

**PACIFIC COAST REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 1 PM
Double Tree Hotel, 1150 9th St. Modesto, CA

MINUTES

A. QUORUM VERIFICATION / CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at exactly 1:00 PM.

The following voting members of the Board were present:

President Ed Merrin

Vice-President Carol Alexander

Coast Division Director Mark Schutzer

Daylight Division (proxy vote for Director Dave Grenier) Chuck Harmon

Redwood Empire Division Director Dave Croshere

Sierra Division Director Mel Jones

The following Ex-Officio members were present:

Secretary Tom Swearingen

Treasurer Michael Coen

Other members present:

Immediate Past Treasurer Larry Altbaum

Convention Department Manager Ray DeBlicek

Immediate PCR Past President Pat La Torres

Member Steve Skold

Member Tom Van Horn

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to accept the agenda made by Director Croshere, second by Director Schutzer.

Motion approved.

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no written communications.

D. MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes made by Director Jones, second by Director Croshere.
Motion approved.

F. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- F.1 President Merrin submitted a written report that is attached to the record copy of these minutes. In addition to his written report, President Merrin said he is going to create a more comprehensive description of the role and responsibilities of the president to ease the transition for the next president.
- F.2 Vice-President Alexander provided an oral report. She said she is currently working on two projects, which include revising the Convention Manual and revising our Region's logo. More detailed information about those projects will be included later in the meeting.
- F.3 Treasurer Coen submitted a written report that I attached to the record copy of these minutes. In addition to the written report, the Board discussed the issue of how to charge the cost of "Formsite.com." The issue is whether the cost of Formsite.com is charged to the Convention Committee alone as a cost of doing business or as a recurring expense to PCR. Treasurer Coen will follow-up with Director Grenier to clarify the uses of the program and where we might best charge the expense.
- F.4 Secretary Swearingen had no separate report.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- G.1. Coast Division Director Schutzer submitted a written report, which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.2. Daylight Division Director Grenier submitted a written report, which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.3. Redwood Empire Division Director Croshere submitted a written report, which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.4. Sierra Division Director Jones submitted a written report, which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- H.1. Administration Department
There was no written report
- Because the PCR had a change in Treasurer, an audit will need to be conducted. President Merrin will contact the Audit Committee to have this performed before the next Board of Director's meeting.

- President Merrin is going to pursue an update on National's efforts to create an organization under IRC 501(c)(3). No action will be taken to form an IRC 501(c)(3) at the regional level.
- There are a number of vacancies in the Region, and we will work on filling them.
- Honors Committee Chairperson deBlieck provided a spreadsheet that listed the Region's honors positions, the names of the recipients, and when they were awarded. This list is attached to the record of these minutes.

H.2. Membership Department

Membership Department Manager Doug Wagner submitted a written report, which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.

H.3. Publications Department

There was no written report submitted.

H.4. Convention Department

There was no written report submitted, by Manager deBlieck gave a full verbal report. In his report he discussed future convention issues and the status of a potential joint convention with the PSR, which is discussed in more detail in Old Business.

H.5. Contest Department

There was no written report submitted.

H.6. Achievement Department

There was no written report submitted.

H.7. Non-Rail Department

There was no written report submitted.

I. OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports.

J. OLD BUSINESS

J.1. Correction to section 13.B.4. of the Manual of Operations.

Secretary Swearingen was directed to correct the Manual of Operations, Section 13.B.4, to read "...by mid-February of ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered years." This correction will reflect current and past practice.

J.2. Filling Store Keeper Position

This is a vacant position that still needs to be filled.

J.3. Changing the convention rotation to reduce the frequency of Coast Division as host.

- The Coast Division is asking that the Region change the rotation so that the responsibility for holding the convention does not rest with the Coast Division every other year. Many people in Coast are very busy with other events in the Coast Division, and this is proving to be too much for the Division to do. Reducing the frequency of Convention responsibility will also help the individual members who are hosting layout tours and operation sessions.
- Any Division hosting a convention is not solely responsible – other Divisions can and do help out.
- Motion made by Director Schutzer – “Change the convention rotation to once every four years for each division, with the following prospective conventions for the next four years as follows:
 1. 2017 – Daylight
 2. 2018 – RED
 3. 2019 – Sierra
 4. 2020 – Coast

Motion second from Director Croshere; Motion approved.

J.4. Status of Convention Manual update by Vice-President Alexander and Convention Department Manager DeBlieck

- Vice President Alexander – Convention Department Manager deBlieck, Tom Crawford, and Jim Long left a lot of valuable information for the committee. It was very thorough. The old manual had language that was written with language that commended specific actions. It is being revised with language that is more permissive, such as “could” or “should” versus “shall.” The revision thus far has reduced the number of pages to about 300. Duplicated information is being removed. Expect a much smaller book. Carol appreciated all who have worked on it. In six to eight weeks she hopes to have something for everyone to review.

J.5. Status update on the PCR logo revision

- Vice President Alexander – passed around sheets with an image that the subcommittee has been working on. Everyone present commented positively on the proposed logo. It combined elements of each Division: mountains for the Sierra Division, Redwood trees for Redwood Empire Division, the Tehachapi loop for the Daylight Division, and water for the Coast Division.
- President Merrin directed Vice President Alexander to proceed with changing the font in the logo to Sans Serif, and to explore technical issues with production of new logo by contacting someone who can produce the logo in various sizes.

J.6. Do we want to combine the 2019 PCR, our 75th anniversary, with the PSR?

- There is no actual agreement with PSR, only exploratory talks. The Board feels positively about doing this in principle, but the dates offered by PSR

are not acceptable. There are issues to be resolved, including finding dates that are acceptable to both and how to structure the agreement with regard to various potential conflicts. Convention Department Manager deBlieck will continue to explore the issue.

- J.7. Update on membership fee sharing between Division, Regional, and National
- Director Croshere reviewed this item, which is a recruiting tool. The proposal to National was as follows: If we find someone young who might be interested in being a member of PCR, but who may be unable to pay for membership, could PCR split the membership fee with national paying 50%, Regional 25%, and Division 25%?
 - At the end of the last PCR Board meeting Director Croshere and RAC Jack Hamilton would explore this. Director Croshere provided the information to RAC Hamilton from National, and now Director Croshere is waiting to hear from RAC Hamilton about what the next steps would be.
 - President Merrin volunteered to contact RAC Hamilton to get the status from National.

K. NEW BUSINESS

K.1. Digital Projector Policy

- We recently had to replace a projector lost at the convention in Newark, and there was lack of clarity about who should pay for replacing it. This is the second projector lost; in the first case the Division paid, in this case the Convention paid. In order to have a clear policy in place for future losses or damage to projectors, Vice President Alexander made the following motion:
“The responsibility for replacement or repair of region equipment will be born by the custodian organization at the time of loss or damage. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the PCR Board.”
Second by Director Schutzer; Motion approved.

K.2. How can we reduce the time it takes to report certification of officers and directors to National?

- Secretary Swearingen will download the forms from NMRA website and send out to each Director after elections.

K.3. Can the PCR sponsor the West Side Reunion on April 16, 2016?

- President Merrin circulated a flier for the West Side event.
- Motion made by Director Schutzer – “The Pacific Coast Region will co-sponsor the West Side Reunion in 2016, as long as no cost accrues to the PCR.” Second by Director Croshere; Motion approved.

K.4. Superintendents don't get credit for AP as the Regional elected officers do, even though they actually do more work than the Directors. Board members felt this wasn't right. President Merrin will pursue this issue with

the appropriate Regional and National officials who are responsible for the AP program.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- L.1. Convention Department Manager DeBlieck – every single PCR officer position changed this year. The last time this happened was in 1957.
- L.2. Vice-President Alexander announced that she is moving to Pennsylvania next summer, and will not be able to finish her tenure as Vice President. However, she is committed to finishing the logo and convention manual before leaving.
- L.3. The next Board of Director’s Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 1PM, Double Tree Hotel, 1150 9th Street, Modesto, CA.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Director Croshere made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director (by proxy) Harmon. Meeting adjourned at 3:40PM.



PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

President's Report
October 10, 2015

To the Board of Directors:

The first six months of my term has been largely spent on getting organized and oriented, overseeing the filling of important vacancies, and assisting in PCR's support of the recent National Convention in Portland by providing materials (projectors and photo easels) for educational and contest activities as requested by the convention committee. Those things largely accomplished (with the exception of the vacant Storekeeper position) I spent some time reviewing materials and have set a few preliminary goals and issues. Some of them will be touched on in today's agenda, but not all. The list below is not in order of urgency or significance.

The Board spent quite a bit of time discussing the creation of a new logo. I personally did a lot of nagging and nudging about this because I believe it is so important to have a logo that gives the right impression to the modeling community. Hopefully we have made progress and are close to choosing a new and improved logo.

Relationships with non-NMRA organizations: Former President Pat LaTorres had put considerable energy into connecting with non-NMRA modeling groups, for instance serving as a liaison to the BAPM meet. In general, broadening our visibility in the modeling community (e.g., garden railroading, narrow gauge, European prototype, live steamers) should be one of our important goals and is one route by which our reputation and attractiveness to a younger demographic might be improved.

Pat has also served as our representative with 21st Century Limited. I intend to ask him to continue if he is able to give us periodic reports on anything relevant to PCR. I reviewed the articles of incorporation and bylaws of 21st Century Limited to familiarize myself with the organization if any questions arise for discussion.

Let's stop having Coast host every other year. That idea has run its course and we have burned out a bunch of good people. We initiated some discussion on this and we should proceed with doing something about it.

In Portland I met Steve August, now in charge of RAC. He is extremely energetic and passionate about RAC and actually liked the annual report I sent him (in fact, he said it was the best one!). He promised me that he would be calling us directly about RAC

matters. He has just distributed a summary of what Regions and Divisions are supposed to be up to and I will bring some copies to this meeting for anyone who is interested.

The PCR Call Board needs some updating and there are important positions vacant. I will be working on this and hope to have the corrections passed on so that our website is accurate.

I'm sure there's a lot more but this list is long enough. Expect me to do considerable delegating and I will be soliciting opinions and comments often.

Respectfully,

Ed Merrin
President
Pacific Coast Region, NMRA

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Trial Balance

(For the month of September 2015)

Acct No	Reference No. / Description	Date	Debits	Credits	Balance
1020.01	General Checking				3681.37
	C/D CHKEFT Earthlink, Inc	09/13		19.95	
	C/D CHK1487 PCR Daylight Division	09/26		60.50	
	C/D CHK1488 PCR Sierra Division	09/26		125.00	
	C/D CHK1489 PCR Coast Division	09/26		226.50	
	C/D CHK1490 PCR Redwood Empire Div.	09/26		63.00	
	C/R VHR15013 BL Subscriptions	09/08	314.00		
	C/R VHR15014 NMRA Region Rebate	09/08	962.00		
	**** Ending Balance		1276.00	494.95	4462.42
1020.03	Convention Checking				38508.21
	C/R VHR15015 Interest Income	09/15	3.37		
	**** Ending Balance		3.37	0.00	38511.58
1030.02	Life Savings				29547.04
	C/R VHR15015 Interest Income	09/15	2.59		
	**** Ending Balance		2.59	0.00	29549.63
1120.03	Convention Adv. Recv.				7000.00
3125.01	HOBO Payable				-412.58
4500.00	Retained Earnings				-81448.49
5012.01	PCR NMRA Rebate				0.00
	C/R VHR15014 NMRA Region Rebate	09/08		962.00	
	**** Ending Balance		0.00	962.00	-962.00
5015.01	PCR BL Subscriptions				-1805.33
	C/R VHR15013 BL Subscriptions	09/08		314.00	
	**** Ending Balance		0.00	314.00	-2119.33
5510.02	Life Interest				-12.44
	C/R VHR15015 Interest Income	09/15		2.59	
	**** Ending Balance		0.00	2.59	-15.03
5510.03	Convention Interest				-16.82
	C/R VHR15015 Interest Income	09/15		3.37	
	**** Ending Balance		0.00	3.37	-20.19

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Acct No	Reference No. / Description	Date	Debits	Credits	Balance
6010.03	Supplies - Convention				383.24
6020.04	Postage - Branchline				597.87
6020.10	Postage - Achiev. Prog.				28.18
6030.04	Printing - Branchline				2617.73
6040.01	Awards - Operations				317.47
6060.01	NMRA Division Rebates				0.00
C/D CHK1487	PCR Daylight Division	09/26	60.50		
C/D CHK1488	PCR Sierra Division	09/26	125.00		
C/D CHK1489	PCR Coast Division	09/26	226.50		
C/D CHK1490	PCR Redwood Empire Div.	09/26	63.00		
	**** Ending Balance		475.00	0.00	475.00
6120.01	Taxes, Fees, Licenses				20.00
6120.04	Use Tax - Branchline				173.53
6140.01	Web Services				99.75
C/D CHKEFT	Earthlink, Inc	09/13	19.95		
	**** Ending Balance		19.95	0.00	119.70
6140.03	Web Services - Conv.				499.95
6150.01	Bank Service Charges				34.82
6250.04	Misc. Expenses - Branchline				186.50
	***** Report Total		1776.91	1776.91	

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Journal Detail Report

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Post/Sys Date	Jnl	Ref. No	Description / Accounts	Debits	Credits
09/13/15	C/D	CHKEFT	Earthlink, Inc 6140.01 Web Services 1020.01 General Checking	19.95	19.95
09/26/15	C/D	CHK1487	PCR Daylight Division 6060.01 NMRA Division Rebates 1020.01 General Checking	60.50	60.50
09/26/15	C/D	CHK1488	PCR Sierra Division 6060.01 NMRA Division Rebates 1020.01 General Checking	125.00	125.00
09/26/15	C/D	CHK1489	PCR Coast Division 6060.01 NMRA Division Rebates 1020.01 General Checking	226.50	226.50
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09/08/15	C/R	VHR15013	BL Subscriptions		
			5015.01 PCR BL Subscriptions		314.00
			1020.01 General Checking	314.00	
09/08/15	C/R	VHR15014	NMRA Region Rebate		
			5012.01 PCR NMRA Rebate		962.00
			1020.01 General Checking	962.00	
09/15/15	C/R	VHR15015	Interest Income		
			5510.02 Life Interest		2.59
			5510.03 Convention Interest		3.37
			1030.02 Life Savings	2.59	
			1020.03 Convention Checking	3.37	
***** Report Total				1,776.91	1,776.91

NOTE: This Detail Journal Report is a complete AUDIT TRAIL for the General Ledger System through 09/30/15.

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Income Statement

	1 Month Ended September 30, 2015		6 Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Income				
PCR NMRA Rebate	\$962.00	75.4%	\$962.00	31.2%
PCR BL Subscriptions	314.00	24.6%	2,119.33	68.8%
TOTAL Income	1,276.00	100.0%	3,081.33	100.0%
Expenses				
Supplies - Convention	0.00	0.0%	383.24	12.4%
Postage - Branchline	0.00	0.0%	597.87	19.4%
Postage - Achiev. Prog.	0.00	0.0%	28.18	0.9%
Printing - Branchline	0.00	0.0%	2,617.73	85.0%
Awards - Operations	0.00	0.0%	317.47	10.3%
NMRA Division Rebates	475.00	37.2%	475.00	15.4%
Taxes, Fees, Licenses	0.00	0.0%	20.00	0.6%
Use Tax - Branchline	0.00	0.0%	173.53	5.6%
Web Services	19.95	1.6%	119.70	3.9%
Web Services - Conv.	0.00	0.0%	499.95	16.2%
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.0%	34.82	1.1%
Misc. Expenses - Branchline	0.00	0.0%	186.50	6.1%
TOTAL Expenses	494.95	38.8%	5,453.99	177.0%
OPERATING PROFIT	781.05	61.2%	(2,372.66)	-77.0%
Other Income & Expenses				
Life Interest	2.59	0.2%	15.03	0.5%
Convention Interest	3.37	0.3%	20.19	0.7%
TOTAL Other Income & Expenses	5.96	0.5%	35.22	1.1%
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	787.01	61.7%	(2,337.44)	-75.9%
NET PROFIT	\$787.01	61.7%	(\$2,337.44)	-75.9%

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Income Statement

	6 Months Ended Sep/15	6 Months Ended Sep/14	Variance Fav/<Unf>	% Var
Income				
PCR NMRA Rebate	\$962.00	\$958.00	\$4.00	0.4%
PCR BL Subscriptions	2,119.33	2,448.68	(329.35)	-13.5%
TOTAL Income	3,081.33	3,406.68	(325.35)	-9.6%
Expenses				
Supplies - Convention	383.24	0.00	(383.24)	
Supplies - Achiev. Prog.	0.00	198.27	198.27	100.0%
Postage - Branchline	597.87	579.52	(18.35)	-3.2%
Postage - Achiev. Prog.	28.18	0.00	(28.18)	
Printing - Branchline	2,617.73	2,552.09	(65.64)	-2.6%
Awards - Operations	317.47	0.00	(317.47)	
NMRA Division Rebates	475.00	473.00	(2.00)	-0.4%
Taxes, Fees, Licenses	20.00	0.00	(20.00)	
Use Tax - Branchline	173.53	181.27	7.74	4.3%
Web Services	119.70	119.70	0.00	0.0%
Web Services - Conv.	499.95	0.00	(499.95)	
Bank Service Charges	34.82	0.00	(34.82)	
Misc. Expenses - Branchline	186.50	209.58	23.08	11.0%
TOTAL Expenses	5,453.99	4,313.43	(1,140.56)	-26.4%
OPERATING PROFIT	(2,372.66)	(906.75)	(1,465.91)	-161.7%
Other Income & Expenses				
Life Interest	15.03	14.88	0.15	1.0%
Convention Interest	20.19	21.84	(1.65)	-7.6%
Misc. Income - Operations	0.00	17.00	(17.00)	-100.0%
TOTAL Other Income & Expenses	35.22	53.72	(18.50)	-34.4%
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	(2,337.44)	(853.03)	(1,484.41)	-174.0%
NET PROFIT	(\$2,337.44)	(\$853.03)	(\$1,484.41)	-174.0%

Balance Sheet

September 30, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash

General Checking	\$4,462.42
Convention Checking	38,511.58
Life Savings	29,549.63

TOTAL Cash	\$72,523.63
Convention Adv. Recv.	7,000.00

TOTAL Current Assets		\$79,523.63
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

HOBO Payable	\$412.58
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TOTAL Current Liabilities		\$412.58
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		412.58
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CAPITAL

Retained Earnings	81,448.49
Year-to-Date Earnings	(2,337.44)

TOTAL CAPITAL		79,111.05
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL		\$79,523.63
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Balance Sheet

	Sep/15	Sep/14	Inc/<Dec> Var	% Var
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash				
General Checking	\$4,462.42	\$5,118.57	(\$656.15)	-12.8%
Convention Checking	38,511.58	44,353.05	(5,841.47)	-13.2%
Life Savings	29,549.63	29,520.06	29.57	0.1%
TOTAL Cash	72,523.63	78,991.68	(6,468.05)	-8.2%
Convention Adv. Recv.	7,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	250.0%
TOTAL Current Assets	79,523.63	80,991.68	(1,468.05)	-1.8%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$79,523.63	\$80,991.68	(\$1,468.05)	-1.8%
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
HOBO Payable	\$412.58	\$367.26	\$45.32	12.3%
TOTAL Current Liabilities	412.58	367.26	45.32	12.3%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	412.58	367.26	45.32	12.3%
CAPITAL				
Retained Earnings	81,448.49	81,477.45	(28.96)	-0.0%
Year-to-Date Earnings	(2,337.44)	(853.03)	(1,484.41)	-174.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL	79,111.05	80,624.42	(1,513.37)	-1.9%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$79,523.63	\$80,991.68	(\$1,468.05)	-1.8%

Coast Division Report
PCR Board Meeting – October 10, 2015
Modesto

The Coast Division held two successful meets in the time between the last Board Meeting. Our June meet was held at Boy Scout headquarters in San Leandro and the September meet was held at the Elks club in Alameda.

We seem to have resolved the issue of meeting sites in the short term. We now have two stable sites, the BSA HQ and the Alameda Elks club that we can alternate between. The rebuilding of the multi-purpose room at Buchser School is complete and that site may again be viable. While we are always looking for more meeting sites having a couple of stable sites makes things a lot easier

Attendance at the meets is in the range of 80 to 100 people. The Coast Auction has had 400 to 500 items the last couple of meets so it is covering the cost of the meet and making some positive income. Since the change to an electronic dispatcher a few years ago the financial situation continues to be in the black as the income from the meets exceeds our expenses. The Coast Division has something in the area of \$24.5k in the bank account.

Steve Wesolowski and Frank Markovich continue to lead a team of volunteers manning the NMRA table at all the local train shows and events. Frank and Mike Blumensaadt also bring the “build a memory” layout to the shows demonstrating hands on how to build a layout. We continue to several new guests / members at each Coast Meet.

Mark Schutzer
Coast Division Director



Daylight Division Report

October 3, 2015

The Daylight Division held just one meet since the last Board of Directors meeting in May. Our Spring Meet, usually held in May, was moved up to April 25 because of the PCR Convention in mid-May. As was previously reported, it was annulled when the venue locked its doors 2 weeks before the meet.

The Summer Meet was held on a very pleasant Saturday, August 1, at the historic Oceano Depot in Oceano. I say "pleasant" because while the temperature in the San Joaquin Valley had been in the 100s for many days, the forecast high temperature for Oceano was cooler than when I left Clovis at 6:00 AM! The lower temperature was most welcomed by our members coming in from the Valley. Our co-hosts for the day were the Oceano Depot Association and the San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association (SLOMRA). Daylight member George Gibson organized and coordinated the day's events and activities. Thirty-eight members and guests from all over the Central Coast area joined us.

The meet started with the usual sign-ins, refreshments, contest entries, and lots of socializing. The first of two clinics was presented by SLOMRA President Phil Lawyer on power protection and voltage loss for layouts and modules. George Gibson followed up with a clinic on installing flicker-free lighting in passenger cars and cabooses. After enjoying a lunch of Santa Maria Tri-Tip sandwiches and all the trimmings cooked by the Oceano Depot Association, we had a short business meeting to pay the bills and present Doug Wagner with his Daylight Division Member of the Year award, concluding with the raffle and the world-famous Daylight White Elephant Auction.

Thanks to the SLOMRA and their relationship with Athearn Trains, our raffle included an Athearn DCC sound-equipped SP FP7, won by Bruce Morden. They also donated an AT&SF 50' box car and lighted SP caboose. Jeff and Heather Parker of Central Valley Model Works donated a \$100 gift certificate and Anita of Central Coast Trains donated \$25 and \$40 gift certificates.

Upon the close of the proceedings at the Oceano Depot, we headed out for layout tours at nearby Central Valley Model Works. Then it was north on 101 to the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum, Central Coast Trains, and Bill Obermeyer's ranch, both in Atascadero.

The next Daylight Division meet is Saturday, November 7, at Gary Siegel's home in Santa Barbara, where Bruce Morden is planning a full day of railroading fun activities. Gary's fabulous L&N HO layout and his huge outdoor G scale layout, with trackage rights in both neighbors' yards, will be among the featured activities. We hope you can join us for the day. Meets in 2016 are being planned for Fresno and Bakersfield. Watch the Daylight and PCR Master Calendar websites for updates.

In conclusion, the outdated Daylight Division bylaws, circa 1983, are undergoing a complete revision in preparation for the advent of IRS 501(c)(3) status. Superintendent Neil Fernbaugh is chairing the bylaws committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Grenier
Director, PCR Daylight Division

RED - Mid year report 2015

The RED had its spring meeting at Monroe Hall. It was the first meeting with our new officers presiding. At the throttle was new Superintendent Peter Barnes. Peter was apprehensive about the assignment, but did a great job at his first meeting. We are confident he will serve the RED quite nicely. Ed Zakareckis agreed to take over as chief clerk; a post he has had before and we are sure he will do a good job again.

The meeting took place one week before the PCR convention in Fremont. We had approximately the same number of attendees as normal. There was much talk about the convention, those who were planning on attending and the various expectations. We had a glimpse of some of the models that would be displayed by RED members.

Our summer meeting was a return to Ron Kaiser's home for a great picnic. This was the first time we were at his new house. Many RED members had worked to get his layout moved into its new home. This was a year plus effort, but we made it in time to run trains through what is a great layout. As usual the picnic included wives and was a usual good time. It's hard not to have a good time in such a pleasant area under the trees with good friends.

It was encouraging to see so many RED members at the NMRA Nationals in Portland, Oregon. Amongst those in attendance were Ed Merrin, Carol Alexander, Ed Zakareckis, David Turner, Bill Kauffman, Jim Providenza, Ron Kaiser, Dick Foster, Gus Campagna, Verne Alexander, and me, Dave Croshere. It is hard not to have a good time in beautiful Portland. I didn't hear anything, but about the good times everybody experienced.

Steve Skold as usual shunned the Nationals in favor of the narrow gauge convention which was in Texas.

RED seems to be in good shape. Membership has stayed about the same with many enthusiastic participants.

Dave Croshere
RED Director

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SIERRA DIVISION
October 10, 2015

I. The Sierra Division has had one meet since the May BOD meeting in Newark.

1. Our third meet of the year was held in Sparks, NV. We had five layouts we could tour. They were Jim Petro's HO scale D&RGW, John Currie's S scale Northern Pacific, Al Nelson's HO scale Santa Fe, Bob Westphall's HO scale Western Pacific and Bob Norwich's ON30 scale Post War Nevada. Tour hours were 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

After lunch we met at Sparks Library for our 2:30 p.m. meeting. Opening remarks and comments by Jim Collins. Minutes from the last meeting were read by Jim Firehock and approved. Al Rowe gave the Financial Report. Jim Collins gave an update of the 2016 PCR Convention. A clinic on an electronic bug swatter grass applicator was presented by Jim Collins.

Contest winners were: Black and white photos, 1st, Tom Van Horn, 2nd was a tie, Dave Bayless and Jim Collins, 3rd, Dave Bayless. Non-revenue Cars, 1st, Jim Petro, 2nd and 3rd, Dave Bayless. Larry and Judy Champlin received their Member of the Year Award. Door prizes were drawn and the meeting was adjourned. Our October meet will be in Paradise, CA on the 10th.

II. Upcoming Events

1. Sierra Division sponsored High Sierra Model Railroad Tour November 7 and 8, 2015. Contact Jim Petro 775-852-5636. See PCR's Master Calendar.

2. International Rail Fair in Roseville, November 14 and 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Jones

PCR Membership Department Report
October 10, 2015
Doug Wagner

The PCR membership statistics for the past 5 months, March 31, 2015 to September 3, 2015:

Membership on March 31, 2015 – 996
Membership on September 30, 2015 – 1,010
Deceased – 6
New Members – 25 (this figure includes 11 Rail Pass)
Did not renew membership – 40
Re-rail – 26

Membership by Division as of August 31, 2015:

Coast	466
Sierra	268
Redwood Empire	135
Daylight	129
Hawaiian	12

I know the figures do not add up, but this is what the reports are showing, as of August 31, 2015. I've gone over them a half-dozen times to figure out why they do not jive, but have not pin-pointed where the discrepancy is occurring. After I get back home, I will go back over them—again—and see if I can find it. All I can tell you is for sure is that the figures you see were taken from the reports from NMRA HQ.

Doug Wagner
Membership Department Manager

Year	John Allen	President	Coast	Daylight	Redwood Empire	Sierra	MMR	Convention Location
1944							23 Eric Bracher	Hawthorne, CA
1945							39 Robert A. Silveria	Los Angeles, CA
1946							65 James F. Tangney	Hawthorne, CA
1947							67 Bill Kennerley* (2005)	Oakland, CA
1948							71 Louis Quervrel*	Los Angeles, CA
1949							101 Thomas R. Knapp	San Jose, CA
1950							105 Hal Riegger*	San Diego, CA
1951							136 Jack A. Burgess	none held
1952							139 Gerald S. White*	California Hotel, Oakland, CA
1953							172 Ruediger von Prittwitz*	El Cortez Hotel, Reno, NV
1954							207 Jim Vail	Mayfair Hotel, Los Angeles, CA
1955							215 Robert W. Brown	San Diego, CA
1956							253 Robert Wirthlin	Sainte Clair Hotel, San Jose, CA
1957							293 Fred Verrier* (2004)	Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, CA
1958		Paul Lehman*					302 Kermit Paul Jr.	Westward Ho Motel, Phoenix, AZ
1959							363 Jack Verducci	Oakland, CA
1960							368 Marlin Costello	Huntington Sheraton Hotel, Highland Park, CA
1961							409 Ron Plies	Sacramento, CA
1962							513 Joseph G. Aymar	Phoenix, AZ
1963		Jack Taylor					514 Frank Markovich	Bakersfield Inn, Bakersfield, CA
1964							529 Chuck Harmon	U.A. Grant Hotel, San Diego, CA
1965							533 Andrew Merriam	El Rancho, Santa Rosa, CA
1966							551 Dave Connery	Mission Inn, Riverside CA
1967								Holiday Inn, Flagstaff, AZ
1968								El Rancho Motel, Sacramento, CA
1969		Don McCord						Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA
1970								Cabana Hotel, Palo Alto, CA
1971		Bob Dupont						Townhouse, Phoenix, AZ
1972		Art Burgess						El Ranch Tropicana, Santa Rosa, CA
1973	Gorre & Daphetid Operators							Royal Coach Motor Hotel, San Mateo, CA
1974	Carl Tiny Carstens	Harold & Marion* Elmore						Desert Oasis, Las Vegas, NV
1975	Lou Quevrel, MMR*	Al Armitage						Woodlake Inn, Sacramento, CA
1976	Chet Tayloe*		John Dennis*					Sheraton Universal, Hollywood, CA
1977	Dorothy Keeler*							San Jose, CA
1978	Phread Henderson							Del Webb's Townhouse, Phoenix, AZ
1979	Steve & Carol Skold							El Ranch Tropicana, Santa Rosa, CA
1980	Jerry Drake*, Whit Towers*	Billy Chaffin	None	Pete Thorp	Mike Mc Sween	Ty Knighten		Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA
1981	Cliff Grandt*, Linn Wescott*	Bob Ferguson	Bruce Battles		Don Cabrall*			Woodlake Inn, Sacramento, CA
1982	Bob Dupont		John Dennis*					Pasadena, CA
1983	Paul Shimada*							Hotel Le Baron, San Jose, CA
1984	Jim FitzGerald*	Bill Swindell	Jerry White*		Ed Suhv			Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA
1985	John Dennis*	Jim Williams						Holiday Inn City Center, Fresno, CA
1986	Hal Riegger*	Ernie Mattschei*	Jack Wall*	Bill Scott				Placer County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA
1987	Jim Tangney MMR	Gene Mayer	Bob Ferguson	Jim Harness	Brice Benson, Bob Berg	Dave Tallha		Concord, Sheraton, Concord, CA
1988	Jerry White MMR*	Harold Mentzer*, Bob Ferguson, Gus & Mary Pasternak	Bill Swindell	Margaret Pasternak	Russ Clover	Clyde Lippincott*		El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa, CA
1989	Chuck Harmon	Jim Tangney	Carl Tiny Carsten	Chuck Harmon	Debbie Joyner	Bill Roberts		Hilton, Hotel, Fresno, CA
1990	Ernie Mattschei*	Paul Christensen*, Clyde Lippencott*, Carl Tiny Carstens	Dwayne Coate*	Joe & Suzie Paff	Terry Tinkler	Norman Morris		Hyatt Oakland Airport, Oakland, CA
1991	Gene Mayer	Ray deBleeck & Barbara Wall*	Matt Thiessen*	Mike Cunningham	Gus Campagna	Leonard Houpt		Red Lion, Sacramento, CA
1992	Jack Wall*		Dan Smith		Nolan Alexander			El Rancho Tropicana, Santa Rosa, CA
1993	Greg Austin	Dan Smith	Jack Burgess MMR	Doug Wagner	Carol Roloff			MGM Grand, Reno, NV
1994	Harold Mentzer*	Jack* & Barbara* Wall	Lisa Gorrell		John Leins			Santa Clara Conv. Ctr./Westin Hotel, Santa Clara, CA
1995	Ray deBleeck	Bob Ferguson	Dave Connery		Harold Mentzer*			Hyatt Rickey s Palo Alto, CA
1996	Lisa Gorrell	Dwayne Coate*	Ed Liesse	Bill Scott	Bob Rankin	Dick Witzens		Embassy Suites, San Rafael, CA
1997	Bob Ferguson	Jim Tangney, Ed & Gay Liesse	Allan Fenton*	Brewster Bird	Jim Providenza			Holiday Inn, Bakersfield, CA
1998	Bill Scott	Bill Everett	Bill Burket	Chuck Harmon	Bill Williams	Ed Pultz		Red Lion, Modesto, CA
1999	Russ Clover	Gus Campagna	Brad Lloyd	Bob Randall	Bob Mounjoy	Tom Milan		Ujiah Valley Conference Center, Ukiah, CA
2000	Bill Swindell	Dave Connery	Denise Showalter*		Howard Brown	Dick Witzens		Calif. School for the Deaf, Fremont, CA
2001	Bill Burket	Larry Altbaum, Jim Williams	Jim Long*	Tom Turner	John Rolston			Sands Hotel, San Luis Obispo, CA
2002	Allen Fenton*, Glenn Joesten	Bill Scott	Jerry Littlefield*, Don Shortt	Terry Taylor	Shirly Mentzer			Holiday Inn, Redding, CA
2003	Dave Connery	Bill Kaufman, Rich Kolm*	Ray deBleeck	Paul Deis	Pat Bovle	Norm Morris		Crowne Plaza, Pleasanton, CA
2004	Gus Campagna	John Marshall	Jim Long*	None Awarded	Don Cabrall*	Jesse Menefee, Jr.		Embassy Suites, Napa, CA
2005	Larry Altbaum	Bob Ferguson	Rod Smith	Marlin Costello MMR	Bill Kaufman	Don Schmitt		Crowne Plaza, Concord, CA
2006	Dwayne Coate*	Stephen Johnson	Pat La Torres	Bruce Morden	Steve Skold	Bob Warner		Red Lion, Sacramento, CA
2007	Jim Long*	Larry Altbaum, Rich Kolm*	John Sing	Hilding Larson	Ron Plies MMR	Dick Kreutzer		University Inn, Santa Cruz, CA
2008	Jack Burgess MMR	Mary Moore-Campagna	Tom Crawford	Dave Grenier	Ed Merrin	Al Rowe		Ramada University Inn, Fresno, CA
2009	Anthony Thompson	Dave Grenier	Chuck Mitchell*	Gary Saxton	Joseph G. Aymar	Ed Pultz		Mariott, Fremont, CA
2010	Bob Brown MMR, HLM	Rod Smith	Steve Wesolowski	Jay Smith	Tom Swearingen	Dick Klammer		Nugget, Sparks, NV
2011	Mary Moore-Campagna, Charlie Getz HLM	Steven Skold	David Benjaminson, John McCool	George Pisching	Ed Merrin	Ray Ritch		Santa Rosa, CA
2012	Ed & Gay Liesse, Bill Schaumburg	Dennis Stokely	Mark Schutzer	Gary Siegel	Richard Foster	Jim Long*		Red Lion, Medford OR (Joint w/PNR)
2013	Richard Hendrickson*	Seth Neumann, Jim Providenza	David Parks	Bruce Morden	Gus Campagna	Gary Ray		Holiday Inn Select, Dublin, CA
2014	Seth Neumann, Jim Providenza	Chuck Harmon MMR	Steve Wesolowski	Andrew Merriam MMR	Verne Alexander	Mary Moore-Campagna		Sands Inn and Suites, San Luis Obispo, CA
2015	Tony Koester, Dave Grenier	Guiseppe Aymar MMR	Frank Markovich MMR	Doug Wagner	Dave Grundman	Larry & Judy Champlin		DoubleTree, Newark CA