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FALL 2020

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FALL 2020 CALLBOARD

Welcome!



Welcome to the Fall 2020 RED Callboard. I hope everyone is well, keeping busy with model railroading activities and looking forward to the upcoming holiday season.

This issue is all about the Fall 2020 RED meeting, which took place online, Saturday, November 21st. Twenty-five RED members attended the Zoom meeting. A big thanks to Al Merkrebs for hosting the meeting and the meeting emcee, Ed Merrin. The theme of the meeting was a virtual Show & Tell. Before Show & Tell, Denni Baumer updated us on the 2022 PCR Convention activities. Bruce Morden showed a presentation on the 2021 PCR Convention scheduled for April 22 - 24 in Fresno, CA. He also

talked about the 2021 NMRA convention, Rails by the Bay, scheduled for July 4 - 11 in Santa Clara, CA. The Bay Area Layout Design and Operations meet will occur online the weekend of January 30 and 31, 2021. The meeting is sponsored by the PCR Layout Design Special Interest Group and the Operations Special Interest Group. Detailed information about all of the events can be found on pages 5 & 6.

We had a great Show & Tell session with a wide variety of model railroad activities represented. There were also a few impromptu Show & Tell presentations during the members introduction. Photos and explanations will start on page 8.

Happy Holidays !

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Director's Report - Giuseppe Aymar

What is a Director and what does the position entail?

A Director is a liaison between the Division and the Region (PCR). There is one Director per Division. His/her job is to make decisions and vote on PCR's matters. Decisions on Division matters come under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent. This does not preclude the Division or any one member from contacting the Director to discuss matters important to each to be brought up at the Regional level. In fact that would be encouraged.

Synopsis of the PCR's Board Meeting of November 2021 held via ZOOM.

1. The "Buddy system" was discussed. It is a mentoring system designed to help new members become knowledgeable of what the Division has to offer and introduce them to fellow members and programs. Each Division is encouraged to adopt the Buddy system. If unsure on how to go about it, the Division needs to contact Vice President Frank Markovitch.
2. RED is stable in membership count, while Sierra lost members due to age and translocations. Coast and Daylight are maintaining.
3. PCR's Contest chairman, Pat LaTorres, resigned his post effective immediately. PCR is looking for any volunteer to step in and guide this important chairmanship which overlooks Contest at Conventions.
4. PCR's President, Chris Palermo, has put his name in the fray and is running for "At large North American Director". If elected he will step down from the PCR's Presidency next April 2021.
5. PCR is looking into Liability coverage for all the elected officials at the Regional level.
6. PCR's treasury is in good shape with a slight profit (first in many years) in part due to the conversion of the Branchline to electronic delivery in effect removing printing and mailing expenses. Additionally, our treasurer Bob Osborn (now a new RED member, welcome Bob) has been a good steward of PCR funds, investing wisely, thus increasing our bottom line.
7. PCR's Convention Handbook under the masterful supervision and guidance of Tom Crawford is getting close to completion with only a few chapters remaining to be revised. The handbook is a step by step "cookbook style" to be used by Convention Host Committees so they do not have to reinvent the wheel each time.
8. The upcoming Regional Convention in Fresno, sponsored by the Daylight Division, is in the planning stages and for what I have seen so far it is truly a masterpiece in the making. The Committee would appreciate early registration as that would help tremendously managing early expenses. For those of you worried of a possible cancellation due to COVID 19, rest assured that refunds will be made efficiently and immediately. This assures that there is NO downside in registering early.
9. The RED sponsored Convention in 2022 is being shepherded and molded expertly by Denni and Cliff Baumer. New features and the resurrection of old yet successful ventures will be part of the festivities. They do need vol-

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unteers for some positions so please if you want to partake to the success of RED do step up and become an active member. Additionally, for those of you who partake of the AP program, volunteer hours will be available.

10. RED, like the rest of PCR, has adopted Zoom to conduct Board meetings and at large meetings so as to maintain continuity without putting members at risk. It has been working really well. Zoom is easy to set up. If in doubt on how to use Zoom please call or e-mail Al Merkrebs; he is always willing to help any member at any time.

PCR hopes that some of the downtime experienced during this unprecedented calamity could be put to use into RR modeling and specifically the AP program. I have to agree and need to remark that RED is going strong on this front. Many members are involved and I had the pleasure to extend my congratulations to

- Bob Osborn
- Jon Schmidt
- Dave Croshere

for having attained AP certificates in their quest toward Master Model Railroader. I know that with the talent in RED we can have many more names to add to the list.

Why not yours???

Go RED, Go RED !!!

Giuseppe Aymar, DDS, MMR

RED Director

Superintendent's Report - Scott Lockhart

I hope everyone is safe and well. As we move through the holiday season and into the New Year, it is interesting to see how our hobby has shifted to meet our lives' changes due to the pandemic. If you are like me, I think we all look forward to meeting in person again. Until that day arrives, the use of online meeting have created new opportunities to share our modeling activities. For members who have not physically attended meetings, "zooming" has provided a new way to meet with fellow model railroaders. The Show & Tell sessions, whether online or in the Callboard, have been very successful. Does this mean that online meetings will continue once we get the all-clear? Who knows? Food for thought.

At our Winter meeting next February, nominations will be accepted for a new Superintendent. Online elections will happen in March, with the election results announced in April. The new superintendent will formally take office at the Spring meeting in May.

Scott Lockhart
RED Superintendent

Membership Report - Gus Campagna

Based on the November 2020 NMRA report RED membership stands at 120.

Chief Clerk's Report - Dave Grundman

The RED currently has a balance \$5,429 in the division checking account.

Convention Reports

Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 2021 PCR Convention Update



With additional comments from Bill Scott, Bruce Morden gave a presentation on the Daylight Division's 2021 PCR Sugar Pine Centennial Convention. A short video outlined the planned convention activities. Bruce stressed the need to have 100 registrations by February 21, 2021, to confirm the convention facilities. If the convention is canceled due to the pandemic, all fees are refundable.

Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 Convention Website

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2021/>

Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 Presentation

<https://youtu.be/-lfWHPfmv94>

Return to the Redwoods 2021 PCR Convention Update



Return to the Redwoods is the theme for the 2022 Convention, set for April 21-24 in Rohnert Park at the Doubletree. We were able to negotiate a room rate of \$159, which is \$10 less than last time (2018). The convention will begin Thursday morning with three full days of activities concluding with breakfast on Sunday morning. Excursions being considered are the Sturgeon's Mill tour (due to the popularity in 2018), the WRM tour and a train ride that was canceled from the 2020 Convention, and a wine tour/tasting.

Although most of the committee positions have been filled, we still need someone to coordinate the excursions, volunteers, and SIG. If you are interested in working with a fantastic committee, please contact us at pcr2022conv@gmail.com.

Denni and Cliff Baumer
2022 Convention Co-chairs

Convention Reports

Rails by the Bay 2021 NMRA National Convention Update



The 2021 NMRA National Convention is scheduled to occur July 4 - 11, 2021, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Santa Clara, CA. Additional information is available on the convention website.

<https://www.nmra2021.com/>

View the introductory slide show.

<https://www.nmra2021.com/convention-introduction/>

Bay Area Layout Design and Operations Meet

Bay Area Layout Design & Operations Virtual Weekend
January 30 & 31, 2021

Sponsored by:
Pacific Coast Region - NMRA
Layout Design Special Interest Group
Operations Special Interest Group

The Bay Area Layout Design and Operations Meet will be January 30-31 and virtual, meaning you can stay home and attend the meet. In addition to online sessions, hallway discussions will also be available for viewing during the meet. Information is available on the meet website. There is no charge for the meet. Both meets are open to all!

Meet website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/sigs/>



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Verne Alexander

Weed sprayer tender from a V&T prototype model. This model is an early, very crude one, and in terrible shape when purchased used. No trucks, no couplers, broken parts, missing parts and glue globs. No weight, no window glazing and no way to get inside the cab. Weight solved by pouring lead shot into the underframe and gluing it in. Lettering scraped off and repainted the body. I modified the windows, mullions and stirrup steps. The windows were glazed with Testor's clear parts cement, a new product to me (part number 3515). Still to do: find a new screw for the truck on the cab end; redo the coupler pockets to accept KD whisker couplers, brass castings here and there for marker and work lighting; a wooden box that supposedly covers a pump and the hoses connect to the weed sprayer; fabricate a cover for the small filling dome, the large manway and, expansion dome. Finally, paint the new parts, letter the car and weather it. The finished model will still look crude if closely viewed, but at layout viewing distance should look OK.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Verne Alexander



Tender with weed sprayer

Oil tanker. This old veteran was about to be scrapped by the NP in favor of newer designs, but the CRAP bought it for the scrap price, slapped its logo on it and put it into service delivering three types of oil to terminals, depots and section areas as part of a supply train. I really like this W&R brass car but I had to make it old and cruddy to justify its presence on the CRAP. And the %#*//#@* thing had a design error. The supplied screws were too short to hold the coupler cover plate on. After hours of searching my extensive brothel of screws with no success, I came up with a solution that I hope no one ever sees! There is still weathering above the foot walks to be done before the model is layout worthy.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Dave Croshere

Dave has been busy working on adding structures to his layout in preparation for submissions to the NMRA for his Master Model Railroader certificate. Presented at the meeting was the Croesus Seafood Company with a mounted fish that can't be seen from the layout, a detailed front porch scene with a very small cat resting on a pillow.



Croesus Seafood Company with invisible fish behind the counter.



Cat resting on the swing.

RED Meeting Show & Tell

Dave Croshere

Dave's boathouse and station.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Joe Deveney

During the meeting introductions, Joe gave a brief outline of his layout that represents Avery, Idaho, on the Milwaukee Road. Avery was at the west end of the overhead catenary. For westbound trains, it was at this point that the electric locomotives were removed, and steam or diesel locomotives were attached to the train for the remainder of the trip west. The two pictures show the Avery roundhouse and turntable.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

David Grundman

Dave described the painting techniques he used for his backdrop painting of a thunderstorm, including an airplane flying out of the thunderhead on his Great Northern layout.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

John Huckaby

John's buildings always include a bit of humor as part of the background information. Eleanor's Diner is a before and after view of the structure showing better and not so better times.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Scott Lockhart

Scott showed photos from a trip, with his son, to the Minatur Wunderland model railroad layout in Hamburg, Germany, the largest operating model railroad in the world.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Ed Merrin

Ed presented an update on his D Street bridge construction project, in Petaluma, on his Northwestern Pacific model railroad layout.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Rich Mossholder

Rich showed a couple of buildings, including Mackey's Pub. Mackey's Pub started as a three-piece resin kit with a lot of additional details added. This model is one of the structures that he submitted to become a Master Model Railroader. It was named after a good friend who persuaded Rich to become a Master Model Railroader.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

David Norris

David showed a couple of his Northwestern Pacific models. The Athearn blue box SW7 has an old stock over-width motor that still works. He added a Digitrax DZ123 decoder to make it DCC. Two SP caboose were re-lettered, one as NWP. He is still working on additional rolling stock from the 1950s, including lumber loaded flat cars and boxcars..



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Dan Obermeyer

Dan provided a walk around view of his layout, representing the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee Road railroads in Montana. The pictures show Trident, the location of a large cement plant, and Townsend, the lowest point on both the prototype railroad and Dan's layout.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

Bill Scott

Russian Iron was sheets of metal imported from Russia during the late 1800s and covered locomotive boilers. At the time, the available paint could not withstand the heat generated by the boilers. Bill showed us a piece of actual Russian Iron. The Virginia and Truckee Inyo steam engine, currently operating by The Nevada State Railroad Museum, uses Russian Iron on its boiler. Its reflected color was very dependent on the ambient light.



RED Meeting Show & Tell

David Ulmer

David builds structures with kits as a starting point for his projects. He installs lighting using hand wired miniature LEDs. The results are outstanding. Views during the day and at night.



Online Model Railroading

National Model Railroad Association

The NMRA provides a vast source of model railroading resources for it's members.

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

NMRA Video Library

A comprehensive library of videos covering all facets of model railroading. You must be a member to access this website.

<https://www.nmra.org/members/videos>

National Convention Clinic Videos

A source for 147 videos presented during National Conventions. You must be a member to access this website.

<https://www.nmra.org/clinic-videos>

Special Interest Groups

Information about railroad and model railroad organizations which have chosen to join the NMRA Special Interest Group Program.

<https://www.nmra.org/special-interest-groups>

Forums

Discussions about the NMRA and its organizational structure, Education and Standards, model railroading, prototype railroads and more. You must be a member to access this website.

<https://www.nmra.org/forum>

NMRA Data Sheets

One of the benefits of membership in the NMRA is access to the series of Datasheets which have been compiled over the years. You must be a member to access these website.

<https://www.nmra.org/members/legacy-data-sheets>

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NMRA Turntable

The NMRA's Turntable is a monthly publication which, like a railroad turntable, will lead you in several directions on the internet. This e-publication is a collection of railroad and model railroad videos, podcasts, websites, and/or other information freely available on the internet that may be of interest to members.

NMRA Partnership Program

A list of companies that give NMRA members discounts for buying their products when using a special discount code. Members can visit the Partnership Page to view the list of companies participating in this program.

<https://www.nmra.org/partnerships>

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Online Model Railroading

National Model Railroad Association

NMRA Live Programs

The NMRA presents live video programs that cover a wide variety of topics. As a member of the NMRA, you will receive notification of the live programs. Many of the video programs are recorded if you missed the live presentation.

Social Media

The NMRA is available through many social media platforms.

NMRA Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/NMRA.org/>

NMRA YouTube Page

<https://www.youtube.com/c/NMRAORGModelRailroading>

NMRA Twitter Page

<https://twitter.com/nmraonline>

NMRA Instagram Page

https://www.instagram.com/nmra_online/

NMRA Pinterest Page

<https://www.pinterest.com/nationalnmra/>



Pacific Coast Region—NMRA



The PCR has also moved to more online activities, especially staff meetings. All indications are that online meetings are working well and will continue until the pandemic finally subsides. The Pacific Coast Region website provides links to all PCR Divisions as well as all PCR documentation, contact information, Branchline newsletter access, PCR calendar, and convention clinics.

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

PCR - Clinic Presentations

The PCR provides a broad selection of clinics from PCR conventions going back to 2013. Presentations are available to download as PDF files.

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/clinics/clinics.shtml>

PCR Branch Line Back Issues

Branch Line back issues going back to 2001.

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/branch/branch.shtml>

PCR Facebook Page

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



The Coast Division hosts interactive Saturday Morning Virtual Zoom Meetings at 9:00 am, Saturday mornings twice a month. The meetings will generally include one or more segments of Layout Tours, Clinics, Show and Tell, or general Discussion. Please visit their website for more information.

Website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/>



Daylight Division - PCR DaylightDivisionPCR@groups.io

The Google group supports discussion, image, and file-sharing activities of the Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region of National Model Railroad Association, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation dedicated to promoting education, social activities, achievement, and contests the hobby of model railroading.

Google groups: <https://groups.io/g/DaylightDivisionPCR>

Website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/>

Pacific Coast Region—NMRA



The Redwood Empire Division has started hosting Show & Tell Zoom meetings. Thanks to Al Merkrebs for taking the initiative to host the first meeting. We have had online two meetings and will continue with them until we can meet in person.

A RED Facebook page has been created to provide another online venue for members to share their modeling activities. This site is available to all NMRA members.

RED Facebook page: [Redwood Empire Facebook Page](#)

RED Website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/redwood/>



Website: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/sierra/index.html>

Other Resources

Online resources are growing every day. Here are just a few.

YouTube

YouTube provides videos covering every conceivable model railroading topic, including tutorials by many manufacturers. There are many amateur tutorials as well, some better than others, so be prepared to do a bit of searching to find the answer to your question. YouTube also provides access to museums, tourist railroads, etc.

Hobby Magazines

Most hardcopy and online magazines provide access to information and tutorials. A few are free, and some require a subscription. Don't limit yourself to just model railroading publications. Other modeling magazines are a gold mine of information, especially in painting and finishing techniques, dioramas, tools, photographing models, and the list.

Modeling and Historical Societies

Many model railroad and historical societies provide a wealth of information particular to a specific railroad. They also offer access to many museums and private archives, many of which continue to move their documentation and photos to digital format for online access.

Public Model Railroad Layouts

Many large public model railroad layouts may also have archived information on their layouts' building, design, and operation. For example, the Golden State Model Railroad Museum provides information about their layout and links to prototype layouts and museums.

Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page

The RED has a Facebook page. If you have contributed to this issues Show & Tell section please consider contributing your modeling activities to the Facebook page. This is just another way to share model railroading with other model railroader. The web page is open any NMRA member.

Clubs in the RED

**Due to COVID-19, please contact the listed clubs before planning a visit.
The RED is not responsible for changes to listed schedules.**

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 Railroad

It is the purpose of the Eel River Valley Model Railroad 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.

[Eel River Valley Model Railroad](#)

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](#)

Napa Valley Model Railroad Historical Society

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

[Napa Valley Model Railroad 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](#)

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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, railroad equipment, and historic landmarks in miniature.

[Redwood Empire Live Steamers Interactive Museum](#)

Sonoma Short Line Modular Group

The Sonoma Short Line modular group 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 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](#)



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