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## From the Hot Seat!

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I hope that your summer is going well and that you're having some fun with model railroading in one manner or another. In addition to enjoying local NMRA activities,

many like to take vacations with a nexus to our hobby during this season. Kim and I just returned from a trip to Colorado where we visited several tourist railroads and model train stores. Should you decide to travel there, we heartily recommend the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, the Pikes Peak Cog Railway and the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. Model Railroad shops included Caboose Hobbies, Discount Trains, Custom Railway Supply and Mizell Trains & Hobbies Inc.. Our bags were just a little bit heavier on the trip home due to our support of the Colorado economy.

Speaking of trips, our annual PSR Convention is right around the corner and promises to be one of the best ones yet. New clinics, home layouts, prototype tours, Railette activities, a swap meet, an auction, contest judging, Hobo breakfast, and awards banquet will all be there just like always. A couple of highlights include some new "hands on" clinics, a tour of the Fillmore & Western Railway, and actor Michael Gross as the guest

speaker at the banquet. The Company Store has a nice variety of merchandise that bears this year's convention logo. If you haven't already done so, please check out their great website at <http://www.psrconvention.org/ventura12/index.html>. It's not too late so sign up today so that you don't miss out on the fun!

Here are the results from National's recent election:

President – Charlie W. Getz, IV, HLM

Vice President/Administration – Dave Thornton

Vice President/Special Projects – Bill Kaufman

Eastern District Director – John Roberts, MMR, HLM

Pacific District Director – Mike Bartlett

At-Large North America Director – Miles Hale, MMR

In other National news:

- The Board of Directors met in Grand Rapids on July 27-29 in conjunction with the National Convention (check National's website at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) for minutes).

- The NMRA has revisited its corporate status and incorporated in the State of Missouri so that the Board may conduct electronic meetings (not allowed in the State of Ohio where the NMRA was formally incorporated).

I hope to see you all at our Region Convention in Ventura!

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Hello everybody from Arizona. The hot summer days have not slowed us down in the Arizona Division. We held a very successful one day event in cool Flagstaff this past June. As usual it was a full venue of activities during the day and in the evening we were the guests of John and Cynthia Lovely. They hosted a cookout at their home and a Golden Spike Ceremony for the San Timoteo and Live Oak Railway was celebrated in their back yard. I always look forward to our summer meet in Flagstaff, it gives us desert dwellers a relief from the Valley heat for at least one day.

Our next major event coming up will again be our one day meet in Tucson, Arizona on November 10th, 2012. If you are thinking about attending you can expect a full schedule of events, with 4 clinics, contest room, swap meet, layout tours and raillette room. We have moved to a larger location on the North West side of Tucson so watch the Division newsletter the "Spur Line" or check our Arizona Division website for directions to the new location for the meet. I feel certain this new location will be to everyone's liking.

One of my main concerns, when I was elected to this post, was the lack of room at our meets. Our success had and is continuing to stretch the capacity of the facilities that are required to hold the one day meetings. Although this is a good problem to have, the larger the facilities usually equates to an increase in cost, we have been fortunate that our members have stepped up and helped us move from two of our three older locations to new larger buildings with a decrease in cost. I can't express enough the appreciation that I have for the individuals who procured the new locations. Everyone in the Division is benefitting from their efforts, because we can offer more activities at the meets and importantly more room to stretch out in the clinics. We have only one location to work on, which happens to be Flagstaff, and I am confident that we will have a different location by next summer. This is a good example of how our members are working together to make our Division better for all.

By the way "Who says that we need to only have

Congratulations to the Los Angeles Division and Carl Heimberger for all their efforts putting together the upcoming PSR Convention in Ventura. I urge all of the members of the Cajon Division to show their support by signing up for the Convention. Since I volunteered to help them with their website, I have experienced the Convention planning move forward clinic by clinic and layout by layout. What a Great Group of Volunteers.

Let's also keep in mind that the Cajon Division will be the sponsors for the PSR Convention in 2013 which will be held in San Bernardino. Soon I will be calling on our membership for volunteers; not just for clinics and layouts to tour, but especially the volunteers needed to put on a task of this size. And now is the time to step forward.

If you are planning to attend the PSR Convention in Ventura, you can begin volunteering for the 2013 convention now. As is always the case, the Cajon Division will have a registration and information table at the Convention and help is needed at the table during the convention. Just an hour or so a day is all it takes if everyone steps forward and contacts me. If you are coming to the convention with your wife, ask her if she can help out. I would much prefer hearing from you now during the next coming weeks prior to the Convention so I can put together a schedule. So, go to the 2012 PSR Convention website, look over the clinic, layout, and prototype tours...plan your days and see when you can put in an hour at our table...then contact me at [cajondivision@coastinet.com](mailto:cajondivision@coastinet.com). You can also call me anytime day or night at 951-440-9729.

Here is the latest Cajon Division News.

First: We are in desperate need of an Editor for the Order Board. Many of you have asked why there has not been one in over a year now. Here is the answer...It takes someone to volunteer to do it. In the past I have filled in between Editors when I was the Superintendent. Today I am finding it difficult to do so with everything else I have to do.

Second: My thanks and appreciation to Tom

# Activity Reports



## Los Angeles

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## San Diego

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Well, if you have not heard of it yet, then you have not been listening, the PSR – NMRA Regional Convention the “VENTURA FLYER” is fast approaching, in Oxnard, California, September 5th – 9th. So if you have not made your plans, it is about time that you got on board.

We realize that it took some time to set up the Web Site and PayPal, but that is all fixed now, so go to [www.psrnmra.org](http://www.psrnmra.org) and see the WHOLE program, GREAT CLINICS, with a Hands on Clinic, Home Layouts, ride the FILLMORE and WESTERN RAILWAY with tour of Shops, and Swap meet. It's all on the convention website.

The hands on Clinic, by Jimmy Simmons, Monster Model & Laser Works is a background “Freight Station or Warehouse” structure or whatever you want it to be. A building that reminds me of structures found in the Southern California, Los Angeles area. Great structure for along that back wall. Jimmy will also be giving additional clinics on Static Grass, Paint and Dirt, Trees, Shrubs and putting it all together. This is reason enough to attend the “VENTURA FLYER.”

If you cannot attend the National Model Railroad Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan this is the next best thing, not as costly, not as long, but just as good, and best of all, CLOSE TO HOME. The committee has worked hard to put this together. It has taken longer than expected, but it is ALL TOGETHER NOW, so LETS GET ON BOARD.

I WILL SEE YOU THERE.



Two great layout tours have highlighted the San Diego Division events since my last report. In June we visited with George Boggs at his Ramona home to see his...what? I can't call it a layout, since there are two, plus a small museum he's developed over the years. He has an HO scale layout in a purpose-built room in a barn build to resemble an old west town. Next door to the HO layout is the room housing the museum, with timetables and artifacts from prototype railroads. The museum includes things like a full-sized switch stand, prototype torpedoes, maps, and other railroadiana. The HO layout is a freelanced design, based on the Great Northern Railroad, George's favorite. Part of the scenery is finished, and George was in the process of re-wiring the layout to bring it into the digital age, replacing all the old rectifiers and relays.

Outside, The Little Great Northern is a 1.5 inch scale, ride-on railroad. George's NW2 is a hydraulically driven locomotive, and there are several cars George built himself, including an award-winning operating weed sprayer, and several gondolas and flat cars. The theme carries through to scale buildings and vehicles, and even a scratch-built through truss bridge to carry the railroad over Coyote Creek. The LGN shop complex includes complete metal and wood shops, and most of the parts for the cars have been fabricated right there, with the exception of wheels, trucks, and couplers. There is also a Board Room with an extensive model railroading library. It was a really good time!

In July we visited the home of Rich Perrelli to see his 'G' scale Oyster Creek Railroad. The Oyster Creek is built along the side of the home, in the shape of a folded dog bone. There is a mine, a downtown area, a circus, and an engine service shop. There's also a saloon and a dairy with sound, and the harbor scene includes real fish! This is a nicely detailed layout that runs well. It makes very good use of space that is usually overlooked.

Our May meet was a swap meet, at a new location. We again had competition from the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, and we were disappointed with the turnout. However, those who attended enjoyed

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# Fireman's Seat

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Even though we all belong to our individual Divisions, we are also a part of the bigger picture, the Pacific Southwest Region and the National Model Railroad Association. With that in mind it is not only important that we support the activities of our Divisions but also activities in adjoining Divisions, PSR events and National NMRA Conventions.

This past spring it was refreshing to see members from other Divisions attending the Cajon Division Temecula Meet, and Los Angeles Divisions "SpringRail" Event. Both of these Divisions put a lot of energy and time in the planning and execution of these events and your support was very pleasing to them.

This brings me to the Annual Pacific Southwest Regional Convention this year being held in Ventura, California, hosted by Los Angeles Division. A lot of time, effort and money has been spent on setting up this convention. With the economy being what it is the pre-registrations for this convention are down from past years. If you have been thinking of attending now is the time to sign up and enjoy a wonderful time in Ventura is fall. If you have not done so check out the convention web site where you can do everything on line including registration, and extra fare items.

I hope to see you all in Ventura next month, and have a great summer.

## Notice of Meeting

The Annual PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held August 5th, 2012, 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Boardroom, Courtyard Marriot Oxnard, Oxnard, 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.

# Railettes

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Hi Railettes,

The convention in Ventura is fast approaching and we have a fun time planned for all of you. We will be starting, on Thursday morning, with a welcome of coffee and goodies. Then, we will have our unique gift exchange. All you need to do is come, enjoy and get to meet all of the ladies who will be there and get to know a little bit about them. This is the time to meet your fellow Railettes and have some fun time. I can guarantee you will have a few laughs. The Railette room is frequently known for its laughter and fun. There will also be time to gossip...er...exchange information and solve the world's problems. After lunch, Diane Forbes will be having us make and take some fabric flowers (all supplies included) and then small decorated boxes that can either go on a Christmas tree or be place marker. On Friday morning, we will have a chance to discover how to make scenery for railroads. This will give us a chance to see what our husbands spend their time on in their Railroad room. The San Diego Division will be giving this clinic to both Rails and Railettes and there will be a \$5.00 supply fee. Come and see what is going on the world of rails. Don't worry about going up against some of the fabulous modelers in the PSR. Remember at one time they too where starting out and doing their first scenery work. Everyone has to start somewhere.

Friday afternoon I am planning to doing some jewelry making with you ladies. What exactly we are going to make is still up in the air. I am debating between 2 different necklaces. Of course, what ever I pick it will have matching earrings (either pierced or clip) and possibly a bracelet. Friday evening is the auction, which is always a great deal of fun. Hopefully, they will have some items the will pique the interest of us ladies. On Saturday morning, we will once again be making the washcloth gifts that will be donated to a local shelter. Last year in Flagstaff, we made over 85 of these items, which was a record for us, and hope to break our record in Ventura. So remember to bring those soaps and shampoos, that are in every hotel room and we will put them to good use. Last but not least is the Railette luncheon. We have a choice of either a Ceaser or Cobb salad with the usual accompaniments. The luncheon will be the end of Railette activities and I hope to see you at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Everything is in place for you to have a great time at the Ventura convention, hope to see you there.



## Reports - Continued

### Arizona

three major meets in a year?" If you have any ideas for addition gatherings please contact me. I would be thrilled if we held something every month. I am willing to try anything and everything to increase our participation and enjoyment of the hobby. So put on those thinking caps, talk it over with the members of your local club or group of friends and present your ideas to me.

Communication is the essential to any organization. It is our focus to bring the NMRA to you our local members. You have heard me say many times that the NMRA is not that National Organization out of Chattanooga, TN, but your friends in our local Division and Region. Our members need to feel that they are an important part of the organization, that we care about each and every one of them and that we will keep them informed about clubs activities, hobby shop news, special events and all thing trains in their area. With a Division as large as the Arizona Division and the enormous size of the Pacific Southwest Region our newsletters and website are crucial to keeping our members in touch.

### Cajon

Boyles who has volunteered to run for the office of Superintendent. There is still time for anyone else out there that might also want to run for the office. I am putting this out there to the membership because this is your Division and everyone should have a say in how it is run. Shortly, I will be putting out "My last Order Board as the volunteer Editor" which will have a ballot in it for you all to vote for Superintendent. I urge all of you to send in your ballots even if there is only one name on the Ballot...it's a nice way to show your support and is always appreciated by the person who has volunteered for the office.

Third: My term as Director ends when the 2013 PSR Convention winds down. I will not seek any further office at this time and Someone needs to step forward NOW to fill the position of Director or Superintendent in the event Tom Boyles decides to run for that position. As you can see, I am assuming Tom will be your next Superintendent.

Fourth: Charlie Abbott who has done an outstanding job as Chief Clerk (Treasurer) and will not be seeking that position again. He has given us eight years of excellent work and dedication and feels it now time to pass the torch. Thanks, Charlie...Good Job.

Fifth: It has been mentioned to me more than once that maybe the Division would be better off if it were to be split into two separate divisions, one to serve

California and the other to serve Southern Nevada. It has also been rumored that a portion of the Rocky Mountain Division would consider being part of a Nevada Division. I personally do not agree with all of this, but since it has been mentioned more than once...I am putting it out to the membership to ponder. It will not be considered during my remaining term. This is a tremendous amount of work and would also require the approval of the PSR Board of Directors. If you would like my further opinion on this, I would appreciate hearing from you directly rather than hearing this from a second hand rumor. Please feel free to contact me.

Don't let this Great Division suffer for the lack of not stepping forward. It can be very rewarding and also opens the door to many new friends and modelers; all with the same goal in mind, sharing our love for trains with others who also share our values.

### San Diego

themselves.

This Spring Short Track Railroad piloted the education program we've been developing. We learned some things, and are now tweaking the course syllabus and text in preparation for our next offering, which we hope will be this Fall. The course is designed to introduce new or beginning model railroaders to the skills necessary for them to build a working layout.

We're proud to announce that we have a new Master Model Railroader in the San Diego Division. Don Ham completed the requirements and has been awarded certificate #481. Please offer your congratulations the next time you see Don.

The PSR convention is coming up, and I'll look forward to seeing all of you there. It should be a good time, and the San Diego Division is scheduled to present our (in?)famous scenery clinic. Hope you can attend.



Signed up for the  
Convention yet? No?!  
Why Not?

# Now Boarding the “Ventura Flyer 2012”



To all PSR Members and beyond;

In less than 40 days the 2012 PSR/NMRA Ventura Flyer Regional Convention Departs, hopefully you will be on board. The Convention Committee has planned many exciting clinics, social events, numerous layouts for you to visit and operate, and a Convention Only train ride and lunch on the Fillmore & Western Railway Company. For more details go to the 2012 Ventura Flyer web page [www.psrnmra.org](http://www.psrnmra.org) and you can now registration on line including all extra fare items. If you have already registered go to the web site and purchase your extra fare items, Note some are limited to number of participants or need to be ordered by certain dates.

Here is a sample of some of the clinics you can attend; build and weather a background building cost \$45 and limited to first 30 people – Jimmy Simmons; Modeling St. Louis Station - Greg Koutsouros; Ghosts of Gasoline Alley – Richard Wehr; My Favorite Tricks & Tips – Bob Mitchell; Install DCC in any Locomotive – Joe Villaryo; Beginning Scenery – Mark Williams just to highlight a few. There are also clinics for the Railettes, Crafts and gift boxes – Diane Forbes; Jewelry Making – Janet Spooner; and making shelter gifts. We have over 55 hours of clinics, presented by over 30 clinicians.

There are Layout tours daily including a few for early arrivals on Wednesday night. Some layout highlights include; Gary Siegel – L & N (HO) & Southern Pacific Santa Cruz Division (G), Gold Coast Model Railroad Club – Semi-permanent modular layout (HO), Mike Murphy – Santa Rosa Pacific (HO), South Coast Railroad Museum (HO & 7 ½” gauge), Joe Heumphreus – Sierra Railroad (HO), Dan Wexler – Hamlin & Valley Central Railroad (HO) and many more.

Every night brings a social event where you can enjoy fellowship and camaraderie with some of your fellow model railroaders. Wednesday is Bingo for Trains where you can walk out with some interesting railroad items, Thursday is the Convention Welcome, stop by and meet the convention staff and enjoy some munchies and conversation, Friday night at the Hobo Auction where you can buy tickets for a chance at winning over 150 train and non train items, and Saturday night is the Convention Awards Banquet with featured guest speaker Michael Gross. So come and enjoy the fun! I hope to see all of you there.

## **Board! All Aboard!**

Carl Heimberger  
2012 Convention Chair

# Ventura Flyer - Clinic Schedule

**Wednesday** September 5, 2012

Room	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:30 - 10:30 am	11 am to 12 N	1:00 - 2:00 pm	2:30 - 3:30 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	6:30 - 7:30 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm
Board Room				PSR board of Directors Meeting 1:00 to 4:30 pm				
Pavilion								Early Arrival Social 7 -9 Bingo for Trains
Registration					Early Registration 2:30 to 5:00 pm		Registration 7:00 - 8:15	
Layout Tour							Local Layout Tours TBD	
Ops Session							TBD	

**Thursday** September 6, 2012

Room	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:30 - 10:30 am	11 am to 12 N	1:00 - 2:00 pm	2:30 - 3:30 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	6:30 - 7:30 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm
Gazebo	Weathering with Powders Bob Libbey	Model with the Manufacturer Build and Weather a Background Building with Jimmy Simmons (\$45 cost for Clinic & Limited to 30 Participants)					Kit Building Basics Jimmy Simmons	
Trellis Digital	Modeling Union Station Greg Koutsouros	Build 3-D Backdrop Todd Scott	Hands on Build a Pine Tree Tom Boyles	DCC Odyssey in N Scale Don Fowler	How to Build a Flockinator Gary Robinson	Hands on build a Canopy Tree Tom Boyles	L.A.J History Andy Jackson	60 tools 60 seconds George Gibson
Arbor Digital	Architecture & Civil Eng. Mark Carnighan	Pit Falls DCC Module Layout Mark Carnighan	Smart Phone as Wireless Throttle Ben Sevier	Beginning Scenery Mark Williams		Airbrush Techniques Ed Hall	Car Tune-up Mike Allee	Ghost of Gasoline Alley Richard Wehr
Pavilion (Raiette Clinics)	NMRA MMR Paperwork Jacobs & Stwert	Raiette Welcome 9:30- 10:30	Secret Package Exchange	No Clinic	Craft Making Diane Forbes 1:30 to 2:30	Gift Boxes Diane Forbes 3:00 to 4:00	No Clinic	Welcome Reception with the Convention Staff 7:00 to 9:00
Registration	Registration 7:30 am to 5:00 pm							
Layout Tour		Self Driven Layout Tours (TBD)						
Contest Room (Board Room)		Entries and Viewing 9 am - Noon			Entries and Viewing 1:30 pm - 5 pm			
Ops Session							(TBD)	

**Friday** September 7, 2012

Room	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:30 - 10:30 am	11 am to 12 N	1:00 - 2:00 pm	2:30 - 3:30 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Gazebo	Planning /Sculping landscape Jimmy Simmons	Sculptamold & Plaster Jimmy Simmons	Static Grass Jimmy Simmons	Paint and Dirt Jimmy Simmons	Trees/Shrubs/Etc Jimmy Simmons	Putting it All Together Jimmy Simmons	No Clinics	
Trellis Digital	Ore Cars & Load on the V & T Dave Arendas	RR Citrus Industry Operations Bob Chaparro	Modeling So.Cal. Citrus Industry Bob Chaparro	My Favorite Tricks & tips  Bob Mitchell			No Clinics	
Arbor Digital	Install DCC in Almost Locomotive Villaryo	Any Joe	Make Plastic Look Like Wood Don Stewart	Hands on Casting Rocks Carl Heimberger	Hands on Painting Cast Rocks Carl Heimberger	Weathering Cars Powders & Paint Ron Banco	Hobo - Live Auction Open Bar Mixer 6:00until 10:00 Ticket Sales begin at 6:30PM	
Pavilion A & B	Making Scenery for Railroads with the San Diego Division		TBD	No Clinic	Jewelry Making with Janet Spooner			
Registration	Registration 8:00 am to 4:00 pm							
Layout Tour		Self Driven Layout Tours TBD						
Fillmore/Western Lunch Train			Self Driven Depart Hotel by 11:00 am return around 3:00 pm					
Contest Room (Board Room)		Entries and Viewing 9 am - Noon			Entries and Viewing 1:30 pm - 5pm			
Ops Session		(TBD)						

**Saturday** September 8, 2012

Room	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:30 - 10:30 am	11 am to 12 N	1:00 - 2:00 pm	2:30 - 3:30 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Gazebo	Tips and Tricks of the Trade Jimmy Simmons			No Clinic				
Trellis Digital	Historical Societies & Model Railroads Tom Boyles	2 FOR 1 Clinic George Gibson	PSR Region Div Involvement Ben Sevier	No Clinic				
Arbor Digital	No Clinic	Orange County Modular Club Camp DCC		No Clinic			Banquet and Awards Ceremony Speaker - Michael Gross Pavilion & Arbor Room	
Pavilion A & B	No Clinic	Making Shelter Gifts		Raillette Luncheon	No Clinic			
Registration	Registration 8:00 am to 11:00 am							
Hobo Breakfast Dupar's	Hobo Breakfast at Dupar's 7:00 to 9:00							
Swap Meet Parking lot	Swap Meet Delegates Only 8:00 to 9:00	Swap Meet Open to Public 9:00 am to Noon						
Layout Tour		Self Driven Layout Tours (TBD)						
Contest Room (Board Room)		Viewing & Judging 11am	8:30 am -	Pick Up Entries 11:00 to Noon				
Ops Session		(TBD)						

# Ventura Flyer 2012

You can go to the Convention Web site and Register on line with a credit card.

## Registration form

Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

FARE	Qty		Each	Total
Full Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner)		@	\$105.00	
Spouse or youth Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner)		@	\$85.00	
Banquet Meal Choice ( ) Chicken Parigiana ( ) Tri-Tip ( ) Vegetarian				
Full Registration (Excludes Banquet Dinner)		@	\$75.00	
Spouse or youth Registration (Excludes Banquet Dinner)		@	\$55.00	
One Day Registration ( ) Thursday ( ) Friday ( ) Saturday		@	\$30.00	
Additional fee for non NMRA® Members (Rail Pass NMRA Membership)		@	\$9.95	
Raillette Luncheon Saturday, Choice ( ) Chicken Caesar Salad ( ) Cobb Salad		@	\$10.00	
Banquet Dinner Only ( ) Chicken Parigiana ( ) Tri-Tip ( ) Vegetarian		@	\$40.00	
HO Convention Car ( ) RTR ( ) Kit		@	\$24.00	
N Convention Car ( ) RTR ( ) Kit		@	\$18.00	
Convention Patch		@	\$5.00	
Convention Pin		@	\$4.00	
Convention Shirt without Pocket ( ) XS ( ) S ( ) L ( ) XL		@	\$26.00	
Convention Shirt without Pocket 2X		@	\$27.00	
Convention Shirt without Pocket 3X		@	\$30.00	
Convention Shirt without Pocket 4X		@	\$32.00	
Convention Shirt with Pocket ( ) XS ( ) S ( ) L ( ) XL		@	\$28.00	
Convention Shirt with Pocket 2X		@	\$29.00	
Convention Shirt with Pocket 3X		@	\$32.00	
Convention Shirt with Pocket 4X		@	\$34.00	
Fillmore & Western Train Trip including lunch		@	\$50.00	
Jimmy Simmons Building clinic (limited to 30)		@	\$45.00	
Make and Take Tree Clinic per tree made		@	\$5.00	
San Diego Scenery Clinic (limited to 15)		@	\$5.00	
Swap Meet Space if not registered at convention (Free to registered delegates)		@	\$15.00	
Extra Seller in space if not registered at convention		@	\$5.00	
1 - Table with 1 - chair		@	\$12.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>				

If paying by CHECK please fill out form and mail check and form to

Greg Francis 5410 Palm Dr., La Canada, CA 91011

For credit cards please go to web site <http://www.psrconvention.org/ventura12/index.html>

*To use this form, make a copy of the page, fill in the information, and mail to the above address.*





**Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard Welcomes the friends and family of the  
“Los Angeles Division of the Pacific Southwest Region - NMRA”  
September 5 - 9, 2012**

Enjoy our convenient location, spacious guest rooms,  
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As our guest, you will enjoy these services and amenities:

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- Breakfast served daily
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- Dinner Room Service available 5PM -10PM Monday - Saturday
- Heated outdoor pool and whirlpool

Guest Rooms available at \$109.00 per night plus 11.57% Hotel Tax  
King or Double Queen

(Includes breakfast for 2, additional guest breakfast \$10.95 each ++)

Please add 0.065% California Tourism Tax to all rates.

Gratuuity not included and would be appreciated!

For reservations please call 800-321-2211 and ask for the  
“Los Angeles Division of the Pacific Southwest Region NMRA” rate or “NMR” group code.  
[www.oxnardcourtyard.com](http://www.oxnardcourtyard.com)

A limited number of rooms have been set aside as a courtesy block and  
does not guarantee availability. Please reserve your room by  
August 8, 2012 to secure the special group rate. After the Reservation due date, reservations and rates will be subject  
to availability.

Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard 600 East Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, California 93036  
Hotel (805) 988-3600

# West Valley Railroad Historical Society

## Glendale, AZ

By Bob Libbey

It seems like any more all we hear about is another Hobby Shop closing or another Railroad club folding. Quite frankly given these hard economic times it's no wonder. Discretionary income is harder to come by and justifying money spent on hobbies is getting harder and harder. You really have to focus on value and when it comes to railroad clubs you have to focus on the fun factor as well if you want to thrive.



There is a new group in Glendale, AZ doing just that, emphasizing value and fun: The West Valley Railroad Historical Society that is focusing on the history of railroading in the Phoenix, Glendale and the West Valley. They are an HO & N scale group that is a 100% NMRA club located in the same building as Jack's Trains in downtown Glendale, 7021 N 57th Dr, Glendale, AZ 85301 and after 5 weeks of existence are already up to 13 members, 5 of which are new to the NMRA.

It is amazing how much they have gotten accomplished in just 5 weeks: The Board of Directors has been formed, the HO track plan has been drawn up and approved by the membership, benchwork for the first phase of the permanent 20' x 28' HO scale layout is complete, plywood and foam is down and track laying is underway. With a membership comprised of novice to experienced modelers the nearly 100% participation has been working well for everyone.

Additionally the N Scale modular layout plans are underway. The N scale modular plans include an approximately 15' x 15' layout that will be set up in front of the building and run during the numerous outdoor activities that Glendale hosts. i.e. Glendale Glitters, the Chocolate Festival, the Blue & Jazz Fest, et al. Also the N Track modules being built will be used for larger N scale hook ups at various train events around the state. Underway also are regularly scheduled clinics. The first

was a clinic on L-Girder benchwork and coming up are clinics on wiring, soldering, scenery and rolling stock maintenance just to name a few. These clinics all take place at the WVRHS and provide that added value we were talking about earlier.

Working toward being a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, the society meets every Monday at 7pm but the fun and camaraderie actually begins much earlier as the members meet at one of the eateries that blanket downtown Glendale at 5:30pm. Every other Monday is a work night and right now at least one Saturday a month is reserved as a work session, with coffee and donuts served before work commences. Other activities outside of the WVRHS doors are also being developed.

If you'd like more information on the West Valley Railroad Historical Society call Jack's Trains at (623) 930-5596 or Bob Libbey at (623) 363-1102 or just come by any Monday night.



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## August

- 17 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>
- 25 Santa Susana RR Historical Society Swap Meet. 0700 to 1000. in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion, 6503 Katherine Rd., Simi Valley. Admission \$2.00 for adults, children under 12 free. For table and space information please visit our website: <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/swapmeet.htm> or call Dave Putnam (661) 753-6006.

## August

- 31 to September 30 Los Angeles County Fair. Southern California Railroad Locomotive and Historical Society Museum Garden Railroad

## September

- 5-9 NMRA, Pacific Southwest Region Convention "The Ventura Flyer". Ventura, CA. LA Division hosts. Carl Heimberger [cjheimberger@gmail.com](mailto:cjheimberger@gmail.com) Mike Allee [rmallee@me.com](mailto:rmallee@me.com)
- 7 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/>
- 8 San Diego Division Layout Tour. TBA. Contact Don Ham [layouts@sandiegodivision.org](mailto:layouts@sandiegodivision.org)
- 8 OERM Fall Swap Meet. [www.oerm.org](http://www.oerm.org)
- 8, 9 Great Train Expo. SAT: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM .SUN: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA <http://www.trainexpoinc.com/schedule.html>
- 9 TTOS Southwestern Division Open House 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>
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Pasadena Library, 1059 El Centro Street in the city of South Pasadena. (between Diamond & Fairview Avenues) <http://www.erha.org/erhainfo.htm>

- 17, 18 Rendezvous in Poway. 1000 – 1600. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Rd, Poway, CA 92064 (between Aubrey and Temple) Poway, CA <http://www.powaymidlandrr.org/songfest2.htm>
- 22 NMRA PCR Summer Daylight Division Meet. Kelcy's Restaurant, Tehachapi, CA 0930 contact Doug Wagner at [carldw@aol.com](mailto:carldw@aol.com) (661) 589-0391

## October

- 2 Southern California Railroad Locomotive and Historical Society Meeting. 1930 to 2100. Cowan's Room, St. Edmund's Church, San Marino. <http://www.railgiants.org/special-events.htm#rail>
- 7 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>
- 11 to 14 Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society Convention. Ventura Beach Marriot. <http://www.sphts.org/convention/>
- 12 Pacific Railroad Society Monthly Meeting. 1930 (7:30 PM) to 2130. Joslyn Center (in Story Park) 210 North Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA 91801 <http://www.pacificrailroadsociety.org/>
- 13, 14 Southern California Railroad Locomotive and Historical Society Open House. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Los Angeles County Fairgrounds (FAIRPLEX) Pomona. <http://www.railgiants.org/special-events.htm#rail>
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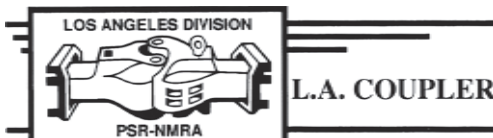
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