

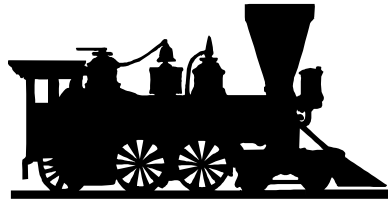
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2005 Calendar of Events

The Saturday September 24 club meeting will be held at 10:00 am, at the Boney's Marketplace, 1820 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside, Ca.
Members, guest and visitors are encouraged to attend.

		October
		November
September	Sept 10 – 11 NCMRS Show and Go Boney's Marketplace	December
	NMRA Sept 7 – 11 Convention Knots Berry Farm www.dsr-nmra.org	

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I thought that I'd start this month's message by talking about the benefits of belonging to a club. A recent article in Model Railroader spoke to this and it seemed like a good subject. But, then I decided that because of the dramatic increase in new members, I counted over nine new members in the last three months, we need to address the assimilation of new members into the club.

Change in any form can be difficult and trying. Our club has been changing monthly and at times weekly. We have gone from a very static club to one of tremendous change and accelerated activity. While change can be good, and for us was necessary if we were to continue as a club, it brings challenges. One of our biggest challenges is bringing each new member into the fold and making them feel at home.

Everyone who joins our club brings something to the table, even if it is just an enthusiasm for the hobby. Each new member should be valued just as much as our "seasoned members". We all know that the "old timers" have a responsibility to take new members under their wings. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves of this responsibility. We were all "new members" at one time or another.

Along those lines, we are putting together a "New Member" package that will contain club procedures, a roster of members and general items that will answer questions that a new member might have. It will be intended for new members but will reside on our web page so all can review it.

Be aware of how the new members are doing. Just like we keep an eye out for visitors, make sure our new members feel at home.

Speaking of accelerated activity, September will be a busy month for the club. The Pacific Southwest Region of NMRA will have their annual convention in Buena Park, Sept 7 – 11. On the 10th & 11th we will bring the Show N Go downstairs for a weekend show in Boney's Supermarket. The following Saturday will be the Perris Fall Swap Meet.

Along with all of this activity construction will continue on the permanent layout. The progress we are making on the permanent layout encourages our current members and attracts new members. We are doing what some thought impossible.

To those of you who have been active in the construction you are doing a great job. Take credit in knowing that your work goes beyond just building a layout.

See you at the club.

Al Cuevas
President
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THINGS TO DO LIST

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A new Things To Do List will be posted in the front of the clubhouse, check with Dick McCrae or Tom Bernhardt, training may be required for certain task.

A VIEW OF THE FUTURE

BY Tom Bernhardt

Once the roadbed committee, Directed by Dick McCrae, received their marching orders on “How-To” the constructions teams exploded into a flurry of activity.



The roadbed for the service yards is presently being constructed. Here we see Tom Bruner working on the hard rock mine roadbed while the dust settles at the lumberyard.



The newest roadbed is for the sawmill and lumberyard. Tom Bernhardt is seen here sanding on the main roadbed junction to the lumberyard.

The Lower Fiddle Yard is completed and drop wires have been installed. The roadbed on the Upper Fiddle Yard is finished. Track and turnouts are configured and Homobed is being laid.

KIT ASSEMBLY

Six Kit Boxes have been assembled to hold Homobed, turnouts and track. The six kits are labeled A, B, C, D, E and F. A list and drawing defining the extent of the kit is in the box. All of the turnouts are labeled identifying their position in that kit area. The kits are complete except for three turnouts in kit D and they are on order.

HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Sweeping, dusting and keeping the club neat and picked up is every ones 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 they might say “ sure I Would be glad to help”.

A CALL FOR HELP

We are currently compiling a resource list of interested people to provide skills or training on various aspects of model railroading. Areas may include bench work, the laying of track or roadbed, electronics, scenery, operations, engines, & rolling stock, maintenance, history, or any other related topics. You do not need to be a train expert. Mainly if you like to work with your hands we need you.

Call for help (continued)

This could include model builders of airplanes, cars, trucks, dollhouses, dioramas, boats, scratch builders, ships of all sizes and artist of all types.

There are many talented modelers with in North County who have developed or refined many techniques and skills. In order to expand our membership and support each other, these skills need to be shared. If you would like to contribute your talents to help support our hobby, please contact Membership Chairman Tom Bernhardt at 760-722-7366 for further information. We welcome experienced and new comers equally.

Planning ahead

Tom Ashton, Chairman of Structures and Structure Sites, has begun to sort the clubs collection of buildings. In that the sites, for our layout, are fairly defined, building types are known. For those members who have kits or assembled structures, talk with Tom Ashton to find out if the layout has a site that can utilized the structure. Keep in mind that when a structure goes on the layout it becomes NCMRS property.

New Members At Work Page 3



From his first days George Benton, shown above, has made a difference by getting right in there and teaming up with experienced club members. Also Bill Peters has stepped up to the plate by teaming with the old pro John Stevens in building roadbed.

On Sunday, August 21, a “Homabed” training class was held with 8 members in attendance. Jay Sarno gave the class. This is an fine example of team work.



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