

**Model Railroads of Southern California &
The Central Coast Railroad Festival
Layout Tour No. 65 Oct. 6 Thru October 9, 2022 (Thur. – Sun.)**

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Owner/ Group	Dates & Times Open*	Railroad Name	Scale	Address	Major Cross Streets	Phone
Central Calif. Coast Garden Railroad Society (1)	Saturday 10:00 – 4:00	None	G	[Deleted post event.]	[Deleted post event.]	[Deleted post event.]
Central Calif. Coast Garden Railroad Society (2)	Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 – 4:00	None	G			
Central Coast Trains	Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 – 5:00	Model Train Store Display Layouts	HO, N, O & G			
Geoff Clinton	Sunday 11:00 – 3:00	Orcutt & Islay Creek Railroad	G			
Jim Davis	Not	Available				
Paul Deis	Friday 3:00 – 8:00 Saturday 6:00 – 8:00	SP Santa Margarita Sub.	HO			

Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab	Thursday & Sunday 12:00 - 9:00 Friday & Saturday 12:00 – 10:00	Village Overhead Railroad	G			
Mark Edwards	Saturday 10:00 – 3:00	Cascade Peak & Buena Vista Railway	G			
George Gibson	Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 3:00	DK & Pacific Mountain Railway	HO & HOn3			
Mark Goodman	Not	Available				
Ron Hamley	Friday 3:00 – 6:00 Saturday 1:00 -6:00 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00	Cuesta & Pacific Railroad	N			
Anthony Harris	Saturday 10:00 – 4:00	Unnamed	Two N & One Z			
Bernie Meister	Saturday 11:00 - 3:00	Conejo & Tortuga RR	G			
Don Morgan	Sunday 12:00 – 4:00	Garden Railroad	G			
Ed Muraski	Sunday 1:30 – 4:30 RSVP	Train Town USA	O & S			

Norgrove Railway	Saturday & Sunday 10:00 – 4:00	Outdoor World War I Trench Equip.	600 mm			
Bill Obermeyer	Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11:00 – 3:00	Obermeyer Ranch Railroad	HO			
Oceano Depot Assn.	Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 – 4:00	Museum Display Layouts	HO			
Orange County 'N' Gineers	Friday 1:00 - 5:00 Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 Sunday 10:00 - 3:00	Modular Layout	N x 2			
Pacific Coast Railroad	CANCELED					
San Luis Obispo Model RR Assn.	Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 - 4:00	Portable Club Layouts	HO, N			
San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum	Friday 2:00 – 6:00 Saturday & Sunday 10:00 - 4:00	Southern Pacific Railroad & Pacific Coast Railway	HO, HOn3			

Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum	Sunday 12:00 – 4:00	Display Layouts	HO, N & Lionel			
Walter Wajda	Sunday 10:00 - 3:00	J & W Railroad	G			

***Bold Text Indicates PM Hours**

GENERAL NOTES:

Please observe the hours of operation for the layouts. Do not arrive early. Do not bring pets into homes.

Youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Persons taking this tour assume all risks and liability for their personal safety. Group Moderator is not responsible for personal loss or injury to those taking this tour.

Information current as of 9/1/22.

SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS, PARKING INSTRUCTIONS & OTHER INFORMATION FOR LOCATIONS:

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LAYOUT DESCRIPTIONS-

Central Calif. Coast Garden Railroad Society – Two outdoor garden railroads will be set-up for the Festival. One will be at the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum. The other will be at the Oceano Depot Museum,

Central Coast Trains – This well-stocked family-owned model train store has three finished in-store display layouts in HO, N, O plus a G scale overhead layout. Website: <http://www.centralcoasttrains.com/>
Store HO Layout: <http://www.centralcoasttrains.com/tour-shop.html>
Video Tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NMpzG7ixBo>

Geoff Clinton – This is an elevated garden railroad with 100-plus feet of mainline, ten to twelve-foot radius curves, and a yard/ steam-up area. There will be live steam locos both running and on display. Geoff runs both narrow gauge and standard gauge live steam and recently completed large expansion to the railroad. You can view video of the Railway at the following Link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1U5EhMPoN8&feature=share&list=UUmqXEwSwzZIVGkH2scKfHfQ>

Paul Deis – This HO scale layout is based on the Santa Margarita Subdivision of the Southern Pacific Coast Line as it was in 1949. The area modeled is from San Luis Obispo to San Miguel. Most trains require helpers over the Cuesta grade. The focal point of the railroad is San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo was a Division Point, Crew Change Point and Helper District with a classification yard and engine facilities. The SP handled general freight and blocks of sugar beets and perishable trains. Sixteen scheduled trains plus many extra trains kept the Coast Line busy.

The layout is 22 feet x 17 feet with a double deck walk-around design. Track is hand laid Code 83 and 70 rail with 30-inch minimum radius curves. Control is NCE DCC. Locomotives feature sound.

Operations are by timetable and train orders supported by four cycle waybills and car cards. A Train Order Board, whistles and hand signals are used for communications.

The emphasis is getting over the road and simulating prototypical operating practices. Up to seven people can be employed during a full operating session, which typically lasts four hours.

During the Covid isolation Paul has been building structures, adding signals and completing a lot of scenery.

Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab - This the best (and only) venue on the tour to enjoy ice cream while watching trains, with hand-crafted ice creams made on-site. The G-scale train travels the perimeter of the shop on a continuous loop, passing through two rooms and outside the dining area. The layout includes bridges, suspended track, and mountain scenery. Running since 1981, Doc's Village Railroad includes an engine that replicates a train that traveled through Arroyo Grande in 1883-1896.

Website: <http://docburnsteins.com/>

Mark Edwards - Welcome to the Cascade Peak & Buena Vista Railway garden railway, a Disney Parks inspired garden railway. As most projects of this scope, the Cascade Peak & Buena Vista Railway will never truly be finished, but the Main Street Trolley, perimeter loop, and Mine Train through the Living Desert are now complete and operating. Placeholders exist so visitors may visualize future additions. Locomotives and rolling stock collected from Denver and Rio Grande Western still operate under that historic herald on this tourist destination line. Our guests are encouraged to explore the sights, scenes and sounds of the miniature landscape. The closer you look, the more you see. This garden railroad covers 2,300 square feet. The "grand circle tour" loop comprises 275 feet of the total 365 feet mainline. To find out more before you arrive, visit: <http://cccgrs.org/portfolio/cascade-peak-buena-vista-railway/>

George Gibson – The DK & Pacific Mountain Railway is based on a freelance railroad trying to make a go of it at the height of the depression. The railroad works lumber operations from a Pacific coastal town and hard rock mining operations in steep mountainous terrain. Money is tight and the age and appearance of the rolling stock shows it. Trains are powered by steam. There are no diesels operating on this layout.

The layout is both HO and HOn3, and includes a simple loop of HOn30. The HO mainline runs through the wharf area of the coastal town, the service camp of a logging operation and through the Westerly classification yard of the railroad. The HOn3 mainline serves numerous mines and milling sites, and is located on the upper shelf of the two-shelf layout. This upper shelf is also the location of the HOn30 loop for a small tram that serves the mines.

Also included in the den layout room is a high loop, display shelf for running On30 cars and locomotives from the owner's collection. This display shelf also includes a loop of N Scale track for running the owner's "favorite trains" . . . the Southern Pacific Daylight and the Santa Fes Super Chief. There is a second sixteen-foot x fourteen-foot layout room. The mainline tracks from both the HO and HOn3 shelves have been realigned through the common wall. New bench work has been constructed and the tracks have been installed. Now completed, the mainline of both the standard and narrow gauge lines have more than doubled the size of the initial layout. Another high display shelf is included and is currently operating. Two classification yards are included in the new room and will serve as the Easterly terminus for both standard and narrow gauge operations.

While the existing den layout has the ability to run both DC and DCC controlled locomotives, the new room is configured only for DCC power. The layout uses NCE DCC power cabs for locomotive control (including sound). Scenes have added sound modules, all structures have lighted interiors, and under shelf lighting is unique.

Scenery is slowing being added to the layout, with most underlying land forms in place. Several bridges, trestles, and other types of crossings are in place and have been detailed. Several tunnel portals are finished including interior details. The layout is a never-ending work in progress.

Ron Hamley - This is a detailed, compact N scale U-shaped layout measuring 4"x4", 2'x2', 3'x7'. The mainline runs thirty-eight feet. Ron models California's coastal mountain area in the 1950s to early 1960s. Scenery includes oak forests, grasslands, small streams and an ocean harbor. Many trees are handmade.

He runs a logging train plus freight and passenger trains. There is a small operating yard, freight station and engine house. Structures include a sawmill, a town with multi-story buildings and harbor area buildings.

Power is DC.

Videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLyzYO81_jM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKWWewhOgF0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSaoT_Uklpk

Anthony Harris - At this stop you can see three separate table top model railroad layouts. The first is a Z-scale that is 3' x 5' and can run two trains. Next is an N-scale that is 3.5' x 6' and can run two trains. And last is another N-scale that is 4' x 7.5' and can run three trains. All the layouts contain tunnels, bridges, and changes in track elevation to create interest. The layouts and rolling stock are a mix of older and modern equipment. Power is DC. Each layout has no turnouts. The layouts are meant for railfanning as opposed to doing any switching operating sessions. Here is a video of one of the layouts:

<https://youtu.be/MC0TumnuTgA>

Bernie Meister - Welcome to the town of Dirt! This freelance garden railroad is a new addition to the 2022 Central Coast Railroad Festival open day agenda. The Conejo & Tortuga Railroad was expanded in 2022 to include a new spur line to the working silver mine.

This garden railroad features towns, industries and activities of the desert southwest. The railroad is surrounded by prototypical railroad artifacts, including a custom-built train depot.

Don Morgan - Nestled in the Santa Ynez Valley, with a sweeping vista of the Figueroa and Grass Mountains, lies a garden railroad where working G-gauge model trains navigate through sculpted miniature forests to delight the child within. Meandering through the walkways surrounded by 700 dwarf Alberta spruce and redwood trees, a visitor is transported into a Disneyesque environment with miniature trains making their way through forests, over bridges, by custom-built buildings and around a koi pond, with whistles signaling their passage. Don has a life-size caboose, which he built himself. It houses an authentic caboose seat, which holds a huge, serenading animatronic bear. In the garden stands a line shack that also was designed and built by Morgan with the help of his gardener. It is constructed out of uneven wood planks, and it is a favorite spot for the Morgans to sit and take in the expansive view, both of the mountains and of the garden railway. Trains are battery and track powered. Don has a railroad lamp and lantern collection plus an operating wigwag and Griswold crossing devices.

Ed Muraski - Ed's 23-foot by 16-foot railroad can handle four O scale and one S scale trains at one time. The O scale, three-rail mainline is sixty-three feet long.

The era is December 1967 and represents areas in Indiana and California. Special scenic features include moving ice skaters and a merry-go-round, scale neon sign, scenic backdrops, plus rail siding of train cars parked in a staging area, scale Brooklyn Dodgers Ebbets Field with handmade and painted scale players, an air force/military setting, 185 people, 113 vehicles, 40 structures, 11 train engines, 59 train cars. Ed's layout is located on the beautiful grounds of the Centaur Spa, a health-oriented Bed and Breakfast facility. Please RSVP before visiting: [deleted post event].

Norgrove Railway – Trains may not be running but shop tours will be given. This new railroad is being built just south of Arroyo Grande off El Campo Road. It's a 60-centimeter gauge railroad, running through a vineyard and citrus orchard, focusing on superbly refurbished railroad equipment including a WWI trench engine.

Beginning in 1918, the Davenport Locomotive Works produced eighty 60cm (2-foot gauge) 2-6-2 steam locomotives intended to be sent to the narrow-gauge trench railways in France during the closing years of World War I. These locomotives improved on the original Baldwin design sent to the Army in August of 1917. However, none of the Davenports were sent overseas due to the Armistice signed on November 11, 1918, which ceased hostilities and led to the end of the war. Most of the locomotives were manufactured after the Armistice and sent to various supply depots and army camps around the United States and put to use on light camp railways. During the 1940s most of them were then sold off as military surplus or scrapped. Only three of the Davenport 2-6-2's survive today, and this is the only one in operable condition. It has been completely restored over a period of three years by the crew at the Norgrove Railway Shops and operates on a private agricultural tramway.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGkMILqxHTE>

Bill Obermeyer - This HO scale railroad blends Southern Pacific and Santa Fe operations in the mid-1950s, plus a little before and a little after. Motive power consists of Southern Pacific Black Widow diesels and Cab Forwards and Santa Fe steam and zebra-striped diesels.

The layout is in a separate room on Bill's horse ranch that is 24 feet x 17 feet. The layout is a dog bone design comprises to two levels. The top section starts at a High Sierra lumber mill scene with three reverse, staging, passing loops and then goes through bridges to reach Glendale, California. The line then descends down to a dessert section that resembles Monument Valley, Arizona, with passing sidings in between. After going through the desert, it emerges onto a bottom level and makes it way to the bottom three reversing loops that feature a wharf scene where lumber can be off-loaded to ocean going ships.

Minimum radius is thirty-two inches and all track is Micro Engineering Code 83. Except for two curved Walters turnouts all are Micro Engineering Number 7s. The layout is DCC powered with NCE controls. The room's backdrop features twelve long sections from BackDrop Warehouse that, with some difficulty, all match and blend together over a span of sixty feet. The layout was constructed by Bill with one exception: Fellow local NMRA member Rick Fulkerson was a tremendous help with his vast knowledge of electronics. Rick made custom control boards for automatic turnout controls on the six reverse loops. Without Rick's help this would have never been done!

Layout is approximately eighty percent complete.

Oceano Depot Association – The Oceano Depot Association's mission is to restore, preserve, and operate the former Southern Pacific Oceano Depot and other structures that have significance for historical, scientific, educational and recreational purposes for the benefit of the residents and visitors. The Association's numerous public displays include small HO and N scale layouts, a Southern Pacific boxcar, a Union Pacific caboose, produce crate labels, railroad paperwork, photos, tools and equipment. The Depot also houses a collection of World War II photos and memorabilia and local history items.

Tours of the Depot will be offered 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Museum Website: <https://oceanodepot.org/>

Orange County 'N' Gineers – This N scale club was started in 1974, a year after N-TRAK was formed. As with N-TRAK, the club promotes model railroading by modeling model complete scenes in N scale. The club's sets-ups and assembles modular layout sections to form large operating layouts at public shows, mainly in Southern California.

In 1995 the club had grown to the point where it could not provide running time for all the members at the shows and the nature of what different members wanted the club to operate had changed. Thus was born the N-Trak Express club. Now both clubs can be seen at many of the local train shows. The original club has continued to grow and change as new members and modules are added to the group. Website: <http://www.ocngineers.com/>

San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association – Members are actively engaged in multiple modeling scales, including HO, N, O, On30, and G. Members working in other scales are also represented, and almost every scale may be found at their events & runs. Members have collaborated to build a modular layout in N scale, and they now have an operational HO modular layout as well.

This group's modules will be at the Oceano Depot. Website: www.slomra.org

San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum – Operating on the site of the restored 1894 Southern Pacific Freight Depot, the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum is preserving the railroad history of California and the Central Coast by collecting, restoring, displaying and operating historic railroad equipment.

The Central Coast Model Railroad occupies a 1,500 square foot space in the Museum. The goal is to portray the railroad history of the California Central Coast in miniature and operating scale trains in their historic context.

In concept the HO scale model represents various aspects of railroad life in San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara counties including the geographical area, industries served, and train operations of the various railroads located there.

The double-deck peninsula layout has realistic miniature recreations of up to sixteen historic local railroad scenes along the Central Coast. Major features include the Pacific Coast Railway pier at Avila, the town of San Luis Obispo as a railroad division point incorporating the roundhouse, water tanks the station and adjacent historic buildings, the Stenner Creek trestle and famous horseshoe curve.

Operationally there are full-length Southern Pacific passenger trains including the colorful and renowned streamlined Daylight, the Lark and mail trains. Freight trains carry local produce, lumber, beets, oil and general merchandise. A maintenance of way train is also included. The model mainline will be over five hundred feet long. Trains incorporate sound and radio control operations to present a realistic presentation of railroading along the Central Coast.

Currently the Pacific Coast Railway HOn3 model railroad includes Avila Beach and the Port Harford Pier areas. The major elements include Harford Pier (nearly 16 feet in length), a four-foot high painted backdrop of the harbor area and the town of Avila Beach in the early 1930s, including the award-winning wood truss bridge over San Luis Obispo Creek as featured on the cover of the September 2012 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman.

Two hundred and forty feet of the lower level are now in operation. The Surf Depot area and the bridge crossing the Santa Ynez River are complete. The Stenner Creek Trestle (eight actual feet in length) is installed. Track is laid for the San Luis Obispo yard, which is eight tracks wide and thirty feet in length. Many of the historic structures are in place. Where possible all scenes modeled are based upon actual Southern Pacific track plans and 1950s era photographs.

Website: <http://www.slorm.com/>

Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum – This non-profit, educational museum is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley. There will be operating Lionel & HO trains set up in a 1930s Sacramento Northern box car at the museum. In addition to the boxcar the Museum's collection includes a late 1800s/early 1900s locomotive used by the Betteravia Union Sugar Company, a 1930s Santa Maria Valley Railroad Caboose No. 180 and a Canadian Track Inspection Speeder. The Museum also sells a small amount of model trains and related equipment.

Walter Wajda – This garden railroad consists of three separate loops, two of which have reversing capability and two have one siding each. The three loops are interconnected and have access to a rail yard and to two separate storage areas: an indoor patio and an outdoor shed. The layout is DCC powered.

[Maps removed post event.]