

Newsletter of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter February 2010

Chapter Meeting Sat. February 13th, 1:00 – 5:00pm
GENERATIONS CHURCH at 2811 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070
SWAP MEET

Refreshments: Please bring items listed if your LAST name starts with
A-G: Desserts H-O: Finger Foods P-Z: Drinks

Future Chapter Meetings

March	Hope Lutheran Church, San Leandro
April	Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos

Upcoming Module SIG Events

Mar. 27-Apr.11 Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos
May 8 -29 Mechanics Bank, Richmond

January 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order:

A regular meeting was called to order by John Ruehle at 2:00PM, at his home in San Francisco. ETE thanks John and Lalo Ruehle for having a meeting at their home.

The February meeting will be held at the Generations Church in San Carlos. This meeting will be hosted by Don and Mary Winslow. Since John and Lalo will be out of town for our February meeting, Jens Ullmann will lead the meeting.

B. EuroWest 2010 Planning:

EuroWest planning has begun! Our theme this year will be "Four Corners of Europe." All members are welcome to give more input on this.

C. Upcoming Event Calendar:

- We will be at the Hiller Aviation Museum on both March 27 (SIG Modules) and July (EuroWest 2010).

D. Annual Chapter Dues:

ANNUAL DUES WERE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2010,

Outgoing Treasurers Report:

2009 Treasurer's Statement

I am happy to report that 2009 ended in the Black. The SF Chapter continues to prosper with overall positive operating leverage mainly due to Euro West making moneys in the summer versus the chapter subsidizing this event. The chapter itself is at about a break even when looking at income from membership and fund raising compared costs for the chapter such as food for meeting, printing stationary costs, mail etc.

This will be my last report as your chapter treasurer. I have enjoyed the experience and hope that I have served you well. I look forward to my continued membership and helping the club.

For now we plan to split some of the duties of treasurer with regards to managing the financial portion of Euro West. I will stay on as finance manager working with Jens and Andreas to put on

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EuroWest, the Euro West Dinner and coordinate income and costs for this event.

I look forward to 2010 and running my trains more then I have the last few years. See you on the euro tracks,

Reverse Corner – By Steve Imialek

After 35 days of running trains and greeting over 5,000 visitors to our layout, our Blackhawk Museum venue can be considered a huge success. We set up 20 modules and 6 corners in a recently “excavated” gallery near the downstairs’ classroom where we have had our Dec. ETE meetings. Again, we have Rolf Krumbiegel to thank for his continued efforts these past nine years in coordinating this venue from being our head liaison with the museum, lining up the modules, to staffing the operators and docents. Let’s not forget he also coordinates the wonderful buffet at our Dec. meetings too.

More icing on the cake came with the museum’s permission to extend our stay for two weekends which we quickly put to good use. One weekend was used for trouble shooting and repairing our modules, realigning our newfound knowledge to the standards, and making the entire layout more reliable and consistently operational. Tom Melka organized our efforts and Wolfie Leitenberger and Steve Stern provided generous expertise to the module owners. I am indebted to Jim Recker who tirelessly worked with me to clear up issues with the Tobias’s modules. It was a beneficial day of everyone pitching in for the good of the SIG. We are now aware of some of the perennial problems we encountered during this venue and we are pursuing solutions.

Our last weekend was spent in an extensive operating session thanks to Peter Barnes and Bill Keaney. Six of us spent a Saturday using Peter’s

switchlists and hand held controllers operating passenger and freight trains in pick ups and drop offs around the layout. It was intensive, instructive, and, yep, loads of fun. We’re anxious to do it again and hone our skills in using our layout in a more prototypical fashion: running trains with a purpose. We’re looking forward to doing this again during the Hiller venue. Please contact Peter or Bill if you are interested in joining us.

Finally, the director of the museum, Dan Dunn, is in favor of allowing us to remain after the official venue closes and operate on a few weekends as we did this year. So we are looking forward to our 10th year at Blackhawk and a larger layout as the museum finishes their remodeling of the gallery. Thanks to all of you who generously gave of your time to operate, docent, and help out in the many ways that are needed to make this venue a continued success.

The Marklin train set was won by Harvey Davis of Alamo. He is now a new chapter member and is contemplating building a layout of his own. Congratulations Harvey and welcome aboard!

We’re looking forward to our 7th annual venue at the Hiller Aviation Museum starting Saturday, Mar. 27 through Sunday, Apr. 11 daily from 10-5 except Easter Sunday, Apr. 4. Please contact Bill Keaney or Peter Barnes if you can help out, operate, or docent.

And, once more, “Happy Rails to you, until we meet again.”

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