



NEWSLETTER

Thanksgiving is coming

For several years it has been a club tradition for our members to donate toys at Christmas time to benefit children at the Fremont Homeless Shelter. This program has been called “Jerry Wood Toy 4 Tots” in honor of our former club president and it was overwhelmingly decided to keep that name in memory of Jerry. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it seems especially appropriate to remember those who are less fortunate than us. Our Christmas dinner is coming up on December 6th at The Ranch in Hayward, you must contact Paul Moreci by November 28th if you wish to attend.



Alan Teruya hosted our October meeting at his home in Livermore with eight members attending. After a good bit of socializing and train play, there was a short business meeting and then “Show and Tell”. Vern Brooks came across an interesting auction item, an Atomic Energy Lab that was manufactured by the A.C. Gilbert company in 1950-51. Among other items, the original kit included two very low level radioactive sources (Beta and Gamma) and four samples of Uranium bearing ores. Faculty

members at M.I.T. helped design the toy to encourage the understanding of chemistry, physics, and nuclear science. The original price was \$49.50 and it didn't even come with a locomotive!

Pete Goodier volunteers at the Niles Canyon Railway and announced that the ever popular Train of Lights will be operating evening excursions from both Sunol and Niles from Christmas through New Years. They offer open seating as well as group reservations. For more information check their website: www.ncry.org

The next club meeting will be at Gary Jones' house on Friday, November 28th. That's the day after Thanksgiving so hit the malls early for all of those Black Friday bargains and head down to Scotts Valley to see what kind of display Gary has set up for this Christmas.



Due to ongoing house remodeling, Rich Lenart will not be able to host the January club meeting.