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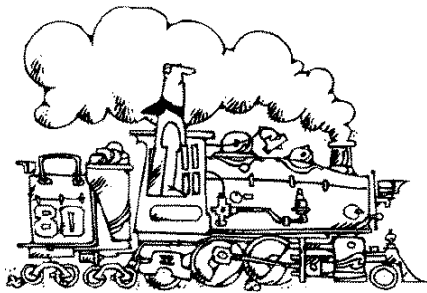
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## Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

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### Preventing Runaways

While few of us actually work for a real railroad, most of us know many of the common railroad work practices, including safety practices. Take runaways, for example. On the prototype, we prevent runaway cars by tightening hand brakes and chocking wheels. On moving trains, we prevent runaways by monitoring train speed and air brake pressure, and making proper brake applications. This assumes that there are enough crew members to do the work, however.

Organizations can have runaways, too, if not enough "crew" members are available to do the work. This condition certainly applies to the PSR.

In recent months we've experienced problems with our Member Services operation, resulting in delays in issuing and processing your renewals and processing new membership applications. While there were several causes for this, a major contributing cause was that the volunteer assigned to this job was also responsible for another PSR job, one division job and one railroad museum job. All this while holding down a full-time paid job and managing a family.

Why did I give this already overloaded volunteer the Member Services job? I did so reluctantly because for many weeks after the previous incumbent announced his retirement no one else would volunteer to replace him. My call board was empty.

Recently, another volunteer has stepped forward for this post and we are regaining control of the Member

Services operation. But there are other areas in the PSR and the divisions where volunteers are holding several jobs. Our potential for more runaways remains high. In the real railroad world the FRA would shut us down.

Our organization runs entirely on volunteers. There is no paid staff. We who volunteer do so for various personal reasons, but mostly it comes down to putting something back into the hobby.

The PSR needs more members to put something back into the hobby. We need more members to hold elected office, to fill appointed committee posts, to help with conventions, and to volunteer just one day per year at local division meets.

Ask yourself what you could do for the PSR or your division to prevent the next runaway. The safety and well being of your organization depends on you. 🚂

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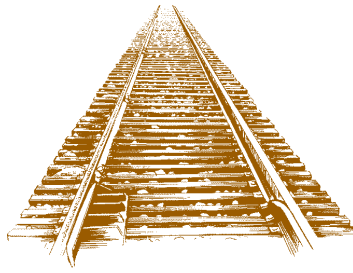
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## **NMRA Board Of Trustees Mid Year Meeting In Chattanooga**

This meeting has brought several items of importance to us as members. The single most important item that will affect all members is a dues increase. None of the administrative body welcome nor wish to present a dues increase, but at this time we must face reality. The NMRA can't continue to provide programs and services to the current membership at the present dues structure.

An increase is required in order to continue at the present rate and to provide a cushion to absorb the increasing costs of operations. This will also help to expand future programs and services. As a result of the cost increases and the cost of doing business the board has taken the first steps to approve a new dues rate of up to \$48.00 for regular membership.

Now, before you jump out of your skin, this is a recommendation. The \$48.00 amount is a maximum; it is possible that the final amount will be a lesser figure. Note that the BOT has to pass the dues issue twice so that it may become effective later this year. The dues issue will be voted on at the meeting in St. Louis. During the interim, you, as a member, have the time to respond to the issue. Please respond to me via e-mail or snail mail.

The President has appointed a special committee to explore every facet of our association so as to make necessary corrections to our current operations. The process has already been started by cutting expenses and looking into possible cost cutting on some services, if necessary. The committee has been given the task of providing a proposed budget for the upcoming year to be adopted at the meeting in St. Louis. This budget will provide the necessary information for the Board of Trustees to make the decision on the amount of the actual dues increase.

As for some other items that will affect you as a member:

1. The New NMRA Property and Liability Insurance Program is now in effect, thanks ex-VP John Roberts. This will now cover 100% NMRA Clubs Liability Insurance coverage. In order to obtain the coverage

contact the Administration Department. A \$50.00 administration fee will be required to add the 100% Club to the policy.

2. There was quite a lengthy discussion on the Unified Dues. More later at St. Louis.

3. There was a lot of discussion at the BOT as to the exact role of the NMRA. The decision was made that the NMRA can not and should no longer try to be all things to all members or the hobby. Therefore the NMRA will continue to be the voice of the hobby through its Standards and Educational Programs for the membership. All other efforts will cease. Therefore, some programs will cease.

While going through an old Model Railroader I found this article, author unknown, which I thought might be appropriate.

### **How To Kill An Organization**

1. Don't go to any of the meetings.
2. But if you go, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going.
4. If you do attend, find fault with the work of the officers and members.
5. Never accept an office. It is much easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed to a committee. Should you be appointed don't attend.
7. If you are asked to give your opinion on some matter tell the chairman you have nothing to say. After the meeting is over tell everyone how it should have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary. When others roll up their sleeves and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.
10. Make no effort to get new members.
11. Don't be sociable either within or outside of the division.
12. If you should get a good idea, smother it at once.



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The convention hotel is the **Palace Station Hotel & Casino**. Contact the hotel at **(800) 634-3101** to make room reservations and identify that you are attending “**PSR/Model Railroad Convention**” to receive special rates.



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As you can see by the insert, it's time to elect a new Director for the Cajon Division. I urge all members to please cast your vote. Although the Cajon nominations produced two outstanding candidates of Charles Nauman and Jan Wescott, Charles has declined the nomination for Director and has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Cajon Division Chief Clerk/Paymaster, instead. As many of you know, Charles Nauman is our convention registrar and he will be a great asset to the Cajon team. Jan has accepted the challenge and in my opinion is very capable and a great person for the position. Please send in your ballot and give her your support.

Also, I would like to also announce that the Cajon Division now has a Superintendent! Bill Jacobs, our Editor, has agreed to fill this position until the elections next year. As you know, the Superintendent and Director alternate elections every other year to provide continuity in the Division. A big thank you and congratulations to Bill! Of course, this means we are in the hunt for a new Editor although Bill has agreed to stay on until we find one.

As a Division we have been busy. As this *PSR Dispatch* goes to press we will be in Barstow for a tour of the LMIT. Ron Tucker did a great job in putting this event together. The response we received for this tour was overwhelming. I could hardly believe it and neither could BNSF. We will try to coordinate another tour in the future; however, no guarantees.

On June 2nd we are pooling resources with the Los Angeles Division for a layout tour. A flier will be sent to all members giving you the details. We owe a debt of gratitude to Steve Connolly and Todd Scott (Cajon Division) and Frank Kenny (Los Angeles Division) for putting this event together.

The **Las Vegas Limited** is rolling on down the tracks; time is running short so don't miss this train. If you are on the fence trying to decide whether to go, please take my word for it, this is going to be a great one. Your participation is needed. Please get involved, not only for the success of the convention but also for the experiences you will share and receive.

Speaking of the convention, I'm still shy about eight more clinicians to be able to put a really good schedule together. Please consider sharing your expertise with your fellow members. Our clinics are very important as this is where we can really give back to the hobby, learn something new and share our knowledge.

The Cajon Division hosted the PSR Board of Directors meeting at the Palace Station on April 7th. Of particular interest on the agenda was the discussion of the pending dues increase proposed by National to cover operating costs. I think we can all agree the price of everything is going up, however, the cap figure of \$48 was not well received. There will be more discussion at the National Convention Board of Trustees meeting. I am hoping a comprise figure will result.

That's it for now, see you at the next stop. 🚂

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The Los Angeles Division has been very busy since the conclusion of the X2000 Convention and plans to be even busier the rest of this year. So far we have had a public train show, on the weekend of March 10 & 11, at the Descanso Gardens in La Canada-Flintridge. The Descanso Gardens is a large county arboretum in the foothills above Glendale.

# Activity Reports



Almost 4,000 persons attended and enjoyed the modular layouts presented in all scales from N to 1-1/2". The 1-1/2" railroad provided rides through the gardens. A table was set up for promoting the NMRA during the show. Brochures and copies of the Bulletin were distributed and 3 new members were signed up. A special session was scheduled for all the show volunteers, with the Division supplying free coffee and pastry, to promote their interest in being active in the operation of the Division. In other words, we were trying to railroad some new volunteers to help run the Division. Several of the volunteers expressed an interest to help and they were duly noted. Two of these volunteers attended our Division Board meeting on March 19th.

At the end of March we had our annual banquet and members meeting. Nearly 50 attended, enjoyed great food and great company, with minimal business and speeches. The meeting ended with an entertaining show of magic.

On April 21st we had a very popular joint meet with the Cajon Division at the BNSF shops in Barstow. Many of our members attended this adventure. On May 19th we are planning another public train show in the City of El Segundo. June 2nd will see another joint layout tour with Cajon Division in Orange County and another weekend public train show in October, this time at the L.A. County Arboretum in Arcadia. Also, sometime this year we need elect a new Superintendent and Chief Clerk and Paymaster as those occupying those positions are on their last two year terms.

## X2000 CONVENTION PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT

The X2000 Convention is over, the bills have been paid, and the committee has celebrated its last meeting at an awards dinner. We had a total registration of only 135 members but managed to end up in the black. A complete final report, and a check to PSR, will be presented at the next PSR Board meeting in September at the regional convention in Las Vegas. 🚂

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## SAN DIEGO

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The Division just finished our winter meet. Some are saying it was the best attended in decades. About 30 people showed up. It really was a good meet with two informative clinics, model contest and favorite model contest. Also this spring we held a layout tour at Frank Tepedino's house. Next on the schedule is a trip by AMTRAK to Fullerton for RR days. The next meet for the division will take place on the 12th of May. We will induct the new officers for the Division at that time. This years May meet is being hosted by the ShortTrak'N RR at their Escondido location.

Rodger Gredvig, MMR, of the San Diego Division is running for the Director Position, as my term will be up in September. I am really please to see a MMR coming into that position.

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. Current rates for registration are \$45.00 for rails and \$29.95 for the non-rails. A school-aged child is \$15.00. Rails will be \$49.95 after March 1st 2002. Look for the registration display at the Las Vegas Convention in September. 🚂



## Achievement Program

The following were awarded since September, 2000:

### Certificates of Achievement

Dave Cox, MMR	Los Angeles Division	Chief Dispatcher
Ed Hall	Cajon Division	Association Official
Robert Fairfield	Arizona Division	Chief Dispatcher

### Golden Spike Awards

Michael Butler	San Diego Division
Don Stewart	Arizona Division

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# Convention Layout Tour Preview

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Bob Obert and Sharron Clarke offer their garden layout for viewing on Tour #114. This railroad demonstrates a wonderful blend of plants, model trains and scenery. A master console runs four trains simultaneously over 800' of track. Bob is a master designer of garden layouts. This layout is featured in the March issue of the *Las Vegas Life* magazine.



Lack of space did not keep Lynn Austin, a skilled modeling craftsman from building a layout. He is truly masterful in kitbashing and scratch building. This 9.5 x 11 layout will be featured on Tour #119.



Pictured here is one of the many scenes on Frank Burke's Tule Springs & Western RR. This is Sandy Canyon Copper Company, described as a funky little staging area that transfers ore from the trucks to the hoppers. This layout highly detailed and scenic layout will be on Tour #114 and has been featured in the *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine.



Visitors on Tour #119 to Royal Ream's Grande and Western RR will be impressed by all the natural red rock used to scenic his layout. This layout is highly detailed featuring many mini scenes.





# Contest Time is Near!

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Yes, folks, Model Contest time is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone has built or is building something for this event. I'd like to review the forms needed to enter your model. Chances are you've spent countless hours working on your model. Don't cheat yourself the opportunity to win by not devoting enough time to filling out the paperwork to go with it. It would be like the manufacturer who puts out a really good model and fails to provide the information and instructions to go with it (and we've all experienced some of these, eh?)

The forms provide you the opportunity to "blow your own horn" and to explain what you did and how you did it. Filling out the forms is nothing more than writing down simply and factually everything the judges should know about your model. Devoting the time to fill them out thoroughly will obtain the points you deserve whereas rushing through the sections will cheat you of points you might have received. You will need two forms: (1) The Entry Form and (2) The Judges Score Sheet.

**The Entry Form.** This is a relatively easy form and is used to register your model in the contest. The key to filling out the entry form properly is selecting the correct category in which you wish to have your model judged. There are eleven categories.

**The Judges Score Sheet.** The primary purpose of this form is to provide a vehicle for the judges to know everything at a glance of what you did to make the model. The key to this form is the presentation of your information. Prepare this form with as much diligence as you did with your model.

**Where to Get the Forms.** Every convention registrant receives the forms as part of the Extra Fare packet. In addition, these forms may be obtained from [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) website - go to "AP Forms" and then to "Contest Forms". Or you can contact me.

Yes, I will have forms available in the Contest Room at the convention. However, my advice is not to wait till the convention to get your forms. Spending time at the convention to fill out paperwork means you'll be miss-

ing out on other fun activities and events. In addition, it has been documented that those who do this tend to rush just to get it done.

Previous articles have been written in detail explaining the types of information needed in each section of the Judges Score Sheet. Here is a brief thumbnail review to help you remember. The score sheet is divided into five sections:

**CONSTRUCTION** - The judges will score your workmanship. Tell them everything they need to know about how you built the model, the materials used, whether you made your own parts, etc.

**DETAIL** - The judges will score the quantity of detail. Tell them what detail you've added, how many and if any are working details, etc.

**CONFORMITY** - The judges will be looking for the relationship between the prototype and your model or the logical construction conforming to railroad practices.

**FINISH AND LETTERING** - The judges will score for proper application. Define the methods used to achieve the effect for finishing and lettering.

**SCRATCHBUILDING** - The judges will score for quantity of Scratchbuilding used. Tell them everything that is scratchbuilt on your model.

## REMINDER!

You may register your models for the contest beginning on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in Salon F at 9 AM and continuing during the open hours of the Contest Room until Saturday morning, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

Please plan to pick up your contest entries between 3:00 and 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. It is necessary that all models be removed by 4 PM as the room will be used for the Awards Banquet.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Contest Room, if not to enter a model then to vote for their favorite model or see the display of model entries. 🚂🚂🚂

**IMPORTANT CONTEST ROOM DATE: SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 15, 2001**

**JUDGING - 10 AM TO 1 PM, VIEW WINNERS - 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

# General Information & Some of the Things to Do

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## IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

With a loud thunderous snort, the Las Vegas Limited train sounds the signal that it's ready to leave the railyard for the train station. Have you purchased your ticket yet? If not, there's still time, but don't wait any longer. Just about three months to All Aboard Time! Register today—don't delay!

**REGISTRATION:** This issue of the Dispatch contains the convention registration form with the Extra Fare Order form on the back.

Full fare registration includes admission to all clinics, contests, auctions, door prizes and the Trade/Train show.

### Convention Headquarters

All activities will be held in the Roundhouse Conference Center located on the second floor at the Palace Station Hotel/Casino. Tours will originate and return to this convention site. Parking is free and located adjacent to the hotel. RV parking is available in the back of the hotel.

With five full service restaurants, the Palace Station offers an array of dining choices from pizzas to fine dining. You may want to check out the hotel's website at: [www.palacestation.com](http://www.palacestation.com)

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2411 West Sahara Avenue

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Have you made your room reservations yet? The number of rooms occupied at the Palace Station by those attending the convention determines the rates for our meeting rooms. A block of rooms has been set aside at special rates. Convention attendees are responsible to make their own arrangements for the hotel. Call the hotel direct and identify yourself as attending the "PSR Model Railroad Convention" to receive special rates of \$65, for Wednesday or Thursday, \$95 for Friday or Saturday.



## THE Q&A TEAM

The Cajon Division is your host for the 2001 PSR Convention, the "Las Vegas Limited" that will be held on September 12-16, 2001 at the Palace Station Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun. It is our desire to make you feel welcome and strive to provide the best customer service possible.

If you need any information or have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the members listed here. Visit our convention website for updates and time schedules at

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# at the Las Vegas Limited

## FUN AT THE SILENT AUCTION!

I can see him now; Mr. Frugal is his name. He's standing in front of a brass locomotive that has been placed in the Silent Auction. Pen in his hand; head sunk forward, he thinks to himself, "I wonder why the seller set such a low minimum bid." Hm-m, the tag says, "Never used, mint condition." "It's got to be worth at least 2 or 3 times that." Very slowly and deliberately, Mr. Frugal marks down his bid. His thoughts run freely... "gee, if I get it for this bid, I'll have a steal!"

In comes Mr. Mouth right behind Mr. Frugal. Oh, we just love guys like Mr. Mouth. He, too, spots the brass piece. One look at the current bid price brings an "evil" glint to his eyes. Without hesitation, he marks the bid card \$25 more than Mr. Frugal (the previous bidder). "Wow, this is a steal," he mutters to himself and hurries off to his next clinic.

Now, Mr. Mouth just couldn't wait to tell everyone at the clinic what a great bargain he had found at the Silent Auction. "The Seller has got to be dumb to let it go for that price!" he says. Do you see why we love Mr. Mouth? And where do you think those guys are going to go after the clinic?

A word about Mr. Seller. He isn't interested nor is he thinking about the current market price. His thoughts were simple. The piece had been sitting in his closet for years. He'll never use it because his interest had turned to traction. There were so many things he wanted to buy for his new layout. So he chose a price just \$50 more than he paid umpteen years ago. He was satisfied! He felt he might make a little, someone will get a great buy and he could then use the money to buy something he really wanted.

The pieces are now in place for a great Silent Auction. The fun of a Silent Auction is trying to continuously remain the highest bidder for a particular item you want. Will Mr. Frugal be back to place another bid? How about Mr. Mouth, how many bids will he make? And don't forget the guys at the clinic. And so it goes... Bidding starts at 7:30 AM on Thursday, September 13th and will continue until sometime late Friday afternoon.

There's a lesson to be learned in our story: the very wise decision by the seller to set a lower minimum bid. In so doing, he has whetted the appetite of the bidders. The reward could be the spirit of bidding might just blow right past the price everyone says he should have set.

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Far too often, sellers set overly ambitious expectations on their minimum bids. Often, too, the seller doesn't receive any bids on his items. High minimum bids discourage bidding. Keep that in mind when setting minimum bids.

Look, Buy, or Sell...stop by the Silent Auction and have some fun!

## A FULL CARLOAD OF ACTIVITIES!

### LAS VEGAS

Dynamic, exciting and glamorous!

### CLINICS

2 to 3 clinics running simultaneously from morning to night provide a variety of choices.

### TOURS

Ten guided tours (Layout, Prototype, General Interest, and Railette); Self-guided layout tours.

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Entries accepted for all eleven categories of Model Construction, Photography, Thumbs Award, Popular Vote, and Arts/Crafts

### AUCTIONS

"One Man's Junk Is Another Man's Treasure"  
**Silent Auction:** September 12th to 14th  
**Live Auction:** Friday, September 14th, 8 PM

### COMPANY STORE

A wide variety of souvenirs.

### DOOR PRIZES

Luck of the Draw.

### TRAIN SHOW

Operating modules and displays in various scales will be showcased.

### TRADE SHOW

Friday, September 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM reserved just for attendees.

### RAILETTE PROGRAM

A full program of fun activities

### PSR OFFICIALDOM:

**BOD Meeting** – Sept. 12th at 1:00 PM  
**General Meeting** – Sept. 16th at 9 AM

### DINING CAR EVENTS – SEPT. 15TH

**Hobo Breakfast** – 7:00 AM  
**Railette Luncheon** – 11:30 AM  
**Awards Banquet** – Dinner served at 7:30.



# Attention All PSR Members! The PSR Needs You to Make it Happen!

JAN WESCOTT, CONVENTION PUBLICITY CHAIR

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It'll soon be convention time in the Pacific Southwest Region and your support is needed to make it happen! The PSR Convention is "the" annual gathering for all its members. It's you and your fellow modelers sharing and learning. It's fun with other modelers who share the same affinity for trains. It's our big show to promote and further the growth of our hobby. Without your support, a cloud will be cast on its success, which is measured by attendance and the enjoyment received by those in attendance.

Each year we salute the volunteers who sacrifice countless hours of their personal time to put on the PSR convention. These members volunteer not for these salutes and recognition, but do so in belief that it is necessary to keep our hobby growing and prospering. They believe in the PSR mission to further the enjoyment of the hobby of model railroading and are willing to do more than their fair share to accomplish it means. Their intent is to give back to the hobby that brought so much enjoyment to them. To these volunteers, successful events bring a certain self-rewarding satisfaction.

It's said that regional "membership is the lifeblood of our organization." I believe it is the lifeblood of our hobby. Why? NMRA regions provide the primary fraternity and home base for model railroaders. Without a unified regional home base our hobby could easily fade into oblivion like many other fads and hobbies that have



come and gone. This home base provides a centralized market to encourage manufacturers to produce new products and to offer those products for sale.

With declining memberships and an apparent decline in interest in the model railroad hobby, each of us must do whatever we can to resurrect the pride in our hobby even if it is just by our attendance at an event. The PSR convention is the perfect opportunity to maximize participation and a chance to generate attention in the public eye. Let's have a really big show! (And fun, too!) The convention is also an opportunity to meet the PSR Officers, Division Officers and PSR members from other Divisions. Do what it takes to be convention bound! Your support is definitely needed to make it happen! 🚂

## Las Vegas Limited

Presented by Cajon Division, PSR - NMRA

### Model Railroad Convention & Train Show

September 12 - 16, 2001, Las Vegas, Nevada



The convention registration form, published as an insert in this issue of the *PSR Dispatch*, is also available at the convention web site at [www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html](http://www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html)





# Convention Company Store

JAN WESCOTT, PROPRIETOR

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, boxes everywhere..." As I gazed around the rooms in my home, I found myself humming in playful merriment. It wasn't long before my singing got to old Grinch who quickly jolted me back to reality. "Christmas? Lady, it's only April, lets not rush things" he bellowed. Oh well, here lately it sure seems like it to me.

In the past few days the postman has been ringing our doorbell quite often. The products for the Company Store have started to roll in. And in between these boxes, comes the occasional package from one of our generous model railroading manufacturers/retailers with a door prize or two, or three.

My house even has remnants that looks like the spirit of Christmas. There are smatterings of wrapping paraphernalia scattered about (I've been wrapping white elephant gifts for the Railette program), boxes of goodies everywhere and sending hubby on a constant jaunt to the post office (mailing promotional/solicitation materials). Ah, the activities of Christmas!

As each item arrives, new excitement fills the air. And yes, opening these boxes is just like Christmas. Putting on a convention sure is fun (O.K. some parts of it at least). This part is definitely the fun part.

The first item to arrive was our big 11-oz glossy black convention mug. It's so classy looking with the logo all in bright silver, black and white. By the way all of our items are color coordinated to the colors of the Las Vegas Limited logo of silver/or gray, black and white. Besides, Nevada is the "Silver" State.

The next box contained our convention patches. Now "we" are most certainly biased in our opinion, however, we love its large size and the colors of the embroidered stitching. I guarantee it will stand tall amidst all others.

I must admit I got pretty jazzed about the arrival of the first two items but the guys on the convention committee went bonkers when the HO car came in. Is it ever sharp! Athearn did itself proud with the silver 40' boxcar, especially the clarity of the markings.

In addition, we have just received a sample die of our two-tone all silver convention pin (real first rate quality) and our gray crown & black visor cap with the embroidered logo (real cool looking). We anxiously await news on our N scale containers and black tee shirts with the glow in the dark logo.

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Jingle bells, jingle bells, "Oh what fun it is to see all the items arrive!" Yes indeed, we have a "neat" selection of convention items to offer you in our Company Store. These items might be more collectible due to the limited quantity available. Best use the back of the registration form to reserve your selections today! Jingle bells, jingle bells, oh what fun...! 🎵🎵



## Modeling "Goofs" Make Perfect Entry

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Now, here's a category that everyone can submit an entry for the Contest at the Las Vegas Limited Convention. Win or lose, it sure is fun!

THUMBS is an exaggeration of the modeling "boo-boos" we make in our hobby. We do lots of trial and error trying to model everything just right. Sometimes it's more error than success. When everything has gone wrong trying to achieve perfection, the end result may be the perfect entry for THUMBS!

Most of us use our hobby as our recreation. Recreation means "fun," "enjoyment." Laughter expresses fun and enjoyment.

So, get creative! Your worst can be your best and it can earn lots of "ha-ha" points! You won't win if you don't enter! And if you enter and don't win, think of all the enjoyment your entry provided to your fellow modelers.

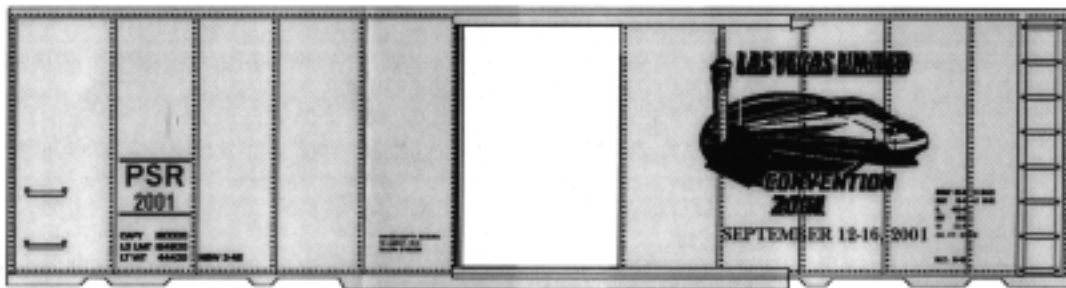
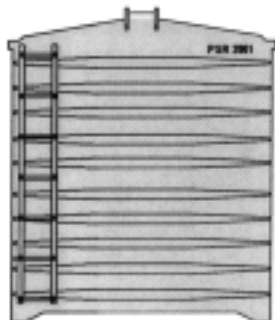
Plan now to submit an entry at this year's convention for THUMBS! There are no real losers in this category. Everyone wins the ultimate prize of fun, laughter and enjoyment in our hobby! 🎵🎵

# A Collectible Souvenir

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Many of us take home fond memories of a great event. We even tend to take home a souvenir or two. Sometimes we are surprised our little souvenir becomes a collectible. Now, I think that's a great way to remember an event!



With its HO Convention Car and its N Scale Containers, the Las Vegas Limited Convention offers you this opportunity to own a collectible souvenir. Only a limited number of these have been produced and there will be no reruns.

The HO Convention car is an Athearn 40' boxcar painted silver with black lettering and features the "Las Vegas Limited" logo. The painting and lettering of each car is first rate with detailed clarity even to the smallest letters and numbers. Each car will be numbered 2001.

In N Scale, two (2) 40' white containers are being offered for one price. These containers are manufactured

by Deluxe Innovations and feature the Las Vegas Limited logo and all lettering in black.

Both the HO convention car and the N Scale containers will be first offered to convention registrants by advance pre-order and the balance of inventory placed in the Company Store for sale. There will not be any offerings for sale prior to the convention. If there are any left after the convention, it may be offered by mail.

I hope you take home many great memories from the Las Vegas Limited Convention 2001 and I recommend you add to your memories by getting the HO or N Scale items, both of which are a collectible souvenir. 🚂

# Railettes in 2001

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Once upon a time the gals who accompanied their "Rails" but had no interest in railroading were known as "Railroad Widows" (ugh!). Sometimes they were referred to as those "non-railroading oriented persons" (eek!). Often they were simply called the "Rail Mate". Usually, they are designated into a class called the "Non-Rails" which could be either male or female. Then somewhere around 1955 someone suggested the name "Railette" (blessed be!) and it was this name that the NMRA adopted.

Today, the "Railette" program is very much an established part of any convention's schedule. It takes its



place amid the planning and organization of convention events and is given equal importance in the scheduling of its activities.

For it is here the ladies are welcomed into a circle of friendship sharing a common interest. It is here new friendships are made and greetings to friends already made. It is here that they become the "railroad tie" to family harmony!

**MARIE AND DEE GOES TO LAS VEGAS IN 2001!**

The Las Vegas Limited 2001 Convention is especially fortunate to have two of the very best Railettes in Marie

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Lee and Dee Tucker to coordinate its Railette program. They coordinated the program last year for the Los Angeles Division and its convention. One could not begin to count the number of complimentary superlatives used by the ladies in attendance expressing their enjoyment.

Both Marie and Dee are truly wonderful ladies and are very good at what they do. Imaginative, creative, talented and very dedicated. Their contribution and value to our hobby simply cannot be measured in words. Together, Marie and Dee have planned a full slate of activities for this year's convention and invite all Railettes to come and join the fun!

Some of activities are Arts/Crafts with Dee, Bingo with White Elephant Prizes, Cookie Exchange Contest, Most Beautiful Baby Contest, Sequins Clinic, Door Prizes, Tours and the PSR Arts/Crafts Contest. Ladies are reminded to please bring lots of cookies with the recipe, a baby picture, and a plain cotton sweatshirt for the Sequins clinic.

Your Convention Railette Registration fare includes the Railette Luncheon. Marie is busy making some wonderful table favors for each Railette to take home as a souvenir. Be sure to check your attendance on the Extra Fare Order form so we can order enough place settings

Plan to join your "Rail" at this year's convention. Don't be left at the home station! Much has been planned to make you feel welcome, to have fun, to enjoy and to take home some fond memories! 🚂

# In Memoriam

## Frank Burke

Frank passed away on April 6, 2001. Our sincere sympathies to his family and the many friends he left behind. Frank was a member of the PSR Cajon Division and a member of the NMRA since 1973.

We will miss you, my friend.

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## Request for Assistance in Locating a Model

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**M**y name is Michael Patris and I am the Founder and President of the **Mount Lowe Preservation Society, Inc.**, Box 431, San Gabriel, CA 91778-0431. We are a California non-profit corporation opening a museum dedicated to the remnants and artifacts of the **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, who has also has passed away.

I have spoken to several people including the son of Mark Swerdfeger (Al) and no one knows the whereabouts of these cars.

Mark's son says he never had them and Bill Everett says he doesn't have them either. Both have confirmed the Chet Tayloe basement display was torn out several years ago, and Bill Everett supplied the 1100 car for the photographs taken; but the incline cars are still in the missing list. 🚂



# Division Director



## JAN WESCOTT



Reason why you should vote for me: "I grew up in Hawaii, the land of the hula girls and swaying palm trees, where the Hawaii sugar cane train made me as sweet as I can be." <Grin>

As a member of the Cajon Division for the past 10 years, I know the many challenges that face this massive geographic Division. And while there is no way to physically close the geographic gaps, I believe that heavy emphasis placed on the main line route of communication can shorten the distance considerably.

It is my hope to continue the rebuilding process of this Division as I long to see it grow and forever erase its dormant reputation. While increasing membership might be a key to the building process, I believe this will have

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## MARY BARSTOW



My name is Mary Barstow and I am applying for the position of Director for Los Angeles Division. I feel that I am qualified for this position as I have served for six years as the editor of the Los Angeles Coupler, and served as Superintendent for four years for the Division. I also was recognized as Master Model Railroader #292 in July of 2000.

I have been a serious model railroader for 34 years. My third and current HO layout was built in 1984 and frequently undergoes refinements and additions. I also have a garden railroad. Both layouts operate as Palos Verdes Pacific.

If elected as Director for Los Angeles Division, I will do my best to serve both the division and the PSR as well as promote this fantastic hobby. 🚂

# Election Profiles



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little value if priority is not given to retaining current members. There must be a sharper focus on communication, accountability and response to the concerns of members. We must foster a positive climate conducive to the fun of model railroading and revive fraternal pride and camaraderie. I would like the opportunity to spearhead this focus and spirit.

I don't pretend to know everything there is to know about model railroading nor promise to have all the answers. What I do know is that I love the hobby, I believe in our organization and I want the Cajon Division to stand tall amongst its peers.

As Co-Chair of this year's PSR Convention, I am getting a taste of the success that can be achieved through communication, cooperation, togetherness, team spirit and innovation. My professional background includes years of executive administration and I offer this experience to you along with my promise to give you my best effort for the betterment and growth of the Cajon Division, the PSR and our great model railroading hobby. 🚂



## RODGER GREDVIG



I am running for Region Director since I can bring years of experience in the NMRA to benefit the membership. Within the Division my experience includes Clerk/Paymaster, Division Layout Tour coordinator, PSR convention committee member including Layout Tour Chairman and Paymaster, twice winner of the Division Member of the Year Award, Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor/Coordinator, and Master Model Railroader (#218).

My modeling experience has ranged through several scales, but primarily N scale. I have written over a dozen articles in national magazines like Model Railroader and N-Scale Magazine which has featured aspects of my layout called the Lode Stone & Iron.

Professionally, I am a Lutheran pastor, and personally I was raised in San Diego, married, and have 5 children.

I believe a director needs to have the ability to work with various minded people without pushing an uncompromising agenda. He must have a genuine concern for the the region and not just his division, along with a broad interest in the hobby encompassing all scales. He should be able to think critically and analytically, as well as being compassionate and cooperative. I believe I can provide that type of personality and commitment. 🚂



## JOHN DETERMAN

**Editor's Note:** Current Arizona Division Director John Determan is running for reelection. Unfortunately, no photo or profile was available at press time.



# PSR Contest Corner

**DUANE E. BUCK**

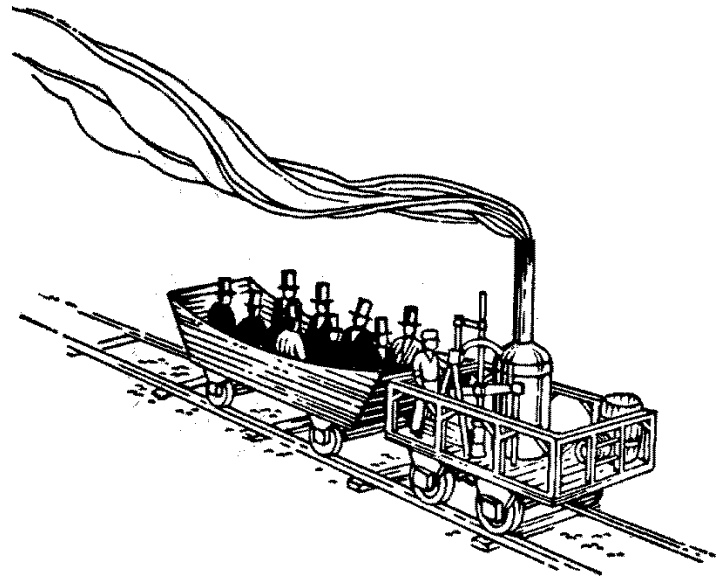
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**C**ertainly, one of the most important functions of any contest chairman is to encourage more individuals to enter contests and to share their models, photos and crafts with others.

Over the years, I've heard just about every possible excuse for not entering contests. Some feel that entering contests is some sort of an ego trip by persons whose only motive is personal recognition. I would submit that these same persons would bask in such recognition in their workplaces and communities. What is wrong with a pat on the back? Some dislike the paperwork associated with entering contests. I'll readily admit that I am not a fan of paperwork. However, the forms are necessary to identify entrants and to describe the construction methods used in building the models and crafts to assist in the judging process. Other excuses are that I'm not competitive or that I'm not good enough and might be embarrassed. We live in a very competitive society and, like it or not, we are constantly competing, even if just for a parking space. Contests are not designed to embarrass entrants, but rather are directed to constructive criticism, both good and bad to improve modeling techniques. I've witnessed a number of persons whose confidence and skills were improved as a result of contest participation.

Why do persons enter contests? There are a number of reasons. While I cannot speak for everyone, here is what I derive from contest participation. First, it helps sharpen my modeling skills by having others judge my work. Second, it shows how my models compare with those of my peers. It demonstrates the level achieved by competing with others. Third, it is a learning process. It causes me to look more closely at the work of others and to learn new and better ways to accomplish modeling tasks from their examples. Fourth, I am a competitive person and the lure of winning an award is an additional incentive.

What is all of this leading to? I'm attempting to get you to enter the upcoming contests at our Las Vegas convention in September. Not only can you reap some of the benefits described above, but here is an opportunity for you to receive national recognition. The Las Vegas convention promises a larger than usual attendance, which will include the editors of our favorite model railroad magazines.



Here are a few recommendations for those of you who intend to enter contests. Fill out your paperwork in advance. Type the forms, if possible. If the space on the Judges' Score Sheet is insufficient to describe the modeling areas, add an attachment page to complete the descriptions of work done. Ensure that you include documentation in the form of plans, drawings and/or photographs. Think about how to display your models to best advantage, such as display tracks for locomotives and rolling stock. Start your model/craft project now. Don't pull a Duane Buck and wait until the last minute to complete your project. I've almost had to tell judges not to handle my models because of wet paint. Get the proper matting for your photos, today.

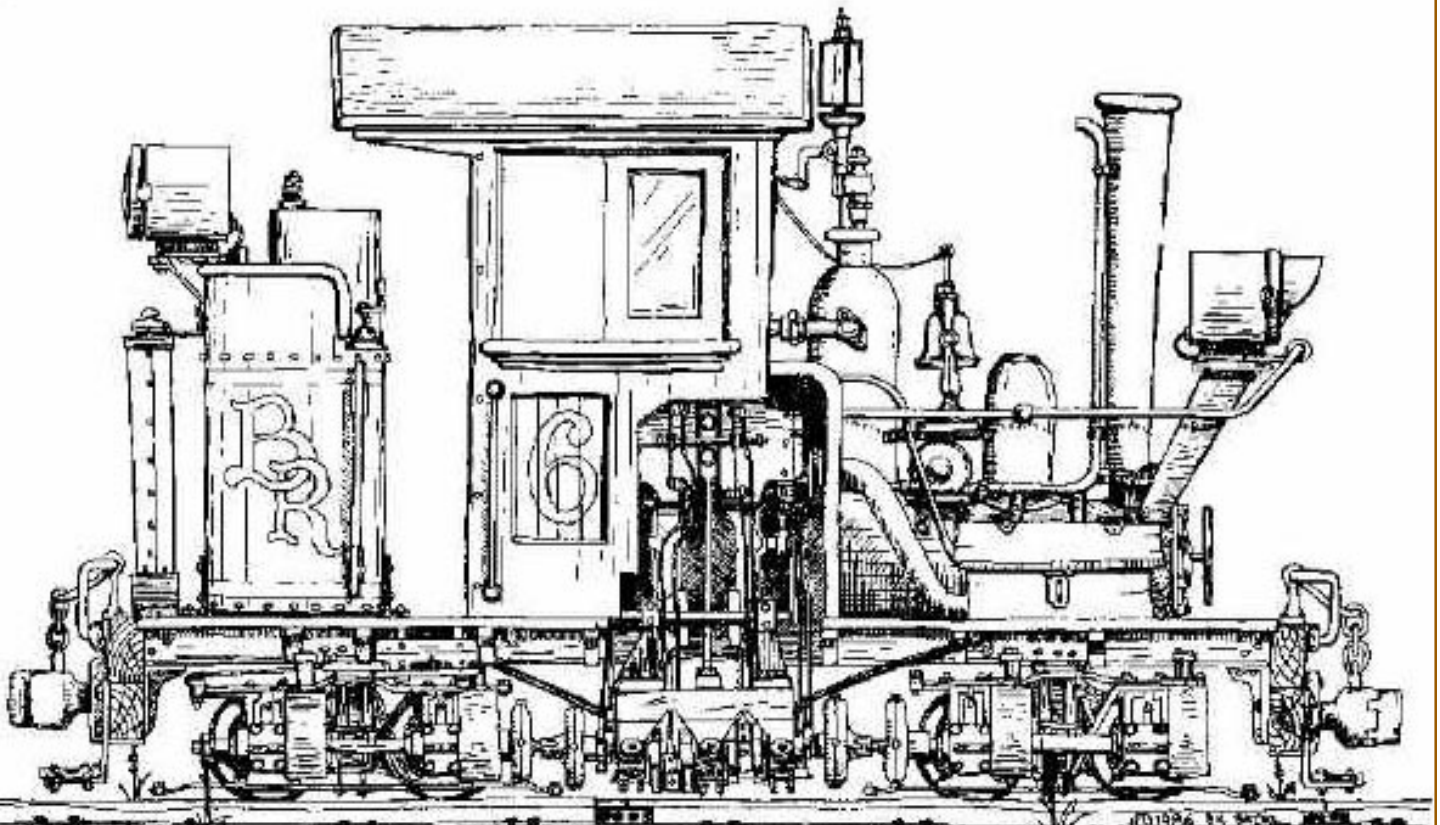
The current PSR Contest Directory rules will be in effect for the Las Vegas contest with one exception. There will be no "crossover" awards. If your model is entered in the open contest, it will be eligible only for an open award. The same goes for a kit contest entry. The revised PSR contest rules will become effective on October 1, 2001. Judges' comment sheets will be used for all model contest entries at Las Vegas and all subsequent contests.

If you have any questions about forms or other contest procedures, please do not hesitate to contact your division contest chairs or me. I mean this sincerely. We are here to serve the membership.

If any of you visit Lake Havasu City, Arizona, make time to visit the London Bridge Resort Model Railroad Club in the north end of Rotary Park. The fellows there have almost more fun than the law allows. That's what our hobby is all about. Stop in and say hello to Bob Muench. 🚂

# VIEW FROM THE **BIRDWATER & RASPBERRY**

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## Me 'n the AP — Part 2

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**I**n some ways, I haven't gone far since the last issue of the *PSR Dispatch*. Actually, about 12 feet straight line (through the wall) or about 70 feet walking distance. The boss has given me a larger territory in which to model railroad!

Things (stuff) have been moved and I'm not sure it is any different with 50% more space! Things are still in boxes, stacked. Having more room gives more opportunities, but presents more decisions to make. I certainly want a work place, which I didn't have before.

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I am spending time reading about different styles of layouts and am starting to focus (I hope) on what I might want. And I am keeping in mind the requirements for Electrical, Civil, Scenery, and other areas that are available to me from the Achievement Program.

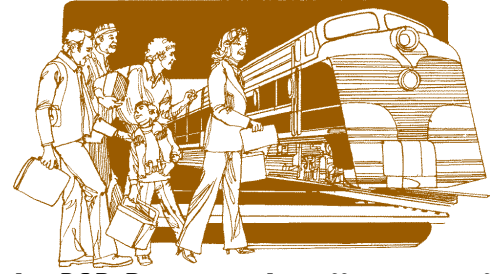
While there has been little progress since last time, the future looks brighter. In many respects my progress is not unlike what many of the shortline railroads here in the Southwest experienced (very slow).

More next time! 🚂

# Flag Stops

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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 April 17, 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.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html](http://www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html). Events are usually free to 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](mailto:wlindsays@compuserve.com) or [FSmith2784@aol.com](mailto:FSmith2784@aol.com) to have your event listed. I also maintain a list of rail related activity on the Internet; see [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) - Regions and Divisions, Pacific Southwest Region.

My Oweja board broke and my crystal ball has cataracts! Because the magazines and other media have shortened the calendars to "current" month, I have trouble getting your clubs events in time for the publication dead lines from other than your publicity committee. I checked quite a few club web sites and the information is not current. Please help others enjoy your events! Send me information on your coming festivities.

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[www.trainweb.com/frpa](http://www.trainweb.com/frpa)
- 5-7 Glendale Model RR Club Open House.** Saturday 10 - 4, Sunday 1 to 4; Monday Eve. 7:30 to 10. 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit [www.gmrrc.org](http://www.gmrrc.org) for directions to the club building.
- 11 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting.** 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave., Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 12 San Diego Division Spring Meet and Annual Meeting.** Short Trak'N Railroad, Escondido, CA Ed Hatch (858) 274-2283
- 19 Sahuaro Central "Everything Railroad" Spring Swap Meet.** 10AM to 3PM. North Phoenix Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5757 N. Central Ave. (Central Ave. & Bethany Home Road). \$4.00, children under 12 w/adult free. Handicap accessible. Elden "Ellie" Barbieri, 4115 E. Siesta Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85050-3765, (602) 494-7430, [ellieb0440@aol.com](mailto:ellieb0440@aol.com). Table reservations: George Lopez Cepero, 915 E Monte Cristo Ave. Phoenix AZ 85022-2673, (602) 494-2263.
- 19 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet.** 7 - 11 AM in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$1.00. Sellers contact Richard Parshall (805) 526-0371 or [oltwntrn@pacbel.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbel.net).
- 19-20 Santa Susana Open House.** 10 to 4. Simi Valley CA. For information contact Richard Parshall (805) 526-0371 or [oltwntrn@pacbel.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbel.net). Santa Susana Depot is located at Santa Susana Park (Katherine Rd. Near Kuehner Dr. adjacent to and South of the railroad tracks, about 1 mile South of Los Angeles St. in Simi Valley). If coming from the I-118 it is the first right on Kuehner after crossing the RR tracks.



- 19-20 Belmont Shores MRC (N) Open House.** 10 to 4. Angels Gate Park, San Pedro CA. \$1, \$2 per family. Saturday free Swap Meet. (310) 831-6262. Tuesday Night. [www.primenet.com/~schifer/index.html](http://www.primenet.com/~schifer/index.html) for details
- 19 LA Division Mini-Meet and Model Railroad Open House.** 10 to 4. South Bay MRC, RecPark Clubhouse, 400 E. Pine Ave, El Segundo, CA. Ron Ustach, rustach@yahoo.com or (310) 322-6707.
- 20 Allied Trains Auction.** Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd. Viewing 0900 Auction 1100 to 1700. Free admission and parking. (310) 313-9353. [www.alliedmodeltrains.com](http://www.alliedmodeltrains.com)
- 26-27 R&F Railroad Open House.** Noon - 4 PM. Roger and Faith Carlson's garden layout, 1463 Rim Road, Riverside CA 92506. (909) 780-1040

## JUNE

- 2 Harvey Girl Historical Society.** 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Town Hall at the orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, Lois Tate. [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 7\*-8\*,**
- 9-10 The Big Train Show.** G-Gauge Garden Railway. Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. Gates for show open at 1000. \*Tours on Thursday and Friday. [www.g-scale.com](http://www.g-scale.com)
- 8 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting.** 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave., Alhambra, CA. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 9 R&F Railroad Open House.** Night run 5 - 9 PM. Roger and Faith Carlson's garden layout, 1463 Rim Road, Riverside, CA 92506. (909) 780-1040.
- 10 WEST LA N-TRAKKERS Open House.** noon to 3:30 p.m. To the rear of 3281 Mountain View, Los Angeles. CA. Area is Mar Vista or West Los Angeles near the Santa Monica Airport. Thomas Map page 672 B2. For information, call Ed Lazarus (310) 914-7854.

## JULY



### 8 to 15

**"Gateway 2001" NMRA National Convention.** St. Louis, MO. Information and Registration: Gateway 2001, P.O. Box 6848, Chesterfield, MO 63006-6848, [info@gatewaynmra.org](mailto:info@gatewaynmra.org)  
 General Information: [www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway2001.htm](http://www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway2001.htm)  
 Registration Information and Online Form: [www.gatewaynmra.org/register.htm](http://www.gatewaynmra.org/register.htm)

- 9 San Diego Division Meeting and Clinic.** 7PM, SDMRM. Ed Hatch (858) 274-2283.
- 13 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting.** 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave., Alhambra, CA. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
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## AUGUST (CONTINUED)

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- 11 San Diego Division Family Picnic.** At Rohr Park with Chula Vista Live Steamers. Ed Hatch (858) 274-2283

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 Pioneer Western Ol Fashioned Card Table Swap Meet.** 8 AM to Noon. 7430 Orangethorpe, Buena Park, CA. Paul E. Bush, 1619 Sunny Crest Drive, Fullerton, CA 92835, (714) 526-6718.

**12 to 16**



**“Las Vegas Limited” PSR Convention.** Las Vegas, NV.

Info: Charles Nauman, [ChuckN37@aol.com](mailto:ChuckN37@aol.com).

See Registration Form inserted into this issue.

Registration: Charles Nauman, 4722 Blue Mesa Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129-2225. Convention hotel: Palace Station, Las Vegas, NV (800) 634-3101, [www.palacestation.com](http://www.palacestation.com)

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## OCTOBER

- 6-7 Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Swap Meet and Open House.** Swap meet, Sat 7 - noon. Open house 10 - 5 both days. 14005 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250. (310) 675-3361. Location is North of Rosecrans across the street from Strawhat Pizza and upstairs. Leland Roe (310) 679-4745. [www.trainweb.com/rclubs/lamrs](http://www.trainweb.com/rclubs/lamrs)
- 12 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting.** 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave., Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 13 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club (PVMRC).** 8 -12 Swap Meet, 9- 4 Open house. 132 E. 1st Street, Pomona, CA. Club phone (909) 865-7035. Garey and First SE corner. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or [wlindsays@compuserve.com](mailto:wlindsays@compuserve.com).
- 20-21 GATS.** Cashman Center, 859 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas NV. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

## NOVEMBER

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- 3-4 GATS.** Phoenix Civic Plaza, 225 East Adams St.. Phoenix, AZ. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

**3-4 Los Angeles Division Fall TRAIN SHOW.** 9-5. Arcadia Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007, (626) 821-3222.

**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](http://www.pmRRc.org)

**3** Saturday 1-5 PM & 7-10 PM

**4** Sunday 1-5 PM

**6** Tuesday 7:30-10 PM

**10** Saturday 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM

**11** Sunday 1-5 PM

**Highland Pacific Railroad Club Open House.** 854 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776.

Club (626) 285-1031. James Keena, [jkeena@whittierch.org](mailto:jkeena@whittierch.org). Every Wednesday 8 - 10 PM.

**7** Wednesday, 7 - 10 PM

**10** Saturday, noon - 5 PM

**11** Sunday, noon - 5 PM

**9 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting.** 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave., Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)

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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](http://www.GATS.com)

## 2002

### July 15 to 22



**“Tracks in the Sand” NMRA National Convention.** Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Information and Registration: Mark Shafer, Registrar, 7033 Hall Blvd., Loxahatchee, FL 33470, (561) 790-1962, [fuzzys@bellsouth.net](mailto:fuzzys@bellsouth.net)

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

## 2003

### July 13 to 19



**“Maple Leaf 2003” NMRA National Convention.** Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Email the Registrar at [registrar@ml2003.com](mailto:registrar@ml2003.com)

Hosted by the Niagara Frontier Region

Registration forms and other information: [www.ml2003.com](http://www.ml2003.com)

## 2004

### July 4 to 11



**“Puget Sound Express” NMRA National Convention.** Seattle, WA. Information and Registra-

tion: Dave Kreitler, (425)-831-5131, [rrnut@msn.com](mailto:rrnut@msn.com)

General Information: [www.nmra2004.org](http://www.nmra2004.org)





# Membership Application

## Pacific Southwest Region - National Model Railroad Association



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Regular	\$34.00 [ ]	\$7.00 [ ]	\$41.00 [ ]
Youth (Under 20 Years)	\$22.00 [ ]	\$2.00 [ ]	\$24.00 [ ]
Affiliate (No Bulletin or Local Publications)	\$17.00 [ ]	\$4.00 [ ]	\$21.00 [ ]
Family	\$ 7.00 [ ]	\$1.00 [ ]	\$ 8.00 [ ]

\* YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NMRA TO BE A PSR MEMBER.

Send this application and your check (made payable to "Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA") to: PSR - NMRA, Dottie Finch, 8808 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051-3707. For information on NMRA or PSR Life or Affiliate Life Membership, contact Dottie Finch at [granddottie@aol.com](mailto:granddottie@aol.com) or (602) 973-4231.

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# “LAS VEGAS LIMITED”

## 2001 CONVENTION

Presented by the Cajon Division,  
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**September 12 - 16, 2001 – Las Vegas, NV**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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Adult Rails**	No. _____	@ \$65.00	_____
Non Rails	No. _____	@ \$45.00	_____
Youth (6 through 20 years)	No. _____	@ \$35.00	_____
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NMRA Membership	No. _____	@ \$34.00	_____

\*\* You **must** be an NMRA member to attend. Non Rails need not be a member when accompanied by an NMRA member.

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**4722 Blue Mesa Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129-2225**

If you have questions, contact **Charles Nauman** at **ChuckN37@aol.com**

The convention hotel is the **Palace Station Hotel & Casino**. Contact the hotel at **(800) 634-3101** to make room reservations and identify that you are attending **“PSR/Model Railroad Convention”** to receive special rates.

**“LAS VEGAS LIMITED” 2001 CONVENTION - Extra Fare Form**

	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
<b><u>MERCHANDISE</u></b>			
HO SCALE - 40' Box Car	_____	@ \$ 12.00	_____
N SCALE - (2) 40' Containers (2 for 1 price)	_____	@ \$ 11.00	_____
CONVENTION PIN	_____	@ \$ 5.00	_____
CONVENTION PATCH	_____	@ \$ 6.00	_____
CONVENTION CAP	_____	@ \$ 10.00	_____
CONVENTION MUG (set of 4 for \$25)	_____	@ \$ 7.00	_____
CONVENTION T-SHIRT (Write QTY—SIZE)	_____	@ \$ 12.00	_____
GOLF STYLE SHIRT (Write QTY—SIZE)	_____	@ \$ 20.00	_____

<b><u>TOURS</u></b>			
Tour #111 - CITY LIGHTS	_____	@ \$ 20.00	_____
(Wednesday, 9/12 - 6:00 PM to Midnight)			
Tour #112 - LAKE MEAD CRUISE	_____	@ \$ 35.00	_____
(Thursday - 9/13 - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM)			
Tour #113 - HOOVER DAM	_____	@ \$ 40.00	_____
(Thursday - 9/13 - 8:00 AM to 12 Noon)			
Tour #114 - THU. LAYOUT TOUR	_____	@ \$ 15.00	_____
(Thursday - 9/13 - 5:30 to 9:30 PM)			
Tour #115 - AN AFT. ESCAPADE	_____	@ \$ 20.00	_____
(Thursday - 9/13 - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM)			
Tour #117 - TIMET/HERITAGE TOUR	_____	@ \$ 20.00	_____
(Friday - 9/14 - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)			
Tour #118 - WINERY/LUNCH TOUR	_____	@ \$ 35.00	_____
(Friday - 9/14 - 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM)			
Tour #119 - SAT. LAYOUT TOUR	_____	@ \$ 15.00	_____
(Saturday - 9/15 - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM)			
Tour #120 - SHOPPER'S DELIGHT	_____	@ \$ 15.00	_____
(Saturday - 9/15 - 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM)			
Tour #125 - NV STATE RR MUSEUM	_____	@ \$ 20.00	_____
(Saturday - 9/15 - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM)			

<b><u>DINING CAR</u></b>			
HOBO Breakfast - Saturday - 7:00 AM	_____	@ \$ 12.00	_____
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Roast Beef	_____		

(Please transfer subtotal to Registration Form)      **SUBTOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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Railette Luncheon - Saturday 11:30 AM      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Would you be interested in volunteering while at the Convention?      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Would you be willing to give a clinic?      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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