

In Remembrance of Bill Walter



A long time friend and supporter of the SLOMRA passed away last June 6, 2008.

Billy, we will miss you!

Dates to Remember

**December 6 & 7 and
December 13 & 14**

Railroad Weekends
IOOF Building
Arroyo Grande

December 13

Annual Christmas Party
and Elections Meeting
The Ellison's Residence
Arroyo Grande

**No December Clinic
Meeting**

January 7, 5pm

Board of Directors Meeting
San Luis Obispo

January 19, 7pm

Monthly Clinic Meeting
Oceano Depot

January 25, 10 to 4pm

Model Railroad Day
Oceano Depot

**Welcome to our
New Members**

**George Gibson
Walter Gilles**

President's Message

Greetings fellow model railroaders and SLOMRA members,

What an action-packed summer this has been for the SLOMRA! We have enjoyed participating in some very successful events, bringing the wonders of model railroading to new audiences, and smiles to the young and the young at heart in our community.

Last June, the SLOMRA converged into the Paso Robles Library for the kick off of the library's Summer Reading Program. At this event, we took over the library's entire conference room with our model railroad displays! Featured were the modeling talents of club members in our complete N scale modular layout (measuring 28 by 14 feet), Dennis Pearson's new On30 modules, Ron Matthew's Timesaver layout, and Stuart Young's unique O and G scale rolling stock. One little boy got to actually *meet* Stuart's Harry Potter Hogwarts Express! As what turned out to be one of our most successful events to date, children's services librarian Kris Bell was so delighted that she has invited the SLOMRA back for another run in 2009.

With a bit of hoop jumping, the SLOMRA was granted permission to present rock star Rod Stewart with a custom designed and built "R. Stewart Lines" boxcar backstage before his Mid-State Fair concert in Paso Robles on July 30th. As Rod models the early 40's on his Three Rivers City HO layout, we made sure to find the appropriate boxcar kit from Branchline Trains. The boxcar featured the logos of the SLOMRA on one side and the Mid State Fair on the other, with the road number of the boxcar being the date of the concert. A special touch was a tag line referencing Rod's 1990 #1 hit song "Downtown Train". This project was completed in two months with some details being completed in the 11th hour!

Rod was very gracious with his time and in accepting his gift; he thought that the boxcar was "cool", and asked why it wasn't weathered?!?! We laughed, and I said we had to leave something for him to do! As we discussed trains and the progress of new developments on his layout the Three Rivers City, Rod autographed a couple of duplicate boxcars we had created for the SLOMRA.

Great turnouts (no, not #6's) were also experienced in Arroyo Grande this year at the Harvest Festival and Summer Concert Series events. Located again in "The Barn", we rolled out our new and improved two-module N scale "Bermuda Wrecktangle" yard. The gang is currently developing and constructing the ACME Industry complex as part of these modules that will surely become another outstanding focal point of this layout.

We are gearing up for our "Christmas Trains in the Village" in AG at the IOOF



The Rod Stewart Custom Boxcar

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**The past...
 and the present...
 on the right track.**

President's Message continued from other side

Building next month. This year we will feature displays during the first *two* weekends in December, as last year we had so many people attend this event during one weekend, we decided to double the fun! There should be a few Christmas-themed visual surprises with our displays this year...

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the SLOMRA members who have been stoking the fires and contributing to all of our group's successes. Whether it be lending a hand at our clinics, participating in monthly meetings, or just running trains at our events, every gesture helps to move this train down the track. The next big thing could be just around the bend!

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Jim Keating, President – SLOMRA

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What's Happening by Scales

N scale Modular: The new two piece yard is in operations, but scenery needs to be made. The yard side has been named the Bermuda Wrecktangle Yard and industrial side is A.C.M.E. Industries. Several members are designing and constructing the five pieces that make up A.C.M.E.

On30 Modular: Dennis has completed his two piece modular of Los Olivos, except the depot. Walter has joined forces with Dennis and they are currently building eight corners and more straight sections.

Future HO Modular: Jim is purchasing the materials to build the first corner sections.

Oceano Depot HO Layout: The Oceano Depot layout is mostly completed with lighted structures.

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