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Newsletter of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
May 2006

Chapter Meeting Saturday, May 13, 1:00-5:00

Walnut Creek Model Railroad Soc.

2751 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Refreshments: Please bring items listed if your LAST name starts with:

A - G : Desserts H - O: Drinks P - Z : Finger foods

Please note: this year there will be NO open house at Rolf Krumbiegel's house due to module set-up

Future Chapter Meetings

Locations will be listed in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Module SIG Events

May 14-June 3: Pleasanton Museum on Main Street

June 18-July 2: Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Danville

November 24, 2006-Jan. 7, 2007: Blackhawk Automobile Museum, Danville.

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Voorzitter : Chris Vais

Penningmeester : Steve Imailek

Modules voorzitter : Tom Melka

Promotie : Rolf Krumbiegel / Peter Barnes

Directions To the May meeting:

The Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society is located in Larkey Park in Walnut Creek, California. The building is the dark green two-story, wood paneled building next to the swimming pool lot, on the southwest corner of the park, across the corner from the Lindsay Museum. At Geary Road, Putman Blvd goes north and Buena Vista goes south. We offer a ramp for easy entry.

To reach from Vallejo or Sacramento area, take I-680 heading south towards Martinez and Concord. Then follow the directions below.

From I-680 southbound, take the Treat Blvd/Geary Rd exit. When you get on to North Main St., go up to the light (southward) and turn right (westward, away from the freeway) onto Geary Rd. The road narrows to two lanes; drive about 1 mile to the traffic light (Buena Vista Ave) and turn left. Go one block to Larkey Park. Just past the swimming pool is a parking lot. The WCMRS building is at the far end of the parking lot. If you reach Second Ave (and a STOP sign), you've gone too far.

To reach from Oakland, take highway 24 east and head towards Walnut Creek. Continue through to Treat Blvd exit (also for Pleasant Hill BART). Turn left (away from the BART station), over the highway, and to the second traffic light. Turn left on Buena Vista Ave. as above.

To reach from Dublin/San Jose area, take highway I-680 north towards Walnut Creek. Continue on to the Treat Blvd exit and follow the directions above.

Please respect the home owner's nearby and do not block their driveways. There is additional street parking around the corner by the tennis courts and up First Street by the Alexander Lindsay Junior Museum. **MAP ON LAST PAGE!!**



April Highlights

by Steve Imialek

Minutes of the March meeting

April 8 Meeting Highlights

A regular meeting was held at the Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos Airport with 38 members present and European trains running on our modular layout in the museum atrium. A special thank you goes out to Peter Barnes and the staff at the museum for hosting the event. Peter also brought the "Lok Pull" event for any and all takers to claim the "Busted Boiler" trophy. After many runs the trophy was once again awarded to David and Don Winslow. Congratulations to you both!

Status Reports:

Treasurer, Steve Imialek, reported that there was a balance as of 3/31 of \$4842.59.

Our chapter has 119 paid up members. We would like to welcome these newest members to our group: John Cooper, Dave Cowl, Christopher D'Elia, Michael Edwards, Dan Eggerding, Tom Everman, Jeff Pimper, Curt Rigor, Henry Stein, Bill Tharp III, Nick Topolos, and Robert Waal.

Module SIG: Trains are running in the museum's atrium. Special thanks to the module owners: Tom Melka, Ian Lorentzen, Jim Recker, Jim Lowe, Chris Vais, Steve Imialek, Rolf Krumbiegel, Steve Stern and Robert DeJong; the extra operators: Peter Barnes, Dieter Vorbach, Werner Blumer, John Cooper, Phil Woods, Edson Yamazaki, Paul Canton, Don Good, Wolfgang Leitenberger, Richard Orr, Greg David, Cees Feith, Bill Tharp II, Bill Tharp III, and Andres Acevedo; and those of you who helped as docents: George Bruder, Ken Blick, Robert Carlson, Ken Bigos, and Charles Schiess (please let me know if I left anybody out). Planes, trains and the Easter Bunny arriving by helicopter gave this Spring venue special appeal. Many thanks to all of you who made this a very enjoyable event. Our next venue: May 14 - June 3 at the Museum on Main Street in Pleasanton.

Unfinished Business:

EuroWest: Chris Vais reported that the event is moving forward but there is still a need for volunteers. Help is needed in setting up/taking down the banquet tables and chairs; setting up/taking down vendor tables; manning the ETE table; and speakers are needed for the clinics. Please consider giving an hour or so of your time during this weekend event or sharing your skill/interest in a clinic. Peter Barnes added that this is an annual event everyone needs to do a small part to make it successful.

El Camino Medical Center: Steve Imialek noted that he has been in contact with the architectural firm doing the remodel and he will have more to report in the future. The planned completion date is February 2007. If you are interested in helping to build, landscape, etc. this 4x8 layout please contact him. A special thanks to Don Winslow for the use of his track blueprints.

Joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter: Don Good attended their meeting and stated that there is an interest to do this possibly at the Western Railway Museum in Rio Vista in the near future.

Video Library: If you have VHS tapes or DVD's that you would like to donate to this new venture please contact Greg David. All members would be able to check out these railroad films. A special thanks to Ryan Hoover for donating his VHS tapes and getting us started on this lending library.

ETE Postcards: Jens Ullmann has taken over this project; thank you Jens.

Newsletter issues: Dieter Vorbach has volunteered to look into printing and mailing a monthly newsletter. Chris Vais noted that these costs will increase our dues next year. (Note: Last year it cost about \$13 per member to print and mail a monthly newsletter. Only \$5 of membership dues goes to our chapter).



New Business:

Klaus Kiel sent us a thank you card. He is home recovering from the injuries he received while helping his neighbors who were in an auto accident.

Calling all Z Scalers! Bill Tharp III and Steve Imialek are building Z scale modules based on the Z Bend Track standards. The goal is to hook up with the Bay Area Z Cooperative as well as to run at club meetings and venues.

Carsten Ramcke and Great Event Tours are offering a tour of Switzerland with Jacques Vuyes as guide and good company. Please contact Carsten for further details.

Finally, and on a very sad note, please remember Raymond Andersen, a long time member and Stretch's father, in your thoughts and prayers. He passed away Easter Sunday evening. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Stretch and his family.

Also, Chris Vais's mother-in-law recently passed away. Please remember Chris and Noelle in your thoughts and prayers. And we extend our sympathy to them as well.

Next meeting: May 13 Walnut Creek Model Railway Club Host: Gordon Laughland. Please bring something DC to run on their layout. This club has over one mile of hand laid track.

2006 DUES ARE now past DUE - \$20 \$5 for SF Bay Area Chapter and \$15 for ETE Nat'l Name Address City, State, Zip Phone, Email, Fax

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