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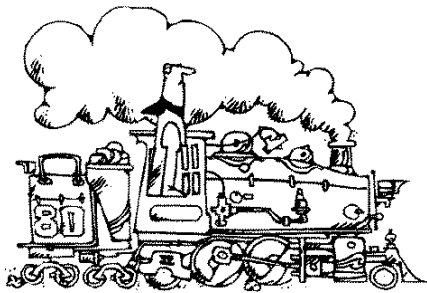
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## Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

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### Seeding For The Future

Many of us know the story of Johnny Appleseed. Fewer of us know that he was a real person. For forty-nine years, John Chapman ("Johnny Appleseed") roamed the American wilderness, devotedly planting apple trees. He created apple orchards in the wilderness spanning an estimated area of 100,000 square miles. Some of these trees are still bearing fruit after 150 years.

The longevity of trees and their ability to spread makes John Chapman's contribution one of the most lasting in American history. Laws, wars and political parties have come and gone; lawyers, soldiers and statesmen have grown powerful, only to see their life's work eventually undone. But John's apple trees have endured and multiplied, changing the face and food of a continent.

So what does this have to do with model railroading? I think there is a parallel about making a lasting contribution and I think there is a parallel about how it is done.

Recently (again!) I was given a large collection of Railroad Model Craftsman magazines from someone who got them at a library surplus sale, keeping only the few issues of interest to him. I believe he saved the magazines from becoming recycled paper.

Unfortunately, hobby magazines we donate to libraries sometime go right out the backdoor to used magazine sellers or, worse, to recycling. The reasons are the libraries don't always have space to keep specialized magazines

and newer issues of MR, RMC and other larger circulation hobby magazines have little market value. (Believe me, I've tried to sell my own back issues for peanuts at railroad swap meets, usually without success.)

So what should we do with magazines we no longer need? Why not take the Johnny Appleseed approach? Seed the land with them for a new generation of model railroaders. Spread them around to promote interest in the hobby. Leave a copy or two in the reception area of your doctor's office when you visit. Leave them in your break room at work. Leave them at the airport when you travel.

Some certainly will be tossed, but a number of them will go home with someone to spark their interest, or their child's interest, in model railroading.

Take the Johnny Appleseed approach. Help make a lasting contribution to the hobby. 🚂

[Johnny Appleseed material courtesy of Mae Beringer and The One-Room School Homepage in Mercer, PA.]

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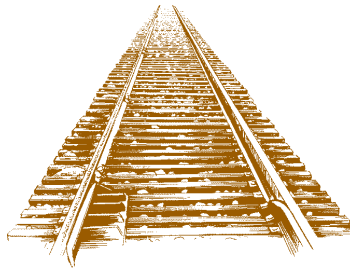
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# Chief Gandy Dancer

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The Board of Trustees Meeting held in St Louis, MO opened on the 6th of July and was a very spirited and busy meeting. Here is the main part of the meeting.

1. Most of you have heard by now that as of the 29th of June, 2001 Miss Connie Rudder (Executive Director) is no longer with the NMRA. She elected to resign effective June 30th, 2001. Until a new executive director has been named, Administrative Manager Debbie Bennet and Library Director Gordan Belt will report to Executive Vice President John Roberts, while department heads will report to President Allen Pollack. This will allow the association to function as smoothly as possible during this period. All of us in the NMRA family wish Connie well and thank her for her eight years of dedication to the NMRA.

2. Past President Bob Charles was relieved of his responsibilities as Development Department Director-no replacement as yet.

3. Brian Kampschroer is no longer Meetings and Trade Show Director- Henry Jordan replaces Brian.

4. Tom Draper replaces Henry Jordan as Trade Show General Manager.

5. New Nominations Chairman is Mike Brestal (Mid Central Trustee).

6. George Schmid (a CPA) is now the new Treasurer replacing Doug Auburg.

7. Long Range Planning Committee Chairman C. Getz reviewed the LRP Plans for the upcoming mid year meeting. A draft will be submitted at that time, with final approval to be sent to the membership for voting in the near future.

8. Philadelphia was successful in its bid for the NMRA 2006 Convention.

9. Nominations are in place for the next President and Executive Vice President elections. For President Allen Pollock, and for Executive Vice President, John Roberts and Dean Windsor.

10. There was a new Department created recently called the Education Department under the direction of Rich Coleman. The NMRA is a non profit association whose purpose is to promote and teach the art and craft of model railroading. The NMRA Education Department structural umbrella also encompasses the Modeling with the Masters Program and the coordination of the Speakers Bureau. Each Division Director needs to appoint a Division Education Chair. We have a Pacific Southwest Region Education Chair in Jan Wescott. For additional information please contact Jan or see her column on Page 9 in this issue of the *PSR Dispatch*.

## Now For The Most Important Issue: DUES.

11. Trustee Actions in St Louis Your association has been spending more dollars than it has been receiving! This harsh reality faced the NMRA Board of Trustees at its meeting last week in St Louis. There appear to be two major factors causing the problem.

a. First the NMRA has expanded and improved many member services in recent years. Costs that looked reasonable at the time these services were voted in have escalated. An example of this is the NMRA Bulletin. Paper markets, pre-press costs and magazine printers all work in a volatile marketplace price wise, and organizations they serve must meet unpredictable production cost increases. Postage just went up (a two cent per piece increase) with other raises announced, especially in magazine delivery! This includes the NMRA Bulletin and bulk mailings. Each increase adds an estimated \$25,000 to our annual expenses or over a \$1.00 per member. We did not budget adequately for these unexpected cost increases which are out of our direct control.



**b.** Second, in recent years the Board of Trustees was presented with and has voted balanced operating budgets in good faith. Now a budget calls for two major things, projected income and expenses for the next fiscal year. The Board of Trustees examined both factors and deemed they were achievable with certain pledges of project profits and fundraising made by volunteers and the administrative team.

The Administration has controlled the expense side of the Budget generally living with in the budgeted figures. However, the projected income frequently did not materialize as promised. Several major instances, income promises turned out to be BLUE SKY. Thus RED INK. The NMRA is not broke, we have assets but the BOT had to act to protect them from further erosion. At the February mid-year meeting, the BOT received the BRUTAL FACTS with an administration request for \$14.00 annual dues increase. A motion was passed to authorized an increase up to \$48.00 was passed with the final vote to be taken at St Louis. The BOT conducted an open e-mail discussion from March to June asking for facts, alternatives and reappraised the expense side of the new fiscal 2001-2 budget. The President with BOT approval, placed a cost containment freeze on all expenses not necessary for the day to day operation of the association. The Library archival system has been investigated and revisions are being implemented on advise of engineers to save utility costs. Two vacant positions have been left unfilled.

At the St Louis BOT Meeting, the Trustees adopted measures to focus on the Association's main core purposes. Each service was carefully examined. Does this contribute to the core purpose and require dues income? Can it become a stand alone without budget dependence? Can this service contribute to the income of the association? Has this service outlived its original intent? Further the BOT put severe restrictions on the BLUE SKY Projections. Also reaffirmed the total separation of the HOWELL DAY Museum from any dues support.

After all these actions were taken, the BOT found it necessary to increase the dues from \$34.00 to \$45.00 per year. Loss of membership may be experienced and has been factored into the size of the increase. At \$45.00 dues, the NMRA is still well below the dues of other major organizations. This will become effective September 2nd, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

R.L.Sherlock

PSR Trustee



## Official Results, 2001 PSR Division Director Election

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The PSR Ballot Committee met at my home on the afternoon of 28 July, 2001 and counted the ballots received for the election of the Pacific Southwest Region Division Directors. The total number of ballots received was 128. Of those, only 10 were invalidated and not counted. Nine contained votes for all four candidates and, as was pointed out on the ballot, those ballots received with votes in more than one Division were not counted. And oddly enough, one ballot was received with no vote for any candidate. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote in this election. ☺☺☺

### Arizona Division

Candidate: **John Determan**, Votes: 30 - **Elected**

Write In: **Richard Dick**, Votes: 1

### Cajon Division

Candidate: **Jan Wescott**, Votes: 35 - **Elected**

Write In: None

### Los Angeles Division

Candidate: **Mary Barstow**, Votes: 43 - **Elected**

Write In: None

### San Diego Division

Candidate: **Rodger Gredvig**, Votes: 10 - **Elected**

Write In: None



# Division Director

## ARIZONA

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The Arizona Division had a great moonlight trip on the Verde Valley Railroad. The attendance was good, and a great time was had by all. We had our own private car for the trip and really enjoyed that. One of the reservation agents is a Western Pacific Fan and made the trip with us. The ex-Alaska RR FP-7's really look great in their new "eagle" paint. Another trip this planned for September 29th.

The PSR Regional convention in Los Vegas has generated a lot of interest here. Hope to see a good representation of the Arizona Division there.

The Arizona Division was well represented at the NMRA National Convention in St. Louis. I personally saw 17 members there. Three Arizona Division Members really did great in the contest room.

**Duane Buck** won 1st Place, Diesel and Other locomotives with his GN F7A/B/A in Empire Builder colors; and 2nd Place, Diesel and Other locomotives, with his GN FTA/B in Empire Builder colors.

**Karl Winkler's** O Scale C&O Class J3A 4-8-4 Berkshire won 1st Place, Steam Locomotives; 1st Place, Members Choice Award, Steam Locomotive; William Lenoir Trust, Best Scratch Built Steam Locomotive Award (a very prestigious award); The Hundman Publishing, Mainline Magazine Award; The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) Brass Bell Award (his second one!); and the Bachmann Innovation Award.

**Allen W. Gross, MMR**, won The Gold Award (123 points) with his Clyde Iron Works Self-propelled four-line double ended steam skidder, Non - Revenue (His third Gold Award!!). Allen's model also received 1st Place, Timber-times Magazine, Logging Model Award and the Testors-Floquil Best Finish - Non Revenue Award.

As Allen said, "Not bad for us country boys".

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing on of Jim Barcus of Black Canyon City, and Nancy Webster of Phoenix. They will both be really missed by the

Arizona Division.

The fall meet is scheduled for Tucson, with a no-host dinner and induction of officers. Hope this has a good turn out. It isn't scheduled against a GATS show this time, so that should help.

Nominations for Arizona Division Member of the Year continue to come in. It is interesting to see so many Arizona Division members with the same thought. 🚂🚂

## CAJON

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Hello, everyone. I hope your summer is going well. We are in the final preparation stages for the Las Vegas Limited convention. I know we have rung the bell a few times about the convention, but this is the last time we can remind you of this great event. I said once before that you should sign up early because "this convention is sure to sell out." Well, you may think a convention is hard to sell out, but certain parts are indeed selling out. For example, the Thursday night layout tour - we had to add another bus for the tour. Another tour going fast is the Saturday Museum tour; this is filling up quickly and there is not another time for a second tour. So you see, it **is** possible to "sell out" a convention.

An important item for you if you are planning to stay at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino (and I hope you are), please make a note of this: The palace station will only take reservations for the PSR/Model Railroad Convention Group until August 20, 2001. After that date the Palace Station will take reservations on an as available basis and at the prevailing hotel rate. Call them at 800-634-3101 to make your reservations.

Here are my Top Tips for a desert traveler. Please take my advice about the climate conditions here in "Lost Wages" - we wouldn't want anyone to overheat. Many of you folks may be coming from areas that may have a different climate. If you are not aware that we are in a desert area please remember "we sometimes get hot over here." Here are some precautions to make your trip as

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pleasant as possible:

1. Have the mechanic check the car for a trip through the hot climate. (Coolant & Air Conditioning)
2. Take a cooler with snacks and drinks in it; plain water is best.
3. Drink water BEFORE you get thirsty. If you wait till you're thirsty you may already be dehydrated.
4. Tell someone your plans and tell them you will call them when you arrive; let them know approximately when you will be arriving. Call me, if you want, at (702) 564-6176.
5. Bring a cell phone (borrow one if you don't have one). There are call boxes on I-15.
6. If the car does break down please stay with the car; do not leave it unless you are going to a call box; help will come to the car first. Put the hood up.
7. Take your time, enjoy the drive. There are many places along the way to "see the locals."
8. If you see a train on the way here, don't try to watch it and drive at the same time. ABS breaking technology really does work well! I speak from experience.

The Train Show is all laid out for the convention. There are 7 layouts and many, many vendors for you to "swim through" at the show. Take some time off and have some fun with us at the Las Vegas Limited.

This will be my last report as Director of the Cajon Division; I will leave you in the very capable hands of Jan Wescott. I don't know what I will do with all my free time but the life of a hobo sounds good to me. It has been my pleasure to serve. 🚂

## LOS ANGELES

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This is my last report as Division Director. In September, at the PSR Convention in Las Vegas, Mary Barstow, MMR, will become the Division Director. She is most qualified to be your Director as she has been the Division Superintendent, *L.A. Coupler* Editor and has served on many convention committees. I am sure she will keep you informed on Regional issues and help make model railroading interesting, educational, and fun.

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During the past four years I have tried to keep you informed and encouraged your participation so that you could increase your enjoyment of our hobby. I plan to continue, at the division level, to organize, participate, and encourage your attendance at activities that make our hobby fun.

Now here is some fun. Several Los Angeles Division members attended the national convention in St. Louis, MO in July. As usual there were more activities than anyone could possibly attend. The home layouts were usually in basements and the ones I saw ranged from 8' x 20' to 30' x 30'. Most of the layouts were completely sceniced and were exceptional. The only problem for me was the basement ceilings were usually less than my height. The St. Louis area is great for railfanning as there are tracks and trains everywhere. The convention ended with a banquet at the famous Union Station built in 1894.

Now this is not fun. The NMRA Trustees met at the convention and approved a dues increase of \$11, effective September 1, 2001. After that date regular member dues will be \$45 per year. A 5 year, paid in advance, plan will be available at \$43 per year. In addition, all library services will charge fees to members. One staff person has left: the Executive Secretary, Connie Rudder, resigned.

For PSR there will be some changes next year. The terms of office for the president and vice president will end and candidates will be sought. Any PSR member may be nominated for these positions. So now is your chance to make a difference in the way the Region is run. Any member interested in these positions should contact PSR Nominations Chair Tom Draper, who is also the PSR Treasurer. Tom has also been appointed as the national Train Show Chair, replacing Henry Jordan.

Good Luck, Mary. I am sure you will enjoy being Director. 🚂



## SAN DIEGO

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# PSR Contest Corner

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This will be my last opportunity to communicate with most of you before the Las Vegas extravaganza. I would, again, encourage you to take advantage of our “user friendly” contest room and bring an entry (or more) for all of us to enjoy. You are encouraged to complete forms in advance, typing them if possible.

If you need forms or assistance in filling out the forms do not hesitate to contact me. We want to make this the best PSR convention ever, and that desire extends to contest participations. For those of you who have attended past conventions, you are aware of the fact that the contest room is a focal point, a highlight of any convention.

For those of you who would like to try your hand at contest judging, please contact Host Contest Chairman, Bob Wescott or me at your earliest convenience. If you do not have any judging experience it makes no difference. You will be placed with one of our seasoned judges who will “show you the ropes”. You will find it to be a rewarding and educational experience.

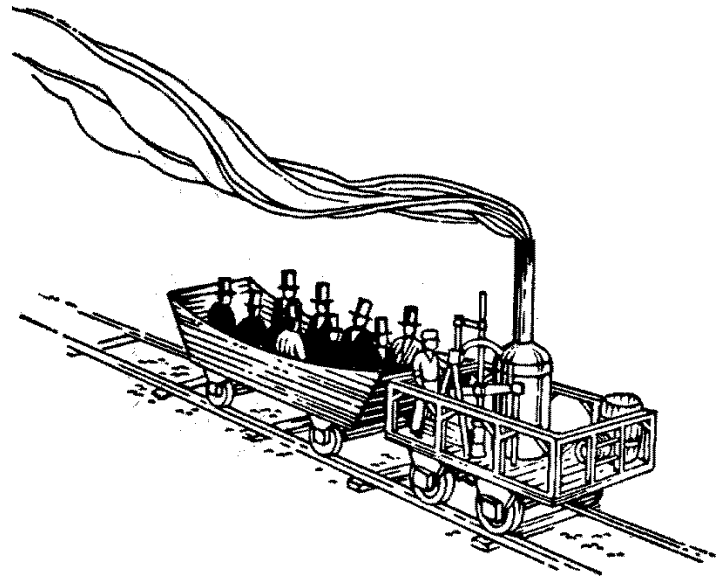
I'm happy to report that the revision of the PSR Contest Directory has been completed. The Directory has been submitted to President Bob Chaparro for his perusal, comments and approval. Once all issues have been resolved, the effective date of the newly revised Directory will be 1 Oct. 2001. This means that the revised version will be in effect for next year's convention to be hosted by the San Diego Division. After final approval, the major changes will be discussed in this column.

I recently mailed Las Vegas convention registration forms to two California friends and another to a friend in Ohio. Don't miss out! Come and join us in Las Vegas. See you in the contest room. 🚂

## PSR MEMBERS WIN AWARDS AT THE NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST

Four PSR members participated in the model construction contest during the NMRA national convention at St. Louis. Every PSR participant won at least one award.

**Allen Gross, MMR**, won his third Gold Award (Best of Show) in these national competitions for a magnificently detailed and finished Clyde Iron Works



double ended, four line, self propelled logging skidder. Allen's model also won the *TIMBER TIMES 1st Place Logging Model Award* and the *TESTORS-FLOQUIL Best Finish-Non Revenue Award*.

**Karl Winkler** won 1st Place in the Steam Category with a beautifully crafted O scale C&O 4-8-4 class J3A locomotive. Karl's model also won the **Bachmann Innovation, BLE Brass Bell** (Karl's second), **Senior Modeler** (over 65) and the **Wm. J. Lenior Locomotive Construction** (for scratchbuilt Steam Loco) awards.

**Duane Buck** won 1st Place in the Diesel and Other category with a superdetailed GN F7A/B/A passenger set. Duane's GN F7A/B passenger set also took 2nd place in this category.

**Dave Cox, GMMR**, placed second in the traction with an exquisite PE crane car.

The diversity of PSR model railroaders' interests are clearly demonstrated by the spectrum of categories entered in this contest. They ranged from Logging (Non Revenue), Steam, Diesel to Traction. There is truly something for everyone in our hobby.

It is hoped that some or all of these models might be displayed in Las Vegas for all to enjoy. 🚂

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# PSR Education Department

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## Model Railroading is World Wide, Education is Universal !

**D**id you know... that the NMRA is a non profit “educational” association whose primary purpose is to promote and teach the art and the craft of model railroading?

To further this goal, the Board of Trustees established a new Education Department, last summer, and appointed Rich Coleman as the NMRA Education Director. Allen Pollock, NMRA President, announced the appointment in his column in the February 2001 issue of the *NMRA Bulletin*. Rich is ideal for this position after his many years in the Achievement Program and everyone was pleased he accepted the appointment.

In order to achieve the Education Department’s primary mission, each Region will appoint a Regional Education Chair. And here I am... it’s called “railroading” by Bob Sherlock.

In any event, I’ve accepted the challenge for the PSR. Personally, it is an area that interests me and I am excited at the opportunities presented by the creation of this new department.

The very first hurdle is to have each Division Director appoint a Division Education Chair. I have drafted a position overview to serve as a guideline and will be forwarding this to all Directors at the end of September. It is my hope that all Division appointments can be accomplished by the end of November. I will publicize the announcements in the following *PSR Dispatch*. This schedule will allow the PSR to be ready by the first of the year.

The essential responsibilities of the Division Education Chair are structured to be of a reporting nature and as a point of contact. This, in itself, will not be very time consuming; however, the position also affords opportunity to encourage and promote other educational activities as options.

It is my goal to extract from the Division reports various highlights of educational activity and publicize them in this column. This will serve two purposes: 1. Recognition of PSR educational activities and 2. Generate growth for new ideas. The shared information

will expand our source for ideas and may prevent complacency.

The documented Division reports will be combined into one PSR report and channeled to Rich Coleman. National officers will then have at their disposal comprehensive documentation to justify the Association’s status as a non-profit organization, should the need arise.

Change can be good and I definitely feel the focus is on the right track here. After all, what is education in our hobby? Is it sharing modeling tips in a clinic? Helping budding model railroaders? Getting involved with the Boy Scout Merit badge program? Interacting with Junior College programs? Sponsoring youth clinics? Promoting the PSR/NMRA? You bet it is and we do it all the time, except there isn’t any documented proof. We’re going to change that!

We learn through education and it is through education that we have become the most popular hobby worldwide. 🚂🌐

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## SHORT SHORTS

From email via Gary Stilts and David Coscia:

The August 2001 issue of Wild West Magazine has an article about an attempted train robbery on the Central Pacific. The event occurred on September 1, 1898 at Cape Horn in the Sierra Nevada. Article discusses the robbers, their botched attempt, and the eventual arrests and trials.

... and this interesting bit of info about Los Angeles Division Director Dave Cox:

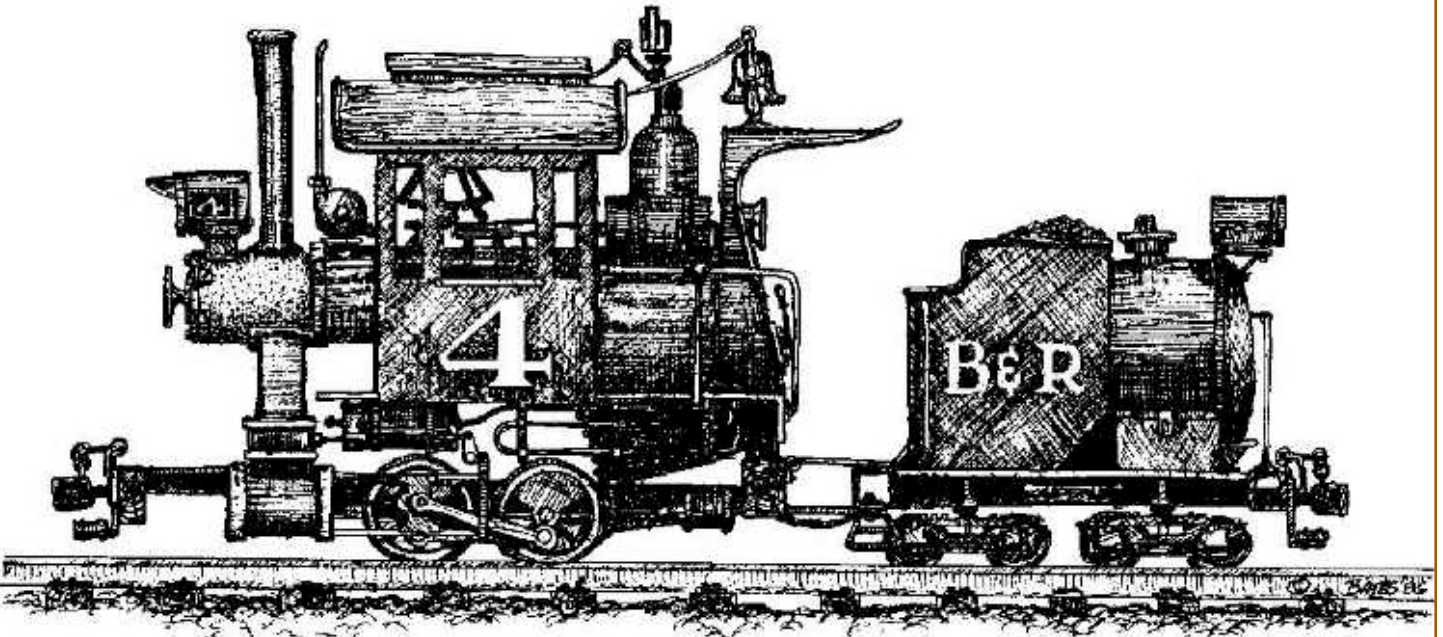
Los Angeles Division member Dave Cox, MMR #246 has become the fourth Master Model Railroader in the 40 year history of the NMRA Achievement Program to complete all eleven categories of the program. As a result, he has achieved the NMRA Achievement Program’s highest designation as Grand Master Model Railroader.

Since only four MMR’s have achieved this level, the NMRA Board of Trustees has not yet determined the degree of recognition due these individuals. 🚂🌐

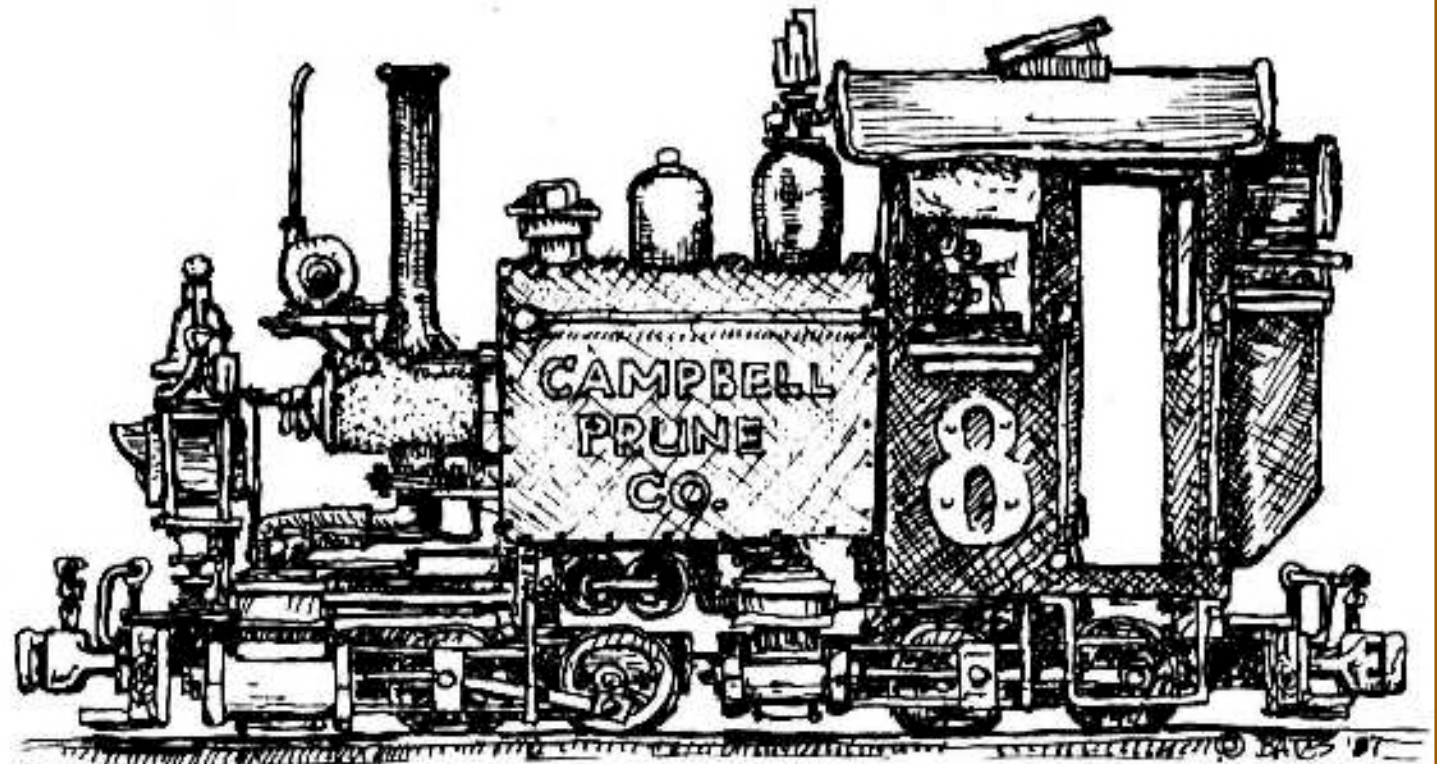
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# No Space ... No Excuse! Lynn Austin's "Sadona Pacific"

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Lynn Austin says, "Everyone can find space to build a model railroad." Pictured here are scenes taken from Lynn Austin's "Sadona Pacific," a 4 x 8 operating railroad using O narrow gauge, On30 and On18.

The theme of the Sadona Pacific is Southwestern Desert Mining in the 1930s. Equipped with wheels and folding legs, it is completely portable and can be easily moved or transported with ease.

The layout was carved from one large piece of foam and covered with a mixture of powdered concrete and latex. The entire module is so unbelievably light! All of the scenery is scratchbuilt using mainly styrene materials. It is superbly detailed and features a lot of animation. Lynn Austin's modular railroad will be on display at the Las Vegas Limited Train Show.

Lynn would also like to invite everyone to see his 9.5 x 11 HO



layout that he built in one of his small bedrooms. His layout is scheduled for Tour #119 on Saturday, September 15th. In addition, visitors on the tour will see Lynn's Malfunction Junction Hobbies, the smallest and most complete model railroad hobby store in Las Vegas.

Lynn Austin has been a modeler all of his life and uses every bit of space he can find for his hobby. His HO layout, his hobby store and his operating module all prove his point. He strongly feels if you want to build a railroad, build it. "Lack of space is just not a good enough excuse for not building a model railroad!" 🚂



# Convention Newsreel

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The conductor sounds the final call, "All Aboard", and signals the Las Vegas Limited 2001 to roll! To all ticketholders, we say "welcome aboard, thank you for your support, and enjoy! We hope the lady luck of Las Vegas will smile upon you during your visit." To all that could not join us for this trip, our heartfelt regrets. We're sorry you couldn't make it and hope we'll meet on the next PSR train.

Special thanks to all who helped to make this PSR event possible. We couldn't have done it without you! This convention planning adventure has been an experience not ever to be forgotten. Our memories are filled with many anxious moments that were rescued by a "yes, I'll help". There aren't any other words to convey our feelings except to say thank you!

Not to be forgotten is a very special thank you to Dorr Altizer, Editor of the *PSR Dispatch*, and Dick Greatorex, PSR Webmaster, for all of their great support and assistance. As a "newbie" to this convention scenario, I am most grateful for their patience and guidance. I learned a lot and truly couldn't have made it without their help.

## NEWS FLASH

Any last minute changes and updates for the convention occurring after this issue of the Dispatch will be posted on our convention website under the heading "Convention Updates". The updates will be posted weekly and will include sold out events, changes, cancellations, etc. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us.

The URL for the convention website is: [www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html](http://www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html)

## HOTEL ROOM UPDATE

The room block at Palace Station will be going away soon (8/20/01). If you have not secured your accommodations, we urge you to do so right away. When calling for reservations at Palace Station please be sure to state the words "PSR Convention" or you will be told it's "sold out." If you experience any problems concerning reservations at Palace Station, please contact me. Resolving issues prior to the event is usually easier than after the damage is done.



## N SCALE CONVENTION CAR

Due to manufacturing problems we were unable to obtain the N Scale containers as previously advertised. The N Scale Convention Car (see the photo at the top of the facing page) will now be a 65' mill gondola by LBF, painted silver, with logo/markings in black, and will cost \$15. Individual notification has been sent to all that preordered the containers.

## CLINICS

Special News Flash! As we go to press, Badger Airbrush Co. has expressed an interest to give a two-part, 3-hour clinic on all phases of Airbrushing techniques.

## MODEL CONTESTS

We are very encouraged by the response forms that indicate we will have quite a number of entries in various categories for our model contests. Many stated they are working towards their AP awards to become a Master Modeler. This is great news! Be sure to stop by the Contest Room to see all the entries. Winning entries will be available for viewing on Saturday from 1-3 PM. Bob Jones, our convention photographer, is planning to have a slide show of all winning entries for the awards banquet.

## IMPORTANT!

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR EXTRA FARE FORM ASAP!**

## TOURS UPDATE

**Tour #114** – Bus #1 is sold out. We have added a second bus for this tour, but it is also filling fast.

**Tour #112** and **Tour #113** – Deadline for signing up is Sept. 7th.

**Tour #118** – Winery/Luncheon tour is cancelled. There two other tours nearing sold out status.



First look at PSR Convention N Scale 65 foot mill gondola currently on sale for \$15 as an extra fare item at the Convention Company Store. This gondola replaces the N Scale containers that were originally offered.

## DINING CAR EVENTS

### HOBO BREAKFAST RAILETTE LUNCHEON AWARDS BANQUET

Deadline for signing up for the above events is Sept. 10th. We must order and pay for all meals within 4 days of the event.

## COMPANY STORE

There will be two versions of convention tee shirts offered for sale at the Company Store; an all black tee with glow in the dark full front logo and a gray tee with a black logo imprinted in the left breast area. The price is the same for either shirt and is available in all sizes. To indicate your preference on the Extra Fare form, mark the Quantity as "1-black-size or 1-gray-size".

## TRAIN SHOW

Wow! This will be a great train show as five modular groups—2 local groups and 3 from out of town—will have trains running in HO, On30, and N Scale. In addition, there will be 2 outstanding displays for your viewing pleasure. Both of these displays are by PSR hobby craftsmen well known for their superb techniques and detail.

## TRADE SHOW

Vendors from Michigan, Illinois, Colorado, Texas, California, Massachusetts and northern Nevada will fill over 65 tables at the Trade Show. A wide range of hobby items will be offered for sale. As announced previously, The Trade and Train Show will be open to convention attendees only on Friday from 1-3 PM.

## AUCTIONS (Both Live and Silent)

Auctions have always been popular events at conventions and this will not be different. We are estimating at least 200+ items for the Live Auction block

and about 100 items for the Silent Auction. (Estimates are from the returned registration response forms).

## UPON ARRIVAL

Be sure to stop by the Registration Desk to pick up your convention badge and packet. The Registration Desk will be located on the main convention floor. To locate, look for the Race/Sportsbook area of the main casino. Take the escalator up one floor and turn right.

## PSR BOARD MEETING

The PSR Board Meeting will be held at 1 PM in the Hospitality Meeting Room. Take elevator nearest to the hotel's main lobby area to the 3rd floor. As of this writing we have been assigned to Room #3010.

Yes, the "All Aboard" signal has sounded and it is time for me to climb aboard. I look forward to seeing everyone in September! 🚂

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

**Stan Hayes** of the Arizona Division would like to invite anyone driving up to the convention from Arizona to stop by and visit his "Blue Cut N Cucamonga" HO layout on Wednesday or Thursday, September 12th or 13th. Stan lives in Bullhead City, Arizona, and is conveniently located right off the highway. His layout is under construction, having just moved into new quarters after 20 years. The "BC&C" is in a 47 x 23 ft specially designed layout room. In addition to his layout, Stan will have all of his Santa Fe memorabilia on display. Anyone interested can contact Stan or his wife, Carol, at (520) 763-6936 or by email: [gabbyh1@ctaz.com](mailto:gabbyh1@ctaz.com)

**IMPORTANT CONTEST ROOM DATE:**

**SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2001**

**JUDGING – 10 AM TO 1 PM**

**VIEW WINNERS – 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**



# Tour these Layouts at the Las Vegas Limited Convention

## Layout

### Tour #119

Pictured here is Steve Cobb running his trains to the engine house for the night. Visitors to this layout will see many creative features that Steve has incorporated into his garden layout. It uses all electric wiring and has over 1,000 feet of track with 3 loops. His engine house is an attraction of its own with a complete operating loop inside. In addition, it houses quite a collection of Steve's trains.



Photo by Ed Hall, MMR

## Layout

### Tour #114

Visitors to Brian Block's 7 x 9 N Scale layout will see a fully detailed operating layout with two main lines, bridges and lakes. However, it is his award winning dioramas that will capture much of the attention. Pictured here is a scene from Brian's Logging Camp diorama that will be one of three on display for this tour.



He will also have his newly built STC Timber Company Engine House and the Martinez Mine on display. Brian has a great passion for interior detail and will be sharing his technique on "Shadow Painting Figures" at his clinic during the convention.





# Las Vegas Limited Clinics on Center Stage

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With marquee presenters, forty plus clinics, and a superb cast of PSR clinicians, this year's clinics is certain to occupy center stage at the PSR Convention 2001. The broad spectrum of clinic subjects to be offered ensures there'll be something of interest to everyone.

The core of any convention is its clinics. Clinics afford opportunity for comradely friendships to form and a vehicle to share knowledge and techniques among fellow modelers. Our hobby is enriched by all clinicians who unselfishly give of their time. To all clinician volunteers, our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks! You are truly the stars on center stage!

Below is a glimpse at some of the clinics scheduled. Full details will be in the Timetable Program and a clinic schedule is posted on the convention website.

**ANDY SPERANDEO**, Editor of *Model Railroader* magazine, will present "Cajon Pass in HO Scale, a Layout Design Based on Prototype." Andy's slide talk will explain his plans to model the Santa Fe's line over Cajon Pass during 1947. He says the 4-8-4s and 2-10-2s were making their last stands as new diesels took over the passenger trains and the WWII FTs ruled the principal freights. This was a very colorful time on a dramatic piece of railroad.

**ALLEN POLLOCK**, President of the NMRA, offers convention attendees an opportunity to "Meet the President". Change is a common denominator of life and impacts everyone and everything. Come meet the President, discuss the impact of change and how the NMRA plans to meet the challenge, its focus and direction.

**PSR MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS ED HALL, JOHN SIGURDSON and ALLEN GROSS** are combining their knowledge and techniques to offer a two-hour clinic entitled "Modeling with the PSR Masters".

The "best of the best" Railroad Slide Show will be hosted by the **3 Amigos: DON HARTMAN, STEVE PETERS and JERRY HOLTON**. Together, they boast a combined collection of over 140,000 railroad slides. Their knowledge, humor and presentation will keep you entertained the entire session. Don't miss this opportunity to see their clinic.

A comment heard at a recent clinic given by BNSF Operation Lifesaver best describes this clinic. "Gee, every time I attend one of their clinics I learn something I didn't know before." This is a very informative and well presented clinic on real life railroad safety.

## Special Exhibitors Clinics

Some of our Trade Show Exhibitors have offered to present a separate clinic aside from exhibiting at the Trade Show. Attendees of their clinics will gain a wealth of knowledge from their expertise. We are grateful and welcome their participation.

**DEBRA HUDDLESTON**, Accurate Dimensionals, "Foreground Quality Trees" (2-Hour, hands on, make and take clinic)

**JIM HINDS**, Richmond Controls of Texas, "Lighting Railroad Cars"

**STEVE MOORE**, K.I.S.S. Method of Utah, "Track Planning Made Easy"

**HAROLD ACKERET**, H & N Electronics of California, "Soldering Basics and Supersafe Flux"

**JIM BENNETT**, Jay-Bee/Bennett Enterprises of Illinois, "Applying Brass Car Sides to Plastic Models"

## Clinics by PSR Members

Leading the cast of Pacific Southwest Region clinicians is **BOB CHAPARRO** with "Memories of Santa Fe." Other PSR clinicians include:

**JOHN BELZER** - "Modeling Fire Equipment"

**BRIAN BLOCK** - "Shadow Painting Figures"

**PHILLIP EVERETT** - "Modeling Shortline RRs"

**DON FORD** - "Switches Made Easy"

**RICH FRITZ** - "Modular Railroading (N Scale)"

**JAY SARNO** - "Control Panel & Wiring"

**BOB JONES** - "Photography"

**BOB MOORE** - "The 4449"

**CHARLES NAUMAN** - "Railfanning 101"

**DON STEWART** - "D&RG Cabooses"

**DAVE VILLENEUVE** - "Carving Foam Scenery"

**ROGER VONSEEBURG** - "Obtaining Custom Cars"

**MARLIN COSTELLO** - "Large Layout Design"

**CARL HEIMBERGER** - "Lightweight Scenery Techniques"

# PSR Member Services

**DOTTIE FINCH, PSR MEMBER SERVICES CHAIR**

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Many thanks to all of you who have responded with payment to the renewal cards. It is such a big help to me when you return those cards with your dues payment. The label on renewal cards tell me so much that I don't have to go to three other places in order to find needed information. If your label does not have a plus four zip code, please add it.

I know that during my learning curve, I will make mistakes, so kindly let me know about them and they will be fixed.

National and I are working together to get your National dues and your PSR dues to come due in the same month and year. This makes it easier on all concerned, as you will only have one check to write. This check may be sent to me or to National. It is better for the PSR if the full payment is made to me.

This way, I won't have to wait for National to send me their report, and take the chance I might miss something.

I update our program any time I receive new information, such as change of address, phone numbers, email or payments. ☎️

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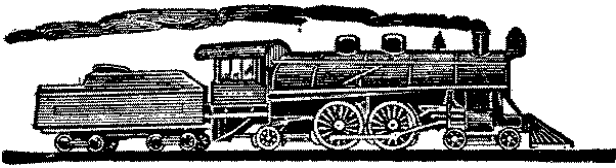


**In Memoriam**

**Jim Barcus**

**Nancy Webster**

Our sincere sympathies to both families and the many friends they left behind. Both Jim and Nancy were members of the PSR Arizona Division.



# PSR Member Aid

Lindsay Smith, PSR Member Aid Chair

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Visit your local dealer first! The folks who operate local stores keep us moving forward in the hobby. Help pay the rent for the service and assistance most of the small stores can offer.

**Friend's Junction** is open in Ventura. They plan a great July 4 though 7 celebration. His father closed Friend's Right Track Hobbies just after an L.A. Division Layout Tour a few years back. The family is experienced and very helpful to the modelers. See [www.friendsjunction.com](http://www.friendsjunction.com). The new store is at 1813 E. Main St., 6 blocks west of Seaward Ave. Days and hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 - 5PM and by appointment. They are carrying new and vintage toys and trains. (805) 653-5022.

**Train Quest Model Train Super Store** is open in Moreno Valley, CA. The full page ad in *Model Railroader* looks similar to the half size Longs ad. Earl of *Creative Railway Electronics* reports Jim has retired from Longs

and opened a store just outside March AFB entrance to the BX and Commissary, between Allesandro and Cactus at 14161 Elsworth Street. **Train Quest** is west of Longs. Find more information at [www.trainquest.net](http://www.trainquest.net) or call (888) 777-2258 or (909) 656 6477 or FAX (909) 656-5587. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 AM - 6 PM; Sunday, Noon - 5 PM; closed Mondays. Earl reports Jim has a full line and many new deals since he can be a full time rail manager!

**Train Stop** in San Dimas has been exciting. Paul Kirby is recovering from recent successful heart surgery. He let Sue run the Big Train Show on the Queen Mary. Like Leslie say, "When it rains it pours!" The store was hit twice by smash and dash theft ring wackos. The nuts hit 11 stores before they were caught! Say a prayer for Sue; she has to keep Paul home for a few more days!

**The Original Whistle Stop** in Pasadena is celebrating 50 years of service to the hobby. 🚂



## Ten Reasons to Enter a Model Contest

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This will be the last that you'll hear from me before the PSR Convention in September. I thought I'd pass on some of MY reasons for entering a model contest.

1. The Challenge.
2. The thrill of winning.
3. The educational experience.
4. The pride of accomplishment.
5. The camaraderie.

6. The sharing.
7. The self-satisfaction that you have done your best.
8. The personal enjoyment.
9. Improving your skills.
10. An added bonus: any awards that you may receive.

**The best of all is that I like it.**

Be sure to stop by the contest room to view the entries and "train talk." See you there and don't forget your model. 🚂

# Las Vegas Limited

Presented by Cajon Division, PSR - NMRA

## Model Railroad Convention & Train Show

September 12 - 16, 2001, Las Vegas, Nevada

The convention registration form, published as an insert in this issue of the *PSR Dispatch*, is also available at the convention web site at [www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html](http://www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2001conv.html)





# Inviting You to Stop By

JOHN J. KING

Hello everyone, I just wanted to tell you a little bit about my South Pacific Coast Modules and invite you to stop by when at the Train Show at the Palace Station for the PSR Convention. I've been displaying modules on my own since 1996 at the Nationals in Long Beach. In 1998 I displayed my modules at the PSR convention in San Diego where I won an award and most recently I took my display to Torrance and received an award there. In addition, several structures on the layout have received ribbons at both Torrance and in San Diego.

It is my hope to bring up 14 modules to create a 12x24 layout in Las Vegas. The modular layout is supposed to be "non specific" and "generic" to provide opportunity to experiment with different types of landscape and scenery. It was to be a beautiful stage for a steam Cab Forward, Mogul, a string of F-7's, etc. Somehow this seems to be changing. I am an SP fan and the layout is beginning to resemble Beaumont Hill more and more although that part still needs tweaking.

F-7's and GP-9's while being retired are still the dominant locomotives throughout the SP system. Their replacements are evident everywhere and passenger service is becoming rare (but no Amtrak just yet). The

Sunset, Argonaut, Golden State and Imperial Valley Flyer still polished the rails over the "Hill". As did the name freights like the Blue Streak, Valley Hauler, Merchandiser East and West and of course, the ore trains.

The "Hill" hosted ore trains for over 35 years and at times there was as many as six trains a day, each pulling 100 cars and 10 to 15 locomotives. This traveled between Ferrum on the Salton Sea (an SP junction) to Eagle Mountain Railroad and the Kaiser Steel's facility in Fontana.

SP built these special cars to haul "Ferrite" that could carry 100 tons. "Ferrite" is the name of the enriched Eagle Mountain Ore. Did you know SP helped Kaiser Steel dig the biggest hole in the Western United States? Well, now UP wants to help fill up the gapping chasm at Eagle Mountain with LA County trash. That's not a bad thing?!

So there it is...time era of October 1969! Come by and see how well I did and I thank you letting me visit with you. 🚂🚂



## PSR Convention Contest Countdown

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### UNION PACIFIC SPECIAL

The **Union Pacific Railroad Company** and **Ed Hall**, Director of the Cajon Division of the PSR, have arranged to have a special contest to be held at the PSR Convention in Las Vegas this year.

The winner of this special contest will be the item among those entered into the regular contests at the Convention that best depicts the Union Pacific Railroad Company. This may be a locomotive, passenger car, freight car, structure, maintenance of way car or anything else.

A representative of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, **Don Hartman**, will judge this special contest during the regular judging hours of the contest.

First place prize for this special contest will be dinner for two (2) at the El Cortez Hotel, 2nd and 3rd prizes will also be awarded at the Awards Banquet. Any and all members of the PSR/NMRA who enter items into the contest are eligible. 🚂🚂





# “LAS VEGAS LIMITED” 2001 CONVENTION

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Please indicate how you want each First and Last name to appear on your name badges:

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### Fares:

|                              |           |           |       |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Adult Rails**                | No. _____ | @ \$65.00 | _____ |
| Non Rails                    | No. _____ | @ \$45.00 | _____ |
| Youth (6 through 20 years)   | No. _____ | @ \$35.00 | _____ |
| Single Day (Which? Th Fr Sa) | No. _____ | @ \$25.00 | _____ |
| NMRA Membership              | No. _____ | @ \$34.00 | _____ |

\*\* You **must** be an NMRA member to attend. Non Rails need not be a member when accompanied by an NMRA member.

**SUBTOTAL FROM “EXTRA FARE FORM”**     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refund, minus \$5.00 fee, available when requested in writing up to 30 days prior to the convention.

Make checks or money orders (U.S. Funds, no credit cards) payable to:  
**“Las Vegas Limited”**

Send completed form and funds to:

**Charles Nauman, PSR Convention 2001 Registrar**  
**4722 Blue Mesa Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129-2225**

If you have questions, contact **Charles Nauman** at **ChuckN37@aol.com**

The convention hotel is the **Palace Station Hotel & Casino**. Contact the hotel at **(800) 634-3101** to make room reservations and identify that you are attending **“PSR/Model Railroad Convention”** to receive special rates.

# Flag Stops

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This is an update to the Flag Stops published in previous issues of the *PSR DISPATCH*. If there are omissions or mistakes in this list, please contact me. Updates to these events can be found on the PSR Web Site at [www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html](http://www.dickg.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html). Events are usually free to visitors unless otherwise noted. Sellers/exhibitors should contact the event management for rates. The *PSR DISPATCH* presents the information provided by the sponsors and cannot be responsible for anything more than your amusement. Visitor donations are always welcomed by the clubs who do not collect fees. Look for raffles and other fund raisers at the event to help support the activities. Contact me at (909) 599-0182, [wlindsays@compuserve.com](mailto:wlindsays@compuserve.com) or [FSmith2784@aol.com](mailto:FSmith2784@aol.com) to have your event listed. I also maintain a list of rail related activity on the Internet; see [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) - Regions and Divisions, Pacific Southwest Region.

My Oweja board broke and my crystal ball has cataracts! Because the magazines and other media have shortened the calendars to "current" month, I have trouble getting your clubs events in time for the publication deadlines from other than your publicity committee. I checked quite a few club web sites and the information is not current. Please help others enjoy your events! Send me information on your coming festivities.

## 2001

### AUGUST

- 25 Foothill MRC Swap Meet. K Mart parking lot, 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland CA. Donation \$2.00 or \$3.00 per family. 7 to 10 AM. PO Box 10613, Burbank, CA 91510-0613, Hank Diel, (818) 843-3699 or [jrdiel@artsci.net](mailto:jrdiel@artsci.net)
- 24 – **September 3** Antelope Valley MRC Open House. Fair Grounds, 155 E. Avenue I, Lancaster, CA. Fair admission is required. Joe Beasley (661) 256-8912

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 – 23 LA County Fair. See *Railroad and Locomotive Historical Society* at Gate F, Citrus Empire O Scale under the Grandstands, and Garden or *Miniature Railway* south of the grandstands.
- 8 Pioneer Western MRC Old Fashioned Card Table Swap Meet. 7430 Orangethorpe Dr. Fullerton, CA 92835. 8 AM to noon. Paul Bush 714 526 6718
- 8 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet. 7 - 11 AM in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$2.00. Sellers contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net).
- 8, 9 Santa Susana Open House. 10 to 4. Simi Valley CA. For information contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net). Santa Susana Depot is located at Santa Susana Park (Katherine Rd. Near Kuehner Dr. adjacent to and South of the railroad tracks, about 1 mile South of Los Angeles St. in Simi Valley). If coming from the I-118 it is the first right on Kuehner after crossing the RR tracks.
- 12 to 16 Las Vegas Limited PSR 2001 Convention.



Info: Charles Nauman, [ChuckN37@aol.com](mailto:ChuckN37@aol.com).

**See Registration Form inserted into this issue.**

Registration: Charles Nauman, 4722 Blue Mesa Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129-2225. Convention hotel: Palace Station, Las Vegas, NV (800) 634-3101, [www.palacestation.com](http://www.palacestation.com)

- 14 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)



- 15** Orange Empire Railroadiana Swap Meet 9AM-2PM. \$3 or all-day pass \$7 adults, \$5 ages 5-11 under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605.  
[www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 29&30** R&F Railroad Open House. Night run 5 - 9 PM. Roger and Faith Carlson's garden layout, 1463 Rim Road, Riverside CA 92506. (909) 780-1040

## OCTOBER

- 6&7** Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Swap Meet and Open House. Swap meet, Sat 7 - noon. Open house 10 - 5 both days. 14005 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250. 310 675 -3361. Location is North of Rosecrans across the street from Strawhat Pizza and upstairs. Leland Roe 310 679 4745.  
[www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs](http://www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs)
- 6&7** TRAINFAIR, Orange Empire Railway Museum. 9AM-5PM. Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605.  
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- 13** Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club (PVMRC). 8 -12 Swap Meet, 9- 4 Open house. 132 E. 1st Street, Pomona, CA. Club phone 909 865 7035. Garey and First SE corner. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or wlindsays@compuserve.com. [www.pvmrrc.org](http://www.pvmrrc.org)
- 20** Sahuaro Central "EVERYTHING RAILROAD" Swap Meet. 10 - 3 PM. North Phoenix Baptist Church, Family Life Center 5757 N Central Ave. (Central & Bethany Home) Ellie Barbieri (602) 494-7430 or ellieb0440@aol.com
- 20, 21** GATS Cashman Center, 859 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas NV. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm.  
[www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)
- 20, 21** Pumpkin Patch Trains, Orange Empire Railway Museum. 9AM-5PM. Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605.  
[www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 27** Foothill MRC Swap Meet. K Mart parking lot, 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland CA. Donation \$2.00 or \$3.00 per family. 7 to 10 AM. PO Box 10613, Burbank, CA 91510-0613, Hank Diel, (818) 843-3699 or jrdiel@artsci.net

## NOVEMBER

- 3** Harvey Girl Historical Society. 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Town Hall at the orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, Lois Tate.  
[www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 3, 4** GATS Phoenix Civic Plaza, 225 East Adams St.. Phoenix, AZ. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm.  
[www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)
- 3, 4** Los Angeles Division Fall TRAIN SHOW. 9-5. Arcadia Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007, (626) 821-3222.
- Pasadena Model Railroad Club Fall Show. 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. (877) 484-4664 (Toll Free)  
Donations are \$3.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children. Joe Behan [www.pmRRc.org](http://www.pmRRc.org)
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| <b>3</b> | Saturday 1-5 PM & 7-10 PM | <b>10</b> | Saturday 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM |
| <b>4</b> | Sunday 1-5 PM             | <b>11</b> | Sunday 1-5 PM               |
| <b>6</b> | Tuesday 7:30-10 PM        |           |                             |

Highland Pacific Railroad Club Open House. 854 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776. Club (626) 285-1031. James Keena, [jkeena@whittierch.org](mailto:jkeena@whittierch.org). Every Wednesday 8 - 10 PM.

- 7** Wednesday, 7 - 10 PM  
**10** Saturday, noon - 5 PM  
**11** Sunday, noon - 5 PM

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- 10, 11 GATS Fairplex, White Ave. & McKinley Ave., Pomona CA. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm.  
[www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)
- 11 **tentative** Orange Empire Railway Museum - March Field Trip Special excursion train. Two great museums! Paid reservations required! (909) 943-3020 [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 18&19 Belmont Shores MRC (N) Open House. 10 to 4. Angels Gate Park, San Pedro CA. \$1, \$2 per family. Saturday free Swap Meet. (310) 831-6262 Tuesday Night [www.primenet.com/~schifer/index.html](http://www.primenet.com/~schifer/index.html) for details

## DECEMBER

- 1 Mt. Lowe Excursion. Meet at the North End of Lake Ave. in Altadena at 0730. Return at 1300. Donations appreciated. Lunch at the Alpine Tavern site. The Angeles National Forest - Mt Lowe Committee, (562) 868-8919.
- 1, 2 GATS Del Mar Fair. 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5 PM  
[www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)
- 8, 9, 15, & 16 Santa Trains, Orange Empire Railway Museum. 9AM-5PM. Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605.  
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# 2002

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## JULY

- 15 to 22 "Tracks in the Sand" NMRA National Convention. Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Information and Registration: Mark Shafer, Registrar, 7033 Hall Rd., Loxahatchee, FL 33470, (561) 790-1962, [fuzzys@bellsouth.net](mailto:fuzzys@bellsouth.net)

Hosted by South Florida Railway Museum (800) 483-9106, ext. 110, [info@sfmr.org](mailto:info@sfmr.org)

General information - [www.tracksinthesand.org](http://www.tracksinthesand.org)

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# 2003

## July 13 to 19



“Maple Leaf 2003” NMRA National Convention. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Email the Registrar at registrar@ml2003.com

Hosted by the Niagara Frontier Region

Registration forms and other information: [www.ml2003.com](http://www.ml2003.com)

# 2004

## July 4 to 11



“Puget Sound Express” NMRA National Convention. Seattle, WA. Information and Registration:

Dave Kreitler, (425)-831-5131, [rrnut@msn.com](mailto:rrnut@msn.com)

General Information: [www.nmra2004.org](http://www.nmra2004.org)



## Request for Assistance in Locating a Model

MICHAEL PATRIS, MOUNT LOWE PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESIDENT

[mpatris@pacbell.net](mailto:mpatris@pacbell.net)

My name is Michael Patris and I am the Founder and President of the Mount Lowe Preservation Society, Inc., Box 431, San Gabriel, CA 91778-0431, (626) 570-0560. We are a California non-profit corporation opening a museum dedicated to the remnants and artifacts of the Mount Lowe Incline Railway in Southern California.

Since my last article a few things have gone on. Firstly, Elbert Swerdfeger, son of Mark Swerdfeger happened to be in the audience when I addressed the Orange County Railway Historical Society. He was very nice and I was fortunate to meet him in person. There were about 50 people in attendance and at the conclusion of my talk and slide show about the Mount Lowe Incline Railway, El told me after contacting several of his father's friends it is safe to conclude the model incline cars for which I have been looking had been destroyed. Although I am saddened to hear this, I can move in another direction.

Bill Everett, MMR, had loaned me one of his model incline cars. This is a static display model of the later version updated by Pacific Electric with the enclosed top cab. Bill gave a few other friends and me a tour of his fine layout at the time he loaned me the model. The Orange County Railway Historical Society loved the model he built as I had it on display for my talk.

So, I must say thanks to all those who responded and shared leads trying to help me in my endeavor. Thanks to you, too, Dorr, for being supportive both personally and through the *PSR Dispatch*.

On another note, Bob Toohey of the Fairplex Garden Railroad has contacted me regarding the construction of a half-inch scale replica of the Mount Lowe Incline. Fairplex Garden Railroad, at the Pomona, California Fairgrounds, is the oldest of its kind, having been around since 1924, and in its current location since 1935. They have a representation of almost every railway that ran in Southern California.

There are more than 30,000 square feet of gardens, lakes and streams, as well as 8,000 feet of track. Needless to say I am flattered to be considered part of this fine organization. I know nothing about model railroading or its construction, so if there are any PSR Dispatch readers who would like to volunteer to the Mount Lowe Preservation Society to help build this section of the Fairplex Garden Railroad, please have them contact me. We will be occupying about 25 square feet, and I need all the help I can get from making a model mountain about 10' high, to buildings, and operational half-inch incline cars. **HELP!!!!**

Our web site, [www.mountlowe.org](http://www.mountlowe.org), was finally kicked off on August 1, 2001. We have been working on the web site for some time now and know that it will be enjoyed by everyone. Undoubtedly it will be a continued work in progress with things being added and changed all the time, so we encourage everyone to come back and look from time to time. We even now plan to have a model railroading section to tie in with the Fairplex Garden Railroad when we get that project up and running.

Thanks so much for all your continued support and assistance. 🙏🙏





# Membership Application

## Pacific Southwest Region - National Model Railroad Association



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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| <u>Class of Membership</u>                    | <u>NMRA*</u> | <u>PSR **</u> | <u>BOTH</u> |
|---|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Regular                                       | \$34.00 [ ]  | \$7.00 [ ]    | \$41.00 [ ] |
| Youth (Under 20 Years)                        | \$22.00 [ ]  | \$2.00 [ ]    | \$24.00 [ ] |
| Affiliate (No Bulletin or Local Publications) | \$17.00 [ ]  | \$4.00 [ ]    | \$21.00 [ ] |
| Family  | \$ 7.00 [ ]  | \$1.00 [ ]    | \$ 8.00 [ ] |

**\* The NMRA dues will increase on 1 September, 2001 - Regular: \$45, Affiliate: \$23, Family: \$9.  
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\*\* YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NMRA TO BE A PSR MEMBER.

Send this application and your check (made payable to "Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA") to: PSR - NMRA, Dottie Finch, 8808 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051-3707. For information on NMRA or PSR Life or Affiliate Life Membership, contact Dottie Finch at [granddottie@aol.com](mailto:granddottie@aol.com) or (602) 973-4231.

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| NMRA Membership              | No. _____ | @ \$34.00 | _____ |

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**4722 Blue Mesa Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129-2225**

If you have questions, contact **Charles Nauman** at **ChuckN37@aol.com**

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|  | QUANTITY | COST       | TOTAL |
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| HO SCALE - 40' Box Car                       | _____    | @ \$ 12.00 | _____ |
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| CONVENTION CAP                               | _____    | @ \$ 10.00 | _____ |
| CONVENTION MUG (set of 4 for \$25)           | _____    | @ \$ 7.00  | _____ |
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| <b><u>TOURS</u></b>   |       |            |       |
| Tour #111 - CITY LIGHTS<br>(Wednesday, 9/12 - 6:00 PM to Midnight)        | _____ | @ \$ 20.00 | _____ |
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| Tour #113 - HOOVER DAM<br>(Thursday - 9/13 - 8:00 AM to 12 Noon)          | _____ | @ \$ 40.00 | _____ |
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| Tour #115 - AN AFT. ESCAPADE<br>(Thursday - 9/13 - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM)    | _____ | @ \$ 20.00 | _____ |
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| Tour #118 - WINERY/LUNCH TOUR<br>(Friday - 9/14 - 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM)     | _____ | @ \$ 35.00 | _____ |
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| Tour #120 - SHOPPER'S DELIGHT<br>(Saturday - 9/15 - 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM)   | _____ | @ \$ 15.00 | _____ |
| Tour #125 - NV STATE RR MUSEUM<br>(Saturday - 9/15 - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM) | _____ | @ \$ 20.00 | _____ |

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| <b><u>DINING CAR</u></b>            |       |            |       |
| HOBO Breakfast - Saturday - 7:00 AM | _____ | @ \$ 12.00 | _____ |
| Awards Banquet - Saturday - 7:30 PM | _____ | @ \$ 30.00 | _____ |
| Chicken Oscar                       | _____ |            |       |
| Roast Beef                          | _____ |            |       |

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**If Railette: (Please indicate your attendance)**

Railette Luncheon - Saturday 11:30 AM      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Would you be interested in volunteering while at the Convention?      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Would you be willing to give a clinic?      \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

(If YES, please contact the Convention Chairman - see below.)

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