

# European Train Enthusiasts



Newsletter of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter  
July 2004

## NEXT MEETING

**When:** Saturday July 10, 2004, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

**Where:** Museum of the San Ramon Valley (MSRV)  
205 Railroad Avenue (corner of West Prospect & Railroad Ave.)  
Danville, CA 94526 (see map and directions on last page)

**Host:** Rolf Krumbiegel

### Agenda:

- See and operate trains on the Module SIG's layout. Barbecue will be provided courtesy of the MSRV. Business meeting –EuroWest discussion. **EuroWest committee members, plan to arrive early and meet with Andreas at 12-1 pm, prior to scheduled meeting activities.**

**Refreshments:** If your last name begins with letters as follows, please bring:

**A–G: Drinks**    **H–O: Finger foods and/or salads**    **P–Z: Desserts**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR EXTRA PICNIC PLATES, NAPKINS, UTENSILS, CUPS, ICE!**

## July Meeting Agenda

Rolf Krumbiegel coordinated the layout exhibition at Danville's Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The museum is housed in the restored Southern Pacific Railroad depot, built in 1891, to serve passengers and freight shipments on the rail line from Avon (near Martinez) to San Ramon. The July meeting marks the wrap-up of a month-long operating exhibit of the modular SIG's layout in the museum. The layout will still be on display Saturday, July 10. The museum staff has graciously invited us to a barbecue lunch. ETE members, please bring refreshments according to your place in the alphabet.

## Recap of the June Meeting

We enjoyed a successful operating session at the West Bay Model Railroad Association's O, S and HO layout. Many thanks to Joe Freese and the West Bay staff for hosting us there. Several members brought DC trains too operate.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**August 21-22, 2004:** EuroWest 2004, Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco. See article following.

**September 2004:** The home of Bob and Colleen Greenfield, 3146 Stonegate Drive, Alamo, CA. See Bob's layout and watch some videos.

**October 2004:** The home of Michelle and Stretch Andersen, 337 Paraiso Dr., Danville, CA, for the annual FREMO layout tour.

## EuroWest 2004 is Almost Here!

*By Andreas Hildebrandt*

**EUROWEST 2004 COMMITTEE MEMBERS** will meet one hour (12:00 noon) before the July meeting to discuss progress. One member from each committee should outline and report status on what has been accomplished and what still needs doing.

**It is very important that we be prepared for this event and update. If you are unable to carry out your committee responsibilities or if you cannot attend the meeting, please call Andreas as soon as possible at (650) 333-9400.**

### **EuroWest COMMITTEES and MEMBERS — your RESPONSIBILITIES and DUTIES**

Committee and member names are listed in alphabetical order. People named are committee co-managers unless indicated otherwise.

### **BANQUET SET-UP & RESERVATIONS**

Andreas Hildebrandt; send reservation checks to David Baird

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Don and Mary Winslow

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## EuroWest COMMITTEES and MEMBERS *(continued)*

### CLEAN UP

Greg David

### CONTESTS & PRIZES

Peter Barnes; Don Good; Errol Kubicki

### FINANCES & BILL PAYMENTS

David Baird

### LAYOUTS & POWER SET-UP

Dave Pryor; Steve Stern; Jens Ullman

### LECTURES & CLINICS

Don Good; Ian Lorentzen

Presenters: Joe Driscoll; Dave Pryor; Jacques Vuye

### LUNCH & REFRESHMENT VENDORS

Andreas Hildebrandt

### MANUFACTURER DISPLAYS

Erroll Kubicki; Jacques Vuye

### MARKETING, PUBLICITY & SIGNS

Ian Lorentzen; Roy Parker; Sue (marketing)

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Robert De Jong; Tak Murakami

### REGISTRATION & ETE INFORMATION TABLES

Hans Coaz; Robert De Jong;

### SECURITY & EMERGENCIES

Robert De Jung; Don Good (Sat.)

### VENDORS & TABLES SET UP

Robert De Jong; Andreas Hildebrandt

### VIDEO SERVICES & PA SYSTEM

Mark Cihlar; Gordon Laughland

Extra Volunteers: Cees Feith; David Baird

## EuroWest Puzzles and Contests

*By Peter Barnes*

We will again be bringing our switching and handout puzzles to EuroWest. Hone your operating, switching and train movement skills.

Peter will also bring the ramp and loaded cars for a locomotive (*lok*) pulling contest to see who takes home the "Burst Boiler" trophy (Bill Brostoff and Tak Murakami will either pass on or reclaim the trophies they won last year). Peter is considering a formula that rewards the most 'efficient' *lok* by factoring in its weight, number of motors, and traction tires, all of which increase its tractive power.

Does anyone want to organize a speed run contest? Contact Peter Barnes ([pwbarnes@earthlink.net](mailto:pwbarnes@earthlink.net); 650-637-1210); he will help.

## "ETE University" Update

Thanks to over 35 members who responded to our survey. We are still planning door prizes for those who took the time to reply. We found a wealth of interests that will test our ability to provide information through presentations, seminars, clinics, etc. But we also were blessed with many offers to help with events.

Here is an initial list of some of the topics your gracious fellow SF Bay Area Chapter members may be willing to share (if we provide the right help, incentives, and arm twisting).

### Prototype Railroading

- British railroads
- Centovalli railroads
- Modern European rail travel
- Swiss railroads and modern Swiss rail travel
- Musée du Chemin de Fer Francais
- Changing gauge/bogies and couplers, Europe-Russia/CIS
- Semmering pass, Austria

### Model Railroading

- Layout planning
- Layout benchwork
- Fiberglass scenery foundation
- Lubrication of model trains
- Weathering model rolling stock
- Insuring your model collections and layout

Any additions to the list above — as well as help on any of these topics — will be welcomed as we continue planning in response to your questions and ideas — many of which are not yet represented by this list.

We are also working to develop venues for presentations on these topics. It turns out that none of the Chapter meeting sites for the rest of the year are very ideal for what we have in mind. We are considering a centrally located (?) fixed venue, 3-4 times a year, perhaps outside the regular meetings that might 3-4 different presentations.

Stay tuned!

— Peter Barnes ([pwbarnes@earthlink.net](mailto:pwbarnes@earthlink.net); 650-637-1210),  
Joe Driscoll and Jacques Vuye.



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# ETE Newsletter Delivery – Email or Paper?

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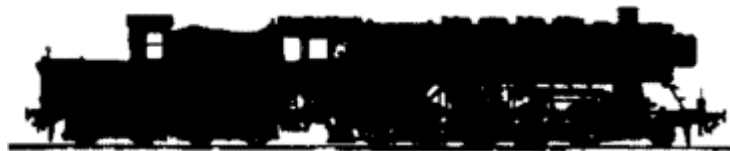
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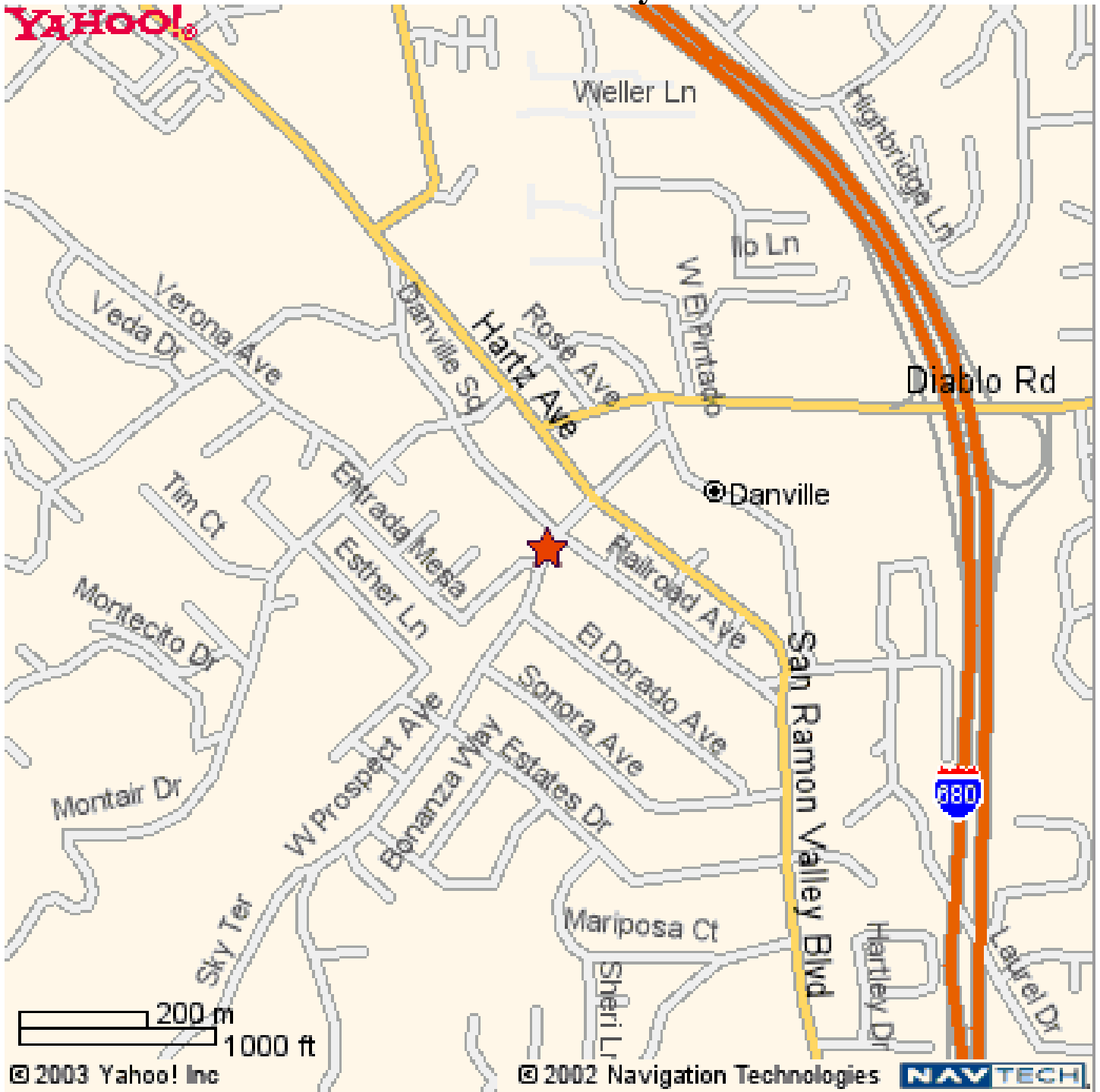
*EuroSnips* (news about  
European railways) will return  
next month in the August  
newsletter.





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YAHOO!



**The Museum of the San Ramon Valley** is housed in the old Southern Pacific Railroad station at the corner of Railroad and West Prospect Avenues in Danville. Exit the I-680 freeway at Diablo Road (about halfway between Highway 24 in Walnut Creek and I-580 in Dublin). Go west to Hartz Avenue and turn left (south) on Hartz Ave. Go one block to W. Prospect Ave. and turn right (west). Go one block west to Railroad Ave. and the museum. See <http://www.museumsvr.org/> for more and a repeat of these directions.