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August 14, 2021 Meet Sacramento



August 14 at Steve Folino's Patio
L-R Klaus Keil, Allen Wood, Mike Hamlin, Lou Anderson

(photo: Jim Collins)

The First In-Person Sierra Division Meet since February 8, 2020 took place at Steve Folino's home in Sacramento. The original plan was for un-hosted, on-your-own visits to the California State Railroad Museum in the morning with an afternoon meeting at the First Christian Church. Conflicts with the church availability and very warm weather led to a change in plans that moved the meeting to the morning and the museum visits to the afternoon. A super-special THANK YOU to Steve Folino for hosting this "return to normal" event.

The meet included a visit to Steve's Fungus & Mungus Railroad. Steve is obviously an accomplished modeler, but he also is a bit of a bard. Be sure to see Steve's stories about Fungus & Mungus in recent issues of the PCR *Branch Line*. <http://pcrnmra.org/pcr/branch/branch.shtml#backIssues>

Please see photos of Steve's railroad on page 4.

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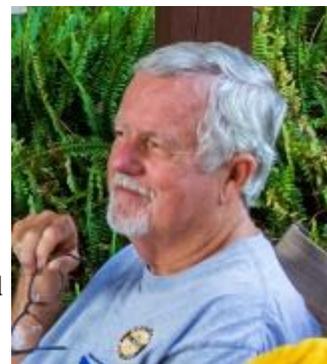
From The Superintendent

As Noted In The Lead Story, our first in-person division meet since February 2020 took place on August 14. Unfortunately I was unable to organize or participate in this event (see "From The Editor"). I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Division Superintendent, Jim Collins, for making the arrangements, preparing the agenda, and running the meeting. Similar thanks to Steve Folino for hosting us.

There Has Been A Changing Of "The Guard" at the regional level. As I noted in the last issue, PCR President, Chris Palermo, relocated to Austin, Texas. Our new PCR President is Frank Markovich from the Coast Division. Frank was serving as the PCR Vice-President so the VP position became vacant. I was selected to fill that vacant position, which left a vacancy in my former position of PCR Secretary. Mike O'Dorney of the Coast Division is now serving as the PCR Secretary.

These changes result in two Sierra Division members with votes on the PCR Board of Directors: Sierra Division Director, Jim Collins and PCR Vice President, Chip Meriam (*the PCR secretary is not a voting member*).

Speaking Of Changes, we now have a new Contest Manager for the Sierra Division. Mike Hamlin has stepped in to fill the vacancy left by Gary Ray. Please join me in extending our gratitude to Gary for his many years of service as our contest manager, and extending our welcome and good luck to Mike.



Contest Manager, Mike Hamlin

International Rail Fair 2021 has been cancelled. The lingering effects of COVID-19 mitigation measures has led to the loss of the Downtown Sacramento venue. An alternate site was identified but, upon inspection, was deemed unsuitable. The IRF Committee has now turned their focus to 2022.

We Have An Online Poll currently underway. The poll requests a yes-or-no response to whether or not Sierra Division should purchase a one-year ZOOM contract. As of this writing we have received 57 responses — 56 YES and 1 NO. Voting remains open through Sunday, September 5.

Our Fast Tracks® Turnout And Crossing Fixtures loan program has been established and is available for your use. Please see page 12 for all the details. Here is another opportunity to extend out thanks to Steve Folino for creating and managing this program.

Our Next Meet is scheduled for October 16 in Sacramento. This will include an operating session hosted by the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society. Our arrival and orientation is scheduled for 9:00AM. A post-session lunch (grilled hot dogs and burgers) will be available for the cost of \$6.00. This is an event you won't want to miss. After lunch, we will reconvene at Steve Folino's home for our business meeting, show & tell, contests, door prizes, and more.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again in October!

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Superintendent mentioned in the text.

From the Editor

Sorry Folks. This 3rd Quarter issue of the *Short Line* should have been published between June 25 and July 1...and here it is the beginning of September. The blame for the delay rests squarely on my shoulders. You see, I received a rather life-shattering diagnosis on June 10 — Prostate Cancer.

While I am hopeful, if not confident, that I will survive with the proper treatment, my thoughts, my focus, and my daily routines have been hijacked by concern, ruminations, and, well, worry.

When the June 25 publication target date arrived, I was busy with a bone scan at the local hospital. Appointments with various specialists and the first phases of treatment have continued through most of July and all of August. Simply put, my mind and my priorities have been elsewhere. I beg your forgiveness.

On August 4, news coverage of the Dixie Fire included a story that the town of Greenville, CA was under threat of being destroyed. When I awoke the next morning, my wife softly spoke, “Honey, Greenville is gone.”

One leg of the Keddie Wye is the Western Pacific line from Keddie, CA to Bieber, CA”. It is known to many of us as the “Inside Passage” and to WP Fans as “The High Line.” Greenville is on the High Line at the base of a two percent grade leading uphill to Canyon Dam at Lake Almanor. As a child and beyond, I spent many-many hours trackside at the WP grade crossing at Round Valley Road. My host was Bruce Bidwell, the proprietor of the town’s water company. The company shops and the Bidwell home were located “kitty-corner” from the Greenville depot at the Round Valley Road crossing. The photo of the lead F7 and the depot is from that vantage point—one where I created a lifetime of memories.

Now it’s all gone.

Always photograph when possible...



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris".



Looking North Across The Fungus & Mungus Railyard
(photo: Jim Collins)



Looking North Across The Switchbacks Climbing Big Pine Mountain To Access The Hubert "Hugh" Mungus Timber Logging Camp 4
(photo: Jim Collins)



A Portion Of Logging Camp 4 - High Up On The Western Slopes Of Big Pine Mountain
(photo: Jim Collins)



Steve's Workbench. Is It Always This Clean And Organized?
(photo: Jim Collins)

Thank You, Steve!

SIERRA DIVISION

Next Meeting: October 16
Sacramento

9:00 AM
OP Session at SMRHS
1990 Grand Avenue

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Fungus & Mungus RR
Steve Folino
1794 Azurite Way

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TIMETABLE

Oct 16, 2021
Sacramento

Feb 12, 2022
Sacramento

May 14, 2022
To be determined

Aug 13, 2022
To be determined

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Sep 10 for the Oct Issue

Dec 10 for the Jan Issue

Mar 10 for the Apr Issue

Jun 10 for the Jul Issue

October Contest Categories:

Modeling: Motive Power

Photo: Color (can be any layout, module, or scene - but exposure must be by you) (limit of 3 photos - at least 5 X 7 but not over 8 X 12)

Railroad Arts & Crafts



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REGISTRATION UNDERWAY!

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2022/registration.html>

The convention will be held April 21-24, 2022 at the beautiful Doubletree Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park. With ample room for clinics and displays and easy access from Highway 101, this is the perfect spot for PCR/ NMRA members to gather once more. A full three-day program is planned including over 40 clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, contests, vendor exhibit/sales, a member swap meet and a full non-rail program. And of course, there will be excursions including the ever popular, Sturgeon's Mill.



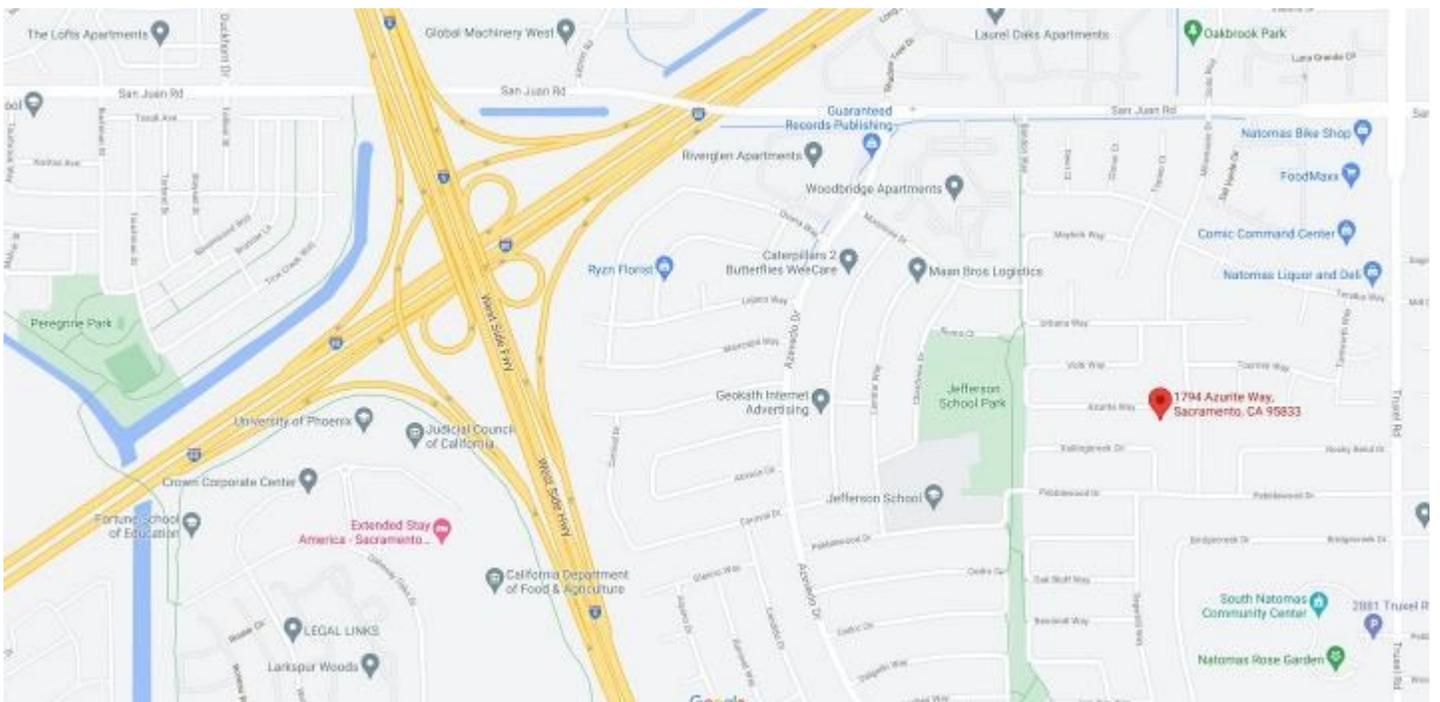
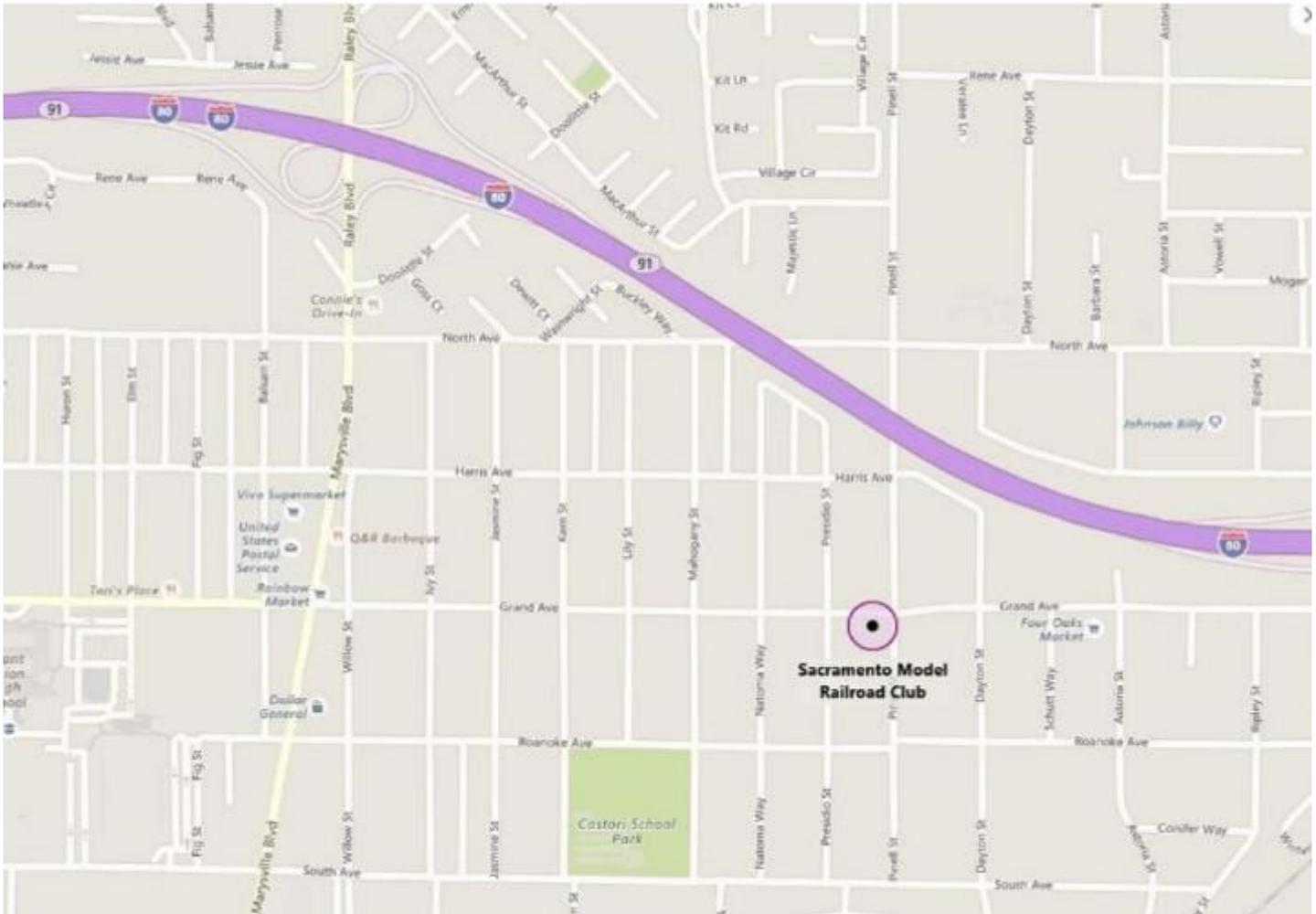
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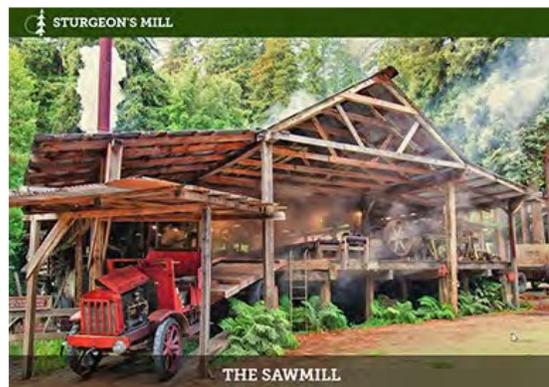
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For more information and the link to registration, visit <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2022>



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Return to the Redwoods in 2022 for the Annual PCR Convention

Join your fellow modelers in Rohnert Park, April 21-24, 2022. It will be the first time in two years we can get together in person and we have three full days of activities scheduled plus the Sunday breakfast and business meeting.

Last year, PCR made the decision to try a new online registration program through RegFox. This will be the first full convention to use this program exclusively. It has many great features and we hope you find the registration process easy to follow. Everything is included all on one site – registration, excursions tickets, convention shirts, convention car, and swap meet tables. Register now and save \$20! <https://pcrnmra.regfox.com/pcr-nmra-2022-convention>. Hotel reservations can also be made by clicking the Lodging and Hotel button in the upper right corner of the registration page. If you have any issues, please contact registrar2022@pcrnmra.org

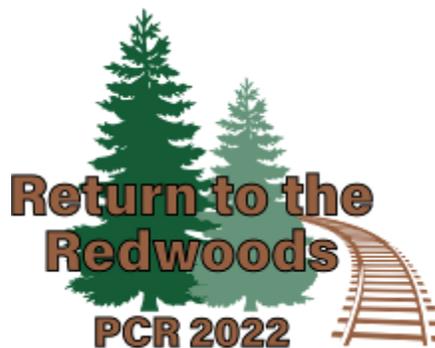
The Convention Committee has already put together an outstanding program including three great excursions.

On Thursday, take a trip through the redwoods to the site of one of California's most historic wineries, Korbel Champagne Cellars. During the tour you will hear the great story of the Korbel family, learn how their wonderful California Champagne is made and get the history of the Korbel Train Station. The tour will end in the tasting room where you will have the opportunity to taste their wines and champagnes and browse the gift shop. Transportation will be provided. This excursion is scheduled from 1:00pm to 5:00pm and tickets are \$50.

Friday, we have scheduled a fun trip through Sonoma County. Bring your camera as we visit five different train depots and see the beautiful restorations and reuses of these historic buildings. On the list are the Petaluma Depot (NWP), now the Petaluma Visitors Center, the Sonoma Depot (SP), part of the Depot Park Museum, the Kenwood Depot (SP), a beautiful building built of stone and now being used as an event center, the Santa Rosa Depot (NWP), where you will find the Santa Rosa Visitors Center and finally the Sebastopol Depot (P&SR), home to the West County Museum. The \$40 ticket for this excursion includes transportation and admission fees. The tour will leave the hotel at 1:00pm and return at 5:00pm.

And back by popular demand is the Sturgeon's Mill tour. Saturday you will have the opportunity to drive through the magnificent redwoods to visit one of the few remaining steam powered lumber mills still working. This 107-year-old lumber mill is operated by volunteers and will be open exclusively for 2022 Convention attendees. The mill is scheduled to operate from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Weather permitting, the beautiful picnic grounds will be available before the tour for those that would like to bring a lunch. Attendees must purchase a ticket at \$40 per person to attend and provide their own transportation. Signups for carpooling will be available at the convention.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Rohnert Park!



Operating Sessions PCR 2022



Hi everyone. I'm Doug Smith, and I will be the Operating Sessions Chair for the 2022 PCR Convention. The convention will be April 21-24, 2022.

We are still in the early stages of planning this activity. Actually, we are not 100% sure that operating sessions will happen, but are moving forward assuming that they will. Many things both within and outside of our control need to fall into place. We are working to ensure that we are ready if the rest of the world, at least the northern California part of the world, is ready, too. So with that, let's get started. April 2022 is closer than some of us think!

The first thing that we need is a collection of operating layouts. There are many great layouts within easy driving distance of Rohnert Park. Some layouts have been flourishing recently with time available to their owners. Many new projects completed, but some have not had a train run for a year. It's time to chase out the mice and dust everything off to see what needs to be done. We had 8 layouts open for the 2018 gathering and hope to have at least that many in 2022.

Operating sessions may be limited to smaller groups. I know many layout owners are considering starting sessions again with skeleton crews. Social distancing requirements, vaccinations, and a general level of comfort with others whom you may not know in your home or club are all factors to be handled for each layout. Please keep these and other questions in mind planning your sessions, but start with your best case scenario and be willing to scale back from there if necessary. No decisions have been made yet or requirements set at the convention level.

If you have a layout and are willing to consider hosting an operating session, please get in touch with me. It's actually easier to start with a big list than to try to add layouts later. Not to mention the motivation that a point on the calendar adds to the trips to the layout room. Operating sessions are always a high point of a convention. This is the time to start working towards that goal.

Thanks for considering hosting a session. It will help the whole PCR move towards a more normal place. The convention web site is <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2022>. We'll work the timing for the operating sessions into the schedule posted there. At this time afternoons are preferred but this is flexible.

Please plan on joining the Convention activities. For everything else - stay tuned! Please feel free to contact me with ANY questions.

Cheers, Doug Smith

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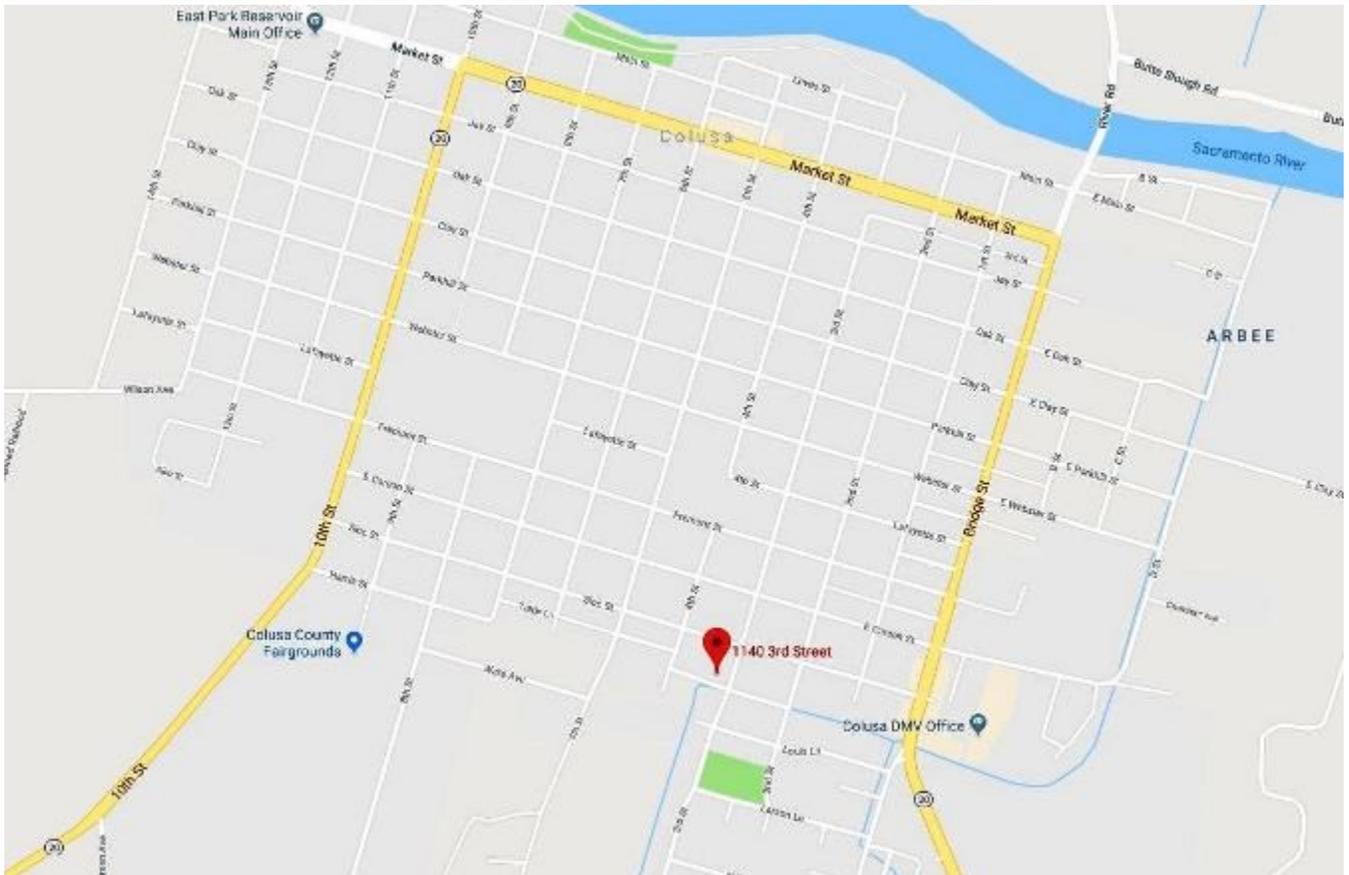
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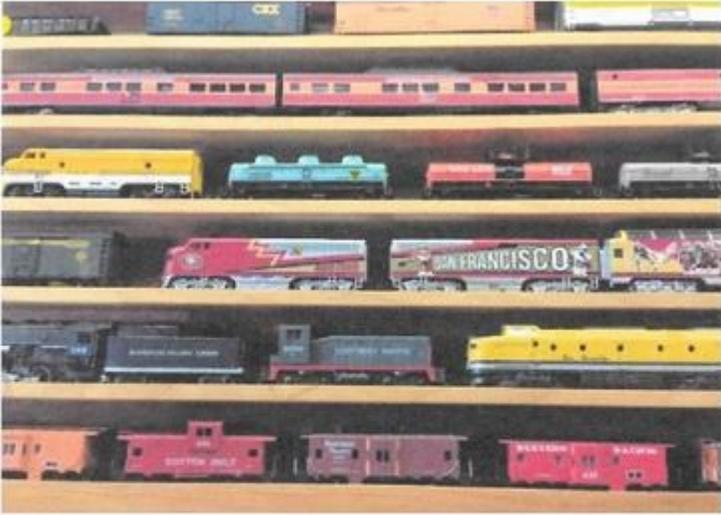
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The Sierra Division Member of the Year for 2021 is Tom Van Horn (right). Tom's honor was announced during the evening session of the Sugar Pine Centennial Virtual PCR Convention on April 24. In commemoration of this recognition, Tom received a beautiful print by Mike Kotowski of the Coast Division. The print was matted and framed by Bill "Grumpy" Scott of the Daylight Division.

During the same evening session, Jim Collins (left) was announced as the recipient of the National President's Award for Service to the Division.

Congratulations to Tom & Jim

The Sierra Division, PCR-NMRA is making available to Sierra Division members a “kit” containing the necessary tools and instructions to complete the part 3 requirements of the NMRA Model Railroad Engineer – Civil certificate.

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- The rental fee and deposit must be received by the 15th of the preceding month.
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 - b. A deposit in the amount of \$500.00 must be included by **SEPARATE CHECK**. This check will **NOT** be deposited unless the kit is not returned. When the kit is returned, the check will be destroyed.
 - c. Both checks must be sent to: **Steven Folino, 1794 Azurite Way, Sacramento, CA 95833.**
- Be prepared. Have supplies ready and on-hand in advance of the arrival of the kit. You will need.
 - a. Micro-Engineering Code 83 NON-weathered rail, have extra, I wasted several.
 - b. Small diameter solder.
 - c. Soldering iron, min 35 watts.
- The member is responsible for loss and all damage to the contents of the kit. If you break it, or damage it beyond further use, notify us immediately at steve@fungusmungusrr.com. Be prepared to include a check in the amounts listed above to cover the cost of replacement.
- Please notify us as soon as possible if you wish to cancel your reservation so that we can offer it to another member. steve@fungusmungusrr.com

If you have questions, please direct them to Steve at steve@fungusmungusrr.com or Chip Meriam at chipmeriam@comcast.net.

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