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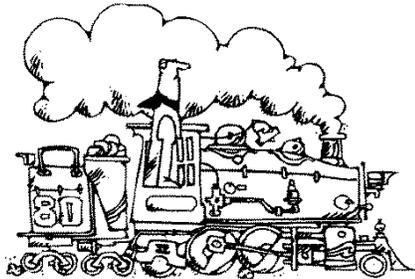
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## Shop Talk from the Roundhouse

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**M**y next and last column will deal mainly with the upcoming convention. Therefore, I wanted to use this opportunity to reflect on where the train has been rather than where it is going.

In just a few short months I will step out of the PSR cab after 4 years as Vice-President and another 4 as President. It has indeed been an honor, a privilege and a pleasure to serve all of you. And I have enjoyed getting to know many of you.

If I have accomplished anything or achieved any progress for the PSR, it has not been done alone. It has been brought about primarily with the support, labor and counsel of many others in the PSR. You may not know their names but you might recognize some of their faces.

These are the men and women you see at our conventions and meets, registering attendees, judging contests, giving clinics, guiding tours, and handling more paperwork than ten yard masters. And there are others you don't see who edit publications, design flyers, process

membership business, handle money, review by-laws issues, take meeting minutes, and process award and achievement certificates.

These are just a few of many other jobs performed by these people for your benefit that I could list.

These are the people who make sure when I pulled the throttle or applied the brake, things happened as they were supposed to, on time and without incident. No one would be willing to step into the PSR cab without this crew working the train, manning the yard and keeping the tracks in good operating order.

So as I leave office, I have a request for those of you who are POMs (Plain Old Members). The next time you are at a meet or convention, personally thank one or two of these people. Or, take a close look at the **PSR Dispatch** or your division newsletter and pick out the name of a volunteer or officer and send that person a note of thanks. Let them know you value what they do for you. Make them feel appreciated.

Tell them, "Thanks." 🚂

## PSR Trustee Election

**T**he National Model Railway Association will be holding a Board of Trustees election to elect the Trustee from the PSR, this summer. The ballot is scheduled to be published in the June, 2002 issue of the *NMRA Bulletin*.

Two members of the Pacific Southwest Region are candidates in this election: **Robert Sherlock** from the Arizona Division and **Ron Ustach** from the Los Angeles Division. Robert is currently serving as the PSR Trustee and Ron is currently serving as Editor of the *L.A. Coupler*.

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This is going to be a short report. The Arizona Division is still working on the 2003 region convention. Nothing has been finalized to date so I shall have a more extensive report next issue. Hope everyone has a great summer. 🚂

## CAJON

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By now, most of you know the mission of the Cajon Division Committee Team for the year 2002 is squarely centered on camaraderie and education to strengthen its member base. In the spirit of providing opportunities for members to meet and train talk, the Team has been operating at full throttle for the past five months ambitiously scheduling ten events in various locales of the Division. As this issue goes to press, three events have been completed with a fourth on our heels. To say the Team's performance is anything less than solid would be an understatement. However, equally solid has been the response and support of the Division members by their attendance. This is certainly a win-win situation at its best.

The all aboard signal is once again sounding as the Cajon Division event train has scheduled a very special run to Barstow in November! You are invited and we hope you can join us for a trip that promises to be fun!

In conjunction with National Model Railroad Month in November, the Cajon Division will host "A Model Railroad Celebration" with many fun activities for members to enjoy. This event will be held at the Barstow Ramada Inn on November 2nd. Admission is \$5 at the door. Some of the planned activities include clinics, self-guided tours (layout and prototype), door prizes, the 1 x 2 diorama contest, model contests, a mini train show

and a white elephant auction. If this sounds like fun, circle your calendars, you are invited! Detailed information along with an Activities Timetable will be posted in the 3rd Quarter Issue of the Order Board or may be obtained by contacting me.

Something New! Also in November, the Cajon Division's new "Pass" Bulletin Board will make its debut in Barstow. Any member at a Division event may post his/her pass on the board while in attendance. This will provide members an opportunity to meet other members to exchange passes and build their collection. However, the Cajon "Pass" Bulletin Board is meant to be an exhibit of passes that will travel to future Division events for posting and to be on display. Note: Exceptions to the attendance requirement will be made for our disabled Division members. These members can send it to me and I'll post it for them.

Reminder! The November 1 x 2 diorama contest holds cash prizes to the popular vote winners for first, second and third! The rules for the diorama contest are in the Order Board (available on the web at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org)). Modeling is fun, so get busy modeling and get your passes ready! November will be here before you know it!

By the way, if you haven't visited the PSR/Divisions newsletter pages at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org) recently, take a look. Dorr Altizer has revamped the website to include many new features making it much easier to find various topics, including the new menu for newsletters.

Yes, I am happy to report the Cajon Division train is continuing its climb at full throttle, with lots of steam action towards its goals. So climb aboard when you can, have some fun and hope we meet at one of our station stops. 🚂

## LOS ANGELES

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Our Los Angeles Banquet and Business Meeting was a great success. It was held on March 9th at the Reef On The Water. Long Beach provided a beautiful harbor and city lights view. Along with our business meeting **Dave Cox** was installed as

# Activity Reports



Superintendent and **Paul Cutter** became Clerk/Paymaster. **Ron Ustach** was honored as L. A. Division's Model Railroader of the Year. This was announced in Las Vegas. He was unable to attend; we were successful in surprising him at our meeting. **Dave Cox** was honored as MMR, having completed all categories of the Achievement Program. **Ken Wilson**, our Achievement Program chairman, presented **Bob DeMoss** with an achievement certificate for Volunteer. Congratulations to all of these hardworking people. After dinner we were treated to a presentation by **Marc Hamilton** on the Alameda Corridor, a 20 mile cargo expressway from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to rail yards near downtown Los Angeles. He enthusiastically shared his first hand experience with this incredible project that has just been completed.

April 20th and 21st are the dates for our Botanic Garden Model Train Show. The public enjoys these events and hopefully will help create future model railroaders. We also plan another public show in October at Descanso Gardens in Flintridge La Canada.

Layout tours are popular with L. A. Division membership. One is planned in May in the West San Fernando Valley and Simi Valley. It will start at the **Santa Susana Club** where NMRA members are promised a special operating session. **Eric Michaelson**, **Bill Gustafson**, **Dan Wexler**, and **Ken Josing** have graciously opened their homes for this event. We look forward to a great day of model railroading. 🚂

In addition to convention plans, the Division has continued to be involved in regular layout tours (most recently a visit to the North County Modular Club) and quarterly meets. In February, over 20 railroaders were treated to clinics, contests, chow, and camaraderie at our winter meet in central San Diego. Coming up, on May 18, the Poway Station All-Scale Model RR club will host our Spring Meet including a clinic entitled "From Hair to Air" (techniques using paintbrushes to air brushes).

On April 13, the Division was invited to participate in the Boy Scout Fair at the Del Mar Fairgrounds to offer instruction in the Railroading merit badge. Thirty-four scouts achieved partial fulfillment of the requirements, while several indicated an interest in completing the badge at a later date.

The annual Summer Meet in August will again be hosted by the Rohr Live Steam Club at Rohr Park which will include steam rides, a barbecue, and a very competitive bocce ball tournament.

Above all, the Division is looking forward to hosting this year's PSR convention in Oceanside, and we invite you to enjoy model railroading at its finest as well as the amenities of the San Diego County coast. 🚂



## SAN DIEGO

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The San Diego Division has been involved mostly with preparation for the 2002 Convention at Mission San Luis Rey in September. We are pleased to announce that plans are ahead of schedule with 32 layout tours confirmed, dozens of clinics, several prototype tours, and Railette activities that should surpass expectations. Sam Dale has submitted a detailed report printed elsewhere in the *PSR Dispatch*.

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# Mission Possible 2002



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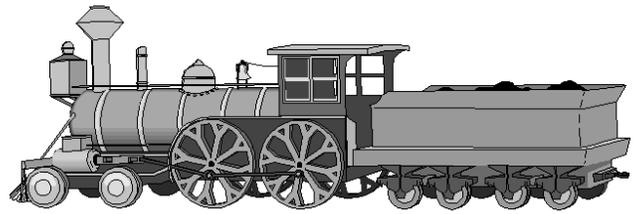
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See page 13 for the latest information as of the end of April. Updated information can be found on the the convention web site at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2002conv.html>

# PSR Achievement Program

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Since September there has been quite a lot of activity in the San Diego Division and the Cajon Division.

In San Diego, **Paul Schmitt** (Association Volunteer) and **Gordon Miller** (Master Builder Scenery) received Certificates. They were mailed to Ed Hatch for presentation at a Division event.

In Cajon Division, Golden Spike Awards were earned by **Lynn Austin**, **Brian Block** and **Arnt Tonnessen**. **Jan Wescott** earned a Model Railroad Author Certificate that will be presented at the San Diego Convention.

Also in Cajon Division, **James Kociemski** and **Robert Wescott** were approved at the regional level and their certificates for Association Volunteer are pending at the national level. **Brian Block's** Model Railroad

Author Certificate was also approved at the regional level and sent to national. **Jan Wescott** has just submitted her SOQ for Association Volunteer.

Excellent work by these individuals has garnered them high recognition by the NMRA. They will be glad to show you how to achieve these results. It just requires some dedication, some work, patience and a little talent. Ask them, they will show you how, or you may contact your Division AP coordinator:

**Arizona Division - Don Stewart**

**Cajon Division - Robert Wescott**

**Los Angeles Division - David Cox, MMR**

**San Diego Division - Ed Hatch**

Below are photos of some of the recent Award recipients from the Cajon Division. 🚂



Photo provided by Robert Wescott

These Cajon Division members recently received their Achievement Program Award certificates: (left to right) **Bill Jacobs** - Structures Merit Award, **Brian Block** - Golden Spike Award, **Lynn Austin** - Golden Spike Award, **Robert Wescott** - Structures Merit Award and **Arnt Tonnessen** - Golden Spike Award.

## Mission Possible 2002

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# The Achievement Program Patch Can Be Yours!

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It is written that the NMRA Achievement Program was established to bring recognition to its members for superior achievement in any one of its 11 defined categories. This is an attestation by the NMRA and ensures the recipient is recognized for his/her achievements. The category choices are interesting and challenging to say the least.

Can an all thumbs person like me really get one of these awards? I readily admit my modeling talents produces very primitive results as evident by my three attempts into the contest structures category that only produced scores ranging from 84 to 86 (not enough for even one merit). Common sense tells me one has to get to first base before going to second.

Further, anything associated with the technical aspects of mechanical, electrical or carpentry is beyond my comprehension. I could not tell you a hot wire from a cold one (except if it's a beer). My one attempt to build a Jordan vehicle kit required a host of friends helping in parts identification before I could even begin. It's a good thing, too, because what I thought was the wheel axle was the steering wheel column.

The facet of the hobby that I love to do best is creating scenery detail and mini scenes but these are combined into other categories. I'm resigned to the fact I'm not destined to be a Master Model Railroader but this reality does not prevent me from having a lot of fun nor does it stop me from encouraging all the talented modelers around me to go for it! Heck, my fun is just to make the corners of a building fit without it being cock-eyed. I

squeal in delight each time I manage this feat.

When I was "tapped" as the Publicity Chair for the recent Las Vegas convention, I tackled that job with vigor. For almost two years, I wrote countless stories and articles. These were sent to our *PSR Dispatch* editor and also to every nearby Regional editor. All good editors usually print everything they receive within a reasonable realm "and" to my surprise some requested more, with which I complied!

Sometime right before last years convention, my husband, Robert (Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair) said to me, "You know, I think you probably might have enough points for the Association Author Award." "Nah," I said, "all I did was mostly convention stuff!" At his insistence, I gave him a copy of everything that had been published. He sat down and calculated each article and said, "By George, I think you did it -101 points!"

My Achievement Program Patch arrived in the mail a few months

ago. Is it a thrill? You bet! I danced and jumped with joy! Is it an ego trip if you run around and show everyone "look, look"? Then so be it, I did just that! Is it worthy as a Show and Tell item? I don't know, but I took it to our local Meet for the Show and Tell table. Amazingly, many people said they had never seen the Achievement Program patch. My answer, "if I can, you can, too!"

The Achievement Program is for everyone and all one really needs to do is sit and do the paperwork to know where you are towards your goal! Go For It! The thrill and pride of accomplishment is really worth it all, especially that first Award! 🏆



# Achievement Program Thoughts

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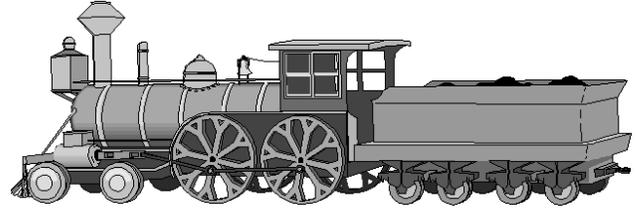
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With the new leader of the Cajon Division hopping on the subject of educating our members and having to live with her, my role as Division Contest/AP Chair is expanding and getting to be quite involved. Since the 2001 Las Vegas Limited Convention, there have been seven merit Awards and one Golden Spike Award presented to members of the Cajon Division. Also two Achievement Program Certificates were submitted and approved for two members. In addition, two merit awards, 3 Golden Spike Awards and three Achievement Certificates have been submitted for approval. By the time this article is in print, some may have even made it through the chain of command and returned for presentation.

Even though my experience is limited (and as much as I hate to admit she's right), it seems there is a definite need for educating and for communicating to the members the "nuts and bolts" of our Achievement Program. Most members build models of all kinds, many have home layouts but they are either intimidated by the paperwork or do not take time to read the requirements. Once informed, they find out how easy it can be because all the really "hard" work of building is done. In most of the above instances, it was just a matter of reviewing the requirements with the member and getting the paperwork filled out.

All requirements can be found on the NMRA website ([www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)) under the heading of Achievement Program. You can either download any or all of the categories along with the SOQ's and Record and Validation forms (which is the easiest method), or contact your local AP Chair to get copies of them. A special note to all: There has been a change in some of the requirements for various AP categories. For example, the most noticeable change is in the requirements of Model Railroad Author. The number of points have been reduced and the bonus points have been eliminated.

I wish it was possible for me to have a one on one contact with all the members in our Division, but geographically this is impossible. However, for those living in the Las Vegas area I am just a phone call away. Often I have invited members to come over to visit and over coffee and donuts, we go through their paperwork, answer questions pertaining to their applications or category and of course, insert lots of train talk in between.



This is the "fun" part for me and for the member as they discover that they have met the requirements and can receive an award. Through this, friendships grow, camaraderie increases and fun is put back into model railroading. At the same time, they can check out the latest progress of my layout and tell me what I am doing wrong.

One way to get started in this program is the Golden Spike Award, even though it does not count towards the ultimate achievement of Master Model Railroader. It is the easiest and the first Achievement Program Award that many can earn. It is designed to demonstrate knowledge and familiarity within many different areas of model railroading, rather than demonstrate expertise in one particular area as are the others. So get yourself an application form and using it as a checklist, see what you have left to complete. HELPFUL HINT: Don't try to read anything into what it says. Just do it!

Here are the requirements for the Golden Spike Award:

1. Display six (6) types of rolling stock.
2. Construct a minimum of eight (8) square feet of layout.
3. Construct five (5) structures.
4. Three (3) types of trackwork are required, ballasted and installed on proper roadbed.
5. All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two (2) trains can be operated simultaneously.

Once you have completed the checklist, contact your local Contest/AP Chair to set up an appointment to have your items judged and the form signed. The judging is usually done in your home as surely you can't dismantle your layout to haul it to a contest room.

That's all there is to it! In my opinion, this award is the most prestigious of all. It awards knowledge of many facets of model railroading rather than showing that you are an expert in one area. I feel that this is a starting point in the Achievement Award Program. Once you've earned that first award and taken that first step, the

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# Flag Stops

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This is an update to previous Flag Stops in the *PSR DISPATCH*. 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 visitors unless otherwise noted but donations are always welcomed by the clubs. Look for raffles and other fund raisers at the event to help support the activities. 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. If there are omissions or mistakes or to have your event listed, contact me at (909) 599-0182 or [wlindsays@adelphia.net](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net).

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- 1 - 6** Pasadena Model Railroad Club Fall Show. 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. (877) 484-4664 (Toll Free). **1** - Tuesday 7:30-10 PM, **5** - Saturday 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM, **6** - Sunday 1-5 PM. Donations are \$3.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children (under 6 free). Joe Behan [joebehan@ix.netcom.com](mailto:joebehan@ix.netcom.com) [www.pmRRc.org](http://www.pmRRc.org)
- 2 - 6** PCR 2002:A Train Odyssey. Veteran's Memorial Hall, San Luis Obispo, CA. \$65.00 full fare. Terry Taylor, 575 Bassi Dr., San Luis Obispo, CA 935405-8039, (805) 595-9535 [jntaylor@thegrid.net](mailto:jntaylor@thegrid.net)
- 4 - 5** Fullerton Railroad Days. Metrolink parking lot adjacent to Amtrak/Metrolink Station at Fullerton Santa Fe Depot, area code 92332. **4** - Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM, **5** - Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM. Stan Swanson [frpa@trainweb.com](mailto:frpa@trainweb.com) [www.trainweb.com/frpa](http://www.trainweb.com/frpa)
- 4 - 6** Glendale Model Railroad Club. 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. **4** - Saturday 10:30 - 4:30, **5** - Sunday 1 to 4, **6** - Monday Eve. 7:30 to 10. It is within Fremont Park. Visit [www.gmrrc.org](http://www.gmrrc.org) for directions to the club building.
- 10** Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. European Traction Tour. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [wlindsays@adelphia.net](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 11** Orange Empire Railway Museum Highgrove Rail Excursion. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605. [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 15 - 20** Pacific Railroad Society Altamont Traveler Tour. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [wlindsays@adelphia.net](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 17** Pacific Railroad Society Rolling Stock Slide Show. 7:30 PM PRS Dart Shop. 12" to the foot scale. From Olympic Ave in Industry, go south on Herbert to end of the street and turn right on Nokes. Will Walters (714) 637 4676. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 18** Cajon Division Meet. Anaheim-Orange County. Clinics, Hands-on Operation, Model and Timesaver Contest. 10 am, Sunkist Library, 901 S. Sunkist, Anaheim, CA. Donation of model railroading white elephant item at the door. Jan Wescott, (702) 566-0856, [Wescvegas@lvcm.com](mailto:Wescvegas@lvcm.com)
- 18** Los Angeles Division Layout Tour. Members Only! Tickets and membership applications are available at the Santa Susanna Railroad Society, 8 - 10 AM. [homepage.mac.com/ladivision](http://homepage.mac.com/ladivision)
- 18** San Diego Division Business and Swap Meet. 1:00PM, Poway
- 18 - 19** Belmont Shores MRRRC Swap Meet and Open House. Saturday Swap Meet 10AM to 4PM. \$1.00 per person, \$2.00 per family. Angels Gate Park, 3691 South Gaffy Street, San Pedro, (310) 831-6262 [www.socaln.com/belmont](http://www.socaln.com/belmont) Scott Schifer
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- 18** Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Open House. 10 to 4. Simi Valley CA. For information contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net). Santa Susana Depot, a restored 1903 SP station, 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.
- 18** Santa Susana RR Historical Society Swap Meet. 7 - 11 AM in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$2.00. Parking is ample in the pavilion area. Sellers contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net).
- 18, 19, 21** California Southern MRC Open House. 12140 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 863-3156. **18** - 10 AM - 8 PM, **19** - Noon - 6 PM, **21** - 7 - 9 PM. Dave Giglio.
- 19** Allied Model Trains Tinplate Auction. Arcadia Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte d. 9 AM - 5 PM. Allen Drucker, 4411 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 313-9353.
- 25** Orange Empire Railway Museum March Field Rail Excursion. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605. [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)

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- 25 - 26 NMRA PCR Daylight Division Meet. 7504 Padova Dr., Goleta, CA 10 AM. Tom Turner, (805) 968-2783
- 27 Memorial Day Operations, Orange Empire Railway Museum. 9AM-5PM. Adults \$12; Children 5-11 \$8; under 5 free. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 657-2605. [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 26 Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) Southern Pacific Division Meet. All day. Brookhurst Community Center, 22771 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA #3 each or \$5 for family. Brian Fields, (562) 595-9194. Brian@ttos-sp.com [www.ttos-sp.com](http://www.ttos-sp.com)

## JUNE

- 1 Harvey Girl Historical Society. 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Town Hall at the Orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, Lois Tate. [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 2, 4 Slim Gauge Guild MRC Open House. Sunday 10 AM to 7 PM; Tuesday 6 PM to 10 PM. 300 S. Raymond Ave. (Basement), Pasadena CA 91105. Bryan Brooks at Original Whistle Stop, Jeff Smith (626) 441-6272 or smith@pacbell.net <http://home.pacbell.net/smith> Meetings Tuesday Evenings.
- 8 The BIG TRAIN Show. Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. 10 - 6 PM. Admission: Adults \$12, Jrs. \$6.

## [www.bigtrainsshow.com](http://www.bigtrainsshow.com)

- 14 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [wlindsays@adelphia.net](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 16 - 17 Orange Empire Railway Museum Civil War Reenactments. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 21 Pacific Railroad Society Rolling Stock Slide Show. 7:30 PM PRS Dart Shop. 12" to the foot scale. From Olympic Ave in Industry, go south on Herbert to end of the street and turn right on Nokes. Will Walters (714) 637 4676. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 23 Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) Southern Pacific Division Meet. 12:30 - 5 PM. Brookhurst Community Center, 22771 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA #3 each or \$5 for family. Brian Fields, (562) 595-9194. Brian@ttos-sp.com [www.ttos-sp.com](http://www.ttos-sp.com)
- 29 Foothill Model Railroader's Club Swap Meet. 7 - 10:30 AM. \$2, family \$3. Sunland, CA. K-Mart Parking Lot, 8040 Foothill Blvd., Hank Diel (818) 843-3699

## JULY

- 4 Orange Empire Railway Museum Operations. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, [www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)
- 12 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [wlindsays@adelphia.net](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 15 - 22: "Tracks in the Sand" NMRA 2002 National Convention. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Information and Registration: Mark Shafer, Registrar, 7033 Hall Rd., Loxahatchee FL 33470. Hosted by South Florida Railway Museum, (800) 483-9106, ext. 110, [info@sfrm.org](mailto:info@sfrm.org). [www.tracksinthesand.org](http://www.tracksinthesand.org)
- 19 Pacific Railroad Society Rolling Stock Slide Show. 7:30 PM PRS Dart Shop. 12" to the foot scale. From Olympic Ave in Industry, go south on Herbert to end of the street and turn right on Nokes. Will Walters (714) 637 4676. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 27 Santa Susana Open House. 10 to 4 PM. Simi Valley CA. For information contact Richard Parshall (805) 526-0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net). Santa Susana Depot is located at Santa Susana Park (Katherine Rd. Near Kuehner Dr. adjacent to and South of the railroad tracks, about 1 mile South of Los Angeles St. in Simi Valley). If coming from the I-118 it is the first right on Kuehner after crossing the RR tracks.
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- 10 San Diego Division Annual Picnic. 11:00 AM Rohr Park, Chula Vista
- 15 Pacific Railroad Society Rolling Stock Slide Show. 7:30 PM PRS Dart Shop. 12" to the foot scale. From Olympic Ave in Industry, go south on Herbert to end of the street and turn right on Nokes. Will Walters (714) 637 4676. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. [www.pacificrailsociety.org](http://www.pacificrailsociety.org)
- 17 - 18 GATS, San Bernardino Fairgrounds, Victorville, CA. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com). (630) 834-0652
- 19 - 26 2002 NRHS Convention, Williams, AZ. [www.canyonrails2002.com/](http://www.canyonrails2002.com/)
- 24 - 25 GATS, Ventura, Co. Fairgrounds/Seaside Park. Ventura, CA 93001. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com). (630) 834-0652

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## SEPTEMBER

2 Orange Empire Railway Museum Operations. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm.mus.ca.us

7 - 8 GATS, Pima Co. Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. www.GATS.com. (630) 834-0652

 12 - 14 "Mission Possible 2002" PSR Region Convention. Mission at San Luis Rey, Vista, CA. Sponsored by the San Diego Division.

13 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. wlindsays@adelphia.net www.pacificrailsociety.org

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## OCTOBER

7 San Diego Division Business Meeting. 7:00PM San Diego Model Railroad Museum

11 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. wlindsays@adelphia.net **www.pacificrailsociety.org**

12 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club (PVMRC). 8 -12 Swap Meet, 9- 4 Open house. 132 E. 1st Street, Pomona, CA. Club phone 909 865 7035. Garey and First SE corner. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or wlindsays@adelphia.net. **www.pvmrrc.com**

18 Pacific Railroad Society Rolling Stock Slide Show. 7:30 PM PRS Dart Shop. 12" to the foot scale. From Olympic Ave in Industry, go south on Herbert to end of the street and turn right on Nokes. Will Walters (714) 637 4676. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. **www.pacificrailsociety.org**

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## NOVEMBER

3, 4, 6, 10 & 11 Pasadena Model Railroad Club Fall Show. 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. (877) 484-4664 (Toll Free). 3 - Saturday 1-5 PM & 7-10 PM, 4 - Sunday 1-5 PM, 6 - Tuesday 7:30-10 PM, 10 - Saturday 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM, 11 - Sunday 1-5 PM. Donations are \$3.00 for adults & \$1.00 for children (under 6 free). Joe Behan joebehan@ix.netcom.com **www.pmRRc.org**

7 - 8 GATS, Fairplex, Pomona CA. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. www.GATS.com. (630) 834-0652

8 Pacific Railroad Society Membership Meeting. 7:30 PM Joslyn Center, 210 N. Chapel Ave. Alhambra, CA. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. wlindsays@adelphia.net **www.pacificrailsociety.org**

9 LA Division Layout Tour in Pomona. Details promised later.

9 San Diego Division Fall Meet. 5:00 PM San Diego Model Railroad Museum

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## DECEMBER

6 - 7 Cajon Division, PSR, "Holiday Train Extravaganza" Swap Meet and Train Show, Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Hall, 760 N. Lamb, Las Vegas, NV. Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856, Wescvegas@lvcm.com

7 - 8 GATS, Del Mar Fair, Del Mar, CA 92014. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. www.GATS.com. (630) 834-0652

14 - 15 GATS, Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix, AZ 85004. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. www.GATS.com. (630) 834-0652



# Candidates Statements



## From Ed Hall Candidate for PSR President



It's election time in the PSR and the call for nominations has gone out. I have thrown my name into the mix for your consideration for the office of PSR President. My motives for volunteering are relatively simple. I have spent the last 40 years of my life reaping the many benefits of the NMRA and now I have an opportunity to use my experience to try and give back to the NMRA some of the benefits I received.

I feel my background in the NMRA has provided me with the stepping-stones needed to be properly prepared for the office of President. These include two terms as Division Contest Chair, two terms as Division Superintendent and two terms as Division Director. In addition, I have served as Regional Convention Chairman for two conventions.

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## From Chuck Hart Candidate for PSR Vice President



I am honored to be nominated for the position of Vice President for Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA. I am also delighted to submit my record of qualifications to promote the growth and development of PSR.

The NMRA and the Regions, under the direction of the NMRA President and Board of Trustees appear to be in a stage of transition and renewal. The attempts to balance the NMRA mission with the economic needs of member enrollment coupled with volunteer management while attempting to meet performance goals and reorganization are all part of the transformations facing all of us.

I believe that together we will be able to continue the full potential of the NMRA goals.

I began service to the organization in 1994 as the Superintendent of the San Diego division. My career

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# Mission Possible 2002

**Sam Dale, Convention Publicity Chair**

elsyd@tfb.com, (760) 723-1939

Everything for the "Mission Possible 2000" convention is in high gear at this writing. We will be running from the 12th of September to the 14th of September. There will be an early registration at Best Western Marty's Valley Inn on September 11th from 3 PM to 7 PM.

On Thursday, the 12th of September, the convention swings into action with all the usual activities. We will have clinics from 9 AM to 9 PM. We have 20 hours of clinics scheduled and by the time we open the doors we expect to have a total of thirty hours scheduled through Saturday. Publisher Hal Carstens has just signed on for one of the clinics.

We have an invitation out to a potential keynote speaker on the subject "A New Model Railroad Magazine Editor Looks At Model Railroading's Future."

We have contracted for a special meeting room for our non-railers. A very active and interesting Railettes program has been planned by Connie Schmitt for the three days of our convention.

We have also contracted for our banquet room and negotiations are under way for the menu as I write.

Over 30 home layouts have been scheduled for viewing all over the San Diego County area. Many of them have not been seen before because of their distance from downtown San Diego.

There will be at least two prototype tours: one using the NCTD "Coaster" into San Diego and the Downtown Red line Maintenance facility and the other will be day tours to the Orange Empire Railroad Museum and a possible side trip to the March AFB Air Museum.

We have scheduled an auction and are considering a silent auction, so bring your stuff. Bidding packages must have at least \$25 worth of merchandise.

The Train Show will be open to the public on the 13th and 14th with a special showing for convention attendees on the 12th between 6 and 9 PM. We have invitations out to 300 vendors. We have received large quantities of door prizes already and expect to fill between 60 and 120 tables with various hobby shops, vendors, et al. In addition, the Live Steamers will have an exhibit on outdoor track. We expect Boy and Girl Scout Troops to have a refreshment stand on Friday and Saturday during the show.

**PSR DISPATCH — 2nd Quarter, 2002**



We will have a small Country Store with patches, pins and souvenir HO and N cars. Other Divisions are encouraged to consign merchandise, if they wish.

A secure judging area will be available for all of our members to enter their hand work and photos for judging. Awards will be given at the closing banquet.

By the end of April a special convention issue of the San Diego Division *Mail Hook* newsletter will be mailed to every NMRA member in the PSR, regardless of their Region or Division affiliation. This issue will be filled with many additional convention details.

Now is the time to put the finishing touches on your contest entries and line up those special photos for judging in September. The clock's running.

If you would be willing to give a clinic or have some model railroad subject you would like to have a clinic on, please let us know.

A copy of the registration form is included as an insert in this issue of the *PSR Dispatch*. A copy will also be included in the convention issue of the *Mail Hook*.

We have a limited number of rooms available at Marty's Valley Inn and it is highly advisable to book as early as possible to insure your getting a room for the nights you desire. Our contracted prices are good until August 1st but the rooms will probably be gone by then. Mention "model railroad 2002" when you book.

The names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of all convention chairs and managers will be listed in the special convention issue of the *Mail Hook*. Contact them if you have any questions. ☎

For updates, visit the convention web site at <http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2002conv.html>

# STANDING STOPS

## Lindsay Smith, PSR Member Aid

wlindsays@adelphia.net

There are always railroad exhibits open in the large communities. Some of them are in the following list for the NMRA PSR area. If we have not described an opportunity please contact me (see my email address, above) and provide a brief summary. We will try to include the information in a future *PSR Dispatch* so that everyone can enjoy the activity. Your nearby hobby shop can usually guide you in exploring more rail fan opportunities. The clubs usually welcome prospective members and out of town visitors to their weekly meetings.



### Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park

23280 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ, South of Pinnacle Peak Road. Ellie Barbieri, (602) 494-7430, EllieB0440@aol.com  
[www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html](http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html)

Sahuaro Central Railroad Heritage Preservation Society  
Arizona Model Railroading Society  
Arizona Garden Railway Society  
Maricopa Live Steamers

### All Gauge Toy Train Association

Second Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM, El Toyon School, 2000 E. Division St., National City, CA

### Antelope Valley MRC

[www.av.qnet.com:80/~mrfixit/mrr.html](http://www.av.qnet.com:80/~mrfixit/mrr.html)  
44128 Fenhold St., Lancaster CA 93535, (805) 723-3736

### Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083. 10 - 4 Everyday.

### Arizona Garden Railway Society

[www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html](http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html)  
Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park. Large Scale permanent and modular layouts. Saturday 9AM to Noon. Larry Hatch (602) 866-7639, lhah@aol.com

### Arizona Model Railroading Society, Inc

[www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html](http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html)  
Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park. Large Scale permanent and modular layouts. Saturday 9AM to NOON. Info: Glen Lynch (623) 352-4009, glenco2@juno.com

### Arizona Railway Museum

[www.siege.net/~arm/index2.html](http://www.siege.net/~arm/index2.html)  
399 N. Delaware St., Chandler, AZ 85224, (480) 821-1108. Prototype equipment and small museum. 12 - 4 Sat & Sun from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Bart Barton: work (480) 413-3163, home: (480) 831-6520, rjc600@email.sps.mot.com

### Arizona Model Railroading Society

[www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html](http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/AMRS/AMRS.html)  
Mountain Desert Railroad Park. N and HO Divisions. Modular and permanent layouts. Saturday 9AM to NOON. Glen Lynch (623) 352-4009, glenco2@juno.com or Ellie Barbieri (602) 494-7430, EllieB0440@aol.com

### Arizona Railroad Society

5221 W. Montebello Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301  
Mon. 7:30 P.M. E. Fisch, 5221 W. Montebello Ave. Suite 10, Glendale, AZ 85301

### Belmont Shore Model Club

[www.primnet.com/~schifer/bsl.html](http://www.primnet.com/~schifer/bsl.html)  
Angel's Gate Park, 3601 Gaffey St. Bldg. 824, San Pedro. Dick Billings (310) 373-6658, Fred Smith (310) 377-4097.

### California Museum of Science and Industry

Was closed when the building was condemned for seismic safety in 1990.

### California Southern MRC

[members.gnn.com/foamer86/cslpage.htm](http://members.gnn.com/foamer86/cslpage.htm)  
12140 E Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA, 1/2 block East of San Antonio. (562) 863-3156. Ken Eells (310) 863-4697, Ed Nordstrom (714) 525-4032. HO & HOn3. Tuesday 7:30.

### Chula Vista Live Steamers

7.5" scale. Every weekend. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Rd., Chula Vista, CA (619) 422-3175. Contact: PO Box 369, Chula Vista, CA 91912-0369

### Citrus Empire MRC

Modular O gauge and permanent layout in Fairplex, Pomona. Business meeting, second Tues. 7:30 PM. Carl Schmitz (714) 996-6434, Fred Towns0end (714) 987-6083

### Coachella Valley Model Railroaders

Riverside County. Fairgrounds, Jim Hundley, 43-714 Commanche, Indio CA 92203-2630. Open House during the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in February. (760) 347-6218 or jimsthe1@gte.net.

### Cochise and Western Model Railroad Club

600 Fort Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ (just outside Main Gate of Ft. Huachuca). HO and N. Charles Cole (520) 458-8395 eve and Weekends, (520) 533-4065 days.

### Eastern Sierra MRC

226 Springside St., Ridgecrest CA 93555.

### East Valley Lines

Travel Town, Los Angeles, CA, N scale. Open House every Sat. and Sun. 11 - 3. Lowell Majors, (213) 662-8339 PO Box 5732, Glendale CA 91301.

### Fairplex, Pomona CA

See: Citrus Empire MRC, Railroad and Locomotive Historical Society, Southern California Garden Railway Society

### Feather River N-Gineers & Tucson NTRAK

1545 S. Kolb Rd. Tucson, AZ 85710. Don Brown (520) 721-8939. Davis-Monthon AFB Recreation Center. Meeting Tuesday 8 PM. dbn160@azstarnet.com.

**Fillmore and Western Railway Co.**

[www.fishnet.net/~fwry](http://www.fishnet.net/~fwry).

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**Foothill MRC**

1648 N. Verdugo Rd. Glendale, CA 91208. HO and HOOn3. Jim Jenson (818) 240 2491. Every Sat. 8-10 PM.

**Flagstaff MRC**

Oak Creek SR 30 Box3, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (520) 774-7589

**Gadsden-Pacific Div. Toy Train Operating Museum**

Foothills Mall, Ina and La Cholla, Tucson, AZ. Frank Shore (520) 297-5137, Bud Stewart (520) 749-0228.

**Garden Railway at Fairplex or Ganesha Junction**

See Southern California Garden Railway Society.

**Garden Railway Society in San Diego**

Contact John Rosart (619) 696-0199.

**Glendale MRC**

619 Hahn Ave., Fremont Park. HO and HOOn3. Sat. 10-4, Sun. 1-4, & Monday 7:30. (818) 500-7229 or Bill Hoadley (818) 846-0577.

**Grand Canyon Railway**

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**Group 160 - Burbank NTRAK**

P. O. Box 6965, Burbank CA 91510-6965

**Hemet-San Jacinto RRC**

1045 Dixie Dr., Hemet CA 92543.

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

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

854 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776. (818) 285-1031. Meets Wednesday evenings 7 - 10. Van Facko.

**Lomita Railroad Museum**

2137 West 250th St., Lomita, CA. Wednesday through Sunday 10 - 5. (310) 326-6255. Off Pacific Coast Highway, North on Narbonne, East on 250th St.

**Lompoc Valley MRR Society**

Tues. & Fri. 7-11:30 PM, Sat. 11-3. Jim Scott (805) 736-1480.

**Los Angeles East Valley Lines**

Griffith Park, Travel Town, Los Angeles, CA. N Scale. Every Saturday and Sunday 11 to 3. Contact Lowell Majors, PO Box 5732, Glendale, CA 91301, (213) 662-8339.

**Los Angeles Live Steamers**

Griffith Park next to Travel Town. Public rides on Sundays. (213) 669-9729

**Los Angeles MR Society (Ex-PCTC)**

[www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs/](http://www.trainweb.com/rrclubs/lamrs/)

14005 S. Crenshaw, Hawthorne, CA. HO/HOn3. Tues 7:30. Nick Barone (310) 676-2523 or Andy Hunter (310) 542-3544.

**Maricopa Express Junior Railway**

Youth group. Phoenix AZ. Bruce or Evonne Keech (602) 842-1860.

**McCormick Railroad Park**

Indian Bend and Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale AZ. See Sun-N-Sand MRC.

**METROLINK**

Los Angeles area. Call (800) 371-LINK for information, fares and commute planning.

**Model Train Association (MTA)**

Meets fourth Friday of each month except May and December. In May, fourth Saturday Big Roundhouse Meet. In December, Christmas Meet is held on the third Saturday. Women's Club of Bellflower, corner of Oak and Clark Streets. Jerry Keys (714) 281-3600 or M. T. A., PO Box 3302, Orange, CA 92857.

**Model Vehicles Unlimited**

PO Box 2118, Culver City CA 90231. Bob Kelly (310) 398-3111

**N'GINEERS MRC**

11901 Easy Way, Garden Grove CA 92640.

**Norco Railway**

38871 Valley View, Norco CA 91760 (909) 737-3668

**North County Modular Railroad Society**

3529 Cannon Rd. #H, Vista, CA 92083. Open Saturday and Sunday afternoons. First Tuesday 7 - 9 PM. Call Carl Chapman (619) 757-1752

**Old Pueblo Trolley**

[www.azstarnet.com/~bnoon/opthome.html](http://www.azstarnet.com/~bnoon/opthome.html)

Tucson, AZ. Bruce Noon.

**Orange Coast MRC**

HO. European Cycle Specialists, 13851 A Better Way St., #D, Garden Grove. 1st & 2nd Thurs 7:30. Steve Carrol, (714) 530-2711



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**Orange County Model Engineers**

Live Steam in Fairview Park, Costa Mesa. I-405 to Harbor. South to Adams. West 1 mile to Placentia Ave. South to city park. 3rd weekend of the month. For information (714) 54-TRAIN (548-7246) Box 3216, Costa Mesa, CA 92628

**Orange County Modular Railroaders**

Anaheim Public Library . corner of Harbor and Broadway 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month; 7 - 9 PM. PO Box 3577, Fullerton CA 92634. Steve Tibgetts (714) 843-1620 stibb@Primenet.com

**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.

**Orange Empire Railroad Museum**

[www.oerm.mus.ca.us](http://www.oerm.mus.ca.us)  
2201 South A St., Perris CA, 17miles South of Riverside on I-215. At Perris, take exit to Route 74 West. Follow Route 74/4th Street west for 1 mile. At "A" Street turn left. Go south for 1.5 miles. . Every weekend 11-5. Watch for special events and fares. (909) 657-2605 (tape) (909) 943-3020 (person). All day ride ticket \$7.00.

**Pacific Railroad Museum**

Santa Fe, San Dimas Depot. Bonita and the Santa Fe right of way in San Dimas. Across the street from the Train Stop. Winter Wed. and Saturday 10 to 5. Open during the Wednesday Street Fair. Restored to display the AT&SF station as it was in 1934 by the Pacific Railroad Society. wlindsays@adelphia.net

**Pasadena Model Railroad Club**

[www.pmRRc.org](http://www.pmRRc.org)  
5458 Alhambra Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90032. HO Tues. 7:30 - 10:00 & Sat. 1:00 to 5:00 & 7:00 to 10:00. Business meeting 1st Tues., Operating 2nd Tues. and Saturday. 5,000 square feet. Memberships open. Joe Behan (818) 284-2664.

**Pomona Valley MRC**

132 E. First St., PO Box 2681, Pomona, CA 91769-268. HO, HO<sub>N3</sub>. 3,000 square feet. Memberships open. (909) 865-7035. Tue. and Thur. 8 - 10. wlindsays@adelphia.net

**Ponderosa North MRC**

[www.ponderosanorth.homestead.com](http://www.ponderosanorth.homestead.com)  
Phoenix, Arizona. 100% NMRA membership club  
Information: gstilts@cox.net

**Railroad and Locomotive Historical Society**

Gate F Fairplex, Pomona CA. Meetings, Glendale Savings and Loan. First Tuesday evening of every month. Fairplex museum on the following Sunday (usually the second Sunday). Loren Martens (909) 624-2132. See a UP Big Boy, SD-40, SP Northern, Santa Fe, PE & other real equipment.

**Riverside Live Steamers**

Hunter Park, Riverside. East on Columbus off I-215. 10 - 3. Second and fourth Sundays.

**Sahuaro Central Railroad Heritage Preservation Society, Inc.**

Developers of Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park and Museum. Open every Saturday, 9am to Noon. President Ron Ford 623-974-0125

**San Bernardino RR Historical Soc.**

Santa Fe Northern 3751.

**San Diego Electric Railway Assoc.**

Second Sunday of each month, 7:30 PM at The Firehouse Museum, 1572 Columbia St., San Diego, CA

**San Diego Model Railroad Museum**

[www.sdmodelrailroadm.com](http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com)  
Electric Building. 1649 El Prado St. Casa De Balboa, Balboa Park, San Diego CA 92101. John Rotsart (619) 696-0199 Tue.- Fri. 11-4; Weekends 11-5

**San Diego MRC (HO) Fridays** 7:30-10PM. Jim Nemitz (619) 281-6928

**La Mesa MRC (HO) Tuesdays** 7:30-10PM (619) 263-2156

**San Diego Society of N Scale members.aol.com/NTrainszo/web/sdsons.html**  
Fri. 7:30-10 PM. (619) 669-1521

**San Diego 3-Railers**

[www.csmf.org](http://www.csmf.org)  
O Scale. Store, Toy train operators club meets third Thursday, 7 PM. Contact Mike Havs (619) 286-0489



**San Diego Railroad Museum**

Campo, CA. Saturdays and Sundays. (619) 595-3030 or (888) 228-9246. Call for ride schedules.

**San Juan Southern MR Association**

2303 Calle Balandra, San Clemente, CA, (714) 361-1886.

**Santa Susana MRC**

[www.trainweb.org/ssmrc/](http://www.trainweb.org/ssmrc/)  
P.O. Box 3429, Simi Valley, CA 93093.  
Santa Susana Depot.  
Operates every Sunday and the second Saturday from about 10 AM.

### Short Trak'N RR

1450 N. Santa Fe Ave. #M, Vista, CA 92083  
Paul Schmitt, 805 Mart Vista Dr., Vista, CA 92083, (760)  
940-8000, flyers@inetworld.net

### Slim Gauge Guild

China Factory Mall Basement, 300 S. Raymond Ave.,  
Pasadena, CA. Sn3 and HOn3 layouts. Brian Brooks (818)  
796-7791 or Jeff Smith smith@pacbell.net or  
jeff.smith@patchbay.com.

### South Bay Modular Railroad Club

Western El Segundo Lines  
(WESL). Hughes Employees  
Association of the South Bay  
(HEASB). Memberships open to  
the public. HO. Meetings first  
Monday of every month at 6:30  
PM HEASH Clubhouse, 1216 E.  
Imperial Avenue, El Segundo.  
West of Sepulveda and South of  
LAX and Imperial Highway near  
the end of I-105 Fwy. Ron Ustach  
(310) 322-6707

### Southern Arizona Society of Model Engineers (SASME)

1818A E. Winsett, Tucson, AZ  
85719. HO & HOn3 Wednesdays.  
Richard Dick, (520) 790-5356,  
rldick@west.raytheon.com

### Southern California Garden Railway Society

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outdoor miniature railway.  
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operation in 1935. Ron Deisler,  
4532 Graywood Ave., Long  
Beach CA 90808-1015.

### Southern California Live Steamers

Wilson Park. 2200 Crenshaw  
Blvd., Torrance, CA. Free rides  
on the **First** Sunday of every  
month except July. Enter from  
Washington Street entrance. Dave  
Cox, (310) 472-6363.

### Southern California Shortlines MR

#### Association

1013 Elaine Dr., Santa Ana CA 92703 (714) 554-8035

#### Sun-N-Sand MRC

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

In McCormick Railroad Park. 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd.,  
Scottsdale AZ 85250. Dick Greatorex, dickg@getnet.com

#### Sun City MRC

Fairway Recreation Club, 10600 Peoria Ave., Sun City, AZ  
85351, (623) 933-3629

#### Sun City West MRC

12407 Keystone Dr., Sun City  
West, AZ 85375, (623) 546-4696

#### Thunderbird MRC

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#### Tri-State MRC

766 Glen Dr., Riviera, AZ 86442

#### Union Station (Los Angeles, CA)

800 North Alameda

#### Valley MRC

HO. 31815 Camino Capistrano,  
San Juan Capistrano, CA. Jerry  
Lieblich, (714) 857-9667

#### West LA N-Trakers

N modules. Bill Carson, 3768  
Bagley #215, Los Angeles, CA  
90034. (310) 839-2379

#### 20's & 30's Modular Railroad

HO. About 6 times a year at  
NMRA and GATS. Mel Johnson,  
(310) 425-1380. Look for their  
announcements in the **PSR**  
**Dispatch** and **NMRA Bulletin**.



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National seems to be getting caught up with their huge

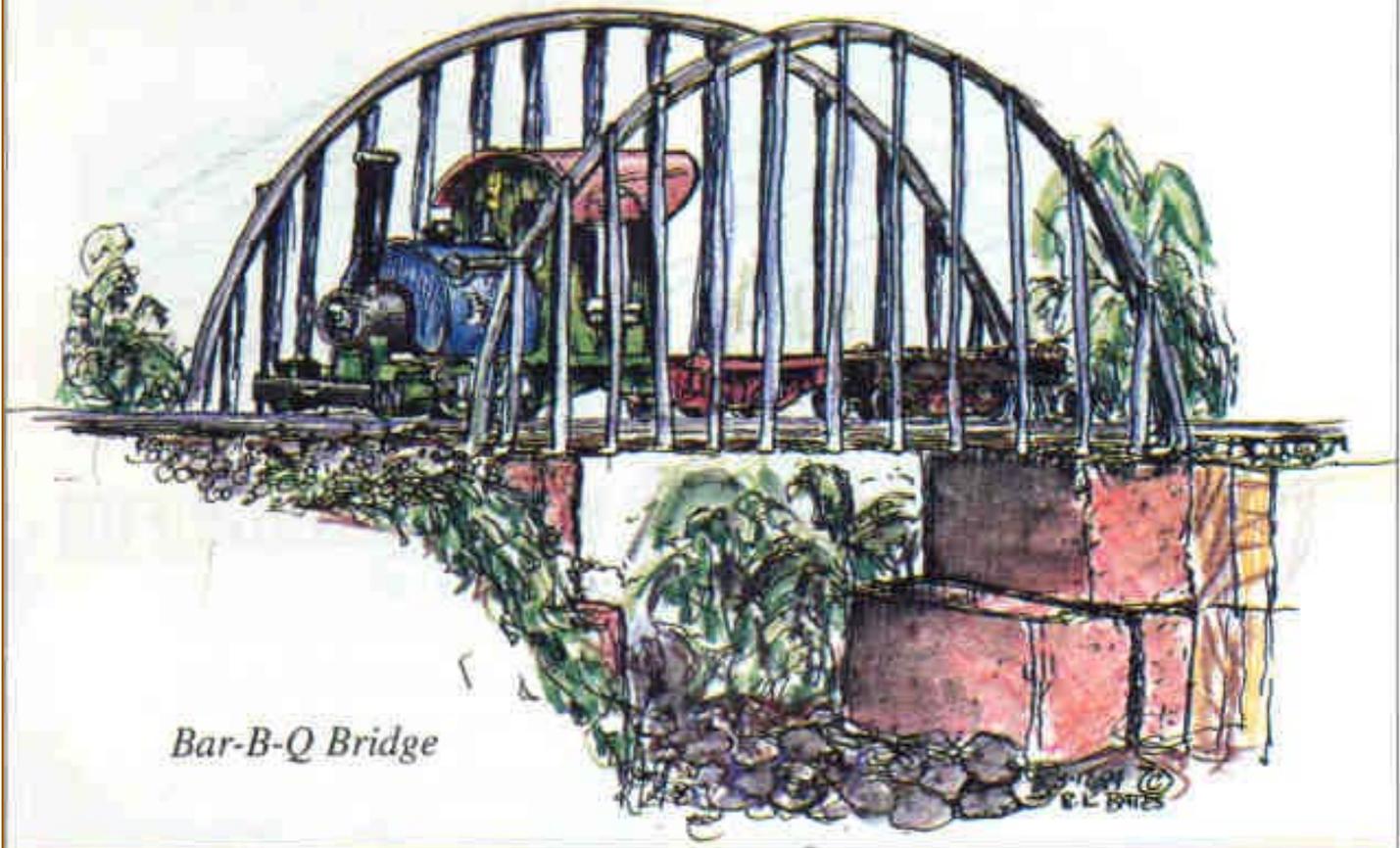
backlog of work, and things are beginning to run more smoothly.

We have approximately 800 Pacific Southwest Region Members. But there are 800 NMRA members out there who are not PSR. We all need to try to recruit, not only these 800, but get new people interested in our World's Greatest Hobby! 🚂

KEEP ON TRAINING!

VIEW FROM THE  
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BY  
 BRUCE BATES



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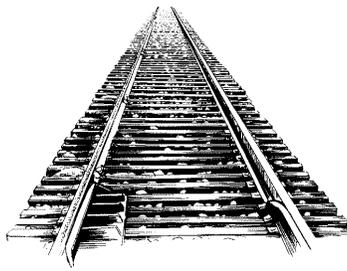
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# Chief Gandy Dancer

Bob Sherlock, PSR Trustee

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1. As some of you know, **Jenny Hendricks** has been working the last few months as our Acting Administrative Office Manager. The week of February 11th, 2002, she was promoted to Administrative Office Manager and assumed full responsibilities. The next time that you converse with HQ, please convey congratulations and welcome aboard.

2. The **Long Range Plan** (LRP) has been adopted in concept. It will take much work to accomplish. It could be as much as two years before it will come to a vote of the membership. There are many obstacles to overcome, such as the LRP calls for reduction in the BOT to from 5 to 7 trustees. As this will streamline the BOT it will cause a great deal of discussion to accomplish. Many think that it will leave membership of some of the regions disenfranchised or not represented. And thus the discussion and controversy begins. Will keep you informed.

3. **Rutger Friberg** has been appointed as the Technical Department Chairman. Look for many improvements to this department under Rutger.

4. **Technical Department Report.** The NMRA Gauges are in the final stage of approving. Should be out shortly. S Gauge is in the works. NASG to provide link. There is talk of setting up a European Test Center to test and check items. More as this develops.

5. **Tom Draper** presented the NMRA Financial picture. Beginning to improve due to the excellent work of the executive officers **Allen Pollock**, **John Roberts** and **Tom Draper**. A special thanks needs to go to Tom and his wife **Debbie** as they have spent numerous hours at HQ in Chattanooga and at home getting the NMRA back on line. Please shake their hand and thank them for their efforts.

6. As of this report, the **Insurance Program** is now in effect. All Superintendents and etc. should have received an insurance certificate and memo on the new insurance policy. If you have not received them please advise. Please if there are any questions E-mail or call. There are some changes that will save the divisions and regions money. There will not be a \$10.00 charge per event. The only fee that is required will be if a building owner wishes to

have his or their name appear on the certificate. Then there is a \$25.00 charge. This certificate must be applied for at least 45 days in advance so as to assure that the paper work can be completed. Any less time, and the certificate may not be completed, causing a delay or cancellation of the event. If you have any questions, please advise. The new methods and forms will help to streamline the procedure.

7. **Jim Zinser** (MAP Department) had a request from a company called Actuality Production Co. for some club layouts that could be filmed. This will be a film on the History of Model Building. Los Angeles Director **Mary Barstow**, MMR is looking to procure some clubs. This will be shown on the History Channel when complete.

8. **Library.** As part of the cost review process President Pollock appointed a committee to study the library and its usefulness to the hobby. It also has been working on the utility costs and etc.

9. **Original Railroad Equipment Register.** The OREER is out and is excellent. If you haven't seen one, I can tell you that they are great. They are available in soft or hard bound versions from HQ.

10. An additional concern is the fallout from the September dues increase. At this time, reports from the Treasurer indicate a +/- 1,000 reduction in national membership. As this is a significant number, it is not what was expected, it is less.

11. **NMRA BULLETIN.** There was a long discussion of the Bulletin and its cost. The cost per page and of the number of pages were gone over and will be discussed further. There was mention of many ways to proceed with the *Bulletin*. This will be looked into further at the Ft. Lauderdale meeting.

12. The BOT has agreed to the concept of single membership. This would allow the members, with a single payment, to become a member at all organizational levels; national, regional and divisional. There are many details to be worked out, but this is a very big breakthrough on an important issue.

If you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail or drop me a line. 📧

*HAPPY RAILROADING!*

If elected, it is my intent to continue to provide the continuity and leadership of my predecessors. I believe in the mission and goals of the NMRA although there are times when I disagree on the paths used to achieve results. I believe our hobby of model railroading is what it is today because of yesterday and that it is the members of today that will ensure that it will be there for tomorrow. I also believe the NMRA "member" is the most important part of the NMRA structure.

Changes are a fact of life and it takes energy to keep pace with it. I feel we must always strive to find ways to strengthen our hobby while keeping it "fun" for the members. I offer the members of the PSR my services with energy and promise to accept the challenges of this office with responsibility. 🚂🚂

with the NMRA has been dedicated to service in improving the quality and standard of division meets for the member. At that time we were having meetings which sometimes consisted of only 3-4 people. This required us to conduct reviews in an attempt to create programs which would be of interest to the local membership. We were challenged to identify to what extent and how our programs would be distinct from other model railroad groups in the area. We established

an ongoing quarterly schedule of events of interest which survives today, nearly 9 years later. After serving two terms as Superintendent I went on to serve the two allotted terms as Director for the San Diego division. I have also gained experience with other model railroad groups by serving as both VP and President of the N-scale club at the SDMRM and I served nine years on the SDMRM Board of Directors both as a 'Principle Exhibiter' board member and as a local community 'Member At Large' board member.

My experience in working with people reflects a successful record of performance as a creative and inclusive leader and manager with almost 10 years of experience with the division, region and local organizations.

Currently I continue to work as a volunteer for the San Diego division as the Chairman for the upcoming 'Mission Possible 2002' Annual PSR Convention.

The challenges of adapting forthcoming new guidelines from the National and relating those guidelines to the members issues and concerns are interrelated. I believe that I will be able to assist the Region President with understanding the members issues and concerns and equate them to the importance of the future of the NMRA.

Thank you for your consideration of my credentials for the position of Vice President for PSR, NMRA. 🚂🚂



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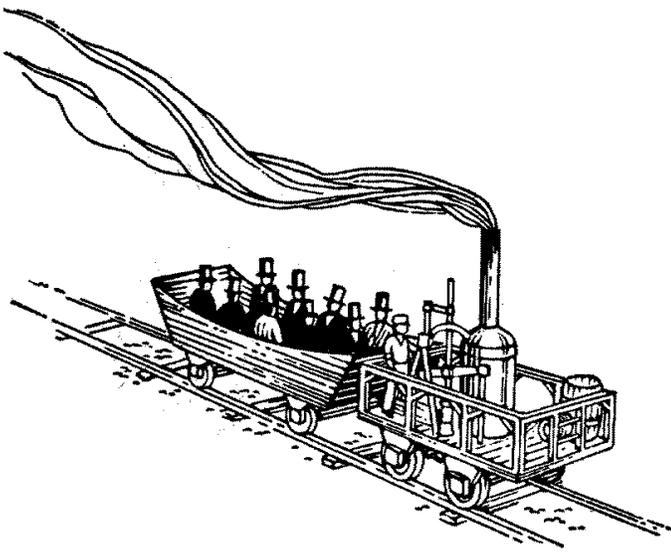
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# PSR Contest Corner

DUANE E. BUCK, PSR CONTESTS CHAIR

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I attended the PSR Board meeting at the Mission San Luis Rey, near Oceanside, CA, in March. The Mission complex is the site for the PSR 2002 convention to be held in September. While there, we were given a short tour of the facilities to be used for the convention. I was mightily impressed with the facilities, but possibly, even more so with the graceful atmosphere and the serene beauty of the place. The Mission can be likened to peaceful oasis in a world of conflict and turmoil. This is a place and a convention that you will not want to miss.

Even though the convention is still over five months in the future, it is hoped that many of you are planning to enter the convention contests. It is also hoped that the preparation of your contest entries has been, or soon will be, started. There will be a full slate of NMRA contests. Among these contests are model construction (kit and open), photo and arts and crafts. Additionally, there will be opportunities to enter the levity and module contests. A popular vote contest will be held to give attendees a chance to select their favorite model from those entered in the judged model construction contest. Award opportunities abound!

A concerted effort is being made to standardize the procedures for all PSR convention contests. One of the areas that is receiving attention is that of the required Contest Entry Forms. Over the years a variety of these forms has evolved on a division, region and national level. While all contain the same basic information, there are subtle differences in the forms. If one wants to enter the NMRA national convention contest, the current NMRA form must be used. The current form is NMRA Contest Entry Form #901 Rev: C, 18 September 2000 and states, "All previous versions of this form are obsolete." The

entry form is required for all entries, no matter which contest category is desired. A form is required for each individual entry. You are encouraged to use the NMRA format. The entry form can be found on the NMRA website: [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org). If you cannot download the entry form from the website, you can contact your Division Contest Chair, or me, to procure copies.

Judges' Certificates for the Las Vegas contests will be mailed to the respective Division Contest Chairs for presentation. Judging in regional contests is worth two points toward the Achievement Program Certificate of Achievement award for Association Volunteer. There is a tendency to overlook our contest judges. These persons give unselfishly of their time and expertise to ensure the success of the contest process. Our thanks for a job well done goes to:

Roger von Seeburg (Arizona)  
Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
Ted Johnson (Cajon)  
Brian Block (Cajon)  
Jim Kociemski (Cajon)  
Martin A. Judd (Cajon)  
Robert D. Wescott (Cajon)  
Dee Tucker (Cajon)  
John Sigurdson (San Diego)  
Arnt Tonnessen (San Diego)

There were two names on the judges' list that were unreadable. One participated as a photo contest judge and the other as an arts and crafts contest judge. If these two individuals will contact me, I'll make the judges' certificates available to them. 🚂

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mountain doesn't look as steep anymore and you can then work your way in the other areas to become a Master Model Railroader. So look at the above requirements, then look at what you have already done. You may be surprised! You may have already earned yourself an award.

P.S. After being continually lectured to by the new (?) boss, all I can say is this is one time that stuff will flow uphill. If this article has any effect on PSR members, and especially the Cajon Division that I hope for, our Regional AP Chair will be busy – just like me! 🚂

# PSR Education Department

JAN WESCOTT, PSR EDUCATION CHAIR

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## PSR Synergy

Let it be known there is synergy within the PSR Education walls! Webster's dictionary defines "synergy" as "working together." Roget's Thesaurus provides the synonyms fellowship and social intimacy while others cast the word as a "yuppie" term. However defined, synergy is necessary in order for the newly created PSR Education Department to get off the ground and be effective.

My plea to Division Directors was answered with cooperation and enthusiasm. I am truly grateful to them for helping me climb the first hurdle of my new position with such ease. Having Region and Division Education Chairs certainly reinforces the PSR commitment to support the policies and mission of the NMRA. Synergy reins in the PSR!

Note: We do need a representative in the Arizona Division. If anyone is interested, please contact Director John Determan.

I would like to express a big thank you to the three volunteers who stepped forward to be their Division's representatives. I look forward to working with them and what they will bring to our educational arena. The Division Education Chairs are:



**John Oliver**  
**Los Angeles Division**



**Walt Schmalgemeier**  
**San Diego Division**



**Jim Kociemski**  
**Cajon Division**

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# EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

Recently I learned of the great work Rodger Gredvig, San Diego Division Director, has been doing with the Boy Scout program and model railroading. I wanted to share his wonderful achievements and his involvement with the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program with you and ask him to write an article for this column. Herein is his wonderful story...

Jan: you asked for an article about our Scout program here in San Diego. I'll share what we have been doing. I am a Merit Badge Counselor and have been offering courses for several years. So here goes.

## The Railroading Merit Badge By Rodger Gredvig, MMR #218

As an avid model railroader who is very active in our local NMRA San Diego Division, and as a parent of a Boy Scout, I became interested in becoming a Merit Badge Counselor offering merit badges in Railroading and Model Design and Building. With some other NMRA dads whose sons were in scouting we began advertising our services at NMRA Meets and within a number of troops. Over the last few years we not only have had the opportunity to lead dozens of scouts through the requirements for their badges, but have also enabled them to see their efforts displayed.

The Railroading Merit Badge is not confined to models. It emphasizes the history and business of the industry, while promoting safety and awareness. Much of the requirements concentrate on prototype practices and functions. But as model railroaders we naturally put a bit more emphasis on those portions dealing with model railroading.

To accomplish this we provide the scouts with the opportunity to build a functioning Ntrak module, which is subsequently donated to a local club, the ShortN Trak club of North San Diego county. The club graciously displays these modules as part of their club's layout at conventions, malls and the county fair. Each module is

labeled with the boys' name and their troop number. The scouts get to see their efforts showcased on a regular basis.

Last year (and again this year) we have been invited by the Desert Pacific BSA Council to offer the Railroading Merit Badge at the annual Scout Fair in the Spring. We are provided a booth within the area called Merit Badge Midway. We display some of the completed modules and offer classes on portions of the requirements. It is only partial fulfillment of the badge because it obviously takes 3-4 weeks to complete a module and do all the other requirements. But it does give scouts a taste of model railroading and an incentive to complete the badge.

While there, they not only do the assigned lessons but get hands-on experience with small projects like plaster castings, creating tree armatures, and weathering techniques. They take their samples home and are encouraged to follow up with a Railroading MB counselor in their area, or to contact us for the next planned session.

In full sessions they learn to solder, do wiring, carpentry, structures, scenery, operation and a host of other applications. Hopefully, we have not only inspired these young men to consider our fascinating hobby, but to learn skills and the confidence to accomplish all they can imagine in life.

Photos of some of the work that has been done by these scouts can be viewed on the World Wide Web at a simple web site at this URL:

[http://www.geocities.com/stnsinr/Scout\\_Ntrak\\_Modules.html](http://www.geocities.com/stnsinr/Scout_Ntrak_Modules.html)

Some of the modules include scenes reflecting their scouting experience. For example, scouts in Troop 278 construct their own homemade kayaks and take trips on the Colorado river, so tiny kayaks and back packers around a flickering camp fire are incorporated into some of these modules.

If you are interested in being part of this program contact your local BSA council and then get together with your Division Education Chairman. 🚂

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15 Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) Southern Pacific Division Meet. 12:30 - 5 PM. Brookhurst Community Center, 22771 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA #3 each or \$5 for family. Brian Fields, (562) 595-9194. Brian@ttos-sp.com [www.ttos-sp.com](http://www.ttos-sp.com)



2003 - JULY 13 - 19: "Maple Leaf 2003" NMRA 2003 National Convention. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Hosted by Niagara Frontier Region. registrar@m12003.com General Information: [www.m12003.com](http://www.m12003.com)



2004 - JUNE 28 to JULY 3: "Puget Sound Express" NMRA 2004 National Convention. Seattle, WA. Information and Registration: Dave Kreitler, (425) 831-5131, rnut@msn.com. General Information: [www.nmra2004.org](http://www.nmra2004.org)

Including items contributed by Mary Barstow, MMR, Los Angeles Division Director



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