

The Roundhouse



The newsletter of the Lancaster & Northwestern Railroad Club

October 2005

Club runs trains at swap meet

Members of the Lancaster & Northwestern Railroad Club turned out to set up and run the modular layout at Lancaster's Jethawks stadium the first weekend in October. The Chamber of Commerce moved their twice-a-year swap meet from the fair-grounds to the stadium's parking lot. The layout had to move outside and everything operated smoothly until the wind came up Sunday afternoon. A few engines and trains were derailed but for the most part things went well.

Be sure to ask Christian Andrews about his adventure with his large trestle after the show was over.

One change to the layout was discussed at the October meeting

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It's time to populate your G-scale layout

Every layout can use people and you don't have to buy them.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. come to Christian Andrews house in Palmdale and learn how to make people. It is something that all layouts can use. Those that came to Christian's house recently



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for the work party got a chance to see some of the really great people he is working on for his layout.

Not only will you get a chance to "make" people but bring any trains that you would like to run. This will be a fun

event.

If you need more information give Christian Andrews a call at (661) 533-1532. He said that the only things you will need are Sculpey and foil and he will have those. Just reimburse him for what you use.



Give those trains some direction

By Doug Arnold
Editor

Why o' wye o' wye?

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia a wye in [American railroad](#) terminology, known as a triangle in British terminology, is a triangular shaped arrangement of [tracks](#) with a Y-shaped [switch](#) at each corner. With a sufficiently long track leading away from each corner, a [train](#) of any length can be turned. A wye or a loop is required to turn a train around. If you only want to turn an engine or



This is the right-hand leg of the wye that is currently under construction at the Dirty and Dusty Railway. The left leg of the wye will cross in the foreground. The fruit tree is in the center to the left.

single car you can use a turntable but it's really not practical if you have something long to turn.

Railroads in America have more wyes than railroads elsewhere, and American locomotives and cars are much more likely to be directional than those elsewhere. This is due to the fact that in most places in the United States, the railroad came first, or at least early, and therefore builders had much more freedom to lay down

tracks where they wanted. In Europe, extensive use was made historically of bi-directional [tank locomotives](#) and push-pull trains, and more recently most [diesel locomotives](#) and [electric locomotives](#) ordered in Europe have been fully bi-directional.

On the Dirty and Dusty Railway I am building a modified wye that is around one of the fruit trees in our yard. The upper end of the wye will be part of a storage area.

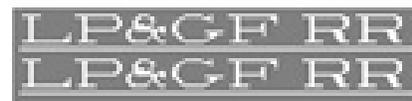
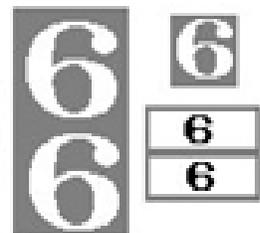
Personalize your railroad painlessly

The Lone Pine & Grizzly Flats Railroad was created by Dean Whipple of Corona. It can be found on the internet at <http://4largescale.com/trains/>

He has written some excellent articles that he has put on his website and that I will be using in the bulletin. Thanks Dean.

By Dean Whippke
Lone Pine & Grizzly Flats RR

It is easy to produce black writing on clear decal paper I just



use a laser printer to print my decal's because the ink is UV resistant, you can also use a copy machine as it's ink has the same qualities. To produce a white

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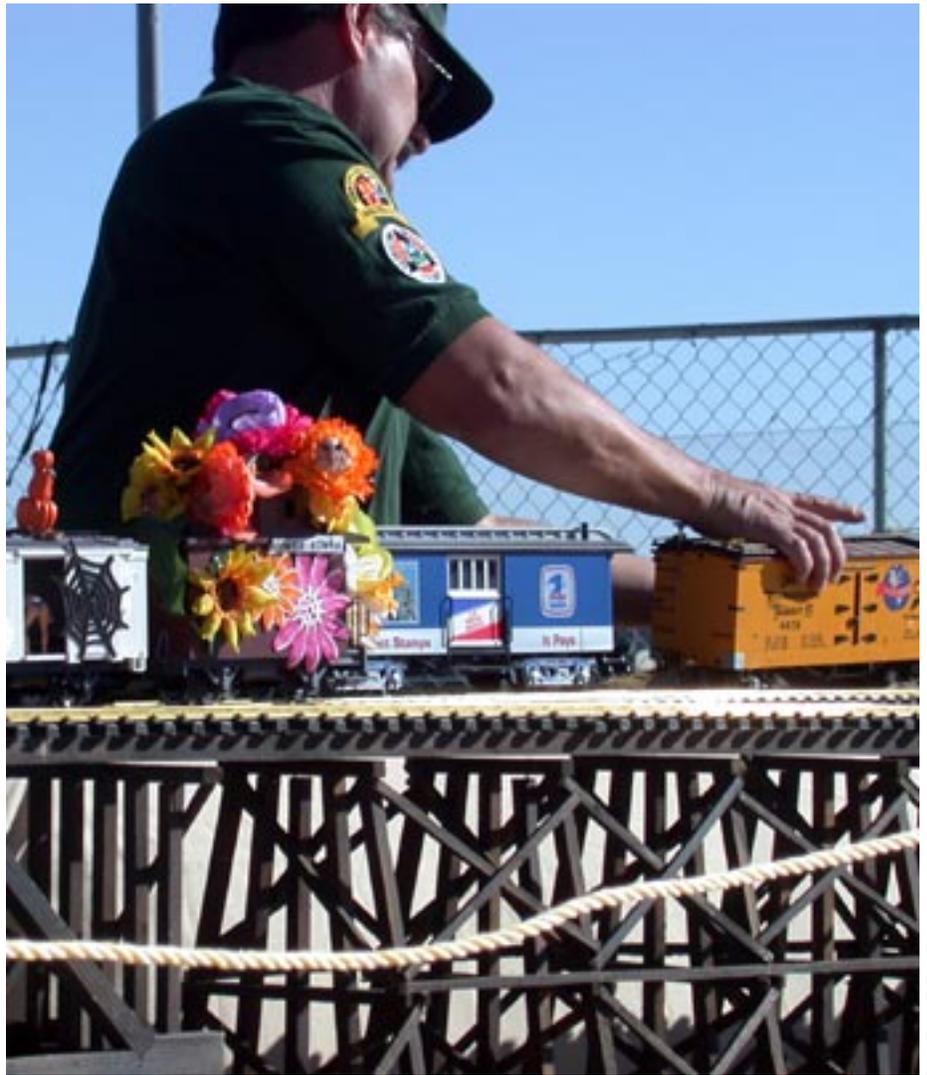
Layout

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of the club. Expanding the curves on the corners of the layout to 12-foot radius is being explored in order that some of the larger engines can be run when the layout is up. The club can also use more landscape modules. Club members were excellent at providing landscape modules for the display but more are needed. More information on this will be provided in the next bulletin.

Members turned out Saturday to move and set up the layout and also helped on Sunday running the layout, pitching in to offer opportunity tickets to those that attended and taking the layout down and returning it to storage on Sunday.

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The 60s, built by Diane Conrad, crosses the trestle.



Who said it hardly snows in the Antelope Valley?



House sports a yellow paint job.



A busy day at the church.

November meeting set

The next meeting of the Lancaster and Northwestern Railroad Club will be held Friday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in Lancaster.

The meeting will be held at 39450 3rd Street East just south of Avenue P and just west of the Sierra Highway. It will be in a meeting room (#116), at the Winnell Industrial Park. The unit is at the southeastern corner of the industrial park.

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the (in my case) the grimy black I use to paint my engines and some of my rolling stock, I also used this procedure on my caboose's.

I use paper from Tango Papa Decals They do not work with ink jet printers but will work with laser printers or copy machines. I bought their sampler pack. It was 2 white and 2 clear 8 1/2"x 11" pages for \$7.00 including shipping.

I have not used them yet but SuperCal sells a kit with 5 sheets of (8-1/2" x 5-1/2") paper (1) 4 ounce can of LAST-STEP Decal Spray, for ink-jet printers for \$20.00 plus Shipping & Handling

NOTE: When pricing other papers check the size, at lot of them are half size.

PumpkinLiner 2005

Weekends in October Beginning October 1st
Saturday and Sunday Departures: 10 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm, 4:10 pm & 2:20 pm
*We're **DIYERS** to see you there!!*

Ride a vintage train to our colorful pumpkin patch to pick the perfect jack-o-lantern. Activities and attractions at "The Patch" include: Gull Wings Children's Museum-on-the-Go, Jolly Jumps, carousel, a Hay Maze, Arts & Crafts Booths, BBQ sandwiches and other edible "goodies."

Ticket Prices:
Adults: \$15 Youth 4-12: \$8 Infants-3: \$6

Pumpkins From \$1.00

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