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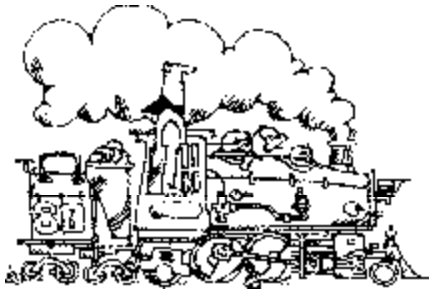
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Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

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Change is good! We've all heard it before... from the politician with the new program, the spouse with the new paint sample (or divorce lawyer), the boss with the new work routine... change is good!

Change CAN be good if it helps you. And if model railroading has become a bit stale and less satisfying, then maybe you should change and through change rediscover and enjoy this hobby. What might you change?

- **Change your scale**

This is a good way to gain layout space going down in scale or to work with more and finer details going up.

- **Change eras**

You'll have "new" history to learn and different rolling stock and motive power to acquire, or at least repaint.

- **Change the size of your layout**

Is it too small to satisfy or is it too big to maintain?

- **Change from a freelancer to a prototype modeler**

You may enjoy the increased structure and research this usually entails.

- **Change from a "lone wolf" to a club member**

This offers fellowship, the wisdom and modeling expertise of the group and usually a layout on which to work and run.

- **Change geography/topography**

Trains run just about everywhere so challenge yourself with a real change in (layout) scenery.

- **Change the layout location**

Ask yourself if you would enjoy model railroading

more if your layout was in another location. This might include going outside with a garden railroad.

- **Change priorities**

What other leisure time might be exchanged for more quality time with your railroad?

- **Change routines**

If you're not in the habit of going to swap meets, trade shows, open houses and conventions... then go.

- **Change from R-T-R to kits, kits to scratchbuilding or vice versa**

Give yourself either more of a challenge or more time for other hobby projects.

- **Change modeling materials**

If you mainly work with plastic kits and buildings, try wood. Or try going from wood to cast resin.

- **Change tools**

Upgrade your tools to make projects more satisfying and less frustrating.

All you have to do is to want to change.

Las Vegas Limited

For those of you who didn't attend the Torrance convention, your next opportunity will be September 12 through 16 in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino. Room rates start at a very reasonable \$65 per night.

As in Torrance, an enthusiastic crew will push themselves to the limit to bring you a great model railroading experience for very little cost. Don't miss the train in 2001. 🚂



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From Bob Chaparro, President, PSR/NMRA:

The **Railettes Chair** has been vacant for some time. If you're interested in coordinating this vital and necessary part of the NMRA experience, please contact me at 22372 Canaveras, Mission Viejo, CA 92691-1608, (949) 770-5158 or chiefbobb@home.com



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Reports from PSR

ARIZONA DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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It's hard to believe that the holidays are past and we are all in 2001 now. Hope that you are all enjoying some new and enjoyable model railroad activities. A few Arizona Division members have expressed concerns about the member services and their NMRA membership. A number of correspondences with President Bob Chaparro have brought these concerns to the top of our Region. While the problems are not those of deliberate actions, they are frustrating. Bob has reassured all of us that they will be resolved.

Another idea within the Division is that of every second year regional conventions. While there are no clear cut proposals, the idea does deserve a lot of work. The same people have been, and are, the ones who put these conventions together and quite a few are ready for a new generation to take over. BUT there doesn't appear to be a new generation in sight. The most often expressed idea is "I want to get back to model railroading, not running an event."

As this is written, Don Stewart has put together a full program for the spring meet. (*See page 10.*) Hope all the Arizona Division members can attend. Remember Roger von Seeburg's idea of attendance and bringing a friend, and our bottom line? Hope to see you there. Don has also mentioned an idea to get together to ride a train this spring. Hope it does go.

Please continue to get your ideas and concerns to me. We seem to have solved the computer problem at this end.

Now is the time to start making your plans to attend the regional convention in Las Vegas this fall. Ed Hall and crew are really planning a good schedule for all of us. One idea that really sounds great is having some of our MMR's present their favorite ideas and clinics. Hope it is a go.

There continues to be a lot of interest in DCC in the Division. Anyone feel ready to head up a special interest group for the Division (or Region)? 🚂🚂

CAJON DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Hello, I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday. With the New Year, everything is shifted into high gear for the "LAS VEGAS LIMITED" 2001 PSR convention. The convention committee is putting forth every effort to make this "THE" convention that will linger in your memories as a great one. While reviewing the entire events calendar (tours, clinics, contests, auctions, trade and train show, Railette activities), I noticed we really have it all. I suggest that you send in your registration so you may get onboard and participate in this wonderful, fun event.

Once your registration is received, Charles Nauman, our convention registrar will send you a detailed "extra fare" packet. Then the fun begins as you pick and choose from among the many choices of "things to do". I know Jan Wescott is highlighting various areas of the convention activities in her articles in both the Dispatch and the Order Board, so I'll refrain from going into any details here.

We still need clinicians to fill open slots on the Clinic schedule. Personally, I have found this part of the convention to be very rewarding and recommend it highly. I seem to have a lot more fun if I get involved and be an active participant.

A Board of Director's meeting is held at every convention and also one in the middle of the year. This year is no different, and we will be hosting the PSR BOD meeting this April and also at the convention. Discussion usually involves National topics, Division and member concerns, and future conventions. I am sure Bob Chaparro will have a complete slate of agenda items for discussion.

The deadline for nominations for a Director and Superintendent of the Cajon Division is March 15, 2001. Cajon Division members, please send in your ballots! Nominate someone (even yourself) so we may keep the Cajon Division's train rolling.

The LA Division and I have been discussing having a

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few joint meets in the year 2001. The first of these will be a LA/Cajon Banquet sometime in late March. We will then invite the LA Division to the Cajon Division meet in Barstow. Currently, Ron Tucker is coordinating some available dates. (Did I say a BNSF rail yard tour in Barstow?) Personally, I can't wait, because this would be an excellent tour. So pencil in April 21st as a tentative date for this fun event. Also on the drawing board is our participation in the LA layout tour. I'll get word to everyone as it is firmed up.

Recently, I went to Bakersfield for their annual train show. This was a twofold trip: (1) a great opportunity to promote our convention and (2) getting to see the rail action. Both were very successful! Jan prepared what she calls "Convention in a nutshell" brochures that highlighted all of the activities of our convention and I passed these out along with over 100 registration forms. Second, I found a Southern Pacific GP40P2, this aging locomotive was an old passenger engine (the P in the designation stands for passenger). The paint was so weathered I thought it was covered in mud. It also has ditch lights on both ends. I want to model this engine but I know this project will have to wait until after September.

So much for now, see you at the next stop, Ed. 🚂

year, one at the convention and the other at mid-year, representing the division. Also to attend the four division board meetings each year as liaison and write some reports to the membership. You may contact me or the Division Superintendent, Paul Cutter, with your nomination. I do plan to continue to help the division, region, and national organization as I can but as a POM (Plain Ordinary Member).

Division Activities in 2001

Last year the division was busy with the X-2000 PSR Convention. But this year we are planning a full slate of activities. The first event will be a modular train show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 10 & 11. For the first time we will be using the facilities at beautiful Descanso Gardens in La Canada-Flintridge. We hope to have layouts in all scales plus the 1-1/2" railroad operating in the gardens.

The next event after the train show will be our annual Banquet. This will be held at the Proud Bird Restaurant near LAX on Saturday, March 31st. In the Spring and Summer there will be layout tours and excursions and in October another train show. The Fall modular train show is being planned for the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. So the Los Angeles Division will have many activities this year and all PSR members are welcome to attend. 🚂



LOS ANGELES DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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We are beginning a new year but I am entering my last year of my second term as Director of the Los Angeles Division. The term of office officially ends at the annual PSR convention in September. According to the Bylaws the director may only serve two, two year terms. I have enjoyed being the division director and have tried to make our hobby more enjoyable and interesting. But now it is your turn to get involved and add some fresh new ideas for running the PSR. Any PSR member living in the Los Angeles Division area is eligible to be elected as director. Basically the duties are to attend two PSR Board meetings each



SAN DIEGO DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Did your Division or did a local club in your area get a chance to celebrate National Model Railroad Month? The San Diego Division did. We helped to sponsor a kick-off for National Model Railroad Month on Saturday, November 4th. This last fall, instead of our usual meet, we held an all-day long event at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum. Invitations were sent out to local clubs, hobby shops and other railroad organization. Although the response was not quite what we wanted (is it ever?) those groups participating enjoyed the day.

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PSR Contest Corner

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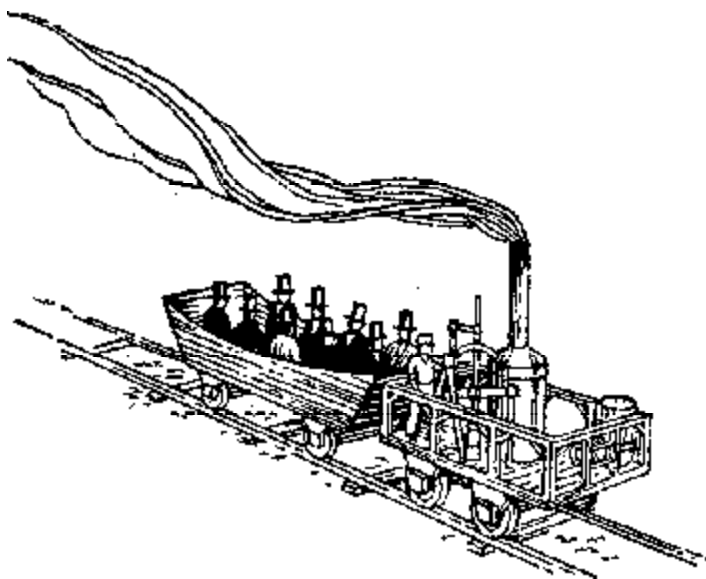
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With the indulgence of our editor, Dorr Altizer, this article will be the first of a continuing series that will appear in the PSR Dispatch.

I have a tough act to perform in following Lindsay Smith as your PSR Contest Chair. Lindsay has given us a number of excellent years as not only the Contest Chair, but also as the continuing Member Aid Chair. Thanks, Lindsay, for your fine efforts.


By the way of an introduction, I'll give you a thumbnail sketch of my model railroading background. I began building railroad models some 52 years ago. I've been a life member of the NMRA since 1969. I've also been a life member in the PCR and, later, the PSR since that date. In the past, I was a member of the San Diego Division and, for the last 10 years, I've been a member of the Arizona Division. During this time I've met a good many of you at divisional and regional functions. I'm not new to the contest room, having entered a number of contests on the division, region and national levels with some good success. I've been the Arizona Division contest chair for the past two years, after an apprenticeship under MMR Allen Gross. I'm retaining the Arizona Division contest chair position. Some will say that my greatest passion is the Great Northern Railway. Not so. My greatest passion is my wife, Connie.

My philosophy in the contest room is simple. Be user friendly. The contest room is not only a place to display and judge models and photos, but it is a place for learning. The judges learn by judging the models/photos, even though most are very experienced. The contestants learn by having their models/photos judged, no matter what their experience level is. And, finally, those who view the models/photos and ask questions are also learners. We all love the word: EDUCATION.



Judging is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding functions I've found in model railroading. No matter how long one has modeled, there is always something to be learned in closely scrutinizing the work of others. I judge at every opportunity, because of the learning potential and have judged in division, region and national contests. I was privileged to be the lead judge for the conformity category during the NMRA national contest in San Jose this past summer.

Another personal philosophy is one of offering help to those who ask for assistance. This extends to answering questions about contest procedures, providing required forms and giving hints on preparing forms and the best way to display your treasures. Sorry, I cannot offer any financial aid. I do, however, encourage your questions. I've volunteered for this job to work for you. My address information and phone number is available in the Directory on Page 2. Let me hear from you and get that model and/or photo ready for the upcoming PSR convention at Las Vegas in September.

The PSR Contest Directory is presently undergoing some revision. As these revisions are approved, they will be mentioned in this column. 

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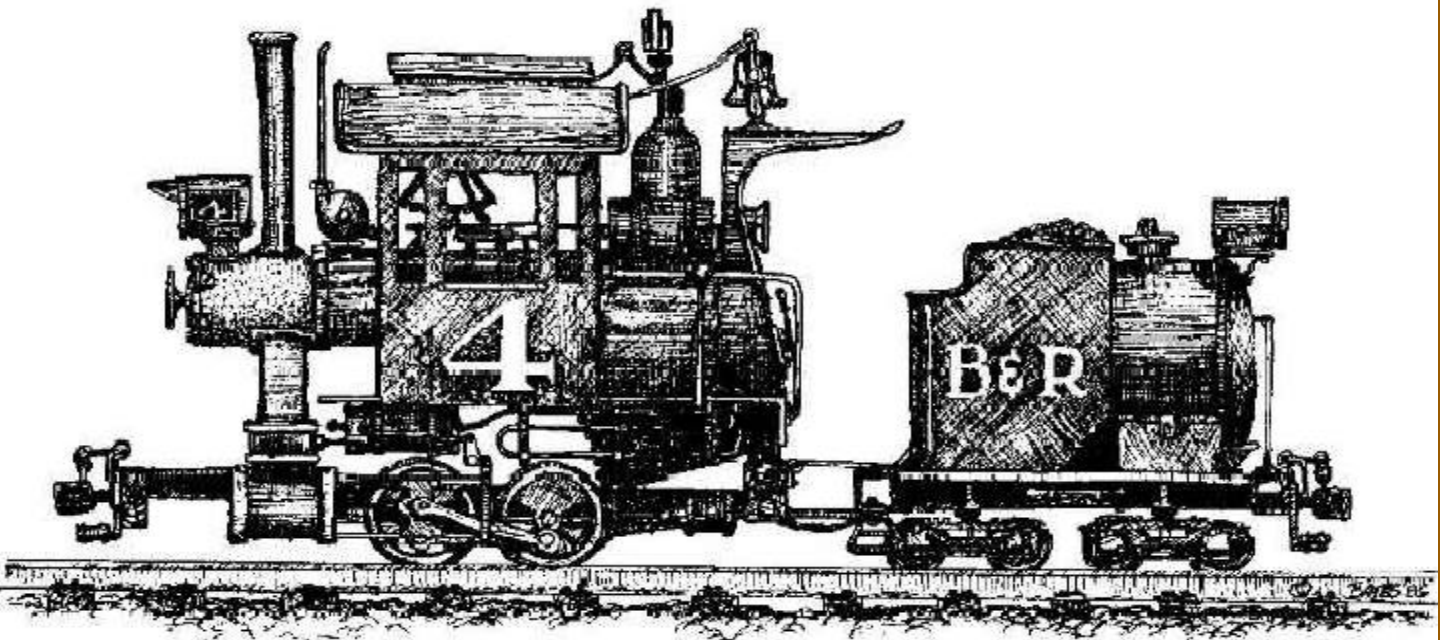
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VIEW
FROM THE

BIRDWATER & RASPBERRY

BY
BRUCE BATES



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The HOBOS Tradition at NMRA Conventions

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A research of HOBOS history tells us this activity had its beginnings when Karl Busch organized a breakfast for a group attending a reunion breakfast at the 1960 NMRA Silver Anniversary Convention in Chicago. There he was dubbed "Biggest Bum" and thus, began the founding of the HOBOS program with those in attendance at that first breakfast becoming its chartered members.

Today, the HOBOS program flies under a red NMRA herald imprinted with a regional designation and Karl Busch remains its constant leader. The HOBOS program is a regional activity and the official event is a breakfast at the regional annual convention. There is no political structure and its sole purpose is to encourage and recognize attendance of conventions, particularly

NMRA conventions.

Any NMRA regional member who attends an NMRA national convention outside the member's home region is eligible for membership. There are no other requirements or qualifications to achieve or maintain HOBOS membership. In addition, there are no dues or fees.

Following in this tradition, the Pacific Southwest regional convention, the Las Vegas Limited Convention 2001 will host a HOBOS breakfast on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at 7:00 AM at the Palace Station Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. All Hobos who attend will experience that special HOBOS magic which is the perfect blend of fellowship and camaraderie.

Looking forward to seeing you there! 🚂🚂

Going Trackside

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With engineer's thinking caps on, throttles wide open, and whistles blowing, the Cajon Division's Convention Committee continue its roll down the track to deliver a convention packed full of activities just for you!

TATTLETALE WARNING. It is said a "tattletale" was a warning device installed to give early warning to any approaching structure obstruction with limited clearance. Be forewarned! A tattletale has been installed on the Las Vegas Limited 2001 to give early warning that the "early bird" registration deadline is fast approaching. It's time to throw all the correct switches to be convention bound to Las Vegas in 2001. It's time to register!

REGISTRAR HAS NEW ADDRESS. Our convention registrar has a new address. Please send all registration forms to Charles Nauman, 4722 Blue Mesa Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129-2226.

CONVENTION NEWS TRACKSIDE. As the calendar days roll past in preparation for the high-speed dash to convention day, the committee continues to put together exciting itinerary choices for each day of your convention stay.

Among your many choices will be a tour to the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City—a project in the works! Though not currently opened to the general public on a daily basis, special arrangements have been made to bring convention attendees to the site for a tour and train ride.

Convention attendees on Tour #125 will be afforded a special "in the works" view of what will be a complete historic rail museum with a 12-mile excursion train service. A new maintenance building has been constructed and nears completion. This is a two-track facility that houses a 15-ton overhead crane and a floor pit for locomotive servicing.

Cameras will be kept busy as you tour the ground (storage area) and see the collection of standard gauge locomotives and passenger cars in the yard. There are two diesel units currently in various stages of operational restoration. One is the UP 1000 (a 1939 EMD NW2) and the other is the infamous GP30 UP#844. This special diesel powered unit (while in service) forced the steam powered 4-8-4 Northern to be renumbered to UP#8444 to avoid conflict in the dispatching of engines.



Progress to have all 12 miles of the excursion train service completed by mid 2001 remains uncertain as of this writing. Our tour train ride will be behind the engine UP1000 and will cover at least 2.5 miles on a looped route. However, we have been limited to only one trip. With this limitation, it is very important you sign up early. The extra fare registration form will be mailed to all registrants in March 2001!

FOR THE LADIES. Several tours have been designed with the ladies in mind. Not to be missed is the "Afternoon Escapade Tour" which will take in the sights of the Ethel M's Chocolate Factory and Botanical Cactus Garden, Ron Lee's World of Clowns and the Liberace Museum. For the "Shop Till You Drop", a shopping tour to the new Aladdin's Desert Passage Mall of over 130 stores plus 14 restaurants and concluding at the Beltz Factory Outlet Mall (155 stores) have been scheduled. In addition, several of our other tours like the Lake Mead Cruise or the Pahrump Winery Luncheon Tour may be equally appealing.

HELPER SERVICE. Each year in turn, a PSR Division powers the convention train up the steep grade to deliver a convention in September. Each year its whistle blows the same song. It's like the little engine that could but can't without helper service. And so it is in 2001! The powerful Cajon Division locomotive cannot make the grade without helper service from the other PSR Divisions. Support is definitely needed especially in the area of clinicians. Just say "YES"! Yes, you'll attend; Yes, you'll do a clinic; Yes, we can count on your help. Write a big YES anywhere on the registration form or send your Yes to me via email.

THE JOURNEY. Come aboard for this year's ride to the Las Vegas Limited 2001 Convention! Mile by mile there will be Clinics, Trade Show, Contest Room, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Company Store, Tours, Hobo Breakfast, Awards Banquet which all await you. Don't miss the train and be among the longing looks of folks who wave to us from the trackside! 🚂

PSR Convention Contest Countdown

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It's time to get those models ready! Are you equal to the challenge? Will you be the one to experience the thrill in learning that your skills are excellent and there are others who agree! Remember that the Achievement Program is structured that models do not compete against other models but rather against a standard of perfection. Remember too, there are no real losers when entering a model in the contest. The rewards of entering the contest are many making your efforts well worth your while. For entering a contest is not solely about winning an award (that's the bonus!). Entering a contest is also about giving back, about sharing, about fellowship, and about making it possible for everyone to enjoy an impressive display in modeling. It is my belief these are the reasons the contest room is one of the most popular focal points for all attendees at a convention. So get those models ready! Be a part of the spirit of model railroading!

THIS YEAR'S EDITION

At the Las Vegas Limited Convention 2001 in September, the PSR Model Contest will be held at Palace Station Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada in Salon F on the convention floor. The Contest Room will be open for entries and viewing both Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. On Saturday, September 15th, the room will only be open from 9:00 AM to 10 AM for entries and viewing. Entries for the judged contest will close at 10 AM. Occasionally, someone will show up late and want to enter something. A deadline is necessary to provide ample time for judging. Unfortunately, this may be inconvenient to some but in fairness to all, no late entries will be accepted.

The contest room will remain closed from 10 AM until 1:00 PM for the judging on Saturday. It will then be reopened from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM for viewing of the winners. Entrants are requested to pick up their models between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. NOTE: All models must be removed from the Contest Room by 4:00 PM in order to allow time for the Awards Banquet to be setup.

YOU BE THE JUDGE

Judges are usually members who were "horse-collared" into saying yes. They are typically members attending the convention who are willing to give up their time of enjoying convention activities to be a judge. This is a

thankless volunteer job but does include a self-giving reward of knowing they contributed to the spirit of model railroading. There are no set rules for judging, but there are basic AP guidelines. Past history documents the efforts and conduct of these judges have generally been above reprehension. Occasionally, the math total of the judges are in disagreement with the opinion of the modeler, however, the integrity of these volunteers is generally high and most had years of experience in modeling.

I wholeheartedly recommend all modelers at one time or another volunteer to be a judge. Learn first hand the whole process of AP and contest judging. You'll be surprised to discover entering a model in the contest is not as difficult and scary as you might have thought.

REMINDER

Everyone who attends the convention is invited to stop by the contest room and cast a vote for the Favorite Model Award. You are also invited to enter something for the Thumbs Award. The Thumbs entry provides opportunity for creativity, imagination, and even a little humor.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CONTEST

The Arts and Crafts portion of the contest room is sponsored by the Railettes. This contest is open to any woman attending the convention. The main criteria for entry are that the entrant must have done all the work on the entry. There are three main categories in the Arts and Crafts contest. They are: General, Railroadiana (item must contain railroad motif) and Needlework. Each category is then judged in one of three sections:

1. Kit-everything was provided in the kit (diagram, instructions, materials)
2. Pattern-kit included diagrams, instructions, but entrant secured own materials.
3. Original-Entrant designed own plans, patterns and secured own materials.

All ladies are invited to submit an entry. Share your talents and join the fun!

The contest personnel of the Cajon Division and the Pacific Southwest Region are putting forth every effort to ensure this will be a great event. A contest entry form will be included in the extra fare packets sent to all who have registered for the convention I look forward to seeing you in the contest room and don't forget to bring your modeling entry! Happy Modeling! 🚂🛠️

The idea was to introduce San Diego model railroading to the visiting public as they toured the museum that day. The Pacific Beach & Western activity room was filled with displays of models, a model contest table, a large screen TV for videos, a table for the Boy Scouts, operating and static displays of NTRAK modules, a couple of all scenery clinics and lots of information tables. The clubs in the museum invited the public into the layouts for behind the scene tours. Two of the clubs held operating sessions, all with invited guest operators. I don't know how many trees Paul Schmitt made at his tree-making table, but I know the ShortTrakN NTRAK modules are covered in green now. It was a lot of fun for all that were there, and I know the public that came through that day was very impressed with the added attractions. We are looking forward to expanding the event next year.

Next on the plate is the search for a new slate of officers for the Division unless the old adage of "I was railroaded to stay on board" holds true.

The next Division meet is our winter meet scheduled for February 24, 2001. The 2002 PSR convention will be held September 12-15, 2002 at the Mission San Luis Rey Convention Center. The Mission is located in the Oceanside area. Look for convention information starting in the next **PSR DISPATCH**. 🚂

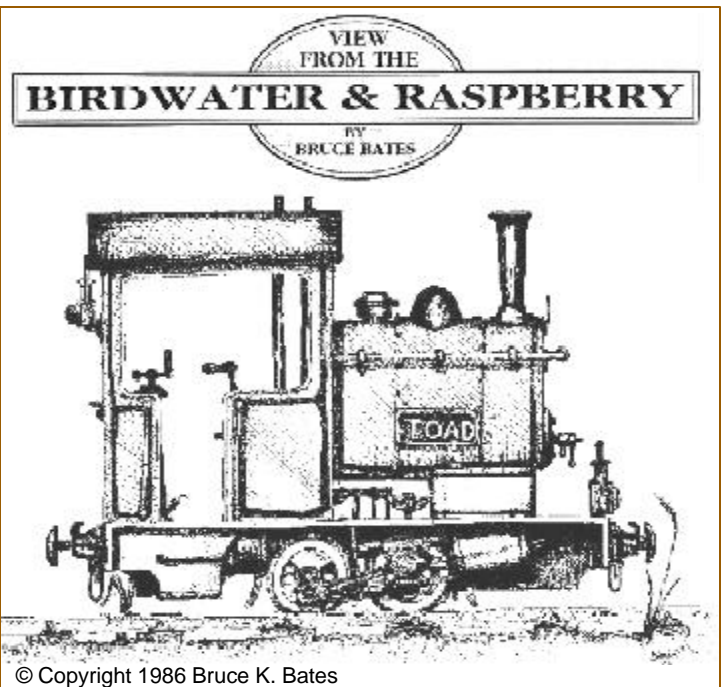
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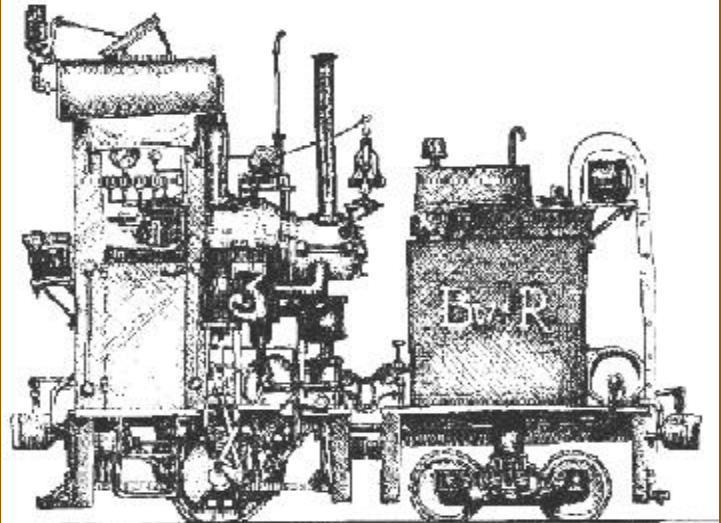


The **Arizona Division** is coordinating two rides on the Verde Canyon Railroad. The first is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5**. This "Starlight" ride departs at 5:30 PM from the Cottonwood, AZ depot and heads into the Verde Canyon. Nocturnal animals will be stirring and the stars will be out when we return at 9:30 PM to the depot. The scenery will be spectacular with the setting sun and an almost full moon. Tickets are \$35.00 and may be obtained from Don Stewart at: 2722 E. Bighorn Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85048-8984. Please make your reservations before March 5 as we need to commit to the Railroad by then to get the group rate.

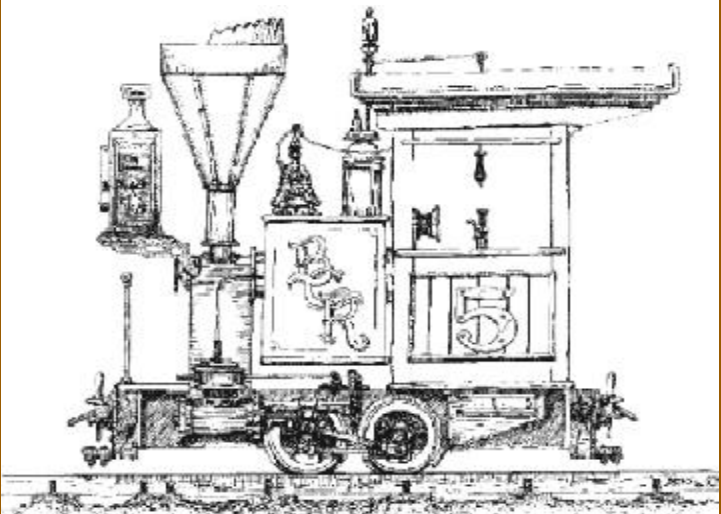
The second trip is Saturday afternoon, **September 29, 2001**. The train departs at 1:00 PM, returning at 5:00 PM. The fall colors should be starting then and the trip should be delightful. Ticket prices are the same. Make your reservations by July 15 to ride this train. 🚂



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More drawings of locomotive "critters" from the masterful pen of Bruce Bates. View the entire series at <http://members.home.net/birdwater1> and contact Bruce via email at brubates@home.com.



Me 'n the AP — Part 1

RICHARD DICK

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When I joined the NMRA about 30 years ago, and I first learned about Master Model Railroader (MMR), I gave it considerable thought. I figured I could learn to build models well enough and build a layout that would qualify for several of the Certificates. One area that concerned me was Service to the Hobby and the NMRA (the Author/Volunteer/Official category) from which one Certificate needs to be earned. I wasn't sure that I could ever earn one of those.

When I moved to Arizona in 1980, I became a bit more active in Division and Region Activities. And starting with the Regional Convention here in Tucson in 1991, I became even more involved with the activities. After serving as Superintendent for a two year term, I started looking at the Volunteer requirements more closely. I found out that the judging I had done, the clinics I had given and time I had spent serving on the 1991 Convention Committee counted toward the **Volunteer Certificate**, as well as the Superintendent position.

And I've earned the **Author Certificate** in a similar way as the Volunteer Certificate. For many of my clinics, I had prepared a handout; these count. Articles I had written for the Arizona Division Spur Line and the **PSR Dispatch** count as well. And the slide I had published

on the 1999 NMRA Calendar counted, too. Once again, it's not just the big things (like a magazine article) that count but the many smaller things that can add up, as well.

I earned the **Official Certificate** by serving as Arizona Division Director for two terms (four years). While it seems simple, it does require preparing reports, attending two Board meetings each year, and listening to your Division members and representing them at the Region level.

So, the one area that I thought I might have to struggle with has turned out to be not all that bad. I have earned three of the seven necessary certificates. Now all I have to do is learn to build good models and build that layout!!

I intend this to be an ongoing series of columns about my progress in the NMRA's Achievement Program. As I work on the rest of the Certificates, I'll try to write down my thoughts and pass them on to everyone. Hopefully it will encourage some of you to check into what you have done and work on the Certificate requirements. Ask your Division AP Chairman, the Region AP Chairman, an MMR or any one who has earned a Certificate you are interested in for help to get started (or jump-started) for the Achievement Program!

Stay tuned!! 🚂📺



Request for Assistance in Locating a Model

MICHAEL PATRIS, MOUNT LOWE PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESIDENT

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My name is Michael Patris and I am the Founder and President of the **Mount Lowe Preservation Society, Inc.** We are a California non-profit corporation opening a museum this year dedicated to the remnants and

artifacts of the once popular **Mount Lowe Incline Railway** in Southern California.

I have been tracking down some information and I wondered if you might be able to help. In the February 1973 issue of *Model Railroader*, on page 36, there is a story about a model that was built of the Mount Lowe Incline Railway. The photographer and builder was **Chet Tayloe** and I understand he has been deceased for several

years. I wanted to track down this model and take some photos of it and see if it might be available for the museum and permanent display.

I found out that upon Chet's demise the model was disassembled and given to **Mark Swerdfeger**. I also found out that Mark moved to the Phoenix, Arizona area to live with or near his children and he, too, has passed away. I understand the model was never unpacked and the child or children of Mark still have the model. I wanted to know if you know who the children might be or if you have a way to contact them. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

Michael Patris

**Mount Lowe Preservation Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 431, San Gabriel, CA 91778-0431**

Flag Stops

Lindsay Smith, Member Aid

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This is an update to the Flag Stops published in previous issues of the PSR DISPATCH and is effective as of January 18, 2001. If there are omissions or mistakes in this list, please contact me. Updates to these events can be found on the PSR Web Site at www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html. Events are usually free to observers/visitors unless otherwise noted. Sellers/exhibitors should contact the event management for rates. The PSR DISPATCH presents the information provided by the sponsors and cannot be responsible for anything more than your amusement. Visitor donations are always welcomed by the clubs who do not collect fees. Look for raffles and other fund raisers at the event to help support the activities. Contact me at (909) 599-0182, wlindsays@compuserve.com or FSmith2784@aol.com to have your event listed.

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MARCH

- 3 Spring 2001 Railroadiana Swap Meet.** 9AM-2PM. \$3 or all-day pass \$\$7 adults, \$5 ages 5-11 under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605.
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- 28-29 RailFest 2000, Orange Empire Railway Museum.** 9AM-5PM. Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605.
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- Pasadena Model Railroad Club Spring Show.** 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. (877) 484-4664 (Toll Free) Donations are \$3.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children. Joe Behan www.pmRRc.org
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29 Sunday 1-5 PM
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6 Sunday 1-5 PM

MAY

- 2 - 6 PCR 2001: A Train Odyssey.** Veteran's Memorial Hall, San Luis Obispo, CA \$65.00 full fare. Terry Taylor, Registrar, 575 Bassi Dr., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405-8039, (805) 595-9535
jntaylor@thegrid.net
- 5, 6 Fullerton Railroad Days.** Sat. 9 AM to 6 PM: Sun. 9Am to 5 PM. Fullerton Train Station. Bill Lewis, (714) 871-6353, wofproductions@aol.com. FRPA office (714) 278-0648. www.trainweb.com/frpa
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JULY



8 to 15

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12 to 16

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DECEMBER

- 1 **Mt. Lowe Excursion.** Meet at the North End of Lake Ave. in Altadena at 0730. Return at 1300. Donations appreciated. Lunch at the Alpine Tavern site. The Angeles National Forest - Mt Lowe Committee, (562) 868-8919.
- 1-2 **GATS.** Del Mar Fair. 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5 PM www.GATS.com

2002



July 15 to 22

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Hosted by the **South Florida Railway Museum**, (800) 483-9106, Ext. 110, info@sfmr.org
General Information: www.tracksinthesand.org

2004



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