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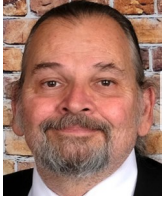


SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention  
August 4 - 11, 2024, Long Beach California



**The NMRA National Convention at the  
Westin Hotel in Long Beach, August 4 - 11  
is coming up quickly! Register now!  
Check out their website at: <https://>**





## FROM THE WAYCAR

Pat Raymer—President

### Hail and Farewell!

What a long strange trip it's been. Or should I say what a long strange train trip it's been. As I write this, my last Dispatch article as Pacific Southwest Region President, I can't help but look back on all that has taken place in the last four years.

It is start of the year 2020, and I am transitioning from my Vice-Presidency into the role of President. Planning is well underway for the PSR Regional Convention, the "Van Nuys Local". I had taken on the chairmanship of the convention, and everything was looking good. What could possibly go wrong?

Unless you were living in a cave in 2020 (which would have probably been the safest place to be), you know exactly what went wrong. COVID-19 came out of nowhere, and most of the world ground to a halt. No one knew what to do, and regrettably, we lost several members to the virus. Government regulations closed our convention hotel, and thus the "Van Nuys Local 2020" was not to be.

Now let's move forward to December 2020. 2021 is just around the corner, and although COVID is still in full swing, there are hopes for a better year ahead. At this point the leadership of the Arizona Division expressed the desire to secede from the PSR and form their own Region. There were certainly some valid points made for their reasoning, not the least of which was their geographic challenges and perceived sense of disconnection from the rest of the Region. The matter was presented to the National organization, and the proposal was rejected. Personally, I am pleased that the Arizona Division remained within the Pacific Southwest Region. I have many friends in Arizona, and I always look forward to seeing them.

The summer of 2021 arrives, and the grip of COVID relaxes enough to allow the Cajon Division to produce

a successful Regional convention. Things are starting to look a little more normal. The summer of 2022 arrives, and the San Diego Division is also able to produce a successful Regional convention.

It is at the Regional Board of Directors meeting at this convention that former Region President Carl Heimberger reported a contact by the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, looking for possible convention business for their city. A small group got together afterwards and discussed the possibility of hosting a National convention in 2024. The NMRA had made no plans for the 2024 convention and no host group had stepped up. This is when the SurfLiner 2024 convention concept began. I volunteered to chair this convention because I felt it would benefit the region, but perhaps it was also my revenge on COVID.

This brings me to January 2024, when we learned that the NMRA had cancelled the contract with the Long Beach Convention Center for the National Train Show. Despite the impact this would have on the SurfLiner 2024 convention, we resolved to carry on and produce an outstanding NMRA National Convention, highlighting everything Southern California and the PSR has to offer.

These are some of the challenges I have had to deal with during my term. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining, I'm just saying that it seems like more "stuff" happened during my administration than the average. I am proud to have helped the Region and its members navigate through some difficult times. I never could have accomplished this alone, and I would like to thank all who have supported me throughout. I would particularly like to thank my wife Mona for being my compass, cheerleader, and putting up with all these hijinks for the last 4 years.

I've had some really fun times with some really great people, and have no plans to stop doing that. I just won't be doing any "presidenting". Maybe I will finally get that layout built...

My best to all in the region, and I will see you down the line (as a Plain Old Member).



## THE PSR BACKSHOP

Gary Butts, MMR  
Vice President

As we close in on the fourth of August and the 2024 PSR SurfLiner National Model Association convention, things are really heating up! The PSR convention team has been busy for over a year preparing for this event and it is finally coming to fruition. With a core team of 16 – 20 committee heads meeting once a month for the past year and many more sub-committee members plus an additional estimated 70 – 100 volunteers, this effort is nothing short of monumental and promises to be a great success for everyone that attends. Talk about a fun experience. This is the first time I have been involved with a production of this magnitude and it has been a great time. Working with the various committee members has shown me what a common cause can do to bring people together in a good and rewarding way. It is not too late to get involved if you have any inclination: just contact Don Fowler [ddfowler57@gmail.com](mailto:ddfowler57@gmail.com) on the volunteer committee and offer your services. They have tons of assignments ranging starting at just a couple of hours. Your help is needed and you will enjoy helping out.

During the convention our Pacific Southwest Region will be holding its annual membership meeting on Wednesday evening (8/7 at 8:00PM– Ed.) where you will be able to meet up with all of your Region and Division member friends and find out what is coming to the PSR in the next year. There will also be a changing of the guard for the PSR in that our new PSR president and vice president will be introduced and installed (you did vote, didn't you?).

Stay safe, enjoy your model train hobby and I'll see you at the convention (look for me at the company store when you pick up your shirts, cars and etc.).



## Membership

Rudy Spano, Membership Chair

Our membership numbers remain strong, totaling 964 members for the Region as of May, 2024.

Our membership a year ago was 945 and as recently as February, 2024 we were at 947, so we have shown growth with all Divisions adding new members.

Thank you to the Membership Chairs of each Division for recruiting new members as well as working to provide good communication and benefits to our members to maintain our roster numbers. Layout tours, Sand House Chats, Division Meetings and Newsletters all provide a means to keep our members informed and engaged.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our National Convention in just a few short weeks.



## 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 for our archive.

His health condition has caused him reluctantly to offer his resignation from the Historian position. Anyone interested in helping to maintain the PSR NMRA history should contact our President - Ed.



## Cajon

Harold Helland, MMR, Director

The Cajon Spring Meet was held at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Buena Park on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We started with a very successful swap meet followed by five clinics. Lunch was the usual pizzas followed by our meeting and the Hobo Auction. The Hobo Auction provided plenty of opportunities to find something you really wanted for your home model railroad. My favorite part is the Celebration of Models which had several entries and five of the models achieved merit awards. If you did not bring a model this time, I 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.

The Cajon Division is sponsoring Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. The last home model railroad tour was Joel Morse's model railroad which was on June 15. We are also planning a day at the Orange County Model Engineers on December 7. If you would like to host a tour at your home model railroad, please contact our Division Superintendent, Joel Morse.

This year is a big year for the Cajon Division and the entire Pacific Southwest Region. The 2024 NMRA National Convention, SurfLiner 2024, will be held at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach August 4 through August 11, 2024. Please consider joining the SurfLiner 2024 Convention Team as a volunteer and contributing to the success of the 2024 NMRA National Convention. We need numerous volunteers to help during the week of the convention.

The Cajon Division is responsible for the 2025 Pacific Southwest Region Annual Convention which will be held at the Hilton Irvine - John Wayne Airport. The Pacific Southwest Express is scheduled from September 3 through September 6, 2025 and will feature modular railroads, home layout tours, prototype tours,

operating sessions, and numerous clinics. There will be opportunities to find something new for your home model railroad from the Silent Auction, Swap Meet, or Hobo Auction. We are planning four days packed with model railroad fun.

The hardest part of organizing a convention is gathering enough volunteers to make everyone's job easier. I am the convention chairman and am in the process of filling those volunteer positions. Please see the PSR 2025 Convention flyer near the end of the PSR Dispatch to see which positions on the committee are open. After you decide how you would like to help, please contact me at [h.helland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h.helland@sbcglobal.net) to add your name to the convention staff.

### SO, YOU KNOW SOMETHING YOU THINK OTHERS MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW?

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?

**Share your knowledge with your fellow modelers by presenting a clinic at local chat events, Division meets, Regional Conventions, or even at National events!**

Clinic subjects can range from prototype railroads, railroad history, modeling techniques, electronics, scenery, layout design, operations, non-rail subjects, and more than can be listed 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!



## Arizona

Chris Thompson, Director

Here in the Phoenix valley, the nice spring weather has given away to the summer heat as we get into June. For me that means less outdoor activities and more time to work on the railroad. As we get into summer, the threat for wildfires is increasing as we have seen already. Hopefully all of our members will be safe through the fire season.

The Arizona Division Saturday Zoom meets continued in April and May, including a double header in April! Many of you probably know or have heard of Duane Richardson MMR from his weathering and other clinics he frequently provides at National Conventions. We were treated to a video of his weathering clinic entitled "It Ain't Finished Until It's Dirty" which talks about the ways weathering occurs in nature and how to apply this when weathering your models. The following Saturday we had Duane live on Zoom to answer questions and give a few demonstrations on the techniques he uses to achieve the results discussed in the video. I have attended Duane's clinic previously, and I still learned more sitting through it again.

The clinic in our May Zoom meet was a presentation by Bruce Petrarca MMR describing the development processes he used to design and build his current garden railroad. The challenges he encountered apply to nearly any model railroad, like tradeoffs of the areas you want to include in your railroad, selectively reducing these areas to fit in your layout area, and operating trains with less than scale distances between stations. I found it very interesting, having recently designed the railroad I am currently building. The effort to work through issues and get a design that works for your vision is personal to each railroad, but is a common experience many of us can relate to.

Our sub-division mini meets are continuing. In mid-March, the High Country sub-division met in Kingman in northwest Arizona on Route 66. The meet included a visit to retired UPRR engineer Jim Krause's model railroad, followed by lunch at a diner on Route

66. I wish I could have made the trip; it sounds like a great time for all. The Phoenix East Valley got an opportunity to visit the impressive layout of David Doiron at the end of March. David's Lost Dutchman layout encompasses the entirety of his sizeable basement. I've been fortunate to be on the operating roster for the last few years on this layout, and there is always a load of action during an op session. The Phoenix West Valley was hosted by Bob Ginger MMR to see his excellent N scale layout after enjoying a delicious lunch and some great fellowship with a crew of model railroaders.

The Arizona in-person summer meet is taking place on June 29 in Prescott. All of us from the Phoenix and Tucson areas look forward to a break from the summer heat when we head up to the high country for the summer meeting. By the time this is published the meeting will have taken place, so I hope many of our members are able to attend.

With the hot weather in place, I have been spending more time working on my layout in the past several weeks. Since March, I have been working on the track for my engine terminal area. I installed all of the turnouts leading to the turntable, arrival / departure track, and the terminal support areas. At this point I got the turntable permanently installed. Then I had to dig out the tools to build more turnouts, which were completed and installed for the four yard tracks I have. I've been tweaking the final locations for a three stall roundhouse, a car shop, a sand house, fuel terminal, and a power plant. With all of that firmed up, I can finish the track to those buildings and get it wired up.

The SurfLiner 2024 is right around the corner, and I hope to see all of you in Long Beach. There are lots of awesome tours, both prototype and general interest, along with tons of clinics and layout tours. The week wraps up with the National Train Show and the Awards Banquet. It's a great opportunity to get to a national convention without having to travel outside of our Region!



# Los Angeles

Vic Cavalli, Director

Greetings from the Los Angeles Division (L.A.). My sincere hope this report finds you happy, healthy and doing well.

The last few months have been activities filled for members of the Division.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> the Division visited the *Santa Susana Model Railroad Club* in Simi Valley for a day of Ops on their *Santa Susana Pacific Railroad* and camaraderie (a pizza lunch provided by the club and drinks supplied by L.A.). Lightly attended, with a dozen or so individuals attending, feedback received, none-the-less, was very positive. [It's possible the lighter attendance was due to the club being located in Ventura County; where a lower percentage of our membership resides.]

June then found members of L.A.'s *Membership Recruitment/Retention Team* promoting the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), and the Region's up-coming hosting of its National Annual Convention, *SurfLiner 2024*, and National Train Show, at two (2) non-NMRA functions: a *Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society's* mini-meet, in West Covina on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the *Slim Gauge Guild Model Railroad Club's* bi-annual open house, in Pasadena, on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Three additional clubs – all within a few miles from each other – opened their layouts, *free* to the public, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They included: the Angeles Gate Hi-Railers (O Gauge Tinplate) in San Pedro, the Belmont Shore Model Railroad Club (N and Nn3 Scale) also in San Pedro, and the Los Angeles Model Railroad Society (HO and HOn3 Scale) in Harbor City. The weather was “picture perfect”, allowing all 3 groups to experience heavy attendance.

Now with the NMRA's Annual National Convention and Train Show only a quickly approaching month away – August 4<sup>th</sup> –11<sup>th</sup> headquartered at the Westin Hotel in downtown Long Beach, CA, the main focus for many of our members has turned to readying their personal home and/or club layouts for public viewing or Ops sessions. Still others are putting final touches on the clinic(s) they will be presenting to convention attendees.

If you haven't registered yet, do so NOW; time is rapidly running out! On-line sign-up can be found at: [www.surfliner2024.org](http://www.surfliner2024.org).

I would be remiss if I didn't give a **shout-out** to the many volunteers who have given of their time to make sure all the “little things” are completed prior to our first guests walking through those Westin Hotel front doors. Tasks such as: preparing attendee packets or assigning individuals to critical positions such as Information Desk Officers, *Celebration of Models* Room Monitors, Contest Judges, Company Store Clerks, Transportation Desk Coordinators and Bus Captains, A/V Equipment Managers, Clinic Room Coordinators, Hosts, and Assistances, as well as Plus-One Hospitality Hosts; to name but a few.

**Here is where you can still make a difference.** Even if scheduling conflicts prevent you from attending some/all part(s) of the convention, the *SurfLiner 2024* staff can use your help. They will find ways so that you, too, can become a memorable part of this convention. You may volunteer as little, or as much, time (as little as 2 hours?) as you want.

Trust I will see you there. Give me a “Howdy” if you see me first!





# San Diego

Tim Foote, Director



The San Diego Division remains active, holding layout tours and meets throughout the year. NMRA members are welcome to join us in all events except for the Holiday Party which is limited to San Diego Division members. Information about our events is at our web page: <https://www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/events>

For information about layout locations contact our layout tour coordinator Mike Hampson at [layouts@sandiegodivision.org](mailto:layouts@sandiegodivision.org)

The picture above is of a rural structure on Wayne Pierce’s O scale narrow gauge layout visited by the Division in April this year.



Recent Achievement Awards:

Master Builder Structure Bob Behm (Left).

Master Builder Cars, Steve Bradley (Right).



(Picture of the North County Model Railroad Society layout)



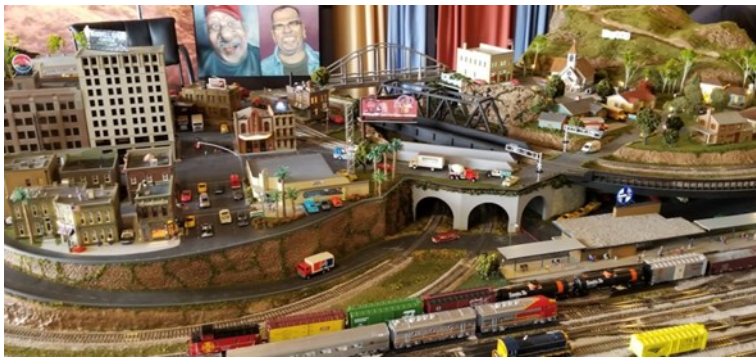
# San Diego

Tim Foote, Director

**May, 2024, Spring Meet North County Model Railroad Society,** The business meeting was held which included a vote for Division Superintendent. The Spring Meet also had show and tell presentations, two clinics, Achievement Program award presentations and door prizes. in the past for our group. The North County Model Railroad Society held their free swap meet and their extensive layout was on display.

Clinic 1: "Modeling Positive Train Control Rooftop Details in 2023" by Tim Harris.

Clinic 2: "Modeling Southern Pacific's Unusual Rolling Stock" by Ryan Di Fede and Don Fowler.



**June, 2024, Shotgun Tom Kelly's model railroad layout tour (picture left).** All model railroads have unique designs and features. One of the most unusual features of Tom's railroad is the entire model railroad layout moves up and down and is stored near the ceiling. The layout includes a city with multiple businesses including a barber shop, a radio and television, a movie theater, a mountain for the TV station's tower and transmitter, a tobacco shop, a warehouse, city office buildings, several billboards

advertising Shotgun as a radio announcer, a pool hall, a water tower, a city hall, a city apartment building, a Santa Fe train station, industrial areas and more.



**July 13, 2024, Layout Tour with John Vavra.** John has a wheelchair accessible HO/HOn3 model railroad, called the Santa Fe Lines, and the era is 1994. The location of the railroad is loosely based in Arizona and Colorado, USA. The cities modeled on the layout are Flagstaff, Arizona and then going northeast, he models the cities of Durango and then Silverton which are both located in Colorado. The standard gauge portion of John's railroad is based on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the narrow gauge railroad is loosely based on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (D&SNG). John is a very skilled modeler and has been published in model railroad magazines including Model Railroader.

**Preparations for The 2026 PSR convention in San Diego:** Preparations are proceeding with a hotel having been selected in San Diego's Mission Valley, and a contract has been signed with the Hotel.

**New Superintendent for the San Diego Division has been selected:** Following a unanimous vote at the Spring Meet on May 11, 2024, Don Fowler was elected to the position of Superintendent. The Division is pleased that Don stepped up to take on this position in light of the many tasks that he has performed in the past for our group.





## Awards Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

### 2024 PSR Awards Second Quarter

The second quarter had little activity, I think in part to the upcoming National Convention which is taking a lot of member's time.

Here are the AP Certificates issued for the second quarter of 2024.

Jay Styron – Golden Spike  
Ryen DiFede – Golden Spike  
DeWayne Koltin – Golden Spike  
Jay Styron – Scenery  
Micheal Guinn – Dispatcher  
Stephen Drees – Volunteer  
Rick Watson – Author and Volunteer

Although it is not my area of responsibility, I do work closely with Mike Allee the Show Room Manager on monitoring the AP Merit awards. And unfortunately, we still have evaluating happening that is not in line with the NMRA standards. Remember it only takes 87.5 point to get a Merit Award and that is equal to "C" average work. As evaluators we need to be sure we evaluate each and every model correctly.

First is Construction. How well is the model built? This is Construction only. Are corners nicely fitted, is roofing done correctly, any glue spots, basically how well was the item built. And yes, there can be some things that are done incorrectly, but you as an evaluator have to look at the model as a completed item and just how much did the mistake detract from the finished product.

Detail. Just how well was the model detailed and what was added to make the model exceptional. Yes, this can be a kit that has been kit bashed or a

lot of additional details added. And if scratch built most of it is details added.

Conformity. This is one that often gets graded wrong. The modeler needs to provide you some documentation on the item they built but do not expect the model to be an exact copy of the photo or other documentation. Simply, it does not have to be an exact copy but a representation of the documentation.

Finish and lettering. What we are looking for in this category is did the modeler finish the item in a prototypical manner. If it is something that should have been painted and how well was it painted? But remember, it could be an old dilapidated item so the paint will be well weathered. It can be a wood trestle so do not expect any lettering and, if not new, it should be weathered accordingly and should get points reflecting that work.

Scratch Built. This is straight forward if completely scratch built no issues. It gets the points if some commercial parts are used but you are limited to 10-point max. This has nothing to do with construction quality as that is addressed in construction.

So, we as evaluators are walking a thin line and it is not our job to discourage a new modeler but instead give feedback on what was done wrong and some positive feedback on what was done well. Just think back to the first few models you built and be honest. I am sure you thought they were perfect. This is a hobby that gives us an opportunity to share what we have learned over the years and help new members become better model builders. Nothing is gained by being over critical. In fact, it sometimes causes members to re-think their membership and involvement in the NMRA.



## PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

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#### TREASURERS SUMMER DISPATCH REPORT

##### SUMMARY:

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

On the expense side, National Membership Rebates to the Divisions totaling \$1,039 were cashed and a check for \$99.00 reimbursement to John McGreevy for the cost of ElectionBuddy for the PSR President Election was cut. Additionally, payments were made to InMotion Hosting in the amount of \$143.88 for Division and Region Website Hosting (4 x \$35.97).

On the Deposit Side, a deposit of \$10,000.00 was made from the SurfLiner2024 Convention Account to the PSR account repay the "seed money" loaned to the SurfLiner2024 in 2022. This loan is now paid in full.

The on-line Bank Statement indicates that the Region had \$30,623.69 on 6/30/2024.

#### PSR Wells Fargo Checking Account:

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

**Region Assets as of June 30, 2024: \$ 30,623.69**

**Net Change this period: \$,9,629.41**



SP #4449 Daylight at Oregon Heritage Railway Museum



## The Show Room

PSR Contest Chair

PSR is looking for a new Contest Chair! If you are interested please let one of our Board members know.

### 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.

## **A Visit to the Slim Gauge Guild Model Railroad Club**

**by Vic Cavalli**

One of the many "self-drive" model railroad layouts that will be available for viewing during the National Model Railroad Associate's Annual Convention, SurfLiner 2024, August 4th-11th is the Slim Gauge Guild. (Consult your Convention packet's Timetable for specific date(s) and time(s) the club will be open.)

On June 2nd, during one of their twice-annual open houses, I had an opportunity to view not their one but two expertly built layouts. The slightly larger of the two is in HOn3, the other in Sn3. Both are housed together in a 2,000 square foot basement.

The HOn3 layout is heavily influenced by the Denver and Rio Grande Western and the Rio Grande Southern railroads, and strives to model specific prototype scenes as accurately as possible. There are also areas of mixed standard and narrow gauge trackage; for example, Salida, CO. A feature I found interesting was the layout's "lower" height. I'm guessing maybe 44-46 inches off the floor? When asked, a club member shared it was intentional -- "it makes it easier for children to view the trains."

The Sn3 layout is a bit more freelanced in nature. I was told it is meant to loosely reflect the character of the Colorado and Southern Railroad, though what I saw during my visit was mostly D&RGW and RGS equipment running. There is also a "high line" branch, towering over eye-level, some 68-72 inches above floor level, with reflects northern California's lumber region and practices. My tour guide was proud to point out that all track work on the Sn3 layout is hand laid.



**D&RGW #490 pulling the San Juan Train  
HOn3**



**West Side Lumber Co. #14 makes a surprise  
appearance!  
HOn3**

Both layouts, however, follow a similar track planning style: busy rail yards venture out onto vast open landscape, where single track mainlines double back upon themselves to gain elevation only to eventually find it necessary to traverse tall, vertical mountains – some in excess of 7 feet high – either by following a canyon's water route or crossing over on spidery wooden trestles. Regardless, the attention to detail is exceptional.

Frequently working from historic photographs, the Guild's members strive to recreate everything down to the smallest detail; resulting in very realistic looking rock work and simply awesome water effects. There's even one river that flows in both directions?!?, though you'd never know it unless someone pointed it out to you.

To summarize my visit, whether viewing the HOn3 or Sn3 layout, you will be treated to finely detailed, weathered locomotives (most with sound) smoothly working their trains at scale speeds through spectacular scenery everywhere you look. And, all presented by some of the nicest, friendliest people you'll ever meet.

Note: the Guild is currently accepting new memberships. If interested, please contact Jeff Smith at [jeff@railmasterhobbies.com](mailto:jeff@railmasterhobbies.com) for details. The club is located at 300 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105



**RGS #455 Awaiting the next assignment = Sn3**



**First View upon entering the Slim Gauge Guild Layout—Sn3**



**D&RGW K-28 478 and unknown K-27 at Engine House—Sn3**



## PSR 2025 CONVENTION –

# *PACIFIC SOUTHWEST EXPRESS*

**SEPTEMBER 3 – 6, 2025**

**HILTON IRVINE – JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT**



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- ◆ **Welcome Reception**
- ◆ **Layout Tours**
- ◆ **Prototype Tours**
- ◆ **Operating Sessions**
- ◆ **Webmaster**

PLEASE join the Convention team by contacting Harold Helland at:

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847-302-1577

# Upcoming Model Railroad and Prototype Events

Area Covered: Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Mono, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura plus the PSR's Arizona Division; also including selected Regional/National Conventions

## Recurring Events

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays – Los Angeles Model Railroad Society “work” sessions, Harbor City

Saturdays – Corona Model Railroad Society Open House, Corona

Saturdays, July-May – Belmont Shore Model Railroad Club Visitation, San Pedro

**1st Thursday of each month – Los Angeles Division Sponsored “Sand House Chat” Zoom Session, 7:00 p.m.**

3rd Saturday of each month (except October) – Arizona Division Monthly Zoom Meet, 10:00 a.m.

Last Saturday of each month – Railmaster Hobbies' Model Railroad Fellowship Get-Together, Bellflower

## 2024 Events

July 1-31 – Rotation modular layout(s) display, Kaleidoscope Mall, Mission Viejo

July 13 – Trains & Coffee Swap Meet, Placentia, 8:00 a.m.

July 27 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Swap Meet, Old Santa Fe Station, San Bernardino

August 4-11 – NMRA National Convention, the “SurfLiner 2024” and Train Show, Long Beach

August 24 – A&M Garden Railroad Train Run, Orcutt/Santa Maria

September 7 – Orange County Model Engineers Open House, Costa Mesa

September 10 – Swap Meet, Adobe Mountain, AZ, 9:00 a.m.

September 11-14 – National Narrow Gauge Convention, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

September 14 – Chuck Molar's "Rio Grande Southern" Layout Open House, San Diego area

September 28 – Cactus Fall Train Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ, 9:00 a.m.

October 5 – Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers & Swap Meets, Encounter Christian Church, Bellflower

October 5-6 – Great Train Show, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar

## Upcoming Model Railroad and Prototype Events

October 12 – Trains & Coffee Swap Meet, Placentia, 9:00 a.m.

October 1 – Ryan Di Fede’s “Southern Pacific Railroad Cascade Line” Layout Open House, San Diego area

October 19 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Swap Meet, Old Santa Fe Station, San Bernardino

November 9 – San Diego Division Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego

## 2025 Events

February 15-16 – Great Train Show & World’s Greatest Hobby, Orange County Fair & Event Center, Costa Mesa

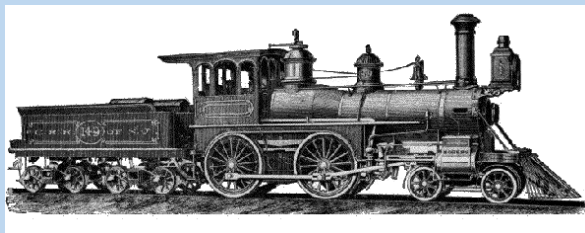
March 8-9 – Great Train Show, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura

March 27-30 – PCR Annual Convention, Daylight Limited, San Luis Obispo

July 14-19 – NMRA National Convention, “Station No. VI”, Novi, MI

September 3-6 – PSR 2025 Convention, Hilton Irving – John Wayne Airport, Irvine

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