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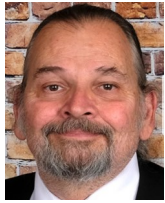
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It was an odd sight as a group of “characters” gathered at the Flagstaff Depot in the early evening to watch the well travelled rails sing to the tune of heavy diesel locomotives and long mixed freight consists. Locals probably thought we were all crazy. These trains roll through the station every 10—15 minutes at about 45 mph with nary a blast of the horn to warn you they are coming. I suppose a noise ordinance prevents them from sounding off, but the thunder of the engines and pumping of the rails (literally) gets the blood going! More pictures of the PSR NMRA Regional convention at the end of this newsletter - Editor





## FROM THE WAYCAR

Pat Raymer—President

“Another one in the books!”

That’s what I said to Jess Poole at the end of the awards banquet at the 2023 PSR Regional Convention, “The Grand Canyon Special 2023”, in Flagstaff, Arizona. He and John Lovely, MMR®, along with a great team of Arizona Division members, hosted a fantastic convention. Now they can all take a deep breath and relax with the satisfaction of a job well done.

The PSR Regional Convention starts, at least for some of us, with the annual Board of Director’s meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Our special guest was Western Region Director Mike Mackey, MMR®. The NMRA National organization tries to send a representative to every Regional convention if possible. It was great to have Mike on board with us.

The Board of Directors meeting was productive. The final draft of the Division bylaws, which were revised to align with the region bylaws, were approved, and will now be voted on by each Division’s membership. My thanks to Don Fowler, MMR®, Bruce Petrarca, MMR® and our Division Directors for their efforts in making this happen. The Board also approved the creation of a Regional Zoom account so the leadership is not dependent on any Division’s Zoom capability. I proposed a monthly new member welcome using this Zoom account, hosted by Region leadership. We will help new members settle in and direct them to their Division leadership, website, events, and answer any questions. Vice President Gary Butts, MMR®, has graciously volunteered to take on this role.

In other business, I am pleased to announce that Karie Neely has agreed to take on the non-rail chair on the board. Karie is already on the SurfLiner 2024 National Convention committee as hotel liaison, and I’m sure she will do a great job on the Regional Board as well. Welcome aboard Karie!

Wednesday night the PSR leadership (Vice President Gary Butts, MMR®, CFO/Treasurer Joel Morse, First Lady of the Region Mona Raymer and myself) got a chance to exercise our biceps as we all scooped cones and cups at the ice cream social. Even though the evening was cool, it didn’t seem to slow down the line for the frozen treats. It was a great chance for us “scoopers” to meet and greet the members. There was also an inspired game involving a large jigsaw puzzle that got everybody circulating.

Thursday morning brought the Hobo Breakfast, hosted by Don Fowler, MMR®, followed by the General Membership Meeting. Both were well attended. It is at the General Membership Meeting that the newly elected Division Directors are introduced. 2 incumbents will continue as Directors: Harold Helland, MMR® in Cajon Division and Vic Cavalli in L.A. Division. Our 2 new Directors are Chris Thompson in Arizona Division and Tim Foote in San Diego Division. Because the convention date was moved up to June rather than the typical September timeframe, the new Directors will be installed at a Zoom meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the current Directors to serve their complete 2 year terms.

Once all the business had been conducted, it was on to more fun! There were all the activities you have come to expect from a PSR Regional convention. The Arizona team arranged a full set of great clinics for Thursday and Friday and layout tours from Wednesday through Sunday. There was an amazing Hobo Auction on Thursday night, with the most items I can ever remember being offered.

The star of the show was the Grand Canyon Railway. On Friday morning we had exclusive access to the shops. What a treat! The Grand Canyon Railway crew gave a basic safety orientation and then gave us free rein to wander the shop area. We were able to climb up into the cab of the GCR 4960 Mikado, which would lead our train the following day, for a photo op. Then it was over to one of the FP40 diesels in the shed for a stem to stern tour.

Saturday morning arrived early and it was off to the station in Williams to greet our train to the rim of the Grand Canyon. Mona and I had accommodations in

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the parlor car at the end of the train. This was the epitome of first class service on the railroad. We rolled along the high plain watching the grey-green prairie grass and junipers pass by our window. Our car attendant was very attentive and entertaining. Along the way we were serenaded by an enthusiastic guitar player in period dress. Lunch was provided in an insulated bag and, rather than eat on the train, we opted to sit on the porch of the El Tovar Hotel, eat lunch, and chat with folks. Having taken the train and visiting the canyon a couple of times before, it was nice to enjoy a more relaxed pace on this visit.

All too soon it was time to return to Williams, and then back to Flagstaff. On the way back from the rim we had 3 run-bys which gave everyone an opportunity to get some great photos and videos of our train.

We got back to the hotel with just enough time to clean up a bit and then head to the awards banquet. The guest speaker was Dale Angell aka “The Toy Man” of YouTube fame. His channel features hobbyists from all walks of life and various interests, but the ones that caught my eye were, of course, the train modelers. How about the guy with the functioning animated steam shovel in HO scale!

We then moved on to the awards portion of the banquet. This is where we recognize the efforts of the modelers who brought entries to the Celebration of Models/Contest Room. There were some marvelous entries, which I’m sure will be outlined elsewhere in this issue of The Dispatch. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!

The last part of the ceremony is the PSR Member of the Year Awards. Every year, one member from each Division and one from the entire region are recognized for their contributions to the organization. This part of the banquet is a real highlight for me. The recipients of these awards are known only to the Division Directors, (and they only know the recipient for their own Division), the Vice President (who arranged for the manufacture of the metal plaques attached to each award), and myself. I particularly enjoy the look of surprise on the faces of the award recipients as they are called to the front to receive their awards! There is one more award that is announced at the banquet.

The “President’s Award for Service to the Division” is issued by the NMRA to one person in each region who has provided exemplary service to their Division but may have gone unrecognized. This certificate is signed by the NMRA President, in this case Gordy Robinson, and the recipient will be announced at the NMRA National Convention Awards Banquet at the Texas Express, this coming August. (Spoiler alert! I announced the name of this person at the banquet, which would normally have been done in September, well after the National convention.)

Our 2023 Member of the Year Recipients:

Arizona Division: Paul Buhrke

Cajon Division: Mike Allee

Los Angeles Division: Robert “Bob” DeMoss

San Diego Division: Tim Foote

Pacific Southwest Region: Nick Lisica

President’s Award for Service to the Division: Kevin Spady

Congratulations all!

The last part of the banquet usually has a presentation for the next year’s PSR Regional Convention, and this year was no exception. I was asked several times if there will be a Regional convention in 2024, and the answer is “definitely yes!” The only difference is that it will be rolled into a NMRA National Convention! We will hold our PSR Board of Directors meeting and our general membership meeting at the National, and we are looking at ways to possibly incorporate some of the unique aspects of a PSR convention into the schedule.

The First Lady and I both had a great time at the convention and, if you attended, I hope you also had a fun and unique experience. If you did not attend, you missed out on a great convention. Our conventions offer experiences that can’t be had on Zoom or YouTube. The smell of an idling steam loco or the rumble of the ground as it races past you can only be had in person. We hope to see you all in Long Beach next year at the SurfLiner 2024 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show, so we can give you an unforgettable in-person experience!

As always, see you down the line!





## THE PSR BACKSHOP

Gary Butts, MMR  
Vice President

I am just back from our Pacific Southwest Region annual convention and I still have the memory images rolling around in my head. What a great time- from the ice cream social (I had to run back to my room for heavier clothing before serving ice cream) to the Awards Banquet Saturday evening. My hat is off to our Arizona Division group for organizing such a jam-packed fun convention. Between the included breakfast and hors d'oeuvres in the evening (dinner for me) there was never a dull moment. Clinics, model contest, great club and private layout tours, trip to the Grand Canyon, Banquet, etc. etc. we were all kept going. I always enjoy catching up with more distant model railroaders that I have come to know over the years and it is one of the main reasons for me to make the sometimes-arduous travel (did I say I-40?) worthwhile.

Conversations with many of these friends led to in-depth discussions about common interests further building on already established friendships and in some cases better understanding of the way we should conduct our non-profit corporate "business". Mike Mackey, our NMRA Wester Region Director, attended this convention and contributed to our Board of Directors meeting and brought some clarifying ideas to the contest and AP evaluations as well.

I am always particularly interested in the Achievement Program activity since I am currently acting as the Achievement Program Chairman for both the Cajon and LA Divisions. This convention had a lower than anticipated number of models entered for an Arizona convention. Arizona has a ton of great modelers but I think that the lower model submissions may partially be due to the fact that many of these modelers were kept busy planning and organizing this event. In any case, a large majority of the models submitted earned merit awards which testifies to the quality of the models present.

It was brought to our attention that we needed to clarify the boundary between Structure models and diorama or display models and that will be made clear by our AP and Contest managers elsewhere in this newsletter or a later edition as the definitions become solidified.

Work continues on our Pacific Southwest Region hosted, 2024 SurfLiner National Convention and we are still looking for volunteers at all levels. Contact any of our Region or Division leaders to be included in the effort and to help insure a successful West coast convention next year.

I hope to see you at one of our Region or Division events soon.



Photo by Kevin Spady





## Cajon

Harold Helland, Director

The Cajon Spring Meet was held April 22, 2023, at the Messiah Lutheran Church courtyard in Buena Park. The Spring Meet was a complete success for all who attended the meeting. Clinics, pizza lunch, swap Meet, Hobo Auction and the Celebration of Models room were all well attended by those present. Twenty-five models were submitted for show or evaluation. The event was special to me when I was awarded my Master Model Railroader Certificate. I could not believe that numerous members gave me a standing ovation for the accomplishment. To say the least, I was very happy, and I thank all of you for the recognition.

The Cajon Division is also hosting the Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. The May tour was of the Los Angeles Junction Railway presented by Bob Calicchia. The layout is an urban switching layout set in Vernon, California in 1974. Everyone enjoyed the time spent at Bob's home. The next layout tour will be at my house on July 15. My model railroad is a freelance transition era Union Pacific railroad based on the Overland Route in the Midwest plains of Iowa and Nebraska.

I am sure many of you enjoyed the PSR Convention this summer. The Grand Canyon Special was a really great event in Flagstaff, Arizona. The highlight of the convention was a steam train ride to the Grand Canyon from Williams, Arizona on Saturday. The trip included a tour of the Engine Facility on Friday. Thursday was Hobo Day which started with the Hobo Breakfast and ended with the Hobo Auction. The convention also had all the usual activities including over 30 clinics which covered many areas of model railroading and Flagstaff. Layout tours and railfanning provided numerous opportunities to see what other model

railroaders do for their hobby. The closing banquet was held Saturday evening with guest speaker Dale Angell, The Toy Man.

The Pacific Southwest Region was awarded the 2024 NMRA National Convention to be held in Long Beach. The planning process for the convention is in progress, and will be a joint effort of all four PSR Divisions. SurfLiner 2024 will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center August 4 through August 11, 2024, with the base operation at the Westin Hotel. Please consider joining the SurfLiner 2024 Convention Team and contributing to the success of the 2024 NMRA National Convention.



## Awards Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

Well, the 2023 PSR Convention the Grand Canyon Special is now just a memory. If you missed it, you missed a lot of fun and good fellowship. Entries into the show room were light with only ten entries for Merit Evaluation. All ten were nicely done and eight of them did earn a Merit Award. I am sure Mike Allee will have a full Show Room report in his report.

At the convention several issues were discussed, first being 3D printing and how it is judged. If you prepare the CAD drawings and it is printed without any changes to the drawing then it will qualify for scratchbuilt. But it will be evaluated like any other scratch-built model in Construction, Detail, Conformity, Paint & Lettering, and Scratchbuilt. So, be sure to do your write up as if it was scratchbuilt to get the maximum points.

Next, we had some heated discussions on Structures and Structures on a diorama and just what categories they belong in and how to evaluate them. Here is the basic outcome, if it is just a structure not on a base it

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can be entered into the structures category. If it is a structure on a base with landscape and other items it must be entered into Diorama. The reason for this is the landscape around the structure could give you an advantage over just a structure, more information will be forthcoming on this.

Lastly, when you submit work for an AP Certificate you MUST include ALL pages of the SOQ even if it is just a list of things that must be done, example is page two of the Dispatcher which is just a list of the various jobs, we need that submitted along with the rest of the SOQ. Also be sure to fill out everything on the SOQ, if items are not complete the SOQ will be returned to you. This includes all information including verification from your Division AP Manager who verifies you have met all the requirements. I simply do not have the time to look up your address, NMRA Number, etc. My job is to verify you have done all the work and completely filled out the paperwork.

(Editors Note: You can find detailed information on the AP program requirements on the NMRA website at <https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program>. Look for the menu bar on the right side of the page and you can find information on Categories, Requirements, Forms, FAQ's and lots of other information.)



Mike Guinn's Timesaver layout



## Historian's Report

Per Harwe, Historian

Due to health reasons Per was unable to submit a report for this issue. We wish him the best for a quick recovery.



## Los Angeles

Vic Cavalli, Director

I'm writing this report very shortly after the completion of the PSR's Annual Convention, *Grand Canyon Special 2023*. From everything I've heard, it was a great success. Congratulations, and thanks, to all those who worked on the planning and execution of this event. A job well done!

I also would like to congratulate each of our members, both at the Regional and Divisional levels, who were honored as Member of the Year recipients; especially Los Angeles (L.A.) Division's **Robert "Bob" DeMoss**. Your joint contributions have greatly strengthened our Region and Divisions collectively.

Now, onto L.A. news... Due to unforeseen medical issues, our Superintendent, Vic Cavalli, has had to resign from office. Without going into details (which are personal anyways), his absence leaves the Division without its most senior leader.

Attempts at finding an internal successor thus far have been unsuccessful. Therefore, the PSR Board of Directors – through which Divisions are initially chartered and thereafter overseen – has been informed of our efforts to date; their external assistance and guidance being requested.

In the meanwhile, L.A. will informally try to provide at least limited benefits and services to its Division (and neighboring) NMRA members including:

Monthly *Sand House Chat* "Zoom" Sessions (July 2023 marking our two year anniversary).

Quarterly private and/or club layout Open Houses; our next being is scheduled for June 24, 2023. (Please see the latest issue of our *LA Coupler* newsletter or the previous issue of the *PSR Dispatch* for details, and/or MailChimp distributed flyers.)

Quarterly publication – see our website [www.ladiv-nmra.org](http://www.ladiv-nmra.org) and/or distribution via MailChimp – of the Division's newsletter, the *LA Coupler*.

Continuing updates of our website [www.ladiv-nmra.org](http://www.ladiv-nmra.org)

More on this important (at least in my opinion) organizational issue in my next report to you. Until then, continued Happy Model Railroading to you!



## Arizona

Terry Fearn, Director

Hello to all the PSR members from the NMRA Arizona Division.

On March 11, our spring meet was held in Scottsdale. Our summer meet was not held due to the June 2023 convention in Flagstaff, but we will hold a fall meet, probably in Tucson. We are continuing our program of monthly Division Zoom calls the third Saturday of each month.

The Grand Canyon Special PSR Convention was held in Flagstaff, AZ on June 7-11, 2023, and I believe all attendees thoroughly enjoyed the activities; convention clinics, ice cream social, swap meet and the charter train trip on the Grand Canyon Railway. The convention headquarters, Drury Inn and Suites, provided excellent meeting rooms for our clinics. The adjacent High Country Convention center hosted large events, such as the Hobo Auction, swap meet and the closing banquet. Attendance at the convention was 172 with 214 passengers aboard the Grand Canyon Railway charter train trip. Everyone who attended the convention was a special guest, but we want to recognize the banquet speaker, Dale Angell, plus Shotgun Tom Kelly and NMRA Western District Director Mike Mackey.

The clinics covered a broad range of topics. Modeling topics included presentations of scenery landscape techniques, layout lighting using LED's, scratch-building structures, etc. Also, a number of clinics were about the history of Flagstaff and the logging industry, traveling the Canadian Rocky Mountaineer, history of the Harvey Girls, etc. An off-site highlight was the shop tour of the Grand Canyon Railway in Williams on Friday morning. After a safety briefing by the shop foreman, we were allowed to walk through the shops to see repair work in progress on various pieces of equipment, including locomotive #29 plus private car Kansas was open to view. Steam locomotive #4960 was fired up in preparation for the charter trip on Saturday morning and available to climb into the cab.

Certainly, a highlight of the convention was the charter train trip on Saturday morning behind steam locomotive #4960. The train consisted of four passenger cars of different classes plus a café car. Leaving Williams at 8:30 am heading north, the landscape is generally rolling hills with scrub oak and juniper pines scattered across the hills. Nearing the south rim of the Grand Canyon, the tracks go through extensive forests of Ponderosa Pines with a significant uphill grade. Passengers in the open window Pullman coach could certainly hear #4960 laboring. In fact, as we neared Grand Canyon Village, our train stalled on a sharp right-hand curve into the Village. The engineer reversed and backed the train about a mile and made a successful second run up the hill and sharp curve. We blasted into the Village, to the awe and amazement of the many park visitors. During our 2 ½ hour layover at the Grand Canyon Village, we witnessed amazing views of the Grand Canyon plus the historic Hopi House, Kolb Bros Studio and El Tovar Hotel. In the afternoon return trip to Williams, we were treated to three photo run-by's of our train.

Saturday night was the closing banquet with special speaker Dale Angell, aka "The Toy Man". Contest room awards and Division member awards were presented. Sunday morning featured layout tours and the trip home.

Many thanks to everyone who worked diligently over the past year to plan and organize the convention. Also, a special thanks to the two convention committee chairs, Jess Poole and John Lovely.



GCR #4960 at full steam – Photo by Kevin Spady





## San Diego

Pete Steinmetz, Director

I thought my Q1 2023 column would be my last as Director. Normally the new Directors takes over at the PSR Convention which is usually held in September. Turns out the new Director still takes over in August or September even though the PSR Convention was in June this year. Tim Foote will be the new San Diego Division Director. Tim will do a good job. I turn my attention to the 2024 NMRA National Convention, The Surfliner. It will be held at the Westin Long Beach August 4 – 11. I will lead the Clinic team. If anybody reading this column is interested in presenting a clinic, send an e Mail to [clinics2024@gmail.com](mailto:clinics2024@gmail.com). Let us know who you are and what your topic is. Have you presented this clinic before? Where? All clinics will be 1 or 2 hours in length.

We will have many different subjects presented. We will also have hands-on clinics and a room where we will have remote clinicians presenting on Zoom. We will not be broadcasting any clinics live. We may record some clinics for future broadcast.

The San Diego Division continues to have our monthly activities. The next one is our July layout tour followed by our August meet with a hands-on weathering clinic. Saturday, July 8 at Steve Harris Hon3 layout followed August 12 for our Summer Meet. Details at <https://www.sandiegodivision.org>.



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Joel Morse, Treasurer

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#### TREASURERS SUMMER 2023 DISPATCH REPORT

##### SUMMARY:

During the period March 1, 2023, through May 31, 2023, there were several PSR financial transactions, both deposits and credits.

On the Credit Side, these included distribution of Division Membership Rebates, purchase of awards, storage locker rental fees and payment of CA State Annual Filing Fees.

On the deposit side, the Region received Division Membership Rebates, \$90.54 for the Hobo Account from the San Diego Division for the Back on Track Regional Convention, and \$21.04 from our participation in the Amazon Smile program (which has been discontinued by Amazon).

The May 31, 2023, Bank Statement indicates that the Region has \$22,586.23 in the Region Checking Account.

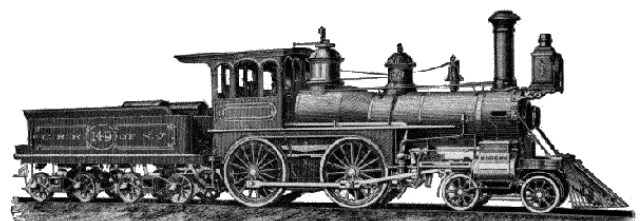
Note that the PSR loaned \$10,000 in “seed money” to the 2024 Convention Committee.

##### PSR Wells Fargo Checking Account:

**Region Assets as of February 28, 2023: \$24,249.38**

**Region Assets as of May 31, 2023: \$22,586.23**

**Net Change this period: (\$1,663.15)**





# The Show Room

Mike Allee, PSR Contest Chair

## CONTEST REPORT GRAND CANYON EXPRESS PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION CONVENTION

There are two ways in which one can enter an item in the Contest Room: 1) As an item to be evaluated, using NMRA guidelines, in the effort to receive a Merit Award. 2) As an item entered into "Display" not seeking a Merit Award.

A Merit Award is one step in earning the title of Master Model Railroader (MMR®). An item to be evaluated is automatically entered into "Popular Choice". "Popular Choice", attendees vote on all items presented. "Best of Show" can only be awarded to an evaluated item and all models in the particular category are moved up one placement position.

Unfortunately the number of items entered for evaluation were limited with only ten being submitted. Even so eight of the models received a merit award. There were twenty-five items submitted for Display.

### EVALUATED MODELS



Long Island Railroad cR#345 Coach by Gary Butts – First Place in Passenger Car, a Merit Award and First Place in Popular Choice



Critter by Lynn Byrd First Place in Diesel & Locomotives - Merit Award and Second Place in Popular Choice



Grand Canyon Railway Cars (3) by John Parrish – Second Place Passenger Car and Second Place in Popular Choice. (Shown as a video at banquet)



Reefer Car "Super Chief to California" by John Parrish – Second Place in Freight Car and First Place in Popular Choice

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Work Car by Lynn Byrd – First Place Non-revenue earning a Merit Award and First Place in Popular Choice



65' Gallows Turntable by Steve Cole – First Place in Structures Online earning a Merit Award and First Place Popular Choice



SP Perlite Car by Dan Kamikudo – First Place in Freight Car earning a Merit Award and Third Place Popular Choice  
(Photo taken before roof placed on car)



Capistrano Depot by Dan Kamikudo – Second Place in Structures Online earning a Merit Award and Second Place in Popular Choice



Favorite Train – Sacramento Freight by James Keena - First Place Popular Choice  
(Shown as a video at banquet )



Front Street Lumber & Hardware by Bill Stemson – Third Place in Structures Online earning a Merit Award and Second Place in Popular Choice



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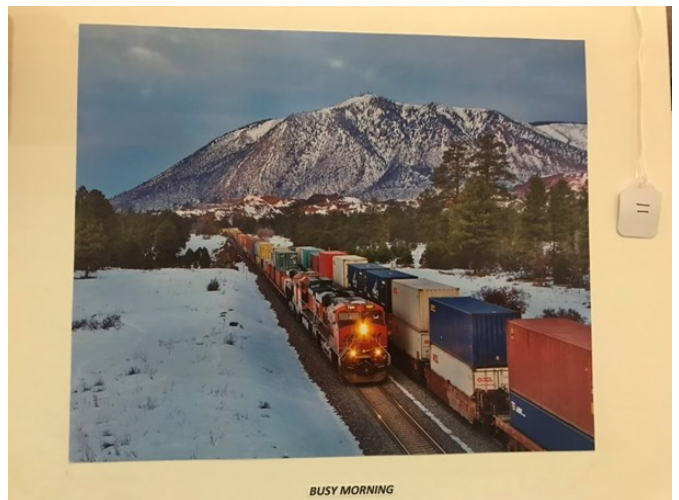
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Second Place Popular Choice



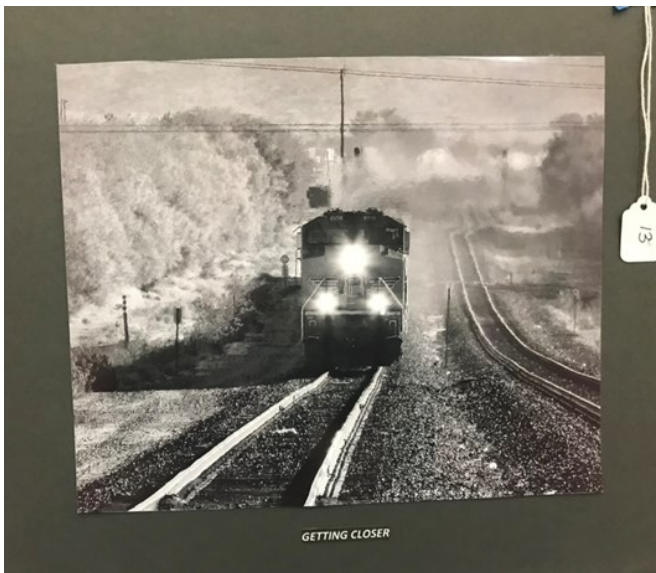
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by John Parrish—Second Place Popular Choice



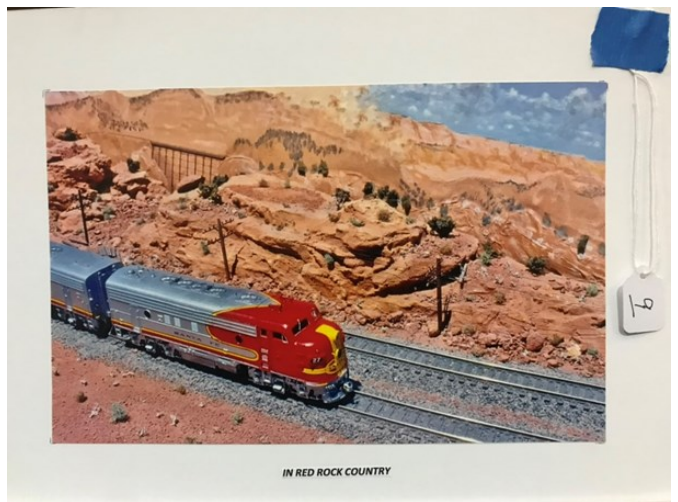
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Parrish—Third Place Popular Choice



Prototype Photo Color "Busy Morning" by John  
Parrish—First Place Popular Choice

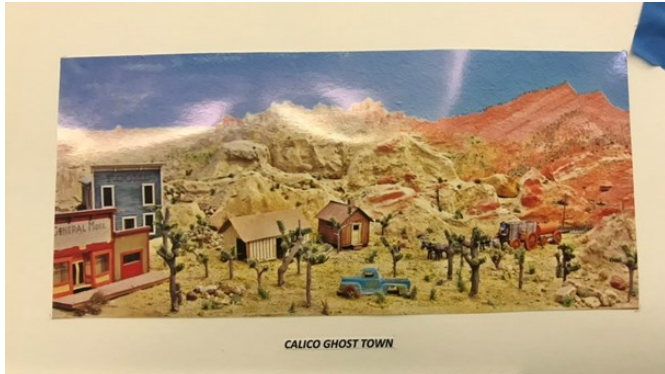


Prototype Photo B&W "Getting Closer" by John Parrish  
First Place Popular Choice



Model Photo Color "In Red Rock Country" by John  
Parrish Second Place Popular Choice





Model Photo Color – "Calico Ghost Town" by John Parrish Third Place Popular Choice



Arts & Crafts General – "American Eagle" by Annette Palmer Third Place Popular Choice



Arts & Crafts General – "Moon Train" by Annette Palmer First Place Popular Choice



Arts & Crafts Needle Point – "Native Indian Chief" by Roberta Fleishman First Place Popular Choice



Arts & Crafts General – "Celestial Ko" by Kimberly M. Fowler Second Place Popular Choice



Arts & Crafts Needle Point – "Spring Table Cloth" by Edna Keena Second Place Popular Choice





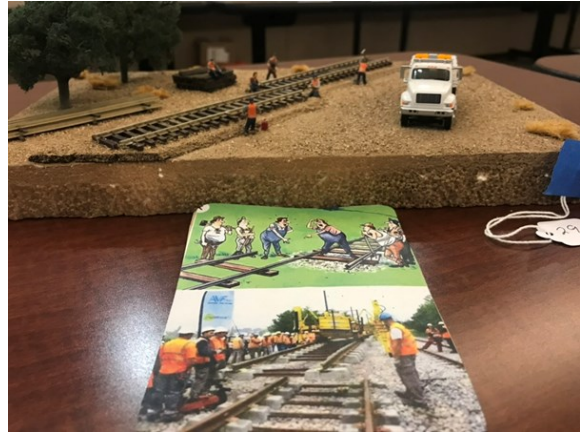
Arts & Crafts Needle Point – “Christmas Table Runner” by Edna Keena Third Place Popular Choice



Arts & Crafts Railroadiana – “Steampunk” Embroidered



Arts & Crafts Railroadiana - “Dining on the Rails” Linda & David Irick First Place Popular Choice



Thumbs – “Prototype for Everything” by Kimberly M. Fowler First Place Popular Choice



Thumbs – “Conjunction Junction” by James Keena Second Place Popular Choice



Display Structures Offline – “Randy’s Donuts” by Dan Kamikudo First Place Popular Choice



**BEST OF SHOW**



G&S #176 Mac Railbus by Gary Butts, MMR ®

**PRESIDENTS AWARD**

To modeler showing for the first time at PSR Regional Convention



Critter by Lynn Byrd



2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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# Images from the 2023 PSR Regional Convention Awards Ceremony



← Cajon Division Member of the Year—**Mike Allee**



Arizona Division Member of the Year — **Paul Buhrke**, accepted by **Terry Fearn** →



← Los Angeles Division Member of the Year — **Bob DeMoss**



← San Diego Division Member of the Year — **Tim Foote**, accepted by **Don Fowler**



Pacific Southwest Regional Member of the Year — **Nick Lisica** →



← Presidents Award for Service to the Division — **Kevin Spady**

**Jess Poole** — Arizona Division Convention Chairperson →

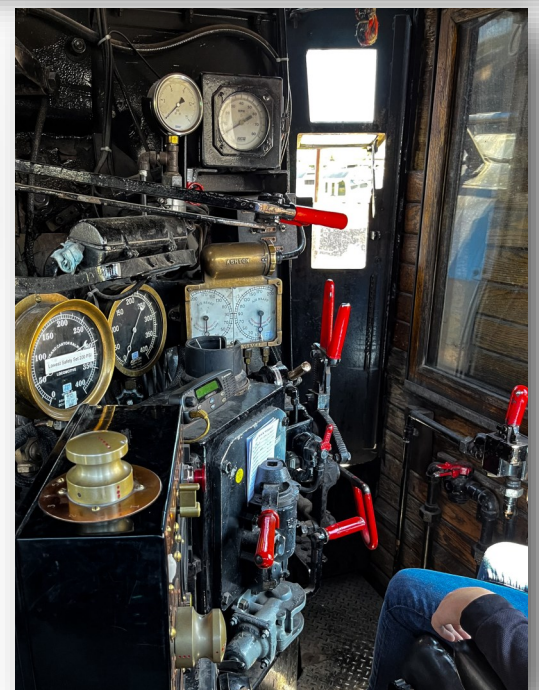


**PSR Member of the Year and Special Award ceremony was held at the convention banquet. Thanks for the effort these members have put into the PSR over the past year!**

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## **Do you have friends interested in joining the NMRA? Let them know why they should!**

### **Camaraderie:**

- **Making new friends that share the common interest in model railroads;**

### **Learning:**

- **Being able to get assistance and answers to questions you have;**
- **Gaining education on improving your modeling skills through hands-on how to do clinics at NMRA sponsored meets and conventions;**
- **Access an extensive NMRA online library of plans and photos;**

### **Connection to the Hobby:**

- **Monthly magazine that is available either online or printed;**
- **Monthly email newsletters from National along with quarterly Regional and local Division newsletters;**
- **Access to online video layout tours and clinics on U-Tube NMRA library and Facebook pages.**
- **Discounts at local hobby shops and online retailers;**

## **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>

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 many events you might not otherwise get to see.



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