

Daylight Division Meeting – August 22

The San Luis Obispo Model RR Association (go to either <http://www.slomra.org/> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SLOMRA/>) and the Thursday Nite Boomers will be hosting the Daylight Division's Summer Meet at Hilding Larson's house at 7050 Lewis Lane (just a bit southeast of the airport). This is an open meet in that you do not have to be a member of NMRA - just interested in railroads. If you are coming from the north (or from SLO) take Broad St past the airport to Los Ranchos Rd and turn Right at the signal.

If you are coming from the South, take the Price Canyon exit from the freeway (at Pismo Beach) to 227/ Broad St, turn left, go to next signal which is Los Ranchos Rd and turn Left.

Once on Los Ranchos Rd, follow it past the school on the left and the gated community on the right to Country Club Drive (a divided street). Turn Right. Go up the hill, past the club house and turn left on Lewis Lane (which is even with the tennis courts). Follow Lewis Lane past the houses and out into the fields to 7050 Lewis which is on the right side almost at the end of the road. There is a post with 7050 on it (and probably a road grader also). Turn in the driveway and go up the hill to the house where there is parking in front and on the lower level.

In case of any problems his phone # is 805-543-1133.

Lunch will be the usual very nice tri-tip sandwich, home made potato salad, beans and chocolate cake - Cost for the lunch will be \$6 which is the same I believe as last time. Registration cost is just \$4 if you are a NMRA member and \$5 if you are not as we are open to all comers. This fee pays for the soft drinks, donuts, water etc with any surplus or deficit going to the Division. Non members may wish to become a member at the door as they will then be eligible to participate in the Auctions as well as all the other benefits. For first timers and those whose membership has lapsed for over 2 years, a trial Rail Pass Membership in the NMRA is only \$9.95 for 6 months and that includes 6 issues of Scale Rails Magazine which is much improved. This is a one time deal in that you can't join at this rate, quit for a couple of years and then rejoin at this rate again. So why not try it and see part of what you have been missing.

In addition to the usual white elephant auction (please bring your no longer wanted items wrapped in newspaper etc but no mice please), we will have the second installment of the new Division Auction where any railroad related item is auctioned off by/for members (or their estates) with a 10% of the selling price fee for the Division. See below for the rules and forms which you can fill out ahead of time. You can also go to http://www.pcrnmra.org/daylight/Auction_rules.pdf or to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/daylightdivision/files/> for the rules and the required forms if you have items that you want to enter in the auction. It will help a lot if you fill these forms out ahead of time. White Elephants do not need any forms by the way. ;) Thanks.

Due to the new required later starting time and the expanded time for the auctions & business meeting, we will only have two clinics instead of our usual three but we hope you will like the two we have scheduled. They will be both on model railroads this time as the prototype clinics will be seen during the SP Historical Convention at SLO in October. Paul Deis will do a clinic on both his outdoor and indoor layouts. We had a Shay moving on his outdoor track a couple of weeks ago and it was very nice seeing and hearing it come thru the small forest of living scale trees that he has planted in his front yard. Track laying is progressing down the side yard and we were working on the right of way in the back yard. Track laying is just starting in the engine yard on his indoors HO layout that in time will take up several bedrooms.

Matt Hoffman & Rick Anderson will do a clinic on laying track and making turnouts using a jig from Fast Tracks. Very reliable good looking results on both and much faster than I expected. We were all impressed. The trackwork on Rick's layout has to be seen (and operated on) to really appreciate how good these two are at laying track.

There will be tables set out for both railroad related display items (please bring whatever items (prototype, model or photograph) that you are especially proud of), contest entries (model & photographs) as well as items brought for the auction. Registration will start at 9 am. The planed schedule is

0900-1000 Registration of individuals, contest entries & auction items (donuts and drinks available). Bidders must have a Bidders Card which can be gotten at registration.

1000-1015 Welcome by Dave Grenier & Hilding Larson

1015-1100 Clinic #1 - Good Looking Track & Turnouts that you can Operate on by Rick Anderson & Matt Hoffman

1100-1115 Break

1115-1200 Clinic #2 - The D&P Lines by Paul Deis

1200-1215 Break

1215-1300 Lunch of Tri-tip etc. as presented by the Larsons with some assistance by Glenn Geissinger

1300-1400 Business Meeting Dave Grenier with Bill Scott for the contest results

1400-1415 Break

1415-1500 Auction of White Elephants by Paul Deis & distribution of door prizes by Jay Smith

1500-1515 Layout Maps & last minute notes by Rick Anderson

1515-1545? New Auction by Dave Grenier

1530-1900 Layout Tours

Layout Tours will be hosted by Charlie Burns, Paul Deis, George Gibson, Hilding Larson, Andrew Merriam and the SLO MRA who will have several layouts running at the Oceano Depot with maybe one or two more tours available by 22 August. George Gibson is a new host for our tours and his DK & Pacific Mountain Railway (HO Std with a Na Ga branch) should not be missed.

As you can see, there is plenty to do and time to make new friends as well as get into 'mischief' with old friends; so drop by, come on over and plan to have a good time.