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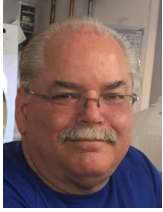
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First off, apologies for the lateness of this issue. This was a very challenging holiday period for your Editor as my wife has been hospitalized for over three weeks at the time I write this. But her outlook is very positive and I am certain of a good recovery. It makes you realize what to be truly thankful for throughout the year.

By the time you receive this the Holidays will be behind us and we will be looking forward to 2026 with great anticipation. I wish everyone good cheer, prosperity and most of all, good health! - Kevin Spady, Editor





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Joel Morse, President

From the Brass Hat

If you have been reading the NMRA Magazine and the e-bulletins that come out periodically you are aware of the NMRA's **Vision 2035** program, now getting underway across the organization. If you haven't seen it, we will be posting it on each of the Division Website's soon. It is a far-reaching concept with the following key objectives:

- Improve members' enjoyment and satisfaction experience with their membership.
- Drive member growth to expand our community and influence.
- Accelerate the NMRA's influence and leadership in the industry globally.
- Modernize the technical infrastructure and operations.

The Vision goes further and defines the Core Strategies to achieve the program's Vision and identifies specific goals for **Vision 2035** (I'm paraphrasing):

- Achieve member satisfaction of at 80%.
- Reach 35,000 members globally by 2035.
- Achieve global recognition as a leader for standards and innovation.
- Improve financial efficiency by increasing member revenue while decreasing member costs.
- Modernize core infrastructure and digital capabilities.

Vision 2035 is a long-range plan for achieving positive change over the next 10 years. Obviously, in any long-range plan, everything can't be done at once and the initial steps are outlined in the **2026 Work Plan**, with the intent that the successes of 2026 will be built on in subsequent annual work plans, until the outlined goals are achieved.

One of the key aspects of the **2026 Work Plan** is the creation of *Division Standards* outlining the organization's expectations for each Division which is intended to improve the membership experience. Additionally, a *Division Standards Checklist* has been created to determine how well each Division meets those

standards. In looking over the Standards and the Checklist, I can tell you that each Division of the PSR is meeting the expectations of many of the Standards, but there are clear opportunities for improvement by each Division.

The PSR Board of Directors will be meeting soon to discuss how each Division and the Region can better meet these new standards and improve the membership experience.

One of the most visible aspects of Vision 2035 is the updating of the NMRA logo – (See pages 1 and 20—Ed.) and the need to modify Region and Division logos to be consistent with the new NMRA logo. The PSR Board is working on revising the Region and Division logos as little as possible.



PSR Vice President

Frank Kenny, Vice President

Hello Members,

I hope you are all doing well! Depending on when you read this it will either be Happy Holidays or I hope you had Happy Holidays! Either way I hope it was happy.

Have you been inviting your friends to join the NMRA? Based on the membership numbers below, it looks like some of your membership invites to your friends have been lost in the mail!

Division	Jan	Nov	NET
	2024	2025	
Cajon Division	259	257	-2 (Not bad)
Arizona Division	331	283	-48 (Ouch!)
Los Angeles Division	206	204	-2(Not bad)
San Diego Division	142	141	-1 (Not bad)
Total Region	938	885	-53 (Oh no!)

It appears we are headed in the wrong direction. May I request again that you please invite your friends to join you in the fun and excitement of the NMRA. It's



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Frank Kenny, Vice President

It's easier than you think and there are lots of opportunities to do this especially with all of the local NMRA events. If you want to discuss ways to do this feel free to reach out to me. I'm happy to help!

Are you interested in operating a model railroad or even interested in hosting an operation session on your railroad? Inside this issue you will find an article I wrote about the fears of operating a model railroad. The fear is real and I believe once one realizes the fun of operations, the fear will quickly disappear. Personally, I think operating a model railroad is one of the best benefits of our hobby. I also believe it can be a big attraction to our hobby and I believe it is a door to additional members to the NMRA. Operating sessions have been around for many years and finally the interest in operations seems to be taking off. Model railroad operations is not only satisfying for the layout owner, but it is also satisfying for the guest operator. It's a great way to enjoy our model railroading hobby with friends! If you want to operate, whether you know how to or not, I hope this article will leave you feeling more comfortable about operating a model railroad. Or perhaps you are a layout owner and eventually want to operate. If that's you, I'm going to do another article on the fears of a layout owner to help you get started. Either way, if you are ready to get started now, please reach out to me and we can talk about your particular position on operating a model railroad and even get you started operating! I'm sure you will start to enjoy a new side of the hobby!

OK, that's it for me this month. See ya in 2026!



Arizona

Chris Thompson, Director

Our fall in person meet was on October 18th in Scottsdale. We had 3 clinics during the meet. We started off with some social time with coffee and donuts. There were a few tables of swap meet goodies to be had as well. After the business meeting we had our first clinic of the day, an introduction to Timetable / Train Order operations. The Division provided sandwiches for lunch around noon, then we had our second clinic of the day. We were presented with an update of the Arizona Railroad Historical Society's new layout construction. This is a large layout, and the group has made an impressive amount of progress over the last year. Wrapping up the clinics for the day, we were given a demonstration of making rock molds with Bragdon Enterprises products. The results possible in a short amount of time with these products are truly amazing, I'm planning to try these on my layout. The Contest Room had quite a few models submitted, which was great to see. Photos, structures and rolling stock were both well represented in the judging.

The Cactus Crawl Division wide layout tour was held November 15 and 16 this year. We had about the same number of participating layouts as last year. Layouts were open in the Prescott area, Tucson, and the Phoenix valley. There were several club layouts and well as layouts owned by members. You could see every scale from Z to F across the state. Indications are that visitation was roughly the same overall as last year as well. I personally really enjoyed this event. I got a chance to talk to a lot of people about model railroading, and I always get some great ideas from the layouts that I visit. I also got a chance to meet and talk to some new folks that I probably would not have otherwise. My sincere thanks to all who opened their homes and layouts for this event and thanks to everyone who took the time to visit them.

The Division Executive Advisory Committee is considering changing the monthly Saturday Zoom meeting to a different day of the week

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Arizona

Chris Thompson, Director

based on feedback we have received from some members. We would like to hear from more members about this and what your preferences are. The goal is to expand participation by providing members with activities they are willing and able to join. Contact information for Superintendent Paul Buhrke and me is available on the Division home page under Leadership.

The Arizona Division in person meet will be in Tucson in March. Meet info will be available on the Division website after the beginning of the year. Hope to see you all there!



Cajon

Gary Stenberg Director

Greetings from the Cajon Division! Rebrand the NMRA? A new logo? A new vision? Plans? Accountability? Well, yeah.... So here I am, kicking and screaming, being dragged into the 21st century. Okay, so I'm being a little melodramatic. Did I get your attention? Good!!! The NMRA at the national level has launched a new program intended to modernize our organization, improve service to our members, increase our influence within the model railroad community, encourage industry interaction, and realize that we are truly an International movement. I urge you all to read the inaugural article about this change in the December Issue of the "NMRA magazine."

I looked up the NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION VISION 2035 statement and not only read the document, but also reprinted it in Microsoft WORD so that I could read hardcopy. Under the heading of "Member Value and Programming (Our Mission)" I found a firm statement that we are going to be expected to have Division Standards in place. I

went ahead and created a WORD document "Division Checklist" of what is and will be expected of our Divisions. (I can send these WORD documents via text message to whoever would like a copy.)

I am pleased to report that the Cajon Division is well on its way to meeting most of the items on the "NMRA Division Standards Annual Checklist." We have By-Laws, a Manual of Operations, regular elections for Director, and regular elections for Superintendent. Cajon Division has an active Website managed by Kurt Matthews, who is also the editor of the division's publication, the Order Board. We even have a Facebook presence overseen by Joel Morse. Gary Butts (MMR) leads our Achievement Certificate Program. We have two large meets a year, which are open to the public, and our Nevada presence has hosted several smaller get-togethers. We have had several layout tours during the past year and are always looking for another to visit.

For the coming year, we want to get members in the "Inland Empire" more involved by focusing on having more events closer to them. The Cajon Division extends from the Los Angeles County border with Orange County all the way into Nevada! As our retiring Membership Chair, Patrick Rogan, mentioned, "Not everyone lives in Orange County!" We hope to get some Inland Empire Movers and Shakers energized to stir up interest in hosting events there. We have a Railroad Museum in Perris and a Live Steam Model Railroad at Hunter Park in Riverside. Hopefully we can get some tours and joint get-togethers there.

So who are our Model Railroaders? I like to think that they are our current friends or friends we've yet to meet. One way to meet these new friends is to attend some of the activities that our Divisions host. We used to have, many years ago, the NMRA directory. It was a list of, well, everybody. We don't have that available anymore, so we have to get out and participate in events in order to meet new friends. About eight years ago, I wasn't particularly involved in the hobby, but I ran across Gary Butts. Gary was the editor of the Cajon Division's publication, the Order Board. In casual conversation, I told him that we had something in common. He was the current editor of the Order Board and

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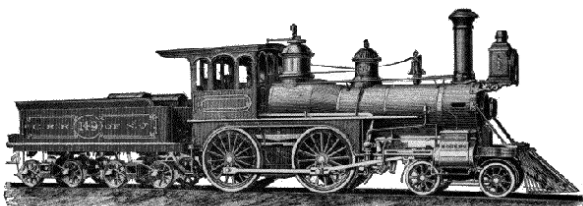
Cajon

Gary Stenberg Director

I had been the first editor of it. One thing led to another and I found myself volunteering to be the Cajon Division Chief Clerk. All of a sudden I was energized and back into the hobby. See? A little personal interaction and it's a new ballgame.

I held the position of Chief Clerk for a couple of years. I gave up the position of Chief Clerk when I was elected Director and was ably replaced by Steve Cole last September. Just before Thanksgiving of this year, Steve passed away unexpectedly. Steve had also talked with Gary Butts and became one of Gary's regular operators. Steve was excited about the Achievement Certificate program and was working on Association Volunteer and Chief Dispatcher. He was a really great guy and I certainly will miss him. He was a friend I got to meet. Socializing with fellow model railroaders can increase our appreciation of the hobby. We can learn and be entertained. So, what will the Cajon Division do in the next year? What are our goals for 2026? Here is our start.

The Cajon Division will work to enact the NMRA's vision to improve the level of satisfaction of the membership by providing opportunities to socialize with like-minded model railroaders and to learn new modeling techniques. The Cajon Division will continue to encourage participation in the Achievement Certification program as a learning tool and as a motivator. Who do we want to participate? Why, that's everybody. Especially...YOU.



Los Angeles

Vic Cavalli, Director

Season's Greetings from the Los Angeles (L.A.) Division of the PSR, NMRA to you and yours.

October started with **Jeff Smith**, owner of *Railmaster Hobbies*, holding his annual *Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers and Swap Meet* at the Imago Dei Church in Bellflower, CA. Literally hundreds of high quality models were displayed at chest-height for the 60-70+ individuals who attended. Many great prizes also were won during the event's raffle-style drawings and, from what I observed, many other irresistible items were available at reasonable prices during the swap meet. Maybe you caught the review video on **Bob Chaparro's** [ModelRailroadsofSoCalif](https://www.modelrailroadsofsoCalif.com) website.

November, National Model Railroading month, found more than a dozen members brave the inclement weather to view the large 2,000 sq ft N Scale **East Valley Lines** Model Railroad at the Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park, Los Angeles. Our hosts provided guided behind-the-scene tours of their smooth operating, highly detailed pike; while fielding many questions. Afterwards, several of us ventured spontaneously into neighboring Burbank for lunch; then a visit to *Burbank's House of Hobbies*. Thank you **John McGreevy** for arranging this latest visit.

The Switch Crew, along with **Frank Kenny** (CPRX model railroad owner), hosted an *N Scale Yard Scale* (including free, hosted lunch) on November 22nd. While I was unable to attend, received feedback indicated a very well organized and attended swap meet. Hopefully this newer tradition will continue.

The remainder of 2025 is being spent finalizing:

The nomination and election of 2026/2027 Division Executive Board members. Should you reside within the boundaries of the L.A. Division and might be interested in running for

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Los Angeles

Vic Cavalli, Director

either L.A. Superintendent, Paymaster, or Chief Clerk, please contact **John McGreevy**, L.A. Division Nomination and Elections Chair, at NMRAPSR LAJohnMc@gmail.com. (Note: per L.A.'s By-Laws, Paymaster and Chief Clerk may be the same person.)

Another *Layouts of the L.A. Division* tour. Think mid-January 2026, with flyers starting to go out around the end of December, 2025.

Planning, scheduling and announcement of our annual *L.A. Division Membership Meeting and Banquet*. Details will be forthcoming late-January/early-February, 2026.

An additional *Layouts of the L.A. Division* tour – likely a “double header” – is tentatively being “penciled-in” for early 2nd quarter, 2026.

If that's not enough, our new webmaster, **Mark Fischer**, is busy updating, expanding, and improving our local Division website, www.ladiv-nmra.org. Please come, and take a look.

Notice: For those of you whom enjoy “shooting the bull” a bit, note L.A.-sponsored, monthly *Sand House Chat* Zoom sessions will be held one (1) week later in January – on January 8th starting at 7:00 pm – due to New Years Day falling on a Thursday next year. (This will be the 50th “Chat” in the series.)

Finally, please check “*Upcoming Model Railroad and Prototype Events*” – found towards the rear of each issue of this publication – for additional events, dates, and times that might be of interest to you.

Until next year, happy model railroading to you.



Membership

Rudy Spano, Membership Chair

Holiday Greetings to each and every one of our PSR Members.

Our Membership numbers continue to lag from last year. As of November, 2025 our Regional Membership stood at 885 members. In November of 2024 our membership was 976, ninety members more than this year. In August of 2025 our Membership was at 898 members. The numbers continue to trend down. The Membership in each Division is as follows: San Diego 141, Los Angeles 204, Arizona 283 and Cajon 257.

As we approach the New Year, keep in mind the upcoming PSR Convention in San Diego next September. This is a great time to learn more about our hobby, renew friendships and enjoy the camaraderie of model railroaders.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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.





San Diego

Tim Foote, Director



SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2026 PSR CONVENTION

Have you ever visited the largest Railroad museum in the United States of America?

That is the San Diego Model Railroad Museum. It is located in Balboa Park near Downtown San Diego. Within that museum are four Model Railroad Clubs. The largest layout at the museum belongs to the La Mesa Model Railroad Club which has been written up by Model Railroader Magazine on two occasions. The most recent write up was this year which included a layout diagram.

The layout is on two levels. The lower level starts near Bakersfield, California and the track extends over eleven feet high to the upper level, mezzanine, at Mohave, California. The picture above is at the most significant landmark on the layout, the Tehachapi loop. The train is my own circus train headed down toward Bakersfield. To make the uphill grade, often four consisted engines are required. Thirty car and higher trains are common on the layout. The club conducts operation sessions on certain weekends and nonmembers are welcome to participate for a fee. Participants come from all over the United States.

You will have the opportunity to see the La Mesa Club layout and the layouts of the other clubs at the welcoming reception for the Pacific Southwest Region Convention September 9th to 13th, 2026. The link to the convention sign-up page is on the PSR website as well as the

San Diego Division website (sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026).

BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker at the Saturday night Banquet for the convention will be Jeffrey Cauthen. Jeffrey is a native Californian, born in Visalia, raised in San Diego. Jeff's uncle and father were both railroad modelers and he caught the bug early. Growing up in San Diego, his first rail interest was the Santa Fe Railway operations there. He became interested in passenger trains at an early age and when Richard K. Wright (MHP) brought out his first HO model (the Daylight 79 ft. Tavern Car) he was forever hooked on Southern Pacific passenger cars and trains. His interest since that 1964 event has grown and become a full blown interest.

Jeff has been a member of the Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society since its inception. He is one of the principal authors of the five-volume series, Southern Pacific Passenger Cars, published by the SPH&TS. In addition to his NMRA membership, he is also a member of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum (formerly Project 2472), the California State Railroad Museum, the R&LHS, and NRHS. Jeff and his wife Ching enjoy travel and have ridden trains in Europe and Asia on many occasions. Jeff enjoys participating in NMRA events and has been a strong supporter of the San Diego Division.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

The San Diego Division has some excellent layouts that you will be able to visit and some of those will be part of the operation sessions group. There will also be an array of clinics including hands on projects, and there will be a hobo auction and a swap meet. There will be an activity every evening of the convention.





Awards Program

Carl Heimberger, MMR, AP

PSR Achievement Program Report

The National Awards Program is in the process of making changes to some of the existing categories and possibly adding one. They have also updated the forms you need to fill out for the various AP categories, and most are now fillable, so it should make it simpler to submit items.

Within the last quarter of 2025 four PSR members have achieved seven AP awards, they are:

Craig Carnell, Arizona, Volunteer
John Mick, Arizona, Volunteer
Joel Morris, Cajon, Scenery
Terry Farn, Arizona, Scenery
Terry Farn, Arizona, Structures
Terry Farn, Arizona, Cars
Terry Farn, Arizona, Electrical

Congratulations to all of them and I hope you all will continue to strive to be an MMR.

As mentioned above most of the AP forms have changes so, please use the current one on the NMRA web site when submitting future material. The SOQ's now have a place for the division AP manager to sign off so please be sure to have that signature on the documents. They are also addressing social media in areas like author and volunteer.

I do realize there is a lot of mixed emotion about the AP, but it is not a test as some members think. It is a learning tool to help make you a better model builder, to get you involved with your local division and region. Why do you want to get involved in the local division or region well you will meet a lot of very talented NMRA members who are more than willing to answer any questions you may have about most anything model railroading and more.

This is a great hobby and I have been involved in it for almost 80 years as a model builder and 26 of those

years as an active member of the NMRA. Over those years I met a lot of really talented people, who have helped me become a far better person and model builder. All it takes is to visit some local model railroad clubs, attend some division meets, regional conventions and even a national convention to see the opportunity you are missing.



Historian's Re-

Brian Neeley, Historian

No article was submitted for this issue, however if you have anything that you feel might be historically related to our Region, please contact Brian.



Education

Mike Allee—Education Chairman

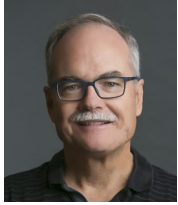
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Trolley 163 at East Broad Top



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PSR Treasurer

John McGreevy, Treasurer

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 37 TREASURERS AUTUMN DISPATCH REPORT

SUMMARY:

There were two PSR receipts during the period September 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025. The Cajon Division paid back an advance of \$1,000 that was used as “seed money” for the 2025 PSR convention in Irvine. \$829.00 was received from National (NMRA) for the bi-annual membership rebates. This is the final rebate that will not be allocated to the divisions.

On September 3 the Board of Directors approved distribution of the Surfliner Convention Profit to the divisions. The amount was based on the number of members who participated in hosting the event. The following amounts were paid during this period:

\$814.41 to LA Division
\$271.47 to San Diego Division
\$995.39 to Cajon Division
\$271.47 to Arizona Division

The payments were recorded as a reversal of previously recorded Surfliner Convention revenue.

Expenses totaled \$351.88. A payment of \$167.10 was made to Zoom. \$80.00 was paid to Tech Soup for the annual QuickBooks subscription. There was a payment of \$35.97 for In-motion website hosting.

Deposits of \$1,829.00 were made during this period. Cash expenditures during this period: \$2,704.62. The on-line Bank Statement indicates a balance of \$31,242.20 on 11/30/2025.

PSR Wells Fargo Checking Account:

Region Only Cash as of August 31, 2025:
\$32,117.82

Region Only Cash as of November 30, 2025:
\$31,242.20



PSR Dispatch Editor

Kevin Spady, AIA

As I noted in my last message in the Fall issue of the Dispatch, I plan on creating a whole new look for the Dispatch, starting with the Q1 2026 issue. This is in keeping with NMRA National’s new branding standards for graphics including new logos, which you can see in a couple places in this issue. The focus is on creating a consistent organization, across all Regions and Divisions. I hope you enjoy the new look as it takes a bit of effort to recreate the content and format!

Exactly what our regional logo will look like starting in 2026 is still a work in progress, but the basic logo itself has been set by national.

I would greatly appreciate any positive thoughts and suggestions as to how the Dispatch might improve both graphically and in content. Let me know your thoughts.

As always I welcome articles for this issue and hope to hear from many of you as you put your writers hats on and pen to paper!

I hope that everyone had a great Holiday and can look forward with positivity to 2026!



**Waterfalls at Hanging Rock Trestle on the
Wandering Spruce Railroad**



East Valley Lines – NMRA Tour

By John McGreevy



On a very rainy Saturday, the East Valley Lines club members welcomed NMRA's L.A. Division and guests to visit its layout. Attendance was diminished somewhat due to the rain, however those of us who braved the roads were rewarded with a close look at this N Scale layout housed at Travel Town in Griffith Park (Los Angeles) California.

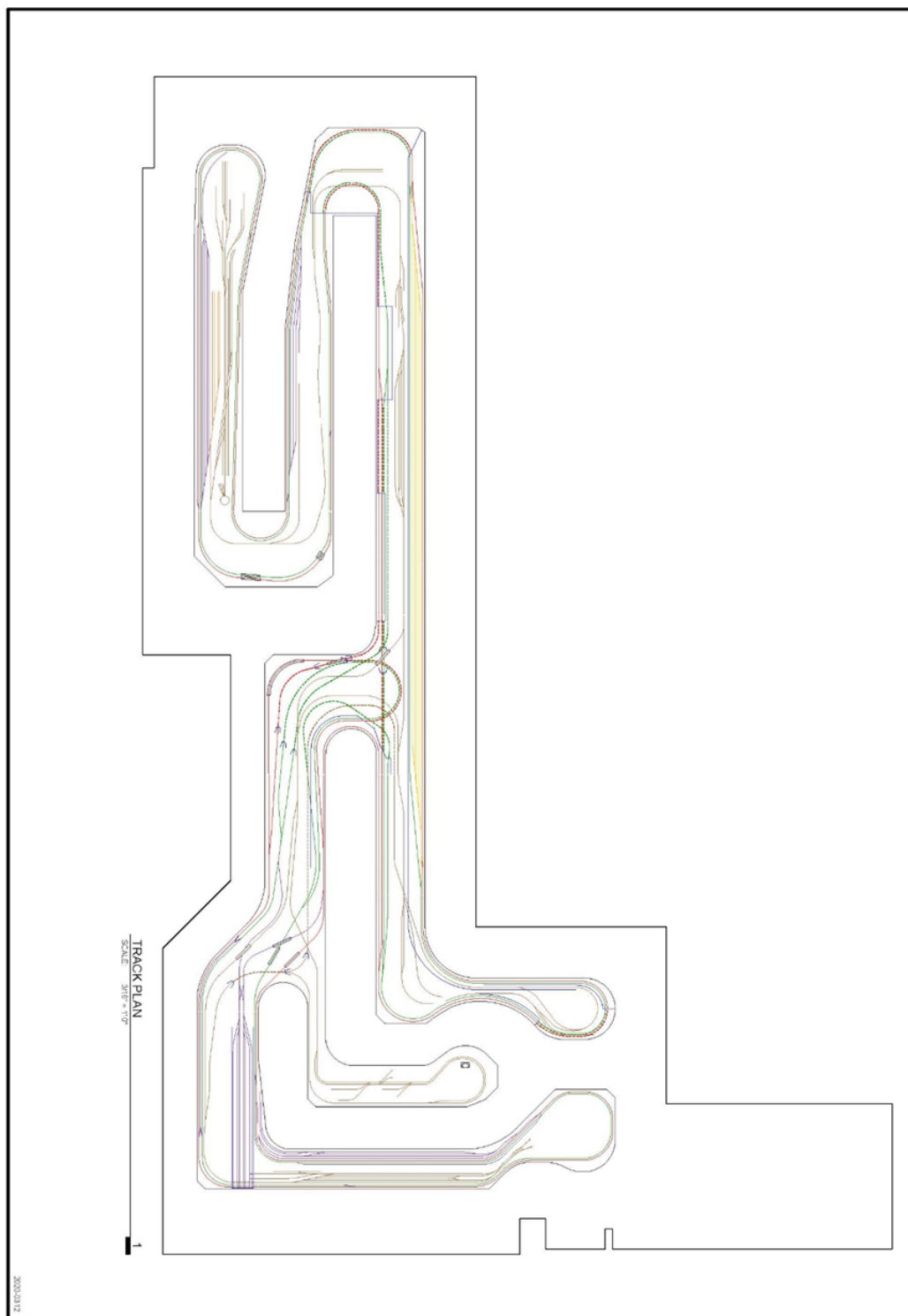
The club has been in existence since 1976. The layout has gone through changes including a complete redo started about 15 years ago. Currently, mainline track power is supplied by DC, but progress is being made to allow DCC on a separate loop. Eventually, the plan is to allow for a choice of DC or DCC over the entire layout. There are multiple control panels with two sets of cab controls; one for each mainline. In regular operation, the mainlines run in opposite directions.

Most of the members enjoy running their trains as "railfans". Operations are possible using the mainline blocks that have been set up. The layout can be divided into as many as 4 loops. Trains can run continuously; this is very helpful as the club is mandated by its agreement with the Park to run trains for the general public each Saturday. A viewing window allows visitors to view most of the layout and get a close-up view of the trains.

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**EAST VALLEY LINES RAILROAD
GRIFFITH PARK CALIFORNIA
EST. 1979**

Victor Rosas

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Van explaining the layout for us.

Members bring their own locomotives and rolling stock. The club allows each member to determine what equipment will run well on the track. We saw a mix of Scale Trains, Kato and Atlas power.

During our visit, Chris, Dale and Dennis ran trains while Van gave the tour and answered questions. For the most part, trains ran very smoothly during our visit. The track is all code 55 and in great shape.

The close-up tour also allowed us to see work in progress and see the supporting details (benchwork and wiring, for instance). It is inspiring to see how a beautiful layout like this is built.

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The layout is over 2000 square feet. That's a lot of N-Scale. There are many details to be seen along the way. Currently, a riverbed scene is being worked on. That is near the large yard. A military base is also in progress. There is a partial model of the 1939 built L.A. Union Station. There are many smaller structures, several with lighting. There is some whimsy, subtly placed, and award-winning models made by the members.

We had a great time. We hope you will join us on the next tour.

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Chris Greenwood with his award winning meat packing plant.



Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal

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Calling Orson Welles!



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Pacific Southwest Region 2026 Convention
National Model Railroad Association
Presented by: The San Diego Division
September 9th to 13th, 2026



JANUARY UPDATE!

Don't delay..... Sign up TODAY!!



Model Railroad Clubs or Displays:

- San Diego Model Railroad Museum.
- North County Model Railroad Society.
- Short Track Model Railroad.
- Walter Anderson Nursery Garden Railroad.

Model Train Rides:

- Balboa Park Miniature Railroad .
- Poway-Midland Railway.
- Chula Vista Live Steamers.

Railroad Museums:

- San Diego Electric Railway Association, Inc.
& National City Depot.
- Poway-Midland Railway.
- Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, La
Mesa Depot
- Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, Campo
Depot



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www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026



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SCALE

Jan 24, 2026

NMRA

10:00am ~ Round Trip Pass ~ 3:00pm

NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE MILW. ROAD OPEN HOUSE



We'd like to welcome you to the Northern Division of the Milwaukee Road. My best friend Jack Miller and I have been at work for fifteen years creating our version of the railroad's branch operations in the autumn of 1957. The locale is southeast Wisconsin.

2025 was a big year as we finally covered the last surface of this double decked 13' X 25' layout with scenery. We use NCE DCC with 3 Tam Valley boosters and all locos are sound equipped. The layout was featured in the February 2024 NMRA Magazine.

1126 N. Fairview St., Burbank Ca. 91505

Due to the fragile nature of the layout, children under 12 are not permitted



Upcoming Model Railroad and Prototype Events

Area Covered: the PSR's Arizona, Cajon, Los Angeles, and San Diego Divisions; the PCR's Daylight Division, plus selected Regional/National Conventions. All events located in California unless otherwise noted.

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Reoccurring

Tuesday & Saturdays – San Diego S-Gaugers' Open House, Grossmont Shopping Center, La Mesa, noon – 6:00 pm

Saturdays – Corona Model Railroad Society Open House, Corona Heritage Park, Corona, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturdays through January 3rd – Christmas Tree Lane Model Train Society Open House, Altadena, 5:00-11:00 p.m.

1st Tuesday of each month – L.A. Division Sponsored “*Sand House Chat*”, 7:00 p.m.

1st Saturday of each month – Gold Coast Modular Railroad Club Open House, Camarillo, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month – Glendale Model Railroad Society Open House, Glendale, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

3rd Saturday of each month – Arizona Division Monthly Zoom Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of each month – Pasadena Model Railroad Open House, Los Angeles, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission charged.

Last Saturday of each month – Railmaster Hobbies' Model Railroad Fellowship Get-Together, Bellflower

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December 13 – San Diego Division Model Railroad Tour, Dinner & Holiday Party, Santee

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January 9-10 – Mini Time Machine Presents *Model Railroad Weekend*, Tucson, AZ

January 11 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Rudy Spano, San Diego County



Upcoming Model Railroad and Prototype Events

January 31-February 1 – Great Train Show, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura

February 14-15 – Great Train Show, Orange County Fair & Events Center, Costa Mesa

February 28 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

March 6-7 – O Scale West, Portuguese IFES Society Hall, Mountain View

March 7-8 – Tucson Garden Railway Society Presents *Rails in the Garden*, Tucson, AZ

March 7-8 – Bakersfield Model Railroad Show, Bakersfield

March 14 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Steve Bradly, San Diego County

April 11 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Lunch (at Brownie's Diner) followed by visit to Joel Shank, Brawley

April 30-May 3 – PCR Convention "*Extra 2026 North Limited*", Rohnert Park

July 25 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

July 27-August 2 – NMRA National Convention, *2026 Scenic City Express*, Chattanooga, TN

September 9-13 – PSR Annual Convention "*All Aboard for 2026*", Double Tree Hotel - San Diego/Mission Valley, San Diego

October 17 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

November 11 – San Diego Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego

December 12 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Wayne Pierce's On30 Minicition Railroad & Lumber Co., Dinner & Holiday Party, Santee

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