

Concord model by Dave Connery

Danville model by Pete Birdsong

SAN RAMON VALLEY BRANCH LINE MODEL RAILROAD

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In conjunction with the inaugural "CONCORD HISTORY 101" exhibit

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In 1891 the Southern Pacific Railroad built a branch line from Avon (north of Concord) to San Ramon, and then in 1909 extended the line south to Pleasanton. The railroad served the mostly agricultural interests, lumber, fuel and cement dealers along the branch line, which mostly disappeared when the line was removed in 1978.

A group of local model railroaders (Pete Birdsong, Brian Booth, Dave & Emma Connery, Wayne Floyd, Paul Ingraham, Steve Lane, Mike O'Dorney and Doug Smith) are building an N-Scale (1:160 ratio) model of this line as it existed in 1914 to 1924. The model currently includes the towns and depots at Avon, Concord, Walnut Creek, Danville and San Ramon, and will be continue to include more locations in the future.

This operating model of the important transportation corridor (much of today's Iron Horse Regional Trail) serving the central Contra Costa area is being accurately modeled based on extensive historical research. Visitors will see realistic models of structures, scenes and trains operated as they once ran through these central points in the local area. The modelers will be available to discuss the railroad, its customers and equipment from the era, and talk about how they are recreating this historic slice in time.