

Gary Raymond's two outdoor modular layouts in 1/32 scale will be open on Sunday, September 9, from 10:00 to 5:00. The address is 2406 Sirius Street, Thousand Oaks.

Gary has two #1 scale modular layouts. One was featured in an article in OUTDOOR RAILROADER Magazine titled "Reinventing the Module". A three-foot narrow gauge section was added (1n3 = 1.125" gauge) with expansion plans modeling Southern Pacific narrow gauge. That layout was used at train conventions from 1996 through 2000.

In 2005 Gary decided to rebuild this layout with smaller curves and create a dedicated layout that would not have to be disassembled and moved in and out of his back yard. It is big enough to give a sense of what is possible in #1 Scale but small enough to fit into any train show. The Radii are 5.5 feet which accommodates all but the largest brass engines. This layout has been on display at the Southwest Garden Railroad Show, Big Train Show, and NMRA Train Shows since 2005.

The original 1:32 modular layout now lives permanently in the backyard and is used for testing and running. It retains the original operating highway and has two 32 foot passing sidings and one short spur. Neither of the layouts use track power. Both layouts require engines with onboard batteries and radio control. All equipment wheel sets conform to the NMRA and G1MRA back to back semi-scale standard of 1.575 inches (40 mm).

This open house is part of a larger tour of ten railroads that same day sponsored by Model Railroads Of Southern California. The group's thirty-fifth layout tour will be a self-guided tour of ten layouts at ten locations in an area running just south of Santa Barbara down through Ventura County and into northwest Los Angeles County. Four layouts are appearing for the first time on our tour program: Richard Conner's HO scale Boston & Maine, James Donlon's HO scale SP Coastline, Tom Fratello's HO scale Siskiyou Line and Bruce Smale's S scale layout.

Altogether there will be eight HO scale layouts, one large scale layouts and one S scale layout. This is a free event and you may bring relatives and friends. Here are the layouts and schedules:

Richard Conner (HO)  
9:00 to 1:00  
664 Coldbrook Place  
Simi Valley

Al Daumann (HO)  
11:00 to 4:00  
443 Valley Gate Road  
Simi Valley

James Donlon (HO)  
1:00 to 5:00  
244 Grandview Circle  
Camarillo

Tom Fratello (HO)  
12:00 to 4:00  
9043 Neath Street  
Ventura

Gold Coast RR Club (HO)  
8:00 to 5:00  
Murphy Auto Museum  
2230 Statham Blvd  
Oxnard

Bruce Morden (HO)  
11:00 to 5:00  
3218 Serena Avenue  
Carpinteria

Gary Raymond (1/32)  
10:00 to 5:00  
2406 Sirius Street  
Thousand Oaks

Santa Susana RR Hist. Soc. (HO)  
10:00 to 4:00  
6503 Katherine Road  
Simi Valley

Bruce Smale (S)  
9:00 to 3:00  
9365 Halifax Street  
Ventura

Dan Wexler ( HO)  
1:00 to 5:00  
16407 Hamlin Street  
Van Nuys

If you would like descriptions of these layouts and an area map with the locations of the layouts, e-mail me.

Persons taking this tour assume all risks and liability for their personal safety. Although I am the Moderator of Model Railroads Of Southern California, I am not responsible for personal loss or injury to those taking this tour.

Be sure to check the group website the day before the tour to see if any changes to the schedule or layout lineup have occurred.

If you cannot make this tour, more tours are scheduled including a tour in the San Luis Obispo County and Santa Maria area this fall as part of the Central Coast Railway Festival. A Kern County tour is schedule for March 2013 as are tours that year in conjunction with the National Narrow Gauge Convention in August, and the Banning Train Festival and Central Coast Railroad Festival, both in October. A tour in the South Bay-Long Beach area may be scheduled for the spring of 2013.

Bob Chaparro

Moderator

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