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## Spring Daylight Meet to be Held During Sierra Memories 2008 Convention

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The spring meet of the Daylight Division will be during the 2008 PCR convention in Fresno on Wednesday, April 30 at the University Ramada Inn, 324 East Shaw Avenue. The meet will consist only of a business meeting, so that the requirements of our by-laws to hold a quarterly business meeting will be fulfilled.

The meeting will take place at approximately 4 pm, or as soon as the PCR board meeting adjourns. It will be located in the Wishon room.

This issue of *The Daylight Observation* serves as the official notice of this meeting time so that the membership can attend. Convention registration will not be required to attend this meeting. However, it is the hope of this writer that you will be registering and attending the convention. If you have not yet registered you can do so when you arrive at the hotel. Full registration for the entire 5 days of the convention is \$115.00, which includes all clinics, layout tours, contests, Saturday night banquet and Sunday morning breakfast. Single-day registrations are \$45.00.

For more information about the convention activities log on to [www.pcr/nmra.org](http://www.pcr/nmra.org) and click on the Sierra Memories logo. You will also find information in the latest issue of the Branchline.

## - Notice -

*There will be a public show with an operating layout and vendor tables during the convention. It will take place at the Ramada Inn on Friday May 2 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Saturday May 3 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. During the Saturday public show there will be a Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge program.*

### Daylight Division Director's Report

*by Doug Wagner*

This will be my last report as the Daylight Director, as John Houlihan of Fresno, our Sierra Memories '08 Convention Chairman, will be taking over the helm as Daylight Director at the conclusion of the Board of Director's meeting. Now I'll be able to concentrate on my other Chairman job – that of Membership of the PCR!

The Daylight Division held its Winter Meet in Bakersfield on February 23.

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***Director's Report (Cont.)***

We had approximately 25 people attend, which was pretty decent considering the weather was threatening rain all over the Daylight Division!

Suzy Paff is now the Chief Paymaster/Clerk, taking over the job she held several years ago, with great enthusiasm! The Daylight Division will be having its election of Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster positions at the February 2009, meet.

We were all saddened by the death of long-time Daylight Division member, and a great modeler, Rudi Von Pritzwitz, a few months ago. We will miss visiting Rudi's Southern Pacific Tehachapi Loop layout as it was always a thrill to not only visit and operate on Rudi's layout, but just to sit and talk model railroading with Rudi.

Well, that's it for my last report as Daylight Division Director. Now on to the task of the PCR Membership Committee! Besides, my committee is probably wondering when I'll actually start doing anything. Well, with the conclusion of the Sierra Memories '08 Registrar/Treasurer job I now hold, and not being the Daylight Division Director any longer, maybe I can get acquainted with my committee! All I can say about the last 4 years as Daylight Division Director is, as The Grateful Dead would say, "What A Long Strange Trip It's Been!"

Happy Model Railroading!

**DAYLIGHT DIVISION TREASURY REPORT  
April 18, 2008**

DATE	TRANSACTION	DEBT	CREDIT	BALANCE
2/1/08	BEGINNING BAL			\$ 774.49
2/28/08	REGISTRATION		\$ 48.00	\$ 822.49
	WHITE ELEPHANT		\$ 69.50	\$ 891.99
	COFFEE		\$ 15.50	\$ 907.49
	OBERVATION	\$ 177.62		\$ 729.87
	PCR ALLOCATION		\$ 82.00	\$ 811.87
3/1/08	PCR ALLOCATION		\$ 64.13	\$ 876.00
4/17/08	BALANCE			\$ 876.00



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Join us in Fresno next May to relive the romance and challenge of the great men and railroads that conquered rivers and logged the sierras in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. From harvesting huge redwoods to constructing mind-boggling hydro-electric power projects, the standard and narrow gauge railroads of the Central Sierra Nevada played a significant part in serving our people and building our state. Sierra Memories 2008 will not only let you explore those golden years, it will lead you to discover hidden jewels of layouts, enjoy refreshing friendships, and sharpen your hobby skills.

Full fare registration is now \$115.00. Day fares are available for \$45.00 (not including banquet). Registration forms are on the web site at : [www.pcmra.org/conv/2008/registration.htm](http://www.pcmra.org/conv/2008/registration.htm).

## Sierra Memories 2008 April 30 - May 4, 2008

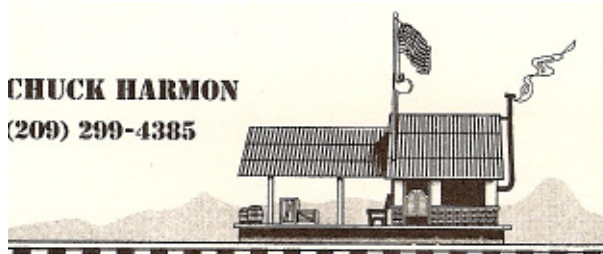
**Ramada University Inn  
324 East Shaw Avenue  
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Full fare includes 5 days of convention activities, clinics, contests, self-guided layout tours, banquet and Sunday breakfast.

Yosemite-Mount Sugar Pine Railroad, Hillcrest Farms, and guided (bussed) layout tours are extra fare.

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## MINUTES OF THE BAKERSFIELD MEET 2/23/08

The Daylight Division held its winter meet in Bakersfield at the downtown club house of the Golden Empire Historical Modeling Society. The meeting was called to order at 10:19 am by Doug Wagner for Superintendent Pat Boyle.

A motion was made by Bill Scott and seconded by Jim Posey to approve the minutes as they were printed in the Daylight Observation. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Posey and seconded by Bill Scott to accept the treasurer's report and pay a bill of \$177.62 to Chuck Harmon for the Daylight Observation printing & postage.

Chuck reminded everyone that the Daylight Observation is available via email. Please let him know if you would like to get it that way instead of by regular mail. This will save the Division money on postage.

Suzie Paff suggested we start selling raffle tickets at meets to make money. We can raffle prizes donated to by Hobby shops or individuals. Everyone was in agreement that we should try this at our next meet.

There was a discussion about when to have our May meeting and it was decided to have the meeting at the convention on Wednesday after the PCR board meeting.

Our August meeting is supposed to be on the Fillmore Western RR but there no details on this yet. The August meeting will be in San Luis Obispo.

John Houlihan is running for Director of the Daylight Division. Please do not forget to vote.

David Grenier has been named the web master for the 2009 PCR convention.

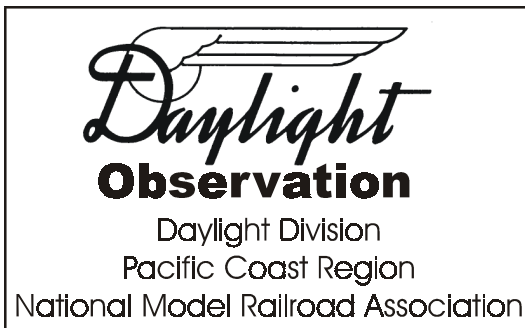
The meeting was adjourned 11:00 and raffle ticket drawing and white elephant auction followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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