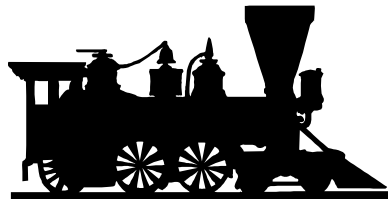


# THE 2005 Calendar of Events

**The Saturday October 29 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	
December	

**Return Address:**  
**North County Model  
 Railroad Society  
 Boney's Marketplace  
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 Oceanside, Ca. 92054**





**NCMRS  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As I am writing this, mid September, I have just returned from my first ever NMRA/PSR convention. While not many of us are NMRA members, I decided to join last year. I also joined the Pacific Southwest Region (\$7.00 per year). I joined for a couple of reasons but the biggest one was to learn more about model railroading. This convention was held in Buena Park and was put on by PSR. PSR is made up of four divisions, Arizona, Southern Nevada, Los Angeles and San Diego.

I had been to one or two local clinics, a number of open house layout tours and had heard some good things about the regional convention. I arrived on Wednesday, registered and got instructions for the Operations Session that I had signed up for. Another NCMRS member, Jim Phelan and I drove over to a house in Fullerton where a crew was busy finishing up some last minute scenery work.

Almost immediately we were asked to volunteer for different operations positions. As this was new to me I was somewhat apprehensive about getting started. They were using "easy DCC" so at least the throttles looked familiar. After about 10 minutes of running and moving cars around I started to understand what I was suppose to be doing. Two people were assigned yard master duties. The rest of us

ran engines, set out and picked up cars at assigned industries and sidings. We were there about three hours and before I knew it we were finishing up and it was time to leave.

I couldn't attend the convention on Thursday but returned for Friday and Saturday clinics. As someone who is relatively new to the hobby there are many things that I have read "how" about but have been reluctant to try. One of them was scenery. The San Diego Division put on a two-hour hands on scenery clinic. It included grass, shrubs, trees, roads, water, molds and painting. We each came away with a one-foot square scene of the work we had done.

Other clinics that I attended were electronics, mirrors, weathering and signaling. Some of these were more relevant to me than others but I learned something in each one. As the days went on I met a number of folks from the other divisions and made some great contacts.

If you haven't picked up on this yet, I was very pleased with the convention. My knowledge of model railroading increased. I have some tools, techniques, and contacts that I can use in building my home layout. I recommend NMRA membership and our local San Diego Division for any of our members wishing to expand their model railroading knowledge.

See you at the club.

**Al Cuevas, President**

## The Show and Go at Boney's Marketplace.

On the afternoon of September 11, 05 the NCMRS set it's Show and Go HO Display up on Boney's Marketplace store floor.



The attendance over the two days was excellent with both old and young exercising their imagination.



Ryan Boney helped the attendance by placing an ad announcing our "Show and Go" in Boney's Marketplace weekly Produce Paper.

By Tom Bernhardt

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Many young minds started a count down to the following Saturday because they knew their parents would take them again to see THE BIG layout upstairs. Centered in this picture is George Benton, the newly assigned Director of the Show and Go. Good job George.

The team of Club Members that supported George in this effort followed his leadership with ease. The three phases in this effort, the moving and setting up Friday, which went from 5-10 pm. (Only 4 members). The Operation of the Show and Go on both Saturday and Sunday went from 10 am till 4 pm. Followed by the take down and moving of the Show and Go to the second floor by 5:30 pm. George Benton displayed a real sign of leadership with the fact that he was there all the time.



Good Job to all who made this effort a success.  
Thank You.

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### THINGS TO DO LIST

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



With the construction of roadbed at 80%, Homobed at 75% and track at 10%, progress is being made. The adrenalin is running high to complete the balance of yards in the layout. The yards are Mining yard, Dock yards (2), Oil yard, Produce yard, Gravel yard and lumber yard. There is plenty of work to be done.

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 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 everyone'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".

### 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.

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 newcomers equally.

## Rails across the Atlantic

Nick Ruddick telling our (NCMRS) story  
To fellow railroaders in Great Britain.

Although I have been a member of GMES [Guildford Model Engineering Society] for some years now this is the first time that I have thought of putting pen to paper or rather should I say keyboard to something to give you an update as to what is happening in Southern California. As you may have guessed, although I live in Southern California and have done so on and off since 1973, I grew up in England and went to school in Guildford.

As I hope to make this a series of short letters I will start with my most recent activity and tell you a little about the Model Railroad Club I joined about two months ago. The club has about 38 members and has just moved in to new premises above a local super market. This is very helpful when the coffee runs out. The club has had to move several times and we are hoping that this will be the last for a while; fortunately the owner of the supermarket is very interested and has encouraged us significantly.

As I am new to the club I took on the task of creating a web site for them and you can find this at [www.ncmrs.org](http://www.ncmrs.org) [North County Model Railroad Society]. Fortunately the rest of the members are a great set of guys and they have involved me in the construction of the new layout. Pictures of which can be seen at the web site.

Enough for this letter, in future letters I hope to bring you up-to-date on the progress with the new layout and report on visits to other local places of interest. Garden Railways are popular in Southern California; I think the weather helps. Also, if you have time visit [www.ruddick.com](http://www.ruddick.com) and click on Nick's stuff and then look around for the link to the Britannia.

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*GMES editors comment:- "So that members can put a face to the name Nick has kindly agreed to me publishing this photo of him with his wife Sue, presumably somewhere on the coast of California - it's a hard life!"*

*Guildford is about 25 miles south of London.*

*Visit GMES at [www.gmes.org.uk](http://www.gmes.org.uk)*



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