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Spring 2019 RED Meeting

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Monroe Hall, Santa Rosa, CA

The Spring Redwood Empire Division meeting will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa. Parking is behind the building. The doors will open at 10:00 am with the meeting starting at 11:00 am. Ron Kaiser has graciously offered to be acting superintendent for this meeting.

Program Presentation - JMRI: Not Just DecoderPro

Kent Hinton and Dave Sheber will give a presentation JMRI (Java Model Railroad Interface) software. You may know the most prominent member of the JMRI suite of tools—DecoderPro. DecoderPro is just the tip of the iceberg. Other tools include PanelPro, DispatcherPro, OperationsPro and SoundPro. This will be a multi-media presentation by Kent and Dave.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell gives members a chance to show off their model railroad projects, equipment, photographs, travel - any and all aspects of railroading. A \$50 cash award will be presented to a lucky Show and Tell participant during the Raffle and Door Prize part of the meeting.

Door Prize and Raffle

Speaking of the door prize and raffle, in addition to the usual selection of model railroad and railroad items, a \$100 cash award will be presented to a lucky attendee as a door prize. The raffle will include a \$75 cash award to the lucky ticket holder.

Lunch

Mary Moore Campagna will provide her wonderful selection of goodies for sale for anyone interested in purchasing lunch. This will happen about 12:30, give or take.

Layout Tour - North Coast Historical Model Railroad Society (NCHMRS)

The NCHMRS, located in the NWP Freight Depot in Healdsburg, will be open for RED members after the meeting. This is an HO scale layout based on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad as it ran in the 1950's through Sonoma County to Ukiah. For more information, please go to page six, **Spotlight on a Local Club**.

Vote!

Don't forget to vote for Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster. This is online voting. You should have received your first notice on April 22, 2019.

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Director's Report - Steve Skold

The results of the recent PCR election are out. Chris Palermo is the new PCR president and Frank Markovich is the new Vice President. They will be installed at the Annual Membership meeting at the PCR convention in Sacramento on May 5th. As Chris is the current PCR Secretary, he will be looking for someone to take over that position. We will be having our election shortly on Superintendent and Chief Clerk. Scott Lockhart is running again for Superintendent and Dave Grundman is running for Chief Clerk/Paymaster. The election will be held electronically so be looking for the e-mail.

The next PCR board meeting will be held on Thursday May 2nd at 1:00 PM at the convention in Sacramento. If you have anything you wish to have brought up, contact me at 707-539-1782 or on e-mail at sandcskold@att.net .

The next RED meet will be after the convention. It will be at Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa on May 18. Doors open at 10 AM and the meeting starts at 11 AM. This year's summer picnic will be on Saturday July 13 at the Annual Penngrove Power Up. Mark that down on your calendar.

Last, I just visited Giuseppe Aymar's new layout and have enclosed a few pictures. He has a detached building 24'X42' and has started working on the framework for a 3-level layout depicting the Tehachapi Loop and Mojave area. He will include models from SP, AT&SF, UP and BNSF depending on which era he will be operating. I look forward to see his progress as he goes along.

See you all at the Convention and the RED meet in May.

Superintendent's Report - Scott Lockhart

Kent Hinton's program for the last RED meeting points out how technology continues to impact our hobby. DCC is probably the de facto standard for layout operation, Arduino technology is growing as a way to control all kinds of model railroad equipment, and battery control of locomotives is being investigated as an alternative to track power. Software continues to evolve in layout planning and control and locomotive programming. In spite of manufacturing issues, we continue to receive excellent locomotives and rolling stock, buildings, layout accessories and more. Of course, the internet provides extensive resources for researching any and all railroad subjects. It is truly a wonderful time to be a model railroader!

This month, we've combined the Spotlight on a Local Layout and Spotlight on a Local Club as well as the meeting layout visit to highlight the North Coast Model Railroad Society.

And, last but not least. Please vote! In the words of the Honorable Richard J. Daley, "Vote Early! Vote Often!"

Chief Clerk's Report - Dudley Peters

The RED currently has \$6244.90 in the checking account and \$55 cash on hand.

Membership Report - Gus Campagna

RED membership stands at 140.

February 2019 RED Meeting Report

The RED held their 2019 winter meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa. Twenty-six people attended the meeting including two new members. The meeting started with attendee introductions followed by RED election nominations for Superintendent and Clerk/Paymaster. Scott Lockhart was nominated for Superintendent and Dave Grundman was nominated for Clerk/Paymaster. Both nominations were seconded by all attendees.



RED meeting members and guests

For Show and Tell, attendees presented model structures, a book review, a holiday layout review, a backdrop painting example, and timetables/dispatcher's sheets. Steve Lewis reviewed his activities with the Boy Scouts Railroading Merit Badge and the need for additional people to help with the excellent program.



Model by Skip Rueckert

As always, a big "Thank you!" to Mary Moore Campagna for providing the excellent lunch of sandwiches, sweet treats, and beverages during the Noon break.

A nice assortment of models and books were available to lucky ticket holders during the raffle. Verne Alexander received a \$50 gift card for Show and Tell, Dan Obermeyer received the \$75 raffle ticket gift card and Dud Peters won the \$100 door prize gift card.

Kent Hinton presented a great program on his experience with 3D printing. His presentation included a 3D printer producing parts during the meeting. Kent's presentation covered current printing processes, printers, materials, creating files for 3D printers and resources for software and 3D printing services. Kent also brought his 3D printed Hon3 Carter Brothers 8 Ton Boxcar model for review. I, for one, will be exploring 3D printing in more detail.

A copy of Kent's presentation on 3D printing is included as a downloadable PDF file in this message.



Following the meeting, a few folks traveled to Peter Barnes' Bummelbahn HO layout. His layout is based in Germany and Austria. Visitors were given an overview of Peter's layout and ran a few trains. An article with additional pictures of the Bummelbahn may be seen in the Winter 2019 issue of the RED Callboard.



Peter Barnes' Bummelbahn

Website: www.pcrnmra.org/redwood/

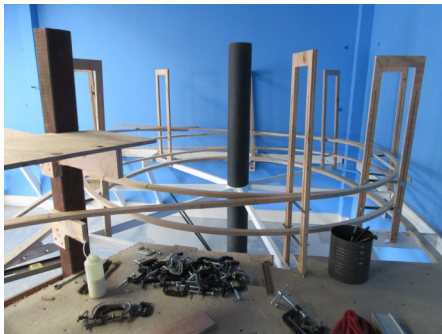
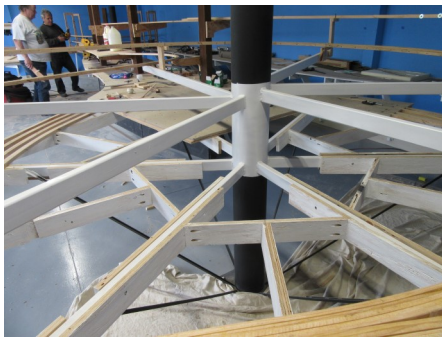
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Building a helix or two.



A Golden Spike Ceremony

Scott Lockhart

A Golden Spike Ceremony was held at Gus Campagna's California Western Pacific layout. The California Western Railroad is an HO scale triple deck layout in a 31' x 25' garage, with a connecting 10' x 25' crew lounge. Construction of the railroad started on January 13, 2016.



A toast to the placing of the spike.

Rocket Train?



Looking for something different for your layout or next module? The Baikonur Cosmodrome railroad, located in Kazakhstan and once part of the Soviet Railroad Troops is now served by a dedicated civilian company. Its purported to be the largest industrial railroad in the world.

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 1950's 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.. The club's goals are as follows.

- Have fun building a layout and running trains with people from in and around Sonoma County.
- Share the layout as a display with our neighbors at the [NWP Freight Depot in Healdsburg](#) (And all of the folks who want to come from further away, of course!)
- Provide opportunities for people to learn about and appreciate the hobby, and to give them the chance to develop and show off their skills to other modelers and to the public.
- To help preserve the NWP Freight Depot in Healdsburg as the Healdsburg Depot Museum and actively participate in the formation of the future Railroad Park at the depot in concert with the [NWPRRH](#) and [RELSIM](#).

Please [**contact the club**](#) if you are interested in learning more about model railroading, or if you want to help a dynamic model railroading organization in the North Bay create and operate what will be one of the best model railroads in the world. We encourage young persons to contact us about membership through a sponsorship arrangement.

The doors to the depot every 3rd Saturday of the month around 10AM for maintenance.

<http://www.nchmrs.net/>

Layout Tour

For those of you who want to attend the Layout Tour after the meeting, the NWP Freight Depot is located at 320 Hudson Street in Healdsburg. There is plenty of parking. There are no onsite facilities, so please plan accordingly.



More pictures on the next page.

SPOTLIGHT ON A LOCAL CLUB A LOCAL LAYOUT AND A LAYOUT TOUR

North Coast Historical Model Railroad Society (NCHMRS)



Club Entrance from the parking lot.



The bridge of the Petaluma River. It will be converted to a working drawbridge and will be in the up position by default. Arduino controls will sense an oncoming train and lower the bridge.



Santa Rosa



Bridges over the Russian River—Healdsburg



Looking south to Santa Rosa.



DIAMOND RAILS FOREVER

PCR/FRRS Joint Convention

May 2 - 5, 2019
Sacramento, CA

The [Sierra Division](#) of the [Pacific Coast Region](#) and the [Feather River Rail Society](#) invite you to attend the Diamond Rails Forever 2019 Joint PCR/FRRS Convention in Sacramento, California, at the McClellan Convention Center, 5411 Luce Ave, McClellan Park, CA 95652. Several rooms have been reserved within the Center for clinics, presentations, the banquet, and the PCR breakfast. A map of Convention Center will be provided here ([MAP](#)) in the near future. The specific details are available on the convention website (<http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/>). The convention is a joint venture with the Feather River Rail Society. **Hotel Rooms are sold out.** See the [Hotel page](#) for alternate hotel room information.



McClellan Convention Center—Sacramento, California

DIAMOND RAILS FOREVER

"QwikLook" Master Schedule

(Please check for updates to this schedule at the convention.)

NOTE: Traditional lunch and dinner breaks not shown.

All times are estimates only. Check back often for more accurate times.

WEDNESDAY, May 1

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Registration Desk open (Ballroom Foyer at Lion's Gate Hotel)

THURSDAY, May 2

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration Desk open

8:30 AM – 8:00 PM – Contest Room open

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open

8:30 AM – 10:00 PM – Clinics

8:30 AM – 9:00 PM – Vendor Room open

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM – Operating Sessions (Rocklin & Morada)

FRIDAY, May 3

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration Desk open

8:30 AM – 8:00 PM – Contest Room open

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open

8:30 AM – 10:00 PM – Clinics

8:30 AM – 9:00 PM – Vendor Room open

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Non-Rail Lunch

1:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Operating Sessions (Auburn, Morada, & Sac.)

SATURDAY, May 4

6:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Hobo Breakfast

8:30 AM – Competition – Contest Room closed for Judging

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Registration Desk open

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Vendor Room open

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Clinics

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Non-Rail Hospitality Room open

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Operating Sessions (Colusa & Sacramento)

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Pickup Contest Entries, AFTER judging is completed; also after Banquet

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Social Hour

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Banquet & Awards Presentation - Speaker, Charlie Getz

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Pickup ALL Contest Entries by 10:30 PM

SUNDAY, May 5

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – PCR Breakfast

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – PCR Membership Meeting

Clubs in the RED

Coastal Valley Lines Modular Railroad

The Coastal Valley Lines Model Railroad Club of Sonoma County, LTD (CVL) is an informal 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 also gather for clinics, work sessions and regular monthly meetings.

<http://cvlrr.com/>

Eel River Valley Model Railroad

It is the purpose of the Eel River Valley Model Railroad to preserve the rich history of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad along with the history of the North Coast of California. This is done through a series of modules depicting several areas of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad between Schellville and Eureka California. It is our goal 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.

<http://eelrivervalleyrr.com/index.htm>

Lake County Model Railroad Club

The Lake County Model Railroad Club runs trains on a 60'x25' layout, double track HO scale, a dual gauge branch line and a HO3 mining branch line. The theme is California in the transition period and is reflected in rolling stock and in the layout scenery. The club is located at the Lake County Fairground, 423 Martin St, Lakeport, CA 95453

Hours: Noon - 4:00 to 5:00 PM, every Wednesday. Summer hours extend to 8:00 PM.

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.

<https://www.mendorailhistory.org/mendorail/index.htm>

Napa Valley Model Railroad Historical Society

The Napa Valley Model Railroad Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization which operates a 4600 square foot model scale railroad exhibit that represents the agricultural and industrial heritage of the Napa Valley. Check their Facebook page for open house dates and times.

<https://www.facebook.com/NapaValleyModelRailroad/>

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Redwood Empire Live Steamers Interactive Museum

The Redwood Empire Live Steamers is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Sonoma Counties Railroad history through the re-creation, in miniature, of railroad equipment and historic landmarks.

<https://www.facebook.com/RedwoodEmpireLiveSteamers/>

Sonoma Short Line Modular Group

The Sonoma Short Line modular group that is loosely based on the Southern Pacific branch line from Sonoma through Glen Ellen and Melitta Station to the old Santa Rosa Depot on North Street. They are currently looking for new members. Contact Steve Lewis for more information. Phone: 707-527-0396 Email: sdlewis@cds1.net

The Redwood Empire Model 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.

http://regrs.org/w/index.php?title=Main_Page

Comin' Down the Line

2019

May 2 – 5, 2019 - Diamond Rails Forever 2019, PCR/FRRS Joint Convention, Lions Gate Hotel, McClellan Convention Center—McClellan Park, 3410 Westover Street, Sacramento, CA. ([MAP](#))

May 18, 2019 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Doors open at 10:00 am, [Redwood Empire Division](#) Spring Meeting, Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. [MAP](#)

May 23 – 25, 2019 - [O Scale National 2019 in conjunction with O Scale West, S West, and Narrow Gauge West](#), Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5101 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA. [Map](#)

June 2, 2019 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, **The Quarterly NMRA Coast Division Meet** - a FREE Model Railroading Event,, 1001 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA. (at SF Bay Area Council Office of Boy Scouts of America) [MAP](#)

June 8 & 9, 2019 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Model Railroad Open House, [Carquinez Model Railroad Society](#), 645 Loring Ave (across from C&H Sugar), Crockett, CA. ([MAP](#))

July 7 – 14, 2019 - **2019 NMRA National Convention & National Train Show®**, The Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

July 2019 - **RED Annual Picnic** will be held at the Power and Implement Museum during the annual Power Up event, in Penngrove on Saturday, July 13, 2019

September 4 – 7, 2019 - **39th National Narrow Gauge Convention**, Sacramento, CA. See the website for organizer email addresses. [Narrow Gauge Convention](#)

September 22, 2019 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, **Coast Division Meet**, BPOE Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501. [MAP](#)

October 4 – 6, 2019 - [Central Coast Railroad Festival](#), San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties, CA., Hosted by the [San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum](#), 1940 Santa Barbara Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA. [MAP](#)

October 12, 2019 - [Sierra Division](#) Fall Meet. Chico, CA. • Time and venue to be announced. Save the date!

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Comin' Down the Line 2019 Conventions & Festivals

2019 is promising to be an amazing year with most of the National Conventions being held on the Western side of the country. In April, the ***Sn3 Symposium*** in Seattle, Washington. In May, the ***O Scale National Convention*** is being hosted by ***O Scale West*** in Santa Clara, California. July brings the ***NMRA National Convention*** to Salt Lake City, Utah. The ***National Garden Railway Convention*** will be in Portland, Oregon in late August. The 39th ***Narrow Gauge Convention*** take place in September in Sacramento, California.



51st O Scale National Convention

The 2019 convention will be held in California in conjunction with O Scale West. Memorial Day Weekend, May 23 - 25, 2019, Santa Clara, California.

[***O Scale National Convention***](#)



2019 NMRA Convention

The 2019 NMRA Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7 - 13, 2019, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike.

[***NMRA National Convention***](#)



35th National Garden Railway Convention

The Rose City Garden Railway Society (RCGRS) is proud to welcome you to Portland, Oregon, for the 35th National Garden Railway Convention. August 27 - 31, 2019, Portland, Oregon. [***National Garden Railway Convention***](#)



Central Coast Railroad Festival

The Central Coast Railroad Festival (CCRFF) is a broad based festival which focuses on railroading of many types with an eye towards the beauty of the central coast of California. Hosted by the [***San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum***](#),



39th Narrow Gauge Convention

The 2019 Narrow Gauge Convention will be held in Sacramento, September 4 - 7, 2019 and will include model and full scale railroading for everyone.

[***Narrow Gauge Convention***](#)