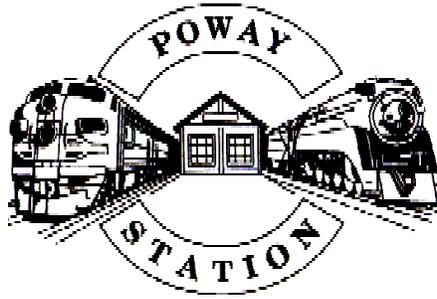


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Poway Station Newsletter

All Scale Modular Railroad

Club News

Christmas in the Park

Poway Station will again be a part of Old Poway Parks annual Christmas in the Park, an Old-Fashioned Christmas Tradition, on Saturday, December 10th. The event runs from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. This year is the 12th year for this event in Old Poway Park.

Poway Station will set up and run the O scale layout with it's large, colorful, loud trains. These trains race around the layout and attract the attention of kids and adults.

There will be good food, warm apple cider, and lots of Christmas events to see and hear in the park. At 5:15 the traditional tree lightening ceremony takes place. Following the tree lighting Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive on Poway Parks, Midland Railroad, old number 3, Baldwin steam engine train. Come on out, enjoy the festivities and get a start on your Christmas season.

Train Song Festival Wrap-Up

This years Train Song Festival was a great success. The layout was smaller in size than in the past providing access all the way around the entire set-up in Templar's Hall. By using a smaller layout and staying off the stage and steps, the set-up and break-down process was faster and went smoother. The modules looked very good with uniform height skyboards that were blue on the front and black on the back. Black plastic skirting wrapped around the base. This allowed the eye to focus on the scenery and trains.

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Editors note;

In this issue you will notice there are no pictures. If you go to the club website you will find great, high quality pictures of recent club events that you can download and print if you want. This will make the distribution of the Newsletter easier for everyone to receive as it will be much smaller without all the pictures.

Poway Station Annual Christmas Dinner

This years Christmas dinner will be held at the home of Glen, Dana and DJ Flaherty. The dinner will be on Tuesday December 13th at 7:00 PM, when we would have our regular weekly meeting.

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Poway Station Receives Another Great Donation.

Poway Station has again received a generous donation from Walt Banister of Rancho Bernardo. A few months back Walt donated several quality HO brass locomotives and some nice rolling stock to the club as he was thinning out his model railroad collection.

Recently, Walt called again and
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Web Page Update

If you have not been to the Poway Station web page lately go to "www.powystation.org" and check it out. You may not recognize it. Our web master, Ron Tindall, has been very busy adding things, moving things around, animating things and making it more useful, informative and attractive.

In the members section you can see just who we are; where members can submit bio's about them self and their model railroading background. There are already some great pictures and Ron is asking for more that you may have of your modules or past layout setups.

The site is loaded with useful links and helpful information covering all aspects of model railroading. You can get some good

ideas or find answers to many of your questions about model railroading. As the club updates the standards, information will be available to members for construction specifics of the modules.

The calendar page is being developed and will be an easy place where you can check out what is going on at Poway Station and in the local area related to model railroading. If you know of some coming events or good web sites send them to Ron and he will add them to the lists.

As a result of the many long hours of work on the computer by web master Ron, the web page has seen a lot change and improvement this year. Be sure to check it out and let Ron know what you think. *Thanks Ron*, for your time and support of Poway Station.

Another Year Comes to an End

As the holidays approach and we prepare for another year, it is time again for our annual Board of Directors elections. The club needs people who are willing to help with the plans, decisions, goals and future dreams of Poway Station model railroad club. There are no requirements to be a board member. We simply need people interested in creating a model railroad club where members can enjoy all the fine aspects of this great hobby and along the are way willing to share with the public and community the fun, knowledge, skills and history of railroading and model railroading.

As a Board member you are asked to meet once a month for the Board business meeting where we plan and vote on the decisions that govern and lead our organization.

If you are interested in being a part of this process please contact this years nominating chair, Gary Robinson. The nomination list will be formed soon and at our general business meeting near the end of January we will vote.

To be a strong club, we need a good governing board, simply put, we need you! Thank You!

Donation

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said the time had come to give up his entire Thunder Bay and Iron Range model layout. The layout, housed in Walt's garage, was part of a one time much larger layout that Walt built and operated for many years. The Thunder Bay and Iron Range layout was based on an area in Canada where Walt once lived and worked in the mining business. The donation included some very nice pieces like a large, fully indexed turntable with a three bay round house, a large model of a blast furnace, several buildings of typical town businesses and some great looking houses and homes. There were also several ore cars, freight cars, locomotives and some very nicely detailed brass cabooses.

The club will use these donations to build up, detail and enhance our modules and our operations. The huge blast furnace model alone will fill one of our standard 4-foot long modules.

Recently the club has talked about a railroad name and logo for our club trains. The "PVR" (Poway Valley Railroad) has been proposed and it looks as if we are in favor of adopting that as our club railroad. We have several locomotives and pieces of rolling stock that will be renamed for the PVR. But I want to say, with a big thanks to Walt, that some of his Thunder Bay and Iron Range will remain as it was and continue to roll down the tracks for years to come. From the entire membership, to a great fellow model railroader, thanks for the donation Walt and thanks for thinking of Poway Station.

Train Song Festival

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It was also the first time Poway Station used Digital Command Control (DCC) to operate the layout. Main line track #2 and all the passing sidings and back tracks off main line #2 were controlled by DCC. This enabled us to operate in a way never before attempted by the club. Multiple trains were able to operate independently over the entire layout. Operators had to pay close attention to where they were and where they were going to avoid conflicts. It was great fun to run two, three and four trains on the same tracks, sometimes in opposite (head-on) directions where one would have to yield to the other on a passing siding.

I had a great time moving cars of freight back and forth on my back tracks. I think everyone had a good time using the DCC system of operation on our layout. I

expect we will see more of it in the future.

Main line #1 ran conventional analog DC control with the layout split up in two blocks. Some great looking steam and diesel trains ran on this track showing conventional analog DC and DCC can exist side by side.

Special thanks go out to Dennis Reed for the use of his DCC system and his programming skills, Jack Eiermann for additional DCC equipment and throttles, Ron Tindall who built panels for the DCC interface and kept the analog DC trains running on main line #1, and, DJ Flaherty who programmed and set up consists of DCC trains. To all the members who helped with this event, *Thank You* for making it another very successful Poway Station-Train Song event.

Christmas Dinner

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The dinner is for Poway Station members, their spouse (significant other) and immediate family members. We are planning a traditional Christmas (pot-luck) dinner, where members will be requested to bring specific food items.

We also plan a fun gift exchange game. To participate please bring a wrapped gift in the \$10.00 to \$20.00 range. The gift does not need to be new or railroad related. If it is railroad/scale related please indicate so on the wrapping. The club will also have a drawing for some great door prizes. **WATCH YOUR EMAIL, MORE DETAILS TO COME.**



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Poway Station Meeting Schedule

Note; watch for weekly emails "This Week at Poway Station" for details of all meetings

Nov 29th

Monthly business meeting. Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 7:00 PM.

Dec 6th

Members Host. 7:00 PM Ron Walkers home.

Dec 13

Christmas Party Dinner, 7:00 PM, The Flaherty's home.

Jan 3rd

Members Host. Location and time TBA.

Jan 10th

Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 7:00 PM. Clinics, videos, workshop night.

Jan 17th

Members Host. Location and time TBA.

Jan 24th

Members Host. Location and time TBA.

Jan 31st

Monthly business meeting. Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 7:00 PM.

Feb 7th

Members Host. Location and time TBA.

Feb 14th

Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 7:00 PM. Clinics, videos, workshop night.

Feb 21st

Members Host. Location and time TBA.

Feb 28th

Monthly business meeting. Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 7:00 PM.

Note; Members Host Meetings are held on an as available/needed basis by club members. Start times are 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM. For 6:00 PM start times we order some food for delivery and share the cost. If you would like to host one of these meetings please contact Ron Walker to schedule a meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS

Jan 26th

7:00 PM, Ron Walker's home, Board Members please attend.

Feb 23rd

7:00 PM, Ron Walker's home, Board Members please attend.

Non Board Members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Please RSVP.

Coming Events

December 3rd and 4th. GREAT WESTERN and ATLANTIC TRAIN SHOW

At the Del Mar Fair Grounds
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days
Go to

greatamericantrainshow.com
for a discount ticket and more
information.

December 10th Christmas in the Park 4:30 PM-8:30 PM OLD POWAY PARK

See page 1 for more details.

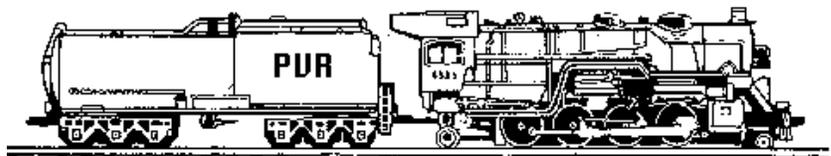
December 10th SD Div PSR Layout Tour Noon till 3:00 PM Steve Harris Valley Center

December 13th Poway Station Annual Christmas Dinner

See page 1 for more details.

October 2006 NMRA - PSR Convention

The San Diego division hosts
the 2006 PSR Convention in
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND HAPPY RAILROADING IN THE NEW YEAR!

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