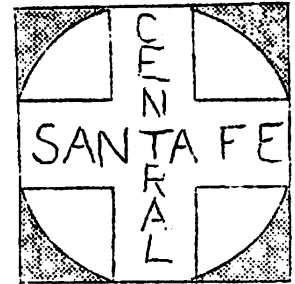


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**** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ****

When leaving the building, as the last man for the day, be sure to check all the doors, and the Exit Lights. A door was left unlocked recently. The Exit Lights were found to be left burning. They do not turn off automatically, when the Main Switch is pulled. They are plainly marked at the lower right side of the Main Panel.

The P.C.R. Annual Convention will be held at San Diego May 1, 2, and 3. We will take notes and try to advise you, if anything important to us occurs.

On April 10th we had three model Rail visitors from Victoria, B.C. Joe Twaites, Jim Turner, members of the Canadian Navy, and John Coppinger. All were experienced HO modelers. They all thanked me for a good time. I was very pleased to see all the members extend a welcome hand to the visitors.

Our member, Fred Beach, will enter Stanford University Hospital on May 5th to undergo a serious heart operation. Fred is optimistic, and expects to have a more normal life in the future. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

When you sit down at 10 PM to have your coffee, doughnuts and conversation, did you ever stop to consider how the goodies got here? Roy Cushing or Bill Winniker usually brew the coffee, and Russ Dennon orders, pays for, (reimbursed later) and delivers the doughnuts. I certainly want these fellows to know that I appreciate their cooperation. I'm sure you all do.

Harold Dennon- Pres.

**CONSTITUTION AMENDED
APRIL 3rd, 1964**

Article II Officers

Addendum to Sections 5 and 6: An Assistant Trainmaster shall be selected by the respective groups to assist in the above functions. He will assume the Trainmaster's duties when the Trainmaster is absent.

Article VII TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

Section 4: A leave of absence may be granted to any Senior Member in good standing if, for any reason, that member is unable to continue active participation in the society. Request for leave must be made in writing. Member's key must be surrendered with request. This leave will be granted in writing by the Secretary, who will then place the member on the extra board. An extra board member may regain active status as a Senior Member at any time by resumption of his dues, following notification of his intentions to the Secretary. His key will be returned, if re-instatement occurs during current calendar year.

++BAKERS' DOZEN++

We will be asking for cakes for the May Show soon. Please remind the gracious bakers to put her name on the plates to be returned. You remember the fun we had after the October Show, getting the plates back to their happy homes?

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- NOTES FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT -

This month we are going to hold our Annual Spring Show. In the past, it has been my experience to witness the "tug of war" that takes place whenever we are about to have a show. The same is true to a lesser degree, about the monthly shows. It seems to me that if we all pulled in the same direction, we would get the work done. Why is it that the same few members are always doing the work? Perhaps I'm old-fashioned in thinking that if everyone did his share, no one member would be overworked.

As a starter, the Yardmasters should stand back and take a good look at their areas. All material that is not pertinent to the operation of the yard or prototypical in appearance should be removed. Control panels should be cleaned up and any repairs to the panels done as soon as possible. We should also clean up the floor areas.

Let's get at it and see what we can do!

 * CALENDAR OF EVENTS *

- May 1, Fri. Worknight
- May 8, Fri. Switching-Checkout
Board Meeting 9 PM
Business Meet 10 PM
- May 15, 16 17 SHOW-SHOW-SHOW
Fri.Sat. Sun. SHOW-SHOW-SHOW
- May 22, Fri. Worknight
- May 24, Sun. Coast Division PCR
Meets in OUR CLUB-
ROOMS 10 AM- 6 PM

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* O GAUGE GOSSIP *

The new coaling tower being installed at Richmond was built by Jack Munro. He has started to build several diesel servicing tracks, and a repair building. Jack is a talented builder. Take a look at some of his equipment. Jim Stanley has started to get some of his O gauge equipment out of the mothballs. He has not been active in model railroading for several years. He was formerly in the interurban part of the sport, but he intends to get a few locomotives and get into the game with both feet.

Barstow will soon be a yard with adequate sidings. Dick Mills is busy getting the siding extension project completed. He also has plans to install a few locomotive storage tracks, and to complete the scenery around the yard. Chuck Trombley has been giving him some help on the switches. Beach has been giving Trombley's Berkshire a face-lifting, and hopes to have it ready before he goes to the hospital. Berkshires should be a common sight on freight trains in the near future. Carl Dean, Ed Hurtado and Demmon all have Lobaughs, but with different looks.

We now have some new rheostats. Paul Icanberry located a supply at reasonable prices, and some were secured from the same firm that supplied our switch machines.

Beach's Big Boy developed a short on its last appearance. One wonders how such a long engine can bog down with a short.

Ken Harrison is some kind of a brother-in-law of the O Gauge Trolley. Being a musician and a teacher of music, he will not be present until about May 1st. He and Ed Marshall are about the only members really active in the Trolley section.

Fred Krock may be here for part of the show. Art Rice, Bill Reynolds, Ray Kelsoe Roy Anderson and Chuck Trombley vow to have some On3 operating during the show.

EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY
4075 Halleck Street, Oakland 8, California

The East Bay Model Engineers Society was organized in 1933 for the purpose of bringing together those whose common interest lay in scale model construction. In those early days, members of the club built scale power boats, stationary steam engines and gasoline powered airplanes as well as steam and electric types of railroad motive power, and freight and passenger rolling stock.

These craftsmen first held meetings in the machine shop of one member, in the homes of others, in the basement of an Oakland bookstore and later in the Western Pacific depot and Key System's offices.

Since 1937 East Bay has been strictly a scale model railroad club and following its incorporation in 1940 occupied its present quarters in the Santa Fe freight warehouse at 4075 Halleck Street, just south of Park Street, in Oakland.

During the past twenty-one years, two large rooms of trackage and scenery have been built. This model railroad exhibit is judged to be one of the most extensive in the country. It encompasses over 6,800 feet of track on both "O" and "HO" gauges, including narrow-gauge railroads and trolley lines. Scenery, trackage, wiring and electrical facilities are constantly being changed, extended and improved. A model railroad pike is never completed.

All of the equipment operating on these roads is the personal property of the individual members. There are literally hundreds of interesting items, including steam, diesel and electric locomotives and even models of old-time trains from the days of the Civil War... an entire world of railroading reproduced and operating in miniature.

At present the club has nearly one hundred adult members from all parts of the Bay Area. These model railroaders represent many different walks of life: professional men, white collar workers, blue-collar workers, and even some professional railroad men. At the club they have the opportunity to concentrate on the particular phase of the hobby which interests them most. Some members work on scenery exclusively, while others find satisfaction in overcoming a problem in the complex electrical system, which, incidentally, utilizes both AC and DC current.

The "O" gauge layout (quarter inch scale, one and one quarter inches between the rails) called "Santa Fe Western Railway", has 8.29 scale miles of single and double tracked mainline and 5 yards with 16.48 scale miles of sidings.

The "O" gauge trolley layout, current for which is picked up by operating pantographs from overhead wire, is known as the "Oakland, Antioch and Eastern", has 3.7 scale miles of double tracked mainline and 2.5 scale miles of yard trackage.

The "O" gauge narrow-gauge (quarter inch scale, three-quarter inches between the rails) is called "The Rio Grande and South Park". Here the locomotives are wood and coal fired steam type and portray some of the famous early day engines. They run on 2.5 scale miles of crooked track and through old-time "stub-switches" in an atmosphere of realistic mountain railroading.

In a separate 90 by 36 foot room is the "HO" gauge layout (3.5mm scale, 16.5mm between the rails). This road, known as the "Santa Fe Central", owns 8.35 scale miles of double and triple tracked mainline, and has yards equalling 13.16 scale miles.

The "HO" gauge electric Trolley system, fed by overhead wire, is known as "East Bay Traction Co." and has 2.5 scale miles of double tracked mainline plus an unsurveyed amount of space devoted to yards.

Presently under construction is the "HO" narrow gauge "Sierra and Pacific Coast Railroad". Here you can see how a model railroad is constructed; what is under the scenery.

The "HO" branch line is known as the "Cajon and West Poke Chop". Here on will see the old-time trains of the Civil War era. The branch line interchanges with the "Mountain Division", where the railroad takes on the atmosphere of the Sierras.

Each year the club holds two big shows for the public. The Spring Open House usually falls on the third weekend in May, and the Fall Open House, the third weekend in October. During these shows, all club facilities are in continuous operation from Friday evening through Sunday evening. In addition, the club layouts are open to the public each third Friday of the month from 7:30 to 10 p.m. throughout the year.

!! THE HOT BOX !!

by

Fred S. Beach

when I placed this piece of paper in the typewriter, I had a very dim idea of what would come off. This may not even make it, in place of Otto Graf's wonderful poetry, however, here goes an attempt.

Just what does your membership in EBASS mean to you? Let's take a good long look at our attitudes, our whims, our passions, and, yes, prejudices, as they may be expressed or implied, openly or covertly, in relation to me, Tom, Dick and Harry, or any fellow member, or prospective, in this rather large and sometimes unwieldy organization. One thing I have to face up to, is that in spite of the sometimes "atmosphere" of the proverbial "smoked-filled room" seemingly dictating the destinies of the Society, the ultimate rule of the majority usually will prevail. Even though there has frequently been jest tossed around in our business meetings, that we "railroad" our business through, after all we are model-railroaders!

Personally, I am Prejudiced. My strongest prejudice, however, is directed toward any narrow and intolerant prejudicial expression of a vindictive and irreversible opinion, particularly when such expression is the net result of superficial exploration of the conditions surrounding the facts leading towards the expression of such an opinion. This should not require any further enlargement. Now then, the very fact that we are drawn together by a shared and vital common interest, the pursuit of pleasure and pleasant association, in a strictly avocational activity, sets us very definely apart from other men associating in a fraternal or social activity, the Model Railroading hobby, does in fact, find a strong artistic expression.

This artistic expressivity each of us shares and displays in vastly varying degrees does have a connotation of the not-always-rational genius! So what! An artisan

need not be a genius, even a superb artisan. But artistic expressivity, such as we find in the careful, detailed work, the precise measurements and reproduction of faithful prototype detail implies, so to speak, an impassioned artistic expression, irregardless of how rationally each of us individually, may approach the achievement of the ultimate perfection displayed.

It is the rationalization that we, who partake of the pleasure and satisfaction to be enjoyed in this hobby, frequently encounter from those so-called "sophisticates", whose interests, and I might say, ignorance of a sustaining avocational interest, lead them to conclude that we have never outgrown the childhood pleasures of toy trains, etc., that draw my heaviest prejudicial reactions. I am very prejudiced towards someone who expresses such an opinion of our hobby and our organization, but only to the extent of trying to clear the faulty thinking that leads to such an expression.

East Bay Model Engineers Society is a practical thinking man's avocational association that allows each of its associates the maximum value to be derived from the avocation, or hobby of Model Railroading. The practicality of each individual member of the society is amply displayed, by several irrefutable facts. The depth of thought of the membership taken individually, is likewise strongly supportable. The very singular fact that we can merely turn to the record of the society, one of the oldest of its kind, and to the fact that we have consistently maintained a large and distinguished roster of active and honorary members, and last but not least, one of the finest in the world, non-professional scale-model railroad operations, that ante-dates any other display. We have something to think about.

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