

# The Semaphore

Saturday, 25th February club meeting will be held at 10:00 am, at Boney's Marketplace, 1820 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside, Ca. Members, guest and visitors are invited.

**Special points of interest:**

- **February 11th**  
**NMRA San Diego Winter Meet & Annual Swap Meet**
- **February 18th**  
**NMRA Layout tour at Steve Seidensticker See [www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org)**

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**President Message**

by Al Cuevas



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February finds the club running trains. It has taken 13 months of work by many members to get us this far.

We can run on both upper and lower tracks. The hard work from last year is starting to pay off. Very noticeable is the smooth running on level track. Much time and effort went into track laying and the leveling of sub-roadbed. The benefits of this are easy to see when you run a train. Between this and scenery construction a first class model railroad is emerging.

Our first scenery class is planned for the end of January. This will be a "hands on" class. Additional scenery classes along with other subjects will be offered. Let us know what you want covered and we will find an expert.

As you can see there are many activities and events planned for 2006. We will have a few more socials, as these have been very popular. Come out and join us on Thursdays and Saturdays.

See you at the club.

Al Cuevas

President

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We will have a number of activities this year. We will continue to display the Show N Go. This has proven to be very popular with the public. It is also easy for new members to learn and participate. In October the Pacific Southwest Region of NMRA will hold its annual convention in San Diego. As part of that convention NCMRS is planning to be on the Convention Tour. I recommend that everyone who can spare the time, sign up. There will be seminars on a number of very interesting subjects many of which deal with skill improvement. Vendors who attend these events focus on the serious modeler. It is a great learning experience.

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## Gad About Town

By Tom Bernhardt



Here is the Show and Go set up at the annual Del Mar Fair Grounds show. The picture shows John Castaneda working with three young boys. The kids love to operate the trains. The interest and level of attendance makes the NCMRS'S effort worth while. I will say that John gets out there with the kids every time in the spirit of the North County Model Railroad Club.

## Carlsbad Children's Museum

By Tom Bernhardt



Here we see Mr. Train himself in the guise of Kevin Harper, long time member of the North County Model Railroad Club. Kevin, at one mental level, works with the young making sure that every one gets a fair share of running time ,while operating the train whistle. Kevin Harper has spent many operating hours running the "Show And Go" at the Club House in Boney's Marketplace for young visitors. He is a key member of the NCMRS.

## The First Working Trestle

Trestle by Tom Brunner



A braced framework of timbers, piles, or steelworks for carrying a railroad over a depression is called a Trestle. The North County Model Railroad Club's *club scale* layout at Boney's Marketplace will include at least eight to ten outstanding Trestles across the fruited planes and over creek and river depressions. Here we see one of the first consists running out of the fiddle yard to over all four of our peninsulas.

On the right we have a dream picture.



### Rolling Stock Inspection (RSI)

There is a primary requirement that all rolling stock be inspected and certified every 6 months in order to operate on the main layout. This service is provided by Lorenzo La Pierre and Dick McCrae. Their job is to check that your rolling stock conforms to NCMRS standards, which checks wheels, couplers, trucks, weight and rolling resistance, in addition the RSI committee maintains the club's rolling stock..

### Rolling Stock Storage

The Club has placed an order with Axian for rolling stock storage cases. A quantity of 26 cases was purchased with a 15% discount. The storage cases will be available at the monthly January meeting. The price will be determined including shipping cost when the cases are ready for pick at the monthly meeting.

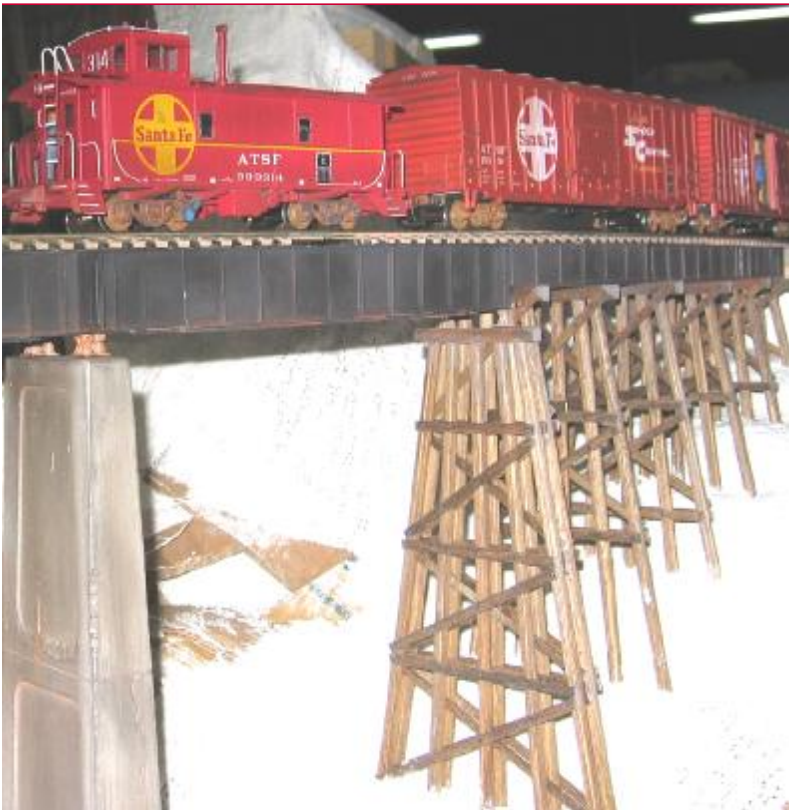
### NCMRC Election Results

<b>BOARD OFFICERS</b>	
CEO	Jay Sarno
CFI	Leo Valley
SEC.	Al Cuevas
<b>APPOINTED DIRECTORS</b>	
Pres.	Al Cuevas
V. Pres.	Dick Miller
Sec.	Burt Gray
Tres. & Web.	Nick Ruddick
Scenery	Tom Brunner
Editor, Pub. Relations & Mem.	
Tom Bernhardt	

### Fiddle Yard is not a storage facility

There will be no storage of rolling stock on the layout after the end of day operations.

That means no rolling stock storage on the upper or lower Fiddle yards. This sets a standard for each member to follow in the care and maintenance of their rolling stock. The use of the Axian rolling stock storage case, or equivalent, provides the perfect tool when you present your favorite consists to the Rolling Stock Inspection for certification. This inspection includes engines and tenders and all rolling stock.



Here is another dream picture.

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## Looking Back over our first Year.

By Tom Bernhardt and Al Cuevas



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On Thursday, January 12, in the late after noon Nick Ruddick and Charlie Tucker had finished up work on several turn outs over on peninsula four. After a short huddle they moved over to the fiddle yard to assemble two diesel freight consists for a track test. The goal of the test was to complete two circuits around the new layout. It has taken the NCMRS just 13 months to complete our Clubhouse , create track plan, build bench work , put in 1000 feet of new track, 69 turnouts, install 64 power blocks with current limit and install 69 turn out motors.

Much work remains to be done and we should take a few moments to congratulate ourselves for the past year's accomplishments.

### Lost treasure

**A full open bag of cookies were found behind the television.**

## House Keeping

Sweeping, dusting and keeping the club neat and picked up is every one's job. You do not need to take on massive cleaning tasks. Clean a defined area and then ask another member to clean another area. You might startle them, but again they might say, " Sure I would be glad to help".

### Food in the Club House

**Yes, when you are playing with trains it's nice to have a cookie or two. Do not leave them laying around the facility. We have a pest free area and we want to keep it that way.**

## Track Awareness

### A note to all members:

As track is laid DO NOT SET ANYTHING on the track. The track is not a storage bench. DO NOT LAY your arm or hands on the track. Your hands and arms have oil on them. Sweaty hands are acidic and very dirty.

up for the Fiddle yard; do not lay objects of any form on the track. Think of the track as your young teenage daughter, "KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF BOYS."

Do not feel shy or restrained if see anyone violating this guideline. Even "Good Ole Boys" make mistakes.



A special flag goes