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Welcome to a new year!
I know it's been quite a
ride for many of our
members, and it looks

like the rest of the year will be "interesting", to say the least. I don't know about you, but I plan to turn inward a bit, and let this wonderful hobby of ours relieve some of the stress and frustration caused by things beyond my control. Which is what a hobby is all about, isn't it? So, pull out that kit you've been meaning to work on, or get the saw out and start building benchwork, or, better, sit down and write an article about the things you enjoy about model railroading, and how it helps you get through life in stressful times. I'll be looking for it!

There's a couple of things happening in the PSR in the few months that you may be interested in participating in. First, the Cajon Division is putting on the second installment of their winter miniconvention in Temecula, CA. Everyone had a great time last year (I know I certainly did), and it looks to be even better

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From the Hot Seat!

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this year. Check out the information sheets in this issue. Also, we'll be having the PSR Board of Directors mid-year meeting at the Temecula event. There are a number of issues to be discussed, including membership, the course of the PSR in the days ahead, and ways we can all work together to provide the members (that's you) with a more enjoyable experience in this hobby. Members are encouraged to come and observe the meetings - if you have items you'd like to have brought before the Board, please get with your Division Director.

The PSR Convention is being hosted by the Cajon Division this year in Las Vegas, Nevada. Final details are being hammered out as I write this, but it is sounding like it should be great fun. The hotel is available for reservations - see the flyer in this issue, and get your rooms booked today. I think you will find the rates to be very attractive!. More information will be in the next issue of this publication, but the place to go for details will be the convention website at www.psrconvention.org/2009. Check there from time to time for the most up to date information.

The next issue of the PSR Dispatch will be an election issue, with elections for the Division Directors who represent your local Division to the Board of Directors. There will also, most likely, be revisions to the PSR By-Laws to be voted upon by the membership. Please watch for them, and send in your votes. Additionally, if you haven't already done so, cast your votes in the NMRA balloting. As you should have found out by now, there was an issue with the ballots in the "Scale Rails" magazine - you should have gotten a separate ballot mailing since then. There are good candidates running for various offices, and they deserve your support - vote today!

Well, out of room. Have a great spring, and I hope to see you in Temecula or in Las Vegas.

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Greetings from the Arizona Division.

We had a great meet in Tucson this past November. Our attendance was very high and we tried a new format for the meeting. This included four shorter clinics in the afternoon rather than two longer ones. This was very well received from the membership and seemed to cut down on the number of folks taking post lunch naps during the clinics! We had a number of contest room entrants and our 'Lenny's Challenge' table was full. Lenny's Challenge is a non-judged model display table(s). This allows modelers to display their work (completed or in progress). We hope this will help encourage folks to enter future contests. Our next meet will be March 7, in Phoenix. More info about the meet can be found on the website: www.AzDiv-nmra.org

For the year, we were able to control our costs and fortunately broke even. Well, actually we had a \$3.68 profit for the year. While the bottom line for the year is that we didn't lose money, we were pretty close. Fortunately, our attendance is up per meet. We hope this trend continues despite the current economy. We are continuing our efforts to reduce costs while not increasing the admission for our meets. Like the other divisions, our most significant expense each year is the publication and mailing of the newsletter, the Spur Line. We have had a number of members subscribe to the electronic version and the trend continues.

It also appears that the Grinches have moved from the Union Pacific to Burlington Northern – Santa Fe. BNSF just announced that they will be pursuing royalty fees for uses of their 'Intellectual Property' or logo/trademark according to Model Railroad News. This is distressing to read and unfortunately, they didn't learn from the lesson experienced by UP. I just hope the other Class 1 railroads don't follow this trend.

Finally, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. I look forward to the new year. One of my goals for this early part of the year is to get my newly started basement layout operational. I'd like to encourage everyone to start that project you've been thinking about as we move into 2009.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season, now with the New Year it is time to buckle down and put the finishing touches on the NMRA/PSR, 2009 Convention. We still need members to present clinics and volunteers to run and staff the convention this is a Cajon event so we really need the membership to get behind this convention. So it is time for all Cajon Members who have enjoyed a relatively stress free four years since the 2005 Buena Park Convention to give something back to NMRA, Please contact Bob Mitchell at (951) 479-1241, Cajondivision@coastinet.com so we can get you signed up to assist in putting on the 2009 NMRA/PSR Convention, at the Texas Station in Las Vegas, September 3 to 6, 1009.

Cajon Division is also still looking for a few good men and/or women to take over the leadership of Cajon Division in September, 2009. Here is your opportunity to set policy and guide the Cajon Division into the next decade. The two most critical positions that need to be filled are Director and Superintendent but there are also numerous other Board member positions that also need to be filled as well. If you have any interest in wanting to see the Cajon Division to continue to grow and provide quality member events please contact me, I will be glad to provide details of the job responsibilities.

Besides the NMRA/PSR Convention in Las Vegas, the next big event for Cajon will be the second annual Temecula Meet, which will be held March 27, 28, & 29, 2009. The format will be similar to last year with clinics and bingo Friday night, Saturday will bring more clinics and Non-rail activities. The afternoon will host a Non-rail luncheon, layout tours into San Diego area and train cab rides at the Orange Empire Railway Museum. The PSR Board Meeting will also take place Saturday Afternoon at Mary Phillips Center in Temecula. Events will continue Saturday night with dinner at Pat & Oscars and Cajon's famous Chinese Auction. To secure your reservation contact Bob Mitchell. As a special incentive to Los Angeles, San Diego and Arizona Divisions for any member who signs up for the full event, the meet plus the dinner \$40 the Cajon Division will refund \$10 to that members division. For more detail about this exciting event visit the Cajon Web Site.

Activity Reports



Los Angeles

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I want to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year. Lets hope that 2009 is a much better year than 2008.

The L.A. Division committee has been working hard to set up a full line of activities for the 2009 year. I won't take up the space to list everything, but you can see the list in our newsletter or view them online.

The Cajon Division is having a meet in Temecula in March and is open to everyone in the Region, not just the Cajon Division. This has been a fun event in the past and you should consider attending.

The L.A. Division is looking for volunteers to join our committee as many members are doing two jobs. No experience is necessary, only a willingness to learn and do a small part of the load. It is a good way to impart what you would like to see the L.A. Division do and accomplish.

Further to the above, my term as Director expires in September at the PSR Convention and we need to submit nominations for this position in the near future. Please think about submitting your name for this important position. Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would hate to think that the L.A. Division could go inactive for the lack of volunteers.

Notice of Meeting

The mid-year PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held March 28th, 2009, 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, Temecula, CA.

Any items to be discussed should be submitted to the PSR Secretary or one of the Division Directors prior to the meeting.

All interested members are encouraged to attend.

The new year is upon us and with it comes new and exciting opportunities for our model railroading enjoyment. The San Diego Division will host its quarterly meets and other monthly events so there will be plenty of activities to ensure good fellowship and keep the creative juices flowing. Regardless of our day to day pressures and concerns, model railroading is always there for us to enjoy in one form or another.

On November 15th, our Division enjoyed a great Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum that included a potluck, clinics, a Chinese auction, and a tour of the Museum layouts. The attendance was very good and a great time was had by all.

Our Division Holiday Party was held on December 13th at our home. Despite the rain, we had a very good turnout with great food, games, a gift exchange, and of course, running trains on the layouts.

We enjoyed a beautiful home layout tour of Don Hamm's HO railroad on January 17th in Escondido. Don models the 1950's period and his layout features a very interesting track plan, Digitrax DCC, and some excellent scenery depicting California's citrus groves and packing houses.

We are looking forward to our Winter Meet scheduled for February 28th at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. Activities will include a swap meet, pot luck, clinics and a visit to the Short Track Model Railroad Club to see the progress on their N scale railroad.

Our March Division activities will be suspended in order to support Cajon Division's Spring Meet in Temecula March 27-29. In addition to bingo, clinics, layout tours, and a Chinese Auction, we will also hold our Regions' mid-year board meeting. If you didn't attend last year, you missed a great time. Please mark your calendar and try to join us.

Don't forget to also mark your calendar for our Region's annual convention September 2-6 at the Texas Station Hotel in Las Vegas. Cajon Superintendent Bob Mitchell and his team are promising a great event with all of our favorite activities along with some new ones.

As you can see, there are a lot of great model railroading activities lined up for us to enjoy. Don't miss out on the fun!

Fireman's Seat

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Frank Tepedino and I have been working on the PSR Manual of Operations and By-Laws and have just about completed them. They will be discussed at the BoD Mid-Year meeting in Temecula and then sent to the membership for approval. The Manual of Operations can be approved by the BoD but the By-Laws changes are approved by the membership through a mail in ballot or at an annual meeting. Updated National regulations and other changes from the region have been incorporated in both documents.

Workshops for training and continuity for Regional jobs is still in the information gathering stage now and I am soliciting volunteers with the Regional jobs to provide information on their jobs. An outline for the training has been completed. It will be discussed with the BoD in March.

To continue to improve communications, I will continue to participate in as many meetings with the Region Membership as I can. If you have questions, comments or just want to talk look me up at a meeting or call.

Railettes

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Hi Ladies,

Not too much to tell you about. We have been slowly getting more of you ladies to attend our clinics at the Regional conventions, that is wonderful. What is being planned for all of you in Las Vegas is tremendous. The clinic time for us will be limited to about for or five hours a day but I have faith that you can find something to do. After all it will be in Las Vegas, and remember what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. If you are unable to find anything to do when we get there, I will give you my room number at the first clinic and we will find something fun to do, I promise. Kim Fowler, Linda Irick, and I are planning some fun things for all to. Of course we will have a luncheon at a nominal fee. That helps us get the count correct and we don't have to pay for luncheons not eaten.

The National this year is in Hartford Ct, so I don't expect to see as many of you that made last year's in Anaheim. I will be there and looking forward to learning some new craft that I can show all of you down the line. If you make it to Hartford, drop by the Railette room (I should say the General Interest Room) and say hi. Stop and make many of the creative times that are being done there with the ladies.

Hope to see many of you if not in Hartford then in Las Vegas.

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Achievement Program



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Contest Corner

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Some discussion has arisen recently in judging during NMRA contests. Generally the complaint has been that the judging has been inconsistent from Division to Region to National. Let me address some of these issues.

First, there will be some variation in judging as people (judges) vary from contest to contest. This is only natural. As a modeler, take a hard look at your model. Is it cleanly constructed? Are all the details there, and are they well executed? Is the finish done well and realistic? Be honest with yourself.

Judging at the Divisional level is usually more lenient to encourage modelers. The ranking of first, second and third is not affected by the scoring. The top points are first, the second highest score is second, etc.

Models at the National level will be far more competitive than at the local level because you are competing with models from all over the world rather than a local area. The judges are more critical, as they do not overlook items that may be missed at the Division level. At the Anaheim meeting, the judges were briefed on judging procedures and all judging teams were led by a Master Model Railroader. A model that wins first at a Division Meet may not place at the National NMRA Convention.

During judging all judges are asked to make comments on extra forms to explain their scores. A glue spot may not make that much difference at the Divisional level but will at the national level when all the other models do not have any glue spots.

Finally, if you have a question or comment, see your Divisional level AP Manager or Contest Chair first. Then go to Regional and finally National. Understand that those at National are a bit removed from the specific situation and will come back to the Regional and Divisional level to understand the situation. When conversing, please be polite, even if you are unhappy with the situation. Irrate communication does not help your cause. Provide objective information and as much factual information as possible.

As Ben told you in the last issue of the Dispatch, I have agreed to assume the Contest Chair position for the PSR. I'm not exactly a neophyte at this because I have held the AP/Contest Chair position in the Cajon Division for a while. I sort of learned from the school of hard knocks-if you know what I mean.

I think the first order of business is to express, for all of us, our appreciation to Duane Buck for holding this position for so long and doing such a great job. I know that he has helped me significantly in this transition.

I have found that one of my responsibilities is the maintenance of the PSR Contest Directory, the guidance document for conduct of contests in the Region. I plan to update the Directory, have it reviewed by the Contest Committee, and in the hands of the PSR Board about three weeks prior to the Temecula meeting, where it can be considered for approval.

You'll notice that I said "Contest Committee" in the prior sentence. The Contest Committee consists of the four Divisional Contest Chairmen. We are now trying to determine the functions that the committee needs to perform on a regular basis. I tend to think that one of the prime functions of the committee will be the recruitment and training of quality judges for the contests. I believe that the reason we hold contests is so that the membership can advance in the Achievement Program. The idea is to give good feedback to the modeler so that he, or she, can improve their skills and I hope that's just what we do.

See ya on down the line. Bill



The Cajon Division of the
Pacific Southwest Region
National Model Railroad Association
Presents

Temecula 2009

More than an Event...A Total Experience

March 27th, 28th, and 29th

Non-Members Welcome

To be held in the famous Wine Country of Temecula, California, this event has something for everyone. Especially the Railettes and would be Locomotive Engineers of an Era long Past. Summary of Scheduled Activities include:

Fun for the Entire Family: Young and Old Alike

- **Orange Empire Railway Museum, Perris, CA: Be the Locomotive Engineer on an FP45 Diesel Locomotive and Feel the Thunder as You Take it out on the Main Line Outside the Museum**
- **Old Town Antique Shopping, Lunch and Wine Tasting Tour**
- **Saturday Afternoon Layout Tours in North San Diego County**
- **Saturday Night Wrap Up with Dinner at 'Pat and Ocar's' followed by a Chinese Style Auction (Up to 100 Quality Model Railroad Items from 30+ Original Manufacturers and Suppliers)**

Timetable of Activities

Friday Night ~ Mary Phillips Senior Center ~ in Old Town ~ 41845 6th Street, Temecula 951-694-6464

- Registration 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm (See Attached Registration Form for Fees) MC and Visa will be Accepted for Advanced Registration to avoid waiting in line.
- Bring and Brag Hour 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm
- Bingo 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Saturday Morning ~ Mary Phillips Senior Center in Old Town Temecula

- Wino's Breakfast 7:00am at Penfold's Bakery and Restaurant (See Registration Form for Details)
- Registration 8:00 am until 11:00 am
- Model Contest Entries 8:00 am -10:00 am...Judging 10:30 am until 1 pm
- Clinics start at 8:00 am until Noon.
- Old Town Antique Self Guided Tour
- Wine Tasting Tour and Lunch at a Winery departs at Noon until mid-afternoon (Personal Vehicles and/or Car Pooling required)

Saturday Morning ~ Run-1 Locomotive Engineer at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris

- First Run starts at 8:30 am (Depends on number of Sign-ups)
This Museum is huge. Be sure to bring your camera. www.oerm.org
Reservations need to be made well in advance. Contact Bob Mitchell ~ 951-440-9729
Email: cajondivision@coastinet.com

Saturday Afternoon

- Self Guided Model Railroad Layout Tours ~ Maps and Car Pool Sign-ups available at Registration
- Mid-Year Board Meeting of the Pacific Southwest Region Starts at 1:00 pm @ **Mary Phillips Senior Ctr.** Sandwich Tray and Beverages will be Provided for by the Cajon Division.

Saturday Evening ~ 'Pat and Oscar's' by the Pond

- Show up time is 5:00 pm ~ Dinner to be served at 5:30 pm
- Contest Awards 6:30 pm
- Chinese Auction Ticket Sales begin at 6:30 pm and close at 8:00 pm
- Chinese Auction 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm

Sunday Morning ~ Run-1 Locomotive Engineer at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris

- First Run starts at 8:30 am (Depends on number of Sign-ups)
Reservations need to be made well in advance. Contact Bob Mitchell ~ 951-440-9729
Email: cajondivision@coastinet.com MC and Visa Credit Cards Accepted

Temecula 2009 Lodging and Locations Information

Lodging in Temecula can be expensive. So make your room reservations early (You can always cancel if need be) From the Motel 6 in Old Town it is a short walking distance (1 Block) to the Mary Phillips Senior Center.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible....Ask about cancellation policies.

Motel 6: 41900 Moreno Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

	Single \$59.99	Double \$65.99	(951-676-7199)
Rancho Calif. Inn:	Single \$99.00	Double \$120.00	(951-676-5700)
Best Western:	Single \$107.99	Double \$125.99	(951-676-7378)
Holiday Inn Exp:	Single \$149.00	Double \$149.00	(951-699-2444)
Quality Inn	Single \$134.99	Double \$144.99	(951-296-3788)

Clinics for Everyone

Clinics listed here are from last year and are an example of what to expect this year.

- Weathering Modern Freight Cars~ David Arendes
- Scenery without the use of Molds, Plaster, or Paint ~ Bob Mitchell
- Casting Your Own Parts and Clutter ~ Georgia Dahlberg
- Brian demonstrates his 2008 Narrow Gauge Convention First Place Model ~ Brian Block MMR
- Starting Your First Model Railroad: Bench Work and Construction
- Modeling the Bear River Bridge on Nevada County Narrow Gauge – Dick Roberts, SD Division
- Contest Modeling: Paperwork and What Judges are looking For ~ Bill Jacobs, Cajon Div. Contest Chair
- Laser Cut Kits, Concept, Layout, and Manufacturing? ~ Joe Warren, Owner of Showcase Miniatures
- More to be Announced at a Later Date ~ Some Titles are subject to change.

If you can put a clinic together contact Bob Mitchell ASAP 951-440-9729 or email to Cajondivision@coastinet.com

Temecula 2009 ~ March 27th, 28th, and 29th

Event Registration:

Registration Only (Dinner not included)

\$10.00

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Totals

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Registration Including Dinner and Chinese Auction
at 'Pat and Oscars' by the Pond in Temecula

\$30.00

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Extra Fares:

Wino's Breakfast 7am (For last year and this year's Winos)
(You are considered a Wino if you have been or will be
participating in this years Wine Country Luncheon)

\$ 7.50

Orange Empire Museum 'Run1' Locomotive Engineer

\$55.00

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Antique Shopping and Lunch at a excellent Winery

\$30.00

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Wine Tasting Tickets available at the wineries

Self Purchase

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Total

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Name(s):

Telephone No: ()

Locomotive Run Requested Times (Subject to date received and number of sign-ups)

Circle once for first choice and twice for second choice

Saturday

8:30 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

Sunday

8:30 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

Event Registration can be paid with MC, Visa, or Check. Fill out the above form and then call Bob Mitchell to reserve Locomotive 'Run1' times. Credit Card info will be taken over the phone only.

Checks need to be made out to 'Cajon Division' 951-440-9729

21460 Walnut Street, CA 92595-8966

Amador, Truckee & South Fork Railroad

"Serving the Mother Lode"

Dan Conway, Superintendent
Lise Lapointe-Conway, Chief Structural Engineer

The Amador, Truckee & South Fork RR is the first model railroad I have built, after 50 years of armchair "dreaming". It is approximately 16 feet by 16 feet, occupying half of a three-car garage in Carlsbad. My wife Lise is an active partner in building the layout.

Background: Fictionalized Reality

The Amador, Truckee & South Fork Railroad, called "the South Fork" for short, is a fictional line set in a real location: the Sierra Nevada mountains east of Sacramento. The South Fork serves the lumber, gold mining and agricultural industries in the region, and crosses the Sierra Nevadas just south of Lake Tahoe to interchange with the Virginia & Truckee Railroad at Minden, Nevada. The South Fork line to Minden provides passenger service to resorts at the south end of Lake Tahoe, especially in the summer.

While the setting is real, the railroad is entirely made up. The names of towns were selected for their "Western" flavor, with little or no regard to their true geographical location, although most have one or more namesakes in the Sierra Nevada region.

The railroad's name derives from the region it serves: from Amador County to the area between the Truckee River and the South Fork of the American River. The name was designed to allow locomotives and equipment with Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe RR lettering (but without the name spelled out and without the Santa Fe herald) to operate as South Fork equipment. The AT&SF markings also pay a tribute to the Santa Fe, which employed my grandfather and great-uncle as Conductors and my uncle as an Engineer.

The South Fork was, in theory, created by a merger of several small railroads in the Sierra Nevadas, including the real but now gone Camino, Placerville & Lake Tahoe RR. As a cobbled-together line, the South Fork operates on two mainlines out of its base at Charlottesville, California, a fictional town (named for my daughter) located on the Southern Pacific mainline near Sacramento. One line runs roughly along the path of California Route 50 over the mountains to Minden, Nevada. This line is represented by the track running to the left out of Charlottesville into a tunnel, and Minden and all points in between are located "in the tunnel", where a reversing loop and some staging tracks allow a variety of trains to exit and enter Charlottesville on this line. The other line leaves Charlottesville to the right

and runs up steep grades (up to 4%) on the western slope of the Sierra Nevadas through Indian Wells, splitting at Nevada City Junction into branches to the city of Sierra via Mosquito Gulch, and to Nevada City via Gold Hill. Sierra Timber Company Railroad

The Sierra Timber RR is a logging line which runs from Sierra, where it interchanges with the South Fork RR, up to a logging camp at Fish Hook (logger humor meaning "at the end of the line"). The S T RR's lone Shay hauls logs down to Sierra and dumps them into the log pond at the saw mill, and provides some service to ranchers along the line.

The Setting

It is the fall of 1955. The new Chevrolets have arrived at the dealer in Amador City, and the popular cars are showing up everywhere in the area served by the South Fork. Steam still rules the Amador, Truckee & South Fork RR, but a second-hand GE 44-ton switcher has been purchased for yard operations in Charlottesville and Gold Hill, and a diesel switcher has been leased from the Southern Pacific for testing on the steep grades and sharp curves of the South Fork. South Fork management is trying to decide if an investment in diesels, purchased second-hand of course, would result in sufficient savings in operating and maintenance costs to justify the expenditure. The decision is crucial, since declining traffic from the gold mines and lumber camps and increased competition from trucks have cut deeply into the South Fork's historically narrow profit margins. Lights burn late in the South Fork's General Offices above the depot in Charlottesville.

South Fork Operations

The layout is designed for operations: trains running from one place to another, with challenging switching opportunities along the line. In this, I have been strongly influenced by Dick Trotter's Coyote Pass and Northern RR and Dick Roberts' Nevada Country Railroad layouts, and by my club: the North County Model Railroad Society.

Trains generally operate point to point from Charlottesville to Minden (hidden reverse loop), Sierra or Nevada City. Sierra and Nevada City are scenically one and the same place: they share a station, track and a turntable. But operationally they are two different places. Trains arriving from one direction at Sierra or from the other at Nevada City can switch only the

industries “in their city”. Sierra has the saw mill, the interchange with the logging line, and a railroad supply storehouse. Nevada City, which serves an agricultural community, has an oil dealer, freight house, feed mill and farm supply company. Trains operating in each city can use the mainline, runaround track and turntable.

Trains can arrive at Sierra or Nevada City ONLY after they have passed the flagstop station at Nevada City Junction. Since the flagstop is on the leg of a wye which is not accessible to trains climbing upgrade from Charlottesville, trains have to complete a lap around the upper level of the layout to pass by the Nevada City Junction flagstop station. This feature lengthens runs. To avoid having trains that have not passed Nevada City Junction rolling past their destinations at Sierra or Nevada City en route to the junction, trains must take the Copenhagen Cutoff (I thought of the cutoff while visiting Copenhagen), which bypasses Sierra and Nevada City. Once a train has completed a lap in either direction using the cutoff and has passed the Nevada City Junction flagstop station, it can proceed to its destination: Sierra or Nevada City.

Progress on the layout has been slow because we travel a lot, but it is operational. My wife Lise has built several outstanding structures with scratch-built, detailed interiors. Some scenery is in place. I am proceeding with the philosophy that the big tasks need to get done, and I can go back later and add details, weather structures and rolling stock, etc. I sometimes call the railroad “The Good Enough Central”, but what I am striving for is a layout that, when taken as a whole, is a pleasure both to look at and to operate.

Dan and Lise are active members of the San Diego Division in between their trips to various places around the world. Dan is involved in operations on several layouts in the San Diego area, and is an accomplished modeler. Lise enjoys structure building, and has entered her work in local contests.

Dan submitted this article in response to my request for articles from PSR members – I’m sure you have an interesting story or description of your layout, models or activities in the hobby. I look forward to seeing it soon!

City of Las Vegas PSR 2009 Convention

September 2nd through September 6th, 2009

Texas Station Casino & Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

Hosted by the Cajon Division, PSR

For details and registration information, check the
Convention Website

www.psrconvention.org/2009

CITY OF LAS VEGAS - PSR 2009 CONVENTION

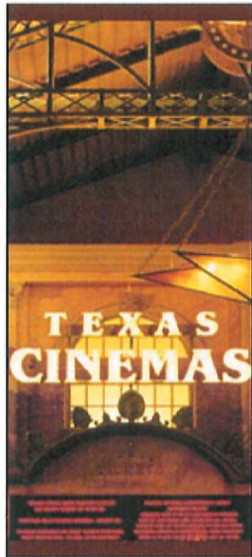
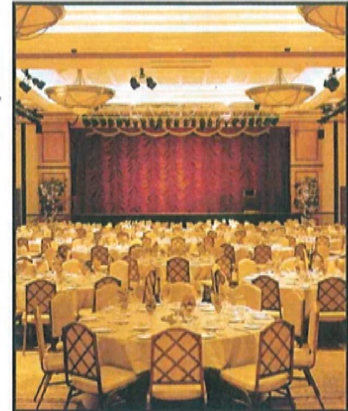
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Texas Station



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- Five award-winning restaurants including a buffet and a special “food district” featuring quick-serve favorites



- 18 screen movie theater—special group rates for group viewings and parties
- More than 2,300 slot/video poker Machines, 37 table games, 24 hour Poker room, 24 seat Keno lounge, And 495 seat/10,000 square foot Bingo Hall
- 60-lane bowling center—special group rates for group parties or team building activities
- Complimentary covered parking (4,400 parking spaces)



- Kids Quest Supervised Child-care
Active entertainment setting for children
6 weeks to 12 years old.
- Flexible spaces, from the 15,000 square-foot Dallas Ballroom to intimate boardrooms



Event Dates
09/02/09
through
09/06/09

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February

- 20 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>
- 21 Garcia Adventure, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. <http://sdrm.org/events/tecate/> Reservations are required. Requires government photo ID and birth certificate or passport. Campo Depot, State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Road, Campo, CA (619) 478-9937 weekends, (619) 465-PSRM (465-7776) weekdays
- 28 Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet. 0730 to noon. Janet Goeske Senior Center, 5257 Sierra Street (North of Sears), Corner of Streeter & Sierra, Riverside. Gary Wintergerst, 100 S. LaSalle Street, Redlands, CA 92374 909-794-3153 gwinterg@verizon.net

March

- 2 Glendale Model Railroad Club Free Open House. 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. 619 Hahn Ave., Glendale, CA 91203 (818) 500-7229 <http://www.gmrrc.org/>
- 6 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/>
- 7 LA Division Banquet and Board Meeting. Taix French Restaurant. See http://www.trainnet.org/documents/LA_0109.pdf for reservation form.
- 7 Orange Empire Railroad Museum (OERM) Swap Meet. 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 <http://www.oerm.org/pages/calendar.html>
- 8 Prototype Modelers Meet. 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Holiday Inn in Buena Park, 7000 Beach Blvd.,

- which is just north of the 91 Freeway and south of Interstate 5. Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Sunshine Models, Box 4997, Springfield, MO 65808-4997 <http://www.sunshinekits.com/sunimages/sun-cal08.pdf>
- 8 TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet. Masonic Lodge, 50 Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA, 91007. \$5.00 per person, children under 12 free. 818-848-2653 <http://www.ttos-sw.org/activities.htm>
- 13 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>
- 13 – 22 Coachella Valley Model Rail Roaders. Riverside County Fair National Date Festival Fairgrounds, Indio, CA. <http://www.datefest.org/> <http://www.cvmrr.com/>
- 14 Winter Rail. Stockton, CA. Advance reservations required.
- 21, 22 Great Train Expo Costa Mesa. Orange County Fairgrounds. <http://www.trainexpoinc.com/>
- 27-29 Cajon Division Temecula Meet. Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, Temecula, CA <http://www.cajondiv.org/>
- 28 PSR Board of Directors Mid-year Meeting. Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, Temecula, CA, beginning at 1:00pm.
- 28 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet and Open House. Swap Meet 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Open House 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Rd. Simi Valley, CA. Admission \$2.00 for adults. <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/2006swap.htm> and <http://santasusannadepot.org/Foundation/Map.htm> Dave Putnam dave@daveandlisa.net
- 28 Ticket to Tacate, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. <http://sdrm.org/events/tecate/> Reservations are required. Requires government photo ID and birth certificate or passport. Campo Depot, State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Road, Campo, CA (619) 478-9937 weekends, (619) 465-PSRM (465-7776) weekdays
- ## April
- 4, 5 Los Angeles Model Railroad Society (LAMRS) Open House. 10am until 4pm. 14005 S. Crenshaw Blvd, Hawthorne, CA. www.lamrs.org, Contact: info.lamrs@verizon.net, 310-675-3361
- 5 TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet. Masonic Lodge, 50 Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA, 91007. \$5.00 per person, children under 12 free. 818-848-2653



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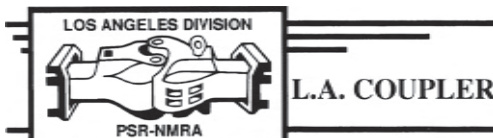
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