



NEWSLETTER

Santa Clarita, California

May, 2011

May Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2011

Marie Callender's Restaurant

27630 The Old Road, Valencia, CA 91355

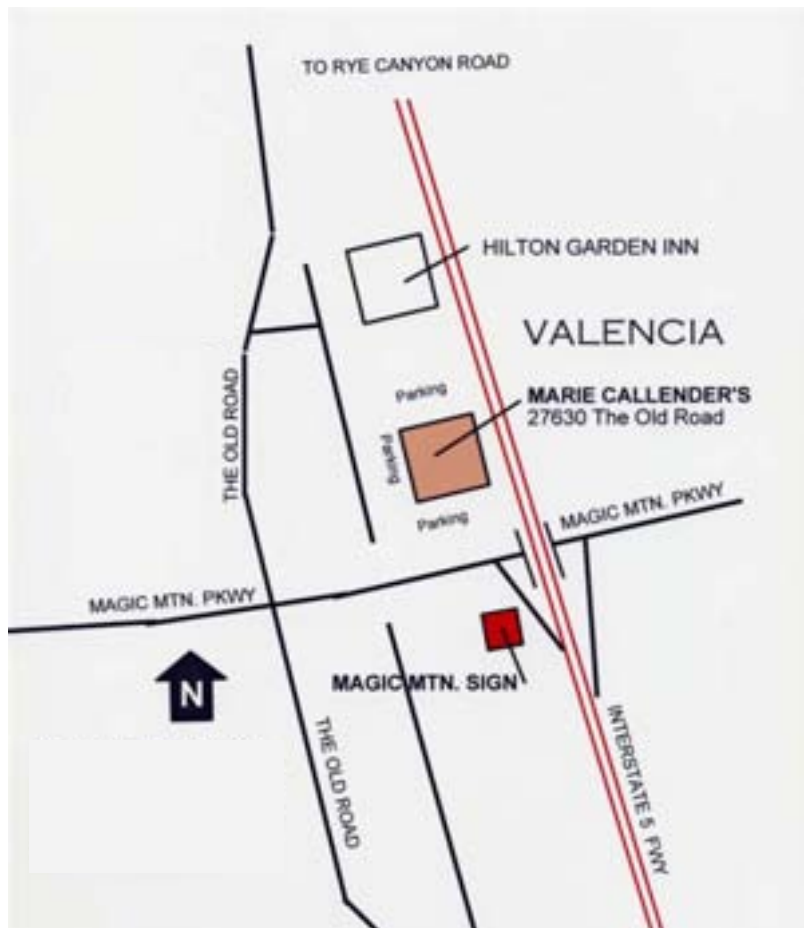
661-259-4675

Dinner starts at 6:00 pm with the meeting following about 7:00 pm. Some of you have to drive through a lot of traffic, so don't worry that you will be late. You can order whenever you arrive and may order anything from the menu or salad bar. We hope you will participate. Families will be given separate checks which will include an 18% gratuity.

DIRECTIONS

From the south, take Interstate 5 north and exit at Magic Mountain Parkway. At the bottom of the exit turn left and continue on The Old Road. Turn right and look for the access road on the right which takes you into the parking areas around the restaurant.

From the north, take the Magic Mountain Parkway exit, turn right and follow the instructions listed above.



2011 CALENDAR

MAY

21-22, Sat, Sun. **THE BIG TRAIN SHOW**, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA
See more descriptions in this newsletter.

MAY

23, Mon. **Meeting at Marie Callender's Restaurant**, Valencia, CA Information on page 1.

JUNE

21—26 **2011 National Garden Railroad Convention**, Overland Park, KS (Kansas City area)

JUNE

27, Mon. 7:00 pm **Meeting at home of Alan & Donna Wright**, Valencia, CA

JULY

10—14 **West Coast Regional Meet** over 50 garden railroads open in the San Francisco Bay area, information & registration go to: www.bagrs.org

JULY

25, Mon. 7:00pm **Meeting at home of Joe & Delia Caracappa**, Van Nuys, CA

AUGUST

29, Mon. 7:00 pm **Meeting at homes of Don & Dodie Pilling / Ray & Martie Smith**, Newhall,

SEPTEMBER

26, Mon., 7:00 pm **Meeting at home of Jim & Sandi Owens**, Canyon Country, CA

OCTOBER:

TBD **Train ride outing**. Details to be announced later.

NOVEMBER

5—6 **Southwest Garden Railroad Show**, Fairplex in Pomona, CA This will be a G gauge only show.

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY 2011

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/nationaltrainday2011/pool/>

National Train Day was celebrated on May 7, 2011 all over the country and I was remiss in not bringing this to everyone's attention earlier. Some of you may have participated anyway and, if so, please share your experiences.

I will send members a live link to access this interesting collection of photos.

The Los Angeles major event was held at Union Station and was scheduled to include a California Missions exhibit, East meets West exhibit (the role of Chinese workers in building the railroads), AMTRAK displays, train equipment displays (UP Genset locomotive and SF 3751 steam engine) and a model train display.

Hundreds of photos were taken all over the country that day and loaded onto a flickr site. This link was provided by Peter Stremic showing nearly 400 train views.

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The Big Train Show

MAY 19—22, 2011

Ontario Convention Center
2000 Convention Center Way
Ontario, CA 91764

www.BigTrainShow.com
888-271-2978

BUS TOURS:

- May 19 [San Gabriel Valley Tour \\$45 per person](#) Fairplex Garden Railroad, Steve McCarty—HO scale in Monrovia; Joe Enos—HO scale in Arcadia; Mike Stella—O scale in W. Covina
- May 20 [Riverside / Palm Desert \\$50 per person:](#) Living Desert in Palm Desert
G Scale: Mike Haworth—G scale in Riverside; Roger Clarkson—G/HO Scale

PUBLIC SHOW:

- May 21-22 [Vendors, modular layouts](#) Sat. 10 am—6 pm, Sun 10 am—4 pm
\$9.00 advance sales, \$12.00 day of event

HOW TO CLINICS:

- May 22 9 am [SG Models](#); 9 am [Hotwire Foam Factory](#); 10 am [GREX Power Tools](#)
10 am [CVP Products](#); 11 am [Garden Railroad Bonsai Forest Design](#);
11 am [Short Line](#).

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

- May 21 USA Trains will host the [Murder Mystery in Hawaii Dinner Banquet](#) and the first 75 families will receive the USA G scale train car.
Cost is \$45 per person, 6:30 pm—9:00 pm Seating is limited

NOTE: THIS IS AN ALL SCALES SHOW AS IT WAS LAST YEAR BUT THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF VENDORS OF INTEREST FOR G SCALERS.



The Fillmore & Western Railway Company restored the #14 Baldwin Steam Engine 2-8-0 in 2010 and put it through trials pulling "The Christmas Tree Trains". The locomotive was purchased from the Dodge City Railroad in Dodge City, Kansas and hadn't seen service on the rails since the 1960's.

The locomotive has been converted from a coal fired to an oil-fired and went through the trial runs fired by fuel oil. It has also been outfitted to run on recycled vegetable oil and will be one of a handful of locomotives in the country to "go green".

While waiting for the passengers to board the train for their scheduled run we were permitted to go up into the cab. See photo upper right. Upon leaving the station (in reverse) we were treated to a show of steam and smoke.



Don & Dodie Pilling at the model train layout. As it turned out Alan Wright was the only other club member to attend Railfest this year. It may have been one of the best of all those previously attended.



Speeder rides.

REPORT ON RAILFEST 2011



I could see this very large diesel engine from a distance as we entered the event area. It was parked in between various exhibitors and was pointed 90 degrees to the railroad tracks. There were no rails visible under the engine. My first question was “how did you get that massive engine placed there on the parking lot? You can see part of the front of it in the photo to the left. I was asked to go around to the side and look carefully inside the exterior opening. If you look at the photo left and below you may see the top of a truck cab through the opening. This was one of the movie props on display this year. The outer shell of a real diesel engine had been mounted on a heavy truck. I believe this was a prop used in the movie “Inception”.



Also on display were two mock locomotive cabs that were used in the filming of the movie “Unstoppable” From inside you could envision that you were actually inside an operating engine cab.



The shop area of the Fillmore & Western Railway Co. It seems most work is done outside.