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Howdy! I hope that your summer is going great.

Kim and I just returned from the X2011 National Convention in Sacramento and we had a great time. The overall attendance topped the 2000 mark and the PSR was proudly represented by a large number of our members. I hope that you had as much fun as we did. It was a great opportunity to see our friends and enjoy this great hobby.

I attended meetings, clinics, auction, train show, and prototype/layout tours. I even found time to visit the local train stores and support the local economy. I always seem to find things that I just can't live without. Some of the models in the WPM and Contest Rooms were fantastic. The closing event (The Nonquet) featured some great photo presentations by Winterail. I'm so glad that we had the opportunity to attend.

Here's some news from National...

- The NMRA Membership Booth at the X2011 National Train Show signed up 243 members in three days.

- Many of the clinicians at the X2011 Convention have uploaded their handouts/presentations as PDF files at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them by clicking on "Clinics" tab and then "Clinics Handouts".

From the Hot Seat!

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- Portland, OR has been selected to host the 2015 National Convention with details to follow.
- The "Carpet Cutting" ceremony at the CA State Railroad Museum in Sacramento marked the official start for fund raising for a scale model railroad exhibit in the Museum's gallery area. For more details, see the article in the May 2011 issue of NMRA Magazine.
- Discussions by the National Board continue over when/how to provide better conventions. Currently a Cruise Convention is being considered as an option for our 2016 event. Departure would be from Vancouver with ports of call in Seattle, San Francisco, and finishing in San Diego. Clinics, meetings and other normal convention events would occur on board the ship while tours would be provided at the various stops. The train show would be in San Diego. Cruise costs are comparable to normal hotel/meal/transportation costs so the concept is interesting to consider.

For a complete summary of the Board of Director's meeting, visit the NMRA home page at www.nmra.org in the next few weeks. The report will also be published in a future issue of NMRA Magazine.

Several PSR Board members recently joined me in a trip to Flagstaff, AZ to meet with the committee for our upcoming Regional Convention to be held there September 21-25, 2011. The committee did a great job of briefing us on their progress and showing us what had been accomplished. They have a great event planned

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As I reach the end of my second term as Arizona Division Director, I realize that this is my last column for the Dispatch. During my tenure, I've had the opportunity to work with a great team on the PSR Board of Directors. Each member works very hard to ensure our success and takes their role very seriously. Thank you all for your teamwork, candid discussions, and support. And especially to President Fowler and past President Sevier as they have always been voices of clarity and support.

The Arizona Division canceled our summer meet in order to encourage our members to use their limited budgets to attend the PSR convention in Flagstaff. Our next meet will be in November in Tucson.

The annual PSR Convention is coming up quickly. Larry Gibbs is Chairman. He and team have been working hard to develop a great program. I'm very confident that all who attend will have a great time up in the cool high country of Arizona. You can find additional convention info in this issue of the Dispatch.

As I reflect back over the last four years I've served as director, I have a number of Arizona Division members I would like to thank. First are Superintendent Art Carlton and Chief Clerk & Paymaster Richard Dick. We have worked as a team to improve our division. I would like to thank Contest Chairs: Duane Buck, Kevin Loeff, and Dave Irick for their work. Also, Alan Barnes who has always been there to help make the contest room a success. Thanks to Spur Line Editor Frank Baker for stepping up and taking the Spur Line to the next level. Thanks to Lee Stoermer for stepping up to take over the website (we are still in transition). Thanks to Membership Chair Gordon Geiger for filling a long time empty position. And to our AP Chair Don Stewart for his coaching and help. And I cannot forget to recognize Janet Spooner. She is the driver behind our Railette programs and is such a wonderful person.

When I originally ran for director, I noted that change is a constant and wanting to be a change agent. I have driven change for the division and accomplished more than I set out to do. I am proud of that. I do not

It's Barstow time again and we have scheduled it to take place in October on the 7th, 8th, and 9th. This coincides with the Annual Rail Fest at the Famous Harvey House and WARM Railroad Museum. Once again we will be inviting Modular Clubs to set up in both Dining Rooms downstairs at the Harvey House. If your group is interested, you can contact Carl Heimberger at 714-776-6394 or myself for more information.

Also planned for this year is another chance to tour the Cemex Plant in Victorville Saturday afternoon. There will be no charge for this tour. Regular shoes are required along with Goggles and a Hard Hat. Cajon Division has 20 sets that can be checked out for a small refundable deposit...so if you plan to take this tour, please bring your own if possible.

Clinician Volunteers slots are now open and I am requesting you contact me early if you can entertain our members. Please contact me before I have to contact you. Clinicians are welcome from all Divisions. Let's make this a great clinic selection by planning early.

Barstow Bingo will be held on Saturday night, clinics Saturday Morning, and our Famous Chinese Auction Saturday night.

A few quick notes about the everyday business of the Cajon Division: We are still in need of someone to step forward and talk to me about taking over the Superintendent's position that has been vacated by Carl Heimberger. With the 2013 Regional Convention coming up and the needs to start planning next year, it is imperative that someone volunteers now. If you have any hidden desires to work towards your MMR designation, this is a great way to get started.

Volunteers are also needed in other areas as well. So please step up to the plate and give me a much needed hand.

For those members in Nevada, please contact me if you are interested in organizing a few train meets in the Las Vegas area. You can contact me at 951-440-9729 or Joe Dorner at 702-220-3293. Let's show some interest and plan a meet in early 2012.

Activity Reports



Los Angeles

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San Diego

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Time to write my final Director's Report.

When asked by prospective members what will the NMRA do for me, I like to point to the many valued friendships that have resulted from my involvement with the organization. I hear this question a lot. The secret is to get active. My plea to those who join and then just read the publication or disappear under their layout is to speak up and tell your local division you are ready to help. Divisions need many members to keep running smoothly. It is tough to do everything yourself and much more fun when you are part of a team. What can I do to help? Just say those magic words and you will be on your way to making friends who will be supportive and helpful as you become more immersed in the hobby.

Los Angeles Division wants to hold events designed to benefit the membership. Our Fall Model Railroad Train Show is open to the public. The event is always great fun and a unique opportunity to share the hobby with interested families. SpringRail—the event we held April 30th in Alhambra—was created to provide our members with an opportunity to get together, learn, and have fun. It was a perfect team effort. While SpringRail is in its infancy, the event I am confident will become a must for LA Division members. Where do you need me? I would be happy to help out. These sentiments were expressed by several of our members on April 30th. It's great to hear those words. With your help, we will continue to have an outstanding division.

It is always a pleasure to meet extraordinary modelers. I am gratified to know all of you. You are truly awesome. As they say, GOOD TIMES.



Wow! We've been busy in the San Diego Division, and the fun just keeps on coming. We had our Spring Meet at the North County Model Railroad Society, and a couple of layout tours. I also accompanied the PSR President, Don Fowler, and Convention Coordinator, Ben Sevier, on a site visit to Flagstaff. I'm happy to report I'm excited about the upcoming convention. Flagstaff is a great railroad town, and the guys have put together what looks like a fun program. I hope you can make it.

But, let's get back to the Spring Meet. This time we went away from our traditional format, and tried something new. We started in the morning with coffee and donuts, followed with clinics, then had box lunches, instead of our normal noontime start with a pot luck. The afternoon was dedicated to running trains on the NCMRS layout. Clinics were "Tips for Assembling Better Buildings," by Carl Heimberger, LA Division Superintendent, and "Battery Operated Model Railroads," by Justin Rasas, a member of the Dead Rail Society. It was interesting to see Justin's HO scale steam locomotive moving across the table without even any track, let alone electricity! I think this will be a growth area for the hobby.

We've also moved our Division planning meetings. Instead of trying to find a time and place for everyone to fit yet another meeting into their busy schedules, we've decided to meet for breakfast before the layout tour preceding the next meet. That way, the board has already blocked off the day for the layout tour. This has worked very well so far. Continued success will depend somewhat on the proximity of the layout tour to a good breakfast joint!

Layout tours at Dick Trotter's Coyote Pass & Northern and Duncan McRee's Tam Valley were well attended. We've also started to share invitations with members of the San Diego Garden Railroad Society, and we were pleased to see quite a few of their members at these two layout tours. A few NMRA members have been visiting the Garden Railway tours as well, increasing the "cross-pollination," if you will. This seems

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Fireman's Seat

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For those you have not been paying attention the 2011 PSR Annual Convention is just around the corner, September 22-25, 2011, in Flagstaff. If you have not signed up there is still time and you know you always have fun at a PSR Convention so send in your registration and make your hotel arrangements today. Visit the Convention web site. You will find a link to the Radison Woodland Hotel there along with other Convention Details.

Here are some highlights to help you consider attending the convention. There will be Operation Sessions at several local layouts as well as layout tours. There is a full line up of Rail and Non-Rail Clinics covering all aspects of the hobby from scenery to prototype operations. Several Prototype Tours have been arranged; BNSF Shop Tour, LA Posada (a restored Harvey House Hotel Restaurant), Johnson Canyon Tunnel & Steel Dam, Camp Navajo Army Depot, & Ralston Purina plant tour. And of course they will have the typical convention events; contest rooms so please bring something to share with the other members, a live auction and Chinese Auction, and the Awards Banquet with the always dynamic guest speaker Charlie Getz.

And Flagstaff is great family destination with numerous sights nearby to visit; the Grand Canyon – if you have never been there it needs to be on your list of places to see, also on that list should be the Meteor Crater, Lowell Observatory, Painted Desert, Sedona, Jerome and Old Town Flagstaff.

So as you can see this upcoming convention has a lot to offer and I hope to see all of you there.



Railettes

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Hi Ladies,

Well, we are getting close to another PSR Convention. This time in cool and gorgeous Flagstaff, AZ.

Once again we have a great program planned for the ladies and I hope to see many of you in attendance.

On Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., we will be having a "Welcome" for the ladies with coffee, pastries or doughnuts, and goodies for those who stop by. Hopefully you will take some time to stop by and get to know us. You might even find something that we will be doing that you might be interested in and want stay.

We have some very talented ladies giving up their time and talent to entertain, educate or show you how to make something. First of all we have Kim Fowler showing us how to make a Santa napkin, mini-scrapbook, fabric flowers and how to hand quilt. Then Linda Irick will be showing us how to "Climb our Family Tree" and "Recycle, Reuse, and Save". The second talk will led to her to showing us how to turn those plastic bags into tote bags, that can be used in place of more plastic bags at the grocery store. I will be showing how to turn a piece of paper into a folded multi-purpose greeting card, invitation, or gift enclosure. We will also be making gifts that will be sent to a local shelter for battered and homeless women, but to do this I need you to bring those toiletries that you get from all those hotels and motels you have stayed at. The more we get the more gifts we can make. When we were in Las Vegas, we sent a local shelter over 70 gifts of washcloths and toiletries for use by the residents. Lets see if we can do better in Flagstaff.

The Ladies luncheon on Thursday will be a delight, I'm sure. Then Thursday evening is the ever fun Chinese auction. Hopefully the guys will not forget us and include some items the ladies will want to put their tickets in the jar for. Saturday night is the banquet and awards evening and it is always fun and entertaining.

So ladies, that is what we have planned for your time in Flagstaff. Come by and have fun. Make things, learn things, laugh, make new friends, renew acquaintances, gossip, and have a great time in the Railette room, a happening place. Give us a chance, you might like it.

President

for us that will include all of our normal convention activities, in addition to some unique new things. For more details, see the report in this issue and monitor the updates on our website. This is an event that you won't want to miss so please plan to join me there for a great time of model railroading and fellowship.

Arizona

know who my successor will be, but I will do my best to help him be successful as we change to the next Arizona Division Director.

I will now refocus myself on working toward my Master Model Railroader. And maybe get that done... for a change!

San Diego

like it will be good for both groups.

Quite a few of us were able to attend the National Convention in Sacramento. Overlooking a few minor glitches that were bound to happen any time a group that big gets together, it was a good time. The Advance Section the preceding weekend was also fun, and I now know where they got the name for Kaiser Permanente. We're proud to report that three Division members won awards in the contest room as well! Pete Steinmetz won Best in Show for his photo "BNSF Auto Racks in Needles," and Honorable Mention in the Color Model category for his "Tunnel Motors on the Butte Canyon Bridge." Rodger Gredvig won the Thumbs model category for his "Reefer" car, and Lise Conway took third place in the People's Choice category for her Gold Hill Saloon. Congratulations to all the winners!

As a Division, we've been looking for an effective way to reach out to potential new members. The St. Lawrence Division (SLD) of the Niagara Frontier Region has a course called Model Railroading 101 that we hope to adapt for presentation in the San Diego Division, and possibly elsewhere in the region. Watch this space for the progress of this project.

We have our Summer Meet coming up, and one more layout tour before the PSR Convention. I'll look forward to seeing you all in Flagstaff in September!

NMRA InfoNet News for August 2011

Jim Zinser, MMR, and Fred Bock, MMR, have asked me to run this item again: If your Region or Division gives adult or family classes on model railroading, Fred Bock, the NMRA's Education Department Assistant Manager, is looking for ideas. Whether your program runs as a one-day seminar or multi-week course, Fred would like to know what your program is about and is looking for lesson plans or other course material. Please email Fred at fbockLSRDiv6@aol.com. Use "Adult Education" as the subject of the email.

The dust has barely settled from the Sacramento convention, when the folks in Grand Rapids are revving up for next year's get-together. In fact, registration for Grand Rails 2012 is well underway. Members can visit the website at www.gr2012.org and either register online or download a mail-in form. Non-members can also sign up at that time. Note that currently registration only covers the costs of attending the convention. Furniture City Flyers Club members will receive the complete list of tours, activities, and merchandise in December, followed by advance registrants, then all other members.

The Howell Day Museum is planning a new release of its extremely popular Commemorative Car #3 -- the Gorre and Daphetid bobber cabooses -- except this run will feature two new road numbers, #3 and #5. As you may know, John Allen was very fond of these cabooses and ran a fleet of them on his G&D railroad. Pricing will be \$19.95 for one car, or \$34.95 for the set of two. Watch for the announcement of their availability at www.nmra.org, or keep your eyes open for the ad which will appear in NMRA Magazine.

Again, many of the clinicians at the Sacramento convention have uploaded their handouts or full presentations as PDF files to the x2011 website at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them. Just look for the Clinics tab, then Clinic Handouts.

In case you missed it last month, the Board of Directors selected Portland, Ore. as the site of the 2015 National Convention. Details and exact timing of the convention will be announced in the coming months. For a complete summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit the homepage of our website at www.nmra.org in the next few weeks. The report will also be published in NMRA Magazine in the near future.





“Rails to Rims”

Flagstaff, Arizona 2011

<http://www.psrconvention.org/flagstaff11>

This year's event is being hosted by the Arizona Division (www.azdiv-nmra.org) from Wednesday, September 21st through Sunday, September 25th, 2011. The venue is the Radisson Woodlands Hotel on historic Route 66 in Flagstaff. The Convention Committee has scheduled a variety of activities that will be interesting, informative, and unique. The convention kicks off with a gathering at the Visitors Center in the historic Flagstaff Depot (1926) for finger foods, train-watching, and stimulating conversation concluding with the arrival of AMTRAK's west-bound Southwest Chief. The evening will be highlighted by a re-enactment of the train robbery of late 1800's (ear plugs optional). Please indicate to the registrar if you plan to attend (registrar.railstorims@hotmail.com).

Tours

Nestlé / Purina and SCA Tissue Plant Tour – Thursday AM. A half day carpool tour to the SCA Tissue Facility (paper-making operations and rail facilities) and the Nestlé/Purina Plant (pet food products and rail facilities).

Flagstaff Haunted Places Evening Walk – Thursday PM. An evening 2-hour walking tour of Flagstaff's "haunted" sites escorted by a knowledgeable tour guide from the Pioneer Museum finishing at the Depot at the scheduled arrival time for the AMTRAK west-bound Southwest Chief. Cost will be \$10.00 for this tour.

Navajo Army Depot Rail Operations – Friday AM. A half day carpool tour of the rail operations and maintenance facilities at the Navajo Army Depot site (Possibility of a short ride on the 60 Ton engine!).

BNSF Winslow Yard – Friday AM - . A half day or optionally full day, carpool tour (limited to first 25 registrants). Tour of the BNSF Winslow Yard and facilities, the La Posada Hotel and Gardens (Fred Harvey Hotel), lunch at the Turquoise Room, Winslow's "Standin' on the Corner" display, and preserved rail cars. Limited to 25 registrants (registrar.railstorims@hotmail.com)

"Theme Town" Walk – Friday PM. An evening walking tour of Flagstaff based upon NAU professor and model railroad enthusiast Tom Paradis' book about the influence of the railroad on the development of Flagstaff, escorted by a knowledgeable tour guide (Mike Amunds - NAU history department professor and garden railroad enthusiast).

Grand Canyon Railway/Williams Tour – Saturday AM. An all day, carpool tour of Grand Canyon Railway facilities, including the Wild West Show, departure of the Williams Flyer, presentation on GCRR operations, tour of the Fray Marcos hotel, tours of the car shop and the locomotive shop. Visit to the Grand Canyon railroad in HO scale at the ranch of Jim Garvey.

Johnson Canyon/Steel Dam/Ash Fork Route 66 Museum Tour – Sunday AM. A half day carpool tour to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad 328-foot steel-lined tunnel near Ash Fork, Arizona (requires about a 1-mile walk each way over the old road bed in rough terrain), the Ash Fork Bainbridge Steel Dam (first large steel dam in the world by ATSF in 1898), and the Ash Fork Route 66 Museum.

Carpool tours details, sign-ups for transportation and directions will be provided at Registration.

Railettes – the ladies have planned a full schedule of events with the opening morning coffee and donuts, 9 clinics, and a Friday luncheon at the Radisson gazebo. Reserve your luncheon with the registrar (registrar.railstorims@hotmail.com) (nominal \$5 charge). Attend Thursday morning to get all the details.

Clinics – A full slate of clinics is scheduled covering many varied topics. Clinics include:

Weathering Freight Cars – Scott Mason

The Flockinator – Gary Robinson

How I Turned My Hobby Into a Business – Scott Mason

Prototype Operations Using Tsunami Sound – George Bogatiuk III

Nifty Detail from Strange Places – Charlie Getz



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Rails to Rims Flagstaff 2011

Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA®
2011 Convention September 21 – 25, 2011
Presented by the Arizona Division
Radisson Woodlands Hotel, Flagstaff, Arizona

NMRA # _____

Registration Date _____

Name(s)* (1) _____ (2) _____

**As your want it to appear on your badge*

Address _____ Phone (Pri) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone (Sec) _____

Email _____ (Preferred communication method)

Region/Home Division _____ Primary Scale _____

Registration Type	Qty	Each	Total
Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg Only @ \$80.00 (6/1 – 7/31)			
Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet @ \$110.00 (6/1 – 7/31)			
Non - Rail(Spouse, or Adult Fam Mem) w/NMRA member, Reg Only @ \$80.00 (6/1 – 7/31)			
Non <input type="checkbox"/> Rail(Spouse, or Adult Fam Mem) w/NMRA member, Reg & Banq. @ \$110.00 (6/1 – 7/31)			
Guest with NMRA member, Banquet Only @ \$30.00 (4/1 – 7/31)			
Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg Only @ \$90.00 (8/1 -)			
Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet @ \$125.00 (8/1 -)			
Non - Rail(Spouse, or Adult Fam Mem) w/NMRA member, Reg Only @ \$90.00 (8/1 -)			
Non <input type="checkbox"/> Rail(Spouse, or Adult Fam Mem) w/NMRA member, Reg & Banq. @ \$125.00 (8/1 -)			
Additonal fee for non-NMRA member (RAIL PASS 6-month trial NMRA membership @ \$9.95)			
Single Day Registration \$30.00/day (Circle Desired Day) Thurs Fri Sat			

Would you be interested in helping out while at the convention? _____ Yes _____ No, thanks

Would you be willing to give a clinic? Topic: _____ _____ Yes _____ No, thanks

Operating session interest? _____ Yes _____ No, thanks

Make checks payable to: *Arizona Division* (c/o Larry Gibbs; 1400 E Appalachian; Flagstaff, AZ 86004)

Convention Hotel: Radisson Woodlands (Reservation information/link on PSR Website)

Registrar's Use Only: Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ # _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Registration # _____ Posted: ____ / ____ / ____

Cancellation policy: Full refund, less \$5.00 fee per registrant, when requested in writing (or email) before September 1, 2011

Extra Fare Item	Price		Number	Total
Commemorative Cars				
Double plug door box with data and convention reporting marks/logo decals	\$15.00	HO		
Double plug door with convention reporting marks/logo decals	\$16.00	N		
Pins	\$5.00			
Embroidered Patch	\$5.00			
Embroidered Polo Shirt				
Men's	\$26.00	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL		
	\$28.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2XL		
Women's	\$26.00	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L		
"Haunted Flagstaff" Tour	\$10.00			
Grand Canyon Railway Williams Tour	No cost			
Nestle-Purina/SCA Tissue Tour	No cost			
Navajo Army Depot/SCA Tissue Tour	No cost			
BNSF Winslow Tour (limited to 25)	No cost			
Johnson Canyon/Steel Dam/Ash Fork	No cost			

N-Ovations in N Scale – Don Fowler
 Model Photography Insights – Chuck Nauman
 Railroad Flagging – John Lovely
 How to Build Land Forms, Rock Cliffs Streams & Hills – Carl Heimberger
 Coming of the Railroad – Joe Meehan
 Painting Rock, Applying Ground Cover, Shrubs & Trees – Carl Heimberger
 Update On High Speed Rail Systems Worldwide – Gordon Geiger
 Indiana Jones and The United Verde & Pacific – Phil Piet
 Loksound: Hear Us Again for the First Time– Matthew Herman
 Pulpwood Transfer Yard – Gary Robinson
 Light Rail & Streetcars in USA – Terry Nash
 JMRI – Free Software to Run Your Layout – Ben Sevier
 DCC Installation (Basic) – Bob Libbey
 DCC Installation (Advanced) Bruce Petrarca
 BNSF –Citizens for Rail Safety – Debbie Mitchell
 Scratchbuilding Tips – Jimmy Simmons
 Iraqi Model Railroad – Joe Cluck
 Basics of Airbrushing – Ed Hall
 Tuning Layout & Equipment for Operations – Don Stewart
 What Is the “Q” in CB&Q – Dave Irick
 Static Grass Tip & Techniques – Jimmy Simmons
 Santa Fe in Northern Arizona – Mike McAllister
 Setting the Stage for Operations – Joe Cluck
 PSR Division/ Regional Involvement – Ben Sevier
 SPECIAL – Hands On 3-Hour Airbrush Clinic – Jimmy Simmons (Limited to 20)
Elevate your skills at 7,000 ft!

Layout Tours – the layout tour schedule includes several unique layouts at various stages of construction covering most scales:

Steve Scott – HO Northern AZ BNSF based; 20' X 20' outbuilding
 Dave Nash – HO Western Md/C&O; 4' X 8'+ 90% complete
 Larry Gibbs – HO Appalachians (Ky) L&N themed 12' X 14' room size (90% complete)
 John Lovely - HO scale branch line, narrow minded, + standard 1:8 scale live steam” (100%)
 Jim Tuck – N - room size, at the trackwork stage
 Jerry Snow – HO B&O themed in attic room (90%)
 Phil Piet – Northern AZ G-Scale (95% +)
 Rick Weaver – HO/O in an Outbuilding rendition of a LV caboose (100%)
 Jim Garvey – HO GCRR Grand Canyon to Williams (100%)
 Bill Winans - Prescott Valley (side trip to/from Flagstaff) S scale (80%)
 Michael Amunds - Garden Railroad by the Leader of the Theme Town Tour (100% but expanding)
 Layout visitation schedules, number of guests, layout guides, and directions will be provided.

Operating Sessions – 3-hour sessions are scheduled for the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Flagstaff Model Railroad Club, home of the Mountain Pacific Lines (a bridge line connecting Phoenix and Provo Utah) for 8 operators at each session.

Operators will be contacted by the coordinator for scheduling.

NMRA Contests - The PSR Contest Room welcomes all categories of NMRA model, photography, and craft entries. Awards will be presented at our banquet on Saturday evening.

Auction - On Thursday evening, we will be presenting both live and silent auctions. You may find unusual and rare items at great value at these events.

Swap Meet – Two swap meet days are in the schedule with a convention registrant only session on Friday evening



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followed by a public session on Saturday morning. Tables are available for \$10 each which includes both sessions. Contact Joe Cluck (jrcluck@yahoo.com).

Hobo Breakfast - On Saturday, the annual Hobo Breakfast is 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.

Awards Banquet - Saturday evening we will gather for our annual banquet where Contest, Division and Region awards will be presented. Special appearance by NMRA BOD member Charlie Getz. Selections include:

1. Chicken Breast Stuffed with Spinach, Panchetta and Feta Cheese Topped with a Roasted Red Pepper Sauce
2. Tri Colored Penne Pasta with Sautéed Garlic, Onion, Tomato, Spinach deglazed with White Wine Sauce and Broccolini
3. Grilled Sirloin with a Grilled Mushroom Demi Sauce

Included are a salad of organic mixed greens, garlic mashed potatoes, New York cheesecake and water, iced tea or coffee.

Please provide your selection to the registrar by September 15 (registrar.railstorims@hotmail).

Membership Meeting - Our closing event 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.

Extra Fare Items

Convention Shirts	Sand colored 6.5 oz Ultra Cotton Ringspun Pique’ Polo with embroidered convention logo Men’s/Women’s	\$26.00	
		\$28 for	2XL/3XL
Pins	Convention logo on 1.5” wide Cloisonne pin, 5 colors filled, gold plated; with butterfly clutch.	\$5.00	
Patches	Convention logo in a 3” embroidered patch with sealed back.	\$5.00	
Commemorative cars	HO Double plug door box with data and convention reporting marks/logo decals	\$15.00	
	N Double plug door with convention reporting marks/logo decals	\$16.00	

The registrar will be contacting all registrants shortly for reservations and extra fare purchases or you can email him directly.

Many opportunities for fun and unique non-rail family activities are available in the Flagstaff/Northern Arizona area and details will be provided at the Convention. Discount coupons will be available for several venues. 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.

Thank you to the many members that have registered!

If you haven’t and your schedule allows - get on board and register today – you’ll miss a great time if you don’t!

Convention Hotel is filling up - timely reservations are advised (<http://www.radisson.com/2011psrconv> or 800-395-7046). Convention reservations are available through the PSR website or by mailing in the registration form. Questions please contact Larry Gibbs (flagmrrc@gmail.com) or phone 928-779-2282.

Flag Stops

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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. Notice we often use railroad time; i.e., "1300" is 1 PM PST.

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September

- 10 San Diego Division Layout Tour. David Balser - Onion Valley Railroad (On30)
- 10 Orange Empire Railway Museum Swap. 0800 -- 1400 Admission and selling is Free to OERM members. Non-member exhibitors/sellers \$18.00, and non-member helpers \$18.00. Non-members \$7.00, children ages 5-11 are \$5.00. 2201 S. "A" Street, Perris, CA 92750, 951-943-3020 or 951-657-2605 <http://www.oerm.org/> and OERM: <http://www.oerm.org/pages/calendar.html>
- 17 Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet at the Santa Fe San Bernardino Depot. 0800 - 1700. www.sbdepotmuseum.com Contact Joe Delia, P.O. Box 2701, Carlsbad, CA 92018 760-721-3391 rpm-joe@ppw-aline.com
- 21-25 Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA, Convention. Radisson Hotel, Flagstaff, AZ Larry Gibbs Flagstaff MRC flagstaffmrrc@gmail.com (978) 699-2449

October

- 1, 2 USN Blue Angels Flight Demonstration. MCAS Miramar, CA Traffic Advisory!
- 1, 2 Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House. Hawthorne, CA 1000 - 1600. Lloyd Lehrer club president 310-675-3361 <http://www.lamrs.org/>
- 6 to 10 The Central Coast Railroad Festival. San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties, CA. Layout tours chiefbobb@verizon.net (Bob Chaparro) http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Model_Railroads_Of_Southern_California/
- 15 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

- 15, 16 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 only, 8 AM to Noon. Free Admission. 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro. Contact Bill Costley, (310) 831-1140
- 15, 16 OERM Pumpkin Trains. See OERM.org Schedules.
- 22, 23 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@santasusanadepot.org
- 23 OERM and Toy Train Operating Society Southern Pacific Division 5th Annual Meet and Barbeque. 9AM to 2 PM. Open to All. Free vendor table space (8:30 am setup), bring your own tables. \$7 BBQ lunch will begin serving at 11:30. Lunch and raffle are open to all TTOS SP members and their guests. See OERM.org Schedules.

November

- 5,6, 11,12,13 OERM Day Out with Thomas. See OERM.org Schedules.
- 6, 8 Slim Gauge Guild MRC Open House. 300 S. Raymond Ave (Basement), Pasadena, CA 91105 Sun 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Tue. 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Info: Jeff Smith (818) 590-1729 jeff@slimgaugeguild.com www.slimgaugeguild.com
- 9 Calif. Layout Tours. Ventura-Santa Barbara area. Bob Chaparro chiefbobb@verizon.net Model Railroads Of Southern California <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ModelRailroadsOfSouthernCalifornia/>
- 12 San Diego Division Fall Meet. San Diego Model Railroad Museum,
- 12, 13 USAF Thunderbirds Flight Demonstration. Nellis AFB, NV Traffic Advisory!
- 19 Model Railroads of Southern California Tour. Ventura & Santa Barbara area. Schedule and layout descriptions: chiefbobb@verizon.net (Bob Chaparro) http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Model_Railroads_Of_Southern_California/
- 19, 20 Cal Stewart Meet-Pasadena. <http://www.ttosw.org/cal-stewart.htm>



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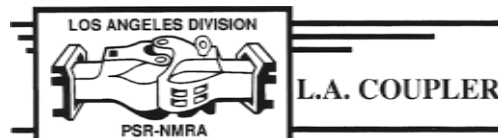
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