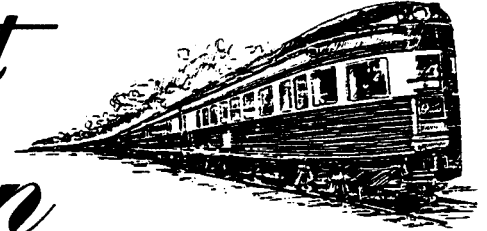


# The Daylight Observation



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## Daylight Division's First Meet Of Year To Be Held In Bakersfield February 6th

### 3 Home Layout Tours Scheduled

The year's first Daylight Division meet will take place February 6th, in Bakersfield, at the Clubhouse of the Golden Empire Model Railroad Club. The clubhouse is located in downtown Bakersfield, on the northeast corner of 19th and "Eye" Streets, above Spike's Eatery.

To get to the Golden Empire Model Railroad Club's Clubhouse, from either north or south of Bakersfield, take Highway 99 to the Highway 178 East off-ramp. The off-ramp sign will also say Rosedale Hwy. and downtown Bakersfield. Highway 178 East is also 24th Street. After exiting onto the off-ramp, go east on Highway 178 (or 24th Street), which will make a dog leg to the right and then turn into 23rd Street (hey, this is Bakersfield--what did you expect!). After traveling from Highway 99 for approximately 1½ miles, you will come to

"Eye" Street. Make a right hand turn onto "Eye" Street. Travel 3 blocks until you come to 20th Street, where you will come to a stop sign. Continue on for ½ block until you come to the first alley on your left. You can either park in the alley or out on the street. The clubhouse's entry is in the alley that is on your left and the door is marked Golden Empire Model Railroad Club. We will also have the Daylight Division's banner out. The clubhouse is located on the second and third floor above Spike's Eatery. For those who are unable to use the stairs, there is an elevator available. To get the elevator, which is located just to the left of the clubhouse's entry, there is a call bell next to the elevator door. Use this bell and someone will bring the elevator to you. If you are coming to the meet using Highway 178 westbound from

Lake Isabella and Ridgecrest, come to "Eye" Street and make a left hand turn onto "Eye" Street and follow the before mentioned directions.

The meet will begin at 10:00 AM with sign-in and contest entries which will be followed immediately followed by a tour of the Golden Empire Model RR Club's 2 large layouts-HO and N scales. The HO layout is 30' X 100' in size, and has the mainline up and running. Although the mainline has not been divided up into electrical blocks yet, we are able to run one train around so that you will be able to get the feel of the ability to run long trains over the layout. The club has decided to go with a Digital Command System for both layouts, but at this time, DCC has not been installed on the layouts. The "N" scale layout is just about finished with the

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mainline, and we hope to have the mainline up and running so that we can demonstrate the 20' long trains that will be able to run on the layout.

After the club layout tour, Mike Mosher will give a clinic demonstrating the advantages of Digital Command Control on a model railroad. Mike had all his locomotives converted to DCC and is a member of the Golden Empire Model RR Club, and has fallen into the title of "DCC Guru". Judging of the contest entries will take place immediately following Doug's clinic, so be sure to bring something along to enter in the contests. Even if you aren't entering a model to be judged for points toward your quest toward the Master Modeler title, you can still enter models as a favorite model. This can either be a piece of rolling stock, a locomotive, a whole train, a building—anything to do with model railroading. Doug Wagner will be entering his 'N' scale Santa Fe "El Capitan/Super Chief" in the Favorite Model Contest and his "world famous" photos in the photo contest. So come on -- don't let Wagner have all the fun-- bring some models to the meet so that members have a selection of models to vote on and don't let Wagner win the contest just because he was the only one to enter!

After the contests, we will then hold the Daylight Division's first business meeting of the New Year. On

the agenda, will be the counting of the ballots for officers for the next two years. Immediately after the close of the meeting, we will break for lunch (if some members want lunch), then the members will have a chance to see 3 great HO home layouts on the home layout tour. Maps to the home layouts will be provided at the closing of the meeting.

If you would like more information, please contact Doug Wagner at 805-589-0391, or Bob Randall at 805-859-0636. We'll see you there!

### **The Layouts**

Larry Saslaw's layout is a 12' X 20' HO layout based on SP's line from Dunsmuir to Black Butte in Northern California. Larry has a full yard at Dunsmuir, fed by a 7 track hidden staging yard. The scenery really shows the rich traditions of rugged mountain railroading in that area. The buildings are fine miniatures of the buildings found in that era, the transition era between steam and diesel. The layout runs on 4 walls of the room with a very high duck-under which will not be a hindrance to anyone, so be sure to see Larry's finely detailed layout.

Guy Gattuso is a transplanted Pennsylvanian, hence his HO layout showing the Indiana Branch of the B&O. Lots of coal will be hauled over this 11X20' layout in half of his 2-car garage when he gets a little further along on the scenery. The layout is built for point-to-

point or continuous running on three levels using a helix inside a mountain. Lots of track is visible from the perimeter with good sturdy benchwork to study for your future layout. The entire mainline is operational with broad curves needed for those long coal drags.

Kurt Brown is ready to guide you on a nostalgic trip through the 1950's in the area around Casper, Wyoming, on the Wyoming Division of the CB&Q. The city of Casper is completed and is authentic in every detail from a modeler who lived in the area until recently. Kurt will be glad to show off his many pictures that he has collected in his endeavor to model the area as accurately as possible. There is a sugar beet mill, a coal mining region and many industrial areas. The transition era has been expressed with a good mixture of steam and diesel, a 105' turntable and 5 stall roundhouse in the yard at Casper. Kurt has limited his grades to 2% with minimum 24" curves. He has used #5 and #6 switches on the mainline with #4 1/2 switches in the yard. All track is code 100. The scenery is about 50% completed and with what he has done, I can hardly wait until he completes the other half. So come on by and admire the layout and see the beautiful collection of photographs from the era and area.



# Minutes Of The Daylight Division Meet

## San Luis Obispo

### November 14, 1998

Minutes The Daylight Division Quarterly Business Meeting  
November 14, 1998  
San Luis Obispo

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Bob Randall at 11:15 AM

12 members in attendance.

Deviate from regular business to discuss dividing the Division into separate blocks in the hope of getting better participation at Division meets. George Gibson discussed that because of the size of the Division, it is difficult for members to travel from one end of the division to the other, i.e. Merced to Santa Barbara, for division meets. It was discussed about the possibility of dividing the division up into a coastal block and a valley block, with each block having its own set of officers, but keeping the current division intact. It was brought up by Doug Wagner that maybe instead of dividing the division into blocks, that maybe area coordinators in each of the major cities of the division be established and the area coordinators would be responsible for setting up the meets, layout tours, clinics, etc., etc., when the division held its meet in each one of the respective cities.

Motion by Chuck Harmon, second by Doug Wagner that the division superintendent designate area coordinators as needed to promote Daylight Division events. motion CARRIED.

The following members have volunteered to serve as area coordinators in their areas:

Santa Barbara - Tom Turner

San Luis Obispo - George Gibson

Bakersfield - Doug Wagner, Bob Randall

Visalia/Tulare - Brewster Bird

We are hoping we can get area coordinators for the Fresno and Merced areas.

With the permission of the area coordinators, we will publish their addresses and phone numbers on the Daylight Division officer's page in the Observation newsletter.

Resume normal business agenda.

August Daylight Division meet minutes in Mariposa. Motion by Bill Scott, second by Paul Deiss to accept the minutes as published. MOTION CARRIED.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUPERINTENDENT:** If you weren't at the Mariposa meet in August, you really missed a good one! 4 great layouts were on the tour--a LGB Garden Railway at the meet location, two "S" scale layouts and one HO layout. Today, we have one prototype and one home layout tour on hand.

**CHIEF PAYMASTER REPORT:** No report.

**CONTESTS:** No one entered any contests. Discussion took place on why we're not getting anyone to enter the contests. It could be that people feel their models aren't good enough to enter. It was discussed that any model could be entered in the favorite model contest. Anyone with photos, please bring them to the meets! Anyone with any railroad models (and that's mostly everyone!) please bring them to the meets so that you can enter them in the favorite model contest for the meet attendees to vote for their favorite model!

**MEMBERSHIP:** No new members. The division will be setting up the membership table at the Fresno Great American Train Show in February. Discussion followed on how to get new members and how to keep the current members.

**CLINICS:** Paul Deiss, of San Luis Obispo volunteered to take on the Clinic Chair. THANKS PAUL!!!!

**DIRECTOR:** Director's meeting coming up in Richmond.

Superintendent Randall appointed members Dan Seames and Jim Elliott to chair the ad hoc Elections Committee for the purpose of receiving and tabulating the election ballots

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill Submitted by Doug Wagner of \$78.00 for postage for mailing out the Observation newsletter.

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Motion By Chuck Harmon, second by Bill Scott to pay the bill. MOTION CARRIED.

Nominations Of Officers for 1999-2000:

Superintendent:	Bob Randall
Chief Clerk/Paymaster:	Doug Wagner
	Brewster Bird

Nominations closed.

Ballots will be mailed in the next issue of the Observation and will be counted at the February 6th Daylight Division meet.

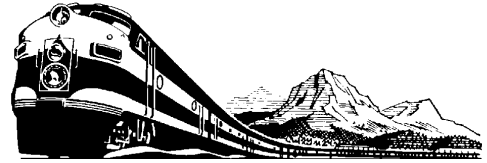
Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Wagner

After the conclusion of the business meeting, Paul Deiss gave us a tour of the Rail Car Hazardous Materials Training Center, just north of San Luis Obispo. There, we got hands-on with rail cars and got to see some vintage tank cars—one a 1910 Northern Pacific tank car and the other, a Southern Pacific tank car from the 1920's. The tour was very informative about the rail car construction and got to see first hand and up-close the truck and brake assemblies. Thanks goes to Paul Deiss for setting up and giving this very interesting tour.

After the prototype tour, we had the privilege of viewing Paul Kanabe's "N" scale layout. This layout use to be 12' X 14' in size, but Paul had a building constructed to house this huge layout and it has grown to 24' X 36' in size.

The next Daylight Division meet will take place in Bakersfield, at the Golden Empire Model Railroad Club, February 6, 1999. You all have a Happy New Year.



## Coming Down The Line

**Jan. 16th & 17th-Bakersfield, Calif.** Golden Empire Model Railroad Club will be hosting its 13th Annual Model Train Show & Swap Meet at the Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South "P" Street. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, both days. Admission is \$3.00 per person, children 12 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult. Vendor tables and operating layouts are very welcomed. Hourly door prizes and raffle for a complete HO operating layout. Information, contact Doug Wagner at 805-589-0391 or e-mail at carldw@aol.com.

**May 1, 1999 – Santa Barbara, Calif.** Daylight Division Spring Meet. Gary Seigel's Louisville & Nashville HO home layout will be hosting. For further information contact Tom Turner at (805) 562-2881

**These are the only events that I am aware of. I guess there is nothing else going on in the Division. If your club or organization has an event,**



## Classified

**Wanted** – Looking for a used or new 35mm slide projector. If you would be willing to sell one or know of anyone who does, please contact Doug Wagner at (805) 589-0391, or by e-mail at carldw@aol.com.

**Other than that, no one in the Division is looking for or selling anything! However, if you are, please contact *Observation* editor Doug Wagner at (805) 589-0391, or by e-mail at carldw@aol.com, and I'll be sure to get it in the next issue.**

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## Daylight Division Ballot Instructions

Mark your ballot to vote for one person for each position of Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster. Provisions have been made for write-in votes. We are conducting a survey to see which day the members prefer to hold the Daylight Division Meetings on—Saturday or Sunday. We would like to get some feedback from the members on this to see what days the members would prefer. Please mark your ballot accordingly. After voting, please follow the instructions at the bottom and top of the ballot for folding the ballot for mailing. Fold bottom portion of the ballot first, then the top portion of the ballot second. Use tape or staples to secure the ballot shut, then affix a .32¢ stamp so that it can be received through the mail. The ballots will be counted at the next Daylight Division Meet in Bakersfield, February 6, 1999, so mail the ballots so that they arrive by no later than February 5, 1999, or bring your ballot to the Daylight Division meet to be counted. **NO BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED IF THEY ARRIVE AFTER THE COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS AT THE FEBRUARY 6TH MEET.**

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Brewster Bird, Incumbent (Visalia)

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### Survey

This Is A Non-Binding Vote—Just Want To Know How You Feel  
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# View From The Caboose

One Member's Observation

By Doug Wagner

As Editor, this is my first "editorial" in the 5 years I have been editor/publisher of the Observation. Please bear with me.

At the last Daylight Division meet, in San Luis Obispo, on November 14th, we had a total of 12 members in attendance. Granted, we had a GATS show in Bakersfield and International Railfair in Sacramento to contend with. But the 12 members who showed up has been a trend in the last couple of years. The only meets that seem to draw a good amount of folks are the ones in Merced. Charlie and Babette Pigott have done a fantastic job up there in promoting the Division meets.

Realizing that there is a problem in getting folks to come to the meets, at the business meeting we had a thorough discussion at the SLO meet on what might be the problem-or problems-and there were plenty. First of all, how many contest entries have you seen at the past couple meets? You can probably count them on one hand. And I'm not just talking about the entries for points toward the title of Master Modeler; I'm also talking about favorite models and photos. No one even brings a model of theirs down to vote on. And I know all of you have some models that you could bring down so that the folks can view your models and vote on them. It could be a locomotive, rolling stock, a whole train or even a building or vehicle. Come on folks, one of the reasons I joined this organization was to get to see what other model railroaders had done. That's part of the fun of model railroading. At the next meet, in Bakersfield, February 6, I will be bringing a whole train-Santa Fe's El Capitan/Super Chief passenger train as it was in the late 1950's for the favorite model contest. I would hope that other Daylight Division members would bring some item that they own down so that we actually have more than one model to vote on. I am also a novice (very novice) photographer, and I will be bringing some of my photos down to view. Would someone please bring some of their photos down so that we can all share in the excitement of railroad photography? It could be a

photo of the prototype or a model-just please bring a photo. OK, that's it for the contests (finally!).

Another problem that was mentioned is the lack of clinics. One of the bright spots of Division meets-whether it be in Maine, Florida, or California-was sitting down and listen to a member give a talk on a model or prototype railroad subject. But, like the contests, there has been only 1 clinic given in 1998. The Division has been without a Clinic Chairman for the last 5-7 years, and at the San Luis Obispo meet, Paul Deiss, of San Luis Obispo, volunteered to take on the task of Daylight Division Clinic Chairman. Thanks, Paul! We are now back on track (pun intended) to get clinics back into the division meets. If you would be interested in giving a clinic at a Division meet, please contact Paul.

Further discussion on the problems facing the Daylight Division was the size of the Division. From Merced to Santa Barbara--that a good size Division. George Gibson brought up the idea of having the Division divided into blocks--a Coastal Block and a Valley Block. And each block would have its own set of officers. You would still have one set of officers for the Daylight Division. Each block then could hold its own "mini" Division Meet--as long as it did not interfere with the quarterly Division Meet. We have checked with the Pacific Coast Region's officers, and they see no problem with this concept. Any club or group of individuals can hold a Daylight Division function. (see article on hosting a meet on page 8). Further discussion led to how difficult it was for "out-of-towners" setting up meets in a certain location. For example, I was attempting to set up layout tours and other meet functions from Bakersfield. That is how the idea of "Area Coordinators" came about. Each metropolitan area of the Division would have a coordinator that, when a meet was scheduled in his/hers area, that coordinator would make arrangements for layout tours, meet location, clinics, etc., etc. This would make for a better meet because a local member, who knows

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where the layout are, who knows who can give a clinic, and who knows where a good location for the meet, would be making arrangements for the meet--not someone from 100 miles away! Whether they know it or not--Charlie and Babette Pigott have been area coordinators for the Daylight Division in Merced for the last couple of years! We now have area coordinators for Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, and Visalia/Tulare. We are hoping that Charlie and Babette will continue on in Merced. We are looking for an area coordinator for the Fresno area.

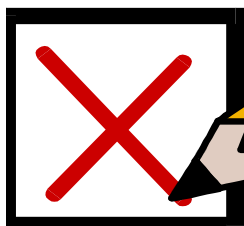
In this issue of the *Observation*, there is a ballot. Yes, it's that time again, time to elect officers of the Division for 1999-2000. And seeing as there hasn't been a whole lot of members attending the Division Meets, we would still like to get some input from the members. So included on the ballot for the officers, is our first survey of the members--there might be more. To get some idea of what it might take to get the Division meets attendance up, is a survey to see what day the members would prefer to have the meetings on--Saturday or Sunday. This survey is a non-binding vote--just to get a feel of what the feeling of the members are. An actual change of the meeting day would have to be voted on at a business meeting. Please vote and be sure to get your ballot in before the February 6th business meeting.

We hope that with these problems being addressed, that the Daylight Division will get back on track (another pun intended!) and make the meets more exciting and something that the members will be looking forward to coming to. We hope that this first meet of 1999 will be the new beginning of the Daylight Division. So please do your part and help participate in the Division meets.

We'll I guess I said all I want to for now. That's my opinion--I welcome yours.



Don't forget to



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send your ballot in!

## Daylight Division - Duties of a Meet Host

### Five Simple Steps to a Successful Meet

1. Set a date.
  - A. Collaborate with your area coordinator or the division superintendent.
2. Get a place.
  - A. Try to keep the size and cost appropriate for the size of meet you are planning.
  - B. Provide space, chairs and tables for registration, membership, contest, business meeting and clinics.
3. Publicize the meet.
  - A. Send out news releases. (Craftsman, MR and NMRA Bulletin. Forms are attached). These need to go out six months before the event.
  - B. Issue flyers or posters to local hobby shops.
4. Organize the activities.
  - A. Contact the clinics chairman for help in setting up clinics.
  - B. Arrange any other supporting events you may want to have, such as layout or prototype tours, swap tables, dealers, modular layouts or food. It's best to get some of your local members to help with this rather than trying to do it all yourself.
  - C. Solicit door prizes from your local hobby shops and/or manufacturers. Make sure each prize has the doner identified on the box.
  - D. The Division will take care of coffee, registration, donation collection at the door, expenses, contest, business meeting, awarding door/raffle prizes and the white elephant auction.
  - E. Wear a smile and be friendly to everybody at the meet. Have FUN!
5. Say "thank you!"
  - A. Thank everyone who helped you. A note in the mail is appropriate. People will remember it the next time you ask for help with an event. Be sure to provide door prize doners with an

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### NOTES

1. A Daylight Division meet can be hosted by an individual, informal group or a formal club.
2. Decide what type of meet you want. Easiest are one day, held on a Saturday, lasting about 6 hours. These meets should feature 2 clinics, the model and photo contest, door prizes, raffle, white elephant auction and business meeting. Optional activities are modular or portable layouts, swap tables, luncheon, layout tours and prototype tours. More experienced groups may want to do two days with a public show and selling tables.
3. You should make arrangements in advance with the Daylight Division officers if you are a club that wants to share the expenses and revenues. This is usually 50/50, but your club must be able to front some of the expenses for space reservation, etc. And, if there is a loss, your club will share the loss with the Daylight Division at the same rate as is there had been a profit. Do not expect Daylight Division to participate in an event that charges the public without Daylight Division being a fully participating partner. Attempts to have Daylight Division participate in an event as though they were just a side-show attraction have met with disaster and strained friendships. If Daylight Division brings the sanctioning and good name of the NMRA to the event, they must be allowed to participate in management and finances. Daylight Division has participated this way with many clubs to help them gain experience in hosting an event. Many of these clubs have gone on to develop an annual show that they put on without any division participation. Daylight Division is glad to see these events prosper (since most of those involved are Daylight Division members, anyway).



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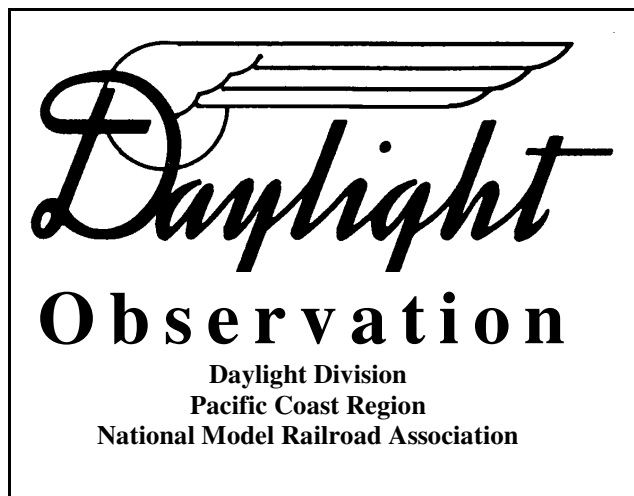
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