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Santa Barbara Daylight Meet Moved to June 18, Features Operation on Gary Siegal's L&N

The Santa Barbara meet originally scheduled for June 11 has been moved to June 18th due to a conflict with the Big Train Show on the Queen Mary in Long Beach on June 11-12.

The meet will be at the home of Gary Siegel's L & N Railroad, located at 1143 Camino Viejo in Monteceito, CA. See the map and directions on page 3.

Registration will open about 9:30 AM and the meet activities will start at 10. We'll have the usual contests and white elephant auctions, so bring your models and unwanted items.

There will be 3 clinics in the morning, lunch on site, followed by the Division Meeting and white elephant auction. The day will finish with a 3 hour operation session on the L&N EK Division to put into practice what we learned in the morning.

The schedule is as follows:

9:30 to 10:00 AM: Registration. \$5, \$6 for non-NMRA members (\$3.00 Daylight Div. plus \$2 for morning snack and sundries.) Pizza and salad lunch is \$6 (\$4 for those under13). Enter the contests, eat a donut, have some juice, tour Gary's famed L&N, Eastern Ken-

tucky Division and his new backyard G-scale. This would be a great time to take photos and enter your models into the contests. (Please wait for seconds on donuts until after 9:25 AM.)

10:00 to 10:10 AM: Welcome and Agenda Review (outside) Tom Turner will discuss agenda and introduce our host, Gary Siegel.

10:10 to 10:45 AM: First Clinic - "Designing and Building a Large Scale Garden Layout" Outside presentation including guided walking Tour by Gary Siegel.

10:45 to 11:25 AM: Second Clinic - "What Happens in a Yard" Inside presentation with hands-on learning using two of the yards on the L&N EK Division by Bruce Morden and Tom Turner.

11:25 to 12:00 Noon: Third Clinic - "On the Road Again: Mainline Trains Operations including Dispatching" Inside presentation with hands-on learning using actual trains on the L&N EK Division by Tom Turner and Bruce Morden

12:05 to 12:50 PM: LUNCH BREAK - on your own or Pizza luncheon by Art Aldritt.

• Pizza and drinks in Gary's back-

yard for those that paid at registration.

• Last chance to vote for the FAVOR-ITE MODEL contest.

12:50 to 1:00PM: Updates on Remaining activities and Tours - Tom Turner

1:00 to 2:30 PM: Daylight Division Meeting and auction - Business meeting, award presentations and white elephant auction.

2:30 to 6:30 PM; Operations on the L&N EK Division - All Attendees

Now that you have successfully completed the two clinics from this morning you are ready to become a participant on this wonderful railroad. Assistance will be available. We will have a short crew meeting for assignments and instructions immediately following the auction.

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Wagner Rants and Raves

By Doug Wagner, Division Superintendent / Director

Paul Deis, of Los Osos, is now the new Daylight Division's Superintendent, and Brewster Bird, of Visalia, is now the new Chief Paymaster/Clerk. Doug Wagner, who is no longer the Daylight Division's Superintendent, but who is still the Daylight's Director, volunteered to take on the chairmanship of the Daylight's Membership and Clinics. The next meet of the Daylight

MINUTES of the business meeting Feb. 26, 2005

On Saturday the 26th of February, the Daylight Division of PCR met in Fresno for a busy day of clinics, operation and visitation to local layouts. Registration started at 9 with snacks, entering models and photos in the contest, socialization, and touring Marlin Costello's Goshen & Goosechase RR in HO scale.

Doug Wagner opened the Meeting at shortly after 11 am by thanking Marlin and the local model railroaders for hosting our meet. First the minutes from the previous meeting (20 November) and then the financial statement dated 25 February (see page 5) were reviewed and accepted. Doug then discussed the recent National election results and reminded everyone not to forget the upcoming PCR convention at the Sheraton Concord Hotel from 11 to 15 May. Doug went on to discuss future Daylight Division meets that will be held in the Santa Barbara area on 11 June, in San Luis Obispo on 26 August and in Bakersfield sometime in November. Details to be firmed up later.

The election results were then disclosed with over 30 people voting. Paul Deis is our new Superintendent and Brewster Bird is our new Division Chief Clerk/Paymaster as the incumbent withdrew for health reasons. There being no further old business, there was a motion (approved) to reimburse the expenditures at today's Meet. Draft results were gone over after the auction was over. Thanks to Marlin's donation of the refreshments, there was only about a \$3 change in our financial position after all of the other expenses and income were totaled.

Doug Wagner volunteered to fill the vacant Membership Chair position as well as to replace Paul in the Clinic Chair while Bill Scott volunteered to take over the Achievement Program chair. A bylaws committee of Paul Deis, Chuck Harmon, Bill Scott, Terry Taylor and Doug Wagner will meet in San Luis Obispo at a later date. Dan Seames moved to adjourn the Business portion of the meet which was quickly approved and we all got down to the "serious" part of the Meet known as the White Elephant Auction. Doug Wagner was Auctioneer and we had fun bidding on some very 'choice' items. Thanks to all for an enjoyable meet and some very fine layouts to view and / or operate on.

Respectfully Submitted
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Division will be at Gary Siegel's L&N layout on June 18th, and the August meet will be in San Luis Obispo.

Other issues that the Daylight Division will be looking at is a revision in its bylaws. It's been a while since the bylaws have been looked at and hopefully we can do that starting this year. John Houlihan, who will be Convention Chairman for the 2008 PCR convention, in Fresno, continues to organize his committee.

Doug Wagner

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The Answers Are Out There

Bob Pethoud, Member Aid

For me, the payoff from building a railroad model comes when I place the model on a layout and begin to run trains. Running trains, of course, has little to do with watching them go round and round. It has to do with picking up and setting out freight cars at industries, making up and breaking up trains in the yard, and effecting meets and passes on the main line—in short, operation based on prototype practice. If you haven't already discovered that this can be a real kick, I suggest you read Frank Ellison on Model Railroads, reviewed in this column two issues back, for muchneeded inspiration; but if you already know it's fun and you just need more help in setting up for operation, then Bruce A. Chubb's How to Operate Your Model Railroad is the ticket.

This book was published by Kalmbach in 1977, but at 184 pages is at least twice as lengthy as this publisher's usual offerings. The extra paper is put to excellent use, though, as the book is really encyclopedic in scope, covering all the normal facets of operation in unprecedented detail. For example, the chapter on switching (a whole chapter!) includes

Do You Know the Way to Gary Siegel's?

From U.S. 101 take the CABRILLO BLVD exit toward COAST VILLAGE ROAD/HOT SPRINGS RD. (0.23 Miles)

Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto E CABRILLO BLVD/CA-225. (0.05 Miles)

Turn RIGHT onto COAST VILLAGE RD. (0.08 Miles)

Turn LEFT onto HOT SPRINGS RD. (0.67 Miles)

Turn LEFT onto SYCAMORE CANYON RD. (0.35 Miles)

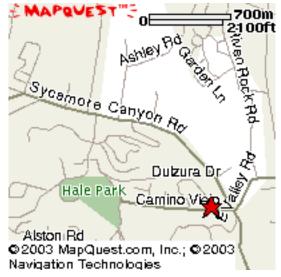
Turn LEFT onto CAMINO VIEJO. (0.11 Miles)

the basics of pick ups and set outs at facing point and trailing point spurs, step-by-step instructions for blocking cuts of cars the way railroaders do it, prototype hand signals and suggested model versions, and several intriguing switching puzzles (one either loves or hates these).

A strength of the book is a large number of sharp black and white photos, including freight and passenger trains in operation from a variety of eras; many different railroaders at work running trains, operating towers, dispatching, and more; and prototype paperwork, such as train orders, clearance cards, waybills, and switchlists. My favorite (non-prototype) photo opens the chapter on freight car forwarding and shows two attractive young ladies standing on the roof of a boxcar as they are about to place a thumb tack car marker the size of a card table into the roofwalk.

Another strength is the detailed information presented on timetable and train order operation. In addition to step-by-step instructions for creating your own timetable, the book presents the formats for all of the common types of train orders, such as for fixing meeting points, giving rights over opposing trains, and establishing sections, extras, and work extras.

Despite the book's 1977 publication date, nearly all the information is still timely. The only exceptions I could find are p. 63, devoted to achieving optimum performance from your transistor throttle, and a few mentions of electrical block control in the section on signaling. How to Operate Your Model Railroad is a classic model railroading book and deserves to be still in print. Look for it wherever used books are sold. Please email me with questions and/or comments at pethoud@comcast.net.



2008 Convention Report

Rome was not built in a day. Neither can your contest model be built in a day. If you have never entered a model contest, start now at the division level. Practice equals experience equals confidence. If your modeling at this time is like mine - working on a layout, bring a picture of what you are doing to the next meet. Share construction techniques with other modelers. Help put Daylight Division on the map as an area of skilled modelers who are not afraid to show off their work.

The major activities at conventions are clinics, layout tours and model contest. Be an active participant for the next three years. The rewards will show on your own layout.

John Houlihan, Convention Chairman 2008

Fresno Meet Photos Get Train Orders Posting

February's Daylight Division meet in Fresno received world-wide attention via the posting of photos on "Train Orders," (http://www.trainorders.com) a subscription-type web site that features railroad related items posted by members. Daylight member Bob Sexton posted photos he took of all the layout tours, along with a short description of our meet activities. Bob's posting is now archived, making it available to T.O. members only, but you can see a few of the photos printed here.

The layout tours were held at Marlin's HO Goshen and Gooschase, Chuck

Harmon's HO San Joaquin Central, Dick Paris' G scale garden railroad, Rob Briney's HO layout depicting Southern Pacific industrial operations in the Fresno area, Mel Norwood's HO Grand Canyon Railroad, Jim Neal's HO Tahachipi layout and the Fresno Model Railroad Club's HO layout. An evening operating session was held at Marlin's.



Fresno Club (Belmont Layout)

Dear NMRA Member,

In case you have not yet registered for the upcoming NMRA Cincinnati Limited 2005 National Convention.

procrastinate no longer as the time to do so is "now"!

The convention is the week of July 3 and some layout tours, general tours, as well as the banquet, are almost sold out!

Some highlights of CL2005 that may pique your interest:

- Cincinnati is one of the "TOP 10" Model RR cities!
- There are over 100 layouts that will be open for tours!
- Fabulous non-rail events the likes of which have not been seen before!
- National & Local Clinicians galore!
- The banquet will be held in the rotunda of the historic Art Deco Union Terminal!
- Op SIG events!
- LD SIG events!
- RPM meeting space & displays!
- Great local rail fanning!
- National Train Show!
- Cincinnati Reds Baseball!

Further details and contact information, along with the registration form, can be found in the February issue of Scale Rails, or better yet, please visit our web site at www.CL2005.com!

Don't delay - register today !!



Rob Briney's Fresno Industrial Layout



Marlin Costello's Goshen & Goosechase

Pacific Coast Region (NMRA) Daylight Division Financial Statement (as of 25 Feb 2005)

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Running Balance		\$	0.00
14 Aug 04 Checking Account Balance	\$ 468.90		
14 Aug 04 Cash Account Balance	\$ 513.05		
14 Aug 04 Checks On Hand	<i>\$ 441.25</i>		
Total Starting Balance	\$ 1,423.20	\$ 1	,423.20
20 Nov 04 Meet Income			
White Elephant Auction	\$ 22.25		
Registration & Donations	<i>\$ 31.75</i>		
Total Income	\$ 54.00	\$ 1	,477.20
20 Nov 04 Expenses			
Checking Account			
#1014 \$86.92 To Chuck Harmon f	for Observa	tion	
Total Ck Expenses	\$ 86.92	\$ 1	,390.28
Cash Expenses			
\$ 25.00 Door Prize			
18.00 Refreshments			
Total Cash Expenses	\$ 43.00	\$ 1	,347.28
25 Feb 05 Checking Account Balance	\$ 823.23		
25 Feb 05 Cash Account Balance	\$ 524.05		
25 Feb 05 Checks On Hand	\$ 0.00		
Total Ending Balance	\$1,347.28	\$	0.00
Net Change to Finances (Income – Exp	enses)	\$	(75.92)

Respectfully submitted, Terry N Taylor Chief Clerk/Paymaster Daylight Division (PCR) terryntaylor@charter.net



Jim Neal's HO Tahachipi layout



Mel Norwood's HO Grand Canyon Railroad



Dick Paris' G scale garden railroad



Chuck Harmon's San Joaquin Central

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