

European **T**rain **E**nthusiasts

Bay Area Chapter **Juli 2003 Newsletter**

July Meeting Notice

When: Saturday July 12, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Where: Museum of the San Ramon Valley,
Danville
(See map)

Host: Rolf Krumbiegel - (925) 939-7576

Meeting Agenda:

- Show and Tell – work trains
- Barbecue
- ETE Bay Area modules running
- Last minute EuroWest info
- Final chance to sign up and pay for EuroWest dinner on Sat. 7/26
- Info and signup for Niles Canyon trip at August 9th ETE meeting

Special assignment...(barbecue theme)

Refreshments: If your name begins with: A through H, bring **Dessert**
I through P, bring **Drinks**
Q through Z, bring **Finger food \ salad**

July Meeting Agenda

This is it – our busiest month! We have a regular meeting and we have EuroWest during the last weekend of the month. Still don't have map to EuroWest? We'll have more fliers available at the meeting, or check out the ETE website.

Our July meeting will be on the 12th at The Museum of the San Ramon Valley in Danville. Check out the link <http://www.museumsv.org/> which includes directions. Or, see the map at the end of this newsletter. Besides watching the ETE modules running, we will enjoy a barbecue.

Workin' on the Railroad. Bring in your MOW (Maintenance Of Way) cars, and things like cranes and other equipment. Anybody have the THW cars, or a ballast cleaning machine? Catenary maintenance cars? Let's see 'em!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

July 26/27 : EuroWest 2003, South San Francisco

August 9 : Niles Canyon Railway, near Sunol

Recap of the June Meeting

Many thanks to the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society for hosting our June meeting. They cleared the HO tracks for us, and we ran lots of European trains in both freight and passenger service. We were in charge of running our trains, with help from the club members and from the dispatcher. Running trains there involves the pleasure of watching your trains running on large curves, over high bridges and in huge ravines, coupled with the challenge of navigating through a large number of tunnels on a layout you're not familiar with. You must keep in mind the location of other trains on the layout, and listen on the headset to instructions from the dispatcher, such as when you'll need to go "into the hole" to wait for an opposing train to pass. The club's detection circuits need the last car to draw some current, and some our trains did not have this, so that added a bit more challenge trying to figure out when your whole train had cleared a block when you weren't sure where the blocks really were on the layout.

Also, let's not forget Rolf Krumbiegel's layout tour before the main meeting. Rolf had lots of trains running around his layout, under digital control, of course. His layout is beautifully scenicked, with lots of buildings, streets, and lights for everything. You can see photos of his layout on the ETE website, under the Members button (you have to sign in), then under Layouts.

EuroWest 2003 update *(compiled by Peter Barnes)*

The ETE website has a very good map of the area around the Basque Cultural Center. Check out <http://www.ete.org> under the EuroShows heading and follow the links to the map page. It's the same map that's printed on the back side of the flyers we've passed out.

We are on track for a great event (New vendors, new layouts, new contests, new clinics, good food and fun).

- Vendor tables are about sold out (contact Andreas Hildebrandt)
- July 12 is last day to reserve and pay for ETE's 30th Banquet Sat. Eve. (We're 80% full)
- Any more clinic givers out there? (contact Jacques)
- Tune your loks for the lok-pull and speed run contests.
- More volunteers welcome (esp Sunday) (contact Peter B)

ETE members are asked to wear their ETE Badges to Eurowest and 30th Banquet.

For more information or input on EuroWest 2003 contact Andreas , Peter B, Ian, Steve or Bill J.- from the Steering Committee.

Reverse Corner - notes from the Module SIG

by Tom Melka

Opportunities still exist for those interested in joining the Module SIG and participate in running trains, etc. We have the module corners and reverse corner needing a home. It's easy, everyone helps out and you are guaranteed to have fun! Contact Tom Melka at (415) 927-7477 or melka@pacbell.net

Late June will see us at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in Danville. We will have a small 1 module X 4 module layout set up for a little over two weeks. Don't forget the July San Francisco Chapter meeting there. BBQ outside and trains inside!

Here's the recap of venues for the remainder of 2003. Address details are on the ETE website - <http://www.ete.org>

June 29-July 13 Museum of the San Ramon Valley - Danville

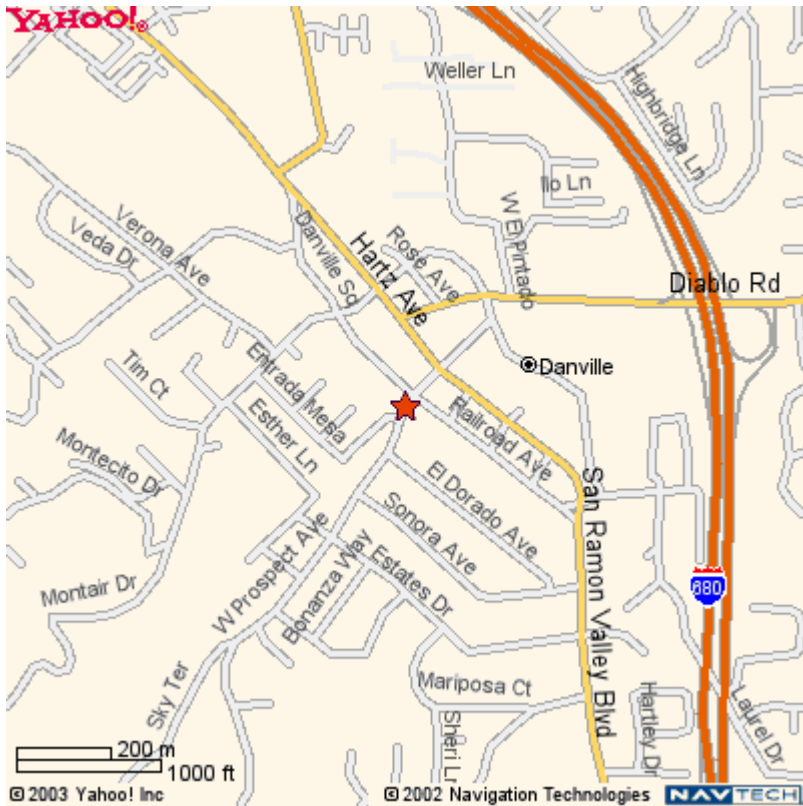
July 19 & 20 - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Great American Train Show (GATS) - San Mateo Expo

July 26-27 - EuroWest 2003, South San Francisco

Eurosnips

(will return in August newsletter)

Museum of the San Ramon Valley,
Danville 94526



Location along Highway 680 is about halfway between Highway 24 in Walnut Creek and Highway 580 at Dublin

Corner of Railroad and Prospect Avenues, Danville, CA 94526

Exit the 680 freeway at Diablo Road and go west to Hartz.

Turn left on Hartz (south) and go one block.

Turn right (west) on Prospect.

Go one block west to Railroad.

The museum is at the corner of West Prospect and Railroad.

See : <http://www.museumsv.org/>