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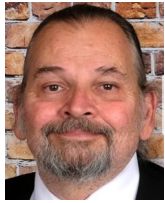
SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention
August 4 - 11, 2024, Long Beach California



The NMRA National Convention at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach in August is coming up quickly! Check out their website at:

<https://surfliner2024.org>





FROM THE WAYCAR

Pat Raymer—President

Siempre Avanti! (Loose translation: Always Forward)

This phrase has been my internal mantra for over a year now. Siempre Avanti! No matter what comes along, always move forward. Moving forward has not always been easy these days, but forward we must go!

Serving as the primary Chairman for the SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention has presented a number of unique challenges, some very unexpected. At the end of this past January, we were notified by NMRA National that they were cancelling the contract with the Long Beach Convention Center, where the 2024 National Train Show was to be held. This was a financial decision on their part, but led to added burdens for the convention committee. The decision had to be made between having no National Train Show, or holding the train show at another venue. Since no other appropriate venue was available at this late date, the decision was made to hold the train show in the convention hotel. This resulted in a need to re-assign space usage in the hotel, and re-schedule or eliminate some planned aspects of the convention. This also caused a diversion of available convention planning time, which resulted in delays. We are currently working through these challenges, and we will still produce an outstanding National Convention.

So, long story short (too late!), there will be a National Train Show at the SurfLiner 2024. It will be a more intimate train show than has taken place at past conventions, but there is one great advantage: you won't have to leave the hotel to go to the train show! There will be layouts at the train show but, as a result of the reduced space, fewer layouts will be able to set up. Those that do will be smaller in footprint than they would have been otherwise. For more information about the National Train Show, or to apply for a vendor or layout availability, contact Jenny Hendricks at NMRA headquarters by email at: ntsreg@nmra.org.

All of the other aspects that you have come to expect from a NMRA National Convention will be taking place at the SurfLiner 2024 National Convention.

Motor Coach tours are planned to take place Monday through Friday to layouts, prototype, and general interest

destinations throughout Southern California. A full schedule of clinics will be offered, including eight Modeling With The Masters® hands-on clinics. The Celebration of Models (contest) room will have some of the most outstanding models on display—don't forget to bring your entry!

Our SIG (Special Interest Group) room will be hosting the OPSIG (operations), LDSIG (layout design), WIMRR (women in model railroading) SIG, and other railroad and historical SIG's. The OPSIG and LDSIG groups will be hosting their separate tours and dinner.

Our Non-Rail program, which we are preferring to call our Plus One program, will feature many activities not necessarily related to railroading. We are also going to continue the legacy of the Project Linus program. For those of you who are not familiar with this, Project Linus creates quilts and blankets at the convention which are later donated to children's hospitals and other deserving locations.

At this point I would like to remind our members in all Divisions of the Region that the SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention incorporates the PSR Regional Convention. There will be no other Regional convention in 2024. We will be holding our PSR annual Board of Directors meeting as well as our PSR membership meeting at the SurfLiner 2024 convention. The PSR Member of the Year awards will be presented at the membership meeting, and I hope to see you there!

If all this sounds like a pitch for the SurfLiner 2024 convention, it is! It will be many years before the NMRA National Convention returns to California, and even more before it returns to Southern California, so I recommend you take advantage of this golden opportunity in the Golden State!

One more thing before I sign off: It takes a lot of people to produce a convention, particularly a National convention. Please remember to check the "volunteer" box when you register. We have many opportunities for volunteers, with varying time commitments, so don't feel you will "miss the convention" if you volunteer. Volunteering at a National convention also garners you some of the highest Achievement Program volunteer points available. You will also receive a nifty safety vest featuring the convention logo that you can proudly wear and let everyone know "I helped!"

See you down the line—in Long Beach!

Pat



THE PSR BACKSHOP

Gary Butts, MMR
Vice President

As most of you have probably noticed, our Pacific Southwest Region has been prominently displayed to the whole NMRA association in the form of a series of cover photos and featured articles in the NMRA magazine every month since last November. These articles and photos are centered on layouts located within our Region that are slated to be a part of the layout tours offered by our upcoming 2024 Surfliner NMRA National Convention in August. This series of articles is slated to continue right up to the Convention date and has and is providing a great opportunity to get the word out about our Convention.

There is nothing like with having your layout on the cover of a national magazine to well up a little well-deserved pride in your hobby accomplishments.

If you have volunteered to open your layout for one of the tours during the convention or are considering it, be sure to contact our Region president, Pat Raymer to inquire about having your layout included in the NMRA magazine series. There are several options when it comes to producing the article. You can supply the complete written article and photos if you feel up to it, or we can take the photos with the Region's camera and photo stacking software to go with your article or even find an author to write the article if you are not inclined. This is a great opportunity for our Region and our individual modelers to show the Association what we can do out here in the West. This chance will be a long time returning, so don't let it slide- contact Pat to see if there are any article slots still open and get to writing.



Membership

Rudy Spano, Membership Chair

PSR Membership is still strong. Our total membership as of February 2024 is 947 members. We are up 26 members from February 2023 and four members from October 2023. The breakdown by Division is San Diego – 146, Los Angeles – 209, Arizona – 331 and Cajon – 261. Looking back to last year, Los Angeles has had the most growth year to year at 21 members. Arizona is second with 17. San Diego is even and Cajon lost 12 members. Overall, the Division Membership Chairs are doing a great job of growing and maintaining our membership.

I would like to highlight some activities of the LA Division regarding membership recruitment. John McGreevy, Membership Chair for the Division notes that he attends the Santa Susana Depot swap meets, held four times a year, to promote the NMRA and our upcoming convention. In addition, Pat and Mona Raymer along with John and Molly McGreevy attended the Great American Train Show in Ventura. Pat and Mona also attended the Great America Train Show in Costa Mesa. Both visits were to promote the NMRA and our upcoming convention in Long Beach. Thanks to each of you for efforts on behalf of the Region.



Historian's Report

Per Harwe, Historian

Per has indicated that he has not received any new historical information and is hoping that members remember to provide Photos, Pins and Badges of past events to him for our archive. - Ed.



Cajon

Harold Helland, Director

The Cajon Spring Meet will be held on April 27, 2024, at the Messiah Lutheran Church courtyard in Buena Park. We are expecting over 50 members to attend and to learn something new from the clinics. Between the swap meet and the Hobo Auction there will be plenty of opportunities to find something you really wanted for your home model railroad. We expect several members to bring models for show and/or evaluation for merit awards which lead to achievement certificates. A pizza lunch and a chance to renew friendships is always a part of our meets.

The Cajon Division is also hosting the Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. If you would like to show off your home model railroad, please contact our division Superintendent, Joel Morse. If you are in the early stages of your home model railroad this is also an opportunity to get some input from our members to make your model railroad even better.

This is a big year for the Cajon Division. The 2024 NMRA National Convention, SurfLiner 2024, is the responsibility of the Pacific Southwest Region. SurfLiner 2024 will be held at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach August 4 through August 11, 2024. The planning process for the convention is in progress and will be a joint effort of all four PSR Divisions. We also need numerous volunteers to help the week of the convention.

Please consider joining the SurfLiner 2024 Convention Team and contributing to the success of the 2024 NMRA National Convention.

I would like to send a special invitation to all Cajon Division members who have not participated in our Spring and Fall events to join in the fun and learning experience offered by the Cajon Division events. You

will have the opportunity to learn something new from one of our clinics, have your models evaluated for your Achievement Certificates, or find something you would like for your model railroad from our Hobo Auction or Swap Meet. I also encourage all of you to bring models for the Celebration of Models whether for show or evaluation. Not every model has to be evaluated for a merit award. Your NMRA membership will quickly become more meaningful as you participate and become part of the active Cajon Division members.

The Cajon Division is responsible for the 2025 Pacific Southwest Region Annual Convention, the Pacific Southwest Express. The convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Irvine. I have volunteered to be the 2025 Convention Chairman, so if you would like to volunteer to be part of the organization team, please contact me at your convenience.

CALLING ALL CLINICIANS! AND THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO BECOME ONE...

Is there a subject that is near and dear to your heart that you would like to share with others? Would you like to help advance the knowledge of our members? **The SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention is looking for volunteers to present clinics.** Clinic subjects can range from prototype railroads, railroad history, modeling techniques, electronics, scenery, layout design, operations, non-rail subjects, and more than I can list here. Don't be shy-your subject may be just what we are looking for! By the way, if you are participating in the Achievement Program, your clinic, with a handout included, is one of the highest possible author points available! Don't delay-submit your proposal today! Go to www.surfliner2024.org and click on the clinics page to find the clinic proposal form.

Pat Raymer, Chairman

SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention



Arizona

Chris Thompson, Director

To finish off the year prior to the holidays, our monthly Zoom meeting for December included a scenery clinic by MMR Clark Kooning. Clark showed us how he makes and paints plaster rock moldings on his layout with various casting and coloring techniques. There were lots of great information in this clinic, and based on how good the pictures looked over Zoom, I'm sure the real thing on his layout looks fantastic.

With all of the end of the year holiday activities behind us, the Arizona Division has had an active first quarter. The Saturday Zoom meets for January and February were replaced with all day make-and-take clinics hosted by MMR's Clark Kooning and Peter Youngblood. The January clinic was scratch building a wood branch line coaling facility, and in February the clinic covered building a hydrocal structure kit. In March the topic was styrene kit-bashing a line side storage shed using a boxcar shell. I attend two of these, and you always learn something from these clinics even if it is a topic you are already familiar with.

Our spring in person meet on March 9th was held in the Phoenix area. Clinics included a "Bell Ringer" mini clinic series in the morning. This consisted of several mini clinics set up at tables in the meeting room, and members would rotate from table to table every 15-20 minutes at the ring of a bell. These quick clinics included topics on applying decals, introduction to the train simulator game Trainz, checking wheel and track with an NMRA gauge, weathering, and introduction to Arduinos. I enjoyed all of them and learned some new thing along the way. In the afternoon we had a clinic on Re-Making Your Layout. MMR Bob Ginger explained how he changed his railroad over the course of a few years from one that was not originally designed for operations to one that serves well for operations today.

Our quarterly sub-division meets continued in the Sonoran Sub-Division and the High Country Sub-Division with groups gathering for lunch and visiting a layout afterwards. The Sub-Division meets have also been started in the valley area and are anticipated to occur quarterly.

The West Valley Sub-Division layout tour got a chance to visit MMR Bruce Petrarca's Rocky Mountain Pacific outdoor garden railroad in his back yard. One thing that really makes Bruce's railroad stand out from many of the other garden railroads I've seen are the backdrops painted on the fence. In the Phoenix area, most houses in developments have concrete slab fences around the back yards. They help to keep the blowing dust down (a VERY little), hopefully keep most of the snakes out, and they stand up to the hot sun. With mountain scenery painted on the fence, it really helps you get immersed into railroad just like on any indoor layout.

I want to congratulate our newest MMR in the Arizona Division, Jim Spice, MMR #759. I had the privilege of being on the evaluation team where Jim earned his last few certificates in early January. His Sn3 layout is something special, and if you ever have a chance to see it you will be impressed with his ability to capture the Rocky Mountain narrow gauge look.

On my own AP journey, I have constructed the benchwork for the peninsula on my layout over the last couple months. This part of the layout will have an engine terminal with a turntable and small roundhouse, along with a small yard. The area also will have a power plant, which will allow me to have a coal delivery location in addition to the diesel fuel, sand, and other materials required for engine servicing and maintenance. These features will cover some of the requirements for the Civil Engineer and Electrical Engineer Certifications. My intent with the design was to build the necessary components required for the AP program as well as have a layout that provided operating opportunities in the space I have available. Once I get the track laid on the peninsula and ensure it is all functional, I plan to build two small staging areas at each operation end of the layout. I will only have room for two tracks in each staging yard, but that will allow several other trains to be injected into the operating scheme. Then I can work on how the operations will be implemented, and on to working on the backdrop, facia, and scenery.

Hopefully you have registered to attend the Surfliner 2024 Convention this summer, but if you haven't, I encourage you to do so soon. It's only a few months away and you don't want to miss the great tours, layouts, clinics, or the National Train Show planned in August. I hope to see you all there!



Los Angeles

Vic Cavalli, Director

I'm composing this column with fewer than two weeks left before the first quarter of 2024 becomes history. It's been a busy three months for the Los Angeles (L.A.) Division I'm pleased to report.

January started with the Division holding another of our quarterly local-area visitations. This time at Ron Varnell's 1,400 square foot *Union Pacific Railroad* – a highly detailed, smooth running layout which is a real pleasure to view and/or operate. Better than seventy-five (75+) guests were hosted to a free lunch of hot dogs, chips, choice of drinks, and dessert; as well as great camaraderie.

This was followed up with the *Great Train Show* making its annual stop at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, February 17th and 18th. As usual, L.A. manned a recruiting table; this year co-staffed by fellow National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) members from the Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region!

Administratively, February also found us holding out bi-annually scheduled election for the Division's Executive Board. Elected were: Jeff Smith (Superintendent), Kevin Spady (Paymaster), and Nick Lisica (Chief Clerk) – each being installed March 9th during L.A.'s Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner Banquet.

A quick summary regarding this year's banquet. It was held in the private dining hall of *Franzone's Pizza and Spaghetti Villa* in Cerritos, CA. Attended by nearly two dozen members or guests – including Pacific Southwest Region's (PSR) President Pat Raymer and Vice-President Gary Butts, MMR – the dinner included a gigantic all-

you-could-eat Italian buffet, and concluded with a surprise gift (compliments of *Railmaster Hobbies* of Bellflower, CA) for each NMRA member attending. A great big THANK YOU! to Leticia and Jeff Smith for organizing this most enjoyable evening.

Onto L.A.'s March, and beyond, activities: the Division is busily planning our next "open house". Tentatively scheduled for late-April or May 2024 and likely in Ventura County. Details forthcoming shortly via MailChimp.

We are also considering hosting a potluck picnic at Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park, Los Angeles; likely a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, possible in June or July. Anyone interested in attending?

Of course, the Division continues its sponsorship/hosting of monthly *Sand House Chat* "roundtable" Zoom meetings, available to all PSR members, the first Thursday of each month. Sessions typically last for about 90 minutes and consists of a dozen or so members; each having an opportunity to talk about their latest project or adventure; sometimes, simply to ask the group for advice or their opinion on some product or modeling technique. An upcoming milestone: "Chat" will celebrate its three (3) year anniversary this July.

Finally, I reminder *SurfLiner 2024*, the NMRA's annual National Convention and Train Show is only a few short months away; headquartered at the recently renovated Westin Hotel in Long Beach, CA, August 4th –11th. Numerous local NMRA, as well as non-, members have been spending countless hours of effort in preparation of your arrival. This is going to be something special. A gathering not to be missed! Information/details may be found at: www.surfliner2024.org.





San Diego

Tim Foote, Director

GOLDEN SPIKE AWARDS: Steve Harris, and John Vavra

MEMBERS: The San Diego Division of the National Model Railroad Association has 146 members.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION:

The San Diego Division holds activities every month. It also issues a quarterly newsletter, The Mail Hook, covering club activities, informative articles on rail-roading and model railroading layouts and modeling techniques.

Summer Meet, August, 2023: We had a swap meet and two clinic presentations and food.

Clinic 1: Using the Raspberry Pi Pico, A New Alternative To The Arduino Nano or LEDs and LDRs and NeoPixels, by Paul Wilfong.

Clinic 2: Got Rust? A Hands on Clinic for Rust Applications by Wayne Pierce.

September, 2023: Mike Komo's layout tour of his Santa Fe Railway Needles District N scale (1:160) model railroad layout.

October, 2023, we visited the North County Model Railroad Society and Swap Meet in Oceanside.

November, 2023: Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum located in Balboa Park. Events included Bingo for Trains, Show & Tell, food and two clinics. Layout tours were provided of the San Diego Model Railroad Society's O scale 2-rail layout and of the La Mesa Model Railroad Club.

Clinic 1: Bob Chaparro's Right Of Way & Tracksides clinic.

Clinic 2: Ken Clark's Brass Clinic.

January, 2024: Jay Styron's HO Scale Model Railroad Layout Tour

February, 2024: Winter Meet at the S-Gaugers model railroad layout in La Mesa.

Clinic 1: BlueRail Trains. David Rees, founder of BlueRail Trains (developers of the SoundTraxx Blunami and the Bachmann EZ App), gave the story of the development, capabilities and future of direct wireless train control and how it may apply to today's hobbyist.

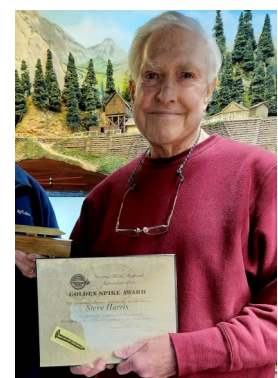
Clinic 2: A DCC Steam Throttle. Kyle Jensen controls his steam locomotives using his custom built DCC & Sound Steam Throttle. The throttle is built to physically resemble an actual steam locomotive cab, including gauges, a throttle lever, a rope to ring the bell and more. Kyle presented the process and problems of building the throttle using a 3D printer. He also discussed his methodology in setting up the electronics for the throttle.

April, 2024: Wayne Pierce's On30 Model Railroad Layout Tour. Wayne's layout is a freelance version of a prototype railroad in the era of the 1950s to the 1970s, named the Minierton Railroad & Lumber Co. It depicts a portion of the he Minierton Railroad & Lumber Co. which purchased a section of one of the railroad lines, in 1952, from the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (1870-1992). The Minierton Railroad continued railroad operations on this line into the 1970s. The railroad is highly detailed and indicates Wayne's expert artistic skills as a modeler.



Golden Spike Recipients:

John Varva



Steve Harris



The Show Room

Mike Allee, PSR Contest Chair

Mike was unable to submit a report this quarter.



Awards Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

2024 PSR Awards First Quarter

2024 has started out as a good year with nine AP certificates being issued and one MMR. Let's keep up the good work and make this a banner year for the PSR.

Here are the AP Certificates issued so far in 2024.

Chuck Molnar – Electrical Engineer
 John Vavra – Electrical Engineer
 James Spice – Structures
 James Spice – Master Builder Cars
 James Spice – Civil Engineer
 James Spice – Electrical Engineer
 James Spice – Master Builder Scenery
 Mona Raymer – Dispatcher
 Steve Bradley – Master Builder Cars

And our first MMR of 2024

James Spice – MMR #759

Okay I get it. It can for some of the AP Certificates take a few days to find the information and fill out the forms. But compare that to the thousands of hours you most likely put in on building your layout that make a few days seem insignificant. And please do not over think what is actually needed. Here are some helpful hints.

For Volunteer, Official and Author all you need to do is keep track of the time you spent as an official, for author the pages of articles you have written and for volunteer the hours you spent doing clinics, working NMRA meets and conventions. I would bet a lot of you have earned at least one of these so just spend the time and fill out the paperwork.

If you have built a layout or some modules you most likely have meet the requirements needed for structures, scenery, civil, and electrical. Again, just keep track of what you have done. For structures and cars keep all the merit awards in a folder and you will be

amazed how soon you will meet the requirements. The same goes for civil and electrical you most likely have drawn a track plan and that will work for both certificates along with a few other drawings and some track work. For scenery once completed just take some good photos and a very short write up on the techniques used to build the scenery. One page is all that is required.

So that leaves Dispatcher, Motive power and Prototype Models, like running trains in a prototype manner then dispatcher is just a matter of putting in the required time in four operations jobs. Yes, for motive power you need to scratch build a self-powered locomotive but it can be just a critter. Prototype modeler is just finding a photo of a scene you like that has the required elements in it and build an exact copy.

Remember this is not a test but just recognition for the fine model building you have done over all these years. Is becoming an MMR for everyone? NO, just like in the Boy Scouts not every scout will reach the rank of Eagle but you still can have tons of fun and just enjoy the hobby. Model railroading is meant to be fun and meet the needs you want it to fill.

Need help? Contact your Division AP Manager.



Build more models and bring them to the convention in August!



PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 37 TREASURERS FIRST QUARTER DIS- PATCH REPORT

SUMMARY:

During the period November 30, 2023, through March 22, 2024, there were several PSR financial transactions, both deposits and credits.

On the credit (expense) side, National Membership Rebates to the Divisions totaling \$857.00 were distributed, as well as a \$514.41 payment to InMotion hosting for 2 years of PSR region and division website, Domain and Backup services.

On the Deposit Side, only the NMRA National Membership Rebates (\$857) were deposited in this period.

The on-line Bank Statement indicates that the Region had \$21,851.28 on 3/21/2024.

Note that the PSR loaned \$10,000 in "seed money" to the 2024 Convention Committee, which remains outstanding.

PSR Wells Fargo Checking Account:

Region Assets as of November 30, 2023:
\$21,508.69

Region Assets as of March 22, 2024: \$20,994.28

Net Change this period: - \$342.59.

NMRA YouTube Channel

If you have access to the internet take a minute to check out the NMRA YouTube Channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBbDHVLodgxn8otpnudMsHdQMucCzcTWD>

While it is challenging to watch videos live during the week if you are a working person, these video recordings of the presentations give you access to many events you might not otherwise get to see.



If you ever get to Sacramento definitely pay the excellent California State RR Museum a visit. The NMRA has opened a world-class museum exhibit, "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" at the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) in Sacramento, CA that showcases many of the historical artifacts to outline the history of the hobby over the years. This exhibit, the first by an outside group at the Museum, is designed to the highest standards and contains many of the NMRA's historical artifacts as well as a strong representation of current products and model railroads.



Call for Candidates

The Pacific Southwest Region (PSR), National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) has the following offices coming open for election:

PSR President PSR Vice President

Any member in good standing with the NMRA (or who is applying for such membership) and living within the boundaries of the Pacific Southwest Region consisting of the Four Divisions (Arizona (AZ), Cajon (CJ), Los Angeles (LA) & San Diego (SD)), may run for either office. Each elected candidate will assume office for a period of two (2) years, coinciding with PSR's Annual Membership Meeting in August, 2024.

Duties and responsibilities of each office as found in the bylaws of the PSR:

President and Vice President as Directors. In addition to the Division Directors in section 5.02(b), the President and Vice President shall be Directors of the board. The President and Vice President are elected by a majority the general membership of the Region casting a vote.

The PSR President as chief executive officer of the organization is charged with the conduct of all BOD meetings, the appointment of committees, the execution of all documents authorized by the Board of Directors, and the supervision of the general business of the organization.

The PSR Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and assist in carrying out the duties assigned to the President. In the event of death or resignation of the president, the Vice President shall issue the notice for a Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy in accordance with Article V, Section 5.04(c) of the By-Laws and the provisions of this Manual under Vacancies in Office and assume the duties of the President until such a vacancy is filled.

The President and Vice President shall hold office for a term of two years. They may not serve for more than one (1) successive term.

**Submission of candidacy needs to be delivered to the PSR Nomination Chair, e-mail address:
John McGreevy nmrapsrlajohn@gmail.com no later than May 25, 2024.**



The 2024 NMRA National Convention
 "Surfliner 2024"
 will be in Long Beach from August 3 to 11, 2024

Did you know that the Pacific Southwest Region will be hosting the National NMRA Convention in Long Beach in 2024? Do you have a layout that you would like to share during the convention layout tours?

WE NEED LAYOUTS FOR THE LAYOUT TOURS!!!!!!!

If you would like your layout to be on the tour or, if you are building a layout and think it will be tour ready by August of 2024, please contact Tom Selinske at layouttours2024@gmail.com, or Morrie Fleishman at mefleishman@cox.net (949-351-7715) to get your layout added to our layout list. We will be reviewing all potential layouts over the next year to develop our layout tours and are looking for those awesome layouts that are hiding away in your basement or spare room! Detailed requirements for inclusion in the layout tours will be coming out in the next couple months. This is a first call for layouts and there will be plenty of time to finalize your participation over the next year.

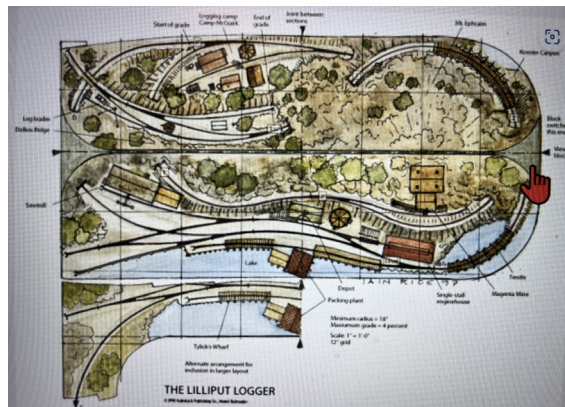
This convention is attended by a huge audience from around the globe and this is a chance to show off your modeling skills and railroad creations! In addition to the recognition of your peers, your layout may qualify for an NMRA Golden Spike award and can earn credit for other NMRA MMR Achievement Awards.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please have them contact Tom or Morrie.



What's on YOUR workbench?

If you have a project that you think is interesting or fun, drop the Editor a few pictures and just maybe you can get in a future issue!



Sean Williams and Kevin Spady's 5x10 On30 Wandering Spruce Railroad. The project is about 70% complete and is based upon Ian Rice' Lilliput Logger track plan. Still lots of work in detailing, water, landscape and buildings to go!

Join us in the heart of Silicon Valley for The Tech Line, PCR Convention 2024



The 2024 PCR convention will be held April 24-28, 2024, at the Sonesta San Jose hotel in the middle of the golden triangle in Silicon Valley. Room rates are only \$139 per night.



Amazing Layout Tours

The layout tours will feature some of the most recognizable layouts in the country as well as some new entrants. We currently have over 20 layouts committed to be open and expect have at least 30 open by the time of the convention.



Bob Brown
Tuolumne Forks



Dave Adams
D&RGW Durrin Branch



Ed Loizeaux
New York Central



Seth Neumann
UP Oakland Sub

The Best Clinics

Learn from some of the best modelers in the country at an array of clinics. There will be a Tech Line focus on new technologies in model railroading.

Daily Special Event Options

Clinics will be in the Morning and Evenings with the afternoons held open for special activities;

- ✓ Layout Tours
- ✓ Vendor Room
- ✓ Modular Layout in the Hotel
- ✓ Special Clinics
- ✓ Swap Meet
- ✓ Prototype Tours
- ✓ 3D Printing Demos

Don't miss this great opportunity to experience all the Bay Area has to offer for Model Railroading.

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