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In This Issue

Welcome to the Spring 2024 issue of the Callboard. We had a great weather and a great meeting. A full report of the meeting is available in this issue. There are updates for the upcoming PCR and National Conventions.

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 - 10 Show & Tell participants
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 - Kyle Stockman - \$25 cash prize winner
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Superintendent's Report - Paul Weiss

Hi RED Members,

We had a successful Spring Meet at Monroe Hall, again highlighted by a hosted lunch as well as robust Show and Tell which is reported on in greater detail in this issue of the CALLBOARD. Two speakers presented after lunch, Dave Croshere educated the crowd ably with a discussion of a truly amazing engineering feat that he pulled off regarding his vertical staging "elevator", and I filled some space also far less capably with thoughts on the Central Vermont layout in Novato after seven years of building and refining. Now we turn to future events,

Several have volunteered to help with our 2026 Convention, and there will be needs for many more. Convention volunteers find they come back year after year to assist, finding it rewarding to throw a great event. Let me know if you are intrigued and want to see where you can lend your talents and/or time.

Soon we will have news of our Summer Meet, often described as our biggest event of the year. It seems likely at this writing that we will be at the Western Railway Museum in September this year. More on that as it develops.

As always, we can blast out your news to our membership whether it be personal, organizational, or possible popular interest. Reach out to me with your snippets. Enjoy the welcome good weather of late and we hope to see you in September.

Paul Weiss

RED Superintendent

Chief Clerk's Report - David Grundman

We had 29 people attending plus 2 additional late arrivals for a total of 31. Each attendee received one white ticket for attending plus an additional white ticket for wearing your name badge. Additional tickets were available for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

We received four requests for name badges. We received \$47 in raffle sales with the RED ticket giving the winner the choice of several passenger car sets. The raffle sale proceeds are kept in the cash on hand.

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The Show and Tell first place winner was Scott Lockhart with a \$75 prize. The second place winner was Kyle Stockman with his rendition of running away to join the circus at a young age with a \$25 prize.

We received \$49.50 in division support from the PCR last March. The current bank balance now stands at \$5380.32.

David Grundman, Chief Clerk and Paymaster

Membership Report - Gus Campagna

As of April 2024, the Redwood Empire Division has 113 members.

New Members

Welcome to new members! Please let me know if I have missed any new members at scottnl1947@gmail.com.

John Fenlon

Christopher Donhost

Nick Gundy

David Hale

Tom Sheldrake

Gary Eck

Brandon Smith

Member of the Year

Verne Alexander is the Redwood Empire Division Member of the Year. Verne could not attend the meeting to receive the Member of the Year award. Tom Comyns graciously offered to take the award to Verne, who, as you can see, was very happy to receive it.



SPRING 2024 RED MEETING

We had great weather and a packed house (31 attendees) for the Spring meeting. Paul Weiss opened the meeting by welcoming everyone before doing attendee introductions and RED and PCR business. The RED will host the 2026 PCR convention and put out the call for volunteers. The convention may seem a long way away, but time passes quickly, and much early planning is required for a successful event. Paul proposed including layout tours as part of the RED meeting format. The upcoming RED picnic is tentatively scheduled for September at the **Western Railway Museum**.

We had **10!** Show & Tell presentations! This is a wonderful way for RED model railroaders to share their work and experiences. Each Show & Tell presentation is available on pages five through nineteen. Scott Lockhart won a \$75 award for his "What If" On30 narrow gauge articulated Camelback steam engine, and Kyle Stockman won \$25 for his excellent talk on his experiences as a railroader, including his running away to join the circus!

After lunch, the raffle, and award presentations, Dave Croshere presented his vertical staging project on his **A B & old C** layout. Paul Weiss presented his **Top Ten Crowd Pleasers** as seen on his **Central Vermont Railway** layout. The meeting closed with two short videos from Ben Sochacki. The first shows the **Mendocino Coast Model Railroad and Navigation Company G** scale club layout in Ft. Bragg. The second video is of Ben's home layout.

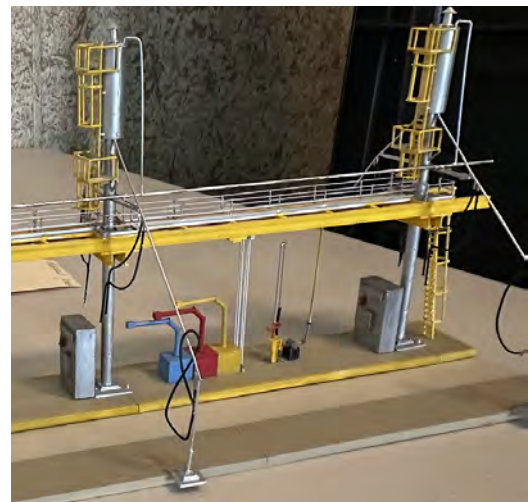
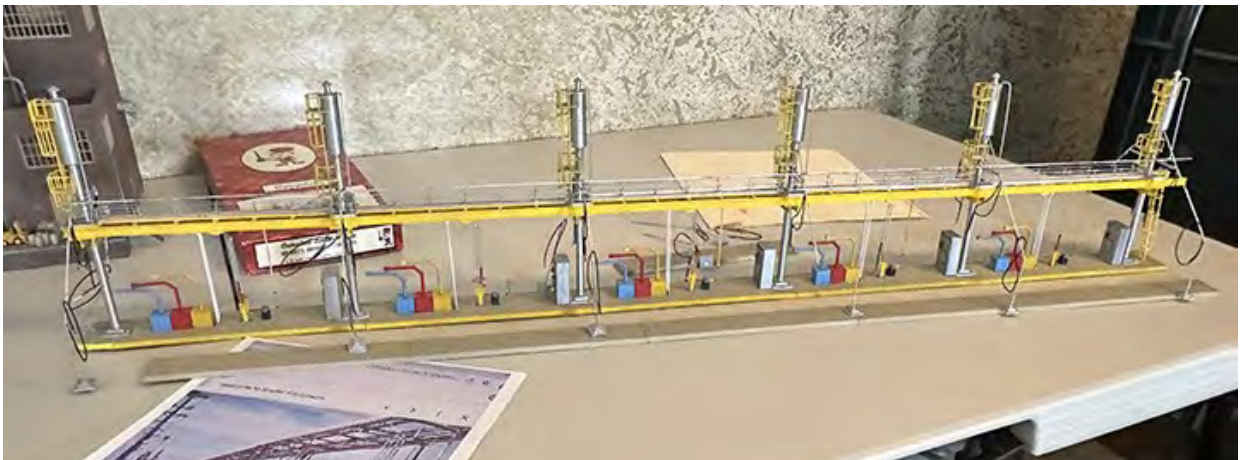
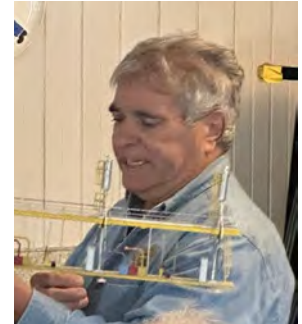


Show & Tell

Giuseppe Aymar - Snyder Corporation Fueling Station

Refueling stations for diesel locomotives have changed in the last few decades. Class 1 Railroads now expect fast, clean service with an eye to preserving the environment. The Snyder Corporation has put together a "do it all" in one-stop operation. Fuel, sand, oil, grease, and water can now be delivered to as many locomotives as the Railroad desires. All the equipment is color-coded for ease of service.

My model will accommodate five units per track. It is a rendition of the basic Snyder design, plus I added the sand bins. The cement platforms are from a Walthers kit, as well as the sand bins, fuel pumps, and the colorful boxes with pivoting arms, while the overhead platform, railings, stairs, various pipes, and electrical cabinets were scratchbuilt.



Show & Tell

Mike Davis's Southern Pacific SD 9s

When Walther's announced a new run of Southern Pacific SD9s, I got excited as 1; they are the one big hole in my SP roster, and 2, SD9s were prevalent on the NWP from the beginning of the diesel era. Upon placing my order, I had the thought that I won't be the only one ordering a few, and when most people order models, they usually run the numbers, and they keep the factory-produced numbers. With this in mind, I ordered 4 of the same number and changed them to numbers of my choosing to avoid conflicts.



Show & Tell

David Grundman - Show & Tell Humor

Model Railroading can be satisfying particularly if you have done the research as to the time period and accurately producing the plans and finally arriving at the finished product. For me, I have a need to add something extra for those who have a sharp eye for spotting that just isn't right.



My first building was a two story outhouse LOL. Such outhouses do have a purpose if you live in Buffalo, New York...in the winter....years ago...when you might have 10-feet of snow making a "normal" outhouse hard to access. However, when an election might be coming soon, I added a few notes to my model suggesting that the tables could be turned by having the tax payers use the upper area while the politicians must use the lower area. Pure symbolism, but you get the idea. BTW, there is a rolled up newspaper upstairs (the reading room) along with a TV antennae.



The second building appears to be a non-descript feed mill. I changed the name to F. George. You can fill in what the "F" stands for.

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Show & Tell

David Grundman - Show & Tell Humor



The third building is a power plant that I changed the name to...Pacific Graft & Extortion. Any similarity between the name of my power plant to a major power company serving Northern California is purely coincidental.

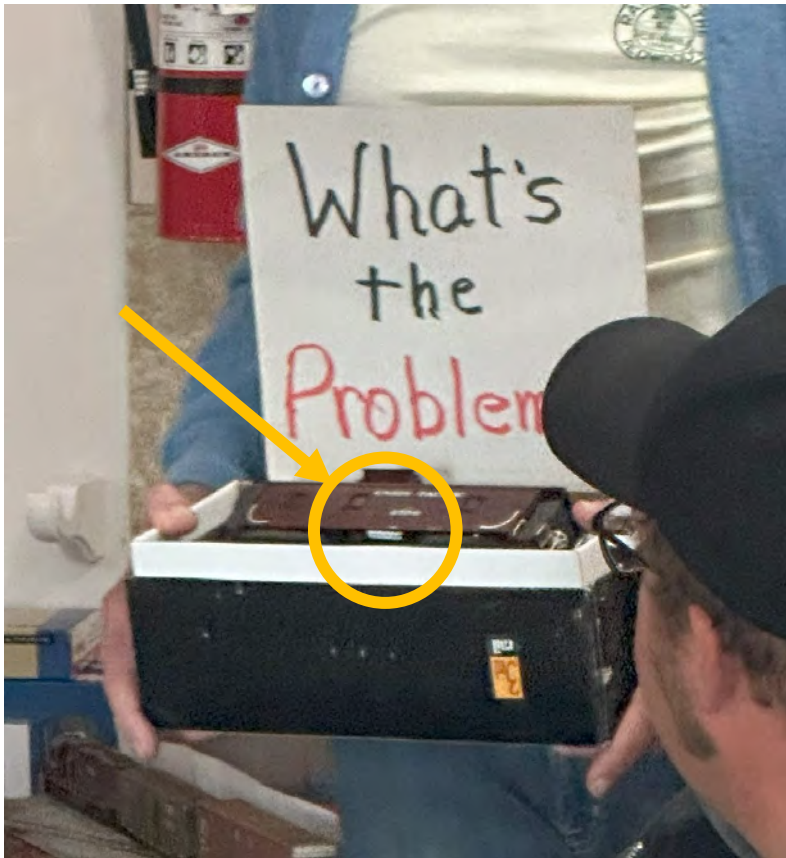


The fourth building is a beer brewery...nothing funny here. However, I do have an unbuilt kit by Campbell for "Bret's Brewery." I plan to build the kit as is, maybe a name change, but as with any good business, there is a need for a break area for your employees. So I may add a couple of picnic tables with some employee sampling of the brewery product, which could be a form of quality

Show & Tell

Don Clauder - Find the Mistake

Don brought in a G scale caboose model. He gave a bit of background on a friend working with brass manufacturers overseas and working closely with them to make sure the finished models were correct. Don passed the model around and asked everyone to find the mistake.



Unfortunately, yours truly did not get a good closeup photo of the caboose. The correct answer to the mystery is the placement of a window directly under the caboose cupola.



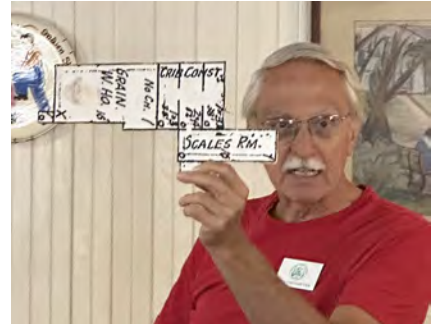
Correct window locations.

Show & Tell

Don Obermeyer - Quick Mockup Structures

There is a need for mockups on a large layout. I needed something quick and easy to build that I could move around as track plans were fine tuned. I settled on gluing up mockups using elevation drawings from website, kit plans, and magazines.

First I searched records to determine what was where in the 1940's, which is the era I model. Sanborn Insurance maps are a great resource and many cities are on line (Library of Congress) and available. The bonus for me is that most of them date from the mid-20's and 30's. You can scale them to your modeling scale.



For structures I scanned plans from old MR, RMC, and Mainline Modeler. Also scanned in plan drawings from kit instructions and historical association publications. The internet is also a good resource for drawings.



I use MS Word as it has rulers for controlling margins that make it easier to scale the inserted picture to your scale. I print these out on regular paper, cut out the paper elevations, spray glue them to lightweight cardboard or chip board, and cut them out using a fresh new Exacto blade. I do bevel the corners at 45 degree so they fit together better, especially if the cardboard has too much thickness.

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Show & Tell

Don Obermeyer - Quick Mockup Structures

The pieces are scotch taped together. As these are just mockups, I don't reinforce the corners with wood strips but one could for more durable stand ins until the final model is built. You can color the mockup using markers if desired. Best to color them before you assemble the structure.



Many of the structures on my layout are from standard plans from the prototype railroads, such as depots, coal towers, section houses, and other company buildings, that are available on the historical association websites. So I can build one mock-up and use it multiple times in fine tuning locations at each town. This has been very helpful for depots.



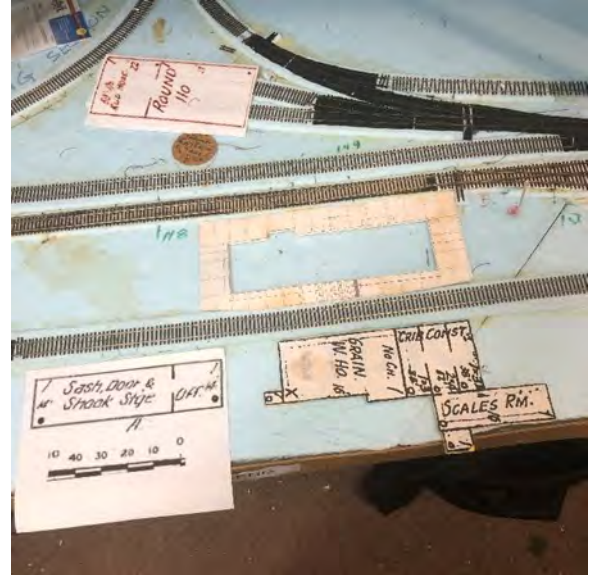
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Show & Tell

Don Obermeyer - Quick Mockup Structures

Also many generic buildings can be used as stand ins. There are a lot of grain elevators in the region I model, so I can use a couple of them to mock-up at town.

This approach has saved me time and money in laying out my layout. Some of the structures will continue as stand ins until I get around to building the final model.



As I get to the larger cities on the layout, I'm going to try using photos to mock up buildings. YouTube has several videos on using Google Earth to find and save photos from the street view. Those videos also show how to correct the perspective so you can use them for building flats. That's my next challenge.



Show & Tell

Scott Lockhart - On30 Narrow Gauge Articulated Camelback

I have always found Camelback locomotives to be interesting because of their oversize fireboxes, cabs in the center of the locomotives, and that they were doing recycling before recycling was a fact of life (using waste material from anthracite mining). My first model was a kitbash of a Bachmann On30 2-6-0 locomotive modified to a Camelback using a kit from Backwoods Miniatures. I started my second model loosely based on an Erie Railroad articulated Camelback. With no kits available I used styrene material to fashion the firebox, fireman's shelter roof, running boards, and tender coal bin. Maybe 3D printing for my next project. A Tsunami2 decoder with a keep-alive, a Boiler Barker speaker, and LED lighting completed the project. Weathering was done with a combination of rattle can, brush, and airbrush painting with weathering chalks. I also realized that I did not take photos of the model during the meeting.



Show & Tell

Jason Schoenmann - Weathering Techniques

Jason presented some weathered locomotives and rolling stock that used a variety of techniques, including dry brushing, acrylic washes, air brushing, and weathering powder. I also presented some small dioramas made from scrap wood that I have used to practice various scenery techniques



Show & Tell

Rich Mossholder - Malcolm Furlow's Poster & Model

In February Rich acquired what is remaining of this layout, and is in the process of restoring it to operational condition. Rich gave a brief overview of the layout, its history, and how he came to be the current custodian. He is compiling a photo album which will be used to illustrate the history and preservation process. Rich also intends to write a series of articles for publication during the progress with the restoration. He should be able to run the first train on the Rio Chama in nearly 35 years this summer!



Show & Tell

Rich Mossholder - Malcolm Furlow Model



One of the models from Malcolm Furlow's layout that will reside on Rich Mossholder's Rio Chama layout.



A scene from Rich Mossholder's Rio Chama layout.

Show & Tell

Ron Learn - Fan Trip Excursion Train

Ron presented his models of a fan trip excursion train. The train is made up of a Mehano 2-6-0 steam engine and two Harriman coaches from Round House. There were details added to the coaches and they were weighed for better operation. According to Ron, the locomotive proved to be a very smooth runner.



Show & Tell

Kyle Stockman - Working on the Railroad(s)

I began my railroad career volunteering on the family owned **Passumpsic Railroad** in Vermont. I ran my first steam locomotive there before I even had a drivers license! I also volunteered at the nearby **White Mountain Central Railroad** also on the steam locomotives there. My first paid railroad job was on the **Green Mountain Railroad** working the tourist trains and cleaning the locomotives. I ran away with the **Ringling Bros. And Barnum & Bailey** circus after high school and started as a train mechanic on the Red Unit before being promoted to Assistant Trainmaster of the Blue Unit the next year. After traveling for two years on the eastern half of the country and into Mexico I came west to California and took a job running the shop on the **Napa Valley Wine Train** for a short time. I then spent a few years as a mechanic and conductor on the **California Western Railroad** before settling in Santa Rosa and working as an engineer and conductor for the **Richmond Pacific Railroad** where I still am. All of these stories can be read in more detail in a small book I did called **A Railroaders Journey**. If you get in touch with me I can order you one and get it to you. They are \$25 and if you want it shipped instead of delivered if your not in the area it's another \$5. If there is enough interest I'll place an order in mid June for everyone. My email is kylestockman45@yahoo.com



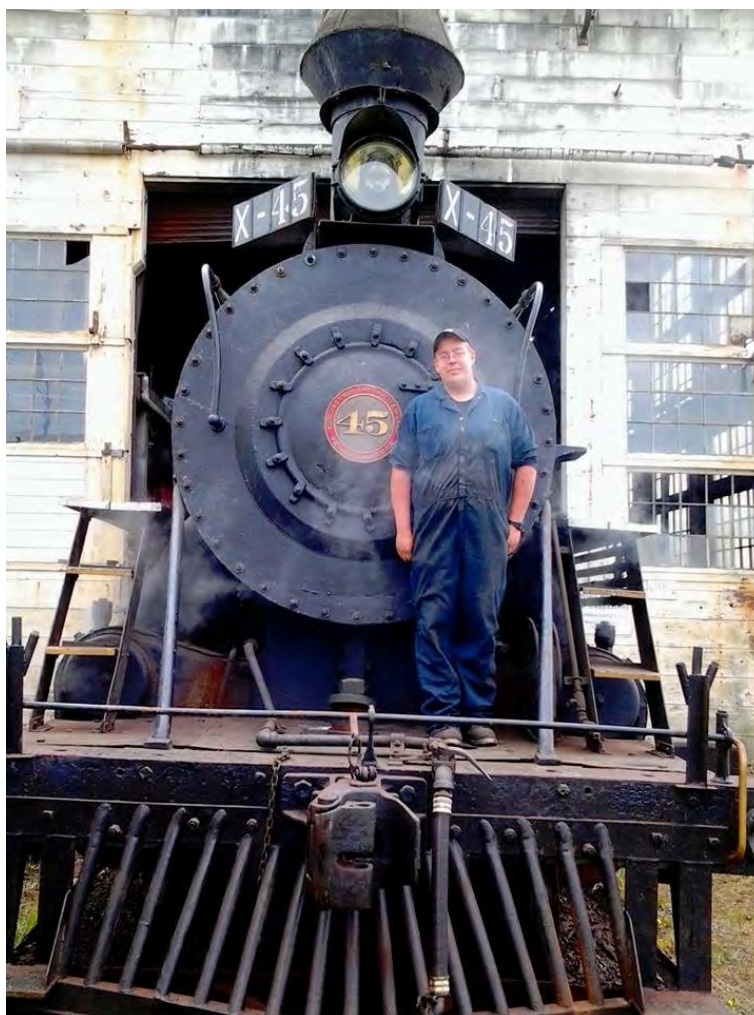
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Show & Tell

Kyle Stockman - Working on the Railroad(s)



Richmond Pacific Railroad



California Western Railroad No. 45
2-8-2 Mikado

Show & Tell

Ben Sochacki Videos Mendocino County Model Railroad & History Society & Ben's Model Railroad Layout

Ben Sochacki is a member of the Mendocino Count Model Railroad and History Society. He shared two videos for his Show & Tell presentation. The first video is a new lift bridge on the club layout.



<https://youtu.be/AwzOdgnyYYw>



bens layout

The second video is a view of his home layout showing his collection of models running on all scales from Z to G!

<https://youtu.be/LorZCxsL0M>

Lunch Courtesy of the RED

The Redwood Empire Division provided a delicious free lunch to everyone at the meeting. And a big "Thank You!" to Mary-Moore Campagna and Paul Weiss for organizing and hosting this meeting's lunch.



Raffle & Door Prizes

After lunch the raffle, door prizes, and Show & Tell awards were distributed. Every person attending the meeting received a door prize, with the first four raffle prize winners getting the first choice. As you can see from the picture, there was much to choose from. 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.

- Cliff Baumer won a six-unit work train's special door prize (red ticket).
- Scott Lockhart was awarded the \$75.00 Show and Tell prize for his model.
- Kyle Stockman took the \$25.00 prize for his talk on his railroading experience.



Presentation - Top Ten Crowd Pleasers at the Central Vermont Railway

Paul Weiss

Paul spoke about the Central Vermont layout in Novato after the group passed the milestone of 7 years of construction... and asked himself the question, what are the 10 things that visitors seemed to stop and notice and furthermore comment on? Perhaps other layout owners can benefit from some of these findings. Paul also discussed 3D printing from two perspectives. First that he believes that every layout owner has had a need for some 3D printing at some point whether they realized it or not. Second that you can attempt simple 3D print design for free and with no experience at all to get started... sending the results out to a printing company such that you only need a computer. Our member Jason Schoenmann, your elected Member Representative, even offered to tutor and support anybody who wants to try. Paul used 3D printing in several ways as part of the Central Vermont project, particularly in the making of attractive place name plaques.



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Presentation - Top Ten Crowd Pleasers at the Central Vermont Railway

1 Cameras and Monitors

Navigation aid
Cool effect
Realism for Agents in Offices
Easy to add to most any layout

SOUTH HORIZON CAMERA
LOCATION at PALMER MA



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Camera view at Palmer, MA, from South Horizon Camera



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2 Waybills Govern Car Movements

Prototypical
Interesting and Unusual
Challenging

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TO: NEW LONDON

SPOT: TEAM TRACK

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FROM STATION CICERO, ILL	
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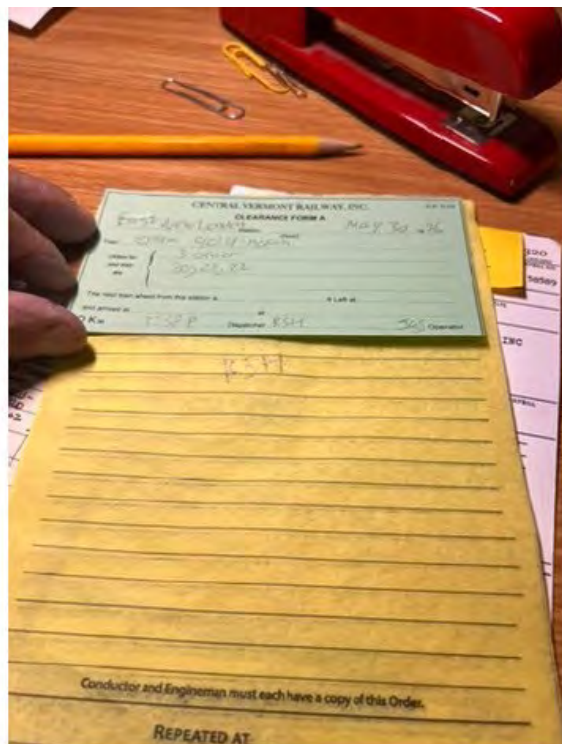
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3 Flimsies

Prototypical
Hard to Find/Produce
Novelty

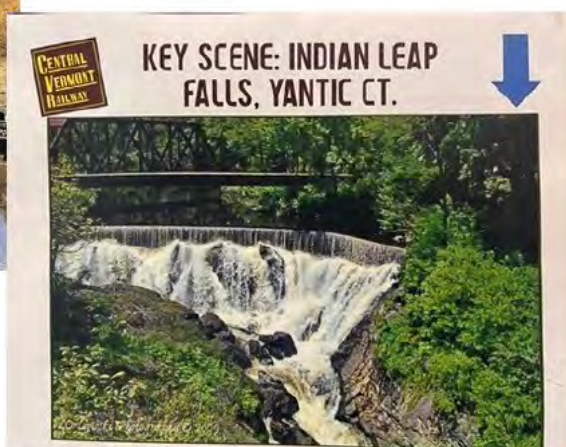


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4 Prototype Scenes

Guests like to recognize real places on a layout
Visual Guides Show Real Scenes for Comparison
Shows big investment of time and care

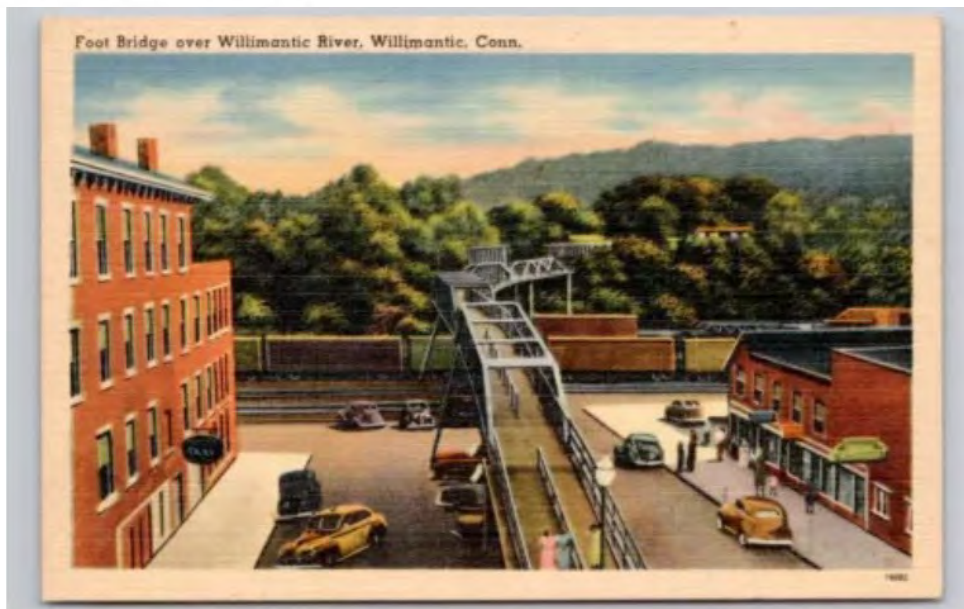


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5 Valance "shadowboxing"

Museum-like effect

Better control of layout lighting vs. aisle lighting

Changes the "whole experience"



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6 Backdrops

The shelf becomes deep and realistic



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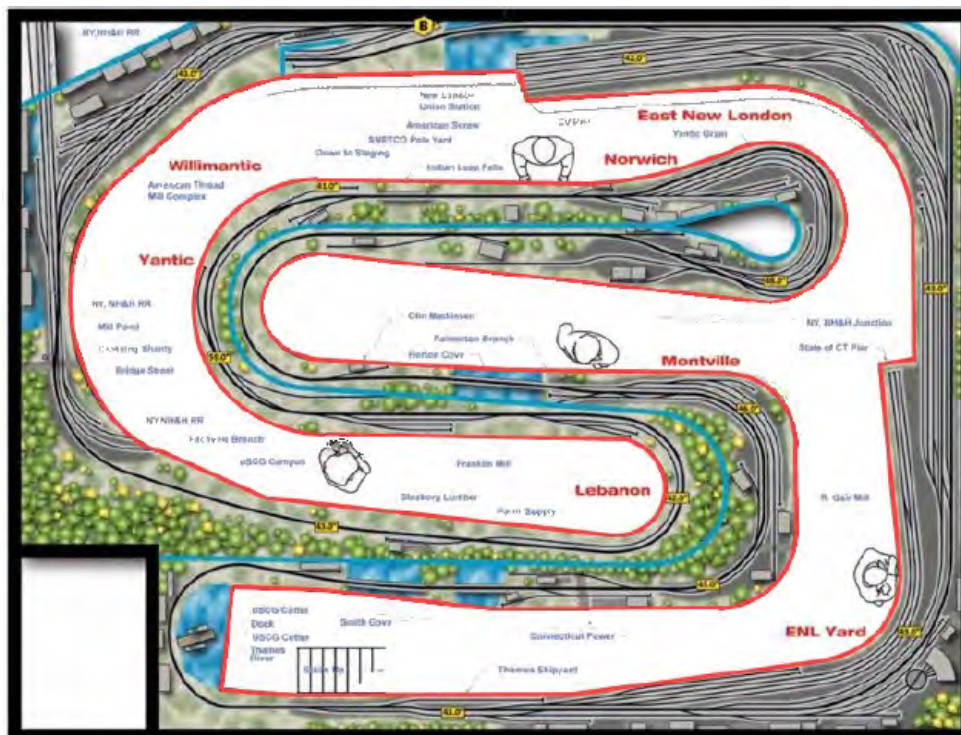
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7 Wide Aisles



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Presentation - Top Ten Crowd Pleasers at the Central Vermont Railway

8 Finger Throw Turnouts

Puts crew more in the game
Most turnouts are easy to reach
Fewer electronic things to go wrong

9 Place Names and Placards and Signage – Some 3D Printed



Placard 3D Printed using Tinkercad software
for the design.

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Presentation - Top Ten Crowd Pleasers at the Central Vermont Railway

9 Place Names and Placards and Signage –
Some 3D Printed



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Presentation - Top Ten Crowd Pleasers at the Central Vermont Railway

10 Serious Modelers, Serious Sessions... But humor prevails



Presentation - Building a Vertical Staging Yard

Dave Croshere

Vertical Staging, Design and Build

This presentation was a good opportunity to show off a project I did almost seven years ago. It is still very reliable and operators can use it mostly without a problem. It is also an unusual feature to see when you walk into my train room.



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Presentation - Building a Vertical Staging Yard

Construction

Two angle irons are bolted to the studs. Absolutely plumb. Getting an idea of the concept. The board can only go up or down, not in or out and not twisting off 90 degrees. V groove roller bearing ride on the rails is the perfect solution. In the middle is my old screw garage door lifting in a track.



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Presentation - Building a Vertical Staging Yard

This picture shows how the track comes in from the other room and works into the vertical staging. I was lucky the track was 48" off the floor. That allows me 34" up and down, that works out to eight shelf staging tracks. A switch has to be made to go into the staging. .



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Presentation - Building a Vertical Staging Yard

This picture shows the final board in place. The shelves are attached. Each shelf has a dot 12" from the left. That is a hinge that allows the twelve inches to droop a 1/4" at the left end.

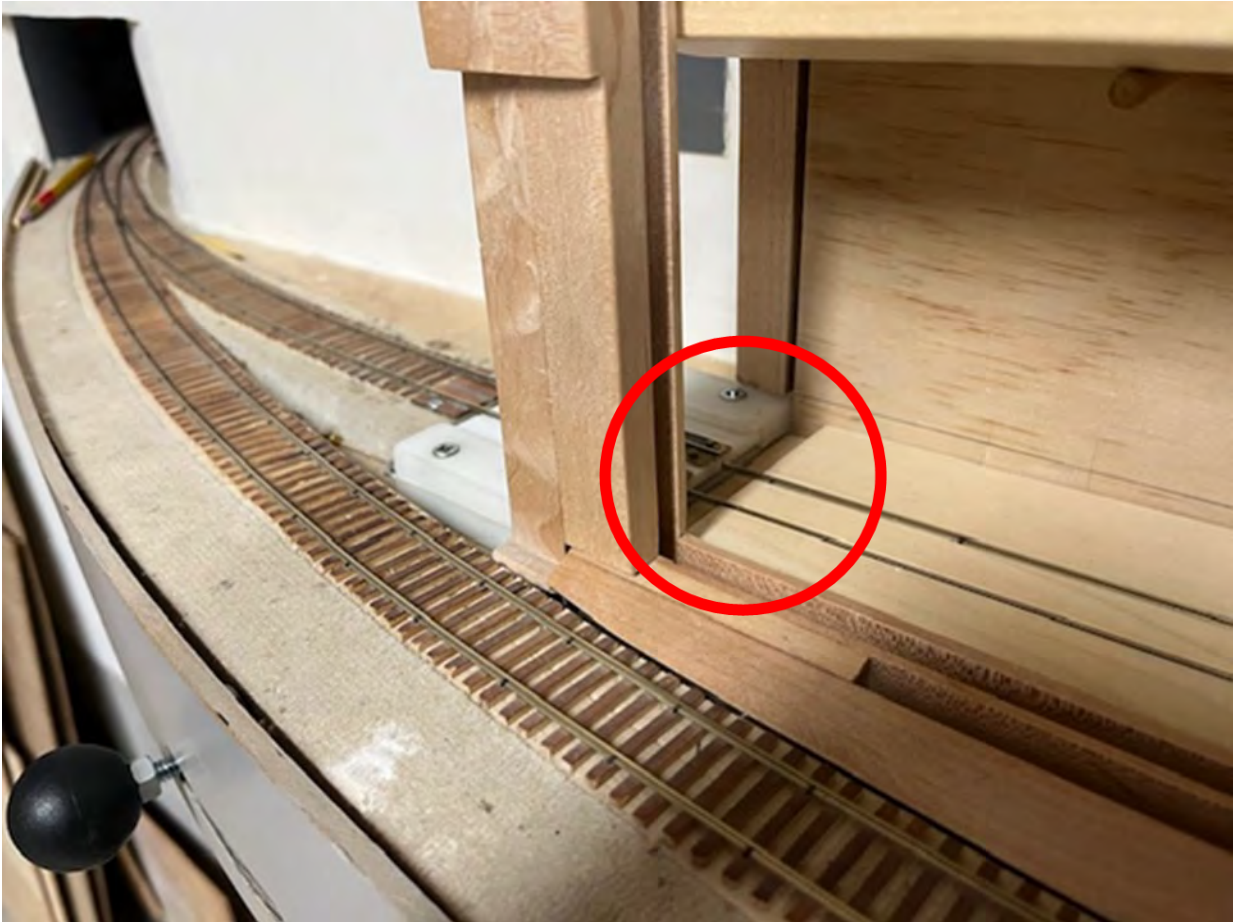
That is the secret to why my design works. You can see the counterweights on each side behind the board. I figure the board and eight consists would weigh about sixty pounds. The elevation buttons are in place like an elevator. A new garage door motor is in place, A universal joint connects it to the old screw track now vertical. The screw track has some overkill bearings at each end. The small disc below the bottom track to the right of the screw is the potentiometer. The potentiometer keeps accurate track of where the board is up and down.



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Presentation - Building a Vertical Staging Yard

The fourth pic is back to why my system works. You can see the rails aren't even (red circle). When a lever is brought across a ramp lifts the shelf end to the correct height. When it is at the correct height the rail joiners come across and engage the rails on the shelf. When the rail joiners are secure they power the shelf so the loco can cross. This is all done with one ball lever.



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Presentation - Building a Vertical Staging Yard

Finished Vertical Staging System



The Union Pacific Big Boy 4-8-8-4 is coming to California!



Union Pacific's legendary [Big Boy No. 4014](#), the world's largest operating steam locomotive built to conquer mountains, will make 19 whistle-stops in five states this summer during its 2024 Westward Bound Tour from Wyoming to California. In addition, this mighty steam locomotive will be on public display for two days each in Roseville, California, July 12-13, and Ogden, Utah, July 20-21.

Wednesday, July 10

Portola, CA. Western Pacific Railroad Museum, 700 Western Pacific Way,
Western Pacific Railroad Museum "Big Boy" Fundraiser. Viewing Only: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tickets Required for Viewing Only of No. 4014 at the WPRM. More information: [WPlives.org](https://www.wplives.org)

Thursday, July 11 - Portola, CA to Roseville, CA

Whistle Stop Oroville, CA. Old Depot, 2181 High Street
Arrival: 2:15 p.m. Depart: 2:45 p.m.

Friday, July 12 - Roseville, CA, Atlantic Street & Vernon Street

On Display: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Admission to see the Big Boy is Free and Open to the Public

Saturday, July 13 - Roseville, CA, Atlantic Street & Vernon Street

Admission to see the Big Boy is Free and Open to the Public
On Display: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. PT

The Union Pacific Big Boy 4-8-8-4 is coming to California!

Sunday, July 14

Union Pacific Museum Special

Roseville, CA. to Sparks, NV.

[Sold out excursion information available at UPtrainTix.org](https://uptrainix.org) Roseville, Calif. to Sparks, Nev. Colfax, CA.

Amtrak Depot, 99 Railroad Street, Roseville

Arrival: 11:15 a.m.

Depart 11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m. PT

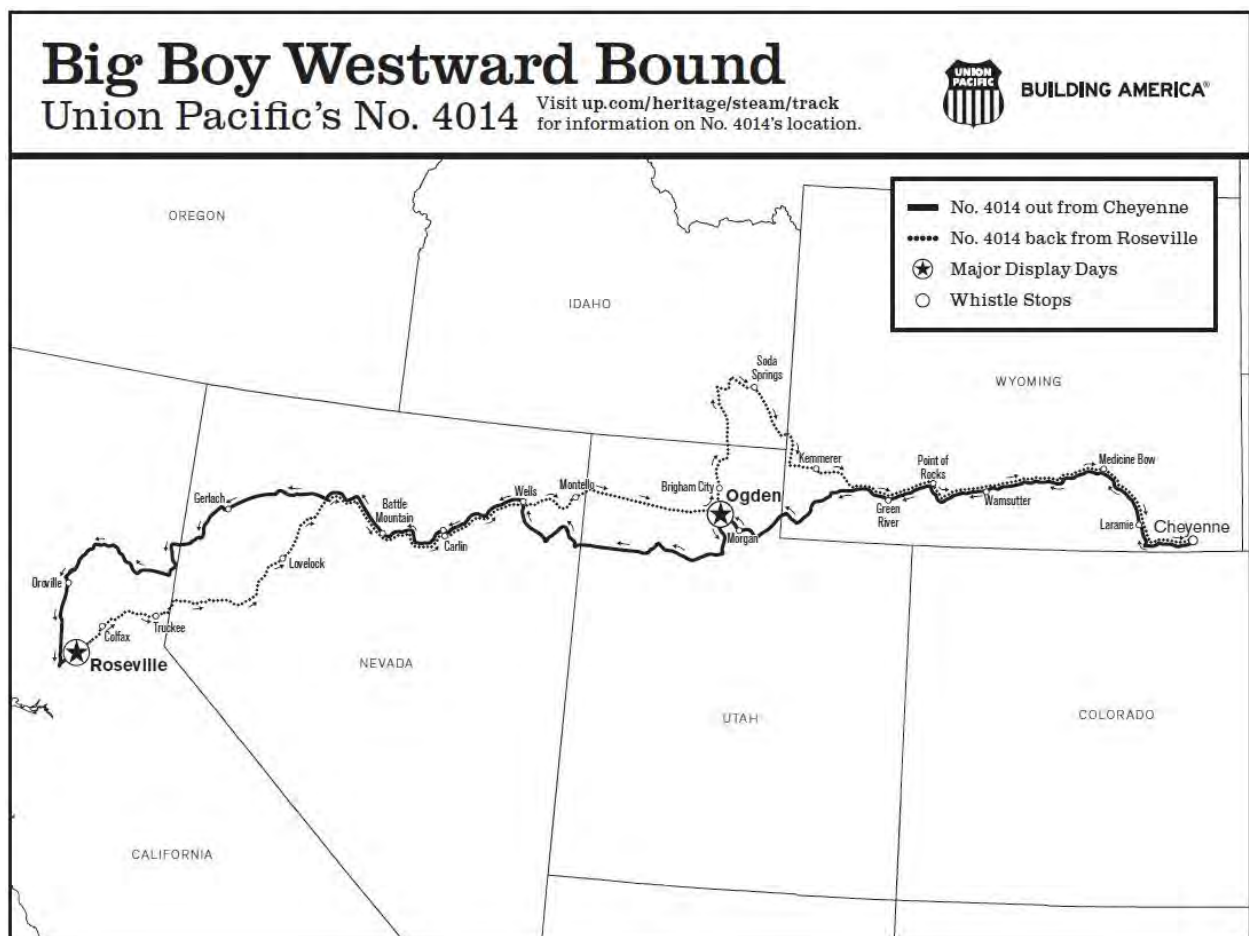
Sunday, July 14

Union Pacific Museum Special

Truckee Depot, 10065 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA

Arrival: 3:30 p.m.

Depart : 4:00 p.m.



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).

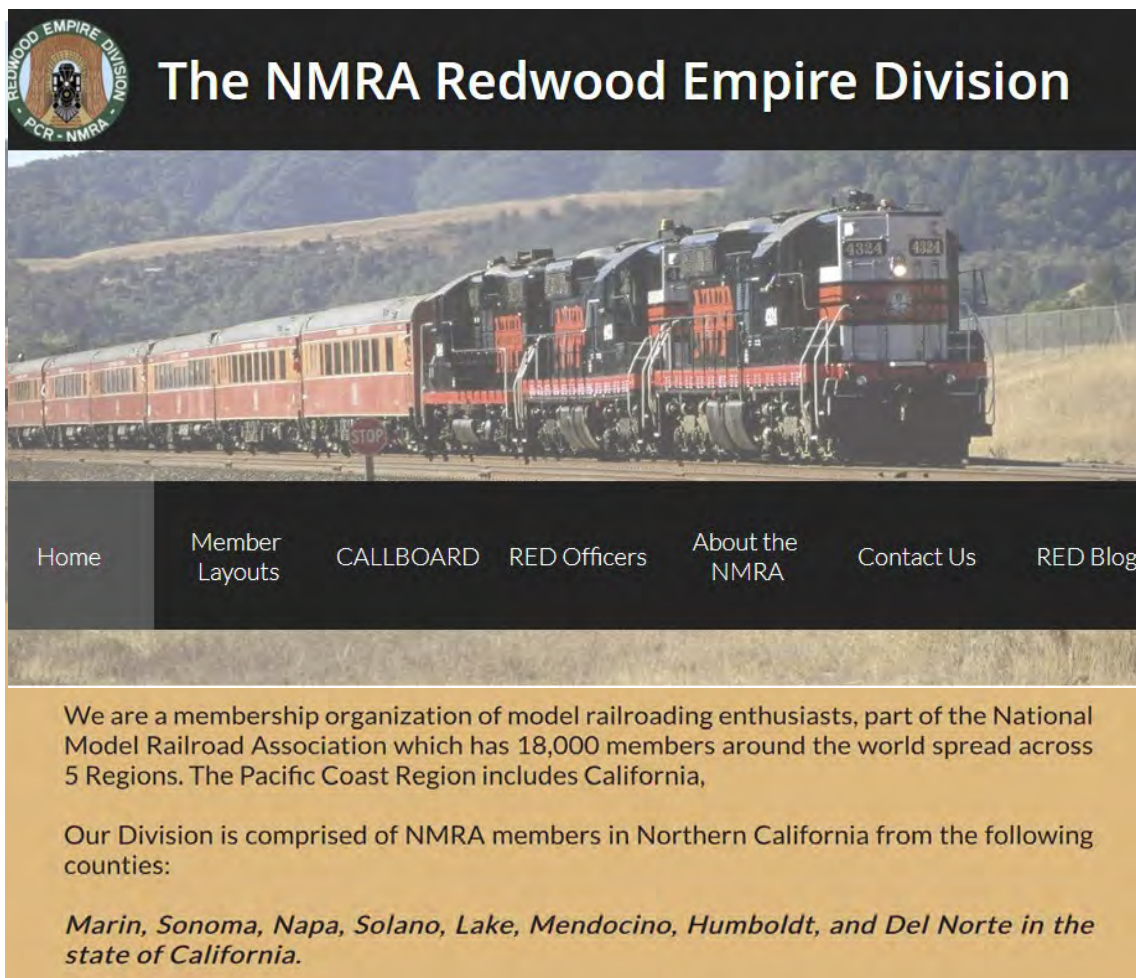
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Clubs in the RED

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.

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 Historical Society

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 Historical Society](#)

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](#)

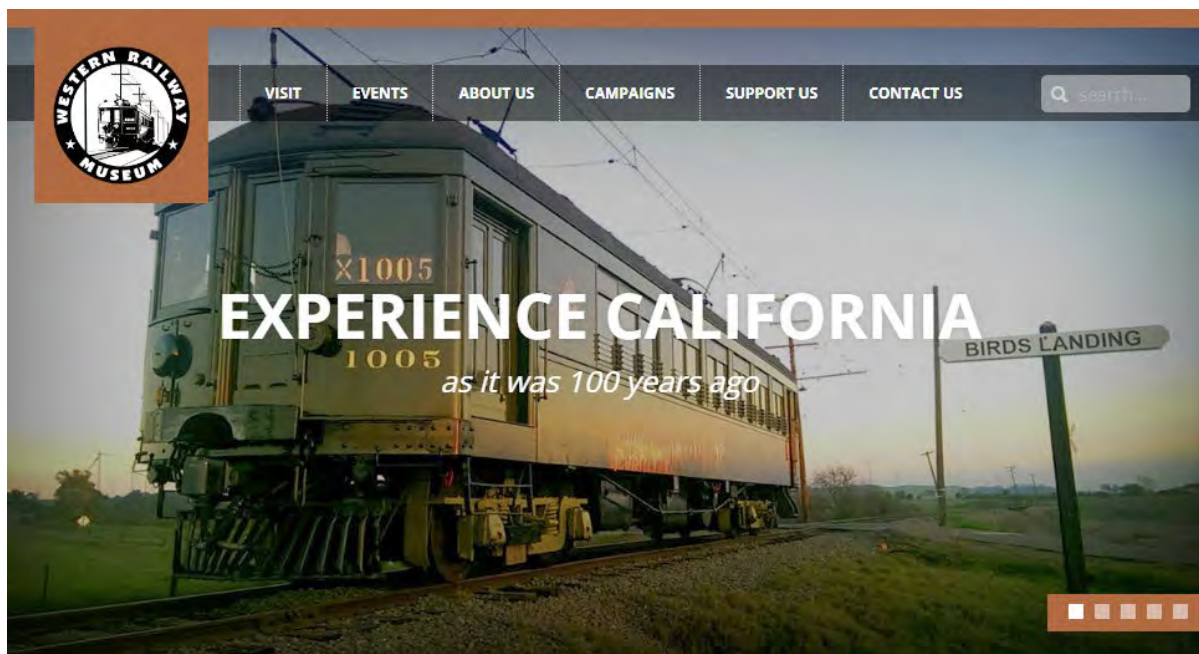
The Redwood Empire Garden Railway Society

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](#)

RED Summer Picnic

Tentatively Scheduled for September at the Western Railway Museum



<https://www.wrm.org/>

A John Huckaby Model



2024 NMRA Convention



Welcome to the 2024 SurfLiner

**Long Beach, California
August 4 - 11, 2024**

<https://surfliner2024.org/>

Convention Location

**The Westin Long Beach in downtown Long Beach
333 East Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA, USA, 90802**

Online Registration and Offline Registration Form
[Convention Registration](#)



The Caboose!



This could be an interesting addition to your layout. The picture was taken in January 1945 near the railroad station in Rouen, France. The “locomotive” is the chassis from a German StuG III self-propelled gun being used by American soldiers to move railroad cars in the Rouen marshalling yard.



Have a great summer!