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Upcoming Events

- 2004
- Mar 9 SLOMRC Club Meeting @ Terry's 7 pm
- Mar 13 Winterail in Stockton, CA
- Apr 13 SLOMRC Club Meeting @ Terry's 7 pm
- Apr 16-17 WP 2004 Convention in Reno, NV
- Apr 29-May 2 PCR 2004 Convention in Napa, CA
- May 22 Daylight Division PCR Meet in San Luis Obispo, CA
- June 24-27 Santa FE 2004 Convention in Wichita, KS
- July 4-11 NMRA 2004 Convention in Seattle, WA
- July 28-31 UP 2004 Convention in Ogden, UT
- Aug 14 Daylight Division PCR Meet in Santa Barbara
- Sep 1 -4 24th Na Ga Convention in Santa Clara
- Sep 15-19 PSR 2004 Convention in Glendale, CA
- Oct 1-3 SLOMRC 15th Annual Train Show @ Vets Hall in SLO
- Oct 7-10 SP 2004 Convention in Tempe, AZ
- Nov ? Daylight Division PCR Meet in Merced

Introduction to List of Railfan or Modeling Activity in Arizona, California & Nevada

By Terry N. Taylor

Following is a list of all the railfan or modeling activity that we currently know of in the states of Arizona, California & Nevada for the next several years. There are well over 400 activities listed with quite a few activities for just the next two months alone and somewhere over 350 organizations and prototype websites listed with contact points. This listing is now over 60 pages. Quite a difference a couple of years makes and the emails are still coming in with updates and new listings.

If you will look at the index in the lower left corner of this page, you may be able to access the information you are interested in faster as it will tell what page # to look for to in order to determine the contact points for any type of organization or time period. Naturally you can use the pdf find function for any organization, location, phone area code or individual name if that will help. To simplify the skimming for data, colors have used for key points. If you are interested in **the area, the town and state are in red**; for the organization name, look for green; for the event name, look for bold black; and for the email address and website, look for blue. Hope this helps.

If you know of a rail oriented organization or activity in either AZ, CA or NV that is not listed (and we are sure that many are not yet listed), please let us know and we will add them in next months listing. If you know of a change to a listing, please also let us know (at terryntaylor@charter.net) as people do move or change their email servers quite often these days. We hope that this information continues to be of use to you.

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On 1 March (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 6 March, the **Orange Empire Railway Museum** will hold their **Spring Railroadiana Swap Meet, Annual Meeting & Member's Day** at 2201 South "A" St. in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215) from 9 am to 5 pm. Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 free. For more information, either phone them at 909-657-2605 (recorded information) or (909) 943-3020 (live), email them at info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/>.

On 6 March, the **Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) of the NMRA** will hold their **Midyear Board Of Directors Meeting** at the Glendale Hilton Hotel in **Glendale, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html> or contact

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either the Secretary (David Irick) at 623-435-8534 dllirick@qwest.net or the Webmaster (Dick Greatorex) at 602-971-6263 dickg@getnet.net

On 6 March, the **Arizona Train-O-Rama** will be held at the North Phoenix Baptist Church on 5757 N. Central Ave. in **Phoenix, AZ** from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$5.00 at the Door. Tables are \$20.00. For more information, contact Michael Brill at 480-998-3706 njtoaz@aol.com

On 6-7 March, the **Portola RR Museum** in **Portola, CA** will hold a **Work Weekend** on the Silver Debris lounge (* Complete insulation.* Install plumbing for sink.* Install new windows.* Drywall.) and Shower Car (* Install new windows.) Hopefully work can continue on the deck and ramp at this point also. They need able hands to make sure all this gets completed by opening of Operating Season. Contact Eugene John Vicknair at tsry@aol.com or go their website at www.wplives.org for more details.

On 7 March, the **Pacific Coast Region Coast Division's Quarterly Meet** will be held starting at 9:30 am at Buchser Middle School in **Santa Clara, CA** (1111 Bellomy St.). There will be at least two clinics, a roundtable for discussion of any topic brought up moderated by Dave Connery, an auction, and door prizes. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. For more information, either go to their website at http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/meeting_dates_for_2003.htm or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast>, check with either Jim Long at 510-651-3467 JimCLong@aol.com or Rod Smith at 510-657-3362 [\[zer@aol.com\]\(mailto:zer@aol.com\)](mailto:Railgee-</p>
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On 7 March, the **2004 Prototype Modelers Meet** will be in **Monrovia, CA** from 9 am to 6 pm at the (tentative) Holiday Inn on Huntington Drive (Exit off I-210). For pre-registration, contact Martin Lofton of Sunshine Models P.O. Box 4997, Springfield, MO 65808-4997. For more details email Ted Culotta at tculotta@speedwitch.com

On 7 March, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 13 March, the **Friends of the Sierra RR (FSR)** will hold their annual meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall (2nd floor) in **Tuolumne, CA** starting at 10 am. It is right across the park from the Memorial Hall. For more details, please contact Dick Southern at 209-928-3848 southern@lodelink.com

On 13 March, the monthly **Calrail-fans Gathering** will be a **Calrail-fans Winterail 2004 Dinner** to be held at Tio Pepe's in **Stockton, CA** during the Winterail dinner break.



Line Art

Many of the line art items used in this newsletter are courtesy of Ken Houghton Rail Images or came from www.rhhistorical.com.

SLOMRC Membership Information

By Terry N Taylor

We have two basic memberships, Regular (anybody) and Student (full time under 23 years old). Regular members pay a \$20 initiation fee plus \$10 per quarter dues while Student members pay the \$20 initiation fee but only \$5 per quarter dues.

All dues are due on the first day of January, April, July, and October. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at locations to be announced.

If you would like to become a member, please either come to a general meeting; or complete the form below and mail it with your initiation fee and first quarter dues to: **SLOMRC / P. O. Box 4547 / San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-4547**. For more information; either write to the address above, phone the treasurer, Jim Jonte at 805-544-6333 or email the secretary, Terry Taylor at terryntaylor@charter.net.

Name _____	Age _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____
Email Address _____	Type of Membership _____ Date _____

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Contact either David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

On 13 March, the **26th Annual Multi-Media Slide and Railroadiana Show** known as **Winterail 2004** will be at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple on 33 West Alpine Drive in **Stockton, CA** from 9 am to 10 pm. The Train Show portion will run from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$5. Contact Vic Neves at winterail@attbi.com, Ken Meeker at 209-943-0913 or go to their website at <http://altamontpress.com/winterail/2004.html> for more details.

On 13 March, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout** meet at Nelson Rath's home in **El Cajon, CA** starting at noon. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 13 March, the **"In the Heat" Railroad Swap Meet** will be held at the North Phoenix Baptist Church on 5757 N. Central Ave. in **Phoenix, AZ** from 9 am to 2 pm, Admission is \$5.00 at the Door. Tables are \$20.00. For more information, phone them at 602-336-0973.

On 13 March, the **Arizona Division of the PSR** will hold their **Spring Meet** at the First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix on 3100 Camelback Rd. in **Phoenix, AZ** from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/azdiv/azdiv.html> or contact either Ken Rhoads at 602-866-9129 kennyrhoads@hotmail.com or Rick Wheeler at 520-818-1547 elisarick@teleport.com.

On 13 & 20 March, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: When The West Was Wild** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com

On 13-14 March (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HO_{n3}) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 13-14 March, the **Tehachapi Loop RR Club** will hold their **Farewell To Winter Xtravaganza** at the Veterans' Memorial Bldg. (125 "F" St.) in **Tehachapi, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 4 pm on Sunday. Free Admission. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/> or Geoff Drought at either 661-813-1319 or 661-301-5444 geoffpeggy@cybersurfers.net

On 13-14 March, the **Los Angeles Division of PSR** will hold their **Model Train Show** in the Descanso Gardens on 1418 Descanso Dr. in **La Cañada Flintridge, CA** from 10 am to 4 pm. The Garden fees are: Adults \$6, students and seniors \$4, kids (5-12) \$1.50, under 5 free. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/ladiv/ladiv.html> or contact Mary Barstow at 310-377-9762 vpacific@earthlink.net.

On 13-14 March, the **Woodland Modular RR Club** will have their **18th Annual March Show and Sale** at the County Fair Mall on the corner of Gibson Rd & East St. in **Woodland, CA** (off Hwy #16, near Hwy #5 Junction) from 10 am to 7 pm on Saturday and 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday. Free admission and parking. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.geocities.com/wmrrclub/> email them at wmrrclub@yahoo.com contact Fred Delevati at 530-666-4022 fdelevati@aol.com Randy Jull at 530-666-2252 or Dave Tallha at tallha@1stpacific.org

On 14 March, the **Sunshine Modelers Meet** will be in **Pleasanton, CA**. For pre-registration, contact Martin Lofton of Sunshine Models P.O. Box 4997, Springfield, MO 65808-4997. For more details email Ted Culotta at tculotta@speedwitch.com

On 20 March, the **Sahuaro Central RR Heritage Preservation Society** will hold a Swap Meet at 22822 N. 42nd Ave. in **Phoenix, AZ** from 10 to 2 pm. Adults \$4; children free w/adult. For more information, contact Dean M. Palmer at 623-776-2279 deansacmaro@aol.com

On 20 March, the **Sacramento Model RR Historical Society, Inc.** (Home of the **Sierra Central RR** modeled in HO scale, standard and narrow gauge layouts) will be hosting an **Open House** from 10 am to 4 pm in the Northern part of **Sacramento, CA** in a community known as Del Paso Heights. The Club is on the southwest corner of Grand and Pinell Street - which is just off of Interstate-80. Go see what's going on with the standard gauge construction project and the narrow gauge line will be operating, not just running trains. A donation will be requested at the door (suggested \$3/adult) -- proceeds are invested in the continued expansion of their layouts. For more details, either go to their web site at <http://www.smrhs.com>, mail them at 1990 Grand Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838, phone them at 916-927-3618 or contact Dave Megeath at 916-927-3618 dmegeath@comcast.net

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On 20-21 March, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Pomona, CA** at the Fairplex (White Avenue & McKinley Ave) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 20-21 March, the **Pacific Coast Region Coast Division** is sponsoring a layout tour weekend. The tour will include layouts in **Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties** on Saturday, March 20th and layouts in **San Mateo and San Francisco Counties** on Sunday, March 21st. The list of layouts and maps to the locations will be available at the March 7 Coast Division Meet. The meet will be at Buscher Middle School, 111 Bellamy Dr., **Santa Clara, CA**. The maps will be available to all PCR members. For more information, either go to their website at http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/meeting_dates_for_2003.htm or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast>, check with either Jim Long at 510-651-3467 JimCLong@aol.com or Rod Smith at 510-657-3362 Railgeez@aol.com

On 20-21 March, the **Santa Clara River Valley RR Historical Society, Inc** & the **Fillmore & Western Railway** present **Railfest 2004** their 9th annual Rail Festival at Central Park in **Fillmore, CA** from 9 am to 5 pm. This year the theme will be **Cabooses on Parade**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.scrvrhs.com/>, their website at http://www.fwry.com/railfest_2004/railfest2004.html, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact any of the following Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com, Pat Askren at paskren@ci.fillmore.ca.us, Rick Swanson (SCRVRHS Public Relations & Festival Chairman) at 805-492-5921 rick@scrvrhs.com, Dennis Hanley at dennis@scrvrhs.com or Patrick Malone at patmalon@west.net

On 21 March, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 26-28 March, the **Northern California Division of the Toy Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will sponsor the **2004 Cal-Stewart Spring Meet** at the Santa Clara Convention Center on 5101 Great American Parkway in **Santa Clara, CA**. The three day event features: full course Friday night buffet and cocktails, special exhibits, working layouts, raffles, an ongoing auction and ample opportunity to buy/sell trains and related merchandise. The event is open to the public on Sundays for a nominal \$5.00 entry fee (children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission). For more information, go to their website at www.norcaltca.com/pages/calstew.htm

On 26-28 March, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at the **2004 Cal-Stewart Spring Meet Northern California Division-Toy Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (www.norcaltca.com/pages/calstew.htm) located at the Santa Clara Convention Center on 5101 Great American Parkway in **Santa Clara, CA** which will be open to the public on Sunday only. The operating HO scale layout will have rolling stock from various European Railroads with hills, bridges, tunnels, forests, automatic signal control system and operating overhead catenary are just some of the features. Train control uses the latest state of the art technology allowing DCC, AC Digital, DC analog and AC analog all on the same layout! For more details go to their website at <http://www.ete.org> or

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Pacific Coast Region / National Model Railroad Association

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ NMRA # (if a member): _____
 FAMILY MEMBER NAME (s): _____

I want to become a member of the National Model Railroad Association and the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA. I have checked below the type of membership I desire and have enclosed the proper amount in a check payable to: PCR-NMRA. I understand that membership in the Pacific Coast Region requires membership in the NMRA.

- PCR and NMRA for one year \$51.00
 PCR and NMRA for five years \$240.00
 PCR \$6 and NMRA \$23 Affiliate at \$29.00 (No Bulletin)
 PCR and NMRA YOUTH at \$36.00
- PCR only (requires NMRA membership # above) \$6.00
 PCR only - five years (requires NMRA # above for 5 yrs or life) at \$25.00
 PCR Family at \$1.00 (Must have Regular PCR member as sponsor)
 Check here if this is a renewal. PCR # _____

Life Memberships in both the NMRA and PCR are available. Contact the NMRA Home Office for NMRA actuarial Life quote and the PCR Member Services Chairman for PCR actuarial Life quote. Send Application form and remittance to: PCR Member Services, 530 Fig Tree Lane, Martinez, CA 94553. Allow 3-6 weeks for processing.

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email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

On 17 April, the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **Riverbank, CA** in the morning and at **Escalon, CA** in the afternoon. Contact either David Epling at cctrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

On 27 March, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 27 March, the **Los Angeles Division of PSR** will hold their **50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet** at Fire Station 27 & LA Fire Museum on 1355 N. Cahuenga in **Hollywood, CA**. Cost is \$25 by March 1st or \$30 afterwards. For more details and reservations please contact Mary Barstow at 310-377-9762 pvpacific@earthlink.net.

On 27 March, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Mission Implausible (60s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com

On 27-28 March, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)**

will be held in **Phoenix, AZ** at the Arizona State Fairgrounds on 1826 West McDowell Rd from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 27-28 March, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 28 March (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

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On 3 April, the **Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold their **Meet** at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall Local #525 on 760 N. Lamb Blvd in **Las Vegas, NV** from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is Adults... \$4.00; Families...\$5.00; Members, children 16 & under, active military...FREE; LCCA, TCA, TTOS, PSR, NMRA members... \$2.00. For more information, contact Velaine & Bill Arndt at 702-558-2954 SilverStateDiv@aol.com or phone Bill Ness at 702-644-5003 djnnila@yahoo.com.

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Pacific Southwest Region / National Model Railroad Association

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ Email: _____ Primary Scale _____ Date of Birth: _____
 FAMILY MEMBER NAME (s): _____ Exp. Date _____ NMRA # (if a member): _____ PSR # _____ New _____ Renewal _____

I want to become a member of the National Model Railroad Association and the Pacific Southwest Region of the NMRA. I have checked below the type of membership I desire and have enclosed the proper amount in a check payable to: PSR-NMRA. I understand that membership in the Pacific Southwest Region requires membership in the NMRA.

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| <input type="radio"/> PSR and NMRA for one year Regular | \$52.00 | <input type="radio"/> PSR Regular only (requires NMRA membership # above) | \$7.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> PSR and NMRA for one year Youth (under 20) | \$32.00 | <input type="radio"/> PSR Youth only (requires NMRA membership # above) | \$2.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> PSR and NMRA Affiliate (No publications) | \$27.00 | <input type="radio"/> PSR Affiliate only (requires NMRA membership # above) | \$4.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> PSR and NMRA for one year Family | \$10.00 | <input type="radio"/> PSR Family only (requires NMRA membership # above) | \$1.00 |

Life Memberships in both the NMRA and PSR are available. Contact the NMRA Home Office for NMRA actuarial Life quote and the PSR Member Services Chairman for PSR actuarial Life quote. Send Application form and remittance to: PSR Member Services, Gary Robinson at 13928 Barrymore St., San Diego, CA 92129. Allow 3-6 weeks for processing.

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On 3 April, the **Cajon Division of the PSR** will hold a **Backyard Social** from 10 am to 3 pm at Lynn Austin's **Clover Valley Railroad Yard** on 5455 Plainview Ave in **Las Vegas, NV**. Free Admission. The event will also include a free swap meet (must bring your own table), door prizes, and demonstrations. Refreshments and a barbecue lunch will be available at minimal cost. For more information and a copy of the event flyer, visit their website at www.cajondiv.org under Events or contact either Jan Wescott 702-566-0856 wescvegas@cox.net or David Villeneuve at 760-242-3397 daveville@eee.org.

On 3 & 10 April, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Mission Implausible (60s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 3-4 April, the **Los Angeles Model RR Society** will hold an **Open House** for their **Great Lakes & Western RR** (HO Scale) with a **Swap Meet** starting Saturday at 7 am to 10:30 am at 14005 South Crenshaw Blvd. (from near the corner of Rosecrans & Crenshaw, go north of Rosecrans and then upstairs to Unit G.) in **Hawthorne, CA**. The Open House portion will be from 9 to 5 on Saturday and from 10 to 4 on Sunday. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lamrs.org>, email them at info.lamrs@verizon.net phone them at 310-675-3361 or phone Lloyd at 310 951-9097

On 4 April, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504

or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 4 April, there will be a **Train Show & Sale** at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds (100 Placerville Dr.) in **Placerville, CA** from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$2 donation with children under 12 free with an adult. For more information phone them at 530-626-3640.

On 4-18 April, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at the **Hiller Aviation Museum** (www.hiller.org) located on 601 Skyway Road in **San Carlos, CA** 94070 (650-654-0200) for the 2 week Spring Break. The operating HO scale layout will have rolling stock from various European Railroads with hills, bridges, tunnels, forests, automatic signal control system and operating overhead catenary are just some of the features. Train control uses the latest state of the art technology allowing DCC, AC Digital, DC analog and AC analog all on the same layout! For more details go to their website at <http://www.ete.org> or email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

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Starting April 5th?? and running through December 27th??, The **Golden State Model RR Museum** in **San Francisco, CA** will be open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 5. Saturdays are "free admission days" where members will be working on the layout and some trains may be running. Sundays will be an official "Run Day" with all three scales running. (O, HO and N) Admission is \$3.00 for adults \$2.00 for seniors and children under 12 (really young kids are free!) or a \$7.00 family charge (no matter how big the family!) They will also be open on most major holidays: Memorial Day May 26.

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San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum

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San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum Membership Application

Membership Levels: ___ \$36 Individual ___ \$60 Family ___ \$100 Sustaining
I would like to further help the museum by donating \$ _____

Complete form and mail with your check to: **San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum (SLORM)**
Post Office Box 13260, San Luis Obispo, 93406

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July 4th and Labor Day, September 1st. closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. 10,000 square feet of model railroading all under one roof! For more details contact Chuck Ciaccio at chuck44@att.net.

On 10 April (second Saturday in April), the **Pomona Valley Model RR Club** will hold their semi-annual **Swap Meet and Open House** in **Pomona, CA** (132 E. 1st Street). The swap meet is from 8 am to noon and the open house is from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.pvmrrc.org>, phone them at 909-865-7035, email them at pvmrrc@pvmrrc.org or contact Lindsay Smith at 909-599-0182 windsays@adelphia.net.

On 10 April, the **San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society** will hold an extensive audio-visual meet, mostly slides, starting at 10 am running until 4 or 5 pm at the Los Angeles Times Valley Plant Presentation Room in **Chatsworth, CA** (20000 Prairie St at Winnetka Av). The 'Society' is an informal group that has been meeting regularly since 1982 for the primary purpose of sharing railroad related audio-visuals, (and scuttlebutt and pizza). Priority has been on slides, and attendees have been invited to order individual copies of their choice from most of the presentations. You are welcome to show whatever: Slides, prints, videos, movies, etc., and allow duplication, or not, as you choose. You are also just as welcome to come and share nothing other than observation, enjoyment and, hopefully, the camaraderie of fellow railfans. Admission \$1 unless exhibiting. For more details contact Jerry Weisman at 310-657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net.

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On 15 April, the **NorthWestern Pacific RR (NWPRR) Historical Society** will be holding its **Quarterly Program** at the **Whistlestop** in **San Rafael, CA** with slides and video of the **NWP** in action. For more information; either go to their web-

site at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/>, write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Joe Osborn at ihko@aol.com Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at petewswitchpoint@comcast.net.

On 15-18 April, **Trains Unlimited Tours** has scheduled **The California Zephyr Returns** a special/planned charter train operating with up to eight (8) original California Zephyr cars from **Oakland, CA** to **Sparks, NV** and return in conjunction with the Western Pacific Historical Society Convention being held in Reno, NV. There will be additional excursions on the 16th and 17th while there. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004> or contact them at 530-836-1745, Fax: 530-836-1748 or email them at tut@PSLN.com or info@trainsunlimitedtours.com

On 16-17 April, The **2004 Western Pacific RR Historical Society 8th Annual Convention** will be held at the Holiday Inn on 1000 E. Sixth St in **Reno, NV**. This years theme will be The Fifth Subdivision & The Reno Branch - Historical Facts & Modeling Info. Registration starts Friday at 12:30 pm. For more details as they become available, contact either Frank Beavers the Chairman at 530-256-2141 wp751@digitalpath.net (P.O. Box 759 Westwood, CA 96137) Steve Hayes at 209-536-1847 hayeswp@hotmail.com or go to their website at <http://www.wprrhs.org/index.html>.

On 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25 April, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** (located at 250 Central Avenue in Central Park in **Fillmore, CA**) will host **All Aboard For Thomas The Tank Engine** with 25 minute rides from 9 am to 5 pm. Tickets are \$14 for age 1 and up. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/> or http://www.fwry.com/thomas_train/Web/Web%20page/body_fw_3.html, phone them at 1-800-773-8724, write their Business Office (805-524-2546) at 351 Santa Clara, Fillmore, CA 93015 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 17 April, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet**. This time it will be an Orange County Tour of 4 layouts and they will meet at Mimi's Cafe just off of SR78 in **Oceanside, CA** at 8 am instead of the normal noon-time. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 17 April, the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **Te-hachapi, CA**. Contact either David Epling at crrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

On 17 April, the **Cajon and San Diego Divisions of the PSR**

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will jointly sponsor an **Orange County Home Layout Tour** for NMRA members, their families and guests only starting at 10 am at 22372 Canaveras in **Mission Viejo, CA**. For more information and a copy of the event flyer, visit their website at www.cajondiv.org under Events or contact either Bob Chaparro at 949-770-5158 chiefbobbb@cox.net, Jan Wescott 702-566-0856 wescvegas@cox.net or David Villeneuve at 760-242-3397 daveville@eee.org.

On 17-18 April, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 17-18 April, the **South Bay Historical RR Society (SBHRS)** will hold their **Spring Open House & Model RR Show** in the historic Santa Clara (Caltrain) Depot in **Santa Clara, CA** (1005 Railroad Ave.) from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sbhrrs.org>, email them at info@sbhrrs.org, phone them at 408-243-3969 or contact Joe Hoffmann at johoff@ix.netcom.com.

On 18 April, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

From 22 April to 6 May, **Trains Unlimited Tours** has scheduled **The Great Canadian Rail Adventure** starting and ending in **Seattle, WA** of Canadian Pacific mainline steam through the Rockies! The Silver Solarium will be "bringing up the markers" as part of a private charter train pulled by Canadian Pacific No. 2816, a recently restored Hudson 4-6-4 steam locomotive and head westbound on the mainline towards the Canadian Rockies. For these four days, the special CP excursion will make way through the Canadian Rockies and Fraser River Canyon all the way to Vancouver, running only during daylight hours. There are side trips and events in each location as well. The four days of the trip with the 2816 include Day 1: Calgary to Banff/Lake Louise. Day 2: Banff/ Lake Louise to Revelstoke. Day 3: Revelstoke to Kamloops. Day 4: Kamloops to Vancouver. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004> or contact them at 530-836-1745, Fax: 530-836-1748 or email them at tut@PSLN.com or info@trainsunlimitedtours.com

On 24 April, the **17th Annual Logging Modeler's Conven-**

tion (sometimes referred to as the **Westside Lumber Company Reunion and Modelers Convention**) will be held at the Elks Lodge on 100 E Elk Drive in **Sonora, CA** starting at 9 am. Admission price for the all day event is \$20.00 per person. Proceeds from this event are used to preserve and restore historic logging equipment stored at the **Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Rail Road** at Fish Camp, California. For more details, either write them at West Side Reunion / P. O. Box 117 / Fish Camp, California 93623-0117, phone them at 559-683-7764, Fax them at 559-658-5097, contact John Swiger at 559-683-7764 shayman@sierratel.com or shayman@sti.net or check their website at www.westsidereunion.com

On 24 April, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 24 April (?), the **Foothill Model RR Club** will hold their **Swap Meet** at the Sunland K-Mart Parking Lot on 8040 Foothill Blvd in **Sunland, CA** from 7 - 10:30 am. For more information, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

On 24-25 April, the **Orange Empire Railway Museum** will hold their annual **Open House (Rail Festival 2004)** at 2201 South "A" St. in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215). Admission is \$14 for adults/juniors, \$10 for ages 5-11, under 5 free. For more information, either phone them at 909-657-2605 (recorded information) or (909) 943-3020 (live), email them at info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/>

On 24, 25, & 27 April, the **Pasadena Model RR Club** will hold their **Spring Open House** at 5458 Alhambra Ave. in **Los Angeles, CA** (90032) from 1 to 5 pm and 7 to 10 pm on Saturday, from 1 to 5 pm on Sunday and from 7:30 pm to 10 pm on Tuesday. Donations at the door: Adults \$3.00, Children \$1.00 (Under 7 free when accompanied by an adult). Note: Cameras, video cameras and binoculars welcome. **ADA** accessible and they are Air Conditioned. For more details either contact them at 323-222-1718 Webmaster@pmrrc.org or go to their website at <http://www.pmrrc.org>.

On 25 April (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-

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9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861
drhurt@cox.net

From 28 April to May 2, the **Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society** and the **Redwood Empire Division of the Pacific Coast Region of NMRA** will host the **PCR's Napa Valley 04 Convention** at the Embassy Suites in **Napa, CA**. The convention car will be an 89' TrailerTrain flatcar loaded with Napa Pipe, ready to run except for couplers. Either contact Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com, Gus Campagna at 415-990-3777 gus@campagna.com, Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rplies@cox.net or go to their website at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/> for more details.

Sometime in April (?), another of **NMRA's Modeling With The Masters Seminars** will be held in **Sacramento, CA**. Contact Clark Kooning at ckooning@sympatico.ca for more details.

Sometime in April (?), there will be a **Locomotive Maintenance Clinic** at the **Portola RR Museum** in **Portola, CA** with the Board Meeting at 1 pm. Contact Eugene John Vicknair at tsry@aol.com or go their website at www.wplives.org for more details.

Sometime in April (?), the **San Luis Obispo RR Museum** will be holding their **Quarterly Public Meeting** at the Embassy Suites in **San Luis Obispo, CA** at 6 pm. For more information, you can either go to their website at <http://www.slorm.com/>, email them info@slorm.com, phone them at 805-461-3456 or contact any of the following: Brad LaRose (no email) 805-461-3456; Arnold Jonas at 805-541-0546 slotrains@charter.net; Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net; David Rohr at 805-481-1731 rohrdavid@aol.com; Bill Pyper at 805-544-1678 wjpyper@sbcglobal.net; John R. Marchetti at 805-541-9454 janddmarchetti@aol.com or Aron Kahn at 805-544-6531 studiog@etropolis.com.

Sometime in April (?), there will be a semi-annual **Swap Meet** starting at 8 am to noon at the **All Aboard Model RR Emporium** in **Torrance, CA** at 3867 Pacific Coast Highway. For more details, phone 310-791-2637.

Sometime in April (?), the **Cal Poly / Swanton Pacific RR** will be hosting their **11th Annual Al Smith Day** at the Swanton Pacific Ranch near **Swanton in Santa Cruz County, CA**. Train Rides/Tours of RR roundhouse/car barn will be from 10:30 to noon. The BBQ Lunch/comments will be from 12:30 to 2 pm and the Train Rides continue after lunch until approx. 4 pm. A casual Santa Maria Western style BBQ will be served/one soft drink provided with the meal Adults \$15.00 covers cost of BBQ & train rides. Children (8 yrs or younger) will be \$8.00 each \$15.00/child. For more info either go to their website at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~brae/swanton/sprs.html> or con-

tact E.J. Carnegie / BioRes & Ag Engineering Dept./Cal Poly/ San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 / email: ecarnegi@calpoly.edu
Phone: 805-995-3659

Sometime in April (?), the **Nevada Northern Railway Museum** in the city of **Ely in White Pine County, NV** will have its **Volunteer Train Days** to get ready for their 2004 schedule. For details, phone them at 1-866-40STEAM or 1-866-407-8326; email them at nnry@mwpower.net or check their web site at <http://nevadanorthernrailway.com>.

Also, sometime in April (?), the **Carolwood Pacific Historical Society** will be holding another one of their **Napa Wine Train Events**. Contact Michael Broggie at 805-498-2336 mbroggie@msn.com or go to their website at <http://www.carolwood.com/> for more details.

Sometime in April (?), the **South Coast RR Museum aka Goleta Depot** will hold the **2004 edition of the Easter Bunny Express** (12th Annual) from 11 am to 4 pm in **Goleta, CA**. For more information, either phone them at 805-964-3540, contact its Director Gary B. Coombs at director@goletadepot.org, its webmaster at webmaster@goletadepot.org, Bruce Morden at 805-684-8077 bdmorden@sbceo.org or go to the museum's web site at <http://www.goletadepot.org/>.

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On 1 May, the **Harvey Girl Historical Society at OREM** will hold their meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Town Hall at the **Orange Empire Railway Museum**, (2201 South "A" St.) in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215). For more details contact Lois Tate at 909-943-3020 info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/pages/Harveygirls.html>.

On 1 May, the **Fourth Annual "Choo Chew Saturday"** for the **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM)** will be at the **Bitter Creek Western RR** in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**. For more information, go to either of their web sites at <http://www.smvrhm.org/events.html> or <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, or contact any of the following: Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net; Dan Alves at aiim@juno.com; Dick Miniger at BoothR8@aol.com; Phil Goble at Phil.Pam@Prodigy.net; or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 1 May, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: The Love Train (70s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact

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On 1-2 May, the **City of Fullerton** and the **Fullerton Railway Plaza Association** will hold their **6th Annual Fullerton RR Days** at the AMTRAK station (124 E. Santa Fe Ave.) in Downtown **Fullerton, CA** from 9 am to 5 pm both days. Admission is free. This features trains from AMTRAK, BNSF, and others along with 12 Model RR displays, food, games, and entertainment. For more details, phone them at 714-278-0648, go to their websites at either http://www.scsra.org/current_calendar.html or www.trainweb.com/frpa/rddays or contact Fred Canfield at 714-871-8329 fcanfield@cfcircus.com

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On 8-9 May, the **Tehachapi Loop RR Club** will hold their **Spring Xtravaganza** at the Veterans' Memorial Bldg. (125 "F" St.) in **Tehachapi, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 4 pm on Sunday. Free Admission. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/> or contact Geoff Drought at either 661-813-1319 or 661-301-5444 geoffpeggy@cybersurfers.net

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On 15 May, the **NorthWestern Pacific RR Historical Society** will be holding its **NWPRRHS Annual Awards Dinner and Caboose 13 Reception** commemorating the completion of the caboose restoration (tentative), at Recreation Grove Park (tentative location) on Commercial Street in **Willits, CA** with tours of the Roots of Motive Power exhibits (tentative). Details are still being worked out, but for more information and reservation information, either email Bruce Evans at Evans@pacific.net or write him at P.O. Box 667, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. You can also either go to their website at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/> write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at petewswitchpoint@comcast.net but Bruce will have the most current information.

On 15 May, the **Santa Susana RR Historical Society** will

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hold their **Open House** (HO layout and N modules.) from 10 am to 4 pm at the Santa Susana Depot located at Santa Susana Park (Katherine Rd. Near Kuehner Dr. adjacent to and South of the railroad tracks, about 1 mile South of Los Angeles St.) in **Simi Valley, CA**. They will hold a **Swap Meet** in the Santa Susana City Park Pavilion from 7 to 11 am just west of the station corner. Admission is \$3. Refreshments will be available, trackside mainline train watching and they will be celebrating the 101st anniversary of their restored SP Depot which has a museum and 500 foot DCC HO train layout depicting the coast route. For more information, check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ssmrc/>, email their webmaster Joel A mromin at jamromin@socal.rr.com, contact Craig Malin at cmlin@earthlink.net or Richard Parshall at 805-526-0371 oltwntrn@pacbell.net.

On 15-16 May (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 15-16 May, the **Great Western Train Show (GWTS)** will be held in **San Rafael, CA** at the Marin Center (10 Ave Of The Flags) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 702-252-0334 for discount and details.

On 15-16 May, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 15-16 & 18 May, the **California Southern Model RR Club** (HO) will hold their **Open House** at 12140 E Firestone Blvd in **Norwalk, CA** (90650). On Saturday the 15th it will be from 10 am to 9 pm, on Sunday the 16th from noon to 6 pm and on Tuesday the 18th from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is free. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/calsomrr/>, phone them at 562-863-3156 or email them at calsomrr@horailroading.net.

On 16 May, the **21st Annual Allied Model Trains Auction** will be held at the Arcadia Masonic Center on 50 W. Duarte Rd. in **Arcadia, CA** (91007). Over 300 lots of trains in all scales, sold with no reserve. Free admission, free parking, refreshments available. Viewing starts at 9 am with the auction from 11 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their

web site at <http://www.alliedmodeltrains.com> or call them at 310-313-9353.

On 16 May, the **Redwood Empire Division of the Pacific Coast Region** will be holding their **Annual Meeting** at the **Vallejo Model RR Club** (Planned Operating session on the club's layout) at the Solano Co. Fairgrounds in **Vallejo, CA**. For more details, either contact Gus Campagna at 415-990-3777 gus@campagna.com, Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rlplies@cox.net or go to their website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/#projects>.

On 22 May, the **Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region** will be holding their **Quarterly Meet** in at Hilding Larson's house in **San Luis Obispo, CA** starting at 9 am. All are welcome. For more information, check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/daylight/events.htm> or contact either Doug Wagner at 661-589-0391 carldw@aol.com Terry Taylor at 805-595-9535 terryntaylor@charter.net or Hilding Larson at 805-543-1133 Hlarson@uphs.org.

On 22 May, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 22 May, the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **Eckley Park, CA**. Contact either David Epling at cctrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

On 22 May, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 22 & 29 May the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Cirque To Foul Play (50s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 22-23 May, the **Belmont Shore Model RR Club** (N Scale)

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is having an **Open House & Saturday Swap Meet** in Angels Gate Park (3601 South Gaffy Street / Building 824) in **San Pedro, CA** from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$1 per person (\$2 per family) and there will be a free swap meet on Saturday morning starting at 8 am. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.socaln.com/belmont/index.html>, phone them at 310-831-6262 on Tuesday Nights or contact Scott Schifer at schifer@pacbell.net

On 23 May, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 23 May (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

On 27-29 May, the **1/87 Vehicle Club** will hold their **2004 National Convention** at the Double Tree Hotel on 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in **Ontario, CA** (91764). The convention this year is being held in conjunction with the **American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) 2004 National Convention**. Their model show and awards banquet is being held in the same hotel hosting the **ATHS** group. This event presents an extraordinary opportunity to see the best of the 1/87 vehicle modeling world and over 1,200 antique and historic trucks on display at the **California Motor Speedway**. Your convention registration entitles you to complimentary shuttle bus service from the convention hotel to the speedway complex where the truck show is being held and admission to the truck show. For more information, either go to the convention website at http://www.1-87vehicles.org/Conventions/04_national_convention_ad.php, e-mail them at info@1-87vehicles.org, or contact either Joe D'Elia, Jr. (P.O. Box 2701, Carlsbad, CA 92018) at 760-721-3393 ppw-aline@worldnet.att.net or Bob Johnson at 408-394-7586 (Fax: 408-227-7765) bjohnson187@sbcglobal.net.

On the Memorial Day weekend of 28 May to 1 June there will be an **Private Car Service excursion** from **Oakland, CA** to **Seattle, WA** & Return. It will be limited to ten passengers and will

include four nights aboard a chartered railcar (the sleeper lounge Silver Iris), including two in Seattle. This trip will be priced at \$1000 per person, and the deadline will be April 1. The basics: Depart Oakland, Friday, May 28. Arrive Seattle, Saturday, May 29. Depart Seattle, Monday, May 31. Arrive Oakland, Tuesday, June 1. Meals and Beverages aboard (to and from Seattle) are included. For more information, either go to their web site www.privatecarservice.net or contact Roger Colton at 925-321-0023 pullman@privatecarservice.net

On 29 May, the **Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold their **Meet** at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall Local #525 on 760 N. Lamb Blvd in **Las Vegas, NV** from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is Adults... \$4.00; Families...\$5.00; Members, children 16 & under, active military...FREE; LCCA, TCA, TTOS, PSR, NMRA members... \$2.00. For more information, contact Velaine & Bill Arndt at 702-558-2954 SilverStateDiv@aol.com or phone Bill Ness at 702-644-5003 djnnila@yahoo.com.

On the Memorial Day weekend of 29-31 May, the **Los Angeles Live Steamers** will hold their **Spring Meet** at 5202 Zoo Drive in Griffin Park in **Los Angeles, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lals.org/> or contact Donald Frozina at booster@lals.org.

Sometime in May (?), the **Bay Area Prototype Modelers Meet (BAPM)** and the **CPMF04 Railfan BBQ** will be held in **Oakland, CA**. What started out as a group of railfans who decided to barbecue by the tracks (CP Magnolia - Mile Post 6.0, in Oakland) has evolved into the annual CP Maggie Fest! The event is now geared towards both the serious railfan and model railroader. Besides great food and company, CP MaggieFest offers something delectable to railfans and modelers alike - BBQing a few feet away from the tracks from 10 am at 95 Linden Street, Ste. 4 in Oakland. For more info, directions and photo albums visit the official CPMF2004 website at <http://www.geocities.com/crimlawhelp/cpmf.html> or email: espeeboy@yahoo.com - Ryan M. Martin

Sometime in May (?), the **San Luis Obispo RR Museum** and the **Bitter Creek Western RR** will hold the **Miniature Live Steam RR Spring Trainfest** in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**. For more information, you can phone the museum at 805-461-3456, email them at info@slorm.com check either of their websites at <http://www.slorm.com/> or <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org/events.html> or contact either Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

Sometime in May (?), the **Pacific Northwest Region (PNR - 4th Division)** (hosting) will hold their **spring convention (Cascade Crossings)** at the Hilton Bellevue in **Bellevue, WA** along side I-405. Bellevue has excellent access to the greater Seattle area. For more details contact Russ Segner at 14419 SE

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84th Street in Newcastle, WA 98059 or email him at either rsegner@qwest.net or k27fan@yahoo.com

Sometime in May (?), the **Central Coast Garden Railway Society** will have their **annual G scale flea market**: Buy, sell and trade at the old Hoffman egg ranch in **Atascadero, CA** at 2970 Ramona Rd. No fees for table or entrance of course. Phone Dick Wartena at 805-461-3101 or email him at wartena@tcsn.net for more information.

Sometime in May (?), there will be a **Model Train Exhibit at the 88th National Orange Show Festival** in **San Bernardino, CA**. This year's exhibit will include operating layouts, clubs and organizations. The Festival will have food, entertainment and amusement rides. Gate hours are from 1 pm to 10 pm on Thursday and Friday, and from 11 am to 10 pm, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and Free for children 12 and under. For general information, either phone them at 909-888-6788, or visit their Web site at <http://www.NationalOrangeShow.com> For Model Train Exhibit info, either phone Mike Bentley at 909-553-9947 or e-mail him at MBen100034@aol.com

Sometime in May (?), the **Carolwood Pacific Historical Society** is hosting a **Napa Valley Wine Train event**. For more information, either go to their website under the Call Board: www.carolwood.com or contact Michael Broggie at 805-498-2336 mbroggie@msn.com for details.

Sometime in May (?), the **Golden Gate Live Steamers** will hold their Open House in **Tilden Park** in the hills above **Berkeley, CA**. This event is open to the public and is a good time for any interested people to get up close and personal with those of us in the live steam hobby. There will be many operating steam engines, work in progress and static displays. For more information, either go to their web page at <http://www.ggls.org/>, email Ken Brunskill at steamtrout@comcast.net or Dave August at august@acmesi.com or contact Rick Zobelein at 1104 Vailwood Way, San Mateo CA 94403.

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On 3-6 June, the **Big Train Show** (G Scale) will be at the Queen Mary in **Long Beach, CA** with clinics and tours starting Thursday and the doors open to the public from 1 to 6 pm on Saturday and from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday. For more details, check their website at either <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/> or <http://www.modeltrainexpo.com/Schedule/Schedule.htm> write them at Big Train Show at 14252 Culver Dr., A-735, Irvine, CA 92604, phone them at 949-679-0616, or email them at contact@g-scale.com

On 5 June, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Cirque To Foul Play (50s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious

sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 6 June, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 6 June, the **Pacific Coast Region Coast Division's Quarterly Meet** will be held starting at 9:30 am at the California School for the Deaf in **Fremont, CA** (39350 Gallaudet Dr.). There will be at least two clinics, a roundtable for discussion of any topic brought up, an auction, and door prizes. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. For more information, either go to their website at http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/meeting_dates_for_2003.htm or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/>, check with either Jim Long at 510-651-3467 JLong@aol.com or Rod Smith at 510-657-3362 Railgeez@aol.com

On 6 June (?), the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding a **RR Swap Meet** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA**. Anyone wanting to obtain table space should contact Nick Frischhertz at 408-263-4210 nffjr@aol.com. Their website is <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/>.

On 7 June (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in Glendale, CA from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 6 & 8 June, the **Slim Gauge Guild Model RR Club** (Sn3 & HON3) will have **Open House** on Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm and on Tuesday from 6 to 10 pm at 300 S. Raymond Ave. (in the basement) across the street from the MTA's Gold Line Del Mar Station in **Pasadena, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://home.pacbell.net/smith/index.html>, call Brian Brooks at the Original Whistle Stop 626-796-7791, or contact Jeff Smith at 626-441-6272 smith@pacbell.net.

On 10-13 June, the **10th Annual Northwest Logging Modeler's (NWL) Convention "In The Woods 2004"** will be held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites at 1425 East 27th Street in

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Tacoma, WA 98421. Standard registration is \$40. Events will include visiting the Camp 6 Logging Museum, riding the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad or the Chehalis-Centralia line, modeling displays and contest, vendor booths, layout tours, clinics, 4L luau & more! The keynote speaker for Saturday night's awards banquet will be Ken Schmelzer, Master Modeler and author of "Wood & Iverson: Loggers of Tiger Mountain." For more details, contact J. Clark McAbee at 253-939-6450 after 7 pm PST, email him at jclark57@aol.com go to the website at <http://www.nwlm.org/> or write Northwest Logging Modelers Convention c/o J. Clark McAbee 336 7th Ave N. Algona, WA 98001.

On 11 June thru 4 July the **Short Track Crew** (N) will set up at the **Del Mar Fairgrounds** in **San Diego, CA**. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.pce.cc/> or email Paul Schmitt at flyers@inetworld.net.

On 12 June, the **Semi-Annual Calrailfans Gathering** will be at the Site of the Former BNSF Stockton Tower in **Stockton, CA**. Contact either David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. Michael states that they meet there every 6 months to have a potluck and watch any action and that it is a good time to compare stories, photos, and put names with faces. All are welcome to join.

On 12 June, the **Cajon Division of the PSR** will sponsor an **Inland Empire Layout Tour**. For more information, either visit their website at www.cajondiv.org under Events or contact Bob Chaparro at 949-770-5158 chiefbobbb@cox.net, Jan Wescott 702-566-0856 wescovegas@cox.net or David Ville-neuve at 760-242-3397 daveville@eee.org.

On 12 June, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 12 June, the **San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society** will hold an extensive audio-visual meet, mostly slides, starting at 10 am running until 4 or 5 pm at the Los Angeles Times Valley Plant Presentation Room in **Chatsworth, CA** (20000 Prairie St at Winnetka Av). The 'Society' is an informal group that has been meeting regularly since 1982 for the primary purpose of sharing railroad related audio-visuals, (and scuttlebutt and pizza). Priority has been on slides, and attendees have been invited to order individual copies of their choice from most of the presentations. You are welcome to show whatever: Slides, prints, videos, movies, etc., and allow duplication, or not, as you choose. You are also just as welcome to come and share nothing other than observation, enjoyment and,

hopefully, the camaraderie of fellow railfans. Admission \$1 unless exhibiting. For more details contact Jerry Weisman at 310-657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net.

On 12 June, the **Arizona Division of the PSR** will hold their **Summer Meet** at the St Vianney Catholic Church on 180 Soldier Pass Rd. in **West Sedona, AZ** from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/azdiv/azdiv.html> or email Duane Buck at buckgnry@npgcable.com or Rick Wheeler at 520-818-1547 elisarick@teleport.com

On 19 June, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 19 & 29 June, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: The Love Train (70s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 19-20 June, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 19-20 June (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HO₃) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 20 June, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.com>.

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railfan.net/ or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 20 June, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Father's Day Lunch Train** with a 2 and half hour ride through the scenic Heritage Valley. The train departs at 11 am and 2:30 pm from the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**. The cost is \$43 per adult, \$23 for ages 4 to 12 and \$7 for infant to 3 (ride only). You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 24-27 June, the **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society** will be holding their **25th annual convention** at the Wichita Marriott in **Wichita, KS**. The Convention theme is the Orient which was absorbed by AT&SF in 1928. They will have a host of super clinics, a barbeque at the train museum in downtown Wichita which is trackside for the line through Wichita and on display is ATSF 3768 a class of 1938 Northern and, if you desire, a day trackside at Matfield Green and Cassoday on the main line! Either contact Harlan Boyce at 316-682-2375 BoyceIII@worldnet.att.net or Norm Walters at 316-838-4179 Northern844@msn.com or check their website at <http://www.atsfrr.net/convention/info-Wichita.htm> for more details.

On 24-27 June, the **55th Annual Tuolumne Lumber Jubilee** will be held in **Tuolumne, CA**. Tuolumne Pete (kin to Paul Bunyan), hereby invites you to three glorious days of merriment and lumber education. Eat, drink, dance, & be merry to your heart's content. Relax in the balmy atmosphere of Pine, Fir, & Cedar. You won't be disappointed! Don't miss the Tug-of-War! By the way, Tuolumne is pronounced "Too-all-ah-me". For more information, contact Dick Southern at 209-928-3848 southern@lodelink.com, phone them at 800-266-6436, Email to Info@Lumber-Jubilee.com or check their website at <http://www.lumber-jubilee.com/>.

On 25 June to 11 July, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at the **Museum of the San Ramon Valley** (www.musuemsvr.org) on Railroad and Prospect Avenues in **Danville, CA** 94526 (925-837-3750). The operating HO scale layout will have rolling stock from various European Railroads with hills, bridges, tunnels, forests, automatic signal control system and operating overhead catenary are just some of the features. Train control uses the latest state of the art technology allowing DCC, AC Digital, DC analog and AC analog all on the same layout! For more details go to their website at <http://www.ete.org> or email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

On 26 June (?), the **Foothill Model RR Club** will hold their **Swap Meet** at the Sunland K-Mart Parking Lot on 8040 Foothill Blvd in **Sunland, CA** from 7 - 10:30 am. For more informa-

tion, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

On 27 June (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

Sometime in June (?), will be the **Never Come, Never Go** with the **Sierra Division Nevada County Narrow Gauge RR Celebration**. Tours, barbeque, train ride and more fun. For more details contact Dick Witzens at witzrr@cs.com

Sometime in June (?), the **Lompoc Valley RR Historical Society** will hold an **Open House** at their club house on 428 North I St. in **Lompoc, CA** from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday and from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday. For more details contact Wayne A s-bury at 805-736-0501 OboeEH@impulse.net.

Sometime in June (?), The **Great Pacific Railroadiana Show and Sale** will be in **Sacramento, CA** at the Scottish Rite Temple on 6151 H Street from 9 am till 3 pm.

Sometime in June (?), the **Golden Gate Live Steamers** will hold their **Spring Meet** in **Tilden Park** in the hills above **Berkeley, CA**. For more information, either go to their web page at <http://www.ggls.org/>, email Ken Brunskill at steamtrout@comcast.net or Dave August at august@acmesicom.com or contact Rick Zobelein at 1104 Vailwood Way, San Mateo CA 94403.

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On 2-5 July, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal **Annual**

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Fourth of July Run (& southbound Triennial Ramble). For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 2-8 July, **Trains Unlimited Tours** has scheduled **Domes to the Pacific Northwest** (NMRA Convention Specials) from **Oakland, CA** on 2 July to **Seattle, WA** 3 July to **Canada** on 4 July coupled to Amtrak's Talgo train. The NMRA has reserved 200 seats on this train today. They will offer a dome Class upgrade. This excursion is called **Domes to Canada with the NMRA Convention**. On 6 July will be Charter Amtrak train **Seattle to Cle Elum, WA** and return over Stampede Pass. This is the **Stampede Pass Rail Adventure**. On 7 July depart **Seattle** on the southbound **Coast Starlight** arriving in **Oakland** on 8 July. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004> or contact them at 530-836-1745, Fax: 530-836-1748 or email them at tut@PSLN.com or info@trainsunlimitedtours.com

On 3 & 17 July, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: When The West Was Wild** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 4 July, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 4 July, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Firecracker 2004 Dinner Train** with either a one hour daytime ride through the scenic Heritage Valley in the day time or a 2 and half hour at night that will return after the fireworks. The daytime train departs at 10:45 am, 12:15, 1:45 and 3:15 pm with a cost of \$15 per adult, \$8 for ages 4 to 12 and \$5 for infant to 3. The Dinner Train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns after the fireworks at approximately 9:45 pm The cost is \$69 per adult, \$39 for ages 4 to 12 and \$20 for infant to 3 (with meal). You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 4-11 July, the **Fourth Division of the Pacific Northwest Region** will be hosting the **2004 NMRA national convention (Puget Sound Express)** in **Seattle, WA**. The registrar is Dave Kreitler at 425-831-5131 registrar@nmra2004.org or rrnut@msn.com. For more information, either go to their web page at <http://www.nmra2004.org/index.htm> or contact Ed Lisse at either eelesse@aol.com or insidechair@nmra2004.org.

On 5 July (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrcc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 7-10 July, **San Diego Garden Railway Society (SDGRS)** will host the **Western Regional Garden Railway Meet** in **San Diego, CA** with the Final Festivities to be held at San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park. For more details either go to their website at <http://www.sdgrs.com/index.html>, go to <http://www.sandiegozoo.org> or contact Ron Drumheller at k3nxf@cox.net

On 10 July, the **Sacramento Model RR Historical Society, Inc.** (Home of the **Sierra Central RR** modeled in HO scale, standard and narrow gauge layouts) will be hosting an **Open House** from 9 am to 2 pm in the Northern part of **Sacramento, CA** in a community known as **Del Paso Heights**. The Club is on the southwest corner of Grand and Pinell Street - which is just off of Interstate-80. Go see what's going on with the standard gauge construction project and the narrow gauge line will be operating, not just running trains. A donation will be requested at the door (suggested \$3/adult) -- proceeds are invested in the continued expansion of their layouts. For more details, either go to their web site at <http://www.smrhs.com>, mail them at 1990 Grand Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838, phone them at 916-927-3618 or contact Dave Megeath at 916-927-3618 d.megeath@comcast.net

On 10 July, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 10-11 July (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a

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Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 10-14 July, the **National Association of S Gaugers, Inc. (NASG) 2004 NASG Western Regional Convention (Puget Sound 2004)** will be hosted by the **Northwest S Scalpers** at the La Quinta Inn of **Tacoma, WA**. Activities include a picnic at the Kitsap Live Steamers park, a day at **NMRA's National Train Show**, a Seattle harbor cruise with emphasis on **BNSF's** waterfront trackage, a charter ride on the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad with 2-8-2 power. A tour of CEECO--Coast Engine and Equipment Company--a diesel locomotive rebuilder. A charter ride on the **Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad** behind a geared locomotive (a choice between Climax or Shay at this time). The one day at the hotel they will have clinics and a swap meet. Since any NASG event must be designed for both scale modelers and American Flyer/hi-rail operators, they expect the National Train Show to be primarily of interest to S scalpers, and their own swap meet to cater to AF collectors. For more information, either go to their website at www.nasg.org, contact the **Northwest S Scalpers** by either emailing Bob Boring at Borore@aol.com or writing him at 13850 S.E. Richey Rd., Boring, OR 97009-9104 or contact Gil Hulin at ghulin@guardnet.com 3895 Colony Oaks Drive, Eugene, OR 97405.

On 15 July, the **San Francisco Cable Car Museum** will host the **42nd Annual Cable Car Bell-Ringing Contest** at noon at Union Square in **San Francisco, CA**. For more details contact Walter Rice at 805-544-6480 calcable@hotmail.com or go to their website at <http://www.cablecarmuseum.com/> or email them at holmngrendon@earthlink.net.

On 17 July, the **Cajon Division of the PSR** will hold their **Combination Meet & Swap Meet** in **Riverside, CA**. For more information, visit their website at www.cajondiv.org under Events or contact either Jan Wescott 702-566-0856 wescvegas@cox.net or David Villeneuve at 760-242-3397 daveville@eee.org.

On 17-18 July, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **San Mateo, CA** at the **San Mateo Expo Center** on 2495 South Delaware St. from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 17-18 July, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 17-18 July, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the**

European Train Enthusiasts (ETE) will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at the **Great American Train Show** (pending) (www.gats.com) at the **San Mateo Expo Center** on 2495 South Delaware St. in **San Mateo, CA** from 11 am to 5 pm on both days. The operating HO scale layout will have rolling stock from various European Railroads with hills, bridges, tunnels, forests, automatic signal control system and operating overhead catenary are just some of the features. Train control uses the latest state of the art technology allowing DCC, AC Digital, DC analog and AC analog all on the same layout! For more details go to their website at <http://www.ete.org> or email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

On 18 July, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 19 July, the **Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society** will hold their **Annual Business Meeting (Followed by their Board of Directors Meeting)** at their museum and archival library located on 5880 Labath Avenue in Rohnert **Park, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/> write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at pewswitchpoint@comcast.net

On 22-25 July, The **National Summer Steamup 2004** will be held at the Lions Gate Hotel in **McClelland (Suburban Sacramento), CA** featuring the **Pacific Coast Live Steamers** dual-gauge 32 mm/45 mm track that has been used the last three years at the National Summer Steamup. The track is elevated at a comfortable 42-inches off the floor, is 110 feet long and has 10-foot radius curves. The event will include clinics on small-scale live steam techniques, an exhibit of small-scale live steam products, as well as door prizes and other entertainment. Live steamers from around the world will enjoy 45 mm (Gauge One) and 32 mm (Gauge O) live steam operation of small-scale locomotives. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.steamevents.com>, write them at Steam Events LLC, 10321 Northvale Road, Los Angeles, CA 90064 or contact Dave Cole at 415-794-4800 steamup@summersteamup.com

On 24 July, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's

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Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 24 July, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Bugle Boys Murder (of Company C) (40s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 24-25 July, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Las Vegas, NV** at the Cashman Center on 650 Las Vegas Blvd North from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 25 July (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society 834**

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falling from a rock waterfall. There is also in a 100' x 200' foot arena, an authentic miniature frontier town containing thirteen buildings that graces the wooden boardwalk taking one back into the great Mother Lode atmosphere of American Heritage. For more information; either go to their website at <http://amadorcountyfair.com> or contact them at 209-245-6921 amadorfair@volcano.net

Sometime in July (?), the **NorthWestern Pacific RR (NWPRR) Historical Society** will be holding its **Quarterly Program** at the **Whistlestop** in **San Rafael, CA** with slides and video of the **NWP** in action. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/>, write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Joe Osborn at inko@aol.com Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at petewswitchpoint@comcast.net.

Sometime in July (?), the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **xx, CA**. Contact either David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

Sometime in July (?), will be the **24th Annual Mooning of Amtrak** for all day Saturday at **Laguna Niguel in Orange County, CA**. For more details go to <http://www.moonamtrak.org>.

Sometime in July (?), the **South Coast RR Museum aka Goleta Depot** will have its **18th Annual Steaming Summer** with a live steam event in **Goleta, CA** at the depot from 11 am to 4 pm where the museum invites owners of miniature live-steam locomotives to take part in a special weekend public event called "Another Steaming Summer." For more information, either phone them at 805-964-3540, contact its Director Gary B. Coombs at director@goletadepot.org, its webmaster at webmaster@goletadepot.org, Bruce Morden at 805-684-8077 bdmorden@sbceo.org or go to the museum's web site at <http://www.goletadepot.org/>.

Sometime in July (?), the **Golden Gate RR Museum** will sponsor the **Gilroy Garlic Train** from **San Francisco to Gilroy, CA** and back. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ggrm.org/>, phone them at 415-822-8728 or email them at info@ggrm.org.

Sometime in July (?), the **Carson & Mills Park (C&MP) RR** operated by the **Carson City RR Association** in Mills Park, **Carson City, NV** will support the **Silver Dollar Car Classic** running the same hours as that event. For more information, either check out their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ccra>, phone them at 775-887-2523, or email them at cmpr@hotm.com.

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On 30 July - 10 August, the **Gold Coast Modular RR Club (HO)** will be set up at the Ventura County Fair (at the Seaside Park on 10 W. Harbor Blvd., in **Ventura, CA**) in the Gem & Mineral Building. Hours of operation during the Fair are from 10 am to 10 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.gcmrc.com/>, contact Jerry Mittelholz at 805-525-5136 mittelj@vcss.k12.ca.us, Nick Leddo at LeddoNick@aol.com or David Minkin at dddave@QuixNet.net

On 1 August, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com

On 2 August (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 3-7 August, the **Central California Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold their **2004 national convention: Train-Meet Celebrating 20 years At Yosemite's Door in 04** starting at 9:45 am at the Fresno Convention Center / Radisson Hotel (Ventura Ave & M St) in **Fresno, CA**. For more information, either write them at TTOS Cen Cal / P.O. Box 151 / Madera, CA 93639, go to their website at ??? or contact either Tony Tesoriere at 559-584-7664 lutesori@lemoorenet.com or

On 7 & 21 August, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Mission Implausible (60s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 7-8 August, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **San Bernardino, CA** at the National Orange Events Center on 689 South E Street from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their website at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

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On 7-9 August **Trains Unlimited Tours** has scheduled **Pacific Coast Domes** departing **Los Angeles, CA** on the **Coast Starlight**. Guests can detrain at **San Luis Obispo, CA** and spend the weekend at San Simeon and Hearst Castle. Guests will have the option to continue on to **Oakland, CA**. On August 9 depart Oakland on the southbound **Coast Starlight** for Los Angeles picking up the group in San Luis Obispo. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004> or contact them at 530-836-1745, Fax: 530-836-1748 or email them at tut@PSLN.com or info@trainsunlimitedtours.com

On 12-15 August, the **20th Annual Garden Railway Convention** will be sponsored by the **Denver Garden Railway Society** at the Holiday Inn DIA on Interstate 70 at Chambers Road in **Denver, CO** with an Ice Cream Social at the Forney Museum of Transportation Thursday Evening, a Barbecue at the Colorado Railroad Museum Friday Evening, a Banquet at the Hotel Saturday Evening, a Farewell Breakfast Sunday Morning and Bus Tours of Local Garden Railway Layouts throughout the Convention. They are also sponsoring pre and post convention motor coach tours of five Colorado railroads and displays. The tours are six days and five nights. Contact Lisa at Gateway Cruise and Travel 800-831-4708 for details. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.denvergrs.org/convention.html> or contact Kelvin Harr at 303-431-6793 kelvinharr7077@aol.com

On 14 August, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have a **Summer Event** at a location yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 14 August, the **South Coast Society of Model Engineers (SCSME)** will host the **Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region's Quarterly Meet** at Gary Siegel's house in **Santa Barbara, CA** starting at 9 am. All are welcome. For more details, contact either Tom Turner at 805-968-2783 tnturner1@aol.com, Walter Naumann at 805-564-1359 wjnaumann@aol.com, Doug Wagner at 661-589-0391 carldw@aol.com or check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/daylight/events.htm>

On either 14 or 21 August, the **South Coast Society of Model Engineers (SCSME)** of Santa Barbara area will be sponsoring a **G Scale Meet** at Gary Siegel's house in **Santa Barbara, CA** starting at 9 am. All are welcome. For more details, contact either Tom Turner at 805-968-2783 tnturner1@aol.com or Walter Naumann at 805-564-1359 WJNaumann@aol

On 14-15 August (the second weekend of the month except for

Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HO_{N3}) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 14-15 August, the **Great Western Train Show (GWTS)** will be held in **Vallejo, CA** at the Solano County Fair (900 Fairgrounds Drive) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 702-252-0334 for discount and details.

On 15 August, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 20-22 August, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will host their **4th Annual Narrow Gauge Meet**. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 21 August, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 21-22 August, the **Tehachapi Loop RR Club** will hold their **Mountain Festival Xtravaganza** at the Veterans' Memorial Bldg. (125 "F" St.) in **Tehachapi, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 4 pm on Sunday. Free admission. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/> or contact Geoff Drought at either 661-813-1319 or 661-301-5444 geoffpeggy@cybersurfers.net

On 21-22 August, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Ventura, CA** at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in Sea Side Park on 10 W. Harbor Blvd from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

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On 21-22 August, the **San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento Chapters of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will hold **EuroWest 2004 the 8th Annual EuroWest Train Show** (the biggest gathering of European train fans in the US) at the Basque Cultural Center located at 599 Railroad Ave, **South San Francisco, CA** 94080. There will be Modular displays, speakers, seminars, vendors, food, swap-sell-buy tables, etc. For more details either go to their website at <http://www.ete.org/ca/eurowest/eurowest.htm> contact Andreas Hildebrandt at either 650-333-9400 or 650-364-2233 andreashil@aol.com or email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

On 27-29 August, **Trains Unlimited Tours** has scheduled **Domes to Feather River RR Days** departing Emeryville, CA on the eastbound **California Zephyr** for **Sparks, NV**. On August 28, the group will go to Portola, CA via Motor Coach for the **Feather River RR Days** events. On August 29, depart Sparks for Emeryville on the westbound **California Zephyr**. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004> or contact them at 530-836-1745, Fax: 530-836-1748 or email them at tut@PSLN.com or info@trainsunlimitedtours.com

On 28 August, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 28 August (?), the **Foothill Model RR Club** will hold their **Swap Meet** at the Sunland K-Mart Parking Lot on 8040 Foothill Blvd in **Sunland, CA** from 7 - 10:30 am. For more information, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

On 28-29 August, the **22nd Annual Feather River RR Days** will be held at the **Portola RR Museum** 700 Western Pacific Way in **Portola, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information phone the museum at 530-832-4131, log onto their website at <http://www.wplives.org> or <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frfs/calendar/index.html> or email either Sam Herschbein at samh@oz.net or Eugene Vicknair at tsry@aol.com

On 29 August, the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com

[sp.com](http://www.ttos-sp.com) or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

Probably on the third weekend in August (?), the **Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Society** will hold their **Annual Meeting** in ?? and plan to ???. For more details contact Clifford Mestel at clifmestel@aol.com or Brian Norden at 626-962-2754 bnorden49@earthlink.net or look over the website at <http://www.urbaneagle.com/slim/spng.html>.

Sometime in August (?), the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **xx, CA**. Contact either David Epling at cctrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

Sometime in August (?), the **Redwood Empire Division of the Pacific Coast Region** will be holding their **annual picnic meet** hosted by the **Eel River Valley Model Railroaders** of Fendale starting at the Best Western Country Inn in **Fortuna, CA** on Friday night. For more details, contact either Gus Campagna at 415-990-3777 gus@campagna.com, Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rlplies@cox.net or go to their website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/#projects>.

Sometime in August (?), the **Sacramento Valley Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 9:45 am at Sierra 2 Center (Curtis Hall) on 2791 24th St. in **Sacramento, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ttos-svd/index.htm>, email them at etoystains@surewest.net or contact Jeff Silvera at afJeff_56@yahoo.com

Sometime in August (?), the **California Express Railroadiana Show** will be held at the UFCW Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave. (corner of Stanton and Crescent) in **Buena Park, CA** from 9 am to 3 pm. Dealer set up on Saturday from 1 to 6 pm. For more details, either contact Bob Chase at 760-746-9392 chaser5@cox.net or Jim Nagel at 562-925-5235 rrnagel@attbi.com

Sometime in August (?), the **San Joaquin Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 1:30 pm in the Rube Boesch Community Center on the corner of N. Orange and Florence in **Turlock, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sjvd-ttos.org/>, email them at info@sjvd-ttos.org or contact Robert Silva at 209-838-2703 rsilva61@aol.com

Sometime in August (?), the **McCloud Heritage Days** will be held in **McCloud, CA** where you can take a stroll back in time and relive this town's unique railroad and lumber town heritage. Excursion train rides will kickoff the city-wide festivities on Friday. Throughout the weekend, there will be antique logging equipment demonstrations, a street fair featuring arts, crafts,

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and antiques, train rides, classic car show, antique tractor show, quilt display, live entertainment, original melodrama performances, community church service, delicious food and other activities. Situated on the south slope of Mt. Shasta, McCloud, with its valley of "tall pines, pure mountain air and crystal clear lakes and streams," is the gateway to Mt Shasta 's recreational area. Still home to the McCloud River Railway, McCloud displays 100 years of continuing history at its Heritage Junction Museum. For more information about the event, phone the McCloud Chamber of Commerce at 530-964-3113 or 530-964-3134, or visit its website at <http://www.mccloudca.com>.

Sometime in August (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** which is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will hold a **Silent RR Movie Night** at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion with a Barbeque at 6 pm and the movie at 7:30 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in August (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)**, located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA**, will hold a **Back To School Family Day** from 11 am to 3 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in August (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** which is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will hold a **Model Kids Club** from 9 am to 11:30 pm. Advanced reservation required. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in August (?), the **Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society** will hold a **Show in conjunction with the Napa Town And Country Fair** in **Napa, CA** on Wednesday thru Saturday from noon to 10 pm, and Sunday from noon to 6 pm. The RR Club is free, but there is a \$7 admission to the fair. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.nvmrc.org/>, phone 707-253-8428 (club phone) or contact John Rodgers at 707-226-2985 napajohn@napanet.net.

Sometime in August (?), the **Eel River Valley Model Railroaders** will be holding its **6th Annual Open House** during the Humboldt County Fair in **Ferndale, CA**. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.eelrivervalleyrr.org/>, contact Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rlplies@cox.net or their webmaster at jblackmon@attbi.com.

Sometime in August (?), there will be a **Fullerton California Modelers' Meet** at the Radison Hotel in **Fullerton, CA** on 222 West Houston Ave. **1/87 Vehicle Club, RR Prototype Modelers' Show**, Herb Deeks. For more information phone 714-992-

1700 or contact Joe D'Elia at 760-721-3393.

Sometime in August (?), the **Roots of Motive Power (Roots)** will hold their **Annual Meeting** with election of officers in **Willits, CA** (located next to the Mendocino County Museum on 400 East Commercial Street). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com/> or contact them at webmaster@rootsofmotivepower.com

Sometime in August (?), the **Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society** will hold its **10th Annual Swap Meet and Show** at the Napa Valley Expo Center on 575 3rd Street in downtown **Napa, CA** from 8 am to 2 pm. Vendors: \$5 per space. Adults: \$3. Under 12: Free. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nvmrc.org/>, phone 707-253-8428 (club phone), contact Dave Maffei at 415-883-7740 dmaffi@sbcglobel.net or John Rodgers at 707-226-2985 napajohn@napanet.net

Sometime in August (?), the **Southern California Scenic Railway Association, Inc.**, will hold an **Action Movie Night** at the Fullerton Railway Plaza for SCSRA & FRPA members and their guests at the Brea 5 Theaters on 453 S. Associated Rd. in **Brea, CA**. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.scsra.org/> or email them at dispatcher@scsra.org.

Sometime in August (?), the **Walnut Creek Model RR Society (WCMRS)** located at 2751 Buena Vista Ave off Geary Road - Larkey Park in **Walnut Creek, CA** will be **open to the public** from 8 to 10 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.wcmrs.org>, phone them at 925-937-1888, phone Don Hodge at 925-827-5416 or contact Brian Witt at bwitt@value.net.

On the Labor Day weekend of August x to x September, the **Society for the Preservation of Carter RR Resources (SPCRR)** will have its **4th Annual Washington Township RR Fair** at its museum in the **Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Park** in **Fremont, CA** from 10 am to 4 pm. For additional information or to make reservations phone them at 866-417-7277, join their email group at spcrr@yahoo.com, email them at Railfair@spcrr.org, visit their website at <http://www.spcrr.org/> or contact Randy Hees at hees@ix.netcom.com

Sometime in August (?), the **Redwood Empire Garden Railway Society (REGRS)** Meet will be at Doug & Matt Lodge's home in **Santa Rosa, CA** from 11 am to 4 pm. For more details contact Steve Strader at rrsteve@pacific.net or go to the website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/#contact>.

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On 1-4 September, the **24th National Narrow Gauge Convention** will be at the Santa Clara Convention Center which is lo-

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cated on 5001 Great America Parkway in **Santa Clara, CA** while the contest rooms are located in the Westin Hotel, which is connected to the convention center by a short hallway. Go to their website at <http://www.narrowgauge2004.com/> or contact either Bob Ferguson at registrar@narrowgauge2004.com or Ken Lunders at 408-777-9572 ken.lunders@intercad-inc.com for more details.

On 5 September, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 6 September (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 11 September, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 11 September, the **San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society** will hold an extensive audio-visual meet, mostly slides, starting at 10 am running until 4 or 5 pm at the Los Angeles Times Valley Plant Presentation Room in **Chatsworth, CA** (20000 Prairie St at Winnetka Av). The 'Society' is an informal group that has been meeting regularly since 1982 for the primary purpose of sharing railroad related audio-visuals, (and scuttlebutt and pizza). Priority has been on slides, and attendees have been invited to order individual copies of their choice from most of the presentations. You are welcome to show whatever: Slides, prints, videos, movies, etc., and allow duplication, or not, as you choose. You are also just as welcome to come and share nothing other than observation, enjoyment and, hopefully, the camaraderie of fellow railfans. Admission \$1 unless exhibiting. For more details contact Jerry Weisman at 310-657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net.

On 11-12 September (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building lo-

cated in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 11-12 September, will be the **2004 Yosemite Valley RR Gathering** aka as the **YV Symposium for 2004**. The game plan would be to drive down to McClure Reservoir, rent a couple of motor boats, and cross the lake to visit Bridges 4 and 5 and, if it is out of water, Horseshoe Bend. They may also, if it is out of the water, drive up to Bagby and hike down to the town site. That would be on Saturday. On Sunday, they plan to join Wes for a workday on the 330. As always, they will get together at Jack's house in **Newark, CA** on Friday for the typical operating session, photo swap, etc. For details please contact Jack Burgess at 510-797-9557 jack@YosemiteValleyRR.com or go to his website at www.YosemiteValleyRR.com

On 11-12 September, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 15-19 September, the **Glendale Model RR Club** and the **Los Angeles Division of PSR** will host the **2004 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention (Rails to the Verdugos)** at the Glendale Hilton (For reservations call 1-818-956-5466) in **Glendale, CA**. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2004conv.html> or contact either John Oliver the registrar at 310-377-6265 low227-1@lafn.org or Dave Cox the Convention Chairman at 178 Gretna Green Way / Los Angeles, CA 90049-4016 / 310-472-6363 / david23star@1stnetusa.com. You can also contact either the PSR Secretary (David Irick) at 623-435-8534 dilirick@qwest.net or the Webmaster (Dick Greatorex) at 602-971-6263 dickg@getnet.net

On 18 September, the **Santa Susana RR Historical Society** will hold their **Open House** (HO layout and N modules.) from 10 am to 4 pm at the Santa Susana Depot located at Santa Susana Park (Katherine Rd. Near Kuehner Dr. adjacent to and South of the railroad tracks, about 1 mile South of Los Angeles St.) in **Simi Valley, CA**. They will hold a **Swap Meet** in the Santa Susana City Park Pavilion from 7 to 11 am just west of the station corner. Admission is \$3. Refreshments will be available, trackside mainline train watching and they will be celebrating the 101st anniversary of their restored SP Depot, which has a museum and 500 foot DCC HO train layout depicting the coast route. For more information, check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ssmrc/>, email their webmaster Joel Amromin at jamromin@socal.rr.com, contact Craig Malin at

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cmalin@earthlink.net or Richard Parshall at 805-526-0371
oltwntrn@pacbell.net.

On 18 & 25 September, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Night Train To Murder (30s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 18-19 September, the **Glendale Model RR Club** and the **Los Angeles Division of PSR** will host a **Train Show** in conjunction with the convention at the North Glendale United Methodist Church, Ellis Hall, across from the Hilton Hotel on Fairview Ave., west of Central in **Glendale, CA**. It will be open to the public from 10 am - 5 pm. Adults \$5, \$4 Teens (13-20), \$3 Children (5-12), under 5, free. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2004conv.html> or contact Paul Cutter at 310-836-1727 patecu@dcninternet.com, John Oliver the registrar at 310-377-6265 low227-1@lafn.org or Dave Cox the Convention Chairman at 178 Gretna Green Way / Los Angeles, CA 90049-4016 / 310-472-6363 / david23star@1stnetusa.com. You can also contact either the PSR Secretary (David Irick) at 623-435-8534 dliRick@qwest.net or the Webmaster (Dick Greatorex) at 602-971-6263 dickg@getnet.net

On 18-19 September, the **Great Western Train Show (GWTS)** will be held in **Paso Robles, CA** at the California Mid-State Fair (2198 Riverside Ave) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 702-252-0334 for discount and details.

On 19 September, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 25 September, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 25-26 September, the **Great Western Train Show (GWTS)** will be held in **Stockton, CA** at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds (1658 South Airport Way) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 702-252-0334 for discount and details.

On 26 September (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

Sometime in September (?), the **Orange Empire Railway Museum** will have **Holiday Operations** from 9 am to 5 pm at 2201 South "A" St. in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215). Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 are free. For more information, either phone them at 909-657-2605 (recorded information) or (909) 943-3020 (live), email them at info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/>.

Sometime in September (?), the **Orange Empire Railway Museum** will hold their **Fall Railroadiana Swap Meet** at 2201 South "A" St. in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215). For more information, either phone them at 909-657-2605 (recorded information) or (909) 943-3020 (live), email them at info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/>.

Sometime in September (?), the **Golden State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 7 pm and their meeting/program starting at 8 pm at the Fammatre School on 2800 New Jersey Ave. in **San Jose, CA** in the cafeteria. Enter at the left rear of the school. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/gsttos/> or contact Terry Smith at TSmith8605@aol.com

Sometime in September (?), the **Sacramento Valley Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 9:45 am at Sierra 2 Center (Curtis Hall) on 2791 24th St. in **Sacramento, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ttos-svd/index.htm> email them at etoytrains@surewest.net or contact Jeff Silvera at afJeff_56@yahoo.com.

Sometime in September (?), the **7th Annual Truckee RR Days** will be held in downtown **Truckee, CA** from 10 am to 5

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pm. The events include handcar races, model railroad exhibits, displays of rolling stock (courtesy of the **Feather River Rail Society**, operators of the **Portola RR Museum** in Portola, CA, with the kind assistance and participation of the **Union Pacific RR**) and a Wild West Show among others. For more details, either go to their website at <http://www.truckeerailroaddays.com/>, phone the Truckee Chamber of Commerce at 530-546-1221, contact Eugene John Vicknair at tsry@aol.com or try <http://railroadnews.net/news/truckee.html>

Sometime in September (?), the **Roots of Motive Power (Roots)** will hold their **Roots of Motive Power Festival** (a major steam-up event of the year) in **Willits, CA** (located next to the Mendocino County Museum on 400 East Commercial St). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com/> or contact them at webmaster@rootsofmotivepower.com

Sometime in September (?), the **San Joaquin Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 1:30 pm in the Rube Boesch Community Center on the corner of N. Orange and Florence in **Turlock, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sjvd-ttos.org/>, email them at info@sjvd-ttos.org or contact Robert Silva at 209-838-2703 rsilva61@aol.com

Sometime in September (?), the **Los Angeles County Fair** will be at the Fairplex in **Pomona, CA**. See Locomotives and real rails at Gate F, the Citrus Empire O scale under the Grandstand, and G gauge outdoor layout between the grandstand and Barn 4.

Sometime in September (?), the **Northern California Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will **meet** at the Montera Middle School on 5555 Ascot Drive in **Oakland, CA**. Their business meeting begins at 9:30 am and trading begins at 10. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.norcaltca.com/>, or contact Richard White, their Webmaster and Newsletter Editor at 925-376-5821 toytrain13@hotmail.com, Mike Andrews, their President at 925-943-2069 michael@mjc-inc.com or Mark Boyd, their Secretary at 510-886-6699 mboyd@spade.net.

Sometime in September (?), the **Southwestern Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am (public admitted at 11:30 with \$5 admission fee, free parking, enter from rear, handicap ramp available) in the Arcadia Masonic Center on 50 West Duarte Road in **Arcadia, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at ttos-sw.com, phone them at 818-702-9588, or contact Gary Keck at ttos@ttos.org.

Sometime in September (?), the **Feather River Rail Society** will host its **18th Annual Railfan Photographer's Day at the Portola RR Museum** in **Portola, CA**. For more information

phone the museum at 530-832-4131, log onto their website at <http://www.wplives.org> or <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frs/calendar/index.html> or email either Sam Herschbein at samh@oz.net or Eugene Vicknair at tsry@aol.com

Sometime in September (?), the **Walnut Creek Model RR Society (WCMRS)** located at 2751 Buena Vista Ave off Geary Rd. - Larkey Park in **Walnut Creek, CA** will host an **Open House** from 11 am to 6 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.wcmrs.org>, phone them at 925-937-1888, phone Don Hodge at 925-827-5416 or contact Brian Witt at bwitt@value.net.

Sometime in September (?), the **South Coast RR Museum aka Goleta Depot** will celebrate its **22nd Annual Depot Day** from 11 am to 4 pm in **Goleta, CA**. For more information, either phone them at 805-964-3540, contact its Director Gary B. Coombs at director@goletadepot.org, its webmaster at webmaster@goletadepot.org, Bruce Morden at 805-684-8077 bdmorden@sbceo.org or go to the museum's web site at <http://www.goletadepot.org/>

Sometime in September (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** which is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will hold a "**Rails Across Time**" from 11 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in September (?), the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **xx, CA**. Contact either David Epling at cctrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

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On the weekend of October 1-3, the **San Luis Obispo Model RR Club (SLOMRC)** will hold our **15th Annual Train Show** in **San Luis Obispo, CA**. Please contact either Dave Wilding at 805-543-1651 DTCBATS2@hotmail.com or Jim Jonte at 805-544-6333 jimjonte80@charter.net for more details.

On 2 October, the **Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold their **2004 Toy Train Meet/Show** (all Gauges) at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall Local #525 on 760 N. Lamb Blvd in **Las Vegas, NV** from 9 am to 4 pm. Admission is Adults...\$4.00; Families...\$5.00; Members, children 16 & under, active military...FREE; LCCA, TCA, TTOS, PSR, NMRA members...\$2.00. Open to the public from 11 am to 4 pm as their annual General Membership Meeting will be from 9 to 11 am. For more information, contact Velaine & Bill Arndt at 702-558-2954 SilverStateDiv@aol.com or phone Bill Ness at 702-644-5003 djnnila@yahoo.com

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On 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 October, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Fright Night (Halloween) Train** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 2-3 October, the **Los Angeles Live Steamers** will hold their **Fall Meet** at 5202 Zoo Drive in Griffin Park in **Los Angeles, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lals.org/> or contact Donald Frozina at booster@lals.org

On 2-3 October, the **Los Angeles Model RR Society** will hold an **Open House** for their **Great Lakes & Western RR** (HO Scale) with a **Swap Meet** starting Saturday at 7 am to 10:30 am at 14005 South Crenshaw Blvd. (from near the corner of Rosecrans & Crenshaw, north of Rosecrans and then upstairs to Unit G.) in **Hawthorne, CA**. The Open House portion will be from 9 to 5 on Saturday and from 10 to 4 on Sunday. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lamrs.org>, email them at info.lamrs@verizon.net phone them at 310-675-3361 or phone Lloyd at 310 951-9097

On 3 October, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 4 October (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 7-10 October, the **HobbyVisions International** show will be at the **Sands Expo Convention Center** in **Las Vegas, NV**. All four days open to trade while Saturday and Sunday will be open to both consumers and trade. The world's largest manufacturers, distributors and importers of packaged excitement will showcase their latest and greatest action hobbies. Events include radio control airplane flying at the T.O.C. aerobatics contest, radio control car races, slot car races, indoor radio control flying, indoor and garden model railroading demonstrations. For more information, either go to their website at http://www.hobbyvisions.com/home_main.html, write them at 207 Com-

mercial Court, PO Box 102 Morganville, NJ 07751-0102, phone them at 800-969-7176, ext 219 (fax: 732-536-5761) or email them at info@hobbyvisions.com

On 7-10 October, the **Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society** will be at the Fiesta Inn Resort, located about a mile and a half from beautiful downtown **Tempe, AZ** and the Arizona State University (or about 5 miles south of Phoenix, AZ) to hold their **Arizona Unlimited 2004 Convention**. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.sphtsannualmeeting.org/>, write them at **SPH&TS**, P.O. Box 93697, Pasadena, CA 91109-3697 or contact either Peter McClosky at sphts@earthlink.net or Paul Chandler at 520-299-2969 ptchandler@att.net.

On 9 October (the second Saturday in October), the **Pomona Valley Model RR Club** will hold their semi-annual **Swap Meet and Open House** in **Pomona, CA** (132 E. 1st Street). The swap meet is from 8 am to noon and the open house is from 9:30 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.pvmrrc.org>, phone them at 909-865-7035, email them at pvmrrc@pvmrrc.org or contact Lindsay Smith at 909-599-0182 windsays@adelphia.net

On 9-10 October (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 9-10 October, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 15-16 October 4, **Narrow Trak 04** will welcome narrow gaugers in Nn3, HOn30, HOn3, Sn2, Sn3, On2, On30, On3 and Large Scalars who will gather at the Silvermont Mansion in **Brevard, NC** for a weekend of camaraderie, clinics, operating modules, a popular vote model contest, manufacturer displays and great Saturday night entertainment with bluegrass musician Roy Chapman and his group, True Blue Grass performing exclusively for us. For more information, either write them at Narrow Trak 04, 216 S. Broad St., PMB 4. Brevard, NC 28712-3702 or send an email to them at plans@citcom.net.

On 15-17 October, the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **Frost, CA** (Mojave Narrows Regional Park ((probably group

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campsite #10)) in Hesperia south of Victorville) for the **second annual camping weekend gathering**. Either go to the website at <http://www.greenberg.org/frost> or contact Ed Greenberg at 408-283-0511 edg@greenberg.org, David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

On 16 October, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 17 October, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 23 October, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 23 October, the **Stanislaus Model Railroaders and Historians** will be hosting it's **21st Annual Model RR Show and Swap Meet** at the Oakdale Community Center in **Oakdale, CA** (located at 250 North 3rd St.) from 9 am until 3 pm. Vendor tables are available for those interested in selling railroad related items. Contact Larry Hockenberry at 209-572-0258. Donation's: Adults \$5.00, Seniors \$4.00. and Children under 12 - Free. For more details either go to their web site at <http://www.stanislausmodelrailroaders.com>, phone Larry Hockenberry at 209-572-0258 or contact either James Anglin at 209-521-6904 James13a@aol.com or Mike (or son Jeff) Burghardt at 209-847-7866 nsdra@inreach.com.

On 23 October, the **"In the Heat" Railroad Swap Meet** will be held at the North Phoenix Baptist Church on 5757 N. Central Ave. in **Phoenix, AZ** from 9 am to 2 pm, Admission is \$5.00 at the Door. Tables are \$20.00. For more information, phone them at 602-336-0973.

On 23-24 October, the **Great Western Train Show (GWTS)**

will be held in **Reno, NV** at the Reno Livestock Event Center (1350 N. Wells Road) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 702-252-0334 for discount and details.

On 24 October, the **San Luis Obispo RR Museum** and the **Bitter Creek Western RR** will hold the **Miniature Live Steam RR Fall Train Fest** in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**. For more information, you can phone the museum at 805-461-3456 info@slormm.com, check either of their websites at <http://www.slormm.com/> or <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org/events.html> or contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net, Bill Pyper at 805-544-1678 wjpyper@sbcglobal.net, or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com.

On 24 October (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

On 30 October (?), the **Foothill Model RR Club** will hold their **Swap Meet** at the Sunland K-Mart Parking Lot on 8040 Foothill Blvd in **Sunland, CA** from 7 to 10:30 am. For more information, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

Sometime in October (?), the **San Luis Obispo RR Museum** will be holding their **Quarterly Public Meeting** at the Embassy Suites in **San Luis Obispo, CA** at 6 pm. For more information, you can either go to their website at <http://www.slormm.com/>, email them info@slormm.com, phone them at 805-461-3456 or contact any of the following: Brad LaRose (no email) 805-461-3456; Arnold Jonas at 805-541-0546 slotrains@charter.net; Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net; David Rohr at 805-481-1731 rohrdavid@aol.com; Bill Pyper at 805-544-1678 wjpyper@sbcglobal.net; John R. Marchetti at 805-541-9454 janddmarchetti@aol.com or Aron Kahn at 805-544-6531 studiog@etropolis.com.

Sometime in October (?), the **Golden State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** (all Gauges) starting at 7 pm and their meeting/program starting at 8 pm at the Fammatre School on 2800 New Jersey Ave. in **San Jose, CA** in the cafeteria. Enter at the left rear of the school. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/gsttos/> or contact Terry Smith at TSmith8605@aol.com

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Sometime in October (?), the **NorthWestern Pacific RR (NWPRR) Historical Society** will be holding its **Quarterly Program** at the **Whistlestop** in **San Rafael, CA** with slides and video of the **NWP** in action. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/>, write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Joe Osborn at ihko@aol.com Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at petewswitchpoint@comcast.net.

Sometime in October (?), the **20th Annual U.S. National Hand Car Races** will return to the **California State RR Museum** in **Sacramento, CA**. For more information or a race entry form, phone them at 916-323-098, write to U.S. National Handcar Races, California State RR Museum, 111 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or visit the website at <http://www.csrmf.org/doc.asp?id=258>.

Sometime in October (?), the **Sacramento Valley Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** from 10 am to 3 pm at the Scottish Rite Center on 6151 H St. in **Sacramento, CA**. The admission is \$5, family \$9, children 12 and under free with adult For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ttos-svd/index.htm> email them at etoytrains@surewest.net or contact Jeff Silvera at afJeff_56@yahoo.com.

Sometime in October (?), the **PCR Coast Division 2nd Sub Division** will hold a **Meet** starting at noon at the **Golden State Model RR Museum** at 900 Dornan Drive in **Point Richmond, CA**. For more details either go the website at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/> or contact Jim Long at 510-651-3467 Jim-CLong@aol.com

Sometime in October (?), the **Golden Gate Live Steamers** will hold their **Fall Meet** in Tilden Park in the hills above **Berkeley, CA**. For more information, either go to their web page at <http://www.ggls.org/>, email Ken Brunskill at steamtrout@comcast.net or Dave August at august@acmesi.com or contact Rick Zobelein at 1104 Vailwood Way, San Mateo CA 94403.

Sometime in October (?), the **Northern California Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will **meet** at the Montera Middle School on 5555 Ascot Drive in **Oakland, CA**. Their business meeting begins at 9:30 am and trading begins at 10. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.norcaltca.com/>, or contact Richard White, their Webmaster and Newsletter Editor at 925-376-5821 toy-train13@hotmail.com Mike Andrews, their President at 925-943-2069 michael@mjc-inc.com or Mark Boyd, their Secretary at 510-886-6699 mboyd@spade.net.

Sometime in October (?), the **Northern Nevada Railway Foundation** presents **An Afternoon On the Comstock** from 11

am to 5 pm at the Fourth Ward School in **Virginia City, NV**. There will be train rides on the V&T, silent auctions, raffles, BBQ, a visit with Mark Train, etc. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.steamtrain.org/>, contact Judie at 775-885-6833 thevtlives@sbcglobal.net or e-mail info@steamtrain.org

Sometime in October (?), the **San Joaquin Valley Model Railroaders** will be holding their **11th Annual Train Show** at the Tulare County Fair Grounds on 215 Martin Luther Kings Jr. Blvd in **Tulare, CA**. For more information, either email them at sjvmrr@quixnet.net or contact Cecil Eppler at 559-733-1196 aace@quixnet.net.

Sometime in October (?), the **Roaring Camps Railroads** in **Felton, CA** will host an **1880's Harvest Fair Summer Gathering of Mountain Men**. See award-winning scarecrows. Make and take your own scarecrow with demonstrations of spinning, weaving, candle making, pumpkin carving, and every child riding the train gets to select a FREE pumpkin from Roaring Camp's mountaintop pumpkin patch. Steam Trains at 11 am, 12:15 and 2 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.roaringcamp.com/> or phone them at 831-335-4484.

Sometime in October (?), the **annual Western Prototype Modelers & Railfans Meet** will be again at the La Habra Community Center in **La Habra, CA** from 9 am to 5 pm. Cost is \$12 - \$10 if you bring display models. For more details contact Pete Solyom at 562-691-4139 psolyom@aol.com. Pete is also looking for several more clinic givers.

Sometime in October (?), the **Fullerton Railway Plaza Association (Southern California Railway Museum at Fullerton)** will hold their **Quarterly Dinner Meeting**, 6 pm with a China Buffet in **Fullerton, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.com/frpa/>, phone them at 714-278-0648, email them at frpa@trainweb.com or contact George Barlow at info@scrmf.org.

Sometime in October (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** which is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will hold a **Model RR Swap Meet** from 7 to 11 am. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in October (?), the **Sacramento Valley Live Steamers** will hold their **Fall Meet** in Hagen Park in **Rancho Cordova, CA** just east of Sacramento from noon to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.svls.org/>, contact Dale Fowlar at 916- 962-0718 president@svls.org or Bill Yoder at 916-652-7113 editor@svls.org.

Sometime in October (?), the **Southwestern Division of the**

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Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am (public admitted at 11:30 with \$5 admission fee, free parking, enter from rear, handicap ramp available) in the Arcadia Masonic Center on 50 West Duarte Road in **Arcadia, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at ttos-sw.com, phone them at 818-702-9588, or contact Gary Keck at ttos@ttos.org.

Sometime in October (?), the **Nevada State RR Museum** (located at 2180 S. Carson St. (US 395) in **Carson City, NV**) will host a **RR History Symposium** from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nsrn-friends.org/>, phone them at 775-687-6953 or email them at jgballwe@clan.lib.nv.us.

Sometime in October (?), the **Carson & Mills Park (C&MP) RR** operated by the **Carson City RR Association** in Mills Park, **Carson City, NV** will run up until and after the fireworks during the **Nevada Day Celebration**. For more information, either check out their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ccra>, phone them at 775-887-2523, or email them at cmpr@hotm.com.

Sometime in October (?), the **Golden Gate RR Museum** (located at the historic Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in **San Francisco, CA**) is holding their **Fall Train Festival**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ggrm.org/>, phone them at 415-822-8728 or email them at info@ggrm.org.

Sometime in October (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** which is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will hold a **Halloween Family Day** from 11 am to 3 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in October (?), the **Carson & Mills Park (C&MP) RR** operated by the **Carson City RR Association** in Mills Park, **Carson City, NV** will run their **Annual Ghost Train** in conjunction with the Carson High School Drama Class from 5 to 9 pm. For more information, either check out their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ccra>, phone them at 775-887-2523, or email them at cmpr@hotm.com

Sometime in October (?), the **Roaring Camps Railroads** in **Felton, CA** will host a **Ghost Train** where you ride to Bear Mountain through a haunted redwood forest as the Legend of Sleepy Hollow is portrayed and encourage Ichabod Crane to 'Run Ichabod, Run!' as he flees the Headless Horseman. Reservations Required. 6 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.roaringcamp.com/> or phone them at 831-335-4484.

Sometime in October (?), the **Walnut Creek Model RR Society (WCMRS)** located at 2751 Buena Vista Ave off Geary

Road - Larkey Park in **Walnut Creek, CA** will be **open to the public** from 8 to 10 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.wcmrs.org>, phone them at 925-937-1888, phone Don Hodge at 925-827-5416 or contact Brian Witt at bwitt@value.net.

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On 1 November (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 6 November, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will hold their **Fall Event**. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 6 November (tentative date), the **Train Riders Association of California (TRAC)** will hold their 2004 annual conference in the **San Francisco Bay area of CA**. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.calrailnews.com/>, mail them at **TRAC**, 926 J Street (Suite 612), Sacramento, CA, 95814, contact Allan Miller, their Executive Director at 916-557-1667 or send him an email at trac@omsoft.com

On 6 November, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: The Love Train (70s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

On 6-7 November, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Pomona, CA** at the Fairplex from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 6-7 November (generally the first weekend in November), the **South Bay Historical RR Society (SBHRS)** will hold their **Fall Open House & Model RR Show** in the historic Santa Clara (Caltrain) Depot in **Santa Clara, CA** (1005 Railroad Ave.) from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sbhrrs.org>, email them at info@sbhrrs.org, phone them at 408-243-3969 or contact Joe Hoffmann at [\(Continued on page 30\)](mailto:jo-</p>
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On 6, 7, & 9 November, the **Pasadena Model RR Club** will hold their **Fall Show** in **Los Angeles, CA** (5458 Alhambra Ave.). On Saturday the 6th, it will be from 1 to 5 pm and 7 to 10 pm; on Sunday the 7th, from 1 to 5 pm; and on Tuesday the 9th, from 7:30 to 10 pm. Donations at the door: Adults \$3.00, Children \$1.00 (Under 7 free when accompanied by an adult) Note: Cameras, video cameras and binoculars welcome. **ADA** accessible and they are Air Conditioned. For more details either contact them at 323-222-1718 Webmaster@pmrrc.org or go to their website at <http://www.pmrrc.org>.

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On 7 & 9 November, the **Slim Gauge Guild Model RR Club** (Sn3 & HOn3) will have **Open House** on Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm and on Tuesday from 6 to 10 pm at 300 S. Raymond Ave. (in the basement) across the street from the MTA's Gold Line Del Mar Station in **Pasadena, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://home.pacbell.net/smith/index.html>, call Brian Brooks at the Original Whistle Stop 626-796-7791, or contact Jeff Smith at 626-441-6272 smith@pacbell.net.

On 13 November, the **San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society** will hold an extensive audio-visual meet, mostly slides, starting at 10 am running until 4 or 5 pm at the Los Angeles Times Valley Plant Presentation Room in **Chatsworth, CA** (20000 Prairie St at Winnetka Av). The 'Society' is an informal group that has been meeting regularly since 1982 for the primary purpose of sharing railroad related audio-visuals, (and scuttlebutt and pizza). Priority has been on slides, and attendees have been invited to order individual copies of their choice from most of the presentations. You are welcome to show whatever: Slides, prints, videos, movies, etc., and allow duplication, or not, as you choose. You are also just as welcome to come and share nothing other than observation, enjoyment and, hopefully, the camaraderie of fellow railfans. Admission \$1 unless exhibiting. For more details contact Jerry Weisman at 310-657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net.

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parts at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

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On 13-14 November (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

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On 13-14 November, the **Cajon Division of PSR** will hold their **3rd Annual Cajon Division Model RR Month Celebration** at the Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 E. Main Street in **Barstow, CA** starting at 7 pm Friday night (9 am Saturday). The weekend of model railroading activities will include a Chinese Auction, clinics and more. For more information, either go to their website at www.cajondiv.org under Events or contact either Jan Wescott 702-566-0856 wescovegas@cox.net or David Villeneuve at 760-242-3397 daveville@eee.org.

On 20 November, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 20 November, the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for

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members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

On 20 November, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 20-21 November, the **Belmont Shore Model RR Club** (N Scale) is having an **Open House** in Angels Gate Park (3601 South Gaffy Street / Building 824) in **San Pedro, CA** from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$1 per person (\$2 per family) and there will be a free swap meet on Saturday morning starting at 8 am. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.socaln.com/belmont/index.html>, phone them at 310-831-6262 on Tuesday Nights or contact Scott Schifer at schifer@pacbell.net

On the 3rd weekend in November (20-21), the **Sacramento Model RR Historical Society, Inc.** (Home of the **Sierra Central RR** modeled in HO scale, standard and narrow gauge layouts) will be hosting an **Open House** from 10 am to 4 pm in the Northern part of **Sacramento, CA**, in a community known as **Del Paso Heights**. The Club is on the southwest corner of Grand and Pinell Street - which is just off of Interstate-80. Go see what's going on with the standard gauge construction project and the narrow gauge line will be operating, not just running trains. A donation will be requested at the door (suggested \$3/adult) -- proceeds are invested in the continued expansion of their layouts. For more details, either go to their web site at <http://www.smrhs.com>, mail them at 1990 Grand Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838, phone them at 916-927-3618 or contact Dave Megeath at 916-927-3618 d.megeath@comcast.net

On 21 November, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 21-22 November, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Ventura, CA** at the Ventura County

Fairgrounds in Seas Side Park from 10 W. Harbor Blvd. 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

From 26 November to 9 January 2005, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** at <http://www.ete.org> will have a HO Scale European Trains large diorama **exhibition** at the **Blackhawk Automotive Museum** (www.blackhawkauto.org) on 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in **Danville, CA** (925-736-2277). Museum hours of operation are Wednesday-Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.ete.org>, email them at membership@ete.org or contact either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

On 27 November (?), the **Foothill Model RR Club** will hold their **Open House** at the Sunland K-Mart Parking Lot on 8040 Foothill Blvd in **Sunland, CA** from 7 - 10:30 am. For more information, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

On 27-28 November, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Pleasanton, CA** at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (4501 Pleasanton Avenue) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in November (?), the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **xx, CA**. Contact either David Epling at cetrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

Sometime in November (?), the **Los Angeles Division of PSR** will **not** hold their normal **Train Show** (normally in **Arcadia, CA** at the Los Angeles County Arboretum from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission to the garden, for LA Parks, is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students 13 - 17, \$1 kids, and free for kids under 5.) due to the convention in September. They may hold a **layout tour** in November instead but nothing is scheduled as yet. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/ladiv/ladiv.html> or contact Mary Barstow at 310-377-9762 pvpacific@earthlink.net.

Sometime in November (?), the **Nevada State RR Museum** (located at 2180 S. Carson St. (US 395) in **Carson City, NV**) will host a **Nevada Day Parade** from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nsrn-friends.org/>, phone them at 775-687-6953 or email them at jgballwe@clan.lib.nv.us.

Sometime in November (?), the **Sacramento Valley Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 9:45 am at Sierra 2 Center

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(Curtis Hall) on 2791 24th St. in **Sacramento, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ttos-svd/index.htm> email them at etoytrains@surewest.net or contact Jeff Silvera at afJeff_56@yahoo.com.

Sometime in November (?), the **Los Angeles Division of PSR** will hold their **Train Show** in **Arcadia, CA** at the Los Angeles County Arboretum from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission to the garden, for LA Parks, is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students 13 – 17, \$1 kids, and free for kids under 5. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/ladiv/ladiv.html> or contact Mary Barstow at 310-377-9762 pvpacific@earthlink.net.

Sometime in November (?), the **San Joaquin Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 1:30 pm in the Rube Boesch Community Center on the corner of N. Orange and Florence in **Turlock, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sjvd-ttos.org/>, email them at info@sjvd-ttos.org or contact Robert Silva at 209-838-2703 rsilva61@aol.com

Sometime in November (?), the **Golden State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 7 pm and their meeting/program starting at 8 pm at the Fammatre School on 2800 New Jersey Ave. in **San Jose, CA** in the cafeteria. Enter at the left rear of the school. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/gsttos/> or contact Terry Smith at TSmith8605@aol.com

Sometime in November (?), the **Southwestern Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will sponsor the **2004 Cal-Stewart Fall Meet** at the Pasadena Convention Center in **Pasadena, CA**. The three day event features: full course Friday night buffet and cocktails, special exhibits, working layouts, raffles, an ongoing auction and ample opportunity to buy/sell trains and related merchandise. The event is open to the public on Sundays for a nominal \$5.00 entry fee (children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission). For more information, either go to their website at ttos-sw.com, phone them at 818-702-9588, or contact Gary Keck at ttos@ttos.org.

Sometime in November (?), the **Northern California Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will meet at the Montera Middle School on 5555 Ascot Drive in **Oakland, CA**. Their business meeting begins at 9:30 am and trading begins at 10. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.norcaltca.com/>, or contact Richard White, their Webmaster and Newsletter Editor at 925-376-5821 toytrain13@hotmail.com, Mike Andrews, their President at 925-943-2069 michael@mjc-inc.com or Mark Boyd, their Secretary at 510-886-6699 mboyd@spade.net.

Sometime in November (?), will be the **International Railfair 28th Annual Northern California Annual Model RR Show** at the Placer Co Fairgrounds in **Roseville, CA**. You can either contact Paul DeRouen at IRFinformation@aol.com 775-841-5363 or go to their website at <http://www.internationalrailfair.com/> for more details.

Sometime in November (?), the **Redwood Empire Division PCR** will hold its **Fall Meeting** in **Santa Rosa, CA** at 12 noon till 4 pm. Location to be announced. For more details contact either Steve Skold at 707-539-1782 SandCSkold@aol.com, Gus Campagna at 415-990-3777 gus@campagna.com, Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rlplies@cox.net or go to their website at http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/Nov_meet_flyer.htm or log onto <http://www.pcrnmra.org> and click on the Division Link.

Sometime in November (?), the **San Bernardino RR Historical Society (SBRHS)** will have their **2004 Annual President's Dinner**. This year's recognition program for donors and supporters will again be held at the **San Bernardino, CA** Elks Lodge, with dinner, dancing, special recognitions, and a silent auction. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.sbrhs.org/> or email them at Webmaster@SBRHS.org.

Sometime in November (?), the **Donner Pass Gandy Dancers & The Kerak Shrine** will present their **4th Annual Shrine Model RR Show and Swap Meet** at the Shrine Building on 4935 Energy Way in **Reno, NV** from 9 am to 5 pm on all three days. Besides layouts, raffles and vendors, the Free Child ID program will be set up inside the Shrine building and they will have a Toys for Tots drop site as well as the Kerak Clowns for the children. Admission is by donation: Adults \$4.00; Seniors (over 55) \$3.00; Children 12 & under free with an adult. For more information, contact Linda Lippincott at crlid_lippincott@msn.com.

See the **Western American RR Museum** at <http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/index.html> for companion opportunity.

Sometime in November (?), the **California Southern Model RR Club** (HO) will hold their **Open House** at 12140 E Firestone Blvd in **Norwalk, CA** (90650). On Saturday the xth it will be from 10 am to 9 pm, on Sunday the yth from noon to 6 pm and on Tuesday the zth from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is free. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/calsomrr/>, phone them at 562-863-3156 or email them at calsomrr@horailroading.net.

Sometime in November (?), the **Southern California Scenic Railway Association, Inc.**, will hold a **Fantasy Movie Night**. The movie will be ??? For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.scsra.org/> or email them at dis-patcher@scsra.org.

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Sometime in November (?), the **Walnut Creek Model RR Society (WCMRS)** located at 2751 Buena Vista Ave off Geary Road - Larkey Park in **Walnut Creek, CA** will host an **Open House** from 8 to 10 pm on Friday and from 11 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.wcmrs.org>, phone them at 925-937-1888, phone Don Hodge at 925-827-5416 or contact Brian Witt at bwitt@value.net.

Sometime in November (?), the **Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region** will be holding their **Quarterly Meet** in **Merced, CA** starting at 9 am. All are welcome. For more details, contact Doug Wagner at 661-589-0391 carldw@aol.com or check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/daylight/events.htm>.

Sometime in November (?), the **Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society** will hold a **Holiday Train Festival** in conjunction with the **Gifts & Tyme Craft Fair** from noon to 6 pm in **Napa, CA**. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.nvmrc.org/>, phone 707-253-8428 (club phone) or contact John Rodgers at 707-226-2985 napajohn@napanet.net.

Sometime in November (?), the **Sacramento Modular Railroaders (SMR)** will be operating their **Sacramento Central RR** at the **California State RR Museum** in **Sacramento, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://saccentral.railfan.net/>, email them at Saccentral@railfan.net or contact Eugene Volz at evolz@mei-protel.com.

Sometime in November (?), the **Walnut Creek Model RR Society (WCMRS)** located at 2751 Buena Vista Ave off Geary Road - Larkey Park in **Walnut Creek, CA** will host an **Open House** from 2 to 10 pm on Friday and from 11 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.wcmrs.org>, phone them at 925-937-1888, phone Don Hodge at 925-827-5416 or contact Brian Witt at bwitt@value.net.

Sometime in November (?), the **Central California Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train Meet** from 10 am to 4 pm (admission \$4, children under 12 free) at the Fresno Fairgrounds in the Industrial Education Building on 1121 S. Chance Ave. in **Fresno, CA**. For more information, either write them at TTOS Cen Cal / P.O. Box 151 / Madera, CA 93639, go to their website at [???](http://www.ttos.com) or contact either Tony Tesoriere at 559-584-7664 lute-sori@lemoorenet.com or Fred Nix at 559-674-2313.

Sometime in November (?), the **Roaring Camps Railroads** in **Felton, CA** will host the **20th Annual Mountain Man Rendezvous** where you can visit encampments of 1840s trappers and traders as they rendezvous, demonstrate wilderness skills and tell tall tales at one of the longest-running mountain man rendezvous in the West from 11 am to 3 pm. For more informa-

tion, either go to their website at <http://www.roaringcamp.com/> or phone them at 831-335-4484.

Sometime in November (?), the **Golden Gate RR Museum** (located at the historic Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in **San Francisco, CA**) is holding their **Trains For Tots** program. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ggrm.org/>, phone them at 415-822-8728 or email them at info@ggrm.org.

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On 3 & 4, 10 & 11, and 17 & 18 December, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: Bugle Boys Murder (of Company C) (40s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com

On 4-5 December, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **San Diego, CA** at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on 2260 Jimmy Duante Boulevard from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 4-5 December, the **Tehachapi Loop RR Club** will hold their **10th Annual Christmas Xtravaganza** (displays & swap meet) from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday at the Tehachapi Veterans Hall on 125th East F Street in **Tehachapi, CA**. Free Admission. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/> or contact Geoff Drought at either 661-813-1319 or 661-301-5444 geoffpeggy@cybersurfers.net

On 5 December, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tues-

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day of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 6 December (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrcc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRCC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 11 December, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its annual **Holiday Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 11-12 December, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Costa Mesa, CA** at the Orange County Fairgrounds on 88 Fair Drive from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their website at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

On 11-12 December (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 18 December, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

On 18-19 December, the **Great Western Train Show (GWTS)** will be held in **Victorville, CA** at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds (14800 Seventh Street) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their website at www.GATS.com or phone them at 702-252-0334 for discount and details.

On 19 December, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers**

(**TCSME**) will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 19 December, the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

On 31 December, the **Sierra RR Golden Sunset New Years Eve Dinner Train** is scheduled for leaving **Oakdale, CA** at 8 pm on New Years Eve and heading for Warnerville for the 32 mile round trip. The train (featuring live entertainment and complimentary champagne) usually get to the top of Sand Hill at Midnight just in time to see the fireworks over Oakdale. Tickets: \$100.00 per person—Reservations required: Phone them at 209-848-2100 to reserve a space. It is a great way to celebrate the start of the 6th year of the Golden Sunset Excursion trains. For more information either go to <http://sierrarailroad.com/> or contact Dick Southern at 209-928-3848 southern@lodlink.com.

Sometime in December (?) (except Mondays and Tuesdays, when the museum is closed), the **South Coast RR Museum aka Goleta Depot** in **Goleta, CA** will run its **Candy Cane Train** (11th Annual) from 1 to 4 pm. Candy Cane Train tickets are \$3 (adult or child), which includes a ride on the festively-decorated miniature train, an assortment of holiday treats & favors, and a coupon good for a future museum train ride. Extra rides on the Candy Cane Train will be available for 75¢ each. Museum members receive their customary 25¢ discount on all tickets purchased. Tickets will be sold at the museum during event hours. Those attending the Candy Cane Train event also will be able to enjoy the museum's holiday display, Toy Trains and Teddy Bears!, also opening Nov. 28. For more information, either phone them at 805-964-3540, contact its Director Gary B. Coombs at director@goletadepot.org, its webmaster at webmaster@goletadepot.org, Bruce Morden at 805-684-8077 bdmorden@sbceo.org or go to the museum's website at <http://www.goletadepot.org/>.

Sometime in December (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will be part of **Balboa Park December Night**

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(COP) formerly known as **Christmas on the Prado**. Balboa Park museums are free to the public from 5 to 9 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in December (?), the **Portola RR Museum (Western Pacific RR Historical Society / Feather River Rail Society)** located in **Portola, CA** decorates a train with Christmas lights and invites children of all ages to ride the train in heated cabooses. Santa Train rides start after 5 pm and continue until everyone has had a ride, generally about 8:30 pm. Hot refreshments will be served in the museum and the Gift Shop will be open. For more information phone the museum at 530-832-4131, log onto their website at <http://www.wplives.org> or <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frs/calendar/santatrains.html> or email either Sam Herschbein at samh@oz.net or Eugene Vicknair at tsry@aol.com

Sometime in December (?), the **Nevada Northern Railway Museum** in the city of **Ely in White Pine County, NV** will run two **steam photo freights** in addition to the three steam powered "Polar Express" passenger trains that weekend. Rides on the photo freights will cost only \$25 (first come first served until the caboose is filled), and motorcading is free. Saturday evening there will be a night photo shoot. The freights will depart East Ely at 8 am both Saturday and Sunday, and will make as many photo stops as time allows. The plan is for one freight to operate to Keystone, the other over the "High Line" to Adverse, but specifics will depend on the weather in order to maximize photo opportunities. The Polar Express trains depart at 1 and 4 pm on Saturday, and 1 pm on Sunday. Engine 93 will pull all the trains. The night photo shoot will begin at 6 pm at the roundhouse. For more information, phone them at 1-866-40STEAM or 1-866-407-8326; email them at nry@mwpower.net or check their web site at <http://nevadanorthernrailway.net>.

Sometime in December (?), the **San Joaquin Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold their **26th Annual Model Train Show** at the Stanislaus County Fair Grounds on 900 N. Broadway in **Turlock, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and from 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sjvd-ttos.org/>, email them at info@sjvd-ttos.org or contact either Robert Silva at 209-838-2703 rsilva61@aol.com or Steve Waggoner at 209-634-4583

Sometime in December (?), the **Roaring Camps Railroads** in **Felton, CA** will have their **2004 Santa Cruz Holiday Lights Train** where you can ride a beautifully lit holiday train through Victorian Santa Cruz as you sip hot spiced cider, listen to carolers and travel to a surprise meeting with Santa Claus. Reservations required. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.roaringcamp.com/> or phone them at 831-335-4484.

Sometime in December (?), the **Pacific Coast Region Coast Division's Quarterly Meet** will be held starting at 9:30 am at California School for the Deaf in **Fremont, CA** (39350 Gallaudet Dr.). There will be at least two clinics, a roundtable for discussion of any topic brought up, door prizes and of course their famous Coast Division Auction. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. For more information, either go to their website at http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/meeting_dates_for_2003.htm or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/>, check with either Jim Long at 510-651-3467 JimCLong@aol.com or Rod Smith at 510-657-3362 Railgeez@aol.com

Sometime in December (?), our **San Luis Obispo Model RR Club (SLOMRC) Christmas Party** will be at Margie's in **San Luis Obispo, CA**. Please contact either Dave Wilding at 805-543-1651 DTCBATS2@hotmail.com or Jim Jonte at 805-544-6333 jimjonte80@charter.net for more details.

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Sometime in December (?), the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Fresno, CA** at the Big Fresno Fair (1121 Chance Avenue) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at <http://www.greatamericantrainshow.com/schedule/2003.htm>. See their website at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in December (?), the **Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society** will hold a **Holiday Train Festival** in conjunction with the **Santa's Helpers Craft Fair** from noon to 6 pm in **Napa, CA**. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.nvmrc.org/>, phone 707-253-8428 (club phone) or contact John Rodgers at 707-226-2985 nabajohn@napanet.net.

Sometime in December (?), the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their normal Saturday work session followed by a Sunday Run. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

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Sometime in December (?), the **Southwestern Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am (public admitted at 11:30 with \$5 admission fee, free parking, enter from rear, handicap ramp available) in the Arcadia Masonic Center on 50 West Duarte Road in **Arcadia, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at ttos-sw.com, phone them at 818-702-9588, or contact Gary Keck at ttos@ttos.org.

Sometime in December (?), the **Southern California Scenic Railway Association, Inc.**, will hold a **SCSRA Christmas Party** with a movie. The movie will be xxx. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.scsra.org/> or email them at dispatcher@scsra.org.

Sometime in December (?), The **Nevada State RR Museum** (located at 2180 S. Carson Street (US 395) in **Carson City, NV**) will host a steam **Santa Train** from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nsrn-friends.org/>, phone them at 775-687-6953 or email them at jgballwe@clan.lib.nv.us.

Sometime in December (?), the **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** which is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** will hold a **Toy Train Family Workshop Day** from 11 am to 3 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

Sometime in December (?), the **Semi-Annual Calrailfans Gathering** will be at the Site of the Former BNSF Stockton Tower in **Stockton, CA**. Contact either David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. Michael states that they meet there every 6 months to have a potluck and watch any action and that it is a good time to compare stories, photos, and put names with faces. All are welcome to join.

Sometime in December (?), the **Carson & Mills Park (C&MP) RR** operated by the **Carson City RR Association** in Mills Park, **Carson City, NV** will run their **Santa Claus Trains** from 5 to 9 pm. All rides are free. For more information, either check out their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ccra>, phone them at 775-887-2523, or email them at cmpr@hotmail.com

Sometime in December (?), the **Carolwood Pacific Historical Society** will have a **Special Guest** - Engineer Santa at Walt's Barn in **Griffith Park, CA** (LA Live Steamers) from 11 am to 3 pm. Free parking and free admission. For more details contact Michael Broggie at 805-498-2336 mbroggie@email.msn.com or go to their website at <http://www.carolwood.com/>.

Sometime in December (?), the **Great American Train Show**

(**GATS**) will be held in **San Rafael, CA** at the Civic Center (10 Avenue of the Flags) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at <http://www.greatamericantrainshow.com/schedule/2003.htm>. See their website at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Also sometime in December (?), the **Lompoc Valley Model RR Historical Society** will be hosting an **Open House** at 428 North I Street **Lompoc, CA** from 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday and from 11 am to 3 pm on Sunday. For more information phone Wayne Asbury at 805-736-0501 OboeEH@impulse.net.

Again also sometime in December (?), the **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM)** will hold their **Christmas Open House** in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall in **Santa Maria, CA** (currently located upstairs across from Robinson-May) from 1 to 4:30 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.smvrhm.org/>, phone them at 805-714-4927 or contact any of the following: Dan Alves at aiim@juno.com; Dick Miniger at BoothR8@aol.com; Phil Goble at Phil.Pam@Prodigy.net; or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

The tickets for the **Niles Canyon Railway Holiday Train of Lights** in **Sunol, CA** normally sell out very fast so check for their availability at <http://www.ncry.org/polartime.htm>. The tickets for the **Auld Lang Syne Express** that is held the week-end after Christmas are not as hard to get. This eleventh annual fundraising event is presented by the **Pacific Locomotive Association** to benefit the **Niles Canyon Railway's** projects throughout the year. Contact Derick Sturke at fwsturke@pacbell.net for more details.

And for those who really want to plan ahead:

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From 26 November to 9 January 2005, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** at <http://www.ete.org> will have a HO Scale European Trains large diorama **exhibition** at the **Blackhawk Automotive Museum** (www.blackhawkauto.org) on 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in **Danville, CA** (925-736-2277). Museum hours of operation are Wednesday-Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.ete.org>, email them at membership@ete.org or contact either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

On 3 January (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10

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pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 8-9 January (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HO_{n3}) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

On 15-16 January, the **Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society** will be holding their annual **Model Train Show & Model Train Swap Meet** in **Bakersfield, CA** at the Kern County Fairgrounds on 1142 South P Street from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. Admission \$x.xx adults. Children 12 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.gehams.com/> or contact Doug Wagner at 661-331-6695 carldw@aol.com

On 16 January, the **Golden Gate Lionel RR Club** will hold their **Annual Train Show & Sale** (3rd Sunday of January) at the Centennial Hall (22292 Foothill Blvd.) in **Hayward, CA** from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission \$5.00 donation for adults. Children 12 and under free. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.gglrrc.org/> or contact one of the following Jerry McClellan (Pres.) 650-345-9930, Kemp Watson (VP) 650-949-3984, Russ Hora (Treas.) 408-733-3056, Daniel Schick (Sec.) 408-378-1163, Gerald McClellan 650-345-9930 or Gary Dwyer (Sat A.) 831-423-3102.

On 22 January (the 4th Saturday in January), the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center on 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

On 23 January (the 4th Sunday of the month), the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 3:30 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861

drhurt@cox.net.

On the Martin Luther King Weekend (January ??), the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their **MLK Weekend Run**. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com.

Sometime in January (?), the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Sacramento, CA** at the Cal Expo and Fairgrounds (1600 Exposition Boulevard) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in January (?), the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

Sometime in January (?) will be the **Knott's Berry Farm Ghost Town & Calico RR Enthusiasts Days** at Knott's Berry Farm in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information & tickets phone 714-220-5218 or go to their web site at <http://www.knotts.com/>

Sometime in January (?), the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Santa Barbara, CA** at the Earl Warren Showgrounds (Highway 101 & Las Positas) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in January (?), the **South Coast Society of Model Engineers (SCSME)** of Santa Barbara area will be holding their annual '**clean-out-the-carpet-fuzz-from-your-trainset**' **workshop** at the Goleta Library in **Goleta, CA**. For more details contact Walter Naumann at 805-564-1359 WJNaumann@aol.com.

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510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

Sometime in January (?), the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **xx, CA**. Contact either David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

Sometime in January (?), the **NorthWestern Pacific RR (NWPRR) Historical Society** will be holding its **Quarterly Program** at the **Whistlestop** in **San Rafael, CA** with slides and video of the **NWP** in action. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/>, write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Joe Osborn at inko@aol.com Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at petewswitchpoint@comcast.net.

Sometime in January (?), the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

Sometime in January, Randy Stephan of the **Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** will be having his **Annual Train Open House** at 2473 N. Gateway Road (between Peco's & Lamb) in **Las Vegas, NV** (89115) from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, phone him at 702-453-3461 or contact Velaine & Bill Arndt at 702-558-2954 SilverStateDiv@aol.com

Sometime in January (?), the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Anaheim, CA** at the Anaheim Convention Center (800 West Katella Ave) from 11 am to 5 pm. Cost \$7. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in January (?), the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon. The location is yet to be determined. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

Sometime in January (?), the **San Luis Obispo RR Museum** will be holding their **Quarterly Public Meeting** at the Embassy Suites in **San Luis Obispo, CA** at 6 pm. For more information, you can either go to their website at <http://www.slorm.com/>, email them info@slorm.com, phone them at 805-

461-3456 or contact any of the following: Brad LaRose (no email) 805-461-3456; Arnold Jonas at 805-541-0546 slotrains@charter.net; Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net; David Rohr at 805-481-1731 rohrdavid@aol.com; Bill Pyper at 805-544-1678 wjpyper@sbcglobal.net; John R. Marchetti at 805-541-9454 janddmarchetti@aol.com or Aron Kahn at 805-544-6531 studiog@etropolis.com.

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On 5 February, the first Saturday in February is **Sacramento Museum Day**. This is an annual event presented by the **Sacramento Association of Museums (SAM)**, KVIE Channel 6, and Capital Public Radio at which nineteen participating museums (including State Parks sites such as the California State Indian Museum, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, and the **California State RR Museum**) will be open free of charge, from 10 am to 5 pm (last admissions at 4 pm). The Capitol corridor trains stop at the Sacramento depot, just a few blocks from CSRM. For more information; either go to the museum website at <http://www.csrnf.org/>, fax them at 916-445-5982, phone them at 916-445-6645 or email them at foundation@californiastaterailroadmuseum.org. Alternatively for detailed information about participating sites, preferred parking, maps and shuttle routes, visit www.kvie.org/museumday, <http://www.sacmuseums.org/> or phone 916-641-3501. Eugene Vic-nair FRRS Secretary tsry@aol.com

On 6 February, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

On 7 February (the first Monday of each month), the **Glendale Model RR Club** will hold an **Open House** at 619 Hahn Ave. in Fremont Park which is in **Glendale, CA** from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

On 12-13 February (the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend), the **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) will host an **Open House** at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a Message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

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On February 12-14, the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam RR** (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will have their **Presidents Weekend Run**. For more information; either go to their web-site at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

On 14 February, the **Orange Empire Railway Museum** will hold their **President's Day Operations** from 9 am – 5 pm at 2201 South "A" St. in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215). For more information, either phone them at 909-657-2605 (recorded information) or (909) 943-3020 (live), email them at info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/>.

On 20 February, the **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** will be holding an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** and thereafter on the first and third Sunday of every month. Work nights are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

Sometime in February, the **20th Annual Sn3 Symposium** will be in **Tampa, FL**. For more information, contact Jeff Smith at 626-441-6272 smith@pacbell.

Sometime in February, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Anaheim, CA** at the Anaheim Convention Center (800 West Katella Ave) from 11 am to 5 pm. Cost \$7. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in February, the **San Diego Model RR Museum** will host a **Model RR and Toy Train Operating Exhibit** at the **San Diego Model RR Museum** (1649 El Prado - Casa de Balboa Bldg.) in Balboa Park of **San Diego, CA** from 11 am to 5 pm. For details contact Beth Cain, Marketing Coordinator, at 619-696-0199 (fax 619-696-0239) sdmodrailm@abac.com or go to their web site at www.sdmodelrailroadm.com

Sometime in February, the **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM)** will hold the **Museum's Annual Member Meeting** at 6 pm on at the Museum (currently located on the second floor of the Santa Maria Town Center Mall at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway in the center of **Santa Maria, CA**). One item of business will be conducted - the election of Board Members. Members in good standing (paid up) will be able to vote. Everyone will enjoy the festivities! Light finger foods will be served. The cost of the event will be \$5 per person, paid at the door. RSVP to Hal

Madson at 805-925-8065 SMHISTORIAN2@aol.com.

Sometime in February, the **Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold their **Meet** at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall Local #525 on 760 N. Lamb Blvd in **Las Vegas, NV** from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is Adults...\$4.00; Families...\$5.00; Members, children 16 & under, active military...FREE; LCCA, TCA, TTOS, PSR, NMRA members...\$2.00. For more information, contact Velaine & Bill Arndt at 702-558-2954 SilverStateDiv@aol.com or phone Bill Ness at 702-644-5003 djnnila@yahoo.com.

Sometime in February, the **Harvey Girl Historical Society at OREM** will hold their meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Town Hall at the **Orange Empire Railway Museum**, (2201 South "A" St.) in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215). For more details contact Lois Tate at 909-943-3020 info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/pages/Harveygirls.html>.

Sometime in February, the **Feather River Rail Society (FRRS) Annual Board Meeting** will be held at the Roseville Oxford Suites (Not at the **CSRM** this year) located on 130 North Sunrise Avenue in **Roseville, CA** starting at 1 pm in the conference room. Their phone is (916) 784-2222. For more information phone the museum at 530-832-4131, log onto their website at <http://www.wplives.org> or <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frrs/calendar/index.html> or email either Sam Herschbein at samh@oz.net or Eugene Vicknair the FRRS Secretary at tsry@aol.com.

Sometime in February, will be the **Roseville Roundhouse Model RR Club 13th Annual Model RR Show** at the Placer Co Fairgrounds (Jones Hall) in **Roseville, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. Donations: \$4 Adults, \$2 60+, under 12 Free. You can either phone them at 916-784-2303, contact Paul DeRouen at IRFinformation@aol.com 775-841-5363 <http://www.internationalrailfair.com> or go to their website at <http://www.rrmrc.railfan.net> for more details.

Sometime in February, the **Sacramento Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at the Placer County Fairgrounds as part of the **Roseville Roundhouse** weekend in **Roseville, CA** from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. For more information, email either Byron Satterlee at roneman@earthlink.net, Thilo Protze at tprotze@hotmail.com or G. F. Fischer at ce68iii@softcom.net.

Sometime in February, the joint **Layout Design/Operations Special Interest Groups Regional Meet** will be held at the **South Bay Historical RR Society's (SBHRS)** meeting room in order to promote good layout design and share information about prototypical operation. The **SBHRS** is located in the

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Santa Clara Caltrain Depot freight house at 1005 Railroad Ave in **Santa Clara, CA**. For more information; you can either go to their website at <http://homepage.mac.com/jacobsen/LORM2003/> or contact either Seth Neumann 650-965-4687 sneumann@pacbell.net or Bob Jacobsen at 510-486-7355 Bob_Jacobsen@lbl.gov or jake@physics.berkeley.edu.

Sometime in February, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Tucson, AZ** at the Pima County Fairgrounds from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in February, the **Nevada Northern Railway Museum** in the city of **Ely in White Pine County, NV** will hold its **Winter Photo Session**. Saturday evening there will be a night photo shoot. These sessions are organized by Joel Jensen and have regularly produced prize winning photography, but can accommodate only a limited number of people. For more information, phone them at 1-866-40STEAM or 1-866-407-8326; email them at nrry@mwpower.net or check their web site at <http://nevadanorthernrailway.net>

Sometime in February, the **Redwood Empire Division of the Pacific Coast Region** will be holding a **Meet** in **Napa, CA** starting at noon at the Napa Fairgrounds For more details, either contact Gus Campagna at 415-990-3777 gus@campagna.com, Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rplies@cox.net or go to their website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/#projects>.

Sometime in February, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Friday Night Valentine's "Rails To Romance" Dinner Train** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6:30 pm from the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 7 pm, returns at 10 pm. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

Sometime in February, the monthly **Calrailfans Gathering** will be at **Alta, CA** (Roger Burdick's Home which is near Donner Pass). Contact either David Epling at ccrails@sbcglobal.net or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details. All are welcome to join.

Sometime in February, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: The Love Train (70s)** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com.

Sometime in February, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will hold their **Winter Meet & Contest** at the Peace Lutheran Church on 6749 Tait Street in the **Linda Vista area of San Diego, CA** starting at noon. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

Sometime in February, the **San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society** will hold an extensive audio-visual meet, mostly slides, starting at 10 am running until 4 or 5 pm at the Los Angeles Times Valley Plant Presentation Room in **Chatsworth, CA** (20000 Prairie St at Winnetka Av). The 'Society' is an informal group that has been meeting regularly since 1982 for the primary purpose of sharing railroad related audio-visuals, (and scuttlebutt and pizza). Priority has been on slides, and attendees have been invited to order individual copies of their choice from most of the presentations. You are welcome to show whatever: Slides, prints, videos, movies, etc., and allow duplication, or not, as you choose. You are also just as welcome to come and share nothing other than observation, enjoyment and, hopefully, the camaraderie of fellow railfans. Admission \$1 unless exhibiting. For more details contact Jerry Weisman at 310-657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net.

Sometime in February, **O Scale West (15th Annual San Francisco Bay Area Meet)** will be held in 25,000 square foot ballroom of the Westin Santa Clara Hotel at 5101 Great America Parkway in **Santa Clara, CA**. The meet is designed to provide a spectrum of fun and interesting activities for the O scale model railroader, including a swap meet, contests, clinics, movies, and layout visits. For more details either go to their website at <http://www.oscalewest.com> contact Rod Miller at 650-329-0424 rod@rodmillier.com or write them at 876 Boyce Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301-3003.

Sometime in February, the **Model Vehicles Unlimited** will hold a **Swap Meet** at the Elks Club in **Culver City, CA**. The February show is unique in that it occurs shortly after the Nuremberg International Toy Fair. We will have representative from Germany at the show with the latest news. For more information about this swap meet contact Bob Kelly at 310-837-6787, Rich Johnson at 310-454-8075 or Ralph Johnson at 323-293-2019 Navaz@earthlink.net.

Sometime in February, the **Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region** will be holding their **Quarterly Meet** in the **Fresno/Clovis, CA** area. They will first be meeting at Mel Norwood's house at 10105 E. Bullard (just east of the intersection of McCall and Bullard) in Clovis at 10 am for the business meeting and operation on Mel's **Grand Canyon RR**; then go over to Marlin Costello's layout at 1125 E. Holland in Fresno at 2 pm for seminars and then at 3.30 for an operation session

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on his **Goshen & Gooseneck RR**. All are welcome. Contact either Doug Wagner at 661-589-0391 carldw@aol.com or Marlin Costello at 559-222-1188 marlin@fresnonet.com, or check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/daylight/events.htm> for more details.

Sometime in February, the **San Diego Division of PSR** will have their monthly **layout meet** starting at noon at the **DeBoise Western RR** in **Del Mar, CA**. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

Sometime in February, the **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM)** will host a **Train Show** including both a **Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet** and an operating **Free-mo** layout from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday at the Santa Maria Town Center Mall East (2nd floor by Gottschalks) on the corner of Broadway and Main in **Santa Maria, CA**. Admission is \$5 to the RPM displays or free if you bring a customized prototype model to display. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.smvrhm.org/>, phone them at 805-714-4927 or contact any of the following: Chris Palomarez at 805-878-9730 chrisp@free-mo.org, Dan Alves at aiim@juno.com; Dick Miniger at BoothR8@aol.com; Phil Goble at Phil.Pam@Prodigy.net; or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

Sometime in February, the **Portola RR Museum** in **Portola, CA** will hold a **Work Weekend** on the Silver Debris lounge (* Complete framing the interior* Complete wiring work, including ceiling lighting.* Insulating.* Installing new exterior doors.) Hopefully work can continue on the deck and ramp at this point also. They need able hands to make sure all this gets completed by opening of Operating Season. Contact Eugene John Vicknair at tsry@aol.com or go their website at www.wplives.org for more details.

Sometime in February, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at **Talbot's Toyland** (www.talbotstoyland.com) located at 445 South B Street, **San Mateo, CA** 94401 (650-931-8100) from 9:30 am to 6 pm on Saturday and from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. The operating HO scale layout will have rolling stock from various European Railroads with hills, bridges, tunnels, forests, automatic signal control system and operating overhead catenary are just some of the features. Train control uses the latest state of the art technology allowing DCC, AC Digital, DC analog and AC analog all on the same layout! For more details go to their website at <http://www.ete.org> or email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

Sometime in February, the **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) will hold its monthly **Train-Meet** starting at 11 am in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

Sometime in February, the **Foothill Model RR Club** will hold their **Swap Meet** at the Sunland K-Mart Parking Lot on 8040 Foothill Blvd in **Sunland, CA** from 7 - 10:30 am. Individual \$2; Family \$3. For more information, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

Sometime in February, the **Fillmore & Western Railway** will host a **Murder Mystery Train: When The West Was Wild** with a 3 course dinner, a mystery play and some less than serious sleuthing. The train boards at 6 pm at the Ventura Montalvo Station at 6175 Ventura Blvd. in **Ventura, CA**, departs at 6:30 and returns at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$89 per adult. You will need to make reservations. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 800-773-8724 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com

Sometime in February, the **Great American Train Show (GATS)** will be held in **Daly City, CA** at the Cow Palace (Geneva & Santos) from 11 am to 5 pm. For more details, either contact them at info@gats.com or go to their web site at www.GATS.com or phone them at 630-834-0652 for discount and details.

Sometime in February, the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** will setup a modular layout depicting central Europe at the **Great American Train Show** (www.gats.com) located at the Cow Palace on Geneva & Santos Sts in **Daly City, CA** from 11 am to 5 pm on both days. The operating HO scale layout will have rolling stock from various European Railroads with hills, bridges, tunnels, forests, automatic signal control system and operating overhead catenary are just some of the features. Train control uses the latest state of the art technology allowing DCC, AC Digital, DC analog and AC analog all on the same layout! For more details go to their website at <http://www.ete.org> or email either Steve Stern at steve@ete.org or Tom Melka at melka@pacbell.net

Sometime in February, the **Model Train Expo** will be at the Fairplex Bldg. #4 (home to the annual L.A. County Fair) in **Pomona, CA** on Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The cost will be Adults \$8.00 Jr. under 11 free. Check their website at www.modeltrainexpo.com for more details.

Sometime in February, will be the **4th Annual San Juan**

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Bautista Model Train Show & Swap Meet with Demonstrations & How To Clinics. It will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday at the San Juan Bautista Community Center on the corner of 2nd St and San Jose St. in **San Juan Bautista, CA**. Admission is \$1 with all proceeds to benefit Boy Scout Troup 428. For more information, call either Harvey at 831-623-1147 or Pat at 408-846-8841

Sometime in February, the **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) will hold a **Train-Meet** at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA** from noon to 12:30 for members only and then from 12:30 to 5 pm the public is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, or contact Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

March 2005

April 2005

May 2005

Some time in the spring (Mid-May?), the **Walnut Creek Model RR Society** in the **Coast Division of the Pacific Coast Region of NMRA** will host the **PCR Convention** at the Sheraton Concord Hotel in **Concord, CA**. Either contact Bob Ferguson at 925-228-6833 BobPCRCO@aol.com Bill Swindell at 925-372-6996 swindell@value.net or go to one of these websites: <http://www.wcmrs.org>, <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/> or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/> for details.

June 2005

On 9-12 June, the **Big Train Show** (G Scale) will be at the Queen Mary in **Long Beach, CA** with clinics and tours starting Thursday and the doors open to the public from 1 to 6 pm on Saturday and from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday. For more details, check their website at either <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/> or <http://www.modeltrainexpo.com/Schedule/Schedule.htm> write them at Big Train Show at 14252 Culver Dr., A-735, Irvine, CA 92604, phone them at 949-679-0616, or email them at contact@g-scale.com

On 21-27 June, the **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society** will be holding their **26th Annual Convention** in **Pasadena, CA** at the Hilton Hotel. They will be featuring, for the first time, two trains, the Chief and the Super Chief. Check their website at <http://www.atsfr.net/convention/> or contact Gene Rutledge the Chairman at 559.972-0711 cell, 559-732-2560 home, 559-733-9433 fax or atsfgene@aol.com for more details.

July 2005

On July 3 - 9, **Division 7 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR)** will be hosting the **2005 NMRA National Convention** in **Cincinnati, Ohio**. For more details either go to their website at <http://www.cincy-div7.org> or <http://www.cl2005.com/home.htm>, email them at either info@nmra2005.com or registrar@cl2005.com or write to them at Registrar / Cincinnati Limited 2005 / 6526 Hollowview Ct. /Liberty Township, OH 45011

On 20-23 July (tentative date), the **2005 Union Pacific Historical Society Convention** will be held in **Denver, CO**. Go to their website at <http://www.uphs.org/convention.htm> or contact Bill Settle at conventions@uphs.org for more details on the convention. For more information on **UPHS**, either go to website at <http://www.uphs.org/> write them at **Union Pacific Historical Society**, P.O. Box 4006, Cheyenne, WY 82003-4006, phone them at 307-635-5197 or you can email them at info@uphs.org

On 26-30 July, the **National Association of S Gaugers, Inc. (NASG)** **2005 NASG National Convention** will be hosted by the **Alto Model Train Museum (AMTMA)** at the Ramada hotel in **Altoona, PA**. For more information, either go to their website at www.nasg.org, the convention website at <http://www.amtma.org> or phone Greg Miller at 814-942-1848.

Sometime in July (?), the **2005 Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Convention** will be held in ?? Go to their website at <http://www.npr.org/> or contact them at NPRHASTore@msn.com. Alternatively you can check the website at <http://pw2.netcom.com/~whstlpnk/np.html> or contact John A Phillips, III at Whstlpnk@ix.netcom.com for more details.

August 2005

Sometime in August (?), the **21st Annual Garden Railway Convention** will be sponsored by xx in the **Chicago, IL** area.

September 2005

On 7-11 September, the **PSR 2005 Convention** (sponsored by the **Cajon Division**) will be held at the Radisson Resorts Knotts Berry Farm in **Buena Park, CA**. For more information go to their website at <http://www.cajondiv.org> or contact Jan Wescott at 702-566-0856 wesvegas@cox.net You can also contact either the PSR Secretary (David Irick) at 623-435-8534 dlikrick@qwest.net or the Webmaster (Dick Greatorex) at 602-971-6263 dickg@getnet.net

Sometime in September, the **25th National Narrow Gauge Convention** will be held in **Detroit, MI**. Go to their website at <http://www.narrowgauge2005.com/> or contact Ken Lunders at 408-777-9572 ken.lunders@intercad-inc.com for more details.

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October 2005

Sometime in October (?), the **2005 Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Societies Convention** will be held in **????**. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.sphtsannualmeeting.org/>, write them at SPH&TS, P.O. Box 93697, Pasadena, CA 91109-3697 or contact Peter McClosky at sphts@earthlink.net.

November 2005

December 2005

Sometime in 2005

The **2005 Western Pacific RR Convention** will probably be in Tracy, Lodi or **Sacramento, CA**. For more details as they become available, contact Steve Hayes at 209-536-1847 hayeswp@hotmail.com or go to their website at <http://www.wprrhs.org/index.html>.

2006

January 2006

February 2006

March 2006

April 2006

Sometime in the spring (April-May?), the **Division of the Pacific Coast Region of NMRA** will host the **PCR Convention** at the ?? hotel in **Sacramento, CA**. Contact L.E. "Gene" Mayer at 916-486-0934 genefwrr@aol.com or go to their website at for details.

May 2006

June 2006

On 8-11 June, the **Big Train Show** (G Scale) will be at the Queen Mary in **Long Beach, CA** with clinics and tours starting Thursday and the doors open to the public from 1 to 6 pm on Saturday and from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday. For more details, check their website at either <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/> or <http://www.modeltrainexpo.com/Schedule/Schedule.htm> write them at Big Train Show at 14252 Culver Dr., A-735, Irvine, CA 92604, phone them at 949-679-0616, or email them at contact@g-scale.com

Sometime in June (?), the **Bitter Creek Western Live Steam**

RR (in rural **Arroyo Grande, CA**) will host the **Triennial Live Steam Ramble & Meet**. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

July 2006

On July 20-23, the **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society (SFRH&MS)** will be holding their **27th Annual Convention** ("San Francisco Chief") at the Ambassador Hotel in **Amarillo, TX**. Check their website at <http://www.atsfr.net/convention/> or contact Bryan Moseley at MossMan@ZIANET.COM for more details.

Sometime in July (?), the annual **2006 NMRA National convention** will be in **Philadelphia, PA**. For more information check the website at <http://www.nmra.org/convention/>

August 2006

Sometime in August (?), the **22nd Annual Garden Railway Convention** will be sponsored by xx in **San Francisco, CA** area.

September 2006

October 2006

Sometime in October (?), the **2005 Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Societies Convention** will be held in **????**. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.sphtsannualmeeting.org/>, write them at SPH&TS, P.O. Box 93697, Pasadena, CA 91109-3697 or contact Peter McClosky at sphts@earthlink.net.

November 2006

December 2006

2007

Sometime in June or July (?), the **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society** will be holding their **28th Annual Convention** in the **Oklahoma City Tulsa area** of **Oklahoma**. This is tentative so check their website at <http://www.atsfr.net/convention/> for more details.

On July 22-29, the **North Central Region Division 8** will host the **2007 NMRA National convention (Great Lakes Express)** in **Detroit, MI**. For more information check the website at http://members.tripod.com/2007_nmra/ or email David Thornton at DThorn5552@aol.com

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Sometime in August (?), the **23rd Annual Garden Railway Convention** will be sponsored by the **Las Vegas Garden Railway Society** in **Las Vegas, NV**. While still early in the planning stages, you can visit their webpage at http://www.nvtiny.com/conv_2007/conv-2007.htm or contact the convention website Webmaster "Tiny" Pierce at ???. For club information, either go to website at http://www.communitylink.koz.com/servlet/lvrj_ProcServ/DBPAGE=cge&GID=08003010550939058009709950, write Clark Lord c/o Las Vegas Garden Railway Society at 4890 Arizona Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104-5735, or email either Charles Van Netta at silverpeak@juno.com or Eddie Clarke (their Webmaster) at eddiencarol@cox.net.

2008

Some time in the spring (Mid-May?), the **Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region of NMRA** will host the **PCR Convention** in **xx, CA**. For more information, contact either John Houlihan (the Chairman) at 559-435-0874 rubyjohn@comcast.net or Doug Wagner at 661-589-0391 carldw@aol.com or check the websites at either <http://www.trainweb.org/daylight/events.htm> or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/>.

Sometime in July (?), the **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society** will be holding their **29th Annual Convention** in the **Riverside area of CA**. Check their website at <http://www.atsfrr.net/convention/> or contact Gene Rutledge the Chairman at 559.972-0711 cell, 559-732-2560 home, 559-733-9433 fax or atsfgene@aol.com for more details.

Sometime in July (?), the **2008 NMRA National convention** will be in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information check the website at <http://www.nmra.org/convention/>

2009

Sometime in July (?), the annual **2009 NMRA National convention** will be open for bid from the East Coast. For more information check the website at <http://www.nmra.org/convention/>

2010

Sometime in July (?), the annual **2010 NMRA National convention** will be in **Milwaukee, WI**. For more information check the website at <http://www.nmra.org/convention/>

Club Information Section

The **1/87 Vehicle Club** has individual membership at \$20 per year for which you receive three **Route 1-87** newsletters per year with special pricing on club sponsored custom run vehi-

cles as well as access to national and regional conventions. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.1-87vehicles.org/>, e-mail them at info@1-87vehicles.org, or contact either Joe D'Elia, Jr. (P.O. Box 2701, Carlsbad, CA 92018) at 760-721-3393 ppw-aline@worldnet.att.net or Bob Johnson at 408-394-7586 (Fax: 408-227-7765) bjohnson187@sbcglobal.net.

The **Alameda County Central RR Society** (HO & O) layouts are located at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in **Pleasanton, CA**. A 30 by 100 foot room is shared by an O scale layout and HO scale layout, each using roughly half of the space split along the length of the room. The layout is a permanent attraction of the annual county fair and is open all year long to the general public every Friday evening from 6 to 10 pm. The layouts operate continuously during the annual county fair and during special events such as the Great American Train Show. For more information either go to their website at <http://marina.fortunecity.com/spinnaker/240/track1.htm> contact Gary Lewis at glslewis@home.com or Bob Johnson at avansch@aol.com

The **American Flyer S-Gauge Modular Club** is located in the **Buena Park, CA** area. For more information, contact Bill Phillips at 6645 Berry Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620.

The **Amtrak Employees Model RR Club** (HO) is located in the **Los Angeles area of CA** and meets on the second Sunday of the month. For more information, either contact Peter McClosky at pmcclosky@earthlink.net or go to their website at <http://www.aemrrc.org/>

The **Angels Gate Hi-Railers Model RR Club** (O) is located in Angels Gate Park, 3601 South Gaffey Street, Building 848 by the soccer field and the vehicle storage yard in **San Pedro, CA**. For more information either go to their website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~mcjackson/angelsgate.htm> or contact Matt Jackson at mcjackson@earthlink.net

The **Antelope Valley Model RR Club** (HO) meets every Friday evening at 7:30 pm in their Club Car on the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in **Lancaster, CA**. The first Friday of the month is reserved for business meeting, while the last Friday of the month is reserved for operating session. The remaining Fridays are their work sessions. Visitors are always welcome on any meeting or session night. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.avmrc.av.org/>, email Joe Beasley at jbeas@qnet.com or Don Frozina at frozina@qnet.com.

The **Antelope Valley N'Scalers Club (NTRAK)** meets every Sunday from 9 am to noon at its clubhouse at 210 ½ West Oldfield St. in **Lancaster, CA**. Their business meetings are the first Sunday, work sessions are the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays and they hold a "Run Day" on the fifth Sunday of the month (when there is one). For more information either go to their website at

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<http://www.avns.av.org/> or contact Ed Jones at ed-jones1515@earthlink.net.

The **Bay Area NTRAK Model RR Club, Inc.** is located in the **San Francisco, CA** area. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.bayareantrak.org/bthome.html>

The **Bay Area S Scalers** are located in the **Walnut Creek, Salinas to Sebastopol, and San Francisco to Roseville & Valley Springs** areas in **CA**. For more information, either email Lee Johnson at leemax@jps.net, phone him at 925-943-1590 or write him at 2472 Lariat Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-6635.

The **Belmont Shore Model RR Club (N)** is located in Angels Gate Park (3601 South Gaffy Street / Building 824) in **San Pedro, CA** where they are open every Tuesday night from 5:30 until 10 pm. First Tuesday of the month is their business meeting, the second and fifth Tuesdays are for open running, while the third Tuesday is for scheduled operations and the fourth Tuesday is a work night (no running). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.socaln.com/belmont/index.html>, phone them at 310-831-6262 on Tuesday Nights or contact Scott Schifer at schifer@pacbell.net

The **Bitter Creek Western RR (BCWRR)** is a privately owned 7.5-inch gauge railroad operated for the benefit of children of all ages who enjoy playing trains. There are also both HO and O Scale layouts located at the private property located on the Nipomo Mesa just outside **Arroyo Grande, CA** on 2110 S Halcyon Rd. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.bittercreekwesternrr.org>, contact Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353 Silverado@thegrid.net or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

The **Cal Poly / Swanton Pacific RR** - See the **Swanton Pacific RR**.

The **California Southern Model RR Club (HO)** is located at 12140 E Firestone Blvd in **Norwalk, CA**. They meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm, and the public is always welcome. The first meeting of each month is where club business is discussed. The last Tuesday of each month is their operating night. The other Tuesdays are work sessions on their HO scale railroad. Most Fridays there is an impromptu meeting where members can do layout construction, run trains, or just shoot the breeze. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/calsomrr/>, phone them at 562-863-3156 or email them at calsomrr@horailroading.net.

The **Calrailfans Gathering** is a group of rail fans who gather monthly at different sites (usually in California) to have fun, tell stories, take photos, and put names with faces. All are welcome to join. In June and December of each year they gather at the old Santa Fe tower location at Stockton to have a potluck and pay their respects. Contact either David Epling at

[crrails@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crcrails@sbcglobal.net) or Michael Huggins at 415-377-8857 michael.huggins@schwab.com for details or join them at Cal-railfans@yahoo.com

The **Central California Coast Garden Ry Society (G Scale)** meets in **San Luis Obispo County, CA**. For more details, contact Elden Paling at 805-462-3624 mpaling@tcsn.net.

The **Central California Operators Group** (all scales) is a group of operations minded model railroaders who meet on an irregular basis to operate on different layouts in various locations. For more details, contact Steve Hayes at 209-536-1847 hayeswp@hotmail.com

The **Coastal Valley Lines (HO)** is an informal association of novice to expert model railroaders from around the **Sonoma County** area of **CA**. The group operates its HO modular railroad at public and private events, and also gathers for clinics, work sessions and regular monthly meetings. For more information either go to their website at <http://home.pacbell.net/jrolston/> or contact John Rolston at jrolston@pacbell.net

The **Donner Pass Gandy Dancers (HO)** are a modular group near **Reno, NV** who setup only at shows (members live in different 5 towns). For more information, contact Linda Lippincott at crlid_lippincott@msn.com

The **East Bay Model Engineers Society** takes an active role in building and operating the layouts of the **Golden State Model RR Museum**. The best way to join the **EBMES** is to visit them on one of our work nights, held every Friday night from 7 to 10 pm at 900 Dornan Drive in **Point Richmond, CA** close to the east end of the San Rafael bridge (I-580) in the northeast corner of the San Francisco Bay area. For more information either go to their website at <http://gsmrm.org/>, contact them at info@gsmrm.org, or John A. Edginton at jedginton@edg-law.com

The **East Valley Lines (N-Gauge)** model railroad display (about 2000 square feet) is a public-service activity made possible through partnership of the **Los Angeles N-Scale Association** with the Travel Town Museum, City of **Los Angeles, CA**, Dept. of Recreation & Parks located at the Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Drive in Los Angeles' Griffith Park. They are open for public viewing of the layout on the weekends from 10 am to 4 pm and their business meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month. For more information, either phone them at phone (323) 662-2311, go to their web site at <http://www.trainweb.org/EVL/>, or contact Dave Shapiro at 818-986-8760 or 818-880-9464 dms@pacificnet.net or Dave Fowler at wpsnts@earthlink.net

The **Eastern Sierra RR Society (HO)** meets at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in **Ridgecrest, CA**. For more information, contact Roger Nickell at nickellrd@mchsi.com

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The **Eel River Valley Model Railroaders** meet in the Commercial Building on the Humboldt County Fairgrounds located in Historic **Ferndale, CA**. They meet on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.eelrivervalleyrr.org/>, contact Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rlplies@cox.net or their webmaster at jblackmon@attbi.com

The **Foothill Model RR Club** (HO & HO_n3) is located in Fred Park in **Glendale, CA** where they meet on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 2 to 10 pm. For more information, contact Hank Diel at 818-843-3699 jrdiel@aol.com

The **Fullerton Model RR Historical Society (FMRHS)** meets at the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce building (219 E. Commonwealth) every month on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm in **Fullerton, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.com/frpa/fmrhs/> or Rick Bremer, Membership Coordinator, at 714-990-1394 rbcfmrhs@yahoo.com or George Barlow at 714-278-0624 frpa@trainweb.com

The **Glendale Model RR Club** (HO) meets at Fremont Park (619 Hahn Ave.) in **Glendale, CA** and has an open house the first Monday of each month from 7:30 to 10 pm to view its **Verdugo Valley Lines**. The Second Monday is the business meeting and a railroad related program. The Third and Fourth Mondays are work nights. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.gmrrc.org/>, email them at webmaster@GMRRC.org, phone them at 818-500-7299 and ask for Ed Sikora or contact Milt Harker at 818-248-2281.

The **Gold Coast Modular RR Club** (HO) is a non-profit "mutual benefit" corporation - 501(c)7 IRS status that meets in the **Ventura area of CA** on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 pm at members' homes, except during the Ventura County Fair and GATS exhibitions (July 12-August 24). The GCMRC will resume meeting in members' home on Wednesday, August 27. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.gcmrc.com/>, contact Jerry Mittelholz at 805-525-5136 mit-telj@vcss.k12.ca.us, Nick Leddo at LeddoNick@aol.com or David Minkin at dddave@QuixNet.net

The **Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society** (N & HO) is a model railroad club building large HO and N scale layouts in its clubhouse located on the 2nd & 3rd floors above The Bullpen at the northeast corner of 19th and Eye streets in downtown **Bakersfield, CA** (entrance is in the alley). The Society Meetings are on the Second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm. Normally they also meet on Tuesday & Thursday Nights from 7 to 9 pm and on Saturday mornings after 8 am. The Club phone is 661-325-5820 but answered only during meeting times or if members are present. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.gehams.com/>

or contact Doug Wagner at 661-331-6695 carldw@aol.com

The **Golden Gate American Flyer Club** is located in the **El Cerrito, CA** area. For more information, either email Jake Jacobsen at nut4aftrns@aol.com or write him at 310 Behrens St., El Cerrito, CA 94530-3707.

The **Golden Gate Lionel RR Club** was formed to promote, operate, and enjoy our 3-rail O-gauge trains. They meet twice a month: On the third Wednesday of each month to hold a business meeting at the Santa Clara Train Station (1099 Railroad Avenue in **Santa Clara, CA**) and on the second Tuesday of the month for an operating meeting at the Palo Alto Elks Club (4249 El Camino Real in Palo Alto, CA). They also operate a large modular layout displayed at Bay Area train shows and train events. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in 3-rail O-gauge trains of any era, condition, type, or manufacture. Their Annual Lionel Golden Gate RR Club Show and Sale is held each year on the third Sunday of January from 10 am to 5 pm, at Centennial Hall in Hayward. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.gglrrc.org/> or contact one of the following Jerry McClellan (Pres.) 650-345-9930, Kemp Watson (VP) 650-949-3984, Russ Hora (Treas.) 408-733-3056, Daniel Schick (Sec.) 408-378-1163, Gerald McClellan 650-345-9930 or Gary Dwyer (Sat A.) 831-423-3102.

The **Golden Gate Live Steamers** track is located in Tilden Park in the hills above **Berkeley, CA** and hold two annual meets in the spring and fall. They generally try to provide rides on their passenger trains every Sunday between noon and 3 pm, weather permitting. Their track accommodates four gauges: 2 1/2, 3 1/2, 4 3/4 and 7 1/2 inch. The scales are 1/2, 3/4, 1 and 1 1/2 inches to the foot, but various other scales are used by those building narrow gauge locomotives. For more information, either go to their web page at <http://www.ggls.org/>, email Ken Brunskill at steamtrout@comcast.net or Dave August at august@acmesi.com or contact Rick Zobelein at 1104 Vailwood Way, San Mateo CA 94403.

The **Group 160 Ntrak Club** is based in **Burbank, CA**. Group 160's layouts are modular in nature and each module is generally 4 feet in length. While they can make any size setup that is desired, from an 8 foot square on up, the average size of their setup is approximately 20 by 28 feet. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.socaln.com/group160/indexhtml> or contact either Michael Barrett at mjbarrrj@cs.com or Audra Goyette at audragoyette@netscape.net.

The **Hemet-San Jacinto RR Club** meets at 25010 Rosebrugh Lane in **Hemet, CA**. For more information, either phone them at 909-927-3854 or contact Will Winneker at wilawin@aol.com

The **High Sierra Model RR Club** now meets every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in **Chico, CA**. The Saturday meeting

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will be dropped in favor of railfan trips and excursions to local rail sites in order to find inspiration for scenic construction. The first and third Thursdays every month are planned operating sessions and the remaining days for layout construction. Visitors are welcome. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.homestead.com/highsierra/> or email them at highsierramrr@hotmail.com

The **Highland Park Society of Model RR Engineers, Inc.** (HO) operates the **Highland Pacific RR** at 854 E. Broadway in **San Gabriel, CA**. They meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/hp/>, phone them at 626-285-1031 or email either Dave Sanchez at an658@lafn.org or Charles White at highlandpacific@yahoo.com

The **Inland Terminal S Scale Club** is located in the **Rolling Hill Estates, CA** area. For more information, either phone Gale Irwin at 310-326-7040 or write him at 10 Sorrel Lane, Rolling Hill Estates, CA 90274-4226.

The **Kern County Live Steamers** (7.5") operates the **Caliente & Pacific RR** at the Murray Family Farms (Hwy 58 & General Beale Road) near **Bakersfield, CA**. Their meetings are on the second Monday of each month from 7 pm to 9 pm at Spencer's Restaurant (10437 Rosedale Hwy & Verdugo Ln). For more information, either write them at P.O. Box 20691, Bakersfield, CA 93390, go to their website at <http://www.kclivesteamers.com/> or <http://www.trainweb.org/kernctyls/>, email them at webmaster@www.kclivesteamers.com or phone any of the following: Roger Frymire at 661-587-7364, Donna Hettinger at 661-587-6820, Steve Kendrick at 661-588-5148, Tom Osterdock at 661-589-8452 live_steamer@Yahoo.com, or Tim Willard at 661-589-6091.

The **La Mesa Model RR Club (SDMRRC)** (HO) is part of the **San Diego Model RR Museum** located in Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** and membership is open to anyone supporting its objective of constructing an HO scale model of the Tehachapi Pass. It meets at the museum every Tuesday night at 7:30 to work on the layout. Business meetings are held quarterly on the second Tuesdays in March, June, September, and December at 8:00 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.globalinfo.com/noncomm/SDMRM/sdmrmcl.html#LAMESA>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone John Rotsart at 619-696-0199.

The **Las Vegas Garden Railway Society** is located in the **Las Vegas, NV** area and has built a portable modular layout that allows them to set up a 50' x 60' x 40" high portable Garden Railway almost anywhere. They hold monthly Run Meets with a minimum of business. For more information, either go to website at http://www.communitylink.koz.com/servlet/lvrj_ProcServ/

[DBPAGE=cge&GID=08003010550939058009709950](http://www.trainweb.org/DBPAGE=cge&GID=08003010550939058009709950), write Clark Lord c/o Las Vegas Garden Railway Society at 4890 Arizona Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104-5735, or email either Charles Van Netta at silverpeak@juno.com or Eddie Clarke (their Webmaster) at eddiencarol@cox.net.

The **Lompoc Valley Model RR Society** (HO) meets every Tuesday & Friday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 11 am at 428 North I Street in **Lompoc, CA**. For more information, contact either Vahan Yeterian at 805-736-0501 or Wayne Asbury at 805-733-3850 OboeEH@impulse.net.

The **Los Angeles Live Steamers** operate their 7½" gauge model trains for the general public *free of charge* from 11 am - 3 pm every Sunday (weather permitting) except for the Sunday before Memorial Day and the first Sunday in October at 5202 Zoo Drive in Griffin Park in **Los Angeles, CA**. The gate is open from 10 am to 3 pm. Train rides begin at 11 am. Their general meetings are on the third Saturday of the month starting at 7 pm. Their Spring Meet is on the Memorial Day weekend and their Fall Meet is on the first weekend of October. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lals.org/> or contact Donald Frozina at booster@lals.org.

The **Los Angeles Model RR Society** (HO) is home to the **Great Lakes & Western RR** located at 14005 South Crenshaw Blvd. (from near the corner of Rosecrans & Crenshaw, go north of Rosecrans and then upstairs to Unit G.) in **Hawthorne, CA**. They are open every Tuesday night at 7 pm except the 1st Tuesday of the month. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lamrs.org>, email them at info.lamrs@verizon.net phone them at 310-675-3361 or phone Lloyd at 310 951-9097

The **Los Angeles N-Scale Association** is open for viewing of the **East Valley Lines Model RR** (located in the Travel Town Museum at Griffith Park in **Los Angeles, CA**) on the weekends from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/EVL/> or phone them at 323-662-2311.

The **Model Vehicles Unlimited** meetings take place on the third Sunday of the month from noon to 3 pm. The address is: 16001 Pacific Coast Highway, **Pacific Palisades, CA** 90272 (310-454-8075). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.modelvehiclesunlimited.org/>, email them at info@modelvehiclesunlimited.com, write them at P.O. Box 2118, Culver City, CA 90231, phone them at 323-293-2019, or contact or Ralph Johnson at 323-293-2019 Navaz@earthlink.net.

The **Modular RR Engineers of Ventura County (MREVC)** is a group of model railroad enthusiasts in and around the **Ventura County area of Southern California** interested in prototypical modular model railroading. For more information, go to

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MREVC/> or send an email to MREVC-owner@yahoo.com

The **Monterey and Salinas Valley RR Modeling and Historical Society** (HO & HOn3) meets on Thursday evenings from 7 until 10 pm at the Railway Express Agency building located in **Salinas, CA** on Railroad Ave, just to the right of the Amtrak Station. They host an open house on the second weekend of the month except for Mother's Day Weekend. For more information either go to their website at www.msvrr.org, phone them at 831-57-6305 (Please leave a message), contact Mark Dorman at msvrr@redshift.com or Tammy Carter at TammyX1961@aol.com

The **Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society** (HO) regularly meets at the fairgrounds (575 Third Street) in **Napa, CA** on Friday evenings from 7:30 to Midnight. The club has a large HO layout that is about 80% finished. Electrical control is a block system which utilizes old telephone company step-per switches. There is about 10 scale miles of mainline with numerous sidings and yards. Operating sessions using way-bills are normally held on the second Friday of the month. Almost all of the rolling stock on the layout is member owned with an emphasis on realism and reliability. The 1600 square foot second floor serves as a meeting area, library, and workshop. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nvmrc.org/>, phone 707-253-8428 (club phone) or contact John Rodgers at 707-226-2985 napajohn@napanet.net.

The **North Bay Model RR Club** (HO) is located in the **Vallejo, CA** area. They can run both American & European equipment since they use Ktrak track. For more information, contact Gary Dennis at 707-642-6194 gadennis50@earthlink.net or write him at 204 Hermosa Ave, Vallejo, CA 94589.

The **North Coast Narrow Gaugers** is a HOn3 modular model railroading group based in **Sonoma County, CA** that sets up several times a year. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.ncng.org/> or contact Brian Hutchinson at hutch@sonic.net

The **Ntrak Express Model RR Club** is a model railroad club that builds and runs their trains on N-scale modules. They then travel with their modules to different shows throughout the year. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.ntrakexpress.com/>, email them at webmaster@ntrakexpress.com or contact Jack at jack10@gte.net.

For the **Oakdale Model Railroaders**, please see the **Stanislaus Model Railroaders and Historians**.

The **Orange Coast RR Club** website is www.europeancycle.com/ocrc.htm

The **Orange County Model Engineers, Inc. (OCME)** is a

Live Steam group that meets on the third weekend of each month in Fairview Park on Placentia Ave in **Costa Mesa, CA**. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.livesteamclubs.com/Ocme/Ocme.html>, contact either Kevin or Lori Tolan at 714-969-9834 or Vern Lockhart at verno-hb@ix.netcom.com The Clubhouse phone is 949-54-TRAIN (949-548-7246).

The **Orange County Module Railroaders** (a modular group) believes in taking the hobby to the public, setting up displays at shopping malls, model railroad shows, including GATS, and NMRA conventions all around the southland, full filling their mission to promote the hobby to the public. The club has two regularly scheduled meetings each month. The first is their regular business meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, held at the Sunkist Branch Library, 901 S. Sunkist, in **Anaheim, CA**. The second is the meeting of their Executive Committee (also called "the E-board") held at Knowlwood's restaurant next to the Fullerton Depot in **Fullerton, CA**. Both of these meetings try to get started around 7:00 p.m., southern California traffic permitting. For more information go to their website at <http://trainweb.org/ocmr/>.

The **Orange County "N" Gineers** is

The **Pacific Coast Live Steamers (PCLS)** is an ad-hoc group of totally unorganized people who like to run small-scale live steam engines on 45 mm or 32 mm track. **PCLS** has two main activities: Monthly steam-ups at members' homes and construction, storage and maintenance of a 38-foot-by-23-foot portable track (two loops, dual-gauged on the inner loop). Active small-scale live steamers in the San Francisco, Los Angeles and Pacific Northwest areas have been meeting regularly since Spring 2000, bringing closer ties among the extremely active live steam groups up and down the Pacific Coast as well as the bordering states. The **PCLS Newsletter** is sent on a monthly basis and lists schedule steamup events submitted by members in any geography. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.p-c-l-s.com/>, email them at pcls@p-c-l-s.com or leave a message at (415) 794-4800.

The **Palo Alto Model RR Club** (HO) had a 1,000 square foot layout in room 35 at the old Terman High School on Arastradero Road in **Palo Alto, CA**, halfway between El Camino Real and Foothill Expressway. Club meetings were weekly, on Thursday nights from 5:30 pm to late during the summer, and on Friday nights from 5:30 pm to late during the school year. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.pamrrc.org/> or email them at feedback@pamrrc.org.

The **Pasadena Model RR Club** (HO) operates the **Sierra Pacific Lines** covering almost 5000 square feet. Their meetings at 5458 Alhambra Ave in **Los Angeles, CA** are every Tuesday from 7:30 to 10 pm with the first Tuesday of the month being

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the Business Meeting, the second for operating & every Saturday from 1 to 5 pm and 7 to 10 pm (operating also on the second Saturday of the month). Note: Cameras, video cameras and binoculars welcome. ADA accessible and they are Air Conditioned. For more details either contact them at 323-222-1718 Webmaster@pmrrc.org or go to their website at <http://www.pmrrc.org>.

The **Peninsula NTRAK** is located in the **Palo Alto, CA** area. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.nscalestation.com/PNtrak/welcome.htm>

The **Pomona Valley Model RR Club** located at 132 E. 1st St. in **Pomona, CA** is the home of the **Sierra, Cajon & Pacific RR**. Their club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 10 pm. The monthly club meeting is on the 1st Tuesday. Open to the public. On the second Saturday in April and October, they hold their semi-annual swap meet from 8 am to noon and open house from 9:30 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.pvmrrc.org>, phone them at 909-865-7035, email them at pvmrrc@pvmrrc.org or contact Lindsay Smith at 909-599-0182 windsays@adelphia.net.

The **Ponderosa North Model Railroad Club** is located in **Phoenix, AZ** and their website is at www.arizonarails.com

The **Redwood Empire Garden Railway Society (REGRS)** meet at their members homes monthly. For more details contact rrsteve@pacific.net or go to the website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/#contact>.

The **Redwood Empire Live Steamers** meets in the Santa **Rosa area** of **CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://santarosals.org/> or contact Ann & Don Welch at info@santarosals.org or Will Jordan at webmaster@santarosals.org

The **Redwood Valley Railway** is at Grizzly Peak Blvd. & Lomas Cantadas in **Orinda, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.redwoodvalleyrailway.com/> or contact them at 510-548-6100 redwoodvalleyrailway@comcast.net

The **Ridgecrest Area Independent Live Steamers (RAILS)** is a non-club of independent (very heavy on the independent) men and women who have a deep interest and respect for railroading in the **Ridgecrest** area of **CA**. RAILS is very involved laying track for SBSL. The **Sagebrush Short Line RR (SBSL)** is a privately owned and operated railroad. Visits to the railroad on run days and special events are by invitation of the Tie Owners. "Meetings" come in the form of lunches, with subjects ranging from trains (of course) to politics (NO, NO). For more details either check the web site at <http://www1.iwvisp.com/lpruitt/rails/rails.htm> email them at

lpruitt@iwvisp.com or contact Roger Nickell at nickellrd@mchsi.com

The **Riverside Live Steamers** are an 100% Steam Only Club that meets in Hunter Park in **Riverside, CA** (East on Columbus off I-215). Their general meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm at their Engine house. Their Run Days are on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm and their Work Day is the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 1 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.steamonly.org/>, contact Mark Engbretsen at forum@steamonly.org or phone the Engine house at 909-779-9024.

The **Roseville Roundhouse Model RR Club** (HO) meets every Tuesday & Thursday night at 7 pm in **Roseville, CA**. For more information, you can either contact George Carter at Geo.Clairie.Carter@msn.com Paul DeRouen at IRFinformation@aol.com 775-841-5363 <http://www.internationalrailfair.com> or go to their website at <http://www.rmmrc.railfan.net>.

The **Sacramento Model RR Historical Society, Inc.** (Home of the **Sierra Central RR** modeled in HO scale, standard and narrow gauge layouts) is located in the Northern part of **Sacramento, CA**, in a community known as Del Paso Heights. The Club is on the southwest corner of Grand and Pinell Street - which is just off of Interstate-80. Their normal hours are Wednesday and Friday nights 7:30 pm to at least 9 pm and on the third Friday of each month (barring holidays) **SMRHS** offers a free, open to the public, clinic night on DCC. The Society has a number of members who are quite experienced in installation and troubleshooting of DCC (Digital Command Control). Membership is open to both junior (under 18) and adult members. They will host open houses on a Saturday in March, July and on the third weekend in November. For more details, either go to their web site at <http://www.smrhs.com>, mail them at 1990 Grand Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838, phone them at 916-927-3618 or contact Dave Megeath at 916-927-3618 d.megeath@comcast.net

The **Sacramento Modular Railroaders (SMR)** (HO) is a non-profit, educational-historical organization registered by the state of California which operates the **Sacramento Central (SCRR)** in **Sacramento, CA**. The SCRR is a large HO scale modular railroad, operating between the cities of Gerber, CA in the north and Stockton, CA in the south with major yard facilities in Roseville. For more information, either go to their website at <http://saccentral.railfan.net/>, email them at Saccentral@railfan.net or contact Eugene Volz at evolz@mei-protel.com

The **Sacramento Valley Live Steamers** (a family oriented live steaming group) is located in Hagen Park in **Rancho Cordova**, just east of **Sacramento, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.svls.org/>, contact Dale Fowlar at 916-962-0718 president@svls.org or Bill Yoder at 916-652-7113 editor@svls.org.

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The **Sagebrush Short Line RR (SBSL)** is a privately owned and operated railroad. See the **Ridgecrest Area Independent Live Steamers (RAILS)** for details.

The **Sahuaro Central RR Heritage Preservation Society** meets in the **Phoenix, AZ** area. For more information, contact Dean M. Palmer at 623-776-2279 deansacmaro@aol.com

The **San Diego Garden Railway Society (SDGRS)** holds most of their meetings at the homes of members in the **San Diego, CA** area who take the opportunity to demonstrate their railway. For more details either go to their website at <http://www.sdgrs.com/index.html> or contact Ron Drumheller at k3nxf@cox.net

The **San Diego Model RR Club (SDMRRRC)** (HO & O) is part of the **San Diego Model RR Museum** and is comprised of the 2700 sq. ft. **Cabrillo & Southwestern O-Scale Exhibit** and the 4500 sq. ft. **San Diego & Arizona Eastern HO-Scale Exhibits** located in the House of Charm in Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA**. Club work sessions occur every Friday night. Business meetings occur the first Friday night of January, March, May, July, September, October, and November. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.globalinfo.com/noncomm/SDMRM/sdmrmcl.html#SDMRRRC>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone Jim Nemitz at 619-281-6928.

The **San Diego Sn3 Fellowship** is located in the **San Diego, CA** area. For more information, contact Mel Medhurst at 5384 El Noche Way, San Diego, CA 92124.

The **San Diego Society of N Scale (SDSONS) (NTRAK)** is part of the **San Diego Model RR Museum** located in Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA** and membership is open to anyone wishing to help model their Pacific Desert Lines which is a turn of the century railroad linking San Diego to points east. SDSONS meets at the museum every Friday evening at 7:30 to work on the layout. Business meetings are held on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.globalinfo.com/noncomm/SDMRM/sdmrmcl.html#SDSONS>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone Darryl Smith at 619-233-6427.

The **San Joaquin Valley Model Railroaders** meet in the **Exeter, Tulare, and Visalia area of CA** on a monthly basis usually at member's homes. For more information, either email them at svmrr@quixnet.net or contact Cecil Eppler at 559-733-1196 aace@quixnet.net.

The **San Leandro Historical Railway Society (SLHRS)** welcomes visitors. Their address is 1302 Orchard Ave. in **San Leandro, CA** and their scheduled hours are: Tues 7:30 pm to 9

pm, Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. For more information, either go to their website at www.slhrs.org or contact Barry Chinn at bechinn1@comcast.net

The **San Luis Obispo Model RR Club (SLOMRC)** (all scales) meets at members homes in the **San Luis Obispo** area of **CA** and provides a library of knowledge, skills, and techniques to the local model railroad community. For more information, either contact Dave Wilding at 805-543-1651 DTCBATS2@hotmail.com or Jim Jonte at 805-544-6333 jim-jonte80@charter.net or visit our website at <http://trainweb.org/slomrc/>.

The **Santa Cruz County RR Historical Society** (HO, N, & G) meets on Monday night at 7 pm in the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in **Watsonville, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/sccrhs/>, email them at mjmaggiolo@sbcglobal.net or contact Rick Lopez at 408-768-8211 rick213@pnet.net

The **Santa Rosa Live Steamers** are now known as the **Redwood Empire Live Steamers**.

For the **Santa Susana Model RR Club**, see the **Santa Susana RR Historical Society** in the Society Section.

The **Short Track Crew (NTRAK)** is part of the **Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum** in **Vista, CA**. The Museum is a non-profit 501-(c)3, educational organization that seeks to collect and display examples of the mechanical ingenuity associated with the American farm community from 1849 to 1949. The Crew is an NTRAK club, and when not at a show, they are located at the Museum on 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083. Meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month (7:30 pm). Visitors are welcome. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.pce.cc/> or email Paul Schmitt at flyers@inetworld.net

The **Silicon Valley Lines (SVL)** is an HO Scale Model RR Club located in the heart of Silicon Valley in **San Jose, CA** at 148 E. Virginia Street. Visitors are welcome to visit them at our club any Friday evening, after 7:30 pm. The first Friday of each month is the club business meeting, the last Friday is "Operations Night", and all other Fridays are work-nights. Some folks leave at 10 pm, some stay 'til midnite or so, and a group of night owls usually adjourn to a nearby Denny's. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.siliconvalleylines.com/> or contact Mark Gurries at 408-377-0544 gurriesm@macconnect.com

The **Slim Gauge Guild Model RR Club** (Sn3 & HOn3) is located at 300 S. Raymond Ave. (in the basement) across the street from the **MTA's Gold Line Del Mar Station** in **Pasadena, CA** 91105. Their open houses are on the 1st Sunday of June and the 1st Sunday of November, from 10 am to 7 pm and they

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meet on Tuesday nights. Visitors are welcome. For more information, either go to their website at <http://home.pacbell.net/smith/index.html>, call Brian Brooks at the **Original Whistle Stop** 626-796-7791, or phone Jeff Smith at 626-441-6272, email him at smith@pacbell.net or write him at 300 S. Raymond, Pasadena, CA 91105.

The **Sonoma County Model RR Society** meets in **Healsburg, CA**. For more information, check their website at <http://www.scmrrs.org/>

The **South Bay Modular RR Club** (HO) was a modular railroad (**Western El Segundo Lines (WESL)**) at 300 E. Pine St. in **El Segundo, CA** at the George E. Gordon Recreation Clubhouse. Unfortunately the recreation building was closed for remodeling and the club could not find another hook-up location so they disbanded.

The **South Coast Society of Model Engineers (SCSME)** (all scales) meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the **Santa Barbara** area of **CA**. The club consists of enthusiasts of all scales and prototypes. Membership is \$2 per month. The club has no address, but activities includes operations and work sessions at member layouts and field trips with a monthly newsletter *Keeping Track*. SCSME has a group discussion site at Yahoo Groups. To subscribe send a message to scsme-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. The club has a collection of railroad books and videos for loan to members. Email the club secretary, Walter Naumann at wjnaumann@aol.com or phone him at 805-564-1359 for more details.

The **Southern California N-Scale (NTRAK)** is

The **Southern California Traction Club** (HO) is a modular model railroad group that sets up several times a year at public shows in the **Los Angeles** area of **CA**. Monthly meetings are now at 12:00 noon on the fourth Sunday of the month except for November and December to avoid conflicts with holiday weekends. Usually there are members at the clubhouse occasionally on Tuesday evenings but more often on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9 pm at the clubhouse in Baldwin Hills working on modules or rolling stock. All cars operate from overhead wire via trolley poles and are certified on the club test track prior to public operation. For more information, please check their website at either www.trolleyville.com or <http://www.trainweb.org/socaltractionclub/>, email them at sctc@customtraxx.com or socaltractionclub@yahoo.com or contact Bill Kift at 562-429-2627 or George Huckaby at 310-990-5422 or 310-475-5597.

The **Southern Nevada N-Trakers (SNNT)** is a N-Scale Modular RR group (**NTRAK**) located in **Clark County, NV**. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/7061>

The **Stanislaus Model Railroaders and Historians** (N & HO) (formerly known as the **Oakdale Model Railroaders**) have general meetings on the first Wednesday of each month (open to the public) and general club worknights every Wednesday (open to the public). These Wednesday gatherings start at 7 pm until around 9 pm. There is also a 'fun run' every third Saturday of every month that starts at 10 am and lasts until around 2 pm (extended at times if there is a high turnout of visitors). The club HO layout (**Western Sierra RR**) is set up with a Digitrax Radio Equipped DCC system for train operations. The N-Scale layout also uses a Digitrax Radio Equipped DCC system. Both layouts are under construction. The Stanislaus Model Railroader Clubhouse is located at 124-B South 5th Street in Oakdale, CA (corner of Hwy 108/120/F street and 5th Street in the Frank Steve's Used Car lot). For more details, write them at 124-B South 5th Street, Oakdale, Ca 95361, contact either James Anglin at 209-521-6904 James13a@aol.com or Mike (or son Jeff) Burghardt at 209-847-7866 nsdra@inreach.com or go to their club web site at <http://www.stanislausmodelrailroaders.com>

The **Sun'N'Sand Model Railroad Club** is located in **Scottsdale, AZ** and their website is at <http://sun-n-sand.org/>

The **Swanton Pacific RR** is located at the Swanton Pacific Ranch near **Swanton** in **Santa Cruz County, CA**. For more info either go to their web site at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~brae/swanton/sprs.html> or contact E.J. Carnegie / BioRes & Ag Engineering Dept./Cal Poly/San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 / email: ecarnegi@calpoly.edu Phone: 805-995-3659

The **Tehachapi Loop RR Club** is open to all railroad enthusiasts, from N, HO, Lionel and Large Scale Modelers to Standard Gauge Travelers, Historians, Artists and Photographers, Collectors of Memorabilia and Dreamers: anyone wishing to share in the Spirit of Train Faire. The Club meets the second Saturday of every month at 10 am at Kelcy's Restaurant on 110 W. Tehachapi Blvd. in **Tehachapi, CA** and hosts 4 model trains shows each year. Additional activities are held every month including dinners, train video nights, model railroad shows, trips and train excursions. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/>, write them at TLRC, P.O. Box 876, Tehachapi, CA 93581, or contact Geoff Drought at either 661-813-1319 or 661-301-5444 geoff-peggy@cybersurfers.net

The **Thursday Nite Boomers** (all scales) meets every Thursday night at one of its member's houses in the **San Luis Obispo** area of **CA** for layout construction, operation or sometimes just for railroad slides and movies. For more information, contact Terry N Taylor at terryntaylor@charter.net or 805-595-9535.

The **Tri-City Society of Model Engineers (TCSME)** (HO & N) holds an **Open House** at the Niles Depot on Mission Blvd in **Fremont, CA** on the first and third Sunday of every month from

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10 am to 4 pm. Work nights on the **Niles Western RR** are every Friday night 7:30 to at least 10 pm, business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and they are currently looking for new members. For more details, go to their website at <http://nilesdepot.railfan.net/> or contact Stanley B. Keiser at either 510-791-1504 or 510-797-4449 sbkeiser@juno.com.

The **Walnut Creek Model RR Society (WCMRS)** (HO) operates the **Diablo Valley Lines RR** and has standard gauge, narrow gauge, Alweg-style monorail, and interurban (overhead electric) freight and trolley lines. They are located at 2751 Buena Vista Ave off Geary Road - Larkey Park in **Walnut Creek, CA**. Currently the railroad is open to the public the last Friday of the month from 8 to 10 pm. If this is inconvenient for you, you can stop by on any Tuesday or Friday night. Members are usually there by 8 pm. Knock on the door nearest the street if it is locked. On these off-show nights, they just have the fluorescent lights on and members may be testing new cars and engines on their trains. Tuesdays are generally work nights and the trains may not be running due to track or scenery work. If you are interested in becoming a member, the second Friday of each month the club holds its business meeting from about 8 until about 9:30 pm. For more information or to verify the specific dates and operating times, either go to their website at <http://www.wcmrs.org>, phone them at 925-937-1888, phone Don Hodge at 925-827-5416 or contact Brian Witt at bwitt@value.net.

The **West Bay S Gaugers** is located in the **Menlo Park, CA** area. For more information, contact Clyde King at 1090 Merrill St. , Menlo Park, CA 94025.

For the **Woodland Modular HO Division** see The **Woodland Modular RR Club**.

For the **Woodland Modular "n" Scalers** see The **Woodland Modular RR Club**.

For the **Woodland Modular On3 Division** see The **Woodland Modular RR Club**.

The **Woodland Modular RR Club** (N, HO & On3) meets every Tuesday night (HO & N) and every Wednesday night for On3 from 7 to 9 pm at the County Fair Mall on the corner of Gibson Rd & East St. in **Woodland, CA** (off Hwy #16, near Hwy #5 Junction). They also have an **Annual March Show and Sale** at the County Fair Mall. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.geocities.com/wmrrclub/> email them at wmrrclub@yahoo.com contact Fred Delevati at 530-666-4022 fdelevati@aol.com, Randy Jull at 530-666-2252 or Dave Tallha at tallha@1stpacific.org

Museum & Tourist Rail Oriented Information Section

The **Amador County Fairgrounds** is located at 18621 Sherwood & School Streets in **Plymouth, CA**. The annual fair is at the end of July and is credited with being one of the few remaining true old time county fairs. On the grounds is a reconstructed steam powered saw mill that is run each year during the fair (late July, one weekend). Throughout the grounds' thirty-five acres, antique farm equipment and early mining equipment are displayed. An early vintage circular sawmill and a miniature late 1800's covered bridge over a creek falling from a rock waterfall. There is also in a 100' x 200' foot arena, an authentic miniature frontier town containing thirteen buildings that graces the wooden boardwalk taking one back into the great Mother Lode atmosphere of American Heritage. For more information; either go to their website at <http://amadorcountyfair.com> or contact them at 209-245-6921 amadorfair@volcano.net

The **Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum** is located at 2040 North Santa Fe Ave. in **Vista, CA**. The Museum is a non-profit 501-(c)3, educational organization that seeks to collect and display examples of the mechanical ingenuity associated with the American farm community from 1849 to 1949. They are open daily from 10 am to 4 pm with an admission fee of \$3 for adults and \$2 for those under 12/. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.agsem.com/>, phone them at 760-941-1791 or 800-5 TRACTOR (800-587-2286) or email Rod Groenewold their Director at rod_agsem@yahoo.com

The **Bay Area Electric Railway Association / Western Railway Museum** is located at 5848 State Highway 12, about midway between **Suisun City, CA** on Interstate 80 and **Rio Vista, CA** on the west bank of the Sacramento River. They are open year round on Saturday & Sunday and also on Wednesdays through Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day period from 10:30 am to 5 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.wrm.org/>, phone them 707-374-2978 or email their secretary at BartN51729@aol.com

The **California State RR Museum** is a complex of historic facilities and unique attractions located in the old **Sacramento, CA** district at 111 "I" Street by the river downtown. It is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day) and every weekend from April to September you can ride behind a steam locomotive on the Museum's **Sacramento Southern RR**. They have a very good library on the second floor at 113 "I" Street that is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 pm. The may be contacted by mail, phone (916-323-8073) or email to Ellen L. Halteman their Senior Librarian at library@californiastaterailroadmuseum.org. For more information; either go to Museum website at <http://www.csrnf.org/>, fax them at 916-445-5982, phone them at 916- 445-6645 or email them at foundation@californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.

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The **California Trolley & RR Corporation** mission is to restore, preserve and interpret railroad equipment as it was used to serve the people in the Santa Clara Valley of CA. Their meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Santa Clara Depot (Caltrain station) at 7 pm. Their trolley barn is located on the grounds of the San Jose Historical Museum at 1600 Senter Road in **San Jose, CA**. The trolley barn is open Thursday through Monday from 9 am to 4 pm. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, trolleys operate on the tracks within the museum grounds. The **Santa Clara County RR Museum** is located at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds near the intersection of Monterey Road and Old Tully Road in San Jose, CA. For more information; either go to their website at <http://www.ctrc.org/> or contact either Allan J. Greenberg at al-lang@pacbell.net or Karl Auerbach at karl@CaveBear.com.

California Zephyr Railcar Charters is located at 1146 Charleston Street in **Costa Mesa, CA** and has the Silver Lariat (a former CZ dome coach available for charter. For more information either go to their web site at http://www.ridetrain.com/silver_lariat.htm or contact them at 714-751-2032 cbhermey@pacbell.net or Roy Wullich at 408-241-7807 info@railjourneyswest.com

The California Zephyr Virtual Museum is the **internet** home of the train that became known as the "Silver Lady." For more information, either go to their website at <http://calzephyr.railfan.net/> or email Alan Radecki at czmuseum@yahoo.com

The **Carson & Mills Park (C&MP) RR** (built to 2 ft gauge standards) is operated by the **Carson City RR Association** in Mills Park, **Carson City, NV**. They are open from 11 am to 7 pm on Wednesday and from 11 am until 5 pm on Thursday thru Sunday until labor day when they go to 7 days a week operations. On October 26 they will resume their former operation schedule. The Nevada & Pacific RR is the permanent HO & HO_n3 scale layout located inside the train station at Mills Park and is also owned and operated by the **Carson City RR Association**. For more information, either check out their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ccra>, phone them at 775-887-2523, or email them at cmpr@hotmai.com.

The former **Southern Pacific** now **Amtrak Centerville Depot** is located on 37260 Fremont Blvd in **Fremont, CA**. the depot is open Monday - Friday from 5:30 am to 7 pm and on Saturday from 6:30 am to 5 pm. Sunday: Closed. For further information regarding the Centerville Depot, either go to the website at <http://centervilledepot.railfan.net/> or contact Bill Wullenjohn at P.O. Box 593 / Fremont, CA 94537-0593.

The **Central Pacific RR Photographic History Museum** is a digital library on the **internet** that has to be seen in order to be fully appreciated. For more information; either go to Museum website at <http://www.cpr.org/> or email them at mu-seum@CPRR.org

The **El Dorado County Museum** is at 104 Placerville Drive in **Placerville, CA** and open on Wednesday - Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM, Sunday, 12 PM - 4 PM. On Tuesday, the research room (only) is open to the public for research 10 AM - 3 PM. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/museum/index.html> , phone them at 530-621-5865 or email them at museum@co.el-dorado.ca.us

For the **Feather River Rail Society** see the **Western Pacific RR Historical Society**.

The **Fillmore & Western Railway** (located at 250 Central Avenue in Central Park in **Fillmore, CA**) is the home of Movie Trains, Murder Mystery Dinner Trains & Weekend Excursion Rides. Tickets are sold along with the "Will Call" Tickets at their Red Ticket Caboose which is on the North Side of the Fillmore City Hall. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.fwry.com/>, phone them at 1-800-773-8724, write their Business Office (805-524-2546) at 351 Santa Clara, Fillmore, CA 93015 or contact Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com

The **Fred Harvey Company and the Harvey Houses** have an **internet** website at <http://www.harveyhouses.net/> that acts as a clearinghouse of information about the Harvey Houses, with a section on each surviving Harvey House including photographs and a short essay on each. For more details, email Fred Friedman at rfriedma@pacbell.net. See also the **Harvey Girl Historical Society at OREM** website at <http://www.oerm.org/pages/Harveygirls.html>.

The **Friends of the Lomita RR Museum (FOLRRM)** publish a quarterly newsletter, the **SPURLINE GAZETTE**. For more information write the **Lomita RR Museum Foundation** at P. O. Box 339 / **Lomita, CA** 90717 / Attn: FRIENDS or phone Recording Secretary Monika Martinez at 310-325-7110 m.martinez@lomita.com

For the **Fortuna Depot Historical Commission**, see the **Fortuna Depot Museum**.

The **Fortuna Depot Museum** is located in Rohner Park in the City of **Fortuna, CA**. The former **Northwestern Pacific RR** depot museum is administered by the City of Fortuna and the **Fortuna Depot Historical Commission** and contains the history of the Eel River Valley. Collections include intriguing memorabilia from railroad, farm and war eras, including large locks, spark plugs, and barbed wire displays. They are open daily from noon to 4:30 pm from June through August and on Thursday - Sunday from noon to 4:30 pm September through May. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.sunnyfortuna.com/departments/museum/> or phone Caroline Weed (the Curator) at 707-725-7645.

The **Fullerton Railway Plaza Association (Southern Califor-**

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nia Railway Museum at Fullerton) is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of Southern California through the creation of a large Interactive Railroad Attraction in the City of **Fullerton, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.com/frpa/>, phone them at 714-278-0648, email them at frpa@trainweb.com or contact George Barlow at info@scrmf.org.

The **Golden State Model RR Museum** is open each Saturday from 12-5 for those wanting to see the layouts and each Sunday from 12-5 for those wanting to see them run trains on the 10,000 square feet of N, HO & O layouts at 900 Dornan Drive in **Point Richmond, CA** close to the east end of the San Rafael bridge (I-580) in the northeast corner of the San Francisco Bay area. Free admission except on Sundays. Work nights are every Friday from 7-10 pm. Please note that this year they are guaranteeing running trains only on Sundays and their three open holidays (Memorial and Labor Days and July 4). They remain open on Saturdays and Wednesdays, but this is for viewing only. Some trains could be running on these days, but no promises! Visitors are always welcome. For more information either go to their website at <http://gsmrm.org/>, contact them at info@gsmrm.org, or John A. Edginton at jedginton@edg-law.com

The **Golden Gate RR Museum** is located at the historic Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in **San Francisco, CA** and open on weekends from 10 am to 5 pm (Monday - Friday by appointment). In addition to a very nice roster of equipment, they offer a Rent-A-LoCo program. To make a reservation, phone 408-943-0515 and ask for GGRM volunteer Dee or email them at ggrm_ral@hotmail.com. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ggrm.org/>, phone them at 415-822-8728 or email them at info@ggrm.org.

The **Las Vegas RR Society** plans to build, operate and maintain a 40 acre+ active **Miniature RR Park & Museum** in **Las Vegas, NV** for educational purpose for children of all ages. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.LasVegasRailroadSociety.org> or contact Trudy Platzer 702-656-9705 cell 702-373-4839 trudyplatzer@cs.com 4795 Wynn Road, Las Vegas, NV 89103.

The **Lomita RR Museum** (with a replica of the B&M depot at Greenwood, MA and equipment outdoors) is located at 2137 West 250th Street in **Lomita, CA**. They are open Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. The admission fee is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lomita-rr.org/>, phone them at 310-326-6255 or email them at info@lomita-rr.org

For the **Los Angeles Museum of Railroading** see the **Los Angeles RR Heritage Foundation**

The **Los Angeles RR Heritage Foundation** is a DBA of the **Los Angeles Museum of Railroading**, a non-profit educational corporation chartered in the State of California as a California Corporation numbered C2104684. The corporation is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Their mission is to diligently preserve and dynamically present the history of railroading and demonstrate the impact railroads have made — and continue to make — on the social and economic fabric of Los Angeles and Southern California through its three core programs: public outreach, archival preservation, and multiple-media publishing. They have various exhibits in the Southern CA area including the recently completed successful one **Next Stop - Pasadena: From Red to Gold** with the **Pasadena Museum Of History** (www.pasadenahistory.org). Los Angeles Museum of Railroading is at 100 S. Fuller Avenue in **Los Angeles, CA**. For more information either go to their websites at <http://www.larhf.org/> or <http://www.lamor.org> phone them at 323-931-6757 9AM-6PM Pacific Time or email their Museum Director Josef Lesser at jlatsf@earthlink.net

The **Napa Valley Wine Train** is located in downtown **Napa, CA** just off Soscol and First Streets at the McKinstry Street Depot. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.winetrain.com/>, phone them at 707-253-2111 / 800-427-4124 or email them at Communications@winetrain.com

The **Nevada State RR Museum** is located at 2180 S. Carson Street (US 395) in **Carson City, NV** and is open daily, year-round, 8:30 to 4:30. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nsrn-friends.org/>, phone them at 775-687-6953 or email them at jgballwe@clan.lib.nv.us.

The **Nevada Northern Railway Museum** (in the city of **Ely in White Pine County, NV**) is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, interpretation and operation of the Nevada Northern Railway historic facilities, yards, and rail collection. This evolving museum gives people the opportunity to experience a world class historic working railroad." For more information, phone them at 1-866-40STEAM or 1-866-407-8326; email them at nrry@mwpower.net or check their web site at <http://nevadanorthernrailway.net/>

The **Niles Canyon Railway** located at is operated by the **Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc.** with trains departing from depot at 6 Kilkare Road in downtown **Sunol, CA** for One-Hour Round-Trip scenic rides on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month beginning at 10:30 am. You can also visit the maintenance facility at the NCRy Brightside Yard on 5550 Niles Canyon Road in Sunol, CA which is open every Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, or charter a caboose a railbus or even a train. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.ncry.org/home.htm> write them at Pacific Locomotive Association PO Box 2247 Fremont, CA 94536-0247 or contact them at 925-862-9063 pla_ncry@ncry.org

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The **Northern Nevada Railway Foundation** is located in **Carson City, NV** and supports the **Virginia & Truckee RR**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.steamtrain.org/>, contact Judie at 775-885-6833 thev-lives@sbcglobal.net or e-mail info@steamtrain.org

The **Oakdale Museum** is located at 212 West F Street in **Oakdale, CA** and open for visitors Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 4 pm. For more information, either phone them at 209-847-5822 or go to their website at <http://webs.lanset.com/history/>

The **Orange Empire RR Museum** is located in **Perris, CA** at 2201 South "A" St. (17 miles South of Riverside, CA on I-215) and open 363 days a year grounds daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from 9 am to 5 pm with railway operations every weekend from 11 am to 5 pm every weekend as well as on Holidays and Special events throughout the year. Access to the Museum Grounds and parking is free, (except during certain special events). On regular weekends, an all-day pass to ride the trains costs \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 5-11, free for kids under 5. Watch for special events and fares. For more information, either phone them at 909-657-2605 (recorded information) or (909) 943-3020 (live), write them at **OERM**, PO Box 548, Perris CA 92572, email them at info@oerm.org or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/>.

The **Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc.** purpose is to preserve the physical aspects and atmosphere of Pacific Coast railroading during the period from 1910 to 1960. Their mission is to develop and operate a working railroad museum for the benefit of the general public. They operate the **Niles Canyon Railway** in **Sunol, CA** as a living history museum interpreting the importance of our heritage railroads in the development of California and the nation. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.ncry.org/home.htm> write them at Pacific Locomotive Association PO Box 2247 Fremont, CA 94536-0247 or contact them at 925-862-9063 pla_ncry@ncry.org

The **Pasadena Museum Of History** is at 470 West Walnut Street in **Pasadena, CA** and open on Wednesday - Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The Research Library & Archives are open on Wednesday - Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. It was founded in 1924 as the **Pasadena Historical Society**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.pasadenahistory.org/index.htm>, phone them at 626-577-1660 or email them at info@pasadenahistory.org

The **Petaluma Trolley, Living History Railway Museum** is located in **Petaluma, CA**. For more information, either go to their websites at <http://www.petalumatrolley.org/> and <http://community-2.webtv.net/PetalumaTrolley/>

PETALUMATROLLEY/, phone them at 707-763-7366, email them at petalumattrolley@webtv.net or contact Lauren Williams at lauren@petalumattrolley.org.

The **Pollardville Ghost Town** on 10464 N. Hwy 99 in **Stockton, CA** is a combination 1800's ghost town and museum. Open to the public, it includes the entire set from the 1957 film *THE BIG COUNTRY* and many historic buildings from California's Gold Country. They also have guided tours, fishing for the children, a train depot and train rides on a small "park train" at 30" gauge on the weekend. More importantly, they also have an 0-4-0T, Porter # 4390 built in 1909 (ex Kaiser Rock Co # 2? ex Bechtel Kaiser Rock (Oroville) and originally built as Santa Cruz Portland Cement #2 (Davenport CA).) which was one of 3 0-4-0T's used by Kaiser at it's South Oroville pit. See a photo of it at <http://cencalrails.railfan.net/tank.jpg>. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.lodi-biz.com/pollardville/index.html> phone them at 209-931-0272 or contact Ron Bruegel (Marketing Director) at 209-952-0434, Fax: 209-952-2568 rebmar@dir.aol.com

The **Private Car Service** is located at 783 Partridge Common in **Livermore, CA** specializes in planning excursions since 1985 aboard a private railroad car or cars that is only limited by your imagination. From a day trip to an overnight stay to a multiple day journey, a variety of destinations and options are yours to choose from. For more details, go to <http://www.privatecarservice.net/> or contact Roger Colton at 925-321-0023 pullman@privatecarservice.net.

Rail Journeys West Inc. is located at 3770 Flora Vista Ave. #404 in **Santa Clara, CA** and has the following cars available for trips; the Silver Solarium (a former CZ Dome Sleeper-Lounge Observation), the Silver Lariat (a Dome Coach owned by California Zephyr Railcar Charters) and SP #3105 (a Baggage-Dormitory car). For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.railjourneyswest.com/> or contact them at 408-241-7807 info@railjourneyswest.com.

Railtown 1897 SHP is located in **Jamestown, CA** (at 5th and Reservoir Streets), three miles south of Sonora where the Sierra Railway Company began its short-line operation in 1897. The trains hauled passengers and freight into the Mother Lode. The old steam locomotives were replaced by diesel engines in the 1950s. Roundhouse and blacksmith shop tours are offered on weekends. The park also features a slide program, gift shop and picnic facilities. They are open daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, either phone them at 209-984-3953 or go to their website at http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=491

The **Redwood Empire RR History Project Mendocino County Museum** is located on 400 East Commercial Street in **Willits, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.dennismc.com/ane/rerm/rerm1.html-ssi> or phone

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Dan Taylor at 707-459-2736.

The **Roaring Camps Railroads** is where you see California's towering redwood forests from two historic railroads in **Felton, CA**. You can either travel by the **Roaring Camps & Big Trees Narrow Gauge RR** up a narrow-gauge track through the Big Trees to Bear Mountain or by the **Big Trees & Pacific RR** beach train down the scenic San Lorenzo River to the sunny beaches of Santa Cruz. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.roaringcamp.com/> or phone them at 831-335-4484.

The **San Diego RR Museum**, operated by the **Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association** is located at the Campo Depot on 31123-1/2 Highway 94 in **Campo, CA** and also at the La Mesa Depot Museum the corner of Spring Street and La Mesa Boulevard in downtown **La Mesa, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdrm.org/>, phone them at 619-478-9937 weekends or 619-465-PSRM (619-465-7776) weekdays or contact Lew Wolfgang at wolfgang@sdrm.org

The **San Diego Model RR Museum (SDMRM)** is located in the heart of Balboa Park, **San Diego, CA**. They are normally open on Tuesday thru Friday from 11 am to 4 pm and on Saturday & Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Tuesdays and Friday evenings are *work nights* for the various clubs. Visitors may enter at no charge, but construction work on the exhibits is all that may usually be seen on those nights. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/>, the website at <http://www.globalinfo.com/noncomm/SDMRM/sdmrm.html>, email them at webmaster@sdmodelrailroadm.com or phone them at 619-696-0199.

The **San Francisco Cable Car Museum** is located at 1201 Mason Street at Washington, in **San Francisco, CA**. They hold an annual cable car bell ringing contest, which is traditionally held on the third Thursday of July at Union Square, and include a contest for non-profit organizations, as well as cable car crew members. For more details contact Walter Rice at 805-544-6480 calcable@hotmail.com or go to their website at <http://www.cablecarmuseum.com/> or email them at holmgren@earthlink.net.

The **San Luis Obispo RR Museum** was founded as a non-profit educational museum for the public benefit in preserving the railroad history of California and the Central Coast by collecting, restoring, displaying and operating historic railroad equipment. They hold general public meetings once a quarter at the Embassy Suites in **San Luis Obispo, CA** starting at 6 pm. For more information, you can either go to their website at <http://www.slorm.com/>, email them info@slorm.com, phone them at 805-461-3456 or contact any of the following: Brad LaRose (no email) 805-461-3456; Arnold Jonas at 805-541-0546 slotrains@charter.net; Karl Hovanitz at 805-481-7353

Silverado@thegrid.net; David Rohr at 805-481-1731 rohr-david@aol.com; Bill Pyper at 805-544-1678 wjpyper@sbcglobal.net; John R. Marchetti at 805-541-9454 janddmarchetti@aol.com or Aron Kahn at 805-544-6531 studio@etropolis.com

The **Santa Cruz Depot Park** purpose is to prepare a master plan for the Depot Site area, the Fun Spot site, the Lighthouse Liquors site, the Feed and Grain site, surrounding city acquisitions, and integrated with nearby parks within **Santa Cruz, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.santacruzdepot.org/index.html> or contact Michael R. Meuser, meuser@santacruzdepot.org

The **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM)** was founded as a non-profit, educational museum dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley. The museum (currently located on the second floor of the Santa Maria Town Center Mall at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway in the center of **Santa Maria, CA**) is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Their General meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the Santa Maria Inn in Santa Maria; their Museum Development meetings are on Thursdays (except first Thursday of the month) at the Museum at 6 pm; their HO Modelers meetings are on Fridays at the Museum at 7 pm; and their Caboose Crew meetings are on Saturday mornings at the caboose. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.smvrhm.org/>, phone them at 805-714-4927 or contact any of the following: Dan Alves at aaim@juno.com; Dick Miniger at BoothR8@aol.com; Phil Goble at Phil.Pam@Prodigy.net; or Jamie Foster at 805-473-4694 jamie@jf2.com

The **South Coast RR Museum aka Goleta Depot** is a Victorian-styled **Southern Pacific RR** station, built in 1901 by the Southern Pacific RR. The historical landmark and architectural treasure is located in picturesque Lake Los Carneros County Park at 300 North Los Carneros Road in **Goleta, CA**. Its normal operating hours are from 1 to 4 pm (11 am to 4 pm during the summer) on Wednesdays thru Sunday. In addition to the depot, they have a 300-sq.-ft. HO-scale model-railroad exhibit, free handcar rides (powered by the passengers, themselves) offered on the third Saturday of the every month from 1 to 3:50 pm, a Gandy Dancer Theater (with a daily schedule of travel films & rail-theme documentaries and special showings every Sunday & Thursday) and a miniature train ride (The Goleta Short Line) of about 1/3-mile ride around the museum grounds that takes about six minutes and operates year-around (Weekends from 1:15 to 3:45 pm and Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 3:45 pm with 3 to 4 departures per hour.) For more information, either phone them at 805-964-3540, contact its Director Gary B. Coombs at director@goletadepot.org, its webmaster at webmaster@goletadepot.org, Bruce Morden at 805-684-8077 bdmord@sbceo.org or go to the museum's web site at <http://www.goletadepot.org>

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goletadepot.org/.

For the **Southern California Railway Museum at Fullerton**, please see the **Fullerton Railway Plaza Association**.

The **Stanford University Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts Museum** is located at 328 Lomita Drive and Museum Way (off Palm Drive) in **Stanford, CA** which is next to Palo Alto. Their collection includes the last spike also known as the Gold Spike, was the final link in the forming of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/SUMA/>, phone them at 650-723-4177 or email their Chief Curator Bernard Barryte at bbarryte@stanford.edu

The **Templeton Historical Museum** is located at 309 Main Street in **Templeton, CA**. Located next door is a SP RR Warehouse. The depot is located at the end of 4th Street. The museum is open from 1 to 4 pm on Friday, Saturday & Sunday or by appointment. They publish a quarterly newsletter *The Templeton Times*. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of January, April, July & October. For more information, phone them at 805-434-0807 or go to their web site at <http://www.magicwindows.com/OfficeOf/TempletonHistoricalMuseumSociety/>

Trains Unlimited Tours main office is located at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 111 in **Reno, NV** with a branch office in **Portola, CA** and handles rails tours. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004> or contact them at 530-836-1745, Fax: 530-836-1748 or email them at tut@PSLN.com or info@trainsunlimitedtours.com

The **Travel Town Museum** is located at 5200 Zoo Drive in the northwest corner of **Los Angeles' Griffith Park, CA**. Exit Forest Lawn Drive, Ventura Freeway (134). Admission is free and the Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and on Sunday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. It is closed Christmas Day. They have an extensive collection of locomotives and rolling stock as well as a ride the scale train which circles the perimeter of the museum for a nominal charge. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.cityofla.org/RAP/grifmet/tt/index.htm> or contact them at 323-662-5874 or 323-662-9678 TravelTown@rap.lacity.org

The **Western Pacific RR Historical Society / Feather River Rail Society's Portola RR Museum** is located in **Portola, CA**. From the first Saturday in March through the first Monday in November, the museum grounds are open seven days a week from 10 am to 7 pm. The Museum Building is open 10 am to 5 pm. The Run A Locomotive program allows you to rent a locomotive and operate it on the museum grounds (under the

close supervision of an instructor). While the museum is technically closed during Winter, they do have staff members on site who are taking the calls and are available. However, they are often away from the phones doing other work. Also, call ahead and leave a message if you are planning on coming to the museum. The hours are unpredictable when someone is there during the winter and they need to know when you will be arriving. For more information phone the museum at 530-832-4131, log onto their website at <http://www.wplives.org> or <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frs/calendar/index.html> or email either Sam Herschbein at samh@oz.net or Eugene Vicknair at tsry@aol.com

The **Western America RR Museum (W.A.R.M.)** is housed in the **Casa del Desierto**; a legendary Fred Harvey dining room and boarding house for the **Santa Fe RR** located at 685 North First Street in **Barstow, CA**. They collect, preserve and share the history of railroading in the Pacific Southwest for all who love railroads and railroading. On permanent display is Richard Vye's **Dog Tooth Mountain RR** (HO) and Albert Gustafson's very large Date Nail Collection The museum is open to public on Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm, For more information, you can write them at P.O. Box 703, Barstow, CA 92312, phone them at 760-256-WARM, go to their website at <http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/> or email Laurence Deutsch at lvdeutsch@earthlink.net

The **Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine RR** (located at 56001 Hwy 41 in **Fish Camp, CA** 93623) offers a restoration of the old narrow gauge **Madera Sugar Pine Lumber Company RR**. A section of the original railbed has been reconstructed using the same techniques used at the turn of the century. Two vintage Shay steam locomotives have been brought in from the **Westside Lumber Company** and restored to provide authentic motive power (along with a Jenny Railcar) for the trains on a 4 mile railroad excursion through the Sierra National Forest's majestic woods at Yosemite Park's south gate on highway 41. For more information, either write them (address above), phone them at 559-683-7273, go to their website at <http://www.ymsprr.com/> or email them at webmaster@ymsprr.com

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The **American Truck Historical Society (ATHS)** website is at <http://www.aths.org/>

The **Carolwood Pacific Historical Society** is a group of individuals who are interested in Walt Disney and his railroad related legacies. For more information contact Michael Broggie at mbroggie@email.msn.com 805-498-2336 <http://www.carolwood.com/>.

The **Electric Railway Historical Association of Southern California (ERHA of SC)** has for well over forty years cov-

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ered the history and operation of electric lines, predominantly in Southern California, and their site contains much information about SP electric operations. The meet on the 3rd Friday night of every month at the Community Room of the South Pasadena Library located at 1059 El Centro Street in the city of **South Pasadena, CA** (between Diamond & Fairview Avenues). The doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. They normally feature the best in traction related movie, slide and/or video programs by their members and noted guests. Monthly meetings are always FREE to the public. The association sponsors several fan trips throughout the year on chartered streetcars and LRVs in cities around California. The organization also sponsors special events such as our annual banquet and silent movie nights with live Wurlitzer organ accompaniment. Members receive the association's journal *Timepoints*. For more information, you can either go to their website <http://www.erha.org>, write them at The Electric Railway Historical Association of Southern California / 1 World Trade Center / PO Box 32161 / Long Beach, CA 90832-216, or e-mail them at members@erha.org.

The **European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)** is the premiere North American organization focusing on European railroading. Founded in 1973, ETE serves modelers, railway fans, related organizations, and the community through public events, working model displays, media presentations, and the publication of our quarterly journal, the *ETE Express*. They have 15 Chapters throughout North America, four of them in CA that are located in San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco North Bay. For more information, either go to their web site at <http://www.ete.org>, email them at membership@ete.org or contact Steve Stern at steve@ete.org

For more information on the **Sacramento Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)**, email either Byron Satterlee at roneman@earthlink.net, Thilo Protze at tprotze@hotmail.com or G. F. Fischer at ce68jii@softcom.net. The Sacramento Chapter meets on the first Friday of the month at 7 pm.

For more information on the **San Diego Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)**, contact Don Gaw at 949-830-3801 dcgaw@cox.net

For more information on the **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)**, contact Dave Pryor at 650-697-2727 MRMarklin@aol.com or David Baird at 408-879-9985 david.baird@hp.com. The Bay area chapter typically meets every second Saturday of the month from 1 to 5 pm.

For more information on the **San Francisco North Bay Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts (ETE)**, contact Gary Dennis at 707-642-6194 gadennis50@earthlink.net or write him at 204 Hermosa Ave, Vallejo, CA 94589.

The **Friends of the Sierra RR (FSR)** meet once a year at the Odd Fellows Hall (2nd floor. It is right across the park from the Memorial Hall) in **Tuolumne, CA** and they publish a newsletter titled *Railtown Roundup*. For more details, please contact Dick Southern at 209-928-3848 southern@lodelink.com

The **Harvey Girl Historical Society at OREM** remembers these early women of railroading. If you are interested in the Harvey Girl Historical Society or are a former Harvey Girl, please contact Lois Tate at 909-943-3020 info@oerm.org of the **Orange Empire Railway Museum**, (2201 South 'A' St.) in **Perris, CA** (17 miles south of Riverside on I-215) or check their website at <http://www.oerm.org/pages/Harveygirls.html>. See also the **Fred Harvey Company and the Harvey Houses** website at <http://www.harveyhouses.net/>.

The **National Association of S Gaugers, Inc. (NASG)** is the umbrella organization representing the 3/16" model railroading community (including 7 clubs in the CA & NV area) and the *Dispatch* is their official bimonthly publication. The NASG holds an annual convention, generally in July or August, in different parts of the country which features manufacturer and dealer displays, on-site modular layouts, contests, a banquet and layout tours. Some are held in conjunction with the NMRA Convention. There are several mini-conventions held regularly in regional areas, usually in the fall or spring. For more information, either go to their website at www.nasg.org or contact Michael Paschall (the NASG Membership Secretary) at michael@bakerstreet.com

The **National Model RR Association (NMRA)** website is at <http://www.nmra.org/> which is maintained by Roger P. Hensley at rhensley_anderson@juno.com

The **Pacific Coast Region (PCR) of the NMRA** website is at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/>. Email may be sent to the Secretary (Rich Kolm) at IronhorseK@aol.com or the Webmaster (Kevin Hurley) at either WebMaster@pcrnra.org or kmhurley01@charter.net

The **Coast Division of PCR** includes the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties in California. For more information, either go to their website at or <http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/> or http://www.pcrnmra.org/coast/coast_division.htm or check with Jim Long at 510-651-3467 JimCLong@aol.com.

The **Daylight Division of PCR** includes the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties in California. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/daylight/> or contact Doug Wagner at 661 -

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589-0391 carldw@aol.com

The **Hawaiian Division of PCR** includes all the area of the State of Hawaii. For more information, go to their website at http://www.pcrnmra.org/hawaiian/hawaiian_division.htm which is blank at this time.

The **Redwood Empire Division of PCR** includes the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte in California. For more information, either go to their website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/> or contact either Gus Campagna at 415-990-3777 gus@campagna.com or Ron Plies at 707-725-9063 rlplies@cox.net.

The **Sierra Division of PCR** includes the counties of Amador, Alpine, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba Counties in California and all of the Counties of Nevada except Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, and Nye (which are in **PSR**). For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/sierradivision/> or contact either Bob Mountjoy at Rfmountjoy@aol.com or Norman Morris at normanmmorris@aol.com

The **Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) of the NMRA** website is at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html>. They publish *The PSR Dispatch* 4 times a year. You can contact either the Secretary (David Irick) at 623-435-8534 dllrick@qwest.net or the Webmaster (Dick Greatorex) at 602-971-6263 dickg@getnet.net

The **Arizona Division of PSR** includes the whole state of Arizona. They publish the *Spur Line* 4 times a year. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/azdiv/azdiv.html> or contact either Don Stewart at 480-759-5019 snpcw@aol.com or John Determan at determan@quixnet.net

The **Cajon Division of PSR** includes the Chinook side of the Sierras; Inyo, Mono, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties in California; and the counties of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, and Nye in Southern Nevada (including Las Vegas). They publish *The Order Board* 4 times a year. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.cajondiv.org/> or to the one at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/cajon/cajon.html> or contact either Jan Westcott at 702-566-0856 wescvegas@cox.net or David Villeneuve at daveville@eee.org.

The **Los Angeles Division of PSR** includes Ventura and Palmdale to the North, and Claremont to the East. They publish *The L.A. Coupler* 4 times a year. For more infor-

mation, either go to their website at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/ladiv/ladiv.html> or contact Mary Barstow at 310-377-9762 pvpacific@earthlink.net.

The **San Diego Division of PSR** covers the most Southern part of CA from the coast to the Colorado River. They publish the *Mail Hook* 4 times a year. For more information, either go to one of their websites at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html> or <http://www.pce.cc/> or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net

The **National Railway Historical Society (NRHS)** website is <http://www.nrhs.com/>

The **Central Coast Chapter of NRHS** (also known as the **Central Coast Railway Club**) meets on the third Friday of every month at the CalTrain station in **Santa Clara, CA**. For more information, either go to their excursion web page at www.GoldenStateRails.com their chapter website at www.CentralCoastNRHS.com or at <http://www5.pair.com/rattenne/nrhs/nrhs.htm>, phone them at 408-278-5051, email them at info@goldenstaterails.com or contact Deborah Canino at debears@mybluelight.com.

The **Central Sierra Chapter of NRHS** meets in the **Fresno, CA** area. For more information you can contact Mary or Joseph T. Bispo at 4260 S Fruit Ave / Fresno CA 93706-9606.

The **Southern Nevada Chapter of NRHS** meets on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm at the Rainbow Library on 3150 North Buffalo in **Las Vegas, NV**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://communitylink.koz.com/lvrj/nrhs>, contact their web master Lou Grandieri at loug@nevada.edu or you can phone Tony Bond at 702-873-7237.

The **Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association** website is at <http://www.npr.org/> or you can contact them at NPRHASTore@msn.com Alternatively you can check the website at <http://pw2.netcom.com/~whstlplnk/np.html> or contact John A Phillips, III at Whstlplnk@ix.netcom.com for more details.

The **Northwestern Pacific RR Historical Society** is dedicated to preserving the rich and colorful heritage of Redwood Empire railroading. Members receive two Society produced publications: a newsletter, *The Headlight*, which keeps them abreast of railroading in the Redwood Empire, and a semiannual illustrated magazine, *The Northwesterner*, which contains articles of historical interest written by well known authors and historians. Their museum and archival library (the William R. Hogarty Memorial Library) is currently located in a joint archive facility with the **Rohnert Park Historical Society** at 5880 Labath Ave-

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nue in **Rohnert Park, CA**. Please write Allen Tacy, the NWPRRHS Librarian, at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927 for specific information about the Library and your questions about the NWP and related railroads. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.nwprrhs.org/> write them at P.O. Box 2802, Rohnert Park, CA 94927, email them at webmaster@nwprrhs.org or contact either Harold Mentzer at 707-226-5153 HSMentzer@aol.com or Peter Williams at petewswitchpoint@comcast.net

The **NTRAK Modular Railroad Society, Inc.** organization exists in order to publish the module standards, the **NTRAK Newsletter** and books on N scale. It also furnishes specialized supplies, such as the electrical connectors used on modules, gauges, lapel pins and other identifying items like cloth patches and adhesive logos. With the help of the NTRAK clubs (a number of which are in CA & NV), it can organize N Gatherings, promote safety programs and bring the hobby of model railroading to the public for their enjoyment and as a potential hobby for interested persons. NTRAK Modules are tables that "C" clamp together to form large N scale train layouts at Conventions, Shopping Malls, Club Rooms, and as Home Layouts. The basic module is two feet wide, four feet long, and 40" high. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ntrak.org/>, write or email John Cook at jcook@nvnttrak.org / 15913 Brawner Drive / Dumfries, VA 22026-1416 or contact Jim FitzGerald the President and Newsletter Editor at 805-434-5058 (6:30 am to 10 pm Pacific time only) ntrak@tcsn.net 1150 Wine Country Place, Templeton, CA 93465.

The **Oceano Depot Association** basic purpose is preserving the local railroad history and the **Southern Pacific Depot** in Oceano, CA. Meetings are held in the restored depot which includes several nice displays and an impressive collection of memorabilia. For more information, write them at 1650 Front St. Oceano, CA 93445, phone them at 805-489-3952 or email either Linda Guiton at HGuiton@aol.com or Norm Hammond at NRHAMMOND@aol.com

The **Pacific RR Society** (located in Joslyn Center ((in Story Park)) on 210 North Chapel Ave. in **Alhambra, CA**) is composed of people from all walks of life who share a common interest in railroads. Members receive a copy of *Wheel Clicks* each month, discounts are offered on excursions, as well as advance notice of meetings, excursions, and other special activities. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, except in December. In addition to the business of the Society, meetings feature programs consisting of guest speakers, movies or slide shows and member announcements about railroad activities. The meetings provide an opportunity for camaraderie and all are welcome. They also operate the **Pacific RR Museum** in the former Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe depot in San Dimas, CA. Their goal is to restore the depot to represent a working railroad station. Artifacts and exhibits on

various aspects of railroading are on display there. The depot also houses their extensive railroad research library containing books, documents, maps and photographs collected since the 1930s. The Museum & Library are currently open on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday from 2 to 5 pm and by appointment. Admission is free. Materials do not circulate but comfortable facilities are available for study or leisure reading. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.pacificrailroadsociety.org> or phone them at either 626-570-5057 or 909-394-0616 (213-283-0087 for membership).

For the **Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association**, see the **San Diego RR Museum**

The **Placer Sierra RR Heritage Society (PSRHS)** basic purpose is preserving railroad history along California's Donner Pass Route from Roseville to Truckee. They meet at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of every month (except December) at the First Congregational Church (710 Auburn Ravine Rd.) in **Auburn, CA**. In addition to a monthly news-letter, they also publish the quarterly *Placer-Sierra Historical Rail Journal*. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.donnerrails.com/PSRHS/PSRHS.htm> write them at P.O. Box 1776, Colfax, CA 95713 or contact Roger Staab at 530-346-6722 rsrr@ncws.com

The **Rail Passenger Association of California (and Nevada) (RailPAC)** is a rail advocacy membership organization that is working with other rail advocacy groups to improve and expand rail passenger service not only in California and Nevada, but also in other western states, and nationally. Currently they are holding a series of monthly informal regional meetings to allow discussion of current rail issues. They also published the *Western Rail Passenger Review* magazine. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.RailPAC.org>, mail them at **Citizens For Rail California, Inc. (CRC)**, P.O. Box 1731, Oceanside, CA, 92051-1731, contact Richard L. Silver, their Executive Director at 888-508-2640 or send him an email at RicSilver@aol.com

The **RR Station Historical Society, Inc.** encourages the preservation and growth of historical knowledge of railroad stations/depots and other railroad/railway structures worldwide. *The Bulletin* is their official bi-monthly publication while the *RSHS Monograph* is published at scattered intervals. They have an on-line listing of the "Extant Railroad/Railway Structures" in both CA & NV. For more information, either write them at 26 Thackeray Road / Oakland, NJ 07436-3312, go to their website at <http://www.rshs.org>, or email Jim Dent at jdent1@optonline.net.

The **Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Inc. (of R&LHS)** website is at <http://www.rhistorical-2.com/rlhs/>

The **Pacific Coast Chapter of R&LHS** meets in **Sac-**

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ramento, CA and their website was at <http://www.mp1.com/>.

The **Southern California Chapter of R&LHS** meets in the Cowan's Room of St. Edmund Episcopal Church in **San Marino, CA** at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month except in July and August when there are meetings. The church is located on San Gabriel Blvd. just north of Huntington Drive. Their exhibits and equipment is at the Los Angeles County Fairplex, Pomona where open houses are held the second weekend of the month from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/rlhs/> or phone the Depot at 909-623-0190.

The **Roots of Motive Power (Roots)** is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1982 to preserve and restore steam- and diesel-powered equipment used in the California north coast logging industry from the 1850s to the present. Located in **Willits, CA** (next to the Mendocino County Museum on 400 East Commercial Street), the organization has a substantial collection of artifacts on display. Roots workdays are generally held on the first and third Sundays of each month from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com/> or contact them at webmaster@rootsofmotivepower.com.

The **Sacramento Valley Historical Railways** is dedicated to educating the public about railroading and to the preservation and operation of historic railroad equipment and structures in Northern California. Most of their functions take place at the historic **Southern Pacific** Depot at 1100 Woodland Ave in **Woodland, CA**. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/svhr/> write them at P.O. Box 1034, Woodland, CA 95776-1034, phone them at 530-668-8165, email them at svhr_org@hotmail.com or contact any of the following: Bob Pratt at RevdBob96@aol.com, Al Van Hoosear at awvanhoo@aol.com, Mike Adams at sacvalrr@jps.net, Terry Schmidt at tschm@hotmail.com or Bruce Eldridge at bfeldridge@earthlink.net

The **San Bernardino RR Historical Society** was formed to restore Santa Fe locomotive 3751. For more information either go to their website at <http://www.sbrhs.org/> or email them at Webmaster@SBRHS.org

The **San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society** has a roughly bi-monthly meeting (5 to 7 times a year) starting at 10 am at the Los Angeles Times Valley Plant Presentation Room in **Chatsworth, CA** (20000 Prairie St at Winnetka Av). The 'Society' is an informal group that has been meeting regularly since 1982 for the primary purpose of sharing railroad related audio-visuals, (and scuttlebutt and pizza). Priority has been on slides, and attendees have been invited to order individual copies of their choice from most of the presentations. You are welcome to show whatever: Slides, prints, videos, movies, etc., and allow duplication, or not, as you choose. You are also

just as welcome to come and share nothing other than observation, enjoyment and, hopefully, the camaraderie of fellow railfans. Admission \$1 unless exhibiting. For more details contact Jerry Weisman at 310-657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net.

The **Santa Clara River Valley RR Historical Society, Inc. (SCRVRHS)** was formed to assist in the preservation of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Saugus, California, so as to maximize the economic, educational, environmental, and recreational value this historical asset to the residents of the Santa Clara River Valley and the surrounding area. They work closely with **Short Line Enterprises** of Fillmore and the **Fillmore and Western RR**. Their membership meetings are on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at their new Railroad Interpretive Center in the old fire station on Main St. in **Fillmore, CA** and their monthly newsletter is named *Train Orders*. They also hold an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8 am at the Fillmore Café on Santa Clara St. across from City Hall. For more information go to their website at <http://www.scrvrhs.com/> write them at P.O. Box 492, Fillmore, CA 93016-0492 or contact any of the following Jeff Trimble at JeffT1972@cs.com Pat Askren at paskren@ci.fillmore.ca.us, Rick Swanson (SCRVRHS Public Relations & Festival Chairman) at 805-492-5921 rick@scrvrhs.com, Dennis Hanley at dennis@scrvrhs.com or Patrick Malone at patmalon@west.net

The **Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society** website is at <http://www.atsfr.com/> or you can contact Cindy Richardson, their Business Manager at CjNbrBus@aol.com for more information.

The **Santa Susana RR Historical Society** (HO & N) is located on Rt. 1, 6503 Katherine Rd. in **Simi Valley, CA** and composed of a group of avid model railroaders and railfans in Southern California's Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. All their members are also members of the **Rancho Simi Foundation**, a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of their 1903 Southern Pacific Model #22 depot. The Society has built a large digital HO-Scale model railroad that roughly models the Southern Pacific Coast Route from San Bernardino, CA to Portland, OR. The depot is open to the public from 1 to 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Society meetings are on Wednesdays from 7:30 pm until they go home. Scheduled Operations at **SSRHS** is every 3rd Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, including model railroad operation schedules, check their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ssmrc/>, email their webmaster Joel Amromin at jamromin@socal.rr.com contact Craig Malin at cmalin@earthlink.net or Richard Parshall at 805-526-0371 oltwntrn@pacbell.net.

The **Society for the Preservation of Carter RR Resources (SPCRR)** has a railroad museum located in the Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Park in **Fremont, CA** close to the Carter Shops in Newark and a narrow gauge railfair every Labor Day weekend. The SPCRR restores equipment representa-

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tive of those bygone days. They have 1-1/2 miles of track, operate a recreation of the original SPCRR's Centerville Branch at Ardenwood with 13 cars from the 1870s & 1880s and their restoration efforts are usually performed in front of the park visitors using hand tools and 19th century techniques. For additional information, go to their website at <http://www.sperr.org/>, phone them a 866-417-7277, join their email group at sperr@yahoo.com, email them at Railfair@sperr.org or contact Randy Hees at hees@ix.netcom.com.

The **South Bay Historical RR Society (SBHRS)** is located in the historic Santa Clara (Caltrain) Depot in **Santa Clara, CA** (1005 Railroad Ave.) and is open to the public on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. General membership meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November starting at 7:30 pm. These informal meetings may consist of railroad slide or video presentations, interactive discussions, how-to clinics, or workshops. Their efforts include the renovation and preservation of the Santa Clara RR Depot, the Santa Clara Interlocking Tower and the two maintenance-of-way buildings. They are also building museum-grade HO and N scale model railroad displays to provide the public a better understanding of the different aspects of railroading. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sbhhs.org>, email them at info@sbhhs.org, phone them at 408-243-3969 or contact Joe Hoffmann at johoff@ix.netcom.com.

The **Southern California Scenic Railway Association, Inc.**, is a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to promoting public appreciation of Southern California rail history and rail safety. Currently working with the **Fullerton Railway Plaza Association** toward creation of the **Southern California RR Museum** in **Fullerton, CA**, **SCSRA** holds movie nights, dinners, railroad themed slide shows, rail tours and track projects. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.scsra.org/> or email them at dispatcher@scsra.org.

The **Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society** website is at <http://www.sphts.org/>. For more information, either check their website at <http://www.sphtsannualmeeting.org/>, write them at SPH&TS, P.O. Box 93697, Pasadena, CA 91109-3697 or email their Business Manager (Peter McClosky) at sphts@earthlink.net or their Web Master (Ken Harrison) at sptrain98@earthlink.net

The **Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Society** website is at <http://www.urbanagle.com/slim/spng.html>. For more details, contact Clifford Mestel at clifmestel@aol.com or Brian Norden at 626-962-2754 bnorden49@earthlink.net.

The **Tehachapi Heritage League and Museum** is located at 310 S. Green Street, near the heart of traditional "downtown" **Tehachapi, CA**. The Museum is open daily except Monday

from noon till 4 pm. Winter hours are effective October 1. During winter hours the Museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon till 4 pm. Admission is free, but a donation of \$2 per adult or family is suggested. For more information, either go to their website at <http://tehachapi.cc/museum/>, phone them at 661/822-8152 or email them at museum@tehachapi.cc

The **Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) is headquartered in **Strasburg, PA**. They wish to preserve an important segment of history - Tinplate Toy Trains - through research, establishment of collecting standards, education, community outreach, and fellowship and to promote the growth and enjoyment of the hobby. For more information go to their website at <http://www.traincollectors.org/>

The **Northern California Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** (all Gauges) meets at the Montera Middle School on 5555 Ascot Drive in **Oakland, CA**. Their business meeting begins at 9:30 am and trading begins at 10. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.norcaltca.com/>, or contact Richard White, their Webmaster and Newsletter Editor at 925-376-5821 toytrain13@hotmail.com Mike Andrews, their President at 925-943-2069 michael@mjc-inc.com or Mark Boyd, their Secretary at 510-886-6699 mboyd@spade.net.

The **Western Division of the Train Collectors Association (TCA)** meets in the Arcadia Park - Senior Citizen's Center, 405 South Santa Anita Avenue, **Arcadia, CA** 91006 (Santa Anita exit off the 210 Freeway). All meets are the 4th Saturday of every month starting at 11 am except in December, when they meet on the 2nd Sunday for their annual Holiday party. They encourage all members to attend the **TCA** annual National Convention in June. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.tcawestern.org>, contact Harold Shapiro at 818-986-9975 info@tcawestern.org or phone R. Dale Lange at 805-581-3061.

The **Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is a fraternal organization dedicated to the operating and collecting of toy trains of all makes and eras. They are located at 25 W. Walnut St. Suite 308 in **Pasadena, CA**. For more information, you can either go to their web site at <http://www.ttos.org/>, phone them at 626-578-673, or email Gary Keck at ttos@ttos.org.

The **Central California Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is based in the **Fresno Clovis** area of **CA**. For more information, either write them at TTOS Cen Cal / P.O. Box 151 / Madera, CA 93639, go to their website at ??? or contact either Tony Tesoriere at 559-584-7664 lutesori@lemoorenet.com or Fred Nix at 559-674-2313.

The **Golden State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is based in **San Jose, CA**.

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They meet the first Friday of most months and use to operate toy trains in the Sunnyvale Town Center on two Saturdays and one Wednesday evening per month. Unfortunately the mall is being torn down and they are without a home for their display right now. They are actively seeking other venues to re-establish their club layout but none has materialized as yet. Their Friday night meetings are held at Fammatre School on 2800 New Jersey Ave. in San Jose in the cafeteria. Guests are welcome. Enter at the left rear of the school. From 7 to 8 pm they buy, sell and trade toy trains and visit with friends. At 8 pm there is a short business meeting, immediately followed by the evening's program that usually ends by 9 or 9:30 pm. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/gsttos/> or contact Terry Smith at TSmith8605@aol.com

The **Sacramento Valley Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is based in **Sacramento, CA**. They normally meet on the first Saturday of each month at Sierra 2 Center (Curtis Hall) on 2791 24th St. in Sacramento where members trade trains and exchange ideas and advice on layouts, repairs, restoration, and sources for rare items. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.trainweb.org/ttos-svd/index.htm>, email them at etoytrains@surewest.net or contact Jeff Silvera at afJeff_56@yahoo.com

The **San Joaquin Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) meet on the first Sunday of every month at 1:30 pm in the Rube Boesch Community Center on the corner of N. Orange and Florence in **Turlock, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.sjvd-ttos.org/>, email them at info@sjvd-ttos.org or contact Robert Silva at 209-838-2703 rsilva61@aol.com

The **Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is based in **Nevada**. They have 4 meets a year in Las Vegas, NV (February, April, May and October) plus a co-sponsored Christmas Train and Craft Show in December. For more information, contact Velaine & Bill Arndt at 702-558-2954 SilverStateDiv@aol.com

The **Southern Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is based in Orange County and southward. They normally meet on the fourth (4th) Sunday of the month at the Brookhurst Community Center on 2271 West Crescent Ave. in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information, either go to their website at <http://www.ttos-sp.com/>, write them at 4134 Elizabeth Ct. / Cypress, CA 90630 or contact either Brian Fields at 562-595-9194 brian@ttos-sp.com or Arlen Hurt at 619-441-0861 drhurt@cox.net.

The **Southwestern Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS)** (all Gauges) is based in Arcadia. Their Train Show meetings are held at the Arcadia Masonic Center

on 50 West Duarte Road in **Arcadia, CA**. The meets are free to Southwestern members (beginning at 11 am) and are open to the public including members of other clubs for a \$5.00 admission fee per adult (children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission) beginning at 11:30. Each year their division sponsors **Cal-Stewart** at the Pasadena Convention Center. The conference is held in November of each year and is open to the public on Sundays for a nominal \$5.00 entry fee (children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission). For more information, either go to their website at ttos-sw.com, phone them at 818-702-9588, or contact Gary Keck at ttos@ttos.org.

The **Train Riders Association of California (TRAC)** is a rail advocacy membership organization. They publish (with the **California Rail Foundation**) the **California Rail News**. For more information either go to their web site at <http://www.calrailnews.com/>, mail them at **TRAC**, 926 J Street (Suite 612), Sacramento, CA, 95814, contact Allan Miller, their Executive Director at 916-557-1667 or send him an email at trac@omsoft.com

The **Union Pacific Historical Society (UPHS)** is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Union Pacific Railroad from its beginning in 1862 to the operation as it is today. One of the benefits of being a UPHS member is the society's magazine "*The Streamliner*", which is distributed to it's members four times each year. The magazine is full of in-depth articles and photographs on the Union Pacific both past and present. They also hold a 3 to 4 day convention each summer with informative seminars and slide shows by the experts, tours of UP facilities, and excursions on current and former UP lines. For more information, either go to website at <http://www.uphs.org/> write them at **Union Pacific Historical Society**, P.O. Box 4006, Cheyenne, WY 82003-4006, phone them at 307-635-5197 or you can email them at info@uphs.org

The **West Side Narrow Gauge Railway Preservation Group** (a Non-Profit Corporation) was formed to preserve the original buildings which remain on the West Side property. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.wsrestoration.com/index.htm>, email them at WSLC8@yahoo.com or contact Michael Azzarello at AAzz44@aol.com

Web Based Groups Information Section

Arizona Rail Info

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Yosemite Valley RR

YosemiteValleyRR@yahoogroups.com

PCR (NMRA) Info

PCR-nmra@yahoogroups.com

Prototype Websites Information Section

Alameda Belt Line - ABL

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/ABL.html>

Alameda Corridor Project

<http://www.scbbs.com/alameda/alameda.htm>

Alamogordo & Sacramento Mountain Railway

<http://www.rozylowicz.com/retirement/railtrail/railtrail.html>

Altamont Commuter Express (ACE)

<http://www.acerail.com/>

Amador Central RR - AMC

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/AMC.html>

Amador Foothills RR - AFRR

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/AFRR.html>

American Orient Express

<http://www.americanorientexpress.info/>

Amtrak

<http://www.amtrak.com/>

Arcata & Mad River RR - AMR

<http://www.nwprrhs.org/>
<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/AMR.html>

Arizona & California RR - ARZC

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/ARZC.html>

Big Trees & Pacific RR

<http://www.roaringcamp.com/>

Burlington Northern RR

<http://www.fobnr.org/>

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

<http://www.bnsf.com/>

California High Speed Rail Authority

<http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/eir/fact.asp>

California-Nevada Maglev Project

<http://www.maglev-train.com/>

California Northern RR - CFNR

<http://www.trainweb.org/calnorthern/>
<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CFNR.html>

California Southern Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/cs/index.html>

California Street Cable RR

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfsc.html>

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California Zephyr Railcar Charters

http://www.ridetrain.com/silver_lariat.htm

California Western RR - CWR

<http://www.nwprrhs.org/>

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CWR.html>

Caltrans (California Dept of Transportation)

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/>

Camino, Placerville & Lake Tahoe RR - CPLT

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CPLT.html>

Carrizo Gorge Railway - CZRY

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CZRY.html>

Carson & Colorado RR (SP Na Ga)

<http://www.urbaneagle.com/slim/spng.html>

Central California Traction - CCT

<http://www.trainweb.org/tractionco>

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CCT.html>

Clay Street Hill RR

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfch.html>

Consolidated Piedmont Cable Company

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#conped>

Coronado Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/cr/index.html>

Eureka Southern RR - EUKA

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/EUKA.html>

Fairfax Incline Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsf.html#fairfax>

Ferries & Cliff House Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsffch.html>

Fillmore & Western Ry Co

<http://www.fwry.com/>

Fillmore Hill Counterbalance

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsf.html#fhc>

Geary Street Park & Ocean Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfgsपो.html>

H Casebolt's Elevated RR

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#case>

Harvey Houses

<http://www.harveyhouses.net/>

Las Vegas Monorail

<http://www.lvmonorail.com/>

Los Angeles Cable Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#lacab>

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cclacab.html#top>

Los Angeles Second Street Cable Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#2st>

Los Angeles Temple Street Cable Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#temple>

Logging Railroads of North America

<http://www.loggingrailroads.com/>

Market Street Cable Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfmsr.html>

McCloud Railway - MCR

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/MCR.html>

McCloud River RR - MR

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/MR.html>

Metrolink Commuter RR

<http://www.westworld.com/~elson/larail/mlink.html>

Modesto & Empire Traction - MET

<http://www.metrr.com/index.html>

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/MET.html>

National City & Otay Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/nco/index.html>

Nevada Northern Railway

<http://nevadanorthernrailway.net/>

North Coast RR - NCRR

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/NCRR.html>

North Pacific Coast RR

<http://www.nwprrhs.org/>

North San Diego County Transit District

<http://www.gonctd.com/>

Northern Pacific RR

<http://pw2.netcom.com/~whstlpnk/>

Northwestern Pacific RR - NWP

<http://www.nwprrhs.org/>

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/NWP.html>

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Oakland Cable Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#oakcab>

Oakland Terminal Railway

http://www5.pair.com/rattenne/nrhs/OT/oakland_terminal.htm
<http://gulliver.trb.org/conferences/2001SummerPorts/Session4Boyle.pdf>

Ocean Shore RR

<http://www.ci.pacifica.ca.us/HISTORY/railroad.html>

Omnibus Railroad & Cable Company

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfomni.html>

Pacific Coast Railway

<http://www.thirdrail.com/ttrpcrr.htm>

Pacific Coast Steamship Company

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/pcss/index.html>

Pacific Electric

<http://www.erha.org/pe.htm>

Petaluma & Santa Rosa RR

<http://www.nwprrhs.org/>

Presidio & Ferries Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfpf.html>

Rail Journeys West Inc.

<http://www.railjourneyswest.com/>

Roaring Camps & Big Trees Narrow Gauge RR

<http://www.roaringcamp.com/>

Sacramento Southern RR

<http://www.csrnf.org/>,

Sacramento Northern

<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y/.html>

San Diego & Arizona Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/sda/>

San Diego & Cuyamaca Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/sdc/index.html>

San Diego & Imperial Valley RR - SDIY

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/SDIY.html>

San Diego & Southeastern Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/sdse/index.html>

San Diego, Cuyamaca & Eastern Railway

<http://www.sdrm.org/history/sdc/index.html>

San Diego Cable Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/cccaoth.html#sdcab>

San Diego MTS

<http://www.sdcommute.com/>

San Francisco Municipal Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfmuni.html>

Sierra RR - SERA

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/SERA.html>

<http://www.movie-trains.com/sierra.html>

Sierra RR Golden Sunset

<http://sierrarailroad.com/>

Sierra Northern Railway - SERA

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/SERA.html>

Sonoma Magnesite RR

<http://www.nwprrhs.org/>

South Pacific Coast RR

<http://www.spcrr.org/HistorySPCRR.htm>

<http://www.bcsj.org/rt/spc/spchome.htm>

<http://home.netcom.com/~hees/NRRWGauge/SPCbib.html>

Southern Pacific RR

<http://www.railspot.com/sptco/>

<http://sptco.railspot.com>

State Belt RR of San Francisco

<http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist8/beltrr.html>

Stockton Terminal & Eastern RR - STE

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/STE.html>

Sutter Street Railway

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsfssr.html#top>

Telegraph Hill RR

<http://www.cable-car-guy.com/html/ccsf.html#thrr>

Sometime in February, **Tidewater Southern Railway**

<http://www.TidewaterSouthern.com>

Tonapah & Tidewater RR

<http://www.ttrr.org>

Trains Unlimited Tours

<http://www.trainsunltdtours.com/products.htm#2004>

Transbay Joint Powers Authority

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http://sfgov.org/site/tjpa_index.asp

Trona Railway - TRC

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/TRC.html>

Union Pacific RR

<http://www.up.com/>

Virginia & Truckee RR

<http://www.steamtrain.org/>

Western Pacific RR

<http://www.wprrhs.org/wphistory.html>

<http://www.wpives.com/>

<http://wpmuseum.railfan.net/>

Westside Lumber Company

<http://www.wsrestoration.com/index.htm>

Yolo Shortline RR - YSLR

<http://www.yslrr.com/>

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/YSLR.html>

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine RR

<http://www.ymsprr.com/>

Yosemite Valley RR

<http://www.yosemitevalleyrr.com/>

Yreka Western RR - YW

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/YW.html>

California Industrial RRs

US Gypsum - Plaster City

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CAindust.html>

Hammond Lumber - Samoa

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CAindust.html>

Pacific Lumber - Scotia

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CAindust.html>

Pickering Lumber - Standard

<http://www.trainweb.org/rosters/CAindust.html>

Certainly another nice selection of rail oriented activities coming up for you to consider going to. If you want your rail-oriented activity, club, museum or society updated or included in this list; please let me know the details. Thanks.

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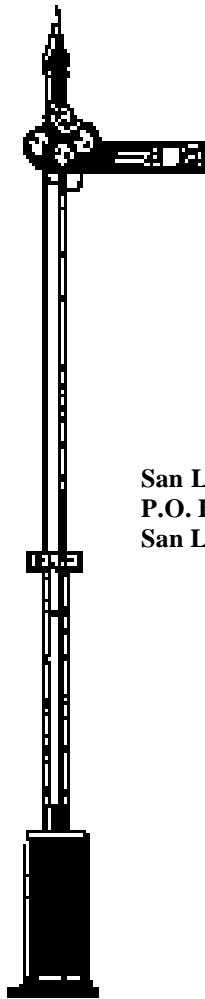
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