



CALLBOARD

Redwood Empire Division PCR/NMRA

Website: pcrnmra.org/redwood/

Summer 2017

Special points of interest:

- Summer Picnic August 19
- PCR 2018 Convention
Enduring Rails sponsored by the Redwood Empire Division and the North-western Pacific Railroad Historical Society
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Summer Picnic Meeting

Plan to arrive about 10:00 am for a private tour of the museum, which has three different scale layouts to view: N, HO and O. The Garden Railroad is still in planning. The museum opens to the public at 12:00. After the tour we can have our picnic on the grounds using their facilities. There are two picnic tables available along with a charcoal BBQ. Please bring folding chairs, a folding table if you have one, a dish to share and your own basic meal, paper plates etc. RED will provide ice and soft drinks/water (booze is not allowed on the museum grounds). Also, if you have portable shade, it may come in handy in August. The lower area of the museum is air conditioned. For more up to the date information about the museum, go to their website: <http://www.gsmrm.org/layouts.shtml>

They will also have over 100 models on display from the personal collection of PFM founder William McKinley Ryan.

Directions from Marin County: Cross the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, take the Canal Blvd exit, left at the stop sign and left again onto Garrard Blvd. You will be heading straight towards the Ferry Point Tunnel. Go through the tunnel. Garrard becomes Dornan Drive. The museum is located about 1/2 mile past the tunnel on the left across from Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Park.

Golden State Model Railroad Museum



Editor Dick Foster passes May 4, 2017

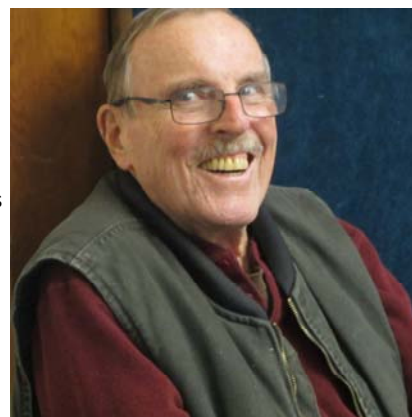
From Steve Lewis:

Over the last few years Dick never stopped loving model trains and trains in general. At Aldersly, he transformed his room into a model train workshop. A wonderful sight to see. He completed two 4' modules for Sonoma Short Line. Until last week, he was still building laser kits. He continued to edit the CALLBOARD and prepared posters and advertising materials for PCR 2018.

To me, Dick was a mentor, friend and one of the best guys I

have ever known. As my wife often said, "What a wonderful human being."

Susan (Dick's wife) mentioned the family will plan some way to remember Dick, but no plans yet. Apparently Dick suggested he wanted his ashes spread on railroad tracks in the Swiss Alps. He might have to settle for Donner Pass and/or Truckee where they once lived.



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Call Board Editor
VACANT

Director's Report—Steve Skold

Welcome to our new officers, Superintendent Scott Lockhart and Chief Clerk/Paymaster Dud Peters. They are looking for a new Callboard Editor to replace Dick Foster who passed away just before our May meeting. He was instrumental in converting the Callboard to its current digital form and putting it online. Gus Campagna has volunteered on an interim basis to take over as Editor, but would like someone to step forward and take over. The job entails attending the RED Staff meeting (usually on a Tuesday night) about 30 days prior to the next membership meeting. Gus will be more than happy to explain the process and help you get started. You can also visit

his California and Western layout and see the incredible progress he is making.

Our summer meet is our annual picnic meeting. It will be held at the Golden State Model Railroad Club in Pt. Richmond. You can see it online at gsmrm.org. There will be a tour of the club starting at 10 AM. The club has layouts in N, HO and O scales and is in a 10,000 square foot room. It is really worth seeing. Bring your lunch and camp chairs. Soft drinks and water will be provided. No alcohol is allowed on the premises so I will not be able to bring my bottle of wine.

My summer is being spent on working on the Sonoma Short Line modules with Steve Lewis,

Dud Peters and Dave Ulmer. We can use a few more members in our module group. If you are interested, contact Steve Lewis at (707) 527-0396. In addition, my wife Carol and I are going to the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Denver, Colorado the end of August. On our way, we are stopping in Ely, Nevada; Ouray, Colorado; Silverton, Colorado; and Durango, Colorado. On our way home we will stop in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Winslow, Arizona. Winslow has the last Harvey House built on the Santa Fe RR which was refurbished into the La Posada Hotel and Restaurant. It has great food and rooms right on the Santa Fe right of way. Have a great summer and see you soon.

Superintendent's Report**Scott Lockhart**

First, a big "Thank you!" to all members who voted in this election. I promise that I, along with the Board of Directors, will work to make the RED even better and encourage all members to participate in RED activities. Although a newbie to the RED, I am amazed and humbled by the knowledge and expertise available within the RED in particular, and the local model railroading community in general. One of the reasons I agreed I joined the RED is to tap into this vast reservoir of knowledge. This is really a case of an old dog trying to learn new tricks! I want to encourage those of you who have a specific area of expertise, whether layout construction, DCC, scenery, rolling stock, detailing locomotives, history, etc., to think about how you can share your knowledge with RED members. In fact,

if you and a friend (or friends) feel like doing a group presentation about a project, so much the better. One of the things I've heard from a few members is that, along with layout tours, presentations and demonstrations are one of the meeting favorites.

I want to keep this Superintendent's Report short and sweet. Please feel free to contact me or any of the other board members with your thoughts and concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone at the RED Picnic, August 19th, at the Golden State Model Railroad Museum, Point Richmond.

Scott Lockhart
Superintendent

Enduring Rails PCR 2018

While talking to a non-active NMRA member friend of mine, the topic drifted to our upcoming PCR Convention next April 2018. I found, much to my surprise, that I became very excited while explaining to him what Conventions are all about, but mainly at what this particular Convention has to offer. Conventions can unlock doors to worlds usually inaccessible to private individuals.

Do you realize that as a day-to-day citizen, you probably would never be able to get a private tour of our new Rapid Transit facility (SMART) nor a private demonstration of how a nineteenth century steam operated sawmill actually works (Sturgeon's Sawmill), or even a behind-the-scene look at Korbel's Champagne cellars? Yet, as an attendee of this Convention, all the above activities are at your fingertips. This is an opportunity of a lifetime that is offered to you; resolve today to sign up for it and when you do, you will be rewarded with a free bottle of Korbel's champagne when picking up your Convention package at the Registrar's desk. The Northwestern Pacific Historical Society is joining us as a co-sponsor, thus insuring a much more varied table of contents than we have been accustomed to in the past, unleashing a gamut of topics to supercharge all our clinics, and guaranteeing with their presence that the layout tours and operating sessions will have a varied and surprising selection. As usual, Operations and Layout Design Sig groups will be conducting their own clinic tracks.

From Convention Chair Giuseppe Aymar

Our non-rail spouses and guests will be treated to a variety of activities that are sure to keep them busy and entertained so they do not have to stay home or feel bored while we enjoy ourselves. The Contest room will again welcome everyone who enjoys bringing models, photos and arts & crafts for everyone to appreciate. We are working on putting together a fun special project in addition to our traditional judged and non-judged displays.

We are working on signing a high-caliber speaker for the Award Banquet on Saturday evening to complement a superb menu of food selections, thus maintaining the Banquet as a high profile and entertaining social event. Speaking of social events, we are offering a Wednesday evening meet-and-greet beer social at what will be our newest brewery in Sonoma County (located at the hotel's grounds) and the Saturday morning traditional Hobo Breakfast, at a nearby restaurant.

Obviously, more detailed information will be forthcoming as time goes by. Meanwhile, I refer you to the Convention website as updates will keep you informed of the very latest information.

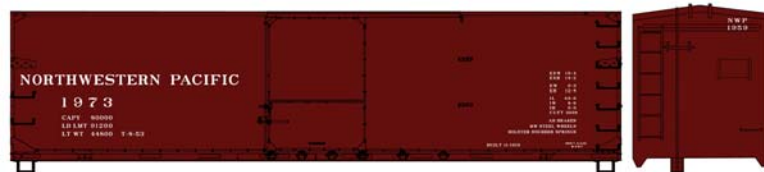
www.EnduringRails2018.com

The committees are all working hard to make this a memorable time for all our friends. To be suc-

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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 Exac-trail except through the convention company store.

The cars have a custom color blend and have different re-weigh 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:

July 30—August 6, 2017
NMRA National Convention

August 19, 2017 RED Summer
Picnic

August 19, 2017 Sierra Division
Meet

August 30-September 2, 2017
Annual Narrow Gauge Conven-
tion

September 13-16, 2017 PSR
Convention

September 24, 2017 Coast
Division Meet

November 11-12, 2017 Inter-
national Railfair in Roseville

November 18, 2017 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 de-
tails

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cessful, a convention needs participation of the membership. I encourage every reader of this column to decide to participate... actually go a step further and register to-day, as that will help us scheduling programs. (Again, refer to the above mentioned website.)

My friend became so enthusiastic about the above program that he resolved to attend. He had thought conventions were boring and stale. "Au contraire, mes amis!" This convention will be fun, educational, entertaining, socially stimulating and NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN !

KIT-BASH CONTEST

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



From Contest Chair Dave Croshere

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-bash. 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:
mailto:er2018registrar@pcrnmra.org
Website: www.pcrnmra.org/conv2018

Registration

Hosted by **Redwood Empire Division PCR** & the
Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Soci-

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
Full Registration includes Awards banquet and Membership breakfast		118.00	
First Timer Registration (PCR members who have not registered for the past 5 conventions)		98.00	
Non-Rail Registration (Includes Lunch)		98.00	
Youth Registration (12-18 years old)		68.00	
Sturgeons Mill Tour (Steam powered saw mill)		40.00	
Korbel Wine Tasting Tour (includes Bus Transportation)		25.00	
SMART Maintenance Facility Tour		20.00	
Convention Car HO NWP Double Sheathed Boxcar Kit 1@\$25; 2@\$48; 4@\$92; 6@\$126			
Grey Convention Polo Shirt ** <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL <input type="checkbox"/> 5XL <input type="checkbox"/> W or <input type="checkbox"/> W/O pocket		\$30.00	
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: PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION		TOTAL	

Clerk's Report Dudley Peters

I haven't been clerk very long, but I find I could use the help of the members to address two needs of our club. The first is the need of donated raffle prizes. What we have is looking a little picked over and we could use some interesting new items to give away. In especially high demand are structure and rolling stock kits. Please look around your shop and see if perhaps your focus has changed and you have a kit or two that no longer fits with your layout. Consider bringing these to the next meeting for raffle prize donations. I know I have one such building; now if I could just remember where the "safe place" is that I put it... Another thing that came to mind is the Kitty Car that is always placed on the raffle table. I have wondered what it is for and last night in a conversation with Steve Skold, I learned that its purpose is to collect donations of money that are added to the general fund for club expenses. With the national convention coming up, it is certain that these will be put to good use by the club. If you find you have a few bills or coins cluttering up your pockets or wallet, consider placing them in the Kitty Car. Thank you for your help with these requests.

Annual Meeting of the Redwood Empire Division

RED is part of the Pacific Coast Region (PCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA.org)
Date: May 27, 2017

Call to Order - 11:30 AM
by Superintendent Peter Barnes

Minutes of the last meeting published in the Callboard were approved with -out reading.

Clerk- Paymaster Ed Zakareckis reported no recent bills and a balance of \$4799 in the Bank.

Ballot Committee reported the nomination and elec-

tion by acclimation of Scott Lockhart to serve as Superintendent and Dudley Peters to serve as Clerk/Pay-Master at the winter RED meeting (February 12, 2107). Elected candidates will take office at the close of this meeting.

Other Committee Reports-

- Regional Director - Steve Skold
- Call Board - Vacant
- Membership - Chair Absent
- Webmaster - Chair Absent

- Achievement and Contests - Giuseppe Aymar
- Program - Dave Grundman

Old Business

2018 PCR Convention (hosted by RED) update - Giuseppe Aymar

New Business

- Moment of silence and thoughts on loss of members Dick Foster and Brice Benson
- Discussion of Summer meeting/picnic at Golden State Railroad Museum in Richmond

Adjournment - 12 noon

Editor's Notes:

If you have not been to the Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum clubhouse and layouts before, you are in for a treat.

The East Bay Model Engineers Society has operated model trains for 83 years and have now been at Point Richmond as the Golden Gate Model Museum for 32 years. (*I remember when they first moved into this - new to them - building*). Enjoy your visit and lunch!

I am so sorry to hear about the demise of the Napa Model Railroad Club. We had many good meetings there and made some good friends as well. I sincerely hope that they can find a place to rebuild their club layout.
Gus

Book Review

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad

Lifeline of the Redwood Empire

Boom and Bust 1951-2001

By Angelo Figone

With 416 pages of photos and text, Angelo covers in great detail the history of the NWP from where Fred Stindt's two-volume book leaves off. He starts with some early history (so you are not lost if you do not have Fred's books), but the book really picks up with the 1950s and beyond.

In its twelve chapters (divided into 4 parts), he covers the history, the investments, the challenges, and finally the divestiture of the line. There are 307 photos with 300 photos that have not been previously published, with 103 in full color and 83 in full-page spreads. There are 167 quotes from employees throughout the book, which bring the details to life. The book also has 54 charts and tables, filling in a lot of the details. The bibliography and index are very thorough. (I figured I knew a lot about the NWP, but this book added much to my knowledge of the railroad.)

There will be copies available at the NWPRHS events in Marin and Sonoma, as well as the SPH&TS Convention in Rohnert Park.

This new hardbound book by Angelo Figone is well worth the asking price of \$89.95 + tax. NWPRHS members are eligible buy it at a reduced price.

Gus