



# PSR Dispatch

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### Time to Play Trains!

The *City of Las Vegas*, 2009 PSR Convention, is about to get underway, and your presence is requested! Don't let it leave without you!

In this issue are more details about the convention, hopefully enough to get you looking at your calendar a little more closely and figuring out how you can make it to Las Vegas on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. The Cajon Division gang has put together a large number of activities and games to keep you entertained and amused - and away from the "one armed bandits" so prevalent around that city. You will learn a lot about both the "real" trains and the models that take up so much of our lives, meet some

## From the Hot Seat!

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great people, and go home feeling like you accomplished something - see you there!

The elections for Division Director were recently held, and I'd like to welcome Bob Mitchell, Mary Barstow and Gary Robinson as new members of the PSR Board of Directors, and Rick Watson as a returning member. Congratulations. Along that line, my term as President will end in September, 2010. If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about running for this office, nominations will be solicited after the first of the year. Start planning now - there's much to be done.

On a more somber note, we lost a long time active member of the PSR, Bill Mergard. Mary Barstow put together the piece below remembering him. Many of you worked with Bill over the years, and I'm sure we'll all miss him - I know I will.

### IN MEMORIAM

William Mergard

September 17, 1935 – June 15, 2009

Bill joined the National Model Railroad Association in 1971 and became a very active member in the LA Division and the PCR, and later in the PSR. He held most of the offices at the Region level and at the Division Level. He was also chairman of two national conventions, *Long Beach Limited 1996* and *Anaheim Special 2008*.

Bill was employed by Delta Airlines beginning in 1956. He also was very involved in the community as he and Irene raised their family. Scouting, Little League, and AYSO along with a love of trains were a major part of his life. He was also a member of the Southern California Garden Railway Society and put up an incredible annual Christmas display in his front yard that brought joy to many. In 1975 he became a part of Harold Graebner's First Friday of the Month Club where the group solved the world's problems and operated on Sigma Lines. Bob Rowe and Ken Wilson were among the original members. I joined the group in 1980 and felt quite privileged to be included.

Bill encouraged all of us in the hobby and was always very helpful. Affectionately known as "The King," he combined a serious side with an engaging sense of humor.

We will miss him.

Mary Barstow, LA Division

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The Arizona Division held our summer meeting the past June in Sedona. Attendance was up over previous years. There were a good variety of clinics and our afternoon clinic format continues to be popular. I had the opportunity to fill in as Chief Clerk and Paymaster at the meet and certainly have a new appreciation for the role.

The division, regional, and national elections are complete and I was pleased to see the number of votes cast nationally. Clearly, more members were interested in what is happening nationally. I've also heard that Hartford was a success. Currently, there is an effort to put together a guide for divisions and regions to use as a reference for activities and roles of officials. It's amazing to me how much variation there is in how divisions and regions are organized around the country. I would have expected them to be very much the same. That's not the case at all. Some divisions are comprised of only a club. There is a lot of good dialog regarding this and I'm sure that we as region leaders will do our best to make sure the PSR can benefit from this effort and well as share the things we do well and the things we've learned.

Our next meet will be November in Tucson. Tucson is always a fun meet with good clinics, excellent models, and layouts to tour after the meet. I encourage members from the other divisions to join us.

As we prepare for the PSR Convention in September, I find myself 'getting my act together' for the clinics I will be presenting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally after two years of sweating, negotiating, and planning the 2009 PSR/NMRA "City of Las Vegas" Convention is only few weeks away. For those of you have not registered you still have time. The Convention Committee took into consideration the economic climate, and did everything possible to keep the cost of this convention affordable. For just a little over the cost of registration at a National Convention you can attend all the events at the PSR/NMRA "City of Las Vegas" and the hotel room cost averages around \$60 plus local tax, per day for four days. We have fifty clinics covering eleven subjects, with no duplicated clinics. Our Awards Banquet speaker is well known modeler and author, Charlie Gets and we have several unique and one of a kind layouts featured on the layout tours. If you have not registered you may want to reconsider that decision. Hope to see you all at Las Vegas! [www.psrconvnetion.org/2009](http://www.psrconvnetion.org/2009)

September will also bring a new makeup of the PSR Board of Directors and a new Director to the Cajon Division. These Members have all agreed to take on a monumental task, and deserve your help. For just a commitment of just a few hours a month you can help make a difference in your Division, or the PSR Region. You're Division and Region Needs You! Please consider stepping up and taking on a Division or Region position, who knows you may like it and even have some fun.

And finally just because we are Cajon and love doing convention type events mark your calendars for Barstow - 2009. This event will be held on October 16th, 17th & 18th, 2009 and will be our typical Barstow event with Bingo for Trains, Clinics, Auction, and the Harvey House Train Show where you can watch the 1:1 scale trains go by. Registration information will be in the next Cajon Division Order Board in August, and other divisions are always welcome to attend.

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# Activity Reports



## Los Angeles

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## San Diego

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This will be my last report as Director of the Los Angeles Division and must admit that I have mixed feelings about this and will leave it at that.

On a sad note, I have to report on the passing of Bill "The King" Mergard on June 15, 2009. Bill was not only a good friend, but also a loyal supporter of both the Division and Region and had held many elected positions in both the Division and the Region. He will be missed.

The Division held a home layout tour in the South Bay area on May 16th and was well attended.

On August 8th the Division committee meeting will be held along with our annual potluck.

On October 3rd the Division will hold a clinic with Joe Jackson. Details to be announced later.

On November 7 & 8, the Division will host a public model train show at South Coast Botanic Gardens and everyone is invited.

The Division is in dire need of volunteers and this is my last chance to ask or beg for you to step up and volunteer. It is not difficult or time consuming.

On a personal note, I would like to express my thanks to all those that helped me while performing the tasks of Los Angeles Division Director and further thanks to the ones that volunteered to help the L.A. Division.

Hope to see you in Las Vegas at the PSR Convention.

### Notice of Meeting

The mid-year PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held September 2nd, 2009, 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Texas Station Hotel & Casino, 2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas, NV

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.

I can't believe that the summer season is half over and we're now preparing to attend September's PSR Convention in Las Vegas hosted by the Cajon Division. If you haven't signed up yet, please register as soon as possible. Cajon Superintendent Bob Mitchell and his crew have planned an excellent event for us and you won't want to miss out on the fun.

The San Diego Division have been enjoying some excellent model railroading activities over the past few months and we've picked up some great new members in the process. It's always good to grow our ranks and share this fine hobby with others.

On May 9th, our Division enjoyed a great Spring Meet at the Peace Lutheran Church that included a potluck, business meeting, a show & tell and two great clinics. Rodger Gredvig presented an excellent photo tour of Jack Burgess' Yosemite Valley model railroad and Gary Robinson taught us how to build our own static grass applicator. Our attendance was very good and a great time was had by all.

We visited Bob Treat's amazing Snow Creek F scale outdoor model railroad on June 13th. Bob's railroad depicts a rugged short line in narrow gauge circa 1940-1950's. Although it has continuous running capability, he operates it as a point-to-point system. His amazing recreation of topography and attention to detail make it one of the finest garden railways in San Diego County.

Steve Harris hosted a layout tour of his D&RGW HO model railroad on July 11th. His layout has been featured in several national magazines with his most recent feature in the June 2009 Model Railroader. This beautifully scenicked railroad is housed in its own building that includes Steve's workshop.

Our Summer Meet will be held on August 8th at the San Rafael Parish in Rancho Bernardo (San Diego) in conjunction with the Poway Station Model Railway Club's annual meet. They will operate their multi-scale modular railroads and we will also enjoy a potluck, a show & tell and some great clinics on scenery by Jim O'Connell and prototype operations by Bob Moore.

Please join us if you are in the area!

# Contest Corner



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As of this writing it is only a little over month until the PSR Convention here in Las Vegas. I hope you took my advice in the last Dispatch, started your contest entries then and are now finishing them up. I have been corresponding a lot with Bob Hamm, the National Contest Chairman. I tell you this for three reasons. The first is that he is very helpful and although we have not met in person, seems to be a real character-a glass half-full kind of guy. The second is that he has supplied me with a lot of input for the "So you Want to be a Judge" clinic that I am giving at the convention. As I mentioned previously, it will be open to anyone who wants to become a judge and anyone who wants to see how this judging business works, just so they can get better scores on their contest entries. The clinic is nearly developed and I think you will learn something from it. I intend to finish it next week in Chama, New Mexico at my annual work session with the Friends of the C&TS RR (just a small plug for a really worthwhile organization). This is my second year working on RPO 54. The neat thing about this car is that, when done, it can be used in the regular passenger trains because at its last D&RGW rebuilding (50 or so years ago) steel plates were added to the wood stringers in the frame so that it meets present day standards. But I digress. The third thing that Bob Hamm and I have been discussing is the Photo and Arts and Crafts part of the contests. He has changed the National standards so that these two categories are strictly popular vote contests. We may change to that format in the future. In fact, I would like your input about that. But, for the upcoming convention we will still use the judge's opinion as we have in the past. This has caused me a problem in that there are no longer National entry or judges scoring sheets for these categories. So, I have developed PSR forms for the Photo and Arts and Crafts categories. I will have plenty of them available in the contest room. Or, if you want to do them in advance, just e-mail me and I'll send them to you. See ya on down the line.  
Bill

# Railettes

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Hi Ladies.

Well, I am looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas for the PSR Convention. Right now I can't even think about what is going on, we just got back from the NMRA convention in Hartford, CT. Husband says we drove over 5,500 miles in 28 days. Guess what, we are tired. I need to shorten all those side trips we take. Yeah, right. It was a good convention and saw some people from the PSR, who made it to the east coast.

Things are going great for us in Vegas. Linda Irick, Kim Fowler, and I promise to keep you occupied and having fun. We will be having a luncheon on Friday. The times we are not actually working with you in some clinic, I'm sure you can find something to do. After all this is Las Vegas!

Janet Spooner, Railette Chair

## PSR DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

The ballot counting committee has counted all of the ballots that were submitted by PSR members in the recent election for PSR Director. The results of that election are as follows:

### Arizona

Rick Watson - 40 Winner  
Lenny Smith - 1,  
Don Stewart - 1

### Cajon

Bob Mitchell - 40 Winner

### Los Angeles

Mary Barstow - 36 Winner  
Paul Cutter - 1

### San Diego

Gary Robinson - 16 Winner

The winners will take office beginning at the Annual Membership meeting on Sunday, September 6, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV.

The total number of ballots received by the due date (7-25-09) was 161, of which 26 were invalid due to mismarking. No ballots arrived after the due date.

Congratulations to the winners and a thank you to all of those who participated as candidates.

Regards,

Tom Draper, PSR Nominations Chairman





## THE PSR 2009 “CITY OF LAS VEGAS” CONVENTION WANTS YOU!

Hi, all PSR members! If you still have not registered for the 2009 PSR Convention in Las Vegas, you still have time! The Cajon Division has been working very hard to keep this convention affordable for you. Compare our cost to the average cost of just registration at a National Convention. At the “City of Las Vegas” 2009, PSR/NMRA Convention you will get full registration, the awards banquet, a convention patch & pin, one of the layout tours to Pahrump or within Las Vegas, and the Wednesday night social for the same cost. The average hotel room rate for 4 nights is \$60.00 plus local tax: that is the best room price in years.

Still Not Convinced? Check Out the Convention Facilities. The Texas Station Gambling Hall and Hotel offers all the best of Las Vegas under one roof – 200 newly re-modeled deluxe rooms, excellent convention facilities just off the entry to the hotel (no long walk across the casino), 5 extraordinary restaurants, entertainment, exciting nightlife and hot gaming action.

Bring the family for that end of summer fling: the facility features Kids Quest for kids from 2-½ to 12 with an indoor playground, non-violent video games, karaoke sound and video stage. Tiny tot rooms, arts and crafts, meals (for an additional fee), and professionally trained staff. The 18 screen Regal Cinemas with movies starting at 6:30 pm for \$5.00 admission. The Texas Star Lanes bowling Center featuring 60 lanes. There is also a 5,000 square foot arcade, and of course the hotel pool area.

Adult entertainment features hot gaming, the South Padre Lounge with free live music Thursday through Sunday, and the Martini Ranch and A-Bar features live jazz from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Let's eat! The Texas Station features 5 award winning restaurants: The Austins Steak House for you steak lovers, San Lorenzo for fine Italian food lovers, Texas Star Oyster Bar for the sea food lovers, Feast Buffet with tastes from around the world, and Texas Café, a 24 hour popular Casual American Bistro. And if you are running between clinics and need something fast to eat, check out the food court featuring: Baja Fresh, Starbucks, Fatburgers, Quizno's, Panda Express, Sbarro, and DQ/Orange Julius.

So tie all of the above to the fully loaded convention, along with outstanding clinics, fun social events, an outstanding banquet speaker, and local layout tours all within easy driving of the site, and you can see this is truly a one stop convention. So what are you waiting for? Sign up now!

OKAY! Still Not Convinced? Check out the clinics and Social Events. The “City of Las Vegas” 2009 has over 50 Clinics covering 11 modeling topics, including; Operations, Layout Planning and Construction, Electronics / Sound / DCC, Prototype Measurements for Modeling, Scenery, Building / Structures, Locomotives / Cars, Painting, Animation, Photography, and General Subjects. The Wednesday night social will be bowling for trains, Friday night of course will bring the world famous Cajon Division Chinese Auction, and Saturday's Awards Banquet will feature Charlie Getz as the guest speaker, that alone is worth the price of admission!

BOARD! All A Board! This train is departing on Track 9-2-09, and you do not want to miss it. Full details are at the Convention web site at: [www.psrconvention.org/2009](http://www.psrconvention.org/2009).

TEXAS STATION GAMBLING HALL AND HOTEL
Offical Hotel of the 2009 PSR Convention - “City of Las Vegas”
For Reservations, Use This Contact
You can still get the exceptional room rates below by calling Maria Shellhase using her direct number during business hours 702-631-8358 you can also call her cell phone 702-425-0650
Tuesday Thru Thursday - \$49 / night ~ Friday & Saturday - \$70 / night
But, this will not last... I have been informed by Maria that the Hotel expects to sell out for the Labor Day weekend. Don't be left out of a chance to stay at the Convention Hotel Register Now!!!

# Welcome to "The City of Las Vegas"

## PSR 2009 Convention!

Cajon Division is proud to be this year's host. It has been 8 years since we last visited Las Vegas and have a lot in store for you this year as well. The Convention begins on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. For complete details, please visit the Convention website at: <http://www.psrconvention.org/2009>

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This years Hotel rates are the lowest of any convention in years.  
Texas Station Hotel and Casino



Just three minutes from the 15 Freeway and Boulder Highway, this location is convenient to all layout tours, Downtown Las Vegas, and the Famous Las Vegas Strip.

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### Highlights

- Pahrump Tour
- Award Winning Models
- Great Layouts
- Clinic News - Currently we have 55 different clinics. This year we have clinicians from *Texas, Kentucky, Utah, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, and California.*
- *'Modeling with the Manufacturers'* - Larry Cantral, owner of Sidetrack laser, is coming down from Oregon to give a four hour Make and Take Clinic, featuring the Santa Fe Depot in Colton, CA. This is an Extra Fare Clinic taking place on Saturday Morning and has limited seating ...don't be left out, sign up early.
- Chinese Auction
- Bowling - and much, much more!





# City of Las Vegas 2009

Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA<sup>®</sup> 2009 Convention

September 2nd-6th, 2009

Presented by the Cajon Division, PSR, NMRA<sup>®</sup>

Texas Station Hotel-Casino and Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada  
2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas, NV 89032 (Rancho Rd. at Lake Mead Blvd)

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\* As you want it to appear on your badge(s) \*\* E-Mail is the preferred communication method

For more info contact Bob Mitchell at [cajondivison@coastinet.com](mailto:cajondivison@coastinet.com)

FARE	QTY	EACH	TOTAL
Full Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 99.00	
Spouse & Youth (7-18) Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 79.00	
<b>Banquet Meal Choice</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New York Steak <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken			
Full Registration (Excluding Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 65.00	
Spouse Registration & Youth (7-18) (Excluding Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 45.00	
Non-Members are welcome at no additional charge However, are encouraged to purchase a 6 month membership Rail Pass	@	\$ 9.95	
Banquet Dinner Only ( <i>Guest Speaker is Charlie Getz</i> )	@	\$ 45.00	
Bowling for Trains (Division Team Challenge) ~ Wednesday Night This is also the site of the Welcome Mixer ~ No Fee ~ Open Bar in Lounge	@	\$ 10.00	
Day Fare/Per Day (Excludes Banquet) <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	@	\$ 40.00	
Hobo Breakfast (for qualified Hobos and their guests only ~ Sat Morn)	@	\$ 15.00	
Raillette Luncheon ~ Friday	@	\$ 15.00	
Convention Car with Decals (Kadee PS-1 Box Car with Data)	@	\$ 24.50	
Convention Patches	@	\$ 3.50	
Convention Pins	@	\$ 4.00	
Convention T-Shirts Circle Choice(s) S M L XL 2X 3X	@	\$ 13.00	
Convention Polo Shirts Circle Choice(s) S M L XL 2X 3X	@	\$ 27.00	
Manufacture Hands on Clinic (Includes Laser Kit) 4 hrs ~ Saturday AM	@	\$ 45.00	
The San Diego Gang's Hands on Scenery Clinic 3 hrs ~ Friday Afternoon	@	\$ 5.00	
Layout Bus Tour to Pahrump, Nevada (Includes Sack Lunch) ~ Friday AM	@	\$ 30.00	
Hoover Dam Bus Tour (Includes Tour Guide & Chocolate Factory) ~ Thurs	@	\$ 78.00	
Layout Bus Tour Las Vegas (G, O, On3, HO, N) ~ Saturday Morning	@	\$ 25.00	
'Chinese Auction' Friday Night (Don't miss this one)		Free	
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<b>or you can contact the Reservation line 800-654-8804, Select #1, Tell Reservation what nights you will be attending ~ then tell them you are with the Cajon Division and the Group Code is TCICADV.</b>			

## "City of Las Vegas" Layout Tours

Railroad	Owner	Scale	Description
Saw Tooth Timber	Brian Block	On3	The Saw Tooth Timber Company is located in the mountains and ships ties and other lumber products via the port at Thunder Bay. Has many Gazette Award models and more
Pahrump Valley & Armargosa	Lou Banning	G & 1 1/2"	This layout started out as a collection of a single 'G' scale caboose and has expanded over the years to 1300' of 'G' scale track and 3300' of 1 1/2" backyard railroad.
Sedona and Pacific	Lynn Austin	On30	The Sedona and Pacific has seen many conventions. Add to this three other layouts at Lynn's home and you will leave with many ideas to take home. Also the location of the Saturday BBQ.
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	Larry Dewsnup	H0	This is a freelance railroad taking place in a modern era of California, Nevada, and Utah. The overall layout size is 14'-6" x 25' x 6" traverses three levels and two helixes.
Appaloosa Canyon Railroad	Charlie Abbott	H0	Talk about making the most of your space, This railroad is 10x22' with a unique 2x11' industrial extension into the adjoining garage. Lots of Bragdon castings and an excellent painted backdrop.
The Rialto, Diablo & Arizona	Richard Fulkerson	H0	This layout is an around the walls "point to point" layout designed for operation with one multi-level section in a dedicated 19' X 19' room. Hand laid turnouts and track are used extensively to improve free flowing track arrangements. Also a keen focus on scenery and a vast amount of custom controls and signaling plus DCC control are combined to enhance operation in a realistic setting. This is our choice for an ops sessions to be announced at a later date.
Tales Along the Rails	Lane Smith	Lionel	A real treat for all Lionel fans and Department 56 collectors. Lane has a great sense of humor and it shows on his layout. Look very close and you will find a smile in every nook and cranny. A real joy.
The Lone Mountain Railroad	Sun City Model Railroad Club	H0	300sf L girder H0 show loop railroad/fully scenic; 4 operating loops, 1 trolley line, 1 tram cable car line from town to mountain castle. This layout is located in a Senior Center Craft room which has everything from Aircraft, Dollhouse construction, and more.
Connecticut River & Boston and Maine	Jim Simmons	H0	This layout is a point to point railroad with two reversing loops and is 19' x 14'. It incorporates two levels with a 4 turn Helix. Operation is by Cab Control with walk around throttles. Jim has a lot of Brass and the layout is about 65% complete.
SNNT Club	Members	N	This OneTRAK (1Trak) display features multi-point operations and DCC controls. Depending on the modular configuration, a vast variety of Class-1 trains can be seen.
Kingsburg Joaquin Railway	Kathy Rice	Lionel	This layout is a for-fun combination of Lionel, MTH and K-Line O-scale equipment on three levels with Gargraves track and air-operated switches. The layout is 12' x 16' and is built in a dedicated train room (16' x 22'), with a mixture of Plasticville and craftsman type buildings.
The UP and Santa Fe Mix	Mike Grippo	H0	Layout is 5x10 in home garage layout. Double loop to enhance operation on this small layout. It is about 90% done. Operations are DCC with sound.
	Sue Jerrens	G	This is just one fun setting. Not only can you follow a couple of different G scale loops but you will marvel at the restoration of an Amtrack Passenger car that has been converted into a Library . Lots of Shade to relax under.



# 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](mailto: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.

2009

August

- 22 San Diego S-Gaugers Open House. 1262 Melba Road, Encinitas, CA. 1300 to 1700. <http://sites.google.com/site/sdsgaugers/>
- 29 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](mailto:dave@daveandlisa.net)

September

- 2-6 "City of Las Vegas" PSR Convention in Las Vegas. Texas station Convention Center and Casino, 2101 Texas Star Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89032 [www.prsconvention.org/2009/index.html](http://www.prsconvention.org/2009/index.html)
- 4-7 ERA Convention. Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. <http://erausa.org/trips/2009.html>
- 11 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/>
- 12 Swap Meet. Orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 S. "A" Street, Perris, CA 92570: 951-943-3020 or 951-657-2605 <http://www.oerm.org/>
- 13 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>
- 19 Western Prototype Modelers Meet. 0900 to 1700. San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot, 1170 West Third Street. San Bernardino, CA 92403 WPM Meet admission: \$20.00, or \$15.00 if you bring a model(s) to display. [www.westernprototypemodelers.org](http://www.westernprototypemodelers.org)

October

- 3 L. A. Division Clinic Meet. speaker Joe Jackson.

- 3, 4 <http://www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.html>  
Los Angeles Live Steamers Annual Fall Meet. Griffith Park, LA
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- 11, 12 McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Rail Fair 10 am – 5 pm <http://www.azdiv-nmra.org/calendar.html>
- 17 Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet in Riverside, CA. Janet Goeske Senior Center 5257 Sierra St. (Corner of Streeter and Sierra). Donation admission \$3.00. Spouse and under 18 free. Vender table price \$10 if paid and reserved in advance. \$12 paid at the door. Vender setup 6:30am. Contact Gary Wintergerst at 909 794 3153, [gwintergerst@verizon.net](mailto:gwintergerst@verizon.net)
- 17, 18 Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Southwest Mini-Meet. Bakersfield, CA <http://www.atsfr.com/convention/index.htm>
- 17, 18 Barstow Rail & Craft Fest. Casa Del Desierto Barstow Harvey House. 900am to 400pm Free Admission. Cajon Division NMRA model railroad displays. Free train rides on Fred's Express (rubber tire), kiddie ride. Pony rides for kids. The Barstow Route 66 Museum is in the same complex. <http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/> Vendors: <http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/Application.pdf> and <http://www.route66museum.org/>
- 21 L. A. Division Board Meeting. 1900 Paul Cutter's home <http://www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.html>
- 28 to Nov 1 Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society 2009 Annual Conference San Luis Obispo, California <http://www.sphts.org/convention/>
- 31 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](mailto:dave@daveandlisa.net)
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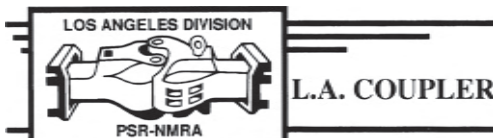
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