



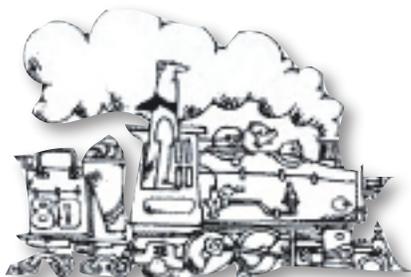
# PSR Dispatch

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

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Boy, summers seem to go by faster and faster. As I write this, the end of August is visible on the

horizon, and the local papers are talking “back to school” already! But, then, it’s been a busy, busy summer for the PSR and many of our members.

The “Anaheim Special” NMRA National Convention and Train Show seemed to be a great success. Bill Mergard and his team of volunteers worked their tails off to provide all our visitors a great time, and I think they pulled it off. My warmest thanks to Bill, the Convention Committee, the LA Division, and everyone from the entire Region who pitched in and helped out. I’m sure they were all exhausted by the end of the week, and ready to take some well deserved time off.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the Secretary’s report of the PSR Board of Directors meeting, held during the Anaheim Convention. Please look it over - there are a number of items mentioned briefly that

## From the Hot Seat!

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you will be hearing more about over the coming year, including web site changes, new programs to assist the Divisions (that’s you, the member), and a number of other initiatives. By the way, we can’t operate in a vacuum - the Board and I need to have your comments and suggestions on how we can make this Region better.

One of the President’s duties each year is the pleasant one of choosing the PSR Member of the Year, awarded to the member of the PSR that who has contributed the most to the Region both in the current year, and over previous years. It is my great pleasure to announce that Mary Barstow, MMR, is the Pacific Southwest Region Member of the Year. Mary has been very active in the Region over the years, both in Los Angeles Division and PSR activities, conventions, and numerous other ways, being one of those who keep an organization like this one working and on course. Mary, thank you for your contributions - I don’t know what we’d do without you!

PSR officer elections were held this year. I was returned as President for another year, and Don Stewart was elected to the post of Vice President. I very much look forward to working with Don over the next two years. He has agreed to manage two initiatives, one being working on training courses and seminars for Division and Region volunteers and officers, the other driving updates to the PSR By Laws and the Manual of Operations. Of course, he also gets to keep the AP Chairman position!

Speaking of positions, we have a number of vacant ones that we really need someone to step up and give us a hand. The most immediate needs are for a webmaster and a PSR Contest Chairman, followed by an Education Chairman. See your Division Director or contact me if you are interested.

Last, but not least, we have a new PSR website address - [www.psrnmra.org](http://www.psrnmra.org) - please bookmark it!

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# Division Director

## Arizona

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On June 14, the Arizona Division had its summer meet in Flagstaff. Attendance was very good despite the price of gas. Overall attendance of our division meets is trending upwards and the membership is growing. Growth looks to be around 5%. The swap meet portion of the division meets regularly draws a number of sellers. Sellers must be NMRA members.

The staffing of the division leadership is going well. We recently filled the role of Membership Chairman. Our new chairman will be the key point of contact for potential members and promotion of the NMRA, PSR, and the division.

Our most recent event was the 'In the Heat' swap meet on July 26. The promoter regularly provides the Arizona Division with a free table which is used to promote the NMRA. We used this as an opportunity to promote the hobby, the NMRA, the PSR and the Division.

Acceptance of the e-version of the Spur Line continues to grow. We have about 1/3 of the membership subscribing to the electronic version. Very positive feedback. We typically publish more pages, pictures, etc. in the electronic version. The print version is kept to six pages to control costs. Perhaps with recent consolidation of the division and region websites, we can use this opportunity to collaborate within the region on our publications.

The website consolidation occurred earlier this year. The PSR will pick up the tab for the divisions. We also have a good opportunity for the PSR and division webmasters to collaborate.

One of my duties as Division Director is choosing the Division Member of the Year. I am pleased to announce that Roger von Seeburg is the Arizona Member of the Year. Thank you, Roger, for all your hard work in support of the Division.

Finally, after almost a year in my role as director, I look back and realize we have accomplished quite a bit in the Arizona Division and in the PSR as well. I look forward to the second year of my term and hope to continue the positive impact.

## Cajon

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The dust has finally settled after the NMRA 2008 National Convention in Anaheim, July 13th to the 19th and I would like to personally thank all the Cajon and other Division's members who stepped forward and volunteered their time to help make this convention a rewarding experience for all who attended. The clinics, tours, and train show were all excellent, and I even managed to squeeze in a few clinics and a layout tour between my tour bus loading duties. Total convention attendance was 1,139, the train show attendance 23,500, and 121 new NMRA members signed up at the train show - most of them should be in the Cajon Division. And if that was not enough, one of Cajon's own, Jan Wescott received the NMRA President's Award at the banquet. Congratulations, Jan, for your many years of service to the Division and NMRA.

Dale A. Tripp was announced as the Cajon Division Member of the Year during the PSR Memberhip meeting. Dale is currently the Cajon Webmaster, and has assisted the Division in other ways. Congratulations, Dale!

At the PSR Board of Directors Meeting several issues were discussed, including the progress on the review of the By Laws and Manual of Operations. It was concluded that some minor tweaks are still needed to bring the Regions By Laws into conformance with the National By Laws. Other exciting news is that the Region has subscribed to a web service that will host all the Division web sites and have links to other Region and Division events, including a site for the next Region Convention. It was also suggested that we may want to provide up dated information on the Division Sites so members are looking at current information and not just information provided quarterly. This will be discussed in greater depth at the Mid Year Meeting in Temecula, March 2009. There was also discussion on doing more joint Division meets and Cajon will be working with San Diego on the Cajon Temecula Meet this next March with layout tours in the Northern San Diego Area.

As a Division we have a big year ahead of us. We will have the Barstow Meet this year October 10 to 13,

# Activity Reports



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Having just finished with the National Convention in Anaheim, I want to thank all of those that volunteered from the other Divisions and in particular those committee members from the Cajon and San Diego Divisions. It was a joint venture in order to bring everything together. Those of you who did not attend the convention missed a great time.

Now that the convention is over, the L.A. Division is turning its attention to Division activities. With that in mind, we have scheduled two layout open houses. One will be held in August and the other in September. In October we will be hosting a public model train show.

The Los Angeles Division chose Charley Hepperle as its member of the year for 2008. Charley was on the L.A. Division Committee years ago and has always stepped up to help when asked to do so, completing his tasks quickly, quietly, and efficiently. He was on the committee for the National Convention in Long Beach in 1996 and is currently doing the program for the National Convention in Anaheim in 2008. He has been on the committee for the regional PSR Conventions hosted by the L.A. Division. Along with doing programs, he has done shirt designs and advertisement flyers for various functions. He has also given a clinic at one of the L.A. Division meets. Congratulations to Charley for a job well done - the Division thanks you for your contributions over the years.

That's it for now as I am still recovering from the convention.

*Cajon - Continued*

2008, the Temecula Meet in March and the NMRA/PSR Region Convention at Las Vegas September 2 to 6, 2009. So once again Bob Mitchell and I are calling on all Cajon members to help in the planning and execution of these events. You know we will be calling you, so you might as well beat us to the punch and volunteer now! Job descriptions and time commitments will be out shortly. We are also now taking early registration for the Las Vegas PSR Convention, contact Bob Mitchell. Cost is \$65 and that will remain the cost until Temecula, after that it goes to \$75 - so sign up now, as this is going to be a convention you do not want to miss.

We thoroughly enjoyed attending the National Convention in Anaheim. The Marriott Hotel and the Anaheim Convention Center served the needs of our event very well. There were many prototype and layout tours, clinics, model contests and workshops to choose from throughout the week. The Silent Auction, Train Show and Banquet were also very well attended. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Convention Committee and the large number of volunteers who were helping out everywhere, the event went very well. On behalf of the San Diego Division, please accept our thanks for all of your hard work.

At the PSR Membership Meeting, San Diego's Gary Robinson received the Division Member of the Year Award. Congratulations and many thanks for all of your hard work and contributions.

Back in San Diego, our Division hosted its Spring Meet on May 10th at the Peace Lutheran Church. In addition to a potluck and clinics, we started a new program to encourage our members to participate in the Achievement Program by hosting a hand laying track workshop. This program was very well received and attendance was good. We hope to continue these events at our meets and support our members on their journey to MMR.

On June 1st, ATSF's #3751 steamed into San Diego County and our community turned out in great numbers to welcome her. The North County Transit District was very patient and accommodating for all who wanted to take photos. I was told that this was the first time in over thirty years that a steam engine had operated on this line. Although I'm not a big steam fan myself, I must admit that this was an exciting event to witness.

Our Summer Meet will be held on August 16th at the home of MMR John Sigurdson who has a beautiful 'O' scale railroad. This event will include a BBQ/picnic and a tour of his layout. Please join us if you can and bring along one of your modeling efforts to share and/or be judged.

Hope to see you there!

# Secretary's Report

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The semi-annual Board meeting of the PSR officers was held in Anaheim, CA, July 16, 2008. PSR President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting which was held at the Marriott Hotel during the NMRA National Convention.

**President Report:** In his report President Sevier commented that everything is running fine and that we have no new major issues within the Region. We need to examine ways to increase participation and attendance at conventions. We are still in need of a Region Webmaster and Editor for the Dispatch. The President will be looking into training classes for Division and Region officers and members who wish to become officers. He is also looking into a program for classes held at future conventions on participation in the Achievement Program.

**Treasurers Report:** We are financially sound and a new budget was submitted and accepted by the board.

Each Director gave a short report on the activities held in their respective Division during the past year and outlined their programs for the new year.

**Raillette program:** This is a real success story with participation increasing with each convention.

**Achievements Program:** Four Golden Spike Awards will be presented. We need to encourage more members to participate in the Achievement Program. We will hold training classes in the future at our conventions.

**Nominations Committee:** The results of the voting for PSR President and Vice-President were certified and the Board ordered the ballots destroyed.

**Manual Of Operations and By-Laws:** The Board will continue to review and make changes where needed in the MOP and By-Laws.

**Website:** We have contracted with a web hosting company to provide space for the Region and Division websites. The Region will pay all hosting fees, not to

exceed \$200.00 per year. With the new service we will be able to improve communications with our members., and provide additional services to the Divisions.

**2009 Cajon Convention:** The PSR Region convention will be held on September 2nd to the 5th, at the Texas Station Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV. The contract between the Cajon Division and the PSR Region was presented and signed.

No other business being placed before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board of Director's meeting will be held in Temecula, CA during the month of March 2009 with time and date to be announced at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dave Irick, Secretary - PSR

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting of the PSR general membership was held in Anaheim, CA, July 19, 2008. PSR President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting which was held at the Marriott Hotel during the NMRA National Convention.

Meeting was called to order by President Ben Sevier at 8:30AM. There were 54 members present, constituting a quorum

President Sevier recapped the budget that had been approved by the Board on July 16, 2008.

The results of the election was announced with Ben Sevier re-elected as President and Don Stewart was elected as Vice-President.

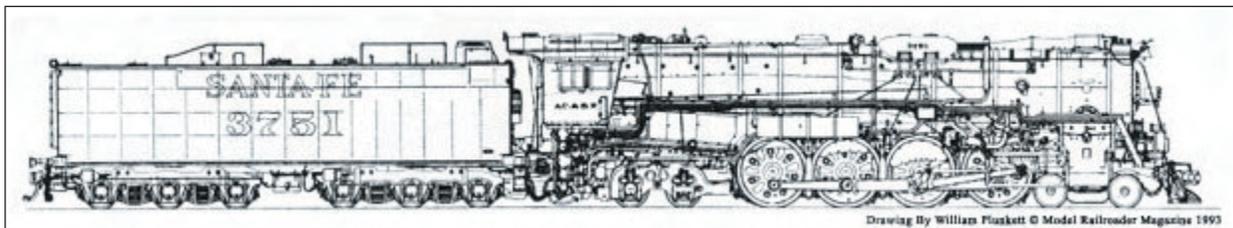
President Sevier thanked Bill Mergard, the convention committee and all of the volunteers for hosting a fine convention.

Bill Mergard requested that anyone having pins and patches for past PSR conventions that they would be willing to donate to the PSR please contact him for the individual items needed to fill out the PSR display.

The PSR Member of the Year award was presented to Mary Barstow by President Sevier for her many years as a PSR volunteer.

Bob Mitchell presented an overview of the next PSR convention to be held in Las Vegas, NV on September 3rd through 9th 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00AM



# Fireman's Seat

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First, thank you all who voted for me. This is my first report to the membership over the next two years. I have several plans for my term as the PSR VP as I have outlined below.

Second, I want to thank Charles Stewart for his work as the Region VP the last two years. It is unusual for a father to succeed his son (yes, Charles is my son) but Charles has brought fresh ideas and started a question and answer session in the Dispatch. It was very informative with references for further study so I will continue to discuss ideas with him. He has said he will continue the advice column if there are questions asked.

As for my plans for the next two years as the PSR Vice-President:

- Update the PSR manual of Operations and By-Laws to reflect the latest configuration of the National rules and current operating practices of the PSR.
- Initiate workshops for training and continuity for Regional jobs. I have been an active member of the Division and Region (PCR and PSR) since 1978, so I have witnessed what has gone well over the years. With the help of the BOD, I plan to prepare job descriptions of the various Region and Division offices and provide workshops for those wanting to fill vacancies or planning on running for a position in the near future. This will be offered at each Region Convention and can be provided at Division meets if requested once the program is developed.
- With the help of the PSR members, improve communications and enhance the benefits of membership to those members in the region. Improve and enhance are somewhat nebulous, but the intent here is to gather what is needed from individual members and then develop ways to meet or exceed those needs. It may be simple communication through a Web site or the Dispatch. It may be clinics at the Division and Region meetings. The first step is to let me know what you, as PSR members, want from the Region. So send me an e-mail, snail mail, call, etc. but let me know what you have questions about, difficulties with, or knowledge of and we will increase the information flow in this great hobby of ours.

# Railettes

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Ladies, (Men, let your wives read the following article, thanks.)

Well, the National Convention at Anaheim is over and what a wild and wonderful week it was. We had more women at the non-rail activities than at any of the other recent conventions. In total, over 150 women came through the room to attend one of the many clinics that were held for them. We were so noisy and had so much fun some of the men threatened to join us next year. Told them that they were welcome if they could keep up with us. Saw many of the local ladies in attendance and I hope they had as much fun as I did. We owe Diane Forbes a great big thank you for all she did to make the non-rail part of the Convention a roaring success. Thank you, Diane.

Now we need to start thinking about the next regional convention which will be September, 2009 in Las Vegas. We have clinics scheduled with Kim Fowler, Linda Irick and me (Janet). We will only have about 4 hours a day for ladies clinics. But with so much to see and do in Las Vegas I felt we can keep busy. I need you to bring those little soap, shampoos, and lotions that we get from hotels as we will once again make the washcloth goody containers to give to shelters. So start saving them to bring to Vegas if you can. Hope you can make it to Vegas, we will have a good time and get to meet and greet each other again.

## PSR OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

I received from Gary Robinson, Ballot Committee Chair, the results of the PSR Officer Election. The election results are as follows:

For President:

Ben Sevier - 127    Winner

Write Ins:

Bob Mitchell - 4

Don Stewart - 1

For Vice President:

Don Stewart - 100    Winner

Write In:

Bob Mitchell - 43

The officer's terms will take effect at the annual PSR business meeting in Anaheim.

Tom Draper, Nominations Chairman

# Achievement Program

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The 2008 Anaheim Convention is now behind us and there were lots of models in the contest to judge, many from the PSR. Great showing PSR members! Lots of merit awards were earned. I will get with Duane to ensure they are accurately recorded and get them to the Division AP Managers to distribute.

There have also been three PSR members earning their Golden Spike Awards since March 2008. You may have seen the announcement in the Scale Rails magazine. These members are:

- Mike Grippo of the Cajon Division
- Lawrence Dewsnys of the Cajon Division
- Ron Tindall of the San Diego Division

The previous Golden Spike Awards were Charles Abbott of the Cajon Division and Lee Stoermer of the Arizona Division. Charles was presented his Golden Spike Award at the Temecula meeting. Lee will be presented his award at the November Meeting in Tucson.

Discussions at the PSR BoD have resulted in the initial formation of a clinic program at the PSR Regional Convention on AP Certificates. The intent of this hands-on clinic is to help members complete paperwork for a specific Certificate. For example, if you have your judging results from eight cars in the Car category and are unsure how to proceed, bring the judges forms to the Convention and the Division and Region AP managers will help you complete your Statement of Qualification (SoQ). Since the Region AP will be participating, the SoQ can be signed and prepared to send to National for approval at the clinic. This will enable a faster approval process. Most any areas needing further work can be completed during the clinic. There may be a need for the participant to do further work at home (such as photograph items or build something) and mail in the forms, but the information about what is needed should be clear to the participant by the time they leave the clinic. You can also ask questions about the program and learn what is needed to get started.

I have a presentation on the Achievement Program, with handouts, for groups or clubs that want to get started in the AP. Let me know if you want a presentation at your gathering. You can also bring your models to have them judged for a merit award.



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There is much to report this quarter with two sets of contest results from the national convention held in Anaheim during July. Some of you may not be aware that the PSR By-Laws requires this region to hold an annual convention with an accompanying contest every year, including the period when the PSR is hosting the National convention. Therefore, this year there were two actual contests, although both sets were judged by the same group of judges. I am very happy to report that there was a significant number of PSR and National entries from our region.

## PSR CONTEST AWARDS

MODEL CONSTRUCTION CONTEST (\* indicates merit award)

### Steam Locomotives (open)

- 1st. Place Paul Chandler (Arizona)  
SP 2490 4-6-2 \*
- 2nd Place Robert B. Olds (Cajon)  
UP 3803 4-6-6-4 \*
- 3rd Place Allan W. Wallace (Los Angeles)  
SP 4458 GS5 4-8-4 \*
- H/M Allan W. Wallace  
SP 4278 4-8-8-2 Cab Forward \*

### Diesel & Other Locomotives (kit)

- 1st. Place Jim Fuhrman (Cajon)  
AT&SF U-23-C

### Passenger Cars (Open)

- 1st. Place James L. Keena (Los Angeles)  
READING Milk Car

### Passenger Cars (kit)

- 1st Place John M. Fiscella (San Diego)  
SP Postal Baggage
- 2nd Place John M. Fiscella (San Diego)  
AT&SF Observation
- 3rd Place John M. Fiscella (San Diego)  
NYC Sleeper

### Freight Cars (Open)

- 1st Place Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
BN Logging Car \*
- 2nd Place Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
UP Logging Car \*
- 3rd Place James I. Keena (Los Angeles)  
AT&SF Tank Car

### Non-Revenue Cars (Open)

- 1st. Place Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
Western Slope Business Car \*
- 2nd Place Richie Scanapino (Cajon)  
German Railway Gun \*

3rd Place James Moore (Cajon)  
SC SW RR Crane Car

Structures On-Line (Open)

1st Place David Irick (Arizona)  
Chama Sand House  
2nd Place Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
Bay Window Interlocking Tower  
3rd Place Ken Williams (Los Angeles)  
Stack Load

Displays On-Line (Open)

1st Place Duane Buck (Arizona)  
Stockyards \*

Displays Off-Line (Open)

1st Place James Moore (Cajon)  
In-n-Out Hamburgers \*

Ingenuity

Duane Buck (Arizona)  
Sweet Basil Stem Woodpile (Stockyards)

Thumb's Levity

Anna Taylor Ori-Gummy (Arizona)

President's Award

Richie Scanapino German Railway Gun (Cajon)

Best of Show

Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
D&RGW Gas Electric \*

**PHOTO CONTEST**

Black & White Print – Model

1st Place Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
Helper Machine Shop

Black & White Print – Prototype

1st Place John Almond (Arizona)  
Proud to be a Harvey Girl

Color Print – Model

1st Place Jim Lancaster (Cajon)  
Riverside, CA Circa 1960  
2nd Place Alan Barnes, MMR (Arizona)  
592 On the Turntable

Color Print – Prototype

1st Place Phil Piet (Arizona)  
Grand Canyon RR 4960 at Shop  
2nd Place Bob Moore (San Diego)  
Sumpter Valley Blow Down  
3rd Place Steve Pepin  
AT&SF 3751 In an Orange Grove  
H/M Bob Moore (San Diego)  
Communication

Color Slide- Model

1st. Place John Almond (Arizona)  
Ready to Fuel

Color Slide – Prototype

1st Place John Almond (Arizona)  
METRA Leaving Chicago Union Station  
2nd Place John Almond (Arizona)  
San Diego's Imperial Transfer Station  
3rd Place John Almond(Arizona)  
CVL Fueling Facility

Best of Show

Phil Piet (Arizona)

Grand Canyon RR 4960 at Cataract Creek

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

Railroadiana (Pattern)

1st. Place Carolyn Weber (Los Angeles)  
Counted Cross Stitch – Night Train  
2nd Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona)  
Knit Christmas Stocking  
Needlework (Pattern)

1st Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona)  
Tatted Rectangular Doily

2nd Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona)

Pink Beaded Necklace & Purse

3rd Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona)

Beaded Kokopeli Necklace

General (Original)

1st Place Anna Taylor (Arizona)  
Origami Necklace, Bracelet & Belt

2nd Place Janet Spooner (Arizona)

Chinese Turquoise & Pearl Necklace & Earrings.

Railroadiana (Original)

1st Place John Almond (Arizona)

Latchhook “Chico”

2nd Place Anna Taylor (Arizona)

Origami Car

3rd Place Carolyn Weber (Los Angeles)

Wine Train Water Color

H/M Kimberly Fowler (San Diego)

Railroad Quilt

Best of Show

Anna Taylor

Origami Primitive Turtle Necklace & Bracelet

With so many awards going to PSR members in the national contests, they will be listed in a similar format as the PSR awards. Please note that PSR members received “Best of Show” awards in the national contests for Model Construction, Photo and Arts & Crafts.

**NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST AWARDS**

MODEL CONSTRUCTION

Steam Locomotives:

1st Place Paul Chandler (Arizona) SP 2490 4-6-2 \*

3rd Place Robert B. Olds (Cajon) UP 3803 4-6-6-4 \*

Diesel Locomotive & Other

2nd Place Alan Barnes MMR (Arizona)

D&RGW 592 Gas Electric \*

Passenger Cars

2nd Place John M. Fiscella (San Diego) SP Postal Baggage

3rd Place John M. Fiscella (San Diego)

AT&SF Observation

Structures On-Line

1st Place Alan Barnes MMR, (Arizona)

Camden & Amboy Freight Station \*

Displays On-Line

1st Place Duane Buck (Arizona) Stockyard Complex \*

Displays Off-Line

1st Place James Moore (Cajon)

In-N-Out Hamburger Drive In\*

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### Gold Award-Best of Show

Duane Buck (Arizona) GN EMD F3A-B-A #352A/B/C \*

### BLE Brass Bell

Duane Buck (Arizona) GN EMD F3A-B-A #352A/B/C \*

### Kato USA Diesel

Duane Buck (Arizona) GN EMD F3A-B-A #352 A/B/C \*

### Mt. Albert Scale Lumber Co.

Duane Buck (Arizona) Stockyard Complex \*

### National Contest Judges' Award

Alan Barnes MMR (Arizona) D&RGW 592 Gas Electric \*

### WM J. Lenoir Locomotive Construction

Paul Chandler (Arizona) SP 2490 4-6-2 \*

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Color Slide – Prototype

1st Place John Almond (Arizona)  
San Diego's Imperial Transfer Station

3rd Place John Almond (Arizona)  
METRA Leaving Chicago's Union Station.

### Color Slide-Model

1st Place John Almond (Arizona) Ready to Fuel

### Best of Show

Phil Piet (Arizona) Grand Canyon 4960 at Cataract Creek

*Note: Black & white Print information from national was not available.*

## PASS CONTEST

3rd Place James A. Tuck (Arizona)  
Walt'n Verne Railway Pass

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### General Original

1st Place Anna Taylor (Arizona)  
Origami Necklace, Bracelet & Belt

2nd Place Janet Spooner (Arizona)  
Chinese Turquoise & Pearl Necklace & Earrings.

### Railroadiana Pattern

1st Place Carolyn Weber (Los Angeles)  
Counted Cross Stitch, Night Train

2nd Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona)  
Knit Christmas Stocking.

### Railroadiana Original

1st Place John Almond (Arizona)  
Latch Hook, Santa Fe's Icon Chico.

2nd Place Anna Taylor (Arizona) Origami Boxcar.

3rd Place Carolyn Weber (Los Angeles)  
Water Color Painting, Wine Train.

### Needlework Pattern

1st Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona) Tatted Rectangular Doily

2nd Place Eleanor Batt (Arizona)  
Pink Beaded Knit Necklace & Purse.

### Best of Show

Anna Taylor (Arizona)  
Origami Primitive Turtle Necklace & Bracelet.

Congratulations to the award winners in both the PSR and the NMRA national contests. You represented your region very well!

# ATSF #3751 VISITS SAN DIEGO

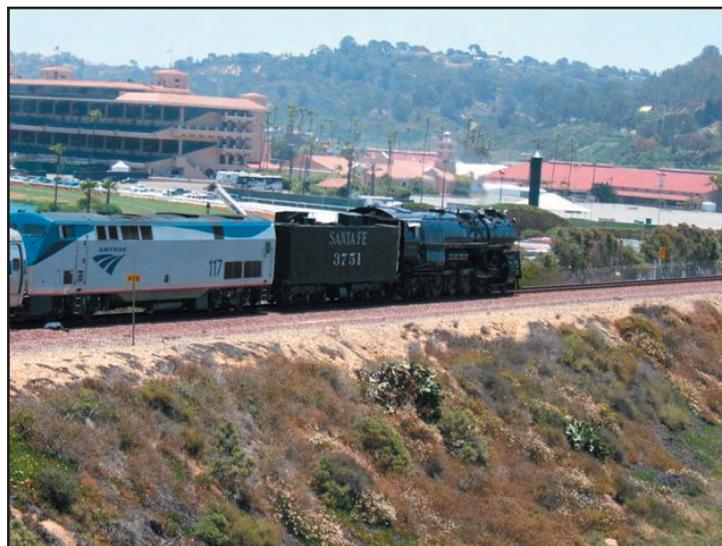
By Don Fowler, San Diego Division

On June 1st, 2008 ATSF's #3751 steamed into San Diego County and traversed the old Surf Line all the way to the downtown depot. The last time I visited face to face with this old girl, she was enclosed in chain link as a stationary display at the San Bernardino Train Station back in the 1970's. Since that time, most of us are aware that she has been fully restored to her original splendor and makes frequent appearances on rail fan trips.



Although I don't model steam, I knew that I wanted to witness this event as I had never seen #3751 in action and it had been over thirty years since steam operated in San Diego County on the Surf Line. I reasoned that with some careful planning, we could photograph the train several times as it traveled south to San Diego and again on its return north to Los Angeles.

We initially set up on a bluff south of Trestle's Beach just inside the San Diego/Orange County line. While





waiting, we learned that the train had been significantly delayed in its attempt to depart Los Angeles. We continued to receive updates and impatiently awaited her arrival at our location. Our determination paid off as she steamed by with an Amtrak diesel (HEP) and ten coaches in tow. The sight and sounds were well worth the wait.

Once she passed by, we jumped into the car and headed south to Carlsbad where she was scheduled to take on water and provide a photo run by for rail fans. As we traveled south on Interstate 5 at San Onofre, traffic slowed way down and I momentarily feared that we wouldn't arrive in time. As it turned out, #3751 had stopped on the siding for a northbound train and everyone on the freeway was slowing down to check her out. A CHP motorcycle officer attempted to keep the traffic moving but when he saw three of his partners parked on the side of the road taking photos, he gave up.

We arrived at the Poinsettia Station in plenty of time to catch another photo. The platform was very crowded but all were very well behaved and cooperative



with security. From there, we traveled south to a well known restaurant in Del Mar with a great view of the tracks across from the Fairgrounds where we enjoyed brunch and a third photo opportunity.

From there, we proceeded to the Miramar Wye in San Diego where #3751 was scheduled to be turned for her return trip to Los Angeles. Another very large but well behaved crowd arrived and obtained many photo opportunities. The North County Transit District, who owns the property, Amtrak, who cosponsored the run, and law enforcement worked very well with all in attendance.

After departing the Wye, we opted to return to North County where we set up on the bluffs just north of San Onofre to await the return of #3751. Unfortunately due to unanticipated delays, she passed by in darkness and I didn't get any decent photos. It



was still a great experience to watch as she passed by in the darkness, listening to her unique sounds and seeing the light emitted from the fire in the firebox. I'm glad I didn't miss it!

*Note: The American Association of Private Rail Car Owners (AAPRCO) will be having a special steam excursion from LA to San Diego on September 21, to open their annual convention. AAPRCO expects a 26 car consist of private cars to leave LA from the AMTRAK 8th Street yard (because of the length of the train) in the morning, traveling to Old Town San Diego in the afternoon, and returning to the convention site in San Pedro by evening. This is a "members only" event to ride, but there will be plenty of chances for photo ops for the rest of us! Check the AAPRCO website at [www.aaprco.com](http://www.aaprco.com) for more details.*

## The Final Cure for Chipped Handrails

by Marv Preussler - Mid-Western Region "Waybill"

As I was doing some modifications to my motive power fleet, I noticed my handrails were losing more and more paint. The locomotives for my operations based layout are all custom painted Atlas or Kato products. I've tried the majority of the water based and solvent based paints. I also tried the Pactra RC racing paint, but nothing seemed to last. A friend of mine who was in the automotive refinishing business, and also a fine modeler, suggested I tried a product called plastic adhesion promoter. He told me it worked for him.

I went to my local automotive painting supply store and asked for the product. The man came back with a spray can and a specification sheet on how to use it and what it is compatible with. The product he gave me was Plastic Adhesion Promoter by Specialty Performance Products. The part number for this product is SXA 1050. This brand is carried by PPG Industries. ([www.ppg.com](http://www.ppg.com)) When I

purchased this 13 ounce can it cost me about \$15.00. It seemed a little expensive to me, but I trusted my friend's advice.

I took the handrails off my Atlas C 424, scraped the remaining paint off of the handrails, and headed to my spray booth. The first thing I noticed is that this product has a very strong smell to it. Be sure to spray this in a very well ventilated area. Luckily, one only needs a little of this product to get the job done. I gave the handrails one light coat and then waited about 5 minutes. I then gave the handrails one more coat as per the instructions. I let this dry for about 10 minutes. I then came back and painted the handrails with my Pactra RC 5104 Basic Red Racing Finish paint. ([www.testors.com](http://www.testors.com))



The next day I checked the handrails and was really impressed. I twisted and bent them all around, but nothing cracked. I tried scraping the paint off with my fingernail, but I couldn't do it. I could just feel that this paint was not coming off anytime soon. I am really impressed with this product. I will be bringing in the rest of my locomotive fleet to have their handrails repainted using this plastic adhesion promoter.

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- 30 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](mailto:oltwntrn@pasbell.net) <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/2006swap.htm>

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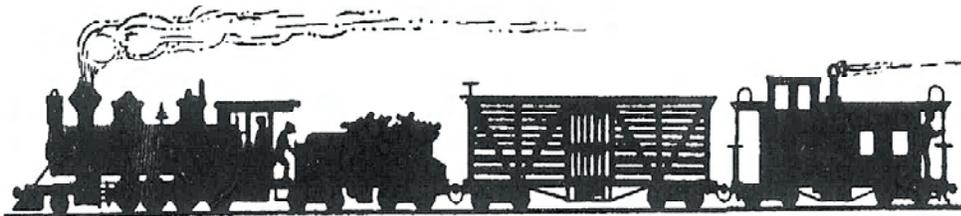
- 5 - 28 Los Angeles County Fair. See the Garden Railroad and the Railroad and Locomotive Historical Society exhibits. [www.fairplex.com](http://www.fairplex.com)
- 5 Shake Rattle and Rail Train - "Happy Days are Here Again!", Fillmore & Western Railway Co. 5:30 to 9:00 pm Fillmore, CA
- 6 Western Prototype Modelers Meet. La Habra Community Center, La Habra, Orange County, California. <http://www.westernprototypemodelers.org>
- 6, 7 Glen Landin's Show. G Scale and railroad memorabilia. Orange, CA <http://glenlandin.com/index.html> Contact [grl@glenlandin.com](mailto:grl@glenlandin.com)
- 12 Pacific Railroad Society Monthly Meeting. 1930 (7:30 PM) to 2130. Joslyn Center (in Story Park) 210 North Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA 91801 <http://www.pacificrailroadsociety.org/>
- 13 San Diego Division Event - TBA. Contact: Ben Sevier, [superintendent@sandiegodivision.org](mailto:superintendent@sandiegodivision.org)
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- 19 ERHA Monthly Meeting. 1930 (7:30 PM) to 2130. Community Room of the South Pasadena Library, 1059 El Centro Street in the city of South Pasadena. (between Diamond & Fairview Avenues) <http://www.erha.org/erhainfo.htm>

- 19 The Wine Train Fillmore & Western Railway Co. 7:00 to 10:00 pm Fillmore, CA
- 24 to 28, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society 2008 Annual Conference, Doubletree Hotel, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA <http://www.sphts.org/convention/>
- 27 Margarita Madness 2008 Train , Fillmore & Western Railway Co. 6:30 to 9:00 pm Fillmore, CA
- October
- 4, 5 Los Angeles Live Steamers Fall Meet. 5202 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, California 90027 <http://www.lals.org/calendar.html>
- 4, 5, 11, 12 Roger Clarkson's Two Riverside Layouts Open House Schedule. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. 1463 Rimroad, Riverside, CA. [www.rfrailroad.com](http://www.rfrailroad.com) Map link: <http://tinyurl.com/2gkff4>
- 11-12 2008 Rail Fair - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ <http://www.azdiv-nmra.org/>
- 10 Pacific Railroad Society Monthly Meeting. 1930 (7:30 PM) to 2130. Joslyn Center (in Story Park) 210 North Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA 91801 <http://www.pacificrailroadsociety.org/>
- 11 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet and Open House. NEW CLUB LOCATION 303 N. Manchester, Anaheim, CA Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or [wlindsays@roadrunner.com](mailto:wlindsays@roadrunner.com). See [www.pvmrrc.org](http://www.pvmrrc.org).
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- 18 Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Indoor Swap Meet. 730am - 12noon Janet Goeske Senior Center 5257 Sierra St. (Corner of Streeter and Sierra) Riverside \$3 admission. \$10 per table for sellers in advance, or \$12 at door. Info: Gary Wintergerst 909-794-3153 email: [gwinterg@verison.net](mailto:gwinterg@verison.net) 100 S. LaSalle St., Redlands, CA 92374
- 18, 19 Orange Empire Railroad Museum Pumpkin Trains. Ride the train to the patch and bring home a pumpkin. Admission for non-members \$5, or included with all day pass for trolley and train rides \$12 for adults, children ages 5-11 are \$8. Set up time for sellers is 7am. Sellers bring own tables and chairs. Orange Empire Railway Museum 2201 S. "A" Street Perris, CA 92570 Information: 951-943-3020 or 951-657-2605
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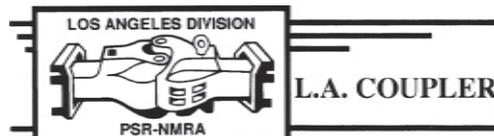
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