



NEWSLETTER

Santa Clarita, California

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August Meeting

Monday, August 29, 2011

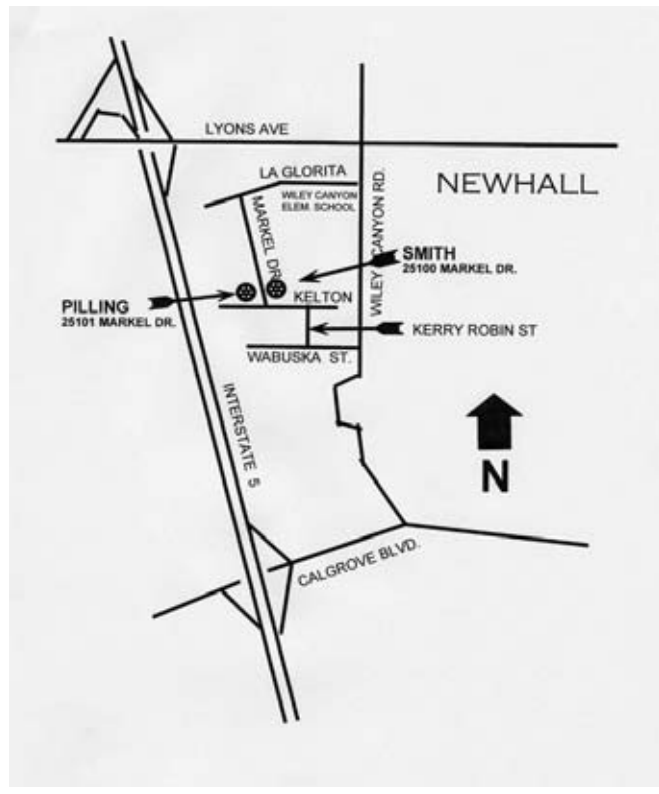
7:00 pm

Ray & Martie Smith and Don & Dodie Pilling
25100 & 25101 Markel Dr., Newhall, CA 91321
661-259-9618 & 661-259-1018

DIRECTIONS

Coming from the north, exit Interstate 5 at Lyons Avenue and turn left onto Lyons Avenue & go across the freeway. Continue on Lyons down the hill to Wiley Canyon Road and turn right. From Wiley Canyon Road go about a block and turn right on La Quinta. Wiley Canyon Elementary School will be in front of you. Continue to Markel and turn left. Both homes are at the end of Markel on the corners.

Coming from the South on Interstate 5, exit at Calgrove Blvd. and turn right on Calgrove. At the next stop sign turn left onto Wiley Canyon Road. Turn left on Wabuska Street, then a right on Kerry Robin and a left onto Kelton. The homes are on the corner of Kelton and Markel.



HIGHLIGHTS

These layouts are favorites that have been meeting locations for the last several years. The Pilling layout is over 15 years old and Don continues to make improvements every year. In addition to the outside layout they have a nice point to point trolley on a shelf high inside their living room.

The Smith's layout is only a few years old and has been constructed on a raised block planter with lots of interesting scenes.

The meeting starts at the Pillings and after viewing their layouts moves across the street to the Smith's where the club meeting will take place.

Three couples from the Club attended the West Coast Regional Meet in the San Francisco Bay Area and reportedly saw a host of great layouts. Hope to get a report from the group at our next meeting. They also visited the Niles Canyon RR (full sized) & sent this photo, with Carla taking the picture.



Joe & Delia Caracappa accepted the challenge to host a Club meeting on July 25 and then went into overdrive to start construction of a layout. He put out a call for help from the members and Jim Owens spent a day in early July doing just that. Joe also recruited his sons, co-worker and neighbors to get the 2 x 4's driven into the ground and planks mounted on top. Joe says that the physical & technical assistance that Jim provided was invaluable. Unfortunately, Jim could not be at the meeting, his back gave out on him & he was laid up.

Jim & Sandi Owens will be hosting the next Club meeting on Monday, September 26 in Canyon Country at 7:00pm.



Joe and Delia had a nice surprise for those attending the meeting. Their son Eddie barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs and served baked beans, corn on the cob and other food & drinks. The photo above shows part of the food line with Grant Sweer, Gary Woolard, Alan Wright and Ray Krystoff.

Since he is just getting started, Joe's layout is very basic at this point. He still has to work out some of the grades which turned out steeper than the 2% he planned. A plastic pond he acquired awaits the fill which will be necessary to form the layout.



Joe makes adjustments to get his engine running again.



It's a beginning—lots of hard work ahead and a lot of fun too!

Photos by Carla Breitner

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