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Welcome to another edition of the PSR Dispatch, one of the official publications of the PSR. Why do I say

“one of”? Because we also have an active PSR website, along with those of each of the divisions, and now we have a new way for you to get information about “things going down” in the Region & Divisions - “PSR Online”. This is a Yahoo group, or forum, where you can join up and get immediate access to events in the PSR, the ability to share files (photos, documents, videos, whatever you like) with your friends around the region, post and receive emails to and from other members of the groups, and have online discussions about the NMRA, the PSR and other things of interest to people like yourself, a supporter of the NMRA and model railroading. Information on joining is in the PSR Dispatch Subscription information box elsewhere in this issue. All members of the PSR (which includes all NMRA members within our geographic area) are eligible to join. Members of other regions are also invited to apply for membership in the group, as part of our attempt to get communications flowing between all interested NMRA members, as are other scale model railroaders. So point your non-member friends to the group, as well - who knows, we may be able to convince them to join the fun after all!

From the Hot Seat!

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Las Vegas was a great convention, with lots of things to do and see. I've heard many tales of the interesting layouts (indoors and out) that were discovered, and the clinics were highly educational. If you didn't make it, we missed you! So make plans to head to San Diego this coming September for another fun time exploring layouts, learning about operations, getting educated in clinics, and participating in the many other events that are part of a PSR Convention. And while you're thinking about it, put a note on your calendar to head to Flagstaff in 2011, hosted by the Arizona Division. Then there's going to be a really “big show” in Sacramento that year, as the PCR hosts the NMRA National Convention in July, 2011. So, lots of things to do, new friends to meet and old ones to catch up with, and great railroading things to see - model and prototype.

I recently had the opportunity to sit in on the NMRA Board Of Directors at their Mid-year meeting in San Diego. I enjoyed putting together faces and names that I'd read about for years, and getting a sense of what goes on at “National”. They are working very hard to improve the Association, and really are listening to what members like you are telling them in emails, letters and in person. Lots of things are going on in this 75th year of the NMRA - but it requires the active involvement of members (that's you) at all levels, beginning at the Division. So, get involved, volunteer to help any way you can, with whatever amount of time you can spare. It's your Association, after all!

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First off, I like to thank the Cajon Division for hosting a great convention in Las Vegas. Well, really North Las Vegas according to my GPS. Attendance for the event was over 180 folks. There were a lot of clinics of which I delivered three. I attended Gary Robinson's clinic about the delivery of cut trees for pulpwood to a facility that loads the railcars to take to the paper mill. It gave me some great modeling ideas that will most likely end up as model entries in the contest room.

The Arizona Division elections are complete. Congratulations to Art Carlton and Richard Dick for being re-elected to Superintendent and Chief Clerk and Paymaster respectively. I have enjoyed working with Art and Richard over the last two years and look forward to working with them the next two years.

One of the best honors I have as Division Director is to choose a Member of the Year. This year's winner is known to many members for his service to the division. His selection was based on his contributions to the division for the past year. He puts in a tremendous amount of work and planning into each Division Meet. I would like to extend my official and personal congratulations to our Superintendent, Art Carlton, the 2009 Arizona Division Member of the Year.

At the completion of my first term 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 my second term and plan to continue the positive impact.

I am also pleased to announce that the 2011 PSR Regional Convention will be held in Flagstaff. The team is pulling together their information and will be looking for clinicians. Larry Gibbs is the contact: flagmrrc@gmail.com

The top 5 topics getting focus by the division leadership team are:

- 1) The 2011 PSR Convention
- 2) Spur Line Print Version – We recently passed the mark of having over ½ of the membership subscribing to the e-Spur Line. Effective Sept. 1, 2010, we will implement a subscription fee for each member receiving

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Our Temecula 2010 event (March 19th- 21st) will be my first experience as your new Director and I am looking forward to working with Ben Sevier and the newly elected Division Directors. It is an opportunity to share some of the changes our Division has implemented over the last four years during my reign as Superintendent. During those four years Carl Heimberger, our past Director, and I have enjoyed being team members and working with all of our volunteers to expand the Division's event calendar. But first I would like to recap some of the events that have made the Cajon Division what it is today.

Eight years ago Jan Wescott stepped forward as the Division's Director and brought the Nevada and California members closer together with the planning of an event in Barstow—a sure stroke of genius. She also gave us the Chinese Auction that the Cajon Division is now famous for.

Hers' was a tough act to follow and seemed it could not be improved upon. However, since then we have met the challenge and now have an expanded meet in Temecula, California during March, which has also been the site of the PSR mid-year board meeting for three years running.

Both of these events have brought forth some wonderful volunteers whose efforts made the PSR Regional Convention in Las Vegas a surprising and overwhelming success. I especially want to thank Charlie Abbott, our Treasurer, and his staff. Also, I want to thank Dave Pantoja who helped me with the clinics, all the clinicians and those who volunteered their layouts for tour and everyone else who had a helping hand with this convention. Great job one and all.

Our attendance reached 196 about 40 more than Carl and I were actually expecting and only a few short of a Regional attendance record. An email I received for Bob DeMoss, LA Division, about sums it up: "Congratulations on putting on a "Fantastic" convention...Convention equal to NMRA Nationals. Clinics were First Rate...Some months ago, understood that you were having a hard time finding layouts... you

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Activity Reports



Los Angeles

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Los Angeles Division members thank you for your support in electing me as your director. I now hold the offices of director and superintendent. Our elections will be held in January at which time a new superintendent will be elected and balance restored.

At the Board of Directors Meeting in Las Vegas it was suggested that the Divisions update their by-laws. As Paul Cutter, John Oliver, Paul Barstow, and I drove back to L.A. it seemed like an opportune time so we began to revise the 1984 by-laws. John Oliver put much time into making the by-laws and suggested-revisions understandable. Reviewed by President Ben Sevier, the revisions were submitted to our membership in the L.A. Coupler. Ballots continue to arrive with November 20 as a deadline.

Another desired goal is to have constructive communication among the Divisions as well as among the Regions. The other Directors of PSR have high-level skills when it comes to working with electronic media. I find my computer expertise less well-developed. I welcome their help and understanding.

Close communication within our membership is necessary but admittedly time consuming. We will also strive to provide our membership with frequent and interesting activities. This continues to be a challenge.

PSR Elections Coming Up Your Input is Needed

The terms of the President and Vice President are coming to an end in September at the Annual Membership Meeting during the 2010 PSR Convention in San Diego. If you know of someone who is interested in either of these positions, or are interested yourself, please contact Tom Draper prior to the Mid-Year BOD meeting in March, 2010:

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Things have been busy in the San Diego Division. We've had an event every month, and are in the midst of planning for the PSR Regional Convention in September. We've got a great location lined up, and some exciting things on the drawing board. Look for something from Ben Sevier, the Convention Chair, elsewhere in this issue.

When we're not busily organizing for the convention, we have monthly layout tours and quarterly meets. Our most recent meet, in February, was our annual swap meet at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, the home of the Short Track Railroad. Their N scale layout depicts the Southern Pacific route from Sacramento to Sparks, NV, through the Donner Pass and environs. After the swap meet, we held our traditional pot luck lunch, and enjoyed clinics on detailing locomotives and (?), as well as a Show & Tell and a tour of the layout.

Monthly tours have included Joel Shank's RGS layout in Brawley, CA, Ron Tindall's Yosemite Sugar Pine, and Don Fowler's Southern Pacific. The tour at Don's included our annual holiday party as well, and even a little rain didn't dampen the spirits, although it did keep us inside, away from his garden layout. Don's N scale layout is always fascinating, so it was easy to make do.

Sadly, we're about to lose one of our most active members. Gordon Miller, who has been our membership chair and has coordinated our layout tours for the past couple of years, has retired from the Navy and will be re-locating to Portland, Oregon. Thanks for all your hard work, Gordon, and best wishes in your new home. Don Ham and Ray Inbody will be splitting up Gordon's responsibilities. Thanks for pitching in, Ray and Don, and good luck!

As Spring approaches, the pace doesn't let up. Gordon has organized layout tours for us through July, following which we'll give everyone a break to prepare for the convention tours. But coming up, we have Dan Conway's Amador, Truck, and Santa Fe HO layout in March, Bruce Deck's Olive & Homer HO layout in April, and the Spring Meet in May. (Have I

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Fireman's Seat

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The Manual of Operations has been updated and will be presented to the BoD at the Mid-Year Meeting for their approval.

Revisions to the PSR By-Laws will be discussed by the Board of Directors at the Mid Year meeting and readied for inclusion in an upcoming Dispatch. The changes:

- Update the By-Laws to match the NMRA National changes completed as part of the revamped NMRA operating rules
- Restructure the document to make it gender neutral
- Require review of the document every two (2) years which coordinates with the terms of the PSR Officers.

When the information is made available, please read it, ask your Division Directors questions if you have them and then vote when the ballots are made available in summer 2010.

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Contest Corner



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It's fairly hard to write the Contest Corner column, not because contests are, per se, dull, but because nothing much changes. So, let's talk a little philosophy. The stated purpose of NMRA contests is to advance the Achievement Program. To that end, our members should be entering models to attain Merit Awards so as to ultimately receive Achievement Certificates in the various categories—at least if the goal is to become a Master Model Railroader. Now, at our last convention here in Las Vegas there were about four times more photos entered than models, which leaves you scratching your head. The photos do not advance the entrant in the Achievement Program and I know personally that some of the photo entrants spent as much time "jazzing-up" photos as it would take to build a model. I know there is satisfaction gained from winning a ribbon or certificate for a photo. Could it be that there is some perceived fear of entering a model? I get my ear bent—a lot—at every contest about how we should have some other system, or the judges are biased, or, well, you get the picture. I would like to assure you that the NMRA Judging Guidelines are strictly followed and that nobody knows who the entrants are except me—and I'm closed mouth, so the bias argument doesn't hold water. I want my judges to give good feed-back to the entrants, which is kind of sparse at times. Let's face it—if it takes six people three hours to judge eight models, you'd be ready to get out of there, too, but we will work on that.

Aside from being the PSR Contest Chairman, I've been the Cajon Division AP/Contest Chair for quite a while now. We now have, at least, five people seriously working on becoming MMRs in the Cajon Division. Now, and I may be infringing on Don Stewart's AP bailiwick here, so I apologize in advance, in the last several months I have taken a team of judges to look at things like civil engineering, electrical engineering, and scenery on various layouts, and believe me, getting three judges together at one time is not a picnic. I have, and I am not afraid to say this, observed the best track work I have ever seen (how about 82 turnouts—and everything all hand laid), electronics that are amazing, and a completely realistic and logical railroad. A group of us are now operating on one particular layout and

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Achievement Program



Railettes

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It has been an active summer in the Achievement Program for the PSR. Five PSR Members were presented with seven AP Certificates at the Convention.

- Carl Heimberger – Association Volunteer Certificate
- Jack DeBolt – Association Volunteer Certificate
- Chuck Hart – Association Volunteer and Association Official Certificates (he is now in Michigan)
- Joe Skamel – Association Volunteer and Association Official Certificates
- Other Certificates were earned recently:
- David Irick – Master Builder - Structures Certificate
- John King – Association Volunteer Certificate
- Chuck Nauman – Model Railroad Author Certificate
- James Fuhrman – Model Railroad Author Certificate
- Donald Ham – Master Builder - Scenery Certificate

Many of the models entered in the recent PSR Convention contest earned Merit Awards. Models scoring over 70% of the total points earn the award. The following people earned the award at the Convention:

- Jim Harper for his D&H 4-6-0 Steam Locomotive, and his 2 GATX Covered Hoppers
- Duane Buck for his GN NW2 #116 Diesel
- Jim Kenna for his SL-SF Boxcar
- Don Stewart for his D&RGW narrow gauge stock car

Statement of Qualifications continue to roll in from the Divisions. The San Diego Division has been particularly active the last year. Eight people earned AP Certificates since the PSR Convention in Las Vegas. They are:

David L. Irick – Arizona Div. Master Builder
– Structures PSR Certificate #272

John J. King – Cajon Div. Association Volunteer
PSR Certificate #274

Chuck Nauman – Cajon Div. Model Railroad
Author PSR Certificate #277

Donald E. Ham – San Diego Div. Master Builder
– Scenery PSR Certificate #278

James L. Fuhrman – Cajon Div. Model Railroad
Author PSR Certificate #279

The above names were announced in the Scale Rails October issue (pages 51 and 52).

Hi Ladies,

Our convention last September was quite an exciting one. We had more women in the Railette room than we have had for a long time. It was wonderful to see so many women and hear their laughter as we had a fun time. Between Linda Irick and Kim Fowler, the Railette room was rocking from morning to afternoon. If you were in Las Vegas and did not stop in, I hope you at least had success at the slots or the tables. I want to thank both Kim and Linda for giving of their time and talent to make the Vegas convention a roaring success, as far as the Railettes were concerned. A special thanks to the Cajon Division for placing the Railette room so close to all the action. It helps to have the backing of the convention committee when it comes to having a great time for the Railette.

Our next convention is in San Diego. Need I say more. Kim Fowler, that lovely and talented lady, is planning three days of fun and excitement for all of us. Come prepared to laugh, learn, gossip, and greet old and make new friends. The hotel is in the area known as Hotel Circle and is convenient to many of the attractions in and around the area. I am not sure what Kim has prepared for us, but I know it will be great. Hope to see many of you in the Railette room.

Donald E. Ham	San Diego Div. Model RR
Engineer – Civil	PSR Certificate #273

Donald E. Ham	San Diego Div. Model RR
Engineer – Electrical	PSR Certificate #280

Bruce Petrarca	Arizona Div. Chief
Dispatcher	PSR Certificate #281

These three above were sent to National and I have received them back. They will be presented at Division meets in March (Phoenix and Temecula).

Two other Certificates have recently been sent to National for approval. They are

Dick Roberts	San Diego Div. Master Builder
– Structures	PSR Certificate #282

Dick Roberts	San Diego Div. Chief Dispatcher
	PSR Certificate #283

Note that these are Dick's fifth and sixth Certificates by my records. Only one more (in either Motive Power or Cars) will earn Dick his Master Model Railroader Title.

Secretary's Report



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The semi-annual Board meeting of the PSR officers was held at the Texas Station Hotel, in Las Vegas, NV, September 2, 2009. PSR President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting at 1pm.

President's Report: In his report President Sevier commented on the dialog developing on the internet between the various Regions and Divisions. He noted that people are talking to each other about what works and don't work; this is making our organization stronger as a whole. President Sevier proposed that several changes be made in the structure of some region committees, in name and duties, to better reflect the needs of the region. These changes will be introduced in the revised By Laws and Manual of Operations which will be reviewed later this year. He noted the passing of long time PSR and Los Angeles Division member Bill Mergard. President Sevier instructed each of the four Division Directors to fill out the "Division Certification of Membership Form" which is a NMRA requirement. It was noted that all Region and Division officers must be NMRA members.

Vice-President's Report: In his report VP Don Stewart talked about the ongoing process of updating the Manual of Operations and the By-Laws. He briefly discussed the regional job training program and the strategic direction plan for the Region. Each of these projects will be ready to implement at a later date.

Treasurers Report: We are financially sound and we ended the fiscal year with a positive cash flow. Treasurer Top Draper presented the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 which was reviewed and passed 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 current year.

Raillette Program: Janet stressed that the success of the Raillette program depends on the publicity given by the hosting committee and the location of the room. She noted the great cooperation with the Las Vegas committee.

Nominations: Tom Draper reported that the votes had been counted and the new Board members are Mary Barstow – LA Division, Gary Robinson San Diego Division, Bob Mitchell – Cajon Division. The Board

verified the count and voted to seat the winners on the new Board.

Membership: Debbie Draper reported on the demographics of the Region and each Division. She reported that our total Region membership stands at 1,298 members. It was noted that distributing the Membership Report on a monthly bases is helping the Division Directors reach new members on a timely bases.

Achievements Program: A flood of AP Certificates have been received and forwarded to National. For the fiscal year 2009-2009 we have 22 submitted with 13 presented, 5 pending and 4 that need some modifications.

Contest: Bill Jacobs the Region Contest Chairman is revising the Region Contest Guideline Manual. He is currently working with Revision 4 Version 6 of the Manual. Bill hopes to have the manual posted on the web site soon.

2009 Cajon Convention: The PSR Region convention is being on Sept 2nd to the 6th, 2009 at the Texas Station Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Carl Heimberger gave a short overview of what is scheduled during the Convention, the expected number of attendees and what the committee felt are positive and negative aspects for future conventions.

2010 Region Convention: San Diego Director – Don Fowler presented a short overview of next years convention and what to expect. The Convention will be held in San Diego on September 15 thru September 19, 2010.

The Board voted to purchase a new projector for convention use at a price not to exceed \$600.00. The cost of the projector will be shared equally between the Region and the Division with each contributing 1/5 of the cost.

President Sevier appointed the following member to fill vacant committee positions on the Board.

Lowell Spooner was appointed Historian, Ed Hall was appointed as Chief Hobo-in-Charge, Don Fowler was appointed Convention Coordinator

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

The next Board meeting will be held in Temecula, California in March of 2010 with the exact time and day to be determined at a later date.

Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting of the PSR general membership was held in Las Vegas, NV, September 6, 2009. PSR President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting which was held at the Texas Station Hotel, 2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas, NV

Meeting was called to order by President Ben Sevier at 9:00AM with 53 people in attendance.

President Sevier thanked all present for attending the meeting. He briefly talked about the Board meeting held on Wed, September 2, 2009 and noted that any member may attend the Board meetings. He talked about the PSR web site as a tool for members use and encouraged feedback on how we can improve the PSR. He called for a show of hand for 1st time PSR Convention attendees and nine people raised their hands.

Tom Draper – Treasurer, gave an update on the financial condition of the region. Tom stated that the Region ended the Fiscal Year on a positive note with a net income of \$315.00. The Regions investments are returning an average of 4.81% and the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 has been approved by the Board.

The result of the election was announced by Tom Draper – Chairman of the Nominations Committee. The newly elected Directors are Mary Barstow – LA Division, Gary Robinson – San Diego Division and Bob Mitchell – Cajon Division. Tom noted that next year the President and Vice President terms are up and that

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outdid yourself, some very unusual layouts.”

So what lies ahead? Already I have appointed Rick Fulkerson of Las Vegas as Assistant Superintendent. And we now have layout tours and op-sessions in Las Vegas on a regular basis. Carl and I are planning on a free BBQ in Riverside at the Live Steamers Park in early summer this year with a follow up free BBQ in Las Vegas sometime in December as a way of saying thanks to all of our members. This would give us four major events spaced about 3 months apart.

Event registration has been up since we starting taking Credit Cards and we are now in a position to purchase items for redistribution through our auctions from families whose members are no longer with us.

Our plans are to fill all of our Chairman vacancies in the coming months. We especially need a Publicity Chair to get all of our news out to the various publications. I plan to appoint additional co-chairmen so we can better serve both Nevada and California on a more localized basis and as a combined team for the entire Division. I need help setting up a Yahoo Chat Room so our members can contribute and exchange ideas, this will require someone with Chat Room experience. It is also a great way to reach beyond our current membership and advertise our upcoming events.

Already Carl and I are discussing the 2013 PSR Convention which we hope to have in Riverside, California. I would like volunteers to step forward even this early in advance so we can set up email conferences.

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if anyone wishes to run for either of those positions to please contact him.

President Sevier thanked the three outgoing Directors, Don Fowler – San Diego Division, Paul Cutter – LA Division and Carl Heimberger – Cajon Division for their hard work and leadership during their term of office. Flowing the Presidents remarks the outgoing Directors stepped down and the newly elected Directors assumed their seats.

Don Stewart – Vice President reported on the ongoing process of updating the Manual of Operations and the By-Laws to make them in compliance with the NMRA.

President Sevier encouraged everyone to attend the PSR Convention in San Diego next year.

No other business being placed before the membership, President Sevier called for adjournment until the next Membership meeting to be held in San Diego in 2010.

The Motion to adjourn was entered by Ed Hall and seconded by Dave Dewane.. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14am.

Remember, the gift of volunteering is rewarded by a lifetime of memories and enjoyment. And it takes so little effort when we do it as a team.

I am also looking for a member(s) to volunteer to help the Division work with local Boy Scout Troops and other youth groups. You can expect to see an Ad-Hoc group formed soon to set up programs that would be of interest to youth groups.

Finally, I hope to see all of you in Temecula this March. Please note: the dates had to be changed from an earlier email that went out about 2-3 months ago. It now coincides with the Orange Empire Railway Museum's "Steam Experience" and the opportunity to take a cab ride in a 2-6-2 Prairie Locomotive and even win a chance to the be engineer at the throttle in the future.

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Clear to San Diego 2010

“Extra 2010 – You are clear to San Diego!”

The theme and focus for this year's 2010 PSR Convention is on operations, hence our Convention name “Clear to San Diego – 2010”. This year's event is being hosted by the San Diego Division and includes the Operations Sig (Ops Sig), the Layout Design Sign (LD Sig) and the Railroad Prototype Modelers Sig (RPM). The festivities begin on Wednesday, September 15th and end on Sunday, September 19th, 2010. There will be operations oriented clinics, operating sessions at both home and club/museum layouts, and prototype tours. Of course there is more to model railroading than just operations – just take a look at what we have to offer.

Registration

Convention registrations may be made on line at our website (www.psrconvention.org) or through conventional mail with check or money order. At our Convention website, we have posted the events timetable so that you may plan and reserve your activities prior to your arrival.

Company Store

Convention items will be available for pre-order on line (early bird discount), and during the Convention at the Company Store. Logo embossed selections include polo shirts, pins, patches, and commemorative cars (HO & N scales). Please refer to the Convention website “Extra Fare” list for photos, details and pricing.

Facilities

This year's Convention will be held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort in San Diego's Fashion Valley area, centrally located and freeway close to many of our local attractions that include the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Seaport Village, Old Town, and Balboa Park.

Board Meeting

The PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15th at one p.m. at the Convention Hotel. All current NMRA members are welcome to come by and observe. Following the meeting, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park will host a reception for all Convention attendees.

Clinics

In addition to offering some of our old favorites, we will be providing some new clinics on a variety of topics related to railroading and modeling techniques. Featured clinicians include Tony Koester, editor of Kalmbach's Model Railroad Planning and monthly columnist for Model Railroader magazine, and Tony Thompson of

the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society and noted author. We will also be offering several clinics pertaining to prototype and model operations.

Layout Tours

The San Diego Division is home to a large number of talented model railroaders who have graciously offered to open their homes to our convention guests. This group is quite diverse in scale, locale, and time frame. Tours will be self guided and maps will be provided for attendees.

Operating Sessions

Many of our local modelers enjoy hosting regular operating sessions for their friends and fellow modelers. They use a variety of operating methodologies and offer a wide selection of assignments. Orientation will be provided prior to the scheduled operating sessions. It is recommended to sign up on the Convention website well in advance for these activities because they will fill up fast.

Prototype Tours

The San Diego area hosts several prototype operations that are fun to visit, photograph and model. We'll visit and ride a restored PCC trolley car operation on a downtown tourist loop, followed by a trip to the restored National City ATSF Depot and Trolley Museum. There will also be a tour of PASHA (dock firm that receives/unloads vehicles from ship to rail). We are scheduling an Amtrak Surfliner round trip to San Juan Capistrano with time for shopping and lunch. We've also planned a visit to the Pacific Sun Railroad (our newest rail short line that features “PSR” initials) via San Diego's Coaster commuter train, with a side trip on the SPRINTER's light rail service. Please make your reservations in advance via the “Extra Fare” list on our Convention website or on the “Extra Fare” form that will be sent to those who register by mail.

Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM)

The RPM Sig will hold their “RPM Days San Diego” RPM Meet at the convention. One of the main goals of RPM is to promote prototype modeling and share our passion. Modelers of all roads, scales and eras are invited to join us. Bring your models to show and share, or just drop by the RPM room and get a glimpse of some really great modeling.

Non Rail/Raillette Activities

Our Raillette Chair has planned a wide variety of activities that include craft projects, a ladies vender show, bingo, a “Chick Flick” movie night, and a luncheon. There will be plenty of fun activities for spouses and significant others. As a major vacation destination, San Diego also offers many activities for the entire family.

Clear to San Diego 2010

Model and Photography Contests

The PSR Contest Room welcomes all categories of NMRA model & photography entries and will announce and present awards at our banquet on Saturday evening.

Auction

On Friday evening, we will be presenting both live and Chinese Auctions. The live auction offers open bidding on items offered at auction by attendees, and selected donated items. The Chinese Auction is conducted with raffle tickets. Participants frequently find unusual and rare items at great value at these events.

Hobo Breakfast

On Saturday, September 18th our day begins with our annual Hobo Breakfast. This event is open to all attendees who have attended a Region or National convention outside of their home region and their guests. If you've never been involved as a "hobo" before, you won't want to miss it.

Swap Meet

Saturday morning we will be hosting a swap meet at the Convention hotel and we are encouraging all who plan to attend to bring their unwanted items to swap or sell. Sellers will be charged a table fee and there will be no charge to convention attendees who wish to shop. This event will also be open and advertised to the

public, who will be charged an admission fee.

Awards Banquet

Saturday evening we will gather for the awards banquet where Contest, Division and Region awards will be presented. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Tony Koester, editor of Model Railroad Planning and monthly columnist for Model Railroader magazine. This "Extra Fare" item is available by reservation on our Convention website or on the "Extra Fare" form sent to those who register by mail.

Membership Meeting

Our closing event on Sunday, September 19th will be our annual membership meeting held at the Convention hotel and open to all NMRA members. Annual reports will be delivered, new officers installed, and a raffle for door prizes round out the meeting. Home layout tours and operating sessions will be available throughout the remainder of the day.

As you can see, we have a lot of great activities planned for this year's event. Our Convention Committee has been working hard to provide you with the best of what San Diego model railroaders have to offer. Be sure to check out our ongoing updates at the Convention website (www.psrconvention.org). Get on board and register today – we're saving you a seat!

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Tentative Schedule of Events

There's more to do than you will have time to do!

Wednesday - September 15, 2010

PSR Board of Directors Meeting
Convention Begins
Layout Tours
San Diego Model Railroad Museum - Reception
Operating Session

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Model & Photo Contest
RPM Meet
Clinics
Prototype Tour
Railette Activities
Layout Tours
Operating Sessions

Friday, September 17, 2010

Model & Photo Contest - Judging
RPM Meet
Clinics
Prototype Tour
Railette Activities
Layout Tours
Operating Sessions
Auctions

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Hobo Breakfast
Model & Photo Contest - Viewing
Clinics
Prototype Tour
Railette Activities
Layout Tours
Swapmeet (open to public)
San Juan Capistrano Shopping Trip
Operating Sessions
Awards Banquet

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Annual Membership Meeting
Layout Tours
Operating Sessions



Convention Hotel Information



SAN DIEGO

Handlery Hotel & Resort
950 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108

Room pricing: \$109 / night, single or double, standard room, plus applicable local taxes.
Free self parking is included with the room.

For reservations and hotel information, go to the reservations website
<https://www.reservations-page.com/C00180/H00189/be.ashx?pc=modelrr>

Or

Call The Handlery Hotel Reservations at (619) 298-0511 or (800) 676-6567.
The Event (promo) code is NMRA. If they ask for the group name, use NMRA-Pacific Southwest Region
or National Model Railroad Association

the print version.

3) Content Room Participation - We have seen a boost in participation, but we want to encourage more folks. Moving forward, we will have a special door prize at each meet that will be given to a contest entrant.

4) How do we get more folks active in the division? That's a challenge being felt across the NMRA. We have a nucleus of members who are active in the division. We would like more members to participate. What does it take?

5) Membership Chair- We had a Membership Chairman but he wasn't effective and we are looking for a new chairman.

It is my plan to continue improving the Arizona Division and to continue to have a positive influence on the PSR.

already been doing this for a year?!)

Also in March, many members are planning to participate in the Cajon Division's Temecula Meet, which is always a good time, and a great bargain! Temecula, just across the county line in Riverside County, is convenient for many San Diego Division members.

WE have a great core group of people who coordinate all these activities for us, but we could always use more! Why not offer to help out at the next layout tour or meet? I think you'll find that increasing your participation increases your enjoyment of the hobby.

will be applying for our Chief Dispatcher Achievement Certificates in the future. All you gotta' do is try.

The contest room at the PSR Convention here in Las Vegas was not nearly as full of models as I had hoped, but the overall quality was very high-there were, however, quite a large number of photos in the photo contest. I want to report here on all the winners. But first, I would like to recognize the judges for both contests: Rick Watson; Duane Buck; Don Stewart; Rodger Gredvig (chief judge); George Pisching; Dave Irick; and Ted Johnson. Thanks for all your help.

The Photo Contest winners were:

Black and White Print-Model

1st Place	Chuck Nauman	SP 7122
2nd Place	Mary Barstow	#455 on the High Trestle

3rd Place	Chuck Nauman	UP 89
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Color Print-Model

1st Place	Mary Barstow	Crystal Creek Bridge
2nd Place	Chuck Nauman	Mountain Pass
3rd Place	Mike O'Brien	Pennsy K-4

Black and White Print-Prototype

1st Place	Rick Watson	Pacific Afternoon Haze
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Color Print-Prototype

1st Place	Neil Fernbaugh	Cable Siding
2nd Place	Robert De Moss	SP 4449
3rd Place	Robert De Moss	Harsco 3

Best of Show-Photos

Bob Batt	Porter Diesel at Georgetown Loop
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The Model Contest winners were:

Steam Locomotive-Open

1st Place	Jim Harper	HO D&H 4-6-0 (Merit Award)
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Steam Locomotive-Kit

1st Place	Ed Hall	HO SP GS-6
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Diesel and Other Locomotives-Open

1st Place	Rodger Gredvig	On30 Porter-Davenport Switcher
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Diesel and Other Locomotives-Kit

1st Place	Duane Buck	HO GN NW2 #116 (Merit Award)
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Passenger Cars-Kit

1st Place	Jim Kenna	HO SP RPO
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Freight Cars-Open

1st Place	Jim Harper	Proto48 GATX Intl. Milling Hopper (Merit Award)
2nd Place	Jim Harper	Proto48 GATX Golden Loaf Hopper (Merit Award)

Freight Cars-Kit

1st Place	Jim Kenna	HO SL-SF Boxcar (Merit Award)
2nd Place	Jim Kenna	HO New Haven Flat Car

Ingenuity Award

Jim Harper	HO	D&H 4-6-0
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Thumb's Levity Award

Jim Kenna	HO	SP "Orange" Flatcar
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President's Award

Dave Pantoja	HO	Amtrak Surfliner
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Popular Vote-Favorite Model

Jim Harper	HO	D7H 4-6-0
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Best of Show-Model

Don Stewart	Sn3	D&RGW Stockcar (Merit Award)
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Congratulations to all the winners!

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

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March

- 13 Cajon Div. NMRA Operating Session. Rick Fullerson's House Layout in Las Vegas. Call him if you wish to attend. (702) 374-4405. <http://cajondiv.org/events.htm>
- 13 LA Div. NMRA 2010 Banquet and Membership Meeting. 6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner. The Reef on the Water, 880 South Harbor Scenic Dr., Long Beach, CA 90802
- 13 Coachella Valley Model Railroad Open House. Riverside County Fairgrounds, 82-503 Highway 111, Indio CA 92201. 10 am - 3 pm. www.cvmrr.com Contact Jim Hundley at jim@cvmrr.com
- 13, 14 Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society's Annual Model Train Show. Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South 'P' Street, Bakersfield, 93307. Saturday, 1000 - 1700 hrs.; Sunday, 1000-1600 hrs. Over 100 dealer tables and 9 layouts, including 3' x 5' N scale, 16' x 32' N scale, 18' x 24' HO n30, 38' x 64' HO, 9' x 30 G scale, and also including an outdoor live steam ride layout. Admission \$6.00 per person, children ages 12 and under, free, when accompanied by an adult. Information Doug Wagner at carldw@aol.com, or (661) 589-3091.
- 19 to 21 Cajon Division NMRA Region Meet. Temecula CA <http://cajondiv.org/events.htm>
- 20 NMRA PSR Board Meeting. 1300 Temecula, CA
- 20 Model Railroads of Southern California Layout Tour. Middle of LA County. Watch for more on Yahoo Group by Bob Chaparro chiefbobb@verizon.net
- 20 Model Railroad Adventures Swap Meet. 0900 - 1500. Arizona Model Railroading Society (AMRS) Club House located at Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park within the Maricopa County Adobe Dam Regional Park, 22822 N. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ (602-493-0461), <http://azmodelrr.com/>

- 20, 21 Orange Empire Railway Museum Steam Operations. Ventura County No. 2 running. 2201 S. "A" Street, Perris, CA 92570: 951-943-3020 or 951-657-2605 <http://www.oerm.org/>
- 27 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet and Open House. Swap Meet 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. In the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$2.00 for adults. Open House 10 am - 4 pm. 6503 Katherine Rd. Simi Valley CA Sellers contact Richard Parshall events@santasuannadepot.org or call Richard Parshall at 805-526-0371
- 27, 28 Fillmore & Western Railfest. http://www.fwry.com/2010_railfest/RailFest_2010.html
- April
- 9 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/>
- 10 Cajon Div. NMRA Mini-Meet. 1000 to 1400. Jim and James Simmons, 3512 Natural View St., Las Vegas, NV 89129. <http://cajondiv.org/events.htm>
- 10 San Diego Div. NMRA Layout Tour. Olive & Homer RR, Claremont, San Diego, CA Contact: Ben Sevier, sddiv@sbcglobal.net www.sandiegodivision.org
- 15 - 19 Maricopa County Fair. <http://www.azdiv-nmra.org/> HO Scale Model Railroad Guinness World Record™ Attempt - All aboard! The Grand Canyon State Model Railroaders will attempt to break the existing record of 361'10" in HO scale which translates to just under 6 scale miles. Fairgoers can watch on Saturday, April 18 at 9 a.m.
- 17 Cajon Div. NMRA Operating Session. Rick Fullerson's House Layout in Las Vegas. Call him if you wish to attend. (702) 374-4405. <http://cajondiv.org/events.htm>
- 17, 18 Orange Empire Railway Museum Steam Operations. Ventura County No. running. 2 2201 S. "A" Street, Perris, CA 92570: 951-943-3020 or 951-657-2605 <http://www.oerm.org/>
- 17, 18 Belmont Shore Lines (N) and Angels Gate Hi-Railers (O) Joint Open Houses and Swap Meet. 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday Swap Meet, 8 AM to Noon. 3601 S. Gaffey Street, Bldgs. 824 & 848, San Pedro, CA Free Contact: www.belmontshorerr.com or Bill Costley, 310-831-1140.
- 18 TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet. Masonic Lodge, 50 Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA, 91007. \$5.00 per person or family. 818-848-2653 <http://www.ttos-sw.org/activities.htm>



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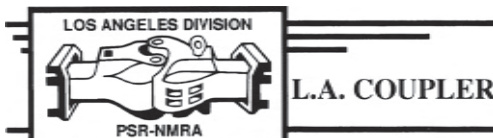
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