

Short Track Gazette

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SHORT TRACK RAILROAD

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF 'MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN' WITH N SCALE

"If We're Not Having Fun, We're Doing Something Wrong"

This the new vision for our club. (It's really not new; we are just putting our thoughts into words) This is how we are approaching our organization. Sometimes we found ourselves taking things to seriously. We were getting caught up in the details and not seeing the big picture.

Now we are looking at the big picture and asking the question, "Are We Having Fun?"

Now this doesn't mean that pulling weeds, crawling under the building, or getting rid of the bees are meant to be fun. This means in the grand scheme of things, overall are we having fun? Is our club and activities a rewarding experience for our members?

We are still detail oriented; we just put it into perspective.

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We are a hobby not a life and death situation.

In order to retain members and encourage new members, we need to be a fun group.

We must be doing something right. We are up to 43 members. Our goal is to add 5 new members per year. We are right on target.

Flower Fields and Tractor Driving

Many members of Short Track Railroad have been working at the Flower Fields this year. We have 4 new certified drivers to go along with the other drivers and volunteers that help at the fields.

Spring Tractor Show

We are very busy getting ready for the Spring Tractor Show. Our "Greenies" are working hard and fast to complete the front of our layout. There will be a new scavenger hunt along with new prizes for children.

National Model Railroad Association Convention

In July the National Model Railroad Association annual convention will be held in Sacramento. Many of our members plan to attend. The convention is a learning experience with many clinics, layout tours, and prototype tours to real railroads offered. In addition there are many opportunities to enter contests and compete against the best.

Featured DPE Photo

Southern Pacific EMD SD45T-2



The **EMD SD45T-2** is a 6-axle diesel locomotive conceived in early 1972 by EMD at the request of the Southern Pacific Railroad. This locomotive model is nicknamed a "tunnel motor". The tunnel motors were built to perform best in superheated tunnels in mountainous areas in the western United States. These locomotive models featured air intake grills at the lower rear of the locomotives' long hoods so the engines could obtain available cool and clean air into the radiator section.



N Scale is fun

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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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