



SPH&TS Annual Convention Bakersfield, California October 25-28, 2023

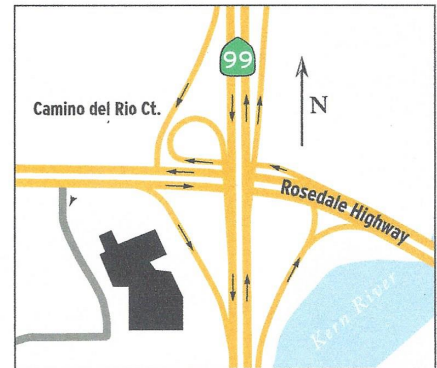
In 2023, the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society (SPH&TS) Annual Convention will be held in Bakersfield, California. This will be the third time the convention is held in this city. If you have been a member for many years, you may have attended the previous events in 2001 and in 2008. Both were held at the DoubleTree Hotel, and it is once again the site of this year's convention.

Building south through the San Joaquin Valley, Southern Pacific reached the area in 1874. At the time, the town of Sumner was very interested in the rail line. Unfortunately, like many towns, it could not meet the demands of the company, and the town was bypassed to the east. Today, the area is East Bakersfield. For the next two years, the railroad would construct tracks through the Tehachapi Mountains, Antelope Valley, and Soledad Canyon. In 1876, a golden spike event was held at Lang to celebrate the first rail line that connected San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Hotel Information

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bakersfield is located at 3100 Camino Del Rio. The hotel faces Rosedale Highway which has an exit on California State Route 99. There is plenty of free parking in front of the hotel near the convention rooms. The hotel has a small restaurant for breakfast and dinner, and there is also a bar. Nearby, there are a number of restaurants and fast food establishments that may be reached by walking or by automobile.

Please visit the Society's website (sphts.org/convention), and click on the online registration or call the hotel at (661) 323-7111 and mention special code Southern Pacific.



Registration

Convention Registration is \$180. After September 17, 2023, the fee is \$200. You may register online after July 15, 2023.

All conference attendees will receive their packets in the Lake Elizabeth room. Registration hours will be:

- Wednesday October 25 – vendors from 4 pm to 5 pm, and attendees from 5 pm to 7 pm
- Thursday October 26 – hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed for lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Friday October 27 – hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed for lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Saturday October 28 – hours are from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Presentations

All presentations will be given in the San Joaquin Room. Presentations will be held:

- Thursday October 26 – from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
- Friday October 27 – from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
- Saturday October 28 – from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Vendor Room

All vendors will be located in the combined Buena Vista/Kern River rooms. Tables are 6-feet long and are \$40 each including a table cloth. We have a limit of 25 tables. If you would like to be a vendor, please visit our website (sphts.org/convention), and download the Vendor Form. Vendor hours will be:

- Thursday October 26 – from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, and 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- Friday October 27 – from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, and 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- Saturday October 28 – from 8:30 am to 1 pm

At 1:00 pm on Saturday, vendors must begin removing their items and the room must be cleared by 3:00 pm so the room may be setup for the banquet that evening.

Special Registrations

Do you live nearby but you are unable to attend all three days? We are offering the following low-cost ways to attend:

- **One-day Registration, \$60** — Available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (no multiple day purchases). Admittance to vendor/model room (may display in Railroad Prototype Meet) and presentation room.
- **Vendor/Model Room Saturday, \$10 (cash only)** — Admittance to the vendor room so you may shop for books, models, and ephemera. Allows you to display a model in the Railroad Prototype Meet. No admittance to presentations. Purchase your one-day or Saturday vendor/model room registration in the Lake Elizabeth Room.

Models, Dioramas & Photographs

The model/diorama/photograph area will be inside the combined Buena Vista/Kern River rooms.

- Models and diagrams of Southern Pacific and subsidiaries accepted in all scales.
- Contest models may be entered if you did the modeling
- Display models may be entered if you did not do the modeling
- Contest photographs may be entered if the you were the photographer
- Display photographs may be displayed if you were not the photographer
- Photographs must be a minimum of 8 inches x 10 inches

Items may be entered on Friday during vendor room hours. All contest and display models and photograph items must be entered prior to 5:00 pm on Friday September 16, 2022.

Voting will be on Saturday, September 17, from 8:30 am to 12 pm.

All items must be retrieved between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 28. We look forward to seeing your models and photographs.

Extra Fare Events

Saturday, October 29 • Visit to Loop Overview and the Tehachapi Railroad Depot Museum (donation requested)

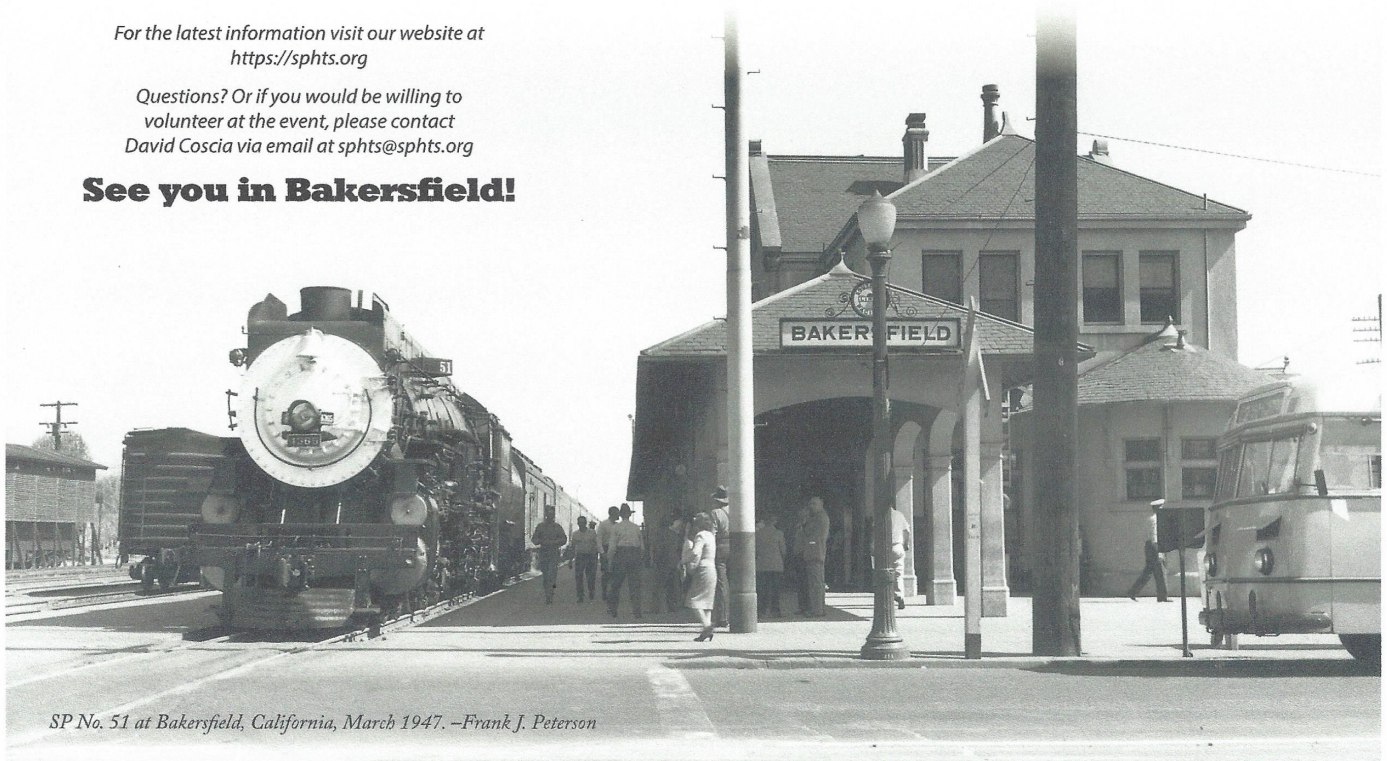
Tehachapi Loop is one of the 7 Wonders of the Railroad World. Prior to the Union Pacific merger, it was common for people to access the Loop (not the ranch property) and even camp there. Today, people are discouraged from visiting for several reasons including no trespassing signs. To view the Loop, an overlook was built on the Woodford-Tehachapi Road. Find a safe parking place and enjoy the view. The Museum will be providing tours of the depot on Sunday morning. If you visit, we ask that you please make a monetary donation to this great organization. Visit their website (tehachapidepot.com) for more information.

Drive yourself or carpool to the overlook and the depot. Must arrive after 11 am when the depot museum opens.

For the latest information visit our website at
<https://sphts.org>

Questions? Or if you would be willing to
volunteer at the event, please contact
David Coscia via email at sphts@sphts.org

See you in Bakersfield!



SP No. 51 at Bakersfield, California, March 1947. —Frank J. Peterson

2023 Bakersfield Railroad Prototype Meet

Saturday October 28 • 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Bakersfield
3100 Camino del Rio • Bakersfield, California



All scales and railroads are welcome!
Display models can be finished or in-progress.

Admission: \$40

Please, no children under the age of 12



Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens. Lake Ming Room
8:30 a.m. Vendor Room Opens. Buena Vista/Kern Rooms

Morning Presentations: San Joaquin Room

- 9:00 a.m. Joe Strapac: *SP Diesels on Tehachapi in the 1970s*
10:30 a.m. Dave Maffei: *The Road to Run Eight Weathering*
11:30 a.m. Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. Vendor Room Closes

Afternoon Presentations: San Joaquin Room

- 1:00 p.m. A.J. Chier: *3D Printing for the SP Modeler*
2:15 p.m. Tony Thompson: *Modeling Transition-Era SP Passenger Equipment*
3:30 p.m. Railroad Prototype Meet Ends
Please remove models by 4:00 p.m.

