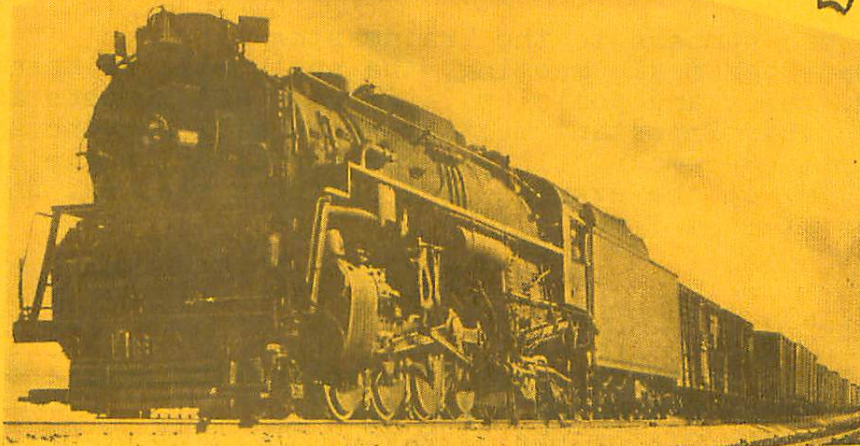


# CLINKERS <sup>AND</sup> SPARKS



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## From your Editor:

For too long now, our club has been without its official magazine, CLINKERS AND SPARKS. With this issue, we hope to start a new and long life for your club news letter.

As this is the first issue, we hope you will understand that errors, typo's, and sundry mistakes will occur and for this we ask your indulgence!

In the near future, we hope to have a more professional layout, and to adjust the format to suit the needs of our club members.

## HO Trainmaster's Report

By Ken Harrison

All Roadmaster positions have been filed. This means that every foot of the railroad has someone assigned to its basic maintenance. Roadmasters are responsible for the proper maintenance of gauge, switch operation and rail bonds within the areas of their jurisdiction. Roadmasters will also inventory all materials in their sections in preparation for the impending move. All active hO members have a Roadmaster assignment.

Rules Examinations of the Operating Department continue. Training manuals for Tracy, Oakland and the mainline cabs are nearing completion. Any member who has not initiated his testing program is urged to do so immediately, since proper qualification procedures will be enforced in the relatively near future.

The HO scale has elected to establish the grade of Associate Member. Dues for Associates are \$30. a year. Associate members will be elected from those Senior members who wish to go on leave of absence and who wish to retain their equipment registry, and operating rights at times other than those of public operation. Senior members going on leave and not taking Associate membership will loose the above rights.

Rear end freight car registry is under way. All members should

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turn in their car numbers to the Trainmaster.

At the December scale meeting, the scale will be asked to approve the scale law, rules and policies (SLRP'S). All members are urged to be present for this important meeting which will convene at 8 P.M. on the 1st Friday in December. In general hereafter, scale meetings will convene at 8 P.M. on the evening of a business meeting, unless the Board convenes at that time.

O Scale Report

By Malcolm Wallace

As O scale is in the process of changing Trainmasters, I have taken the liberty of preparing this report.

O scale has the misfortune of having the part of the building that is in the worst state of repair, so that an inordinate amount of time is spent on "plugging the leaks". Once this is done we must concentrate on two things:

A. Solve the electrical and track problems so that at least Three Trains can be run for shows.

B. Look at the layout from the visitors standpoint and re-scenic the area so we will present a good "first impression".

These must be immediate goals for O Scale.

N Scale Trainmaster's Report

By Ray DeBlieck

The engineering dep't. has recommended a change from hand-laid to flextrack due to the flex's ability to remain in gauge under the adverse weather conditions encountered on our mountain road. Switches will continue to be built by the time honored hand-built method.

The route survey has been completed and construction has begun on the new narrow gauge & branch line. Division Superintendent Ray Smith's work crews will build a twisting Nn3 line which will switchback down to a log dump at the mill pond. This will feed the lumber mill which will be serviced by a standard gauge branch line.

West yard work crews are continuing to toil under the broiling sun to complete first phase construction, in time to accomodate the anticipated Oct. traffic.

## CLINKERS &amp; SPARKS

The official publication of the East Bay Model Engineers Society, Inc., Oakland, California. Published monthly and distributed to all members without additional charge.

The management of this publication is open to comments from its readers, but it should be noted that by its very nature error will inadvertently be included, for which the management will accept only token responsibility.

EDITOR M C Wallace  
ASSISTANT D M Wallace

Our Editorial Position

This column will be used to comment on a variety of topics which will hopefully be of interest to all who are associated with E.B.M.E.S.

This column will follow the usual format of all editorials except that its aims will always be directed at the constructive and hopefully creative use of pen and paper to stimulate minds to think and plan, to encourage hands to work and cause that thread that unites us all in our hobby to become a strong and enduring bond.

EDITORIALPUBLIC ATTENDANCE

A very necessary part of our club activity is opening the doors to the public. The income derived from our third Fridays and open houses is vital to our continued existence.

Some of the older members speak of THOUSANDS of visitors attending our shows in years past but we all know that attendance has been quite low recently; why is this?

It is certain that many factors are involved but let's explore some you may not have thought of.

If you were expecting guests for dinner, would you arrive ten or twenty minutes after they did? - I very much doubt it!

We ALL need to mark down show dates and third Fridays on our calendars and plan on being in the clubroom with our equipment THIRTY minutes before the public enters the building. This of course, is an absolute minimum; you really need an hour to set up equipment for a show.

The following excerpt from CLINKERS AND SPARKS is as true today as it was in March, 1962:-----"Along with this widespread invitation on our part goes an obligation to provide an equivalently worthwhile exhibit. We should exercise a certain amount of caution so as not to proclaim a bigger show than we are actually capable (or willing) to put on."

Finally: have you considered that there may be many people who see our advertising, but say to themselves: "Last time I went, hardly anything was running." or "That place is so run down and unattractive." Remember, the most powerful form of advertising is "WORD OF MOUTH", so let's give them something great to look at and talk about.

Your participation in CLINKERS & SPARKS is eagerly solicited, so please give your ideas and suggestions to Malcolm Wallace, (please, in writing) just as quickly as you can, guest editorials welcomed.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October show.   friday Oct:15 th.   7.30. to 10.00  
                   saturday Oct:16 th.   noon to 5.00  
                   sunday   Oct:17 th.   noon to 5.00  
                   saturday Oct:22 nd.   noon to 5.00  
                   sunday   Oct:23 rd.   noon to 5.00

Member Profile

## DAVID PAUL GRAYBIEL

This month's member profile features our talented club secretary, David Paul Greybiel.

Many large corporations would be extremely pleased to have such a well qualified secretary in their organization.

David was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on Nov. 26, 1952, and as a youngster he and his family lived in Mississippi, Virginia and Delaware.

While most youngsters attend school in jeans and a "T" shirt, David attended a Quaker school where all male students were required to wear a coat and tie.

On completion of high school David went on to Yale and from its ivy covered walls he graduated in 1974 with a B. A. in Philosophy.

Then it was "California here I come" to attend Cal-Berkeley graduate school and to meet Miss Cathy Kelly, who was studying Law, and who later agreed to become David's bride in 1974.

This eventful year was also the year that David found the East Bay Model Engineers and he became a student with his first assignment being assisting in laying track in the mountains of the Santa Fe Western. This was a very hard working time in David's life as after the strenuous nights spent in the mountains building the Santa Fe Western, he was attending business school at U. C. Berkeley and also studying Law at Hastings Collage.

Eventually it all paid off in 1980 when David graduated and settled down to practice Law; he is now associated with Theland, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges at the new Ordway Building in Oakland.

We all know what David's primary hobby is, but did you know he also plays base fiddle in a blue grass band that rejoices in the name of "The 'G' String". The six members of the band meet to practice every two weeks.

David has served as our President in 1977 and '78.

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