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Virtual Convention Replaces Cancelled In-person Gathering

by Chuck Harmon, MMR

The 2021 PCR Convention, Sugar Pine Centennial 2021, will not be held as planned, due to the on-going pandemic. Instead, a virtual, on-line one-day event will occur on Saturday April 24, 2021.

Starting at 8:30 AM we will have a virtual meeting room with your choice of break-out rooms for clinics, layout tours, a keynote speaker, door prizes, and awards presentations. All of this will take place on your computer screen in the comfort of your home without the time and expense of transportation or hotel. And, the really good part is that you can come and go as you wish. Events will continue throughout the day until just after 9 PM. What is required? There's no fee, but you must register on the PCR website. Go to <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2021/registration.html>

Instead of a model contest there will be a "Meet the Modeler" show and tell event.

Clinic presentations will be live with time for questions and discussion. Presentations currently planned include Robert Pethoud: *Basics of Steam Locomotives*; Jeff Johnston: *The Pains & Pleasures of Prototype Modeling: The Sugar Pine Lumber Company & Minarets & Western Railway*; Doug Wagner: *Sunset Railway*; Steve Redeker: *Modeling the Hetch Hetchy RR in Black and White*; Scott McGhee: *Madera Sugar Pine RR*; and Ed Merrin: *Focus Stacking and Low Perspective Smartphone Photography*.

Four layout tours will be conducted using a video of the key features of each layout, followed by a Q & A session with the layout owner. Layouts on the tour include Jim Niell's *SP LA Division/Bakersfield Sub.* (HO scale), Bob Jakl's *UP, AT&SF, CB&Q, Katy* (O scale), Glenn Sutherland's *Sierra Railway* (HO scale) and Rob Briney's *Sierra, Clovis & Western* (HO scale).



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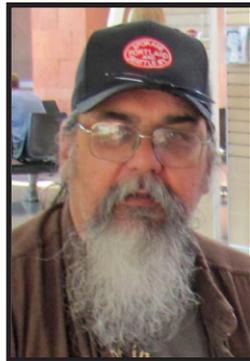
Convention (Cont.)

Later in the day we'll continue with our keynote speaker, Mike Osborne, narrating his experience as a new SP crewman on a trip from LA to Bakersfield. After the keynote presentation there will be a dinner break, then the presentation of awards for members of the year for the Region and for each Division, plus the selection for this year's John Allen Memorial Award. The evening will conclude with more clinics.

The convention committee has been hard at work meeting on Zoom weekly to shift everything from an in-person gathering to a virtual one in just a few short weeks. Convention co-chairmen Bill Scott and Walter Mizuno expressed their gratitude to Seth Neumann and the Rails by the Bay 2021 NMRA National Convention tech team for their assistance with the shift to virtual.

For more details and to register for the 2021 PCR virtual convention go to www.pcrnmra.org/conv2021.

Convention cars are still available and may be ordered on the website at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2021/store.html>. Cost is \$30.00 each (includes sales tax), plus \$10.00 shipping. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. Convention shirts can be ordered directly from Daylight Sales. Visit their web site at: <https://www.daylightsales.net/product-category/pcr-2021/> 🚚



From the Superintendent

by Mike O'Brien, Daylight Division
Superintendent

Welcome. As we move to the new Spring season of the year the Division seems to be fairing on an even positive pace, even with a few exceptions. The biggest being our reluctant cancellation of the upcoming 2021 Convention, Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 PCR Convention in April. The fact of current issues with the Covid-19 overshadowing our daily lives along with local/state agencies keeping public gatherings to minimum amounts, it was inevitable that the safety concerns for all involved had to be seriously given attention. So, with considerable lengthy discussions, the committee had certain options that ran out and it was reluctantly decided to cancel the event..

With that being said, I would like to say thanks to the fellow members who put in many hours of meetings planning the Sugar Pine event. They worked diligently and planned to the last minute to bring a safe and very exciting convention highlighted with two exciting excursions, visiting two of the best know train rides in central California. But there is a caveat, a bright light at the other end of the tunnel, so to speak. The committee also realized there were other viable options available and decided to work out a new plan to do some sort of virtual type event to happen tentatively

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the same weekend of the Sugar Pine event. So I ask everyone to keep an eye out for upcoming email announcements inviting you all to attend this virtual FREE event.

I would also like to THANK all those who signed up for the Sugar Pine event in which we were trending to have full convention attendance. We appreciate your support and loyalty to the Division, PCR and NMRA.

Congratulations to Chris Palermo elected for a second term as President as well as Frank Markovitch as Vice President.

As you can see, it's becoming the "normal" way to conduct meetings with ZOOM or other similar venues and probably will continue even after the Covid-19 issues are figured out. As we have previously

mentioned the Division converted over to ZOOM for the most part to present our quarterly meetings. Our average attendance has stayed consistent over the past year, *(we could do a lot better if more would join in)* and we will continue to do the ZOOM meetings until further notice. Please keep an eye out in Daylight Division publications for updates concerning future meetings and other affiliated NMRA groups with their virtual

meetings and get-togethers. There is something happening almost every weekend for model railroaders and lots during the week. See our website at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/nextmeet.html> for more info.

One last item which is very important is that each one of us in the upcoming year needs to help promote the hobby to our younger crowd. Suggestions and ideas are welcome to bring younger people to model railroading. One easy one that could be accomplished is by coordinating with various schools, and kid-oriented organizations, to share your Daylight Division experiences thru online presentations and virtual layout tours to show off what can be accomplished in this hobby. Just about all kids have a cell phone, notepad or some device that they have access to. Having access to ZOOM is a great way to spread our knowledge around. 🚂

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Observation Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Articles due</u>
Summer (Jul-Aug-Sep)	Jun. 10
Fall (Oct-Nov-Dec)	Sep. 10
Winter (Jan-Feb-Mar)	Dec. 10
Spring (Apr-May-Jun)	Mar. 10

Daylight Membership by County

County	#Members
San Luis Obispo	27
Kern	22
Fresno	22
Santa Barbara	16
Tulare	11
Madera	1
Merced	3
Mariposa	2
Total Members	104

From Our Director

by Ed Merrin, Daylight Division Director

Okay, it happened.

Despite the tremendous effort expended by the Convention Committee, Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 had to be canceled. Or at least the in person version. It would be hard to understate how difficult this was for the convention committee. However, it was becoming increasingly clear that it might not be possible to put on a worthwhile event.

So now we need to regroup and look to the future. The energy of the Convention Committee was quickly redirected towards putting on an online experience this Spring to take the place of our customary convention experience. It promises to be a danged good one and well worth your time. With breakneck speed and looming deadlines to defeat, our group has made enormous strides in putting a program together. It turns out that during this pandemic year a number of PCR and more specifically Daylight members have developed tools and experience that enable them to put together one of these things. I think you'll like it.

Speaking of online meetings (e.g., with Zoom), getting familiar with how they work and how, in certain situations, they have strong advantages, may be one of the few good things that have happened over the last year. In the Daylight Division, it has been possible to have quarterly meets that may have been difficult to put together otherwise. The RED and Coast Divisions have been doing the same. It may be that there is a permanent place for Zoom for us as a way to keep in touch when distance makes it hard to get together.

Of course, there are some issues to consider. Some modelers don't have computers or, if they do, they don't feel comfortable or knowledgeable with using them this way. In other ways as well, we may be leaving a number of members behind just by putting everything on the computer. The

practice of publishing bulletins and newsletters online only is spreading like crazy.

But some people are left out, not just because they like to have a physical magazine-like thing to read, but because they don't have the internet connection needed to access them or don't know how to use it. If you don't have a computer with internet connectivity you also don't have email. That means you don't get the regular bulletins and updates that we see from the National or from our own PCR. You can't participate in the online discussion groups that both PCR and Daylight Division have. Forget all the Facebook pages with model railroad content – PCR, NMRA, Southern Pacific Prototype Modelers, NWP, Brass Model Paint and Repair, and on and on. And how about the continuing disappearance of good hobby shops? The only option for online shopping is often a long drive.

I suppose we can't totally stop the world from changing, but what do we do for the folks I've just described? I know I've heard from more than one family or caregiver wondering what they could do to provide a Branch Line to a member who is now restricted to a care facility and for whom that publication was a last remaining link to a cherished hobby. On the other hand, I've encountered members who didn't care and one who was literally militant about his determination to never Never! NEVER!! own a computer or cell phone. He still takes messages on a phone answering machine (remember those?).

If you do know someone who needs help there are a few things you can do. If he or she doesn't have internet, you could print out the Branch Line or online news bulletins and mail or deliver it. If someone has the equipment but lacks the know how to use it you could offer to be a coach or instructor. Another option is to provide transportation to a library or other facility that provides access to computers to the public.

In the meantime, I hope those of you who can all join us April 24th 🚂



Virtual Model Railroad Meets

by Robert Pethoud, Member Aid

With in-person meets and conventions still months away, we've all learned how to make-do with virtual substitutes, especially Zoom. By now we're all too familiar with its failings—unexpectedly frozen video, slow and garbled audio, and built-in half-second delay—and I suspect nearly all of us have Zoom fatigue, if we're not completely Zoomed out. But there is a silver lining to our virtual thundercloud.

I recently attended the national convention of a grassroots environmental group. Had there been no pandemic, the event would have taken place on the east coast and to attend would have cost me a week of time and a small fortune in expenses by the time I covered registration, air fare, car rental, lodging, food, and incidentals. The cost of the virtual convention? A few hours at my computer and a total of zero dollars. Bottom line: in “normal times” I would not have made it to the convention.

At the end of January, the 2021 annual Bay Area SIG Meet presented its attendees with what I consider to be a great template for model railroad meets and conventions. Zoom provided the platform for nearly a dozen clinics on Saturday and two panel discussions on Sunday. Though not implemented at this meet, Zoom breakout rooms would allow multiple clinics to take place simultaneously.

There were 15 layout tours, all done virtually on the TGS Multimedia YouTube channel. No driving to an unfamiliar location and no jockeying for position in a crowded layout room. To be sure, no opportunity to photograph interesting parts of the railroad or chance to converse with the

layout owner in real time, either. Still, the convenience of reaching the tour through a few mouse clicks on your own schedule and in the comfort of your own home made the experience very satisfying.

The organizers of the meet did provide opportunities to ask questions of presenters and to talk to other attendees about topics of mutual interest. The Zoom chat feature enabled us to ask questions and make comments during presentations, and a different platform, Slack, a text chat website, allowed attendees to communicate with each other in Birds of a Feather chat rooms. Topics of the chat rooms included modules, layout design from a prototype perspective, autonomous operation, JMRI operation, yard operations, and enhancing small layout operations.

Thus, the Bay Area SIG Meet included a full slate of clinics, layout tours, and informal conversations. There were no contests *per se*, but a Layout Design Challenge featuring Western Pacific's San Jose branch line drew six participants, who presented their track plans and operating schemes during a Zoom session. Altogether, this was an impressive and satisfying meet. The price was right—zero dollars—and there was another benefit: nearly 200 registrants from all over the world, including Canada, the UK, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand. Clearly, many of these modelers would not have attended had it been necessary to travel to the Bay Area in person.

Yes, we can still complain about the hardships we all must endure in these trying times, but there are ways to make the best of a bad situation. Until next time, you can reach me with comments and/or questions at pethoud@comcast.net 🚂



Welcome Aboard !

Daylight Division's Newest Members

Member	City/Sate	Date Joined
Norman Shomber	Tollhouse, CA	1/21/2021
Richard Murrey	Templeton, CA	2/3/2021
Everett Barnes	Grover Beach, CA	2/9/2021

Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

By Dave Grenier

In this installment, we will review the requirements for the Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical certificate. While the requirements for this certificate may seem long and daunting, they really aren't. It just seems that way because there are so many options for you to choose from.



As is true with many of the AP certificates, don't read more into the requirements and make them more difficult than they are. Commercial products may be used throughout, unless otherwise noted. You may

build some things from scratch only if you chose to, but it is not necessary to complete the requirements for this certificate.

There is no requirement for Merit Judging in this certificate. The presence and operation of the required features must be verified by a witness (the Division AP Manager, or their designee) on the Record and Validation Form, but they do not have to be judged and achieve a minimum score.

You don't even have to do all the work on a single layout – you can do some on your own layout, your club layout, and some on a garden railroad. For fans of three-rail or overhead wire layouts out there, the work on your layouts may also be considered for ALL aspects of the Achievement Program.

To qualify for the Model Railroad Engineer -Electrical certificate, you must:

A: Construct and demonstrate on your own or club layout, the satisfactory operation of an electrical control system capable of simultaneous and independent control of two mainline trains in both directions, and containing at least:

1. Five electrical blocks (for conventional DC) or sufficient gaps and switches to maintain polarity and troubleshooting (for DCC).

2. One mainline passing siding.
3. One reversing loop, wye, turntable, or transfer table.
4. One yard with at least three tracks and a switching lead independent of the mainline.
5. Facilities for storing at least two unused units of motive power.
6. One power supply with protective devices (short indicator or circuit breaker) to ensure safe operation. You don't have to build this yourself; you just have to have one. You can use a commercial power supply that has these features, modify a commercial system to add these features, or even build it yourself if you REALLY know what you're doing.

B: Wire and demonstrate the electrical operation of at least three of the following items:

1. Turnout
2. Crossing
3. Crossover
4. Double crossover
5. Slip switch (single or double)
6. Gauge separation turnout
7. Double junction turnout
8. Three way turnout
9. Gauntlet turnout
10. Spring switch
11. Operating switch in overhead wire

Commercial products are allowed on all of these. However, if you build them yourself, you can also use them to satisfy the requirements of the AP Model Railroad Engineer – Civil certificate. Two certificates for the price of one!

C: Wire and demonstrate the electrical operation of at least three of the following items:

1. Electrical turnout position indication on a control panel for at least four turnouts.
2. Track occupancy indication on a control panel or at trackside for at least five blocks.
3. Cab control, making provision for connection of at least two power supplies to a minimum of five blocks as the train progresses.

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4. Engine terminal, including an electrically powered turntable or transfer table, a minimum of three stall tracks, and at least two tracks outside the stall area for a total of at least five tracks to store unused locomotives.
5. Two turnout junctions with interlocking and signals to prevent a train from going through a turnout set against it.
6. High frequency lighting (a.k.a. Constant lighting).
7. Electronic throttle with inertia and braking systems.
8. Grade crossing with actuated warning indication.
9. Two-way blocking signaling with train detection for at least five blocks.
10. Operating overhead wire or catenary.
11. Installation of advanced electronic or computer control system.
12. Design, installation, and operation of animated mechanical and/or electrical displays.
13. Design, installation, and operation of mechanical and/or electrical layout displays.
14. Installation of a command control receiver, requiring modification of device's wiring. (Installing a plug-equipped device into a prewired socket is not sufficient).
15. Installation of a command control throttle buss line around a layout capable of handling at least two throttles at three or more separate locations.

Commercially assembled complete units are not acceptable in the following items:

16. Construction and installation of a sound system (This does not have to be an on-board system; it could be an under-layout system).
17. Construction and installation of a signaling system.
18. Development and installation of a CTC system.
19. Installation and operation of an on-board video system.
20. Computer generated block

detection information.

21. Hardwired or stored control program (computer) for layout operation.
22. Development and demonstration of a computer-to-railroad interface.
23. Other, including flashing warning lights on locomotives or end-of-train devices on cabooses.

Note that operating third rail (center or outside) or overhead wire powered layouts may be considered for ALL aspects of the AP. Also note that the use of advanced power supplies, train control, track wiring, and track control methods shall not be restricted by the definitions in the minimum requirements listed above.

D. Prepare a schematic drawing of the propulsion circuitry of the model railroad used to satisfy (A) showing the gaps, blocks, feeders, speed and direction control, electrical switches, and power supplies. You do not have to show the turnout control, signaling, or structure lighting wiring on this drawing. You do not need to include the details for parts of the diagram which are repeated. If several parts are wired in the same way, it is sufficient to draw one section in detail and indicate other locations with rectangles.

E. Prepare schematic drawings identifying the wiring and components of the six items used to satisfy the requirements in (B) and (C). For clarity, this should be separate from the propulsion circuitry schematic in (D) above. If you already have one over-all schematic of the layout, make photocopies and go over the applicable lines using a highlighter for each feature.

F. Submit a Statement of Qualifications form, which includes the following:

1. The track plan for the layout used in (A).
2. A description of each of the features used in (B) and ©, including:
 - a. A description of the item.
 - b. Construction methods used.
 - c. Identification of commercial products used.
3. Schematic drawings as required in (D) and (E).

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4. The signed Record & Validation Form, showing that each of the above items are operational and meet all applicable NMRA standards.
5. Copy of your NMRA membership card.

Send your package to the Daylight Division AP Manager, Dave Grenier (send email for the mailing address), who will review your submission and forward it to Jack Burgess, PCR Achievement Program Manager.

The full requirements for this category are available on the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/electrical>. The Statement of Qualifications form may be downloaded in (PDF) or (DOC) formats. You can also get a copy of the requirements by contacting me, either by phone, e-mail, or letter.

Also look at the *Scale Rails*, August 2008 issue, page 10, for an informative article, complete with drawings and samples of what it takes to earn this certificate.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Achievement Program or Golden Spike Award, call me at (408) 431-8989 or e-mail me at

grenida@pacbell.net

Virtual AP Evaluations Now Available!

The Pacific Coast Region is now offering virtual evaluations for its members to meet the goals

and requirements of the Achievement Program to maintain social distancing guidelines. See the PCR website for complete [Virtual Judging & Evaluation](#) procedures.

For Virtual Evaluation for this certificate, you may do the following: In addition to the Statement of Qualifications form and associated paperwork described above, prepare photos sufficient to document the items you are demonstrating.

The photos can be taken with a smartphone camera. Ensure there is enough light to produce a good, focused image. Use uncluttered background; some modelers

set up a curved sheet of posterboard, pieces of foam core board, a drop cloth or bedsheet.

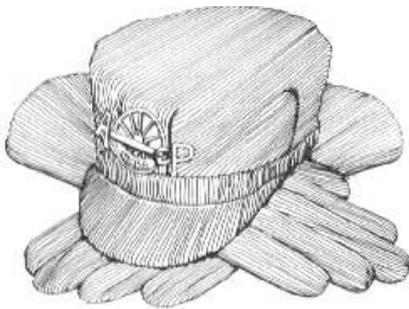
When these items are ready, contact the Daylight AP Manager, Dave Grenier, (408) 431-8989 or grenida@pacbell.net to arrange submission by mailing. Photos can be emailed or transferred using a cloud storage system. Your AP Manager and/or judges in your Division will review the submission and return a completed judging form to you.

A demonstration also can be done using a video conference call (such as Zoom, Facetime, Google Meet or other) with advance arrangements. Contact your Division's AP Manager, Dave Grenier.

Next installment: Model Railroad Engineer – Chief Dispatcher

Achievement Program Announcement!

Steve Lowe of Fresno demonstrated his familiarity with different areas of the hobby and earned the Golden Spike Award.



Daylight Division Membership Gauge

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Membership Missives

by Doug Wagner, Daylight Division Membership Manager



Due to processing all the refunds for the now cancelled Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 Pacific Coast Region Convention, that was to be held in Fresno, April 22-24, taking all my spare time, there will be *no Membership Missives* or *The Further Adventures Of Doug's Layout* articles in this issue of the *Observation*.

Yes, I know, I was just as disappointed as you were! But don't fret, they will return in the next issue of the *Observation!* 🚂



Welcome to Santa Clara, California - VIRTUALLY!

From the PCR Web Site

While we were saddened to cancel the live in-person convention we were all looking forward to, the members of the Pacific Coast Region are pleased to announce that planning for a substitute multi-day video virtual event is well underway.

Scheduled to run from Tuesday, July 6 through Saturday, July 10, 2021, this five-day event will mix live and recorded events, including, but not limited to:

- Video Clinics
- Video Layout Tours
- Virtual Operating Sessions
- Q&A Sessions
- Layout Owners Panels
- Prototype Tours
- Meetings
- Slack channels, or breakout rooms, for live post-presentation discussions

Each convention day will run from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Pacific Daylight Time. Most content will be recorded and available for playback for a period of two weeks after the original live presentation. A dedicated team of volunteers is working to make this a great convention, all for a cost of just \$49.00.

The committee expects to cooperate with the successful NMRAX virtual meeting team.

The planning committee draws members from 21st Century Limited, a California nonprofit corporation that successfully ran NMRA's highly regarded San Jose 2000 and Sacramento 2011 national conventions, as well as local modelers and operators. Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. is also a co-sponsor of RAILS by the Bay.

More detailed information is expected to be released by April 2021. 🚂

Convention Shirts



Convention shirts are still available from Daylight Sales. Go to their web site at <https://www.daylightsales.net/product-category/pcr-2021/>

Robert Pethoud models our convention shirt.

Convention Cars



Pre-production sample shown - Production version will have one crate.

A limited number of convention cars are still available and may be ordered on the website at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2021/store.html>
 Cost is \$30.00 each (includes sales tax), plus \$10.00 shipping. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Keynote Speaker - Mike Osborne

by Tom Sciarra



The PCR's Keynote Speaker for 2021 is Mike Osborne, currently employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, working all over the Southern California area, including the entire LA Basin and from Fresno to Yuma, Owens Valley to Calexico to San Luis Obispo. Mike has been an active model railroader since 1964 and is a 42 year veteran of the railroad, virtually spending his entire adult life working as a Brakeman in the Los Angeles Division for both the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads.

Mike will take you back in time to 1980 on a 172 mile night-time trip as a new brakeman aboard Southern Pacific's LABRF, from Los Angeles to Bakersfield Yard. Starting at Taylor Yard and LATC, you will journey across the San Fernando Valley, up Soledad Canyon, through the Mojave Desert, up and down the famous Tehachapi mountains to Bakersfield.

Mike will describe the night trip in detail, pointing out the duties of the head brakeman. The sights and sounds of the trip, the herders, interlockings, train orders, dispatchers and other events along the way will be a part of this fascinating journey. 🚂

Letter to Convention Registrants

by Bill Scott, Convention Co-Chairman

Dear Sugar Pine Centennial registrant.

I am heartbroken to have to tell you we have canceled the 2021 PCR convention, Sugar Pine Centennial. There were a handful of us who tried to keep it open, but the obstacles were too large and numerous to overcome. Several layout hosts felt unsafe having so many people in their homes. Many of you come to conventions mainly for that purpose. We may have had to limit clinics to a hand full of people in each room,(how would we do that?). The hotel would provide no food service. We were going to use an outside caterer for the banquet, but we could also have had to limit the number of people in the banquet. No hotel food service meant no breakfast, lunch, or dinner we would all have to go somewhere else. There are no eat-in restaurants, inside of five miles from the hotel, that are open. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner would all be drive thru fast food in your car. We did have a Hobo breakfast site with trains, and the owner has been defying county close orders for months, but there is no guaranty he would still be open, and it is 9 miles away. Also, the PCR board is recommending we cancel. The China virus knocked us down and started kicking till we cried uncle. We did consider keeping YMSPRR and Hillcrest open, but they were not meant to make a profit, just cover cost. If just a small number canceled we would be stuck with a large financial loss.

I've been attending PCR conventions for 40 years and only missed a few. I know the vast majority of you and consider all of you close friends. As co-chair of Sugar Pine Centennial, I feel I have let all of you down. It breaks my heart that we won't be able to go to dinner or share stories in the contest room. I'm especially sad for those who won the cab rides and other drawings, I have no way to make up for that.

We are going to put together a ZOOM convention. Right now, it's scheduled for Saturday April 24th. The group putting the NMRA national ZOOM convention have offered to help produce ours. We will have clinics, video layout tours, a meet the modeler session for contest entries, Mike Osborne will give the presentation he planned for the banquet, and possibly some forums. I hope to see you there. Our web site will keep you updated.

We are planning the refunds and will send them out soon. There will be some choices and we ask that you respond so we can process your refund quickly. If you bought a convention car and you still want it, we will deduct that and shipping costs from your refund and mail it to you. Along with the refund for your registration to Sugar Pine Centennial, the convention committee is returning payment for the convention's distinctive polo shirt. Don't lose heart, though, since the shirts are available from their manufacturer, Daylight Sales in Sacramento. All you have to do to order one is to visit www.daylightsales.net and scroll down the Product Categories column on the left side of the home page. Clicking on "PCR 2021" will bring up the handsome shirt with its unique embroidered logo. You will have a choice of "polo" or "ladies polo" versions in sizes from Small (or ladies' Extra Small) to 5XL. We will also refund for tables and excursions. We are going to have some cost's that will still need to be paid. And we will have costs for the virtual convention. I want to ask those of you who can afford it, to donate all or part of your registration to cover the costs. Any excess will be turned over to PCR and Daylight Division. Please respond with your choices or any questions to Sugar Pine Centennial 2021 Registrar, Doug Wagner, at carlw@aol.com.

Sincerely
Bill Scott
Grumpy



In Memoriam		
Member	City	Joined PCR
Galen Casey	Clovis CA	1/1/1978

Virtual Convention Schedule (Tentative - Check website for changes)

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTERS	"CLINIC GOES ON" BREAKOUT IN MAIN HALL
8:00	Zoom Webinar Opens		Enter Here
8:30-8:40	WELCOME	Walter Mizuno Bill Scott Co-Chairs	
8:40-9:40	Basics of American Steam Locomotives	Robert Pethoud	9:40-10:10
9:50-12:00	Virtual Layout Tours and Layout Owners Live Panel Q&A First Door Prize Drawing - \$25.00 (Winner must be on-line to claim prize)	Rob Briney, Jim Neill, Bob Jakl, Glenn Sutherland	12:00-12:20
12:00-12:30	Lunch Break		
12:30-1:30	Madera Sugar Pine Railroad	Scott McGhee	1:30-2:00
1:40-2:40	The Pains and Pleasures of Prototype Modeling	Jeff Johnston	2:40-3:10
2:50-3:50	Meet the Modeler	Various	3:50-4:20
4:00-5:00	Focus Stacking & Low Perspective Smartphone Photography 2nd Door Prize Drawing - \$50.00 (Winner must be on-line to claim prize)	Ed Merrin	5:00-5:30
5:00-5:40	DINNER BREAK		
5:40-6:50	Keynote: A Young Brakeman's Journey on SP's LABRE	Mike Osborne	6:50-7:20
7:00-7:20	PCR Awards Presentation Grand Door Prize Drawing - \$100.00 (Winner must be on-line to claim prize)	Bill Scott Walter Mizuno Co-Chairs	
7:20-8:20	Modeling the Hetch Hetchy in Black and White	Steve Redeker	8:20-8:50
8:30-9:30	The Sunset Railway and McKittrick Branch - Now & Then	Doug Wagner	9:30-10:00
9:30	Sign-off / Thank You!	Bill Scott Walter Mizuno Co-Chairs	

Then & Now

Boy things change, and how!

A little history on Chuck Harmon's layout. The photos on the left were taken during the PCR Convention in 2008, while those on the right were taken in 2021. This shows the "progress" that has been made on the San Joaquin Central in the last 13 years. I suppose the MR's in the photos have changed a little, too!



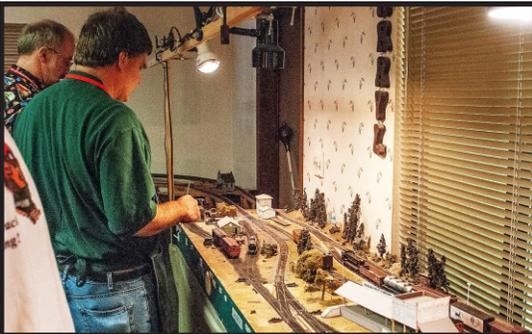
Jim Providenza at Jaynestown, 2008

Jaynestown now



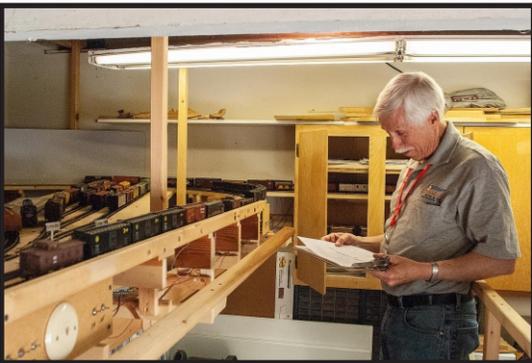
Unknown person at Roseville, 2008

Roseville now



Mark Schutzer at West Darryl, 2008

Looking west at Darryl, 2021



Tony Thompson contemplates the switching instructions at Truckee, 2008

Truckee, 2021. (No known prototype for the cupboard storage yard.)



Bill Kaufman at Truckee yardmaster position, 2008

Truckee Yard in 2021



CANCELED • April 3, 2021 - 16th Annual Pacific Model Loggers' Congress, Camp 18 Restaurant and Museum, U.S. Highway 26, Elsie, Oregon

April 11, 2021 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Spring Open House and Swap Meet, Black Diamond Lines Model Railroad Club, 425 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch, CA.

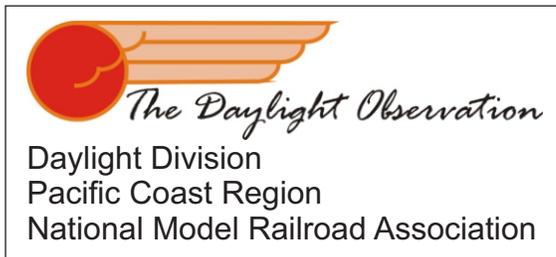
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