



SCALE RAILS of Southwest Florida

Newsletter

December, 2007

Volume 8 Issue 11

OFFICERS

Chairman: Dennis Little

President: Peter Gross

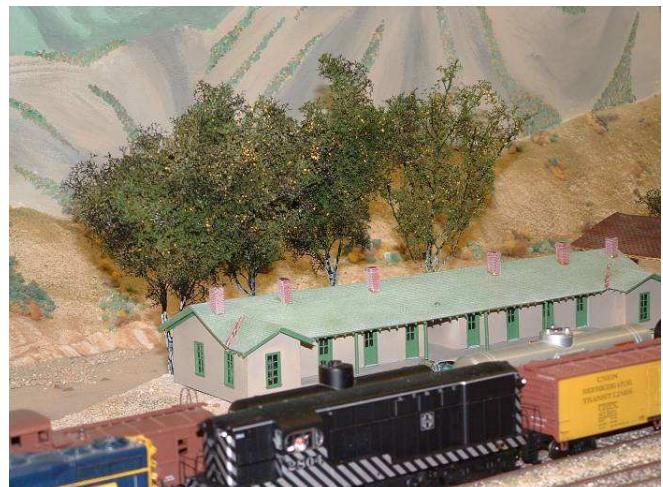
Vice President: Jim Edmier

Secretary: Jim Morse

Treasurer: Stan Seeds, MMR

Layout Status

Stan has finished several more trees for Cajon, including these cotton woods sitting behind the bunk house.



Calendar

Jan 4/5, Prototype Rails, Cocoa Beach, FL

Jan 12, Annual Business Meeting, 1:30 pm

Jan 19, Start of winter clinics, 10:00 am

Feb 9, Monthly Meeting, 1:30 pm

Feb 16, Western Division Meet, Palmetto, FL
No clinic this Saturday

March 8, Monthly Meeting, 1:30 pm

Since returning from the Train Show Dwight and his NTRAK guys have been busy on projects too. They have a turntable now installed and working well.



And the roundhouse is nearing completion.



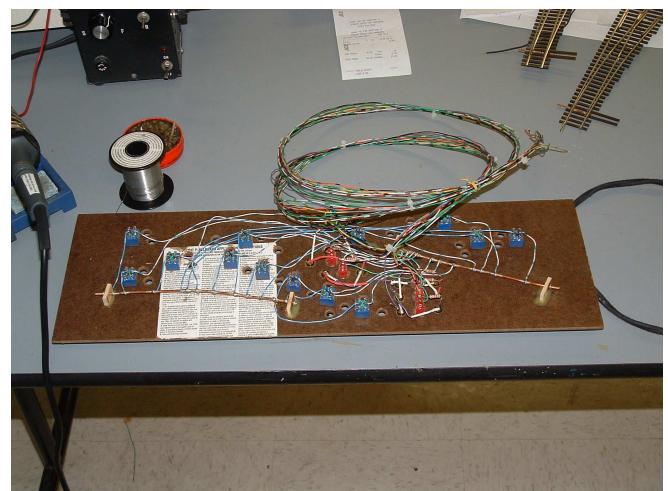
There has been a significant amount of progress made on the Victorville rework project, thanks to George Alexander and a team of many. The new arrangement is being constructed on the spliced together panels of plywood sitting on saw horses in the open area in the layout room. Turnouts, Tortoise switch machines and track are now being laid.



When fully installed, wired and tested, it will be placed on the layout. The existing Victorville has had all Tortoise switch machines and most tracks removed. It is almost ready for the new section to be placed on top. We are holding off pulling the rest of the track to allow the running of trains on Division One to the last minutes.



Peter is building the new control panel for Victorville.



Jim Believe has been working on some of the finishing projects that are on the To-Do lists for Division one and the Joint Line. We need more people to take on some of these small projects. Come on folks, sign up and get modeling!

Building Repair

Bids have been received from three painting contractors who do commercial buildings. The job entails pressure washing all sides, with the north side getting a wash of chlorine to kill the mold. Then all the cracks will be cleaned out, caulked and sealed.

This will be followed by a sealing application, and then painting with a quality paint that has a 7 year warrantee. The contract was let to Vic's Painting in the amount of \$1920. Pressure washing of the building was done by the contractor on December 20, 2007. They expect to complete the job in early January, 2008.

Western Division Meeting February 16, 2008 Manatee Convention Center, Palmetto, FL

Below is the tentative schedule for the February Division Meeting in Palmetto. The cost will be \$10 per person and will include Coffee & Donuts for Breakfast during registration. Lunch will be available at the meeting. At the Sarasota Club's December Train Show they had a roast pork loin platter with mashed potatoes and green beans and it sold out in 30 minutes it was that good and only cost \$6.50.

	Western Division Meeting	Train Show
7:00 AM		Setup
7:30 AM		
8:00 AM	Division Meeting Setup	
8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
9:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
9:30 AM	Clinic 1	
10:00 AM	Clinic 1	Train Show Opens
10:30 AM	Show	
11:00 AM	Clinic 2	
11:30 AM	Clinic 2	

12:00 PM	Show	
12:30 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM	Clinic 3	
2:30 PM	Clinic 3	
3:00 PM	Show	
3:30 PM	Clinic 4	
4:00 PM	Clinic 4	Train Show Closes
4:30 PM		

The Sarasota Model Railroad Club has asked us to bring up our NTRAK layout for display at the Train Show. Dwight is working out the details with them.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

At the November meeting we discussed the BOD's proposed changes to our Bylaws. There was general support for these changes. At the Annual Business Meeting in January we will vote to adopt these changes. If you are unable to be at this meeting please let Peter know so he can send you a Proxy to sign.

Scale Rails Meeting Minutes December 8, 2007

Members present: George Alexander, Jim Beliveau, Dick Bell, Mike Connor, Walter "Ben" Curril, Jim Edmier, Lee Dobyns, Steve Gdovin, Peter Gross, Alex Halberda, Ryan

Hannaway, Darrin Kerwin, Rich and Dianne Korf, Jim Morse, George Nink, David Parsons, Dwight Sedgwick, Stanley Seeds, Don Sprotbery, Oren Stephans, Robert Veefkind, Luther Ward, Ray Welliver Jr.

Meeting was called to order by President Peter Gross at 1:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes for the November meeting were published in the Newsletter. Motion by Ben Curril, seconded by Lee Dobyns, to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Stan Seeds, MMR, Treasure, reported that we have \$12,326 in the checking and savings accounts. Our mortgage is down to \$35,342.00. The club net worth \$112,986.00. Train Show figures were in and showed a net income of \$6,597.00. The membership approved the treasurer's report as summarized in the meeting.

Communications: A thank you note was received from cub pack 83 who visited the depot last month and they sent along many cards the cub scouts made.

New Member: Mike Conner was introduced as our newest member. Welcome Mike.

Sick Member: Lyle Crouder was hospitalized for an apparent stroke and had surgery to repair a severely blocked carotid artery. A get well card was signed by all and our best was sent for a speedy recovery.

OLD BUISNESS:

1. Layout Status:

Division one: The Victorville construction project is underway and in the next month the new and improved Victorville will be in operation, allowing east and west bound running through Victorville. A To-Do list is posted in the depot for both the Division One and the Joint Line. Please look over this list and sign-up. These are very important and

when completed, will make our layout look and operate much better.

Joint Line: Some of the electrical glitches have been fixed and the trains seem to be running more smoothly. Track work is coming along at the north end of Colorado Springs. Edmier's quarry plant and crusher are nearing completion.

N-TRACK: The N-Track modules are working great, and preformed flawlessly at the Train show. Thanks for all the hard work. A turntable and roundhouse are being built and will be ready soon.

Narrow gauge: Work is continuing on the expanded narrow gauge empire, soon the tracks will be laid between the existing layout and Colorado Springs nearly doubling the amount of trackage.

2. Train Show: Now that the Train show is over we can look back and be pleased that all our hard work paid off will one of the best shows ever. Many people express their happiness with the amount of trains running this year. Great job by all.

3. Building maintenance: The problematic blocked in rear door is fixed. Three commercial painting contractors have been asked to submit bids for the cleaning, caulking, sealing and painting job. Painting bids have been received and are being evaluated. The contract will to pressure wash the building, use chlorine wash on the north end, caulk and patch the stucco. 7 year paint warranty. A motion was made by Mr. Edmier and seconded by Mr. Welliver, to authorize a contract to paint the building with an estimated cost of about \$2,400. The motion was passed to accept this bid.

NEW BUISNESS:

1. Promotion: H & R Block has a promotion that for every referral to their tax people a \$25.00 check will be sent to our club. Motion to participate in this promotion was made by

Mr. Gdovin and seconded by Mr. Nink. Motion carried.

2. Elections: Bios for the Nominations of the two BOD election seats were received from Mr. Morse and Mr. Seeds. If at least one other nomination is received before the end of this meeting, then we will have an election by secret ballot in January. Otherwise we will elect by acclamation at the end of this meeting.

3. Changes in the Bylaws: The BOD has recommended changes in the BY-laws: These changes were published in the November newsletter. There was minimal discussion of the proposed changes. A vote by secret ballot on these changes will be held at the January Annual Business meeting.

4. Clinics: Mr. Jim Morse is the new lead for the winter clinics. A list of topics and people to teach modeling skills is being prepared. Members are encouraged to participate in these clinics. These clinics are fun and as in the past so many new skills are learned. See Mr. Morse if you are interested in giving one of these clinics.

5. Elections: Only two nominations were received for the two BOD seats up for election. Therefore a Motion for election by acclamation was made by Mr. Nink and seconded by Mr. Bell, motion carried. Congratulation to Mr. Seeds and Mr. Morse for their reelection to the BOD.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43.

Electronic Delivery of Newsletters

The Scale Rails Newsletters have been uploaded onto our web site for a couple of years now. The idea is that people with internet access will be able to view and read the newsletter on-line and in color rather than by hard copy in black & white. At some point the concept called for us to stop mailing the black & white copies of newsletters and other club communications to those with internet access in order to save reproduction and mailing costs. That time has now come. At the Annual Business Meeting in January, members will be asked to approve the exclusive electronic delivery to those with internet access. Any member without internet access will continue to get the 'snail mail' material.

Please notify Peter if you do not have internet access, so he may continue to send you a black & white copy. Also, please make sure Peter has your current email address by sending him an email at:

Peter@thepetergross.net

If approved at the Annual Business Meeting, this change goes into effect immediately following that meeting.

Shirts

If you want a Club shirt, contact the Club Shirt Lady, Dianne Korf. Shirts are about \$28 each. Let her know your size and she will order them for you. You can contact her at (239) 281-8636 or by email at dkorf@msn.com

Scale Rails of Southwest Florida

Our Charter

Our intent and purpose is to promote and encourage the art of model railroading and preserve the history, science and technology of rail transportation. To this end we have organized our efforts for charitable, educational, literary and scientific purposes. As part of our endeavors, we host railroad displays, give talks and presentations for school, museums and various organizations. Our members do not presume to be experts, but rather a group of individuals sharing knowledge with each other.

Scale Rails of Southwest Florida

1262 Piney Road

N. Fort Myers, FL 33903

www.ScaleRails.org



Scale Rails of SW FL
1262 Piney Road
N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903

REMINDERS

Jan 4/5, Prototype Rails, Cocoa Beach, FL

Jan 12, Annual Business Meeting, 1:30 pm

Feb 9, Monthly Meeting, 1:30 pm

Feb 16, Western Division Meet, Palmetto, FL

March 9, Monthly Meeting, 1:30 pm

EDITORIAL

We have completed another great year in model railroading. We have made great progress in layout work, including the almost complete rebuilding of the NTRAK modules. We have had many visitors to the Depot, and every one went away impressed and happy. And our Train Show was a success. Next year will be the big push to mostly finish what we set out to accomplish on the HO layout. These accomplishments are due to significant efforts on the part of many of you. Thanks to every one for your contributions. Our membership remains at about 38, with additions and deletions through the year. If you know of anyone who might be interested, bring them down.

Keep having fun!
PETER GROSS, Editor