



THE SHORT LINE



SIERRA DIVISION, PACIFIC COAST REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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SIERRA DIVISION BANQUET, FEBRUARY 7 2009

Club Pheasant in West Sacramento. Their address is 2525 Jefferson Blvd. Phone number is 916-371-9530. Business meeting and the election of Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster for the next 2 year term.

Superintendents Report December 2008

I hope all of you have had a great holiday season. I did, but it was sure busy. There are several things coming up in Sierra Division. On January 10 and 11, 2009 the Great Train Expo is coming to Sacramento at Cal Expo. The show runs from 10 AM till 4 PM both days. Sierra Division will have a table at the show. This is for information about NMRA, PCR and Sierra Division. We will sign up new members. The Timesaver switching layout will be there. This is for everyone to operate. Many young children like being able to control a train where they are not always told "don't touch". I have a few exhibitors' passes that can get a few people into the show if they help staffing the Sierra Division Booth. Please contact me if you can help.

On February 7, 2009 we will have the Sierra Division banquet. We will gather at 6 PM and have dinner at 7 PM. It will be held at Club Pheasant in West Sacramento. Their address is 2525 Jefferson Blvd. Phone number is 916-371-9530. The dinners will cost \$25 per person for oven fried chicken with baked potato and \$30 for New York Steak with baked potato.

At the banquet we will have our business meeting and the election of Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster for the next 2 year term.

We will again have Dave Rainwater and Lori Brandon at the banquet for entertainment. They were wonderful last year and I asked them back. I really enjoyed them as well as seeing a bunch of us singing along with them. Because space is somewhat limited and we have to tell Club Pheasant how many are coming and what they want to eat I will need an RSVP. Please contact me at 530-676-1798 or jimclong@sbcglobal.net

Our May meet will be held on May 9, 2009 at the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society. They are located at 1990 Grand Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838. Time will be announced in the next Short Line. They have a web site where you can find more information about the club <http://www.smrhs.com/>

I am looking for a location for a picnic next summer. I am checking out Truckee as well as other locations. If you have a suggestion please get it to me.

The Rails Across the Bay 2009 PCR Convention is coming up on April 15 – 19, 2009. It will held at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont. I would encourage all to attend. A wonderful program is being planned. There are about 50 different clinics, a tour of NUMMI which is the car plant in Fremont, a tour of the Niles Canyon Railroad and their Brightside Yard. Speeder rides will

also be available that will go through Niles Canyon. There are many layouts that will be open. A full Operation SIG program will be going on. If you want to operate on one of the layouts, please register and signup for a time with Seth Neumann. This will be a full five days of activities. Please see <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009/> for more information. The 2009 NMRA National Convention will be held July 5 – 11, 2009 in Hartford Connecticut. There will be several PCR and Sierra Division member there. As of right now I am planning on going and again working in the clinic office. Again more information is at <http://hn2009.org/home.html>

The 2010 PCR Convention is sponsored by Sierra Division. It will be held at the Nugget Hotel in Sparks Nevada. The hotel is within walking distance of the Amtrak station in Sparks. The trains stop at Reno and then again a couple minutes later in Sparks for a crew change and to let passengers on and off. There are many activities planned with a full complement of clinics, tours and layout tours. We have a good committee formed but are still looking for some help. We would like someone to help with the non rail program. They should be familiar with the Reno area. We will have more information at the Rails Across the Bay convention in Fremont.

On July 3 – 9, 2011 the NMRA Convention will come to Sacramento. It will be held at the Convention Center downtown. A committee is working on the planning. One thing that we are looking for is a list of Model Railroad Layouts for the tour. We are looking for layouts within 75 miles from Sacramento. If you have a layout that you would to have considered for the tour please contact me and I will get you in touch with the Layout Tour Chairperson.

As we gather the list of layouts I would like to set up a layout tour in the Sierra Division on a regular basis. This will be done similar to the tour that Coast Division is now doing. They divide their division into areas to have layouts open. Most all communications is done by e-mail and the web site. I am looking for someone to work on this program, it isn't hard and it doesn't pay anything except for the good felling you get when you see people enjoying themselves. Chuck at High Sierra Hobbies does this in the Reno and Northern Nevada. I hope to have a program on the California side of the division.

I hope to see you at these activities.

Jim Long

Opportunity at the California State Railroad Museum

If you're reading this, you're interested in model trains and model railroads. Now, how would you like a chance to play with the big ones?

The California State Railroad Museum is now running three classes a year for museum volunteers and docents. After training, you may work in the museum, or in any of several other areas, such as the restoration shops, or on the excursion trains. Any of these can be very rewarding, and there are even actual perks involved, such as free parking at the Museum, and other opportunities.

The next training will begin on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Applications are due January 12, with interviews beginning January 17. If you miss this class, there will soon be another one.

Those interested should contact the Volunteer Services Coordinator, Theresa Gonsolis at (916) 324-7593 or e-mail tgonsolis@parks.ca.gov. Volunteer applications are also available on line at www.parks.ca.gov/capitaldistrict.
Dick Witzens

Clyde Lippincott 1944-2008

We received this information on November 29, 2008 about Clyde Lippincott

[It is with much sadness that I report to everyone in PCR and the Sierra Division that my long time friend, Clyde Lippincott has passed from this train to the one in Heaven. He lost control of the car he was driving, had a heart attack, went off the road and rolled the car. He

was already gone when help arrived. Clyde and Linda had relocated to Northeastern Washington State. The grumpy sounding, gentle bear will be missed by all who knew him. Our condolences to Linda and all of his friends in this great loss. Goodbye old friend and we'll run trains together again someday in Heaven.
Dennis Hill

Obituary Reno Gazette-Journal

Clyde Roger Lippincott passed away on Friday, November 28, 2008 in Newport, WA. He was born in Oakland, CA on February 13, 1944 to Vance and Agnes Lippincott.

He moved with his family to Carson City, NV and lived there until 2007. He was, along with his family, owners of Frontier Enterprises of Carson City. Over his lifetime he was active in the various Masonic Bodies, being Past Master of Carson Lodge #1, Carson City, NV, Past Master of Douglas Lodge #12, Genoa, NV, Eminent Commander, E.C. Peterson Commandery #8, Carson City, NV. He was also a member of Lewis Chapter #1 Royal Arch Masons of Carson City and a past member of Esther Chapter #3, Order of the Eastern Star in Carson City. He was currently attending Newport Lodge #144 and Zillah Chapter #111, Order of the Eastern Star in Newport, WA. He was also a member of the Family Motor Coach Association, National Model Railroad Association, National Rifle Association, Northern Nevada Railway Foundation, Carson City Rifle and Pistol Club.

Clyde is survived by his wife of 32 years Linda; a daughter, Lisa Hunter (Will); four grandsons; son Roger Lippincott (Michelle) of NV; uncle, Forest Thayer of CA and a large extended family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 10 a.m. at the Colbert Presbyterian Church, 1211 E. Colbert Rd., Colbert, WA. In lieu of flowers you may make contributions to The New Hope Resource Center, 1211 E. Colbert Rd., Colbert, WA 99005 or the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation, P.O. Box 339, Carson City, NV 89702- 0339.