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From the Hot Seat!

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It's hard to believe that summer is right around the corner - but it is. Across our Region, we've already enjoyed some great model railroading activities and there are many

more to come. I'm very proud to serve as the president of one of the best Regions in the Association and that is due to our active and committed membership (that's you).

We held our Mid-Year PSR Board Meeting on March 23rd at Cajon's Temecula Meet (great event). Some of our meeting highlights included

- Nominations were announced for Board Director vacancies
- Recap from the 2012 Region Convention hosted by Los Angeles Division
- Update on the 2013 Region Convention hosted by Cajon Division in September
- Projections for the 2014 & 2015 Region Conventions
- Funds were approved to purchase the New NMRA banner for PSR

Here are the highlights from National's Mid-Year Meeting of the NMRA BOD (Atlanta - 02/08-10/13);

- CA State Railroad Museum Gallery Exhibit – The first interim goal of \$250,000 in pledges has

been reached. This triggered a matching pledge of another \$250,000. Total estimated cost for the exhibit completion is \$750,000. It is estimated that more than 750,000 visitors will see this NMRA exhibit annually.

- 2016 NMRA National Convention – Indianapolis won the bid for the 2016 national convention to be held July 3-10, 2016. Beginning in 2017, the Board approved a motion to allow more flexibility in scheduling national conventions. Current regulations require these conventions to be held between July 1 and August 15.

- Personnel Changes –

- o SER President Joe Gelmini has been appointed as Eastern Director for the remainder of the term due to John Roberts, HLM, MMR resignation for health reasons (John later passed away on March 1, 2013).

- o Our own Tom Draper, HLM, DSA has been appointed as Director of Support Services following the resignation of Gerry Leone, MMR. Tom will fill in until a permanent replacement can be found.

- o Rick Coble was confirmed as Assistant National Secretary, supporting National Secretary John Stevens.

- o At Large North America Director Miles Hale, MMR was charged with violating Article III, Section 22, Subpart b, Subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the Regulations pertaining to poor judgment and injurious actions affecting the NMRA. He has been removed from his position which is now vacant and pending replacement.

- Financial Report – The

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Cajon

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The warm weather has arrived in Arizona and we are headed north for our summer meet. Our next Arizona Division meet is going to be held in Flagstaff, AZ on June 8, 2013. Consult the Arizona Division newsletter, the Spur Line for more details.

On March 9th, 2013 we held our spring meet in Sun City, AZ, at the Fairway Recreation Center. As usual we had a large crowd, interesting clinics, a great swap meet, fantastic models in the contest room, lots of giggling and talking from the ladies area and the large layout of the Sun City modelers to enjoy. It was a great day and everybody had a lot of fun.

This summer elections are being held for the positions of Division Superintendent, Chief Clerk & Paymaster and Division Director. Ballots for all three positions should be in the mail by the time you receive this column. Please take the time to vote.

The 2015 Pacific Southwest Region convention will be held in Scottsdale, AZ. We have signed a contract with a hotel for the second week of September 2015 for the convention. The convention hotel is near the McCormick Ranch Railroad Park in Scottsdale, AZ. The Scottsdale Model Railroad Club has volunteered to take the lead and host the convention with the help of volunteers from around the State. More detail will be made available as we near the convention date.

Remember to keep those trains running and share your enthusiasm with your friends and neighbors. Spread the word that model railroading is fun for all. Attend every local event that you can, bring that friend along, support the local hobby shop and join your local club. If that modeler friend of yours is not an NMRA member, give him or her, the \$10.00 and sign them up for the six month NMRA membership. Spread the fun.

The 2013 PSR REGIONAL CONVENTION is approaching fast. Have you signed up yet? This year it is at the Hilton Hotel in San Bernardino and you can register your room on line using the official PSR Convention website. The room rates this year are only \$89 a night for a King or Two Double Beds. Combine that with the Convention Registration of only \$65 (which includes the Saturday Night Banquet)...WOW. You will never see these prices in the future for any Convention. Share a room with a friend and you will save even more....something to think about...especially for those needing to stay overnight for the convention. www.psrconvention.org/sb13

The Convention starts off Wed night with Bingo for Trains for those early arrivals. Clinics will be held all day on Thursday and Friday up to the Chinese Auction where you will have your choice of over 200 items to select from. We are planning on having 50 different clinics for you to choose from, so there will something for everyone. Many of them will be presented by MMRs.

Prototype Tours are scheduled for the UP Hump yard in Colton and the Large CEMEX plant in Victorville. Add to this a great BBQ on Thursday night at the Live Steamers Park in Riverside. More information on the Web Site

Layout tours will be announced later on the Web Site and promises to be a great selection of layouts for you fun and enjoyment. Todd Scott is currently in the process of lining the tours and it is an ongoing process.

Saturday morning there will be a swap meet right at the Hotel so-sponsored by "The Round House Gang" along with members of the Prototype Modelers displaying their models for your enjoyment.

Something very different this year will be Modular Groups setting up at the Hotel beginning Wednesday and ending Sunday Morning. Groups include the Hemet Modular Club, the 20 & 30's Modular Club, and the Free Mo Club...WOW what a line up.

Please register early as it makes it much easier to plan an event of this size...especially your room reservations.

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Activity Reports



Los Angeles

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San Diego

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It's been a few weeks since our fourth annual SPRINGRAIL. The board members put in a lot of time and effort to make it a success and I believe it was. We had seventy modelers and friends, along with nine swap meet dealers. We signed up 7 new members, (5 for L.A. Div, 2 for CJ Div.) for the 6 Month membership and hopefully they will continue their membership, by enjoying the NMRA Magazine, and the Los Angeles Division fellowship.

Along with six clinics, given by Todd Scott, detailing your layout: Jim Fuhrman, DCC Camp: Andy Jackson, Los Angeles Junction Railway: Lloyd Lehrer, two clinics making trees, and Carl Heimberger, casting parts all were well attended.

With over 150 auction items, everybody walked away with something. Donations came from Aztec Mfg, Athearn, Blair Line, Chooch Enterprises, Evergreen Scale Models, Exact Rail, Intermountain Railway Company, Kadee Quality Products Co., Ram Track, RIX Products, Wm. K. Walthers, Woodland Scenic's, Xuron Corp, Zona tool Company, Micro Fasteners, The Roundhouse Train Store, Monster Model & Laser works, Micro-Trains Line Co. Central Valley Model Works, Century Foundry & Metal works, Microscale, Accurail, Westerfield, Railmaster Hobbies, and items from an estate, that the Division purchased. We THANK all who contributed.

The board is questioning whether we should continue with the Swap Meet, but several of the Dealers did very well, including one manufacturer. If we can attract a few more dealers, we believe all the dealers would benefit, as we had several railroaders who came just for the swap meet. I personally look forward to the swap meet, but was busy helping with the Meet to get much time to check out the Swap meet tables. I remember seeing one item that I was interested in, but waited too long, to go back and purchase it.

It's Spring already?!? The San Diego Division has been busy planning a great time for the balance of 2013. Coming up May 11 (may be past by the time you read this) is our Spring Meet, held at the Short Track Railroad section house in Vista. Pete Steinmetz, who is in charge of clinics for the Division, has put together two good ones! Paul Schmitt, MMR, will describe his ballasting techniques. Paul's clinics are always fun and informative. This will be no exception. Then Pete, and his friend Bill Ewing, also from Short Track, will show us how to light buildings and vehicles with LEDs. Bill has created a special module he will show us to control lighting sequences in buildings. Don't miss it! A pot luck (names beginning with A-L should bring a main dish, and names M-Z should bring a salad or a dessert) and a visit to Short Track's wonderful Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE) will round out the day.

We'll be visiting with Jack Byers and Tom Heiser for layout tours in June and July. Jack's B&O West End (HO) has been seen before, but he's been working hard at improving it. The Heiser brothers are constantly adding to their O scale (Lionel) layout.

Then in August we'll be visiting Old Poway Park for a picnic and Summer Meet. Clinics haven't been announced yet, but Pete will be sure to put together an attractive program. Rumor has it there may be a small modular layout in operation as well. Keep the date open.

Planning meetings have begun for the 2014 PSR Convention, to be held here in San Diego. The Marriott Courtyard on Hotel Circle will be the venue. It has been recently remodeled, there is plenty of free parking, and the room rates will be attractive. Hotel Circle is convenient to everything in San Diego, and there are a number of nearby options if you don't want to stay in the convention hotel. We'll keep you posted as progress in made on the clinic schedule and prototype tours. We'd love to have more San Diego Division members step up to help us plan, and we hope members from other Divisions will be available to give clinics and fulfill other volunteer duties at the convention.

Our membership numbers have stayed about the

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Fireman's Seat

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Have you ever noticed that when someone complains to you that NMRA does nothing for them that they are also the same members you never see at any of our events? True NMRA was founded on the principle of setting standards for the hobby and in that effort has done an outstanding job. As an outgrowth of setting these standards a network of very talented modelers was developed, and has provided an amazing resource of subject material on this hobby; just attend a clinic at any NMRA event. I have never attended a meet or convention that had clinics where I did not come away with some new trick about modeling that was new to me. This vast resource is available to you and all you have to do is show up to a NMRA event. There is almost something going on every month, if not in your Division or Region in a neighboring Division or Region.

So the choice is yours - pay your dues each year and sit back and hope someone will come to you and teach you about model railroading (not going to happen) or attend some of the local NMRA events and come back with some new knowledge for the dollars you have spent on dues.

With that in mind, have you sent in your registration for the 2013 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention "Gateway to Cajon Pass"? If not you are missing the bargain of a life time, with a refundable registration fee of only \$65 that includes the banquet, and a hotel room rate of \$89.95 per night you will not find an event at this cost for a long time to come, if ever again. Check out the convention web site. There are some outstanding clinics, tours, and layouts to visit. It is only a few months until this convention starts so do not miss this opportunity to learn something new, meet some outstanding modelers and just have some fun. Of course you can stay home and listen to everyone tell you about the great time they had at the convention, it is up to you.

I hope to see you all in San Bernardino this September for the "Gateway to Cajon Pass" PSR Convention.



New PSR Members March & April 2013

First	Last	City	ST	Div
Les	Smith	San Diego	CA	SD
Wayne	Mantooth	Norwalk	CA	LA
John	Sarazua	Scottsdale	AZ	Arizona
Robert	Lewis	Tucson	AZ	Arizona
Dewayne	Koltin	Peoria	AZ	Arizona
Dallas	Dixon	Phoenix	AZ	Arizona
Kim	Bannister	Scottsdale	AZ	Arizona
Patricia	Turner	Las Vegas	NV	Cajon
Allen	Nelson	Las Vegas	NV	Cajon
William	Fredell	Banning	CA	Cajon
Christopher	Brown	Dove Canyon	CA	Cajon
Robert	Brentlinger	Pahrump	NV	Cajon
Dana	Ahl	Anaheim	CA	Cajon

Please welcome these new members to the Region and your Division. Be sure to reach out to them and invite them to meets, activities and layout tours.

Notice of Meeting

The Annual PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held September 25th, 2012, 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Boardroom, San Bernardino Hilton Hotel, San Bernadino, 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.

Reports - Continued

President

NMRA realized a positive return on the 2012 National Convention and Train Show. Reports will be posted on the website. The Executive Handbook has been modified to streamline financial procedures to ensure prudent fiscal management.

- Material Donations – The Board approved a motion to enact policy to provide members an opportunity to purchase surplus, undesignated donation items donated to the NMRA.
- Communications – The "NMRA eBulletin" was launched this month with the intent of keeping members informed of any breaking news, important dates, events and happenings in the NMRA.
- Marketing – An aggressive marketing plan has been developed for the coming year to include online, brick & mortar hobby establishments, museums, targeted attractions, and select model railroad shows and conventions. Social media presence will also be seen on Pinterest, LinkedIn, Meetup, Facebook and Twitter. Work is also progressing on the Constant Contact email system, currently in the beta testing stage.
- HASEA Agreement – A one year working agreement has been initiated to share NMRA standards and organizational knowledge with this organization.
- Strategic Planning – A draft of the new plan will be presented at the summer Board meeting prior to the Atlanta National Convention. Major items will include streamlining the organization's vertical integration and simplifying the currently complex Executive Handbook.
- Professional Railroader Award – The Board approved a motion to establish an annual award for those who have provided long term support and guidance to model railroaders on how the railroad industry works.

- Recognition – The President's Award was given to outgoing Atlantic District Director Nobby Clark and At-Large Director Worldwide Tony Koester, DSA, for their years of service to the NMRA.

I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events!

San Diego

same, at 174. We're constantly adding new members, but we keep losing people. We had 5 new members in March alone. If we could only figure out how to hold onto people, we'd be growing!

We've very proud that two of our members, who are also model railroad manufacturers, have been recognized for their products. Duncan McRee, owner of Tam Valley Depot, was named Most Innovative Manufacturer, and Jimmy Simmons, owner of Monster Model and Laserworks, was recognized for the Best New Kit, and received honorable mention as Most Innovative Manufacturer. Congratulations to both of you!

Outside the Division, many of us participated in the Cajon Division Temecula meet in March, and the LA Division Spring Rail event in April. These events are always fun, and it's great to share knowledge with other modelers from those Divisions. Some of us also were at the Western Prototype Modelers meet in April. A few of us will be traveling to the National Convention and Train Show in Atlanta, GA, in July. Some San Diego Division members will attend the 33rd National Narrow Gauge Convention in Pasadena in August, and some will have layouts on the tour. Finally, we expect a good representation at the PSR Convention in San Bernardino in September. What a great year for model railroading in SoCal! I hope you've been able to take advantage of some of these wonderful opportunities.

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Secretary's Report



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Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA
2013 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting Report
Saturday, March 03, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President, Don Fowler, at 1258 hours. Attending were President Don Fowler, Vice President Carl Heimberger, Treasurer Tom Draper, Vice President Carl Heimberger, Treasurer Tom Draper, Dir. AZ Div. Dave Irick, , Dir. Cajon Div. Bob Mitchell, Dir. LA Div Bob DeMoss, Dir. SD Div Gary Robinson, Membership Pete Steinmetz, Communications Ben Sevier, Contests Bill Jacobs, Achievement Don Stewart, Railettes Kim Fowler

Regular Business:

Minutes: The minutes of the March 2012 Mid-year Board of Directors meeting were presented. A motion was made by Carl Heimberger, and seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was carried.

President's Report: President Don Fowler reported on the NMRA Mid-Year BOD meeting, highlighting those items that were relevant to the PSR. He noted the initiatives in marketing, communications and the involvement of the NMRA with the California State Railroad Museum as potentially having positive effects on the PSR and our members.

Vice President's Report: VP Carl Heimberger discussed membership issues, how to improve our image, and some ideas that all Divisions can use.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Draper presented the status of the current year's finances. He reported that we are as expected according to the budget. He also reported that the Region's financial accounts and statements were audited by the audit committee, and no problems were found. A motion was made by Bob DeMoss, and seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried.

Director's Reports:

- Arizona Division: Director Dave Irick reported that the Arizona Division's membership has been holding steady, finances are good, and they continue to have a number of well attended Division events. Division

elections are coming up, and he is encouraging members to participate by voting. He also reported that they are beginning work on the 2015 PSR Convention bid, assisted by the Scottsdale Model Railroad Historical Society. As part of his report, he broguted up questions about the convention date planning and location. A discussion was had of the venues being considered for the 2015 convention. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the tentative date for the 2015 PSR convention dates, pending a formal presentation to the membership, and their vote of approval.

- Cajon Division: Director Bob Mitchell reported that the Cajon Division is financially sound, and is getting ready for the 2013 PSR Convention in San Bernadino. He passed on more details about the convention, and encouraged all to publicize the event in their Divisions.
- Los Angeles Division: Director Bob DeMoss reported on the activities of the Division, and their efforts to increase membership. Such events a Spring Rail (to be held in April) are proving good attractions for potential members. They are also preparing for their Annual Train Show at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, in October, and are planning increasing publicity for that event.

- San Diego Division: Director Gary Robinso reported a increased membership of 181, and strong financial health, with \$12,649.00 on hand. Preparations are underway for the 2014 PSR Convention to be held at the Marriot Courtyard on Hotel Circle in San Diego, beginning September 3, 2014. He also noted that a number of the local clubs are beginning to offer clinics that are being well received.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership: The Membership report was presented pro-tem by Tom Draper, in the absence of Debbie Draper. He reported that the current PSR membership stands at 1,174 members, a decline from last year and reflecting a continuing delince in region membership over the years.

Nominations: Nomination Chairman Tom Draper reported that the Division Director elections are this year. There is currently one candidate standing for each Division: Arizona Division – Dave Irick, Cajon Division – Per Harwe, Los Angeles Division – Robert De Moss, San Diego Division - Peter Steinmetz

Railettes: Railette Chair Kim Fowler presented her report. Highlights included a discussion regarding possible extra fare status for such activities as classes, in part to pay for supplies, but more importantly, to facilitate planning. It was decided that a pilot program for this would be enacted at the 2014 convention in San Diego.

Historian: President, Don Fowler, encouraged the Board members to work at finding someone to fill this position.

Achievement Program: Don Stewart, AP Chairman, reported that 13 AP Certificates were arwarded in 2012, one being that for MMR. He announced that Dave Irick has agreed to become Assistant AP Chairman.

Contests: Contest Chairman Bill Jacobs discussed the changes ongoing in the contest program at the National level, and plans to mirror some of those in the PSR. Communications/Dispatch: Highlights, presented by Ben Sevier, included cost savings estimate for sending only balloting materials by USPS. He also encouraged everyone to join the regional and division "Yahoo" groups, to obtain information electronically. Ben also presented the idea of revisiting the possibility of a joint PSR/PCR convention. A motion was made by Dave Irick, and seconded, that Carl Heimberger start exploring the joint convention possibilities.

Old Business

2012 Convention Review: 2012 Convention Chairman Carl Heimberger provided the final report on the results of the 2012 PSR Convention in Ventura, and presented \$342 to the PSR as the region's portion of the convention surplus.

2013 Convention Update: Bob Mitchell of the Cajon Division reported on the plans for the 2013 PSR Convention in San Bernadino in September, 2013.

Member of the Year Awards:

It was moved by Dave Irick, and seconded, to budget \$600 for the same bells given as awards last year. There was no discussion. The motion was carried.

New Business

2014 PSR Convention: President, Don Fowler, reported

- San Diego Division will begin planning committee meetings in April 2013
- The 2014 PSR Convention venue has been confirmed
- There will be a swap meet on Saturday
- The Division is working with the San Diego Model Railroad Museum's new Director for events to be held at the Museum.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President, Don Fowler, at 1605 hours. The next meeting will be on September 25, 2013 in San Bernadino, CA.



Railettes

Kim Fowler, Railette Chair
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I'm very excited to have been named the new PSR Railette Chairman!

My greatest desire is that the Railette Program be planned around your wants and expectations, and to encourage others to participate. It is always more fun when more people come out to play!

I'd like to invite everyone to give me input as to what you'd like our organization to look like and make it more appealing to others who do not currently participate. I'm interested to hear your thoughts and ideas such as do you like being called a "Railette" or is there another name you'd like to suggest? Are you satisfied with the program that has been offered over the years, or would you like off-site activities, speakers, or something else that hasn't been thought of? What are YOU interested in doing all week?

This is YOUR organization, let's hear from YOU. I can be contacted via email at fowki@cox.net. I can't wait to hear your input and creating an even more exciting and fun convention week!



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Gateway to Cajon Pass

San Bernardino Hilton Hotel
September 25th thru the 29th

Prototype Tours

Thursday: Union Pacific Colton Hump Yard Tour and Tower Operations
Friday: Victorville CEMEX Plant Tour

Clinics ~More than 50 Different Clinics by Some of the Top Pros From 5 Different States.

Wednesday: Clinics start at 6:00 pm
Thursday: Clinics start at 8:30 am and continue until 9:00 pm
Friday: Clinics start at 8:30 am until 4:30 pm

Model Contest ~ Entries start Wednesday Night

Layout Tours

Thursday: Layout Tours all Afternoon
Friday: Layout out Tours all Day

Ops Session Layout

Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons in Beaumont, CA ~ This Large layout has
Never Been Displayed Before and Operates Like a Dream ~ Limited Sign-ups

On Site Club Layouts

Wednesday Night thru Saturday Afternoon at the Hotel featuring HO and Z Scale.

Saturday Morning Swap Meet by the Round House Gang and Prototype Modelers ~ Non-Registered Public Welcome

Chinese Auction

Friday Night: More than 200 Items will be available for you to win. Including a
Large Selection of Brass Locomotives and other High Quality Items

Awards Banquet and Guest Speaker

Saturday Night: Banquet Begins at 6:00 pm ~ Always a Great Time

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday Morning starting at 8:30 am until Finished

Registration ~ Includes a free 6 month NMRA Membership for non-members

Registration Fee is \$65 (Limited Time Offer) which includes the Banquet, go to the Convention Website
And Register Early – Money back Guarantee if for any reason you can not attend

<http://www.psrconvention.org/sb13/index.html>

Need Additional Information? Contact: Bob Mitchell at cajondivision@coastinet.com

2013 PSR Registration Form ~ San Bernardino, California ~ Hilton Hotel

Name(s):				
Address & Phone:				
E-Mail Address:				
Item	Price	Quantity	Total	
Full Registration Includes Banquet ~ Meal Choices				
Chicken Parmigiana	\$65.00			
Tri-Tip Steak	\$65.00			
Vegetarian	\$65.00			
Single Day Registration No Banquet	\$30.00			
Non-Member 6 month Rail Pass	\$9.95			
Raillette Luncheon	\$20.00			
Banquet Only ~ Spouse & Children ~ Meal Choices				
Chicken Parmigiana	\$45.00			
Tri-Tip Steak	\$45.00			
Vegetarian	\$45.00			
HO Scale Kadee Convention Car	\$24.95			
N Scale Convention Car	\$18.00			
Convention Pin	\$5.00			
Convention Patch	\$6.00			
Convention Shirt No Pockets	\$28.00			
Avail Sizes S M L XL 2X 3X 4X				Circle Shirt Size(s)
Convention Shirt with Pockets	\$30.00			
Avail Sizes S M L XL 2X 3X 4X				Circle Shirt Size(s)
UP Hump Yard Bus Tour	\$35.00			
Thur 9:00 am until about 1:00 pm				
Saturday Layout Bus Tour	\$35.00			
10:00 am until 4:30 pm				
CEMEX Bus Tour	\$35.00			
Fri. 9:00 am until about 2:30 pm				
Run-1 Engineer @ Orange Empire	\$45.00			
Railway Museum in Perris				
Pricing is per Person				
Manufacture's Clinic w/Joe Warren (Max 20 People)	\$45.00			Showcase Miniatures
Build a Trestle Clinic w/Carl Heimberger	\$20.00			Charge is for Materials
Total Amount of Enclosed Check				
Make Check Payable to:		The Cajon Division, Inc.		
Mail Check and Copy of this Form to:		Charles Abbott		
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http://www.psrconvention.org		Las Vegas, Nevada, 89131-4634		



Arizona Division

Candidates for Division Director



Dave Irick

It has been my privilege to serve you as the Arizona Director for the past two year. I solicit your vote of confidence to continue for another two year term.

Most of you know me and know that I am approachable and seek out ideas and opinions from fellow members. My heart and soul is dedicated to the betterment of our Division and I constantly seek the memberships input on how we can improve.

Besides Director I have been Contest Room Chairperson for the past two years, many of you are familiar with me in that capacity. I have worked hard to

make the contest room more accessible and friendly to all who wish to enter the contest.

Before I took on the job of Division Director, I was the Pacific Southwest Region Secretary for seven years. With nine years serving on the Region board I feel that I have gained the experience and ability to represent Arizona as it should be represented.

I am currently planning and forming a committee to host the 2015 regional convention in Phoenix. I would like to serve the next two years as Arizona Director so that I can see that project handled through to completion.

Thank you for supporting me these past two year, I hope that I can, with your support, serve another two years.



Cajon Division

Candidate for Division Director



Per Harwe

I would like you to consider me for the Director of Cajon Division for the next two year term.

While I am fairly new to NMRA, I have past experience in leading and organizing both volunteer

and workplace groups. During the past year I have held the position as Membership Chairman in the Cajon Division. Many of you may not know me that well, but I am sure you will find me a likeable person who is easy to get along with.

I have been a model railroader since I was 7 years

old. I grew up around trains; we actually had a freight yard outside our front door and a branch line outside my parents' summer house.

My skills in organizing, facilitation and communicating will be put to good use in strengthening the Division in to an organization where we have a much higher degree of involvement from members and Board. My goal is to increase the Division member meetings, both in California and Nevada so that every member, that so wish, will have several opportunities throughout the year to meet fellow members and to further their skills in our hobby.

I hope I can count on your support to serve you as your new Director for the next two years.



Los Angeles Division

Candidate for Division Director



Bob DeMoss

It's election time again and I am running for a second term as Los Angeles Division Director.

I like to take an active role in the Division, and believe I have done this. Besides working with the Division throughout the year,

I worked with Carl Heimberger and the L.A. Division Board members in putting on the Regional convention in Oxnard, California, two Springrails, and our train Shows at the Rancho Palos Verdes Botanical Gardens. Several Model Railroaders have contacted me; either by phone, meeting them at RR events or "E" mail, and I have addressed their NMRA and Model Railroading

questions. I appreciate hearing from other Railroaders, and will continue to be of assistance, and assist as much as I can.

I also attended the Board Meetings in Temecula and at the regional Conventions, in representing the L.A. Division, and will continue to do so. I would appreciate your vote.



San Diego Division

Candidate for Division Director



Peter Steinmetz

I am Pete Steinmetz and am running for Director of the PSR San Diego Division. Our division is one of the most active divisions in all of the NMRA. We have monthly events open to all members and guests. We actively recruit new members in order to

grow our division. My plan is to help increase the value of belonging to the NMRA.

I have been a model railroader since I was a child and have been a member of the NMRA since 2001. When I was traveling on business I was modeling with and an active participant in the PNR 7th Division in British Columbia. That got my juices flowing to be more active in the NMRA locally. Active participation in PSR San Diego followed.

I created the PSR San Diego Yahoo Group as a way to communicate with members in a more timely and cost effective manner. My good friend Ray Inbody asked if I would take over the membership duties, which I did, late in 2012.

At the beginning of 2013 I took over scheduling clinics for the division meets. My goal is to have clinics that contain new and exciting material that will be of interest to current members and attract potential new members.

I have developed a good working relationship with the leaders of the division. We are all able to work well together and have the same goals for the division.

I will represent The San Diego Division's interests on the PSR Board of Directors.



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May, 2013

Latest Update from the Peachtree Express 2013 NMRA Convention

A special note on our tours: While we are offering tours to please every taste, we cannot afford to operate tours that fail to meet minimum break-even levels. If you are interested in any of the tours - either layout, prototype or general interest - please reserve them now. We must notify

our bus provider by June 12 if any tours are to be canceled, so please don't depend on buying tour tickets at the convention. If enough people don't show interest by the cut-off date, we have no alternative other than to cancel.

The Atlanta Convention Committee has been hard at work for the last several years preparing a great schedule of events for your enjoyment and education. There is truly something for everyone. For the rail-oriented group:

- You can choose from over 200 clinics covering a wide array of topics and including sessions covering basic to advanced topics, even "Modeling with the Masters" clinics.
- Over 60 outstanding layouts in all scales will open their doors for your touring pleasure.
- The silent auction will be filled with bargains in all scales as well as books and railroadiana.
- The model celebration and contest is shaping up to be one of the best, so bring what you've been working on to just show it off, or have it evaluated for AP points.
- A Company Store will feature our unique HO and N scale convention cars, numerous items of logo apparel, and many other rail-related goodies.
- The convention banquet will feature professional family-friendly entertainment in the side-splitting "Lucy and Desi tribute show" along with Door Prizes.
- The National Train Show is shaping up to be one of the best. All the major manufacturers and vendors will be there, plus modular layouts in all scales.

Atlanta is rich in railroad heritage and we plan to highlight many local attractions. Prototype tours include:

- Visits to CSX Tilford and Hulsey yards and CSX railfanning (pending CSX confirmation).
- The unique operations of short line Georgia Northeastern
- NS intermodal operations and railfanning
- Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit (MARTA) heavy rail maintenance facility
- A ride over the famed L&N "Hook & Eye" route on our very own charter train
- Re-living the Great Locomotive Chase featuring a professional Civil War historian and visits to many of the actual locations where the civil war skirmishes occurred. You'll also be up close and personal with the actual "General" locomotive.
- A look into the future of transportation takes you to American Maglev's test facility and a ride on their prototype maglev train.
- Airplane buffs will not want to miss the tour to the Delta Museum, which is now planned to include a look at the Delta World Ops Center and training simulators.
- Opportunities to visit Atlanta's two premier rail museums--Southern Museum of Locomotive History and Southeastern Railway Museum.

Atlanta is a great family fun location, so bring the family. General Interest Tours include:

- An extensive array of non-rail clinics, a special ladies luncheon, an "open early-close late" hospitality suite, continuation of the Project Linus quilting activities, evening movie events featuring "Gone With the Wind" and other southern-flavor classics.
- A special evening at Stone Mountain Park to enjoy all the attractions and culminating in the fabulous Laser & Fireworks Spectacular.
- Tours to the Georgia Aquarium, CNN Center, World of Coke, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta Cyclorama, Carter Library, Martin Luther King birthplace and others.

Our convention venue is convenient and affordable:

- Located outside of downtown Atlanta, The Renaissance Waverly is the convention hotel. Your \$139.00 convention rate includes FREE parking and the hotel is directly connected to the Galleria Centre, site of the rail clinics and tour departures.
- You'll enjoy air-conditioned comfort throughout the entire Waverly/Galleria complex.
- The complex also features a covered walkway to Cumberland Mall, home to 140 stores and numerous restaurants.

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2013

June

- 22 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.
- 29 SFVRRHS 1000 to 1500. Pasadena Historical Society, 470 W Walnut St., Pasadena. \$2.00 donation

July

- 7 Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House LAMRS 14005 South Crenshaw Blvd., Unit G., Hawthorne, CA (Upstairs) <http://www.lamrs.org/openhouse.htm> <http://www.lamrs.org/info.lamrs@verizon.net>
- 14 Fairplex Garden Railway Open to the Public. 1100 to 1600. See <http://www.fgrr.org/calendar.html>
- 14 to 20 Peach Tree Express, Atlanta GA. NMRA National Convention <http://www.nmra2013.org>
- 27 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.
- 29 In the Heat Swap Meet, 9 AM- 1AM, North Baptist Church, Phoenix, Az.
- 31 - 4 Santa Fe Historical & Modeling Convention Flagstaff, AZ

August

- 4 California Express (Summer) Railroadiana & Transportation Show. 0900 to 1500. UFCW Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave. Buena Park, CA www.californiaexpress.net
- 10 San Diego Division Summer Meet Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park. Details TBA. meets@sandiegodivision.org
- 17 Beat the Heat Swap Meet 0900 to 1300 Prescott Activity Center, Prescott, Az.

- 24, 25 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- <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/swapmeet.htm> <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/Foundation/Home.htm> <http://www.rsrrpd.org/park/santasusanadepot/santasusanadepot.html>
- 28 to 31 33rd Narrow Gauge Convention, Pasadena Old Town, CA <http://www.33rdnngc.com/>
- 30 to Sept 2 Coconino County Fair—Flagstaff model Railroad Club Open House —1000 to 1700 www.AzDiv-nmra.org

September

- 25 to 29 NMRA PSR 2013 Convention Gateway to Cajon Pass <http://www.psrconvention.org/sb13/index.html>

October

- 12, 13 Scottsdale Annual Rail Fair, 1000 to 1700 MacCormick—Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ www.AzDiv-nmra.org
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- 19, 20 Banning Centennial Train Festival, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Banning Community Center, 789 N. San Geronio Ave, Banning CA 92220, Model Railroads of Southern California L.A Layout Tour #41
- 19, 20 Joint Open Houses of Belmont Shore Lines (N) and Angels Gate Hi-Railers (O) model railroad clubs. 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro, from 10 am to 4 pm. Swap meet on Sat. only 8 am to Noon. Free admission. For more info. contact Bill Costley, 310-831-1140 or bbcostley@earthlink.net



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