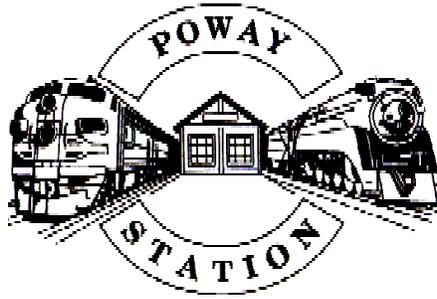


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All Scale Modular Railroad

Club News

Christmas in the Park, 2003

On a cool clear Saturday, December 13th, the “G” scale set up for the annual Poway Old Fashioned Christmas in the Park. The 12 by 24 foot oval “G” scale layout features double main lines and a duel passing siding staging yard. Built up on trestle like modules the Poway “G” scale is excellent for viewing of these large scale trains.

Pictures of Christmas in the Park on page 2 .

The park was transformed back to 1903 with a crowd of several hundred enjoying the festive Christmas spirit. As the sun went down the colorfully illuminated “G” scale trains continued to run into the cold evening and captured the attention of young and old visitors to the celebration.

The Mayor of Poway proclaimed 1903 a very good year for Poway

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TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

By Gary Robinson

This year we are going to try something new with our programs. It will be similar to the past few months, where we’ve had work nights a couple of weeks each month. We haven’t had as much participation in this as we would have liked, due to the hassle of carrying in something to work on. So we’re “taking it to the streets.” That is, beginning January 20, we will be meeting at a member’s home every couple of weeks to work on whatever it is that member needs help with. This includes home layouts as well as modules. We hope this will allow us to make faster progress on getting all the modules ready to show.

Our first meeting will be at the home of Ron Walker, 13770 Bassmore Drive, San Diego, CA, 92129. (Thomas Guide pg 1189, F-3) Near Mt. Carmel high school. We’ll be working on correcting some structural deficiencies on Ron’s modules.

In future weeks we hope to involve as many members as we can, in all the different scales. This will help members learn skills they want to improve, and become familiar with the other scales. To accomplish this, we need people to volunteer to have us work on their modules. Perhaps you don’t need any work done, but you’d like to show off some of your home layout, rolling stock, or whatever. The refreshments will be provided by the club, as usual, but we will meet at the member’s home.

These work meetings will take place the first and third Tuesday of each month, as well as the fourth Tuesday in months having five Tuesdays. We will continue to meet in Templar’s Hall on the second and last Tuesday. The second Tuesday will be a clinic or railroad videos, and the last Tuesday will be the business meeting. On January 13 we will be talking more about this

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and on the steps of Templar's Hall the Community Christmas Tree was lit. Santa arrived on aboard Old No.3, Poway's 1907 Baldwin Steam Engine and captured the attention of all the kids. There was music, caroling, great foods and something for most everyone to enjoy.

The members of Poway Station had a great time enjoying the Christmas cheer and the fun of running a quality, large scale model railroad. A big THANKS goes out to all members who made this event happen. (RW)

Photos by Jack Eiermann



Poway Station New Members

Meet Ron Walker

OK, I know I am not really a new member but for some of the newer and older members who don't know me I thought I would tell you a little about myself.

I am a newbie to model railroading. About two years ago I became a member of Poway Station and started to get serious about Model Railroading. I had a small train set years ago as a young kid. It was an HO scale, steam locomotive, with a few cars of rolling stock and your basic oval of track. My older brother had an American Flyer. We both loved our trains. His had the smoke that would puff out the stack. The HO had those neat sprung trucks and I remember we both thought the detail was better on the HO.

Well, those trains are long gone but the memories of them stuck in my mind. Over the years as I grew older I was always fascinated to see model railroad layouts at places like fairs, shopping malls, toy and hobby stores. As the years went by I would say to my wife, "Some day I would like to have a model railroad, It looks like a lot of fun!"

About Three years ago my mother-in-law, wife and kids bought me a train set for Christmas. It was great but right away I wanted more track, more cars and more locomotives. I checked out a few magazines, visited the local hobby shop but I was not sure what to do or where to go to

get more involved in model railroading. Later that year I went to the Great American Train Show and saw several fliers about local clubs and hobby shops and found out about Poway Station.

In the two years I have been a member of Poway Station I have learned a lot about model railroading and yet I know that I have really just scratched the surface. I started a collection of locomotives and rolling stock, mostly all modern diesel and mostly the Union Pacific road name. I am not sure just why I picked Union Pacific? I guess I just liked the UP shield logo or the yellow-gray color.

About a year ago I started doing the News Letter for the club but as you can probably see (read) I am not a journalist. Over the years I have just played around with the computer and figured out how to do a little desk-top publishing.

I feel the real skills I have to offer the club are in my knowledge of electronics and electricity. I have over 34 years of electronic experience including 2 years in High School, 6 years in the Navy on a nuclear submarine and several college classes. Currently I am an Electronics Integrated Systems Mechanic at North Island Naval Air Station where I work on the aircraft communications and navigation equipment.

I started with two HO modules

and then acquired two more. For now, those four modules give me plenty to work on. My other passion is enjoying fine wine, I used to live 20 miles from Napa. I have decided to combine my two favorite past times, trains and wine! On my 4 modules I am attempting to build a country-rural scene with rolling hills of vines, country homes and a winery. And tracks, where the train goes by carrying people and freight from town to town and the grapes and wine to market.

I really enjoy this model railroading stuff, the people and friends I have met at Poway Station are super. I look forward to another great year of fun at Poway Station.

NMRA NEWS

The NMRA is in the process of doing a major restructuring to the Standards for model railroading. This is the first major restructuring of Standards S-1 through S-4 since 1959. Since Poway Station is a 100% NMRA member model railroad club and we base out equipment on these Standards you might want to go to the NMRA web site and check out these proposals. The web site has lots of useful information like module construction, track, wheel, and coupler dimensions, proper car weight and much more to aid the modeler. As a member of Poway Station and the NMRA we encourage you to check out your web site, the existing Standards and the proposed changes.

www.nmra.org

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plan, as well as other plans for the year, and asking for feedback on desires of the members.

The Board is excited about the possibilities of this new meeting format. We hope everyone will enjoy it, and we encourage you to volunteer to host a meeting. We will be contacting some people who have specific things to do that we think will be beneficial to the general membership, and operation of the layouts we set up. Please contact a Board member to schedule a night that we can help you and your enjoyment of Model Railroading.

Poway Station Club Meeting Schedule

January 13th.

7:00 PM Templar's Hall
Our first meeting of the new year. We will discuss some of the events and plans for this year.

January 20th.

7:00 PM Ron Walker's home, 13770 Bassmore Dr. San Diego 92129. (Thomas Guide pg 1189, F-3)

January 27th.

Monthly business meeting. 7:00 PM Templar's Hall. We will be voting for Poway Station Board Members for the 2004 year.

Board Meeting; January 22nd,

7:00 PM, Bill Brooks' home, All Board Members please attend. Non Board Members welcome, please RSVP.

Coming Events

San Diego Division Mini Meet

January 10, Noon to 3:00 PM.
Don Fowler's house, 10768 Sayers Court Santee. (Thomas Guide 1231 F-3)

Don's N scale layout is set in the current era, with long strings of engines and cars winding through a Southern California setting. At 1:30 there will be a Division business meeting to go over plans for the new year.

Web sites to check out

Poway Station,
www.powaystation.com

Free Train Posters,
www.trainpostersfree.com

Daylight Sales, Railroad apparel and gifts.
www.daylightsales.com

www.trains.com

This is the home page web site for the magazines shown below. You don't need to be a subscriber to any of the magazines, here you can find lots of the same articles and information that these popular magazines cover. Register at the sites (its free) and you will have even greater access to these sites.



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