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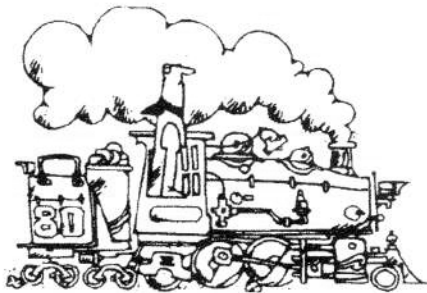
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## Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

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### The Next Generation Of Model Railroaders

Undoubtedly, there will be a next generation of model railroaders. What we don't know is if there will be very many new model railroaders. Does this matter? I think it does matter. For me, it matters partly for selfish reasons and partly for selfless reasons.

The selfish reasons are pretty basic. More model railroaders encourages more hobby products, more hobby resources and more hobby activities. Less model railroaders means fewer of these. I prefer more.

The selfless reasons are not as simple, but deep down we all can relate to them.

Think about youngsters that you know who are interested model trains or some other similar hobby. Then think about those youngsters who have no apparent hobby interests. Generalizing between these two broad groups, from which would you pick to have as neighbors? As grandchildren? To do chores around your home? Probably those who have a hobby. Why? Because these young hobbyists tend to be miniature good citizens.

Does having a hobby guarantee that a youngster will grow up to be a good citizen? Of course not. But having a hobby probably helps. Youngsters with an outlet for creativity and accomplishment, with a positive focus for their leisure time, in all likelihood will become commendable adults. The adults of the next generation, and the next generation of model railroaders in the case of our hobby.

So take the time to introduce a youngster to model railroading. Show a neighbor boy or girl your layout. Explain and demonstrate some basic hobby skills. Give them a simple kit to build and enjoy. (We all have more kits than we can build in a lifetime.) Encourage a youngster to take up the hobby. Do it for selfish reasons. Do it for selfless reasons. 🚂



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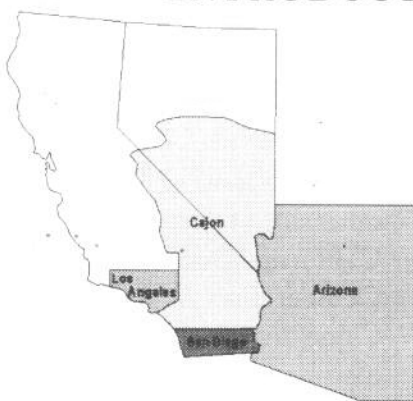
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## INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

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Introducing the new members of the Pacific Southwest Region since the last issue of the *PSR Dispatch*. Some of these members are rerails and some are NMRA members that have just joined the PSR.

**Welcome all new members!**

### Arizona Division

Harry Ramsey	Dale Holder
Craig Caro	Jim Johnson
Bryon Cress	Norman Swack
Pete Hard	Scott Switzer
David Heien	

(all above are from Sun N Sand)

Loretta Barcus  
Robert P. Brooks  
Robert Alder

### Cajon Division

Bobby Revis	Robert C. Evans
David Harris	Weston "Edd" Mathews
Al Hanson	Charles H. Nauman
Wally Casarotto	

### Los Angeles Division

Eddie Stramm

### San Diego Division

No New Members



# Reports from PSR

## ARIZONA DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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We held a Division Meet in Prescott, Saturday, June 19. The turnout was light, but it was a good meet and the barbecue afterwards was fun with a chance to visit with friends. Thanks to Bob Pratt for arranging for the events.

This is my last column as Arizona Division Director. The four years as Director have been a great opportunity to learn more about the Region and how the Divisions interact at a Regional level. I have learned a lot about the other Divisions within our Region. I have become aware of their uniqueness and how they differ from the Arizona Division. This knowledge will help me to better understand what goes on in the Region in the future.

One of the best things about being Director has been the chance to get to know more people within the Region. One of the greatest benefits of being an NMRA member is the opportunity to get to know other members through Division meets and the Regional convention. Our local clubs are great, but expanding our friendships and sharing knowledge with those outside our local area opens up new worlds for us. I have been surprised at how interested some people are in some of the things I know. And I never considered them to be meaningful!

As I become a Plain Old Member, I have a new outlook on being an NMRA and PSR member. I find I am much more willing to pitch in with clinics and other help. I have come to realize that all the answers are not out there, but there are people willing to help, willing to try something new, and willing to share their experiences with us.

See you at Division and Region events! 🚂

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## CAJON DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Hello everyone, I hope you are all having a great summer. The weather is hot here in Henderson but the days are getting shorter and thinking about that we look to the convention in September. I really want Cajon members to put a good showing at the convention so we can get ready for the 2000 convention and put on a great convention in 2001. We need volunteers for the 2001 convention and going to these conventions will give people an idea on what it is like to work at one. It is a rewarding experience and lots of fun.

We have a few changes in the Division. First, we have a new editor, Steve Binyon. Steve has been into N Scale for some time and when I started an Ntrak modular club he was elected (railroaded) as secretary. Jim Kociemski and I were talking the other day before the train meet and Jim thought about asking Steve to relieve Bobby as editor. The rest is history. Thank you Bobby for all your efforts putting out the Orderboard for all those years.

We are looking forward to our next train meet on the other side of the mountains hosted by the Cajon Division California Coordinator Steve Connolly on Saturday October 16th in Anaheim, Ca. We hope to see all the Cajon members there and a few LA and San Diego members also.

We are also looking for a contest chairman, Brian Block has other commitments so if any of you want to volunteer please let us know.

Did anyone go to Railfair? That was really exciting to see all the big steam there along with every other engine. I went for three days and wish I could have been there for the entire show. I took a lot of pictures and downloaded more off Trainweb.com (they were on the 3751 train)

We had a great showing at the Henderson meet.

# Division Directors



Clinics were the main topic all day long in fact we ran out of time and could not put on the last two. We will get caught up at the next meet we have in town. Everyone really liked the facility at the Henderson Convention Center so we will look forward to more meets at this site. The Southern Nevada N-Trakers set up the modular railroad at the meet. Trains were running all day long except for when the clinics were on.

I'll have more to report after the Board of Directors meeting at Flagstaff. See you at the next station. 🚂



## LOS ANGELES DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The members of the Los Angeles Division and I are eagerly awaiting the PSR Convention in Flagstaff. The Arizona Division always puts on a great convention with tons of things to see and do. Plus Flagstaff is a good place to have a convention. It's cool and comfortable in the summer, a small town with little traffic, and fresh clean air. There is also a lot of train activity, all day and night, close to the convention hotel.

They even have a railroad oriented restaurant called the Crown Railroad Cafe. It's located on old Route 66 in the Eastern part of town, about a mile from the convention hotel, at 3300 E. Route 66. Besides a neat collection of railroad signs and collectables there is an operating layout around the walls featuring garden railway trains. They claim to have the largest operating layout in Flagstaff. By-the-way the food is good and the prices are reasonable.

By the time you have enjoyed the convention in Flagstaff you can start thinking of attending the PSR Convention in Los Angeles next year. Our committee has been busy planning a complete convention with all the features you would expect and enjoy. There will be a large number of clinics and demonstrations by fellow

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modelers, manufacturers, and professionals. We will entertain you with many layout tours in several scales, prototype tours from full size steam to manufacturers. There will be operating module groups, contests, gift shop, convention cars in several scales, Railette programs, lots of door prizes, a train show, and so many railroad things going on that you will want to do everything.

Plus, during the Flagstaff convention we will be offering a special low rate for registration: only \$50 for full rail and \$30 for non-rail. But don't wait because this offer will only last until October 1st, 1999.

See you in the pines! 🚂



## SAN DIEGO DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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### Editors Note

No report was received from the San Diego Division.



## In the Pines in '99

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There were many subjects discussed during the BOT Meeting at St. Paul. I will attempt to touch on the high points.

**Management's new Y2K Plan** will streamline the organization, provide more responsiveness to the mission statement, be responsive to member issues and concerns and provide fulfillment of 501c(3) responsibilities

This plan completely reorganizes all of the Departments of the NMRA as we know them today. The new Departments are as follows: Administration, Convention, Development, Education, Financial, MAP (Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations), Membership Services, Publications, Records, Howell Day Museum, Kalmbach Library, and Technical.

The head of each department will be known as a Director and the leaders of subcategories will be known as Managers. There will be advertisements in the Bulletin to solicit people to fill vacancies created by the reorganization. This is your chance to volunteer to work at the national level. This plan will not be put into effect until after midyear, as there are several motions that have to be taken care of to bring the By-Laws and Policy Manual in to line.

**Budget for 2000.** A balanced budget was presented to the BOT for approval. There were two income items that were removed from the budget by the BOT, leaving a loss of +/- \$14,000. Suggestions were made to Management as to ways to make up this income loss. They took the suggestions under advisement. Due to the postage increase of 1 cent in 1999 for first class postage and an impending postal increase of 2 cents in 2000 for first class postage, along with a bulk rate increase, plus a utilities increase for the Chattanooga area, the cost of doing business has increased considerably.

As a result, management has requested a dues increase of \$2.00 to take effect as soon after the Midyear Meeting as possible. No one likes a dues increase, as we all know, and the BOT has insisted that dues increases be made in small increments when needed. The BOT has voted its approval, with a proviso that management do everything it can between now and the Midyear to raise

the money in a different way. A second vote will take place at the Midyear. A CPA was hired to set up computer accounting systems for the NMRA as a non-profit corporation. These procedures have been set up and are now in use.

Due to Office Manager Sharon Gaston leaving, we now have a **new Office Manager, Keli Crew**. She will be on board by August 15th.

**Modeling with The Masters — Clark Kooning.** The first program took place in Chattanooga and was a huge success. There were 28 attending. Everyone in attendance was very pleased with the instruction and accommodations. "GOOD JOB CLARK." They are looking for MMRs, as well as Regions, that would like to participate in the program. Please contact Clark Kooning (address in the *NMRA Bulletin*).

**Member retention** has been a problem, we have lost +/- 800 members over the last year. We all need to look within ourselves to find a solution. Invite a past member to the next meet or to your club for the next meeting. Best of all, invite a past member to your house to just talk railroad. Go to coffee with them and even go to the Hobby Shop some evening. It is up to us as regular members to seek out and communicate with these railroaders. If we can bring just one ex-member back within the fold, our membership would be increased ten fold. Remember, this must take place at the grass roots level, it can't all be done at the national.

**National Election in 2000.** Nominees for the upcoming Officers Elections are as follows:

## President

Allen Pollock

## Executive Vice President

Jack Pettee

John Roberts

Ballots will not be printed and sent out with the Bulletin. The ballots will be sent to each voting member separately, which should take care of past problems.

As always, if you have any questions and or suggestions please contact me. ☎



# Four Years and Still Making Changes

Dorr Altizer, Editor

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It doesn't seem possible, but this issue marks the end of the first four years of my editorship of the *PSR DISPATCH* (my first issue was the 4th Quarter, 1995) and I'd like to take a few moments and reflect on the changes since that issue.

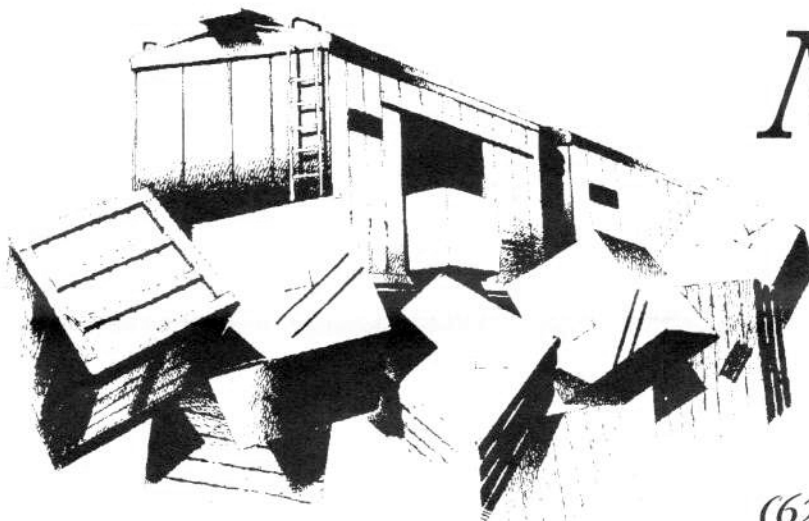
My computer hardware in 1995 was a couple of 486-based PC's with small hard drives (500 megabytes, if memory serves) running Windows 3.1 with a Hewlett-Packard scanner and laser printer and early versions of a lot of software. Neither was connected to the other, although both had modems.

Both of those systems are long gone, along with their scanners and printers, and I'm now using Pentium II based

machines running Microsoft Windows 98 and MS Office 2000 with a Microtek scanner, plus NEC laser and ALPS MD-5000 printers, on a Local Area Network.

The *PSR DISPATCH*, itself, now has much better graphics and text and the "regular" items have undergone improvements and multiple tweaks over the years. In this issue, those changes continue. For example, everything that used to be on the two pages inside the back cover is now on pages 2 and 3. Page 3 has two permanent articles listing new PSR members and the counters for the PSR pages on the World Wide Web.

I'm looking forward to the changes in the next four years and I hope you are, as well. ☺☺



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## Whitney K. Towers

Whitney K. Towers passed away at his home in Los Angeles, California, on 12 June 1999. He was 82 years old and had been in declining health in recent years.

Whit was the creator of the Alturas and Lone Pine model railroad which was noted in "Along the Line looks back" section of the March 1999 *Model Railroader*.

He held several offices in the NMRA including president in 1968 and 1969. He also received several awards from the NMRA including Honorary Life Member, Distinguished Service Award, and two Presidents Awards. Whit was probably best known to the NMRA membership as the Editor of the *NMRA Bulletin* from 1970 to 1979.

He was the author of numerous articles on all phases in the hobby including many on model railroad operation.

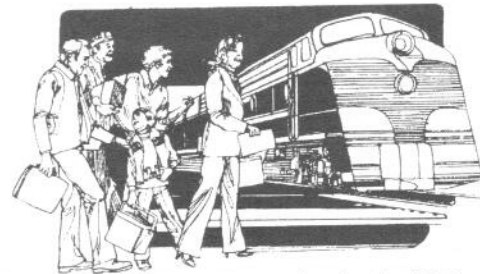
He will be greatly missed by all who knew him well. ☺☺

This obituary was provided by Gary Wilson of Redondo Beach, California.

# Flag Stops

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This is an update to the Flag Stops published in previous issues of the *PSR DISPATCH*. If there are omissions or mistakes in this list, please contact me. Updates to these events can be found on the PSR Web Site at [www.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, [wlindsays@compuserve.com](mailto:wlindsays@compuserve.com) to get on the list. 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)

## 1999

### AUGUST

- 1 to 31 Oct** "O. Winston Link: Memories and Machines" Exhibition. Tues-Fri 11 to 4; Sat-Sun 11-5. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado, Casa de Balboa building, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. (619) 696-0199
- 6, 7 & 8** Twin Rivers Special '99. Pacific Northwest Region Convention. Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston ID. [wilmerb@valint.net](mailto:wilmerb@valint.net) (Wil Seaver) or (800) 462-2882
- 7** San Diego Division Summer Meet and Family Picnic. Rohr Park Chula Vista. Ed Hatch (619) 274-2283
- 28** Pacific Rail Soc. Overland Trail San Diego Excursion. Two round trips LA to San Diego. \$68.00 each round trip. Barbara Sibert, 777 E. Valley Blvd. #70, Alhambra CA 91801. (626) 570-8651 or (213) 282-0087
- 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

- 9 to 12** Pacific Railroad Society excursion #474. The Skunk Railroad. \$395.00 each. Barbara L. Sibert (626) 570-8651, (323) 283-0087
- 11** Pioneer Western Model Railroad Ol Fashioned Card Table Swap Meet. 7430 Orangethorpe, Buena Park, CA. Free. 8 AM to Noon. Paul E. Bush, 1619 Sunny Crest Dr., Fullerton, CA 92835. (714) 526-6718
- 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 [rdick@west.raytheon.com](mailto:rdick@west.raytheon.com) - see page 15 in this issue.
- 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.
- 30 to Oct 3** Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society Annual Meet. Shasta Daylight Convention, Redding Holiday Inn. Registration (members) \$99, (non-members) \$110. Redding, CA. For information contact SPH&TS 1999 Annual Meeting, P.O. Box 93697, Pasadena, CA 91109-3697. Convention hotel: Redding Holiday Inn, 1900 Hilltop Dr, Redding CA 96002. (530) 221-7500, FAX (530) 223-9644.



### 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)
- 9** 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.
- 15** *PSR Dispatch* deadline 4/1999.
- 15 - 17** San Diego Railfan Road Trip. Barstow to Needles and Laughlin. Postponed from April. Call Steve Ulmer (619) 279-5545.



- 16 Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Swap Meet and Open House. Swap meet, Sat 7 - noon. Open house 10 - 5 both days. 14005 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250. (310) 675-3361. Location is North of Rosecrans across the street from Strawhat Pizza and upstairs. Leland Roe (310) 679-4745.  
[www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs](http://www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs)
- 16 Cajon Division Meet. Anaheim Public Library, Anaheim Ca. Details to follow later. Jim Kociemski (702) 876-0355 or Ed Hall (702) 564-6176
- 23 Sahuaro Central Railroad Preservation Society Everything Railroad Swap Meet. Postal Letter Carriers Union Hall, 3720 Greenway Road, Phoenix AZ. \$4.00 each; 12 and under free. 9 - 1 p.m. Harold Shelton, 2337 W Stella Lane 85015 (602) 242-0751.

## NOVEMBER

Pasadena Model Railroad Club Fall Show. 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. Donations are \$3.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children. Joe Behan 818 284 2664. [www.filesshop.com/personal/rrclubs/pmrc.html](http://www.filesshop.com/personal/rrclubs/pmrc.html)

6 Sat. 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM

7 Sun. 1-5 PM

9 Tue. 7:30-10 PM

13 Sat. 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM

14 Sun. 1-5 PM

12 to 14 Cal-Stewart Meet. Southwestern Division of Toy Train Operating Society. Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Pasadena CA 91101. Registration: \$30 until Sept. 30, \$35 thereafter. Meet hotel: Holiday Inn, Pasadena, (800) 457-7940 (ask for TTOS rates, which are good until Oct. 12). Additional info: Calvin Smith, 25 South Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena CA 91105-1998.

## 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.

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27 to Jan. 4 Pacific Railroad Society excursion #474. Ride the Rails to 2000. New Amtrak to Primm, NV, Laughlin, Verde Canyon RR, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Biosphere2 Center, Tucson area and home. \$1,629.00 each. Barbara L. Sibert, (626) 570-8651 or (323) 283-0087.

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## JANUARY

21 PSR Dispatch deadline for 1/2000.

## APRIL

21 PSR Dispatch deadline for 2/2000.

## JULY

21 PSR Dispatch deadline for 3/2000.

30 to Aug. 6 "21st Century Limited" NMRA National Convention. San Jose, CA. Information and Registration: Bob Ferguson, 530 Fig Tree Lane, Martinez, CA 94553

## SEPTEMBER

13 to 17 PSR X-2000 Convention. Torrance CA. Dave Cox MMR, 178 S. Gretna Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049-4016, (310) 472-6363.

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## JULY

TBD Gateway 2001 NMRA National Convention. St. Louis, MO. Information and Registration: Gateway 2001, P.O. Box 6848, Chesterfield, MO 63006-6848 or email: [info@gatewaynmra.org](mailto:info@gatewaynmra.org)  
[www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway2001.htm](http://www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway2001.htm)

The information about this event published in the May 1999 *NMRA Bulletin* is incorrect. The information given here was taken directly from the Gateway 2001 web site at [www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway2001.htm](http://www.gatewaynmra.org/gateway2001.htm)

# Corrections & Additions

Lindsay Smith, Member Aid

wlindsay@compuserve.com

As I told Dave Abbot, "They never seem to care about their listings until I do it wrong." Send me the omissions and corrections, please. My small crystal ball has many clouds and imperfections.

Our editor (Dorr) has convinced me to change the style of the telephone listings. He is a good editor and I am a lazy correspondent so I will adopt his style.



## Manufacturers and Hobby Shops

I have been informed by Dave Abbot at a Pacific Railroad Society meeting that the following item is no longer valid:

Pegasus Hobbies. (N-HO-O) 6554 Greenleaf, Whittier, CA 90601 (310) 907-4663

They have moved to the Montclair shop and the good address is:

Pegasus Hobbies. (N-HO-O) 5505 Moreno Ave., Montclair, CA (909) 982-6507

John Engstrom of Athearn, Inc. sent me e-mail. The name and e-mail address are incorrect. They are now ATHEARN and they receive e-mail at [athearn@athearn.com](mailto:athearn@athearn.com)

The June Cajon Division *Order Board* provided more shops:  
ob High Desert Artworks. *Rockworkes Molehill Mining Company* PO Box 93895, Las Vegas NV 89193.

ob J. W. Railways. (All Scales) 3450 S. Procyon Ave., Las Vegas NV Verne and Deb (702) 2511-5787

ob Trains. (All Scales) 4640 E. Flamingo Rd. Ste. 106, Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 5547-4629

## Standing Stops

Life Member Jim Hundley e-mailed more information about the Coachella Valley Model Railroaders: They should be:

Coachella Valley Model Railroaders.

<http://homel.gte.net/jimsthel/index.htm>

Riverside Co. Fairgrounds, 43-714 Commanche, Indio CA 92203-2630.

Open House during the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in February. (760) 347-6218 or [jimsthel@gte.net](mailto:jimsthel@gte.net).

Ellie Barbieri e-mailed on July 3, 1999 regarding the club listing for Arizona Model Railroading Society and the addition of Arizona Garden Railway Society. "Thanks for including us on your periodic publication of the club listing."

Please make the following change to AMRS:

ARIZONA, Phoenix, Arizona Model Railroading Society, Inc. N and HO Divisions. Modular and permanent

layouts. New and seasoned RRs welcomed to this active club. Meetings - Saturday 9AM to NOON. 23280 N. 43rd Ave. - Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park. (Just South of Pinnacle Peak Rd.). Info: Glen Lynch (623) 352-4009, [glenco2@juno.com](mailto:glenco2@juno.com) or Ellie Barbieri (602) 494-7430, [EllieB0440@aol.com](mailto:EllieB0440@aol.com). Club web site:

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

Please add AGRS to the list:

ARIZONA, Phoenix, Arizona Garden Railway Society. Large Scale permanent and modular layouts. Meetings - Saturday 9AM to NOON. 23280 N. 43rd Ave. - Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park. (Just South of Pinnacle Peak Rd.). Info: Glen Lynch (623) 352-4009, [glenco2@juno.com](mailto:glenco2@juno.com) or Larry Hatch (602) 866-7639, [lhah@aol.com](mailto:lhah@aol.com). Club web site:

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

Thank you very much Lindsay.

Elden "Ellie" Barbieri

Por Nada, Ellie!

### Los Angeles Model Railroad Society

Tommy Batts would have us all change the LAMRS web address to [www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs](http://www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs). Our editor caught this change in *Dispatch*. I will have it so in web *Flagstops* and *Coupler*.

### Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers, Inc.

Charles White sends us the new web URL for the Highland Pacific Railroad:

[www.trainweb.org/hp](http://www.trainweb.org/hp)

854 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776 (818) 285-1031. Meets Wednesday evenings 7 - 10. The club was incorporated in 1948. They own their building. They have over 30 members. The web site allows you to visit. In fact, the layout is one of the best in the LA Division.

### San Diego Model Railroad Museum.

Debbie sent mail to Jim Barcus. He dropped to Dorr who dropped to me. The new address is: [www.sdmodelrailroadm.com](http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com), Electric Building. 1649 El Prado St. Casa De Balboa, Balboa Park, San Diego CA 92101.

Gary Stilts (AZ Division Editor) sends the following addition to Standing Stops:

The Ponderosa North Model Railroad Club in Phoenix, Arizona is a 100% NMRA membership club. For this reason, we try to include as much NMRA information and links that is appropriate. All of our other links are "local" to Arizona only - so as not to compete with NMRA's extensive listing of rail/model rail links.

The web site: [www.homestead.com/ponderosanorth/files/index.html](http://www.homestead.com/ponderosanorth/files/index.html).

I would appreciate it if you would look over our site and let me know what you think - good, bad, ahhh? Please send your replies to [gstilts@home.com](mailto:gstilts@home.com)

The June Cajon Division *Order Board* provided more stops. Maricopa Express junior Railway. Youth group. Phoenix AZ. Bruce or Evonne Keech 602 842 1860.

North County Modular Railroad Society. I see in several publications they meet Tuesday nights 7 - 9 PM. 3529 Cannon Rd Ste. 2H, Oceanside CA 92056. The contact is Douglas Fountain, 804 Granada Dr., Vista CA 92083, (760) 631-7708.

From the Pacific Railroad Society meeting and Ed Hall, MMR in the same week:

Orange County Railway Historical Society. Regular OCRHS meetings are held the first Monday evening of each month (7:30 PM) at the Santa Ana Amtrak station (Regional Transportation Center), featuring authors, speakers, photographers, members' collections and the opportunity to view programs of wide ranging railway interest. OCRHS, 1048 Irvine Ave. Box 272, Newport Beach, CA 92660 (949) 642-1864 or (714) 639-9637.

## Between the Rails

An item that is not permanent thus too short for *Standing Stops* and yet too long for *Flagstops*.

O. Winston Link: Memories and Machines.

The San Diego Model Railroad Museum exhibits photographs from a famous collection between August 1 and October 31, 1999. Tuesday through Friday 11 to 4, Saturday and Sunday 11 to 5. Call Nadine Buchner Communications (619) 286-7120 or San Diego Model Railroad Museum (619) 696-0199.

Stan Hayes (BNSF Conductor) sends for AT&SF Northern 3751 Fans

"Hey Gang,

Check out the Trains Magazine web site for some Railfair '99 preview pictures of the September issue. [www2.trains.com/trains/](http://www2.trains.com/trains/)"

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### Member Aid

Pierre A. Plauzoles, "Daylight 51", [ae779@lafn.org](mailto:ae779@lafn.org), Canoga Park, California, sent a request for information:

"Hello.

I am looking (so far quite unsuccessfully) for the current address of a store that was in Granada Hills. Although I am almost certain it was on Chatsworth Street (16420 rings a bell and pretty loud at that) I am not positive, and I can find no confirmation at all on the web in either business directories or the telephone listings. Do you have any ideas?

It appears to have been a home-based business since I never did find a store front sign when I cased the neighborhood for it a couple years ago.

Thank you."

## My Crystal Ball!

In 1963, I was a Naval pilot flying an Army Security Agency Crew from Shemya AFB. Shemya is in the Rat Islands at the end of the Aleutian Islands. I walked along the beach one day and found a Japanese fishing float that had some net attached by salt crystals.

These cheap glass balls were hand blown from recovered coke and beer bottles in Japan. It was about 4 inches in diameter. It had many optical flaws including several voids. It had floated North in the Pacific currents.

I took it home and my maid inadvertently cleaned it up. It still showed the distress of fishing and currents. I took it into my office and used it as a crystal ball for years. If I was asked a dumb question, I would break out the crystal ball, light my pipe and make up a suitable answer.

In 1965, I was transferred to the Pentagon. I had to stop using it. Most questions came from Navy Captains and when I pulled out the crystal ball they were offended. I took it home.

One of my ex-wives did not appreciate the value of this souvenir and it disappeared. Like the story about the wife who did not like the new model engine; I do not miss her! Now I use a marble! I gave up the pipe a few years ago but it is still available at my modeling desk.

So, if you ask me a hard question, I'll consult my oracle, and answer honestly. If you don't like the answer, it was a dumb question! If I err, send me the truth and I will get Dorr to print good stuff for our friends. ☺



# HELP WANTED BY THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION FOR THE LOS ANGELES EXTRA 2000 CONVENTION

DAVID COX, MMR  
david23star@1stnetusa.com



**D**o you know how to build benchwork? Can you lay track and switches? Can you wire a layout? Are you good at soldering or air brushing or applying decals? How about building scenery items such as trees, plaster rocks, or ground cover? Have you built a craftsman kit or super detailed a ready-to-run model? Have you installed realistic operating couplers on your cars and locomotives? Many modelers have difficulty with these tasks. But if you can do any of these things you can help others by giving a clinic.

At the Los Angeles Extra 2000 Convention, in September next year, we are looking for modelers like you to show other modelers how to build, operate, and enjoy model railroading. The clinics are very informal, last about an hour, and earn credit towards the Author Certificate in the Achievement Program.

We are looking for clinic subjects to cover the basics for new modelers as well as advanced assistance for modelers wanting to improve their skills.

The clinics could be on:

Benchwork	Couplers	Decaling	Tunnels
Track	Ground Cover	Soldering	Vehicles
Switches	Scratch Building	Using ACC	Loads
Ballasting	Layout Design	Trees	Details
Switch Machines	Prototype	Water	Wharves
Modules	Signals	Rocks	Model Photography
Wiring	Painting	Pavement	AP Program
Operations	Weathering	Railroad History	Super Detailing
DCC	Kit Building	Collecting	Paint Removing
Scenery	Dry Transfers	Structures	Arts And Crafts
Signs	Backdrops	Bridges	Lighting

Loco Maintenance and Performance  
Working with Styrene, Wood, Brass, Foam, Paper, Resin, Plaster  
Contest Modeling and Entry Forms  
Drawing Of Models From Photos  
Just about anything to do with enjoying model railroads

We need 30 "Clinicians" for the 2000 Convention with each one making at least two presentations. The clinics will be presented Wednesday evening, September 13, through Saturday afternoon, September 16, and some at the Train Show on Sunday, September 17. Time and day preference will be given in order of those responding. Those modelers presenting clinics will receive reduced convention registration fees, door prizes, and other incentives.

We are also seeking manufacturers and vendors for clinics but modelers give the best clinics.

So now that you are ready to volunteer for a clinic, contact our Clinic Chairman, Frank Kenny, at 791-0123 or frank@frankkenny.com or 23445 Evalyn Ave., Torrance, CA 90505.

Thank you for making the 2000 PSR Convention more enjoyable for everyone. 🚂

# In the Pines in '99

## 1999 PSR Convention Clinic Information

Richard Dick - rldick@west.raytheon.com

Gary Stilts - gstilts@home.com

Don Stewart - snpcw@aol.com



The time is almost at hand for the 1999 PSR Convention in Flagstaff Arizona. Have you registered yet? We've worked hard to put together a great convention for you; we hope to see you there!

We have a lot of good clinics ready for you. They will include various aspects of logging, soldering, collecting railroad watches, and other topics in modeling. There will be an exhibit by a group of Operation SIG members. Friday night will be a live auction — be sure to bring items you'd like to auction off. There are tours of Wisconsin Tissue and Ralston-Purina Co. There will be layouts open in the Flagstaff area. There are several hobby shops in Flagstaff, too. And of course, the model and photography contests, awards banquet, and a Sunday morning membership meeting. There are a number of places of interest in Flagstaff to see on your own as well.

One of the Railette activities will be a "cookie exchange". Those Railettes planning to attend are requested to bring 2 dozen cookies of their favorite recipe as well as the recipe written down. There will be cards available to copy your favorite recipes onto. Bring more than one kind if you wish!

So fill out the registration form and return it — Join us in Flagstaff this September!!

### 1. Model and Prototype Fire Equipment - David Greenberg

Railroads and municipalities both use fire-fighting equipment. David, who writes and provides photographs for the magazine *Fire Apparatus Journal*, shows modern fire apparatus from many different cities and discusses HO models available. David has some great photographs

of very unusual' paint schemes on fire fighting equipment.

### 2. United Verde & Pacific: Then and Now - Phil Pict

For over 20 years, the United Verde Copper Company ran a first class common carrier operation connecting Jerome Junction (Chino Valley) with Jerome. The 23-mile line passed over rugged, beautiful terrain and was built to bring in mining supplies and bring out copper matte. For many years the UV&P was Jerome's only convenient connection with the outside world. This clinic shows photos of the operation as it existed around the turn of the century and compares those sites with existing terrain. It is an excellent modeling choice with its narrow gauge connecting to a standard gauge (Santa Fe), rugged terrain, quaint equipment, and a huge multi-level depot and yard in Jerome.

### 3. Railroad Watches - John Gruber

### 4. Operation Lifesaver and Other Railroad Safety Issues - David Agee (BNSF Railroad)

Operation Lifesaver is a safety awareness program about railroad crossing accidents. Grade crossing accidents have been demonstrated in cities all over the United States, including Surprise, Arizona several years ago. This clinic also discusses other safety aspects about railroads. A video will be shown and handouts provided.

### 5. Soldering Made Easy - Richard Dick and Don Stewart

Soldering is the essence of electrical connections. Poor soldering results in poor electrical flow and inoperative equipment. Richard and Don will discuss solder, soldering irons and some simple techniques for strong, conductive solder joints.

### **6. Moving Military Vehicles by Rail - Don Stewart**

The railroads have been used by the militaries of the world to move their heavy vehicles since the 1800s. In the United States this started in the Civil War. Don discusses the military use of railroads to move military vehicles over the years and concludes with slides of modern military trains. A handout summarizing the clinic will be provided.

### **7. Maintenance of Way Equipment - Ken Rhoads**

Proper maintenance of the rail lines is critical to the smooth flow of trains and thus the profitability of any railroad. Ken shows many of the unusual machines that are used to maintain the railroad's right-of-way.

### **8. Signal Placement - Barry Draper**

Where does the railroad place signal equipment? Why are they located there? Barry will answer these and more railroad signal questions.

### **9. Southwest Forest Industries - John Lovely**

Southwest Forest Industries was a logging operation in Flagstaff, Arizona. They operated a railroad to log the forests that extended south from Flagstaff. John discusses the railroad, its operations and the remnants, which includes two locomotives.

### **10. Logging Trestles - Bob Moore**

What you see on most model railroads is not what you see in the woods. Very few railroads used large trestles to ford streams and gullies. Simple trestles were usually constructed of logs cut within a short distance of the need.

### **11. Moving Southwest Forest Industries 2-6-6-2 - Jim Johnston**

Southwest Forest Industries 2-6-6-2 steam locomotive was moved from the Coconino County Fairgrounds to a location in Northern Flagstaff. Jim was there to capture the move with his camera. It is an interesting story.

### **12. Track Laying for Quiet, Derailment Free Operation - Udo Meyer and Don Stewart**

Modelers want to lay track quickly to "get the trains running" using flexible track sections. A little extra time laying the flex track will pay off in an excellent visual effect, and quiet trouble-free operation for many years to come. Udo and Don show how they laid track rapidly while ensuring trouble free operations for years to come on the South Mountain & Golden Sunrise Railroad.

### **13. History and Archaeology of the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad - Richard Dick**

The El Paso & Southwestern Railroad ran from El Paso, Texas to Tucson Arizona. The Southern Pacific, and now Union Pacific, still uses parts of the line and a large bridge just south of Tucson.

### **14. Obtaining Custom Cars for yourself or your club - Roger von Seeburg**

Roger headed an effort to obtain custom decorated cars for the 50th anniversary of the Thunderbird Model Railroad Club. If you are contemplating ordering custom cars for yourself or your club, this clinic will provide the information you need to successfully complete your project.

### **15. Reversing Loops - Huebe Huebenthal**

Huebe will present three electrical solutions to reversing loops. The first and most simple circuit is essentially automatic in its operation. The only thing the operator must do is reverse the powerpack while the train is in the reverse loop. The second circuit adds "helper" equipment to make sure the train has no problems and the third circuit is designed for a reversing loop where the entrance and exit loop are not the same turnout.

### **16. Glue as a Tool - John Determan**

Glue can be used to connect many different materials together. Certain glues work best on certain materials. John will discuss the best glue for the job.


### **17. Denver Area Prototypes - Phil Hanna**

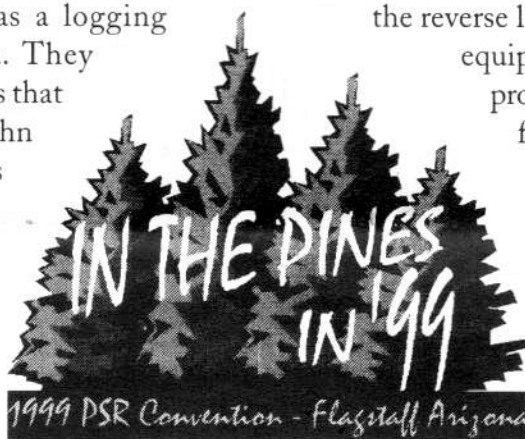
The Denver & Rio Grande Western, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, CB&Q (and The BN) all had yards in Denver in the 60s and 70s. Phil has photographs of the colorful diesel power used at the time in the Denver area.

### **18. N-Scale Details - Steve DeLaney**

### **19. N-Scale Scratchbuilt Buildings - Steve DeLaney**

### **20. Arizona Mineral Belt Railroad - John Lovely**

In 1880 the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad started laying tracks west from Albuquerque. It reached Flagstaff in 1882 but was predated by the Arizona Mineral Belt railroad. It is this little logging railroad with grand ideas that we will pursue in this clinic as we trace some of its ghost routes through the forests south of Flagstaff. There will be plenty of challenging prototypes of road bed construction to keep even the most ambitious prototype modeler busy. 



# In the Pines in '99



Flagstaff, Arizona  
September 15-19, 1999



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check here if a member of your party is handicapped. \_\_\_\_\_

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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

### Reservations must be made by August 25, 1999

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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