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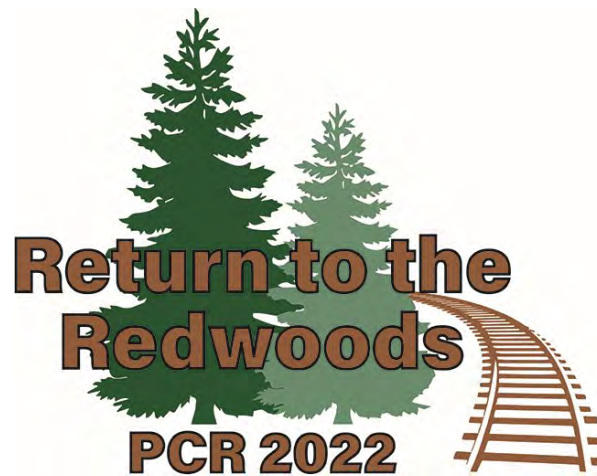
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Welcome!



Convention Report

The 2022 PCR Convention, Return to the Redwoods is history. This is one of the first NMRA model railroad conventions to return to an in-person format. With 146 in attendance, by all measures it was a great success. While the number of attendees was down from previous conventions, assumed to be due to the continuing caution with regard to the Covid pandemic, it was encouraging to see NMRA members in person and having a great time.

The Spring RED meeting was canceled as RED members would be meeting with each other at the convention. The next meeting is usually a summer picnic. To date, no date or location has been determined and will be scheduled based on possible venues and Covid requirements. Stay tuned.

This issue will cover convention activities as well as the usual reports from Redwood Empire staff members with pictures from layout tours, excursions and contest winners. Many

thanks to Chip Meriam, Dave Grundman, Dave Connery, and Earl Girbovan for sharing their photographs. My apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Past Callboards are available for viewing on the RED website.

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Director's Report - Giuseppe Aymar

The following is a succinct recap of my Report to the PCR's BOD held during the past PCR Convention in Rohnert Park, Return to the Redwoods.

The Redwood Empire Division has been active with virtual meetings with Superintendent Paul Weiss reaching out of the Division for presenters so as to offer a more exciting, fresh and stimulating experience. It has been well received and likely will continue as long as we have a virtual component for the meeting. We could set up a virtual presentation during an in-person gathering, partnering with Show and Tell which is still a big factor and well received.

Our Achievement Program is continuing to churn out Certificates of Achievement with excited members getting closer to the ultimate goal of MMR.

Our website has been revamped to maintain a look of professionalism and was well received.

We now have a Facebook page to reach out to the membership and people at large.

Cliff and Denni Baumer, our co-chairs, and their staff worked hard to assure a well run PCR Convention. They fought hard against a lackluster enrollment and cancellations due to family matters and health issues coupled with higher venue and food costs. The lingering specter of Covid 19, the aging of our membership and the "laissez-faire" mentality instilled by the virtual meetings of the past is catching up and will need to be brought up as a discussion by the Board and General Membership to make sure in-person Conventions survive."

The Board had a varied agenda with much discussion surrounding the possible exploration on whether to combine Divisions or even Regions. More on this to come. I welcome any input from the RED membership on this topic as it affects all of us.

Denni Baumer is now the new PCR Convention Chairwoman replacing Tom Crawford who served in the capacity for many years.

Financial reporting of a 501c7 organization:

Divisions (they don't have individual EINs) need to report annually to the Region when the fiscal year ends (March 31). This is not an invasion of privacy but to follow the law. Reports should be done by the end of April and should include gross revenue, expenses and assets.

A proposal was made to have a "permanent" site for Conventions -3 to 5 years- This would allow a relationship with a Hotel. A standing Committee would be formed that remains over the years. Jim Collins and Scott McAllister will look into this and report in October.

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Non Rail Director. Consideration given to remove it as a Board Level position and make it a permanent Convention level position. Tabled till further discussion.

Financially PCR is sound.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Giuseppe Aymar, DDS, MMR

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Superintendent's Report - Paul Weiss

Hello all,

All our membership can be proud and pleased that we hosted a very successful convention in April. If you were lucky enough to attend no doubt you found it enjoyable, the feedback has been exceptionally positive.

If you didn't join us this issue of the CALLBOARD will get you caught up. Consider making it a point to join the fun in Sacramento next year... regional conventions are really enjoyable because you get to reconnect with other locals whom you know, as well as meet some new people. I met several that reside in my backyard... well not literally, you get the idea. I also loved heading well beyond the convention venue to visit layouts I had heard of in the area but never seen. Wonderful! Our Central Vermont layout in Novato opened for visitors for several hours and was busy with guests and stayed open almost two hours past "closing time".

The extraordinary undertaking to host this wonderful event was on the shoulders of Denni and Clif Baumer. Many helped in various and wonderful ways, but our division owes a debt of gratitude to team D&C for seeing this through to the bitter end. Bravo.

As the convention dominated the news this issue, I will yield space for more important content. We can now turn back to division activities, next up is our Meet in August. Your officers will be meeting to determine where this might happen, and we hope for example a lovely picnic might be long overdue. Stay tuned. We keep our eye on COVID news with optimism that the uptick we see signs of at this writing will wane soon.

In the meantime, remember that summer is a great season for modeling. But also, so is fall winter and spring... so keep swinging and let us know what you're working on for possible inclusion in the CALLBOARD, a future show and tell, or maybe a contest? We'd love to see.

Paul Weiss

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Achievement Program Report - Giuseppe Aymar

Rich Mossholder has been working diligently on his quest for MMR. He submitted a request for "Certificate of Volunteer". Due to a snafu in interpreting the regulations he ended up one point short but likely will be fulfilled in the near future and an additional three Certificates within sight. Good job Rich!

The Master Model Railroader (MMR) program is intended to stimulate learning all things railroading, involving the participant in partaking of Division, Regional and National volunteering positions and becoming a teacher to others who want to learn different aspects of the Hobby. It achieves this goal by requiring fulfillment of easy tasks in 7 categories to be chosen by the participant. By fulfilling these tasks, one has to elevate basic skills to meet minimum standards. It is a journey that in my opinion raises the enjoyment of this Hobby to another level. One does not sit on the status quo but is constantly challenged to improve on skills and to partake more in the affairs of our Organization. Thus, in the end, we ALL benefit from the Program.

Many of you reading this (I hope you are) have likely already accomplished many of the requirements to receive "Certificates of Merit" in varied categories of the Program. Your participation is welcome, and your achievements can be a beacon for others to follow. " A high tide raises all ships"

How does one join the Achievement Program?

- Call me or text me at 707-291-0701,
- Email me at giuseaymar@aol.com

Hope to hear from you!

Redwood Empire Division Achievement Program Division Manager

Giuseppe Aymar, MMR

Contest Department report- Return to the Redwoods-2022**Giuseppe Aymar—Host Convention Contest Manager**

Earl Girbovan is the new PCR Contest Manager!

Structurally, the Contest did well while implementing a new registration system that used the data supplied by the Convention's registration database integrating photos of models via Power Point for the Banquet's award presentation and it was a success. This was the first year PCR paid for the Contest awards eliminating a cumbersome expense for the Host Convention, usually around \$500.00

Carol Skold was once again the backbone of the Contest registration desk working incessantly all three days registering entries and tabulating all the scores. She is truly a gem.

There was a paucity of entries this year and we would like to BLAME it on the aftermath of Covid 19 even though one could argue the opposite. Disappointing was the number of photographs. Arts & Crafts had the usual number of entries

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while models were down in number but high in quality. Many modelers who usually enter the Contest were not present this year.

Volunteers played an important role. Rich Mossholder spent many hours helping the staff and coordinating the displays. Mike Blumenthal was the official photographer responsible for taking all the pictures for the Banquet's presentation and ultimately for the Branchline report yet to come. Carol Skold was previously mentioned. Steve Skold was in charge of the photo racks.

We actually enlisted a very robust number of judges who spent all Saturday morning evaluating entries. They were rewarded with a sit down lunch provided by Denni Baumer, Convention chairwoman.

Earl Girbovan did an outstanding job coordinating all the myriad of details that make the Contest a success. He will guide Contest at the PCR level for years to come.

As usual the Contest desk became the gathering point for many unofficial get-togethers of Convention attendees who seem to congregate there for social interactions, important and not so important discussions. Similar to an impromptu Town Hall or European café atmosphere.

We would like to thank all the attendees spent their precious time viewing the entries which is the reward for the those who toiled many hours creating their work of art.

Giuseppe Aymar - MMR
Host Convention Contest Manager

Chief Clerk's Report - David Grundman

The RED bank balance as of May, 2022 is \$5,275.80.

Membership Report - Gus Campagna

Based on the February 2022 NMRA report RED membership stands at 104.



2022 PCR Convention Report



Despite all the challenges of Covid along with the usual challenges of putting on a convention, the 2022 PCR Annual Convention was a success. We had 146 attendees from all over California as well as from one from Utah, two from Michigan, three from Washington and five from Nevada. While this is only about 70% of our usual attendance, we managed to make it work and provided attendees with a great selection of clinics, several layout tours and even a few operating sessions.

We want to again thank our amazing committee for all their hard work and the Redwood Empire Division members who opened their homes for layout tours and operating sessions. We understand that may have taken some courage to do in light of the current situation and we sincerely appreciate your participation.

Please check the Branch Line for a summary of the survey sent out after the convention.

Thank you again for the confidence you showed in making us the co-chairs. We hope we did Redwood Empire Division proud.

Denni and Cliff Baumer
2022 Convention Co-Chairs

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Layout Tours

The following model railroaders graciously opened their layout to convention attendees. Our thanks to them for their hard work and hospitality. The following pages show a few of the layouts visited during the convention. A big Thank You to Dave Grundman for organizing the layout tours.

Layout Tours

- Vern Alexander (HO) Colville, Republic and Palouse
- Peter Barnes (HO) Bummelbahn set in Germany and Austria
- Gerald Bretag (Garden) Colorado Southern
- Gus Campagna (HO) California Western
- Dave Croshere (HO) A B & Old C
- David Grundman (HO) Great Northern
- Ed Jameson (HO) Central Valley SP and Santa Fe
- Ron Kaiser (HO) Western Pacific
- Bill Kaufman (HO) State Belt
- Ron Learn (HO and O) Northwestern Pacific
- Ed Merrin (HO) Northwestern Pacific
- North Coast Historical Model Railroad Society (HO)
- Jim Providenza (HO) Santa Cruz Northern
- Richard Schoenstein (3-rail 'O') RS
- Dave Sheber (HOn3) The King Delta & Valley Junction Railway
- Paul Weiss (HO) Central Vermont Railroad Southern Division

Dave Croshere's HO scale A B & Old C Layout



Layout Tours

Richard Schoenstein's RS Layout - 3-rail O scale.



Layout Tours

Redwood Empire Live Steamers - 7.5" Gauge



Layout Tours

Ron Kaiser's HO Scale Western Pacific Layout



Layout Tours

Gerald Bretag's G Scale Colorado Southern Layout



Layout Tours

Peter Barnes' HO Scale Bummelbahn Layout



Layout Tours

Bill Kaufman's HO Scale State Belt Layout



Layout Tours

Dave Sheber's HO_n3 Scale King Delta & Valley Junction Layout



Excursions

Sturgeon's Mill

Sturgeon's Mill is one of the last few remaining steam powered mills still working. The 107-year old mill is operated by volunteers and was opened exclusively on Saturday for the convention. The mill is open at various times during the year. Visit the Sturgeon's Mill website for more information.



Excursions

Sturgeon's Mill



Excursions

Depot Tours

Convention attendees toured the Petaluma Depot (Northwestern Pacific), the Sonoma Depot (Southern Pacific), the Kenwood Depot (Southern Pacific), the Santa Rosa Depot (NWP/SMART) and, the Sebastopol Depot (Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railroad). The depots are now open as visitor centers and museums.



Petaluma Depot (Petaluma Visitor's Center)



Sonoma Depot (Depot Park Museum)

Excursions

Depot Tours



Kenwood Depot (Community Center)



Santa Rosa Depot (Santa Rosa Visitor Center)

Excursions

Depot Tours



Sebastopol Depot (West County Museum)



Train Town (Sonoma - not a stop but worth visiting with kids, grandkids, etc.)

Contest

While this year's contest had fewer submissions than past conventions there were still many interesting entries covering a wide variety of subjects. Thanks to Earl Girbovan, the new PCR Contest Chair for providing the following pictures. This is a selection from the entries.

Best of Show

Arts & Craft, Rainbow of Stars - Diane Crawford



Photo, View of the Bridge - Ed Merrin



Contest

Best of Show

Model, Ore Unloader - Earl Girbovan



Miscellaneous Awards

Levity, PG&E - Dave Grundman



Contest

Miscellaneous Awards

Ingenuity, VIGILCO - Rich Mossholder



Popular Vote - Arts and Crafts, Quilt - Al Turnbull



Contest

Miscellaneous Awards

Popular Vote - Photo, Galloping Goose - Steve Skold



Popular Vote - Model, Ore Unloader - Earl Girbovan

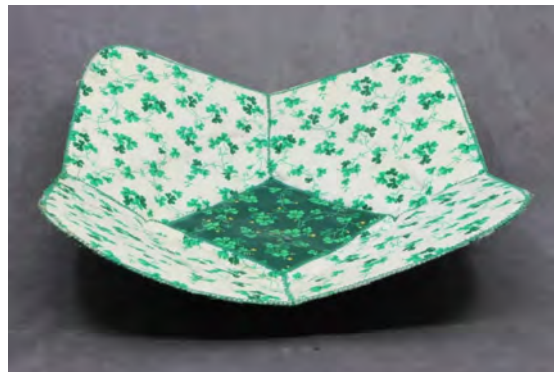


Contest

Arts & Crafts



Quilt - Al Turnbull
1st Place - Needlework, Kit



Reversible Serving Bowl - Mary Moore-Campagna
1st Place - Needlework, Pattern



Safety Masks - Mary Moore-Campagna
1st Place - Railroadiana , Pattern



The Columbine, Flower of Comfort - Pat LaTorres
1st Place - Railroadiana , Original

Photos



Saturday at the Basin - Ed Merrin
1st Place - Model Color



Dunsmuir 1955 - Walt Schedler
2nd Place - Model Color

Contest

Photos



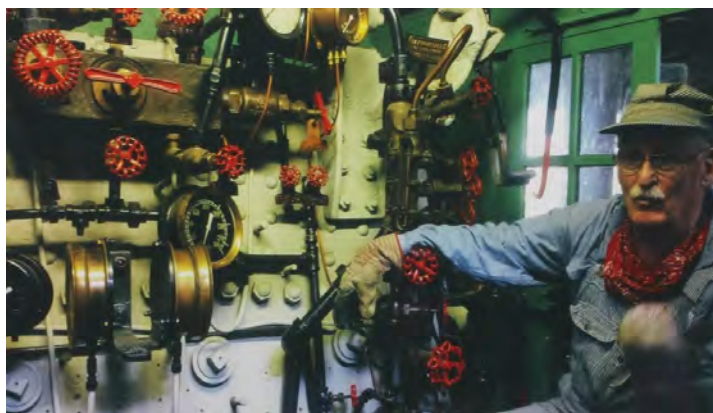
Galloping Goose - Steve Skold
1st Place - Trains in Action



SIMS Pratt Bridge Detail - Walt Schedler
1st Place - Track & Structures



SIMS Tunnel, Shasta Division- Walt Schedler
2nd Place - Track & Structures



Sioux Falls Museum— Dave Grundman
1st Place - Working on the Railroad



Sioux Falls Museum - Dave Grundman
1st Place - Prototype Color



Sioux Falls Museum— Dave Grundman
2nd Place - Prototype Color

Contest

Models



2-6-0 Camelback - Scott Lockhart
1st Place - Steam, Open



Shay - Rich Mossholder
1st Place - Steam, Kit



NYC Hopper - Earl Girbovan
1st Place - Freight Car Open



St. Louis Stock Car
2nd Place - Freight Car Open



Poultry Car
1st Place - Freight Car Open



CDLX PFE Car - David Turner
2nd Place - Freight Car Kit

Contest

Models



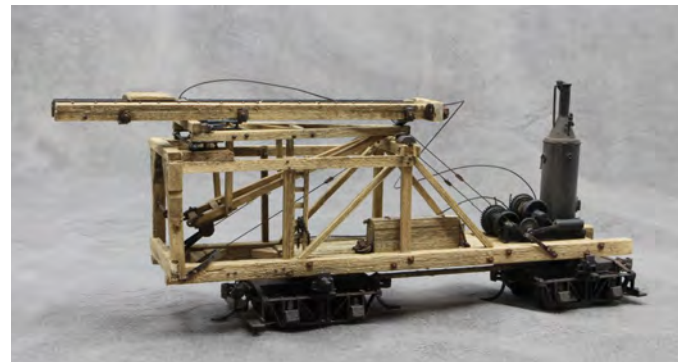
Executive Parlor Car - Dave Croshere
1st Place - Passenger Car, Open



Nevada Northern Caboose - Earl Girbovan
1st Place - Caboose, Open



A, B & Old C Caboose - Dave Croshere
1st Place - Caboose, Kit



Hammond Pile Driver - Earl Girbovan
1st Place - MOW Open



Rotary Snow Plow - Earl Girbovan
2nd Place - MOW Open



Wheel & Tool Car - Diane Glew
1st Place - MOW Novice

Contest

Models



Bridge over BENA - Giuseppe Aymar
1st Place - Structure, Open



Petrarca's Sausage - Rich Mossholder
2nd Place - Structure, Open



Wayside Warehouse - Chip Meriam
3rd Place - Structure, Open



Skunk Creek Fire Station - Louis Anderson
1st Place - Structure, Kit



Produce Stand - Louis Anderson
2nd Place - Structure, Kit

Contest

Models



VIGILICO - Rich Mossholder
1st Place - Display, Open



Rail Bus - Rich Mossholder
1st Place - Self Propelled

Operating Sessions

Many thanks to Doug Smith for putting together the following convention operating sessions.

- **Gus Campagna (HO) California Western Railroad**
Lenz DCC controlled - TT & TO dispatch system
- **Adam Palmer (HO) The Sierra Central Railway: Sierra Division**
NCE DCC controlled - Track warrants dispatch system
- **Jim Providenza (HO) Santa Cruz Northern**
NCE DCC controlled - TT & TO dispatch system
- **John Schmidt (HO) Nicasio Northern Railway**
Digitrax DCC controlled - TT & TO dispatch system
- **Ernie Simard (HO) Western Pacific**
Digitrax DCC controlled - Advance on signal notification

Non-Rail Activities

What a great time we had with the Non-Rail group at the 2022 PCR Convention! Even though our number was small this year (reflecting the number of overall attendees at the convention), we still had a good time. There were people working on multiple-piece jigsaw puzzles, sewing projects, creating contest entries, and participating in many activities: the traditional bingo game, a special movie, a carefully curated Shop Hop (thank you, Diane Crawford!), and meeting new friends as well as greeting existing ones (I know better than to say “old ones”!).

Since the group was so small, all the tours were self-guided; but there were reports about both the Luther Burbank House and Garden and the Charles Schulz Museum, and the attendees said they enjoyed them very much. I’m very pleased that we were able to share the history of two great Sonoma County residents with the convention-goers.

We encourage everyone to come to the PCR Convention in 2023 and see what new attractions we have as part of the Non-Rail program. Planning is already underway, and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Non-Rail Chairperson

Mary Moore-Campagna

Non-Rail Activities

- **Tour of the Luther Burbank Home and Gardens in Santa Rosa, with visits to the Gift Shop and Carriage House**
- **Shopping Expedition to the Petaluma Village Premium Outlets**
- **Tour of the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center Saturday**
- **Fabric Shop Hop Tour**
- **Thursday Night At The Movies**
- **Friday Night Bingo**



Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening preceded by a Social Hour. Following dinner, contest winners were presented with their awards. PCR Board of Directors were introduced and took questions from the audience. Past PCR President and current NMRA Director at Large, Chris Palermo, gave the keynote address about exciting changes happening in the NMRA. RED member Ed Merrin received the John Allen Award.



Chris Palermo giving the keynote about changes to the NMRA.



PCR board members during the banquet's Q&A session.



John Allen Award

Ed Merrin receiving the John Allen Award from Walter Mizuno. This prestigious award is presented annually to the individual who the selection committee, consisting of all living recipients of the John Allen Memorial Award, feels best exemplifies John Allen's support for the model railroad hobby through personal involvement and willingness to assist others in their pursuit of the hobby.

Company Store

A big thanks to Dave Turner for running the Company Store. Dave was also instrumental in arranging for this year's official convention car. This year's convention car is the Roma Wine Company car, a commemoration and celebration of the many contributors from the area. Roma Wine Co. car, CDLX 297, a kit from Accurail in HO scale and includes an optional decal to apply "2022 PCR Convention." For those who purchased more than one car, an optional "Re-number" decal was available.



Door Prizes & Raffle



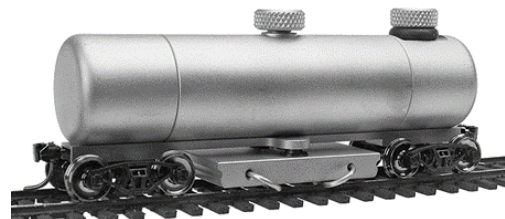
Thank you to the following companies and individuals who contributed to the door prizes for the convention.

- Campbell Scale Models
- Carol Alexander
- Central Valley
- Frank George
- Kadee Quality Products
- Poggies Trains
- Ron's Books
- Scott Lockhart
- Steve Skold
- White River Productions
- William K. Walther's Inc.

Steve Skold and Tom Crawford supervising the Door Prize table.

Raffle Prize

CMX Products Clean Machine Track Cleaning Car graciously donated by Carol Alexander.



Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page

The RED has a Facebook page. If you have contributed to this issue's Show & Tell section please consider contributing your modeling activities to the Facebook page. This is another way to share model railroading with other model railroaders in the RED. Please contact Bill Kaufman (bill@statebelt.org) or Scott Lockhart (scottnl1947@gmail.com) for more information.

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NEW ACTIVITY

Scott Lockhart 2m

The Union Pacific rostered GTEL (gas-turbine electric) locomotives from 1949 until final retirement in 1970. Built by GE, the locomotives used Bunker C heavy fuel oil to fire the GE Gas Turbine prime mover. Athearn produced models of the second and third generation gas-turbines. The second-generation locomotives were called "Verandas", because of the open walkways on each side of the car body. I am updating the model with a Tsunami2 decoder that includes UP gas turbine specific sounds with a Tsunami Current Keeper. I am replacing all of the bulbs with LED's, adding marker and number board lighting, and a new speaker.

Union Pacific GTEL locomotive model

POPULAR TOPICS IN POSTS

Show & Tell (0)

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+ Enter name or email address...

INVITE FRIENDS

Ask your friends to join the group and add to the discussion.

Karen Lockhart Invite

Giuseppe Aymar Invite

Gus Campagna Invite

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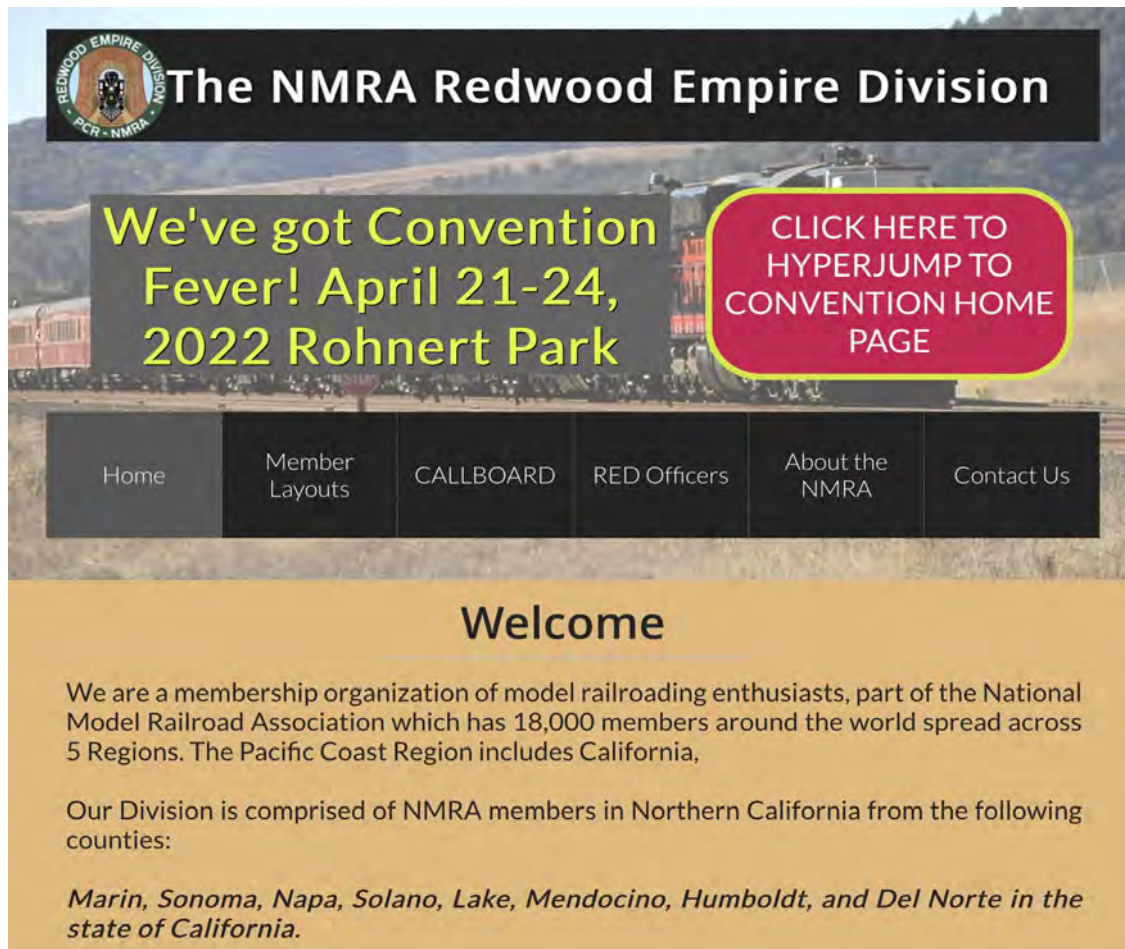
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Clubs in the RED

Please check the club's websites for information on holiday activities.
Please observe club's COVID protocols.

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 the Sonoma County, California area. 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

It is the purpose of the Eel River Valley Model Railroaders 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. Our goal is to preserve the rich heritage of the railroad and the North Coast through these representations of the past. Please go to the club's website for information on visiting the layout.

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 same location for about 40 years. The large layout is freelanced but 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 located at 7th and A Streets in Eureka, CA.

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

Mendocino Coast Model Railroad and Navigation Company

See logging history brought to life at this walk-around large G-Scale layout representing a history of logging and the railroads located 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 Navigation Company](#)

North Coast Historical Model Railroad Society (NCHMRS)

The club operates an HO scale layout based on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad as it ran in the 1950s through Sonoma County to Ukiah. The club is building the layout as a display for the Depot Museum and will be located 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](#)

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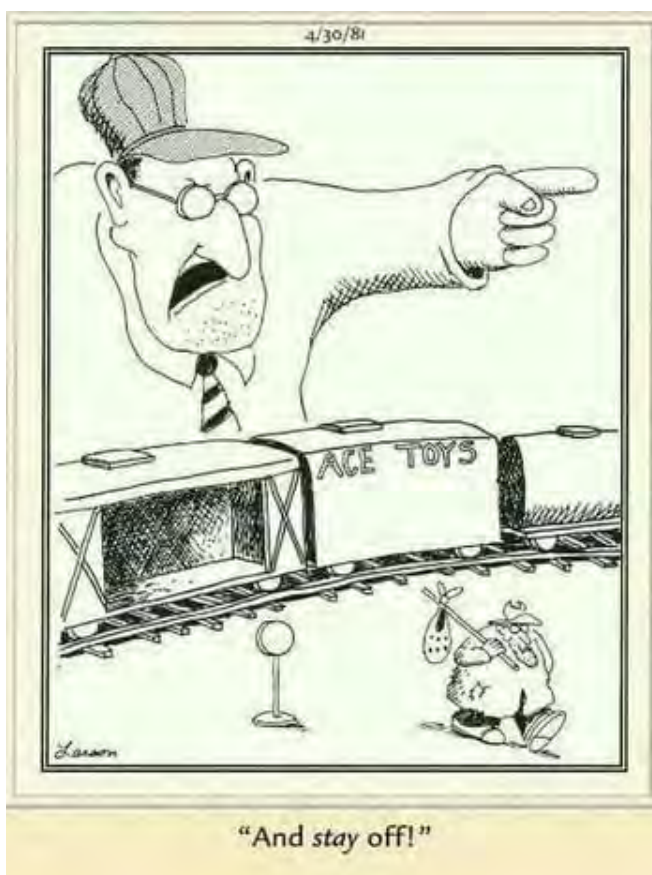
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The Redwood Empire Garden Railway Society

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 primarily located in Sonoma County and Marin County. Contact the club for public tours and shows.

[The Redwood Empire Model Railway Society](#)



2023 PCR Convention



The 2023 PCR & FRRS/WPRM Convention

Rails by the River

April 26 thru April 30, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott

1782 Tribute Road

Sacramento, CA 95815

Features

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

Convention wearables by Daylight Sales

Volunteers Needed

- Contest Coordinator
- Facilities manager
- Advertising sales & door prize collector
- Country Store Keeper
- Timetable designer
- Clinicians and presenters

Chip Meriam

Sierra Division Superintendent

2023 Convention Co-Chair



2022 National Convention & Train Show



Gateway 2022 NMRA National Convention Website

Sunday, August 7, 2022 thru Saturday, August 13, 2022



2022 National Train Show Website

Friday, August 12, 2022 thru Sunday, August 14, 2022