

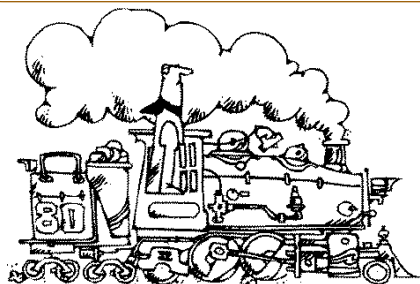
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Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

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Hello everyone, I would like to begin this, my first column as your new President, by thanking all members who took time to send in their votes for me. Your support is very much appreciated and it is my intent to do the very best I can for you and the PSR.

On behalf of the Region, I would also like to thank **Bob Chaparro** for his dedication as President the past four years. He has now volunteered to be the Convention Promotion Chair and the PSR Layout Coordinator, two very needed positions.

The **San Diego Convention Committee** is to be commended for hosting such a great convention. The weather was perfect and I, myself, could not attend everything that they had planned. In addition to being a great event, it is my understanding that this year's convention was very successful financially. A big thank you to the San Diego Division!

A very special congratulation to **Jan Wescott**, Cajon Division Director, for being selected as **PSR Member of the Year** and receiving the **PSR President's Award** and to **Dorr Altizer**, *PSR Dispatch* Editor, for capturing the **PSR Trustee Award**. I wholeheartedly agree with this year's selections as both have proven not only their dedication but are definitely "difference makers" and well deserving of this recognition.

I want to also congratulate the four **Division Members of the Year**: **Bob deMoss**, Los Angeles Division; **Roger von Seeburg**, Arizona Division; **Bill and Jane Jacobs**, Cajon Division; and **Sam Dale**, San Diego Division. Thank you for all you do for your Division and the PSR.

It has also been brought to my attention that **Bob Sherlock** has won the PSR Trustee election and is elected for another term. ***Congratulations, Bob!***

As I take over the reins, there are two issues that concern me. One is the decrease in membership numbers and the other is finding ways to cover the increasing rising costs and keep our Region in the black. It is my goal to direct my attention to these two areas and will attempt to implement some changes to this end.

Regarding membership, it is my belief we need to increase the number of activities being held in each Division and have requested the Division Directors to double the events held each year. There are usually four meets per Division per year and I feel more events are needed. The key to generating membership is getting new members excited about our activities. The PSR has a lot of talent to offer such as clinics, layout tours and one-on-one discussions with fellow members. Tapping

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From the Fireman's Side of the Cab

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The Mission Possible 2002 convention is over and I hope you all had a good time. Thanks to each of you who attended. You are what make the effort of the convention committee worth the hours of time spent preparing the events. We had a great committee and really had a lot of fun meeting the last couple of years (meeting every month, lots of emails, lots of phone calls and other small meetings to get things done). I especially want to thank Connie Schmidt for organizing the Non-Rail events. I heard many good comments about her program. She really is a special and sincere person.

On to PSR business. Thanks to all who took the time to vote in the last PSR election. Thanks also for your vote of confidence in me and electing me Vice President. I hope to help Ed Hall in every way I can and convey some of my own ideas as well.

Ed has asked me to head a new committee called the

Publication Advertising Committee. This would be a small change to the PSR Staff which previously had one person doing the job as the Publications Business Manager for the entire PSR. Ed feels this new committee setup may work better than one person trying to stretch throughout the entire region.

We will have a representative from each division. I believe that Thomas C. Rogers will be the representative for the Arizona Division and Bill Gordon is doing this for the San Diego Division *Mail Hook*, already, so we would only need two more representatives from the Los Angeles and Cajon Divisions.

The goal is to generate the funding needed to keep the *PSR Dispatch* coming to you every quarter. Every one in the Region can help by asking their local hobby shop to advertise with our organization. The current advertising rates are posted on page 3 of each issue of the *PSR Dispatch*. 🚂

Former PSR President Chaparro Takes on New Roles

President **Ed Hall** has appointed **Bob Chaparro** to the new volunteer position of **PSR Layout Coordinator**. In this role, Bob will maintain a database of model railroad club, module and individual home layouts located within the PSR and provide region, division and convention staff with updated copies of the database for official PSR planning and activities. The database will include listings for both NMRA and non-NMRA members. He will also assist convention layout coordinators as requested and provide club and module groups with PSR publicity items. The database information will not be provided for commercial purposes nor to non-PSR members. Bob has requested that information on home layouts, clubs and module groups be sent to him at pspom239@cox.net or (949) 770-5158.

President Hall has also appointed Bob to the position of **Convention Promotion Committee Chairman**. According to the **PSR Manual Of Operations**, the Convention Promotion Committee shall consist of five members and the Contest Chairman, ex-officio. The President shall appoint the Chairman and the Chairman shall appoint four members of the Committee. The duties

of the Convention Committee shall be to accept (in accordance with **Section 9, Item 3 of the Manual - see below**) written bids from prospective Convention Hosts. The Committee shall screen the bids for suitability of facilities and the ability to handle a convention and shall deliver all approved bids to the President.

3. Bids: The Convention Committee should maintain a continuing search for convention sites.

a) A logical place to develop bids is through the Division Board Members. The Chairman should work well in advance of need to contact these men for information which will yield a valid bid.

b) In some cases the Division organization will sponsor a bid in the name of the Division.

c) There are also great possibilities for valid bids from groups. which may or may not, be a Club Organization.

d) Valid bids may come from any of the above groups for a convention which may be held in a geographical location which is not the "home town" of the group.

e) Experience has shown that a convention can be hosted at a site chosen solely for location.

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f) The schedule of conventions should serve the membership population be a logical rotation from east to west in the Region.

g) The Chairman and his committee should make available all possible information regarding future bids and convention needs to bidders to assist them in making a knowledgeable bid. A summary of the requirements is available from the Convention Committee Chairman.

h) A bid must be in the hands of the President four (4) weeks before the meeting at which the selection will be made.

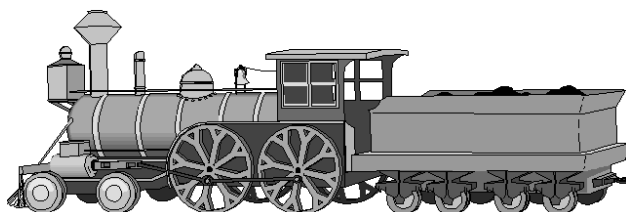
i) The PSR Convention Committee shall screen all bids and may make recommendations to the Board of Directors.



PSR Trustee Election Results

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Robert Sherlock	36 (Elected)
Ron Ustach	28
No vote/spoiled	1
TOTAL	65



PSR Achievement Program

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The September PSR Convention resulted in quite a few Merit Awards being earned by members. The term earned is appropriate as these modelers really did earn their awards for excellence in modeling. The contest entries were outstanding with a total of 17 Merit Awards. Notable is **Dale Jones** with eight Merit Awards in his nine entries. His paperwork has been submitted to National for a Master Builder – Cars.

Christopher R. Greene entered four 1-1/2 scale cars he built. These were too large and heavy to bring into the contest room so a team of judges went to the cars to judge them. All four earned Merit Awards! This is quite an accomplishment for someone entering a contest for the first time. Christopher does excellent work.

Shortly after the Convention, **Paul Schmitt** also submitted his application for Master Builder – Cars. His N scale CN Box car also earned a Merit Award at the convention. Both his and Dale Jones were submitted to National for approval and an official AP Certificate.

Merit Award winners from the Mission Possible 2002 PSR Convention

Editor's Note: Photos of many of the models are available throughout this issue.

Dale Jones – HO scale CP Rail & Tie Car, GM Weed Burner, SF wheel car, Canda 8 truss rod flat, NYC&HR Stock, UP turnout transport car, Swift refrigerator car, and a CP 4 wheel flanger.

Christopher R. Green – 1-1/2 scale gondolas (2), Poultry car, and Caboose

Arnt Tonnessen – HO scale C&O triple bay open hopper

Robert D. Wescott – HO scale Barge mounted pile driver

Duane Buck – HO scale GN RS-1 diesel locomotive

Paul Schmitt – N scale CN Boxcar

Alan Barnes – HO scale D&RGW wood water tank

Golden Spike Awards earned since July 2002

Stan Hayes of the Cajon Division in September

Robert M. Obert of the Cajon Division in September

Bill Flinn of the Cajon Division in September

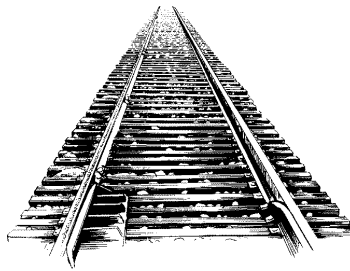
Michael Kressen of the Cajon Division in October

The Cajon Division still continues to shine under the tutelage of **Robert D. Wescott**. Both Robert and the Cajon Division members should be commended for their outstanding work. Well done folks! 🚂

Chief Gandy Dancer

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1. Jenny Hendricks, the NMRA Office Manager, underwent an emergency appendectomy operation the second week of October, 2002. She is recovering at this time and I'm sure that we all wish her a speedy recovery. Send any cards and well wishes to the NMRA Office.

In Jenny's absence, Lou Ann Suits is acting Office Manager.

2. The NMRA Bulletin now has a new address:

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They were experiencing problems with the telephone and Internet service, which should have been repaired and in operation by October 20th, 2002.

3. From the Kalmbach Memorial Library - the Western Pacific book, *Steam on the Feather River Route*, should be shipped this month. Look for ads in

the NMRA Bulletin for pricing and ordering information. This will be a great book.

Don't forget that the ORER is out now and available. You may purchase the soft bound or the hard bound version from NMRA Headquarters.

4. The NMRA Insurance Program will be renewed in November. To all Superintendents: please contact the NMRA Office for any renewal certificates.

NOTE: Superintendents, if there are any questions, please advise.

5. The NMRA Mid Year Meetings will be held in Seattle, WA from February 13th through the 15th, 2003. The main topic will be the Long Range Plan. If you have any item that you would like to see brought up at the meetings, please contact me before the meeting dates.

As always, if you have any questions and/or suggestions, please contact me. 🚂

HAPPY RAILROADING

PSR Member Services

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Happy Holidays To All! Yes, the Holiday Season will be here before we know it!

Folks, please check the White Renewal Card I mail you. I know you see the DUE DATE and think, "I'll pay that next month." But by then, some have forgotten where it was put. Please check the mailing label for errors!

Many thanks to all who return these cards to me! I

am much less likely to make mistakes when entering into our database if I have the cards in front of me. I don't have to look in 3 different places for all of the information or hand write info on scraps of paper. (This is where mistakes are more apt to happen.)

Sorry I missed the Oceanside convention, but hope to see a bunch of you in Phoenix next year! 🚂

KEEP ON TRAINING!

PSR Membership as of August 31, 2002

Division	Affiliate	Family	Life	Regular	Youth	Total
Arizona	2	14	36	164	0	217
Cajon	3	8	33	146	0	190
Los Angeles	1	9	34	150	2	196
San Diego	5	1	24	83	0	113
Out of Region	1	0	27	21	0	49
Total	12	32	154	564	3	765

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VIEW
FROM THE

BIRDWATER & RASPBERRY

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Seasonal excavation on the Birdwater & Raspberry

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An Idea for a PSR Fund Raiser

ANONYMOUS

How many times has a spouse (or now ex-spouse) asked you, "When are you gonna get rid of some of that junk?" And, of course, the "junk" in question consists entirely of your railroad treasures. The rare Yugoslavian-made diesel with the over-sized flanges, that brightly-colored structure accurately scaled from the station in Plasticville, Indiana (or Plasticville, Iowa/Texas/Vermont) or your distinctive 40-foot SP boxcar that Athearn limited to a production run of 6.8 million units.

The truth is, although you would never admit it to anyone not wearing a vest emblazoned with three dozen railroad patches, some of this stuff perhaps just may possibly be to a minor extent... junk. You'll never use it and you'll never build it. Never.

So what do you do with your junk? You get rid of it to make room for better, newer junk! But how? Read on.

Here's an idea that's good for you and good for the PSR. Sell your railroad junk on eBay® (www.ebay.com). That's

right, sell it on eBay®. Every day tons of model railroad equipment is sold on eBay®. Sellers turn into cash what the unsophisticated consider junk. So can you.

How is this good for the PSR? Simple. Split the proceeds with the PSR. You profit, the PSR profits and you get to buy more junk with your cut of the sale. The PSR gets funds to do more for our members. And your spouse cancels the down payment on a hearing aid for you and instead buys flowery pastel curtains for your layout room. (That's OK, you can accidentally weather them with a heavy overspray of sky blue.)

Now, let's make this interesting. When you send PSR Treasurer Tom Draper the PSR cut, include a note stating this is for the "eBay® Contest." Contest progress will be reported in future issues of the *PSR Dispatch*. Whoever raises the most money through eBay® sales by December 31, 2003 (not 2002) will receive a \$30 Walther's gift certificate paid for by the unnamed author of this article. \$30 to buy more junk. **Get on your computer and do it.** ☺☺☺



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The next Arizona Division Meet will be on the 9th of November in Phoenix at the Phoenix Fire Department Training Center. There will be a picnic following at the Adobe Dam facility of the Sahuaro Central. The Division will be providing the meat, buns, etc. The layout tours will be on Sunday the 10th. Maps, etc. will be available at the Meet. Thanks to Ken Rhodes and all the helpers who are putting this on. More info is available at the Division web site.

The planning for the 2003 PSR Convention in Phoenix is going well. Clinics and layout tours are being firmed up and the rest of all the preparations are on track. Please make plans to attend the 2003 PSR Convention next September.

There has been too much bitterness going on here lately. Let's all remember that this is a Hobby. It is supposed to be FUN. Not a way to indulge our political desires. If that's your bag, you really need a different hobby.

That said, I want to remind all the members of the PSR and the Arizona Division that this hobby runs on friendships and the relationships that it generates. I don't just have friends who agree with me or are yes people. Sometimes friends have ideas totally opposite of what I feel or think. That does not diminish the friendships, it strengthens them.

(OK! Someone is going to say "He has friends?") So let's all get over the hurt feelings and get on with the enjoyment of model railroading. I think it was the late Lynn Westcott who called this hobby "Enjoyment with an everlasting challenge." Maybe it is just part of the challenge to get back to enjoying the friendships and fun that are the real parts of the model railroading hobby. 🚂



Arizona Express 2003
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It's November and the Cajon Division train is making its final turn around the bend heading for home after a yearlong trip. I have always felt that the 4th Quarter issue of our PSR Dispatch was a signal that represents the end and yet, a beginning. The end of another great PSR convention, the end of my first year as Director, the end of the Division's very active year and also, a beginning for it all to begin again in the new year.

Each year at this time we begin thanking profusely all of the volunteers that worked so hard to make that year's convention a great event. I feel the PSR and its general membership is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in all four of its Divisions. Volunteers that year after year churn out such a great event for its members. The end... yes, for Chuck Hart and his 2002 Convention crew, it is over. And the beginning... well, I'm sure Bob Sherlock and Tom Draper are shifting into high gear for the 2003 Arizona Convention and I know that David Cox and Mary Barstow have already had their first organizational meeting for the LA convention in 2004. I applaud all for their contributions and encourage all PSR members to support, attend when feasible and to please say "thanks for a great event" to the volunteers of your Division when you see them. They do it so willingly for the good of our hobby and you. Too often, one only hears the verbal criticisms and complaints. A volunteer's only reward is a self-satisfaction that they did make a difference and a heartfelt thank you.

I personally had a great relaxing time in San Diego at this year's convention. It was the perfect moment to stop and take time out to "smell the roses," as they say. The weather was absolutely gorgeous and I spent many hours under the newly dubbed "Cajon" tree in the Mission courtyard. It was the perfect opportunity to sit, greet and visit. It was indeed my pleasure to meet and enjoy the company of so many new and familiar faces. I was especially happy to meet my new friends in the Poway Modular group. With much laughter twixt in and hazing abound I sat under "my" tree. For me, this convention did not hold the hustle and bustle usually associated with conventions and because

Activity Reports



of my very busy year, I found this refreshing. I saw many great layouts and learned a lot about the use of an elevator instead of a helix on a layout and saw a great helix, too (my special love). Just had a great time being with everyone!

As this issue of the PSR Dispatch goes to press, the Cajon Division is really revving up for its main event of the year on November 2nd in Barstow. It is my hope this event will be successful enough to become an annual event that all can look forward to year-to-year. I am certainly excited about all the possibilities and as I finalize each detail I am positive everyone that attends will enjoy.

In December we close out the year with our Christmas Train Show that includes local Las Vegas train and modular groups all participating to promote our hobby during the Christmas season. The vendor tables are now sold out and we are excited at the promise that this too may become an annual event.

The year 2002 was a very active and successful year for the Division. Our membership numbers are climbing each week with the count now at 45 for the year (we got 2 new members last week). More importantly, the participation and attendance numbers are increasing and the members seem to look forward to the next event. My Board Team has forbid me to use the term "camaraderie" henceforth. Okay, I invite all to come out to an event, join the fun and "socially interact" with other modelers! I look forward to seeing and meeting you there. Happy holidays! 🚂



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Our Board of Directors Meeting opened the Mission Possible 2002 Convention at Oceanside. Items of note were the continued efforts of the Long Range Planning Committee to streamline the organization at the national level. Also, Arizona Division is well underway planning a great convention for us in 2003. The event will be in Phoenix from September 11th to September 14th. Los Angeles Division was very proud to honor Bob DeMoss as Los Angeles Division Model Railroader of the Year. Dale Jones, who recently joined the NMRA, really surprised us with the many entries that he brought into the Contest

Room. The model cars that he built were beautiful and deserving of First Places and Merit Awards. He has a great start in the Achievement Program. Thanks to all in San Diego for their hard work. The convention was great.

Descanso's "Pumpkin Express Festival." National Model Railroad Month is off to a great start with Los Angeles Division's "Pumpkin Express Festival." We aren't sure just who is more excited about this event, Descanso or Los Angeles Division. Southern California Garden Railroad Society is secretly working on a spooky layout for the fern garden by the patio. Descanso is working right along with us to create a memorable event. Model railroaders along with Southern California families are sure to have a great time. As we approach the end of 2002, I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 🚂



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RODGER GREDVIG, MMR

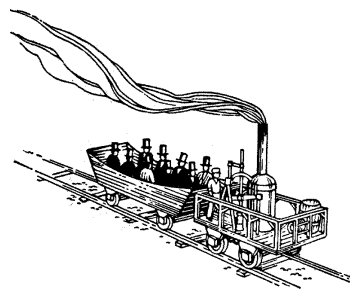
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This year's PSR Mission Possible Convention was one of the best ever in several ways. We had nearly 30 layout tours, dozens of clinics and participation from just about every scale enthusiast from Z to 1 1/2" with operating displays. The Division touched 1000's of people in the north county and we were able to discover several heretofore unknown layouts in the area. We gave special concern to the youth; kids under 12 were free; we were able to have low cost, on site concessions with a 100% of the profits benefiting the school manning the concession, a special Boy Scout Ntrak module set-up. We had enough awards to provide drawing prizes every hour. The location gave us free parking which encouraged public participation. Free TV ads, front page coverage and freeway sign advertisements gave a huge push to our convention. Our publicity chairman, Sam Dale, is to be greatly thanked; in fact, he was deservedly the recipient of our Member of the Year Award. In terms of monetary success, the PSR itself will realize over \$2100, by far the most revenue in over a decade. We want to thank all of those who organized and hosted the convention and to all of those from other Divisions who supported it. 🚂

PSR Contest Corner

DUANE E. BUCK, PSR CONTEST CHAIR

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If you did not attend the Oceanside convention, you certainly missed out on a fine affair. The facilities were great and exchanging pleasantries and “sea stories” with old and new friends was even better. The San Diego Division did a fantastic job in hosting this convention and they are to be commended in every respect.


A special “thank you” goes out to **John Sigurdson, MMR**, for laying out the contest room and **Ed Hatch, San Diego Division Contest Chair**, for his administrative efforts in preparing for and his activity in the contest room during the convention.

I would be remiss if I didn’t thank those who judged in our contests. They gave unselfishly of their time and expertise

to ensure the timely completion of the contest judging procedures. They were **Ed Hatch; Roger Gredvig, MMR; Richard Brown; Don Stewart; Dale Jones; Alan Barnes; Gordon Miller; Richard Dick; Tim Woodard; W. Lindsay Smith; Connie Buck and Kathy Barnes**.

Now for some more good news. There were 37 entries and 14 merit awards were earned in the model contests. This is the highest number of entries for a PSR convention since the joint NMRA/PSR convention at Long Beach in 1996. There were also 26 entries in the photo contests and a single entry in the arts and crafts contest.

The 2002 PSR Convention Contest Winners


 indicates a **Merit Award**

Model Contest

Steam Locomotives - Open

1st Place - Robert B. Olds (Cajon) HO Tidewater & Western Articulated 2-6-6-2

Diesel & Other Locomotives - Kit


1st Place - Duane Buck (Arizona) HO ALCO RS-1 GN #184 


Diesel And Other Locomotives - Novice


1st Place - Richard Brown (San Diego) HO EMD F7A-B-B-A D&RGW #548

Freight Cars - Open

1st Place - Paul Schmitt (San Diego) N CN Box Car 

2nd Place - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO Swift Reefer #1240 

3rd Place - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO NYC & Hudson River Double Deck Stock Car 

Honorable Mention - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO CANADA Flat Car w/Log Load 

Freight Car - Kit

1st Place - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO AT&SF TOFC Flat Car

2nd Place - Arnt H. Tonnessen (Cajon) HO C&O Covered Hopper

Passenger Car - Kit

1st Place - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO Ligonier Valley RR 34' Passenger-Baggage Combo

2nd Place - W. Lindsay Smith (Los Angeles) HO GN Heavyweight Combo

3rd Place - W. Lindsay Smith (Los Angeles) HO Pullman Palace Roomette

Caboose - Open

1st Place - Christopher R. Green (San Diego) 1 1/2" NP Caboose 


Caboose - Kit


1st Place - W. Lindsay Smith (Los Angeles) HO SP Trailer Flat Car Service Caboose

Non-Revenue Car - Open

1st Place - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO UP Turnout Transport Car #90852 

2nd Place - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO AT&SF Wheel Car #190596 


3rd Place - (TIE) - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO CP Operating Flanger 

3rd Place - (TIE) - Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO CP Rail & Tie Car 

Structures - On Line - Open

- 1st Place - Robert Wescott (Cajon) Narrow Gauge Culvert
- 2nd Place - David Cox, MMR (Los Angeles) HO L.A.P. Sawtelle Freight House
- 3rd Place - Robert Wescott (Cajon) HO Enclosed Water Tank

Structures - Off Line - Open

- 1st Place - Robert Wescott (Cajon) HO Pile Driver 
- 2nd Place - Robert Wescott (Cajon) HO Arnt's Foe -Nee Baloney Warehouse
- 3rd Place - Robert Wescott (Cajon) HO 1930's Gas Station

Traction - Open

- 1st Place - David Cox, MMR (Los Angeles) HO Pacific Electric #206


Ingenuity

- Dale Jones (Los Angeles) HO CP Operating Flanger

Thumb's Levity

- Robert Schimmel, MMR (San Diego) HO "Oar Car"

Favorite Model

- Robert Wescott (Cajon) HO Pile Driver 

Best Of Show

- Alan Barnes (Arizona) HO Wood Water Tank 

Special Awards

- San Diego Contest Chair - Christopher R. Green (San Diego)
- Convention Chairman - Orange County Model Club (Cajon)

Arts & Crafts Contest

Needlework (Pattern)

Best Of Show - Carolyn A. Weber (Los Angeles) Steam Locomotive and Mountain Scene

Note: There was only one entry. However, with a score of 124 points out of 125 possible, Carolyn was awarded a Best of Show plaque rather than a first place ribbon.

Photography Contest

Black & White Print - Model

- 1st Place - Don Stewart (Arizona) D&RG Tank Train

Black & White Print - Prototype

- 1st Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Turning TVRM 610
- 2nd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) De Butts MP 15
- 3rd Place - Bob Moore (San Diego) 8444 at Speed

Color Print - Model

- 1st Place - Don Stewart (Arizona) RGS at Lizard Head
- 2nd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Spirit of '76
- 3rd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Saddle Tanker

Color Print - Prototype

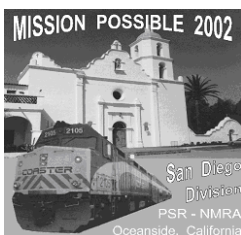
- 1st Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Color Contest
- 2nd Place - Don Stewart (Arizona) Overnight Rest
- 3rd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Exhaust Rising

Color Slide

- 1st Place - Bob Moore (San Diego) 4449 Working
- 2nd Place - Bob Moore (San Diego) (none)
- 3rd Place - Bob Moore (San Diego) Dusk Freight Meet

Best Of Show

- Charles Nauman (Cajon) Mixed Freight - St. Louis - Color Print



MISSION POSSIBLE 2002

All Photos by Robert Wescott and Charles Nauman.



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Robert B. Olds, Cajon Division
HO Tidewater & Western Articulated 2-6-6-2



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Dale Jones, Los Angeles Division
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Caboose - Open

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1 1/2" NP Caboose



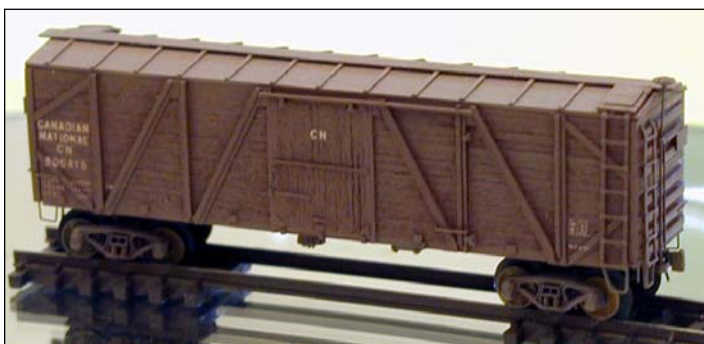
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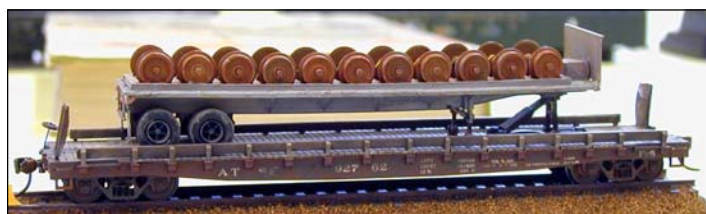
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Freight Cars - Open

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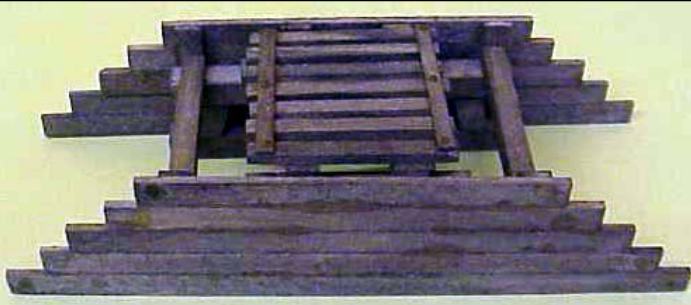
Freight Car - Kit

Dale Jones, Los Angeles Division
HO AT&SF TOFC Flat Car

FIRST PLACE WINNERS



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Robert Wescott, Cajon Division
Narrow Gauge Culvert



Traction - Open
David Cox, MMR, Los Angeles Division
HO Pacific Electric #206



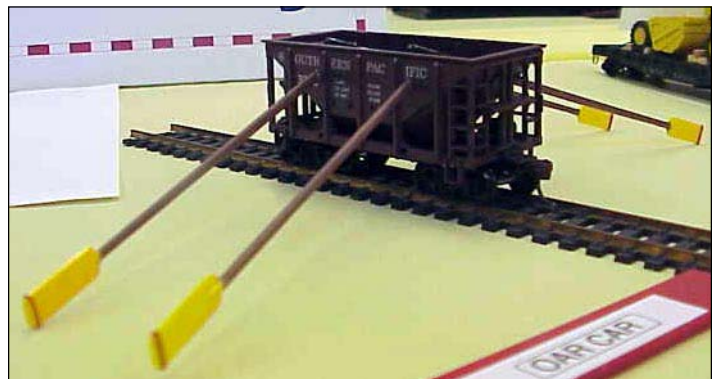
Structures - Off Line - Open & Favorite Model
Robert Wescott, Cajon Division
HO Pile Driver



Ingenuity
Dale Jones, Los Angeles Division
HO CP Operating Flanger



Non-Revenue Car - Open
Dale Jones, Los Angeles Division
HO UP Turnout Transport Car #90852



Thumb's Levy
Robert Schimmel, MMR, San Diego Division
HO "Oar Car"

Dale Jones, whose name appears most prominently in the winners list above, entered the world of NMRA contests for the first time in Oceanside. This performance shows what can be done by even a “first timer” in the contest room. Granted, Dale is a very fine modeler. However, the point here is that he finally chose to enter contests and to share his skills to the delight of all who saw his models.

The groundwork has been laid for what promises to be another great PSR convention in Phoenix in 2003. Now is the time to start preparing your entries for the full slate of contests that will be held there. When you share your efforts with others, we all benefit.

PSR Members Receive Awards At Ft. Lauderdale

Two PSR members had entries in the model contest at

the 2002 NMRA National Convention, at Ft. Lauderdale. **Allen Gross, MMR**, our perennial winner, entered a nicely crafted SP narrow gauge caboose, #401, used in logging operations. The caboose was awarded first place in both the judged and popular vote contest. Allen's model also received the **Timber Times Magazine Logging Model** and the coveted **United Transportation Union Brass Lantern** awards. See the write up about Allen and his caboose in the October 2002 issue of the *UTU News* (page 11), available at TrainNet.org (www.trainnet.org). **Your Regional Contest Chairman** received third place in the freight car category with a GN Woodchip Car, along with the **Hundman Publishing Mainline Modeler** award.

If any of you have any questions regarding contest formats and/or procedures, please contact me. I, like other members of the PSR staff, are here to serve you. 🚂



Mission Possible 2002 “Best of Show”

Alan Barnes, Arizona Division
HO Wood Water Tank

Special Awards at Mission Possible 2002

All Photos by Robert Wescott and Charles Nauman.



Christopher Green, San Diego Division, received the **Contest Chairman's Award** for all four of his scratch built cars in 1 1/2 inch Scale. Each individual car also received a Merit Award - shown here is his beautiful Northern Pacific Railway "Russell Live Poultry Car Co." numbered NP-7145.



Jan Wescott, Cajon Division Director, receives the **President's Award** from then-President **Bob Chaparro**.



The **Orange County Model Club** (Carl Heimberger, President) received the **Convention Chairman's Award**.

Other Awards

(no photos available)

Jan Wescott is PSR Member of the Year. The individual Division Members of the Year were **Roger von Seeburg**, Arizona; **Bill & Jane Jacobs**, Cajon; **Bob deMoss**, Los Angeles; and **Sam Dale**, San Diego. **Dorr Altizer**, *PSR Dispatch* Editor, received the Trustee Award. 🚂🚂

PSR Education Department

JAN WESCOTT, PSR EDUCATION CHAIR

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Insights

This 4th Quarter issue of the *PSR Dispatch* brings to a close a very successful year for the PSR Education Department. Our Region received many “well done” congratulatory messages for our support at the recent Board of Trustee meeting. Our mid-year report reflected our diligence and certainly demonstrated the success that can be achieved through cooperative effort. I have every confidence our year-end final report will be even greater and more comprehensive.

At the mid-year PSR Board of Directors’ meeting I presented a preview of some of the changes that are in the works Nationally and forthcoming. This preview is repeated here for your information.

JUNIOR COLLEGE PROGRAM

Rich Coleman, National Education Director, is working to restructure the Junior College Program (JCP). He hopes the changes will help boost attendance that has been falling short of expectations.

Starting at the National Convention next year he is proposing to cut back the time the JCP is run during the convention to only one day. He is also proposing to relocate the JCP stations closer to a specific manufacturer. Currently the JCP stations are located in an area located away from the Trade Show and manufacturers have to leave their booths to participate in the program. He feels having the stations closer to the participating manufacturers will allow them to work at the JCP station without having to be away from their booths.

What is needed most are volunteers who would enjoy working with our youth at this level and also someone to take over the reins of the JCP. Rutger Friberg started it and has done a great job in its growth, however he is from Sweden and finds it difficult to set up sessions and do the things necessary from such a distance. In addition Rutger has just been named to head the Technical Department further engulfing his time.

If you would like to be involved, your services would be most welcome at any level of this program. Contact Rich Coleman at educate@hq.nmra.org.

NEW CLINIC PROGRAM

A new clinic program called the NMRA Core Skills

Clinic Program is now being developed. The basic idea behind its development is to have a “standard” syllabus for each clinic, outlining the basic concepts that should be covered. Presenters would continue to use their own models or projects to illustrate the points involved, however they would also have a syllabus of “standard” information that is to be covered in each of the various types of clinics.

Rich is currently working on the development of the materials for each individual type of clinics in the program.

LEGOS IN THE NMRA?

Have you seen some of the Lego train layouts now being displayed at train shows? They are unquestionably popular and some of the pictures on their web site are absolutely amazing. It really demonstrates some of the remarkable modeling being done with Lego. If you haven’t seen it, you are encouraged and invited to visit www.brickshelf.com to view their gallery on trains.

Recently a group of Lego train modelers inquired about what kind of a niche might be created in the NMRA for Lego train modelers. I personally found this bit of information fascinating and very interesting. I had heard of Lego Land and such but never experienced seeing the detail and interior lighting of Lego modeling.

OTHER NEWS

The NMRA Board of Trustees adopted a new long-range plan for the NMRA at its annual meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. One of the recommended items in the plan calls for the restructuring of the NMRA Board of Trustees. Under consideration is a reduction in the number of Trustees from seventeen (currently one from each Region) to 7 to 9 to make the Board more effective. Such a change will impact all areas of the NMRA and it is hoped this impact produces positive results once all the details are ironed out. We will keep a watchful eye on how all this plays out and affects the Education Department.

FINAL THOUGHTS

A gentle reminder to all Division Education Chairs to please send your year-end report to me by January 20, 2003. Division reports should cover the period of July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Here’s hoping all of you enjoy a very happy holiday season! 🚂

into this resource of talented people will make being a part of the PSR a great experience, one that many might like to join.

Another change involves having the Division Directors participate in communicating and exchanging information. I have asked for a monthly dialogue from the Division Directors every month. I believe with only two PSR Board meetings per year, there is not enough communication. It is also my plan to attend at least one meet in each Division per year.

Now onto the financial part. Due to a lower membership number we are faced with a lower dollar amount coming into the PSR. Throughout the year our spending is about the same as years past but with the lower membership numbers and constantly rising costs, there is not enough money coming in to keep our budget in balance. As with the Divisions, the largest expense of the budget is the newsletters and, in our case, the *PSR Dispatch*.

At the recent PSR Board of Directors meeting several worthwhile ideas and suggestions were proposed to offset this expense. Of heavy concentration will be to get some advertising in the *PSR Dispatch*. I am proposing to establish a special committee to assist in this area. Other ideas, such as discontinuing courtesy "comp" issues to businesses and inviting the PSR membership with Internet access to volunteer to read their issue online, are also being pursued.

One more thing before I go bandage my typing fingers. Our Historian, **Bob Faley**, has started a collection of past year's convention cars for an exhibit display at our Regional functions. He is also collecting final convention reports to be kept in the PSR archives. I am very happy this is being done and think this provides continuity and is very important. Someday in the future members may look back at these articles and see into the PSR past.

I am very excited about the future of the PSR and anxious to see the results of some of the new things we will be doing. Have a great holidays everyone! 🚂



PSR History Department

BOB FALEY, PSR HISTORIAN

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I am happy to report that our collection of Convention Rail Cars is right on track. We have received the first cars (1996, 2000 & 2001) and have several pledges for additional cars from other years. If you have a car you would like to donate, please contact us to see if what you have is still missing from our collection.

On the other side of the coin, we are disappointed in the response we have received to our requests for past issues of the *PSR Dispatch* and photos from past Regional events. We have heard from **no one**! Come on people, we can't build our archives without help from the membership. Although you may not be interested in the past, remember, today will be the past tomorrow and we owe it to our future members to leave them something to reflect on as to our contributions to the Region! Any donations that are not used will be returned to the donor.

In the case of pictures, we will make duplicates and return the originals to you if you so request. At this time, the oldest *PSR Dispatch* we have on hand is the 3rd

Quarter 1999, Vol. 17, No 3. We have all issues from then to present. If you have any issues prior to 3rd Quarter 1999, and you are willing to part with them, please forward to us. If you want them back, we will be happy to copy them and return the originals to you. Please contact us before sending them to be sure they are still missing in our collection.

Trivia: In 1935 a group of model railroaders formed a new organization called the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). This group had decided that model railroading would be more fun if they did it together.

Eight years later, in 1943, the first region was organized and was named the Pacific Coast Region. It was chartered to provide services to NMRA members on the West Coast whose needs could not be easily met by a national organization, which at that time was largely based in the Midwest. This was the embryo that thirty-nine years later, in 1982, spawned the Pacific Southwest Region as we know it today. 🚂

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PSR Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2002

TOM DRAPER, HLM, PSR TREASURER

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Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$31.91
Investments	<u>32,550.11</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$32,582.02</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	<u>360.00</u>
Total Liabilities	360.00
Fund Balances	
Temporarily Restricted	
Hobo Account	<u>\$220.19</u>
Total Temporarily Restricted	220.19
Unrestricted	<u>32,001.83</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>32,222.02</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$32,582.02</u>

Statement of Changes in Checking Account Balance

Beginning Balance (9-1-01)	\$909.87
Income	
Deposits	<u>\$17,390.70</u>
Total Income	\$17,390.70
Expenses	
Checks Written	<u>\$18,268.66</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,268.66</u>
Ending Balance (8-31-02)	\$31.91

Budget vs. Actual Performance

	Budget	Actual	Difference	% To Budget
Income				
Dues - Members	\$4,800.00	\$4,080.50	\$719.50	85.0 %
Dues - Life Members	800.00	838.25	(38.25)	1.0
Investment Interest	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0
Regional Convention Income	1,000.00	1,579.00	(579.00)	157.9
Dispatch Advertising	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
Contest Awards	0.00	452.31	(452.31)	N/A
Hobo Income	0.00	14.77	(14.77)	N/A
NMRA/PSR Supplies	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Total Income (Operations)	\$8,150.00	\$7,964.83	\$185.17	97.7 %
NMRA Dues	<u>11,264.12</u>	<u>11,264.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total Income (Other)	11,264.12	11,264.12	0.00	100.0
Total Income	19,414.12	19,228.95	185.17	99.0 %
Expenses				
Trustee	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0 %
President	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.0
Vice-President	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.0
Secretary	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.0
Treasurer	75.00	38.29	36.71	51.1
Membership/Promotion	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.0
Dispatch	6,000.00	4,923.76	1,076.24	82.1
Dispatch Advertising	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.0
Member Services	1,800.00	2,118.07	(318.07)	117.7
Contest	100.00	219.56	(119.56)	219.6
Achievement	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.0
Insurance	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.0
Member Aid	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.0
President's Awards	1,000.00	64.86	935.14	6.5
By-Laws	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.0
Railettes	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.0
HOB0	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
NMRA/PSR Supplies	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.0
Bank Fees	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.0
Total Expenses (Operations)	\$10,100.00	\$7,364.54	\$2,735.46	72.9 %
NMRA Dues to NMRA	<u>10,904.12</u>	<u>10,904.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total Expenses (Other)	<u>\$10,904.12</u>	<u>\$10,904.12</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total Expenses	\$21,004.12	\$18,268.66	\$2,735.46	87.0 %
Funds moved to temporarily restricted				
investments - Hobo Account	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$14.77)</u>	<u>14.77</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Income/(Loss) from Operations	(\$1,950.00)	\$585.52	(\$2,535.52)	130.0 %
Benchmark = 100.0%				

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The Cactus Charlie Route

Arizona Express 2003

Pacific Southwest Region Convention

September 11 - 14, 2003

Presented by the Arizona Division

at the Getaway Lagoon Resort

3600 N. 2nd Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

Dorr Altizer, Publicity Chair

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Planning is well underway for the Arizona Express 2003, the PSR 2003 Model Railroad Convention. Presented by the Arizona Division, this convention will be a lot of fun for everyone! Below are some of the highlights. Lots more information about the convention will appear in the next three issues of the PSR Dispatch, but if you have questions that you need answered right away, contact Registrar Debbie Draper at zdraper@aol.com; 10837 N. 34th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3310; (602) 953-1681.

Financial Note: The PSR 2003 Convention is using the NMRA's financial services to process credit cards so if you use a card to pay for your convention registration the charge will appear on your bill as "NATIONAL MODEL CHATTANOOGA." Such "credit card payment registrations" may be faxed to: (602) 953-0751.

Planned Activities and Events

(Some will be Extra Fare)

Contests	Layout Tours	Prototype Tours
Clinics	Company Store	Awards Banquet
Swap Meet	Outside Tours	Directors Meeting
Raillette Activities	Silent Auction	Membership Meeting
Hospitality Room	HOBBO Breakfast	

Nearby Restaurants & Eating Establishments

Ianuzzi Restaurant	Jordan's Mexican Food
Mi Patio Restaurant	Honey Bear's BBQ
Zteca Restaurant	Phoenix Zoo
China Doll Restaurant	Desert Botanical Garden
Alexis Grill	Subway Sandwiches
Macayo Mexican Food	Furr's Cafeteria
Durant's Steak & Fine Dining	Yoshi's
The Spaghetti Company	Miracle Mile Deli
Best of Philly Eatery	Sazzoni's Restaurant

... plus many, many "Fast Food" Restaurants

Tentative List of Tours

(Subject to Change)

BNSF Yards

Arizona Railway Historical Museum

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Hall of Flame Museum of Fire Fighting

Bank One Ballpark

Confederate Air Force - Arizona Wing

Champlin Fighter Aircraft Museum

Rosson House

Heritage and Science Park

Arizona Capitol and Museum

Phoenix Zoo

Desert Botanical Garden

Phoenix Museum of History

Heard Museum

Convention Hotel: Getaway Lagoon Quality Hotel & Resort is a first-class hotel located in the Financial District opposite the Park Central Shopping Plaza, two miles from downtown and six miles from Sky Harbor International Airport. Address/phone numbers: 3600 N. Second Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013-3941, 602-248-0222, 1-800-256-1237, FAX: (602) 265-6331. Tell the reservation folks that you are attending the "**PSR Model Railroad Convention.**"

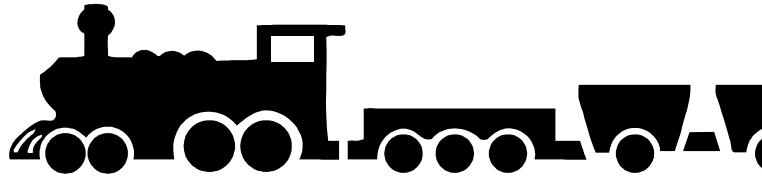
Convention Room Rates: \$79.00 (plus tax) per night, Single or Double Occupancy, King Size or Double-Double.

Much more information is available about the hotel on their official web site at www.getawayresort.com. There is also a very useful and informative Virtual Tour available from www.reservetravel.com/propinfo.asp?siteid=246&HID=45&SRC=1

Updated info will soon be available on the convention web site at <http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html>

Model Railroading Hints, Tips and Ideas

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One of the best things about the hobby of model railroading is the willingness of most modellers to freely share their knowledge with others. Previously, this sharing was limited to things like clubs, conventions and standing around at the local hobby shop. But today we have the World Wide Web, and a number of modellers around the world have posted things they've learned about model railroading on web sites for everyone to see. Through this column I will share some of the tips and hints I've found with you, and give you addresses so you can check out the sites for yourself. One caveat: Although I have no reason to believe that these hints and tips won't work for you, I haven't personally tried them all – so don't blame me if your new Kato SD40 blows up!

INDUSTRIES FOR YOUR MODEL RAILROAD

You've got all those freight cars on your layout—now what industries should they be switched to? That's what **Michael Fischer** talks about on his web site, found at www.naisp.net/users/mfischer/m_train4.htm#industry.

What are the best industries for your model railroad? That's a question that interests me as I develop industries on my layout. I've decided that the best industries are those that offer the greatest variety in car loadings—not necessarily the ones that generate the most traffic. Examples of these kinds of industries include (in no particular order):

Interchange Track. This is the ultimate “industry,” as you can put any kind of car at all as an inbound or outbound, empty or loaded.

Car Float or Car Ferry. Like an interchange track, a car ferry gives the same variety in car loadings, plus the operating challenge of getting the cars on and off without messing up the boat's schedule.

Car Cleaning Facility. Almost every car needs to be cleaned out sometime. Boxcars get swept out outside; tank cars and covered hoppers get more elaborate treatment indoors.

Car Repair Shop. Class One railroads maintain huge shops for their own cars. But small car repair shops will take any private-owner car, from box cars to tank cars to auto racks.

Rip Track. The rip track is where light car repairs are made. It is usually located in a yard. This is another “industry” where any car type will be appropriate, and it needs no more scenery than one track with tools and rusty parts scattered nearby.

Team Track. Almost any type of car can be spotted here. Trucks can drive right up to the doors of a box car; if a conveyor and pit are included, covered hoppers can also be unloaded. Place a Walther's auto unloading ramp at the end of the track and you also spot autoracks there.

Brewery. Covered hoppers filled with grain go in, and insulated box cars of beer go out.

Meat Packing Plant. Stock cars go in; reefers of meat, boxcars of hides and tank cars of by-products come out.

Auto Plant. Going in are box cars of all sizes, gondolas of coiled steel, and tank cars of lubricants and gasoline. Going out—autos, of course, in autoracks.

Paper Mill. Going in are bulkhead flats of pulpwood, wood-chip cars, assorted tank cars full of chemicals, and kaolin in tank cars and covered hoppers. Boxcars of paper products go out.

PAPER SIGNS, VINES TO HIDE CORNERS AND CHEAP & EASY CURTAINS

The next set of tips come from a web site operated by **Terry Callahan** at www.terrycallahan.com/railroad/workshop.htm.

Paper Signs. The fabulous Franklin and South Manchester of George Sellios has more paper signs than you can count. Where does he get his signs? Well, George is always on the lookout for old magazines from which he cuts classic advertising. I have found some current catalogs to be of some use (the ones that sell the reproduction signs for Coke and Pepsi). First cut the sign from the catalog oversize (leave extra material around the edges). Next, trim the excess with a new No. 11 blade. After it is trimmed, flip it over and very carefully sand the edges. After sanding, dilute some white glue 50/50 with “wet” water (water with a few drops of dish soap), apply a very thin layer of glue to the back of the sign and then place it on the building. Let the sign dry completely (overnight). After it is dry, weather the sign with white chalk dust to make it look like it is faded.

You can also lightly sand the face of the sign with some very fine sandpaper so it looks like it is old and torn.

Vines to Hide Your Corners. No matter how hard you try, no matter how careful you are in constructing structures, plastic or wood, sometimes you just can't get the corner just right. The seam will show because the plastic or wood is warped and a huge crack appears at the corner. A time honored cure to this problem is to add ground foam vines held in place with full strength white glue. Apply the glue along the corner seam starting at the top, working your way down to the bottom. Continue to apply the glue along the bottom of the building, trying to visualize how the real thing would grow along the bottom and up the corner. Sprinkle on some ground foam (e.g. from Woodland Scenics). The

ground foam that falls on the glue will stick, and the rest you can pour off into a container. Let dry and—presto!—the crack is gone.

Easy and Cheap Window Curtains. Windows on houses look pretty vacant without some kind of curtains. One way to make curtains is by using the insides of business envelopes (the type that are designed to make it hard to see through). They come in a wide variety of patterns, and the price is right. 📧📧

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About the Author: John Longhurst lives in Winnipeg, Canada, and models in HO. His layout is called the CP Rail Manitoba and Minnesota Subdivision. In addition to his real job working for an international development agency, John is a very part time editor of Canadian Railway Modeller, Canada's only model railway magazine. He asked for, and received, permission from the owners of the web sites above to reprint their information.

PSR Financial Statements - continued from page 18

Statement of Activities

Income

Dues	\$4,080.50
Investment Interest	1,838.25
Los Angeles Convention	79.00
Las Vegas Convention	1,500.00
Contest Awards (Las Vegas)	452.31
Hobo Account	14.77
Total Income	\$7,964.83

Expenses

Trustee	0.00
President	0.00
Vice President	0.00
Secretary	0.00
Treasurer	38.29
Membership/Promotion	0.00
Dispatch	4,923.76
Dispatch Advertising	0.00
Member Services	2,118.07
Contest	219.56
Achievement	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Member Aid	0.00
President's Awards	64.86
By-Laws	0.00
Raillettes	0.00
NMRAIPSR Supplies	0.00
Bank Fees	0.00
Total Expenses	\$7,364.54
Excess/(Deficit)	\$600.29
Funds moved to temporarily restricted investments - Hobo Account	(14.77)
Income/(Loss) from Operations	\$585.52

Statement of Changes in Hobo Account Balance

Beginning Balance (9-1-01)	\$205.42
Income	
Deposits	\$14.77
Total Income	\$14.77
Expenses	
Checks Written	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance (8-31-02)	\$220.19

Investments Portfolio

	Market Value
Government National Mortgage Assoc (7.50%) (6-20-24)	\$5,341.98
Government National Mortgage Assoc (7.00%) (1-15-24)	10,902.67
Government National Mortgage Assoc (7.00%) (4-15-23)	9,329.82
Great Hall Money Market Fund (1.31%)	6,975.64
Total Investments	32,550.11
Portfolio Average Weighted Current Yield:	5.86%
Investments Portfolio Balance (9-1-01)	30,839.84
Interest Earned (9-1-01 to 8-31-02)	1,838.25
Funds Withdrawn From Investments (9-1-01 to 8-31-02)	0.00
Deposits From Govt Natl Mort Assoc (9-1-01 to 8-31-02)	4,044.04
Unrealized Fund Value Loss (9-1-01 to 8-31-02)	(4,172.02)
Investments Portfolio Balance (8-31-02)	\$32,550.11
Total Change in Portfolio (9-1-01 to 8-31-02)	\$1,710.27
Total Return on Investments (9-1-01 to 8-31-02):	5.55%

Statement of Financial Position Comparison (8-31-02 and 8-31-01)

Assets	August 31, 2002	August 31, 2001	8-31-02 vs. 8-31-01
Cash in Bank	\$31.91	\$909.87	(\$877.96)
Investments	32,550.11	30,839.84	1,710.27
Total Assets	32,582.02	31,749.71	832.31
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Total Liabilities	360.00	0.00	360.00
Fund Balances			
Temporarily Restricted			
Hobo Account	\$220.19	\$205.42	14.77
Total Temporarily Restricted	220.19	205.42	14.77
Unrestricted	32,001.83	31,544.29	457.54
Total Fund Balances	32,222.02	31,749.71	472.31
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$32,582.02	\$31,749.71	\$832.31
Excess of Revenue over Expense			\$585.52
Deposits From Govt Natl Mort Assoc			\$4,044.04
Unrealized Loss on Investments			(4,172.02)
Total			\$457.54

The Pacific Southwest Region Audit Committee met and reviewed the Region's financial records and reports for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2002. Upon finding that the financial records and reports of the region were in balance, complete in their documentation, in the proper structure, form and presentation, and reflect the necessary controls and procedures to accurately represent the financial status of the PSR, the Audit Committee thereby approved of the financial records and reports for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2002, as prepared by Treasurer Tom Draper and submitted to the Board of Directors at the BOD meeting on September 11, 2002 in Oceanside, CA.

Flag Stops

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If you send the club notices to me at my NEW address, wlindsays@adelphia.net, I will pass them off to the Coupler and Dispatch editors. I also send the data on to Dick Greator for the NMRA web pages. Anyone can copy and reprint my stuff to promote the hobby, rail travel, RR history, and railroad safety.

2002

NOVEMBER

Glendale Model Railroad Club Fall Open House. 619 Hahn Ave., Glendale, CA. (818) 500-7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for directions to the club building. 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

- 2 Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 3 Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 4 Monday 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Pasadena Model Railroad Club Fall Show. 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles, CA. (877) 484-4664.

Donations are \$3.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children (under 6 free). Joe Behan, joebehan@ix.netcom.com

- 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

2 & 3 Cajon Division's Model Railroad Month Celebration. Barstow Ramada Inn. Jan Wescott, (702) 566-0856, wescvegas@lvcn.com

3 & 5 Slim Gauge Guild MRC Open House. Sunday 10 AM to 7 PM; Tuesday 6 PM to 10 PM. 300 S. Raymond Ave. (Basement), Pasadena, CA 91105. Jeff Smith (626) 441-6272 or smith@pacbell.net, <http://home.pacbell.net/smith>

7 & 8 GATS, Fairplex, Pomona CA. 11 AM – 5 PM. \$7.00. See www.GATS.com for discount and details. (630) 834-0652

8 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM. Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave., Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. wlindsays@adelphia.net, www.pacificrailsociety.org

9 Arizona Division Fall Meet. 9:00 AM - 4 PM. Phoenix Fire Department Training Academy, 2430 S. 22nd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. Saturday Dinner Bar-B-Que at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park, 6 PM, Cost: \$7.00. www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/azdiv/azdiv.html for updates.

9 San Diego Division Fall Meet. 5:00 PM. San Diego Model Railroad Museum.

Orange Empire Railroad Museum Ticketed Event: A Day Out With Thomas. Tickets are \$14.00 except for children under 1 year.

9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 info@oerm.org, www.oerm.org

2201 S. "A" St., Perris CA 92570, (909) 657-2605 info, (909) 943-3020 office

13 Pacific Railroad Society Rolling Stock Slide Show. 7:30 PM PRS Dart Shop. 12" to the foot scale. From Olympic Ave in Commerce, go south on Herbert to end of the street and turn right on Nokes. Will Walters, (714) 637-4676. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. www.pacificrailsociety.org

16-17 Belmont Shores MRRC Swap Meet and Open House. Saturday Swap Meet 10AM to 4PM. \$1.00 per person, \$2.00 per family. Angels Gate Park, 3691 South Gaffy Street, San Pedro, CA. Scott Schifer, (310) 831-6262. www.socaln.com/belmont

- 23 **Orange Empire Railroad Museum Holiday Operations.**
- 24 **Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) Southern Pacific Division Meet.** 12:30 - 5 PM. Brookhurst Community Center, 22771 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA #3 each or \$5 for family. Brian Fields, (562) 595-9194. Brian@ttos-sp.com. www.ttos-sp.com

DECEMBER

- 2 **Glendale Model Railroad Club.** 619 Hahn Ave. (818) 500-7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for directions to the club building. 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.
- 7-8 **GATS.** Del Mar Fair, Del Mar, CA 92014. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. See www.GATS.com for discount and details. (630) 834-0652
- 7-8, 14-15 **Orange Empire Railroad Museum Santa Train.** 2201 S. "A" St., Perris CA 92570, (909) 657-2605 info, (909) 943-3020 office. www.oerm.org
- 14 **Christmas Train Show.** Henderson Convention Center, 200 Water Street, Henderson Nevada, 10 AM to 4 PM, Admission \$5 Adults, \$2 Children 7 yrs to Adult. For more info contact Jan Wescott, wescvegas@lvcm or visit www.cajondiv.org
- 14-15 **GATS.** Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix, AZ 85004. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. See www.GATS.com for discount and details. (630) 834-0652
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2003

JANUARY

- 6 **San Diego Division Business Meeting.** 7:30 PM SDMRRM

FEBRUARY

- ?? **1/87 Vehicle Club 2003 West Coast Meet.** Culver City Memorial Auditorium. www.1-87vehicles.org
- 16 **California Express Railroadiana Show.** 10 - 4. UFCW Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA Corner of Stanton and Crescent. \$5.00 kids under 12 free. Bob Chase (760) 746-9392 chaser@cox.net; Jim Nagel (562) 925-5235

MAY

- 17 **Santa Susana Open House.** 10 to 4. Simi Valley, CA. Contact Richard Parshall (805) 526-0371 or oltwntrn@pacbell.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.). If coming from the I-118 it's the first right on Kuehner after crossing the RR tracks. www.trainweb.org/ssmrc
- 17 **Santa Susana RR Historical Society Swap Meet.** 7 - 11 AM in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$2.00. Sellers contact Richard Parshall (805) 526-0371 or oltwntrn@pacbell.net.

JULY


-  3-19: **"Maple Leaf 2003" NMRA National Convention.** Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Hosted by Niagara Frontier Region. registrar@m12003.com, General Information: www.m12003.com

SEPTEMBER

-  11-14: **"Arizona Express 2003" PSR Annual Convention.** Phoenix, AZ. Hosted by the Arizona Division. Registrar Debbie Draper, zdraper@aol.com. See page 19 for more information and the insert in this issue for the Registration Form. www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html

2004

JULY

-  4 TO 11: **"Puget Sound Express" NMRA National Convention.** Seattle, WA. Hosted by the Fourth Division of the Pacific Northwest Region. Information and Registration: Dave Kreidler, (425) 831-5131, rrrnut@msn.com, General Information: www.nmra2004.org



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