

THE GSMRM ZEPHYR RETURNS

We are excited to restart publication of the Golden State Model Railroad Museum's newsletter - The Zephyr. In one of the last editions of the newsletter from April 1994, Robert Marshall, EBMES president reported that "HO continues to work on the Altamont Pass area", N scale "is marching up the hill, working on the Tehachapi Loop area", and O Scale was working on the south mountain and other scenery work. We have made much progress since then. The Zephyr will keep members and public informed about our future progress.



in the Fall. The Zephyr will provide members and the public news concerning GSMRM activities, events, and schedules, as well as progress reports for the three layouts. Contributions and articles by all members are welcome. All GSMRM members will receive a free copy when we have completed our mailing program.

-- Jeff Rowe



We plan to publish the Zephyr twice a year, once in the Spring, and again



but in forming closer bonds and friendships among the members. One of the contributing factors to this was the great potluck luncheon we had after the work was done. Good food, good friends and good conversation led to a very good time enjoyed by all. We had some delicious dishes brought to the potluck and there was more



than enough food to go around. Our cooks Walt Freedman and Steve Cleere, with plenty of advice and counsel on how to barbecue from their fellow members, turned out some delicious hot entrees. Many thanks for all that participated in this event.

MARCH CLEAN UP & BBQ

A week or so before our opening day, we have "Spring Clean Up". This year that day was March 24. It turned out to be quite productive not only cleaning up in and around the museum and building,

Special thanks to John Cockle for providing the mechanical sweeper! Hopefully, the BBQ and get together will become an annual tradition with our pre season cleanup day!

-- Floyd McCarty

The Golden State Model Railroad Museum (GSMRM) consists of 10,000 square feet of O, HO and N scale model railroading. Inside the Museum, you will find three large model railroads, constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society (EBMES).

We're located in Point Richmond, CA, at Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Park. During the months of April through December, the museum is open and trains are running every Sunday from Noon-5pm. We're also open Saturdays from Noon-5pm, and Wednesdays from 11am-3pm, but there won't be any trains running. The museum will be closed for the winter break from January through March.

Learn more... at <http://www.gsmrm.org/>

GSMRM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

It's been a busy year at the Museum! We have accomplished many things, including:

A major clean-up and disposal effort; metal desks and other items were recycled or disposed of. Construction of a new storage shed (outside) and cabinet (inside). We got rid of the unsightly container! (Ongoing) library cleanup and reorganization. Installation of a new office computer (thanks to Walt Freedman).

The company store continues to be very successful, and sales of our DVD "Train Play" continue to be strong. We had two popular events: A book signing by Oliver Chin for his new children's book "Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought", and a well-attended NTRAK modular display.

Future plans include working with the Parks District to landscape our front area and organize our collection of artifacts. We acquired a bike rack and vintage baggage cart, and plan to add railroad ties and native plants to spruce the property up a bit. We will need help restoring and installing our wig-wag and other outside lighting. Hopefully, Parks will be able to remove the concrete pad this year.

The Long-Term Planning Committee has developed a remodeling plan for the downstairs area, and has submitted it to Parks for approval - it's available for view on the website. This would include an enlarged Company Store area, handicapped-accessible restrooms, and an area for public displays. The committee has already arranged to purchase fascia skirting for all three scales. A carpeting bid is in the works. We hope to come up with ideas to improve the layout room lighting and A/C (or lack thereof).

As most of you may know, 2008 marks the 75th anniversary of EBMES. We have formed a committee to explore events, merchandising and publicity to celebrate the

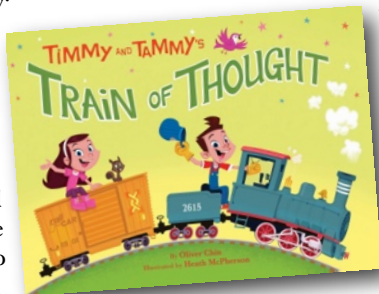
occasion. Details are still being worked out, but we plan to host modular groups (including live steam!), and are considering other events, such as handcar races on the track in front of the building.

There are lots of exciting things going on, but we need your help in order to make them happen. I encourage each of you to step forward and volunteer for some of the projects mentioned above, especially the anniversary committee. And, thanks for your support!

-- *John Morrison*

EBMES PRESIDENT'S REPORT

San Francisco children's author Oliver Chin contacted GSMRM to see if the museum would sell his new children's book "Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought" in our gift shop. This wonderfully illustrated tale celebrates the romance of railroads everywhere with a colorful trip which brings every child's fantasy to life. More information is available at www.immedium.com. After agreeing, Oliver offered to hold a book signing event, which took place on June 24, and we sold 30 of Oliver's books and had 185 visitors - a record day for the year. Oliver has agreed to return for another book signing event during our holiday shows on December 16.



The EBMES Board approved a motion and a resolution which affect senior members whose dues get more than 30 days in arrears. The motion increases the monthly dues for senior members whose dues are more than 30 days in arrears from \$10/month (EBMES portion) to \$20/month. The resolution requires that any member who falls behind in dues more than three calendar months is required to pay one full quarter in advance within the 30 days time limit prescribed by Bylaws 6 C to remain in good standing. That payment would include the 3-month back dues and penalties, current month dues and a further 3 months dues: 7 months total + penalties.

EBMES Membership changes since Jan 2007:

- Jan Rob Shafer up to Associate HO scale
- Feb Jon Ames up to Senior N scale
- Mar No membership changes
- Apr Stephne Dowell dropped out of O scale
- May Ted Moes dropped out of N scale
- Jun Alan Klumpp up to Senior HO
Mac Dow down to Associate HO
Glenn Smith down to Associate N
- Jul Joel Franguist up to Senior N scale
Brad Scherer on leave from N scale
- Aug John Cockle on leave from N scale
- Sep Sean Dexter Apprentice in N scale
Bob Brown Apprentice in HO scale

-- *Jeff Robinson*

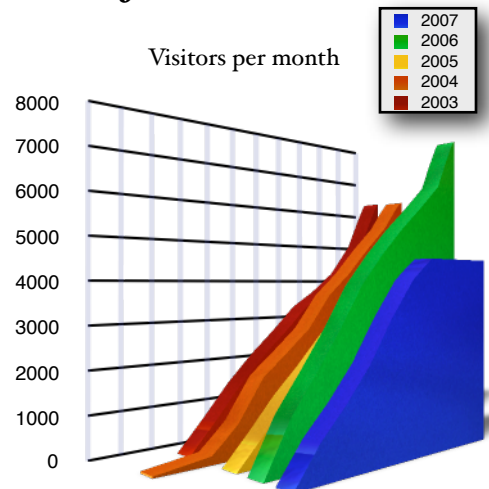
CFO REPORT

Our 2007 season started strong despite an increase in admission prices. This was the first such increase since 2001, but due to our rising operating costs it was unavoidable.

While visitor numbers are slightly down compared to last year (which was our best-attended year ever!), we're still on track to have our second best year in terms of visitor count. Admission revenue is up, and it is helping to cover our expenses as well as realizing our ambitious improvement goals.

Our company store is now in its third successful year, and we continue to expand both the store displays and the products we offer. For the winter season, we are looking at offering various sweatshirts with railroad designs, as well as a selection of Christmas tree decorations.

-- *Martin Jabner*



O SCALE

This year the O Scale team has concentrated on scenery around the large mountain at the west end of the Zenith Division (visible in the picture on p. 1). This area is very large and has required many bags of plaster and rock castings. The lower part now has texturing and foliage.

The Midway engine terminal is nearly operational. Jeff Rowe and Jim Dox have been working on the terminal since last Fall. A roundhouse and ten additional stall tracks was completed this Spring. The control panel and power supply are also ready for service. Jeff Rowe and Jeff Heller have recently completed the scenery area

behind the roundhouse. This small area has three tunnels and three bridges so it should make for some interesting photo possibilities.

Jim Ambrose and Mark Francis have been busy completing track, electrical, and scenery work on the On3 Division.

-- **Jeff Rowe**



HO SCALE

Indeed the HO layout has come a long way since April of 1994! The Altamont Pass, featuring the SP and WP competing routes from Oakland through Niles Canyon, Pleasanton and on to Stockton is fully operational but not yet fully complete. We are still working on buildings and scenery in the areas less visible to the public but still important in terms of final completion. The town of Tracy was recently added and Pleasanton is under construction, together with some industries along the west wall. The Trolley layout has been completed.



SP's Cal-P line and Narrow Gauge – along the public walkway - is done, subject to some fine-tuning. Recent work included a major refurbishing of the large Oakland Mole building which was showing signs of age. Our energies are now focused on scenicking the large Mountain Division – Roseville through Colfax to Truckee. Many authentic scenes have been painstakingly modeled but much remains to be done. The line is fully operational with trains climbing to a way to the large (hidden) staging yard at Truckee.

Last winter, a major new engine facility was added to the (hidden) Roseville staging yard.

We continue to refine the computer control system currently implemented on the Mountain Division. This will be extended from Sacramento to the west side of the Altamont Pass this coming winter shutdown, with working signals to control train movements.

A major upgrade of the HO section of the public website is in progress. This will feature many new pictures of the layout. We invite you to take a look – we expect this to have been uploaded by Zephyr 's Fall press time.

-- **Walt Freedman**

N SCALE

Will it work? YES! Due to the efforts of Jon Ames, our turntable at the Roseville engine facility is back in operation. The last time it went out of whack, Thomas The Tank Engine some how got it spinning and it wouldn't stop. We're getting close to seeing the reopening of the Mojave Yard through the efforts of many people. We could be running trains in there by next season. The new switch panels are starting to show up on the layout - one in Oakland (our set-up yard), one at the Bakersfield industries, and the Roseville Roundhouse panel.

-- **Barry Wilson**



TRAIN PLAY

When visiting the museum, be sure to pick up a copy of "Train Play", our DVD covering the GSMRM layouts and operation. It features interviews with members discussing various aspects of our layouts and how they became model railroaders.

"Train Play" is also shown during visiting hours on the walkway or Company Store monitors.



MEMBER PROFILE

PHIL GALE is one of our more colorful and photogenic members. He is the mainstay of the HO Scale trolley and traction layout and has been a member of EB-MES for 35 years, having joined the "Old Club" in 1964. He lived during his early schooling near the Sacramento Northern right of way and credits this fact for his interest in trains and, in particular, trolley systems.



Modeling was never easy for Phil. He was forced to become a scratch builder from the very beginning because of lack of funds. While dabbling in other scales, HO has been his focus. The talent learned in this way has translated itself to a number of structures on the HO Layout, including the Oakland Pier Building and surroundings and many of the structures and items of rolling stock on the traction/trolley portions of the HO Layout. This is indeed a special talent reserved to only a few members of our museum.

His early history with the EBMES is fascinating. For lack of money, Phil was never able to power his scratch built trolley models until becoming associated with the HO Trolley group at Halleck Street. He was attracted to the EBMES by one of their promotional "bring down your equipment and run it" recruiting days, and found that he could see some of his equipment in operation this way. Soon he was a Member and fully engaged in that layout.

He, together with Ed Karres (d. 1991), started the current HO trolley layout to be found at the north end of the HO area. Because of changing HO plans, the original layout plan was redesigned and due to Ed's untimely death, the current trolley display has totally been built and operated by Phil. The current layout depicts North Oakland in the 1920-30's, and represents a suburban operation to a city with a main line interchange. The design offers lots of switching opportunities with 10 industry locations. Phil is also responsible for the electrified SP Red Train trackage from the Mole to the Oakland 16th Street Station. Phil latest project was the construction of the Churchill trolley yard on the O Scale layout.

-- **John Edginton**

EBMES's 75TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2008, EBMES will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. If you wish to contribute articles or have historical information, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact one of the editors.

Holiday Raffle 2007

Tickets for our annual Holiday Raffle will be sold during the Holiday shows in December. The drawing is on the last day of the season, December 30th, at 5pm. Prizes this year include a Lionel "Pennsylvania Flyer" train set, an Athearn "Warbonnet" HO scale train set, a one-year GSMRM family membership, as well as our DVD "Train Play". Both train sets were graciously donated by the Feather River Train Shop (www.featherrivertrains.com).

Thank you!



Calendar

DECEMBER

Mark your calendar for the Holiday season. We will be open both Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5pm. All layouts will be operating.

Oliver Chin will be visiting for another book signing event on December 16th.

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