The 2019 PCR Convention, in concert with the Feather River Rail Society, is but a month away! Indeed, the convention officially begins on Thursday morning, May 2, at the McClellan Convention Center in Sacramento. There will have a registration table set up at the hotel Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 1 for early arrivals.

The Diamond Rails Forever committee has a compiled a variety of clinics, model railroad tours, operating sessions, and visits to prototype facilities. They have even thrown in a few non-railroad related tours that promise to be of interest to everyone.

The Feather River Rail Society, with their primary focus on the history of the Western Pacific Railroad, also has a slate of clinics and other activities that coordinate well with the NMRA. Why not take part in all that is being offered during this joint convention?

As the host division, Sierra has several members on the convention committee and all have been working on the details and features for the past year. And the culmination of all this activity is on the horizon.

Please see the summary schedule on page 7, the links to the convention website on page 8, and the registration form on page 9. (You can also register online. See the Registration link on page 8).

You will also find more information in the PCR Branch Line which should be available online at the PCR website the first week of April.

http://www.pcrnmra.org/

All of the details are available on the Diamond Rails Forever website.

http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/
High Green To All !

That’s All For Now.

High Green To All!
Let me be right up front. This a shameless teaser. But I ran across something I had to share.

A few weeks back I visited the High Sierra Club in Chico along with Gary Ray. Gary mentioned he was looking for a seamless way to blend a modeled road into a 2 dimensional back drop. High Sierra had an example or two of this as do I in one spot. Gary obviously took what he saw as inspiration to create similar scenes along his Gerber Sub. Here are some remarkable shots from the Gerber Sub at Bella Vista.

After the requisite bit of grumbling about me being a slave driver, Gary agreed to put together a story on how he accomplished these illusions - which he did. But to read the story you will have to go the April issue of the PCR Branch Line. You see, I have a reciprocal arrangement with the Branch Line’s editor and I owed him one. What I did not share with him was this set of photos.

Once Gary gets over his view of me as a slave driver, I’ll approach him about offering a clinic on this very subject.
SIERRA DIVISION
Next Meeting: August 10
Fair Oaks
9:30 AM - Noon
Fair Oaks Public Library
11601 Fair Oaks Blvd.
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Hagen Park - Rancho Cordova
2197 Chase Drive
BBQ Lunch and Live Steamers
SEE MAPS BELOW

August Contest Categories:
Modeling: Any Structure You Built In The Last 6 Months
Photo: Tracks & Structures
(limit of 3 photos - at least 5 X 7 but not over 8 X 12)
Railroad Arts & Crafts

Timetable

February 9
Sacramento

May 2 - 6
PCR Convention
Sacramento
(no division meet)

August 10
Fair Oaks
Rancho Cordova

October 12
Chico

Short Line
Jun 10 for the Jul Issue
Sep 10 for the Oct Issue
Dec 10 for the Jan Issue
Mar 10 for the Apr Issue

Diamond Rails Forever
PCR NMRA
FRRS

2019 Joint Convention

May 2 - 5, 2019
Sacramento, CA
Wow! Did you know there’s a new NMRA Member Benefit?

It’s the NMRA Partner Program!

Model railroad manufacturers are partnering with the NMRA to offer discounts to NMRA members.

Current members log in to www.nmra.org. At the Members Menu, go to the NMRA Partnership Page to see who’s on the list, discounts offered, and how to order. New Partners are coming on board every month, so check back often.

If you’re not yet a member, here’s another great reason to join and get more fun from your hobby with a membership in the world’s largest model railroad organization.

www.nmra.org
"QwikLook" Master Schedule

NOTE: Traditional lunch and dinner breaks not shown.
All times are estimates only. Check back often for more accurate times.

WEDNESDAY, May 1
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Registration Desk open (Ballroom Foyer at Lion’s Gate Hotel)

THURSDAY, May 2
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration Desk open (McClellan)
8:30 AM – 8:00 PM – Contest Room open
9:00 AM – 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open
8:30 AM – 10:00 PM – Clinics
8:30 AM – 9:00 PM – Vendor Room open
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM – Operating Sessions (Rocklin & Morada)

FRIDAY, May 3
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration Desk open (McClellan)
8:30 AM – 8:00 PM – Contest Room open
9:00 AM – 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open
8:30 AM – 10:00 PM – Clinics
8:30 AM – 9:00 PM – Vendor Room open
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Non-Rail Lunch
1:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Operating Sessions (Auburn, Morada, & Sac.)

SATURDAY, May 4
6:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Hobo Breakfast
8:30 AM – Competition – Contest Room closed for Judging
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Registration Desk open
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Vendor Room open
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Clinics
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Operating Sessions (Colusa & Sacramento)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Pickup Contest Entries, AFTER judging is completed; also after Banquet
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Social Hour
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Banquet & Awards Presentation - Speaker, Charlie Getz, NMRA Past President
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Pickup ALL Contest Entries by 10:30 PM

SUNDAY, May 5
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – PCR Breakfast
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – PCR Membership Meeting
LINKS TO THE CONVENTION WEBSITE

HOME PAGE http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/

CLINICS  http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/clinics

LAYOUT TOURS http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/layout-tours-op-sessions

OP SESSIONS http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/operating-sessions

OP SESSION PREFERENCES http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/op-sessions-preferences

PROTOTYPE AND SPECIAL TOURS http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/prototype-tours

CONTESTS http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/contests

NON RAIL http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/non-rails

REGISTRATION http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/registration
# Registration Form

**PCR/FRRS**  
**Diamond Rails Forever 2019**  
**PCR/FRRS Convention**  
**McClellan Conference Center**  
5411 Luce Ave  
McClellan Park, CA  
May 2 – 5, 2019

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(Use website for credit card or PayPal)

Make checks payable to: Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Association

**No Refunds After April 10, 2019**
OUR REGULAR CREW SIGN UP FOR PCR MAY 4TH 10-3 OP SESSION

You get first priority. PLEASE RESPOND WITH YOUR FAVORITE JOB.

BEANS AT NOON AND WE WILL END IN TIME TO GET BACK TO THE CONVENTION BANQUET

JOB ASSIGNMENTS

1. Superintendent
   Walt Schedler

2. JMRI SCHEDULER/Planner
   Ed Zeis

3. CHIEF TRAIN DISPATCHER (W. R. PETTY)
   Denis Drury

UNION-HOURLY

4. Crew Dispatcher

5. Car Clerk/Runner
   Perry Hunt

ROAD ENGINE CREWS – SCHEDULED MAIN-LINE TRAINS and TURNS

6. VAL. Crew A – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman – pcr


8. Val. Crew C – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –


10. Mnt. Crew A – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman – pcr

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13. Mnt. Crew D – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –

EXTRA BOARD Backup Crew


15. Val. Crew F
16. Mnt. Crew E

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YARDMASTERS AND YARD CREWS

18. NORTH YARDMASTER [Station Agent] In Yard Operations – “Herder”  
   Sam Cook
   - DUNY Herder, Foreman of Engines, Redding Herder

19. DUNY North Yard Hostler/(Engine Foreman/Switchman/Herder)  
   pcr
   - Hostler, House Track switcher – plus #18 Job
   - Bunker Oil/Diesel Fuel unloading/switching
   - Gerber/Redding outside Yard Crew (Engine Foreman/herder)

20. SOUTH YARDMASTER [Station Agent] In Yard switching operations –  
    Andrew King

    pcr

22. South Yard Crew (Engine Foreman/Switchman/Herder) East End -

23. “Dunsmuir Local” DUNY/DUSY Engineer/Conductor -
    pcr

24. GERBER Footboard Yardmaster-[Station Agent] – (sit down job) -

25. Gerber-Redding
    Turn  
    pcr

26. McCloud RR Yard / Black Butte West End – YM Foot Board Foreman –
    pcr
    - McCloud YM Foot Board Foreman
    - McCloud - (Engineer/Switchman)
    - Black Butte West End Foot Board Foreman

27. MT SHAsta / K-FALLS FOOTBOARD YARDMASTER-[STATION AGENT] -

   - Mt Shasta Local –or call for crew
   - SP House Track
   - SP/McCloud RR Interchange Yard - Foot Board Foreman
   - Black Butte Foot Board Foreman – Wye Track controller
   - Siskiyou Staging Crew – Foot Board Foreman

   - K-FALLS HERDER Staging Crew – Foot Board Foreman
We Made Our Annual Trip to the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society on Saturday morning, February 9. Most of us arrived shortly after 9:00 AM and our welcome and orientation began at 9:30 under the direction and welcome of SMRHS President, Bill Calmes and Train Master for the day, Mike Roque.

The first trains were scheduled out at 10:00 PM. Multiple crews were busy until 12:00 noon and by the session’s end there were still trains that needed to be moved.

Our Sierra Division members were teamed with SMRHS operators so each crew had someone familiar with the line.

Through routes were running from Sacramento’s 12th Street Yard through Marysville, Oroville, and the Feather River Canyon to Keddie with some moving on to Quincy. Other routes ran through Davis and Martinez to West Oakland.

Along the line, local crews worked at R Street in Sacramento, Oroville, and West Oakland east to Martinez.

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The SMRHS standard gauge layout, The Sierra Central, is fully signaled, controlled with Digitrax DCC, and dispatched from a prototype size Union Switch and Signal CTC machine and JMRI software. The railroad is about 95% “scenicked” with spectacular replications of the Sacramento Shops, Table Mountain, the Feather River Canyon, and the Keddie Wye. Several photos of the Sierra Central have been featured in recent issue of the \textit{Short Line} (all are available on the Sierra Division website, http://www.pcrnmra.org/sierra/shortline.html).

Following the OP session the SMRHS fellows put together a cheeseburger and hot dog barbecue that we were able to enjoy for only $5.

SMRHS will have open hours during the PCR Convention this May.
Following our visit to SMRHS, we assembled at the First Christian Church on Folsom Blvd. for the afternoon meeting. For the first time in four years, Jim Collins did not open the meeting. Chip Meriam has assumed the Division Superintendent job so Jim was able to sit down and relax a bit—but just a little bit. If you take a closer look at the photo captions you’ll see that Jim was busy gathering digital memories for the *Short Line*.

During the business meeting we heard from several of the PCR Convention Committee members about the plans for the upcoming Diamond Rails Forever in Sacramento. Dave Bayless has put together a broad selection of clinics. Gary Ray is arranging for layout tours and operating sessions. Brian Witt is spearheading the prototype facility tours and tours of general interest.

Our clinic for this meeting was “How To Model Traffic On Your Layout”, brought to us by Dr. Tony Thompson of Signature Press. This was the same clinic Dr. Thompson offered at the PCR convention last April in Rohnert Park. He logically described how rail traffic is created, what sorts of carloads might arrive and depart from various lineside industries, what sorts of cars might be carrying those loads, and a host of prototype references for carloads and car types from various railroads.

Following the clinic we were treated to four “Show and Tell” stories from some of our members. Walt Schedler demonstrated a custom, yet simple, coupler installation method. Ken Martin told us about the availability of 3D printers at a Sacramento area library. Dave Bayless brought some of the conifer trees that were the subject of his article on making evergreen trees that appeared in the July 2018 edition of the *Short Line*.
February Meet (ct’d.)

SHOW AND TELL

Klaus Keil spoke on modeling shipping containers. He will be offering a clinic on shipping containers at the 2019 PCR convention this coming May in Sacramento.

Karle Mahler showed off a beautiful O Scale locomotive made from Legos.

The contest categories were modeling, Structures, and Photos, Model in Black and White. The lone photo entry was from Walt Schedler. The three top structures were Gary Ray’s General Store, 1st place; Walt Schedler’s MOW Yard and Speeder Shed; and Chip Meriam’s Vecino Theatre. See the contest photos on the next page.

There will be no Division Meet in May because we will all (hopefully) be at the Diamond Rails Forever Convention in Sacramento. The next slate of contest will be at the August meet in Fair Oaks. The categories will be Any Structures You Have Built In The Last Six Months - Modeling, Tracks and Structures - Photos, and Railroad Arts and Crafts.

SHOW AND TELL

Ken Martin’s Library 3D Printing Samples (photo: Jim Collins)

Sneeze Free Trees by Dave Bayless (photo: Jim Collins)

Karle Mahler Built this O Scale Engine Using Legos (photo: Jim Collins)

*Continued on Page 16*
February Meet (ct’d.)

CONTEST WINNERS

1st Place Photo
Walt Schedler
(jim Collins photo)
February Meet (ct’d.)

CONTEST WINNERS

1st Place  Model Structure
Gary Ray
(Jim Collins photo)

2nd Place  Model Structure
Walt Schedler
(Jim Collins photo)

3rd Place  Model Structure
Chip Meriam
(Jim Collins photo)