

 *The Santa Clara*  
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**SOUTH END DEPOT PAINTING PROJECT IS COMPLETED**



During the weekend of Friday May 5th through Sunday May 7th, the South end of the Depot was repainted. This project was necessary to complete before the end of June of this year. Pictured above, on May 6th, the scaffolding is about to be disassembled after successfully painting the upper areas of the wall. After the scaffold was removed, the lower portion was also painted.

Participants in this large project included John Dietrich (Project Manager), Owen Huang, Larry Helling, Josh Adams, Ed Phelan, John Fleischer, Robin Gilstrom, Dave Morman and Chris Ewing.

For more photos, please see page 3.

**SBHRS JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE GRADUATING**

The end of the school year is fast approaching. And some of our younger members are graduating from junior and high schools.

Giavonni Rossi attended Lincoln High School, and graduates this year. Giavonni plans to attend Gavilan College in the fall.

Ankur Gupta graduates from Oak Grove High School, and will be enrolled to attend California State University, in Hayward this fall.

In other notables, several members are graduating from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, to move on to high schools. These include Joe Macher, Chris Fletcher and Owen Huang.

The SBHRS wishes all graduating students the best of luck as they make transitions into new environments!



*Ankur Gupta, graduating from Oak Grove High*



*Giavonni Rossi, Graduating From Lincoln High*

**MANUFACTURERS ROUND TABLE**

Our first Manufacturers Round Table is happening on June 16th with *Scale Trains!* For details about the event (and to register) visit the link below:

<https://sbhrs.wildapricot.org/page-18208>

We look forward to seeing you there - register now!

[An Evening with ScaleTrains.pdf](#)

**SBHRS OPEN HOUSE APRIL 2017**

The first SBHRS Open House for 2017 was held on April 9th and 10th. There were 623 paid admissions, as well as the many younger visitors, who are admitted free. The Company Store operated this year in a different venue: HO scale items were still displayed for sale in the main Museum Room, while N scale items were relocated to the Board Room. Income from the Company Store, including both locations was \$6,186. The All Day Lunch counter received \$603 gross income, before deductions.



*Work continues on the San Miguel section, during HO Workshops, held on Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 PM.*

**MORE PHOTOS, PAINTING THE DEPOT SOUTH END**



*George Bratton paints the lower deck*



*John Dietrich prepares the Boardroom door*



*Doug DeLong Clears Weeds in Track-*



*Dave Morman Paints the Boardroom Door*



*Looking Good On Sunday!*

### ALL MEMBERS MEETING, MAY 9, 2017

The All Members Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the odd month (January, March, etc.)

The latest regularly scheduled All Members Meeting was held in the main Museum Room in the evening of May 9th.

Vance Johnson gave a Library report. He stated that DVD's will soon become available for checkout. The Colorado book section cataloging is nearly complete. Vance asked for volunteers to help put new number stickers on books. If you can help, please see either Vance, or Bill Burket in the library.

The front deck replacement project has been scheduled for two weekends in June. We are requesting your help on the weekends of June 3-4 and June 10-11. These are the weekends we will be rebuilding the depot front deck. There is a lot of work to be done on this project so we hope you can come and help us. We will be replacing deck boards and repairing the underneath sections of the deck. If you have hand tools, such as a hammer, etc., please bring them.

We are planning on starting at 8:30AM each day. Lunch will be provided or reimbursed.

To help us determine who is available to help and what you can do, please [Click Here](#) and let us know you will be there.

George Bratton, who heads the New Members Committee, told the group that User Guides are being developed for both the N and HO scale layouts. These will include track maps for both layouts.

Bill Burket reported on the sale of railroad items on eBay. The Society averages approximately \$300 per week on income. There is an ongoing book sale in the library, which features duplicate books that the library already has. Members can review the offering at any time the library is open.

Special Event: John Wiley has been developing a new recurring event, the Manufacturers Roundtable, where manufacturers of N and HO scale items will give a presentation of new product lines. The first event is scheduled for Friday, June 16th, and will feature Scale Trains. Pre-

registration is required. More information is available here: <https://sbhrs.wildapricot.org/page-18208>. Registration is open to everyone, members and non-members. The pre-registration is available here: <https://sbhrs.wildapricot.org/event-2539081/Registration>.

Bill Burket will advise Museum members who wish to sell items on eBay on their own, with hints and suggestions on presenting the item on eBay..

Michelle Marchant has been appointed as Assistant Treasurer, to help Treasurer Steve Costa with his workload.

Doug DeLong is looking for a portable fixture that can be used as a display for people who are waiting in line to take the Interlocking Tower guided tour during Open House weekends. A portable sun shelter would also be appreciated.

Robin Gilstrom informed the group that Caltrain has approved the railcar roof replacement project. It will take place by an outside vendor on a weekend after June 6th. If any items are observed that need to be repaired on the railcar, please advise Robin.

#### MICHAEL WAGNER

The SBHRS is saddened to report that longtime member Michael Wagner passed away on May 2nd. Michael was a longtime resident of Silicon Valley, and had been employed by several well known corporations, including Sun Microsystems. Michael was the Society's Librarian and was responsible for increasing the library's visibility to SBHRS members, as well as being a major force in creating the largest repository of railroad-related books, and DVD's available to members in the Bay Area. A Memorial Service will be held at the SBHRS Museum on Monday, June 26 at 2 PM.



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The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is located at the Santa Clara Caltrain Depot, in the Museum building adjacent to Caltrain, at 1005 Railroad Avenue. The Museum is open to the public Tuesdays from 5 PM to 8 PM, and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Museum exhibits, the Library, and Train Room all provide many items of interest to a wide variety of age groups. The Train Room features both an HO and N gauge operating model railroad, and members can operate their equipment during those times.



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