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Calendar of Events

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
Sat	Jun 6	2 – 5:30 pm	Informal Ops Session	Agnew Depot
Sat	Jun 13	1 – 2 pm	Business Meeting	Agnew Depot
Sat	Jun 13	2 – 5:30 pm	Run Day	Agnew Depot
Sat	Jun 20	2 – 5:30 pm	DC Run Day	Agnew Depot

President’s Message

By Wayne Cohen

Many of us have hobbies and interests other than model railroading and often some of those are closely related - I’m no exception. In my case, two of those related hobbies are rail fanning and riding trains.

On my way to Winterail 48, I stopped in Ashland, OR,

where I had dinner and a wonderful evening with Mike and Claire Kotowski, and the next night I had dinner with Bill and Janet Decker. The day before Winterail, I rode San-tiam Excursion Trains’ Winterail excursion.

The 4.5 hour trip was over the Albany and Eastern RR and there were many photo opportunities before, after, and along the way, including two photo runbys. On the train, I sat with Craig and Scott Thomas and we conversed among ourselves and other riders and friends. It was a truly great experience, and the next day was the main event, Win-terail 48.

The Cal Central was well represented at Winterail, and I met up with many other friends too. My favorite presen-tation was “Behind the Black Drape, Mornings by Rail” by Randall Pratt. Randall is a sound and light technician and his presentation consisted of photos taken in En-gland while part of singer Justin Hayward’s road crew. The soundtrack consisted of songs Justin Hayward sang as a member of the band, The Moody Blues. Other standouts were “Winter in the Golden State” by Dick Dorn, “This Was Tehachapi” by Charles Lange, and “High Hopes: The Bailey Branch Story” (Portland and Western, former SP branch to the Hull-Oakes sawmill) by Alan Liesee.

Running Extra

By Steve Sloan



On Wednesday, October 5, 2005, BNSF Railway (BNSF) 4456, 7919, 4550 and one more led a southbound intermod-al train at Bealville, CA.

BNSF 4456 is a C44-9W. Reportedly: it was built in 1999 serial number 51791.

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Story and Photos by Wayne Cohen

During my trip I managed to visit four hobby shops and visited a friend (and his family) I've known since high school. I hope you enjoy the photos below, all taken by me March 27, 2026.



Santa Maria Valley RR 205 (former San Joaquin and Eastern 205)



205 has a sharp exhaust and she put on quite a show.



Wayne, Craig Thomas, and Scott Thomas



Bar/Lounge Car "Running Crane Lake"