



Upcoming Meets:

March 8 11AM
Mike McClain and
Sharon Conte
(805) 796-1329

Please bring:
A-G Appetizers
H-O Salads
P-Z Desserts

Upcoming Meets:
April 5 – Olmstead
clinic meet
April 26 – Morgan
May 17 – Raymond
May 24 - Hahn
June – Siegel and
Waterman
July – Sal Mele
August -- Beaver
Sept. -- Sylvester

**Directions and map deleted from
on line edition. Please call Mike if
you want to come.**

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Be sure to read the last page.

Regular Meet:

The regular meet will be at the home of Mike McClain and Sharon Conte. If you have never been to their previous meets, you really should try to get to this one, as Mike and Sharon are selling everything and moving to Tennessee later on this spring.

Mike and Sharon are two of those people for whom it is always Christmas, at least on their layout. They have the most complete collection of LGB Christmas theme locomotives and cars that I have ever seen. And I include Gold Coast Train Station on that list. He also has some Disney trains, and one lonely Santa Fe Mogul. I imagine this one was left on their doorstep in a basket with a note.

Mike has over 700 feet of track in three loops. The minimum curves are 4 foot radius, the maximum grade is 2.4%. The shortest clearance is the tunnel, which is 10.75 inches.

Please note that the map is drawn to two different scales. It is nearly 1 ½ miles from the turn off First St to Casual Ct.

Call if the weather looks iffy.

The 1:32 Group Meet:

The 1:32 meetings are a bit more free form than was originally planned. You need to RSVP to Gary Raymond a couple weeks ahead of time if you want to bring something to run, as all the moves will be scheduled in advance. You don't need to RSVP if you just want to watch. In either case, you will have to provide for your own lunch.

Eldridge's February Meet

This was the Meeting of the "K"s. We had four of these beauties. Luckily, not all were running at once, as some of us would probably have exploded from such a fabulous sight.

Jim was worried about rain, and rightly so; it is February. But it turned out that perfect weather greeted a nearly overflow crowd.

John Lyans brought his dark green K27 #455 and a string of cars to make it earn its keep. The cars included his lovely scratch built RPO. John teamed his train with Georges Arseneault's K-28, #463 for a nice run. They really looked great together, even though I didn't get a

good picture of it. The flash on my camera doesn't have enough power to properly light both engines at once.

Georges also brought his #5 RGS Goose.

John Power brought a pair of K-28s including that Bee #473. There is a better picture of the other one (#475) in our on-line extras on our web page. He also brought the UP SD-40-2 #3628.

Beavers brought that 0-6-0 with the green side tanks, and its cars. If you look closely, the engineer is waving.

Bob Uniack ran his beautifully weathered West Side Lumber three

truck Shay and a string of skeleton log cars.

Jim ran his Sylvia's all Chessie train. It's supposed to be Sylvia's; but you know how that is.

Sylvia is in charge of all the plants, including trimming everything to look like the most convincing trees you will see in quite awhile.

Jim and Sylvia would like to extend a very heartfelt Thank You to Rex and Diane Davis and Walt Thompson for all the work they put in to dress the layout and generally help get it in this fabulous condition. And we would like to say an equally heartfelt Thank You to Jim and Sylvia for hosting another unforgettable meet.





All Aboard!!

Please join me in welcoming Paul and Jill Salverson of West Hills. They had the good sense to join just before the new roster went out, so they are already one of us.

Paul went the usual Lionel route as a kid, but also had an uncle who was an engineer for the Santa Fe around Winslow, Arizona.

Paul and Jill don't have a layout yet. Jill is "suggesting" a model of the Black Hills and Mt. Rushmore where she spent summers as a girl. Paul enjoys the Arizona desert,

so it should be an interesting layout. He also likes BIG steam engines, and early diesels.

In addition to trains, Paul is also a licensed pyrotechnician, which means that he gets to work on the fireworks shows at the Hollywood Bowl as well as other places. So, if you've ever wanted a layout like on The Addams Family TV show ("They're going to crash!!" "No they won't!" **BOOOOM!!!**) now you know who to talk to.

As if that weren't enough, he also has 12 aquariums full of tropical fish and two cocker spaniels.

GCGRS Membership Application Form

Membership in the Gold Coast Garden Railway Society is open to anyone who is interested in outdoor model railroading. Dues are \$20 per year. New members, please add \$6 for each name tag that you want to have. Membership runs from January to December. Make checks payable to "Bruce Kuebler". You can put GCGRS on the memo line. **Mail it to:**

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