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From the Hot Seat!

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As we roll into 2013, I wonder what the coming months will bring for us as model railroaders? I'm sure that we'll see and take advantage of new products, publications

and technology to increase our enjoyment of the hobby. Speaking for the Pacific Southwest Region, we will continue to offer all of the activities and events that you've come to know and enjoy, both at the Region and Division levels. There will be layout tours, swap meets, auctions, clinics, train shows and conventions.

As you know, the NMRA is made up of a very diverse group of model railroaders. Some aspects of our hobby hold more appeal to us than others. Scale preferences are diverse as are preferred railroads. Some of us love operations while others just like to collect locos and rolling stock. Some like electronics and others prefer scenery. Some like to scratch build while others buy off the shelf. Some love traction while others prefer narrow gauge. Some like to research history while others prefer to rail fan contemporary railroading. I forgot about photography and bench work. There are many options and something for everyone.

This diversity of interests is one of the major benefits of the NMRA. You don't have to be an

expert in every aspect of model railroading because your membership buys you tech support in every area, including ones I forgot to mention. How well you take advantage of this benefit is up to you. The more that you participate, the more this world of support will open up to you. Don't be too surprised if folks want to draw upon your expertise as well. This is sometimes known as the "Fellowship" benefit of the NMRA.

So, as your Region President, what do I worry about? Mostly our membership's satisfaction with what we have to offer. That translates to member retention, new members and the future of the NMRA and model railroading in general. My question to each of you is simply this; Is your membership helping to enhance your interest, enjoyment, skill level and fellowship of our hobby? What would you like from the NMRA? Are you happy with the way things are? Do you like the direction that we're headed? Are you getting the most for your membership?

Because I'm not a mind reader and don't own a crystal ball, I need some input from you, the membership, so that

we can better serve your model railroading interests. Please take a few minutes to take this quick survey and send it back to me, anonymous or with contact info for follow up. Your feedback will help to determine the future direction of our Region and its activities. I will share your responses with our Board so that we can serve you better.

1. What do you like best about the PSR and your

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The Arizona Division of the Pacific Southwest Region is proud to report that our membership is holding steady and the Division is financially sound. While the economic times and the aging membership is putting pressure on our activities we have been able to host a well rounded schedule of events tailored to the needs and desires of our membership.

Our Division officers and volunteer staff are performing outstanding and I could not be prouder of their efforts. Everyone in the Division needs to personally thank our staff for the work that they do. Without volunteers like this we would not have a Division. Remember they all work for free, spending their own valuable personal time for the good of the Division. I can assure you that each individual is reaching into their own pockets to pay for items needed to perform their duties.

Elections will be held this summer for Director, Superintendent, and Chief Clerk and Paymaster. Anyone wishing to run for these positions should contact Lenny Smith for details. All current officers are eligible to run for another term if they so desire.

Our next Division meet will be in Flagstaff on June 8th, 2013. This will be held at our new location in Flagstaff. Watch the Spur Line for details and directions to the school.

An item that needs to be discussed is the cost of printing and mailing our newsletter the Spur Line. My suggestion will be to drop the printed copy and only offer the on-line version of the Spur Line starting in 2014.

The Arizona Division will be hosting the Pacific Southwest Region 2015 Regional Convention. The Scottsdale Model Railroad Historical Society has volunteered to take the lead in the hosting duties. If anyone in the Division would like to help in any way with the convention please contact me, or the Scottsdale group and we will be more than happy to share the fun. A committee has been formed and we are currently looking for a hotel in the Scottsdale area. After we have secured the hotel we will expand the committee. Looking

The Temecula 2013 event and PSR Mid-Year board meeting is upon us again. Once again, it promises to be another Great Event and everyone will be able to meet old friends and have a great time.

Now on to the REALLY BIG NEWS:

First: The Cajon Division is in need of volunteers to be the next Director. The term will start right after the PSR Convention in September this year. Because this is a PSR elected position we need someone to step up now. The by-laws prevent me from running for another term. The primary duties of this position are to oversee the operations on the Division and attend the mid-year and annual board meetings. Most of the work surrounding events and event planning is done by the Superintendent and his assistance(s). It means traveling to Temecula once a year and the PSR conventions each year. If this is something you already do on a regular basis, it should be an easy task for you. If not, it will be a Terrific experience attending all the major events. And it can also count towards one of the requirements for an MMR designation. I would be happy to volunteer to be an Assistant Superintendent until the new Director can have one Elected.

Second: The 2013 PSR Convention is approaching soon. This year it is being held at the Hilton Hotel in San Bernardino. We have reserved extra clinic rooms at the Hotel and also all three of the Banquet rooms for the entire length of the convention. This allows us to host several Modular Club Layouts in one of these rooms throughout the Convention and you will even be able to run trains on these layouts. There will be a swap meet at the Convention on Saturday being sponsored by the "Round House Gang".

You can register for the PSR Convention and see more about all the activities by visiting the PSR Website and clicking of the convention tab or link at www.psrnmra.org. I have now revised the Hotel Registration page with a special link to make your Hotel reservation a direct and easy process. **WE ARE STILL HOLDING THE COST OF THIS CONVENTION AT \$65, BUT THAT MIGHT BE ABOUT TO END AFTER**

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Activity Reports



Los Angeles

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San Diego

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At our recent Los Angeles Division Board meeting we discussed what we could do for our members, and in turn hopefully increase membership.

We are competing against the Internet, where you can get an answer to any question that one may have on any subject. Model Railroad magazines also provide a source for information, projects and to Model Railroad Manufacturers for most of our needs.

There is a need to get the younger generation more involved. The LAMRS club, of Hawthorne, has a Youth program, with more applicants than it can handle. Each applicant has to have a member sponsor, to supervise and to teach the applicant into the different phases of model railroading. But don't have enough sponsors, so some sadly don't get admitted. They have had several youths, work their way up to being full Club members. So now that we know there is a younger generation, that has an interest in Railroads and not just computers, we need to get them involved and help them become life long experience Model Railroaders.

So what can the local Division do?

The Los Angeles Division Board needs to provide what the Internet, the magazines and Hobby shops don't provide. And that is to provide first class events for our members, such as SPRINGRAIL, on April 20th. Also we are working to improve our South Coast Botanic Gardens Model Railroad Train Show in October. We are going to increase advertising, so hopefully it will increase attendance. We want to improve the quality of Clinics for beginners and experienced model railroaders. There also need to improve in the quality of layouts by having well finish modules. The "Plywood Centrals" should be limited to demonstrating things like scenery and examples of inexpensive structures, that have been turned into well detailed structures.

To attract the youngsters we should let supervised children run trains, with an experienced Model Railroader and have a clinic for them.

We know that many model railroaders are of the older generation, with more time to spend on their hobby. So if they were to become more involved in the

We are working our way through an exciting Spring, beginning with the San Diego Division Winter Meet February 16. Then there's the Orange Empire Railway Museum swap meet March 2, our Division layout tour on March 9, the Cajon Division Temecula Meet March 23, the Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet and our Division layout tour April 13, the LA Division Spring Rail April 20, and the San Diego Division Spring Meet May 11. Interspersed among all these meets are operating sessions and other railroad events. It's almost too much fun!

Meetings to organize the 2014 Regional Convention will begin in April. We already have the hotel locked in; it will be the Marriott Courtyard on Hotel Circle South. We'll be working on the prototype tours, clinics, and all the other little things that make a regional convention successful. Look for a few new ideas at this one, as well.

One thing that puts a little damper on my fun is the impending end of my term as Division Director. Elections will be held this spring, and the new Director will take office at the annual meeting at the PSR Convention in September. I've enjoyed working with the PSR board, and getting to know the folks from the other divisions. I'll stay involved by taking a committee chair position to keep my hand in. I encourage any San Diego Division member who wants to expand their contacts in the model railroading world to consider serving as Director. Also, if you're interested in the Achievement Program, serving qualifies you for the Association Official certificate. I'm happy to share my experience with interested parties.

Our attempt to sponsor a Basic Model Railroading course in the fall came to naught, but we're not giving up. We're looking for better ways to get the word out, as we think failure in this area was the reason we didn't have the response we had hoped. We're looking for new solutions on our own, but we welcome suggestions on the best way to reach young model railroaders. This effort will be hampered by the recent loss of two local hobby shops. The Whistlestop, in Hillcrest, ceased business after more than fifty years, and Value Craft, in

Fireman's Seat

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After reading the email sent out several months ago about the membership of most organizations wanting to get more value for the money they spend on membership dues, I did some re-thinking on how we as the NMRA do business. In my other role as Superintendent of Los Angeles Division, our goal for the past several years has been to increase membership in the LA Division. We have spent a lot of effort in trying to attract new members without significant results. At the February LA Division Board of Directors Meeting we had a lively discussion on what can we do to attract new members and at one point in the discussion an "aha" moment occurred. Our Treasurer said let's consider the less is more concept. At first it did not sink in but after more discussion it became apparent that we were doing minimal programs for our membership. We really need to step that up and do more and better programming.

So instead of spending resources on promotion to non members we are going to move in the direction of planning more bigger and better events for the members who currently support the division. The concept is to provide meaningful programs for our current membership that they will mention the great things LA Division is doing to some of their non-member friends with the hope some of these non-members will start attending some of our events and eventually join NMRA. Not sure how well this model will work but what we are currently doing is not working so anything at this point is worth trying.

Talking about great events within the PSR Region, here is a lineup of events coming up in the next several months, starting with Arizona Division – Sun City meet on March 9th, Cajon Division – Temecula Meet on March 22-23, Los Angeles Division – SpringRail Meet on April 20th, San Diego Division March 9th, April 13th layout tours & Spring meet on May 11th at Short Track Section house Vista, and the big PSR Event of the year the annual PSR Convention – Gateway to Cajon Pass, September 25th to 29th. All these events deserve your attendance and just because they may not in your Division that does not mean you should not attend. In fact when you attend an event outside your division you can actually enjoy it – you do not have to do any work, just have fun! Who knows, you may meet some new modelers or learn some new modeling techniques. So when you attend one or all of these great NMRA Events bring along one of your non member friends so they can see the great programs NMRA is providing.

New PSR Members January & February 2013

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>Div</u>
Alex	Van Leeuwen	San Juan Capistrano	CA	CJ
Andrew	O'Brien	Phoenix	AZ	AZ
Bill	Ewing	Encinitas	CA	SD
Brian	Gebhardt	Duarte	CA	LA
Chris	Spatgen	Scottsdale	AZ	AZ
Craig	Lancaster	Tuscon	AZ	AZ
David	Mitzner	Yorba Linda	CA	CJ
Erick	Miller	Chino Hills	CA	CJ
Gifford	Hamilton	Clarkdale	AZ	AZ
Gordon	Clarke	Mesa	AZ	AZ
Hunter	Ferguson	Orange	CA	CJ
Jan	Bauer	Chula Vista	CA	SD
Jeff	Swanson	Marana	AZ	AZ
Jeffrey	Gorjans	San Dimas	CA	LA
Jim	Darnell	Cabazon	CA	CJ
Jim	Ferguson	Orange	CA	CJ
Jim	Slavin	Phoenix	AZ	AZ
John	Bahne	Mesa	AZ	AZ
John	Fleck	Santee	CA	SD
John	Miller	Riverside	CA	CJ
Kenneth	Sadlock	Chula Vista	CA	SD
Kenneth	Wilken	Upland	CA	CJ
Kevin	Stuckhoff	Camarillo	CA	LA
Les	Turner	Julian	CA	SD
Matt	Metzger	Huntington Beach	CA	CJ
Michael	Ayers	Vista	CA	SD
Robert	McGee	Murrieta	CA	CJ
Russell	Hedges	San Diego	CA	SD
Sandy	Butts	Huntington Beach	CA	CJ
Stanley	Hunt	Duarte	CA	LA

Please welcome these new members to the Region and your Division. Be sure to reach out to them and invite them to meets, activities and layout tours.

Reports - Continued

President

Division?

2. If you could change one thing, what would it be and why?

3. What is it going to take to retain and increase our membership?

4. What new things would you like to see added to what we currently offer?

5. Would you be willing to help out in some capacity? Give it some thought and send me your responses so that we may serve you better. My contact info is posted in our newsletter and on the website.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and thanks in advance.

Arizona

forward into 2013 and 2014 I expect that we will be spending a large proportion of our efforts in organizing the 2015 Regional Convention. I hope to introduce and expanded the meeting agenda, one that might include an evening dinner and Chinese auction. I also am looking at adding more meet locations in 2014. If you have new ideas or suggestions on how to improve our Division please contact me.

Cajon

TEMECULA 2013. This very special rate includes the cost of the Banquet. That's almost like attending the Banquet and getting the cost of registration for Free. We need you to sign up now. If you need to cancel for any reason, we are offering a 100% money back guarantee. Also, your early registration makes planning this event easier on all of us. Remember, Children 12 and under are free. (See the attached Convention Flyer in this Newsletter)

One last Note: The Las Vegas members have been meeting regularly more as an independent group than a scheduled NMRA event. Many of the members of this group of modelers are NMRA members. If I had one request of the Nevada members, it would be to have a volunteer step forward and serve as an Assistant Superintendent for the area. That way we could combine those events with some additional NMRA activities as well; perhaps similar to Temecula. So, how about it, please contact me so we can discuss it further.

See you in Temecula and/or the Convention.

L. A.

Division, this would be a great way for them to meet other railroad modelers, exchange ideas, socialize and plan events for all to enjoy.

We are considering setting up an information table, where Model Railroaders can meet and socialize at one of Bob Chaparro's local Layout tour sites, either at a home Layout or Club, with drinks and refreshments, with NMRA and Division information.

San Diego

Escondido, recently closed as well.

On a more positive note, several of our local model railroad clubs have started to open their clinics to non-members. This is a way for them to identify potential new members, but it's also a way for all of us to learn more, and improve our skills. I hope you're taking advantage of this opportunity.

Notice of Meeting

The Mid-Year PSR Board of Directors meeting will be held March 23rd, 2013, 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Cajon Division Temecula Meet, 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.

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 2013 PSR Convention in Riverside.

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, 2013:

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SPRINGRAIL 2013



**Swap Meet
Clinics
Lunch
Hobo Auction**

APRIL 20, 2013

Swap Meet 7:00-10:00 AM

Clinics from 8:00 until 4:00

Coffee & Donuts available in the morning

Bring a model or two to show

Prizes determined by popular vote

(If desired, judged by NMRA Standards)

Module Layouts, Hobo Auction

Lunch included

Contact Mike Allee at

RMALLEE@me.com or 626-446-3946

**Please include "SpringRail Swap"
in your email title.**



**First Christian Church
220 S. 5th Street, Alhambra, CA 91801
Corner of 5th & Commonwealth**





NMRA~PSR Regional Convention

Gateway to Cajon Pass

San Bernardino Hilton Hotel

September 25th thru the 29th

Prototype Tours

Thursday: Union Pacific Colton Hump Yard Tour and Tower Operations

Friday: Victorville CEMEX Plant Tour

Saturday: Columbia Park Live Steamers Park BBQ ~ Featuring their UP Big Boy and UP Challenger

Clinics ~More than 50 Different Clinics by Some of the Top Pros From 5 Different States.

Wednesday: Clinics start at 6:00 pm

Thursday: Clinics start at 8:30 am and continue until 9:00 pm

Friday: Clinics start at 8:30 am until 4:30 pm

Model Contest ~ Entries start Wednesday Night

Layout Tours

Thursday: Layout Tours all Afternoon

Friday: Layout out Tours all Day

Ops Session Layout

Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons in Beaumont, CA ~ This Large layout has Never Been Displayed Before and Operates Like a Dream ~ Limited Sign-ups

On Site Club Layouts

Wednesday Night thru Saturday Afternoon at the Hotel featuring HO and Z Scale.

Saturday Morning Swap Meet by the Round House Gang and Prototype Modelers ~ Non-Registered Public Welcome

Chinese Auction

Friday Night: More than 200 Items will be available for you to win. Including a Large Selection of Brass Locomotives and other High Quality Items

Awards Banquet and Guest Speaker

Saturday Night: Banquet Begins at 6:00 pm ~ Always a Great Time

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday Morning starting at 8:30 am until Finished

Registration ~ Includes a free 6 month NMRA Membership for non-members

Registration Fee is \$65 (Limited Time Offer) which includes the Banquet, go to the Convention Website And Register Early – Money back Guarantee if for any reason you can not attend

<http://www.psrconvention.org/sb13/index.html>

Need Additional Information? Contact: Bob Mitchell at cajondivision@coastinet.com

Gateway to Cajon Pass

2013 PSR Convention

2013 PSR Registration Form ~ San Bernardino, California ~ Hilton Hotel				
Name(s):				
Address & Phone:				
E-Mail Address:				
Item	Price	Quantity	Total	
Full Registration Includes Banquet				
Meal Choices Please Select				
Chicken Parmigiana	\$65.00	0	\$0.00	
Tri-Tip Steak	\$65.00	0	\$0.00	
Vegetarian	\$65.00	0	\$0.00	
Single Day Registration No Banquet	\$30.00	0	\$0.00	
Non-Member Rail Pass, Includes 6 Month NMRA Trial Membership	\$9.95	0	\$0.00	
Railette Luncheon	\$20.00	0	\$0.00	
Banquet Only ~ Spouse & Children	\$45.00	0	\$0.00	
HO Scale Kadee Convention Car	\$24.95	0	\$0.00	
N Scale Convention Car	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	
Convention Pin	\$5.00	0	\$0.00	
Convention Patch	\$6.00	0	\$0.00	
Convention Shirt No Pockets Avail Sizes S,M,L,XL,2X,3X,4X	\$28.00	0	\$0.00	Enter Shirt Size(s)
Convention Shirt with Pockets Avail Sizes S,M,L,XL,2X,3X,4X	\$30.00	0	\$0.00	Enter Shirt Size(s)
UP Hump Yard Bus Tour Thur 9:00 am until about 1:00 pm	\$35.00	0	\$0.00	
Live Steamers Park Welcome BBQ Thur Evening Starting at 5:00 pm	\$25.00	0	\$0.00	
CEMEX Bus Tour Fri. 9:00 am until about 2:30 pm	\$35.00	0	\$0.00	
Run-1 Engineer @ Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris Pricing is per Person	\$45.00	0	\$0.00	
Manufacture's Clinic w/Joe Warren Owner ~ Showcase Miniatures	\$45.00	0	\$0.00	
Total Amount of Enclosed Check			\$0.00	
Make Check Payable to:		The Cajon Division, Inc.		
Mail Check and Copy of this Form to:		Charles Abbott		
Web Address for Your Reference:		8224 Impatients Ave		
http://www.psrconvention.org		Las Vegas, Nevada, 89131-4634		

Sono Tubes for Your Curved Ceiling?

ARticle and Photos By Bob Mictchell, Director, Cajon Division

I have read a lot of articles about using Masonite® for curved backdrops and even ceilings. But because of the complexity of the ceilings and walls at the corners and the tight radiuses I decided to use Sono Tubes instead since they were already curved and I wouldn't be required to make such a tight and maybe impossible bent in Masonite®. These are the fiber concrete forms used for various size columns in the construction industry. They are very ridged and easy to work with. The biggest challenge is when all three curves come together in the corners and where the Bay Windows occurred.

The Bay Windows were covered over after installing ridged insulation panels between the outside windows and the interior drywall. I also put drywall on the outside of the insulation board and painted it white before installing the insulation panels up against the outside windows. This left a nice appearance on the outside of the building. The bay windows were an added feature after I removed the Garage doors that had been installed during the original construction.

Follow along with the pictures and brief descriptions to see how this is being accomplished.



This is one half of the 4 car garage showing a portion of layout room with the Bay window filled in and Sono tubes in place. All of the walls were also skinned with 1/4" drywall to give them a smooth finish. The ceiling lighting is only temporary until the valances can be installed.



With the Sono tube against a wall I used a straight piece of plywood to insure that I would have a line perpendicular to each end to prevent having to warp the Sono tube into place during installation



The Sono tube was wrapped with a paper template to determine the circumference. This was then folded in half and marked at the fold and then folded once again to mark the circumference into quarters. The template was then placed back on the Sono tube using the previous line drawn on the tube and the quarter marks were marked on the tube at both ends and four Chalk lines were snapped along the length of the tube

Sono Tubes for Your Curved Ceiling - Continued



Using a Milwaukee 'Skill' Saw I cut the Sono tubes in half



I then took the halves and cut them into quarters cutting along the previous chalk lines that were snapped on the Sono tubes.



With the Sono tube against a wall I used a straight piece of plywood to insure that I would have a line perpendicular to each end to prevent having to warp the Sono tube into place during installation



That's Ashley, my Granddaughter, peeling the wax paper coating off. It comes off in sections and only requires using your finger nails to get under the paper at each section of the Sono tube.

Sono Tubes for Your Curved Ceiling - Continued

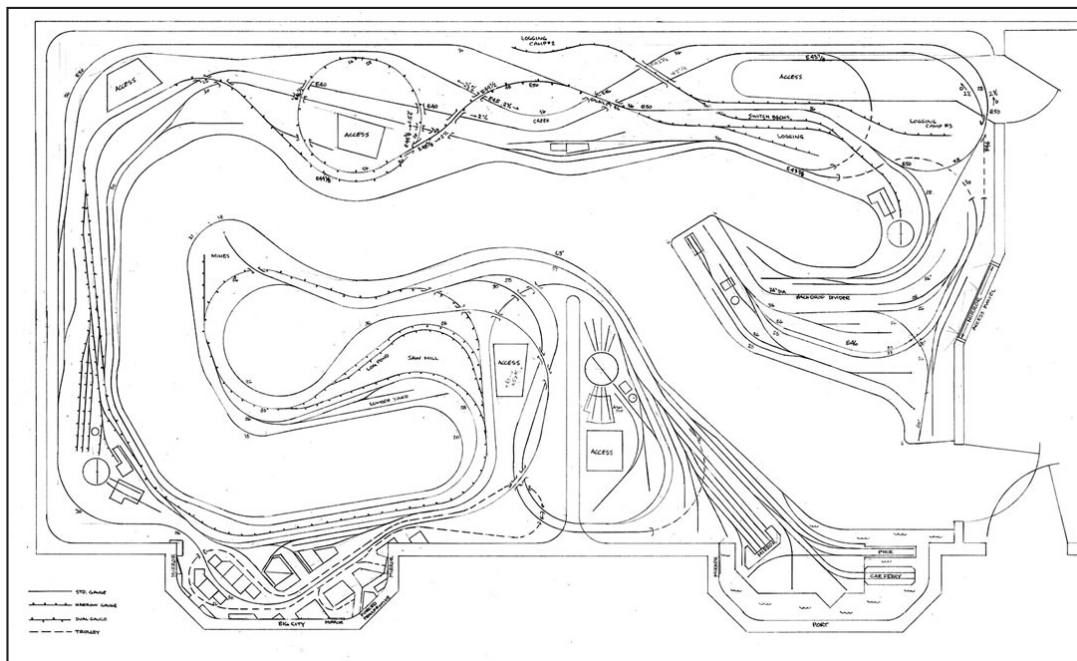


I had to fur the wall out with cardboard drywall shims so the Sono tubes would match up to the 1/4" drywall skin I was putting over the existing drywall so I would have a smooth surface for the 135' backdrop painting that would be needed. Since I do not have to drywall the entire ceiling (only behind the valances) I decided to fur down the existing ceiling with 3/4" plywood.



Here's the Corner with Sono tubes in place using coarse thread drywall screws. I counter sunk the holes first. Later I decided to extend the tubes all the way to the bottom and drywall the entire height of the walls. When I built the garages I used 3/8" plywood shear panels on the interior of the walls. This made installing the drywall a bit easier since I didn't have to worry about finding studs.

In my next installment I will demonstrate how I put drywall mud on the concave corners where the Sono tubes meet and the special trowel I made to simplify the process of getting a smooth and even inside curved corner. I will also show how I am progressing on the valances and the drywall taping. After that we will get into some serious lighting and the actual layout plan.



Bob's Layout Plan - Room size is 20' x 35' plus the bay window areas



NMRA - Infonet-News

March, 2013

NMRA Museum Gallery Exhibit Donation

The WISE Division in Wisconsin recently voted to donate \$5,000 to the NMRA Museum Gallery Exhibit with an immediate payment of \$2,500 and a second payment of the same amount later in the year or early next year.

Atlanta 2013 Convention Update

- All tours are selling briskly, so be sure to register now to avoid disappointment. Most of the prototype and general interest tours are limited to 50 people due to venue limitations.
- A team of PTE convention reps visited the American Maglev Technologies test track on Feb 22 and were treated to a most informative and entertaining tour. This tour is offered on Tuesday, July 16 (P352) and again on Wednesday, July 17 (P457). If you're interested in the future of transportation, don't miss this tour.
- The tour to the CSX Training Center (P355) has been expanded to include a visit to the Georgia Northeastern RR, where you'll get an overview of their operations from GNRR president, see some of their locos, and visit their dispatch center and yards.
- The convention hotel, the Waverly Renaissance, is 40% booked at this time, so don't hesitate in reserving your room at this great venue.
- The clinic schedule has been posted to the website as well as updates to some of the other events. Visit the website at www.NMRA2013.org.
- A very active and entertaining general interest/non-rail program is available, so bring the family, sample some southern hospitality, and see all that Atlanta has to offer.

NMRA BOD appoints new At Large North American Director

The NMRA Board of Directors has appointed Mike Yurzec the new At Large North American Director, a position vacated by Miles Hale, MMR. Mike resides in Sherman, Ill., and is a Director of North America Railroad Products for a large hydraulics company. He was recently elected Vice President of the Midwest Region, and prior to that was District 5 Trainmaster for the Illinois Valley Division. Mike also served as Chairman of the "Railsplitter 2012" Midwest Region Convention Committee.

NMRA BOD appoints new Vice President – Special Projects

The Board has also confirmed the appointment of Gerry Leone, MMR, Vice President-Special Projects. Gerry served as NMRA Communications Director for five years, and, prior to that, was Deputy Chair of the NMRA's Member Services Department. He also served on the boards and edited the newsletters of the Thousand Lakes Region and Twin Cities Division. Gerry received the NMRA President's Award in 2010, and the Meritorious Service award in 2012. Gerry replaces Bill Kaufman, who resigned in mid-February. Item 2:

Email addresses for the NMRA eBulletin!

If any of your members did not receive the first issue of the NMRA eBulletin, which was mailed out on March 5, it means either their SPAM filter is preventing it from getting through, or their email address on file with NMRA Headquarters isn't current. Please have them visit <http://www.nmra.org/member/content/member-info-update> to update email information. Also let them know that it may take a little bit of time for the update to take effect, since this is currently being done manually by HQ staff. The next issue of the NMRA eBulletin is scheduled to be mailed out in early May.

New Email address for Division Business Car Column

Jim Zinser has announced a new email address for his Division Business Car Column. The new email address is divbizcar@outlook.com

Flag Stops

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2013

February

- 16 Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Mini-Meet. 0800 – 1700. Santa Fe/Amtrak Depot, San Bernardino,
- 16 San Diego Division Winter Meet and Swap Meet. 0830 – 1130 Swap Meet, 0830 – 1500 Meet. Clairemont Christian Fellowship Church, 4570 Mt. Herbert Ave. San Diego, CA 92117
- 17 to 26 Coachella Valley Model Railroad Open House at Riverside County Fair. Riverside County Fairgrounds, 82-503 Highway 111, Indio CA 92201. 10 am - 2 pm. www.cvmrr.com Contact Jim Hundley at jim@cvmrr.com or www.cvmrr.com
- 23 Roundhouse Gang Model RR Club Swap Meet 8am to 12pm, Santa Fe San Bernardino Depot 1170 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA \$4.00 donation at the door, Spouses and under 18 are free. Vendor tables \$12.00 when reserved in advance, or \$14.00 at the door if still available. For vendor reservations contact Larry at 951-686-7890 or Gary at 909-794-3153.

March

- 2 Orange Empire Railroad Museum Spring Swap Meet, Perris, CA. 0900 to 1400.
- 4 Glendale MRC Open House 1930 – 2200 <http://www.gmrrc.org>
- 9 San Diego Division Layout Tour. Frank Tepedino, HO scale, Tierra Santa, CA. Contact Don Ham, layouts@sandiegodivision.org
- 10 Fairplex Garden Railway Open to the Public. 1100 to 1600. See <http://fgrr.org/calendar.html>
- 23, 24 Santa Susana Depot Swap Meet and Open House 7am to 10am. Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Adults \$2.00, kids free. Depot Open House 10am to 4pm. SP Depot and HO layout are open each Sat and Sun 1pm to 4pm. This classic SP Depot at 6503 Katherine Rd., Simi Valley, CA Vendor table reservations \$12.00 and are on a first come, first served basis. Bring your own table for use outside the pavilion \$10.00. No reservations will be made without full payment. Vendors

who do not arrive by 630am will be subject to forfeiture of their reservation and payment. David Putnam 661-753-6006 <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/swapmeet.htm> <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/Foundation/Home.htm> <http://www.rsrpd.org/park/santasusanadepot/santasusanadepot.html> Cajon Division Temecula Meet.

23 April

- 1 Glendale MRC Open House 1930 – 2200 <http://www.gmrrc.org>
- 13 LA Div. NMRA Springrail Meet and Swap Meet. Clinics 0800 to 1600. Swap Meet 0700 to 1000. NMRA Members \$20, Non-members \$25. Entry includes 25 Hobo Auction Tickets. Kids under 12 free. First Christian Church, 220 S. 5th Street, Alhambra CA RMALLEE@me.com (626) 446-3946
- 13 RPM/Western Prototype Modeler's Meet. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino, CA www.WesternPrototypeModelers.org ppw-aline@att.net
- 13 San Diego Division Layout Tour. Clement Roberts, garden scale. Contact Don Ham, layouts@sandiegodivision.org
- 20, 21, 23, 27 & 28 Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House
- 27 Train Song Festival, Old Poway Park, Poway, CA. Free event featuring singers of train songs, railroad-related family activities, modular layout displays. For more info, see <http://www.poway.org/Index.aspx?page=110>
- 27, 28 San Bernardino RR Days Santa Fe San Bernardino Depot 1170 W. Third St. Free. <http://www.sbdepotmuseum.com/> <http://www.sbrailroaddays.com/>

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- 4, 5 Fullerton RR Days
- 6, 7, 8 Glendale MRC Open House. Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday, May 7, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Monday, May 8, 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Sunday, December 3, 2011, 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Gmrrc.org
- 11 San Diego Division Spring Meet. Short Track Railroad, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe, Vista, CA. Contact Bruce Deck, meets@sandiegodivision.org

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- 8 San Diego Division Layout Tour. Jack Byers, HO scale, Escondido. Contact Don Ham, layouts@sandiegodivision.org



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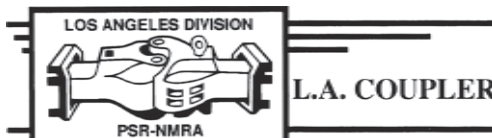
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