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Ah, spring is in the air! Unlike our fellow modelers in the East and Midwest, we aren't

stuck inside for weeks on end while the winds blow, snow and ice make getting out difficult, and all there is to do is build kits and lay track. No, we here in the Southwest have it better: fewer reasons to stay indoors, more reasons to get out and see our friends, operate layouts, and go railfanning. Right!? Well, I prefer it, anyway, after way too many years of shoveling white stuff, slogging through slush, etc.

Which leads to my point that there is lots going on in the Region, with social events, swap meets, Division meets, layout operating sessions, train shows, you name it. The Los Angeles Division will be having their annual dinner soon, and Cajon Division is having a blowout of a meet in Temecula (between San Diego and Riverside) that everyone is invited to (details in this issue). San Diego had their annual swap meet, and Arizona always

From the Hot Seat!

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seems to have something interesting going on. So, get out of the house, enjoy the reasons you live here, and have fun with trains, big and little!

The PSR Board of Directors is taking advantage of the event in Temecula to hold the mid-year Board meeting during the meet. I would like to thank the Cajon Division for offering to host the meeting, and I'm looking forward to the fun, as well. If you come to the meet, feel free to drop in and observe the Board meeting.

The big event, of course, is the coming NMRA National Convention and Train Show, which is being hosted by the PSR and the Los Angeles Division. Details about the Convention are in this issue, as well as in the "Scale Rails" magazine and on the NMRA website. So, send in your registration, and plan to be in Anaheim in July. The Convention Committee also needs assistance from all members of the PSR in helping to run the convention - there's volunteer contact information on the detail sheet.

Speaking of the NMRA website - if you haven't visited lately, some big changes have been made. Much easier to use, better design, more information, up to date as well. Point your browser at <http://www.nmra.org> and see what you think. There have also been some changes at the PSR site, as well.

Lots to do between now and the Board meeting in Temecula, and even more before the Convention. The Board of Directors is continuing to work on updating the PSR guides (By Laws and Manual of Operations) to bring them in line with all the changes in the NMRA. We're also trying to find the best solutions for our Region and Division publications to keep you, the member, informed and involved.

Well, I look forward to seeing you soon, either at Temecula or Anaheim, or along the line somewhere.

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On November 10th of 2007, we held our Division meet in Tucson. We had a good turnout, but the contest room was fairly empty. We are working to encourage better participation in the contests in our future meets.

I would like to thank Rick Wheeler and Jack DeBolt for the service as the Superintendent and Chief Clerk and Paymaster respectively. Also, I welcome our new Superintendent Art Carlton and new Chief Clerk and Paymaster Richard Dick. I look forward to working with these gentlemen as we move forward.

At the end of January, we go live with our new Arizona Division website. Thanks to Dick Greatorex for all his past support in hosting the website. We hope the new website will be a success and I encourage members to provide feedback and suggestions for us to improve the site. You can visit the new website at www.AzDiv-NMRA.org You can also view the color version of the Spur Line, our division newsletter, on the new website.

Our next meet will be March 1 in Phoenix. Everyone is invited to attend. And please bring your contest entries! It would be great to see members from the other Divisions join us. Our other events in 2008 will be Flagstaff (June), and Tucson (November).

Finally, we are all getting prepared for the national convention in Anaheim this coming July. I'm very excited to be able to attend a convention in our 'back yard'. I hope to see many folks from the Arizona Division as well as members of the region at the convention.

By now everyone's focus should be on the NMRA National Convention in Anaheim in July 2008. This national Convention will also be the PSR Convention for 2008 so I would like to encourage all Cajon members to attend, there will be some really outstanding clinics, tours and this is your chance to enter into a Nation Convention Contest. Although LA division is the host division the success of this convention can only happen if it is supported by all PSR members. The convention will need lots of volunteers, so here is your chance to become part of this event. Please consider volunteering at least one day during the event.

Cajon Division is also gearing up for the 2009 PSR Convention that will be held in Las Vegas, and are in the process of developing the program, tours and other events associated with the convention. Along that same line we are in the process of developing our funding strategy, which includes several weekend meets between now and September 2009. The first event will be in March 28th, 29th & 30th 2008 in Temecula and will consist of clinics, a trip to Paris Train Museum and for an extra fee you can drive a train, dinner, Chinese Auction, and antique shopping and wine tasting for the non rails. Detail information is included in this publication and it is open to all divisions to attend. Hope to see many of you there.

PSR Elections Coming Up - Your Input is Needed

The terms of the current President and Vice-President of the PSR are coming to an end this July at the Annual Membership Meeting during the 2008 NMRA/PSR Convention in Anaheim. If you know of someone who is interested in either of these positions, or are interested yourself, the nomination must be submitted no later than March 27th, 2008, to:

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Activity Reports



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By the time you read this, the PSR Board of Directors will either have met for the mid-year board meeting or will be getting ready to meet. One of the main topics will be to bring the PSR By-Laws and Manual of Operations in compliance with the National policies. After all the changes have been suggested, the general membership will vote on said changes. Another topic will be the new membership policies of national and the effects on the region and the divisions. In conjunction with these policies, a discussion of how to reach out to these new members to inform them of the benefits of being active in the region and their division should happen.

The Los Angeles Division Committee has voted to deliver the Coupler online with no charge as of the April-June issue. For a small fee, members will be able to receive a hard copy mailed to them. All details were in the Jan-Mar issue mailed to all members of the PSR residing within the L.A. Division.

I would like to encourage all members to register and attend the National Convention to be held in Anaheim in July 2008. Attending the National is a terrific experience and it may be awhile before it is so close to home again.

Hope to see you in Anaheim.

Cajon - Continued

PSR President Ben Sevier and I will be traveling to Temecula on March 29th to attend our mid-year Board of Directors meeting at the site of our upcoming National and Regional Convention. In addition to regular business, we will receive an update on the convention's progress and tour the facilities. The Board is currently working on updating PSR's Manual of Operations and By-Laws to ensure that they are up to date and in conformance with current National NMRA standards.

I hope to see you all at the Convention. From what I've heard, it's going to be a great one.

Happy New Year! I hope that your holiday season was great. On December 8th, the San Diego Division gathered at my home for a Division Holiday Party. We had an excellent turn out despite the rainstorm. Many trains were run, large quantities of food were consumed, and there was a lively gift exchange (with some organized stealing as well). A great time was had by all and we've decided to make it an annual event.

January 12-13 brought the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour to the San Diego County Fairgrounds. The event drew a very large attendance and offered a wide variety of displays, vendors, manufacturers and clinics. Representatives from Athearn, Atlas, Bachmann, Con Cor, Kato, Micro-Trains, Walthers, Woodland Scenics and others displayed new products and answered questions. There were train rides for the kiddies and interactive displays visitors of all ages. Lots of smiles, excitement, and train sets going out the door. If you have the opportunity to attend one of these events, please do and invite a friend.

On January 19th, the Division was invited to visit the North County Model Railroad Society in Oceanside. This club is uniquely located on a second floor over a supermarket which provides a great location for a big club layout. The turnout was very good and we enjoyed viewing the impressive progress made by this club on their railroad. This group has a tremendous amount of modeling talent and it's great to see it all come together on one big railroad.

Our Division Winter Meet will be held on February 9th at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista, home to the Short Track Railroad Club. This event will include a swap meet, pot luck, clinics, and a tour of the progress of this club's railroad. They are faithfully modeling the Southern Pacific's Shasta Route in N scale. When we visited last year, bench work, track, & wiring were well under way so it will be exciting to see how far they've come. This is the same group that hosts the County Fair's modular railroad display every year. They provide some of the finest 'N' scale modeling you'll ever see.

Achievement Program

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There were not too many models in the Region Convention this last September. That has been covered by several people. Why is that? There are so many things pulling at us for attention every day. Those that still work to support their hobby have a good excuse; they are gone for 9 to 11 hours each day except the weekends. Ah the weekends, plenty of time to catch up on the model building. But other things tug at us for attention; there is yard work, household chores, time with family. Then it is Sunday evening and you are exhausted from the weekend. Where did the time go?

Or you are retired. Ahh this is the blissful relaxed time where you can do what you want, when you want. Well, the household chores are still there, and so is the family, but now there is more family. Grandkids take time too! But the work is gone, right? Many people volunteer or have social commitments and before you know it the time has gone by. Several of my retired friends say they are busier now than when they worked. Where did the time go?

Stop for a second (since that is all you may have time for) and smell the roses. Remember what brought you

Are you a Super Modeler?

(By Joe Porter and originally posted on the IPMS USA website)

1. Score 100 points if you ever called in sick to finish a model.
2. Score 50 points if you ever needed assistance getting un-superglued.
3. Deduct 75 points if you own a set of golf clubs.
4. Score 40 points if you ever helped yourself to that cool sand in an upright hotel ashtray.
5. Score 2 points for every bottle of paint on your workbench. Add 50 bonus points if you own your own paint rack.
6. Score 200 points if a hobby tool incident has required stitches.
7. Score 75 points if, on arriving in a strange town, the first thing you look for is hobby shops in the phone book. Score 300 bonus points if you ever planned a family vacation to include a model show.
8. Score 25 points if you have something from the kitchen on your workbench. Score 100 bonus points if your wife doesn't know it's missing.
9. Score 50 points if you shop for hobby supplies, unaccompanied, in a fabric or cosmetics store.
10. Score 50 points for each pack of Grandt Line bolts you

joy when you were deeply committed to working on your layout or that special model? Cut out a small piece of time and do some modeling. Start small with weathering a model. There are lots of built up kits to choose from. Though some buildings are now built up and weathered, cars too, you can add that little personal touch that sets your model apart from others by adding different weathering or details to the models.

Once you get started, it can become a short break from the realities of daily life. Tackle one of those kits you were going to work on someday. Well now is some day. Take the box out and shake it a tad to see what comes out. Repaint an old car that you don't like the paint scheme on anymore. Remember how much you enjoyed the building and running of your trains? Start with short tasks. The feeling of accomplishment when you finish even the small tasks will lift your spirits.

When everyday life spins you out of control, jump back in control with your models. When you are finished, bring them to a Division Meet to share with others. If you get to building a Craftsman kit or scratch-building a model bring it to the Division and Region contests. Share your stories and talents with the rest of us. We would enjoy that. Yep, camaraderie among those that like the art of model railroading brings happiness to all of us. Your presence bring happiness to all of us, even if you cannot bring a model, bring yourself, you deserve some time away from the daily grind. You might even pick up a bit of valuable information in the process.

ever bought.

11. Score 25 points for every kit you have purchased in the last year. Score 250 bonus points for every project you have completed.
12. Score 50 points if you're left-handed.
13. Deduct 300 points if you ever sold some of your unbuilt kits.
14. Score 30 points for every non-modeler who has seen your models and said, "Oh, I used to do that when I was a kid."
15. Deduct 100 points for every unfinished project you've set aside.
16. Score 500 points if you ever purchased a Mascot figure. Score 800 bonus points if you painted it. Deduct 1000 points if you did anything weird after that.
17. Score 150 points if you ever ordered a kit through the mail, and had it sent to your office so your wife wouldn't find out. Score 500 sympathy points if your hobby has cost you a relationship.
18. Score 600 points if the local library refers inquiries to you.
19. Deduct 5000 points if you ever used a penlight while judging.
20. Score 50 points for every part you dropped - and found!
21. Score 75 points if you own an Optivisor.
22. Score 425 points if someone else smashed their models when you showed up at a contest.

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Contest Corner



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Another year is upon us. This year brings a special event to our region with the PSR hosting the NMRA national convention in Anaheim. There are some fine modelers, photographers and crafts persons in the PSR and this is a great opportunity to showcase their skills.

Once again, I would like to remind you that there will be a dual contest format in Anaheim. PSR member entries that have not previously received best-of-show or first place awards in regional competition will be eligible for both regional and national awards. There will be many opportunities to win awards with a two contest process.

During the Anaheim even, PSR member entries will have to be identified with a coding system to ensure that they receive the appropriate consideration for eligible regional awards as well as national awards. This applies to model construction, photo and arts and crafts contests. There will be the usual PSR contests with favorite model and levity awards. Ingenuity and the PSR President's awards will also be presented.

The contest room schedule is 8 AM-7 PM on Monday and Tuesday. Judging will be conducted on Wednesday and the awards will be presented on Thursday morning.

Let's go over some of the important hints for contest entries. Fill out the entry forms and Judges Score sheets prior to entering the contest room. Type in the information on the forms if at all possible. Include documentation, I.e. photos, plans, drawings, etc. Remember, conformity points are "gimmee" points with pertinent documentation. If you are entering a piece of rolling stock or motive power use a display track to enhance the presentation of your model.

Twice in this decade we have had 40 or more entries in a PSR convention contest. Last year it was reported that there were 45 entries in the national model construction contest at Detroit. Let's have a great turnout in Anaheim that demonstrates the pride that we have in our PSR organization with a large number of contest entries. Let's set an example for other NMRA organizations and members to emulate.

Railettes

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Ladies, this year the National Model Railroad Association's (NMRA) National Convention will be in Anaheim, CA. If you ever wanted to find out what goes on at a National Convention now is your chance. For some of you, Anaheim is right in your own backyard. We even have two local ladies in charge of the Non-Rail Program. (That's Railettes to us.) Diane Forbes and Kim Fowler are the wonderful ladies who stepped up and are in charge. If there is anything you can do to help them, let me know and I will get in touch with them. If you can take a tour out, introduce a clinic, or give a clinic we are looking for you to step up and volunteer. Yes, it is some hard work but it also is a lot of fun. I know, I've been there and done it. A National Convention is unlike any other local convention you have ever been to. It is bigger, better, and more fun. You get to meet ladies from all over. Last year in Detroit, there were ladies from England and Australia, as well as many of the eastern and northern States. Try coming by, you may find that you like it.

Since the National is in Anaheim, there will be no PSR convention. So if you want to get together with all the wonderful ladies that you met in Tucson last year, you will have to stop by the National.

We are slowly growing in numbers. The number of ladies who participated in Tucson is the largest number we have had in quite a few years. It is wonderful that you are turning out. Keep up the good work. We are there for you, if there is anything that we can do to make it even better for you, let me know and I will see what we can do.

Hope to see many of you in Anaheim. Stop by and give us a chance to show you how wonderful it can be.

Super Modeler - Continued from previous page

23. Score 350 points if, lacking reference, you ever "invented" a detail on a model, and passed it off as 100% accurate.
24. Score 75 points if you use different "mood music" for different modeling projects.
25. Score 250 points if you ever found someone else's drool on one of your models.
26. Deduct ALL YOUR POINTS if you actually scored yourself. You should be in there building models, not using your valuable time taking frivolous quizzes!

Member of the Year Awards

Each year a member is nominated from the each Division as "PSR Member of the Year", and one member of the Region is nominated for the "PSR President's Award".

The PSR Member of Year is sponsored by the PSR and is awarded annually to a person or persons from each Division for outstanding service. The Director of each Division will notify the Secretary of the selection at least 30 days prior to the Annual PSR Convention.

PSR President's Award is sponsored by the PSR and is given annually for outstanding service to PSR. The

selection of the recipient shall be made by the President of the PSR.

The 2006 Awards were presented at the Awards Banquet in Tucson. The Division awards went to:

- Arizona - Jack Debolt
- Cajon - Jeff Dimsdale
- Los Angeles - Bill & Irene Mergard
- San Diego - George Boggs

The PSR Presidents Award was presented to Duane Buck for his years of service to the PSR, and for his outstanding work as PSR Contest Chairman.

Year	Convention	Trustee	Region	Arizona	Cajon	Los Angeles	San Diego
1984	Scottsdale PSR Numero Uno		LeRoy Thompson	Robert Sherlock	John Hachey	Bruce Metcalf	
1985	Pasadena Try LA in '85		Hank Graham	Lowell Spooner	Vic Prior	Elie Amiel	Robert Schimmel
1986	Ontario Cajon Rails in '86		Elie Amiel	Dottie Finch	Ralph DuBois	Gale & Pat Irwin	
1987	Flagstaff, Ride The High Country		Bill Carvin	LeRoy Thompson	Rick Colbert	Carles Hepperle	Robert Schimmel
1988	San Diego Silver Gate in 88		Robert Sherlock	Roger von Seeburg	Olyn Glover	John Bowles	Ken Little
1989	Torrance On Time in '89		Lowell Spooner	Jim Gardner	Cliff Edlurd	Bill & Winifred Hoadley	Ralph Oxhandler
1990	San Bernardino Doing 90 Down Cajon		Roger von Seeburg	Arliss Powell	Al Soule	Mary Barstow	Rick Coleman
1991	Tucson, Tucson's #1 in 91		Wil Seaver	Larry Manny	Curtis Roos	Wayne Hallowell	Mike Stewart
1992	Laughlin It's Laughlin For You In '92		Curtis Roos	Elmer Laws	Marie Lee	Betty Graebner	Henry Mills
1993	Long Beach Rails To The Sea In '93		Karl Busch	Elie Amiel	Ed Hall	Wil Seaver	John Sigurdson
1994	San Diego		John Sigurdson	Richard Dick	Tom van Wormer	Lindsay Smith	Rodger Gredvig
1995	Phoenix Cactus Charlie Alive In 95		Harold Graebner	Sally Stewart & Evelyn Amiel	Roger Clarke	Eric Michaelson	Chuck Hart
1996	Long Beach (National) Long Beach Limited	Bill & Irene Mergard	Dottie Finch	Allen Gross	Richard Hutchins	Ken Wilson	Tom Mohr
1997	Pomona, Cajon Zephyr 97	Lowell Spooner	Tom Draper	Duan Buck	Bobby Rivas	Eric Michaelson	Ed Hatch
1998	San Diego San Diego's Great in '98	Elie Amiel	Dorr Altizer	Ken Rhoads	Frank Burke	John & Phillis Smith	Robert Schimmel
1999	Flagstaff In The Pines in '99	Tom Draper	Richard Dick	Gary Stilts	Jim Kociemski	Paul Cutter	Marie Munoz
2000	Torrance Extra 2000 PSR Convention	Bob Chaparro	Ken Allen	Matt Furze	Jan Wescott	Harold Graebner	Rodger Gredvig
2001	Las Vegas Las Vegas Limited	Ed Hall	Dottie Finch	Howard Prunty	Ron & Dee Tucker	Ron Ustach	Frank Tepedino
2002	Oceanside Mission Possible 2002	Dorr Altizer	Jan Wescott	Roger von Seeburg	Bill & Jane Jacobs	Bob deMoss	Sam Dale
2003	Phoenix AZ Express 2003	Debbie Draper	Dick Greatorex	Richard Dick	Charles Nauman	Dave Cox	Ben Sevier
2004	Glendale Rails To The Verdugos	Duane Buck	Harold Graebner	Alan Barnes	Robert Wescott	John Oliver	Dave Balser
2005	Buena Park Cajon Country		Don Stewart	Rick Wheeler	Carl Heimberger	Bruce Hanrehan	Don Fowler
2006	San Diego Back to the Future in 2006		Janet Spooner	Rick Wheeler	Bob Mitchell	Sandy Friedfeld	Robert Moore
2007	Tucson, Silver Rails - Copper Trails		Duane Buck	Jack Debolt	Jeff Dimsdale	Bill & Irene Mergard	George Boggs

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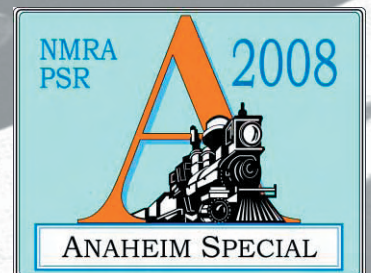
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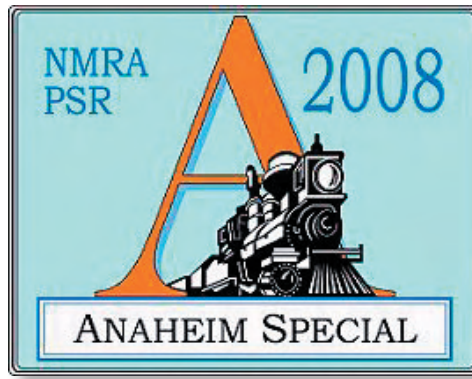
Model & Photo Contests

MODEL TRAIN SHOW at Anaheim Convention Center — July 18, 19 and 20



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2008 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 13th - 19th, 2008

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Make the Anaheim Special 2008 Convention a success by welcoming and assisting convention attendees. In July of 2008, the LA Division of PSR will host the NMRA National Convention in Anaheim, and a large number of volunteers will be needed to help run the event. The jobs are fairly simple; working the registration desk, bus layout tour guides, room hosts for clinics, etc. And for the most part a 4 to 6 hour commitment is all that is required.

We need folks to help in the following area's:

- Registration Desk
- Company Store
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- Transportation Area
- Auction Room
- Clinic Office
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For Registration and more information, go to <http://www.nmra.org/2008/>



Flag Stops

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We have amassed this information from various sources. Some of the events have been submitted by sponsors. Please send corrections, additions and future events to me at wlindsays@roadrunner.com. I can also be reached at (909) 599-0182. I encourage the use of this list to promote the hobby and help others enjoy railroading and modeling.

2008

February

- 2 Bob Chaparro's Model Railroads of Southern California Layout Tour #9. Fontana Alta Loma area. See Yahoo Groups for more detail. Contact Bob at thecitrusbelt@yahoo.com
- 9 San Diego Division, PSR Swap Meet and Winter Meet. Swap Meet 0830 to noon. Winter Meet after lunch. Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA www.sandiegodivision.org Admission is \$1.00 to members of the NMRA; All Others - Adults \$2.00; Children 12 & under - Free. Seller Tables - \$2.50 per half table
- 15 thru 24 Coachella Valley Model Railroaders at Riverside County Fair National Date Festival. 10AM-10PM Located in the Home Arts building Free with fair admission. Contact Jim Hundley at jim@cvmrr.com Club webpage www.cvmrr.com 760-347-6218 between 12 noon and 8PM. During the year they operate on Wednesday 1900 to 2100 (7 - 9 PM).

March

- 1 Orange Empire Railway Museum Spring RAILROADIANA Swap Meet. 9am to 2pm. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm.org. Admission is \$5 for adults/juniors, \$10 for all-day trolley and train rides (9am to 5pm), \$8 for ages 5-11, under 5 free. Set up starts at 0700. Bring your own chairs and tables.
- 28 - 30 Cajon Division Temecula Train Show. <http://www.cajondiv.org/> 1630 Friday sign in.
- 29 PSR Mid-Year Board of Directors meeting - 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Mary Phillips Senior Center, Old Town Temecula.
- 29, 30 Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society Railfest 2008. http://www.fwry.com/railfest_2008/railfest_2008.html 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days. 455 Main St. (Central Park) in

Fillmore and admission is free

- 29 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet and Open House. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. In the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Rd. Simi Valley CA Admission \$2.00 for adults. Sellers contact Richard Parshall oltwntrn@pasbell.net <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/2006swap.htm>
- April
- 12 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet and Open House. 8:00 a.m. - Noon, Swap Meet. VFW Parking Lot, MAIN and 1st Ave. A block west of the old location. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or wlindsays@adelphia.net. See www.pvmrrc.org. This will be the last event at this location.
- 19, 20 Belmont Shore Lines (N) and Angels Gate Hi-Railers (O) Joint Open Houses and Swap Meet. 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday Swap Meet, 8 AM to Noon. 3601 S. Gaffey Street, Bldgs. 824 & 848, San Pedro, CA. \$1.00 per person or \$2.00 per family, all donations go to Angels Gate Park. Contact: www.belmontshorerr.com or Bill Costley, 310-831-1140.
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- May
- 10 San Diego Division Spring Meet and Annual Membership Meeting - Peace Lutheran Church, Linda Vista - 11:30am to 3:00pm. <http://www.sandiegodivision.org> for details
- 17, 18, 20 California Southern MRC Open House. Saturday 1000 to 2000 (10 to 8 PM) Sunday noon to 1800 (Noon to 6PM), Tuesday 1900 to 2100 (7 to 9 PM) 12140 E Firestone Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 (562)863-3156 Admission Free
- July
- 8 - 13 Santa Fe Railroad Historical & Modeling Society's Annual Convention. Riverside, CA <http://www.atsfrr.com/convention/info-Riverside.htm>
- 13 - 19 2008 NMRA Convention, Anaheim, CA
- August
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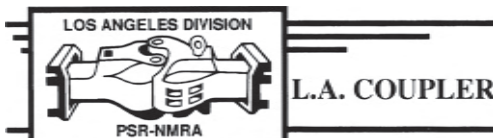
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