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Summer 2026 Redwood Empire Division Meeting

The Summer 2026 meeting was held on Sunday, June 28th, at Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa. Meeting details start on page 21.

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New Member: Please welcome Tim Hallman!

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Superintendent's Report

We switched the June meeting to a Sunday to accommodate schedules of the new Superintendent and the new Chief Clerk. Attendance was good with 18 members. Larry and I appreciate the membership flexibility.

Sad news was the passing of Gus Campagna the morning of the quarterly meeting. Gus will be greatly missed as he has been a rock for RED and a great friend to many of us.

Seven members brought show and tell items that were enjoyed by all. More on that elsewhere in this Callboard. Dave Croshere told us an amazing story of coincidences he had recently.

Since I've been traveling the last couple of months, I failed to secure someone to give a presentation to the group. Plan B was implemented and I presented my take on how I make foreground deciduous trees using twisted wire armatures. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

The next meeting will be our annual RED picnic on Saturday, September 12th at the annual steam up of the Roots of Power, 200 E Commercial St, Willits. It's been four years since we visited them and they have more steam powered equipment including the just completed steam tractor. Lunch will be at noon in the city park across the street from the Roots of Power. See you there.

Dan Obermeyer, Superintendent

Chief Clerk's Report

The current checkbook balance stands at 1708.64. This includes money received and expenses from the last meeting.

Larry Domanski, Chief Clerk and Paymaster

Membership Report

The Redwood Empire Division's current membership is 99 active members. New Member: Please welcome Tim Hallman!

Scott Lockhart, Membership

Remembering Gus Campagna



If you are or have been a member of the Redwood Empire Division or other divisions in the Pacific Coast Region, you know Gus Campagna. Gus passed away on June 28th of this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Mary Moore, family, and close friends. The following is an excerpt from an interview with Gus by Dave Connery in the April 2020 issue of the Pacific Coast Region newsletter, the Branchline.

Member Profile: Gus — A Lifetime on the Rails

Gus's railroad story began early—right in his backyard along the Northwestern Pacific line between Sausalito and Alto. As a baby, he feared the whistle at the Corte Madera crossing, but thanks to his mother's comfort and railroad-themed storybooks, that fear slowly gave way to fascination. A pivotal moment came when a neighbor, as a train passed, reassured him and encouraged him to wave—an act that sparked a lifelong love of trains.

That passion quickly extended to model railroading. Gus spent hours setting up HO trains with a friend and admiring his father's Lionel O-scale layout, which he sometimes touched out of curiosity despite the rules.

His interest deepened in Sonoma, where he discovered Model Railroader magazine and began building his own layouts, starting small but dreaming big. Gus soon became active in the Pacific Coast Region (PCR), attending his first convention in 1986 and volunteering at many others. He joined the Sonoma County Highballer's in 1988.

Over the years, Gus has worn many hats—Company Store Manager, Registrar, Program Editor, Secretary, and Convention Chairman. In the late 1990s, he created the first PCR convention

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Remembering Gus Campagna

website and introduced online payments. His leadership shaped conventions, and by the early 2000s, including banquet meals in registration became standard practice.

Gus's modeling journey began with several layouts, notably the Gold Hill and Udell Southern in Petaluma. In the early 1980s, during an operating session with fellow modeler Don Cabrall, he realized that favoring 40-foot cars improved visual realism.

After a period working in Hawaii, Gus returned to California and began planning his ultimate layout. With guidance from Jim Providenza, he refined the design into a three-level HO-scale representation of the California Western Railroad, complete with staging for the Northwestern Pacific and a logging branch. Today, this layout is housed in a custom-built pole barn at his Penngrove home.

Gus married Mary Moore in 1993, and she soon became an active PCR member, organizing non-rail activities and serving as the PCR Historian from the mid-1990s onward. Together, they've built a home—and a legacy—centered around the hobby.

Beyond modeling, since the 1990s, Gus has made significant contributions to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society, serving as Secretary and Library Manager. Within PCR and the Redwood Empire Division, he has held numerous leadership roles over several decades and, as of the 2020s, continues to serve as Publications Chair.

His dedication has earned him multiple honors: RED Member of the Year (1991, 2013), the PCR President's Award (1999), and the John Allen Award (2004). Over time, he has also achieved several NMRA certifications.

Gus's passion for research, operations, and craftsmanship continues to inspire. His decades of service have left a lasting mark on the hobby—and on all who know him.



Rich Mossholder - Master Model Railroader



Giuseppe Aymar announced that RED member Rich Mossholder officially has officially become a NMRA Master Model Railroader. There are over 700 Master Model Railroaders. Rich joins Redwood Empire Division Master Model Railroader's Giuseppe Aymar and Dave Croshere.

The title is the highest honor in the **National Model Railroad Association's** (NMRA) Achievement Program. It is not a title you get just for time spent in the hobby. You must earn at least 7 out of 11 strict certificates of proficiency. These include skills like building engines, cars, and landscapes, as well as being a volunteer, author, or dispatcher.

Since MMR #1 was awarded, over 750 members have reached this level of skill. If you want to reach this goal you must complete seven **Certificates of Achievement**.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Model Railroader, please visit the NMRA website for specific information.

<https://www.nmra.org/master-model-railroader>



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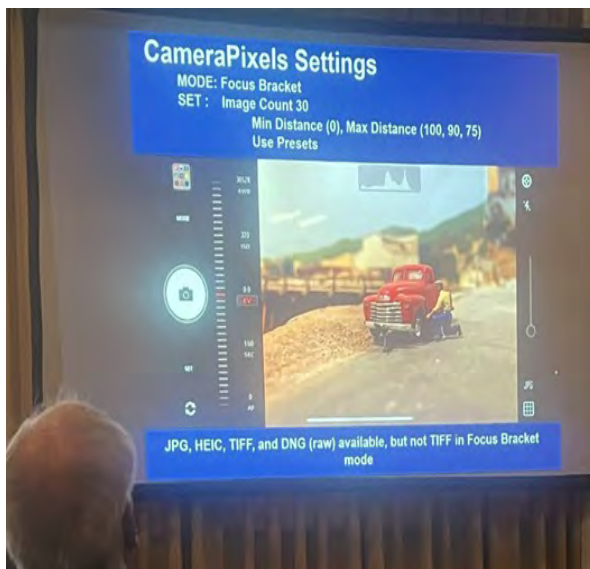
PCR Convention Report



**EXTRA
2026
NORTH**
PCR CONVENTION
ROHNERT PARK, CA

The 2026 Pacific Coast Region Convention was a tremendous success. 149 like-minded souls convened at the Double Tree Sonoma Wine Country hotel for 3 full days of model railroading fun and education.

We owe a hearty “thank you” and “well done” to the convention chair, Denni Baumer, the convention committee, the volunteers, and the Redwood Empire Division.



40 plus clinics!



Modular layout with a scene named for PCR President and Branchline Editor, Chip Merriam.



Western Railway Museum excursion



BART train at the WRM

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PCR Convention Report



Annual members meeting and breakfast.



Steve and Carol Skold honored at their last convention.



Bob Osborne receives the 2026 President's Award



Walter Mizuno honored for years of service to the Daylight Division and PCR Board of Directors

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PCR Convention Report



John Alan Memorial Award winners (left to right) Seth Neumann, Giuseppe Aymar, Carol Skold, Steve Skold, Jim Providenza, Lisa Gorrell, Bill Scott, Phil Edholm, Frank Markovich, Ed Merrin, Gus Campagna, and Mary Moore-Campagna



2026 John Alan Memorial Award winner, Phil Edholm

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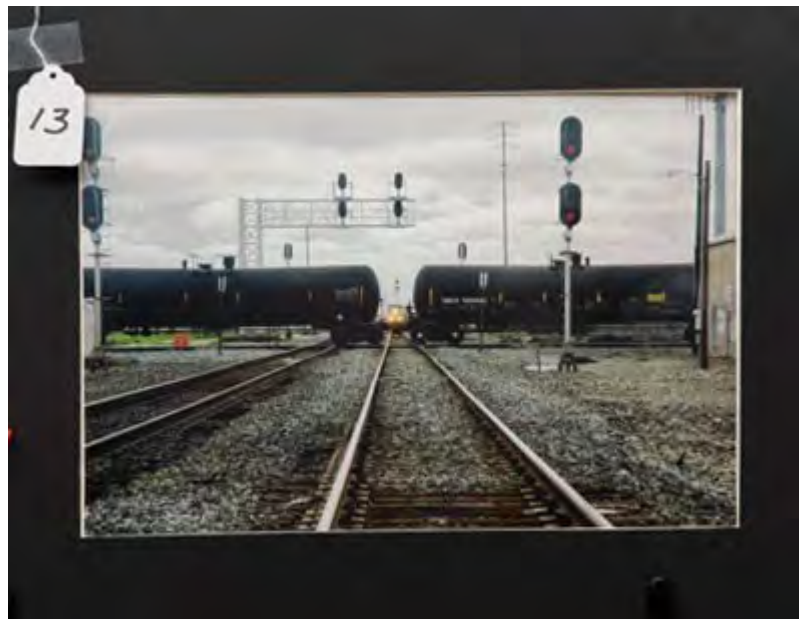
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Contest Room

This year saw 38 entries across many categories, including 2 entries in the Module category, 12 entries scored high enough to earn a merit award. Larry Tidball was awarded Best-in-Show for the second year in a row.



Best of Show and Favorite Model - Larry Tidball
West Side Lumber Company, Blacksmith Shop



Best of Show, Photography - Stanley Keiser,
Waiting at the Diamonds

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Contest Room



**Marion Madsen Memorial, Best of Show, Arts & Crafts - Barbara Soward,
Barb's First Bestie Bag**



**First Place Steam Locomotive - Kit and Ingenuity Award - Scott Lockhart,
On30 Lynch Creek & Eastern Beyer-Garratt**

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First Place Passenger Car, Open - Ingenuity Award - Kenneth Martin
CB&Q Business Car #67

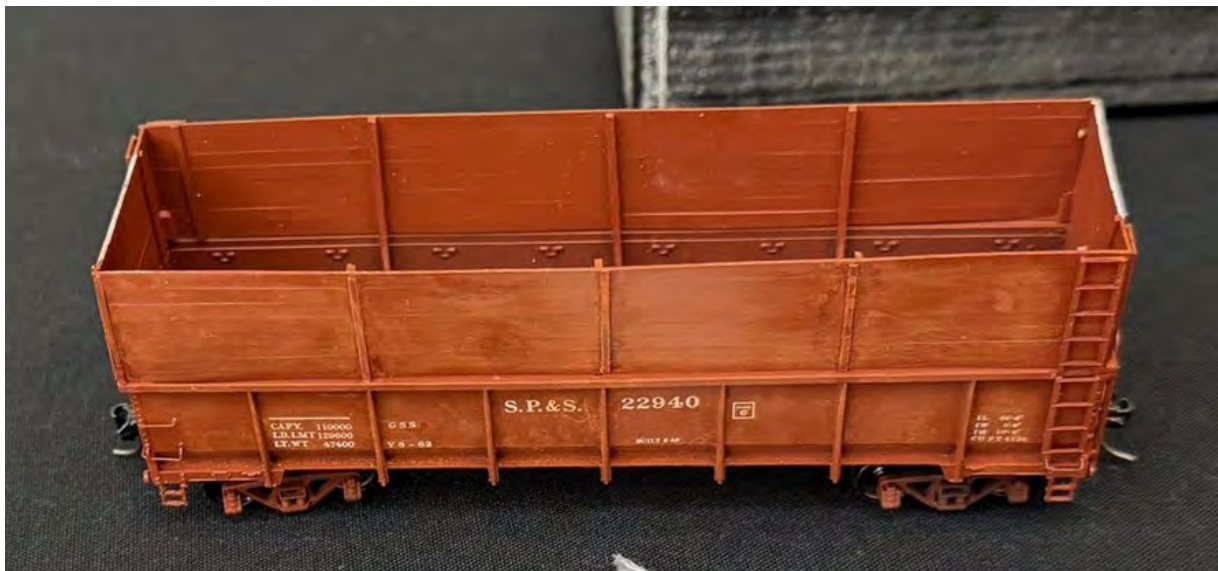


First Place Freight Car, Open - Phil Edholm
PV&R Wood Chip Car

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Contest Room



First Place Freight Car, Kit - David Turner
SP&S Wood Chip Car



First Place Maintenance of Way, Open - Dave Croshere
Ash Pit Gondola Car

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Contest Room



First Place Structure, Open - Michael Eldridge
Bott's Cotton Gin



First Place Structure, Kit - Tobin Royce
Drakes Theater & Diner

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Contest Room



First Place Display, Kit - Walter Schedler
SP Signal Maintenance Facility



First Place, Photography, Model, Color - Stan Keiser
Mail Pouch and Barn

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Contest Room



First Place, Photography, Trains in Action - Stan Keiser
Scenic Train Trip



First Place, Photography, Working on the Railroad - Stan Keiser
Discussing the Next Run

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Contest Room



First Place, Photography, Prototype, Black and White—Stan Keiser
Results of the Train Wreck



First Place Module - Brian Hendrix
Winery and Lumber Yard

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PCR Convention Report

Contest Room



First Place Module - Brian Hendrix
Winery and Lumber Yard



First Place, Arts and Crafts, Railroadiana. Popular Vote, Arts and Crafts - Sandy Theis
Railroad Shirt

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Contest Room



Levity Award - Laura McKeegan
Mini-Diorama Railroad



Favorite Model, Square Foot Challenge - Donald Burch
High County Stock Loading Facility

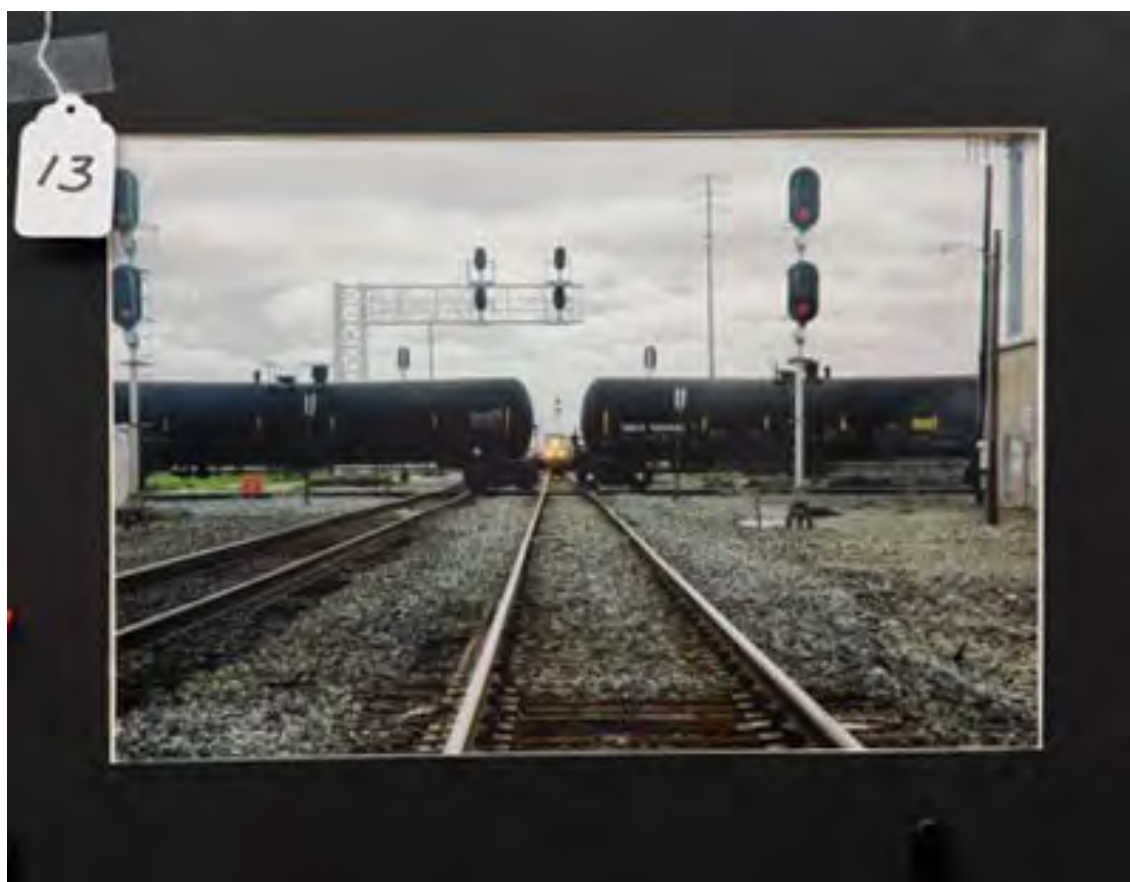
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Contest Room



Favorite Train - Paul Deis
SP MOW Train



Popular Vote, Photograph - Stan Keiser
Waiting at the Diamond

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PCR Convention Report

Redwood Empire Division Contest Winners

R.E.D. Convention Contest Winners!

Member of the Year: Tom Comyns

First Place Steam Locomotive-Kit: Scott Lockhart

First Place – Maintenance of Way- Open: Dave Croshre

First Place Freight Car – Open: Dave Turner

First Place Module: Blain Hendrix

Second Place Structure – Open: Tom Curran

Second Place Freight Car – Open: Dave Croshere

Second Place Module: Mike Davis

Ingenuity Award: Scott Lockhart



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SUMMER 2026 RED MEETING



Dan Obermeyer opened the meeting welcoming the 17 members in attendance. This was the first meeting that Dan officially ran as the new Superintendent. This was also the first meeting with Larry Domansky as our new Chief Clerk and Paymaster. All in attendance introduced themselves followed by a short business meeting. It was during the business meeting that Al Merkebs made the sad announcement that Gus Campagna had passed away that morning. Other topics included the possible use of PCR tools, Zoom and email, to reach potential members, mentoring potential members, and city and county outreach. Raffle tickets numbers were announced. The summer picnic was discussed with a consensus that the picnic should be

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SUMMER 2026 RED MEETING

held at the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival held in Willits on Saturday, September 12th.

Guiseppe Aymar announced that Rich Mossholder achieved his Master Model Railroader status! This is a huge achievement for a model railroader. Rich joins Guiseppe Aymar and Dave Croshere as the three MMR's in the Redwood Empire Division.

Lunch was served.

Eight members participated in the Show & Tell with David Turner awarded \$75 for his S. P. & S. 22000 Gondolas and 22900 Woodchip car model. David Croshere won \$25 for his story about a chance meeting with the granddaughter of William K. Walther's (Walther's model supply company). She surprised him with a Walther's limited edition box car model. Tom Curran won the door prize.

Dan Obermeyer's gave a presentation on how he builds trees for his layout. He brought a lot of examples of the process from basic wire used to finished trees.

A few more raffle tickets were selected and the meeting closed.



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Show & Tell

Tom Comyns



**Click on the Picture to view a video
of the test stand in operation.**

This is a HO scale roller test stand that I incorporated into A display stand. I have it hooked up with a small control box with a double pole double throw switch so I can control it either with the NCE power cab or by a DC transformer, depending on what I'm testing.

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Show & Tell

Scott Lockhart - On30 Beyer-Garratt Locomotive



About ten years ago, I discovered Beyer-Garratt locomotives. I first considered purchasing an HO Beyer-Garratt, but models were few and far between. After completing a few On30 kitbash projects, I decided to build a Beyer-Garratt myself. I gathered an assortment of Bachmann locomotives and devised a rough plan for a homegrown Garratt. First, I stripped two Bachmann 2-6-0 locomotives to their frames and running gear. Next, I built platforms for the tenders to fit over the running gear. Then, I modified the tenders (oil and water for the rear locomotive, water for the front locomotive) and added details such as lights, sand domes, access hatches, tool boxes, and assorted valves. The center unit came from one of the 2-6-0 models, and I added running boards, air and water tanks, a large firebox, and a relocated air compressor. Finally, I installed Soundtraxx DCC modules on each locomotive, which provided lighting, sound, and CurrentKeeper.

Things to change, maybe. The boiler and firebox are too small. Because the running gear has been removed, the Garratts could be built with larger fireboxes and boilers. The space between the front engine and the center unit is too close. The smoke box door can't be opened. Probably a few other things as well. A fun build!



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Show & Tell

Dave Croshere Meets William K. Walther's Granddaughter



In 2010, I was in a hobby shop and saw a kit for a three-story brick building for sale. Instantly, I liked it and purchased it. At home, I realized it was a model of an actual building in Milwaukee, built in 1890. From 1958 until 1969, it was the home of Walther's Model Co. This bit of history was a complete surprise. My layout wasn't ready for structures yet, so I put the kit aside for a while. Then, a couple of years ago, I decided it was finally time to build the intricate model. I added it to my layout.

Part two. All my life, I have loved swimming and still swim regularly. For two years, I've talked to a lady with a schedule similar to mine, usually on Sunday mornings. In May, the RED convention conflicted with our usual chat, so the next Sunday she pleasantly asked where I had been. I explained I was at a model train convention. When she asked if I knew the name Walther's, I said, of course. She then surprised me by telling me that William "Bill" Walther's, founder of Walther's Model Co., was her grandfather.

She asked to see my train layout, which we scheduled. As she was viewing my layout, I asked her if she recognized my model of the building her grandfather had owned. She said of course. As a young girl, she had worked on the second floor, helping with the company's business. She then related a number of facts about the building's interior, such as an old elevator without doors, a large staircase at the entry, and a very scary basement. I think she very much enjoyed relating her past activity in the family's business.

What are the chances that a person I have known for a couple of years, only through swimming in Sebastopol, was part of a family modeling business in Milwaukee? And she had worked within a building of a structure I had modeled. And all this because I thought it was a neat old brick building.

What an amazingly pleasant coincidence, one that came together for entirely unrelated reasons. (He also was presented with a Walther's limited edition 75th Anniversary box car).

Show & Tell

Tom Curran - Flat Car



Tom Curran showed his wonderfully kitbashed and weathered flat car.

Don't let anyone talk you out of spending \$15 on a new hobby. That \$50 will be the best \$400 you ever spent.

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Show & Tell

Rich Mossholder & Dave Sheber Malcolm Furlow 3d Figure



Rich Mossholder and Dave Sheber presented their work to make a scale 3D figure of Malcolm Furlow. Some background is in order. Rich Mossholder's HOn3 layout, the Silvertongue Southern, recently acquired what remained of Malcolm Furlow's original Denver & Rio Chama Western layout to incorporate into his existing layout. To honor Malcolm Furlow, he and Dave Sheber created a 3D model of Malcolm for the layout. Dave explained the interesting process of translating images of Malcolm into the 3D model. They used ChatGPT to build the 3D model using pics and text prompts, and then Meshy AI to render it into a 3D printable .stl file. Trippo is recommended as a great AI tool for rendering models.

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Show & Tell

David Turner - Modeling the S. P. & S. 22000 Gondolas and 22900 Woodchip Cars



I used a 3D printed GN Gondola to model an SP&S 22000 Gondola that had been converted to a 22900 woodchip car. I modified the Gondola body during construction, scratchbuilt the woodchip side extensions based upon equipment drawings and photographs, and developed decals and had them printed. I wrote an article for publication in the SP&SRHS Quarterly Journal. I entered the car in the PCR Convention Contest to receive feedback about the modeling work. My goal was to encourage other model railroaders to try their hand at modeling.

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Show & Tell

Dave Grundman - Kits



During the convention, I ran across a model of a water tower (Korber Models) very similar to the one in Duncombe, Iowa, where I was living circa 1951-52. The "city" as it is called today consists of 381 people, a community park, a severe weather (tornado) structure, well-paved roads, a sewer system, a water system, storm drains, and a fire station, all thanks to a grain elevator company that annexed its property into the city in exchange for local fire services, etc. The city has a gas station, a bar, a restaurant, and a store. The grain elevators are modern concrete ones, 60 feet in diameter and 180 feet high. There are 12 of them, all known as prairie skyscrapers, and worth a lot in terms of property tax. BTW, my uncle was the mayor there for about years.

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Door Prizes & Raffle



Every person attending the meeting received a door prize, with the first four raffle prize winners getting the first choice from the goodies on the table. Thank you to Larry Domansky for managing all the models, books, videos, etc., for each meeting. Tom Curran won the door prize.

David Turner awarded \$75 for his S. P. & S. 22900 Woodchip car model.

David Croshere won \$25 for his story about a chance meeting with the granddaughter of the founder of the Wm. K. Walther, Inc. (commonly known as Walther's).

Tom Curran won the door prize.

Tool Tips

Dan Obermeyer - Rail Joiner Applier



Start with a piece of wooden dowel about 5" to 6" long and 1/2" to 5/8" in diameter. Drill a small hole in the center of each end slightly smaller than the rail size you use. Press a short piece of rail (about 1 1/2" long) into the hole with a bit of glue to secure the rail. Place two rail joiners on the end of the rail leaving the last joiner half way off the end. Bend the piece of the rail at approximately the middle of the joiner closest to the dowel to approximately 30 degrees keeping the alignment straight with the rest of the rail.

Shave away the dowel on the bottom to allow you to place a joiner and clear the roadbed. Remove the last joiner (or use it to place it on the rail). The second joiner stays in place to hold the joiner you are applying to the rail out enough to allow you to insert it onto the track.

Double end the tool for the sizes of rail you use. Mine are code 70 and code 83. Mark each end for the size of the rail. I mark it top, bottom and both sides so I always know at a glance which size I'm using.

This saves fingers from getting jabbed by the joiner, especially when using Micro Engineering products. And it makes placing joiners much easier. Sent from my iPhone



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Tool Tips

Dan Obermeyer - Points/Frog Filing Jig Holder

Holding the Fast Tracks filing block is rough on the hands, especially if you are doing a lot of filing. It's fairly easy to nick your hand or cramp your hand while gripping the small block.

This jig to hold the filing blocks makes that task easier. Again, with a piece of 3/4" plywood as a base, cut about 7" by 10". Secured two pieces of 1x2 wood along one long edge. I used glue and screws. The bottom piece will secure the whole jig at the edge of your workbench. The top has three 4" long pieces of 1x2 as spacers to hold the filing blocks. Best to place your filing blocks between the spacers to get a snug but not too tight fit. Secure these spacers. Place a fourth 1x2 4" long spacer between the other spacers as shown. Cut a groove front to back aligned with the points/frog filing block's slots for the rail. That slot can be wider if your rail is tall, giving you some flexibility in where you place the rail. I cut that slot a little deeper to allow one to place a rail in both sides of the filing blocks' slots. That makes it easier to complete both left and right sides of the points/frog rails. 7/1/26, 11:09 AM Gmail - Tool Tips

The area for the StockAid filing block will need a small wood scrap to let the block tilt so the filing surface stays level with the wood.

I rounded the corners opposite the cleat for appearance. This makes it easier to file frogs, points, and stock rails without hand cramps.



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Tool Tips

Dan Obermeyer - Fast Tracks Jig Holder

I found that the Fast Tracks jig is too short, and having only one pc tie beyond the gap at the frog left the turnout too fragile and subject to breakage when laying it on the raised bed and adding the diverging track. I cut a piece of 3/4" plywood, 13" by 7" for the base. I rounded the corners to make it easier to handle.

Place the Fast Track jig on the plywood base about 3/4" from both sides and 3/4" from the point end of the jig. Nail and glue small pieces of scrap plywood to those three sides. Place a larger piece of plywood on the frog end. I use 3/16" plywood, but anything up to 1/4" should work, since that is the thickness of the jig. Draw lines extending the rail alignment across this piece of plywood. Using the measurements from a paper template, cut a shallow groove for that extra pc tie. Mine groove is about 1 3/4" beyond the last pc tie groove in the jig. Make sure the groove is deep enough to barely clear the rail.

Now your Fast Track turnout will be more stable when you cut the gaps around the frog, and it will handle rougher treatment as you place it on the roadbed and connect to the divergent tracks.



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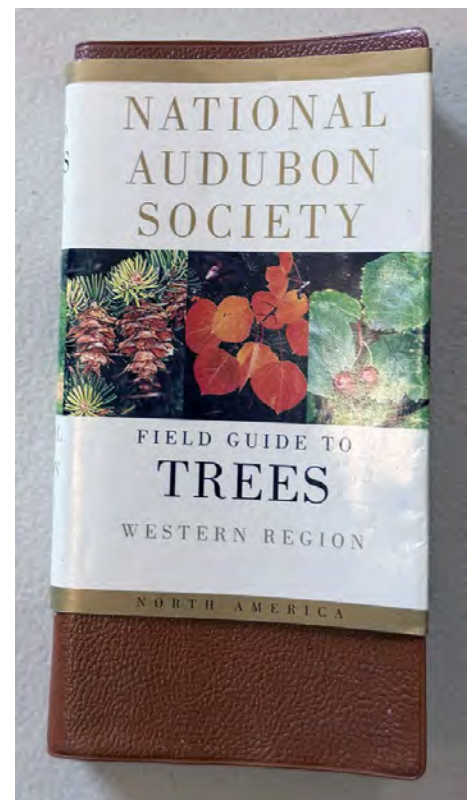
Presentation

Dan Obermeyer - Making Trees

Dan brought all of the equipment, supplies, and examples for showing the meeting attendees how he makes trees for his layout. Dan has made over 100 trees using this method.



The process starts with a variety of wire and a good resource for understanding the details of the trees being built.

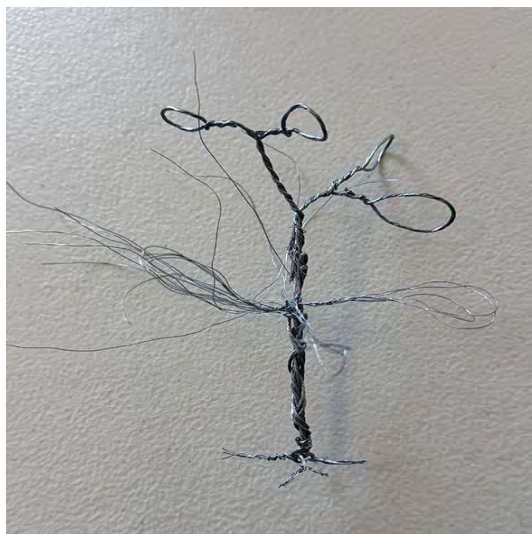


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Presentation

Dan Obermeyer - Making Trees

Dan manually twists and forms the wire until he achieved the desired shape. Very intricate shapes can be achieved through creative forming and cutting of the wire. A supply of Band Aids is always at hand during the process!



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Presentation

Dan Obermeyer - Making Trees

A modeling paste to fill in the trunks; paint for the trunks (camo colors are very good); sisal rope cut into 2/4" to 3/4" lengths for fine branches; poly fiber pulled apart for the canopy ; more paint; and ground foam for the foliage. Use the cheapest hair spray to fix each stage.



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Presentation

Dan Obermeyer - Making Trees

The trees are finished using a variety of materials to represent the leaves, branches, and trunks. So far, Dan has made 31 trees and counting.



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).

[Redwood Empire Division Facebook Page](#)



Photos by Ed Merrin

Redwood Empire Division Website

<https://www.pcrnmra.net/redwood/>

Al Merkrebs, the RED Website webmaster, is looking for content! Do you have a model, a tool tip, railroad history, personal story, or anything model or prototype railroad that you would like to share? Please contact Al at:

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Clubs in the Redwood Empire Division

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 Sonoma County, California. 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

The purpose of the Eel River Valley Model Railroaders is 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 exact location for about 40 years. The large layout is a freelance operation 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 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 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, which ran in the 1950s through Sonoma County to Ukiah. The club is building the layout as a display for the Depot Museum 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 in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Contact the club for public tours and shows. [The Redwood Empire Model Railway Society](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

Redwood Empire Division

2026 Summer Picnic

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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Roots of Motive Power

Steam Festival

Willits, CA



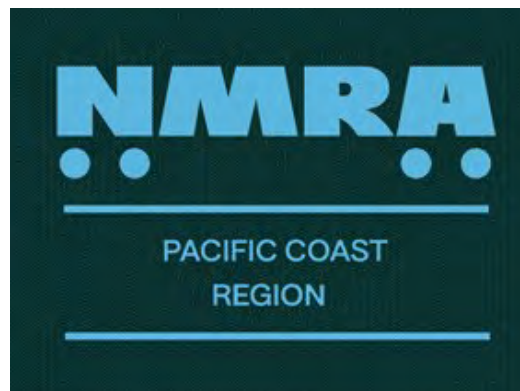
Details to Follow

2027 PCR Convention

- ✓ Three Day Program
- ✓ Clinics
- ✓ Make & Take Workshops
- ✓ Layout Tours
- ✓ Operating Sessions
- ✓ Contests
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Swap Meet
- ✓ Free Companion Fare



Convention Site: <https://pcr2026.org/>



2026 NMRA Convention



Scenic City Express Chattanooga, TN July 27 to August 2, 2026

Convention Site:

<https://www.nmra2026.org/>

Register:

<https://www.nmra2026.org/registration/>

The Caboose!

The Big Boy 2026 Northeast Independence Day Tour

One of the great celebrations of our 250 years of independence is the Union Pacific Big Boy's trip to the Northeast. It is estimated that **over 5 million people** will have observed and visited the Big Boy. All along its route, huge crowds lined the tracks to watch the train pass by. For many people, this was probably the first time they may have seen a steam locomotive in person, let alone the largest operating steam engine in the world. Hats off to the Union Pacific for supporting this effort, and specifically to Ed Dickens, Engineer and Senior Manager of Union Pacific's Heritage Operation. Ed and the crew went out of their way to meet with visitors. You can view thousands of videos by visiting YouTube and Facebook. One of the highlights was the Big Boy and the Reading & Northern's T-1 2102 pacing each other through Pittston & Mountain Top, PA.

Union Pacific 4014 Big Boy: Coast to Coast Tour 2026



Wouldn't it be great to channel some of the tour's enthusiasm into model railroading?