

11th Annual Model Railroad Open House Tour
Free - Families Welcome
Saturday December 14, 2019

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

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM Ed Matheny III 633 Chevy Chase Dr., Tulare, CA HO

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 13 scale miles of mainline track. It has completed scenery, 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.

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Daylight Valley Lines (Club) 1880 Art Gonzales Pkwy, Selma HO/N

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

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. Northwest corner of Belmont and Blackstone 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 AM to 3:00 PM Rob Briney 2102 Windsor, Clovis HO

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.

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Robert Pethoud 460 West Vartikian Ave, Fresno HO

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.

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM Jim Niell 16440 N. Lake St, Madera HO

From Fresno come up highway 99 to Avenue 17 north of Madera. Turn right on 17 and go 2-1/2 miles to Road 27 (Lake St.). Turn right, go 3/4 mile to a blue/ gray 2 story house on the west side of the street. Come down drive to layout building in back.

The Southern Pacific, Los Angeles Division/ Bakersfield Subdivision, 1970's era, is located in a 34' x 38' building behind Jim's house. The mainline is 400' long, featuring double and single track with passing sidings. The layout is walkaround, point to point, with NCE DCC control. The layout is fully operational with scenery under way.

Address: 16440 N. Lake St., Madera 559 232 6015

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM John Stahl 6506 W. Barstow, Fresno HO

Start from CA Hwy 99 and Shaw Ave. Head west on Shaw from Hwy. 99 to N. Island Waterpark Dr. Go north on Island Waterpark Dr. which will curve into Barstow Ave. At N. Veterans Blvd. turn left. We're the first house on the north side of W. Barstow. Adobe house located on 3.5 acres. Look for the large RR crossing sign on the fence.

Southern Pacific Lines, from Los Angeles to Mojave, set in the early 1930's Harriman era on a 12' x 16' oval shaped layout located in a large one car garage. You'll get to see and hear steam engines at work with the use of Kato's Sound Box system which gives a loud realistic sound to a steam engine. Attention to detail from structures to vehicles closely follows the 1930's theme. Expect to see plenty of steam engines and a busy Central Station in downtown Los Angeles. Large passenger station with many SP dark olive colored passenger cars on display. This a conventional dc controlled layout.

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chuck Harmon 1644 E Goshen Av, Fresno HO

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.

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.