



February 2002

# California Swap Meets and Shows

# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Brass Show in Ontario, CA

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**Bill Kift** - The 7<sup>th</sup> annual All-Brass Show was held at the Doubletree Hotel, 222 North Vineyard in Ontario, CA, on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. As usual, a good time was held by all. About 350 brass train lovers and vendors showed up this year for what has become a January Classic.



This annual event is produced by the Brass Railroaders Association and supported by many hobby shops and suppliers, including All Aboard Model Railroad Emporium in Torrance, CA and the Original Whistle Stop in Pasadena, CA. The show opened to the public at 10:00 A.M. and this year saw the longest line of customers ever at 9:59 AM just before the doors opened. Custom Traxx, one of Trolleyville's established vendors, reported that he was forced to serve up to three customers at a time for the first two hours of the show. So it is safe to say that a lot of brass models got new homes on that day.

Several vendors that handle traction items on a regular basis were at the show including A-line (Joe Delia), Holland Traction Supply (Mitch Holland), Railway/Traction Miniatures (Ken Dively), Past & Present (Mina Cascadden), Heather Clark, Gunnings Hobbies, Custom Traxx (George Huckaby) and MTS Imports, Inc.



## Trainquest Initial Swa

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**George Jones** - Or 2001, Jim Bromar of Trainqu all their staff held their first s new store was opened in 199 recall, is the former store ma Moreno Valley store who cha model railroaders purchase tl Jim is shown below just as tl underway. Please note the stc you are in the Riverside, CA to go there and soon.



Nevertheless, as w on numerous occasions durir years, when Trainquest does always a "class" act. Parking Southern California are some "sunrise" services. Most of tl site by 5:00 A.M. and are she themselves for the "unique" always things that they miss available to the general railfã time the sun rises. Jim made was available both sellers a Norma from All Beefer Dude Street, Moreno Valley, CA 9( Provided eggs or pancakes h sausage, for \$2.00. Each ord order as see below:



MTS Imports Joel Lovitch was unable to participate this year so George Huckaby displayed his latest brass models, including HO scale Forney steam locomotives, Budd RDC, and single truck open cars. Photos of prototypes of future models of Los Angeles Railway P-3 PCC cars, San Francisco "Baby Ten" PCC cars and Pacific Electric 1601 class steeply cab locos were shown in the display this year. George also represented Earl Johnston of Transquip Company. Transquip displayed both HO and O scale display stands. Transquip also is a dealer for the now well-known line of Corgi 1:50 scale PCC cars. George also displayed the Custom Traxx line of mostly HO scale traction decals.



Demand for space and tables was so great at this years show that George was forced to display his traction decal line on a chair as shown above.

The Brass Railroaders Association can be contacted by phone at 818-241-1785. You may write them at P.O. Box 128, Glendale, CA 91209-0128 or through their internet site at [www.brassshow.com](http://www.brassshow.com). This show is usually held one weekend prior to the Super Bowl so mark your calendar for 2003 and check with the Association right after Thanksgiving later this year. We can assure you that anyone that was here this year intends to be back next year.



Custom Traxx was displaying PCC cars for Capital Transit and New Jersey Transit (New HO scale street railway track



Mitch Holland, another Troll is shown above displaying his models and other wares.

In all, this was a great show. Even the weather cooperated with unusually warm weather for the area. Remember to visit or call Troll for your hobby needs. Trainquest can be reached at 777-2258. Tell Jim that Troll

