or time at a Division meet. Teams of judges are already in place in Fresno, Kern, and San Luis Obispo Counties. Each Merit Award brings you one step closer to MMR!

If you have any questions regarding the AP or need help completing the paperwork, feel free to contact me by phone at (559) 297-1345 or e-mail: grenida@pacbell.net

BAKERSFIELD MODEL TRAIN SHOW

March 9 & 10, 2013

The Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society, of Bakersfield, will be hosting their annual model train show and swap meet, at the Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South 'P' Street, Bakersfield, March 9th and 10th, 2013

The train show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00 AM—5:00 PM, and on Sunday, March 10th, from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM. Admission is \$7.00 per person, with children ages 12 and below admitted free, when accompanied by a paying adult. The one-time admission charge is good for both days of the show. Over 100 vendor tables and 11 operating model train layouts on display. Hourly door prizes and drawings for model train sets. You can view a listing of dealers and layouts that will be in attendance at the show by visiting GEHAMS website at www.gehams.net.

For more information about the show please call (661) 331-6695, email at carldw@aol.com, or visit the Society's web site at www.gehams.net.

Industry Liaison REPORT

by Mike O'Brien

The November Meeting Raffle prize WINNERS. Don't forget to thank the prize donors.

1. Scott Evans - Inter-Mountain HO-scale Box Car -value \$30.
2. Scott Evans - CD (*A Bird Flying At Night videos*) -value \$30.
3. John Houllihan - Inter-Mountain N-scale Box Car -value \$20.
4. Neil Ferbaugh - Blair Line \$10 gift certificate and a CHOOCH Ent. flatcar load -value \$17.
5. Scott Evans - CHOOCH Ent. flatcar load -value \$17.

Congratulations to our winners! Attend the meetings and get your chances to win some interesting prizes. John Houllihan is offering his prize for sale.

Last Meeting for the Tutwiler Prints Raffle

This is the last meeting to purchase tickets before the drawing at the June Meeting.

Get your tickets from Suzie Paff. Only \$2.00 each. Each will be won separately. Winner need not be present at the drawing.



Seen in the Daylight *THAT'S A PROTOTYPE?* Submitted by George Pisching

Seen in the Union Pacific RR Yard on the West side of Fresno. What do you make of this rigging ...?

This work train was pulled by the white truck. Yes the truck is in the pulling position. Traction is by the back rubber tires guided by the flanged wheels under the cab. The bucket cranes slide back and forth on the I-beam rails and turn 360°. There is one on each end of the train.



FOR THE OBSERVATION By the Editor

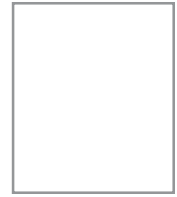
I have these article ideas and am asking for help by you submitting items and articles in these categories. I would like articles profiling our members. A sample was in last issue honoring Bob Pethoud.

- Daylight Member Profiles
- Daylight Layout Profiles/Pictures
- History in the Daylight
 - Stories of the Daylight Trains
 - Do You Remember this?
- Achievements in the Daylight
 - MMR Achievement Programs
 - MMRs in the Daylight
- How Do I Do This?
- Designed in the Daylight
 - Featured Layout
 - Layout Design Discussions/ Questions
- Youth in the Daylight
- Built in the Daylight
 - Daylight Scratch Builder
- Printed in the Daylight
- Businesses in the Daylight
- Things Seen in the Daylight
 - That's A Prototype?
 - Layout Features Seen in the Daylight
- Operating in the Daylight
- In the Daylight Gardens
- Jokes and Puzzles
- Railroad Clubs in the Daylight
- Events to Notice in the Daylight
- Private Rail Cars Available to rent

Other ideas are also welcome.
The Editor.

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NEXT DAYLIGHT MEET FEB 23

Layout Tours and Operating Session

Chuck Harmon's (HO) San Joaquin Central RR

Driving Directions to Meet

From the North:

- Drive south on CA-99 toward Fresno.
- Take the Airport/Kings Canyon exit, Exit 128A, onto CA-180 East. Drive 3.9 miles. (NOTE: This may be a construction zone.)
- Take the Clovis/Huntington Lake exit, Exit 60A, onto CA-168 East. Drive 1.9 miles.
- Take the Shields Ave exit, Exit 2
- Turn left onto E. Shields Ave. Drive 0.4 mile.
- Turn right onto N. Cedar Ave. Drive 0.8 mile.
- 4020 N. Cedar is on the right. Turn right into the Granite Park driveway. Yosemite Falls Cafe is the 2nd building on the left.

From the South:

- Drive north on CA-99 toward Fresno.
- Take the Airport/Yosemite exit, Exit 131, onto CA-41 North.

Drive 2.7 miles.

- Take the Airport/Kings Canyon exit, Exit 128A, onto CA-180 East. Drive 1.1 mile. (NOTE: This may be a construction zone.)
- Take the Clovis/Huntington Lake exit, Exit 60A, onto CA-168 East. Drive 1.9 miles.
- Take the Shields Ave exit, Exit 2
- Turn left onto E. Shields Ave. Drive 0.4 mile.

Next Daylight Meeting
9:30 AM, Saturday, February
23, 2013, in Fresno.

**Yosemite Falls Cafe
Granite Park
4020 North Cedar Avenue
Fresno, CA**

Join us at 8:30 for a hearty
breakfast!

- Turn right onto N. Cedar Ave. Drive about 0.8 mile.
- 4020 N. Cedar is on the right. Turn right into the Granite Park driveway. Yosemite Falls Cafe is the 2nd building on the left.

