

## **Newsletter of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter March 2010**

**Chapter Meeting Sat. March 13th, 1:00 – 5:00pm**  
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1801 MANOR BLVD., SAN LEANDRO, CA**  
**Refreshments: Please bring items listed if your LAST name starts with**  
**A-G: Drinks H-O: Finger Foods P-Z: Desserts**

### **Future Chapter Meetings**

**April** Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos  
**May** Berkeley, CA

### **Upcoming Module SIG Events**

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

### **February 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

#### **A. Call to Order:**

A regular meeting was called to order by Jens Ullmann at 2:00PM, at the Generations Church in San Carlos, CA. ETE thanks Don and Mary Winslow for hosting the meeting.

The March meeting will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church in San Leandro, CA . This meeting will be hosted by Phil and Mary Woods.

#### **B. EuroWest:**

Peter Barnes presented some information for the NMRA convention in Sacramento in 2011. The group discussed various activities from ETE in general and the module SIG in particular. It seemed that the NMRA convention will be a big topic and activity for ETE in 2011 on the Westcoast. Subsequently a discussion ensued how EuroWest2011 will work with such a mayor event so close in location and time in 2011. Europe.”

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#### **C. Upcoming Event Calendar:**

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

- Finally Peter Barnes was thanked for his involvement in the moduleSIGs operating session at the Blackhawk museum.

#### **D. Annual Chapter Dues:**

**DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL DUES WILL BE MARCH 31, 2010,**

### **Treasurer's Statement**

Our treasurer gave an overview of the financial situation of the chapter which had 8900\$ in the account.

So far 66 members have renewed their membership with 3 new members.

## DOCENTS WANTED:

Docents are needed to help greet and educate our guests to the Module Layout at the Hiller Museum. It would be great if we could get 2 Docents very day to enhance our guests visit with ETE. Please contact Bill Keaney if you are able to be a Docent. Bill can be reached at [billkeaney@comcast.net](mailto:billkeaney@comcast.net) or by phone at (650) 355-7231.

A sign-up sheet for docents and operators was passed for the upcoming Hiller display.

## NO EUROSNIIPS

But a few impressions from M. Cihlar:



## THE RAIL JET

In September 2009 I visited my hometown Vienna, Austria. I had to see the new Rail Jet (triebwagen OBB Motorcoach). The unit consists of 1 Supreme, 2 first class and 4 economy cars. Supreme has divided rooms and tables and internet connections. The record speed is 230 km/h, that is all the Alpine Country allows. The seats are comfortable and the ride is very quiet, airline style with little tables. One is able to see the monitor in any position. The map indicates where the train is at the moment, also the distance to Muenich, Vienna, Budapest the stop and the speed.

There is no dining car, only bistro. In first and supreme class one gets a complimentary soft drink and cookies. There is a menu and if one orders food or drinks it will be brought to your table. The crew is dressed in uniforms and speak several languages.

I have some extra tips, for some of you which will be riding this train in the future: To get off in Salzburg, take the local train to Freilassing (about 15 minutes) and see the Lokomotive Museum with some interesting Loks which ran in the 1960's between Muenich and Salzburg. Also the famous 103 Lok. If going to Muenich with the S2 there is the new Miniland at Kirchheim/Heimstetten 400 qm as a substitute in case one does not make it to Hamburg. The layout starts and land's planes with their own system which is also patent.

The "Jaegerndorfer Collection" should have the Rail Jet by x-mas. Three car's with the Taurus Engine in HO/

I enjoyed the Rail Jet very much. Especially since I was invited by the Engineer to sit in front with him all the way from Vienna to Salzburg. On the way back in first class, I enjoyed a Gulyas and Budweiser Beer (the real Budweiser of course).

For me, that was a "perfect day" with the New OBB Rail Jet.

Mark Cihlar



Next SF ETE Chapter meeting:

**Hope Lutheran Church, San Leandro**

1801 Manor Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579 (510) 351-7410

