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Welcome to the Fall 2024 issue of the Callboard. The weather was wonderful and we had a great meeting with great Show & Tells and two presentations by Michael Litant and Ed Merrin.

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**Superintendent's Report - Paul Weiss**

Hi RED Members,

On December 7 we had another well attended Meet in Santa Rosa, our somewhat belated "Fall Meet". We enjoyed presentations by Ed Merrin and Michael Litant, both detailed elsewhere in this issue. Additionally, we are all very proud that our fellow member Dave Croshere achieved MMR status; Dave told attendees a little about his MMR journey. Our next Meet, Winter 2025, will be on February 22.

It is also a season of change at RED... 2025 is an election year and two of our four elected officials are facing the expiry of their terms. My position, Superintendent/Director, will be seeking candidates inasmuch as I won't be standing for re-election. It is time for fresh ideas and a possible reconsideration of some of the ways we have been doing things at the RED. So too, we have two newly elected "Member Representatives" that serve two years terms expiring on alternate years. Jason Schoenmann's term is expiring, and we hope and encourage him to run again.

It is rewarding to get involved with the RED. I've enjoyed my time trying to give a little back to the hobby that has been part of my life for more than half a century. I chose to run 4 or so years ago because it was clear that there were too few people volunteering, and that is more the case now. Perhaps you, dear reader, have assumed that you couldn't or shouldn't get involved, and/or that the workload was daunting. In fact having a chance to steer the direction of our Division is impactful, rewarding, and doesn't take a lot of time.

Our February 22 Winter Meet will have a different format, to discuss the future and what we want our Division to look like. We will still have time for fun, socializing, Show and Tell, and lunch. But it is an important crossroads for us and I hope you will join us. For those that cannot attend the business discussion portion, we will try to make a dial in audio call possible (if there is interest). We hope you will join us. In the meantime, very best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season.

**Paul Weiss**  
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Our current bank balance is \$4664.80, however with the following expenses our check book shows a balance of \$2914.21.

- \$543.55 for Summer picnic train tickets
- \$775.89: Zoom subscription (\$159.90), projector tripod stand (\$56.16), and lunch for Summer picnic (\$560.69)
- \$75.00 1st place Show and Tell RED meet Dec.7, 2024
- \$25.00 2ed place Show and Tell RED meet Dec. 7, 2024
- \$496.30 lunch RED meet Dec. 7, 2024
- For petty cash we took in \$15.00 for additional raffle tickets

We are expecting at least \$400 from PCR to offset the costs of our lunches under a new initiative...

**David Grundman, Chief Clerk and Paymaster****Membership Report - Gus Campagna**

As of October 2024, the Redwood Empire Division has 109 members.

**New Members**

Welcome to new members! Please let me know if I have missed any new members at [scottnl1947@gmail.com](mailto:scottnl1947@gmail.com).

Dirk Zimmermann

# Layouts Wanted!

## For the 2026 PCR Convention



Tom Comyns is the **Layout Tour Coordinator** for the **2026 PCR Convention** to be hosted by the **Redwood Empire Division**. He is looking for layouts of any scale to be included in the proposed layout tours. Please get in touch with Tom at [tcrr@comcast.net](mailto:tcrr@comcast.net) for further information.

# FALL 2024 RED MEETING



Twenty members attended the Fall 2024 Redwood Empire Division meeting. Superintendent Paul Weiss opened the meeting by welcoming everyone before moving on to the RED business. Elections will be held next year, and the superintendent and one of the new member representatives will be on the ballot. Paul suggested we use the February meeting to review new ideas for our meetings, such as having a volunteer host for each meeting or doing a combination local layout tour and meeting. A discussion occurred regarding whether the current combination Superintendent-Director role could be split. Please consider what part you can play or what ideas you might have for the RED going forward.

Dave Croshere recently became an NMRA Master Model Railroader! Dave showed his awards and two models he submitted to the NMRA as part of the qualification process. Three RED members have now achieved the MMR title - Giuseppe Aymar, Ron Plies, and Dave Croshere.

After lunch, provided by Canevari's Delicatessen, Michael Litant presented Part Two of his extensive listing of model and prototype railroad videos on YouTube. Lists from both presentations are included in this issue of the callboard. Ed Merrin's presentation focused on realistically photographing model railroads through focus stacking. Giuseppe Aymar was awarded \$75, and Mike Davis was awarded \$25 for their presentations. Everyone took home a door prize.

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## Dave Croshere - MMR

**Dave Croshere has achieved the title of MMR (Master Model Railroader) by the NMRA!** This title is not easy to achieve and is the result of earning a minimum of seven AP (Achievement Program) awards. The Achievement Program is divided into eleven categories covering different aspects of the hobby and the NMRA. As members of the NMRA earn credit in the different categories, awards are presented to signify the member's achievement.



Master Model Railroad presentation to Dave Croshere by PCR Achievement Program Chairperson, Earl Girbovan, MMR at Ron Kaiser's layout.

# Show & Tell

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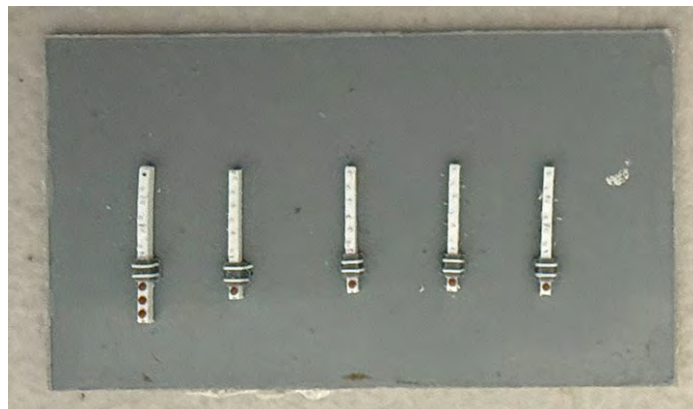
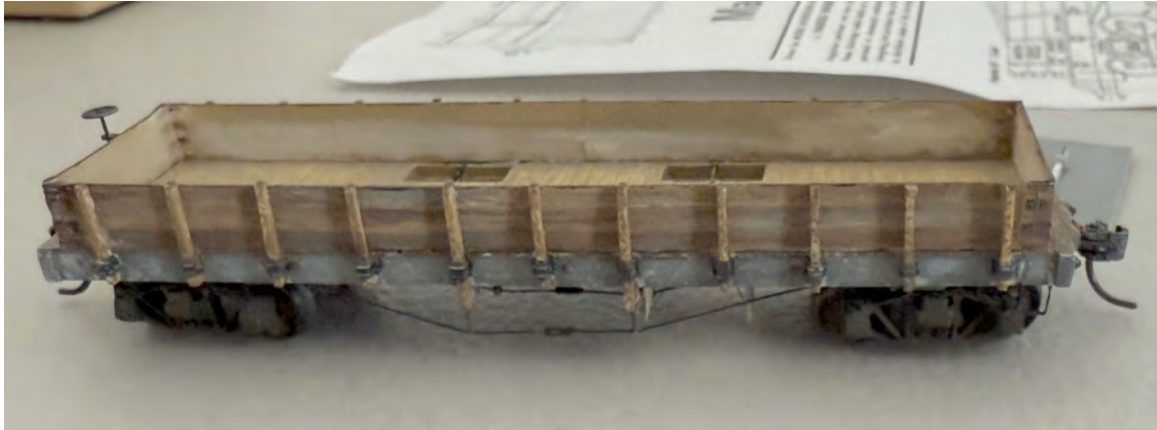
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# Show & Tell

## Dave Croshere - Master Model Railroader

Ron Kaiser summed up Dave's approach to the MMR program. "Dave does things that no one else has done." For the gondola, Dave scratch built the truss rod assembly.



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# Show & Tell

## Dave Croshere - Master Model Railroader

Ice hatches and hardware.



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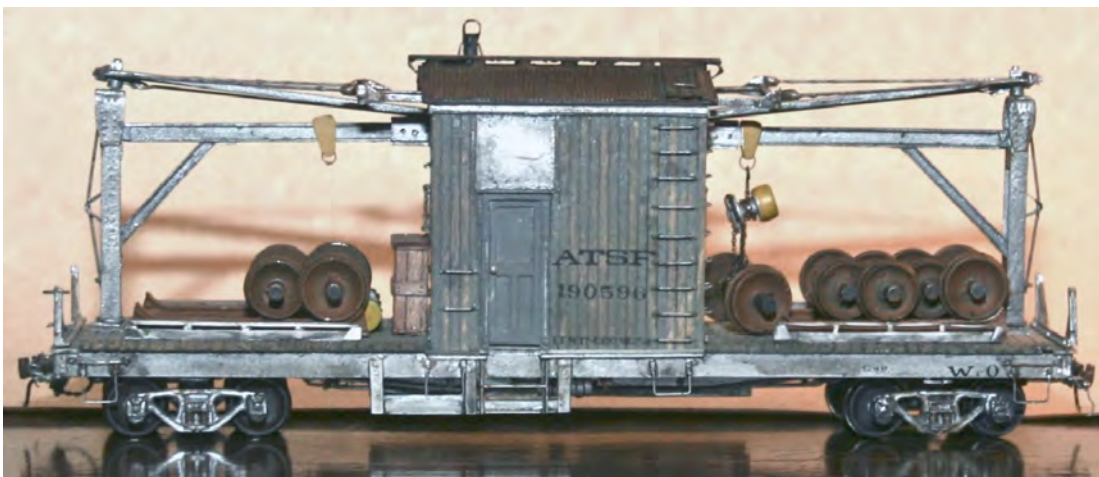
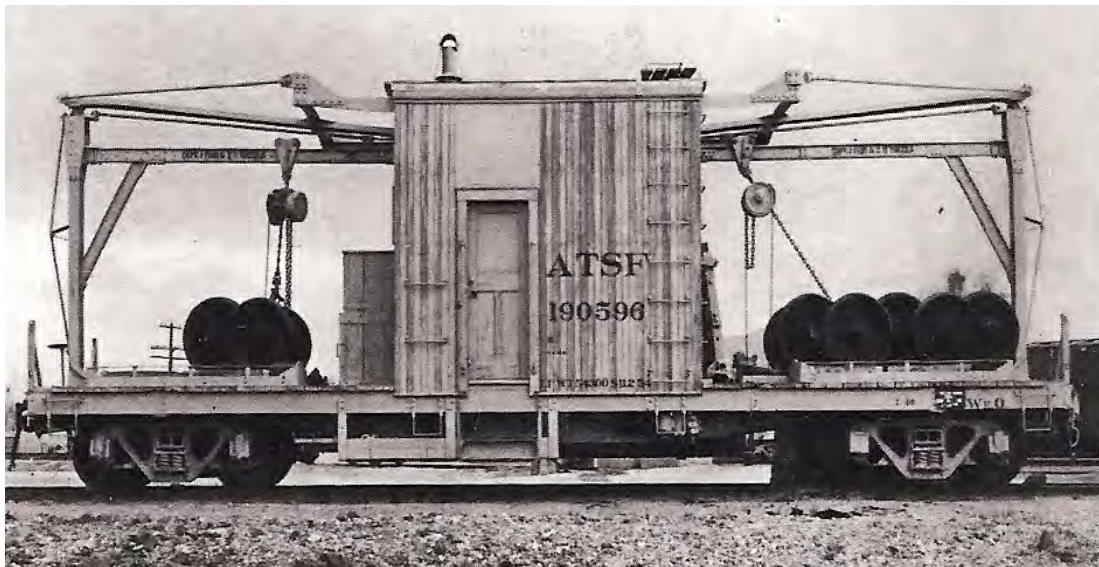


# Show & Tell

## Giuseppe Aymar - Santa Fe Wheel Car

"This is a 100% scratch-built model of a Santa Fe wheel car with operating booms. Wood, brass, styrene, and aluminum were used. Metal parts were formed and soldered, while wood and styrene were fastened with compatible glues. Appropriate fading of paint with accurate lettering and numbering. A fun project of a rare car. One of a kind. I loved doing it."

Giuseppe's model won First Place in the Non-Revenue category at the 2024 NMRA Convention.

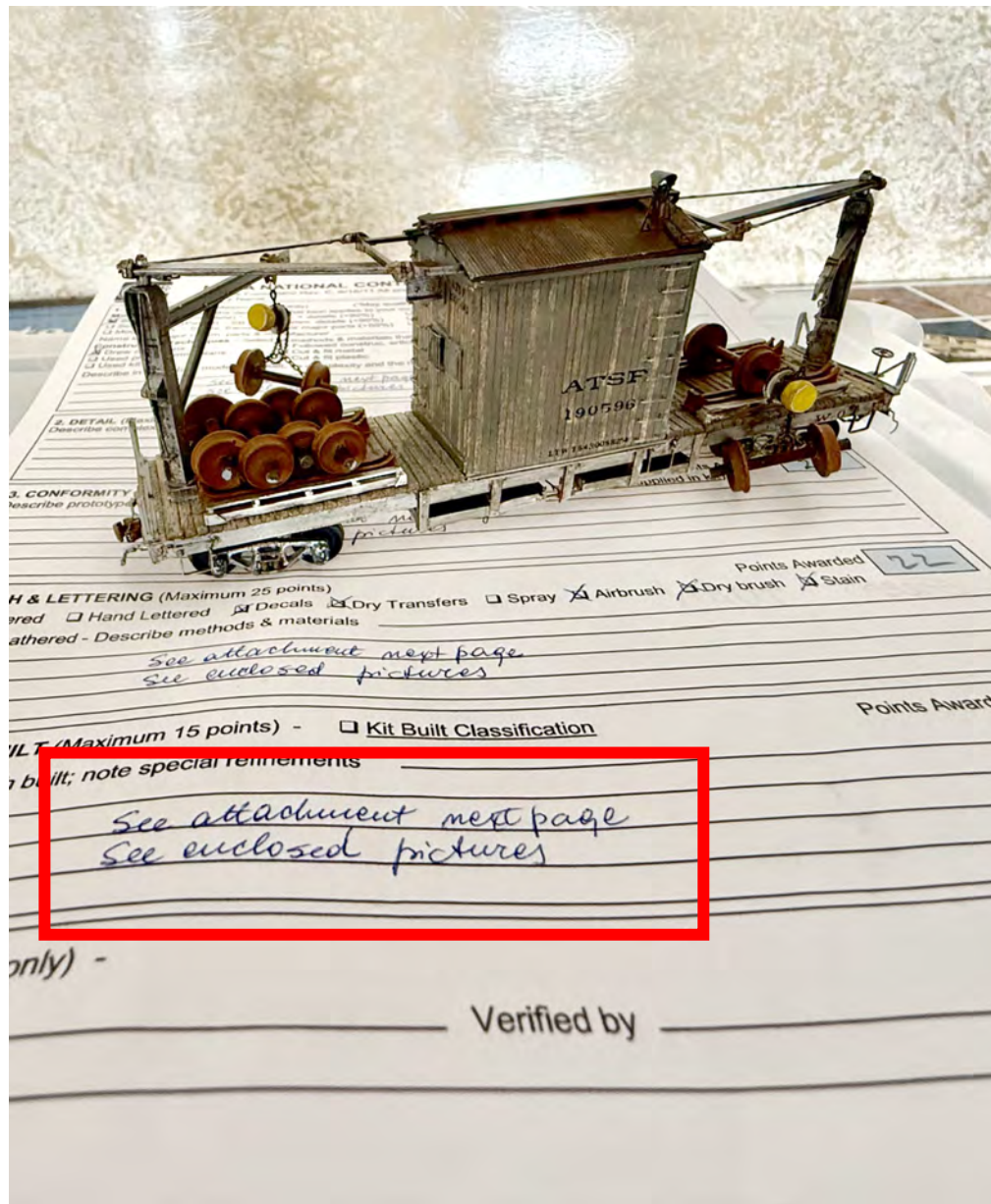


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# Show & Tell

## Giuseppe Aymar - Santa Fe Wheel Car

Giuseppe discussed the process for entering models in competition. He describes all of the construction techniques, parts scratchbuilt and parts taken from the scrap box, painting, and materials in detailed documentation. This documentation is submitted with the entry forms which inform the judges to refer to the attachments and photos. The more information provided the better the chances of winning a contest.



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## Show & Tell

### Mike Davis's Humboldt Northern's RS-27's

I've long wanted to model a freelance spin to the railroads of the Redwoods, and only recently got motivated enough to start making progress in bringing my fictional railroad to life. Still, ever the procrastinator, it's taken me a long time to get to that point. Recently, I decided that getting just a couple of engines done would spark even further motivation to learn how to paint and decal and get further pieces of equipment done. One day, while I was deciding which engines I already had to send off to be professionally painted, I was made aware that another RED member was offering up a pair of RS-27s needing a little TLC as free to a good home, seeing as they would fit beautifully in my ALCO heavy roster and came at an unbeatable price, I jumped on the opportunity and promptly sent those off to be turned into my first locomotives painted for the Humboldt Northern.



Getting those back inspired me to do a patch job on a caboose and another engine I've got and get another two engines sent off, and hopefully, those will be the last engines I hire someone to paint, as a friend has offered to teach me how to paint my own stuff.



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## Show & Tell

### Mike Davis's Humboldt Northern's RS-27's Etc.



Pacific Electric Baldwin DRS-6-6-1500

Mike replaced the trolley poles with more authentic parts.

**Davis DCC is now open for business.**

 <p>Davis DCC DCC installs, Repairs, Locomotive Lighting <b>Mike Davis</b> 707-327-8889 (Text Preferred) Northcoast3804@sonic.net</p>	<p>Plastic Steam and Diesel Non-sound \$75 Plastic Steam and Diesel \$100 Brass Diesel \$125 Brass Steam \$150+</p>
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## Show & Tell

### Steve Skold - Santa Rosa Streetcar #63

Steve presented an 8X10 photo of Petaluma and Santa Rosa streetcar number 63. It was also a remembrance of his mother's story about walking 2 miles to the station in Cotati with her mother to shop in Santa Rosa, (an all-day trip). He took the picture at a previous RED summer picnic at the Western Railroad Museum in Rio Vista. "I was also able to ride in the car at the most recent RED picnic. It was like riding in the San Francisco streetcars in the 1940s when I was a child."

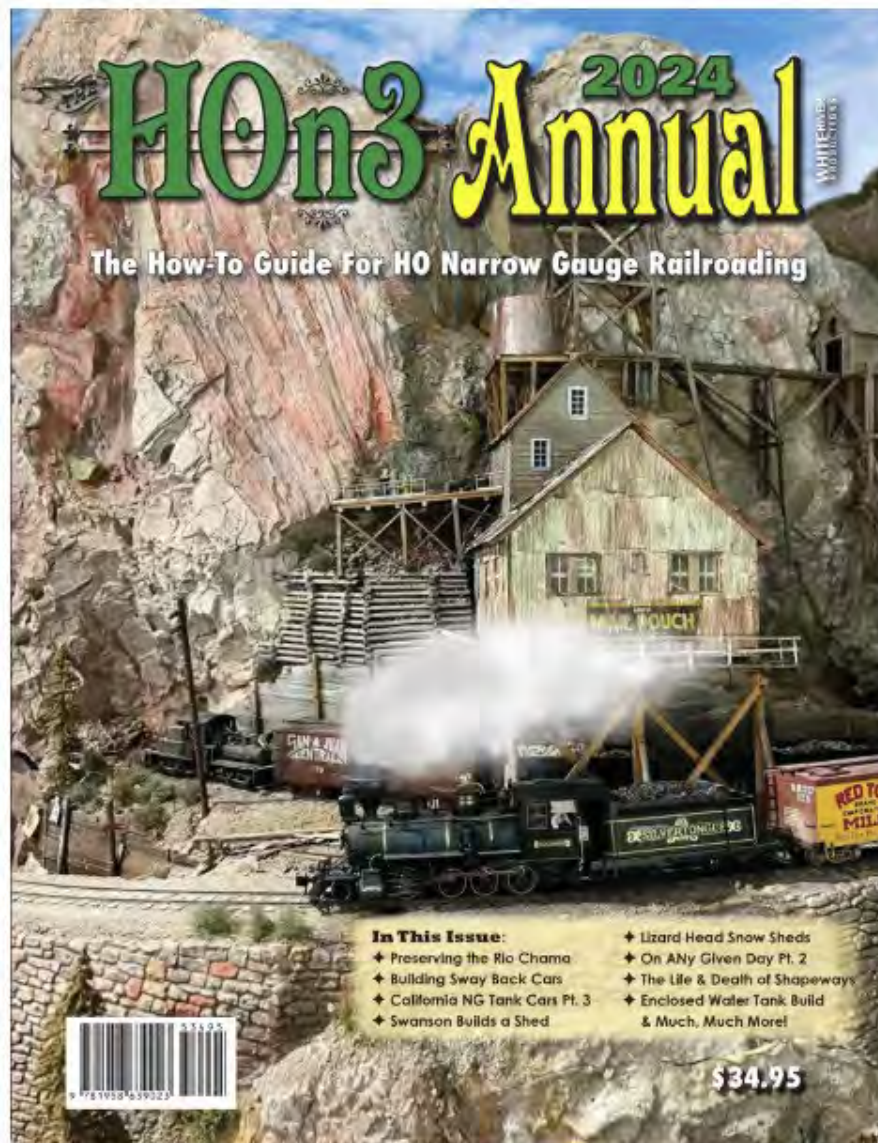




## Other News

### Rich Mossholder

If you have been following the Callboard over the past year you may have seen news about Rich Mossholder acquiring Malcom Furlow's famous HOn3 Denver & Rio Chama Western to incorporate in to his Rio Chama layout. As mentioned in the Spring 2024 issue of the Callboard articles about Rich's work on the Rio Chama are being published in model railroading magazines. One of the current articles can be seen in the 2024 issue of the HOn3 Annual entitled Preserving the Rio Chama.





## Raffle & Door Prizes

Every person attending the meeting received a door prize, with the first four raffle prize winners getting the first choice. Thank you to Dave Grundman for managing all the models, books, videos, etc., for each meeting. Dave said he would like more model railroad train equipment (engines, rolling stock, kits, etc.) to round out the offerings.

- Giuseppe Aymar was awarded the \$75.00 Show and Tell prize for his model.
- Mike Davis took the \$25.00 prize Show & Tell prize for his presentation.



# Presentation

## So Many Videos *Added*, So Little Time

*More YouTube Films and Videos about Prototype and Model Railroads*

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### Michael Litant

Michael presented Part 2 of railroad-related films and videos available on YouTube. The previous presentation included Railroad and Industry-Produced Films, Videos, Educational Films, Railroad Safety Films, Fan and Amateur Films and Videos, Model Railroad Tours and Operations, Serials and Period Movies, and Odds' n Ends. Michael reviewed what he covered last time and look for different topics or newly discovered items relating to the original topics. Copies of the links to the videos are included for your review.

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### The Magic of Scale Model Railroading—CSRM



California State Railroad Museum/The Magic of Scale Model Railroading [VLOG] Adam Palmer  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dD--oV54WE&t=66s>

The Magic of Scale Model Railroading (Members' Preview)—Tour with Charlie Getz  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5y8SLis9s8>

Southern California Railroad Museum (Perris, CA)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh8rqQC8f8s>

The Great Western Steam Up at the Nevada State Railroad Museum!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1r9ZKJ1nBIE>

Illinois Railway Museum-Diesel Days  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVh\\_OhOK-oc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVh_OhOK-oc)

A Visit to the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay WI - A Narrated Overlook  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0aS2yT\\_27A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0aS2yT_27A)

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### The Magic of Scale Model Railroading—CSRM



National Railway Museum—York, England Walking Tour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIM5YpTiZic>

Saitama Railway Museum—Tokyo, Japan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jS1NzthZoK8>

2024 TCA National Toy Train Museum Tour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2tczFweru8>

Series of Videos of the different gauges and their layouts

<https://www.tcatrains.org/museum/museum-exhibits/train-layouts/>

Abandoned Railroad equipment Geigertown PA climbing thru a caboose  
(D.J. Shirey's Private Collection, Geigertown, PA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaH7Pxy9DzE>

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## Locomotive Restoration and Construction



Inami Model Railway Workshop



**Niles Canyon Railway—Krauss Maffei 9010 Restoration Promo**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCzxwMD5514>

**Model Train Making Process. A 73-year-old Japanese artisan crafting model trains for decades.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o93J-ebHGhs>

**Scrapping of GE C36-7i locomotives (Russian)—2 Hours**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8Q3PMZ4ETo>

**Huge Locomotive Demolition**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSEilBptlSc&list=PLBRKX-53TyK66b4WGzoCSyr8TjQ98nrj4>

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## Steel Mill Railroads



US Steel's Molten Iron Torpedo Trains in Action!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2J4-CQ\\_J9-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2J4-CQ_J9-s)

Weirton Steel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9DwCBkd4p4>

Awesome Switchers and Train Cars at the ArcelorMittal Steel Mill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls-2coDNuNE>

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Chehalis Western Railroad



## Logging Railroads



**Last of the Railroad Loggers (Chehalis Western)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M74\\_GawXxik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M74_GawXxik)

**Logging Railroads of the Sierras - Pickering Lumber Corporation & West Side Lumber Co.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJRPzZTUUBg>

**Logging Railway At Horne Lake, British Columbia 1929 Educational Documentary**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRQiPt6-14Y>

**West Coast Logging Railroads Vol 1 Promo**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRI-SEbYA3E>

**West Coast Railroad Logging Vol 2 Promo—Warren Haack**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djAw9feEoGA>

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## Odds 'n Ends



**World's Worst Railroad Tracks 2014 (Napoleon, Defiance & Western)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pfp7dabTX3I>

**World's Worst Railroad Track (Cimarron Valley Railroad)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzNc57PYTeE>

**World's Worst Maintained Railroad (Maumee & Western)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TaNeam-J-g&list=PLXB1oy61PgkCYDaukknFx0YV-xW7bnZU&index=1>

**Train passing over a broken rail/track**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP8i8D6NX2Y>

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## Odds 'n Ends



**Wartime Freight (Handling and shipping LCL)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wy5mFkVQS8>

**10 Obscure Railcars Explained In 10 Minutes!**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D14Is\\_gcvfA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D14Is_gcvfA)

**Spreaders, Flangers, and Doublestacks on Donner Pass!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijFE5Im1dLk>

**Why the GM Aerotrain Was DOOMED from the Start**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngSV-VxudLQ>

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# Presentation

## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

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### Ed Merrin

This presentation is an abridged version of a talk delivered at the 2024 NMRA convention. It describes the background and techniques involved in using your cell phone, in combination with specialized software, to produce photographs with close-up views of model train layout scenes that are in sharp focus throughout. This method enables the creation of images mimicking photographs taken of prototype railroad subjects by a photographer standing at ground level. Various challenges and their solutions are covered.

## Summary

- Many photos of real trains are taken from ground level whereas most photos of model trains are taken from an elevation.
- Standard cameras and their lenses are too bulky to fit inside layout scenes and too tall to achieve this ground level angle.
- Smartphone cameras can do this but have fixed aperture lenses with very shallow depth of field.
- Using focus stacking with smartphones makes these types of photos possible.

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# Presentation

## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

**Goal: Low Perspective and in the Scene Look**



**From Highway Overpass**



**From Ground Level**

**CAN'T SEE ROOF DETAILS!**

### A Three-Step Process

**1. Take Multiple Photos at Different Focus Points**



**2. Overlay and Align ("Stack") Images**

**3. New Image Created From Blending Together Sharp Areas.**



**This Blended Image Is Cropped, Edited, and Adjusted.**

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## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

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### Requirements for Focus Stacking

- Camera With Manual Focus Option.
- Something To Keep Camera Still.
  - Tripod, Stand, Bean Balls, Focusing Rails, Remote Shutter, Etc.
- Computer.
- Photo Editing Software With Focus Stacking Feature.

### Problem 2 - Camera Size

Standard cameras and their lenses are too bulky to fit inside layout scenes and too tall for ground level angle.

Using the camera inside your smartphone solves that problem.



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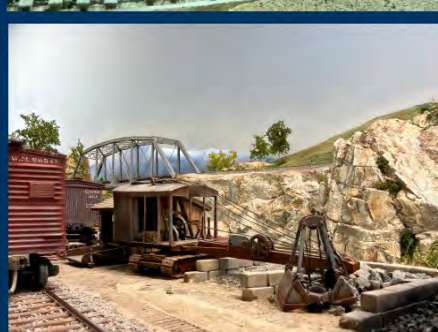
# Presentation

## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

### Examples of Focus Stacking With DSLR



### Examples of Focus Stacking with Smartphone



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## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

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### Camera



iPhone 13 Pro Max  
77 mm f/2.8  
26 mm f/1.5  
13 mm f/1.8

Use with Bluetooth Shutter Release

### Stands



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POCKET TRIPOD PRO

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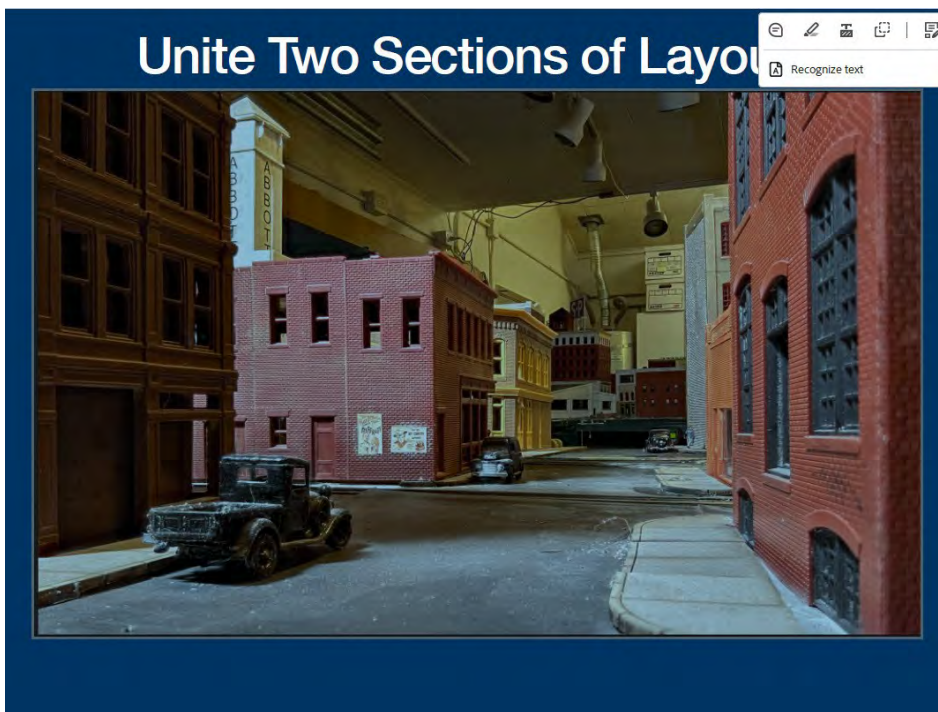
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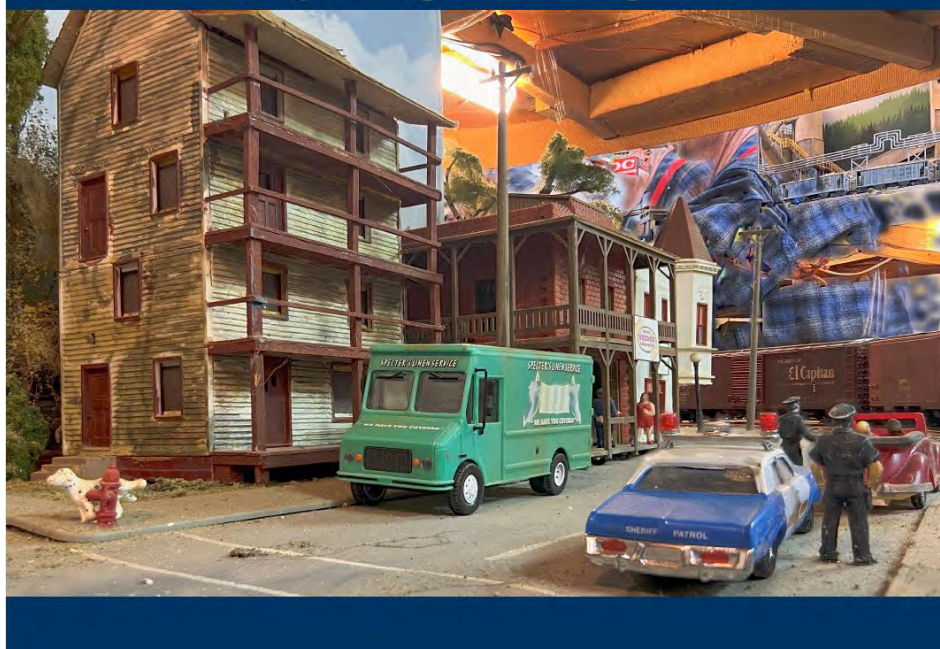
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## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

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Multiple Images for Background



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# Presentation

## Using Smartphones and Focus Stacking for Model Railroad Photography

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### Some Focus Stack Links

[Backcountrygalleria.Com](http://Backcountrygalleria.Com)

Steve Perry

Focus Stacking Video Workshop

<https://thehillslane.com/2020/04/10/photostacking/>

James McNab - Model RR photography with CameraPixels

<https://youtu.be/IEQzZtTYErk> Alan Walls Photography

<https://youtu.be/uxxzZXORXL0> Alan Walls on Artifacts

<https://youtu.be/fQLQIKTGgYk> Brian Matias

Focus Stacking the Right Way

<https://youtu.be/dTD1OoXNNjQ> Josh Zaring

Focus Stacking in Photoshop and how to fix common problems

[https://youtu.be/2T\\_hczcOz70](https://youtu.be/2T_hczcOz70) Stewart Wood

Focus Stacking in Macro Photography

### Thanks to Layout Owners

- Bill Kaufman - State Belt
- Jim Providenza - Santa Cruz Northern
- Paul Weiss - Central Vermont
- Tony Thompson - Santa Rosalia Branch
- Tom Swearingen - Southern Pacific
- Dave Houston - Southern Pacific
- Ron Kaiser - Western Pacific
- Ron Learn - Northwestern Pacific
- Ernie Simard - Western Pacific
- Silicon Valley Free-moN

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## Tool Tips

Hobbyists, whether modeling trains, planes, ships, armor, etc., have been very creative in devising innovative solutions to make their hobby more enjoyable. With that in mind, I would like to add a feature to the Callboard where members can submit their favorite shortcuts, homemade tools, or anything you use to make your model railroading more enjoyable. With that in mind I would like to present one of my favorite tools.

### Prescription Bottle Lids



I suspect that many of us have our fair share of prescriptions to help us get through the day. Between my wife and myself we collect a sizeable amount of empty prescription bottles. The containers are discarded and the caps are tossed into a box on my shelf. The caps come in pretty standard sizes. Many of the caps have a foam liner which I remove. I use the caps to hold parts, paint, and various glues.



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## Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page

Please check out the RED Facebook page. For more information about the RED Facebook Page, please contact Bill Kaufman ([bill@statebelt.org](mailto:bill@statebelt.org)).

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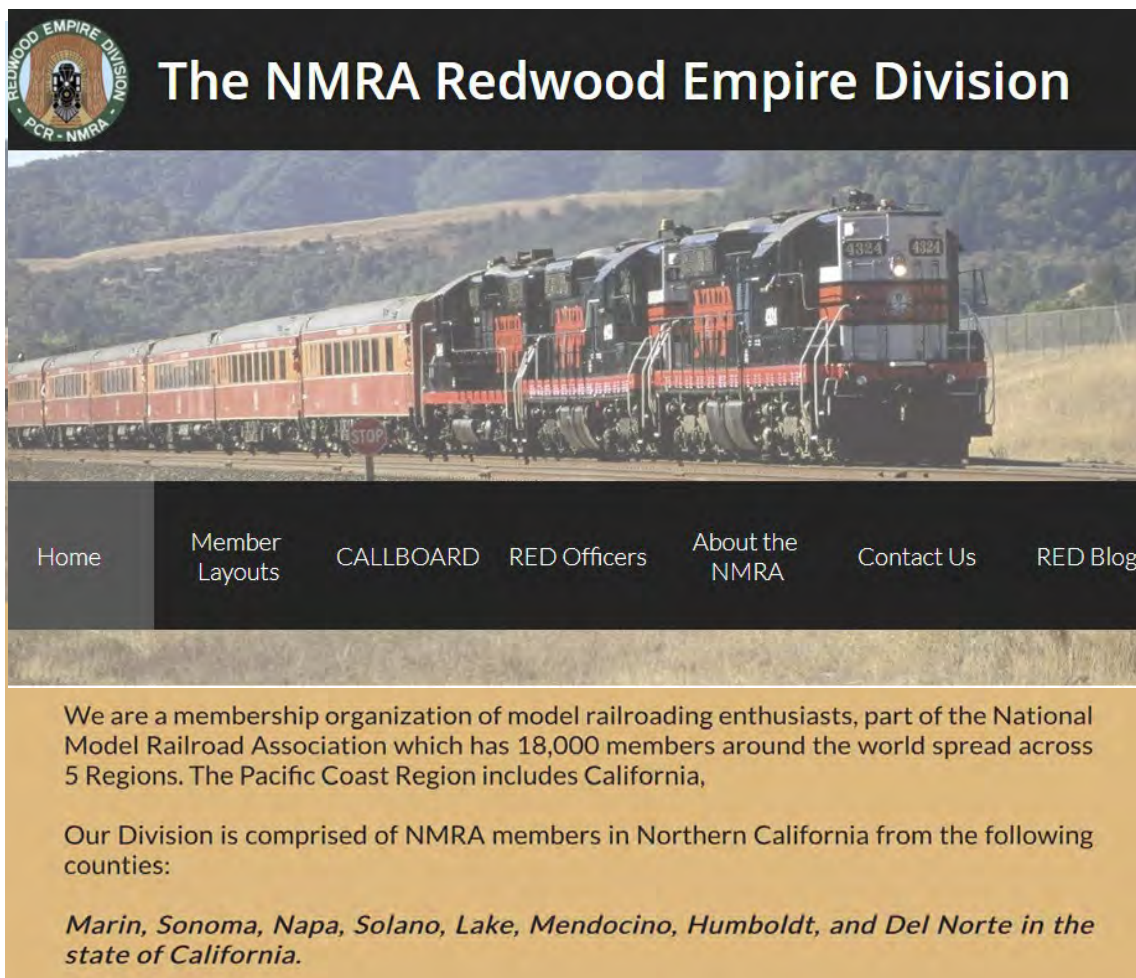


Photos by Ed Merrin



## Redwood Empire Division Website

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# Clubs in the Redwood Empire Division

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## **Coastal Valley Lines Modular Railroad**

The Coastal Valley Lines Model Railroad Club of Sonoma County, LTD (CVL) is an association of novice-to-expert model railroaders from around Sonoma County, California. We operate our HO modular railroad at public and private events and gather for clinics, work sessions, and regular monthly meetings. Visit the website for additional information. [Coastal Valley Lines Modular Railroad](#)

## **Eel River Valley Model Railroaders**

The purpose of the Eel River Valley Model Railroaders is to preserve the rich history of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad and the history of the North Coast of California. The club has a series of modules depicting several areas of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad between Schellville and Eureka, California.

## **The Humboldt Bay and Eureka Model Railroad Club**

The Humboldt Bay and Eureka Model Railroad Club is the largest, most active model railroad club in Humboldt County. It has existed in the exact location for about 40 years. The large layout is a freelance operation with many scenes based on NWP locations. The club typically meets each Saturday at 7:30 pm. Visitors are welcome. Open house occurs during Veteran's Day and Rhododendron Days Weekends. The club is at 7th and A Streets in Eureka, CA.

[The Humboldt Bay and Eureka Model Railroad Club](#)

## **Mendocino Coast Model Railroad and Historical Society**

See logging history brought to life at this walk-around large G-Scale layout representing a history of logging and the railroads in the Redwood Empire. Over 1300ft of track - equivalent to 6 miles - with views of a mill, logging camp, town, pier, bridges, and trestles. Hours: 10:30 - 2:30 pm: every day except Tuesdays and Thursdays. [Mendocino Coast Model Railroad and Historical Society](#)

## **North Coast Historical Model Railroad Society (NCHMRS)**

The club operates an HO-scale layout based on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, which ran in the 1950s through Sonoma County to Ukiah. The club is building the layout as a display for the Depot Museum in the historic Healdsburg Freight Depot. Stop by on the 3rd Saturday of each month as we open the doors to the depot. [North Coast Historical Model Railroad Society](#)

## **Redwood Empire Live Steamers Interactive Museum**

The Redwood Empire Live Steamers is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Sonoma County's Railroad history through re-creation, railroad equipment, and historic landmarks in miniature.

[Redwood Empire Live Steamers Interactive Museum](#)

## **The Redwood Empire Garden Railway Society**

The REGRS is a loosely knit club of garden railroad enthusiasts from areas north of the famous San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge who share an interest in model trains. Our members are in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Contact the club for public tours and shows. [The Redwood Empire Model Railway Society](#)

# Mark Your Calendars!



## The Redwood Empire Division 2025 Winter Meeting

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa

Doors open 10:30am - Meeting starts at 11:00am



*Door Prizes! Lunch is on the RED!*

Contact: [paulbweiss@mac.com](mailto:paulbweiss@mac.com)



# 2025 PCR Convention

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## *Daylight Limited* PACIFIC COAST REGION CONVENTION

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**Convention Site:** <https://pcr2025.org/>

**Register:** <https://pcr2025.org/registration/>





# 2025 NMRA Convention

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## 2025 NMRA National Convention

Station No. VI - hosted by the North Central Region of the NMRA

**WELCOME to the 90th NMRA National Model Railroad Convention, STATION No. VI**

**July 14-19, 2025 – Novi, Michigan**

**Convention Site: <https://nmra2025.com/>**

**Register: <https://nmra2025.com/registration/>**



## The Caboose!

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*Holidays*