



# LINEUP

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## What is the LINEUP ?

Welcome to the LINEUP. This is the newsletter for a new motorcar group, Motorcar Operators West, or simply MOW. If you have already signed up as a charter member of our group, this is your first newsletter. If you have not joined us yet, this will also be your last newsletter. Please join us today! Current charter member dues are only \$ 10.00 until June 30, 1992. After which Dues will be \$ 2.00 per month.

## What is MOW?

MOW is a group of motorcar enthusiasts that was organized on Saturday May 16, 1992 at Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo, CA. Our initial meeting was attended by over 20 people, with many more signing up by mail. At the current time, we have over 75 charter members already signed on, with more joining every day.

## Our first meeting

Many things were accomplished during our first meeting including; Adoption of a set of bylaws, Election of a board of directors, Election of officers, Adoption of an interim rulebook and discussions about upcoming motorcar meets - including our general membership meeting at the Niles Depot Museum in Fremont, CA. that will precede our first run on the Niles Canyon Railway on Sunday June 14, 1992.

It was decided that MOW would have an eleven member board, nine of which were elected at the San Luis Obispo meeting with two more to be elected at the Niles Depot general membership meeting on Saturday June 13, 1992 at 6:00 pm. Motorcar Operators West

## MOW Board Of Directors

The MOW board at the present time consists of; Greg Brahms, Don Breitbarth, Ron Butler, Bob Church, Gil Dominguez, Bill Evans, Vic Neves, Doug Stivers and Ron Zammit. In addition, Ron Zammit was elected *President*, Doug Stivers -

*Vice President*, Denny Anspach - *Director At Large*, Karen Dohler - *Secretary*, Janet Dominguez - *Treasurer* and Mike Raposa - *Newsletter Editor*.

Two MOW board of directors positions are still available, and will be filled at the Niles Depot general membership meeting. If you are interested in serving our organization in this capacity, please sign up and plan to attend our Saturday June 13th meeting and barbecue.



## Call for submissions

The motorcar shown on this page belongs to Gil & Janet Dominguez as drawn by Ray Ishima. If you would like to see your car or other motorcar/railroad related artwork featured in future issues of the LINEUP, send high quality black on white line art to the editor for possible inclusion on a space available basis.

If you are an author, or otherwise knowledgeable about a particular motorcar related topic, please send your stories, ideas and comments to the editor as well. All are welcome. Please share your talents with the rest of us through the LINEUP.

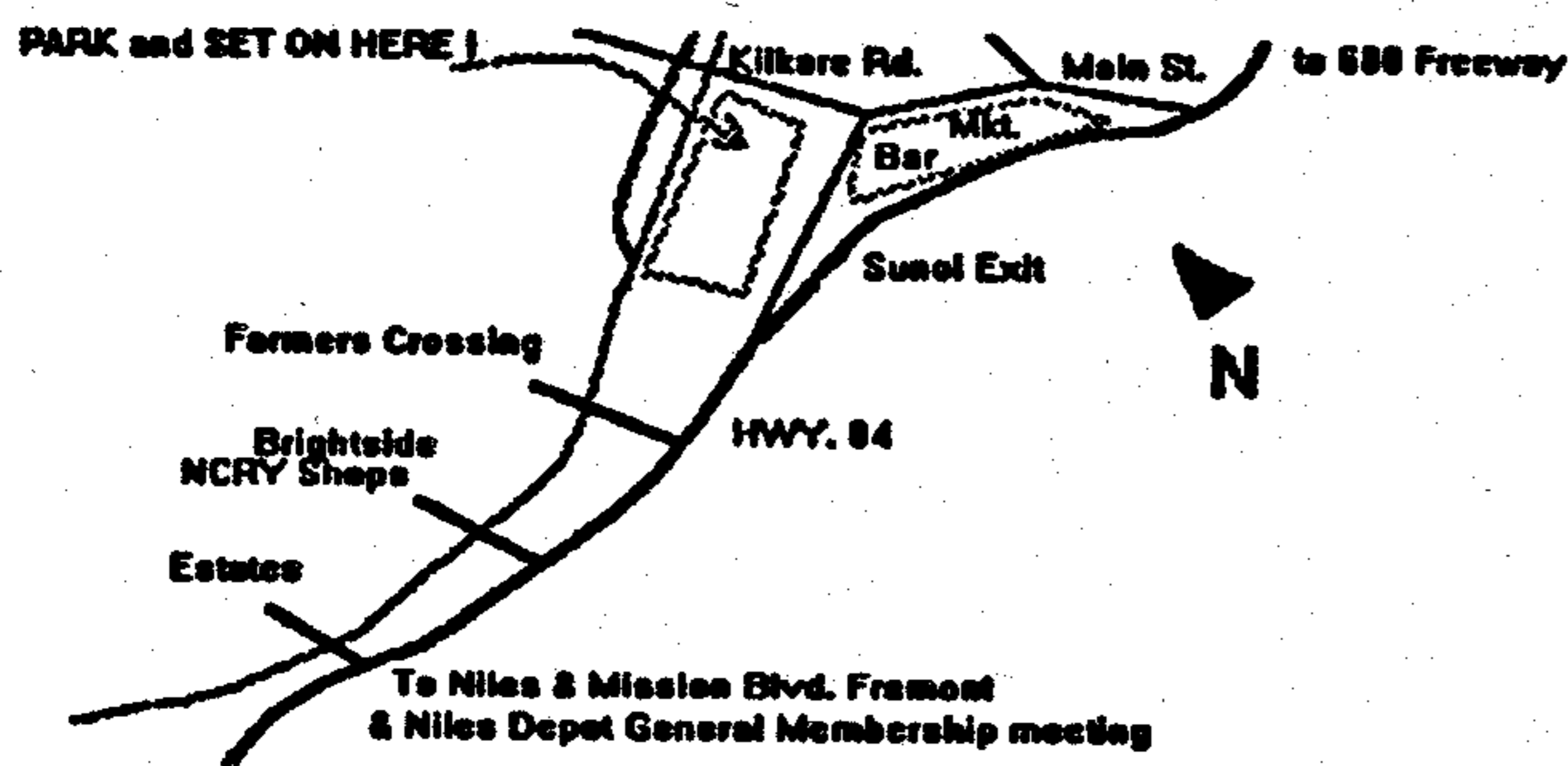
will host a "dutch treat" barbecue at this event. Bring along something to cook and a folding chair and make it a night to remember !

Initial terms of office were "drawn from a hat" to determine the length of each officers term. Five will be elected one year and six the next. With the exception of this first term, lengths of office will be for two years each.

# NILES CANYON RAILWAY MEET Sunday June 14, 1992

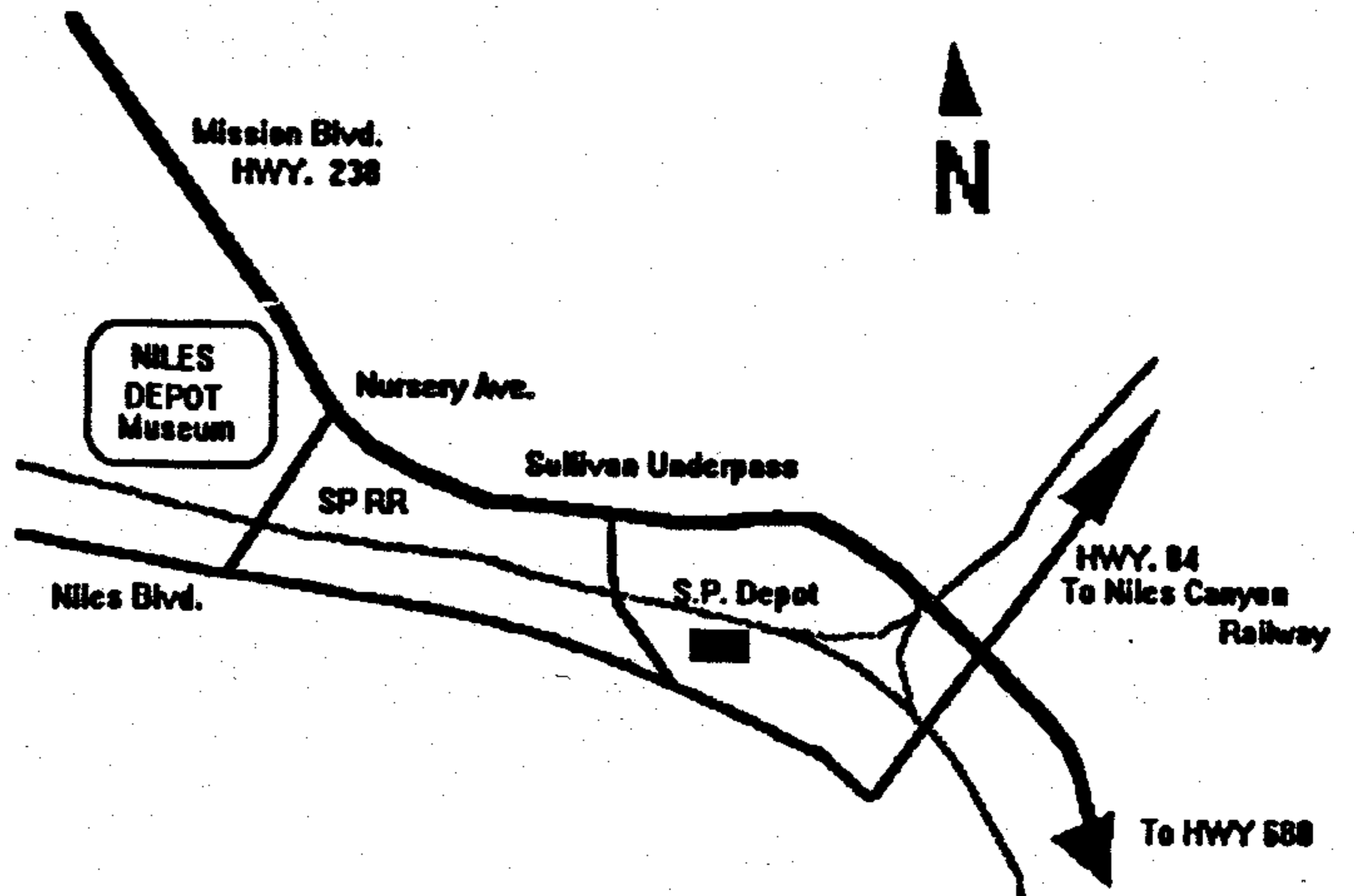
First run departs the town of Sunol at 10:00 am. The last run will be at 3:00 pm. All motorcar operators **MUST** attend a 9:30 am safety meeting before departing Sunol. Take Highway 84 West from Interstate 680 OR East from Interstate 880 to the town of Sunol, CA. Set on at the corner of Kilkare Road and Main St. Park in the dirt lot. Outhouses will be available in the lot and a small market is across the street (ideal for lunch).

Insurance is not required, however a liability waiver **MUST** be signed by the operator and **ALL** guests. The Niles Canyon Railway currently has over 4 miles of track in running condition. This is a great run to shake out the cobwebs out after sitting around all winter. If you bought a car at the Oakland, CA. S.P. auction, this is a great place to work out the bugs. Speed will be slow, but many runs can be made all day. The fee is \$ 25.00 per car, which is payable at the meet. David Towle Meet Coordinator.



# MOTORCAR OPERATORS WEST General Membership Meeting & BBQ Niles Depot Museum Fremont, CA. Saturday June 13th 1992 6:00 pm

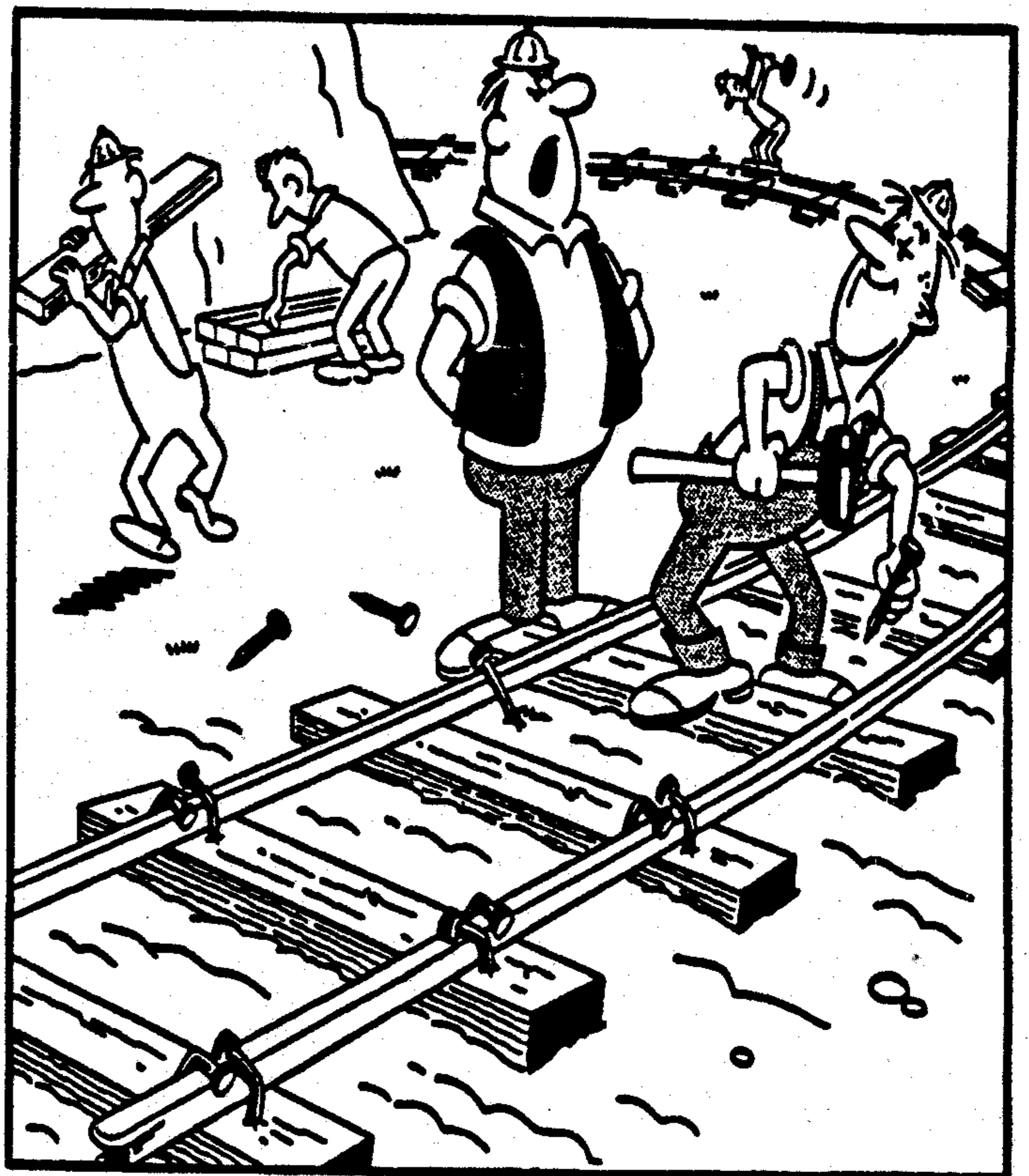
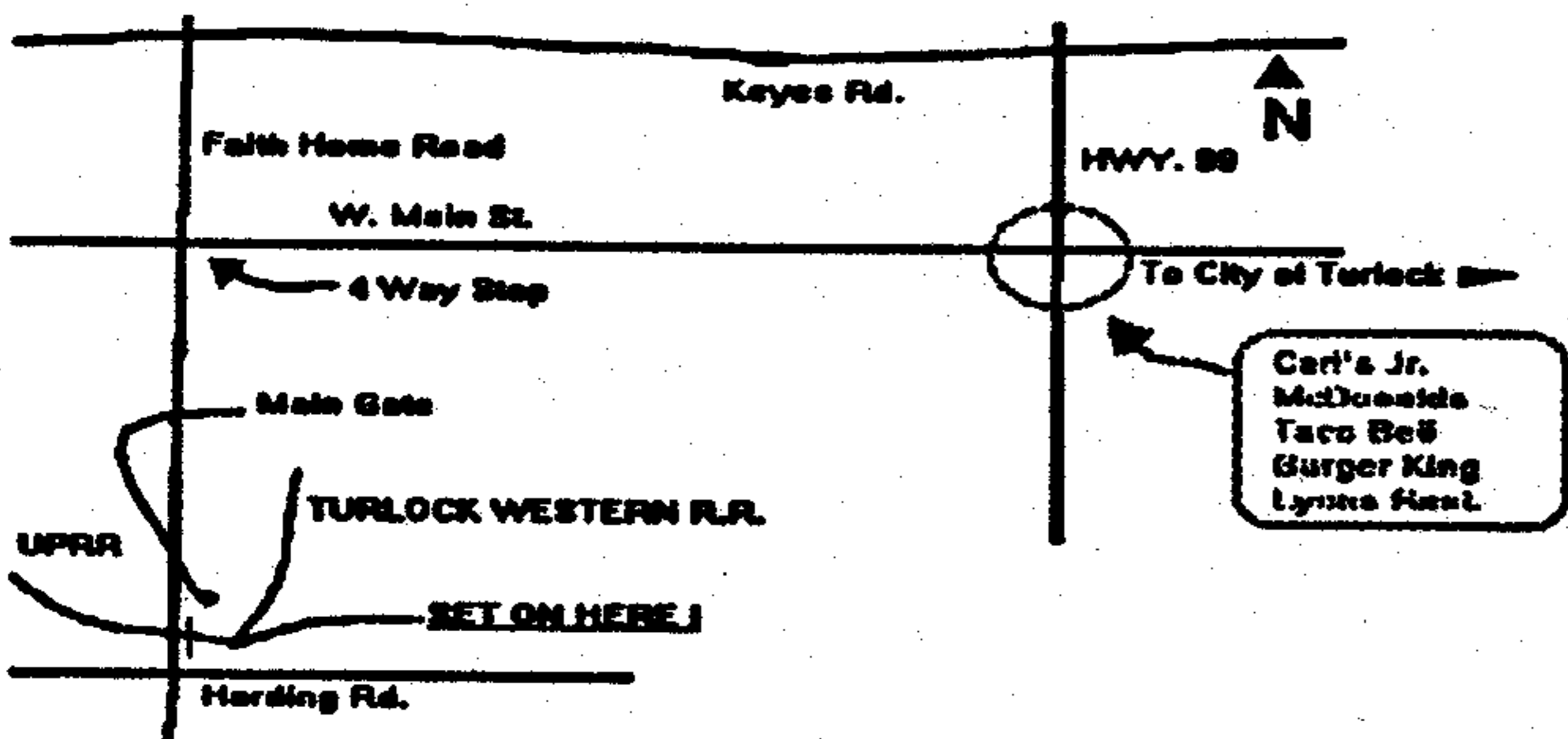
## EVERYONE SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING !



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# TURLOCK WESTERN RAILROAD Sunday June 21, 1992

The Turlock Western is hosting a MOW "Go Nowhere" swap meet and tune up run at 10:00 am. This is a great place to spend the day and buy or sell those motorcar parts. There will be about a half mile of track available to test your purchase or try some of the good advice that will be available. This is an ideal "first time" run. If you have never operated a motorcar before, please plan to attend. Basic safety will be covered as well as motorcar maintenance tips. Several fast food restaurants are only a few miles away. What a way to spend the day! Fee will be \$ 10.00 per car. Mike Raposa Coordinator.



You must be the new kid, right ?

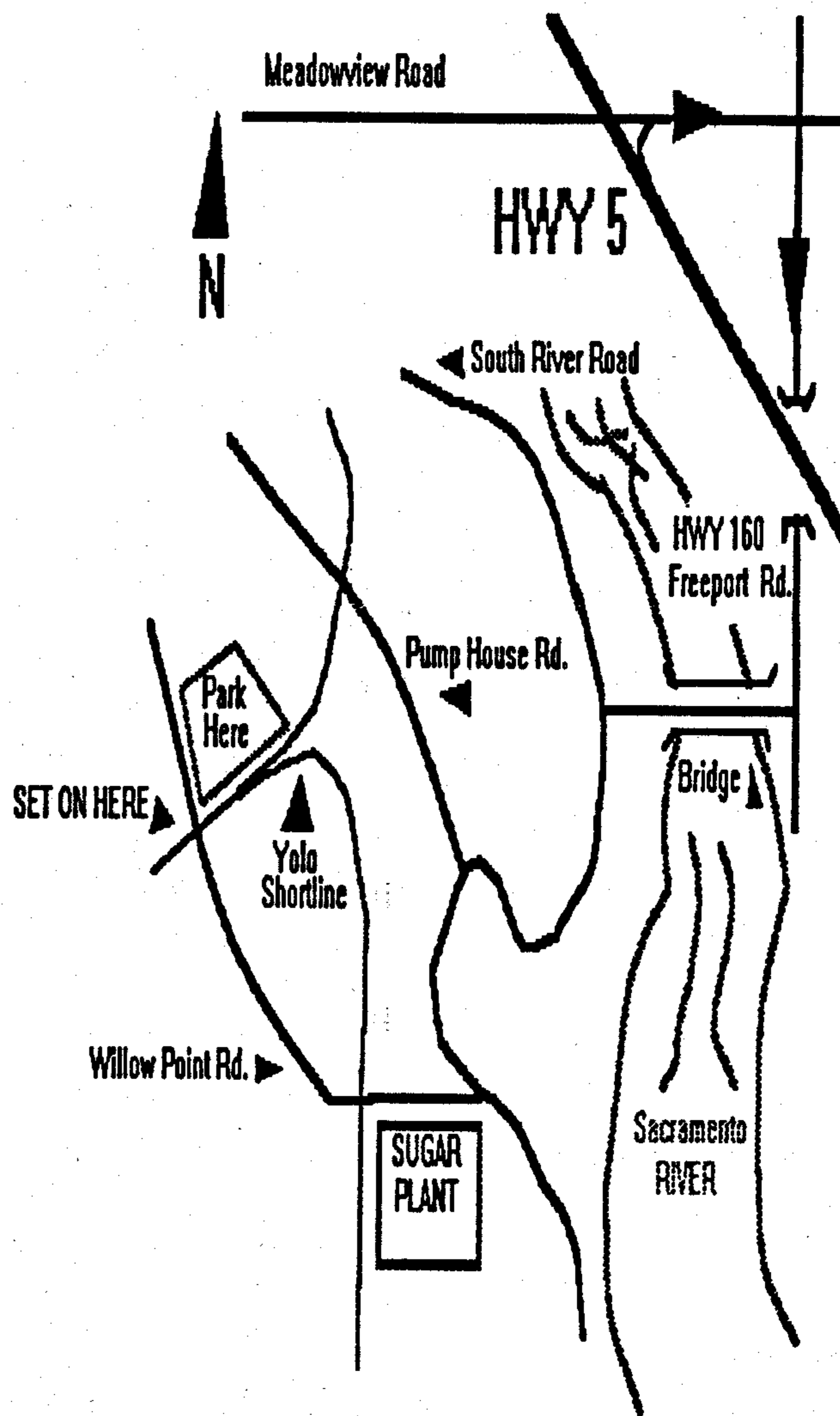
# YOLO SHORTLINE

June 28, 1992 10:00 am

We will have a meet at the Yolo shortline that will include several runs throughout the day. This 10 mile stretch of track is one of the old Sacramento Northern branchlines that runs along the Sacramento river. It is certain to be a great ride. We will even have a twilight ride this year!

To reach the Yolo shortline, take Interstate 5 to Meadowview Road - just south of Sacramento. Turn right on Freeport Road (Highway 160), cross under I 5, and continue through the town of Freeport. Make a right turn at the bridge and cross over the Sacramento river. Make a left onto South River road and then a right turn onto Willow Point Road. Park and set on your motorcar after crossing the track for the Second time. AARO Insurance is **REQUIRED** to run.

Overnight camping will be allowed on Saturday the 27th, for self contained campers or the really adventurous. A campfire will also be allowed, so bring some firewood to ignite. Be advised that there are no nearby facilities. The fee is \$ 30.00 contact **Don Breitbarth** for details.



## FOR ALL YOU HISTORY BUFFS....

In January 1829, then New York Governor Martin Van Buren wrote President Andrew Jackson, expressing concern over a growing transportation problem.

Van Buren wrote:

"The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as "railroads" The federal government must preserve the canals for the following reasons:

ONE - If canal boats are supplanted by "railroads", serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, hostlers, repairmen and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed in growing hay for horses.

TWO - Boat builders would suffer and towline, whip and harness makers would be left destitute.

THREE - Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In the event of the expected trouble with England, the Erie canal would be the only means by which we could ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

For the above mentioned reasons, the government should create an Interstate Commerce Commission to protect the American people from the evils of "railroads" and to preserve the canals for posterity.

As you may well know, Mr. President, "railroad" carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by "engines", Which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to the crops, scaring the livestock, and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."