



# SHORT LINE

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# From the Superintendent

## Greetings Sierra Division Members

I'm nearing my last "From the Superintendent" column. You'll hear from me again in the October issue, but after that there will be someone else filling the white space on this page.

At least that's the plan. My second term comes to an end December 31. Then I look forward to being a POM, or "Plain Old Member". So I'll be gone as Superintendent (*I shall remain as editor*). But so far, the quest for potential successors has received a very silent response.

Now is a great time to get into the game and exercise your leadership abilities. This is a tremendous opportunity to serve your chosen hobby and your fellow NMRA members. Trust me. There is a fair amount of gratification in planning and executing the various administrative tasks that lead to a successful division. And with that gratification comes a sense of belonging—belonging to a group of like-minded hobbyists.



## PLUS

If you're working on the Achievement Program in pursuit of a Master Model Railroader designation, serving your division for two terms qualifies you for the Association Official certificate.

So, let's hear from you. The floor will be open for nominations at the business meeting in August, and the election will take place at the October meet.

Since I'm on the topic of volunteering, it seems appropriate to solicit your help with the 2023 PCR convention we're hosting next spring. Our committee is fairly well established, but we still need someone to oversee the Company Store operation, and someone to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator. And we need volunteers to help with security; guide and direct attendees to various activities, tours, etc; serve as contest judges; provide clinics; and a whole host of other things that require attention. If you can make yourself available, please contact one of the Convention Co-Chairs:

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Thank you in advance!

## SIERRA DIVISION

Next Meeting: Aug 13  
Woodland

10:00 AM  
Courtyard by Marriott \*  
1782 Tribute Road-Sacramento  
(we'll visit out convention site)

After Lunch  
Business Meeting & Contest  
Location to be determined  
Woodland, CA

*\*SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE*

### August Contest Categories:

*Modeling: Freight Cars*

*Photo: General Railroad Subjects*

*Railroad Arts & Crafts*

## TIMETABLE

Aug 13, 2022  
Woodland, CA

Oct 8, 2022  
Orland, CA

Feb 11, 2023  
Sacramento, CA

May 13, 2023  
To Be Determined

## SHORT LINE

Sep 10 for the Oct Issue

Dec 10 for the Jan Issue

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Jun 10 for the Jul Issue



The 2023 PCR & FRRS/  
WPRM Convention

## Rails by the River

April 26 thru April 30, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott  
1782 Tribute Road  
Sacramento, CA 95815



### August 7 - 15, 2022 Gateway 2022

Marriott Grand Hotel, St. Louis,  
800 Washington Ave,  
St. Louis, MO USA



"The Grounds" - Roseville, CA  
October 22 and 23

Sierra Division continues to have online meets via ZOOM. Future online meets will be held the second Saturday of each month when an in-person meet is not scheduled.

### UPCOMING ONLINE MEETS

(all beginning at 10:30 AM)

July 9, 2022

September 10, 2022

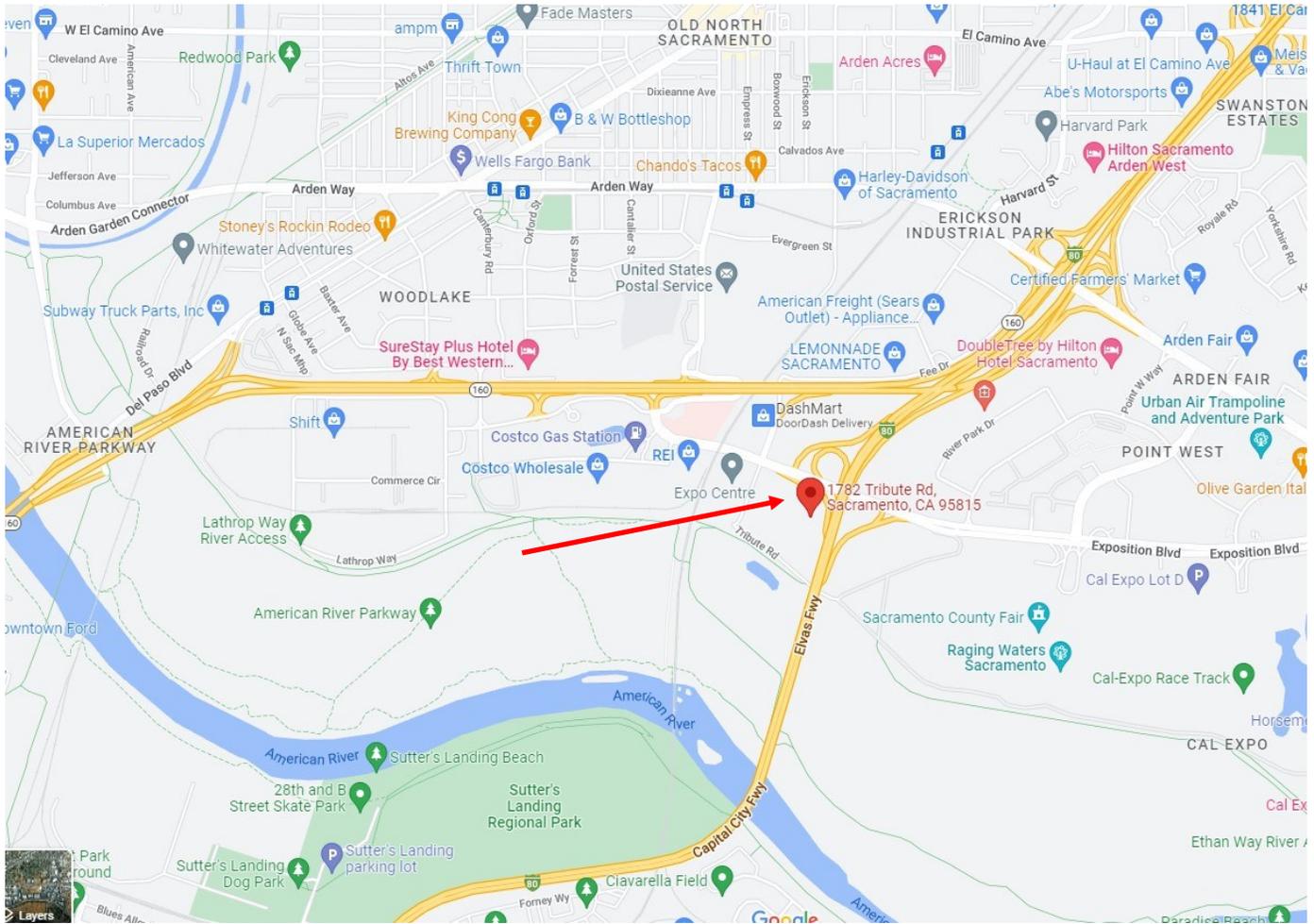
November 12, 2022

December 10, 2022



### August 22 - 25, 2023 Texas Express 2023

Gaylord Texan Hotel, 1501 Gaylord  
Trail, Grapevine, TX



## 1782 Tribute Road—Sacramento



This next OP session, we will move to a more prototypical session.  
Please scroll down to see jobs available and to sign up.

## EASTWARD FREIGHT STEAM TRAINS

Following the SP practice, there will be two long Freight Trains from Gerber to Dunsmuir South Yard.

**Here the two trains will be split into three trains East.**

Siskiyou traffic will be split out and the remaining two East Bound to K-Falls will be Blocked according to the stops along the way, fist city/town will be at the head end. and so forth. The Blocking list is posted at DUSY (Dunsmuir South Yard).

Here head-end steam power will be Changed to Mountain Div. power and the Valley Div. caboose will be replaced with a Mountain caboose.

If the Valley Train has Steam Power, the Valley Power will be sent to DUNY (Dunsmuir North Yard) for service.

In every case (Except Pig Trains with a Silver Caboose), the Valley Caboosees will be sent to DUNY to be turned on the turntable.

Once Turned it will be returned to the Caboose Track in DUSY.

The DUSY YM will place a Mountain Caboose (with under back-deck inspection lamps).

The DUNY Hostler, under direction of the DUNY Yard Master, will have prepared the Mountain Power to go up the Hill.

These Steam locos will be Double headed and backed down the River Track to connect to the Waiting Freight, according to the time table.

**All Freight Crew Changes are at DUSY.**

When a train is ready, the South Yard Master will call the Crew Dispatcher for a crew.

Crew Paperwork will be provided by the Crew Dispatchers office, on the first floor.

The Crew Conductor will annotate the Work Orders, as to his Name, Engine Numbers and Caboose number.  
At the end of the trip, the Crew will return all paper work to the Crew Dispatcher's office - on the first floor.

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## WESTWARD TRAINS

All Westward Freight trains will also change crews in the South Yard and Mountain Equipment exchanged for Valley Equipment.

Steam Power will be returned to DUNY for servicing and then Turned and held in the power pool at DUNY for the next Eastward Train.

Cabooses will be returned to DUNY to be turned and returned to the DUSY YM for placement on the Caboose Ready Track.

### **AS always, YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED:**

1. Any anomaly as to *missing cars* or Bad-Order cars shall be so annotated, Name and Car #, on the Paper work and also the location where any such car was left behind.
2. Any missing cars listed on your paperwork shall be so indicated.
3. Any tracking issues shall be noted as to details and location, so the MOW crew can repair. **This has always been very helpful, in the past.**

I hope this will now keep the Yard Masters Busy and we can all have an enjoyable session.

Walt Schedler  
Superintendent  
SP Colusa Shasta Div. RR

## COLUSA SHASTA DIVISION July 30, 2022, OP SESSION *As of 6-28-2022*

Walt and Carolyn Schedler  
1140 3rd St.  
Colusa, CA  
408-431-1660

No Mask Mandate, COME AND ENJOY – \$5 RR “Beans”

**Arrive 9:15-9:30 am**  
**Last Train out at 4:00 pm - tie-down at 4:45**  
**Orientation at 9:45 am**

**Lunch at Noon \$5.00 + ANY TIP FOR CAROLYN - OUR GREAT HOSTESS AND COOK.**  
**Store will be open AT NOON and 4:30 25-30% off most items. Some close-outs too.**  
**We use JMRI Scheduling and Crew Paper Work**  
**Bring your NCE Radio Throttles**

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## OP Session - July 30, 2022



**Colusa Shasta Division**

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Superintendent                         | Walt Schedler |
| 2. Train Master - JMRI SCHEDULER/Planner  | Ed Zeis       |
| 3. CHIEF TRAIN DISPATCHER (W. R. PETTY) - | Dennis Drury  |

### UNION-HOURLY

- |                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| 4. Crew Dispatcher  | Ed Zeis    |
| 5. Car Clerk/Runner | Perry Hunt |

### ROAD ENGINE CREWS – scheduled main-line trains and turns

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 6. VAL. Crew A – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –  | Geoff Fischer (1)         |
| 7. Val. Crew B – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –<br>Gerber-Redding Turn (Redding, Red Bluff and Cotton Wood, Klamath Mail #20 | Dan Obermeyer (1) 6-16-22 |
| 8. Val. Crew C – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman -  | David Kronick (1)         |
| 9. Val. Crew D – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –  | Open                      |
| 10. Mt. Crew A – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –<br>Klamath Mail #19  | Wm Calmes (2)             |
| 11. Mt. Crew B – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –  | David Vipond (2) 6-28-22  |
| 12. Mt. Crew C – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –  | Open                      |
| 13. Mt. Crew D – SCHEDULED TRAIN Engineer/Conductor/Brakeman –  | Open                      |

### YARDMASTERS AND YARD CREWS

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| 14. DUNSMUIR NORTH YARDMASTER [Station Agent] In Yard Operations – Herder    | Sam Cook |
| · DUNY Herder, Foreman of Engines, Redding Herder                            |          |
| · Review Engine Requirements for the day's operation                         |          |
| · Coordinate all engine servicing for East and Westbound Steam               |          |
| 15. DUNY North Yard Hostler/(Engine Foreman/Switchman/Herder) -              | Open     |
| · Hostler, House Track switcher  |          |
| · Turn all engines and Caboose requests                                      |          |
| · Bunker Oil/Diesel Fuel unloading/switching                                 |          |
| · Gerber/Redding outside Yard Crew (Engine Foreman/herder)                   |          |
| 16. DUNSMUIR SOUTH YARDMASTER [Station Agent] In Yard switching operations – |          |
| 17. South Yard Crew (Engine Foreman/Switchman/Herder) West End –             | Open     |
| · Disconnect Engines and caboose on East Bound Freights                      |          |
| · Coordinate any Local Switching of Diesel and Bunker C cars                 |          |
| · Break down Two East Bound freights into three Freights                     |          |

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# OP Session - July 30, 2022



## Colusa Shasta Division

18. **South Yard Crew** (Engine Foreman/Switchman/Herder) East End - Open  
· "Dunsmuir Local" DUNY/DUSY Engineer/Conductor  
· Take Steam engines to DUNY for service and turn for West Bound to Gerber.  
· Remove and turn Valley Cabooses and Provide East Bound Mountain Caboose
19. **GERBER Footboard Yardmaster**-[Station Agent] – (sit down job) - Wayne Monger
20. **MT SHASTA / K-FALLS FOOTBOARD YARDMASTER**-[STATION AGENT] Jim Fischer (2) 6-16-22  
Mt Shasta Local –or call for crew,  
Mt Shasta Azalea cattle Pen and Mott Lumber -  
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
21. **McCloud RR Yard YM** Foot Board Foreman – Open  
· McCloud YM Foot Board Foreman  
· McCloud - (Engineer/Switchman)  
· Black Butte West End Foot Board Foreman-
22. **RIP TRACK FOREMAN** (repair, as required, at Work Station) Open
23. **Train Watchers** Daver Adams  
(2) 6-28-2022
24. **Extra Board** Open  
A – Valley, B – Valley · C – Mt · D – Mt

# May Meet Colusa

## SIERRA DIVISION MEETING



### Colusa Shasta Division

Sierra Division Members Were The Guests of Walt and Carolyn Schedler on Saturday, May 14. The first portion of our quarterly meet was a morning operating session at Walt's Colusa Shasta Division, which is a recreation of the Southern Pacific from Gerber to Dunsmuir, Klamath Falls, and beyond. (see maps at the left). Remarkably, this lengthy main line has been sculpted to fit in the Schedler's attic. We're not sure exactly how many levels comprise this layout, but we are aware of at least four!

The session began with final job assignments and orientation for the crew members. The Colusa Shasta Division has a dedicated crew, but on this day the "amateurs" were allowed on the property as well.

The session ran from 9:30 AM until about 11:45 AM when the "call to beans" went out from Carolyn Schedler, the chief cook. We were all treated to grilled hamburgers with all the requisite condiments, bags of assorted chips, and cold drinks. It was a warm day, so we made good use of tables and chairs in the shady area of Walt and Carolyn's side yard.



### MAP OF WALT'S ATTIC



A Rare Quiet Moment At Dunsmuir

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# May Meet Colusa - ct'd.

## SIERRA DIVISION MEETING



In the Crew Lounge Before Operations Begin. Perry Hunt (facing camera) Models the Custom Shirt Worn By The Regular Crew Members.



"Beans" At Noon



Brian Witt Keeps Everything Moving Smoothly From the Dispatcher's Desk.



Welcome Shade

After lunch, Walt's train store was open for business until about 1:30 PM, when we departed for the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a brief business meeting and the photo and modeling contest.



Walt Looks On As David Fryman Tends to a Small Problem



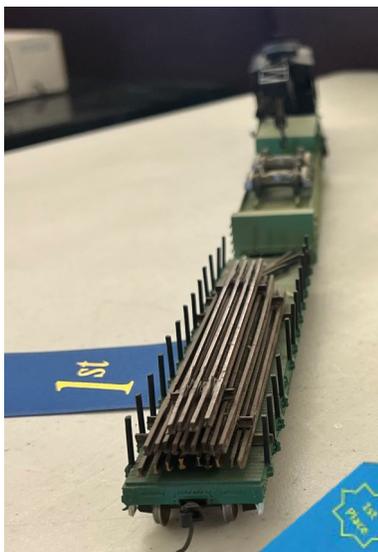
Taking Care Of a Bit of Business

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# May Meet Colusa

## CONTEST WINNERS

### MODELING CONTEST



**1st Place  
Walt Schedler**



**2nd Place  
Walt Schedler**



**3rd Place  
Walt Schedler**



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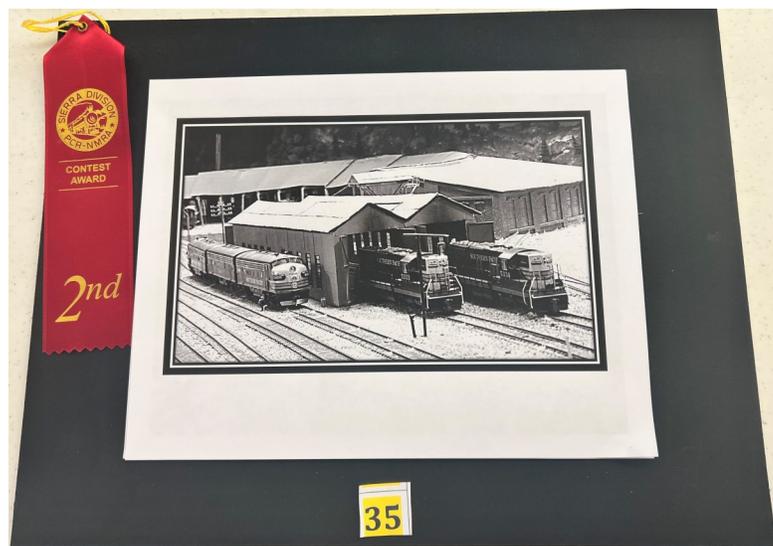
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## CONTEST WINNERS

### PHOTO CONTEST



**1st Place**  
**Lorri Meriam**



**2nd Place**  
**Walt Schedler**

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# May Meet Colusa - ct'd.



For those of us who were able to go, there was a self-guided tour of a huge layout inside a 2,400 square foot, purpose-built, building in the Yuba City area. The two over-view photos show only a portion of what's inside the building, but serve to illustrate the enormity of this project.

It is obvious the host is a collector. Note the full-sized, prototype searchlight signal, relay boxes, and section crew signal at the right. There is also an extensive library of old employee timetables, a display of switch lanterns of varying designs, and an American Flyer tinplate layout. But there is a lot, lot more.....



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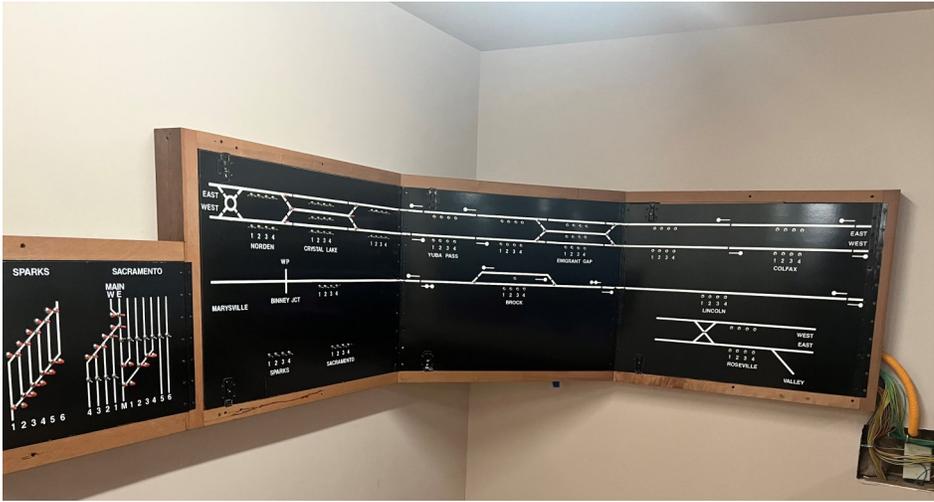


Do You Remember Marnostat?



Dispatcher's Panel In The Upstairs Operators' Bay.

*(Quite a bit different from the one Brian Witt was using earlier in the day!)*



David Fryman Chip Meriam Assuring One Another That, "Yes. It is indeed good, old-fashioned, DC."

It's coming, it's coming....

The 2023 PCR & FRRS/WPRM Convention

## Rails by the River

April 26 thru April 30, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott

1782 Tribute Road

Sacramento, CA 95815



### Features

- 36 Clinics
- Layout tours organized by Scott Inman
- Vendor room on Thursday & Friday
- Swap meet room on Saturday
- Extra fare activities
- Separate, secure contest room

Convention wearables by Daylight Sales

### Volunteers Needed

- Country Store Keeper
- Clinicians and presenters
- General Help During the Convention

*Chip Meriam*

Chip Meriam  
Sierra Division Superintendent  
2023 Convention Co-Chair





**Walt's**  
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walts-trains.com  
1140 3rd Street - Colusa, CA 95932  
Open: Wednesday - Saturday, 9-5  
Monday-Tuesday, by appointment

866-924-3044

## Full Service Train Shop for Your Hobby Needs

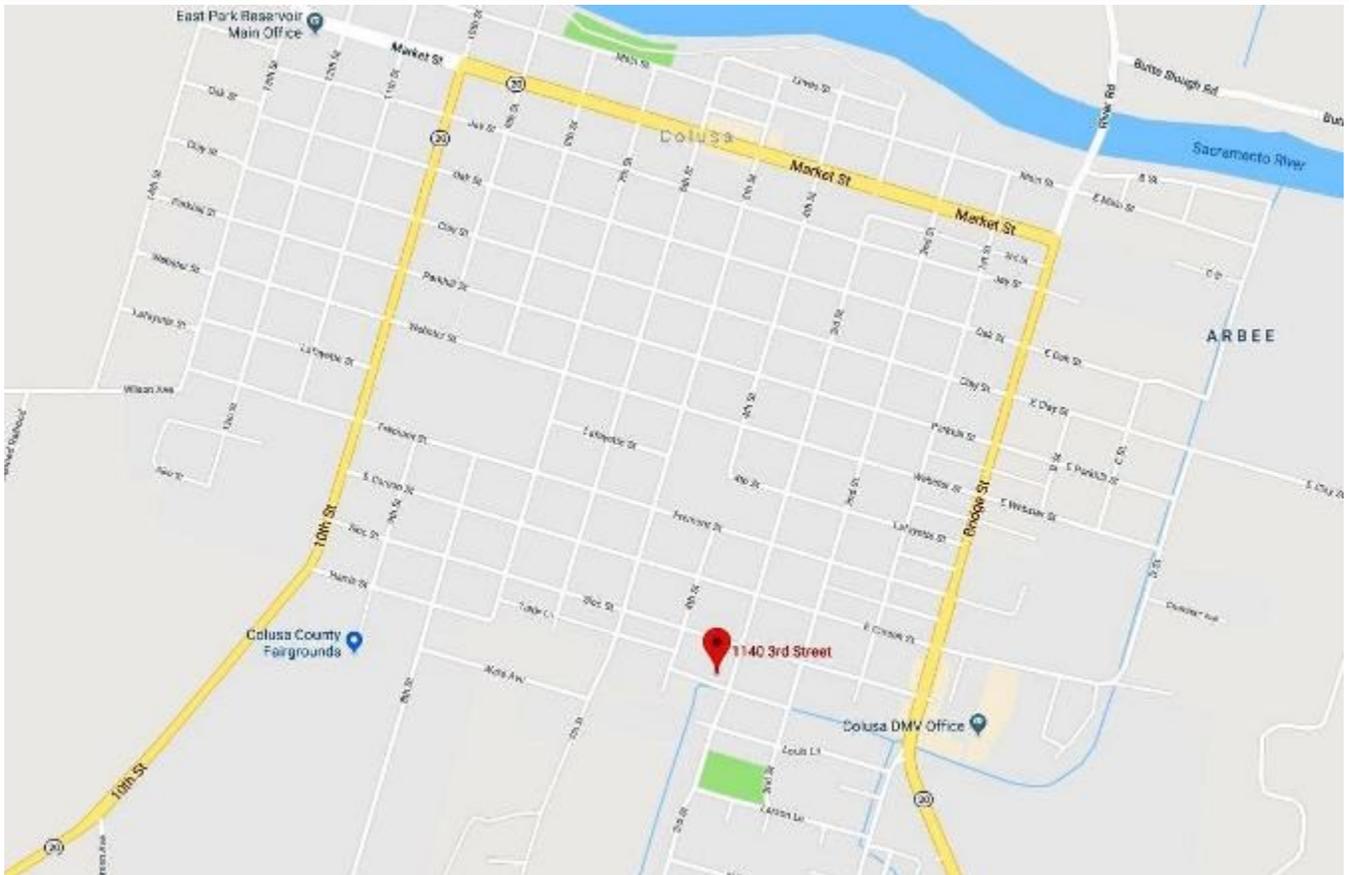
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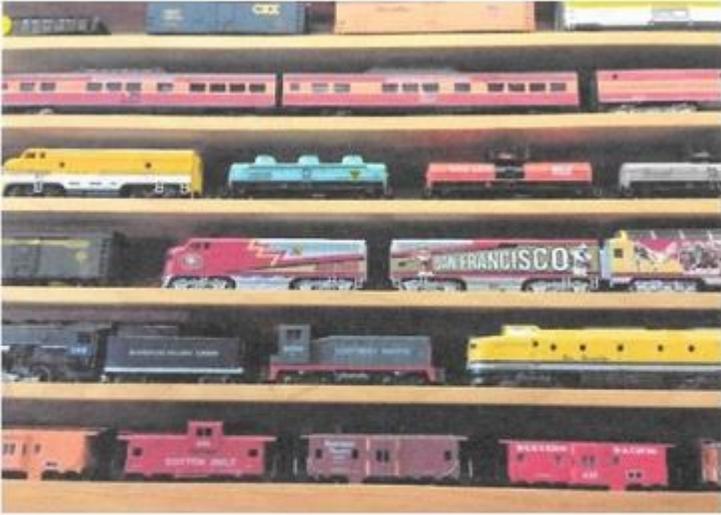
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Open Wednesday thru Friday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

If you would like for Sierra Division events to appear in your personal calendar, you can link to the calendar on the Sierra Division website. This will work if you use Google Calendar, Outlook, or Apple's Calendar app. Go to the Sierra Division website, <http://www.pcrnmra.org/sierra>, and click on Calendar. On the right you will see a link to a page that describes how to link to the Sierra Division calendar from your calendar. After that, when events are placed on the Sierra Division calendar they will automatically appear in your calendar also.

Questions or need help?    [meldridge2000@gmail.com](mailto:meldridge2000@gmail.com)



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. More information on the requirement is at: [www.nmra.org/civil](http://www.nmra.org/civil)

#### The Kit:

The kit includes tools and templates sufficient to create the following (you only need to construct 3):

- HO Scale #5, Code 83 Right-hand turnout
- HO Scale #5, Code 83 Left-hand turnout
- HO Scale #5, Code 83 Single crossover
- HO Scale #5, Code 83 Double crossover
- HO Scale #5, Code 83 Crossing 14 degree

#### How the System Works:

- Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. All reservations will be for a calendar month. Requests must be sent to [louiesqd@att.net](mailto:louiesqd@att.net).
- The kit will be shipped via UPS on the first day of the month. Arrival should be within 2-3 days.
- The member may use the kit for what should be, **about** three weeks.
- The member must ship the kit back, postage pre-paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. This will allow us time to check and clean the kit and still send it out again on the first of the month. Zip ties and address information will be included in the kit. Return the kit to:  
**Lou Anderson, 100 Buddy Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.**

#### Reservations:

The rental fee and deposit must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

The rental fee for the kit is \$25.00 by separate check. This will cover the cost of shipping the kit to the member, cleaning costs and additional packaging as needed.

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.

Mail both checks, made payable to the Sierra Division, to:

**Lou Anderson, 100 Buddy Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.**

#### Preparation/Supplies:

Be prepared. Have all supplies ready and on-hand in advance of the arrival of the kit. You will need:

Micro-Engineering Code 83 NON-weathered rail, have extra on hand.

Small diameter solder.

Soldering iron, min 35 watts.

Instructions and a DVD are including in the kit or you can go to <https://www.handlaidtrack.com/> for more information.

#### Responsibilities:

- 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 [louiesqd@att.net](mailto:louiesqd@att.net). 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.

If you have questions, please direct them to Lou Anderson at [louiesqd@att.net](mailto:louiesqd@att.net). or Chip Meriam at [chipmeriam@comcast.net](mailto:chipmeriam@comcast.net).



**IMPORTANT !!!!**



NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

**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**

**See Partial List Of Partners On The Next Page**



## Partnership Program

The companies listed below give discounts to NMRA members when orders are placed using a special discount code. You can find descriptions of these companies and their products, links to their websites, and the discount codes on our Partnership Page at [nmra.org/partnerships](http://nmra.org/partnerships). Remember you need to be logged into our site as a member to see the codes! Go to [nmra.org/user/register](http://nmra.org/user/register) to register your name on the website.

Bear Creek Model Railroad  
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Deepwoods Software  
Deluxe Materials  
Digikeijs  
Dwarvin  
East Coast Circuits  
Feight Studios  
Gatorfoam  
Great Decals!  
Green Frog Productions  
Hot Wire Foam Factory  
K.I.S.S. Method  
LaBelle Woodworking  
LARC Products

Logic Rail Technologies  
MAC Rail  
Micro-Mark  
Mine Mount Models  
Miniprints  
MinuteMan Scale Models  
Model Railroad Benchwork  
Model Train Catalogue  
Modelers Decals & Paint  
Motrak Models  
MRC (Model Rectifier Corp)  
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NScaleWorks  
Old West Scenery  
Ram Track  
RR-CirKits  
Rusty Stumps

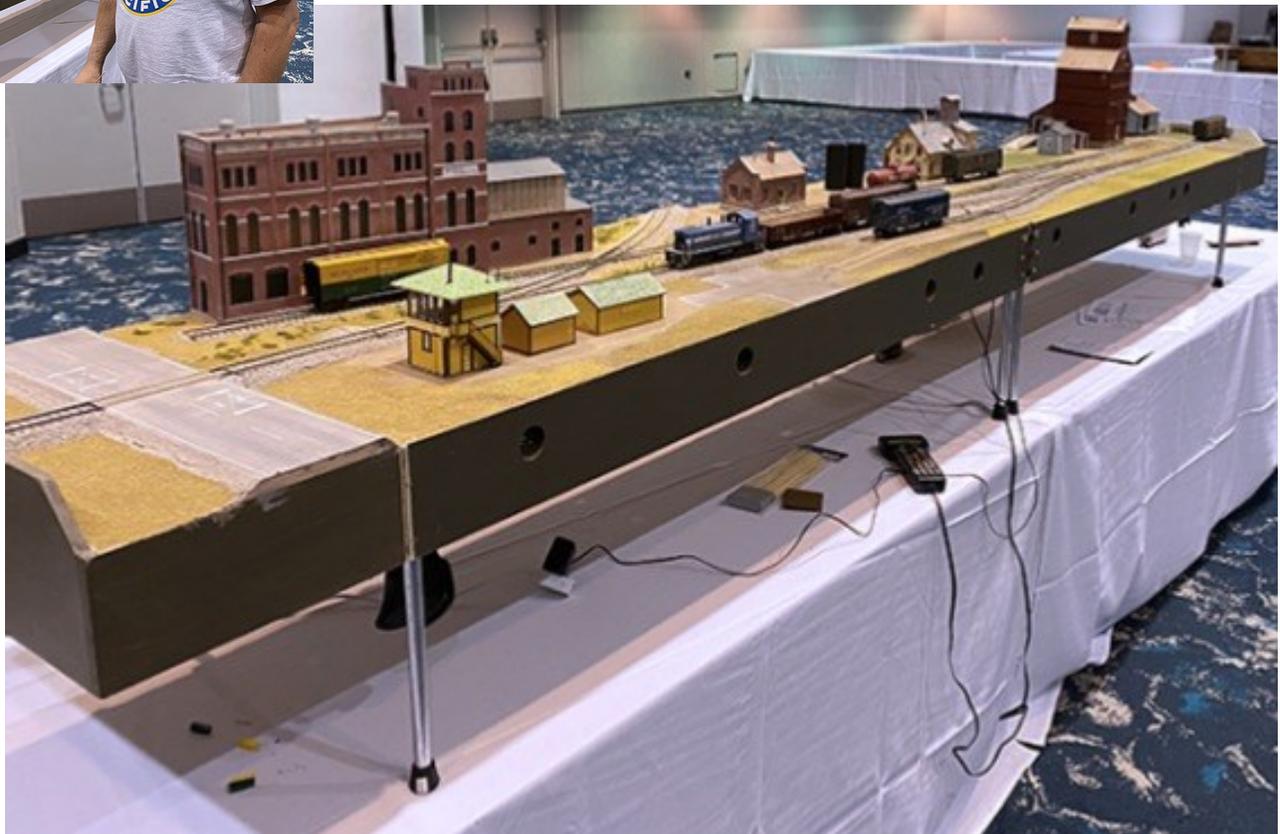
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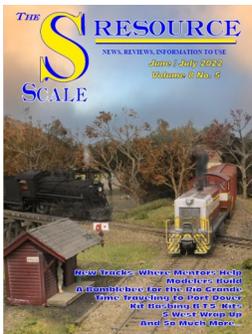




# Around And About



Michael Eldridge With His S Scale “Time Saver” at the S Scale West Show, May 27 & 28



Featured in the June/July issue of *The S Scale Resource* magazine is a report on the S Scale West Train Show. Because of COVID mitigation measures, this show has not taken place for two years. Among the exhibitors was none other than our very own Michael Eldridge. Here he is, pictured with his S Scale Time Saver, on page 68.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA !!**

