



# CCMRC DISPATCHER

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## Calendar of Events

Sat	Feb 7	2 – 5:30 pm	Informal Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	Feb 7	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	Feb 14	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Feb 21	2 – 5:30 pm	DC 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	Feb 21	2 – 5:30 pm	DC Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Mar 28	9 am - 10 pm	Winterail	Albany, OR
Sat	Apr 4	2 – 5:30 pm	Informal Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	Apr 11	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	Apr 11	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Apr 18	2 – 5:30 pm	DC Run Day	Agnew Depot

## President's Message

By Wayne Cohen

We dodged a bullet. For background information, I'll note that our lease with the Union Pacific requires us to carry \$2 million of liability insurance and, fortunately, we've never had a claim during the 34 years that I've been a member - and I haven't heard of any claims made before that. Knock on wood, we'll be able to keep that record intact in

perpetuity.

As some of you know, despite that impeccable record we were informed late last year that our insurance carrier "non renewed" our policy; they didn't cancel our policy per se, rather, they are no longer insuring nonprofits. Apparently, this is a growing trend, and with many insurance companies pulling out of the California market, we found that just like for homeowners, finding insurance was difficult and expensive - and we don't even have fire and theft coverage. When I write "we," I mostly mean Richard, who agreed to take on the task of finding a new insurance carrier and policy.

Thanks to Richard, there was no lapse in coverage, and we have a new carrier and policy. The bad news is that the cost has nearly tripled, going from approximately \$550 per year to \$1,640 per year, but the good news is that interest on our CDs covered most of it. Thank goodness for the donations we've received over the last ten years, and thank goodness also that we spent money only on necessary projects such as the roof, building repairs, and painting, and saved the rest. With the benefit of time, we'll investigate whether less expensive coverage is available, and seek a measure of cost certainty for the future - if those two items are possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any board member.

## Running Extra

By Steve Sloan



On Saturday, January 10, 2026, my Burlington Northern (BN) 4369 (SP&S) led a train past the "Salmonella" fishery at the California Central Model Railroad Club (CCMRC) in the historic Agnew depot in Santa Clara, CA.

The real BN 4369 was an ALCo C636. Reportedly: it was built in 1968, builders number 6010-04, as SP&S 343. After the merger it became BN 4369. It was retired circa 1980.

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# Editor's Message

Editorial By Steve Sloan



On Saturday, September 15, 2007, Jim Betz and Don Shortt are looking at something on the layout. Car cards were in use at this ops session. DC throttle number 5 can be seen in this photo.

## Regular DC runs returning to CCMRC

At the last meeting, on Saturday, January 10, 2026, our club voted that we have a planned monthly informal DC run on the third Saturday of the month at our club. You can see that now on our calendar.

Saturday Feb. 21 is the day from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and I am looking forward to it! I am planning to be there for our first calendared DC operating session in a long time. I will bring extra DC power for anybody who doesn't have any and would like to try the old ways. You will not have to bring anything.

Looking forward I hope we can keep doing this. Of course, events and other times when the club is unavailable, or needs work to be done, other commitments will take priority and DC operating sessions may need to be occasionally canceled.

Watch this space!

## CCMRC Ops Session and Open House, Saturday, September 15, 2007

By Steve Sloan



Jim and Wayne at dispatch.



DC operations at this Open House.



My middle son Jeff and granddaughter Madison attended this open house. Madison is now married and a mom herself.



A southbound Capitol Train.