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Summer 2022

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Welcome!



RED Summer 2022

On Saturday, September 10th, the Redwood Empire Division held its first in-person event since the pandemic's start. The annual RED Picnic was held at the **Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival** in Willits, California. This was the festival's 40th anniversary celebrating all things steam, including a Heisler steam locomotive, steam donkeys, and a Bucyrus-Erie Steam Shovel. RED members attending the festival were treated to a free lunch of sandwiches, beverages, and desserts courtesy of the RED. A big thanks to Superintendent Paul Weiss for gathering the lunch goodies for everyone. Ed Merrin and Paul Weiss provided pictures of this event.

Member Ron Plies has provided a short article on the [Eel River Valley Model Railroad](#) in Ferndale, California. Ron describes the layout with pictures showing layout models and the prototype structures the on which the models were based.

Our [Fall Meeting](#) will be an in-person event at Monroe Hall, in Santa Rosa, on **Saturday, November 19th**.

The [RED Facebook Page](#) features Ed Merrin's great photos using the photo stacking app on his smartphone.

Past Callboards are available for viewing on the [RED website](#).

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Director's Report - Giuseppe Aymar

The Board of Directors will have the midyear meeting on Oct 8 via Zoom.

There is an ongoing discussion/study on the merits/demerits of a permanent location to hold PCR Conventions and all that goes with it.

The agenda will have other ongoing discussions.

I encourage any of you to contact me at giuseaymar@aol.com if you have thoughts or ideas or concerns you would like to express to the Board. Basically the Director is your liaison to the BOD and your voice needs to be heard.

Giuseppe Aymar, DDS, MMR

Superintendent's Report - Paul Weiss

Hi RED members,

We had a lovely picnic at the Roots of Motive Power Festival on September 10. This was the first time we have had a chance to get together in person since before, well, you know. Some of the attendees I had only met on Zoom and as such it was a pleasant and welcome opportunity to say hi in person. Your Division hosted a gourmet lunch (aka Subway sandwiches) which in fact was quite popular! And also, by the time you are reading this the extreme heat from the prior week will be mostly forgotten... the railroad gods were listening and granted us the first break in the heat, it was just ideal for our purposes and our location under the trees in Willits.

We sincerely hope you will join next year at this venue or some other that may be suggested between now and next summer.

Now that we are back in the "in-person" business, save the date of NOVEMBER 19 when we will return to Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa for the first time since before, well, you know. The details will be announced later on, and we will do what we can to make this a worthy diversion from your busy Saturdays.

We hope your modeling or model railroad foaming are going well. I recently wrote in the PCR "Branch Line" about how operating sessions seem to be back in full swing, and I encourage you to explore that aspect of the hobby. If you'd like to, or would like to do it more often, please let us know and we will try to facilitate your interest!

Have fun and see you soon,

Paul Weiss

Redwood Empire Division Superintendent

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Chief Clerk's Report - David Grundman

The current balance stands at \$6235.05. The additional funds include \$202.65 in post convention car sales including shipping costs plus convention proceeds to RED of \$1500.00. The RED picnic at the Roots of Motive Power cost of \$350.00 for lunch etc. is also included in the balance.

RE: CONVENTION CARS: We have 12 cars remaining complete with renumbering decals. They are produced by Accurail and are based upon a Roma Wine refer car. If you did not obtain a convention car or want more of them, please contact me at 707 584-1964 (leave a message) or email me at dave_pat_1999@yahoo.com.

The cost is \$30 per car plus actual shipping cost or you can pick them up at our next face-to-face meet, likely this Fall.

Membership Report - Gus Campagna

Based on the August 2022 NMRA report RED membership stands at 103.

Fall Meeting Announcement

November 19, 2022

Monroe Hall

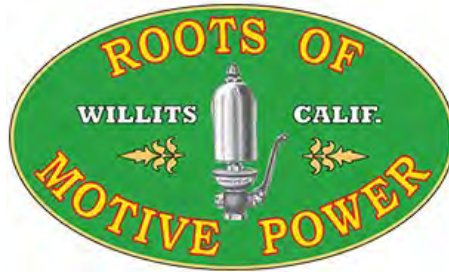
1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Parking is behind the building. Doors open at 10:00 am
with the meeting starting at 11:00 am.



Fall 2019 Meeting

2022 RED PICNIC



A group of RED members gathered on Saturday, September 10th at the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival in Willits, CA. The festival is an annual event featuring all manner of operating steam equipment including free passenger steam train rides, Caterpillar tractors, steam shovels, steam donkeys and more. RED Superintendent Paul Weiss brought sandwiches, salads, dessert and beverages from Subway for a group lunch at Noon. A good time was had by all!

The following pictures were graciously provided by Dave Croshere, Dave Grundman, Al Merkrebs, Kris Skold, and Paul Weiss. Maybe some good modeling ideas for future projects!

Lunch is Served



Left to right: Gus Campagna, Dave Croshere, Dave Grundman, Steve Skold, Al Merkrebs, Paul Weiss, Ron Kaiser, David Norris, and Verne Alexander.

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2022 RED PICNIC

Lunch is Served



Left to right: Paul Weiss, Andrea Turner, and Dave Turner



Carol and Steve Skold

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2022 RED PICNIC

Lunch is Served



Left to right: Steve Skold, Dave Grundman, Kris Skold, David Norris, Andrea Turner, Dave Turner, Verne Alexander, and Gus Campagna



Left to right: Steve & Carol Skold, Dan Obermeyer, Cliff Baumer, Denni Baumer, Kris Skold, Dave Grundman, David Norris, and Andrea Dave Turner.

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Festival of Steam



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Eel River Valley Model Railroaders

RED member Ron Plies has graciously offered to tell us about the Eel River Valley Model Railroaders and their layout in Ferndale, California. He has included a series of photographs showing different locations on the layout and the prototype locations that inspired them. Enjoy!

In a land far, far away, in the State of Never Never-land up behind the redwood curtain (Humboldt-Mendocino Co. line) and on the southern border of the State of Jefferson (Del Norte-Humboldt Co. line) lies the small Victorian Village of Ferndale, CA, the home of the Humboldt County Fair. On the fairgrounds, in its commercial building is the location of the Eel River Valley Model Railroaders. Over 25 years ago a group of modelers got together and was given a room to rent in the commercial building on the fairgrounds with the understanding that we would be modeling the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, mostly in Humboldt County. With the maps from the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society, drawn by Allen Tacy, of different locations along the Railroad, the members selected the locations they wished to model, building them as modules, so if we ever had to move it would not destroy the layout. The layout starts at Sonoma then moves to Schellville, the Wingo bridge, Hopland, Longvale, South fork, Shively, Alton, Fernbridge, Fortuna, Loleta trestle, Loleta, Bucksport, and Eureka. Most of the layout is hand laid track and turnouts are all custom built. All of the buildings are scratchbuilt using photos and museum plans as available. The Sonoma depot museum had plans drawn up in the 1960's when a fire almost destroyed it. Along with photos we were able to build a good representation of it. The Fortuna depot is still standing in Rohnerville Park in Fortuna, so it was there to take measurements and photos. The freight section was not saved and moved to the park, but with some historical photos from the Fortune depot museum we were able to create a good model of the depot. With the Eureka depot we had 26 photos and a diagram to work from.

The roundhouse was built all from photos mostly from the Bill Bish collection. The turntable at Eureka was still in the ground when we did the model. So working from those photos and measurements taking a Central Valley through truss bridge turning it over made an excellent model of the turntable at Eureka. The turntable pit is a 75 ft. Diamond Scale model. We are using the NCE DCC control system for the layout. We have our open house in August during the Humboldt County Fair. I know this article comes too late for any one wishing to help this year but if you would like to help next year please e-mail at rcp4449@gmail.com. Our group has gotten smaller over the years and we could use all the help we can get.

Trust that your tracks ahead are all high green.
Ron Plies, MMR

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The Eureka Depot



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The Wingo Bridge



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The Fortuna Depot



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The Eureka Roundhouse and Turntable



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The Alton Depot



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The Loleta Trestle



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Engine 2019



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Eel River Valley Model Railroaders

The Layout



Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page

Please check out the RED Facebook page. The latest additions are outstanding photos taken by Ed Merrin of Ron Kaiser's Western Pacific layout. Ed's use of photo stacking with his smartphone yields almost lifelike images. For more information about the RED Facebook Page, please contact Bill Kaufman (bill@statebelt.org).



[Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page](#)



A few pictures from Ed Merrin's latest post to the RED Facebook page.

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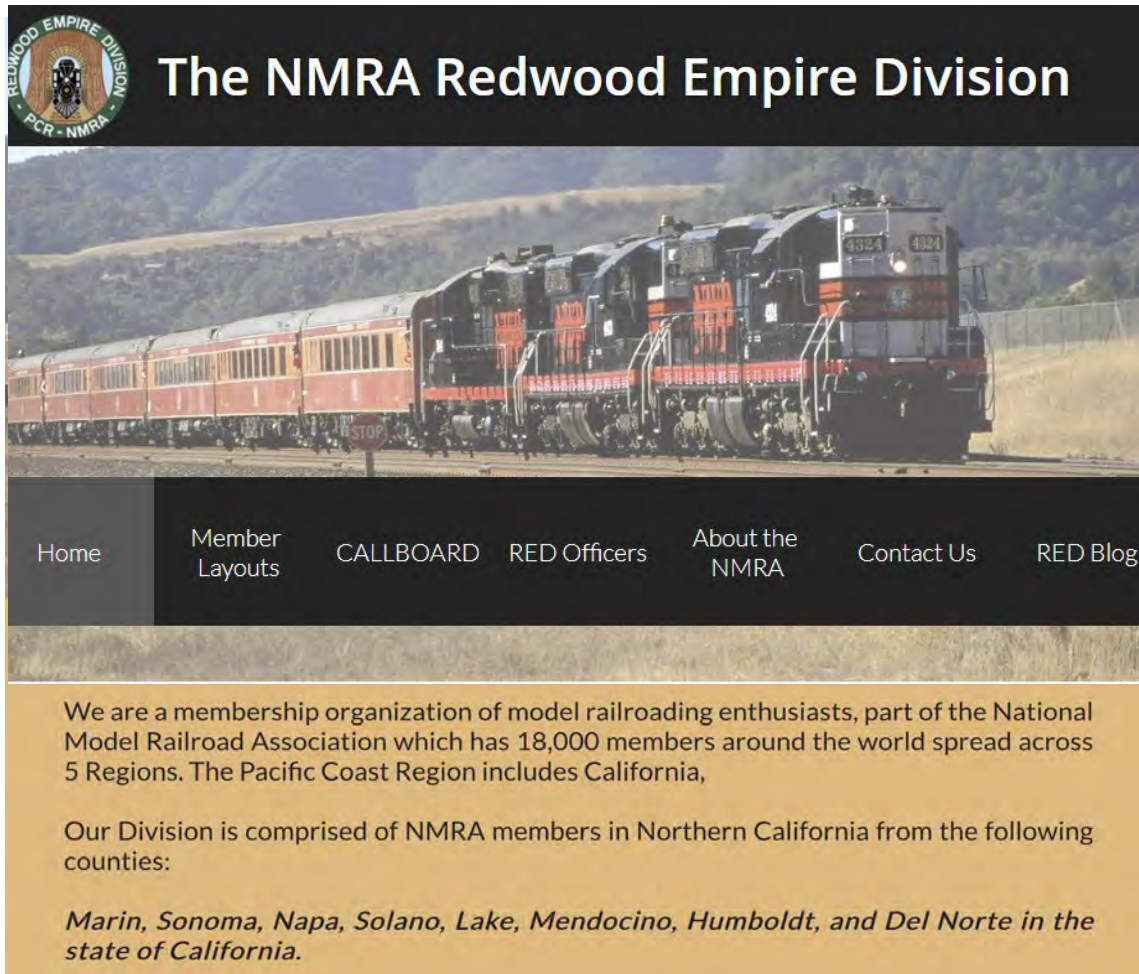
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[Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/redwoodempiredivision)

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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

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.

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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

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2023/>

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

- Registration Desk
- Company Store
- Clinic Hosts
- Contest Room
- Contest Judges
- Switching Contest
- Non-Rails Hospitality Room

Convention Registration



2023 NMRA International Convention



Welcome to the 2023 Texas Express

The NMRA International Convention
"Things are always bigger and better in Texas"

August 20 (Sunday) - 26 (Saturday), 2023

Hosted by Divisions 1 & 3 of the Lone Star Region

Convention Location

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center
1501 Gaylord Trail
Grapevine, TX 76051
Phone: (817) 778-1000

Online registration

<https://www.2023texasexpress.com/registration.html>

Printable mail-in registration

**[https://www.2023texasexpress.com/forms/
Printable Registration Form-v5A.pdf](https://www.2023texasexpress.com/forms/Printable%20Registration%20Form-v5A.pdf)**