



THE SHORT LINE



SIERRA DIVISION, PACIFIC COAST REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
September 2009

Superintendent's Report Sept 2009

Jim Long, Sierra Division Superintendent

August Picnic

We had a wonderful picnic at Donner Lake on August 8. We ate well, saw the historical equipment in down town Truckee and visited a couple of Garden Railroads. I want to thank the Truckee Donner Railroad Society for their help in putting this event together.

FALL DIVISION MEET, OCTOBER 10, 2009

Our next Sierra Division Meet will be Oct 10. It will be at the Sacramento Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave, Sacramento. This is just a couple blocks west of Bruce's Trains. We will be starting at noon. This should leave you plenty of time to visit Bruce's either before or after the Meet. We will have our Sunrise Feed Mill contest. This is for the kits that were given out at the May Meet. If you have one, please bring it back so we can all see what you have been doing. We will also have a regular model contest and the category is Freight Cars. We are planning a clinic on Installing a DCC Decoder in a switcher. Jim Reynolds will be putting this on. I hope to have a representative of the X2011 NMRA National Convention there to talk about the plans that we have.

We have formed a committee to set up a Constitution and By-Laws for the Sierra Division. We have a proposed set that we will be voting on at the October Division Meet. Please take time to read them on our web site at

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/sierra/>. There will be a few copies available at the Meet. This is important because we cannot find an approved set of documents that are needed to govern the Division.

INTERNATIONAL RAILFAIR

IRF is coming up on November 14 and 15. This is a very important weekend for Sierra Division because it is our fund raiser. It is because of the funds we get from IRF that we do things all year long. Please support us there by volunteering to help. Mary has a sign up list for the jobs that we need to fill.

SILVER RAILS CONVENTION

Plans are well under way for the Silver Rails PCR Convention which will be held April 28 – May 2 in Sparks, NV. The Sierra Division is the sponsor of this event. We are planning a full complement of Clinics, Contest and Tours.

Tours

Tours that are planed are Thursday, April 29 a trip to the Portola WP Museum. You can see many different peices of equipment there. You could also sign up for their Rent A Locomotive program where they teach you how the run a locomotive then give you time to do it. These are real locomotives, not models. On Friday we will travel to Donner Summit for a tour of the old railroad tunnels, snow sheds and see the Chinese Wall where the Chinese labors hung over the cliff and blasted out the CPRR right of way. This is where many of them lost their lives in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad. Saturday we will go to the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City. We will then go to Mills Park to see a model railroad and ride the 2 foot gauge train of the Carson City Railroad Society. After that we will go to Virginia City and ride the newly opened Virginia and Truckee Railroad. This line should be open from Virginia City to Highway 50. Cost of this will be announced at a later date. The first 2 tours are no cost to sign up, but we do want to know how many will be attending.

Convention cars

The Sierra Division is sponsoring the Sliver Rails Convention car. This will be a SP 40' 12 Panel Box Car made by Intermountain. It will be an assembled car available in HO and N Scales. There will be six different numbers. They will cost HO single car \$26 N scale \$17. There is a discount for 3 and 6 car sets. This is well below the MSRP of \$29.95 and \$19.95. There will be Convention Decals with each car that you can apply if you would like to. They will look like graffiti caulk marks.



Modeling With The Masters

We are hosting a Modeling With The Masters program at the Convention. Clark Konning, MMR, will be traveling to Silver Rails from Toronto, Canada to put on the program.

We will have 4 clinics where you get to build something and take it home with you. The categories are Scratch Building a Stryeen Structure. Cost O scale \$50, HO \$40, N \$30

Building a DPM Kit HO \$35, N \$28

Building a Laser Structure Kit O scale \$46, HO \$35, N \$28

Building a Turnout With a Commercial Fixture \$35 available in O, On3, On30, S, Sn3, HO, Hon3, N & Z.

Clinics

We are looking for Clinicians to present in many different topics. We are also looking for helpers in each clinic room to run the lights, introduce the presenter and help as needed. Please sign up on our web site for this.

Switching Contest

We are planning to have the Sierra Division's Time Saver there for the switching contest but we need someone to run this program. It isn't hard. It takes a little time to watch the people do the contest. Most of this can be done between clinics so you can still see them as well as running the contest. If you can volunteer please contact me.

Hobos

We are planning a Hobo Breakfast for Saturday morning and hope to have Dwayne Coates there to put it on. As most of you know Dwayne is recovering from a stroke. He is doing much better now and we are looking forward to seeing him in Sparks.

Layouts

There will be many layouts to see in the area. Because we have not had a convention in Nevada for a long time most of you have not seen these layouts so you are in for a treat.

Swap meet

There will be a swap meet on Friday night. The cost to rent a table is \$15 for one table or \$25 for 2 and \$5 for electricity if you need it.

Registration

The cost to register is \$85 until January 31 when it will go up to \$99 so why don't you sign up now. The preferred method is to write a check but you can use Pay Pal for use of credit cards. You will find more information at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2010/index.html>.

SHORT LINE

We are trying to set up a yahoo group to distribute the Short Line electronically. If you sign up you will be sent a notice when the Short Line comes out and where to download it. This will be about 3 weeks before each Division Meet. You will be sent a second notice about a week before the Meet. This is the only reason for this list so you will not be getting a lot of e-mail from it. We are doing this to save printing and postage. If you would like to sign up go send me an e-mail at jimclong@sbcglobal.net and I will add you to the list.

EXTRS 2011 WEST, NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Extra 2011 West NMRA National Convention plans are well under way. This will be July 3 – 9, 2011 and will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center. We are still looking for layouts within about 75 miles of Sacramento to be included in the layout tour program. We are also looking for Clinic Presenters and volunteers to help in many different areas. Help is needed both in planning and during the convention. If you are willing to help or present again e-mail and I will connect you to the right people. Early bird registration is now available for \$99. This rate is guaranteed until Oct 1, 2009. It may change after that. You can sign up at <http://www.x2011west.org/>. If you register on line you are guaranteed this rate. After October 1 it may change. There will be more information at the Meet on October 10

2010 SIERRA DIVISION MEETS

We are looking for a location for the Sierra Division Banquet. This held around the second Saturday in February. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.

We are also looking for locations for the May 8, August 14 and October 9, 2010 Meets.

International Railfair

Bob Warner, Sierra Division Chief Clerk

International Railfair is coming up on November 14th & 15th. This is our big fund raiser, so if we do well here then our dues stay at ZERO! You can help in a number of ways, volunteer to work a shift (usually 1 hour) in either the ticket booth or helping with the kid's layout and timesaver. You get free admission on both days and a free ticket to the Banquet at the Moose Lodge on Saturday night. What a deal!! Let Mary Moore-Campagna know of your willingness to support this event. You can also help by telling people about our great

show and bring them along and get them interested in the hobby. Remember family day (\$10) is Sunday and Grandparents and kids have a lot of fun at the show. Need flyers to hand out to people let me know.

The next meeting is October 10th at the Arcade Library in Sacramento. Be sure to bring your contest kit. The winners will be by popular vote. Try to arrive before the start of the meeting (12:00) so we can set up the kits for voting.

The 33rd Annual

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Operating Layouts / Vendors / Snack Bars
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American and European Model Railroads
HO Scale, N Scale, O Scale, G Scale, Lionel, and an
Outdoor Large Scale Live Steam Train You Can Ride!
Kids can operate a model train and become a Junior Engineer!

November 14 - 15, 2009 Rain or
Shine

Saturday 10am - 5pm and Sunday 10am -
4pm

Admission by Donation:

Adults: \$7, Kids under 12 Free!

Parking: Free!



MODEL RAILROADING IS GREAT FAMILY FUN!
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Woodland Street Railway Horse Car



Fordson Tractor Mining Locomotive

Submissions to the Short Line: Photos, Prototype information, Modeling tips, News of coming events, etc are welcome. They may be submitted to Donald Schmitt, 1318 Johnson Ave, Marysville, CA 95901, email <duschmitt@comcast.net>.