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The PSR's "Orange Blossom Special" is Arriving Soon, Don't Be Caught Without a Ticket!

**Have you booked your reservations for the PSR's "Orange Blossom Special"?
This is the one and only in-person model railroad convention on the west coast
in 2021, and seats are filling up!**

As a reminder, the NMRA Pacific Southwest Region 2021 Convention is taking place at the Hilton Hotel/Orange County Airport in Irvine, CA, September 8 – 11.

Volunteers are working overtime to ensure we all have a fun, and safe, convention. Convention staff are monitoring health and safety guidelines, and will be following county, city, and hotel, safety practices.

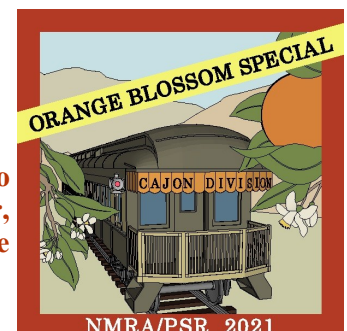
For those of you who already reserved a spot, we want to remind you to book any Extra Fare items ahead of time. As of late-July, the GEMCO Yard Tour is filling up, and the layout tour bus is almost full. Limited seats remain for the following clinics – Painting People, Basic Kit Build Workshop, Owl Mountain Lumber Load, Multi-Media Weathering, Build a Searchlight Signal. Unfortunately, the Extra Fare clinic on creating sea foam, has been cancelled.

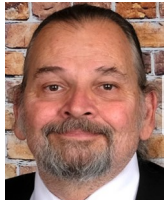
If you have not selected your meal choice for the banquet, please do so now. You can re-enter the registration system on our website, and make a selection there. If you do not choose an entrée, by default you will receive the beef plate.

Also please use the registration system to let us know if you plan to attend the Wednesday welcome reception. While the event is free, a reservation and ticket is required.

The convention is only a few weeks away, it's time to pack up the models you've been working on all year, complete your registration, and make plans to come to Irvine, September 8 – 11.

See Pages 10 and 11 for more info.





FROM THE WAYCAR

Pat Raymer—President

Greetings fellow PSR members,

So here we are, halfway through the year. As they say: “time flies when you are having fun”, so I hope your time has flown!

First off, I would like to congratulate San Diego Director Pete Steinmetz on his appointment as National Standards and Conformance Officer. I would also like to congratulate PSR Vice President Gary Butts on his position in mechanical conformance. Both of you are great additions to the national team!

Speaking of things National, I hope some of you had a chance to attend the Rails by the Bay - NMRA National convention. Since the convention had to be converted to a virtual format, it was very easy to attend. There were 2 clinic tracks every day that ran from morning to night, with breaks between each clinic and break at lunchtime. At the end of each clinic, there were breakout rooms where the clinicians were able to answer questions and discuss their subjects in further detail. There was also the “Great Hall”, where people could go to socialize at any time. Also included were virtual layout tours and presentations by several manufacturers. All in all, the convention team did a great job under less than ideal conditions, and I enjoyed the time I invested in attending. When I think about the fact that we didn’t have to buy gas, pay for a hotel room, restaurant meals, and no National Train Show to empty my bank account, this was the most affordable National convention I have ever attended! Nothing, however, can replace in-person fellowship, but with some of the advantages of a virtual convention, perhaps some kind of hybrid format will be in our future. Only time can tell.

Now for some things with a more local flavor...as I mentioned in the last Dispatch, the PSR has been recognized by the IRS as a non-profit corporation. We have now completed all of the State of California filing requirements which was the last step of the process. Reminder - all four PSR divisions now also enjoy 501(c)(3) status under the Region umbrella.

The PSR 2021 convention – the “Orange Blossom Special”, is going full steam ahead, as I am sure you will see in other portions of this Dispatch. If you haven’t looked into registering, I can tell you it couldn’t be easier! The new registration system is simple to use and a great improvement for the Region. Mona and I had a chance to visit the convention hotel and it is perfectly suited for our needs. It is close to the airport, and so convenient for those flying in. There is an outdoor space that is ideal for the reception and swap meet events. I would also like to remind you that this is the first opportunity in quite a while for most of us to have models evaluated for the Achievement Program. I am looking forward to an outstanding convention and I hope you will be able to join us!

As the planning of the 2021 and 2022 conventions has developed, the PSR Board is examining the way the Region conducts conventions. The PSR Convention Manual is being rewritten and amendments to the Manual of Operations are coming soon. More on this after the board meeting in September.

In the last issue of The Dispatch, I described the new PSR Education Committee. The chair position for this new committee has yet to be filled. This position would accrue volunteer points at the regional rate.

I feel that this committee is very important to support our mandate as an educational organization. If you are interested or know of someone who would be willing to help the Region in this endeavor, please contact me at: president@psrnmra.org and put Education Committee in the subject line.

As always,
See you down the line!





THE PSR BACKSHOP

Gary Butts, MMR
Vice President

The question has recently come up from a few different people regarding “just what does the Pacific Southwest Region do for its Divisions?”. It is a good question and I took some time to find out the answer and here it is.

First and foremost, the “Region” forms the representation that our area of the country (and the world, for that matter) has with our NMRA national organization. Although differences in requirements and desires between all of the NMRA regions are usually small, it is through our Region representation that our voice is heard. It is just not practical to have a representation from each of the 180+ divisions at the National BOD meetings so our needs are funneled through the 18 Regions of which the PSR is one.

Our “Pacific Southwest Region” is now an official Federal non-profit 501-c(3) corporation consisting of (doing business as) our four divisions. It maintains a separate bank account from its divisions but must report its financial status as a single entity to the IRS and State tax authorities including all of our Divisions. It is governed by the PSR Region Board of Directors which is made up of its President, Vice President, and the four Directors from our individual divisions as voting members as well as the advisory staff made up of the various region committee chair persons: Treasurer, Secretary, Contests, Hobo, Editor, Webmaster, Nominations/Elections, Member services, Achievement Program, Historian, Non-Rail, and our Past President.

Our Region receives \$2 (yes, just \$2) per year per full member from the dues each of us pays for membership in the NMRA. This is not a lot of money and typically the divisions must rely on income from their individual division activities to fund the activities that we all enjoy and appreciate. This small national stipend has historically been retained and accrued in the PSR Region accounts for use in funding the Region’s activities. This changed in 2019. The PSR Board of Directors took action to pass this annual stipend through to the divisions on a per-capita basis so that these funds

would be available to be spent directly on the activities directly affecting the Division’s members.

OK- so how does the Region fund it’s activities and just what are they?

The PSR Region income is now limited only to a percentage of any profits that may come from the PSR annual Regional Conventions. If there should accumulate a loss from a Convention, as in the case of the Covid cancelled LA 2020 convention, the Region in effect becomes the insurer and helps to support the divisions by taking a part of the loss from its assets.

In addition, the Region supplies the following on-going services at a minimum:

Member of the year awards. You know, those coveted MOY bells awarded annually to those five individuals that have given selflessly to the enjoyment of our hobby to each of our Divisions and the Region.

Golden Spike awards. Now region wide the “Golden Spike” and lapel pin awards given to those individuals that have created a physical model railroad including laying track, modeling locos and cars, placing scenery, etc.

Web Site hosting. It costs money to host a web site and maintain a complete set of email forwarding protocols and the Regions pays and maintains this for all of our divisions to keep costs down and uniformity up.

Dispatch Printing. With most of our divisions unable to afford printed newsletters, the Region’s Dispatch becomes the only communications that those of our members that do not have internet access receive from our region. This includes many life members and others that we do not want to exclude from our various activities. Unfortunately, with today’s high printing and postage costs, this does not come cheap.

Nomination/Elections. The use of on-line elections for Division directors and Region president and vice president for the past 4 or 5 years has significantly reduced the cost over our old mail-in ballot system but the use of a secure election system also has its costs and the Regions pays for this.



The PSR Backshop

Gary Butts, MMR
Vice President

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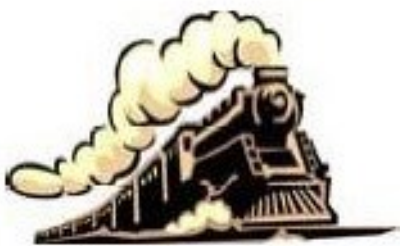
Storage Locker. Storage for our various Region awards and other Region materials has become too much and too inconvenient to be held at member's homes. We now rent a small portion of the Cajon Division storage locker that is available to our Regions BOD at any time at a significantly lower price than could be had otherwise.

Contest Plaques and Ribbons. The beautiful 1st place Convention model contest plaques and runner-up ribbons are supplied by the Region.

Special New Member incentive special projects Grants. For the past 4-5 years the region has matched funds for any division special projects or activities specifically designed to attract new members up to \$1000 per year. Several projects have been supported and are always welcome.

One-Off expenses. During the course of supporting our hobby as the head of our division group, the Region has funded several one-time expenses such as new A/V projectors and screen for each of our Divisions, Incorporation cost share and special plaques for significant contribution individuals outside of the MOY awards, etc.

These expenses are not insignificant but contribute greatly to the enjoyment of our hobby. And that is what our Regions is doing for us. Questions? Find me at any Division meet or at our upcoming "Orange Blossom Special" convention and I will be happy to try and answer them for you.



PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

TREASURERS FALL 2021 REPORT

During the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 there was only one financial transaction by the Region.

The June 30, 2021 Bank Statement indicates that the Region has \$31,845.14 (compared to \$32,636.14 on March 31, 2021) in the Region Checking Account.

The major transaction during this period was:

Payment of the balance due to the PSR Attorney for preparation and filing of the 501c(3) paperwork in the amount of \$1,500. Overall, the incorporation cost the Region \$4,000.00 which is \$1,000 less than the original amount.

Wells Fargo Checking Account:

Region Assets as of March 31, 2021: \$32,636.14

Region Assets as of June 30, 202: \$30,345.14

Net Change this period: - \$791.00



Cajon

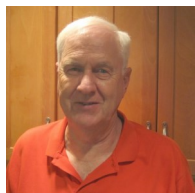
Richard Hock, Director

Calling all Conventioneers!

Convention Time is Right Around the Corner! The timetable is set, the clinics arranged, the tour events booked, the hotel ready and scream for ice cream! It's time for the PSR 2021 Orange Blossom Special! But leave your Water Buffalo hats, your secret handshakes and passwords at home. We are going to bingo for trains and hobo auction instead. The Cajon Division and the Convention Team has been hard at work well over the past year and is excited to host this event..

I will keep this column really short and just say these few statements....

1. There is still time to register, so don't miss out.
2. It has been a long time since we have been together as a region, let's get re-acquainted.
3. See you in Irvine!



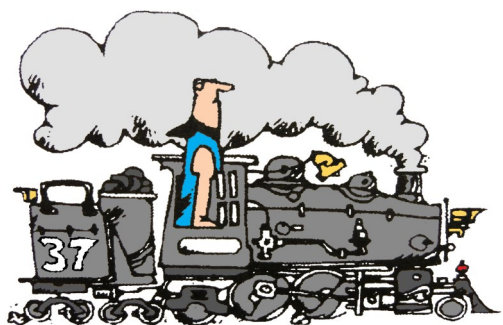
Arizona

Frank Baker, MMR— Director

While Covid is still on the minds of many, we decided to hold a summer meet on July 24th for those that might want to join us in the cooler climate of Prescott Valley. Terry Fearn arranged for a meeting at the Prescott Valley Library. What a wonderful facility. The meeting room was very well appointed with sound, screen and video equipment. About 50 Arizona Members made the drive from as far away as Douglas, Arizona. Most were NMRA members from the Phoenix area. Three clinics, a contest room and AP judging made it a full day. Verryl Fosnight provided a very informative clinic on Model Railroad Photography. Bruce Petrarca, our AP manager presented a wonderful presentation on the MMR program. He also presented John Lovely and I with our MMR plaques and asked us to say a few words about our award efforts. Allan Gross, MMR #238 was there to meet many of the newer members. Free Lunch was provided by the division.

One of the topics discussed was creating a Railpass buddy system. We have 9 months to keep them before they either drop out or become a full member. Richard Petrina, Division Superintendent will create a template of skills from current members that would be interested in helping Railpass members. We will let everyone know how this works out.

Our next Division meet will be November 6th in Tucson.



Los Angeles

Mona Raymer, Director

Hello PSR friends! I hope you've been having a nice summer and staying safe and hydrated in this heat.

The Los Angeles Division has now activated its new website! Kevin Spady, along with assistance from Dan Moran, has done a great job in updating our website with a new vibrant look and making it more user friendly! You can check it out at: www.ladiv-nmra.org Thank you Kevin and Dan, all of your work is very much appreciated!!

Something new the Los Angeles Division Advisory Board has been up to: We have implemented a new way to get together virtually for our members. This gathering is called "Sand House Chat". It is a very informal gathering for fellowship, held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. There is really no structure to it, we simply attend and share whatever we have been doing with those in attendance.

Our superintendent, Vic Cavalli, has started looking at our By-Laws to ensure they will conform to the Regions 501c3 Nonprofit By-Laws.

I'm excited to inform all of you that, currently, there are two planned in-person events within the Los Angeles Division – please put these dates on your calendar!

Oct. 2 – L.A. Area Prototype meet – Bellflower

Oct 23 – FallRail – Whittier

Also, our annual SpringRail is back for 2022!!!

April 23 – SpringRail - Whittier

We look forward to seeing you there!

My usual sign off is "until next time". However, this will be my last communication as Director of the Los Angeles Division. Even though I am still eligible to run, I have made a personal decision not to. It has been a pleasure serving on the PSR Board of Directors. Happy modeling, stay safe and well!



San Diego

Pete Steinmetz, Director

I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy.

The San Diego Division is going back to live in person meets starting in August. We hold our meets on the second Saturday of the month. There will be a separate E Mail about the August Meet. I will do a live Hands-On Weathering Clinic at the August meet.

We will not have a meet in September as we hope everyone will attend the PSR Convention in Irvine.

Our October Layout Tour will be at North County Model Railroad Society (www.ncmrs.org) in Oceanside. They will have a large swap meet and layout tour. The San Diego Division will have a table selling railroad items and recruiting new members. The swap meet will have food available and raffle prizes. This swap meet has turned into one of the better swap meets in Southern California. Hours are 8AM – 12 Noon. Admission is free for buyers. Sellers pay a nominal fee.

Our November meet will be at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. Details to follow.

One of the best ways to recruit new members has been in person gatherings and train shows. Not many of those over the last 18 months. NMRA National and the San Diego Division are going on a recruitment drive to sign up new members. We will be highlighting the value of membership to potential new members. Once someone gives us money, it is up to us and other divisions to show the new member the value of NMRA Membership. We contact them, find out about their model railroad interests, and offer them a “Buddy” from our division.

The Buddy can have the same interest in modeling as the new member or they can be geographically close to the new member. Either way, the new member has someone they can contact with questions or comments. We also invite them to all our events. Another valuable asset is the discounts given by on line and in person retailers. Reed’s Hobby Shop in La Mesa offers a 10% discount to NMRA Members. Members can easily pay for their membership with the discounts NMRA members receive.

There is an election for PSR Directors in August. Please remember to vote for the person running in your division.

Until next time, happy modeling!



Historian’s Report

Per Harwe, Historian

I am sorry to say that not much has happened in the Historian’s Corner (<http://www.psrnmra.org/library/historians-corner>) since last time I wrote to you. I have come as far as I can get in the research of *my* old articles, Newsletters and other sources that I have, **so now I need support from you** to be able to document more of what has happened in our Regions since it was formed in 1982.

What I want to concentrate on now is to find all elected officials (PSR and each Division) and finding a nice and clear way to present this. There is the beginning of that page on the site and I welcome any suggestion for layout and content. So please dig up those Newsletters, your old notes, I’m sure some of you have kept notes, minutes, etc. (I can’t be the only packrat in this elaborate group) and share with me what you can find.

As I have mentioned above, contributions are what will bring this program forward so please contact me via email history@psrnmra.org with what you can find.



Achievement Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

PSR Awards Program Report

Even with the Covid restrictions the Awards Program has been active. Arizona and San Diego have worked out how to do remote evaluations with vary good success. I would encourage any modeler who has been working on structures, cars, or motive power to bring them to the 2021 PSR Convention and have them evaluated in the contest room. If you have questions on how to fill out the paperwork contact, your division AP manager they will gladly help.

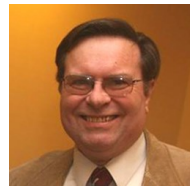
This past quarter a few members have made progress on their MMR's

Leonard Smith from Arizona received his Golden Spike award

Wayne Pierce from San Diego not only received his Golden Spike but also received AP Certificates for Structures, Civil, Electrical, and Scenery

Congratulations to both Leonard and Wayne and I am looking forward to seeing more items submitted from both of you.

Stay safe and continue to work on items for the Awards Program and bring them to the 2021 PSR Convention the Orange Blossom Special.



The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair

We are only about a little over a month away from the PSR 2021 Orange Blossom Special Convention in Irvine. I encourage you to continue working on your model railroads as well as your future entries for the Show Room. Begin filling out your forms in advance for your entries, I have included NMRA Form 901 & PSR Form 902 for your convenience.

The Show Room will be open Merit Evaluations and judging of models in the various categories of motive power, cars, and structures. Popular Vote by attendees of models, photos, railroadiana, as well as various arts and crafts will be awarded as well. Displaying of models is also encouraged.

Look forward to seeing and visiting with many of you. This will be a great opportunity to again to interact with your fellow model railroaders. Keep safe and enjoy your modeling and time.

Sincerely,

James L. Keena
PSR Contest Chair

NMRA YouTube Channel

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

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

There are over 75 videos available from the NMRA-X event held during the week of July 12th. While it is challenging to watch videos live during the week if you are a working person, these video recordings of the presentations give you access to the events.

**NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

NMRA Form #901 Rev. J, 8/22/2020. All previous forms obsolete
Please Print All Information

Entry No. _____

ENTRANT / MODELER

Name _____ Age (if <30): _____ NMRA #: _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____ New Modeler (Y/N): _____
 Phone: (____) _____-_____ Cell Phone (____) _____-_____ Email _____ Region: _____

CONTEST EVENTS**MODEL CONTEST**

(Judged)

Classification☐ Scratch Built☐ Kit BuiltCategory☐ Steam Locomotive☐ Diesel & Other Loco☐ Traction☐ Passenger Car☐ Freight Car☐ Caboose☐ Non-Revenue Car☐ Structure☐ Display**MODEL SHOWCASE**

(Display only, all categories)

☐ Entry**PHOTO CONTEST**

(Judged)

☐ Model, B&W Print☐ Model, Color Print☐ Prototype, B&W Print☐ Prototype, Color Print☐ Working on the Railroad Print☐ Panorama Print**RAILROAD PASS CONTEST**

(Judged)

☐ Entry**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS**

(Popular vote - Direct entry)

Model☐ Favorite Train☐ Locomotive*☐ Rolling Stock*☐ Caboose☐ Structure☐ Display**Arts & Crafts**☐ General☐ Needlework☐ Railroadiana**Photo (B&W or Color)**☐ Model Print☐ Prototype Print**Special Award Categories**☐ Photo Match☐ Thumbs Award

*Note - Judged entries are also eligible to be chosen for People's Choice Awards
 - Loco includes steam, diesel & traction; Rolling stk. includes, freight, pass & non-rev.

ENTRY NAME _____

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. First place or Gold Award winners from previous NMRA National Contests are not eligible.
2. This Entry Form # 901 must be completed for all entries. Judge's Score Sheets # 902 must also be completed for each entry in the Judged Model Contests.
3. Supplemental information, including plans, photos and other supporting documentation may be submitted. This should be organized in order by judging factor (Construction, Detail, Conformity, Finish & Lettering and Scratchbuilt). However, judges are under no obligation to review this material, and the Contest Chairman may limit this information.
4. The Contest Chairman reserves the right to determine how to display entries. Removal of entries from the Contest Room without approval of the Contest Chairman and presentation of the claim check is prohibited.
5. All entries must have a declared value. (See below.)
6. After filling out this Entry Form and the Judge's Score Sheet, if applicable, return both to the Contest Staff who will provide an Entry number for the Entry Form, Judges Scoring Sheet, Claim Check and Entry Identification Tag. Place entry with Identification Tag attached in the designated location. Retain the Claim Check, which must be signed and presented to pick up the entry at the end of the contest.
7. I certify that this entry is entirely my/our original work. I release the NMRA and all persons connected with this Contest from any liability arising from damage to or loss of the entry in any amount greater than the limits of insurance carried by the NMRA.
8. I grant the NMRA a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual license to reproduce images or videos of the entry made by the NMRA, or to reproduce copies of the entry itself if it is a photograph, in the NMRA Magazine or any other form of NMRA publication, including print, electronic media, and any other means now known or hereafter created.

Entrant / Modeler Signature _____

Proxy Signature _____

 Entry Value
 \$ _____
NMRA CONTEST CLAIM CHECK

I hereby certify that entry # _____ entered the Contest and has been returned to me in satisfactory condition

Entrant / Modeler / Proxy Signature _____



NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST JUDGING FORM

NMRA Form #902 Rev. E, 6/16/11 (PSR 12/20/2020)

Please print.

Entry No.

Entry Name _____

1. CONSTRUCTION (Maximum 40 points)

(*May qualify for AP scratch built)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

Model Basis – Select the description that best applies to your model

- ☐ Scratch Built (Complete) *– SB struc. + details (>90%) ☐ Kit Bash – Multi kits/ comm. parts assem. not per kit plan
☐ Scratch Built (Partial) – SB struc.; comm. details (<90%) ☐ Kit Built – Per kit plan (> 90%); few modifications
☐ Mod. Comm. – Shells, frame, struc. or major parts (>50%) ☐ Mod. RTR – Some mod. (<20%) to finished comm. model

Name kit or major comm. parts & manufacturer _____

Construction Techniques – Select all methods & materials that apply to your model

- ☐ Drew own plans ☐ Followed construc. article ☐ Cut & fit wood ☐ Soldered metal
☐ Used proto/comm. plans ☐ Cut & fit metal ☐ Cut & fit cardstock ☐ Made patterns
☐ Used kit plans ☐ Cut & fit plastic ☐ Cut & fit glass ☐ Made molds

Describe in detail how model was built, its complexity and the methods used. _____

2. DETAIL (Maximum 20 points)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

 Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement & quantity of detail parts added. Identify all commercial parts.

3. CONFORMITY (Maximum 25 points)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

 Describe prototype design. Include prototype documentation (beyond what may have been supplied in kit).

4. FINISH & LETTERING (Maximum 25 points)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

- ☐ Weathered ☐ Hand Lettered ☐ Decals ☐ Dry Transfers ☐ Spray ☐ Airbrush ☐ Dry brush ☐ Stain

☐ Non-Weathered - Describe methods & materials _____

5. SCRATCH BUILT (Maximum 15 points) -

☐ Kit Built Classification

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

List all parts scratch built; note special refinements _____

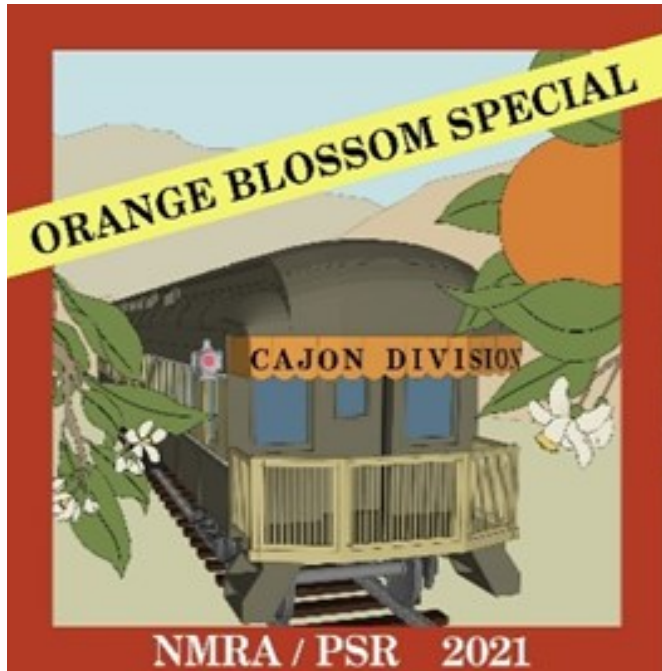
6. TOTAL POINTS (Staff only) -

Final Score

Tabulated by _____ Verified by _____

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Convention Update



The Orange Blossom Special is Departing!

Yes, on September 8, 2021, the Orange Blossom Special departs will you be on board? There is still time to purchase your ticket, pack your bags, and hop on board to enjoy 4 fun filled days of model train activities. For most of us we have not attended a model train convention now going on almost two years. If you are like me, I am really looking forward to getting back to normal. So why should you board the Orange Blossom Special? Well for now it is the only remaining NMRA Regional Convention that will be held in 2021 on the West Coast. Do you really want to wait until September 2022 to attend a local convention?

For you members living in Los Angeles, Cajon, and San Diego this convention is virtually in your back yard. Yes, for you members living in Arizona it is a bit of a drive, but remember the 2019 convention was in your state, do you really want to not attend another convention until 2023?

The Orange Blossom Special team has put hundreds of hours into planning this convention just for your enjoyment. Any of you who have been on a convention committee understand the amount of work that goes into planning an event of this scale, and that work was done for your enjoyment. If you have not registered, please go to the convention web site, and check it out. www.psrconvention.org

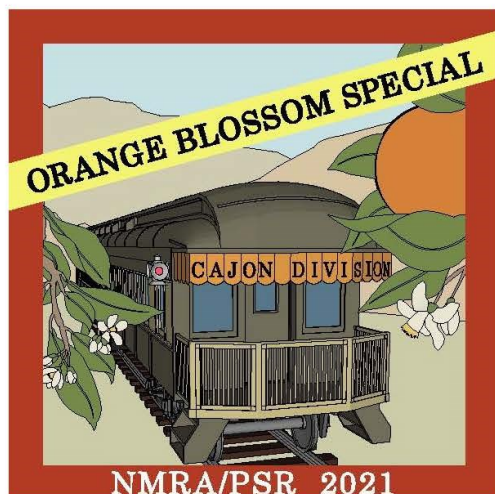
So just what do you get for your full fare on the Orange Blossom Special? The Wednesday night Welcome reception with Bingo for Trains, Thursday morning the PSR General Membership Meeting, all the included free clinics, home layouts to visit, Op's sessions, Non-Rail activities, Friday night Hobo Auction, Saturday morning Swap Meet and the PSR Awards Banquet. Yes, there are some extra fare items as well a Prototype trip to the GEMCO Yard, a home and club layout bus tour, and some great extra fare clinics. And of course, we have pins, shirts, HO and N convention cars. Let's not forget the several really nice raffle items we have, a N scale DCC Daylight train complete with 10 cars, how about a HO Santa Fe Super Chief set complete with 3 locomotives, 8 cars with DCC/Sound, and not forgetting our On30 modelers we have a Spectrum 2-8-0 locomotive with DCC.

Still want more? You have been sitting at home working on buildings, cars and locomotives so why not show them off in the contest room? We also have a One Foot Challenge with CASH prizes, and don't forget to bring those train photos.

So, can you find a better deal than four fun packed days for model railroading for just \$125? Come join in the fun, see some great clinics and home layouts, meet up with old and new friends, and just forget about all the stress of this past year. The Orange Blossom Special crew is ready to welcome you aboard.

Carl Heimberger

ALL ABOARD!!!



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Pacific Southwest Region

2021

“Orange Blossom Special” MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION

September 8 – 11, 2021

Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport Hotel
Irvine, Ca



❖ **Keynote Speaker Charlie Getz**

Past President of the NMRA

❖ **Operating Sessions**

Featuring: 10+ Layouts

❖ **Prototype Tours**

*Including: **The UPRR Gemco Yard***

❖ **Non-Rail Activities & Tours**

*Including: **The Nixon Library***

❖ **Welcome Reception**

❖ **Private Layout Tours**

❖ **Railroad Modeling Clinics**

❖ **Hobo Breakfast**

❖ **Model Railroad/Railroadiana Swap Meet**

❖ **Railroad Model Contest Room**

❖ **Model Railroad Auction**

❖ **Awards Banquet**

Hotel Reservations: You can now reserve your room on-line by going to the convention website and clicking on the ‘Hotel’ link. The convention rate rooms at the Hilton are guaranteed to fill up, and you don’t want to miss out on the discount, or worse, be trying to find a last-minute hotel deal. Hilton Reservations: 949-833-9999 – Group Name: 2021 PSR Convention / Group Code: PSRC

Convention Tours: Convention staff is working on securing additional rail and non-rail tours. Currently, the list of tours includes the UPRR Gemco Yard in Van Nuys, as well as a trip to the Nixon Library for the non-rail attendees. Check the website for additional information and updates.

Convention Goodies: Don’t forget to check out the Company Store, where you will find shirts, pins, patches, as well as our special run model railroad cars.

Registration: The full fare rate of \$125 covers your convention registration and the awards banquet. See the convention website for complete registration and convention details.

www.PSRConvention.org



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