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Calendar of Events

Sat	Jan 3	2 – 5:30 pm	Informal Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	Jan 10	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	Jan 10	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Feb 7	2 – 5:30 pm	Informal Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	Feb 14	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	Feb 14	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Mar 7	2 – 5:30 pm	Structured Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	Mar 14	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	Mar 14	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Mar 28	9 am - 10 pm	Winterail	Albany, OR

President's Message

By Wayne Cohen

Happy New Year!

The holidays have passed, the weather will be cold for a few months, so this is a good time to work on model railroad projects.

Do you have any equipment from the 1960 - 1972 era? If so, this is the time to get it road worthy and create car

cards, as this is the era we'll use for our next structured operating session on March 7. Participants enjoy op sessions very much, so mark your calendars, and if you have an assignment preference, please let me or an ops committee member know. More details will be forthcoming.

My girlfriend and I visited Bodie, CA on November 11, and we very much enjoyed it. We thought we'd spend an hour or two, but we stayed for over three hours - and could have stayed longer; we'll be back. A few days later, the first major snowstorm of the season hit, closing Tioga Pass until spring, so our timing was good. The Bodie Railway and Lumber Company (AKA: Bodie and Benton Railway) depot and water tower still stand, but unfortunately they are off limits to the public (due to open mineshafts) except for rare, guided tours. Online photos of the depot and water tower are watermarked and copyrighted, so I don't have photos of them to share here, but please enjoy the photos we took during our visit.

Running Extra

By Steve Sloan



DC Open House at CCMRC

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, we had an open house at our train club, The California Central Model Railroad Club (CCMRC), in the Agnew Train Station in Santa Clara, CA.

Our next structured op session

Our next structured op session will occur Saturday, March 7, and the timeframe will be 1960 - 1972. Briefing will occur approximately 9:30 a.m. and the op session is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Additional details will follow. Please mark you calendar for what's sure to be an enjoyable event; see you there.

February 2026 Issue Deadline:

Thursday, January 27, 2026

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Editor's Message

Editorial By Steve Sloan



On Saturday, September 15, 2007, Jim Betz was the dispatcher during a club open house. DC operations required a dispatcher to grant block authority and provide routing and power for train operations. Phones were used to communicate to operators.

Regular DC runs to be proposed

At the next meeting, on Saturday, January 10, 2026, I intend to introduce a motion that we have a planned monthly informal DC run on the third Saturday of the month at our club. I'll propose that these will be on our calendar.

Of course, events and other times when the club is unavailable, or needs work to be done, or has other commitments will take priority and DC operating sessions may need to be occasionally canceled.

The club has a legacy of being a club that has a place for DC operations. Some of us go back to when our club was a DC club. Currently we are a mixed use DC and DCC club.

This proposal will provide a scheduled day when legacy (or new) DC power can be run and interested members can learn how to operate the CCMRC in DC mode. DC operations are a lot quieter too, which (in my opinion) facilitates conversations and fellowship.

Bodie Photos



Methodist Church. Wayne Cohen photo.



The Standard stamp mill. Wayne Cohen photo.



Bodie Schoolhouse. Wayne Cohen photo.



Laurie Hadsall photo.



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