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## Getting acquainted and looking ahead to 1965

1231 Marin, Albany:
As new editor of the Clinkers and Sparks I want to make a few personal comments and words of introduction.

First of all let me say that I am delighted to have been chosen your new editor and I shall endeavor to do my very best to keep all of you informed regularly of all the news and important dates affecting EBMES. Any and all contributions to the paper by members will be gratefully received and encouraged, and I want to thank all of you who have articles in this issue.

A short while ago Bill
Reynolds dropped over to bring
his article and to see our Mystic
Dandy Gay R.R. My wife, Marilyn,
and I hope others will crop in
too and see the MDG. The welcome
Matt is always out and the coffee
pot is always hot.

The MDG is an HO RR which got its start in Germany where I bought my first Marklin outfit. It is currently housed in a dining room table, 3'x4'. I have 2 Marklin locos, 6 freight cars, 1 crane and 3 coaches. I also have two old time american-made models which I enjoy running on the club track.

As you may know I am an avid pass collector and now have about 175. One of the many by-products of model railroading is the friend-ships it helps to form. Already I have had the pleasure of visiting fellow MR's in Arcadia, Glendale, and Los Gatos. Everywhere I have found a typically warm MR welcome.

In closing, I am looking forward to another successful year of happy model-railroading and happy editing.

## February Calendar

5th...Board meets at 9 PM
Business meeting at 10 PM
12th..Work night
19th..Show night, open at 7:30 PM
26th..Work night

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## SLIM LINES

It is with a pleasant feeling of relief that I report the most recent news first.

The electrical "bugs" in the RG and SP have been discovered (a major part of them at least) and steps have been taken to correct them.

"Steam Whistle" Trombley and
"Big Boy" Anderson did some un ercover work the evening of January
22nd, in the Poker Flats region
and discovered some deficiencies
which were apparently due to hard
usage and overloaded work conditions in this busy little terminal. The corrections recommended
by Chief Project Engineer Anderson
were some minor changes in circuit
and the immediate building and installing of a new control panel,
which has been in the planning for
some time.

The project got off to a good start that evening so should see greatly improved operation in the area of Poker Flats.

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The January get-together of the Narrow Gauge Guild was held at the Bob Brown hacienda in Los Altos. EBMES members in attendance were Chuck Trombly, Cliff Grandt and Bill Reynolds.

At Bob Brown's January meeting as an extra added attraction we were treated to a view of Irene Brown's pet Boa Constrictor (no kidding, about 4 ft. long.).

Another pleasant surprise was the appears ce of ex East Bay member, Dan Ranger Jr. with a supply of his fresh off the press books, "Pacific Coast Shay" subtitled "Strong Man of the Woods". He autographed the books. This is a family styled informative book and I would recommend it to any one who is interested in the shay locomotives or in Pacific Coast logging operations.

Dan says anyone wishing one of these books can get it through him and he will autograph it personally to the purchaser. The price is listed as \$7.95 and Dan

can be reached at

213 Carolyn Drive Vallejo, Cd ifornia

The March 12 gathering will be at Reynolds Rancho, 1009A Solano Ave., Albany, California.

The second Friday in either April or May (the date is not firm as yet) the meeting will be at the Private Car of Steve Polkinghorn at Camino, California. This "Private Car" is really ex Westside Caboose No. 6, the 16 ft. cutie that several of us have modeled in narrow gauge.

Anyone interested in invited

to any of these sessions.

Bill Reynolds

California State Automobile Association.

Mrs. Thelma Hayle (motor land)

coming events editor:

Thank you for your very kind letter to Mr. Paul R. Franke. We shall be sure to get all dates in to you in time to meet your magazines deadline.

The Editor

