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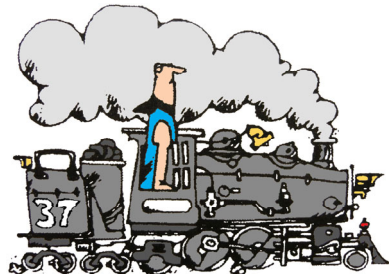
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Pacific Southwest Regional

## CONVENTION

### "ARIZONA JUNCTION"

Join Tony Koester and the Arizona Division convention team for a wonderful four days of scale and full size railroads in Arizona. Experience the Verde Canyon Railroad in Clarkdale; a welcome BBQ at Stillman McCormick Railroad Park; The "Wyoming Division" in Cornville; Ron Mei's "Sunset Route" and Frank Baker's "Morristown & Erie". Over 35 layouts in Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott. 40 plus clinics covering a wide range of topics, Hobo Auction with entertainment, and great Non-rail events. (Page 11)

[www.azdiv-nmra.org/psr2019convention/](http://www.azdiv-nmra.org/psr2019convention/)



### CAJON EXTRA #3704-2 North

Sunday March 17, 2019

Los Angeles Live Steamers, Walts Barn, Travel Town &

Hop aboard Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner #1767 for our trip along the coast to LA! Buy a ticket from the AMTRAK station nearest your home (most of us will be in Business Class) and we'll ride together to LAUPT. A bus will be waiting to take us to the three museums. At the end of the day the bus will take us back to LAUPT. We'll all have dinner together, and then take the train back to our respective stations.



## NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION & TRAIN SHOW

JULY 7-13, 2019, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

<http://www.nmra2019slc.org>



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# PSR BACKSHOP



Gary Butts, MMR, President

Hello and welcome to another new year for the Pacific Southwest Region of the NMRA. I trust that you had a good holiday season and have been “weathering” the relatively heavy weather we have been experiencing throughout our region this winter.

This year brings a lot of changes to the Region with an essentially all new PSR Cab and Board of Directors and some new volunteers as well. In addition to our continuing steadfast cadre of members that have been serving on the various Region committees over the years please join me in appreciation of our new Division Directors: Frank Baker, Jeff Herrmann, Mona Raymer and Trudy Seeley. Also joining our Board for this next term are Joel Morse, Treasurer and Bob DeMoss serving as our Region Historian.

Of course, what often comes along with a new bunch of directors are a bunch of new ideas of what should be done with the Region and this group is no exception. With the two primary goals of first and foremost, enhancing the NMRA experience to our existing Region members and secondly, ensuring that our NMRA Region and its activities are known and available to any prospective new or old model railroaders in our area.

Toward these goals the Region directors have had a couple of off-line meetings to proffer and consider suggestions. Individual surveys were conducted by the management of all four of our Divisions looking for common issues between the different Divisions that could be enhanced by action at the Region level. Not surprisingly, there were several ideas that were completely aligned throughout the Region. Since all of the current PSR Board is of the opinion that most of the positive experiences that our members enjoy come directly from Divisional activities it is felt that this is where the emphasis should be directed.

In an attempt to advance our thoughts into action at a more rapid pace, the PSR Directors have instituted quarterly meetings via electronic media augmenting our historical bi-yearly formal Board of Directors meetings held at the Region’s Convention and nor-

mally at the Cajon Division’s Spring meet. Unfortunately, this year’s Cajon meet had to be moved to a much later date and different venue due to a late cancellation of its contract by the venue holder.

This next formal BOD meeting will be an important one in that we hope to implement several changes in our Region’s asset distribution, Division financial compensation, Convention obligations and Achievement Program rewards. These changes will not be sweeping but should become more apparent as the year progresses. Because of the loss of the Cajon Division meeting venue, this next BOD meeting will still be held on the original Cajon Division event date of April 27<sup>th</sup> but it will be held at my residence. The meeting will start promptly at 1pm and is open to all NMRA PSR members in good standing. Due to relatively small amount of room available in my house, I ask that any non-BOD or non-Region Committee members wishing to observe the meeting please contact me directly so that I can estimate any additional seating that may be required.

On a different track, I hope that you have noticed a new (old?) look to our Region’s Dispatch newsletter. My hope is that we can permanently return to the Distpatch format held for many years with general information of interest throughout the Region for all of our members. In order to keep up with what is going on at the different Divisions, I have asked the Division Directors to each provide a column outlining what is happening or what is important to them relative to them and their respective Divisions and to provide a Division schedule of upcoming events so that members can feel welcome to attend events outside of their home division should they feel inclined. You will also find columns from our Treasurer outlining our PSR financial status, our PSR Membership chairman, Contest and Achievement program Committee Chairman will also have a presence in each issue relative to their appointments.

There will be space and welcome for pertinent articles from any PSR Region member having information or opinion containing region-wide interest. Until a new Editor steps up, send your inquiry’s directly to me.

Don’t forget to reserve your space at our September Convention in Arizona, and have a look at Cajon’s three Division SD-Cajon-LA Live Steamers trip as well.

-gb



## From the **V.P.**

Pat Raymer, Vice President

### What's New?

This is a question that is asked perhaps millions of times each day worldwide. I'll wager the most common answer to this query is "not much". Such is not the case as I write my first Dispatch article as the new Vice President of Pacific Southwest Region.

My name is Pat Raymer, and I am eagerly looking forward to serving in my new regional role. I have previously served as membership co-chair and Director in the Los Angeles Division. I joined the NMRA in 2011 at the National Train Show in Sacramento and have been involved with the L.A. Division advisory board ever since. I model in HO scale and my favorite road is the Santa Fe. But enough about me...for now.

### What else is new?

For starters, the PSR board. Almost all are new faces, from the President and V.P. to the Directors to the Treasurer to some of the committee chairmen. Secretary Dave Irick is the only remaining board member from the previous administration. There is a distinct advantage to these new faces, because with fresh faces comes fresh ideas. As you will soon find out, this new Board is very dynamic. We are taking a look at all aspects of Regional business. Changes have already been made and more are coming.

The Dispatch is also new, in a way. Ben Sevier, who has been the Dispatch editor for the last millennium or so (if you ask him) has decided it's time to hang up the editor's hat, or green visor, or blue pencil, or whatever you hang up when you stop being the editor. Thanks Ben, for your valiant service as The Dispatch editor!

Thus, we press on, with Gary Butts as interim editor (a.k.a. The Enforcer-the guy that will run your page blank with your embarrassed photo at the top if you don't get that article in before deadline). I can tell you right now that this is not Gary's preferred activity. Having performed editor duty for the Cajon Division's newsletter The Order Board, again for the previously mentioned millennium, I know that he would like to

find a talented and dedicated volunteer to take over. Did I mention the AP points you could earn as a regional newsletter editor? If you are that wonderful volunteer, please let us know! I know you would have a special place in Gary's heart!

### Where do I go from here?

As Vice President, I find myself in an unusual position. When I was Director for Los Angeles Division, my Dispatch articles were based on a report style: what's going on in the division? Now, I have at least one page in The Dispatch to fill. But what to fill it with? I know the President will do an amazing job keeping you up-to-date with the regional affairs. The Directors will report on their various division's information and activities. Committee chairs will let you know what's going on with their assignments. What's left for the Vice President?

For now, I think I will keep an open mind about my content. It may take the form of a report, an editorial, or a call to serve. Whatever form it takes at any particular time, I hope it will inform, entertain, and perhaps foster thought.

In the informational vein, I have volunteered as Chairman for the 2020 PSR convention, being hosted by the L.A. Division. The dates are September 9th-13th 2020. We have secured an outstanding hotel in Van Nuys, with a great room rate. My wife Mona (L.A. Div. Director and 2020 convention banquet chair) and I just did another site visit on Monday and I am very enthusiastic about this venue. Our convention committee is doing a great job getting the ball rolling. The convention committee has a few chairperson positions that still need filling, so, if you are interested in helping out in any capacity, please contact me at my email below. Stay tuned for more information.

In closing, I would like to invite ANY member to contact me with any comments, concerns, or ideas regarding the region. One of the great benefits of NMRA membership is social contact and interaction, and that is a two-way street. My inbox is always open.

See you down the line!

Pat Raymer-Vice President

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Frank Baker, Director

## Arizona

The Arizona Division Spring meet is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ. This is a new location to better serve folks driving from Tucson, Yuma and Flagstaff. The church is located close to a major highway.

Three clinics are planned. They include; Intro into the hobby for elementary students; Tsunami 3D programming and JMRI; and Update on 3D printing. A free lunch and movie is planned. There will also be a \$25 cash award for "Best of Show". (see meet flyer)

There are several railroad events; swap meets, great train show, etc in March and April. We have been supplied free tables at these events to show more about the NMRA. We typically get 3-4 people sign up for the 9 month RailPass. Included in the March timeframe is the Great Train Show which runs two days. We hope to attract a younger crowd. We find that attending these events keeps the NMRA in front of members and prior members as well. Feedback has been very positive.

The June summer meet has been cancelled due to all the 2019 PSR Regional Convention planning and staff requirements.

2019 PSR Convention planning is going very well. There are several articles in the NMRA magazine, Model Railroader and other publications that show many of the features of the Regional Convention. Hotel and member registration is according to plan. One of our feature events during the convention is the all day train ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. We currently have over 50 clinicians offering a wide variety of new and interesting clinics. The Non-Railers have many marvelous events planned for the convention including; Arizona Culinary Institute, Heard Museum, Light Rail with a lunch stop, Museum of the West, Musical Instrument Museum and many, many more. You will also find a video on the convention events. There are a large number of layouts on tour in Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott Valley. Check the division website for more convention information [https://](https://www.azdiv-nmra.org/psr2019convention/)

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There is a large contingency of Arizona NMRA members going to the NMRA National convention in Salt Lake City. We will have a promotional area to display our regional convention in Arizona. All Arizona Division members will be wearing the 2019 PSR Convention shirts. This has been very effective in attracting addition NMRA members. At our convention in 2015, we added almost 50 additional attendees from the prior national convention.

The Arizona division Fall Meet will be held in Tucson on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting schedule is still in planning.

### Upcoming Arizona Events!

When: Saturday, March 30, 2019- 9:00am to 4:00pm

Where: Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ, Scottsdale

4425 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, Az. 85251

Schedule: 9:00 am - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.

10:00 am - Business Meeting

11:00 am - CLINIC: "Intro to the Hobby—T-Trak for elementary Students" Jim Tuck

NOON - Free Lunch and a movie / Provided by the division / sub sandwiches and beverages

1:00 pm - CLINIC: "Tsunami 2 programming & JMRI" "Steve Van Goor

2:00 pm - CLINIC: "Update on 3D Printing" Jim "Doc" Shafer

3:15 pm - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.

4:00 pm - END OF MEET

NEW! BEST OF SHOW AWARD PRIZE \$ 25.00

Contests: A complete line up of NMRA contests is planned. We are including Levity, Favorite Train and the ever popular photo contest. The Favorite Train subject will be "REEFER'S". Levity will be "ECONOMY PASSENGER TRAVEL". Trains are a maximum of ten cars.

Frank



Jeff Herrmann, Director

## Cajon

I think that Model Railroading is the greatest hobby in the world! This spring and early summer Cajon Division will be hosting a number of events and activities that will offer something of interest to all model railroaders. Most of these events will be not only be open to Cajon Division Members, but we will accommodate as many members from other divisions as space will allow. Our Division Board of Directors recently approved a new event format that will award Cajon Division recognition plaques to Contest Winners, Merit Award and Achievement Award recipients. We will also give Hobo Auction tickets to Contest Entrants and Winners instead of vouchers. For more information on each of our upcoming events please watch for "The Order Board" (division newsletter) , check our website regularly <https://www.cajondivision.org/> or email me at: [Director@CajonDivision.org](mailto:Director@CajonDivision.org)

- March 17th: AMTRAK train trip to LA Live Steamers, Walt's Barn and Travel Town Museum. We will be traveling on AMTRAK Pacific Surfliner Trains #1767 and #1590, board a roundtrip bus at Union Station (\$25 extra fare) do the tours, lunch on your own at LALSRM's Kountry Kitchen and dinner on your own at Olvera Street
- May (date TBD)- Henderson, NV Event
- June 14th-16th- Second Annual Cajon Invitational Module Modelers Meet (CIM3) at Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center (2 Irvine Park Road, Orange). This meet features six Southern California modular railroads set up and running for a weekend of running trains for fun and helping Boy Scouts earn

their Railroading Merit badge. The event is open to all NMRA members, participating Club members and pre-registered Boy Scouts and their parents. Each NMRA and Club member can bring one guest, but the event is not open to the public. Saturday morning will be devoted to helping Boy Scouts earn their Railroading merit badges with all clubs participating in teaching merit badge requirements. We also will have clinics, a contest room, swap meet, hobo auction, and clinics for NMRA members throughout the weekend!

- August 3rd-4th- Great Train Show at Pomona
- September 25-29- PSR Convention hosted by Arizona Division
- October 26- Fall Event at Lutheran Church in Buena Park



# Los Angeles

Mona Raymer, Director

Hello PSR members,

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to you. My name is Mona Raymer. Since my husband, Pat, ran for and was elected as the Vice President of the PSR, I was honored to be able to take over the position of Director of the Los Angeles Division.

I hope that 2018 was a good year for you and you had a wonderful holiday season filled with family and friends making new memories and being able to enjoy lots of train activities.

December 2018 was a slow time in the Los Angeles Division, as we were all enjoying the holiday!

But, with last year behind us, we have hit the ground running. A number of the Los Angeles Division Advisory Board members attended the Great Train Show held in Ventura on January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. We set up tables to promote the NMRA, provided a lot of free magazines to attendees and also had a coloring table for the children. We had great success in obtaining new members: 4 for the Los Angeles Division, 1 for the Cajon Division and 1 for the PCR Region as well. This was the first time that the Great Train Show had been held in Ventura in 9 years. Some stated that this show was smaller than when it was previously held there. But, it is felt that if the show continues to be held in Ventura again, it will grow and be better every year.

We all had a great time seeing all of the vendors that are committed to the hobby as well as the modular groups that bring their great layouts to enjoy. It is always wonderful to see old friends and make new ones at these shows!

By the time you receive this copy of the Dispatch, the Los Angeles Division will have held their annual Membership Meeting and Banquet on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which we are giving Mary Barstow, MMR, a well-

deserved Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions and service to the Los Angeles Division.

There will be a lot of events that will be held this year by not only the Los Angeles Division, but also the Cajon Division, the San Diego Division and the Arizona Division – comprising the Pacific Southwest Region.

If you have the opportunity, please try to attend the events being held by all of the divisions in our Region. You will have a great time sharing the fellowship of other modelers, seeing your old friends and perhaps making new ones as well.

So far, the upcoming events for the Los Angeles Division in 2019 are as follows:

April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual SpringRail  
College Ave.  
Church of the Nazarene  
8221 College Ave.  
Whittier, CA 90605

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Great Train Show  
Pomona Fairgrounds  
2200 N. White Ave.  
Pomona, CA 91768

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Annual Freight Fright  
South Coast Botanic Gardens  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

I look forward to seeing you at some of these events ~ if we haven't met yet, please introduce yourself!

Until next time....Happy Modeling!

Mona Raymer  
Director, Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA





## San Diego

Trudy Seeley, Director

Happy 2019! It looks like we have an exciting year ahead of us, with our monthly layout tours, quarterly Meets, and some exciting special events planned!

Our first layout tour of the year was on January 12th at the home of "Shotgun" Tom Kelly in El Cajon for the unveiling of his HO Train layout. The 10 foot by 7 foot layout encompasses a downtown area (complete with a radio and television station), a residential area, industrial area and a full railroad yard. The layout was designed by Tom and constructed by Lloyd's Layouts in Paramount, California. If you would like a peak, check it out on YouTube under "Shotgun Tom Kelly's HO Train Layout."

On February 9th, we held our Winter Meet at the Clairmont Christian Fellowship Church. On the schedule were 2 clinics, a Hobo Auction, Show & Tell, and plenty of treats for snacking. There were over 28 attendees, all engaged and participating in the discussions, questions, and of course the auction. There were over 100 items spread out over several tables.

Dick Roberts, MMR, gave a brilliant tree building clinic where he showed the jig he created to quickly make evergreens that were really quite nice (not just for background trees). He showed the process step by step, and during the break, he helped anyone interested to create their own trees to take home.

We also had a fascinating EduTrain clinic on the "Pursuit of Realism" produced by Lance Mindheim and presented by Ben Sevier. It covered Lance's philosophy about improving realism in a model railroad layout by focusing on scene composition, modeling the ordinary, and managing color.

For Show & Tell, Paul Wilfong brought a desert scene diorama he is currently working on and shared the things he has learned and some of the challenges he encountered. Bob Behm brought 3 detailed dioramas that highlighted his beautiful craftsmanship.

Our MARCH layout tour [which may have passed by the time this Dispatch comes out] is on March 9th in Carlsbad. It is Chuck Molnar's Hon3 layout of the Rio

Grand Southern. The track is hand laid and Chuck has done a wonderful job with the scenery. Most of the structures are wood kits or kit-bashed wood. He estimates that the layout is 95% done. He only runs steam trains on the layout which is wired NCE DCC. He has a lot of nice structures including stamp mills, gondolas and wooden trestle bridges which existed in the mining era there. Chuck is a former member of the La Mesa Model RR club and does operation sessions on his layout with long time friends from the LA area. The layout fills a three car garage area!

The April layout tour is TBA, and will take place on April 13th. Information will be posted on the SD Division website.

Our Spring Meet will be May 11th. In addition to our regular Spring activities, we will have officer elections. As our Superintendent and Clerk/Paymaster have both been in those positions for many years, they're looking for a little break, so we'll be looking for a little new blood (although they will still be involved to support the new officers!)

Several San Diego Division members are looking forward to an exciting joint train trip (with Cajon & LA Divisions) on March 17th. We will board Amtrak in San Diego (or wherever one's closest station is) and travel to Los Angeles Union Station. There we'll board a minibus to the Live Steamers, Walt's Barn and the Travel Town Railroad Museum.

A look far ahead (November): Plans are under way for the San Diego Division to take part in the 100th Anniversary celebration of the completion of the San Diego & Arizona Railway at the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association's Campo site. Many special programs, activities, events and projects are planned for that day. From their website: "Re-enactment of the original 1919 Gold Spike ceremony. There is a possibility that a direct descendant of John D. Spreckles will participate. Dignitaries and invited guests from San Diego and Imperial Counties and Baja, Mexico, will be present and take part in the program." For more info: <https://www.psrn.org/centennial-day/>

Please get out and enjoy our wonderful hobby, modeling, operating, & riding trains, with each other, or with new folks. It keeps our internal fires lit!



## PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

It is with great pleasure and humble honor that I accepted the opportunity to serve as the PSR Treasurer on December 18, 2018, taking over for Tom Draper (due to serious health issues) after his many years of service to the Region membership. I have been serving as Treasurer of the Cajon Division since 2016, and will continue to serve in both capacities at the pleasure of the PSR Boards of Directors in accordance with the Region By-Laws.

I live in Garden Grove, CA, and I am still working full time at a small land planning and environmental consulting firm, where I have been a Vice President and CFO since 2006. I have been an N Scale model railroader on and off since the early 1970's. I left the hobby during college and early adulthood, but rediscovered my passion for the hobby in the early 80's, and have been modeling ever since. I model the New York, Ontario and Western in Upstate New York in 1954, on my layout, and I'm an avid operator.

Together with PSR President, Gary Butts, MMR, since my appointment, we have reviewed the Regions' financial accounts and have relocated the regions' Checking Account to a local Wells Fargo Bank branch, to simplify banking transactions. Additionally, we are liquidating the Regions' underperforming Securities Account, in the expectation of reinvesting the proceeds with a local securities advisor.

### **Region Assets as of January 1, 2019:**

**Wells Fargo Checking Account: \$17,225.90**

**Securities Account: \$19,800.00 (the liquidation and transfer of this account is anticipated to generate additional value, which is unknown at this time)**



## PSR Membership

Pete Steinmetz, Membership Chair

### **Membership - What Happens Behind The Scenes**

Your division membership people work mostly behind the scenes on a monthly basis.

We get the latest rosters at the beginning of the month. The various reports we get are a regional roster, new member report, renewals report, 30 days past due and 60 days past due, a former member report, and the dreaded deceased member report. All are sent in raw form. I divide by division except the former member report.

Division membership chairs welcome new members and contact the 30 and 60 days past due members. We find many members who show up on the 30 day past due report have just overlooked their dues. The contact from membership is welcomed and gives our membership people a chance to communicate directly with the member.

We also have tables at train shows and various other events introducing potential new members to the benefits of NMRA membership.

As most of you know, the membership in the NMRA is aging. We try to keep the members we have and recruit new members. Recruiting is a job many local members are active in. We are always looking for new members. Contact a friend. Bring them to a NMRA event. Introduce them to other members.

### **Some stats:**

Arizona Divison has 365 members

LA Divison has 218 members

Cajon Divison has 334 members

San Diego Division has 135 members

That is a total of 1052 members.

Should members have any questions, contact information for your division membership chairs is on your division's web page. Feel free to contact them.

I have been the PSR Membership Chair for a number of years. Before that I was the Membership Chair of the San Diego Division.



## Achievement Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

Congratulations to all the Pacific Southwest Region members who participated in the Achievement Program this last 12 months it was a very active year for us. We issued 14 Golden Spike awards, 35 Merit Awards and 23 NMRA Achievement Program Certificates. And in addition, cleaned up several AP Certificates that had been mis-directed in the past several years.

If you have been holding back and not participating in the NMRA Achievement Program, you may want to rethink that. The PSR Achievement Program Team has taken on a more aggressive role this past year and are here to help you achieve success. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your Division's AP Manager or myself. If you do not know who your AP Manager is here is the list.

Arizona – Bruce Petrarca, MMR  
Cajon – Gary Butts, MMR  
Los Angeles – James Keena  
San Diego – Paul Schmitt

There have been some recent changes in the required paperwork, yes, the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) is still required and must be filled out completely, but the Record of Validation Form is no longer required. But it may be helpful to you for some categories such as Cars, Structures, Motive Power, and Dispatcher which do normally take a few years to complete, it gives you a score sheet, so you do not have to dig through reams of paper to find information in filling out the SOQ, but it does not replace the SOQ.

So..., everything you have done is on your home layout. You do not need to chop it up and bring it to a contest at a Division Meet or Region Convention. We will put together a team and visit your layout at your home to evaluate your work. In order to expedite the process, I would suggest meeting with your Division AP Manager and have him review the Merit award sheets and SOQ's before the site visit by the evaluation team.

This will allow the team to make better use of their time reviewing your work. Things the AP Manager or review team will not do is fill out your basic paperwork or dig through reams of paper looking for required submittal items. You do need to show some initiative.

Another thing: do not over think the paperwork. Here are a few hints.

Construction: Tell us what you did, parts you used and any special construction techniques. Also, if you drew plans attach them.

Detail: This is all about things you have added to the model, how many and how hard was it to add them. Give us a list of added items.

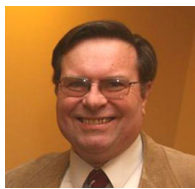
Conformity: Tell us how it conforms to a prototypical structure, car, or motive power. Also go on-line and find a photo. It does not have to be the exact replica but something similar to what you built will help get you Conformity points.

Finish and Lettering: Yes, normally a wood trestle is not painted and has no lettering, but it is weathered unless it is brand new (if so tell us that), the rail is rusted, the wood is distressed on an old bridge and do not forget the rust stains from the rail and bolts. Tell us about everything you painted, stained, weathered, lettered, etc. on your structure.

Scratch Built: If any of the model is from a kit you are limited to the number of point you can get, but by adding details you can at least get up to 10 points. Again, tell us what you added and if it is totally scratch built.

Like I said, we have had a very good last 12 months and want to keep the momentum going. I know there are excellent modelers out there, so why not get the recognition you deserve? And it is a lot of fun once you have done a few merit evaluations and you will meet some new model railroaders who have the same interests you have.

So, climb on board the Achievement Program Train, it really is a lot of fun and I and the entire PRS AP team would be happy to welcome you aboard.



## The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair

In the Show Room this time at the 2018 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention in San Diego we had a very good selection of arts, crafts and railroadiana displayed that was enjoyed by attendees. Several prototype and model photos were also entered for people's choice popular vote. Combined with the models, modules and displays there were a total of 69 individual items entered into the Show Room for display, popular vote or merit evaluation.

The actual number of models entered this time was limited, but the quality of the craftsmanship was outstanding. It was also encouraging that these members were willing to display and share their models for fellow members to enjoy. In addition, NMRA AP Merit evaluations were conducted on nine models, of which six earned Merit Awards with scores of 88 points or greater. Here are the results of the people's choice popular vote along with the earned merit evaluations where applicable:

**Steam Locomotives:** 1st Place, Nick Lisica  
Pajaro Valley Consolidated Railroad # 6 2-8-0

**Passenger Cars:** 1st Place, Nick Lisica  
Pajaro Valley Consolidated Railroad #4 Coach

**Freight Cars:** 1st Place + Merit, Vic Cavalli  
Navarro County Narrow Gauge Stock Car # 154  
2nd Place: Nick Lisica  
Pajaro Valley Consolidated RR Boxcar # 218

**Non-Revenue:** 1st Place + Merit, Andrew Arney  
Pile Driver

**Structures On-Line:** 1st Place + Merit, Nick Lisica  
AT&SF Olive, CA Depot  
2nd Place + Merit, Richard Hock  
NYC Pacemaker Warehouse  
3rd Place + Merit, Andrew Arney  
Mail Pouch Water Stop

**Structures Off-Line :** 1st Place + Merit,  
Carl Heimberger, Kelset Silver Mine  
2nd Place, Frank Baker  
Elwell's Bar

**Display Off-Line:** 1st Place, Dale Minard  
Grossmond Winery

**Modules:** 1st Place, Allan Phillips, MMR  
Hon3 Module: Valverde  
2nd Place, Paul Stoner  
Clinton Depot  
3rd Place, Paul Stoner  
Michigan Avenue at Division Street

**Favorite Train:** 1st Place, Allan Philips, MMR  
Hon3 Mixed Train  
2nd Place, Annette Palmer  
PCC Street Car  
3rd Place, Mel Marquardt  
Lionel 50 Gang Car

**Photos Color Model:** 1st Place, Annette Palmer  
Two Truck Shay  
2nd Place, Annette Palmer  
California South Coast

**Photos Color Prototype:** 1st Place, Annette Palmer  
BNSF on Sullivan Curve  
2nd Place, Pete Steinmetz  
New Amtrak P5A at San Diego Depot  
3rd Place, Annette Palmer  
Union Pacific on Sullivan Curve

**Best of Show:** Kelset Silver Mine Mill by Carl Heimberger

As you can see from the results, a few categories only had one model entered. I encourage you to at least bring your models to display as part of the People's Choice Popular Vote. Who knows, you could be our next recipient of an award and recognition.

If you are working on obtaining your NMRA achievement certificates or your Master of Model Railroad-ing, your next opportunity to display or have merit evaluation performed on your models, arts, crafts and photos are coming up at the following currently scheduled events:

**April 13, 2019** at the Los Angeles Division SpringRail in Whittier, CA

**May 4, 2019** at the PCR Convention in Sacramento, CA

**July 10, 2019** at the NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT

**September 28** at the PSR Convention in Mesa, AZ

The NMRA achievement program is both educational and satisfying by way of recognition of your accomplishments in modeling as well as acknowledgement of your efforts of promoting model railroading. I look forward to seeing you and your models, arts, crafts and photos at a future event.



# 2019 PSR CONVENTION

September 25 - 29th, Mesa, Arizona

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- Opening Convention BBQ at McCormick / Stillman Railroad Park / layouts on display / ride on the park train
- Huge Indoor Swap Meet
- Kalmbach book signing table, layout room, manufacturers tables
- Contest Room
- 50 plus Clinics
- Non Rail tours / Musical Instrument Museum / Heard Museum
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Convention hotel is the **Sheraton Mesa at Wrigleyville West**, centrally located off the 101 and 202 in Mesa. The PSR convention Room Rate is \$110, plus tax.

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We look forward to seeing you in Arizona. Remember to bring your models for judging and AP Evaluation. Most of all, be prepared to have a marvelous time.

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