



## Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club's Newsletter

# THE LOOP

### A Club Divided, Still Stands!



It was a great day to be outside playing train at the Tehachapi Depot's second Model Railroad Show. While the first event was damp and COLD, the weather was great for this one. There were lots of people in attendance and deals to be had from a dozen-or-so vendors, including the TLRC Remote Promotions Team of **Louise Bailey** and **Maureen Cornyn** with ample help from **Phil Cornyn** and **Ted Carter**, **Linda Gordon** and Trains Etc. with a multi-table selection of rolling stock, **Doug Pickard** with toy train wares, **Mario Terrazas** and Mike Butters with some locomotives and other sundry items, and your new superintendent and her "first gentleman" with the ever-mobile Green Steam Products booth. It got to be a pretty warm day quickly and the generous loan of a pop-up canopy from the Watts kept the brutal sun off of our intrepid Promotions crew. Several club members dropped by to say hello during the event and your Loop editor was spied running about with his camera to ensure that everything was documented for the next edition. A good time was had by all. Thanks to **Mike Bruno** for the article on the TLRC support of the Depot's Model Railroad show. What's the division? TLRC supporting this event AND the West Park Activity Center Summer Train show. (Upper left depicts **Chris** and **Debra Howard** showing the N Scale layout, Upper right depicts **Louise Bailey** and **Maureen Cornyn** supporting a TLRC booth, and in the center is **John Bell** fielding questions at the G Gauge layout.)

## Depot Model Train Show



Above on the left is former TLRC member, **Sheryl Bovi**, greeting customers at her booth, on the right is **Linda Gordon** and in the center is **Theresa Bruno** ready to record transactions at her vendor booth. Both ladies were just two of the many vendors that supported the second depot event. While this activity was going on at the depot, The TLRC was conducting its summer show at the West Park Activity Center. Both groups were directing attendees to either event. (Thanks to **Mike Bruno** for the pictures of **Linda Gordon** and **Teresa Bruno**)

## TLRC Summer Show



While over at the park, a young train fan looks on as the TLRC HO modular group has a meet between a couple of Santa Fe freights. On the right, the spaciousness of the West Park Activity Center allows for young and OLD to get down on the floor and build their own railroad. Thanks to the TLRC'rs covering both events!

**TLRC Business Meeting  
Stationmaster's Report  
June 11, 2011  
at Kelcy's Diner**

*Pre-meeting note: When the first members arrived at The Village Grill, they were informed by the restaurant staff that our usual meeting room had been given to a motorcycle group due to a coordination error on our part. Our former spot, Kelcy's Diner, was then contacted and arrangements made for an "emergency" meeting relocation. **Mario Terrazas** remained behind at The Village Grill to direct members to the alternate place.*



1. **Superintendent John Bell** called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.
2. **Guests:** John Bell's grandson **Ricky Otte**.
3. **Paymaster's Report:** **Ted Carter** moved to accept the paymaster's report and **Ron Snyder** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Doug Pickard** mentioned that the paymaster, who also seconded the motion to accept the report, probably should reclude himself from such to place himself beyond reproach.
4. **Stationmaster's Report:** **Doug Pickard** moved to accept the stationmaster's report and **Debra Howard** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Committee Reports:**

**A. Parks and Recreation:** The group was informed by **Mike Schmitt** that the club was a GO for setting up the show next weekend at the West Park Activity Center starting at 7:00 PM on Friday, and would be able to access the room at 8:00 AM on Saturday. **John Bell** said that he was seeking help to haul the G scale trailer to the show and **Robby Robinson** volunteered to be the designated hauler.

**B. Promotions:** Louise Bailey brought the latest club-shirt order and a buying frenzy ensued. She mentioned that she would need help setting up the promotions table at the Tehachapi Depot Model Railroad Show, after which **Ted Carter** and **Phil & Maureen Cornyn** offered up their assistance. **Ann Tuma** again let us all know that she would pull double-duty by covering **Louise's** job at West Park in addition to her usual work at the swap table. **Louise** asked that if she were to place an "SOS call" to the West Park crew, it would be answered in an expedient fashion. Keith & Toni Watt reaffirmed their commitment to provide the remote promotions crew with a canopy to keep the sun off of their heads and the merchandise.



**C. Membership:** **Theresa Bruno** reported 50-ish members on the books and said how much she appreciates the membership helping her to make the renewal process go more-smoothly for her.

**D. Sunshine:** **Ann Tuma** informed us that she sent cards to **Robert Johnson** who is in a rehabilitation facility and **Wilson James** who is recovering from surgery. She provided **Mario Terrazas** with a card to give to **Midge Wright** to express our sympathy for the passing of her husband **Ron**, both former members. **Ann** then inquired as to the current location of the TLRC's ceremonial brass locomotive that was in **Phil Bailey's** custody. This will be investigated.

**E. Publicity:** **Mike Schmitt** told the room that flyers for the weekend show had started to be distributed around town and **Toni Watt** offered to sprinkle some around their area in Stallion Springs.

**F. Historian:** **Rex Welker** reported having recently watched the UP fiddle with coal cars in the Mojave yard and brought a newspaper article to the meeting for membership review and inclusion in the club history records.

**G. Loop Editor:** **Marlan Woodside** informed the club that newsletters have been provided to local-area businesses. He will mail the hardcopy of the latest edition today to those members who have requested one. In his continuing effort to provide stimulating content for our publication, **Marlan** has interviewed new-member **Ron Snyder** for an upcoming piece and is looking to chat with the **Watts** in the near June.

**H. Ways and Means:** No activity has transpired in this committee since the last business meeting.

**I. Mountain Crossing:** **Wilson James** is still at home recovering from his recent surgery. **Doug Pickard** reported that he met the man who built the restaurant building who told him that the Yu family, who are the facility owners, plan to tear the building down and

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**I. Mountain Crossing (concluded):** rebuild a new restaurant in its place. Discussion took place about donating the Mountain Crossing layout to the Tehachapi Depot, but the depot may not be interested in it. The club still needs to remove the remainder of our equipment from the layout area.

**6. Train Faire Groups:**

**N:** The Howards will be at next weekend's show with their trusty layout.

**HO:** Mike Bruno told the group that there will be minimal show manning due to Wilson James' surgery recuperation, Marlan Woodside's business trip, and Mario Terrazas' and Mike Bruno's involvement in the depot event. The layout will be a little smaller this time in order to ease the burden on the remaining participants.

**O:** John Holmes will be out of town and Wilson James will be unable to travel, so there will be no O scale presence at the show.

**Toy Train:** Due to Doug Pickard's participation with the depot show and commitments by the other Toy Train members, the layout will sit this one out. Remarks were made about this turn-of-events for the "O scale" and Doug emphasized that there was indeed a difference between the designations "toy train" and "O scale."

**G:** John Bell let the club know that their stalwart layout will attend once again, and then put out an impassioned plea for "split jaws". After this was discussed for a few moments, it was made clear that there were several in the room (including your acting stationmaster) who had no idea of what this meant. John then revealed that "split jaws" are G gauge rail joiners.

**7. Activities:**

**A. Jun 18 (Sat):** Tehachapi Depot Model Railroad Show at the Tehachapi Depot.

**B. Jun 18 & 19 (Sat & Sun):** Summer Show at West Park Activity Center.

**C. Jul 16 (Sat):** TLRC monthly meeting and annual crew change dinner at Bell Mountain.

**D. Nov 12 & 13 (Sat & Sun):** Winter Show at the West Park Activity Center.



**8. Business:**

**A. Mario Terrazas** inquired about whether the club should continue the Railroad Park memorial paving brick program to honor deceased members, and the general feeling in the room was to discontinue this due to the fact that the public that visits the park and sees the bricks has no idea of who the people named on the bricks are. **Doug Pickard** informed the club that the Friends of the Tehachapi Depot has taken over the care and feeding of all of the Railroad Park bricks. **Rex Welker** observed that the HO memorial boxcar program appears to have stagnated and recommended that it be brought up-to-date. A comment that **Chuck Kirkland** used to make the decals for these cars and that no one has heard from him in a long time. **Mike Bruno** pointed out that this is a time- and labor-intensive endeavor and is in need of one or more volunteers to administer. It was then asked of the group if only current members at the time of death should receive a memorial car or if former members should as well. **Toni Watt** suggested that perhaps any individual who had been a member for more than five years should be eligible for a car regardless of their status when they passed. **Toni** also offered her help to restart this program.

**B. Elections** for the 2011 - 2012 club officers were undertaken at this point. **Marlan Woodside** passed out ballots, noting that some had already submitted their vote by e-mail. The ballots were marked after which **Doug Pickard** collected and tallied them. When complete, he presented the following results:

Theresa Bruno	Superintendent
Linda Gordon	Dispatcher
Debra Howard	Stationmaster
Mike Schmitt	Paymaster
Wilson James	1 <sup>st</sup> Inspector
Marlan Woodside	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inspector

**C. Marlan Woodside**, asked the membership about modifying the club bylaws to officially allow for the submission of election ballots via e-mail, and then called for a general bylaws review. **Mike Schmitt**, who holds the official copy, said he would e-mail the document to **Theresa Bruno** who will then send it out to the general membership for review and comment.

**D. John Bell** volunteered his home again for the annual crew change dinner, set for July 16. The monthly business meeting will be integrated into this event. Dinner will be served at or about 5:30 PM and the business meeting will

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**D. John Bell (concluded)** follow. **Ann Tuma** circulated a food sign-up sheet and volunteered **Larry III** to be the ceremonial grillmaster. The main course of barbecue chicken breasts will be provided by the club and members will need to bring salads, sides, and desserts. Drinks will not be provided; thirsty members must bring their own. **Ann** and **John** will coordinate on the cancelling of the Village Grill for July.

**E. Doug Pickard** mentioned that it would be good if the monthly newsletter were published earlier in the month this time in order to give members not at this meeting ample notice of the crew change dinner. **John Bell** then asked about the financing of the printing of the newsletter hardcopies and **Marlan Woodside** told him that he has been paying for this out of his pocket. **John** replied that this is a club expense and he didn't want **Marlan** to continue to perform this service uncompensated.

**F.** The room was informed by **Doug Pickard** that the Tehachapi Depot has custody of an N scale layout that is currently undergoing work by **Mario Terrazas** and other individuals. It is the intent to raffle this off during the Tehachapi Depot Model Railroad Show. Also being raffled at that event is the prototype crossbuck sign seen at the Spring Show in April.

**G. Doug Pickard** told the crowd that he felt that Kelcy's is a much better location for our business meetings than the Village Grill is and advocated returning here permanently if possible. Everyone in the room agreed. **Theresa Bruno** informed us of a recent conversation she had with Katy, Kelcy's owner, during which this very subject was discussed. Kathy is very amenable to having us return. She has two concerns. First, TLRC meetings were not cost-free for her business as she used to bring in an extra waitress just to service the meeting and not many members purchased meals, opting instead for the club-provided free donuts. Second, the membership's vehicles filled a substantial portion of her back parking lot, discouraging other potential customers from patronizing the



establishment. **Theresa** told her that if we were to resume our meetings at Kelcy's that these concerns would definitely be addressed. **Theresa** then stressed to the membership present the need to compensate Kathy for her hospitality with the purchase of food at the meetings and that she, as the new superintendent, intended to encourage this by abolishing the free donuts. She also asked that all of the able-bodied meeting attendees park in the defunct-bank parking lot across the alley from the restaurant; those people with physical handicaps would of course still be permitted to park up close to the building. All agreed to the "conditions" and looked forward to renewing the TLRC's long-standing relationship with Kelcy's. Therefore, the monthly business meeting location is hereby officially relocated back to Kelcy's Diner effective with the August 2011 meeting and will take place on the same day and time as it always has.

**H. Theresa Bruno** said that she will be looking for ideas from all members on how to expand our membership, provide more activities, and better promote the club in general. **Christopher Howard** suggested that we conduct more train shows, but the feeling was that our current three per year is enough for the time being.

**I. Mike Bruno** informed us that he told the High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club membership that they were welcome to engage in a repeat performance of last November's combined-club HO layout and that several HDMMRC members were interesting in doing it again. This news received a favorable response from the crowd. Therefore, it was highly likely that the Winter Show this November would feature this.

**9. Round Table:**

**A. John Bell** showed the club an issue of AV Lifestyle furnished by **Ron Snyder** and said that it would be available for further inspection after the meeting. **Lynn McCurdy** mentioned that the online version of this periodical has more articles than the printed one for those interested in further reading.

**10. Superintendent:**

**John Bell** adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM. As he set down the gavel for the last time, a round of applause followed for **John's** leadership and service to the Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club for the past four years.

**Mike Bruno, Acting Stationmaster**

From the desk of the Paymaster Mike Schmitt,  
the following reports are provided for your  
review and approval



## FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Balance Sheet - As of 6/25/2011**  
(Includes unrealized gains)

**You are reading a special edition of the Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club newsletter. (You didn't want to read our financials anyway, did you?)**

**We hope you enjoy reading about our activities and hope your interest in our club has been ignited such that you might consider joining in the fun with us!**

**We are a non-profit organization that fosters the interests of our members in the hobby of railroading and modeling of railroads as well as seeking out railroad adventures to further our understanding and love of trains. We put on an occasional show or two as well over at West Park in Tehachapi and meet the second Saturday of each month at Kelcy's Diner (across the street from the Depot) in Tehachapi.**

**To learn more, visit our website, send us an email or contact one of the board members listed on page eight. Better yet, hopefully there is still an application enclosed with this letter and you will fill it out, write us a check and mail it in so your fun can begin without delay.**

## Meet the New Board



As Superintendent I am the membership's representative to the board. I hope that you will let me know of any issues that you may want the board to discuss and trust that I will represent your best interest. In order to do that, I need to hear from you and understand what you want the club to do. I feel that we need to try and grow our club over the next year. If you concur, let me know of any ideas you may have to accomplish this goal. We recently added three new members to the club and we need to seek out more potential members. I feel the best way to do this is through our public shows and to generate more activities that would interest current and potential members.

As your Dispatcher, I am here to support the Superintendent and you the TLRC membership. I, along with the new board, am anxious to help further the growth of the club. Let me or any of the board members know of your ideas to expand our activities so that we can ensure you get the most out of the club and to attract new members.



As Stationmaster I am here to represent, support, and encourage not only the Board, but also the members of this wonderful club. If there is anything you feel I need to know to better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me. I want to know of any ideas that will help our club and its members. I look forward to the continued growth and unity of TLRC through shows and activities that reach out to our communities.

I am continuing to serve another term as your Paymaster. I look forward to another year of TLRC activities and appreciate your support of me keeping watch over the club finances. We continue to explore ways we can continue events that are within our budget. We more activities and members, hopefully we can add new events.



Serving another term as your First Inspector is an honor for me. To effectively represent you the member, I need to hear of your thoughts and concerns regarding the club and the potential for future growth. Take an active interest and volunteer to support activities and help us grow the TLRC.

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**Last MINUTE additions to ACTIVITIES**

Attend the Second Annual Railroad Festival, officially know as the 2011 Glenn Settle Antelope Valley Railroad Festival. This event is Saturday (10am to 6pm) and Sunday (12pm to 5pm) July 30 and 31st. Located at the Almond Blossom Room 50th Street West and Avenue M in Quartz Hill CA. Cost is Adults \$3 and 12 and younger free. This is a fund raiser for a future railroad museum in the Antelope Valley area. So come see train groups with model displays, train related merchandise and activities, antiques, books and vintage photographs.

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Paymaster	Mike Schmitt	661-821-5271
1st. Inspector	Wilson James	661-823-1665
2nd. Inspector	Marlan Woodside	760-373-4765



ADMINISTRATORS/CHAIRPERSONS

**Activities:**

Conductor — Ann Tuma  
 Historian — Rex Welker  
 Hospitality — Ann Tuma  
 Loop Editor — Marlan Woodside  
 Membership — Theresa Bruno  
 Web Designer — Jack Fowler  
 Promotions — Louise Bailey  
 Publicity — Mike Schmitt  
 Mtn. Xng Layout — Wilson James  
 Ways & Means — Vacant  
 Event Coordinator — John Holmes

**Scale Chairs:**

N — Chris Howard  
 HO — Mike Bruno  
 Toy Trains — Steve Pruitt  
 O — John Holmes  
 G — John Bell

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Another year has come on gone and its now time to swear in a new board! The new board already has a board meeting under its belt and is ready to work with the current members to recruit new members and to solicit your ideas and support for activities that we can pursue in the coming year. So please contribute your ideas and time to help out. As our current membership becomes active, we can have more fun and hopefully add to our numbers. Let any of the board members know of your ideas and we look forward to planting the seeds for the growth of our Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club.

**Editor's Note:**

While I will attempt to have someone proof read and correct any spelling, grammatical errors and mislabeling, I apologize in advance for any errors that may have gone to print.

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Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2011 at 5:30 PM  
 Location: John Bell  
 15912 Sycamore Drive  
 Tehachapi, CA