

Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club's Newsletter

THE LOOP

Get Ready for a ROAD TRIP!



Has it really been since Feb 2007 when the Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club last visited George Pruitt's 1.5" scale riding layout in Ridgecrest? What a time we all had and thanks to George for inviting us back and for the coordination work of TLRC member **Mike Schmitt** for allowing us another opportunity to see the shop, turntable and to RIDE !

A trip to Ridgecrest is planned for Saturday, 29 October. We will be visiting George Pruitt's 1.5" scale riding layout that morning and then Warren McGowan's G-scale in the afternoon. We'll need to arrive at George's home at 10:00 am. Everyone can carpool/ caravan from Tehachapi. Directions will be provided in a separate email.

Lunch will be at the Pruitt's home, but you will need to pack in everything you need. Please make sure you clean up the tables and pack out your trash. I don't want Mrs. Pruitt have to clean up after us.

We will depart George's home sometime in the afternoon to drive to Mr. McGowan's home, which is nearby, to see his G-scale layout in his yard.

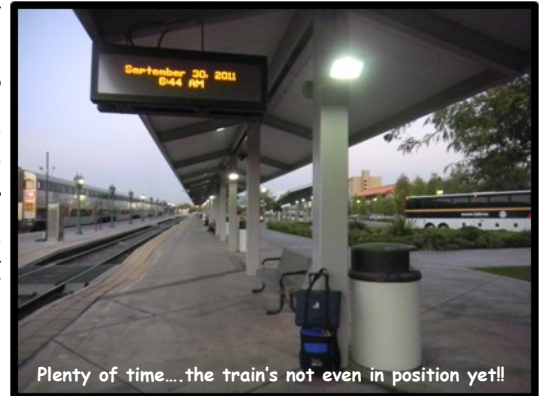
Plan for this to be an all-day event. Everyone is welcome, but if you bring your kids/ grandkids, please be sure you supervise them at all times to ensure no one gets hurt or damages any of the trains. We are guests at these folks' homes and we want to be invited back. Thanks again Mike for setting up what we hope to be the first of many outings!

The Train, The Game, and Some New Friends Along the Way



(L to R) Butch and Charlene Cowdery and Joanne and Fred Albers

Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders...ok so there were four cars and about 130 passengers and we were going to Sacramento and not New Orleans! Enroute to a football game between Stanford and UCLA, I took a side trip to Sacramento via the train. If you are familiar with that schedule for the ALL train portion of that trip, it pulls out of Bakersfield a little after 7am, which means I had to get up pretty early to catch it, but catch I



Plenty of time....the train's not even in position yet!!

did. While checking out the Café car, I notice two couples sitting at a table thumbing through some railroad magazines. One can't let such an opportunity go by without commenting and I am glad I did. I met Fred and Joanne Albers of Porterville and Butch and Charlene Cowdery from Visalia who were on their way to Sac Town for a Toy Train River City convention at the Shriner's Hall. Of course with Toy Trains, a connection had to be checked out to see if they knew **Doug Pickard** of the TLRC, of COURSE they did. I had the pleasure of visiting with these people on the way up and of course making the ALL TRAIN connection upon the Sunday return put us on the same train that Sunday.



Butch is that a shopping list or a checkbook in your hand, Doug hopes the latter!!

Now I don't know if they were just being polite, but they said they enjoyed the company and sharing of stories (who could have known that Butch would have been in a picture of mine at the Depot 18 June 2011 Train Show checking out some of Doug's offerings!) and said to let them know if I'm ever in Porterville or Visalia



Mattel #999-99 Passengers Standing w/one seated

and they would show me around their 1.5", S and O scale layouts. What was really neat about these people is that they were traveling



together to enjoy the train and the train events. Oh, did I mention that we also ran into each other at the California State Railroad Museum? They attended last April's TLRC show at West Park and may check the TLRC out again in November. Was it Forrest Gump that said it sure is a small world? Yes Forrest it is. I never did find out from that conductor how many sacks of mail were on the train....probably zero!! Checkout your editor at work on the train in the picture at left, a little salad, a little wine, some cards!!! In case you don't follow such things...of course my UCLA Bruins lost...45-19...ouch!!!...so you can see why I enjoyed the train and some new friends...kinda made me forget about that game outcome!!

Odds and Ends to Share With You TLRC'ers



Lynn McCurdy recently attended an HO work session and was wearing this interesting T-Shirt that puts a visual to the "foamer" moniker that we all enjoy. Only one place you can get a shirt like this, just ask Lynn....eBay!!! For you computer types, Lynn passed on the following link for your enjoyment:

<http://kdrv.com/news/local/226703>

This is a video clip from an Oregon television station about the Kadee Quality Products Company. There is a brief ad before the video clip begins. There are some interesting production scenes from the factory. Kadee says their business is recovering from the recession so perhaps we'll see some new offerings. Click on the lower right corner of the image to begin the video clip.

Lynn received the information from Bob Chaparro who is the Moderator for the Model Railroads Of Southern California, here is there link:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Model_Railroads_Of_Southern_California/

What City and what Light Rail line could this possibly be?

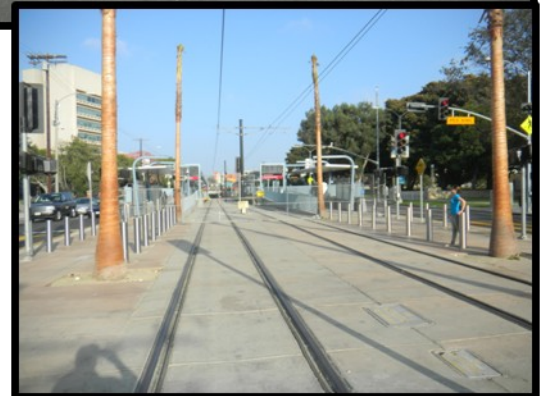
Hopefully by January or February of 2012 you could be riding these cars on the new EXPO line. If you have had the opportunity to ride the METRO-

LINK to downtown Los Angeles and make the transfer to the METRO Red line and then the BLUE line, just as the Blue line makes a turn onto Washington Blvd, the EXPO line will go straight from that point paralleling the Harbor 110 Freeway via Flower Street going underground to make the turn at Exposition Blvd and popping back up

near that "Other University" in Los Angeles, probably the site is better

known as the location of the Natural History Museum, the IMAX and Science Center, Future Home of a Space Shuttle, and other cool things like that. Currently the light will stop at Culver City with a second leg planned to reach Santa Monica, probably before California's High Speed Rail is

built....can't wait to check this line out, think of all the adventures that await you!!.



TLRC Business Meeting

Stationmaster's Report

September 10, 2011

at Kelcy's Restaurant



1. **Superintendent Theresa Bruno** called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
2. **Guests:** No guests.
3. **Stationmaster's Report:** **Mike Schmitt** moved to accept the August 13, 2011 stationmaster's report. **Ted Carter** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Paymaster's Report:** **Mike Bruno** made a motion to pass the paymaster's report and **Ted Carter** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A) **Publicity:** **Mike Schmitt** reports that West Park Activity Center is still reserved for the November 12th - 13th show. Signs are already made up for the show and ready to go. Set up will be November 11th at 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Meet at **John Bell's** at 6:00 pm. **Rex Welker** will haul the G-scale trailer. High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club of Lancaster (**HDMMRC**) will be combining their layout with **TLRC's** HO layout.
 - B) **Promotions:** **Louise Bailey** is still gathering orders for TLRC merchandise. We need to have an order for 12 items in each color ink to place an order. There are also 4 red vest available for purchase: 1 Med, 1 Large and 2 X-Large.
 - C) **Hospitality:** **Ann Tuma** will be having eye surgery and will be limited in activities for the next 2 months. **Debra Howard** will help her Friday night to set up and get the coffee maker ready for the November show. Otherwise, there have been no hospitality needs, so she has not sent out any cards.



5. Committee Reports: (Concluded)

D) **Membership:** **Theresa** reports that we are still at 39 members. We need 30 members to maintain the 2nd Inspector position. We are still above 30 members, so no changes are required.

E) **Historian:** **Rex** reports that history is rolling along.

F) **Loop Editor:** **Marlan** says that he still needs to snail mail the newsletter to those without email. He has removed Mountain Crossing from the Activities list of the newsletter. He has discovered eBay! He has train schedules from the 1930s and 40s, calendars with crew notes, books, and playing cards to share for viewing. He will not be here for the next 2 meetings, but will publish the newsletter.

6. Scale Chair Reports:

A) **N** — **Chris Howard** reports N-scale is all set for the show. He has been storing the wooden trains for **Rex Welker** since the last show. He will bring them to the November show.

B) **HO** — **Mike Bruno** announced that there will be new corners for the layout by the November show. A member of the HDMMRC made the frames. The HO group will be meeting at **Wilson James'** on Sunday, September 18th to work on the new corners. They will meet from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Theresa** will provide lunch - Sloppy Joes.

C) **Toy Trains** — **Doug Pickard** says they are still checking their calendars for conflicts. Will have status at next meeting.

D) **G** — **Rex Welker** reports that G-scale is good to go.

Stationmaster's Report Continued on Page 5

TLRC Business Meeting

Stationmaster's Report

September 10, 2011

at Kelcy's Restaurant



7. Old Business:

A) Raffles at Shows: Theresa led a discussion to determine the interest of having raffles at the shows. Louise stated that the cost of prizes in the past has been more than the sales. With this in mind, it was agreed to have a raffle at the next show. We will have separate jars for each item so customers know what they are buying a chance on. Suggested prizes were:

i) **Theresa** has been looking at train related puzzles. **Ann** says she may have some that she could offer.

ii) **Toni Watt** offered to make a train-related quilt square with the cost of materials limited to \$15 - \$20. She also offered to make a personalized station sign. She will bring a sample to the next show.

iii) **Debra** suggested a 6-month membership.

iv) **Maureen Cornyn**, with **Phil's** approval, said they would donate a set of 3 older train books.

v) **Larry Tuma** suggested a Christmas train. **Ted Carter** went to Trains Etc. and reported that we could get an HO-ish scale train for about \$30 and a G-ish scale train for about \$50.

B) Club Trips:

i) **Metrolink to L.A** — We discussed taking the Metrolink to LA Union Station (LAUS) as a group. From there people can venture off on their own. **Ann** has the schedules for Metrolink from Lancaster to LAUS. The cost is \$10.00 for a 48-hour weekend pass.



B) Club Trips: (Concluded)

i) **Metrolink to L.A** — This pass allows you to ride not only the trains, but the buses also. One recommendation is to visit Hollywood. **Doug Pickard** said that from LAUS, you take the Red line to Hollywood Blvd. There are many points of interest within a 3 block area. If you take the Red line to the Blue line you can go into downtown or to Long Beach. Or you can take the Gold line to Pasadena where there are numerous restaurants and shops. **Ron Snyder's** suggestion for Long Beach is to visit the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Queen Mary. Date is still to be determined.

ii) **Ridgecrest Tour** — **Mike Schmitt** has contacted George Pruitt and he has reserved 10/29/11 for us to tour/ride the live steams. **Mike** will also contact Warren McGowen to coordinate a visit to his G-scale layout for the same date. **Mike** will have times for the event at the next meeting. He will also check with George to see if we can use his patio area for lunch. Each member would be responsible for bringing a sack lunch, drink and cleaning up.

iii) **National Train Day** — **Phil Cornyn** reminded us that National Train Day is in May at LA Union Station (LAUS). This possible trip to be discussed at a later meeting.

iv) **Natural History Museum/Dinosaur Exhibit** — **John Bell** recently took his grandson to see the dinosaur exhibit. They took the Metrolink to the subway to a city bus to get to the museum. They had 5 hours to see the exhibit, grab some dinner and still catch the last train to Lancaster.

Stationmaster's Report Concluded on Page 6

TLRC Business Meeting

Stationmaster's Report

September 10, 2011

at Kelcy's Restaurant



7. Old Business: (Concluded)

C) Christmas Dinner — Linda Gordon will reserve Kelcy's for December 10th. More information to follow.

8. New Business Trips: No new business.

9. Upcoming Events:

A) October 1st & 2nd: Twenty Mule Team Days in Boron — AV N'Scalers will be exhibiting at the Boron Bible Church Annex. Saturday and Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm.

B) October 8th: TLRC Meeting. 10:00am at Kelcy's Diner — Please park in the back lot of the old First Interstate Bank building. You are encouraged to purchase a menu item, we are not charged for the use of the meeting room, so our patronage is greatly appreciated.

C) October 29th: Club Trip to Ridgecrest — Tour George Pruitt's Live Steam and Warren McGowen's Garden Layouts. Time: TBD.

D) November 12th & 13th: TLRC Train Show at West Park Activities Center — Set up on Friday the 11th at 7:00pm - 10:00pm. Shows on Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm.

E) December 10th: Christmas Dinner at Kelcy's — Start 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm, end at 8:30pm. The proposed cost is \$17.50 per person (includes tax and tip). The proposed menu is Deep Pit Shredded Beef with garlic potatoes, pinto beans, and a dinner roll. For dessert you would have a choice of apple pie or chocolate cream pie. Beverages would

9. Upcoming Events: (Concluded)

E) December 10th: Christmas Dinner at Kelcy's (Concluded) — be included, however, no alcoholic beverages would be provided.

10. Superintendent: Theresa Bruno adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

As recorded and submitted by
Debra Howard, Stationmaster

The HO Corner Modules are Taking Shape and they have LEGS!!!



Seen here (L to R) are **Phil Cornyn, Larry Tuma, Wilson James** (or is it James Wilson?) and **Mario Terrazas** discussing the finer points of leg bracing. The hope is that the setup time can be cut in half for future shows and that we can collapse and store the corners without frustration! Thanks to Wilson James for use of the workshop, TJ the Sloppy Joe Maker, Mike Bruno for "da plans" and many hours of setup work and parts and cabinet make contacts and in memoriam to the TLRC'er watching from above-Phil Bailey we hope we are making you PROUD!!



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

TLRC FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet - As of 9/26/2011

(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.
Stop on by.**

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.

TLRC OFFICERS

Superintendent	Theresa Bruno	n/a
Dispatcher	Linda Gordon	661-822-8444
Stationmaster	Debra Howard	760-559-7380
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
- 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

Website Address: www.TehachapiLoopRailroadClub.org

TLRC Email Address: tlrc_club@hotmail.com

Loop Editor's Corner



One data point a trend does NOT make, so I fell back into the LATE routine again. Busy month with that darn day job and of course the travel time involved in pursuit of my other hobby, UCLA football. As you read the article you can see what a treat it was to combine both hobbies (trains and football) into one trip and to meet some other "foamers" what a real treat. I hope that other TLRC members strike up conversations with those they meet on their travels and talk up what we do. Thanks to Mike Schmitt for the great job in coordinating this month's "road trip". I won't be able to attend this event, so I hope someone takes some pictures and passes them on for our next news letter. As always, let me know what you'd like to have in the letter and be prepared to respond to my follow up question...will you write an article? Greatly appreciate the passing on of information concerning events that the club would enjoy.

Marlan

THE LOOP



**Tehachapi
Loop Railroad
Club**



**Monthly Newsletter of the
Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club**

**Post Office Box 876
Tehachapi, CA 93561**

Table of Contents

Pruitt and McGowan RRPage 01
 Train, Football, & Friends...Page 02
 Odds & Ends for TLRC'ers...Page 03
 Stationmaster ReportPage 04
 Stationmaster ReportPage 05
 Stationmaster ReportPage 06
 Paymaster ReportPage 07
 Officers & Contacts.....Page 08

Next Meeting Date: October 8, 2011 at 10 AM

Location: Kelcy's Restaurant