



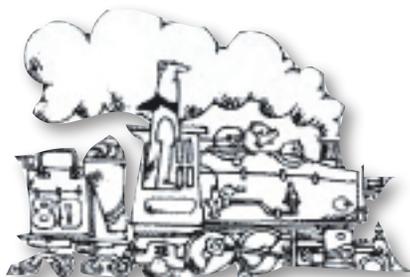
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This is my first Dispatch article as your new president. Please know that I am very grateful

for your support and look forward to working with our Board to serve you in the coming years. Ben Sevier did a great job as our previous president and we want to continue to build on what he accomplished. He has graciously agreed to stay with us as the Dispatch editor and replace me as the Convention Liaison Chair.

I have three goals as your new president;

Promote model railroading – We know that we are the “World’s Greatest Hobby” but we need to take every opportunity to get the word out to those who have not yet discovered us.

Increase our membership – We need the strength of membership to ensure that our hobby endures and grows. Members are also consumers of model railroad products and we need manufacturers to keep making a wide variety of high quality items.

Provide quality service to our members – We need to take a hard look at what we currently provide and ask if we are meeting the needs of our members. What would you like to see or receive that we don’t offer?

If you have thoughts and/or ideas on how we can accomplish these goals, please feel free to contact me or your Division Director to discuss

From the Hot Seat!

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and explore your concepts. We need your input and support to maintain a healthy organization.

We enjoyed an excellent Region Convention in September that was hosted by the San Diego Division. I was very proud of all our members who helped to make this event a great success. Their commitment and friendship is priceless and I look forward to working with them again on future projects. In my humble opinion, the friendships that are forged in our organization are what I consider to be the greatest benefit of belonging to the NMRA.

Here are some recent updates from National;

- Railpass Program: Since January 2009, 65% of Railpass joiners re-joined as full members. That’s about two out of three who have decided to stay with the NMRA. This success is largely due to the Divisions who are making their new members feel welcome and educating them about the benefits of membership.
- Diamond Club Scanning: Project manager Craig Sutherland reports that they have about 500 sets of diesel loco plans. Stephen Priest delivered about 50 boxes of photographs (approximately 700 photos per box) to Historical Archives Services (company doing the scanning) from the Kalmbach Memorial Library. This should be a great source of reference materials when it becomes available.

• All NMRA members are welcome to attend the Winter Board Meeting that will be held concurrently with the Budget and

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Happy New Year from the Arizona Division.

First of all, I'd like to recognize the members who have stepped up, gotten off the sidelines and joined the game. Thank you to Frank Baker, the new Spur Line Editor; Gordon Geiger, the new Membership Chair; Lee Stoermer the new Webmaster; and the two candidates we have for Director and Chief Clerk & Paymaster. I appreciate your willingness to be active members in our division. We continue to have a vacancy for Contest Chair and no candidate for Superintendent. If we're not able to fill those roles, we may not have a contest room, nor a leader for the Division.

A member called me to complain about the spelling of his name in the Spur Line. I apologized. Then he went into a long tirade about how this has happened before, etc, etc. I listened attentively, apologized again about the mistake. He continued on his rant. He explained the Webster's definition of an 'editor' is, and what I should be doing as editor. Finally, I asked if he had ever participated in a division level role. Particularly, one where he could ensure these errors do not recur or where he could positively influence the division. Not surprisingly, his answer was "No". I asked if he would be willing to fill one of the open positions. Again his answer was "No". You can draw your own conclusion, but for me, the phrase "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem" comes to mind. In the PSR, we have a number of folks who give 100%, are you one of them?

At a recent leadership meeting (Director, Superintendent and Chief Clerk & Paymaster) one key decision was in regard to Spur Line subscriptions. For over a year, we have been making it known that subscriptions are coming. The cost for the annual subscription is \$5.00. This does not even cover the cost to print and mail the paper versions of the Spur Line. But, we felt this is reasonable. The volume of those who paid for 2011 subscriptions by the end of 2010 is abysmal. So, effective with the Spring issue, we are reducing the format for the printed version to one 8 1/2 x 11" double sided page for the print version. If folks want more pages, they are asked to pay a subscription or read

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Temecula is here again and we have a great layout tour scheduled for you this year thanks to the efforts of Bob Chaparro. Nine clinics in all, Dinner, Chinese Auction and something new this year with a BBQ lunch at the Senior Center right after the clinics. This will give members a chance to sign up for layout car pools to make it easy on everyone. We did have to suspend the Friday night BINGO due to lack of room availability. During the past 12 months the Cajon Division held our annual events in Barstow and Temecula both of which were once again great successes. During the year we also held two free New York steak dinners for our members. The first was in Riverside at the Live Steamers Park and the second was held in Las Vegas. We had more than 110 attendees in all, and that's a lot of 1" thick Costco steaks. It was our way of saying thanks to membership and all who had volunteered for the Regional Convention in Las Vegas in 2009.

The Live Steamer's Park was a grand success and we plan to incorporate it into the program for our hosting of the 2013 Regional Convention that we are currently planning in Riverside, California. Might even have some night action at the park and an evening hosted BBQ.

Our up and coming superintendent hopefuls have either moved out of our division or can no longer serve our division in that capacity. So, we are now encouraging our members to step forward or our division could suffer in the long run. Carl Heimberger is now the Superintendent for the LA Division and has recently informed me that he can no longer serve as our Superintendent. Good luck to Carl who will have his hands full planning the LA Division's Regional Convention in 2012.

I am now working with a new editor for the Order Board and would like to welcome aboard De Mell Skelton. Thank you De Mell.

We have a new foreman for the Las Vegas area (Joe Dorner) and hope to have at least two local events there this year. Joe has hosted meets at his home many times over the previous years and they have always been

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Activity Reports



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Carl Heimberger does not rest. Aside from being elected vice president of PSR, he is now working to create a new LA Division loaded with energy. As our superintendent, he organized the October 23-24th South Coast Botanic Garden Model Train Show. The event, in spite of weird threatening weather, attracted about 1000 people. Jay Kelly and his team from The Southern California Garden Railway Society created two very nice layouts challenged by both weather and location. The 'Z' scale modular club layout had an unusual layout design and was very nicely presented. Casual demonstrations were given throughout the weekend and attracted many interested attendees.

With his capable leadership, our division held the Alhambra Model Railroad Meet. Jeff Smith did the lion's share of organizing the event. Featured were clinics, a model contest, and raffle. Activities chairman Mike Allee, and clinic presenters Lloyd Lehrer, Ed Sikora, Jere Ingram, Tim Tschappat, and Jim Fuhrman supported Jeff. The location is perfect and has enough space to allow for many interesting activities. Good attendance and enthusiastic modelers indicated that this is an event that the division plans to repeat in the spring of 2011. Praise and appreciation go to Jeff for a well-organized event.

L A Coupler continues to be discussed. It is almost totally delivered electronically. Debate remains over its dates of distribution. Readers can expect format changes as well. The main consideration is to have a publication that best serves our membership and most effectively promotes events.

2012 PSR Convention managers are needed. Carl and his new staff are looking at the Ventura area as a site for 2012 when it becomes our turn to host the region convention. You can never start making plans too soon. Please consider being a member of this team.

Ben Sevier, Convention Chairman, along with a most talented team from San Diego, presented "Clear to San Diego in 2010." We attended great clinics and saw beautiful layouts. The Campo Tour was terrific. We took the train down to the border and enjoyed numerous

Yikes, it's 2011! How did that happen? Well, you know they say "Time flies when you're having fun," and we've been having great fun here in San Diego.

Once we got the convention behind us in September, we got back to our regular schedule. Thanks to all who attended, and especially those who helped out by presenting a clinic, entering a contest, or just pitching in. We had a very successful convention.

In October we visited the North County Model Railroad Society to see their layout expansion. They're on the second floor of a Boney's Market, and there is plenty of space to expand, as their budget permits. They have added a loop, and are developing industries for it, but they've also added a bigger work area, with space and facilities to accommodate DCC programming and troubleshooting.

In November we had our Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum. In addition to catching up with the various museum layouts, we had a wonderful pot luck lunch, clinics by Rodger Gredvig, MMR and Dick Roberts, and the ever-popular Chinese Auction. Rodger talked about ways to facilitate completing the paperwork for contests and the Achievement Program, and Dick demonstrated his method for making pine trees, complete with some home-made tools. December brought our Christmas Party, hosted by Superintendent Fowler and his wife Kim, complete with running trains and a white elephant gift exchange. This event is always fun, and a great way to end a very successful year.

Dick Roberts graciously hosted our January layout tour on his Nevada County Railroad. His railroad is based on the Nevada County Narrow Gauge, but after they re-laid the rail to standard gauge. Dick has put together a great running layout, in the mushroom style (multi-level) and a group of us get together regularly to operate on it. The tour introduced some novices to it, and they were suitably impressed. You've seen his work in the model railroading press and in clinics at regional conventions.

Most recently we've just completed our Winter

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Fireman's Seat

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Due to personal reasons I was only able to attend the 2010 PSR Convention to give my 2 clinics so there is not a lot I can say about it other than everyone I have talked to said it was great. Thanks to all the San Diego Division Members for putting on a first class event.

In looking for information on the upcoming PSR Convention in Flagstaff, I read with some interest the Arizona's Director Report in their fall newsletter, and in many ways I agree with his assessment of the lack of membership interest in taking on leadership roles. Many of you became a member of the NMRA so you could enjoy attending various NMRA Division/Regional/National meets and Conventions. So the question is when is the last time you volunteered to assist in any of these events? For those of you who have, and there are many of you, a big thank you and keep it up. For those of you who have not, it is really time to step up and help. After all, this is your organization. The NMRA leadership at the Regional and Division level is 100% volunteer, and from my perspective the leadership base has not changed significantly over the past 12 years - for the most part it is just the same group of members swapping jobs. Where this may be good for those of you who do not volunteer, it is very bad for the growth of the organization. As with any business, to keep on the cutting edge and competitive new products or in our case new ideas must be brought forward to keep up the interest of the membership. My challenge is to those members who have been over the past years enjoying the fruits of others labor, it is time to step up and assist with your next Division event or there may not be any more events to attend.

There are lots of things that need to be done in planning and executing a successful event, some are low profile some high profile so pick one that works well with you personality. Here are a few examples of help needed to put on a typical Division Meet.

- Help in securing the event venue.
- Design the event flyer and assist in sending out the meeting notice to the membership.
- Assist at the registration table by signing in participants, collect admission fee, or hand out event packets.
- Do a clinic, after all we are all modelers so we build

things for our layouts, a clinic is just telling someone what you did, and you do not need the slick Power Point Presentation. (In fact I prefer the hands on type clinics; there is nothing more boring than someone reading to me a power point presentation).

- Oversee the contest room or help in the judging of entries. (You will be amazed at the modeling tips and ideas you will pick up by judging).
- Plan a layout tour or volunteer your layout for the tour.
- If the event has a lunch or dinner associated with it help with the arrangements.
- If a raffle or auction is part of the event help obtain raffle/auction items and assist in setting up the raffle/auction and selling of tickets.
- If all the above jobs are too threatening for you well there is always a need for "GRIPS" (a grip is someone who grabs a table/chair and helps set up the rooms) this is clearly a non threatening job.

My point here is it takes a lot of members working as a team to put on a successful event whether it is at the Regional or Division level, and it can be totally overwhelming for just one or two members. But if the duties are spread out to a dozen or more members everyone can come home from the event and not be burned out. So the next time your Division is planning an event, step up and ask what can I do to help? And for you Division/Region Boards Members do not be afraid to ask for help, what is the worst that can happen someone will tell you no. Don't take it personal and you have several hundred other members in your division and not all will say no, just the ones who are in it for the free ride. It is time for each and every member of the PSR to step up and help make Region/Division events better.

PSR Elections Coming Up Your Input is Needed

The current terms of the Division Directors are coming to an end in September at the Annual Membership Meeting during the 2011 PSR Convention in Flagstaff. If you know of someone who is interested in either of these positions, or are interested yourself, please contact Tom Draper prior to the Mid-Year BOD meeting in March, 2011:

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Hi Ladies,

Well, the wonderful convention in San Diego has been over for awhile, but I still find myself remembering many of the fun times we had there. Kim Fowler is a marvelous hostess and had so much planned for us ladies. It was fantastic. The make an' take clinics were excellent. The various demos were unforgettable, and inspiring. It is amazing the work some of our very talented ladies are doing. The Ladies Vendor Show on Saturday, was out of this world. We have representatives from Avon to Arbonne, and Creative Memories to Pampered Chef. We had demos on chocolate tasting and stamping for card making. There was not a dull moment all day. The ladies luncheon was an excellent box lunch put together by the hotel. The entire three days had more activities packed into them than you usually get in five days at any fun destination.

The Chinese Auction and Silent Auction was great. The laughter that rang through the room was due to all having a fun time. Model Railroaders and their ladies know how to party.

Those ladies who were registered but did not bother to stop by the Railette room, shame on you. Not only did you miss out on a perfectly wonderful three days filled with fun, laughter, learning new things, meeting new friends and renewing friendships from conventions past, but there were goody containers with your name on them and yummy candy inside that you missed. You missed all the fun we had and all the new things we learned. But that was your choice.

To those ladies who came to the Railette room every day, thank you for making the convention a fabulous experience. We laughed, talked, made items, renewed friendships, and meet new friends. What more could we want out of a convention.

Again, Kim, thanks for a wonderful time and thanks for all of the time and effort you put into making it a wonderful time for all who stopped by the Railette Room.

Hope to see more of you in Flagstaff, AZ in 2011.

Editor's Note - Yes, this is the first Dispatch in a few quarters. Between work, the 2010 Convention, a new computer, and personal life issues, I was unable to get the previous 2 editions out. My apologies - it's a volunteer job, and life sometimes gets in the way. Hopefully this year will be better - Ben

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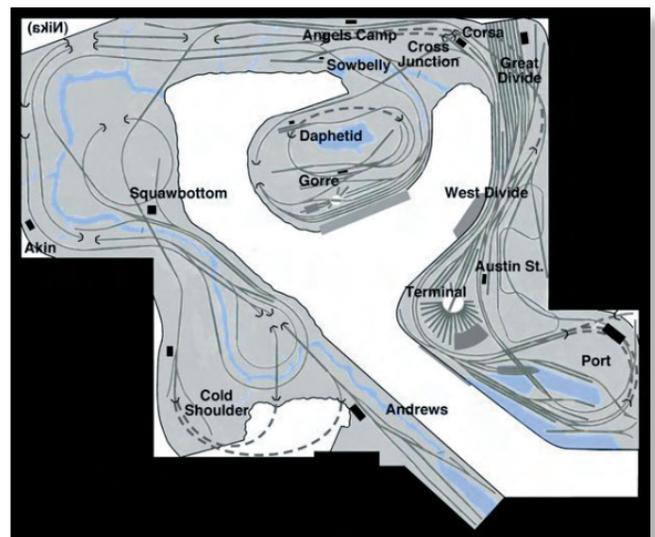
Memories of the *Gorre & Daphetid*

Running the Passenger Train

Article by Rod Smith in the PCR 'Branchline'

As far as I remember, the passenger run was the only train which had a schedule for departures and arrivals at the stations along the Gorre & Daphetid (G&D). The through freight run departed at a set time from Great Divide, but ran as an extra. The passenger train, on the other hand, had to follow a schedule of departures from each station. Of course, it could be running late, but it was not allowed to depart early. It departed Great Divide at 7:00 AM. We normally ran a consist of green heavyweights composed of four cars; a baggage, an express reefer, a combine and a coach. The G&D also had a red streamliner, but John discouraged its use, preferring the heavyweights or the gas electric car. Number 49, a 4-6-0 was the normal power; sometimes we ran #50, a Pacific which was painted green.

The G&D trackage was never completed. Only one bridge remained to be built when John died. The high bridge between Angel's Camp and Cold Shoulder was missing. There was however a track called "the cutoff," a connection between Great Divide and Gorre, which was planned as a connection to allow continuous running. This track entered a tunnel behind the Great Divide throat and emerged at Cross Junction. Because all trains left via the "cutoff," the train would be pulled from the Great Divide passenger terminal by the yard switcher and delivered to the suburban station named Austin Street for loading. The road engine would proceed from the turntable, run through the throat of the yard, and back down on the cars. Since this was an 'out and back' operation and a local, the lead car could be either the



baggage or the coach. The engines were turned; the cars were not rearranged between runs. I think that may

Secretary's Report



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Board of Directors

The semi-annual Board meeting of the PSR officers was held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, San Diego, CA on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. PSR President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting which started at 1pm.

President's Report: In his report President Sevier discussed the new branding of the NMRA, the pending vote for three new directors next year for the Board of the PSR, and the deaths of long time NMRA members within the Region. He announced that Western Region Director Miles Hall will be attending our Convention. He encourages all to attend the Region and Division officer training meeting to be held during the Convention.

Vice-President's Report: In his report VP Don Stewart talked about developing and updating of the Manual of Operations and the By-Laws. Changes being implemented are, removing gender specific language, changing the wording corporation to organization, aligning documents to NMRA documents, and removing references to PSR dues. A motion was approved to accept the Manual OF Operations as amended. A second motion to place the revised By-Laws before the general membership for a vote on Sunday, September 19, 2010 was approved.

Treasurers Report: We are financially sound having ended the current fiscal year with a net balance of \$93.93 against budget. Prudent and conservative practices that were enacted by the Board have paid off with the Regions investments and we were able to end the year with a small positive net income. A new budget for fiscal year 2010/2011 was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Each Director gave a short report on the activities held in their respective Division during the past year and outlined their programs for the current year. Individual comments can be noted by reviewing the Directors reports.

Raillette Program: Janet thanked Kim Fowler and her gang for hosting the program in San Diego. The ladies will be very busy during the convention. Janet expressed concern about the rising cost incurred in running the Raillette room.

Nominations: Tom Draper reported that the vote

count had been tabulated and Don Fowler would be the new President of the PSR and Carl Heimberger would be the Vice-President. A motion was approved to accept the result of the vote and to destroy the ballots.

Membership: Debbie Draper reported that we currently have 1,245 members, slightly down from last years total of 1,296 members and down from the 9 year average of 1,328. The PSR membership is down but in line with the overall average decline at the National level.

Achievements Program: Don Stewart reported that interest in the Achievement Program keeps growing. We do have some confusion on the Civil Engineer Certificate, you need to have three separate entry sheets for the three scratch build models not one sheet for all three. Each model is judged separately. In the Chief Dispatcher Section under Documentation each individual needs to submit separate and distinct forms, more than one individual can not copy and enter the same paperwork.

Contest: Bill Jacob reported that contest rules are posted on the PSR website. We currently have a large supply of blank plaques thanks to a recent purchase. We are going to try the popular vote format at this convention to test the water.

Historian: Lowell Spooner will have the display of past cars, pins and patches available for all to see in the contest room. We are still missing a few items.

2009 Cajon Convention: The PSR Convention in Las Vegas was a success and we did make a small profit. We had 191 people attend the convention. While our goal was not to lose money it would have been preferable to have realized a little larger net profit. However, we are pleased that we did succeed in meeting all of our goals for the convention, considering the economic times.

2010 Region Convention: Don Fowler reported that things are going well and it looks like we will have a successful convention. He welcomed everyone to San Diego and hoped that everyone has a good time. The RPM modelers will have their own room, please stop by and talk to them. Also the PRN people are here to talk to us about the National In Sacramento next year.

2011 Regional Convention: Dave Nash and Larry Gibbs from Flagstaff, AZ made a presentation for the PSR Regional Convention in Flagstaff, AZ to be held on September 21 to 25th 2011 at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel. They will have a reservation table during this convention. The Arizona Division need to sign and submit the required contract for the convention.

No other business being placed before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Membership Meeting

The annual meeting of the PSR general membership was held in San Diego, CA, September 19, 2010. PSR

President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting which was held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

Meeting was called to order by President Ben Sevier at 8:30am with 44 people in attendance.

President Sevier thanked all present for attending the convention and meeting. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Region for the past four year and thanked everyone who assisted and supported him. He then thanked the Convention Committee for all of the hard work and time put in hosting a successful Convention. He especially wanted to thank Don Fowler and Don Hamm for their hard work.

He then talked about the increase in the subscription rate for receiving a paper copy of the Dispatch. Due to the increase in printing and postage the subscription cost for receiving a paper copy of the Dispatch will increase from the current rate of \$8.00 to \$12.00 effective in April 2011. The increase was voted on and approved by the Board on Wednesday.

Tom Draper – Treasurer, gave an update on the financial condition of the region. Tom stated that the Region ended the Fiscal Year on a positive note with a net income of \$93.93. The Regions investments are returning an average of 5.8% and the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 has been approved by the Board. We currently have 1245 members in the PSR which is slightly down from last year.

The result of the election was announced by Tom Draper – Chairman of the Nominations Committee. The newly elected President is Don Fowler and the Vice President in Carl Heimberger

Don Stewart – Vice President discussed the changes made to the Manual Of Operations as approved by the Board on Wednesday. He then presented the revisions to the By-Laws as suggested by the Board. After a short discussion President Sevier thanked Don Stewart for all of the hard work and time that he put in over the past two years in his efforts to revise and update the Manual of Operations and the By- Laws. President Sevier then called for a vote to accept the revised By-Laws. A motion was made by Mike O'Brien to accept the revisions to the By-Laws as suggested and discussed to bring the PSR in compliance with current standards, A motion was seconded by R L Jenkins, President Sevier call for a voice vote. The vote was unanimous. President Sevier acknowledged the motion as accepted and approved.

No other business being placed before the membership, President Fowler called for adjournment until the next Membership meeting to be held in Flagstaff, AZ on September 25th, 2011.

The Motion to adjourn was entered by Ed Hall and seconded by Ray Inbody. Meeting was adjourned.

have had some bearing on John's hesitancy to use the streamliner which would require shuffling and turning of the observation on the turntable. In my role as yardmaster I can appreciate that since there was precious little time to do all the freight shuffling and car delivery between through trains!

The passenger run would proceed to Gorre, Squawbottom, Cross Junction, and Port. Scheduled stops were made at each station. If the gas electric car was used, an additional stop would be made at Sowbelly, and the car would run beyond Port to Corsa and up to Akin and Eagles Nest. We didn't run the four car train to Akin because it would have needed to back downgrade returning to Port, and any derailment would have been catastrophic. Rails hadn't reached Andrews in 1965. In accordance with the schedule, the train left Port station, running westbound through Cross Junction, Squawbottom, Gorre and back to Great Divide. A stop was made at Austin Street, and the road power would back the train into the Great Divide Passenger Terminal. There the road power was uncoupled and pulled forward to the engine terminal where the hostler took control. The yard switcher had to clear the road power and not block its path to the engine terminal. This sometimes resulted in holding a string of cars out on the passing siding, since the switching lead passed through the throat.

What about passengers for Daphetid, you ask? To serve them, the G&D possessed a shorty combine which would occasionally be attached to the through freight. This train would run as a mixed train from Great Divide to Gorre. There the combine, which was coupled behind the caboose, would be left at the station. The branch train would take the combine up to Daphetid and back to Gorre in time for the returning freight to pick it up for delivery back to Great Divide. The shorty combine never ran to Port.

This article was published in the latest edition of the PCR 'Branchline' newsletter. Now, I KNOW that there are many members of the PSR who have run on some of the great layouts around the country, including the legendary G&D, and could pass on that experience to the rest of us – so, how about it? If you have experiences like the one above, send in an article (and photos if you have them) to me at psrdispatch@psrnmra.org. Don't worry about formatting, editing or spelling – that's my job. Just tell your story as you would like to hear it, and try to make the rest of us understand what it's like running with the "masters". I'm looking forward to seeing some great stories – Ed



Contest Corner



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The contest room at the recent San Diego PSR Convention had good representation from all the Divisions. We had 23 models entered (about twice as many as last year), along with 18 photos and three arts and crafts entries. I want to report here on all the winners. But first, I would like to recognize the judges: Don Stewart (chief judge); Rodger Gredvig; Dave Irick; Lowell Spooner; Dave Arendes; Robert White; Mary Barstow; Lee Christopher; Vern Smith; Justin Rasa; Tom Boyles; Chuck Nauman; David Dewane; and Brace Petranca. Thanks for all your help. You will notice that a number of these names are new to judging. This is because we are actively trying to “build for the future” in the PSR Contest Room.

The Photo Contest winners were:

Black and White Print-Model

1st Place Bob Batt C-16 at Big Rock

Color Print-Model

1st Place Don Stewart Waving at the Train
2nd Place Mike O'Brien Penny Mikado at
Sunset
3rd Place Bob Batt BSNF Container Train

Black and White Print-Prototype

1st Place Vern Smith Old 41

Color Print-Prototype

1st Place Pete Steinmetz CP Meet in British
Columbia
2nd Place Don Stewart Working in the Storm
3rd Place Don Stewart Waiting for the Call

Best of Show-Photos

Pete Steinmetz Auto Racks West at
Searchlight Junction, NV

The Arts and Crafts winners were:

General Original

1st Place Kim Fowler Dream Keeper
Railroadiana Original
1st Place Kim Fowler Railroad Quilt

Best of Show-Arts and Crafts

Kim Fowler Altoid Tin Scrapbook

The Model Contest winners were:

Diesel and Other Locomotives-Kit

1st Place Don Ham HO Santa Fe GP-7
2nd Place Don Ham HO Santa Maria Valley
GP-9
3rd Place Edward Hall III HO SP RSD-5 5495

Passenger Cars-Kit

1st Place Paul Schmitt N SP Sleeper
(Merit Award)
2nd Place Edward Hall III HO UP Boiler-Baggage-
Dorm Car

Freight Cars-Kit

1st Place Edward Hall III HO NP Boxcar 207389
2nd Place Jim Kenna HO Rock Island Gondola

Cabooses-Kit

1st Place Jin Keena HO SF 1843
2nd Place Edward Hall III HO UP 25843

Structures on Line-Open

1st Place Don Ham HO Sugar Beet Loader

Displays on Line-Open

1st Place Vern Smith HO End of Line
2nd Place Lise Conway HO Winton Station
3rd Place Vern Smith HO Superior Mine

Displays off Line-Open

1st Place Lise Conway HO Old Town

Ingenuity Award

Don Ham Anise Seeds for Sugar Beets

Thumb's Levity Award

Rodger Gredvig HO Reefer Car

President's Award

Edward Hall III HO SP RSD-5 5495

Popular Vote-Favorite Model

Don Ham HO Sugar Beet Loader

Best of Show-Model

Bill Jacobs HO Abandoned Oil Field
Watchman's Office (Merit Award)

Congratulations to all the winners! See ya on down the line.

Bill

Reports - Continued

Arizona

the online version. I suspect many do read the online version despite receiving the print version. Frankly, they are wasting division money.

Our next meet is in Phoenix on March 12. Allen Gross will continue his clinic on contest models and judging. I got a lot out of the first clinic and am really looking forward to part two. And, we will have two clinics presented by a representative from Soundtraxx. Those should be excellent too.

Cajon

successes. In fact, he hosted the steak dinner there in 2010. Thanks, Joe.

Well that's it for this issue of the Dispatch. "Happy Rails to you until we Meet Again." (Ok, OK, that is a little corny, but it just popped up while writing this)

Los Angeles

photo run-bys. Gracious hosts provided cab rides for all those interested.

Region conventions are one of the best membership values. I encourage members to plan to attend these events. The next Region convention will be held in Flagstaff in 2011. Watch for details in Dispatch and Division publications.

San Diego

Meet and swap meet, at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. Even though we had some tough competition this year from the Sn3 Symposium and associated layout tour, we had a successful event. After the swap meet, we adjourned to the Short Track Railroad (N scale) clubhouse for a pot luck and a couple of clinics. Short Track has made a lot of progress on their permanent layout, the Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE) since our last visit, and their semi-permanent modular layout still runs great. The layout depicts the line between Roseville, CA and Sparks, NV, and is being modeled with prototypical scenes. One clinic was by Duncan McRee, of Tam Valley Products, introducing the Frog Juicer, a device to simplify wiring of turnout frogs for DCC operation. Then Joe D'elia of Protopower West/A-Line talked about standards for improved operation, and how some of his products can help us achieve that objective.

We've also started something with our newsletter, The Mail Hook. Well. Maybe we're getting back to it? But after a suggestion from a member, we're publishing a

little information about new members. This lets existing members know not only who's joined us, but what they're interested in, and facilitates the process of making the new members feel welcome. We'll continue this feature as long as new members are willing to provide some basic details. I think it's a good way to get new members involved, giving them a feeling of belonging and comfort with some of us old codgers. I know I've found that the way to break into the group is to offer to help on something. Most of us are happy to have the help, but too busy to ask for it!

We're looking forward to our next layout tour, which will be a visit with Pat Archer, to see possibly one of the largest collections of Lionel equipment in the country. Then we'll be visiting Ron Cousineau's Nickomi Junction garden railroad to see how you can use one man's junk to create your treasure. Then in May will be the Spring Meet and Division elections. We have a number of Division members who are planning to attend the NMRA National Convention in Sacramento in July, some as registrants, and some as presenters. It looks like they've put together a good time, and we're looking forward to it. Hope to see you there!

President

Operations meetings at the Palace Station in Las Vegas, NV beginning on February 22, 2011.

- The X2011 West NMRA National Convention committee is making extensive use of social media (Facebook/Twitter) to promote their Sacramento event being held in July. Over the next several months, they will be posting updates on these websites regarding scheduled activities.

If you would like to learn more about these items, please refer to our NMRA magazine or visit the NMRA website at www.nmra.org.

Notice of Meeting

The mid-year PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held March 19th, 2011, 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, Temecula, CA.

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

All interested members are encouraged to attend.



“Rails to Rims”

Flagstaff, Arizona 2011

This year's event is being hosted by the Arizona Division (www.azdiv-nmra.org) of the Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA. The festivities begin on Wednesday, September 21st and end on Sunday, September 25th, 2011. There will be prototype and model railroad oriented clinics, operating sessions at both home and the Flagstaff Model Railroad Club layouts, and prototype tours. Arrangements are being made for discounted tickets on the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad.

Registration

Convention registrations may be made on line at our website or through conventional mail with check or money order. There is a copy of the registration form in this issue of the Dispatch, and it can be downloaded from the convention website - <http://www.psrconvention.org/flagstaff11>

Merchandise

Convention items will be available for pre-order on line (early bird discount), and during the Convention at the Company Store. Logo embroidered/embossed selections include polo shirts, pins, patches, and commemorative cars (HO & N scales). Please refer to the Convention website “Extra Fare” list for photos, details and pricing (coming).

Facilities

This year's Convention will be held at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel on historic Route 66 in Flagstaff, close to many attractions including the historic downtown area, the Flagstaff passenger depot (with Old 2-Spot - a 2-8-2 logging steamer), the Lowell Observatory, Northern Arizona University, and many fine restaurants.

Board Meeting

The PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at one p.m. at the Convention Hotel. All current NMRA members are welcome to come by and observe.

Clinics

Clinics will be offered on a variety of topics related to railroading and modeling techniques. (more details coming)

Layout Tours

Flagstaff and surrounds is home to a several talented model railroaders who have graciously offered to open their home layouts to our convention guests. This group is quite diverse in scale, locale, and time frame. Tours will be self guided and maps will be provided for attendees.

Operating Sessions

The Flagstaff Model Railroad Club, home of the Mountain Pacific Lines (a bridge line connecting Phoenix and Provo Utah) will be hosting operating sessions through the Convention. Several local modelers have also graciously volunteered their layouts for operating sessions. Orientation will be provided prior to the scheduled operating sessions. It is recommended to sign up on the Convention website well in advance for these activities because they will fill up fast.

Prototype Tours

The Flagstaff area is home to two tourist rail lines that provide a unique scenic experience. We are scheduling tours of the Grand Canyon Railway shop facilities in Williams with a visit to the Fray Marcos (site of the proposed Arizona State Railroad Museum) and NRHS rolling stock at the shop, BNSF Shops Tour with a visit to La Posada

(restored Fred Harvey Hotel and Restaurant), railfan field trip to Johnson Canyon Tunnel and Steel Dam, Haunted Flagstaff Evening Walk (Amtrak Southwest Chief arrival during the tour), tour of the Camp Navajo Army Depot railroad operations, a tour of the Ralston-Purina pet food plant rail operations, a Railroad Town Tour of Flagstaff's with its rich railroad history. Reservations will be available in advance via the "Extra Fare" list on the Convention website.

Non Rail/Raillette Activities

Our Raillette Chair has planned a wide variety of activities that include craft projects, a ladies vender show, bingo, a "Chick Flick" movie night, and a luncheon. There will be plenty of fun activities for spouses and significant others. As a major tourist destination, Flagstaff offers many non-rail activities for the entire family. Some of the West's most beautiful country surrounds Flagstaff, from the Coconino National Forest and the San Francisco Peaks (12,633 feet/3,851 meters) to the Red Rocks of Sedona to the rugged deserts of neighboring Native American nations. Grand Canyon National Park, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, Wupatki National Monument and Meteor Crater are all within easy driving distance, as are many more archaeological treasures and attractions. Visits to the Lowell Observatory, Museum of Northern Arizona, Arizona Historical Society-Pioneer Museum, the Arboretum of Flagstaff, Arizona Snowbowl (Scenic Skyride to 11,500 ft), Riordan Mansion State Historic Park and Northern Arizona University would also be worthwhile.

NMRA Contests

The PSR Contest Room welcomes all categories of NMRA model & photography entries and will announce and present awards at our banquet on Saturday evening.

Auction

On Friday evening, we will be presenting both live and Chinese Auctions. The live auction offers open bidding on items offered by attendees and other selected items, and the Chinese Auction is conducted with raffle tickets. We frequently find unusual and rare items at great value at these events.

Hobo Breakfast

On Saturday, September 24th our day begins with our annual Hobo Breakfast scheduled for the Crown Railroad Cafe. This event is open to all attendees who have attended a Region or National convention outside of their home region and their guests. If you've never been involved as a "hobo" before, you won't want to miss it.

Swap Meet

Saturday morning we will be hosting a swap meet at the Convention hotel and we are encouraging all who plan to attend to bring their unwanted items to swap or sell. Sellers will be charged a table fee and there will be no charge to convention attendees who wish to shop. This event will also be open and advertised to the public, who will be charged an admission fee.

Awards Banquet

Saturday evening we will gather for our annual banquet where Contest, Division and Region awards will be presented. This "Extra Fare" item is available by reservation on our Convention website.

Membership Meeting

Our closing event on Sunday, September 25th will be our annual membership meeting held at the Convention hotel and open to all NMRA members. Annual reports will be delivered, new officers installed, and a raffle for door prizes round out the meeting. Home layout tours and operating sessions will be available throughout the remainder of the day.

As you can see, we have a lot of great activities planned for this year's event. We have planned with the goal of providing you with the best of what the railroad "rich" town of Flagstaff has to offer. Be sure to check out our ongoing updates at the Convention website. Get on board and register today – you'll miss a great time if you don't!

For more details and up to date information, go to: <http://www.psrconvention.org/flagstaff11>

Clear to San Diego 2010

Insider's Report
by Gary Robinson, San Diego Division

The 2010 Pacific Southwest Region Convention is history. That means two years of hard work by the convention committee are over, but it also means all of us had an opportunity to renew acquaintances from other divisions, see some great local layouts, participate in several educational opportunities in the form of clinics and prototype tours, and maybe have some fun in the process!

The convention began with the annual Board of Directors meeting, where a new Manual of Operations was approved. This manual contains the operating procedures for the Region. Having these procedures in a document separate from the Bylaws simplifies on-going administration of the Region.

Wednesday evening the San Diego Model Railroad Museum (SDMRM) hosted a reception, during which the San Diego Society Of N Scalers (SD SONS) held an operating session on their Pacific Desert Lines. They had quite a crowd of happy model railroaders. At the same time, the La Mesa Model Railroad Club displayed their improvements on the Tehachapi Pass exhibit. Parts of this exhibit are still under construction, but it was interesting to see the progress they're making. The San Diego 3-Railers had their Lionel-sized trains running, much to everyone's delight, and the San Diego Model Railroad Club had their San Diego & Arizona Eastern open. Quite a nice evening of trains!

Thursday the convention really got rolling, with a full day of clinics that ran into the evening hours, and the first prototype tour, to the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum in Campo. Everyone who attended the Campo trip was very pleased. The Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) and the Contest Room opened, where some

excellent modeling was on display. The Railette program also kicked off on Thursday, with Kim Fowler leading a full day of activities for about sixteen ladies. Layout tours and operating sessions at some of the premier model railroads in Southern California completed the schedule of events for Thursday.

Friday was more of the same. The prototype tour to the San Diego Electric Railway Museum was converted to a self-guided tour, but that was the low spot to the day. The Friday afternoon trip to the Pasha auto transloading facility was a big hit. Friday evening, instead of clinics, we had auctions, live and silent. Some folks got some great deals, and the sellers were happy as well. Thanks to Bob Mitchell for serving as the auctioneer, and to all those who donated items for either auction.

Saturday morning brought more clinics, and a super swap meet. In addition to the convention registrants, we had about 75 local people who found some treasures. Saturday afternoon were layout tours and operations, then the banquet. Contest prizes and Region and Division Members of the Year were announced and awarded.

Congratulations to the winners.

Tony Koester closed the festivities by regaling us with anecdotes from his long experience in model railroading, telling some tales on himself and some of the other biggest names in the hobby, all in good fun.

Sunday we wrapped up with the annual Membership Meeting, where a new set of Bylaws were approved. These new Bylaws bring the Region into conformance with the National Regulations (Bylaws) and authorize the Manual of Operations approved by the PSR Board on Wednesday. What a great time! I can't wait for the next one, in Flagstaff next year. Hope to see you all there.



Unconventional clinics...bus layout tours plus many self-guided layout tours...the Sierra Railroad, the movie railroad...the Virginia & Truckee Railroad...Advance Section layout tours in the Bay Area...a Railroad Prototype Meet...the Napa Valley Wine Train...

...and the California State Railroad Museum...

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We have amassed this information from various sources. Some of the events have been submitted by sponsors. Please send corrections, additions and future events to me at wlindsays@roadrunner.com. I can also be reached at (909) 599-0182. I encourage the use of this list to promote the hobby and help others enjoy railroading and modeling.

March 2011

18 to 20 Cajon Division Meet. Temecula, CA
<http://www.cajondiv.org/news.htm>

19 Santa Fe Modelers Mini-Meet. San Bernardino Depot. 0800-1700

26, 27 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet and Open House. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. In the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Rd. Simi Valley CA Admission \$2.00 for adults. Info contact events@santasussanadepot.org

April

2,3 Pacific Railroad Society Diamond Jubilee Special. LAUPT to Colton to Palmdale to RON @ Bakersfield and return. www.pacificrailroadsociety.org/excursions/Index.html

16,17 San Bernardino Railroad Days. www.sbdepotmuseum.com Santa Fe 3751 show

30 Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society Mini-Convention. San Bernardino Depot. www.sphts.org/index.php

30, May 1 Joint Open Houses of Belmont Shore Model RR Club (N) and Angels Gate Hi-Railers (O). 10 AM to 4 PM Swap meet on Saturday 8 AM to Noon. 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA. Free Admission. Bill Costley, 310-831-1140

May

13-15 2011 PCR 67th Annual Convention "Sonoma Short Line." Santa Rosa, CA.
<http://www.pernmra.org/conv2011/>

14-22 Pasadena Model Railroad Club
5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90032
Sat. May 14th 1 – 5 pm and 7 – 10 pm
Sun. May 15th 7 – 5 pm
Tue Evening May 17th 7:30 pm – 10 pm
Sat. May 21st 1 – 5 pm and 7 – 10 pm
Sun May 22nd 1 – 5 pm

Donation: Adults \$3.00, Children \$1.00 (Under 7 free when accompanied by an adult)

21, 22 The Big Train Show. 10am to 6pm on Sat and 10am to 4pm on Sun. Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario,

CA General Admission for adults is \$9.00 presale; \$12.00 at the door. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Additional events – see <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/> Contact: 888- 271-2978

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4, 5 The Big Train Show, Ontario Convention Center, CA. ALL SCSALES <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/> On Track Productions (949) 679-0616

16--19 Santa Fe Railway Hist. & Modeling Soc. Conv. 0800 to 2000. Phoenix, AZ 85001 Eric Hiser, ehiser@msn.com

July

3 – 9 2011 NMRA Convention, Sacramento, CA www.x2011west.org

8 – 10 Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society 2011 Conference. San Luis Obispo, CA <http://www.sphts.org/convention/>

23 Roundhouse Gang Model RR Club Swap Meet. 730am to 11am. Janet Goeske Senior Center, Corner of Streeter & Sierra St., 5257 Sierra St., Riverside \$3.00 donation at door. Spouses and under 18 are free. Vendor tables \$12 when reserved in advance, and \$14 at the door if still available For vendor reservations contact Gary Wintergerst 100 S. LaSalle St., Redlands, CA 92374 gwinterg@verizon.net 909-794-3153 Or Larry at 951-686-7890

23, 24 Great Train Expo Pomona, CA: 1000 – 1600. Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA 91768. Admission \$7, kids under 12 free. Parking \$9. Successor to the Great American Train Show (GATS) <http://www.trainexpoinc.com/> (630) 608-4988

September

21-25 Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA, Convention. Radisson Hotel, Flagstaff, AZ Larry Gibbs flagstaffmrrc@gmail.com (978) 699-2449

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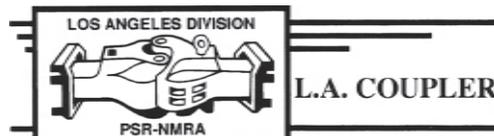


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Operating session interest? _____ Yes _____ No, thanks

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