

# PSR DISPATCH

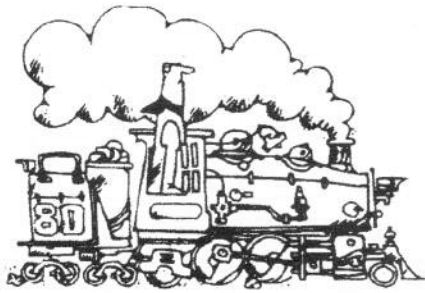


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## Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

Bob Chaparro, President

### Ebb and Flow

**F**or most things in life there are ebbs and flows. The economy. The fortunes of the Dallas Cowboys. Job satisfaction. Relationships.

Our hobby is no different. We have ebbs and flows. On an individual level, our interest in model railroading and the activities we undertake ebb and flow. And in the PSR and its divisions, the level of activity ebbs and flows.

If you're like me, you'd rather see less ebb and more flow. Whether or not you actually attend a particular PSR or division activity, you probably would like to have the choice of attending on a frequent basis because you would attend some or most of the time.

In my estimation, the PSR and some divisions seem to be experiencing an ebb. As your PSR President, I'm more than casually concerned about this trend. So what can I, as your PSR President, do about the current

ebb? On my own, not a lot, really. However, I can ask, "What can we, together, do about it?"

At a minimum, you can volunteer your ideas on what activities you want to me, your Division Superintendent or any other PSR or division official. The choices range from traditional conventions and meets, layout tours, picnics, swap meets, movie nights, fan trips and prototype tours to anything railroad/model railroad you can imagine. The suggestion box is wide open.

At more than a minimum, you can volunteer to help. You can help just once for one day and be done with it. Just a one time offering of your time can make an activity better or even possible. Or you can become one of the dependable people in the background who regularly contribute most of the actual effort behind successful PSR and division activities. Either way, your contribution will make a difference. We are, after all, a volunteer organization.

To recap, we welcome and need your ideas, and we can use your help. Ideas and help to turn ebb into flow. 🚂



## In the Pines in '99

1999 PSR Convention

September 15-19, 1999 - Flagstaff, Arizona



# PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

### September 9, 1998

Present were: Bill Mergard, Bob Chaparro, Tom Mohr, Bob Sherlock, Richard Dick, Ed Hall, Dave Cox, Chuck Hart, Paul Cutter, Don Stewart, Harold Graebner, Karl Busch, Betty Graebner, Ken Allen, Sam Dale, John Sigurdson, Edward Hatch and Walter Schmalgemeier.

Meeting called to order 1:07 PM by Bill Mergard

**SAN DIEGO:** In deference to the fact that Chuck Hart was running Convention Registration he was allowed to give his report before all other business. He thanked Karl Busch for the paintings. He reported that the Convention was 95% ready and gave a brief synopsis of preps and events. As of this time there are 131 registrants, with over 200 at this time in 94. He also stated that the lack of a July DISPATCH is felt to be a major factor. Chuck asked for an explanation as to why the DISPATCH was not published and received the explanation, from Bill Mergard, that Dorr has been out of town on business. Chuck asked if there was some way that it could have been done by someone else, and stressed that the Region and Divisions can not afford to have a repeat in the future. It was noted, from the floor, that this was the second time that this occurred that the July issue was not published in 97. At the end of his report Chuck excused himself and returned to his Convention duties.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes from the Mid - Year 98 Meeting were reviewed and corrections were solicited. None were submitted. Dave Cox moved, Bob Chaparro seconded, that the Minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

**FINANCIAL / BUDGET:** Bill Mergard reported that Tom Draper is out of the country and unable to attend this meeting and that he submitted a written report (as published in Vol 16 No 4 of the DISPATCH). The report was reviewed and corrections were solicited. None were submitted. Bob Chaparro moved, Dave Cox seconded, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. The motion passed. The Proposed Budget, that accompanied the Financial Statements was reviewed and corrections / comments were solicited. Minor questions came from the Board concerning the levels of obligation to various committees. Tom Mohr questioned the philosophy of budgeting a \$4,750.00 deficit. Bill Mergard explained that it was the hopes that we would increase income to offset the deficit. Bob Sherlock voiced that we have been operating on

Membership Dues and that that just isn't enough and we have to change. There was discussion on the subject of Life Memberships, the 1995 Convention, the 1996 Convention, and other sources of income as pertains to funding the budget. Bob Chaparro proposed that \$4,750.00 of the 1996 Convention income be used, as Convention Income, to balance this year's budget. Dave Cox moved, Bob Chaparro seconded, that the Budget be approved as amended. Harold Graebner brought out the point that the Operations Manual requires "Periodic Audits of the financial records" and asked where we stand on the matter. Bob Sherlock stated that there was a fee of \$2,500.00 the last time National's books were audited and felt that an audit of the PSR books could be done internally thus saving the expense of a professional audit.

**TRUSTEE:** Bob Sherlock reported that Ed Ravincroft passed away June 26th. His home is now in the custody of the NMRA. It is the intention of the NMRA to dispose of the property and proceeds put into the NMRA's Life Member Account. His layout was removed by the individual that had been running it for him the past few years. Bob has the Air Retarders and hump yard, they will be given to the NMRA Museum for display. It was announced that you will be voting for all standards in your scale no matter whether it is your major or minor (eg.. HO major & Hon3 minor). The term "Family Member" will be more thoroughly described to reduce confusion. The BULLETIN Editor will be reviewing ALL NMRA Affiliate publications for possible articles for the BULLETIN. Be sure to have a copy of your Divisional newsletter sent to him.

#### DIVISION REPORTS

**SAN DIEGO:** Was given and reported earlier in the meeting.

**CAJON:** Distributed a written report.

**ARIZONA:** Distributed a written report and added that Dwaine Buck won the "BRASS BELL" and Allen Groves won "BEST OF SHOW" at the National Convention. The second time for both awardees.

**LOS ANGELES:** Distributed a written report and added that their "Class" for the "Chief Dispatcher" Certification has been completed with a session on how to complete the paperwork.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HOBO:** A Breakfast is on for the Convention.

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:** Distributed a written report and added that to expedite any submissions that a copy of your NMRA membership Card accompany it. There was also a correction to his written report that Dave Fox should have been listed for both "Master Builder Cars" and "Master Builder Prototype Models" not twice as "Master Builder Cars."

**RAILETTES:** Betty Graebner reported that she will be retiring from the Chair after this Convention. This is after an eight year reign at the post. She has all material and clerical business in order for turnover to her successor. Her services will be greatly missed.

**MANUAL OF OPERATIONS / BY-LAWS REVIEW:** An inconsistency has been identified as to the Voting Status of "Out of Region Members." Discussion was held and it was decided that further review was necessary before any action will be taken.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION RESULTS:** 103 Ballots were returned, 2 blank. 100 votes for Bob Chaparro (for President) and

101 for Tom Mohr (for Vice President). A motion was made and seconded and passed that the Ballots be destroyed.

**CONVENTION 2001:** Cajon Division was asked for a proposal in 1999. 1995 CONVENTION: Accounting \$1000 to PSR and AZ Division. A small amount still has to be disbursed evenly between PSR and Cajon Division.

**1996 CONVENTION COMPANY STORE:** The last of the Company Store merchandise was distributed between the Divisions.

**1996 CONVENTION:** The missing checks were found! The PSR received a check for \$11,000 from the National Train Show. This was the difference between what we owed National and what they owed us. The 96 Convention made a donation of \$3,500.00 to National for software and hardware. The distribution of the remainder was done according to major jobs on the Convention Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Mergard reported having received a letter of resignation from Elie Amiel. In it he stated that his health made it impossible to continue performing his duties as Member Services Chairman. His replacement, as Member Services Chairman, is Jim Barcus.

The meeting was adjourned. ☐☐

## **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION**

# **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **September 13, 1998**



The meeting was called to order and it was determined that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting were read and approved. The Secretary introduced his successor, Walter Schmalgemeier.

The financial report, that was discussed and approved at the BOD Meeting, was read and approved.

The President, Bill Mergard, made his fare well to the troops speech, and introduced Bob Chaparro, as President, and Tom Mohr, as Vice President. Bob Chaparro made some remarks and introduced Jim Barcus, as Elie Amile's replacement.

Jim made some remarks.

The meeting was adjourned and Door Prizes were distributed. ☐☐

# **Moving?**

Send your address changes to

**Jim Barcus, PSR Member Services**  
**P.O. Box 670, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324-0670**  
**(602) 374-0077**





# Reports from PSR

## ARIZONA DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RICHARD DICK



Arizona Division held its Fall Division Meet in Tucson in November. Saturday had layout tours, with an informal "get-together" at a cafeteria in the evening. Those attending seemed to have a good time visiting with others.

Sunday was the Meet, with three clinics, contests, and door prizes. The Railettes decorated children's T-shirts for a local shelter. Any and all were invited on a tour of the San Xavier Mission (over 200 years old). It is currently undergoing restoration wall paintings on the interior. The quality of the contest entries was excellent as usual; however, there were not a great number of entries.

Our next Division Meet is Saturday, March 6, in Phoenix at Metro Tech High School. There will be clinics, contests swap tables, and FUN. It's open to all, so try to be there -we look forward to seeing you!



Just to brag a bit on myself, I was excited to see a slide I sent to the NMRA appear on the 1999 NMRA Calendar. It appears on the month of September. I consider it an honor to have

this slide selected. By the way, it was taken at a clinic at one of our Arizona Division Meets. See the things you can learn by attending and participating!

This fall, Arizona Division lost two members who have played a significant roles in the continued prosperity of the Pacific Southwest Region and the Arizona Division. They are Elie Amiel, and Carroll Powell, MMR. Our condolences to their families; they will be missed. I know there are others who passed away this year who also have contributed to the Region and the Division over the years, and our thoughts are with them and their families as well.

## CAJON DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED HALL, MMR



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and received lots of trains. Please permit me to backtrack a little because I missed the preceding report.

At the last directors meeting we discussed many topics, one of which was the passing of Mr. Ed Ravenscroft. Ed was a past president of the NMRA and received many, many honors from the NMRA. Ed deeded his home to the NMRA - his layout was removed and the retarders are going to the NMRA museum. The retarders were part of a scratch-built hump yard.

The new membership chairman is Jim Barcus Sr.; by this time he should be well organized and up to speed. Betty Graebner is ending her tour of dedicated duty as of the convention in '98. Betty always has wonderful activities at the conventions.

I was reminded that the 2001 convention *will* be presented by the Cajon Division. I am already working to select a location that will be related to the railroad theme. The Palace Station is high on the list and all I need to do is iron out some details. There will be lots of activities at this convention like prototype tours and we may coordinate activities with Nevada's historical society in Boulder City. Save your quarters for the slot machines, this convention will knock your socks off! The Cajon Division also received cars, pins, and mugs from the Long Beach convention - we will sell these items to generate revenue for the division or give them away as door prizes.

While on the subject of money, the region distributed checks to all the divisions from the Long Beach convention in '96. The dispersement was divided in percentages according to the amount of work the division did at the convention. The Cajon Division received \$2,000.00. This was deposited into our checking account along with a big thank you to the



# Division Directors



PSR region. We will use this money to secure a hotel site for the 2001 convention.

Last year I got into the electronic arena and purchased a computer. Since then I've found a lot of information on the web and I sent email to the NMRA to put my address on their web site. It sure is nice to instantly communicate with people and find information on the hobby. That about does it for me. See you at the next station. 🚂



## LOS ANGELES DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DAVID COX, MMR

**H**appy New Year.

The Los Angeles Division has planned several great model railroading activities for the first part of this new year.

The first activity will be our annual Banquet scheduled for Saturday, March 13th, at the Proud Bird restaurant near LAX. The dinner offers your choice of prime rib, baked salmon, chicken breast, or vegetarian. The cost is only \$25 per person by February 15th. Contact Mary Barstow on (310) 377-9762 for reservations or mail a check made out to the Los Angeles Division to 6930 Clovercliff Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Besides the award presentations there will be door prizes, raffles, and a program on the Orient Express. Last year two of our members rode on the Venice Simplon Orient Express and will narrate a show on their experiences.

The Banquet is open to all NMRA, PSR, and Division members and their guests. The Proud Bird is located at 11022 Aviation Blvd. Going North on the 405 Freeway take the Imperial Blvd. exit and go West to Aviation and turn right. Southbound take the Century Blvd. exit proceed South on La Cienega Blvd. to 111th St. and turn right to Aviation.

One month after the Banquet will be our most popular Botanic Garden Meet. This will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 17th & 18th, at the South

Coast Botanic Garden located at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. in the Palos Verdes area. There will be numerous modules, demonstrations, contests, clinics, Railroadiana for sale, and the famous railway in the Cactus Garden. Due to a certain fascination with live overhead wires I will be spending most of my time in a room devoted to traction. But regardless of your fascination you will find the model railroading you like at the Botanic Garden Meet.

Then a month after the Meet we will have a super home layout tour in the Far West reaches of the Division. This will cover layouts in the west part of Los Angeles County and Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

Next time I will report on our convention planned for September of 2000 and the programs and events that are being created. I appreciate your input and assistance on the planning of this convention so please let me know how you can help. 🚂



## SAN DIEGO DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CHUCK HART

EDITORS NOTE: No report received from the San Diego Division.



# In the Pines in '99

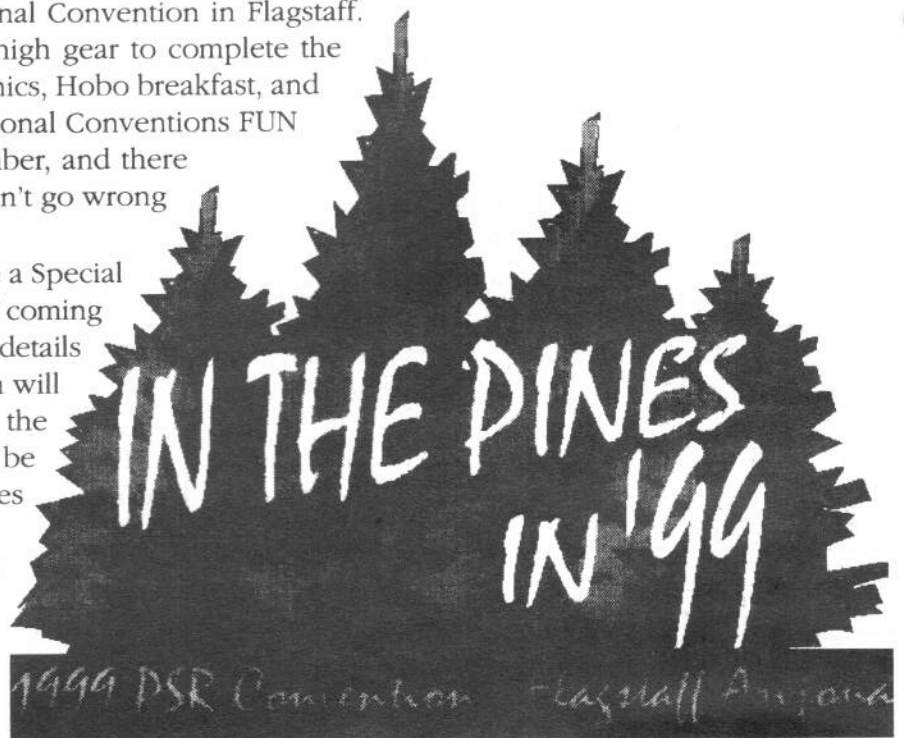
Richard Dick, Arizona Division Director

This year, of course, is the Regional Convention in Flagstaff. The Committee is moving into high gear to complete the details for tours, the banquet, clinics, Hobo breakfast, and all the things that make our Regional Conventions FUN to attend. Flagstaff is beautiful in September, and there are many sights to see in the area. You can't go wrong coming to Flagstaff this fall.

Toward the end of March, there will be a Special Edition of the Arizona Division SPUR LINE coming to Arizona Division members, with all the details of the Convention. This same information will be in the 2nd Quarter, 1999, edition of the PSR Dispatch. Look for these issues and be sure to register and come to "In the Pines in '99".

If you have already registered, a letter will be coming to you listing the tours so you may sign up before the rush.

We look forward to see you this fall in Flagstaff! 🚂



Convention release for the Pacific Northwest Region Convention in 1999.

## Twin River Special 99

August 6 - 8, 1999

Red Lion Hotel, 621 21st St., Lewiston, ID 83501

Twin Rivers Special 99 cosponsored by the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA, INC. and the Lewis Clark Train Club Inc., located in the 5th Division of the PNR.

Registration before April 30 is \$25 and before June 30 is - \$35 thereafter. See the **Registration Form on Page 12** for more information and details. The events will start Friday the 6th and end with a Swap meet Sunday the 8th. Room reservations may be made directly with the hotel at (800) 232-6730. Mention that it is the PNR convention **Twin Rivers Special 99** and

the rates are \$55.00, single or double.

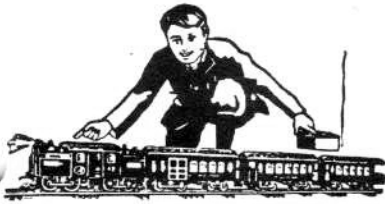
In planning but not final is a tour of the Potlatch Industries, a heavy user of log trains, etc. on the former Camas Prairie Railroad, now the Camas Railnet. Also in planning is a potential tour ride on the Camas Railroad. This is not firm and may not happen. The committee is approaching the port authorities for both Lewiston and Clarkston to arrange, if possible, tours of these rail to boat operations. All normal convention activities will occur. 🚂

### Contact Information:

Wayne Walling, Club President and Convention Chair: (509) 751-1289 evenings. Visit their web site to learn about the club. <http://www.angelfire.com/wa/lctrainclub/index.html>

#### QUESTIONS

Email: Wilmer B. Seaver at [wilmerb@valint.net](mailto:wilmerb@valint.net) or call (208) 983-1772. Please leave a brief message if you get an answer machine, your call will be returned ASAP.



## MEMBER AID Lindsay Smith

### Golden Rules

For those who visit layouts and clubs, I think the following may provide good guidance. It gives us a framework for the etiquette in dealing with our model railroading friends and club mates. Basically, it can be summarized by, "Treat others better than you would be treated in your own values." It is more comforting than Murphy's; and more meaningful than, "He who has the gold, makes the rules."

#### *Golden Rules For Living*

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

13. If it's not broken, don't fix it.
14. If it will brighten someone's day, say it.
15. If it will tarnish someone's reputation, don't say it.

From: Ann Landers, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, April 22, 1990.

## Manned Helper Operations From BNSF System Special Instructions No. 1, August 1, 1996

**Rule 2(A)** - Locomotives used in helper service must be equipped with alignment control couplers. When helpers shove on a caboose, employees are prohibited from occupying that caboose. Helpers must not shove on a caboose with friction bearings.

**Helper Placement** - Unless individual Subdivision Special Instructions or System Special Instruction 2 (C. specify otherwise, the following placement restrictions apply:

Helpers of 12 powered axles, or less, may operate behind caboose. Helpers of more than 12 powered axles must be cut into the train at a position that equals the tonnage rating of the helper consist. Train dispatcher will advise the conductor of the tonnage of the helpers, so that the proper placement can be determined. Helpers of 18 powered axles, may be used on loaded coal trains behind caboose or last car, only when lock blocks can be inserted in coupler pocket. Not more than 28 powered axles can be cut into a train for helper service.



## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB Lindsay Smith, Member Aid

PSR Web Page Counter Displays

[www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/NMRACounters.html](http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/NMRACounters.html)

At press time the counters displays read:

Pacific Southwest Region: 637  
 Arizona Division: 755  
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 Los Angeles Division: 417  
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*PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION HOME PAGE*

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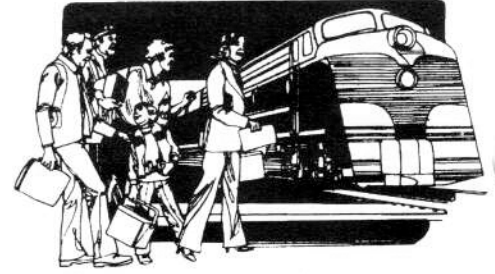
*SAN DIEGO DIVISION*

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Visit our Internet sites for a schedule of the railroad related activity in your Division. Tell your associates about the opportunity find out where the good action is hiding. Make a copy of this page and take it into your club for your friends to enjoy. 🚂



# FLAG STOPS



## Lindsay Smith, Member Aid

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.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html](http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/psr.html). Events are usually free to observers/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. Look for raffles and other fund raisers at the event to help support the activities.

Contact me at (909) 599 0182, [lindsay@tstonramp.com](mailto:lindsay@tstonramp.com), or [FSMITH2784@aol.com](mailto:FSMITH2784@aol.com) to get on the list. I also maintain the activities list for LA Division on the Internet; see <http://www.nmra.org>, Regions and Divisions, Pacific Southwest Region.

## 1999

### MARCH

**6 & 7** GATS. Pomona CA Fairplex. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

**6** Pacific Railroad Society Excursion. Ride the "Shasta Springs" on Fillmore and Western.

**13** Los Angeles Division Banquet and Official Meeting. Proud Bird Restaurant at LAX. 6 PM Social hour, & 7 PM Dinner. \$30.00 each. Mary Barstow 310 377 9762, [pvpacific@earthlink.net](mailto:pvpacific@earthlink.net) - All regional members are invited.

### APRIL

**10** Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club. 8 -12 Swap Meet, 9- 4 Open house. 132 E. 1st Street, Pomona, CA. Club phone 909 865 7035. Garey and First SE corner.

**17, 18** Los Angeles Division Spring Show. South Coast Botanical Park, Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance CA. Traction and all scales modular layouts, clinics and contests. Open to the Public. Fare to LA County. Lindsay 909 599 0182.

**24, 25 & 27** California Southern MRC Open House. Sat. 10 to 9, Sun. noon to 5, Tues. 7:30 to 9:30. Free. 12140 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk. CA (1/2 block East of San Antonio). Club 562 863-3156, Don Philpot, 17119 Alfred Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703, 562 926 1762, [members.gnn.com/foamer86/cslpage.htm](http://members.gnn.com/foamer86/cslpage.htm)

### MAY

**1** San Diego MRR Museum Swap Meet. Sat 8 – noon. \$2.00 buyers; \$5.00 per table (Bring your own). Casa de Balboa, Balboa Park, 1649 El Prado. Pete Munoz 619 293 0162

**1** Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Swap Meet and Open House. Swap meet, Sat 7:30 - 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.fileshop.com/personal/jashaw/rrclubs/lamrs.html](http://www.fileshop.com/personal/jashaw/rrclubs/lamrs.html)

**1 to 3** Glendale Model Railroad Club 50th Anniversary Open House. Sat. 10 to 4, Sun. 1 to 4, Mon. 7:30 PM to 10. Free Admission. 619 Hahn Ave., in Fremont Park. Al Wallace, P.O. Box 8662, La Crescenta, CA 91224, 919 248 4411, or Monday nights 818 500 7229.

**12 to 16** Pacific Coast Region (PCR) Convention. *Mendocino Journey*. Ukiah Convention Center, Ukiah CA. Nolan Alexander, 95 Maria Dr., Petaluma, CA 94954, [home.earthlink.net/~campgus/index.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/index.html)

**15** LA Div. Far West Layout Tour. Lew LaForce 805 487 5049.

**15 & 16 GATS.** Tucson AZ, Pima Co. Fairgrounds. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

**29** Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society, Swap Meet and Open House. Sat Swap 7 - 11 AM, Open House 10:30 to 4. Admission \$1.00 donation. Santa Susana Depot Museum in Santa Susana Park, Simi Valley CA. To reserve selling space, Bruce Bloch 818 363 4782, [sunset@westworld.net](mailto:sunset@westworld.net) or for additional information, Dan Wexler 818 997 6354.

## **JUNE**

**12, 13** The Big Train Show. G-Gauge Garden Railway. Queen Mary, Long Beach CA. Gates open at 1000. [www.g-scale.com](http://www.g-scale.com)

**17 - 18** 1999 Sacramento Railfair '99. California State Railroad Museum. Part of the Gold Rush to Statehood Sesquicentennial.

## **JULY**

**17 to 24.** "NorthStar '99" NMRA National Convention. Saint Paul/Minneapolis, MN. Information: Pat Walker, 1116 Randolph Ave., #16, Saint Paul, MN 55105, 612 699 5245.

## **AUGUST**

**28&29 GATS.** Ventura Co. Fairgrounds/Seaside Park 10 W Harbor Blvd. Ventura CA. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

## **SEPTEMBER**

**15 to 19** Pacific Southwest REGION CONVENTION. In the Pines in '99, Little America Hotel, Flagstaff AZ. Richard Dick, Registrar. 5948 E. Hawthorne St., Tucson, AZ, [rldick@west.raytheon.com](mailto:rldick@west.raytheon.com)

**25** Santa Susana Swap Meet. Sat Swap 7 - 10:30, Open House 10:30 to 4. Admission \$1.00 donation. Simi Valley, CA. For information contact Robert Cochran 805 252 1042. 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.

## **OCTOBER**

**2 & 3 GATS.** Phoenix, AZ. Phoenix Civic Plaza 225 E Adams St. Phoenix AZ. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

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## **DECEMBER**

**4 & 5 GATS.** Del Mar CA. Del Mar Fair, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

**11 & 12 GATS.** Costa Mesa, CA Orange Co. Fairgrounds. \$5.00 plus parking. 11-5pm. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com)

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# Mendocino Journey

## May 12-16, 1999

### Ukiah Valley Conference Center

### 200 School St., Ukiah, CA 95482

PCR-NMRA 55th Annual Convention, Wednesday Noon-9 PM, TFS 9 AM-9 PM, Sunday 9 AM-4 PM. Full Fare \$60.00; Youth Fare \$30.00 (Both include Barbecue Dinner). Details: "Roots of Motive Power" Steam-up of vintage logging equipment on Saturday. Prototype tours, layout tours, non-rail program, model contest, photo contest, clinics, and Train Show.

## Hotel - Motel Information

The Mendocino Journey convention will be held at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center (UVCC) in downtown Ukiah. There are several nearby motels that we will be using. If we meet specific room rentals at each motel we may receive some complimentary rooms.

The committee is recommending the following places to stay in Ukiah.

### *Bed & Breakfast Locations*

**Sanford House**, 306 South Pine Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-1653 [\$75-\$85] 5 Rooms

### *Motels*

**Economy Inn**, 406 South State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-8611 [\$48-\$58] 40 rooms

**Days Inn**, 950 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-7584 [\$49-\$58] 54 rooms

**Discovery Inn**, 1340 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-8873 [\$58-\$63] 177 rooms

**Holiday Inn Express**, 1720 No. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-5745 [\$60-\$70] 55 rooms

**Best Western Inn**, 601 Talmage Road, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-8868 [\$58-\$68] 40 rooms

These listings are in order of closest to farthest away from the UVCC.

### *RV and Camping Locations*

**Redwood Empire Fairgrounds**, 1055 No. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 462-3884

## Layout Tours

### South Of Ukiah

On Sunday May 6, 1999, the last day of the 1999 PCR Mendocino Journey Convention there will be a number of layouts open for viewing along the highway 101 corridor south of Ukiah. Here is a short list of some layouts that will be open starting at 11:00 AM.

Bill & Kitty Wells beautifully scenicked O scale Colorado Joint Line will be open and operating in Healdsburg.

A new group known as the South Side Sipping and Switching Society based at Paul Christensen's Fulton Station Hobby Shop in Fulton is building a layout based on the SP & WP from the Oakland Mole to Portland.

In Santa Rosa Ron Learn has a new larger layout under construction based on the NWP from Ukiah over ridge summit to Willits with a connection to California Western as prototype.

Steve Skold is expected to have the new On3 Whiskytown and Shasta operating.

The Sonoma County Model Railroad Society is constructing a permanent HO scale layout at the Santa Rosa Boys & Girls Club.

In Sebastopol the 1930's era short line Hessel & Lone Pine will be operating.

Hart & Mary Jo Corbett will have their large outdoor American Prototype G Scale mountain railroad running in Novato.

In Terra Linda just before you leave the Redwood Empire Division you will be able to experience the HO Santa Cruz Northern of Jim Providenza.



# Scheduled Clinics

I am excited to tell you about the great list of modelers we have put together, so far, for clinics for our 1999 PCR convention, Mendocino Journey in Ukiah. Where else can you drive through some of the prettiest parts of California, see the old NWP, see the California Western and hear some of the best modelers in the NMRA share their modeling ideas. These guys and gals are great and you will want to be there. Here is a list of the folks who will be at the convention:

## Clinician

Mr. James Providenza  
Mr. Richard Kolm  
Mr. Brice Benson  
Mr. Rod Smith  
Mr. Dave Connery  
Mr. Tony Thompson  
Mr. Robert Hundman (Mainline Modeler)  
Mr. William Schaumburg (Model Railroad Craftsman)  
Mr. William Leventon  
Mr. Paul Christensen  
Mr. Scott Lyall  
Mr. Tony Thompson  
Mr. Ray deBlieck  
Ms. Heather Clark  
Mr. Richard Hendrickson  
Mr. Tony Thompson  
Mr. Dave Maffei  
Mr. Paul Laciura  
Mr. Jerold Littlefield  
Mr. Joel Bragdon  
Mr. Dave Haehn  
Mr. Charles Pigott  
Mr. David Biondi

Also a panel decision on DCC control.

## Topic

Realistic operation  
Trackwork for reliable operation  
Building turnouts  
Railway yard design  
Wood bridges and trestles  
Steel bridges  
Styrene construct techniques  
The Tunnel at Town Talk part II (for real)  
Prototype loco from Mantua kits part II  
The Western Pacific RR  
History of the Northwestern Pacific RR  
Contest  
21st century limited convention year 2000  
Freight cars  
Freight cars  
Freight cars  
Detailing diesels  
Building passenger cars  
Building a track cleaning car  
Foam scenery also Rubber mold making  
Making trees  
Making trees  
Back drops

I know you will agree we are blessed to have this fine group of modelers who are willing to share their talent and knowledge with us. I would like to thank these folk for agreeing to give us these clinics for without them it would not be much of a convention. So thanks ahead of time for all your work and effort to make this a great convention. These clinics alone should be worth the price of admission so don't miss out and get your convention application in today.

Ron Plies, Clinic Chair

PS: If there are those who what like to give a clinic we can still find a place for you. So call me at (707) 725-5411 or E-mail at [rplies@humboldt1.com](mailto:rplies@humboldt1.com)

## Convention Contact Information:

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Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~campgus/mendoJourney>

# TWIN RIVERS SPECIAL '99

National Model Railroad Association

Pacific Northwest Region

1999 Convention Registration Form

Red Lion Hotel, 621 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Lewiston, Idaho August 6, 7 & 8, 1999

Please accept my registration for the **Twin Rivers Special '99** cosponsored by the **Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA, INC.** and the Lewis Clark Train Club Inc., located in the 5<sup>th</sup> Division of the PNR, NMRA.

**NOTE: ALL PRICES ARE IN US FUNDS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Full Fare (Before April 30, 1999)	\$25.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Full Fare (Before June 30, 1999)	\$30.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Full Fare (After June 30, 1999)	\$35.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Registrant's Spouse (Name: _____)	\$05.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet (Prime Rib) & PNR Membership Annual Meeting (Sat night) Includes Tax & Tip_ @ \$18.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Under 19)	\$10.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Camas Prairie Railroad Facilities Tour ( Indicate a desire to go, if interested) _____ @ \$TBD	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Potlatch Facilities Tour ( Indicate a desire to go, if interested) _____ @ \$TBD	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Swap Meet Only on Sunday _____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to Twin Rivers Special '99)</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

Mail form and payment to registrar.

**MEMBER INFORMATION:** (Please fill out completely):

NMRA #: \_\_\_\_\_ PNR #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date of Member \_\_\_\_\_ This is for actuarial purposes to determine our membership demographics. Please provide your information. Thank You.

**MAIL TO:** Chuck Angell, Registrar, 1338 Chestnut, Clarkston, WA 99403

**QUESTIONS:** Email:wilmerb@valint.net or Call (800) 462-2882) (Please leave a brief message if you get an answer machine, your call will be returned ASAP)

**REFUNDS:** Any request for a refund must be in writing to registrar. No refunds will be made after June 30, 1999.

Convention registration packets with information about clinics, tours and other events will be mailed after May 1 to the early registrants. The mailings will be staggered based upon when you registered. So register early to have first choice of events that may have limited capacity. Seating is limited for the banquet, so, please, sign up now.

Reservations for rooms at the Red Lion Hotel are to be made directly with the hotel. Call **800-232-6730** to make your hotel reservations You must indicate that you are with the **TWIN RIVERS SPECIAL '99** railroad convention to receive the special convention rates.

The Red Lion Hotel has agreed to extend these rates for up to a week before and/or a week after the Convention for those desiring some additional vacation time in the area. (This extra stay rate offer is subject to room availability).

Single or Doubles (Coffee & Tea in room)	\$55.00 plus state and local occupancy taxes
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# In the Pines in '99

## 1999 PSR Convention

### September 15-19, 1999 - Flagstaff, Arizona

# Registration

Date \_\_\_\_\_

		Rail	Railette/ Non-Rail	Youth
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Name _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address _____	_____	Phone ( ) _____		_____
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Check here if a member of your party is handicapped: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Basic Fare

		Before 04/01/99	After 03/31/99
Rail, Railette, Non-Rail	No. ____ @	\$55.00 ea.	\$65.00 ea. \$ _____
Youth (6 thru 20 years)	No. ____ @	\$30.00 ea.	\$35.00 ea. \$ _____
Single Day (Which? Th Fr Sa)	No. ____ @	\$25.00 ea.	\$25.00 ea. \$ _____

**Total Basic Fare:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Car (HO or N) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Convention Patch \$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **"In the Pines in '99"**

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5948 E. Hawthorne St.  
Tucson, AZ 85711-1528

#### Convention Hotel

**Little America Hotel**  
2515 East Butler Avenue  
P.O. Box 3900  
Flagstaff; AZ 86003

**Reservations: 1-800-352-4386**

\$99.00 Single / Double per night, \$10.00 each additional person. Attendees are responsible for their own arrangements. Be sure to state you will be attending the Model Railroad convention to get the special room rates.



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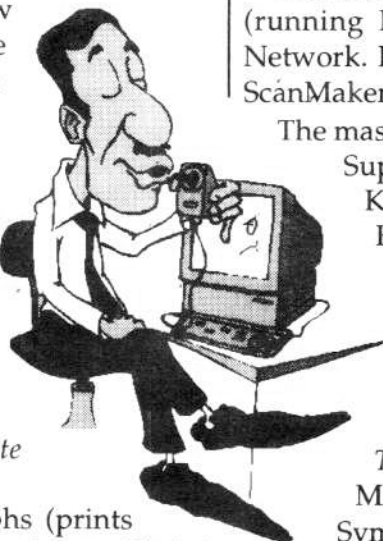
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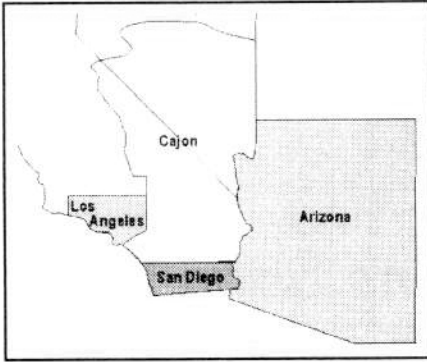
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