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From the Hot Seat!

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Greetings!

We just returned from this year's PSR Convention "The Ventura Flyer" hosted by the Los Angeles

Division and we had a great time. There were many new clinics, including an incredible all-day hands-on structure construction and weathering clinic hosted by Jimmy Simmons. We really enjoyed our excursion luncheon on the Fillmore & Western Railway where many movies and television shows have been filmed. There were also some great layout tours, auction, bingo and banquet. Our guest speaker was modeler/actor Michael Gross, who provided an excellent history of his involvement and love of trains. A big "THANK YOU" to this year's convention committee for a job well done. We hope that you'll plan to join us for next year's event "Gateway to Cajon Pass" hosted by Cajon Division in San Bernardino, CA (<http://www.psrconvention.org/sb13>).

At this year's convention banquet, we presented the Member of the Year awards to the following recipients; Frank Baker (Arizona Division), Per Harwe (Cajon Division), Pat & Mona Raymer (Los Angeles Division), Bruce Deck (San Diego Division), and

Bill Jacobs (PSR Region). These folks have dedicated a lot of time and effort to our Association so when you see them, be sure to congratulate them and thank them for their contributions.

Just so you know, we're looking for some new ideas to enhance our annual conventions. If you have a thought or two on this subject, please contact Ben Sevier who serves as our Region's Convention Chairman. He is compiling recommendations for a presentation at our next mid-year board meeting. It's your NMRA – tell us what you want!

Here are some highlights from this year's NMRA BOD meeting that was held in Grand Rapids, MI 07/28-30;

- Personnel Changes –
President - Charlie Getz
Vice President-Administration - Dave Thornton
Vice President-Special Projects - Bill Kaufman
Secretary - John Stevens
Pacific Director - Mike Bartlett
At Large North American Director - Miles Hale
- Finance – Due to the success of the Sacramento National

Train show and some estate donations, the financial status of the Association continues to improve. Fiscal management has greatly improved due to better management policies and appropriate checks and balances.

- Standards Changes – Only items controlled by NMRA Standards will be eligible for Conformance Warrants. NMRA will now post portable layout specifications for any/

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This column catches me in between the summer and Fall Meetings in Arizona.

The September Convention is over and as usual we are looking forward to the Arizona Division Fall meet in Tucson on November 10, 2012.

I would like to thank the Los Angeles Division for hosting a fun filled and successful Region Convention in Venture, California during the first week of September. Hosting a Region Convention is a lot of hard work and we need to say "thank you" to the volunteers who worked for so many hours on this years' convention. My family and I had a lot of fun and I hope that you did as well. We have already signed up for next year in San Bernardino, have you?

I was on the road for the most part of this past month, so it's hard to comment on all of the events that were held in Arizona during September and October, but I did attend a few of the events during the past couple of weeks.

We had the Adobe Mountain Swap Meet this month, The Arizona State Fair in going on during October which means that the Thunderbird Model Railroad Club is running trains at the fairgrounds and last week the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park just hosted Railfair 2012.

So even though I missed some events I have been able to catch a few. In every Division there is something going on every month. We all need to attend as many of these events as possible to show our support to all the clubs and member and perhaps make new friends and learn new and better way to model.

How do you find out about these and other events you might ask? Well as I always say join a club or group and visit your local hobby shops. If you are a lone wolf and or make all of your purchased off the internet you are missing a large proportion of fun in this hobby. The heartbeat of our hobby is the clubs, hobby shops and the NMRA meetings. Jump in and get your feet wet, attend our next Division meet. Make friends and find out what is happening in your area.

As I mentioned I was on the road during the month

I would like to congratulate Carl Heimberger and his entire 2012 Convention staff for what was another Great PSR Regional Convention in Ventura. Great job and thanks to all.

This brings me to the topic of the 2013 PSR Regional Convention to be hosted by the Cajon Division on September 25th thru the 29th at the Hilton Hotel in San Bernardino. I have been asked why San Bernardino was picked for the Convention and the answer is simple.

First, it is centrally located making it easier for all Divisions to attend.

Second, we have lined up two Great Prototype Bus Tours. These include UP's Hump Yard in Colton with a visit to the Tower & Classification Yard on Thursday morning and another Bus Tour to the CEMEX plant in Victorville on Friday morning.

HERE IS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST NEWS ABOUT THE CONVENTION...The total cost to attend is only \$65 which includes the Banquet. And the Hotel rate is only \$89 a night, single or double occupancy.

All of this and more can be seen on the website: www.psrconvention.org Just click on the link to go to the 2013 Convention website. The PayPal Shopping Cart is already set up so you can register early and take advantage of these low rates which may not be available after the first of the year. There is now a link for Hotel Reservation for your convenience.

And it doesn't end there. We also have arranged for an Evening BBQ with the Live Steamers at Hunter's Park. This is a catered event and the trains will be running into the evening with some great night effects. The Park is well lit and promises to be a thrilled packed evening. This club has both a UP Big Boy and a UP Challenger and at least one of them will be running for the event.

We also have two Ops session lined up at the home of Warner Brandt. This is a layout that has never been on tour before and is quite large. There will also be layouts on display at the Convention Hotel and one of

Activity Reports



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San Diego

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For those who missed the Regional PSR – NMRA convention in Oxnard, the VENTURA FLYER, you missed a fantastic opportunity. The Convention went extremely well, approximately 120 in attendance. Jimmy Simmons, of Monster Model Works, put on three full days of clinics and his room was always full, from building of one of his structure kits, detailing, scenery, you name it, HE COVERED IT. The other clinics all were well attended and many got their questions answered, even some with DCC locomotive problems, got them working. The “Fillmore and Western Railroad” ride and tour was full, with a very nice lunch in dining car, while riding the rails. Swap meet was a great success for Vendors and Railroaders. We had a nice turnout for contest room. There were Models and Photos submitted for judging, with awards awarded at the Banquet. Michael Gross, Movie Actor and Model Railroader, was guest speaker at the Banquet and gave an interesting account of his lifelong experiences with Trains and Model Railroading.

To all who worked to put on this convention, Clinician's, Volunteers and Committee members, the Los Angeles Division thanks you for a very successful event. Talk to anyone who attended the convention, and you will find out on what you MISSED, and hopefully you can join us at upcoming events. This convention went extremely smooth, under the guidance of Carl Heimberger, our Superintendent, and my personal THANKS.

Now with the Convention come and gone, the L.A. Division will be working on SPRINGRAIL 2013, scheduled for April 20, 2013. We will have a morning swap meet, clinics in morning and afternoon for new and experienced Model Railroaders, Lunch with 25 Tickets for Hobo Auction Included with admission. So put this on your APRIL 2013 Calendar.

In rereading this report, I realize that many things seem repetitious, Swap meets, clinics, Auctions, etc. I say they are NOT. Each Swap Meet has many different items, including older items, available for reasonable prices. The one unique kit or item that will make your railroad unique you may find here. Auctions; again, new

I can't believe I've begun my fourth year as San Diego Division Director! Where has the time gone? I have to say it's been a really fulfilling time for me, and looking forward to the elections in the Spring is somewhat melancholy. I'm sure I'll find a way to keep my hand in, so to speak. I encourage any of you who may be interested to speak with me about the position, as we are currently looking for candidates to stand for the next election.

We continue to have fun in San Diego! Our Summer Meet was well attended, despite the record heat, and everyone appreciated the sacrifice of Division leaders, who sweated over the grill while everyone else relaxed in the air conditioning. :o) The silent auction was a success, particularly for our guest from the LA Division, Mona Raymer, who went home with a load of “new” stuff. Congratulations, Mona. Thanks to Bruce Deck, our Meets Chair, for organizing a great event!

In September many of us enjoyed the Pacific Southwest Region convention in Oxnard. The clinics were great, the facility was super, and the prototype tours were terrific. Michael Gross, modeler and actor, was the guest speaker for the banquet, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. The Hobo Auction was fun, although dominated once again by the Arizona Division. (Those guys - and girls - buy a lot of tickets.) Janet Spooner, from the Arizona Division, retired as the region Railette chair, and our own Kim Fowler agreed to take over the position. Nancy Inbody, wife of our Membership Chair Ray, took home a Best in Show (crafts) award for her Hobo quilt. Congratulations, Nancy. Thanks to Carl Heimberger and his committee for a great job! Bob Mitchell is off to a good start on next year's convention. You can check out what's happening at <http://www.psrconvention.org/sb13/>.

The weekend after the convention we visited Ken Allen's Dakota & Northwestern Railroad. This N scale railroad was originally built by John Sigurdson, MMR, and featured in Model Railroader magazine. When John went to O scale, Ken bought the D&N, and has been re-assembling it in his home, inserting additional

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Fireman's Seat

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With the 2012 PSR Convention "Ventura Flyer" now just a memory, I would like to thank all the PSR Members who supported this great Regional event. I know you who did attend had the opportunity to participate in some remarkable clinics, see some outstanding home and club layouts, and just have some fun with fellow model railroaders at the various social events. For you members who did not attend you missed a great opportunity to learn some new or different modeling techniques, see some home layouts that may have inspire you with some ideas for your own home layout, and just the opportunity to socialize with fellow modelers who have the same interests as you do. Several of us had the opportunity at breakfast on Saturday to sit and talk with our banquet speaker Michel Gross, who is an accomplished modeler and he showed us on his lap top several cars he built and weathered, it does not get any better than that.

So for those of you who attended the 2012 Ventura Flyer I am sure Bob Mitchell has contacted you about the 2013 PSR Convention in San Bernardino - Gateway to Cajon Pass. And for you members who did not attend the 2012 PSR Convention here is an opportunity to attend the 2013 PSR Convention at a ridiculously low price of only \$65 and that price includes the Banquet. Bob already has a lineup of great clinics, and extra fare events so check out the 2013 Convention web site and register early there is a 100% refund guarantee if you need to cancel for any reason, so you cannot loose. This event is put on by PSR members for PSR Members, and the 2013 Convention Committee deserves our support so go to the web site and register now.

Notice of Meeting

The Mid-Year PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held March 23rd, 2013, 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Cajon Division Temecula Meet, Temecula, CA.

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

All interested members are encouraged to attend.

Secretary's Report



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Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting
Sept 5, 2012
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Don Fowler, at 13:02 hours

Regular Business:

Minutes: The minutes of March 31, 2012 were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by President Don Fowler. Gary Robinson approved the motion and Dave Irick seconded the motion. President Don Fowler called for a voice vote. The vote was unanimous. President Don Fowler acknowledged the motion as approved and accepted.

President's Report :

In his report the President highlighted the region's financial strength and growth.

The President noted personnel changes from the NMRA BOD including Charlie Getz as our President, and Miles Hale, MMR, as our new At Large North American Director.

The President highlighted a Standards Change in that the NMRA will now post portable layout specifications for any/all organizations, regardless of scale.

The President highlighted the Education Program from the Michiana Division's "Model Railroad 101 Program." The President highlighted the new NMRA's new Marketing Department that will better advertise our benefits along with the new "Constant Contact" type of communication for all regions.

The President highlighted a motion to limited terms was defeated.

The President highlighted that the NMRA changed its state of incorporation from Ohio to Missouri in order to allow electronic meetings and other Board processes.

The President highlighted a Strategic Plan is being conceived that will guide the NMRA through 2018.

The President highlighted that funds have been dedicated to completely overhaul the web site to make it more relevant for members and easier to use and understand.

The Vice President's Report:

In his report the Vice President reported on his travels to

division meets in all four of the PSR regions, promoting the 2012 PSR Ventura Flyer Convention.

The Vice President reported that many of our members do not have email addresses or don't have a valid email address and that each region needs to address this problem.

The Vice President proposed that each Division membership Chair get together with their counterparts in other divisions to verify the database.

The Vice President voiced concern that many of our members are not receiving any information from the NMRA or PSR.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer presented a detailed report on the financial stability of the PSR. As of this date the PSR is financially sound and operating at a profit.

The treasurer reported that PSR investments are working for us at 4.9%.

President, Don Fowler, called for discussion and then a motion was made to accept the Treasurers report by Dave Irick and seconded by Bob Mitchell.

Division Reports:

Arizona Division:

Dave Irick reported that the Arizona Division membership is holding steady and that financially they are sound.

Dave Irick reported current goals will continue to be to maintain membership, keep costs down and offer more education and activities at our meets.

Dave Irick reported that division meets have been moved to new venues that are larger to provide room for growth. We were able to do this AND reduce our rental costs.

Cajon Division:

Bob Mitchell reported that since Temecula they only had one event.

Bob Mitchell reported they are still in need of an editor for the Order Board.

Bob Mitchell reported that Tom Boyles has volunteered to be Assistant Superintendent until formal elections can be held.

Bob Mitchell reported strong finances with about \$13000 in the bank.

Los Angeles Division:

Bob DeMoss reported that convention attendance is down and that they have a hard time getting membership help.

Spring Rail will be April 20, 2013.

San Diego Division:

Gary Robinson congratulated Don Ham on achieving his MMR.

Gary Robinson reported that membership is holding steady at 170 and that they are financially sound.

Gary Robinson reported that they continue to hold

quarterly meets and layout tours the second Saturday of every month.

Gary Robinson reported that they hope to attract even more people with their education program.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership:

Debbie Draper reported that we have 1200 members down 3 from last year. Arizona has 379 members, Cajon has 352 members, Los Angeles has 292 members and San Diego has 177 members.

Nominations:

Tom Draper reported on the election results from 2012 Officer Elections. There were 118 ballots submitted, 4 were invalid leaving 114 valid ballots. PSR President, Don Fowler, received 113 votes and was re-elected and PSR Vice President, Carl Heimberger, received 114 votes and was re-elected.

Railette:

Janet Spooner reported that she has enjoyed her tenure as the Railette Chair, has made many friends, and thanks everyone for their support.

Janet Spooner reported a successful convention in Flagstaff last year with wonderful clinics.

Janet Spooner reported that she is stepping down as Railette Chair.

Historian:

Lowell Spooner started by thanking all the convention committees that have provided convention cars, patches and pins.

Lowell Spooner reported that the PSR display of car boxes does require a full table top and having it in the contest room is a necessity.

Lowell Spooner reported that he is trying to consolidate all of the history materials so storage will be easier.

Lowell Spooner also reported that the PSR needs to be thinking about a his replacement as he plans to step down in the near future.

Achievement Program:

Don Stewart reported that Don Ham has earned his MMR Certificate.

Don Stewart reported that 10 Certificates have been awarded to date and one more is currently approved but not yet back from National.

Contest:

Bill Jacobs reports the major accomplishment regarding contests this year is the revision on the contest rules. This revision was done to get our contests more in-line with National NMRA contest rules. These revised rules have been on the PSR website since April.

Member Aid:

No report given.

Communications:

Ben Sevier reported that he has been working with Bob

Mitchell who has been acting webmaster for the 2012 Convention. They have been updating information on the current host site which every division, save Cajon, is using.

Ben Sevier reports that there is a counter associated with the website and they are getting lots of hits.

Ben Sevier reports that on the national site the Board approved a "Constant Contact" site with web information and templates for newsletters and other information and that we have the ability to send bulk emails without being seen as spam.

Hobos:

Ed Hall reported that a hobo breakfast is planned.

Ed Hall reported that when he passes the hat for donations he gets change instead of money and it takes forever to count it out. It was suggested to take the change to a bank and have them count it out and convert it to cash. Ed reported that he will count it and deposit it in his account, then write a check and submit it that way.

Old Business:

2012 PSR Convention Update:

Carl Heimberger reported that the lobby was just completed and the hotel was recently sold to new owners so challenges were many.

He also reported that there are over 60 hours of clinics consisting of 43 subjects presented by 24 clinicians, with 7 of the clinics being hands-on where you can take something home with you. There are 20 home and club tours to view and 3 Op/Sig session planned.

Carl Heimberger reported that Michael Gross will be the guest speaker.

Carl Heimberger reported that the convention was designed for a break-even point of 150 participants and we currently have 116 paid registrants so we hope to make up the expected loss with the bingo, raffle items and Chinese Auction.

2013 PSR Convention Report:

See attached document - 17

Bob Mitchell presented an Agreement to Host Region Convention contract and it was signed by the Host's Convention Chairman, the Region Convention Chairman and Region President.

Bob Mitchell reported that sign up for the 2013 convention will start at this 2012 convention and that they already have a number of activities planned including a hump yard and UP tour. Registration will start at \$65.00. They anticipate having 35-40 different clinicians and 4 rooms going at a time for clinics.

Education Program:

Gary Robinson reported that the San Diego division has taken the lead in developing a program that can be used to attract model railroaders to the NMRA. The program is aimed at newer model railroaders but will have

something for the more experienced model railroader as well.

Gary Robinson reported that an educational course will be offered over four Saturday morning and will touch on all the basics to create a model railroad. This course will be based on the book, Introduction to Model Railroading. The course is designed to be presented by a team but can be presented by a single individual.

Member of the Year Awards:

President, Don Fowler, reported that a new bell and base with name plate was made for MoY recipients at a cost of \$420. It was noted that the bells are considerably larger and more fitting of the award. Secretary, Bob Libbey, volunteered to make the wooden bases to help keep the cost down on subsequent awards.

President, Don Fowler, reported that we will revisit this matter at the Mid-Year BOD meeting.

Raillette Chair Nominations:

President, Don Fowler, reported that while several people have been approached to take on the task of volunteering as the new Raillette Chair, only Kim Fowler has stepped forward to take on the responsibilities. Bob Mitchell made a recommendation for Kim Fowler as new Raillette Chair and Dave Irick seconded. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Division Websites:

Ben Sevier reported that only two of our divisions have webmasters. Carl Heimberger reported that they don't have one and that Bob Mitchell is only acting webmaster.

Ben also encourages all divisions to report their activities to other divisions and to the region. We can set up web calendars to show what activities are going on in each division.

Division Paymaster Accountability:

Don Fowler reported that it is important to make sure our Paymaster's are trustworthy and to make sure proper checks and balances are in place. Make sure all receipts are kept and procedures are followed by guidelines already in place.

Don Fowler reported that when buying collections all items need to be cataloged and that information needs to be shared with the club.

Region/Division Event Coordination:

Don Fowler posed question: How do we record railroad and club functions so they don't overlap each other?

We need to find a way to plan local and regional events so they don't coincide with one another. We don't have internal conflicts it is always with external groups that we struggle with. It was agreed that we would work on a web calendar for all activities in and out of our region.

Roundtable Discussion:

Tom Draper said he would get his report sent to

Secretary, Bob Libbey.

Bob Mitchell said that the 2013 convention will refund 100% if a registrant needs to cancel.

Dave Irick said he would like information from previous conventions so he can start gathering ideas for the 2015 convention in Phoenix.

Next Board Meeting:

The next PSR Board of Directors meeting will be March 30, 2013 during the Cajon Spring Meet in Temecula, CA.

Adjournment:

Don Fowler thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting on the behalf on Janet Spooner at 15:38 hrs. Minutes recorded on Wednesday, Sept 5th, 2012.

Bob Libbey, PSR Secretary



Reports - Continued

President

all organizations, regardless of scale.

- Howell Day Museum – Fundraising efforts to expand the display at the California State Railway Museum continue so that the 650,000 annual visitors may be exposed to the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA.
- Education Program – The Board was presented with a program of a more formalized and effective education program for members and railroad modelers in general based on the Michiana Division's "Model Railroad 101 Program". More to come on this subject.
- Marketing – To further membership retention and recruiting, a "Marketing Department" will be created to better advertise the benefits of NMRA membership.
- Communications – To improve the timing and quality of information with members, a "Constant Contact" type communications system will be made available to Regions at no cost.
- Term Limits – A motion to limit total service in any elected national office to 12 years was defeated due to a concern about the loss of "corporate knowledge". The intent was to increase a need for new member involvement and eliminate the "musical chairs" movement of existing officers.
- Regulations & Executive Handbook – NMRA changed its state of incorporation from Ohio to Missouri in order to allow electronic meetings and other Board processes, currently prohibited in Ohio.
- Strategic Plan – The Board directed the President to form a committee dedicated to the preparation of a strategic plan that will provide directional guidance for

the NMRA through 2018.

- Website – Funds have been dedicated to completely overhaul the web site to make it more relevant for the membership and easier to use and maintain.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events soon.



Arizona

of September and the first of October. I went back to kick the dirt on the farm in Illinois. On the way there I stopped at hobby shops and train spots in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri and on the way home I visited more spots in Kansas and Colorado. To me one of the best parts of this hobby is to check out the trains stores in other cities and yes I did come home with a few of those hard to find items in the trunk of my car.

I also wanted to be sure to call your attention to the Arizona Division Spring meeting in Sun City, Arizona which will be held on the second weekend of March. This is the largest of the three meets held in the Arizona Division. We will have a full slate of events and we expect to have around 150 members in attendance. We do not have all of the details worked out on clinics and layouts yet, so watch the Division website and the Spur Line for details in January and February. This is the kind of meet that other Region members might be interest in attending. Our meets are the same as Region Conventions but everything is held on one day. You can take a drive over to Arizona, attend the meet, stay overnight and drive home on Sunday. It would make a nice weekend trip for you members in California and Nevada.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Tucson for the Arizona Fall Meeting, November 10, 2012 at our new location, St. Odilia Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte. Be sure to check our Web Site for directions. I am looking forward to the new location with more room for all our members to spread out on enjoy the day.

PSR Elections Coming Up

Your Input is Needed

The current terms of the Division Directors are coming to an end in September at the Annual Membership Meeting during the 2013 PSR Convention in Riverside. 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, 2013:

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Cajon

them might even be holding Ops Sessions during the convention.

Kim Fowler is the Railette Chair for this Convention and is already planning some changes to previous venues. So, start thinking about convincing the wife to come along.

We actually have enough rooms to hold 5 clinics at the same time and expect to have up at least 50 clinics to choose from. Currently we have a total of 25 potential clinics lined up, 8 MMRs who have committed to giving clinics, 11 Hands on clinics, and a Manufacturer's clinic. We now have 200+ items for the Chinese Auction and that includes a lot of Brass Motive Power.

The Cajon Division will be planning a Spring meet in Las Vegas and also a Summer meet at my home in Wildomar to recruit Convention Volunteers and visual progress report on the 22' x 35' layout I have finally broken ground on. The Temecula 2013 meet and PSR Mid-year Board meeting is schedule for the March 22nd and 23rd. Anyone out there who would volunteer to open up there home layout for a meet next year...please contact me ASAP.

See you all in Temecula or Sooner...Don't forget to register early for the 2013 PSR Convention!



L. A.

and old items, many not available at retailers, items that you are looking for, something different, to make your model unique from those "Standard" Kits, to bid on, and good chance of winning. This is not to say, to not patronize your local HOBBY SHOP, DO SO. Your local Hobby shop can support you, give you advice on your purchases, where as the Swap Meet and Auction you may not have this available, but may have older kits and items no longer available in the retail market, that you are looking for. Attending Clinics; many subjects and subjects similar by different clinicians, with different ways of doing things, always learning something new and new ways to do different things.

The L.A. Division is also looking into several other events, so look for these in future issues of the DISPATCH.



Gateway to Cajon Pass 2013 PSR Convention

Sponsored by the Cajon Division

September 25th ~ 29th, 2013

Hilton Hotel

Very Special Convention Rate

\$89.95 per night

San Bernardino, California

Convention Highlights

Prototype & Bus Tours

CEMEX Plant, Victorville

Barstow Engine Facilities

UP Hump Yard Tower & Operations

**Throttle a Locomotive at the
Orange Empire Railway Museum**

Welcome BBQ~ Live Steamers Park

Operation Sessions

Outstanding Clinicians

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Our Famous Chinese Auction, 200+ Items

Bingo for Trains, Tuesday Night the 24th

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Contest Corner

Bill Jacobs, PSR CONTESTCHAIR
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The Contest at the Ventura Flyer Convention exceeded expectations with 16 photographs, four arts and craft entries, and 18 models. There were 15 Merit Awards among the models, so quality has gone way up. Of note, there were six models entered by three individuals eligible for the President's Award for first time Regional Contest entries. The judges were: Don Stewart (Chief Judge), Todd Scott, Dave Irick, Bob Libbey, Lowell Spooner, and Duane Buck. About 35% of convention attendees participated in the popular voting for Arts and Crafts, Photos, and Favorite Model. We need to get that number up next year; I urge you to read the Contest Rules on the PSR Website to see how this all works. I anticipate no procedural changes in the rules for next year, only some grammatical and style fixes. Here are the results:

ARTS AND CRAFTS

1st Needlework	Eleanor Batt	Tatted Necklace
2nd General	Carolyn Weber	Memories of Santa Fe
1st General	Janet Spooner	Red Bamboo Necklace
Best in Show	Nancy Inbody	Hobo Quilt

PHOTOS

3rd Color Model	Bob Libbey	6015 at Dock
2nd Color Model	Robert Batt	UP Passing George's
1st Color Model	Frank Baker	Rainbow Beverages
3rd Color Prototype	Rodger Adams	Ventura Spur
2nd Color Prototype	Bob Libbey	Steam on Snow
1st Color Prototype	Robert Batt	0-6-0
2nd B/W Prototype	Robert Batt	Lost
1st B/W Prototype	Bob Libbey	Santa Fe Caboose
Best in Show	Bob Libbey	Glendale Dairy

MODELS

Steam Locomotives

2nd (Merit Award)	Gary Butts	KJ Lumber #11 Climax
1st (Merit Award)	Jim Keena	G&D #36 Mallet

Diesel Locomotives

1st (Merit Award)	Duane Buck	GN #260 F3 A/B
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Passenger Car

2nd (Merit Award)	Gary Butts	G&S Combine
1st (Merit Award)	Gary Butts	G&S Coach

Freight Car

3rd (Merit Award)	Don Stewart	On30 Log Car
2nd (Merit Award)	Jim Keena	Pennsy Boxcar 2185
1st (Merit Award)	Don Stewart	D&RGW Flat 6302

Caboose

2nd (Merit Award)	Jim Keena	G&D #9
1st (Merit Award)	Don Stewart	D&RGW 0573

Structure On-Line

3rd	Neil Fernbaugh	Cove Creek Brewing
2nd (Merit Award)	Duane Buck	Snow Shed
1st (Merit Award)	Duane Buck	Water Tower

Structure Off-Line

1st	Neil Fernbaugh	Skid Row
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Display Off-Line

1st (Merit Award)	Micheal Wolf	Ndebele Tribal Houses
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BEST OF SHOW

(2 Merit Awards)	Frank Baker	Rainbow Beverages
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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Gary Butts	KJ Lumber #11 Climax
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FAVORITE MODEL AWARD

3rd	Jim Keena	G&D #36 Mallet
2nd	Micheal Wolf	Ndebele Tribal Houses
1st	Frank Baker	Rainbow Beverages



San Diego

sections, and converting the layout from DC control to DCC. It was great to see this railroad running again.

October found us at the Olive & Homer Railroad of Bruce Deck. The O&H fits a lot of HO scale railroad into the available space, displaying much whimsy along the way. Bruce has an operating crew that consists primarily of teenagers, and they really enjoy running the railroad. Freelanced, but with a strong Southern Pacific theme, the O&H has myriad small, highly detailed scenes.

In November we will return to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum for our Fall Meet on the 10th. This meet will feature clinics, lunch, Show & Tell, a Hobo Auction, and will conclude with the introductory session of our new Basic Model Railroading class. We're optimistic about this course, and are hoping for good attendance. Time will tell. The Meet is free, with a small charge (\$5) for lunch. Bring something for the auction, and BRING A FRIEND!

We'll finish out our year with the Holiday Party, again this year graciously hosted by division Superintendent Don Fowler and his wife, Kim, on December 8. This is always a fun time. Don't miss it!



Gateway to Cajon Pass

2013 PSR Convention

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Temecula Meet 2013 & PSR Mid-Year Board Meeting March 22 & 23, 2013

It's that time again and we are already lining up Clinicians for another Great Event. For those of you that would like to present a Clinic at the 2013 PSR Convention in San Bernardino, California....this would be a terrific venue to practice your clinic skills and get any of the bugs out before the REALY BIG PSR CONVENTION scheduled on September the 25th through the 29th, 2013. So call me at the number below and let's get your CLINIC scheduled NOW!

The Cajon Division will be booking early registrations starting in January for the Temecula Meet. So keep an eye open for email notifications and special early registration incentives.

As always we are lining up NINE outstanding clinics on Saturday morning at the Mary Phillip's Community Center followed by a BBQ for lunch. Then you can all go your separate ways to the Layout Tours, Wine Country and Old Town Antique shopping until the big finale Saturday night at Pat and Oscar's by the Pond Restaurant.

It all wraps up Saturday night with the famous Cajon Division Chinese Auction preceded by Dinner which includes BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Salads, Pizza, Bread Sticks, and Desert...Always a perfect meal to end a day full of fun.

Oh...Did I mention that we always have BINGO for trains on Friday night for those who arrive early from out of town or locally for that matter. Guaranteed to have at least one item of powered Brass you can win.

Complete Details in the PSR Dispatch and all of the Division Newsletter's first edition in 2013. See you all in Temecula next year.

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3D Printing: That Unavailable Detail

Article and Photos By Seth Neumann, PCR

Have you ever needed a small detail part and found that it doesn't exist in the catalogs? I had that problem while building some modern industrial buildings behind Milpitas yard on my "Union Pacific in Niles Canyon" layout which is set in 1999. I needed some modern exterior light fixtures and some of the video surveillance cameras which seem to sprout from every building you see in an industrial park.

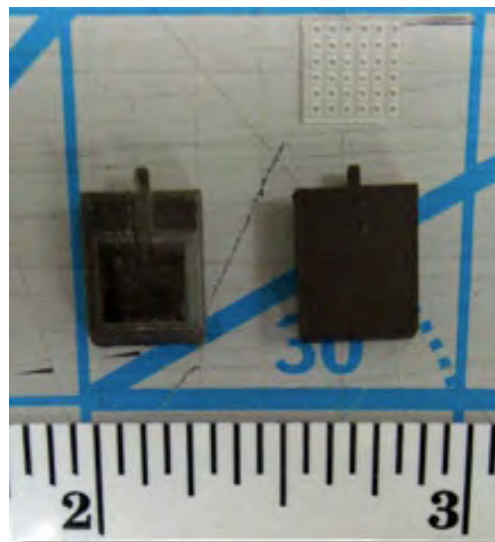
After considering scratch building dummy fixtures from styrene, I thought it might be fun to design working parts using Google's SketchUp and then use one of the 3-D printing services such as ShapeWays (<http://www.shapeways.com/>). First I had to get accurate dimensions for the fixtures, but that was difficult because they are typically 10 to 15 feet up in the air. In the end I took a photo and asked my friend Sam Romerstein, who is a retired architect, to see if he could find some data sheets for similar fixtures. I chose a prototype from Hubbell Lighting that was available in both building mounted and light pole configurations so it could also be used to light my parking lots. René Gourley published an article in Railroad Model Craftsman in March 2012 about using 3-D printing to make HO rolling stock and I got a tutorial from René on using Google's free SketchUp program to do the design last fall during a trip to Vancouver. There is a simple three-step process to get from SketchUp to an STL file which can be submitted to ShapeWays so you can get your parts printed. Even so it was a little daunting for my first project and I procrastinated. About a month ago I was having lunch with Jason Hill of Owl Mountain Models and I mentioned

my project to him. Jason has a background as a 3-D CAD draftsman and he offered to design the parts in a commercial solid modeling package, SolidWorks. As it turns out Jason's rates are quite reasonable for noncommercial hobby work and he was able to do my

light fixtures in about two hours. Jason designed my fixtures with a cavity to accept a 603 (60x30 mil) surface mount Light Emitting Diode so I could have working lights. Having agreed that the drawing was a good representation of the prototype fixture, Jason then put 10 of them on a sprue-like arrangement along with 10 diffusers and four "video cameras." This allowed us to make 10 parts of the light plus the four cameras for one five dollar up charge. I was able to upload

the model to ShapeWays and it passed their design rules test on the first try. I placed the order for three sprues and within two weeks I had my parts. We had the details printed in a material called "Frosted Ultra Detail" which can resolve details down to about a 10th of a millimeter, which is adequate for most HO purposes.

The parts had resin residue on them and I was able to get most of it off using an ultrasonic cleaner and detergent. Gentle scrubbing with an old toothbrush and some household cleanser removed the rest. The Frosted Ultra Detail is translucent and whitish, so I elected to paint the outside roof brown which looks like the anodized metal finish of the



Light Fixtures after painting. Outside of fixture has been painted, contrast is better.

prototype part and left the inside unpainted. The part is lit by gluing a 603 LED with magnet wire leads (from LEDBaron – as suggested at the www.shapeways.com – <http://stores.ebay.de/ledbaron>. "Modeling with Micro LEDs" clinic in Medford by Geoffrey Bunza) into the cavity and then covering it with the diffuser. I was able to purchase 30 of these LEDs for about €17 = US \$21.76 or \$0.73 each delivered to California.

For the surveillance cameras I simply cut the gates off the sprue, cleaned the parts and painted them white. I drilled a hole with number 75 drill bit and inserted some .020 wire for a bracket and the NUMMI auto complex was secure. For detailed information on how the process works with SketchUp I direct you to René's fine article in March 2012 RMC. I'd also recommend perusing ShapeWays excellent website (<http://www.shapeways.com/>) to see what they can do. I will be making these parts available through the ShapeWays store so you can see what they look like and purchase them if you like.

Short run 3-D printing, while a little expensive on a per unit basis, (about \$15/sprue) is very economical compared to making conventional dies so it's an attractive way to get the unique part you really need to complete your model. Individuals like Jason who have extensive experience designing parts offer a very quick and inexpensive way to design your part as they can get you to a suitable product much more quickly than you can by trial and error. Jason can be reached at owlmodels@yahoo.com.

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Do you have something like this to write up for the rest of us??



Flag Stops

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December

- 2 T.T.O.S. Southwestern Division Christmas Party
- 3, 4 Great Train Expo Del Mar. 10am to 4pm Sat and Sun. Adults: \$7.00, Kids Under 12, free Del Mar Fairgrounds, San Diego, CA <http://trainexpoinc.com/>
- 4 Southern California Railroad Locomotive and Historical Society Meeting. St. Edmund's Church, 1175 San Gabriel Blvd., San Marino CA <http://railgiants.org/>
- 8, 9 Great Train Expo Pomona Fairplex. 10am to 4pm Sat and Sun. Adults:\$7.00, Kids Under 12, free <http://trainexpoinc.com/>
- 8, 9 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/>
- 9 Fairplex Garden Railroad Holiday Open House and Public Run 11am to 4pm Free Admission Enter at Gate No. 1 <http://www.fgrr.org/>
- 7, 8, 21, 22 High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club @ Lancaster Historical Western Museum

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January

- 7 Glendale MRC Open House 1930 – 2200 <http://www.gmrrc.org>
- 7, 8 Great Train Expo. Anaheim Convention Center
- 21, 22 San Bernardino Railroad Days. San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum, San Bernardino Depot, 1170 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410 (909) 888-3634 Admission and parking: Free <http://www.sbdepotmuseum.com//>

February

- 4 Glendale MRC Open House 1930 – 2200 <http://www.gmrrc.org>
- 9, 10 World's Greatest Hobby Show/Del Mar <http://www.wghshow.com/>
- 10, California Express Railroadiana & Transportation Show, 9am to 3pm at UFCW Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, CA. (Corner of Stanton and Crescent Aves.)

Admission \$8.00, kids under 12 are free.
Early bird admission is \$25.00 at 630am.
Vendors contact Renee Orton 626-281-7500
californiaexpress.net

- 17 to 26 Coachella Valley Model Railroad Open House at Riverside County Fair. Riverside County Fairgrounds, 82-503 Highway 111, Indio CA 92201. 10 am - 2 pm. www.cvmrr.com Contact Jim Hundley at jim@cvmrr.com or www.cvmrr.com

- 23 Roundhouse Gang Model RR Club Swap Meet 8am to 12pm, Santa Fe San Bernardino Depot 1170 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA \$4.00 donation at the door, Spouses and under 18 are free. Vendor tables \$12.00 when reserved in advance, or \$14.00 at the door if still available. For vendor reservations contact Larry at 951-686-7890 or Gary at 909-794-3153.

- 23 Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Mini-Meet

March

- 2 Orange Empire Railroad Museum Spring Swap Meet, Perris, CA. 0900 to 1400.
- 4 Glendale MRC Open House 1930 – 2200 <http://www.gmrrc.org>
- 8,9,10 8,9,10 Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society's Bakersfield Train Show/ Kern County Layout Tour chiefbobb@verizon.net
- 9 Winterail, Stockton, CA <http://www.winterail.com/>
- 23, 24 Santa Susana Depot Swap Meet and Open House 7am to 10am. Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Adults \$2.00, kids free. Depot Open House 10am to 4pm. SP Depot and HO layout are open each Sat and Sun 1pm to 4pm. This classic SP Depot at 6503 Katherine Rd., Simi Valley, CA Vendor table reservations \$12.00 and are on a first come, first served basis. Bring your own table for use outside the pavilion \$10.00. No reservations will be made without full payment. Vendors who do not arrive by 630am will be subject to forfeiture of their reservation and payment. David Putnam 661-753-6006 <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/swapmeet.htm> <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/Foundation/Home.htm> <http://www.rsrpd.org/park/santasusanadepot/santasusanadepot.html>
- 23, 24 Cajon Division Temecula Meet & Mid-Year PSR Board Meeting - Temecula, CA





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