

9th Annual Model Railroad Open House Tour

Free - Families Welcome

Saturday December 9, 2017

Presented by Daylight Division, Pacific Coast Region, National Model Railroad Assoc.

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Ed Matheny III 633 Chevy Chase Dr., Tulare, CA HO Scale

Go South Fwy. 99 To Blackstone , Prosperity exit. Turn right to Prosperity past McDonalds, Right turn onto Gem St, then turn right to Chevy Chase Dr. House #633. Enter west gate follow signs to layout room.

The California Central System is an operational miniature train world in a 22' x 60' room, with over 10 scale miles of mainline track. It has completed scenery, signals, and lots of details to look at. Trains will be running, and while you are there look for a cat on a hot tin roof, a man holding on for dear life, a miner with mules, divers looking for a drowning girl, and 2 men in cuffs and 1 being frisked by police. Please no tripods, and no items hanging that can snag details on layout. Control Radio DCC.

9:00 to 1:00 Daylight Valley Lines (Club) 1880 Art Gonzales Pkwy, Selma HO/N Scales

Hwy 99 S to Floral Ave. exit; East (left) on Floral to Highland; North (left) on Highland to Art Gonzales Pkwy; turn back West (left) on Gonzales to the Cattlemen's; drive all the way to the Northwest corner of the parking lot to the double chain link gate. Gate to the two story Southern Pacific Freight Depot will be open. Park inside.

The two layouts on the first floor are for the entertainment of the public and are open to elementary school tours throughout the year. (NOTE: These layouts may not be operating for the 2017 tour.)

Upstairs is a permanent HO layout. Fresno Yard, mainline serves various valley communities. A long spur serves Friant and the adjoining lumber and gravel businesses. Valley agriculture is also represented, as is the community of Selma.

9:00 to 2:00 PM The Belmont Train Group 1719 E. Belmont Av, Fresno HO Scale

CA Hwy 41 to CA Hwy 180 west. Take Blackstone / Abby exit south. Stay right as exit ramp splits. On Blackstone move to left ASAP and pull into parking lot of K W Auto Repair. Northeast corner of Belmont and Abby next to the Army Surplus Store. Enter door by the yellow R X R crossing sign on the sidewalk.

The Belmont Train Group has a large 17' by 40' room. They have laid over 1,000' of track on a three-level HO-scale layout. It has a double-track mainline for lots of train action.

10:00 to 2:00 PM Chuck Harmon 1644 E Goshen Av, Fresno HO Scale

Start at Alluvial and Cedar. North on Cedar. Right on El Paso, left at Barton (end of block), left on Goshen. Chuck's home is the third house on the right (north side). Enter through garage, weather permitting, or come to the front door and ring. Handicap info: One step.

San Joaquin Central - Modeling the Southern Pacific's Sacramento Division from Roseville to Truckee (Donner Pass) in the spring of 1949, plus a fictional branch line on the western Sierra Nevada.

10:00 to 2:00 PM Steve Lowe 9049 North Woodbridge Drive, Fresno N Scale

From North Friant Road and East Sheppard Avenue. Take E. Sheppard Ave. east to East Perrin Ave, turn left. Proceed on Perrin approx. ¼ mile to East Foxhill Drive. Turn right on Foxhill . Proceed ¼ Mile on Foxhill to North Woodbridge Drive. Turn right on N. Woodbridge Dr., 9049 is the third home on your right side. Accessibility: Layout is located on the second floor.

1958 era N- Scale (1::160) Tehachapi Pass themed layout occupies an 18' x13' space. Layout is under construction. Control is via a Lenz DCC (Digital Command Control) system connected to a PC with JMRI (Java Model Rail Road Interface). The JMRI System enables operation with smart phones and a virtual Centralized Traffic Control Machine. Most locomotives are equipped with sound systems.

12:00 to 4:00 PM Rob Briney 2102 Windsor, Clovis HO Scale

Start on Armstrong at Bullard. Drive North to Gibson and turn left. Turn Right on Evergreen then left on Windsor. The house is middle of block on south side of street. Enter through garage. Handicap info: No steps.

The Sierra, Clovis & Western depicts Southern Pacific and Santa Fe in Fresno and vicinity during the mid-1970s to early 1980s. Layout is a 13' x 22' double-deck along all the walls with helix connecting the levels and center peninsula. This is a switching layout with plenty of track mileage recreating both railroads and the many industries they worked in Fresno, Sanger, Reedley, Dinuba, Goshen and surrounding areas before the attempted SP-SF merger. Several custom-built structures match prototypes in the area. Layout is built with welded steel benchwork. Control is by radio DCC.

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Robert Pethoud 460 West Vartikian Ave, Fresno HO Scale

From North, take Herndon Ave. to N. Maroa Ave. Go south on N. Maroa to W. Vartikian (street is south of Sierra Ave.). Turn right and go to fifth house on right. From South, take Shaw Ave. to N. Maroa Ave. Go North on N. Maroa to W. Vartikian (street is north of Bullard). Turn left and go to fifth house on right. Layout is in garage. Handicapped accessible.

Fall Creek Branch offers hours of realistic railroad operation in a space of only 15 square feet. The setting is the Pacific Northwest around 1950 at the end of a busy branch line—expect to see first generation diesels and 40-foot freight cars among towering conifer trees. Watch the switching action as the train crew makes the needed set-outs and pick-ups at the cannery, sash and door mill, oil distributor, and half a dozen other industries. You are even invited to take the throttle and try your hand at peddler freight switching on a layout which would fit on a shelf in almost any room of your house or apartment.

Layout Room Etiquette

The layout owners are happy to share their hobby with you. Enjoy and ask questions.

Some layouts are set up so you can run the trains. Ask the owner.

Please stay in the layout area and in designated pathways.

Help children enjoy the layout, but keep them under control.

No smoking unless invited to do so.