

Short Track *Gazette*



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“If We’re Not Having Fun, We’re Doing Something Wrong”

Fall Harvest Fair

Short Track has had a busy few months.

The highlight was the Fall Harvest Fair. We had steady crowds of very interested visitors. Our scavenger hunt, large screen movies, and children’s train layout were very popular. We enjoyed all comments about how much progress has been made since visitor’s last visits.

Donner Pass Progress

The scenery crews have been busy. We continue to use many trees and are always adding more on the layout. There are quite a few new buildings and quite a few more turnouts added to the layout. A double crossover was installed on the lift bridge between our Donner Pass Exhibit and the N Scale modules. This allows us to run in both directions on either track instead of only one.

Clinics at the Section House

Our clinics continue to grow. We hold them on the 4th Thursday of the month. Each month a club member has an interactive talk about a topic or subject related to model railroading. Our October clinic featured Paul Schmitt talking about properly cleaning and assembling diesel locomotives. (Photo shows Paul with club members and guests) Believe it or not, our locos get quite dirty. They need regular cleaning in order to perform properly. Dirty locos cause unreliable operation. Visitors notice our locos and trains run very well. Very reliably. That is because of regular maintenance and cleaning. This was an important clinic. Many members, especially new ones, don't realize the importance of clean equipment.

We will expand our clinic offering to include Mini-clinics. These will be short single subject clinics. They will be given at 9AM on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Our club Operating Sessions continue to be popular with visitors and guests alike. They are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7PM. Visitors welcome. No experience needed.



Short Track at Great Train Expo

We plan to exhibit at the Great Train Expo at the fairgrounds in Del Mar on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Instead of bringing an operating layout, we are going to build 1 or 2 modules during the weekend. We will show up with a flat module frame and add track, wiring, scenery, and if time permits, buildings.

This should be a fun and informative weekend.



N Scale is fun

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SHORT TRACK RAILROAD

Organized in 1991, The Short Track Railroad is an N scale model railroad club in north San Diego County, California, USA.

We are located in our own Section House on the grounds of the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum.

We have a nice, large and dedicated building, lots of NTRAK modules, a permanent layout under construction, and a great bunch of fun-loving members.

We welcome beginners, families, visitors and people of all ages. No equipment or experience is required. All skill levels are welcome and there's always something for everyone to do.

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