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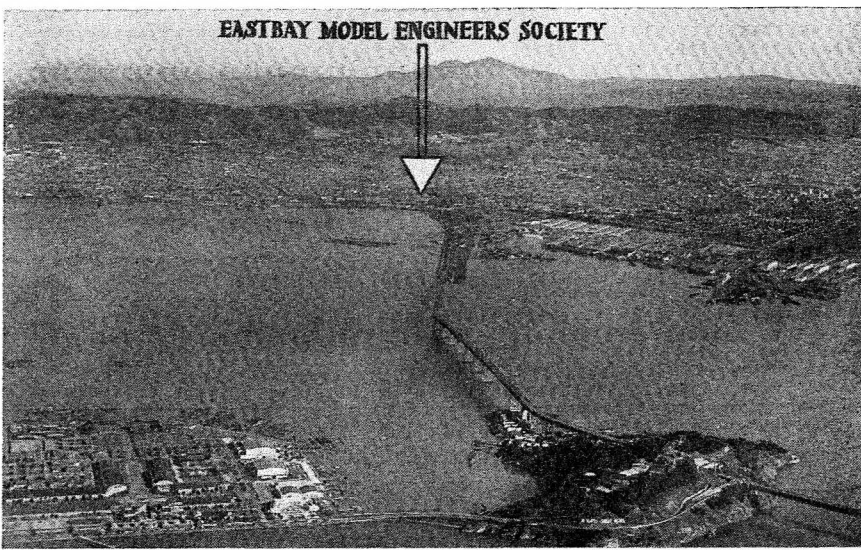
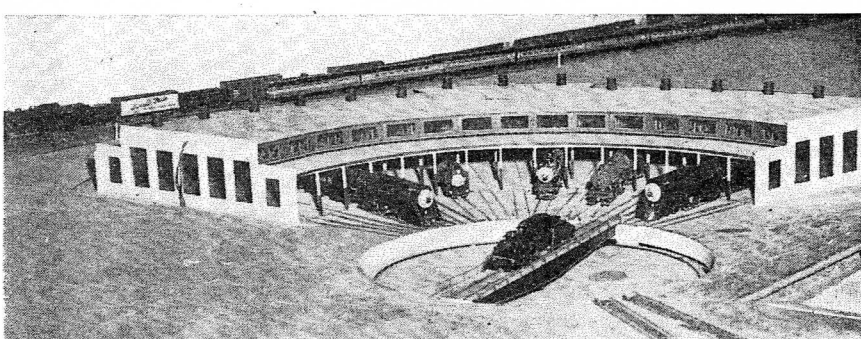
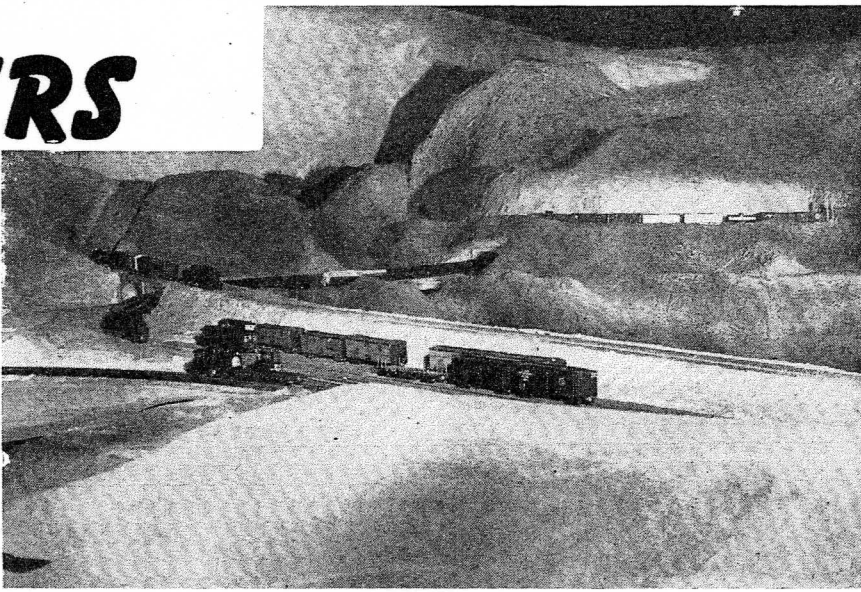
The Eastbay Club will celebrate their 15th anniversary next May with a big Pre-Convention Show. Fifteen years ago, they started out in a small way at Graham Hardy's Book Store and later moved into the Western Pacific Depot where they continued operations until the war put them out. Santa Fe took a liking to the boys at this point and took good care of them until now the club is almost a fixture. Some of the "old faithfuls" are still with the club and working hard, such as Walter Brown, Earl Fancher, Russ Ahrnke, Ray Gillette and Bob Hannah. The entire membership is most versatile, capable of handling any type job that comes along. They do their own electrical, radio, carpenter and electronic work, and even boast of commercial artists, photographers, engineers and firemen on their staff.

The Club is situated alongside of the San Francisco Bay Bridge and within sight of the Golden Gate Bridge. Key System Interurban trains pass near by. The Southern Pacific is right at their back door where all the main lines pass, and the Santa Fe Main Transfer Track is just outside their side door. Real handy—when they want actual sound effects, they simply open the doors!

Club organization follows strict railroad practice from Train Master, Dispatcher, etc., right on up to Road President. Stock certificates are issued on the basis of service to the club, with time being the biggest item, such as ten shares for ten years' service, etc.

Main theme of their layouts is "Along the Santa Fe," with both O and HO systems having their own Santa Fe names. Stations on both lines have been taken from the Santa Fe map, Barstow, Cajon, Richmond, Bakersfield, Grand Canyon, etc. Study the photos for a good idea of their rolling stock and equipment.

Top photo will give you some idea of the vast size of their HO layout. Center—HO roundhouse under construction. Locomotives were made by Bruce and Jim Cryderman, Doc Scudder, Jack Schoff, Ray Wilder, Jim Melady and Bill Elliott. Below: This view gives you a rough idea of the Eastbay Club location. Take a good look—you'll be seeing this next year!



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