

## **Semaphore Lite**

*Signals:* It's true; we have two operating block signals on the railroad. If you haven't seen them, they are located on Peninsula C near "Dave's Farm". As your train progresses eastbound past the mainline signal, over the trestle and past the saw mill the signal changes from green, to red, to amber, then back to green. Very nice. The signals were installed by Nick as a test and demonstration to see how they work. I suggest you check them out.

*Lights:* Dan M, Matt, and John C have added building and street lights at several places on the layout with more to come. The addition of lighting really makes the railroad come alive. It adds a whole new dimension to the layout. We have talked about lighting for a long time. Thanks guys, for making it happen.

*Pictures:* If you haven't had your picture taken for the picture board, be in touch with Leo and make arrangements to have it taken. It would be nice if you would wear your club shirt for the picture. If you don't have a shirt we can make arrangements to sell you one.

*Decoder-Pro:* Thanks to Leo, the latest version of Decoder-Pro is up and running. I have used Decoder-Pro several times, with Leo close at hand. The program allows you to quickly review all the CV settings on your locomotive's decoder and quickly make changes. It's a perfect way to speed match your engines for consist. Leo is in the process of writing a Decoder-Pro handbook and has plans for a clinic.

*Peninsula E:* There is some serious work being done on the new back room Peninsula. The Homasote has been installed on the bench work. John S and Charlie are currently laying track starting at the east entrance of the bench work and progressing toward the west wall.

*Track Power Up-grade:* At the last business meeting the track power issue was fully discussed. It was agreed that the current limiting light bulbs would be replaced with proper breakers on all the layout's blocks. After the circuit breakers have been installed and evaluated we will consider what further action is required. Stay tuned.

*Events:* Early in the month several of our club members made the trip to the Long Beach Convention Center to attend the World's Greatest Hobby Train Show. It was reported to be a great show. Some members returned with "that special train item" that they couldn't resist.

The next event is the Perris Swap Meet on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This has always been popular with our membership. I have to admit that it is probably the biggest and best local swap meet of the year. If you are looking for something special at a good price, chances are you can find it at this meet. If there is sufficient interest after the swap meet we will head north for some "Rail Fanning" at Cajon Pass.

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