

THE SEMAPHORE

2005 Calendar of Events

The Saturday November 26 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.

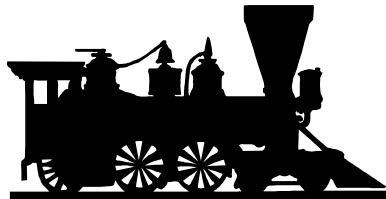
November 5,6 Highland Pacific Railroad

www.trainweb.org/hp

November 20 Toy Train Meet

www.ttos-sp.com

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

At the September business meeting it was noted that we are not involving new members in club activities enough. As someone who is a relatively new member, I consider my less than two years with the club as making me a new member; I can understand the issues that a new member might have. Members greet each other like long lost buddies and I can't remember the name of the guy I just gave my check to. I don't want to do the wrong thing so I won't do anything and so on. We have all felt these emotions when coming into any group for the first time.

For most members they survive this getting acquainted period. But, I have seen us lose members because the transition from visitor to member did not go smoothly. Before this year this was not as big an issue as it is now. If we got three new members in a year it was a banner year. With the move to Boney's and the publicity that we are getting, we generate more new members in one month than we did in some of our previous years.

The Board of Directors has recognized that we have to be more proactive in making new members feel at home. There are a number of things that we are doing to reach that goal. First is a new member orientation. Jay gave the

first one of these a few weeks back. Orientation will be held on an as needed basis. Second, a walk through of the facilities, key usage and club etiquette is given to each new member. We have been working on a club manual. This is a time consuming effort and more work needs to be done in this area. Finally we are working on clinics for all of our members. These clinics will be directed at areas of expertise that pertain to club activities. As members gain knowledge they will have confidence.

However, we can only make these choices available for members. It is the responsibility of each person to volunteer for the clinics, work detail, etc. Even with additional documentation (we need help with this) there will always be something that hasn't been covered. Ask questions! Every Director and Officer is available for the membership. Attend meetings and make suggestions. After all this is your club.

See you at the club.

Al Cuevas
President
NCMRS

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

On the weekend of October 15th and 16th, the NCMRS set up it's "Show-N-Go" HO Display on Boney's Marketplace store floor.



This is our fourth time this year (2005) for displaying and operating the "Show-N-Go" in Boney's main floor area. The attendance over the two days was excellent with both old and young exercising their imagination.



Ryan Boney invited the NCMRS to display our "Show-N-Go" during Boney's "Harvest Festival" on October 15th and 16th.

THINGS TO DO LIST

By Tom Bernhardt

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Many young minds started a count down to the following Saturday because they knew their parents would bring them again to see THE BIG layout upstairs. Centered in this picture is George Benton, the newly assigned Director of the "Show-N-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 4-6pm. The Operation of the "Show-N-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 again displayed leadership with the fact that he was there all the time.



Good Job to all that made this effort a success. Thank You. The next time will be the annual trip to the "GATS" Show at Del Mar in December.

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

A VIEW OF THE FUTURE

BY Tom Bernhardt



With the construction of roadbed at 90%, Homobed at 90% and track at 80%, 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 lumberyard. There is plenty of work to be done.

The Lower Fiddle Yard is complete with drop wires installed and connected to track power. The upper Fiddle yard needs drop leads.

KIT ASSEMBLY

Six Kit Boxes have been assembled to hold and track. Of the six track kit boxes, E the Back wall and F the Fiddle yard are finished. By the time you read this, the main line will be completed. Kit boxes A, B, C and D hold the yard track and turnouts for their respective yard assemblies. Next month (November) the Mining yard, Dock yards (2), Oil yard, Produce yard and Gravel yard will be nearly completed. The lumberyard is being worked on presently.

A look down the produce sidings is exciting to say the least.



In the background we see our Director of Construction, Dick McCrae and too the right we catch a view of our President Al Cuevas.



Above shows Al and Dick working with Tom Brunner and George Benton. George is seen installing track power drop lines on the C peninsula of the layout.

As you can see we are getting track laid but there is still a lot of wiring to be done on track power and turn outs. Assembly in excess of 50 turnout actuators has yet too been started.

Ten right angle mounting brackets have been made and custom size actuator arms under construction.

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.

A special flag goes 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 any one violating this guideline. Even "Good Ole Boys" make mistakes.

HOUSE KEEPING

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 might say " sure I would be glad to help".

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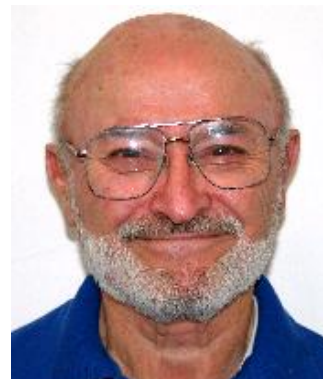
A CALL FOR SCENERY VOLUNTEERS

We are compiling a list of interested people to provide skills or training on various aspects of scenery. You do not need to be a train expert. Mainly if you like to work with your hands we need you.

NEW MEMBERS

Each month a member or two will be presented with their picture and a few comments.

Our new member is **Lorenzo La Pierre** (Lorrie). Lorrie was born in L.A. California and brings to the NCMRS a special collection of knowledge to the club. As a young man, Lorrie served his country for 20 years as a Sailor in the U.S. Navy, serving both Pacific and Korea arenas. He rose to the class of Petty Officer 1 St. Class with special Rating as Cryptologist specializing in Radar and Satellite Communication. He left the U.S. Navy with a Special 10 Year Gold Stripe Citation. The Club thanks you for your service.



As if that wasn't enough career highlights Lorrie turned around and started a 39-year career with Southern Pacific Railroad. He started as a Brakeman and finished up as a Conductor. Needless to say he is well versed in railroad facts and fiction. Lorrie has taken on the NCMRS rolling stock maintenance program. He has been and still is in love with model building of trains and planes all his life. "Welcome aboard" Lorrie to the Club.