



# CALLBOARD

## Redwood Empire Division PCR/NMRA

Website: [pcrnmra.org/redwood/](http://pcrnmra.org/redwood/)

Fall 2017

### Special points of interest:

- Fall RED Event  
November 18, 2017
- PCR 2018 Convention Enduring Rails sponsored by the Redwood Empire Division and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society April 4-8, 2018

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### Fall Event

### Monroe Hall Santa Rosa

*The next Redwood Empire Division Event will be at Monroe Hall on November 18, 2017 starting at 11am.*

*The doors will be open at 10am and we must be done by 4pm.*

*Monroe Hall is at 1400 W College Avenue in Santa Rosa.*

*Mary's Snack Shop will be there for breakfast & lunch.*

*Wear your name badge, bring a door prize or a show & tell item for an extra door prize ticket.*

OK, now that I have said my piece about Show and Tell (page 9), let me volunteer myself to follow S&T with a simple program on modeling. Actually, I was approached (or, better, coerced) by Dave Grundman a week ago on whether I would be amenable to talk about my modeling experiences, methods, frustrations (are you kidding me? Frustrations in modeling? Me? ) by no means am I supposed to leave out all those "secret ways" I must know that have been passed down from generation to generation (especially, in David's own words, the fact that being a dentist must surely have given me exquisite finger dexterity). I didn't know whether David was pulling the proverbial leg (right or left) or he was really serious. He maintained he was definitely serious. On that note I agreed. You guys, my poor audience, will be the ultimate judge and jury. The program will consist on showing you as many of the tools I use that I can possibly bring to the meeting; I will have pictures of the ones I cannot transport. What does my workbench look like? How do I choose a project? What level of difficulty do I want to attempt? When do I decide that a project is finally completed? (My lovely and saintly wife has a lot of saying in that one: i.e., when she is finally tired of listening to my moaning and groaning and, YES, bitching: "That's it", she says. "You are DONE". It looks good, honey. "Come to bed now!") All kidding aside, I will tell what I know. I will definitely encourage lots of questions as the program should be tailored for you to get the most out of it. In fact, the more questions, the better as I might leave out some information without realizing it. I was telling Ron K. and Dave C. just the other day that at the Parma Opera House in Italy, regarded as one of the best in the world due to the audience command of the nuances of opera, even major stars like Pavarotti or Placido Domingo have been pelted by rotten tomatoes for performances considered sub-par. Therefore, everyone coming to the meeting will have to be searched for any unlawful possession of bags of tomatoes. Ciao, Giuseppe

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**Director's Report—Steve Skold**

The Midyear PCR Board Meeting was held on Sat. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at the NWPRRHS library room. Some of the important business included the change to electronic balloting starting with the election of Region Directors next May. This is being spearheaded by PCR Secretary Chris Palermo who also helped start the use of Constant Contact for electronic notices of meetings for the Divisions. This will also be used for other official notifications. A decision was made to purchase new photo racks for the PCR photo contests. They are be-

ing delivered to RED and we will be the first to use them at our Fall Meet coming up. Bring your favorite railroad photo on a 11" X 14" mat and we will add it to our Show and Tell.

PCR is co-sponsoring the Sacramento National Narrow Gauge Convention in 2019. This will be in early September. We will be manning an NMRA membership booth. We will also be manning a booth at the 2021 NMRA National Convention in Santa Clara County. PCR also co-sponsors the Operations and Layout Design Special Interest Group (SIG) every

year. The next one will be in Alameda from January 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Fall RED meeting will be at Monroe Hall on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 10 AM and the meeting will start at 11 AM. It will run until 4 PM. Mary Moore-Campagna will be providing food and hot and cold drinks for sale. Remember that RED is hosting the PCR Annual Convention at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rohnert Park from April 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Consider finding something to volunteer to do. We can use a lot of help.

**Superintendent's Report****Scott Lockhart**

First, I'm sure I speak for all RED members in our hope that you were not directly impacted by the catastrophic fires that swept through Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino Counties. For those of you who lost property or loved ones, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

With the winter season around the corner, with less daylight and more indoor activities, model railroading traditionally gets more of our attention. With that in mind, the parts of RED meetings that seem to provide the most interest to RED members are "how to" presentations and "show and tell". As I mentioned in the last CALLBOARD, there is this huge pool of model railroading knowledge just waiting to be tapped. This month,

Giuseppe Aymar will give a presentation of some of the tools and techniques he uses to create his outstanding models. In the past we've had presentations on the basics of DCC and the new opportunities presented through 3D printing. We have a few ideas for future meetings, but we are always looking for more ideas. If you have something you would like to share with other RED members, please contact any of the RED officers for more information. And, of course, Show and Tell provides all members with a few minutes to show a new project, historical information, photos, interesting models, etc.

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**Superintendent's Report****Scott Lockhart***(Continued from page 2)*

When working on a model railroad project, one of the most interesting parts of the project is chasing down the history associated with the project. To that end, I want to make a pitch for two upcoming conferences. In addition to modeling seminars, there will be great presentations on local railroad history. If you haven't done so, please check out the upcoming Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society and Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society 2017 Joint Convention, November 8-11, 2017. There are many presentations on North Bay and North Coast railroads ([NWP and SP 2017 Joint Convention](#)). Next April 4-8, 2018, the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA will host

the Enduring Rails convention (<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2018>), with a great selection of clinics, contests operating sessions and layout tours. I'm looking forward to attending both conventions.

If you have any thoughts, concerns, suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the RED officers or members. I look forward to seeing you at the RED meeting, Saturday, November 18, Monroe Hall, West College Avenue, Santa Rosa. If you have friends who have expressed interest in model railroading, please encourage them to come with you to a meeting.

Scott Lockhart



## Enduring Rails—PCR's Annual Convention

*OK, OK, what do you get when wine country meets trains?*

**“Enduring Rails” of course.**

Our favorite California county will be hosting PCR's yearly salute to everything trains. Your RED and the NWPRRHS have joined forces to create one of the most memorable conventions in decades. The NWP steam trains of old are morphing into the SMART trains of today under the banner “Enduring Rails”, which will take place April 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>,

2018 at the stylish DoubleTree Hotel in Rohnert Park. You will be treated to private tours of the “SMART” facility and shops (not generally open to the public), the ancient steam-operated “Sturgeon's Mill” (open and fully operational that day for our amusement; you will be standing next to a giant saw blade cutting through humongous logs- awesome!), and lastly the Korbel champagne cellars with its iconic building that started life as a railroad structure. But we cannot live on dessert only, oh no. We will be treated to a meat and potatoes program of many brand-new, never seen before clinics conducted by PCR and NWPRRHS members covering a smorgasbord of topics and pictures. You will have the choice to visit and operate on a vast number of very fine layouts, many the envy of our railroading community. A full Design SIG and OP SIG program is included in the schedule all day Thursday. Our Non-Rails will be entertained by a variety of fun activities. The Contest room promises to be at its peak and will introduce a new category, “special event-kitbashing”, just for this convention. Very little paperwork is required; read the details on the website. So bring your models, pictures, arts and crafts to fill the room for us to enjoy.

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## Enduring Rails PCR's Annual Convention

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At the Company store you will find one-of-a-kind NWP cars specially made for this event; they are a beauty! The award Banquet, besides offering great food, will feature a special keynote speaker: Mr. Ty Smith, Director of the California Railroad Museum. An excellent speaker with a fine sense of humor, he has been known to delight his audiences. What a way to end a wonderful week.

I encourage you to register early, as that will help the Convention Committee with their budgeting and scheduling. The registration fee was kept very low to enable members on a tight budget. For those driving back and forth, be aware that there is NO parking charge at the hotel (typically \$20/day at many hotels in the Bay Area). We encourage attendees who want to rent a room to please stay at the DoubleTree, as that will fill the quota on the room blocks we agreed to so as to get free convention facilities. We negotiated a room charge much less than the hotel typically charges. Reservations will be accepted beginning in January 2018. Check the website, please. For those who prefer alternate bookings, I encourage you to make your reservations soon, as those rooms are quickly gobbled up by tourists.

The time to act is now; the place to be is at "Enduring Rails 2018". We are all in this hobby for varied reasons; "Enduring Rails" will satisfy every one of them. We want you to be proud to be a member of RED, PCR and NWPRRHS - we worked to make this convention "one for the ages".

With much hope for your support,

"Enduring Rails" Convention Committee

Remember: you may use the registration form printed in this newsletter or go online to sign up.

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2018/registration.html>



## Redwood Empire Division Summer Picnic

### Photos of the Event

Left: Verne Alexander eating a typical railroader's meal.

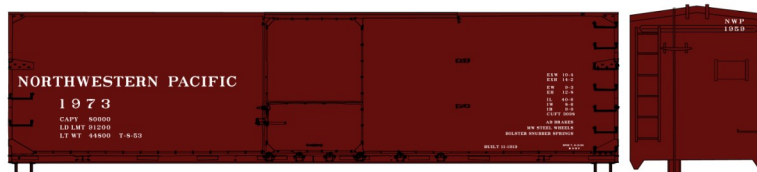
Below: Dave Croshere's smile tells all.

(Photos by Dave Grundman)



## Enduring Rails Convention Car

The next PCR convention car will be an Exactrail kit of a double sheathed 40-ft boxcar. It will come painted and lettered for the NWP. It will be available as a single car, a two-car set, a four-car set or a six-car set. Each car has a different number - six in all. Extra decals are available to letter 12 more cars. Single cars are \$25, two for \$48, four for \$92 and six for \$126. Only 300 cars were produced, so order early! This car



will not be available from Accurail except through the convention company store. The cars have a custom color blend and have different reweigh locations printed on the car sides.

You can purchase cars when you register for Enduring Rails, or afterwards through the company store.

Go to: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2018/index.html> to check out the website.



### Calendar of Events:

November 11-12, 2017

- International Railfair in Roseville
- Fundemonium Train Show in Rohnert Park

November 18, 2017

- RED Event Monroe Hall

January 6-7, 2018

- Great Train Expo Sacramento

February 17, 2018

- Red Event Monroe Hall

May 6, 2018

- Day Under the Oaks Train Show

May 19, 2018

- Red Event Monroe Hall

Go to [www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/calendar/calendar.shtml](http://www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/calendar/calendar.shtml)

For more dates and more details

## KIT-BASH CONTEST

*From Contest Chair Dave Croshere*

For the 2018 PCR convention in Sonoma County, we have added a kit-bash model contest. The idea is to have a very simple contest to encourage more modelers to submit their creations. Many times, while visiting a layout, you see truly excellent models. When modelers are asked why they don't enter their models at the PCR conventions, many times their response is they don't want to do the required paper work (entry forms). For that reason this contest was developed.

Bring anything you want. Maybe something you did thirty years ago. Maybe an idea that has been stirring around in your mind waiting for the right time. Did you ever convert a tank car into a Vanderbilt tender? Maybe a passenger car into a diner, or a house, or even both? A flat car into a bridge? A bank kit into a train station? An ice-cream parlor into a pool hall? The possibilities are endless. Does that mean there are no excuses? One would think so, but some people will work very hard on their excuses. Please don't let that be you.

Here is the concept: you start (started) with a kit produced for retail. The finished model must be railroad-related, like something you would see on a layout. A PCR Model Contest Cover Sheet is required. This is a very simple form. You name your entered

model. You supply your name, address, and NMRA number. That is it. If you forget, we will supply the form. The only other page allowed (and required) is one 8 1/2 x 11 sheet. It will stay with the model for judging. This entry sheet must have a space stating it is in the kit-bash category and the entry number (supplied at entry). This sheet must have the name of the kit and a picture of the way the model was intended to be finished. This allows the judges to see the extent to which your model was kit-bashed. The rest of this one sheet can have pictures of your model during construction and/or as finished. No other wording is permitted - just pictures. Judging will be as follows: 35 points for the transforming idea of the original kit; 35 points for workmanship; 15 points for detail; 15 points for painting and lettering.

All models in the contest room are eligible for the popular vote. This is perhaps the most difficult win in the contest room, so dream big!

Come to Sonoma County and bring a model.

Dave Croshere



PCR/NMRA

**ENDURING RAILS**

PCR Convention

April 4-8, 2018

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

Sonoma Wine Country

One Double Tree Drive

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Enduring Rails 2018

c/o Gus Campagna

1915 William Drive

Penngrove, CA 94951-9524

E-mail: [er2018registrar@pcrnmra.org](mailto:er2018registrar@pcrnmra.org)Website: [www.pcrnmra.org/conv2018](http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2018)

Visit the website to pay with PayPal

**Registration**Hosted by **Redwood Empire Division PCR & the  
Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society**

Please Print

Last Name	First Name	Name for Badge	
Address		City	State & Zip
Home Phone	E-mail address		NMRA #
Registration Type (Please check one) Model Railroader <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Rail/Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> PCR First Timer <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/>		NMRA Region (If other than PCR) _____ NWPRRHS Member Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
I am available to volunteer at the convention on <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Contest Judging <input type="checkbox"/>			
Primary Scale Interests	<input type="checkbox"/> HO <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> O <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Railroad you model			

Non-Rail's Name for Badge:

FARES: Please fill in Quantity and Total	Quantity	Unit Cost	TOTAL
<b>Full Registration</b> includes Awards banquet and Membership breakfast		<b>118.00</b>	
<b>First Timer Registration</b> (PCR members who have not registered for the past 5 conventions)		<b>98.00</b>	
<b>Non-Rail Registration</b> (Includes Lunch)		<b>98.00</b>	
<b>Youth Registration</b> (12-18 years old)		<b>68.00</b>	
<b>Sturgeons Mill Tour</b> (Steam-powered saw mill)		<b>40.00</b>	
<b>Korbel Wine Tasting Tour</b> (includes bus transportation)		<b>25.00</b>	
<b>SMART Maintenance Facility Tour</b>		<b>20.00</b>	
Convention Car HO NWP Double Sheathed Boxcar Kit 1 @\$25; 2 @\$48; 4 @\$92; 6 @\$126			
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Are you interested in the Napa Valley Wine Train? Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Payment by: Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> (use the website to pay with PayPal/Credit Cards) Make checks payable to: <b>PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	



# SPOTLIGHT ON A LOCAL CLUB

## Coastal Valley Lines Model Railroad Club of Sonoma County, LTD

Coastal Valley Lines Model Railroad Club of Sonoma County, LTD (Coastal Valley Lines) is an association of novice-to-expert model railroaders from the Sonoma County area. We operate our digitally command controlled (DCC) HO scale modular railroad at public and private events, and also gather for clinics, work sessions and regular monthly meetings. Club members agree to use a set of standards (technical guidelines) for the construction of their modules. Members also follow standards to prepare their rolling stock (cars and locomotives), ensuring reliable operation to achieve the goal of having fun running trains! No prior model railroading experience is necessary and youth memberships are welcomed and encouraged!

Coastal Valley Lines is incorporated in the State of California with its primary purpose of educating the public about model railroading as a family hobby and is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization with elected officers and bylaws. The annual membership fees are \$67.00, which includes \$20.00 club membership dues and \$47.00 National Model Railroad Association membership.

Upcoming public events include:

- November 11-12, 2017 Fundemonium Toys Hobbies & Games, 579 Rohnert Park Expressway (West), Rohnert Park
- January 6-7, 2018 Great Train Expo, Cal Expo Sacramento, 1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento
- May 6, 2018 Day Under the Oaks, Santa Rosa Junior College, 1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

Please visit the Coastal Valley Lines website at [www.cvlrr.com](http://www.cvlrr.com) for additional information and photos.

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Redwood Empire Division Summer Picnic  
More photos of the event outside of the clubhouse with members arriving

*Photo by Steve Skold*



## LOCAL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Local member offers to help fire victims in a special way.*

### TOM SWEARINGEN: PLAYFUL REALISM



#### Santa Rosa - Roses of Resilience

\$95.00

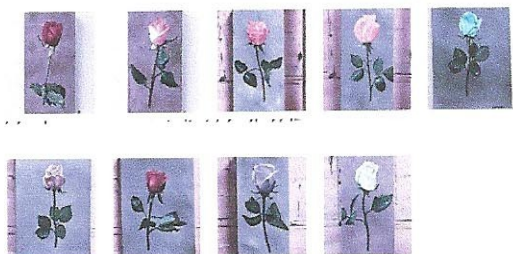
12" high by 6" wide by 1.5" deep, oil on canvas original painting. Please choose your rose color and background color below. The painting shown is an example. All roses will be a little different. Also, you can choose how you want me to name your rose. You can choose someone's name, address, street, monument, etc. Please enter this info in the "review" process of checkout. Leave that blank if you want me to name it.

100% of what you spend will go to the Redwood Credit Union North Bay Fire Relief Fund. In turn, 100% of what they receive goes to people in need. I will enter your name when I make the donation from your purchase. If you do not want me to do this, you can send me a note in the "review" process of checkout.

I have sold all that I had in inventory. Delivery will probably be delayed by about 3-4 months, depending on the number of orders I receive. To date, I've received 237. I will update this estimate as that changes. The day after you make your purchase, I will make the donation. I will keep a running list of purchases and donations in my blog. If you want to remain anonymous, please indicate that in the "review" process of checkout.

Please share this with others. I'd like to be kept busy for the next year by donating my time in creating something that represents our town, our resiliency, and the beauty of the people who live here.

Tom



*Tom has indicated that he has sold 365 "Roses" and that is a year's supply of painting.*

*Please donate directly to the [Redwood Credit Union North Bay Fire Relief Fund](#).*



# SHOW AND TELL

We all join organizations for various different reasons, like the feeling of belonging or the need to be accepted by like-minded individuals, plus the rewards that come to be in a group, the sharing of information and many more. The sharing of information is, to me, one of the primary reasons I joined; eventually, that was overshadowed by the friendships gained especially in RED. It is from this perspective of sharing that I devote my next few paragraphs of this article.

If we all crave to gain information at meetings or social events, it stands to reason that we need an audience and a deliverer. For sure, we have an audience - all of us who attend the meetings. But who is the deliverer? We all look around us and expect someone to jump up and volunteer as if they know something we don't know, so they can take us to the promised land of railroading heaven. "Hear, hear the latest and the greatest!" I learned at many dental meetings that the supposedly expert speaker was in fact just like me, did the same procedures I did, made the same mistakes I made. Wow, I could have been at the lectern! That taught me that my experiences and my knowledge were not any less than his. The difference was he had the guts to be in front of an audience and give his point of view while I sat diligently in my chair and listened. What a waste of my abilities and accrued knowledge.

The same holds true in our railroading world. It is the same few people giving the same lectures. Basically, our experiences are handicapped by the limitations of others whom we perceive as the gurus. What if, instead, we get off our duff and start sharing what we know, even if we feel it might not be much. In fact could be what someone has been waiting until now to hear. Such a moment can be a powerful link between a good experience and a reason to feel motivated to continue being a member of the group. So there, for those who feel they have nothing to offer.

Basically, that is the essence of our "Show and Tell". It allows anyone who has the guts to get off their duff to talk about any subject they so choose, as long as it is railroad-related. It can be models (finished, unfinished or in the developing stages). It could be pictures one finds interesting to share either through an historical lens or with a story to tell. It could be maps or artifacts, books or writings, recollections of things forgotten or which have not surfaced until now. It allows us to share what knowledge we have and are willing to disseminate to our friends. It brings us out of the "the dark ages": remember when we learned that the printing press and its ability to print hundreds of volumes was the starting point of the "era of enlightenment" by allowing anyone who could read to learn? The sky became the limit. Our Show and Tell functions basically as the printing press; it disseminates information to anyone who can listen. But we need authors—or, better yet, people who decide that they want to move from being an attendee to being a participant. Why not you, whoever you are, reading this silly column of mine? It does not take much to share what you like, and we will all appreciate your efforts - more than you might realize.

One of my fondest memories of past meetings was listening to the late Brice Benson show his superbly detailed artisan kits and then proudly recite how many pieces he had to put together and how many hours it took to complete, down to the minute. That is what I am talking about. Simple stuff !!!

Our next "Show and Tell" should be a memorable one.

Go RED, go RED !!!

Giuseppe Aymar, MMR

# Achievement Program

Our RED offers the Achievement Program (simply known as “AP”) sponsored by the NMRA.

The program is basically a checklist for things accomplished in the hobby toward the ultimate recognition of Master Model Railroader (MMR). One can partake in the program with the intent of completing or just piggy-backing on it to achieve a few personal goals whether those goals are modeling, being an author (writing a few paragraphs at a time for our Division or Region publications), volunteering in the organization at different levels, improving electrical or mechanical skills, or learning scenery techniques.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside many of you at Gus’s layout and I am impressed by the level of expertise put on display. You have what it takes to join the program and to advance up to the level you choose. Not only will you benefit, but so will the entire railroading community surrounding you. The AP is meant to uplift you and increase the enjoyment in your hobby. It will guide you and mentor you and become your trusted friend. I know; I went through the program and I am indebted to it, for it has made me a better modeler and helped me enjoy the world of model railroading by encouraging me not to be afraid in trying new venues and also to give of my time to the organization.

One can learn about the AP by going to the NMRA webpage where one will find what the program is all about and what the specifics are. Or, one can approach me and ask me about it. I will be very pleased to give the details and become your mentor, for the AP is worth it.

Giuseppe Aymar, MMR

RED Achievement Program chairman



Redwood Empire Division Summer Picnic

More photos of the Event

Detailed scenes from the layout

*Photos by Dave Grundman*





# Redwood Empire Division Summer Picnic

# More photos of the Event



S. Skold photo above

D. Grundman photos below.





## Clerk's Report Dudley Peters

We currently have \$5,139.69 in our checking account. This reflects a check for \$65.50 that was recently received from PCR as a distribution check. Additionally, we have \$25.00 in our petty cash box.

Thanks to the considerable response and generosity of you, our members, our prize stash has been considerably replenished for at least the next several meetings. Especially noteworthy is the quantity of DVDs and VCR tapes we received that were Dick Foster's.

We have a couple of pretty nice prizes for both of our November raffles. We are also offering the following as door prizes at that meeting:

- tee shirt
- DVD
- book
- some sheet styrene
- city accessory kit to build a set of bike racks
- kit to build track bumpers
- 50' GAZX boxcar kit
- 50' lumber car
- set of 2 boxcars
- kit to build two SF truck semis

Submitted by Dud Peters  
Clerk

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### Layout Tours after Redwood Empire Division Events

The RED Staff has proposed bringing back layout tours after each RED Event. We hope you think this is a good idea and will support the layout owners who make their layouts available.

I will have my HO scale California Western Layout open after this month's get-together. The layout is in a garage specifically built for the California Western. It is 42' x 25' with a portion walled off for a crew lounge. The Sonoma County Highballers have been working since January 2016 on construction of the triple deck layout. The first two

decks have the trackage complete and scenery has been started on both levels. The third deck is just now having track installed. The layout starts in Fort Bragg and continues to Northspur on the second deck and Willits on the third level. There will be staging tracks at both ends of the NWP mainline through Willits, representing Eureka to the north and an SP connection to the south.

The layout planning was started probably about 15 years ago and finally came together with the building of the garage in September of 2016.

You may view pictures of the

garage building and the layout construction at:

<http://www.pbase.com/campgus>

To get to the layout from Monroe Hall set your GPS to: 1915 William Drive in Penngrove. For us old school folks: take US 101 South to the Rohnert Park Expressway, then east to Petaluma Hill Road, then south to William Drive, then turn west and go to the middle of the block. My house is on a flag lot (in the back). There is parking in the driveway or the street (please stay on the pavement or gravel and off the bark or dirt).

I look forward to seeing you at the California Western.

Gus

### Editor's Notes:

This edition of the CALLBOARD has been fun to put together. That being said, I do not want to keep all the fun to myself. If you are at all interested in doing this fun job, let me or one of the officers know. I'd like to thank all the contributors and photographers who have sent items for inclusion in this edition. Giuseppe Aymar stepped up with many articles. Steve Skold provided a report and pictures, as did Dave Grundman. Scott Lockhart has been in constant contact and offered a report and helpful reminders. Joan Fleck reported on CVL in this issue as well. I carried over some important articles from last time, one by Dave Croshere on the special Enduring Rails contest and one by David Turner on the convention car kit from Accurail. Also included is the convention registration form. Please take the time to fill it out and send in a check so you will not miss out on any of the exciting events planned for next year. Also remember that OUR division is the co-sponsor and your volunteer help is needed. You do not need to spend the whole convention as a volunteer, but an hour of two here or there will certainly make the convention more enjoyable of all of us.

### BONUS EVENT

Mark Poggendorf on Estate Distribution

I would make this very simple and easy to understand for the membership. A handout will be given to take home. First I'll outline the talk then expand on the following key points.

- Start by talking about a couple of examples that I have dealt with personally which caused turmoil among family members and how their feelings of being overwhelmed after the loss of the collector or the collection and how it affected the family in a negative manner.
- How to improve the odds of your collection being dispersed how you would desire. Simple steps to help implement those requests.
- Documenting your collection and the value for insurance purposes.
- How to assist your family in comfortably liquidating your collection respectfully after you are gone.
- So both issues of loss of the collection and how instruct the family what to do in the event of illness or death with the emphasis on your desires.

Probably 30 minutes or so with time for questions after that.

### BONUS EVENT II

After Giuseppe's program on 'Excellent Modeling' we will be treated to some hilarious videos.

Director Steve Skold will be bringing a video of a Mexican Shay locomotive held together with rope! He will also be bring along an early movie of a young man who gets hooked on model railroading and boy does he get crazy. I'm sure we will enjoy these humorous videos.