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Calendar of Events

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
Sat	May 2	2 – 5:30 pm	Informal Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	May 9	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	May 9	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	May 16	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, February 22, 2026, at a DC Run Day, my HO model of Southern Pacific (SP) 2575 crossed the middle trestle over “Mouse Creek.” This is a Sunset Models “Prestige Series” factory painted DC Brass 2-8-0 I got many years ago. I do not have the money or the ability to convert this and other of my locomotives to DCC. I am so glad we’re dual mode.

April 2026 Issue Deadline:

Friday, March. 27, 2026

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An Awesome Scheduled Ops Session

On Saturday, March 7, 2026, the California Central Model Railroad Club (CCMRC) had a scheduled operating session in the historic Agnew depot in Santa Clara, CA. A good time was had by all!



Photo by Michael Stockwell



Photos by Steve Sloan except where noted.



