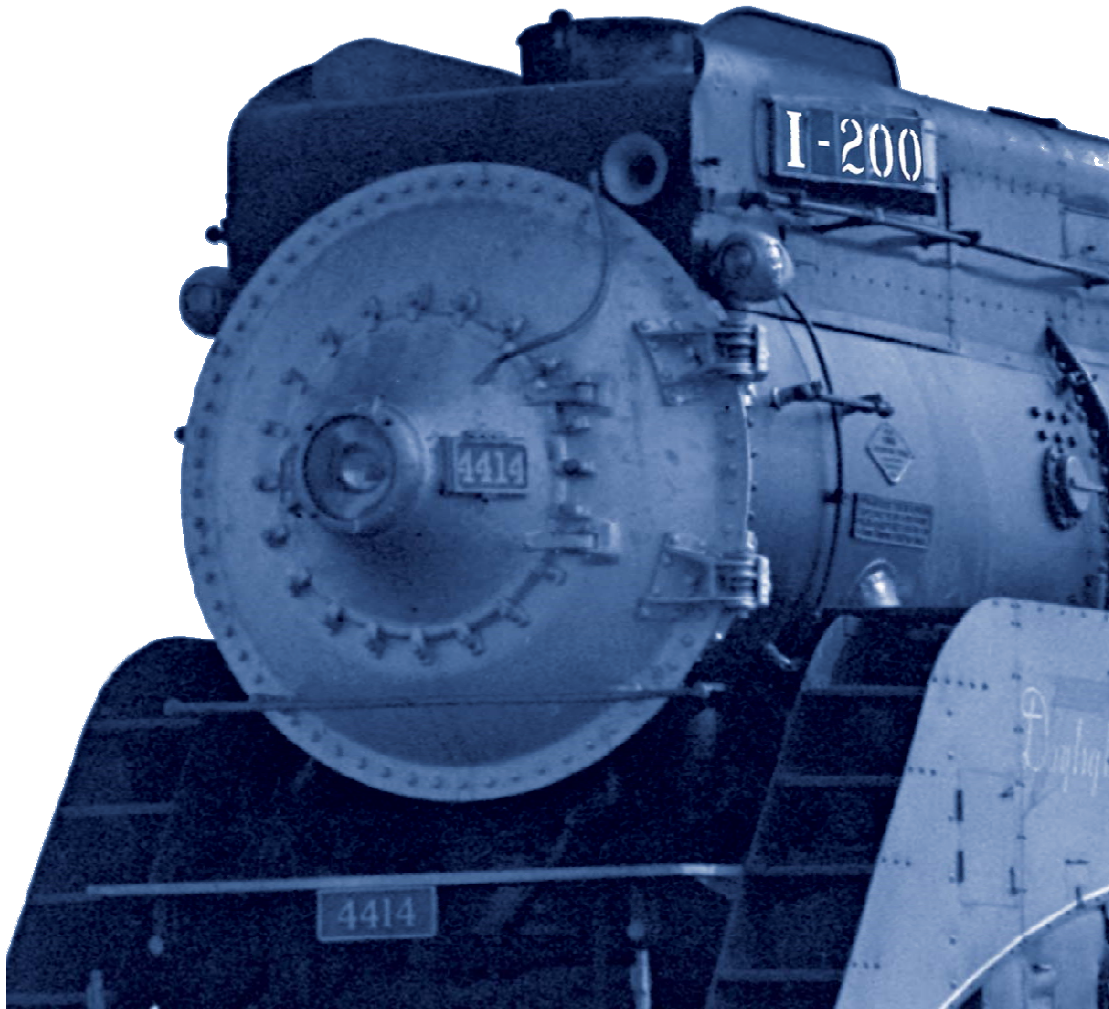




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Editor's Notes.

This is the 200th issue of the Coast Dispatcher . We have included a history of the Dispatcher. And some interesting tidbits about things like the Railettes.

Some were expecting that this would have information about MMRs, or similar things about the Coast Division community. This 200th issue is about the history of the Dispatcher itself, not about the history of the Coast Division. Maybe on a significant anniversary of the Coast Division we can give a history of the Coast Division itself. Thanks to Richard Brennan for his help in putting this 200th issue together.



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200 issues of the Coast Dispatcher

Prior to August, 1968 the Coast Division sent a quarterly flyer to announce the next meetings. In August the first issue of the Coast Division News was sent out with the intent of being a newsletter, not simply a meeting flyer.

There was a contest to name the newsletter with the winner getting a year's paid up membership in the PCR. The winner was Chief Clerk Bob Dupont, who came up with "Coast Dispatcher." Issue #3 was the first Dispatcher with that name. It became the Coast Dispatcher.

This is a history of the Dispatcher. Starting on the next page, we will show what the cover looked like on every 5 year anniversary, and will give a quick view of what the Coast Division was doing that year and a short view of the clinics and contests at the meet that the anniversary copy of the Dispatcher was promoting.

There is one story about the division that is interesting and worth telling here. At the Coast meets, lunch is now provided by a couple of members who make it happen. The history of how we got there is fun.



In May of 1966, before the Dispatcher came out, a group of ladies got together to set up their first snack bar at the meet at the Menlo Park Club. They called themselves the Railettes. They used the money they made at the snack bars to go on outings. The leader of this group was Dorothy Keeler, and in Issue #2 she started publicizing their activities. On Feb 21, 1969 they used their money to take a field trip to the Presidio.

In Issue #6 (Dec 69) she talked about their bus trip to the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park during the 1970 convention.

In Issue #8 (Sept 70) she talked about the 72 Railettes who attended lunch at Ricky's and then took the bus trip during the 1970 convention.

In Issue #31 (Nov 75) she discussed the activities at the mini-convention and in Issue #33 stated that their convention fund was growing and they were getting a lot of extras that the convention fees did not cover.

In issue #35 (May 76) she stated that 80 Railettes attended the mini convention. Some took Amtrak to Santa Barbara. The Railettes were clearly at their peak.

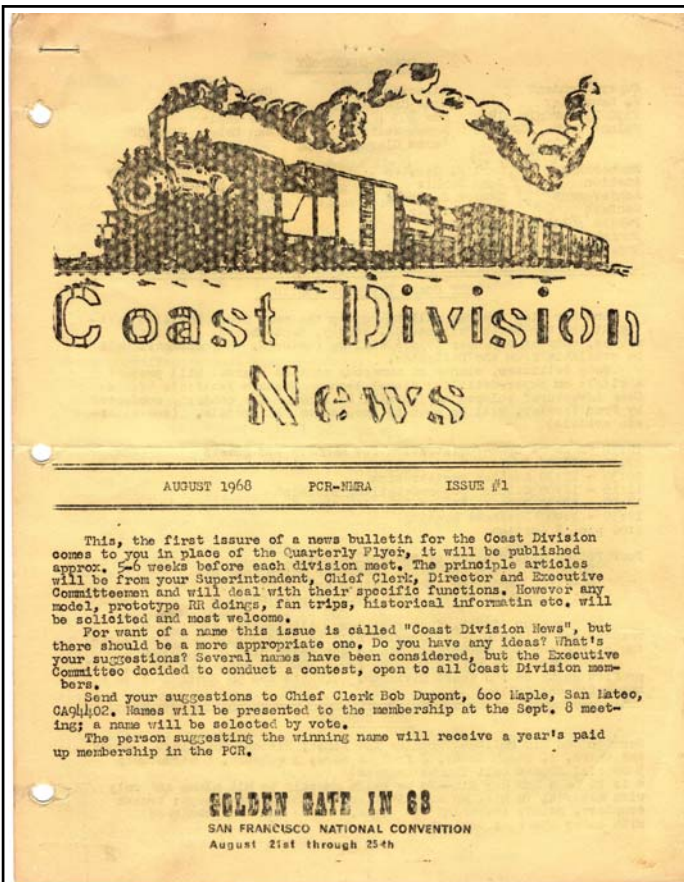
In issue #54 (Dec 81) Dorothy reported that Mary Hogan would be in charge. No reason was given.

In Issue #55 (Mar 82) it was reported that Mary Hogan was the new Railette Chair. Participation was way down.

In Issue #57 (Sept 82) Mary resigned as chair. The Snack bar was run by the San Jose Society of Model Railroaders.

In issue #60 (May 1983) the Railettes were officially dead (i.e. removed from the Callboard) Since then we have had a number of providers, from Rainbow Girls to Jobs Daughters, to now individual members.

There are other stories about the Coast Division one gets by reading through all these old Dispatchers. The story of the Railettes was just one of them. I couldn't tell them all on one page.



August 1968 Coast Division News #1

Issue number 1 was 6 pages long, on 3 8/12x 11 sheets of paper.

Contests:

- Name the Newsletter [Won by Bob Dupont]
- "All Thumbs" Box Car model built from kit plans and materials only except for trucks, couplers, paint, lettering, and adhesives. "Plans must be submitted with entry..."

Clinic: Super Detailing Diesel Locos by Wade Pellizer

Activities: Joint Redwood Empire/Sierra/Coast Division picnic in Yountville—potluck lunch, swimming, auction and open house at the Napa Valley Northern HO Layout.

PCR Convention: "Golden Gate in 68" - San Francisco

Treasury: \$207.50

Coast Division News postage costs 6¢.

This, the first issue of a news bulletin for the Coast Division comes to you in place of the Quarterly Flyer, it will be published approx. 5-6 weeks before each division meet. The principle articles will be from your Superintendent, Chief Clerk, Director and Executive Committeemen and will deal with their specific functions. However any model, prototype RR doings, fan trips, historical informatin etc. will be solicited and most welcome.

For want of a name this issue is called "Coast Division News", but there should be a more appropriate one. Do you have any ideas? What's your suggestions? Several names have been considered, but the Executive Committee decided to conduct a contest, open to all Coast Division members.

Send your suggestions to Chief Clerk Bob Dupont, 600 Maple, San Mateo, CA 94402. Names will be presented to the membership at the Sept. 8 meeting; a name will be selected by vote.

The person suggesting the winning name will receive a year's paid up membership in the PCR.

GOLDEN GATE IN 68
SAN FRANCISCO NATIONAL CONVENTION
August 21st through 25th

June 1973 Coast Dispatcher #20

Issue 20 was one two sided 8 1/2 x 11 sheet

Contests: 2 kit class and 2 open model contests per year; each featured half the categories. 50¢ entry fee eliminated.

Clinic: Trackside Signs by Don Fiehmann

Activities:

- Annual Banquet at the Distillery, San Bruno including Favorite Model and Favorite Slides contests.
- Family Day at Oak Meadow Park—1/2 price tickets for Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad; shop tours led by Mike Kotowski
- Division Meets had movies

PCR Convention: San Mateo

- October "Mini-vention" held in Santa Maria

Treasury: \$227.92 .

Coast Dispatcher postage cost 8¢

COAST DISPATCHER

A NEWSLETTER FOR MODEL RAILROADERS OF THE COAST DIVISION

June, 1973

Issue No. 20

Superintendent John W. Buchner has scheduled the next meeting of the Coast Division for June 3, 1973 at Kelly Park in San Jose. Ample parking is available and excellent facilities for Model Railroad activities, this is a good place for the whole family to spend the day. There is a playground and zoo for the children and a tea garden for the ladies.

Door prizes will be awarded and the Ralletes will have their refreshments on hand, John A. Buchner will present his fine slides taken in Europe two years ago. The Switching Contest will be back in operation with a new Chairman, Les Dent in charge.

Program to be follows:

10:00 a. m.	Doors open, registration of members, contest and auction
11:15 a. m.	Slide show by John A. Buchner
12:00 noon	Contest closes and judging begins
12:30 p. m.	Business meeting
1:00 p. m.	Auction

If anyone is interested in giving a clinic at one of our meetings please contact me, John W. Buchner.

Eric Bracher, Registration Chairman, states the item for the raffle will be either a EMD GP 30 or a McKeen motorcar

How to get to Kelly Park: Take the Story Road turnoff from Highway 101 and go west. Cross the Western Pacific tracks and at the next intersection turn left, on a half block and you are there. Parking is on the left.

COAST DIVISION OFFICERS for the coming year, 1973-74, are as follows:

Superintendent, John W. Buchner			
Chief Clerk	Bruce Battles	Club Liaison	Bill Burket
Director	John Dennis	Auction	John Dennis
Parliamentarian	Bob Clark	Ralletes	Dorothy Kesler
Membership	Tiny Carsten	Registration	Eric Bracher
Contest	Frank Slater	Achievement	John Croll
Nominations	Bill Kennerley	Public Relations	Bruce Battles
Switching	Les Dent	Editor	Ralph Marcus

COAST DIVISION CONTEST NOTES, Frank Slater, Contest Chairman

The San Francisco kit contest brought out a total of 36 models for some pretty stiff competition. There was a good balance in all categories with the usual high number of freight cars and a limited number of cabooses. Winners were as follows:

STEAM	FREIGHT CARS	CABOOSE	STRUCTURES	KIT-BASHED CARS
1. Ralph Marcus	Bruce Boles	Fred Verrier	Frank Slater	Bob Keyes
2. Ralph Marcus	Ralph James	Rod Jensen	Colin Emmerson	Bob Dupont
3. John W. Buchner	Bob Keyes	Ernest Elmore	John W. Buchner	Fred Verrier

Events for the next twelve month period is as follows:

Meeting	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Location	San Jose	Menlo Park	Walnut Creek	San Francisco
Class	Kit	Open	Open	Kit
	Diesel	Steam	Diesel	Steam
	Passenger Cars	Freight Cars	Passenger Cars	Freight Cars
	M of W	Caboose	M of W	Caboose
	Display	Structures	Display	Structures
	Traction	Special Outrage	Traction	Special-TBA

The Switching Contest was a part of the San Francisco meeting. The No. 1 problem winner was Don MacLead; problem No. 2 was won by Bill Burket.

A tip to the wise and studious modelers who would like to add a ribbon or trophy to their collection: on a statistical basis (in both Coast Division and PCR) Passenger Cars, Caboose, and M of W have the best chance for your winning a ribbon or a trophy. Think about it. Plan ahead and build a good one for entry in both contests. Every one deserves one "mastery".

1973 PCR CONVENTION, Bob Dupont, Chairman

The 1973 PCR Convention held in San Mateo is over now, and a thing of the past. I would like to thank the many Coast Division members that worked on the committees, and helped to make this convention one of the very best ever from a stand point of displays and activities, plus the largest attendance in PCR history!!! The attendance was over 764 with a banquet of 778, a large jump from the previous 500. This record was only made possible by the hard work and sacrifice of many persons who gave of their time and energy to see that the attending membership had a "Ball" while in San Mateo.

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PACIFIC COAST REGION

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SUPERINTENDENT'S INSIDE BATTLES



The next regular meeting of the Coast Division will be held on Sunday, February 19, at Rioridan High School in San Francisco.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 9:30 AM - Doors Open
- 10:00 AM - Registration desk opens
- 10:30 AM - Clinic on Traction given by Tom Knapp
- Noon - Contest room closes for judging
- Noon - Business meeting starts, followed by the auction
- 2:30 PM - Door prizes and raffle drawing, and Contest results

We will have a discussion and follow-up on the results of the questionnaire at the business meeting. The statistics and their implications should be of interest to almost everyone, so I urge you to be there. I will try and make the presentation as interesting as possible.

HOSTING LOCATOR, BILL BURDET



"Since the meeting locator was being simulated for S.F. engine service he was unable to be at the December meet at Palo Alto. From what he heard, Greg Austin and his crew did a wonderful job of hosting us. Thanks for the fine job, Greg and retentals!"

- Our Meet schedule is as follows:
- February 19, 1978 - Rioridan High School, San Francisco - \$75.00
 - June 25, 1978 - Walnut Creek Model RR Club at Concord - \$76.00
 - September 1978 - Lockwood, Sunnyside (Tentative) - \$88.00
 - December 1978 - ?????

Our meet this coming February, will be one of our biggest and best. The Rioridan Railroad Club is going all out to provide our members with a complete day of model railroad activities. All the events will have plenty of room so bring a friend. The auction and business meeting will be in the cafeteria area, contest in the open all day and as a special treat the Palo Alto Club is bringing their complete model layout to Rioridan on Saturday, and setting it up in the gymnasium for the meet on Sunday.



February 1978

Coast Dispatcher #40

Issue 40 was 6 pages long on 1 11/17 sheet and one 8 1/2x11 sheet.

Contests:

- Model contests were kit or open: 2 classes—Regular or Masters.
- Photo Contest: Color Prints were accepted on a trial basis, due to dwindling number of black-and-white entries.

Clinic: Traction, by Tom Knapp

Activities: Annual banquet at Z's, San Francisco, featuring Favorite Model and Favorite Slide contests.

PCR Convention: "Sauguaro '78"—Phoenix

- October "Mini-vention"—Fresno

Treasury: \$503.44.

Coast Dispatcher postage 13¢

May 1983

Coast Dispatcher #60

Issue 60 had 4 pages on one single 11 x17 sheet.

Contests:

- Model contests were kit (Spring & Summer) and Open (Fall and Winter)

- Photo Contest: Prototype Color Print

Clinic: Building a Garden Railway by Jack Wall
Activities: Annual banquet at Z's, San Francisco, featuring Favorite Model and Favorite Slide contests.

PCR Convention: "Rail Spree 83, Sanjose"

- October "Mini-vention"—Fresno

Treasury: \$2333.47

Coast Dispatcher postage 20¢

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GREG AUSTIN



Walnut Creek will be the location of the next meet of the Coast Division on May 15, 1983.

- Schedule:**
- 9:30 AM - Doors Open and Auction cards available.
 - 10:00 AM - Slide Show-Railroading Over The Teahachapi presented by Bob Nelson.
 - 11:00 AM - Clinic - Building a Garden Railroad (IGB) presented by Jack Wall.
 - Noon - Business meeting starts and contest room closes.
 - 2:30 PM - Contest results, door prizes and raffle drawing.

Dean Thrallhill, one of our Young Modeler's is bringing his operating layout to our next meet. His HO layout is 2 x 12. You will be able to see the layout in the contest room until the business meeting.

The San Jose Model Railroaders will be staffing the kitchen again, keeping up the good work they started this past winter, providing food and drink for our meetings.

ATTENTION: Coast Division Board Members: A short meeting will be held just before the business meeting. We will meet in the clinic room.

Publicity Notice: The Tri City Society of Model Engineers invites all model railroaders to a special fund-raising model railroad show for the Miles Depot Historical Foundation. It will take place on Friday, June 3, 1983, 7 to 10 PM.; Saturday, June 4th, 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, June 5th, 10 AM to 6 PM at the Fashion Park Center off of Henry Avenue in Central Fremont. It is on the South West Side (bay side) of the Esperium-Capwell Store. One exhibit will be the 20 foot by 40 foot U-shaped Chicago, Ohio and Eastern transportable layout and special layout which will be raffled off after the show. Other railroad action planned. Admission is 50¢ for adults, 25¢ for children; door prizes will be given away. Money will go towards moving the Historic Miles SF Station to its permanent home. For information call George Lewis - 651-9776.



HELLO FELLOW MODEL RAILROADER,

The Coast Division has meets four times a year at which many things transpire. At every meet there is a model contest with trophies given for first place and ribbons for second and third places. This contest covers within the year all the categories of the regional model contests. There is also a photo contest at every meet that a trophy and ribbons are awarded. At every meet there will also be two clinics or special slide shows. Past meets have had such topics as painting brass locomotives, re-motoring, weathering, building contest models, photography, and etc. Many of these clinics are given by well known modelers such as Reg Stauffer, Eric Brooker and etc.

Probably the biggest drawing card to Coast Division meets is the auction. There is a silent auction for books and magazines and then a regular auction for the other items. Many a bargain can be found at the auction as modelers are selling unused or unwanted items. There are usually a few hundred items in the regular auction.

Besides all of the events going on at a meet there is a lot of exchange of ideas among those attending. If you have a question there is always someone who can help you find the answer.

The meets are open to the public and there is no charge for coming to the meets and you might even win one of the door prizes given out at every meet. The only thing that you cannot directly participate in without becoming a member is the auction (and the contest, if you are not a NRM member). WHY don't you come by at Walnut Creek on Sunday the 15th of May and see what the Coast Division has to offer you?

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at (415) 599-3217.
Thank You
Frank Markovich

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SUPERINTENDENT, MAT THIESSEN

THE CONVENTION IS ALMOST UPON US. JUNE 2 ISN'T THAT FAR AWAY. I AM REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING A LOT OF YOU THERE. MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE HAVING OUR REGULAR COAST DIVISION MEETING ON JUNE 27TH AT THE CONVENTION SITE. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT CAN'T MAKE THE WHOLE CONVENTION COME UP TO SANTA ROSA ON SUNDAY. THE MEETING SITE IS IN A ROOM (?) AT THE TROPICANA HOTEL. THE MANUFACTURER'S EXHIBITS WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT DAY AND THERE IS A CHARGE TO NON-CONVENTION GOERS. THIS WILL BE OUR REGULAR JUNE MEETING. THE ONLY THING THAT WILL NOT BE SET UP IS A CONTEST AS THE CONVENTION HAS THEIR OWN. WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR AUCTION SO BRING ALL YOUR ITEMS TO SELL. THERE SHOULD BE LOTS OF OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS SO THE BIDDING WILL BE FAST AND FURIOUS.

IT WAS DECIDED AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TO GIVE THE SNACK BAR TO THE EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY FOR ALL OUR MEETS (EXCEPT SANTA ROSA). THERE HAS BEEN OTHER DIVISIONS AND PRIVATE RAILROAD CLUBS INQUIRING ABOUT HAVING NAME BADGES MADE AND BOB FERGUSON IS SETTING UP THE PRICE LIST. THIS WILL HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE ENGRAVER.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING IS ON THE 18TH AT RUCHSER HIGH SCHOOL IN SANTA CLARA AND THE DECEMBER MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 4TH AT LUCIE STERN CENTER IN PALO ALTO. WE ARE LOOKING INTO MEETING SITES IN ALAMEDA, RICHMOND AND/OR HAYWARD FOR NEXT YEAR.

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTIONFOR MORE DETAILS CALL MAT AT (415) 489-5556.



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM, JAMES TANGNEY

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF ACTIVITY IN THE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM LATELY. GOLDEN SPIKE AWARDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY JACK WALL. THE PALO ALTO MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, AND RUSTY FISHER. CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM ALL. CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE PCR CONVENTION. FIVE SOO'S HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO THE NMRA FOR APPROVAL. IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL BE APPROVED IN TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION AT THE CONVENTION.

OUR THANKS TO TINY CARSTEN FOR THE EXCELLENT CALLIGRAPHY HE IS DOING ON OUR GOLDEN SPIKE CERTIFICATES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST BRANCH LINE, IN AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE COAST DIVISION MEETING TO BE HELD IN SANTA ROSA, LISTED A MODEL CONTEST AS ONE OF THE EVENTS. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. THERE WILL BE NO COAST DIVISION CONTEST THERE, BUT OF COURSE THERE WILL BE THE REGULAR PCR CONTEST. LOOK IN THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS ON A REVISED COAST DIVISION CONTEST PLAN WHICH WILL BE TAKING EFFECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ANYONE NEEDING INFORMATION ON THE GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD FOR LAYOUTS, OR ON ANY OTHER PHASE OF THE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM MAY CONTACT ME AT THE CONVENTION OR AT: JAMES TANGNEY - 782 BERNARDO AVE., SUNNYVALE, CA. 94087 - (408) 739-2149

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Contests:

- Model Contests: Special Contest Westerfield or Storzek kits only.
- Photo Contest: Prototype & Model Color & B&W prints and color slides

Clinic: Building a Garden Railway by Jack Wall

Activities: Annual banquet at Z's, San Francisco, featuring Favorite Model and Favorite Slide contests.

PCR Convention: Rails to the Redwoods—Santa Rosa

Treasury: No report

Coast Dispatcher postage 25¢

May 1993

Coast Dispatcher #99X

Due to some logistics problems, Issue 100 was not issued. Issue 99X was issued simply to announce the upcoming meet. It was one single piece of 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

Contests:

- Model Contests: No Contest
- Photo Contest: Prototype & Model Color & B&W prints and color slides

Clinics: Choosing a Private Road Name

Activities: Annual banquet at Z's, San Francisco, featuring Favorite Model and Favorite Slide contests.

PCR Convention: Sierra Silver Rails—Reno

Treasury: No Report

Coast Dispatcher postage 29¢



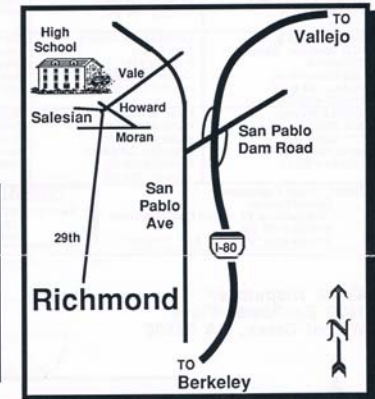
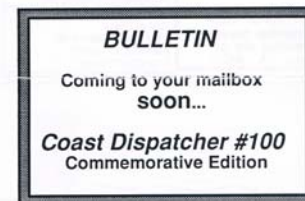
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Summer Meet:
June 6

Salesian High School
Richmond, CA



Meet Schedule:

- 9:30 - Open, Cards Available
- 10:00 - 12:00 Clinics
- 10:00 - (about) 12... Silent Auction
- 12:00 - Business Meeting
- 12:30 - Auction Begins
- 2:00 - Raffle, Door Prizes
- 6:00 - Auction Ends!!!

Clinics:

- 10:00 - Choosing a Private Road Name
- 11:00 - National Conventions Past and Future

Photo Contests:

- 6 Categories -
- Prototype: B&W / Color / Slide
- Model: B&W / Color / Slide

Model Contest:
(No contest in June)

1993 Meets:

- September 12 - Santa Clara
- December 5 - Richmond



DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSION

Division Director,
Dave Connery

Being a member of PCR automatically makes you a member of Coast Division if you live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties of California. We have no dues but generate our funds for running this organization in other ways (primarily the nationally known Coast Auction). While as a member you don't pay extra for being in our Division - this is truly where you get some of the most important benefits of being an NMRA member.

Currently our Membership Chairman, Ted Culotta, is managing a series of "in-home" clinics aimed especially at new or non-active members to help bring them the experience and knowledge of model railroading. We just completed our semi-annual Layout Tours. I know I found a great deal of information and inspiration from these visits. I got to see four layouts on Friday evening, five on Saturday and on Sunday I had over two dozen wonderful Coast Division members visit my layout. I hope they gained just a fraction as much from their visits as I did from mine.

We also have excellent quarterly meets where you can meet old friends or develop new ones, enjoy several top quality clinics, participate or view the model and photo contests, try your hand at the switching contest, learn what is happening in railroading and model railroading, take a chance at the door prizes and raffle and participate in our auction. (Cont. Page 6)



**SPRING MEET
IN FREMONT,
JUNE 7TH**

Don't miss the June 7th Coast Division quarterly meet and auction, to be held in Fremont at the California School for the Deaf. (Schedule & map on last page.)

-Highlights: The famous railroad auction.

-Youth clinic for kids 16 and under, kits and hands on modeling guidance provided.

-Clinics, put on by our members for our members.

-12 noon "brief" business meeting.

-Coffee, soda, snacks and hotdogs available. (provided by the Rainbow Girls.)



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May 1998

Coast Dispatcher #120

Issue #120 was 8 pages long on 4 8 1/2 X 11 sheets

Contests:

- Model Contests: Full Contest—all categories
- Photo Contest: Prototype & Model Color & B&W prints and color slides

Clinics:

- Prototype Slides, by Don Shortt
- Electrical Circuits by Steve Dorst

Youth Clinics

Activities:

- 5 in home clinics
- National Garden Railway Convention, Santa Clara

PCR Convention: Modesto

Treasury: No Report

Coast Dispatcher postage 29¢

June 2003

Coast Dispatcher #140

Issue #140 was 8 pages on 4 8 1/2 x 11 sheets.

Starting with Issue #130 the issue numbers were not place on the Dispatchers. It is not clear whether issues 128 and 129 were actually issued.

Contests:

- Model Contests: Caboose, Freight Cars, Maintenance of Way
- Photo Contest: Prototype Diesel Locomotives

Clinics:

- NYO&W Kingston Branch by Les Dahlstedt
- Programming DCC Decoders with Decoderpro by Jon Miller

Youth Clinics

Activities: Speeder Rides in Niles Canyon

PCR Convention: Tri-Valley Zephyr, Pleasanton

Treasury: No Report

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Superintendent's Report By Jim Long

I would like to thank the membership for the election and vote on the Constitution and By Laws at the March meet. The current team of officers was reelected and the proposed Constitution and By Laws were approved. Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws will be available at the June Meet for those who would like a copy.

The election means that I am starting my second 2-year term as Superintendent. There is a limit of 2 consecutive 2-year terms as Superintendent in the By-laws. This means that the next election for Superintendent in 2005 I cannot run for reelection. We are looking for people that would like to help run the Coast Division in the future. After the March 2005 meet there has to be someone else step forward to take up reins and become Superintendent. This is also true for job of Director to the PCR Board of Operations. Jack Wall, the current Director, is starting the last year of his second term. We will need someone to run for this position as well. The election of Director will start with nominations at the December 2003 Meet with an election by mail in early 2004. Please start thinking about this and consider running for office. It isn't a hard job but it takes a little time. You do get to do many different things that the average member doesn't get to do or see. The job of Director is to represent the Coast Division Membership at the PCR Board of Operations. This means contact with the membership of Coast Division and representatives of the other division. The most important thing is the people you get to meet and work with. This is the major benefit of my membership in Coast Division, PCR and NMRA.

I was pleased with the contest at the last meet. Al Dalcher ran the contest in the main room. A popular vote was used which had over 60 votes. The contest for the June Meet will follow a similar format. The categories will be Structure, Display and Traction. I want to thank Al for taking on the job of Model Contest Chairperson.

Rodney Pruitt passed away around the end of March. You may remember him or his dad, Hollis that came to the March Meet in Santa Clara. We will miss him.

The auction seems to be getting smaller than it was a few years ago. This and the raffle ticket sales are the only source of income for the division. We do not charge an admission for the Coast meets but we do have considerable expenses. The cost to print and mail the Coast Dispatcher is about \$400 an issue. We also make a donation to the schools where we meet for the use on the facilities. For the last few meets the income has not meet the expenses. This situation cannot continue. The meets are free but if everyone bought \$5 worth of raffle tickets we would have a positive cash flow. Please consider doing this at the meets. The auction is still the major source on income. Please bring your items to sell in the auction. This is a good way to dispose of excess equipment that you have accumulated and helps the division. It also gives you some extra money for your hobby!

The next Coast Division Meet will be June 1, 2003 at the California School for the Deaf in Fremont. We will again hold the contest in the main room. We feel this provides more interest in the contest. We will again have a popular vote. We are looking for members to present clinics at this and other meets. John Marshall is beating the bushes looking for clinics. This is not hard to do and is a great way to share your expertise in the hobby. Please consider presenting a clinic at the Coast Division Meets. This is a very important part of the program. Please see John Marshall for times that are available.

The Tri-Valley Zephyr 2003 PCR Convention has just finished. We had a great time. The Coast Division sponsored the convention. We are also selling the Tri-Valley Zephyr Convention Car. This is a Branchline Trains HO 40' ARAR Boxcar with a 7' door in the Blueprint series. This is a very accurate car in the original white lettering. The build date is 8-47. The proceeds of the car sales all go to the division. They are available for \$15 and will be at the June Meet.

At the PCR Convention it was announced that Gene Mayer from Sierra Division was elected President and Dave Connery was elected Vice President. They have taken over the offices. Congratulations to both. I feel that the PCR is in good hands.

Jim Long

June 2008**Coast Dispatcher #160**

Issue #160 was 10 pages on 5 8 1/2 x 11 sheets

Contests:

- Model Contests: Structures, Display/Diorama, Self Propelled and Traction
- Photo Contest: Prototype railroad structures

Clinics:

- What I've Done on my Layout by Seth Neumann
- Programming DCC Decoders with Decoderpro by Jon Miller

Activities:

- Layout tours—North East Bay, South East Bay

PCR Convention: Sierra Memories, Fresno

Treasury: No Report

Coast Dispatcher postage 41¢

In March of 2007 the first E-Dispatcher was issued. It was sent to the Coast-Dispatcher@yahoo.com. The idea was to not be limited by the 5 sheets of paper that the Dispatcher was limited to, The hard copy Dispatcher was still sent out as normal.


Coast Dispatcher
June, 2008

 Coast Division Web Site: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast>
 Pacific Coast Region Web Site: <http://www.pcrnmra.org>

 Welcome to the Coast Division of PCR
 Here are our next few events.
Division Meet

June 1, 2008

 Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA
 (map on last page)

9:00 AM..... Doors open. Free Door Prizes. Buy Raffle Tickets.
 9:30 AM..... Get Auction Cards.
 10:00 AM..... Clinic - What I've Done on My Layout, by Seth Neumann
 11:00 AM..... Clinic - Basics of DCC, by Mark Gurriss
 11:00 AM..... Model Railroad Roundtable moderated by Jerry Littlefield
 12 Noon..... Business Meeting
 1:00 PM..... Auction starts, Roundtable continues
 1:30 PM..... Model/Photo Contest Results – afterward Auction continues
 3:30 PM..... Timesaver Results, Raffle – afterward Auction continues if required

9:30 AM – 1:15 PM:

 Photo Contest: Prototype Railroad Structures
 Model Contest: Structure, Display/Diorama, Self-Propelled Cars & Traction
 Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)
Layout Tours

June 14 & 15

 June 14 North East Bay Tours
 June 15, South East Bay Tours

See the article about the layout tours on Page 5. It describes how to sign up to have your layout on a tour and how to be contacted to go on a tour. We will not publish details of tours for non members to see because we do not want to have strangers showing up at layouts un-announced.

Division Meet

September 8, 2008

Buchser Middle School, 1111 Bellomy St., Santa Clara, CA

 Model Contest: Steam Locomotives, Diesel & Other Locomotives, Passenger Car
 Photo Contest: Prototype Steam Locomotives
Final Notice to "Subscribers"

If your mail label says "Subscriber" at the top and the Coast Expires date is before August 1, 2008, this is you last copy of the Dispatcher. To continue receiving the Dispatcher, you can either pay a \$3.00 per year subscription fee, or subscribe to the E-Dispatcher. Contact Tom Crawford at CrawfordT@asme.org for more info.


Coast Dispatcher
June 2013

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Welcome to the Coast Division of PCR

Division Meet

June 9, 2013

 Boy Scouts of America Headquarters
 1001 Davis St, San Leandro, CA.

9:00 AM..... Doors open. Free Door Prizes. Buy Raffle Tickets.
 9:30 AM..... Get Auction Cards.
 10:00 AM..... "Adhesives for Model Railroaders," by Dave Connery
 11:00 AM..... "Model Photography" by Mark Schutzer
 11:00 AM..... Model Railroad Roundtable moderated by Howard McKinney
 Theme "Thoughts On Model Railroad Figure Animations."
 12 Noon..... Business Meeting
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9:30 AM – 1:15 PM:

Model Contest: Structures, Traction and Self Propelled, Diorama

Photo Contest: Diesel Locomotives

Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)

* Auction actually starts as soon as Business Meeting ends.

**Directions to the Boy Scouts of America**

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June 2013**Coast Dispatcher #180**

Issue 180 was 15 pages long.

Contests:

- Model Contests: Structures, Display/Diorama, Self Propelled and Traction
- Photo Contest: Prototype railroad structures

Clinics:

- What I've Done on my Layout by Seth Neumann
- Programming DCC Decoders with Decoderpro by Jon Miller

Activities:

- Layout tours—North East Bay, South East Bay

PCR Convention: Sierra Memories, Fresno

Treasury: No Report

Coast Dispatcher no longer mailed.

In March 2012, the Dispatcher was changed to e-mail/on-line only distribution, and the E-Dispatcher was eliminated. Notification of meetings to all members was by postcards.

Coast Dispatcher Editors

First	Last	Editor	No of Issues	
Aug-68	Dec-70	Ralph Marcus	9	
Feb-71	Sep-73	Don McCord	11	
Dec-73	Feb-77	Ralph Marcus	14	Assumes one issue in Dec 74
Jun-77	Mar-89	Gladys Adams	48	
Jun-89	Jun-89	Bob Ferguson	1	
Sep-89	Mar-90	Peter Weiglin	3	
Jun-90	Nov-97	Richard Brennan	31	
Feb-98	Sep-99	Brendon Lloyd	7	
Nov-99	Nov-99	Chuck Heimerdinger	1	
Mar-00	Mar-00	Les Dahlstedt	1	
Jun-00	Sep-00	No Dispatcher	2	
Dec-00	Dec-00	Unknown	1	
Mar-01	Mar-05	Bill Nichols	17	
Jun-05	Jun-18	Tom Crawford	53	
Total			199	

There are only 199 issues listed as being issued even though the numbers go to 200. There are duplicate numbers (2 issues #42 in Sept and Dec 1978), issues not found and cases where the number count doesn't add up etc. The 200 issues used corresponds to the number of issues that should have been issued in the 50 years from August 1968 to June 2018 at issues 4 per year. All issues were numbered up until #128. All numbers after that until 192 were not on the actually issued Dispatcher, but were re-created after determining what the numbers should be. A complete accounting is available for those who are interested.

Ralph Marcus's first 9 Dispatchers were all a basic mimeograph format. Each column had a graphic symbol for the contributor.

Don McCord went to a sleeker format and the graphic symbol for each contributor went away. The previous discussion about the Railettes showed a typical symbol that went away.. For issue 20 in June 73, he brought back the symbols for each report. The format was 8 1/2 X 14. In February 1974 he went to the 11x17 format.

In June 1977 Gladys Adams took over. She maintained the existing format until Dec 1988 when she made some minor changes to the icons on the side. They were now all Santa Claus. In March 1989 she got rid of the little icons by each article. In June 1989 Bob Ferguson went to a bolder text logic. In September 1989 Peter Wiglin maintained the previous logic.

In June 1990, Richard Brennan went bold. During his tenure the Dispatcher went bolder and more graphic oriented.

In May 1998, Brandon Lloyd maintained the logic Richard Brennan had set up, but with different graphics. We then went through a period of uncertainty. In March 2001 Bill Nichols went to a clean text format with little graphics

In March 2001 Bill Nichols started the logic which we now use.

After Tom Crawford took over in June 2005, most of the iterations had more to do with the way to distribute the Dispatcher as opposed to it's content. It has gone through a number of changes, and what you see in the current Dispatchers is the result of you current editor's attempt to keep it up to today's standards.

BTW, this is my swan song. Pete Birdsong will be responsible for issue 201.

Tom Crawford—retiring Editor

Superintendent's Report *Doug Smith*

Welcome to the 200th issue of The Coast Dispatcher! If you have turned a page you'll know that this is a special issue and a big event for the Division. Editor Tom Crawford and many others have been working towards this for quite a while. I'm excited to see the final product. Thanks in advance to everyone involved with this project. This issue will be a different Dispatcher, looking back on the newsletter as it reflected the Division itself. Enjoy the read.

Tom will be stepping aside as editor of this newsletter with the issue of this Dispatcher to be succeeded by Pete Birdsong. Please join me in thanking Tom for the many great issues presented, the midnight oil burned, and the creativity that he has brought to the job. Also let's give Pete all the right help and support to keep this newsletter one of the best.

Sometimes with great excitement on one page comes bad news on another. We have had a tough start to 2018 here in Coast. Lost to us in quick succession were Bill Swindell, Kermit Paul, Jim Vail, and Ron Koldziejczak (Kolo). Great guys all who will be very much missed. Railroad oriented obits for Kermit and Jim appeared in the current PCR Branchline. Tributes to Bill and Ron are included in this Dispatcher issue. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of their friends and family members.

The big modeling news this month was the PCR Enduring Rails convention in Rohnert Park. Even though there was a little rain, everyone had a good time. I enjoyed the clinics that I attended and heard good things about many that I missed. The NWP track was very interesting. The SIG group had their usual high quality presentations. I met new friends in the operating community. The tour of Sturgeon's mill was a great look back in time at a kind-of movable steam powered lumber mill. That was the day it rained !!! We all got a little wet but had a great time. The mill is usually open just 4 weekends a year with about 1000 folks each weekend, but they opened for a private day for about 60 of us. Thanks to the mill for doing this, and to the convention committee for arranging it. It was one of the convention highlights for me, even though it cost me my voice for a few days. Lots of other highlights too from op sessions and layout tours to contest judging. Also a great keynote speech at the banquet by Dr. Ty Smith, director of the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento.

Just some sawmill pics here. There are plenty of other shots of the convention to be found.



A nice welcome on a rainy day.



The whistles from the steam donkeys sounded great in the woods.

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Mike Fossie (L) and Bob Sturgeon walked us through the workings of the mill and sawed a little timber for us. Everything is run on belts and pulleys, and a lot of hand-me-down Knowledge.

One last item and then I won't take up any more space. We have a few key vacancies in the Division, both now and coming up soon. Right now: Our quartermaster David Fryman is moving (has moved by now) to Lincoln. Thanks to him for filling the position and making sure that we had PA support at the recent meets. The job coming up in January is Auction Chairman. Thanks to John Ameling for doing a fine job stepping in for John Marshall a few years back. This is an important position for continuing our unique auction. If you have interest in learning more about either of these positions please contact me for either post or Bob Ferguson for the auction position.

With that, enjoy Issue 200 !!!

Cheers, Doug

Director's Report ***Frank Markovich***

The PCR board met on Wednesday at the PCR convention in Rohnert Park. Following are some highlights:

Election went really well. 39% of the members voted. I will be director for another 2 years.

Future conventions are an issue. It is getting much harder to find a location. Number of attendees has declined over the years and costs have increased. I will be leading a team to address what can be done going forward. Any ideas that members have is appreciated. Just let me know.

Next year the PCR convention will be in Sacramento. More to follow as details are determined. Date will be in early May.

Next Coast Event is June 3rd at the Boy Scout Center in San Leandro on Davis Street.

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Conference June 7th – 10th. <http://www.ncngrrmuseum.org> for more information.

As most of you know we have lost a number of members this past quarter including Jim Vail, Bill Swindell, Kermit Paul and Ron Kolo. My thoughts and prayers go out to their family and friends.

Registrar's Report
Veronica LaTorres

March 4, 2018 Meet

Attendees	
Number from Coast Division (includes Hawaii)	77
Number from Redwood Empire Division	7
Number from Sierra Division	3
Number from Daylight Division	0
Attendees from Other Regions (Rocky Mountain - Jim Chiddix)	1
Guests: Andrea Turner, Larry Mazur	2
TOTAL REGISTRANTS	90
FIRST TIMERS: ROB ENGLISH, LARRY MAZUR	2

Memberships	
Rail Pass (0)	\$0.00
New Membership(0): (0) CHARGE (0) CHECK	\$0.00
Renewal(1): (1) CHARGE (0) CASH VICKI N.-----	\$44.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP Money In	\$44.00

Badges	
(5) BADGE X \$5 EACH: TOTAL BADGE Money IN:	\$25.00

Clinics
Richard Brennan

Here are the clinics for the June 3 Coast Division Event:

10:00am - 11:00am: "The State of your Estate" - Mark Poggendorf
Mark will discuss the "What do we do when..." estate planning questions that seem to come later in life, but which can arise unexpectedly at any time. This talk is based on experience gained advising both modelers and family members, handling many estates, as well as dealing with the recent losses due to the disastrous fires in the Santa Rosa area.

11:00am - 12:00 noon: "Disconnects" - Pete Birdsong Pete will bring us another of his 'How to' clinics. This one will be on scratch-building Logging Disconnects in On30. The clinic will build on the article Pete authored in the January 2010 NMRA Magazine.

Publicity Report ***Steve Wesolowski***

Congratulations, Coast Division, on our 200th Dispatcher Issue! It took At Least 50 years of many hours of hard Volunteer effort to produce Each and Every Issue to reach this goal.

1st, I/We should thank Tom Crawford for figuring out this IS the 200th issue! AND for the last 50+! Thanks, for Volunteering 15 years as Editor! I haven't helped Tom much: my input's usually late. Not this issue, Tom!

Mainly I've written to ask members to Volunteer for Train Shows in Coast Division to maybe attract new & returning members, but mainly to answer questions of New Modeler's & Parents of Young Newbies. Plus other topics.

Great Train Show's Bill Grove emailed us regulars last week about 2018 shows, none are imminent in Coast.

Instead, I'll focus on my insight on WHY I (and You) should keep Volunteering: because of WHO you'll meet and WHAT You will Learn. I'll cite some examples. Some may surprise you.

In Fall 2000, after stumbling around San Jose's National Train Show, I decided to rejoin Model Railroading after 32 years away. At the Pleasanton Train Show, Coast Volunteers helped me renew my PCR & NMRA Memberships that lapsed in 1968; invited me to the next Coast Meet & PCR's Convention in SLO, told me about local Hobby Shops including The Train Shop, so I could find supplies to get re-started modeling.

Because of those Volunteers: Dave Connery, Chuck Mitchell & Jim Long, I began frequenting Coast Meets, my first Train Convention, and local Hobby Shops, where I met & became friends with mostly kind, helpful, sharing modelers who became my friends, who shared & opened many new dimensions of Model RRing I never knew of as a kid modeling in the '60's. These incredibly kind/helpful people included Jim Long, Kermit Paul, Bill Swindell, Harold Elmore, Jim Vail, Chuck Mitchell, Allen Fenton, et al: equally important to my personal growth, they all passed on invaluable modeling, technical & personal wisdom & knowledge to me & so many others before they left us behind on their own journeys to the Next Train Beyond.

BUT, If not for those Fall 2000 GATS Volunteers, I would not have met & learned from Any/All of them PLUS many other nice people before they're/we're also gone, (I hope not soon!), including Dave Biondi, Tom K., Tom VH, Paul I., Tom C., Frank M., MCMC & Gus C., Bob F. & Darlene, Earl G., Grumpy Scott— only a FEW of ALL my train still improving Me and Many, Many Others! All Thanks to those Coast/PCR/NMRA Volunteers in Y2K!

So, Dead or Alive, Thanks for Volunteering! Happy Trains to All, until we meet again, either here or a Train Beyond!

TCSME Open House

The Tri-City Society of Model Engineers and the Niles Depot Historical Foundation invite you to our 7th Annual Open House June 9th & 10th. N & HO scale layouts in operation along with the open Niles Train Depot Museum 10AM TO 5PM Saturday & 10AM to 4PM Sunday. Located at 37592 Niles Blvd in Fremont, CA in the Niles Town Plaza. <http://www.nilesdepot.org> Q:bobcz007@comcast.net

Stanley B. Keiser
Secretary TCSME

Model and Photo Contest Report March 4th, 2018
Jim Eckman

Steam

No entries

Traction

No entries

MOW/Non-Revenue

1st Place – Kenneth Martin’s C. B. & Q. Boarding Car, bashed from two MDC cabooses with a 3D printed roof designed by Ken.

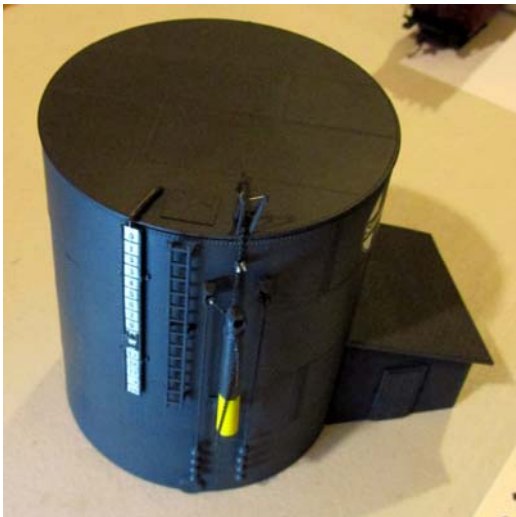


Passenger

No entries

Structures

1st Place – Tony Sapienza’s Santa Fe Water Tower.



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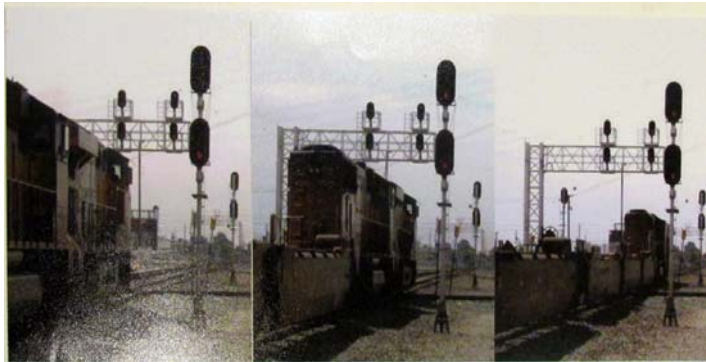
Photo Contest – Track and Structures



1st Place – Pat LaTorres *Reflection.*

Other Entries

Stanley Keiser's *Three Train Meet*



Stanley Keiser's *Changing of Signals*



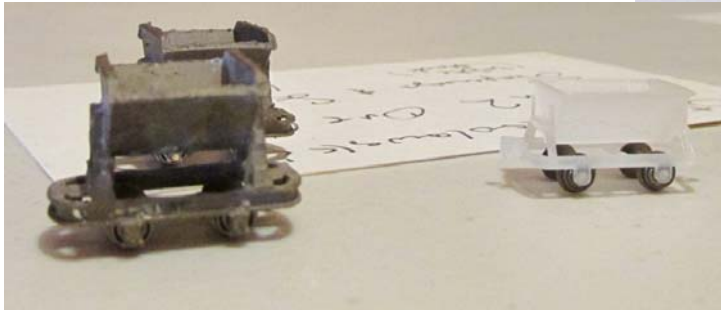
Eugene Brichacek's *Intermodal Passing Through Lodi, CA*

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Show and Tell

Tom Knapp brought a delightful trolley kit he built up by Showcase Miniatures, somebody voted for it even though it was show and tell. It's based on the Pacific Electric car in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit!*



Steve Wesolowski showed ore cars printed by Shapeways and cast by SeaRails.



Gary Kruse displayed two SP cab forwards that he bashed from Mantua Loggers! The tenders structures were scratchbuilt on top of a tender frame.

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In Memorium

Since the last issue of the Cast Dispatcher, we have lost 4 significant members of the Coast Division, Jim Vail, Kermit Paul, Bill Swindell, and Ron Kolo.

Jim Vail



Jim Vail passed away on January 28, 2018 at the age of 83. Jim is Master Model Railroader #207 and he served as the Coast Division Achievement Chair in the early 1990's. Jim was the John Allen Award recipient in 2016. His full obituary is the April-May-June issue of the Branchline. <http://pcrnmra.org/pcr/branch/BL218web.pdf>

Jim's daughter will be opening up his wonderful HO_{n3} Glenwood & Black Creek railroad for visitors on Sunday, May 27 between 10AM and 4PM. Jim's empire has been featured in most of the model railroad press, and was the subject to numerous articles in the Narrow Gauge & Short Line Gazette. This open house is in conjunction with the O Scale West / S Scale West / Narrow Gauge West All Scales show May 25 & 26 at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency, but you do not need to attend the convention to be welcome at the G&BC open house. Items from the estate will be for sale at the show in Santa Clara and also at the open house. These items include kits, books, HO_{n3} models, HO models, G gauge models, model building supplies, railroad artifacts, and art work.

The layout is not handicap accessible as it is in the basement and stairs must be negotiated as well as relatively tight isles in layout room itself. There is limited parking at the house and along the road, so car pooling would be wise. The layout is located in Santa Cruz, and if you do not have the address from previous open houses or tours, please contact Dave Adams at dadamsc16@sbcglobal.net."

Kermit Paul

Kermit Paul passed away on Feb 18' 2018 after a hard fought battle with Liver Cancer. Kermit served as the Coast Division Director on the PCR Board from 2004 to 2008. He was the Coast Division Achievement Chairman from 2002 until 2017 and was Master Model Railroader #302. His full obituary is the April-May-June issue of the Branchline. <http://pcrnmra.org/pcr/branch/BL218web.pdf>

There will be a Celebration of Life in Loving Memory of Kermit Paul on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 2 PM at the Paul residence, 15 Boies Court, Pleasant Hill, California. You are cordially invited to join us as we remember and honor this remarkable man whose generosity and talents touched many throughout his lifetime. Refreshments will be served following the celebration.



Please RSVP by May 28th to Pam Hightower at 530-475-3320 or hightower@4fast.net.

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Ron Kolo



Ron Kolo was 75 years old, born in 1943. He retired after 27 years as a Sargent for the Alameda County Sheriff's office. Ron passed away on April 2nd, 2018 after a 2 year battle with Cancer. Ron is survived by his dedicated wife Dee whom he married October 27, 1957 and they had 4 children: Debbie, Terry, Don and Ray along with 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Ron was a great modeler. His primary scale was HO and Hon3 with an emphasis on logging. But he also worked in other scales and could be found modeling main line steam and diesel. He would have local children come over to look at and run his layout. Ron was very helpful to new modelers and would spend time working with them.

He was an original member of the Yosemite Short Line modular group. Ron's modeling expertise can still be appreciated today when you see the Yosemite Short Line on display. He is the creator of the beautiful sawmill scene on the YSL. Not only was Ron a great modeler but, his interests were wide spread. Some of which were; collecting brass engines and rolling stock, RR craftsman kits, military, guns, and books. Ron was a great friend and will be sorely missed.

Bill Swindell



On January 26, 1943, Charles and Adelite Swindell welcomed into this world their only son Charles William Swindell Jr in Long Beach, California. Bill's father was an Air Force career officer who moved his family around to many Air Force bases including Guam and Texas. Bill finally received his High School diploma at Chicopee High in Massachusetts. His higher education consisted of a 2 year enrollment at Ohio State and 1 year at Napa College in California. It was during his time spent at Air Force bases that he developed his love of electronics.

His working career began in 1964 when he was employed by Sears Roebuck as a repairman for TV's and other appliances. After 4 years of servicing TV's, Bill moved on to a 26 year employment with IBM as a Customer Repair Technician and Engineer for bank check processing equipment and the associated computer systems. In 1994 IBM began downsizing their workforce and Bill was terminated. He then became employed by Clorox Corp. Bill was tasked with writing security software for their worldwide computer network. In 2006, Bill retired from Clorox.

Bill's initial interest in model railroading came in 1968. It was further developed when, in 1969, he became a member of the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society. About this same time, he also became a member of the N.M.R.A. He became a fixture at the WCMRS by delving into the electronic controls of the club and making them more stable. In 1982, Bill was enlisted by Bob Ferguson to assist him with the operation of an auc-

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tion at the Coast Division meets to begin writing the computer software to automate the accounting process of the auctions. He continued in this capacity until his passing. He became a (grumpy?) fixture at the auctions while attending to the buyer's purchases and the seller's reimbursements. Bill also modified the Coast Auction software to operate auctions at PCR convention auctions and finally to support the silent auctions at several N.M.R.A. National Conventions. Since he was also a Ham Radio enthusiast, he also used the auction programs to assist with the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club's auctions.

He became a member of the Bay Area Electric Railway Museum, and eventually got involved with garden railroading where he was well known for his many (over 400) locomotive conversions from track power to battery, RC and Sound. He also wrote and presented many clinics on batteries and locomotive conversions as well as methods of building overhead wire systems for HO streetcars.

Bill is survived by his wife Susan, daughters Sandi MacDougal and Debby Kelly, grandchildren Jack and Megan Kelly, Heather Eaddy and Tabitha Kendle and Great Grandson Dante Eaddy.

You are invited to attend a BBQ in Bill's memory on Sunday June 10th, 2018 at 1 pm. Larkey Park, 2771 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek.

Please bring your stories and memories of Bill to share.

We will be having a traditional "Walnut Creek Model Railway Society" picnic which will include hamburgers, hot dogs and soda. Please feel free to bring a side-dish, salad, chips, dessert, if desired.

RSVP: Susan Swindell – Swindell@value.net or 925-372-6996.

Retiring Coast Dispatcher Editor

I am retiring as the Coast Dispatcher Editor after 53 issues over 13 years (the record, by the way). It has been a fun ride and I have learned a lot. I want to thank everyone for the support over the years.

Putting together issue #200 was a very fitting swan song for me. Putting together the editor history created closure for me.

I want to thank Richard Brennan for helping me with ideas and graphics for this Dispatcher.

I also want to thank Pete Birdsong for taking over as the new Coast Dispatcher editor.

Tom Crawford

Retiring Coast Dispatcher Editor

Coast Dispatcher
4337 La Cosa Ave
Fremont, CA 94536

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Photo Contest– Black and White
Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)
* Contest results immediately after business meeting. Auction actually starts immediately after contest results.