

THE SIDE TRACK

NEWS

from the Toy Train Operating Society
Sacramento Valley Division

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2022

"Fortune favors the bold" - Pliny the Elder as he set sail to investigate the eruption of Vesuvius, where he was killed

Jerry Azzaro, editor

President's Message

by Ed Strisar, SVD Interim President

Fellow SVD TTOS members:

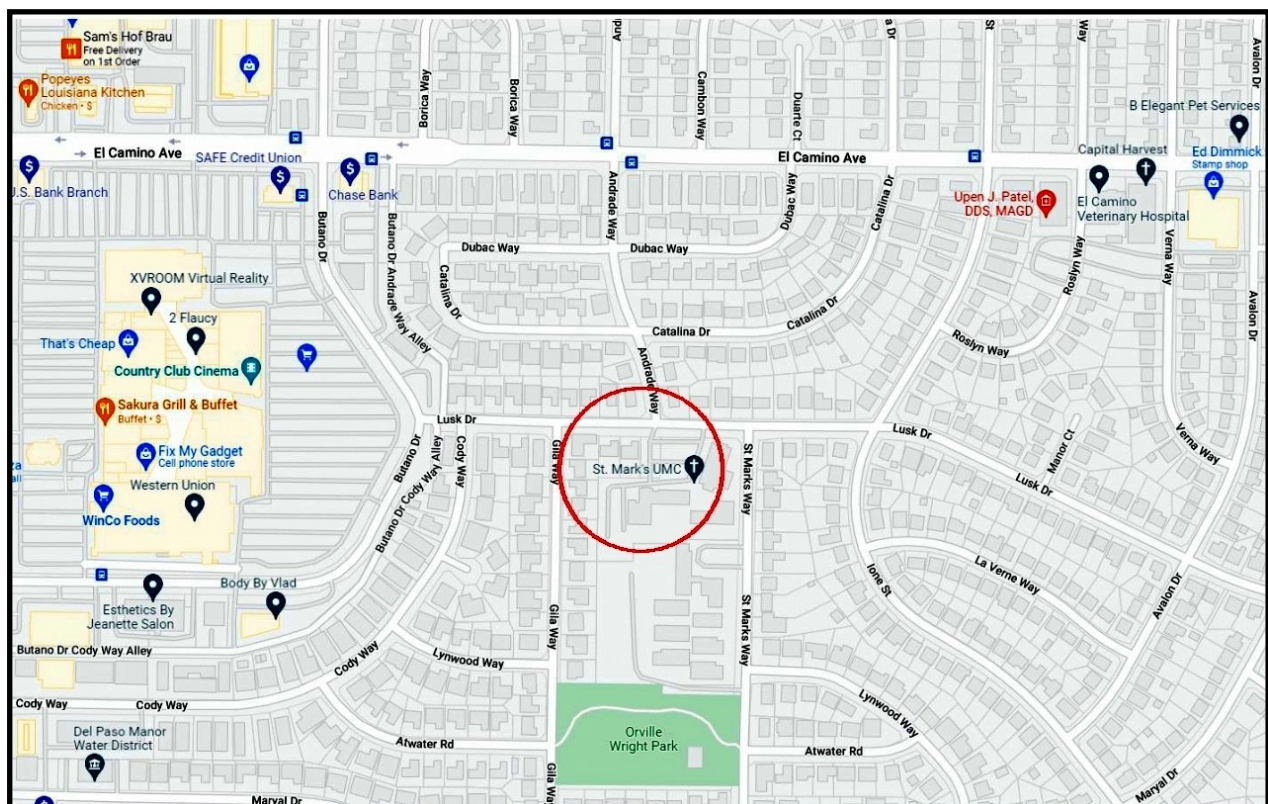
Barbara Rohrs is now the fifth SVD TTOS Board Member with voting rights. We thank Barbara for accepting these duties in addition to being the Member Chairperson. Thank you Barbara.

It has been a while since we, as a club, participated in an outing to railroad themed venues. These trips have always been enjoyable and members have suggested traveling to local locations again.

At our last meeting, **Carl Curtis** and **Jack Ahearn** showed us their latest works of art in Show and Tell. We would like to reinstate Show and Tell every month.

Additionally, we would like to have a summer barbecue. We would like suggestions and possible locations. Most importantly, we have to introduce others to our great hobby and recruit new members.

All of the above will be discussed at our next meeting on May 21 at Grace Cafe, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, Sacramento 95864. This is a great meeting location and everyone is invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



December 18, 2021 - Annual holiday luncheon

Photos and captions by Jack Ahearn



The cake - photo by **Barbara Rohrs**



Jeff Silvera, Member at Large and Secretary **John DeHaan** await the announcement for the meeting to start.



John DeHaan announces the dollar tally of Store Gift Certificates for our annual Children's Hospital Fund drive.



Board Members **Jeff Silvera** and **Carl Madsen** listen to John D's presentation.



Jeff and Carl share a thought while John delivers his message



John D. announces that our annual donation to the Children's Home this year was much lower than our usual amount. Following his comments, a motion was made to add \$500 to this year's donation.

December 18 Holiday Luncheon continued



A full room of raised hands indicated approval of the added \$500 to this year's charitable donation.



New Member **Tom Ireland** waves to fellow members. Tom is interested in Lionel 'O' both Pre and Post war but sides a bit more on the 'Pre'. Welcome to TTOS, Sac.Val. Div Tom!



Rose Craighead describes updates to the club's website, www.ttos-sv.org.



Members stay tuned in to speakers as other members in the kitchen area start setting up the buffet goodies for our Christmas Party luncheon.

January 15, 2022: Special meeting called

A search to fill vacant positions on the Executive Board was begun, and the state of the club's layout and trailer were discussed. Jack Ahearn photo.



Board members **Bryan Stanton, John DeHaan** and **Jeff Silvera** are joined by members **Bob Rhodes, Phil Fravesi, Marianne Sommer** and **Bill Bender**. Jack Ahearn is behind the camera.

Phil Fravesi volunteered to record the minutes as Secretary John DeHaan was presiding.

February 19 Meeting

with special guests Randy Giroux, TTOS National President and J Keeley, Director At Large-Western

Interim president Ed Strisar conducted the meeting.

Members Barbara Rohrs, Phil Fravesi, John DeHaan and Jack Ahearn answered the call for photos, and there are many.



February 19 Meeting continued



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March 19 Meeting

Interim President **Ed Strisar** announced that the club's layout and trailer issue was resolved. Show and Tell will be resumed at meetings, and ideas for future outings were discussed.

Photos by Phil Fravesi



Ed Strisar thanking **David Burke** for his key roll in recovering the trailer and layout. David used his truck to tow it.



Rose Craighead and **Barbara Rohrs**



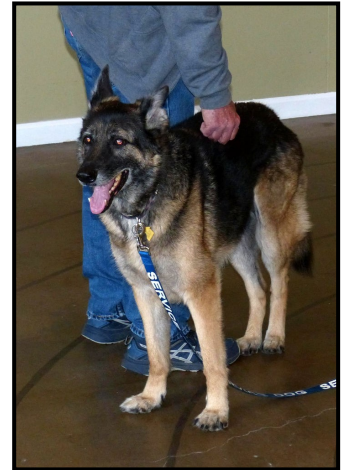
Jeff Silvera and **Jack Ahearn**



Ed thanking **Elias Amaral** for storing the club's layout trailer at his property.

April 16 Meeting

Conducted by Interim President **Ed Strisar**. An auction sale of items from the club's layout was held by treasurer **Bryan Stanton**. **Jack Ahearn** and **Bill Bender** presented Show and Tell items. **David Burke**, serving now as club photographer, provided the photos.



Down the track

Upcoming events of interest to SVD members (SVD events are in **BOLD**)

May 21: SVD meeting, St. Mark's Church, Sacramento*

May 28: Sac-Sierra Train Meet, Scottish Rite Center, Sacramento

June 18: SVD meeting, St. Mark's Church, Sacramento*

July 16: SVD meeting, St. Mark's Church, Sacramento*

August 2-7: TTOS 2022 Convention, Kansas City MO

October 1: River City Train Meet, Scottish Rite Center, Sacramento

November 11-12: TTOS/TTM Show, International Agri-Center, Tulare

***Meetings begin at 9:30 AM**

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TTOS-SVD Mission Statement:

Our mission is to bring together persons interested in the hobby of collecting and operating toy trains. The focus of activities shall be on promoting the best interests of the hobby through fellowship, a sense of good will, camaraderie within the membership, and exposing the general public to the hobby, encouraging greater interest in it and increasing membership.