

Tracking The Del Oro Pacific

January 2017

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



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G.Gauge Modular
Railroad!

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

2017 marks the 30th anniversary of the Del Oro Pacific Modular Railroad. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish all of you a safe, prosperous and healthy new year. 2016 was a memorable year for our club especially with our participation in the National Garden Railroad Convention in Santa Clara. A large turnout of members made the layout easy to set up and tear down and the tremendous crowds got to see the finest modular layout in the world. In 2016, we also gained several new members but lost one of the stalwarts of our club, Jim Creasman. Jim and Gayle graced our club since its inception. Jim was a founding member of Del Oro; served for 10 years as the club's first president; came up with the idea of hauling our modules around in trailers; taught us to load trailers; and was an all-around good friend and exceedingly generous human being. Jim was also a mentor to me and other members of the club.

Besides the national elections, 2016 was the year for Del Oro to elect/re-elect a slate of members to the Board of Directors. Three new nominations went to Vic Thies, Josef Rieder and Joe Rossi Sr. They will be joining me, Martin Orozco, Garrett Paine, Joe Jackson, James Kruger and Mike Zelenak for a new two-year term on the Board of Directors. Sorry to say, opting not to return to the Board, were long-time members Bob Keller, Gary Welch and George Konrad. Bob was a past president and a guiding force on the board

for a number of years. Gary served as treasurer for many terms and somehow kept us in the “black.” Long-time member and modeler George has temporarily pulled into the locomotive shop for repairs. Bob, Gary and George will continue on hand to keep the yard operating smoothly as well as keeping the trains on the track. On behalf of the Board and members, I would like to thank Bob, Gary and George, for their devotion, dedication and service to our club.

Joe Jackson is continuing to keep us in the “show loop,” for 2017 beginning with Costa Mesa (Orange County Fairgrounds) on January 14 and 15, with setup on Friday the 13th of January at around 12:30 p.m.; Pomona (Fairplex) on February 11 and 12, with setup on Friday, February 10 at 12:30 p.m.; and Del Mar (Fairgrounds) on February 18 and 19, with setup on Friday, at 12:30 p.m. If you are planning to stay the weekend in Del Mar, make your reservations now. Call me if you have any questions. I hope as many members as possible can make these shows. We have new scenery for 2017 including crickets and other natural sounds in Ted Greeno’s revamped “Field of Dreams,” and alligator modules and hometown scenes by Sonny Wizelman, to name a few.

Happy New Year!

Dennis Packer, President



It’s time to pack away those Christmas trains and dust off the rest of your collection so they can run at an upcoming show. The beginning of 2017 is very busy, and lets take advantage of this time to run trains and fellowship with one another. See the next page for upcoming events and reminders.

WHATS COMING UP?

Great Train Show January 14-15, 2017

We once again return to the Orange County Fairgrounds. We will meet at 12:30 on Friday Jan. 13th for set up. Show hours are 10 am-4 pm both Saturday and Sunday. The address is 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour Show February 11-12,

2017. This show will be held at the Pomona Fairgrounds. Set up is Friday February 10th and we will meet at 12:30. Please stay tuned as set up time may change for this show. It's been a few years since one of these shows has happened in California and we are excited to participate in this huge show. The Fairgrounds address is 1101 West McKinley Ave, Pomona Ca. 91768. Show hours are Saturday 10 am-6 pm and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm. The show will be held in building 4.

Great Train Show February 18-19

The show will take place at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Set up is Friday Feb. 17th and we will meet at 12:30. Be sure to reserve your hotel soon if you plan to spend the night (s) in or around Del Mar. The area is beautiful and this is always a fun show. The show hours are 10 am- 4pm both days. The address is 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar Ca. 92014-2216.

Santa Ana Zoo: stay tuned for details

Railroad Days: stay tuned for this one as well.

Don't forget to pay your dues! See below.

1. The Great Train Show
Jan. 14-15 Orange
Fairgrounds

2. Worlds Greatest Hobby
on Tour Show, February
11-12, Pomona Fairgrounds

3. Great Show, February
18-19, Del Mar Fairgrounds

4. Santa Ana Zoo, date
pending

5. Railroad Days, Fullerton,
we may participate this
year, stay tuned.

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I anticipate a lot of great things happening this year and I hope the same for you. If you ever have a comment, complaint or concern about the newsletter, please let me know. I am always striving to find a better way to do things. I also can always use your input for articles or photos. Please send article ideas or photos to josephjackson603@gmail.com. Ill see you soon, Happy 2017!

The board of directors welcomes to the Board: Josef Rieder, Joe Rossi Sr., and Vic Thies. We look forward to working with you and our hats go off to Gary Welch, Bob Keller and George Kondrad as they depart from the board. We thank you for a job very well done and look forward to seeing you on the railroad!

DUES ARE DUE! If you havent paid your dues, you can mail them to Gary Welch or you can bring them with you to the show in Costa Mesa. Dues are \$30 cash or make your check out to Del Oro Pacific. Mail to Gary Welch: 9114 Otto Street, Downey Ca. 90240.