

## Orange County Module Railroaders, OCMR

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Orange County Module Railroaders, OCMR, is a 100% NMRA modular HO train club. We are organized exclusively to further the education and enjoyment of model railroading as a hobby through exhibits and demonstrations. Members meet frequently to display and operate members' modules and rolling stock in various public forums, to exchange information and to promote and encourage model railroading.

Operating as a modular HO train club, means that we take our trains OUT to the public. We have done so for over 50 years. The start date was in 1968 with informal meetings at Campbell Scale Models. Attendees included Leo Campbell, John Olsen, Todd Scott (still a member), and later included Tommy Ayres and others from the LA and Orange County area.

They built portable modules, at 2 x 4 feet, and set them at shopping malls and other locations.

First showing was at the Broadway Mall mid-1969. The club's name was chosen in 1975. With 8-12 shows per year, we have entertained thousands of guests at hundreds of public shows. OCMR was incorporated as a non-profit in 2005. When possible, we allow our guests to interact. We offer "Kids Run Trains" (KRT), and hand our throttles to kids or their parents allowing them to run a lap or two on the layout.

OCMR does NOT depend on train shows to be seen in public. In fact, we generally have larger layouts at non-train shows. These other venues include museums, Thomas Day events, city halls, home shows, fairs, Elks clubs, Boy Scout events and many more.

