

Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club's Newsletter

THE LOOP

A Great Time Was Had by ALL!!!



Sagebrush Shortline RR owner George Pruitt in middle with (L to R) Debra Howard, Mike Schmitt, Theresa Bruno and in back Maureen and Phil Cornyn.



G Gauge RR owner Warren McGowan (white shirt) with (L to R) Mike Schmitt, Mario Terrazas and Larry Tuma III.

A great time was had by all at **Ridgecrest Train Day**. The TLRC started out at the home of George Pruitt and his live-steam pike, the Sagebrush Shortline Railroad. Attending from the club were Debra & Christopher Howard; **Phil & Maureen Cornyn**; **Ann Tuma & Larry Tuma III**; **Rex Welker**, his wife, **Cathy** and 3 grandkids plus a friend; **Mario Terrazas**; **John Bell**; **Ron Snyder**, his daughter, and a couple - friends of the Snyders; **Mike Schmitt**; **Wilson James**; **Rick Passalacqua**; and **Mike & Theresa Bruno**.

There were a number of other interested parties present, including several friends from the AV N Scalers. We all rode around the four-acre layout for a couple of hours behind switchers, diesels, and steamers, and then retired to "Linda's Harvey House" on the back patio for some much-needed lunch. George, and his wife Linda, were amazing hosts, providing guided tours of the layout, interesting historical tidbits, explanations behind the engineering, soft drinks for the thirsty, restroom facilities for the no-longer-thirsty, and, at lunchtime, a spread of sandwich fixin's for those who may have left theirs on the counter at home.

After lunch, we all headed over to Warren McGowan's homestead to view his backyard G-gauge pike - an impressive over-the-river-and-through-the-woods layout amidst the flora and fauna of his beautifully-landscaped yard. Warren, who had just come from operating his live-steam train for us at George's, had several "small" (by comparison) trains running back and forth across the yard. Battery-operated locos controlled by a radio-throttle system pulled them around and everything ran efficiently while we all enjoyed some jungle in the middle of the Mojave Desert.

A huge round of applause goes to George & Linda Pruitt and Warren & Donna McGowan for allowing us to come to their homes and enjoy their awesome displays. We'll been told to come back in the future - and we definitely will. (Story and pictures by Mike Bruno)

A Fine Day to Take a Train Ride

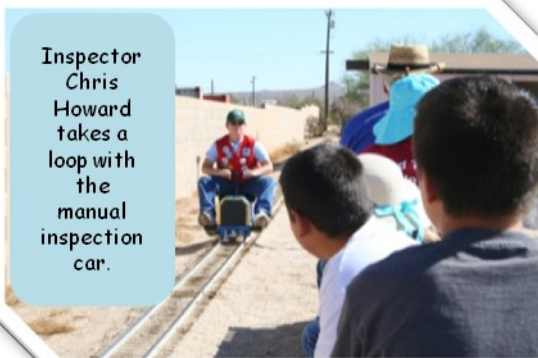
Pictures by Mike Bruno



(L to R) Chris Howard, Phil and Maureen Cornyn and John Bell take in the scenery from an Sagebrush Shortline coach seat.



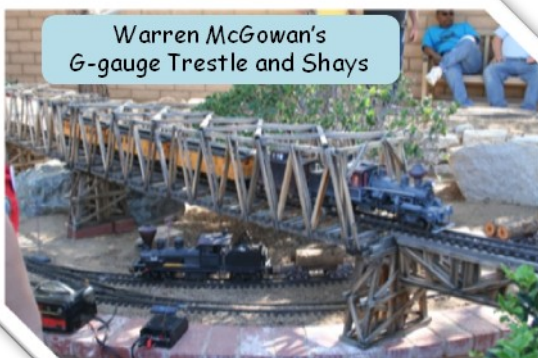
Rick Passalacqua scopes out some ideas for his layout



Inspector Chris Howard takes a loop with the manual inspection car.



TLRC members enjoy good eats!



Warren McGowan's G-gauge Trestle and Shays



(L to R) Rex Welker, John Bell, Wilson James, and Phil Cornyn discuss aspects of the McGowan layout



Superintendent Theresa Bruno with the smallest member of the extended McGowan family. She looks like she's getting awfully attached...

You ever heard the phrase, "You shouldha been there". It applies to the Ridgecrest Train event. I WASN'T there, so I am envious of the grand time that appears to be had by all. Of course I am (evening though they have been losing..L,W,L,W,L, W..they now have another WIN or W) still a devoted follower of my UCLA Bruins. It is great to see a strong turn out from the club for this event and it is a good sign of making a go of future events. We've discussed the topic in past meetings and once the November show and December holiday party have come to successful conclusions, we can get "back on track" with arranging for future TLRC adventures!! Get your ideas together and save a weekend for a TLRC road trip!

Odds and Ends to Share With You TLRC'ers



For those that closely monitor the Paymaster reports you'll notice a reduction in account number 2041-Save the Depot Account. **Doug Pickard** had recommended and the club voted concurrence to transfer the funds to the Friends of the Depot (FOTD), which was the intended purpose of the account. So FOTD President Tim Trujillo is seen here accepting a \$100 check from TLRC's Superintendent **Theresa Bruno**. The exchange took place at the 8 October TLRC business meeting.

Mike Schmitt is proudly holding up a Memorial Car that will be placed along with other Memorial Cars in the first train to run at the **TLRC Fall Extravaganza**. This program has been "on the shelf" for a while and has been activated again to remember those TLRC members that have gone before us. There could be no more fitting tribute to them than to have a remembrance car rolling down the line to open the train show.



Now I'm not trying to get anyone's hopes up with this picture of former member Terri Steinberg, **Jack Fowler**, and **Wilson James**, but this trio provided some smooth tunes for the 2009 TLRC Christmas Party. I doubt that we will have a return engagement of this trio, but hopefully all in attendance at this year's event will spread holiday merriment and good cheer to get us all in the Christmas spirit....make your reservations TODAY by sending in a check!

TLRC Business Meeting

Stationmaster's Report

October 8th, 2011

at Kelcy's Restaurant



1. **Superintendent Theresa Bruno** called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

2. **Guests:** No guests.

3. **Stationmaster's Report:** **Ann Tuma** moved to accept the stationmaster's report. **Rex Welker** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Paymaster's Report:** **Ann Tuma** moved to accept the paymaster's report. **Ron Snyder** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee Reports:

A) **Publicity:** No report.

B) **Promotions:** **Louise Bailey** will have shirts available starting next week. Members who have ordered them can call her and make arrangements to pick them up early or wait to get them at the train show on November 12th & 13th. Currently, only two shirts have been ordered with white lettering; 10 more are needed to complete the minimum order of 12 shirts/jackets in the same color logo. **Theresa Bruno** will email everyone with their total so they'll know exactly how much money to bring to the show when they pick up their order. Please bring a check made out to TLRC or exact amount of cash in an envelope with the member's name on it.

C) **Sunshine:** **Ann Tuma** hasn't had to send out any cards. **Ann** had surgery for cataracts and will undergo surgery on her other eye next Wednesday. She won't be able to do any computer work for a number of weeks but will be ready to conduct business on the sale table at the train show.



5. Committee

Reports: (Concluded)

D) Membership :

Theresa reports that the TLRC has 39 members currently. **Chuck Kirkland** is working on the decals for the memorial train cars for the Club.

E) **Historian:** No report.

F) **Loop Editor:** No report.

G) **Mountain Crossing Layout:** **Wilson James** reported there are many cars and engines from the layout which can be sold at the show sale table **Ann Tuma** is running

6. Scale Chair Reports:

A) **N** — **Debra** and **Christopher Howard** are in Barstow at another show today. They will be at the train show in November ready to go.

B) **HO** — **Mike Bruno** reported that the new corner modules should be ready for debut at the show. **Mario Terrazas** is laying the cork roadbed and track. Only three High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club (HDMMRC) members will be available to attend the show with the Club. TLRC will not be charging the HDMMRC for their attendance at the show since so few of them will be there.

C) **Toy Trains** — **Doug Pickard** confirmed he would be available to do the show, but wasn't sure if anyone would be around to help him run the trains during the weekend.

D) **O-scale** — No report since **John Holmes** was not in attendance at the time of this report

E) **G** — **John Bell** reports the *G*-scale train layout is ready for transport to the show. **Rex** is planning to tow the layout trailer from Bell Mountain the West Park Activity Center.

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E) G — CONCLUDED: Robby Robinson will be the backup if Rex Welker can't do it. The location of the skirts for the layout is unknown at this time and must be determined; it was suggested that they may be in the trailer with the layout. Rex will contact George Noriega to see if he has the skirts and the sign that belongs to the club.

F) Toy Trains — Rex Welker reported the toys would be there. Debra has the bulk of the toys at her house, but Rex has bought more toys for the kids to play with. The club will ensure chairs are put in the area to supervise their children.

7. Old Business:

A) Raffle: The Club will be raffling off a G-scale train set bought through Trains, etc. Maureen Cornyn offered up a few of Phil Cornyn's books for the raffle as well. The Club will either raffle off $\frac{1}{2}$ year membership or some kind of homemade craft item made by Toni Watt. Theresa will be contacting Toni to ask about whether or not she'll be providing a handmade item for this train show or future shows. Tickets will be available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Louise reported she has plenty of tickets available for the show.

B) Christmas Party: Instead of having a normal meeting in December, we'll be celebrating the glorious reason for the season at Kelcy's on the normal meeting day of the 10th. The festivities will begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. The party will end somewhere around 8:30 - 9:00. Cathy has lined up a really great menu of



B) Christmas Party: Con-

cluded: menu of shredded beef, vegetable, roll, and dessert (apple or chocolate crème pie). The price is \$17.50 per member and \$20.00 per non-member. A gift exchange will also be a part of the festivities with a limit set at around \$20. Please pay by check (made payable to TLRC). Money can be dropped off at Trains, etc. or mailed to the club PO Box. Make sure you send in the exact amount so Linda and Ed don't have to provide change.

8. New Business:

A) Trip to Ridgecrest: On Saturday, October 29th, the club will be attending two train events. First up is a trip around the property of George Pruitt on his live-steam layout. At lunchtime, the train-riders will participate in a brown-bag lunch "on the property" provided by each TLRC member who wishes to eat there. Everyone must bring everything they need for the meal and be prepared to clean up after themselves. When the ridin' is done, we'll head over to Frank McGowan's home to view The Runnin' of the G. This will be an entire day of fun trains. Anyone who wants to caravan from Tehachapi is welcome to meet in the old bank parking lot behind Kelcy's. The procession will depart there for Ridgecrest no later than 8:45 am.

B) Train Shows for 2012: We don't have any dates set at this point. Linda Gordon found some reasonable insurance (~\$450) so perhaps we can go back to the Vet's Hall. Mike Schmitt will check on possible 2012 dates and will check on Vet's Hall use for Christmas 2012. Possible other dates are 21-22 April and Mountain Festival.

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8. New Business: (Concluded)

C) **Ron Snyder** offered his backyard to store anything we needed. It would be open air storage.

9. **Superintendent: Theresa Bruno** adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

As recorded and submitted by **Michael Bruno**, Substituting Stationmaster

Special thanks goes out to Mike Bruno for doing triple duty, substituting Stationmaster, reporter and photographer for the Ridgecrest TLRC Train outing, and the HO Scale Chair, a man of many talents. We appreciate all you do for the club

Also, as most have heard via email, **Theresa Bruno** has kept us updated on **Toni Watt's** illness brought on by a previous head injury suffered while mowing their yard and having a tree branch hit her head. And then **John Holmes** having a heart triple bypass operation. As of this writing he is still in an Intensive Care Unit at Cedars Sinai hospital and **Mike Schmitt** is keeping in touch with the family. As **Theresa** suggests, we should keep Toni and John and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to attend the **TLRC Fall Extravaganza**, setup on Friday evening 11 November at 7pm and then the show times are Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sun 10am to 4pm.



Odds and Ends

It may be cold and rainy this weekend for the TLR Fall Extravaganza, so dress in layers to adjust to the conditions and if you are hauling equipment be prepared to keep those items from getting wet!

Remember, if you purchased shirts/jackets from Louise Bailey and if you haven't picked them up from her please do so at either day of the show. Doing so before 4pm on Sunday will lighten the load for Louise. Checks made out to "TLRC" or exact cash in an envelope are appreciated. Louise does a wonderful job with all of these items, so please help her out by not having her have to carry these to each TLRC event!

Also note that there is an informal dinner invitation on the table for meeting at Gracian's Restaurant after the Saturday show. This is a no-host dinner. It's a good time to get together, so please consider it even if you don't have plans to attend the show. To ensure that the restaurant can handle the group, please let someone at the promotions table know that you want to attend and if you are bringing any guests.

Here it is November already and that means NO CLUB meeting at Kelcy's due to the TLRC Fall Extravaganza and it also means that December is just around the corner where there will be NO CLUB meeting at Kelcy's. Instead we will have a Christmas Dinner at Kelcy's the evening of 10 Dec starting at 5:30pm. Dinner will start at 6pm and the evening will conclude around 9pm. The cost is \$17.50 for members and \$20.00 for non-members (being a member has its advantages!). A check may be presented to Mike Schmitt at the show or on Wednesdays at Trains Etc or mailed to the club address.

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

TLRC FINANCIAL REPORTS



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. Stop on by.

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

***Loop Editor's Corner***

Kudos go out to the great efforts of **Mike Schmitt** in organizing the trip to Ridgecrest and to **Mike Bruno** for his covering for the Stationmaster and for yours truly who was not in attendance at the Ridgecrest event. Thru the efforts of these two guys, the club experience has been enhanced and I hope they provide inspiration to the rest of us to "do something for the club". Having this spirit will provide more opportunities for us to expand our knowledge of our hobby, give us an opportunity for fellowship, and to hopefully do all of this in connection with a train to "somewhere". I for one can hardly wait till January or February 2012 when the Expo line opens in downtown Los Angeles, this will afford us the opportunity for a "steel wheel" adventure from Lancaster all the way to Exhibition Park. Hope everyone comes out and brings their friends to the train show and I will see you folks at the Christmas Party

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Next Meeting Date: NEXT MEETING till 14 January 2011 @ 10am

Location: Kelcy's Restaurant

See You at the 12/13 November 2011 Westpark Train Show