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# From the Superintendent



**Guess What! International Rail Fair is Back.** Back at its same location after going dark for two years during the COVID mitigation period. What's more, it's a month earlier than it has been in past years. For 2022 it's October 22 and 23. See the cover page for details, and make special note of the Square Foot Challenge (page 8).

As in the past, Sierra Division is one of four sponsoring organizations. We join forces with Sacramento Modular Railroaders, The European Train Enthusiasts, and the Roseville Roundhouse Model Railroad Club. Our part is operation of the entrance gates, ticket booths, and the NMRA information display. If you haven't yet done so, please contact David Fryman, [fryperson@hotmail.com](mailto:fryperson@hotmail.com), to schedule your shift. We need everyone to help if they can.

Mike Hamlin is arranging for a tri-tip lunch, complete with sides and soft drinks, for the November 12 meet in Orland. The cost will be \$6 per plate (*same as the cheeseburgers at SMRHS*).

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO ATTEND BY EMAIL TO:**

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October is also the month in which the Sierra Division selects its officers for the next two-year period. As of the press date of this issue, there are three candidates for three positions: Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Paymaster. Take a moment to see who they are on page 9. The official vote will take place by an email poll beginning October 5. If anyone else cares to "throw their hat into the ring" please do so by October 4. Contact Chip Meriam [chipmeriam@comcast.net](mailto:chipmeriam@comcast.net) if you're interested.

Finally, this is the last "From The Superintendent" column I will be writing. Starting with the 2023 1st Quarter issue, there will be a new voice here. I must admit I've enjoyed the opportunity to spill a few words in your lap over the past four years. Perhaps more than that, though, I feel privileged to have been the Sierra Division Superintendent for that same four years. To be sure, it has been a bit of work, but the gratification I have received from serving this fabulous hobby is well worth the effort.

Please join me in welcoming our next Division Superintendent to this page and to the helm of our great division.

Thanks everyone. It's been fun!

## SIERRA DIVISION

Next Meeting: Nov 12  
Orland, CA

9:30 AM  
Mike Hamlin's Layout  
Two Other Orland-Area Layouts  
Exhibits at Glenn County  
Fairgrounds  
Lunch at the Fairgrounds\*  
Meeting in the Preserved  
SP Depot

*\*SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE*

## TIMETABLE

Nov 12, 2022  
Orland, CA

Feb 11, 2023  
Sacramento, CA

May 13, 2023  
To Be Determined

Aug 12, 2023  
To Be Determined

## SHORT LINE

Dec 10 for the Jan Issue

Mar 10 for the Apr Issue

Jun 10 for the Jul Issue

Sep 10 for the Oct Issue



The 2023 PCR & FRRS/  
WPRM Convention

## Rails by the River

April 26 thru April 30, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott

1782 Tribute Road

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



August 22 - 25, 2023 Texas Express  
2023

Gaylord Texan Hotel, 1501 Gaylord  
Trail, Grapevine, TX

### November Contest Categories:

*Modeling: Any Equipment or Structure*

*Photo: Any Railroad Subject*

*Railroad Arts & Crafts*

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THANKS!



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

### UPCOMING ONLINE MEETS

(all beginning at 10:30 AM)

October 8, 2022

December 10, 2022

January 14, 2023

March 11, 2023

April 8, 2023





# ORLAND PREVIEW

An Advance Look At What You'll See At The November Meet



Preserved Orland Depot



Southern Pacific #2852  
C-10 Class Consolidation

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# ORLAND PREVIEW



Orland Depot Interior Scenes



Large Scale "Air" Line



Speeder Restoration



N Scale Layout In Progress

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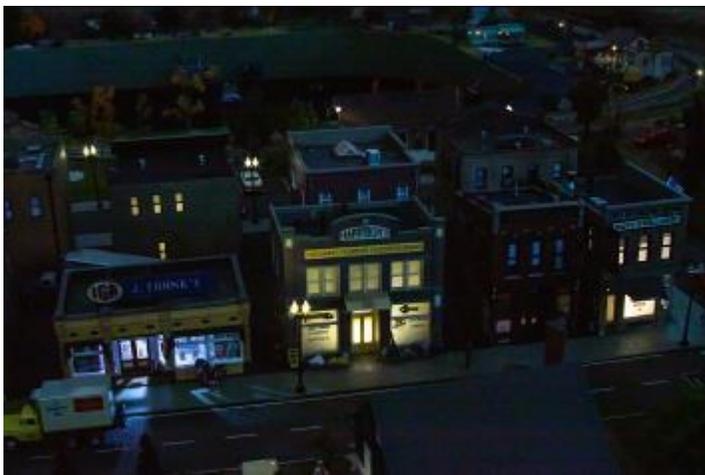
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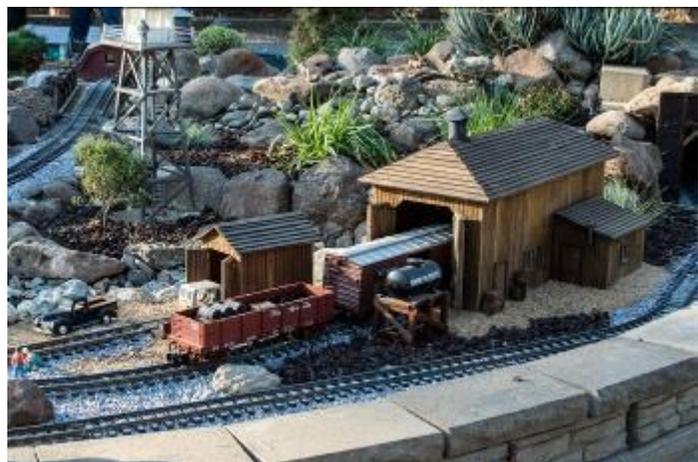
**Hamlin's Small Town**



**Hamlin Layout**  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



**Things Are Aglow**  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



**Hamlin Large Scale Outdoors**  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*

# The Square Foot Diorama Challenge

## *Model Railroaders, Start Your Dioramas.* Announcing The IRF 2022 Fall Square Foot Challenge!



### The Challenge

Create a scale model diorama in a 12" x 12" square space. It must have at least one element that is related to railroads, and it must have at least one element that is related to the fall season. The diorama does not have to have track or include a train; "related to railroads" could be a sign pointing to a train station that is not part of the diorama for example, but the railroad element should be obvious. The Fall Season Element has a lot of possibilities: Halloween, Thanksgiving, fall harvest season, Apple Hill, fall colored trees, etc.

### Contest or Exhibition?

You will be able to enter your diorama in either the Contest or the Exhibition. If you enter the Contest, your diorama will be eligible for the People's Choice Award - a unique, custom trophy. Additional prizes are in the works and will be announced when finalized. Alternatively, you can enter your diorama in the noncompetitive Exhibition.

### Scale

There is no restriction on what scale you use; it just needs to be a scale model. It doesn't have to be one of the model railroading scales. You could choose from the big architectural scales to capture a big scene in a square foot.

### Power

Battery powered electrical effects can be used, but everything must fit within the square foot limits.

### Tell a Story

Though not a rule, we hope the diorama will tell a story. It could be a silly or serious or fantastic story.

### Schedule

Dioramas must arrive at the IRF Fall Square Foot Challenge Table by noon on the Saturday of the show, October 22nd. The public will be able to vote until 3:45 pm. on Saturday. The votes will be tabulated, and the winner will be announced at 4 pm.

Contact the Challenge director, Tom Campbell (tom.c.irf@gmail.com) for more information. Entrants agree to allow International Rail Fair to take pictures of their diorama for promotional purposes.



## Sierra Division Officer Candidates - 2023 thru 2024

During the month of October, you will be asked to vote for the candidates of your choice via an email poll.

There are three candidates, one for each open office:

Superintendent

Chief Clerk

Paymaster

You can vote for these candidates, or “write in” another choice.

Be on the lookout for the email poll. We’ll publish the results in the January 2023 issue.



Superintendent Candidate, Dave Putnam



Chief Clerk Candidate, David Fryman



Paymaster Candidate, Michael Eldridge

# August Meet Sacramento/Woodland



The Courtyard by Marriott

**The Sierra Division Made A Special Field Trip** to Sacramento, near Cal Expo, to visit the site of the April 2023 PCR convention, Rails By The River. The hotel and convention activities are all in the same facility, Courtyard by Marriott (*see photo at left*).

We had quite a group gathered when Jesse from Marriott met us in the lobby. She told us a bit about the hotel and then led us on a tour of the various meeting rooms and gathering places. In the photos, you can see one of the clinic rooms. There are three such rooms partitioned from one another. When the partitions are removed, they become a banquet room. The photo of the banquet room shows two rooms without the dividing partition.



Hotel Bar

There is also a comfortable bar and small restaurant area. We were particularly impressed with the outdoor terrace and its adjacent reception room. This will, hopefully, be the location of the “Welcome Reception” planned for the evening before the convention takes off in earnest. We say “hopefully” because the terrace is a large lath covered patio area next to the swimming pool. If it’s raining the night of the reception, we’ll have to resort to “Plan B.”



Clinic Room

The convention is scheduled for April 26 through April 30, 2023. Be on the lookout for an announcement telling you when hotel reservations can be made. Also, it’s not too early to register for the convention. Go to

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2023/registration.html>

or navigate to the registration page through the PCR website.

*(all photos this page: Jim Collins)*

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Banquet Room



Outdoor Terrace

# August Meet Woodland



Following our visit to the Courtyard in Sacramento, we drove the short distance to Woodland for lunch and a visit to the Sacramento Valley Historical Railway Woodland Depot.



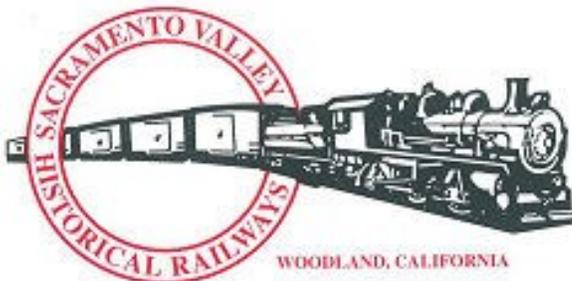
Several of us met for lunch at Father Paddy's in Downtown Woodland. The restaurant is in an old bank building. If you look closely, you can see the vault doors behind the bar! (photo: Chip Meriam)



Jim Collins captured this shot of an old tank car sitting along East Main Street in Woodland. Jim surmised the sole purpose for its existence was to provide a spot for graffiti practice. (photo: Jim Collins)



The restored SP Woodland depot  
(photo: Jim Collins)



Sacramento Valley Historical Railways is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to educating the public about railroads and railroad history, and to the preservation and operation of historic railroad equipment and structures in Northern California. The SVHR museum is located in the old Southern Pacific Depot in Woodland. In addition to the restored depot, the museum offers an eclectic accumulation of Northern California railroad artifacts and a few prize pieces of rolling

stock. See the many photos on the following pages.

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# August Meet Woodland



The "Showpiece" is the restored SP 1233.  
(photos: upper left, Jim Collins; upper right, Lorri Meriam; lower left, Lorri Meriam)

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVE 1233**

BUILT IN JULY OF 1918, THE 1233 IS TYPICAL OF SWITCH ENGINES USED THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC SYSTEM. USED MAINLY AT THE TRACY, BAYSHORE, AND OAKLAND YARDS, IT WAS RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE IN 1956 AND PLACED ON DISPLAY AT THE YOLO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN 1957. IN 1995 THE ENGINE WAS MOVED TO THE YOLO SHORTLINE RAILROAD AND WAS RETURNED TO SERVICE IN 1996. WHILE IN OPERATION, THE 1233 PROVED ITSELF FULLY CAPABLE OF BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT OPERATIONS.

ENGINE: CLASS 9-10	TENDER: CLASS 70C-10
BUILDER: BALDWIN JULY 1918	BUILDER: ALCO SEP 1904
COST: \$95,000	COST: \$2350
WEIGHT: 154,600	WEIGHT: ENGINE & TENDER 256,600
LENGTH: 30 FEET 8 INCHES	LENGTH: 28 FEET 3 INCHES
HEIGHT: 13 FEET 6 INCHES	HEIGHT: 12 FEET 11 INCHES
DRIVERS: 51 INCHES	CAPACITY: 2,940 OIL, 7,000 WATER



A portrait inside the museum depicts the Woodland Depot in earlier days.  
(photo: Chip Meriam)



It wouldn't be a railroad museum without a caboose!  
(photo: Jim Collins)

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# August Meet Woodland



A Hayes bumper marks the End-Of-Track.  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



Baggage Cart on the depot platform  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



Section Crew Tool Car  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



Highway Warning Sign from Old Hwy. 113  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



Train Order Signal Control  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



It was so warm during our visit that this water barrel looked inviting!  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*

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# August Meet Woodland



The Clerk's Office in the depot.  
*(both photos: Jim Collins)*



For the cooler days  
*(photo: Jim Collins)*



Yolo Short Line No. 50  
A GE 50-tonner was Weirton Steel No. 96 and  
Spreckles Sugar No. 1  
*(photo: Chip Meriam)*

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# August Meet Woodland

## SIERRA DIVISION MEETING

Immediately after our museum visit, we met at the Woodland Opera House rehearsal studio for a brief business meeting, the modeling and photo contests, and the door prize drawing.



There were seventeen Sierra Division people at the afternoon meeting.



Lou Anderson welcomes everyone. Lou orchestrated the entire meet, including the hotel visit, the museum stop, and the afternoon meeting site. THANKS LOU !!



Chip Meriam, Judy Champlin, and Mickie Merrill observing the proceedings.



Jim Collins makes a point.



The single Show-N-Tell exhibit was Lou Anderson's scratch-built, turn-of-the-century tank house. Lou noted the most challenging aspect of construction was the pyramid roof.

*(all photos: Lorri Meriam)*

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# August Meet Woodland

## CONTEST WINNERS

### MODELING CONTEST

1st Place  
Ken Nelson



2nd Place  
Walt Schedler



3rd Place  
Ethan Doty



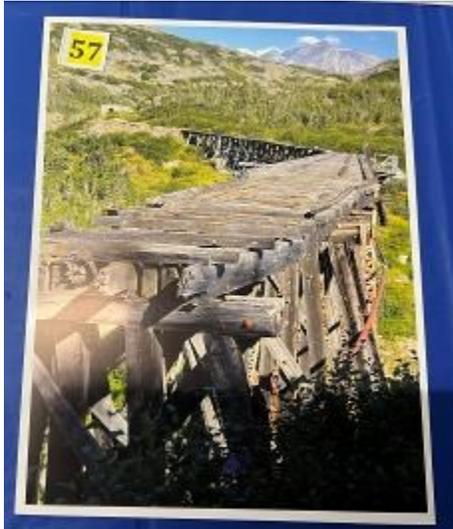
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# August Meet Woodland

## CONTEST WINNERS

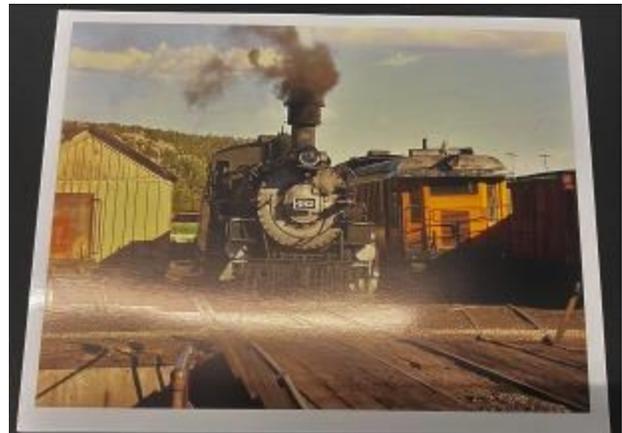
### PHOTO CONTEST



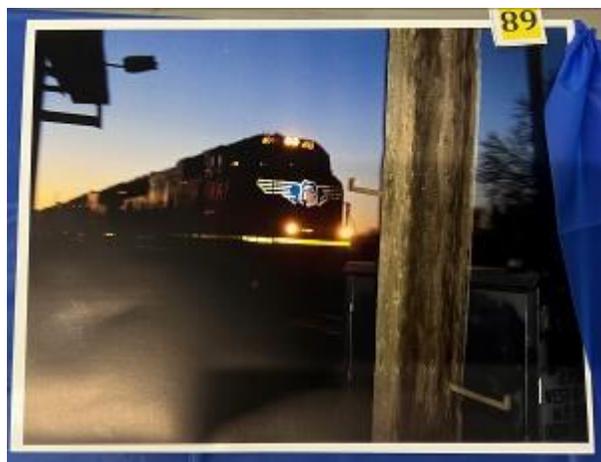
**1st Place  
Lorri Meriam**



**2nd Place  
Walt Schedler**



**3rd Place  
Lorri Meriam**



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
- Extra fare activities
- Separate, secure contest room



Convention wearables by Daylight Sales

### Volunteers Needed

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



*Chip Meriam*

Chip Meriam  
Sierra Division Superintendent  
2023 Convention Co-Chair



[pcrnmra.org/conv2023/](http://pcrnmra.org/conv2023/)





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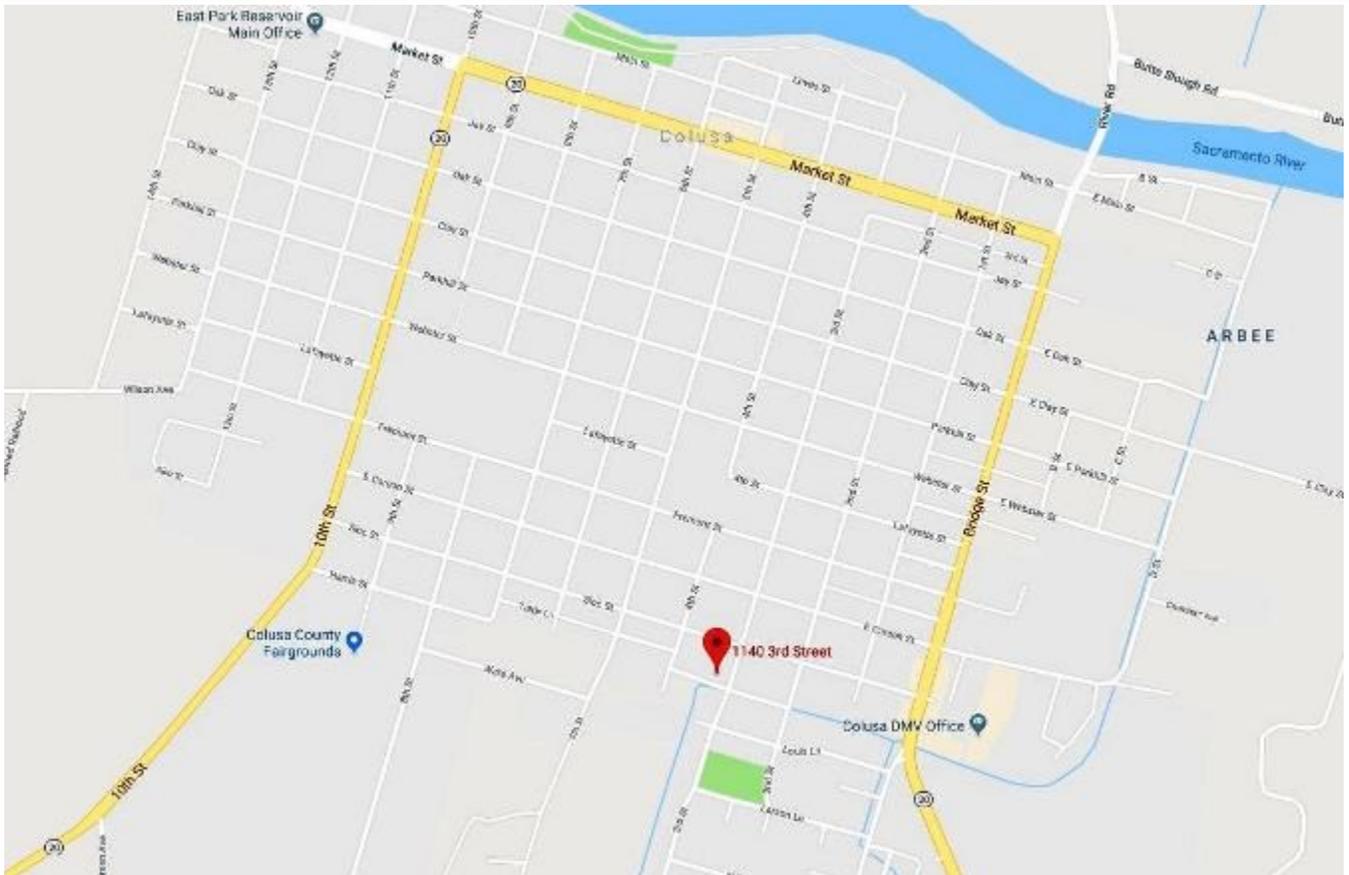
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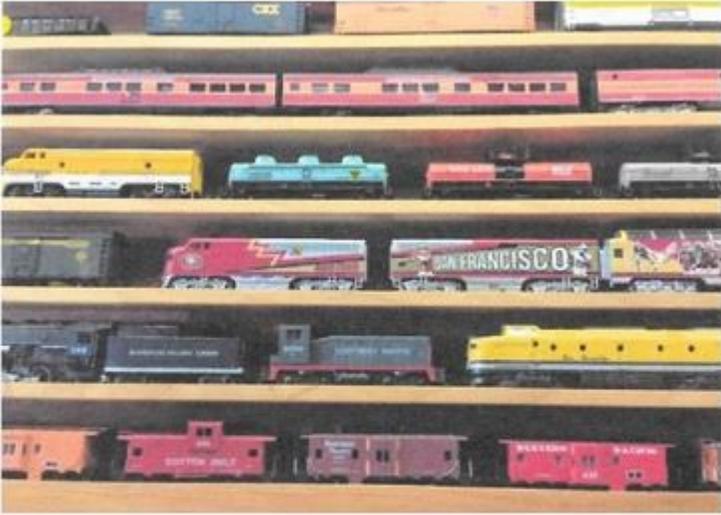
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If you would like for Sierra Division events to appear in your personal calendar, you can link to the calendar on the Sierra Division website. This will work if you use Google Calendar, Outlook, or Apple's Calendar app. Go to the Sierra Division website, <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 !!!!**

# Around And About



March 28, 2007—New Orleans, LA

Chip Meriam photo

Shot from the River Front Street Car Line, French Market Station





NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Wow! Did you know there's a new  
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**If you're not yet a member, here's another  
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**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.

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<b>Sustaining</b> ~ Mandatory for group memberships (Clubs, Associations, Businesses) All Rights and Benefits and includes NMRA Magazine.	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00	

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	Region Subscriptions	\$
	Merchandise Total	\$
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