

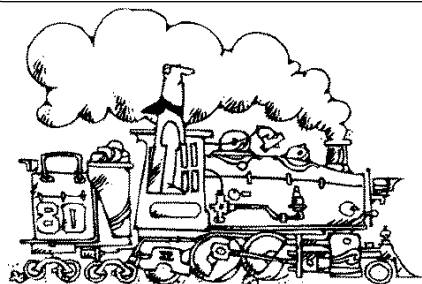
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## From the Hot Seat!

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I hope to see all of you at the upcoming PSR convention; September is not that far away. This *PSR Dispatch* is the convention issue that lists many events that are waiting for you at this convention!

**Robert Sherlock**, the *Arizona Express 2003* convention chairman, had some health issues and regretfully resigned as chairman. Bob is doing much better now that he is able to concentrate on his health. **Roger von Seeberg** and **Don Stewart** will co-chair the event; the convention committee has done a wonderful job with all the preparation for the convention, so please show your support and attend the convention. If model railroading is fun, this must be the best part - right?

As you know, we have two Board of Director meetings per year; one is held just before the convention and the other is held half way through the year. We missed a "face to face" mid year BOD Meeting and had a virtual meeting on the Internet for the record. We will be discussing many topics pertaining to the PSR at the next meeting. Any PSR member has the right to attend the BOD Meeting; here is your chance to see the working end of the hobby (as long as we can all fit in the room).

I wish to invite everyone to another important meeting: the General Membership Meeting after the convention on Sunday. This is a fun meeting. (They are all fun aren't they? <G>) We give a brief explanation of what's going on with the PSR, and we show off our newly elected and re-elected officers. Please show your support for your Director by coming to this meeting; they will appreciate it.

One topic we will be discussing is the NMRA® Long Range Plan (LRP) and its effect on the Region. You

may read or download the plan at the NMRA® website at <http://www.nmra.org/news/LRP.pdf>. If you do not have access to the Internet you may write the NMRA® or me for a copy. There are many changes on the horizon for us. Hopefully the LRP will be making the business end of the hobby a little easier. The only problem with the document I see is that there is so much information. I found if it is broken down into small sections it is easier to digest. Look to the July issue of the NMRA® **Bulletin** for the Charlie Getz article for further explanation.

Another topic we will discuss is the question of whether or not a non-NMRA® member shall be admitted to the Regional convention. There was discussion and a vote on this subject at the last BOD meeting. The vote was passed to restrict non-NMRA® members from the Regional convention. Some people feel this issue was not discussed to its entirety so we will readdress it.

Congratulations are in order for **Jan Wescott** on her appointment as the NMRA® National Education Director. After many months of thought she decided to accept the position and, knowing Jan, she is already making many changes. She will definitely be a big asset for NMRA® HQ.

This brings a thought, do you realize that the PSR is very well represented at the National level? Along with our Trustee Robert Sherlock, we have Tom Draper as NMRA® Treasurer, Debbie Draper as the National Trade Show Booth Registrar, Dorr Altizer as the National Convention Publication Chair and now Jan Wescott as the National Education Director. We are very lucky!

That's all for now, see you at the next stop. 🚂

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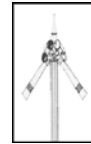
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### PSR 2003 Model Railroad Convention

September 11 - 14, 2003 — Phoenix, Arizona

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Usually at this time of year Division activity slows to a crawl. Most of our members, especially those living in the desert areas, can be found hovering real close to an A/C. However there's still some movement to be seen. A July Board Team meeting was held, the Division will be doing some promo at the August Las Vegas GATS show, and of course, preparations are now being finalized for the Chinese Auction in September at the 2003 PSR convention in Phoenix.

After this slow down period the pace really picks up to fast and furious. In October we host our first Meet in the Hemet area. I'm really looking forward to this one. Coordinator Wally Clark has opened many doors in putting this Meet together. Included in his efforts are involving the members of a Junior Model Railroad Club from the Hemet/San Jacinto Railroad Club, the "kids" with the Anza 4-H Model Railroad project, the Temecula Valley Garden Railroad Club and the Hemet

Historical Depot Museum. In addition he's found two new clinicians and two new layouts. Hats off to Wally!

Following right on the heels of our Hemet Meet will be our big annual National Model Railroad month celebration. Circle your calendars for November 14-16, 2003, Barstow Ramada Inn in Barstow, California. Once again the Division will be hosting a whole weekend of fun activities for under \$10. This event is open to all PSR members and not limited to Cajon Division members. Those attending last year claimed the event to be the "best ever." We're hoping to make this year's even greater.

A truly great line up of clinicians has now been confirmed to include slides shows by both Bob Larson, retired engineer and author of two books, and Chard Walker, renowned author of several books. There will be a total of 10 clinics and slides shows, the Division's infamous Chinese Auction loaded with over 100 auction items, the "Anything but a Boxcar" popular vote contest for cash prizes, operating trains at the Harvey House, Open House with Continental Breakfast at the Tucker's and much more. You're invited to visit [www.cajondiv.org](http://www.cajondiv.org) under the Events section, click underlined Barstow Model Railroad Celebration to retrieve a copy of the informational flyer. Plan now to be there!

Thanks to all that took time to vote in the Director's election. Your support is important and appreciated. Enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing many of you in Phoenix or down the Cajon tracks. 🚂

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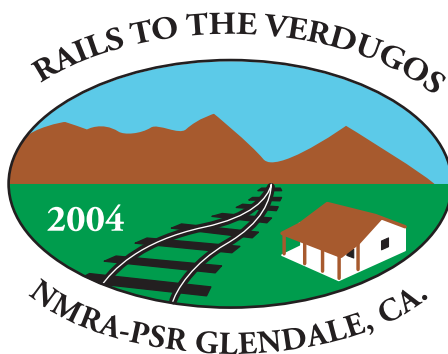
What more could we ask for? A beautiful day, lots of great layouts, good food, and marvelous people. All together, the **South Bay Adventure Layout Tour** was a great success. Including Southern California Garden Railway Society as a part of the event worked well. And, starting at Wilson Park for registration gave everyone an opportunity to see what the Southern California Live

# Activity Reports



Steamers are up to. A final finish at our home for fun and refreshments made for a perfect day.

Now thoughts and plans turn to two upcoming public train shows. The first will open **Model Railroad Month** and is scheduled for November 1 and 2. This show will be at the **Arcadia Arboretum**. Later, scheduled for March 13-14, Los Angeles Division will organize a show at **Descanso Gardens** in La Canada Flintridge.



"**Rails To The Verdugos**," the PSR 2004 Convention, is taking shape. It's exciting to see all the elements starting to come together. Of course, there is much to be done and we continue to seek your help. Volunteers are needed so give Dave or myself a call. I'm also looking for clinicians so if you think that you have something to share it would be great to have you. Let us know.

Discussion regarding the **Long Range Plan** for the NMRA is promised to be on the agenda at the Board of Directors Meeting in Phoenix. The membership dues structure needs revision. I just received my notice to pay my national dues. Nothing is mentioned about any regional dues, like they don't exist. Nothing new, but it serves as a reminder for the need for consistency. This is only one of many issues to be discussed over time and will require much effort.

I look forward to seeing you all in Phoenix for *Arizona Express 2003*.

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## SAN DIEGO

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Since the last report the Division has been continuing with their monthly mini-meet plan.

In June we met at Dick Robert's superb mushroom style, Nevada shortline layout with his unique elevator system of raising complete trains to the upper level. Dick has completed finishing his room and valance to create a theater-like presentation of his linear, split level concept. Excellent modeling, handlaid track, and dramatic presentation make this a premier HO layout.

In July we visited the well detailed and flawlessly running O scale Niagara Lines of Max Schwanda. Not too many can boast of a fully scened O scale layout that is both a delight to behold and operate.

We also had a great Spring Meet hosted by the Poway All Scale club featuring clinics, swap meet, contest, and operating modular displays.

What is especially encouraging about these latest meets is that we are not just passing through, but we gather to welcome new members and visitors. Through our new policy of expanded mailings and reminder postcards we have doubled our usual layout attendance, and have even had a number of NMRA applications filled out on the spot.

Many local NMRA members also volunteer at this time of the year to help the Short Track Crew of Vista run their Ntrak layout at the San Diego County Fair for 3 weeks straight, 12 hours a day. How many visitors do you get to see your layout? This year the Fair totaled more than 1,180,000. That's right over a million!

Meanwhile the Vista Club operated their BSA stand-alone Ntrak modules for two weeks at the semiannual Fair at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista.

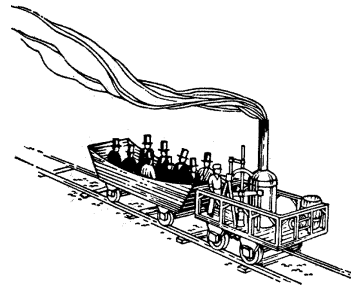
The NMRA and local clubs continue to be active in promoting the joy of model railroading throughout the county.

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# PSR Contest Corner

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We recently returned from Illinois, where between bouts with illness there were some bright spots. Visits with my father, who turned 105 on 21 July, my 50th high school class reunion (qualifies me for “old fart” status) and being asked to display some of my award winning models and awards at the Galesburg Railroad Days celebration were the highlights.

The Galesburg Railroad Days fete is well worth while if you should ever happen to be in the Midwest during the last week in June. There are many displays, events and over 300 vendors/swap meet tables with things that you “just can’t live without.” Railroad items abound!



**Arizona Express 2003**

September 11 - 14, 2003 — Phoenix, Arizona

Now, it is time to get down to business. The PSR convention is almost upon us. The site in Phoenix is the same one we enjoyed during the 1995 convention. The accommodations are excellent, as if the food (libations!) and the contest room is exceptional with good lighting.


The time has come to put the finishing touches on those contest entries. Touch up the paint work, remove the fingerprints and dust and prepare the best way to display your entry.

Please use the latest contest forms which can be found on the NMRA website. If at all possible, type your forms. Unfortunately, far too many of you write like I do and this can cause the judges some consternation when attempting to decipher the hieroglyphics that we sometimes manually set for them on the contest forms. Follow the guidelines set forth in the last issue of the PSR Dispatch and you’ll find that the paperwork chore will be much easier.

The hours that the contest room will be open are posted on the convention website. Entries will be accepted until 10 AM on Saturday. This will allow adequate time to process entries prior to judging.

I look forward to seeing all of the PSR members and their spouses in the contest room, whether contestants or those who enjoy viewing the work of others.

I would encourage those who are interested in judging in the contests to contact me as early as possible. Now to judging? If you are interested, we’ll place you with an experienced judge. Over the years I’ve learned so much through the judging process. You, too, can share in this educational experience.

See you in Phoenix! 

Two PSR members received awards for their entries in the National model construction contest in Toronto.



Perennial national winner MMR Allen Gross’s finely detailed model won first place in the Non-Revenue category. It consisted of a crane and associated car with a boom to lay new and/or replace old rail. Allen’s model also won the Testor’s Finish award. Allen had to overcome a great deal of adversity. His model was badly damaged coming through customs and required extensive repairs in his hotel room before presenting it in the contest room.



My HO scale GN 50' express refrigerator car received the “Gold Award” for the “Best of Show” model. The car was made up of 1,451 separate parts. My ALCO GN RS-1 loco also placed third in the “Diesel and Other” category.





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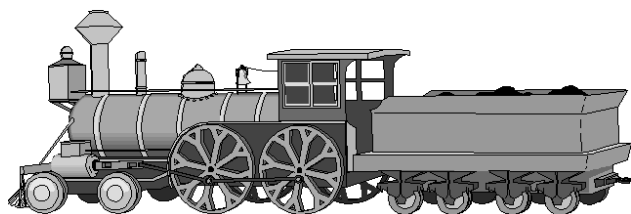
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This issue we will devote this column entirely to our Convention Car Display since it represents both the past and present history of the Region. The Display, which is now completely finished, will be exhibited for the first time at the *Arizona Express 2003* Convention in Phoenix.

Pictures of this display are shown here as a preview of what to look for while attending the Convention. It comprises two boxes, side by side. One box contains convention cars from 1982 through 1994, while the second box contains cars from 1995 through the present

time. Under each car is a label that indicates the year of the convention, the city where it was held and the name of the donor of the car. Please note that all cars were donated to the Region by past and present members. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their generosity.

An item of interest for those viewing the Display, is that it contains the last Pacific Coast Region (PCR) convention car from 1982 and the joint PCR/PSR convention car from 1983. Then in 1984 the first PSR convention was held and that car is displayed. Hope you all enjoy seeing the Display. 🚂



## PSR Achievement Program

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National has approved **Charles Nauman's** Volunteer Award. It will be presented at the Banquet at the *Arizona Express 2003* Convention in Phoenix.

Another PSR member, **Harold Shelton**, has garnered 4 Certificates in judging this past May and June. His

outstanding work has earned him the Scenery, Structures, Civil and Electrical Certificates. Harold's layout will be on the Layout Tours during the convention.

Lots of exceptional modelers' work is garnering Certificates. Contact me to find out how you can join in the fun and recognition. 🚂

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# PSR Education Department

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## NMRA® Names New Education Leader

The above caption “NMRA® Names New Education Leader” is indeed the headline within the NMRA® education infrastructure.

Yes, after months of deliberation and constant urgings by various other leaders within the organization I accepted the appointment. On June 13th NMRA® President Allen Pollock made the official announcement.

Friends and peers in the Regional and Divisional level gasp at my acceptance; most fearing that I might have undertaken too much. However, I really feel I can make a difference and have pledged whole-hearted efforts to at least try. I write this because you are my home Region and wanted you to know.

Since my appointment, I think I've given new meaning to the term “green” Director as I try to quickly grasp full understanding of all the ins and outs of the NMRA®. My whole world has since become one big educational learning curve. My emails tripled, new names, new staff team, all the “can do’s” and “can’t do’s,” the financial make-up, etc. On the other hand, I probably have given back equal dose of “Jan” education to the same echelon. <grin>

My vision of how this Department should be and what existed did not match. My first project was to restructure and revamp the Department, creating new Chair positions, setting forth new objectives, identifying some short term and long term goals, etc. I believe the Education Department is key to the NMRA® membership and should very much be a visible viable entity.

Most of you who know me know I believe in communication. There are some wonderful things that the volunteer structures within the NMRA® are doing but no one knows about it. I've been impressed and amazed and have already gained a wealth of “I didn't know that” information. To this end, this has become my personal goal: to find ways to channel information, to better relate the NMRA® to the member and our hobby.

Certainly there are many hurdles to climb to attain even this one goal (and I have others) but be assured my efforts will be there. The first visible impact will be in the Bulletin section of your new Scale Rails magazine. Beginning in October I am hoping to have an Education News column each and every month written alternately by the Chairs of each of the five areas under the education umbrella: Contest, Clinics, Achievement Program, Modeling with the Masters and the Junior College Program. This will serve to bring some word downstream.

Education does not always have to mean only formal teachings (clinics) or involving the youth although certainly included. Education to the average member is simply learning something you didn't know before. I believe the true value of our membership is in sharing. Members sharing with other members is also the very best education one can receive in our hobby.

I want to take opportunity here to thank everyone that has sent congratulatory and support messages. Your support has and always will be very important to me. 🚂🚂🚂

## PSR Division Director Election Results

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Arizona - Don Stewart: 31

Cajon - Jan Wescott: 50

Los Angeles - Mary Barstow, MMR: 31

San Diego - Rodger Gredvig, MMR: 8

Not Counted: 12

Total Ballots Received: 132

### Notes:

1. There were no write-ins on any ballot.
2. 12 ballots were not counted because the voter overlooked or didn't follow, for whatever reasons, the instructions on the ballot and voted in all four Divisions.





# Arizona Express 2003

Pacific Southwest Region Convention, September 11 - 14, 2003 Phoenix, AZ

## Crew Change in Phoenix

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The Chairmanship of the *Arizona Express 2003* PSR Convention has changed hands as Roger von Seeburg and Don Stewart have assumed the Co-Chair responsibilities effective July 5, 2003. Robert Sherlock has had to step down as a result of health issues. We wish him well. He will continue to help as he can, as he wants to remain active with the committee.

Both have experience in planning and holding PSR conventions, having attended all or been on the committee of many the PSR conventions in Arizona since 1984. Both want to ensure the convention is successful and attendees have a more to do than they have time available. This special section of the *PSR Dispatch* presents all the clinics, layouts, and events that are part of the convention. Come join the fun and support the Arizona Division.

The clinic schedule has been firmed up with clinics on modeling, prototype, and special interest categories. Seven or more of the clinics are using state-of-the-art computer projection that should prove interesting. Layout tours have been expanded to 18 and there will be busses to visit many of them on Friday and Saturday. The contests, a video area and the company store will be there too. A swap meet is planned nearby and busses will shuttle people to the meet and back. There will also be a HOBO Breakfast and an Awards Banquet on Saturday. And there are many hobby shops available if you run out of things to do and have an urge to enhance the Arizona economy.

Not to be left out, the Railettes have a tour to a chocolate factory (Thursday) and trip to a mall (with free coupons on Friday) in addition to the traditional luncheon (Saturday). There will be lots of time for getting re-acquainted with friends and developing new ones.

A new feature this year will be a Chinese Auction. If you have not attended one of these before, it is quite entertaining. This will be held Thursday evening. Locomotive kits, brass cars and lots of other items, including items for the non-rails, have already been placed in the auction. See page 11 for more information on this unique event.

**PSR DISPATCH** — 3rd Quarter, 2003

There are a few items that we hope you will pay particular attention to within this *Arizona Express 2003* PSR Convention special section. First is the Modeling with the Masters clinics. If you wish to participate in these clinics (one or more) you must sign-up in advance and pay the clinic fee. You will receive further instructions by mail after registering. For these clinics to actually take place there is a requirement that there be at least 20 registrants for each to cover the cost of the materials. You will build something in each clinic that you will be able to take with you when you return home.

Second, there is a rare opportunity to participate in an operating session at the layout of Jim Knollmiller. The first 20 people who submit a request to participate in the operating session will do so. You must send email to Roger von Seeburg including your name, address, phone number and email address using "GN Operations" in the subject line. You will receive some advance material via mail or email. Having had the opportunity to participate in one of these operating sessions, we can both assure you that you will have an enjoyable evening of operations and meet some of the "Empire Builders" in person.

The PSR BOD has agreed to place the PSR membership requirement for attending the PSR Convention on the meeting agenda at the September meeting. This will not change the requirements for this year, but will be a topic of discussion for future events.

Your attendance at the Convention will be memorable. New friends are made and old ones continued through stories of the past year. 🚂

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# Arizona Express 2003

Pacific Southwest Region Convention, September 11 - 14, 2003 Phoenix, AZ

## General Information

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On the following xxxx pages are several articles written by members of the Convention Committee about events and activities that are planned for *Arizona Express 2003*. The topics covered range from a list of some very interesting clinics to details about the Chinese Auction (new to PSR conventions). Herewith is some information about the convention and the hard working folks on the Convention Committee.

### CONVENTION WEB SITE:

[www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html)

### REGISTRATION FEES (PER PERSON)

NMRA® Membership is required to register. Non-Rails or Youths need not be a member when accompanied by an NMRA® Member.

Full Adult Rail: \$60.00

Adult Non-Rail: \$50.00

Youth (6-20) \$40.00

Single Day: \$25.00

NMRA® Membership: \$45.00

PSR Membership: \$7.00

Make checks or money orders (U.S. Funds only) payable to "Arizona Express 2003." Credit cards accepted are Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover. When paying by credit card you may fax the registration form (see the insert in this issue) to (602) 953-0751.

### HOTEL:

**Embassy Suites Hotel Phoenix - North**, 2577 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023-4222.

**Room Rates** are \$85 per night (single or double) and include a two-room suite (all rooms are suites), evening reception (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. including free full bar) and a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast.

**For Reservations:** 800-527-7715, Local: 602-375-1777, Fax: 602-993-5963, <http://www.embassysuites.com>. If calling, specify that you are attending the "Model Railroad Convention - PSR." If you use the web site, under the "Special Account" area, place the letters CRR in the "Group/Convention code" box.

**Hotel Details:** A map of the area around the hotel is at <http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003map.jpg>.



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## Chinese Auction Update

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### ITEMS GALORE AND MORE...

**B**rass cars, Lenox crystals, DVD player, Barbies, Locomotives, Wine basket, 80-pc. kiddies' train set, Laughlin Free Rooms, Car kits and more car kits, Structures, Train books, a variety of scale items in HO, N, G, O, a limited edition poster of Carrizo Gorge Railway "Goat Canyon Trestle" from Charlie Coval and more.

The items keep pouring in for this special event at the *Arizona Express 2003* PSR Convention. There's something for everyone, the train buffs, the ladies, the kids or grandkids.

Don't miss the gaiety and laughter at the Chinese Auction. It's new, crazy, kinda dumb, really fun and sure to be one of the most talked about events at the convention. Bring your luck with you! Remember, the special hosts for this event is the Cajon Division Team and most hail from Las Vegas, where luck is key and fun reigns supreme.

The action begins at 6 pm Thursday, September 11th when Chinese Auction tickets go on sale. Tickets are sold in sets of 25 tickets (\$3) and you can buy as many sets as you like while supply lasts. The cost of each ticket becomes just ten cents apiece when buying 2 sets at a time or 50 tickets (\$5). Also for each set of 25 tickets you receive one special door prize drawing ticket. Yes, there will be door prizes, too. Can you really win a brass car for a dime...? What's that saying, "it only takes one"?

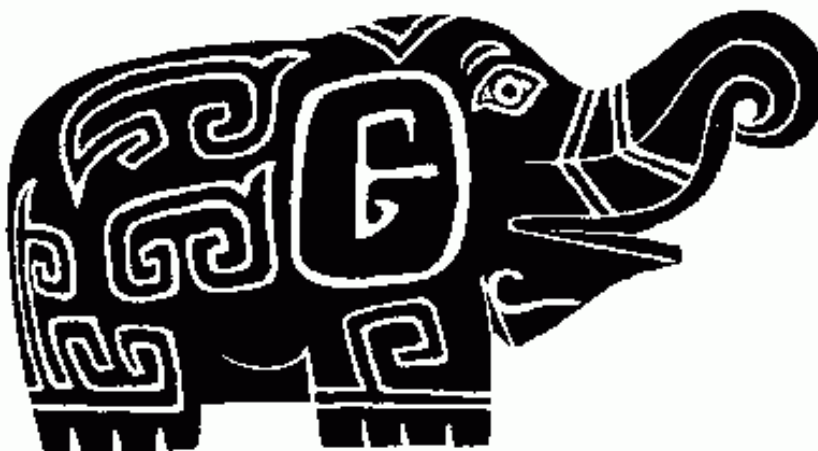
Come say hello to the Cajon crew, the ones that let themselves be duped into thinking that working at a "far from home" convention is great fun. There's Arnt

and Kay Tonnessen, Bill and Jane Jacobs, David and Kathy Villeneuve, Brian and Loretta Block, Jim Hinkle, Robert Wescott, "adopted" member, Dottie Finch (Arizona) and me. Dee Tucker will be helping the Railettes and "if" I can find her hubby, Cajon Board Team member Ron, he will be put to work, too.

So look for the Chinese elephant symbol in your timetable to find our location. We'll be there waiting for you.


More! The Railettes will be joining us in the Chinese Auction room that same evening offering a special raffle of 3 premium items too good to pass up

for a dollar chance. Patti Platt's award winning doll will be there; as will her ceramic Christmas tree and a crystal Christmas tree made by Joyce Determan. Both trees light up. Think that maybe we could talk the gals into bringing some of their infamous cookies to go along with our coffeepot?



Maybe...

If you haven't registered for the convention, it's not too late. Despite having to overcome many obstacles the Arizona convention team has done an outstanding job to organize a first class event. It begins with the hotel accommodations where you'll have a spacious 2-room suite, full-fledge breakfast every morning, and (2) cocktails in the evening all included in the price of your room. The convention agenda includes a star-studded lineup of clinicians, a Modeling with the Masters session, a swap meet to roam for bargains, both bus and self guided layout tours, plus little extras like goodie bags, and more.

Sure hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you at the *Arizona Express 2003* PSR Convention in September. 



# MODELING WITH THE MASTERS

## Concept

During several NMRA® events participants wanted more than just a “how to clinic.” However, this was difficult to provide due to the high number of members attending our programs. The Modeling with the Masters program was developed with a hands-on approach to modeling in mind. By limiting the number of participants to 24 members, placed in small groups, you receive personal instruction by an NMRA® Master Model Railroader.

## Skill Level

The MWTM Clinics cover topics on an introductory basis but include some techniques that are advanced. Since the whole idea is to teach you new skills by “doing” you will amaze yourself with what you will accomplish.

## Program

These clinics provide background on the history of the subject, current available materials, kits, methods of construction and an outline of the hands on projects.

After watching a lesson the participants build a small project based on this lesson material. Our staff of Clark Kooning and Al Boos, both Master Model Railroaders, will be available to assist the participants during the PSR convention.

At the end of each clinic, the participants will have several items to take home. Other MMR's may also drop by to assist.

We will try to accommodate models in your scale; however, this may not be possible due to availability. See the scale availability for each clinic on the facing page. You may choose one or as many clinics as you would like to attend.

Each MWTM clinic you choose will result in an extra fare being charged to you. This extra fare covers all kits, paints and other building materials need to complete an excellent model that you may take home and place on your layout.

When you registered with the PSR Convention, you received a confirmation package, which included a list of modeling tools required to actively take part in this program. The participant must supply all tools, as noted.

On the facing page is a brief description of each available clinic and what you will build; the scale availability for each clinic is also listed below the descriptions.

## Clinic# 1, Thursday

*Extra Fare Cost \$40.00*

*Introduction to building wood craftsman kits* with Al Boos, MMR. You will be introduced to the interesting world of wood craftsman kits and how they are best put together, you will receive instruction on assembling, painting and weathering to complete your project of a wooden structure

Scale availability: N, HO, S, O

## Clinic # 2, Thursday

*Extra Fare Cost \$40.00*

*Introduction to scratchbuilding a wood trestle bridge* with Clark Kooning, MMR This clinic is designed as a basic introduction to scratchbuilding with wood. Each student will build his own wood trestle bridge in his scale. Learn to cut, stain and weather wood for realistic effects.

Scale availability: N, HO, S, O

## Clinic #3, Friday

*Extra Fare Cost*

*\$40.00*

*Introduction to scratchbuilding in styrene.* A special project will introduce you to world of scratchbuilding in styrene. Learn how to cut, glue, paint and weather your project. You will be only limited by your imagination as to what you can build after this hands-on experience.

Scale availability: N, HO

## Clinic# 4, Friday

*Extra Fare Cost*

*\$42.00*

*Introduction to building white metal kits.* You will be introduced to the interesting world of white metal kits and how they are best put together, you will receive instruction on assembling, painting, and weathering to complete your project.

Scale availability: HO, S, O

## Clinic #5, Saturday

*Extra Fare Cost*

*\$42.00*

*Introduction to building LASER KITS* with Clark Kooning, MMR during this clinic each student will build a neat little laser cut structure. You will learn how these fantastic kits go together and how to paint, weather and assemble them. By building our project you can learn the tips and tricks you need to tackle any laser kit.

Scale availability: N, HO, S, O

**\*\* These are four to four and a half hour clinics and you must pre-register. Each clinic must have 20 registrants or it can't be given. See the convention registration form. \*\***

Clinic No.					Tools For Modeling With Masters Clinics
1	2	3	4	5	
X	X	X	X	X	Cutting mat (should be of reasonable size) This is a must item!
X	X	X	X	X	X-acto knife or scalpel with #11 blades
X	X	X			X-acto saw with fine teeth
X	X	X			Single edge razor blades
X	X	X	X	X	Flat needle file
X	X	X	X	X	6" Flat file
X	X				Long Straight Pins
X	X	X			Several #2 pencils-very sharp
X	X	X		X	Sandpaper - 240 grit (1-2 pcs), 280 grit (1-2 pcs), #120 grit and #100 grit or small sanding tools of same grit
X	X	X	X	X	Tweezers a) blunt b) needle point
X	X	X	X	X	Small modellers square (optional) or a inexpensive math set with 30/60 degree & 45 degree triangles (buy at dollar store or drug store)
X	X	X	X	X	¼ inch stiff nylon bristle brush (1 only)
X	X				½ inch and 1-inch cheap nylon paint brushes (2 of each size)
X	X	X			Small paint brush - #5 or 6, pointed or flat
X	X	X	X	X	Scale ruler for your scale (Multi scale best)
X	X	X	X	X	Metal straight edge such as a your scale ruler (or similar product)
X	X	X	X	X	Dental pic or similar type of tool (optional).
X	X				CA type of glue - Super glue-gel formula
			X		CA type glue medium density
			X		CA accelerator
X	X	X			Two pair of clamps (bar clamp at least 8 to 12 inches wide - depending on scale you model in.) (These clamps are available thru Micro Mart tools (see ad in MR or Craftsman magazines) or you can also use the small "Quick-grip mini bar clamp from the makers of Vise-Grip from most hardware stores.
		X			Flush Cut Pliers
		X			Double sided 'scotch' tape
		X			Nibbler tool (Buy at Radio Shack for working on PC boards - optional tool but suggested)
			X	X	0, 00 paint brush 1 each (bristles should be sable, no nylon)
			X	X	000 Sable paint brush (Must item) bristles must be sable, no nylon
			X	X	Triangular needle file
			X		Needle nose Pliers
			X		Small pin vice (small drill) with # drill bits 2 of each. #80, # 78, #76 (several), #72, #70
			X	X	Miniature Machinists Vise (Micro mart # 60297) would be a handy item but not mandatory
X	X	X	X	X	And any other tools you usually use...
The following are optional tools which can be used in the clinics, but it is not essential to buy them for just the clinics					
			x	x	Optional - Optivisor
			x	x	Optional - 2 inch machinist square
x	x	x			Optional - Northwest Shortline Chopper
x	x	x			Optional - Northwest Shortline Sander
x	x	x			Optional - Mitre Box

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### AWARDS BANQUET

*Saturday, 6 PM - No Host Cocktails Suites A, B & C*

*Saturday, 7 PM - Awards Banquet*

Guest Speaker is **Charlie Getz** of narrow Gauge fame and fortune. The menu is Prime Rib, Honey Sesame Chicken or Salmon. The Awards Ceremony will follow the meal.

### RAILETTES ACTIVITIES

*Thursday, 9 AM to 5 PM - Railette Room - Exec Suite (3005)*

*Thursday, 9 AM to Noon - Cerreta's Candy Factory Tour*

*Thursday, 6:30 PM to 9 PM - Railette Raffle / Chinese Auction*

*Thursday, 9:00 PM - Raffle Drawing*

#### **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

*Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM - Railette Room - Exec Suite (3005)*

*Friday, 9:30 AM to 4 PM - Arizona Mills Mall Tour*

*Saturday, 9 AM to 11 AM - Railette Room - Exec Suite (3005)*

*Saturday, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM - Luncheon / Fashion Show  
at Lafitte's Restaurant inside Hotel*

### TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

*Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM North Phoenix Baptist Church  
5757 North Central Avenue, Phoenix*

Sponsored by the Arizona Division/PSR and the Arizona Model Railroading Society. Free admission - wear your Convention Badge. Shuttle Buses run from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM (\$5 per person).



### Prototype & Special Interest Tours

At press time, work is continuing on arranging for three prototype and special interest tours. Two to Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway facilities and one to an industry with a spur line.

Because there is not a commitment at press time, we don't want to publicize the tours, but we do want to encourage you to watch the convention web site (at [www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html)) for updates.

If our efforts are successful, you will be advised of the tours via the web site and you will be encouraged to pre-register for the tours so that we will know what size bus to schedule for the tours. Thanks for your indulgence.

Rest assured that the *Arizona Express 2003* committee is doing everything possible to provide you with the maximum number of options for your convention enjoyment. Again, the web site is located at: [www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html)

### OTHER EVENTS

**Registration:** *Wednesday, 5 PM to 9 PM*

*Thursday, 8 AM to 7 PM*

*Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM*

*Saturday, 9 AM to 1 PM*

**Contests:** Accepting Entries - *Thursday, 9 AM to 7 PM*

*Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM*

*Saturday, 9 AM to 10 AM*

**Hobo Breakfast:** *Saturday, 7:00 AM*

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**PSA DISPATCH** — 3rd Quarter, 2003



## CLINICS PROTOTYPE

### Alaska Railroad

**Dan Napoliello**      **Thu. – 4 PM - Salon B**  
**Fri. – 7 PM - Salon D**

Dan, who was stationed at Fort Wainwright for 2.5 years, provides a wealth of information on the Alaska RR, from the beginning to the present time. For all of you who want to model or conduct research on the Alaska RR, this clinic is a must.

### Colorado Depots

**Phil Hanna**      **Thu. – 8:30 AM - Salon B**  
**Fri. – 8:30 PM - Salon D**

This clinic provides you with all of the Colorado Depots you can imagine. It is the most complete pictorial history of the depots you can gather. Phil has a unique way he presents the material.

### Steam Locomotives:

**Don Stewart**    **Pt. 1 – Fri. – 1 PM - Salon A**  
                         **Pt 2 – Fri. – 2:30 PM – Salon A**  
                         **Pt. 1 – Sat. – 1 PM – Salon A**  
                         **Pt. 2 – Sat. 2:30 PM – Salon A**

How They Work And What Are All Those Pipes For  
(2 Hours – 2 Parts)

Part One: General Information - basic steam loco parts, nomenclature, how a locomotive works.

Part Two: Performance Features - feedwater heaters, power reverses, stokers, superheating within the flues and et cetera.

### Military Railway Service

**Don Morrison**      **Fri. – 10 AM – Salon B**  
**Sat. – 10 AM – Salon D**

A presentation of prototype military railroad equipment.

### Southern Pacific Lathrop Sub

**Paul Chandler**      **Fri. – 8:30 PM – Salon A**  
**Sat. – 10 AM – Salon A**

This is an overview of Southern Pacific operations on the Lathrop Subdivision. The focus of the talk would be prototypical operations and how that is employed in an operating model railroad scenario.

### Bridges & Buildings of Arizona Railroads

**George Lopez-Cepero**  
**Thu. – 1 PM – Salon A**  
**Fri. – 7 PM – Salon A**

George will present the handiwork of the Bridge and Building Gangs of the railroads: Samples of railroad structures existing in Arizona. Stations, Section Houses, Water Tanks, etc. He will discuss bridge loadings and various bridge types.



## CLINICS MODELING

### How To Improve The Appearance Of Your Freight Cars

**Duane Buck**      **Thu. – 2:30 PM – Salon D**  
**Fri. – 2:30 PM Salon D**

Duane, a well-known model builder, shows you how to vastly improve the appearance of the Freight Car. From the average out-of-the-box kit to an award winning model, You will be shown how to vastly improve the appearance of the model using various components such as hand rails, grab irons and etc.

### Scenery From The Laundry Room

**Bob Moore**      **Thu. – 10 AM – Salon D**  
**Fri. – 4 PM – Salon D**

The military modelers have been doing this for years. It's cheap. But we just didn't listen.

### Details Make The Difference

**Don Fowler**      **Fri. – 7 PM – Salon B**  
**Sat. – 8:30 AM – Salon B**

Don will provide kitbashing and scratchbuilding tips for creating small scenery details essential to model railroading. Slides and video of Don's "N" scale Southern Pacific system will be featured in the presentation. Projects include streets, shop details, emergency vehicles, trees and more.



# CLINICS MODELING

## **Getting the Hitch out of Your "Get a Long"** **Denny Surufka    Fri. – 2:30 PM – Salon B**

This clinic will demonstrate the basics of reworking brass steam locomotive mechanisms for smoother performance and re-powering with new can motors. Will demonstrate dismantling a brass locomotive for basic lubrication and preparation for re-motoring. Will also discuss re-gearing components and techniques.

## **Scratchbuilding Ala Carte** **Tom George    Sat. – 4 PM - Salon A**

This is a very clever presentation on how to scratchbuild. There isn't anything that is safe when Tom starts to construct a model. He will show you how to use the ordinary material that is just laying around to construct a great model.

## **Finished Scenery** **Dave Connery & Brad Lloyd** **Thu. – 10 AM – Salon B** **Sat. – 8:30 AM – Salon D**

Dave & Brad will show you how to finish scenery to the Nth degree. You will be able complete that scenery project that you have been putting off for quite a long time. As accomplished modelers, they will have you installing scenery like a pro in no time at all.

## **The 30 Minute Paint Job** **Lenny Smith (The Casa Grande Trader)** **Fri. – 8:30 AM – Salon D** **Sat. – 2:30 PM – Salon B**

Lenny's clinic covers preparation and re-painting of factory painted engines. Also included will be some unique masking techniques.

## **Painting** **John Determan    Thu. – 2:30 PM – Salon B** **Fri. 8:30 AM – Salon D**

John will cover preparing the paint and the equipment, such as airbrushes and compressors, and share some of his techniques and safety tips.



## **Model Trees for Model Railroads** **Charles Nauman    Fri. – 1 PM – Salon D** **Sat. – 1 PM - Salon D**

Model tree making techniques will be discussed and demonstrated – including general principles; commercially available trees; modern materials and kits; assembly from scratch; and planting them on your layout.

## **Surface Mount LEDs for Modeling** **Barry Draper    Thu. – 1 PM – Salon B** **Fri. – 1 PM – Salon B**

Most modelers are using Light Emitting Diodes for various applications, but very few seem to have discovered Surface Mount LEDs. They are very tiny, and offer an alternative in many applications including locomotive headlights and signals.

## **New Concepts for Improvement of Passenger Train Modeling (2 hours)** **John Fiscella    Thu. – 8:30 AM – Salon A** **Fri. – 8:30 AM – Salon A**

A description of new approaches and sources for gathering data on passenger train information; and new aspects of model construction that increase realism and the tradeoffs that are involved. Examples will be provided of some model construction features not previously available, but which are now available; and demos of construction techniques not commonly utilized in the past. A demo of how to tweak and set up two commercial national brand high-quality "ready-to-run" passenger cars (one brass and one plastic) for reliable and realistic operation will also be given.

## **Oddball Logging Equipment:** **How to find the subject and how to build it.** **Allen Gross    Thu. – 2:30 PM – Salon A** **Fri. – 4 PM – Salon A**

Allen will present a series of plans, where the plans came from, photos of prototypes, where they are, and models and how the models were built.



# CLINICS MODELING

## Oddball Logging Equipment: (continued)

The model building will also discuss:

- The level of detail
- How to assess detail and its worth to the model
- How to decide on detail when there is no record of an item but you are reasonably aware that it did exist
- How to set up a small logging scene.

He may also discuss animation if there is time.

## Building An SP FP7A

**Tony Quilici**      **Thu. – 1 PM – Salon D**

**Sat. – 2:30 PM – Salon D**

Instructions and techniques for building an FP-7A out of two Highliner shells.

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## CLINICS SPECIAL INTEREST

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### A Chat With The President

**Allen Pollock, NMRA® President**

**Fri. – 4 PM – Salon B**

**Sat. – 10 AM Salon B**

This is an informal chat with the President. Do you have a question about the NMRA that you have been wanting answered? Now is the time to ask it. Allen will be available to answer your questions and concerns.

### The NMRA® Insurance

**John Roberts, NMRA® Executive Vice President**

**Fri. – 10 AM – Salon D**

**Sat. – 1 PM – Salon B**

John will explain the insurance program through all of its complexity. If you have ever wondered about the program, now is the time to ask.

### How To Publish A Hobby Newsletter

**Dorr Altizer**      **Thu. – 4 PM – Salon A**

**Sat. – 8:30 AM – Salon A**

Have you ever wondered how the *PSR Dispatch* is put together? This clinic will reveal how Dorris uses Adobe PageMaker® 7 and Acrobat® 6 to construct the PSR Dispatch for printing and online viewing.

## Live from the East Coast ...

**Kevin Feeney**      **Sat. – 4 PM – Salon B**

An informative and humorous look at Maple Leaf 2003. He has given similar presentations to the NJ Division and the MER on the annual convention each year since 1994. We are fortunate that he is in town this week for an out of his region convention experience.

## NMRA® Long Range Plan

**Charlie Getz**      **Fri. – 8:30 PM – Salon B**

How to model the LRP. No, No! Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask about the NMRA's proposed Long Range Plan, presented by the Chairman of the LRP Committee.

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## NOTES FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

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Many of us attending this convention have brought our cameras along to capture items of interest for future reference. Some may be looking for the perfect photograph for a future photo contest and some may just be recording ideas (from the clinics and/or layouts for that perfect layout we all wish to build.

The following are some thoughts we hope you will find helpful in your efforts to capture the perfect photograph.

1. Have your camera ready with the film or memory card (if a digital camera) and desired lens, if necessary, mounted before you step into place to take a photo.
2. Move away from the subject if you have to change film, change the memory card or make some other time consuming adjustment to your equipment.
3. Take any litter with you or dispose of it in a proper receptacle.
4. Take your shots as quickly as possible. Others also want a chance to photograph the subject and time at the location may be limited.
5. Be considerate of other photographers. Don't stand in front of that locomotive or block the view others may have of the subject. Visit away from the subject.
6. Be aware of your surroundings. Where you are standing may interfere with someone else's perfect photograph.
7. Always check around you when you are going to step-up to take your photograph. You might be stepping into the line of focus for another photographer.
8. Enjoy yourself and get some great shots.



## LAYOUT TOURS

### **Bob Adler, Peoria, HO**

**Saturday** Noon to 5 PM \*NW  
**Sunday** 12:30 PM to 4 PM

This is a very highly detailed layout depicting the early 50's to late 60's. Many finely presented scenes, structures, etc. Walk around radio control and a great viewing space make this a great layout to see.

### **Chuck Christ, Phoenix, HO**

**Friday** 3 PM to 8 PM  
**Sunday** 12:30 PM to 4 PM

Transition era where steam still runs. Prototype freelancing at it's finest. DCC and well thought out arrangement make this layout easy to see and understand. Arranged for operation, the finely detailed scenes and buildings are easy to view. Attention to buildings and interiors/lighting really bring this layout to life.

*NOTE: Has a Black Lab who is friendly but can be intimidating.*

### **Ron Mei, Phoenix, HO**

**Saturday** 10 AM to 3 PM

This very large layout features many fine scenes representing railroading in southern Arizona. The finely presented desert scenery and the attention to the locale details really represent Arizona railroading. Excellent arrangement of towns and locations give a real sense of progress as trains move over the layout.

### **Jim Knollmiller, Tempe, HO \*\***

**Saturday** 1 PM to 5 PM \* SE

This is a huge basement empire, modeling the GN and the northern US. This layout is a testament to the great usefulness of DCC and excellent computer design. The two very well thought out levels of this layout will allow trains to progress from division to division and present a very realistic view of operations. At present, the upper level is mostly complete. Great scenic vistas and excellent traffic routing make this a very must see layout.

*\*\* See a special listing on page 25 describing the Thursday evening operating session. You must sign up for this session in advance and it is limited to 20 people.*

### **Harold Shelton, Phoenix, HO**

**Friday** 6 PM to 9:30 PM

Representing Santa Fe railroading at it's finest, this layout represents the early 50's to mid 60's with excellent scenery and attention to details. Not only fun to view, the operation of this layout represent home layouts at their finest. Things like the very outstanding operation of the turntable and engine service facilities stand out. DCC

operation. A Photo CD with more than 100 fine photographs will be available for \$6. No cameras are allowed in the layout room.

### **Thunderbird MRRC, Phoenix, HO & HOn3**

**Wednesday** 6 PM to 9 PM  
**Friday** Noon to 5 PM

This club layout is a must see. With technology ranging from WWII to the present and a very detailed layout, this club has the scenery and the operations to be very pleasing.

### **Bill Gall, Phoenix, HO**

**Wednesday** 6 PM to 9 PM  
**Friday** 3 PM to 8 PM  
**Sunday** 12:30 PM to 4 PM

This is a great example of an ever changing and growing home layout. Bill's great enthusiasm for the new and better have led him to change and improve his layout over the years. The constant changes and the excitement of the new are very evident on this home layout

### **Jerry Oyler, Peoria, G**

**Thursday** Noon to 4 PM  
**Saturday** Noon to 5 PM \*NW

A great example of a home G outdoor layout. The clever design and use of space with the large storage building really work well. A fun home layout to visit.

### **Kal Miller, Phoenix, G**

**Friday** 3 PM to 8 PM

This truly large outdoor layout is beautifully designed and it's use of natural materials for scenic highlights is outstanding. A "must see" even for the non-G Scaler.

### **Dan Hoag, Phoenix, G**

**Saturday** Noon to 5 PM

The Wild Eagle Railroad is a very large outdoor layout with great scenery. The use of painted backdrops and running water are outstanding. The fact that you must walk into this layout to see it, and the other unique extras, make this one a great place to visit.

### **Scottsdale MRRC, Scottsdale, HO & HOn3**

**Friday** 9 AM to Noon \* ES  
**Saturday** 10 AM to 2 PM  
**Sunday** 1 PM to 5 PM

This is a large HO layout depicting a rail link between Grand Junction, CO (D&RGW) and Holbrook, AZ (SF). This layout has recently completed a major enhancement, upgrading the layout to DCC operation while maintaining the ability to operate in DC mode.

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The implementation of this dual personality, operating environment is nothing short of spectacular.

### **Sun-N-Sand MRRC, Scottsdale, N**

**Friday 9 AM to Noon \* ES**

**Sunday 1 PM to 5 PM**

This is a large N-Track modular layout that operates in either DC or DCC. Anyone interested in how to you make the DCC portable should see this layout. Smooth running, excellent scenery and an enthusiastic membership make this a great layout to visit.

### **Sun-N-Sand MRRC 2, Phoenix, N**

**Saturday 1:30 PM to 4 PM**

This is a staging area for modules that have just been updated and are set-up to verify that operation is smooth and meets the N-Track standards. Well worth the time to stop by and see these recently reworked modules in operation.

### **Udo Meyer, Waddel, HO, N & Sn3**

**Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM \* NW**

The South Mountain and Golden Sunset Model Railroad is unique in that it contains three different scales (four if you count On30). The scales force the viewer's perspective by having an N scale (1:160) layout running atop the cliffs in the back of the room. HO scale (1:87) is present in the front yards and just in front of the cliffs in the background. A loop of Sn3 track (1:64) runs in front of the cliffs and has its own 3-track yard on the center peninsula.

About 30% of the layout is scenicked with spectacular cliffs and a detailed coalmine. An ore dock serves a Great Lakes ore ship. Various structures, including an ice dock serve the PFE reefers and other freight equipment. A large engine facility is under construction.

### **Ed Dunshie, Mesa, G**

**Saturday 1 PM to 5 PM \* SE**

The MMI&E magical Railroad has approximately 600 feet of track in two separate raised modified dog bones. Most of the locomotive power, both steam and diesel, is LGB with just a sprinkling of Accucraft and a pinch of MTH. The remote control for the railroad is supplied by the LGB multi train system (MTS) with decoders installed in each locomotive. The trains run through so much lush landscaping that you will not believe you are in the desert (lots of shade for viewing). There are half a dozen or more bridges, both wooden and steel, including a replica of the famous New York City Hell Gate Bridge measuring over 18 feet long. Also a pond with water fall

and a little Mexican village complete with cactus and a mariachi band that plays music when the train passes by. The trains wind through a shed that later becomes storage area when they are no longer in use. The railroad is always under going changes but is always available for viewing.

### **Roger Brendecke, Tempe, HO**

**Saturday 1 PM to 5 PM \* SE**

The Riverside, Chicago & Baltimore (RC&B) is a freelance railroad conceived in 1985 as a merger between Conrail and the Union Pacific to create a transcontinental railroad. Billed as "Your Coast to Coast Carrier", the RC&B linked Riverside, CA with Chicago and Baltimore. This is a modern era railroad featuring general freight, unit coal, grain and piggyback trains.

### **Scottsdale Live Steamers, Scottsdale, 7 1/2" Gauge**

**Friday 9 AM to Noon \* ES**

A large scale model railroad club located in the beautiful McCormick Stillman Railroad Park. Club members operate on 3/4 Mile of 7 1/2" gauge track through a desert arboretum. Public rides every Sunday, donations accepted. Club Members will be there to give tours of the facility.

### **Maricopa Live Steamers, Glendale, 7 1/2" Gauge**

**Saturday 9 AM to Noon \* NW**

**Sunday Noon to 5 PM**

This model railroad is located at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park and occupies approximately 150 acres. There is six miles of track in place today with 106 switches, 16 passing sidings, 18 spur tracks and 6 bridges. Come take a ride, you'll love it!

### **Paradise and Pacific, Scottsdale, O Gauge**

**Friday 9 AM to Noon \* ES**

**Saturday Noon to 4 PM**

**Sunday Noon to 4 PM**

The Paradise and Pacific is a tinsplate O gauge train club that has been at the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park since 1975. The club has twenty members ranging in age from mid twenties to seventies. The layout is divided into an upper and a lower loop so that two trains can run without running into each other. This layout has also been wired to work with Mike Train House digital command system (DCS). This is a bi-directional communications system between the engines and remote control allowing for scale speed running as well controlling sounds and smoke.

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## LAYOUT TOURS

**Nelson Steinmetz, Scottsdale, S**

**Saturday**

**Noon to 4 PM**

The Santa Fe & Western railroad is a medium size layout with freelance southwestern scenery and is set in the late 50' to the 70's. The scenery is 35% complete. Construction has started for the freight yard and diesel engine service and repair facility.

### *Special Operating Session*

**Jim Knollmiller, Tempe, HO**

**Thursday**

**7 PM to 11 PM**

A special operating session has been planned for the PSR convention and it will be held on Thursday evening at Jim Knollmiller's Great Northern RR. The operating group at the Great Northern evolved from Ed Ravenscroft's "Skokie Operators", and has developed an operation that includes: Road crews, Local crews, 3 busy Yard crews, a Passenger terminal crew, and a Dispatcher. The RR has operated monthly for the last several years, and has earned the approval of some well-known visting operators such as Gil Freitag and Don Mitchell.

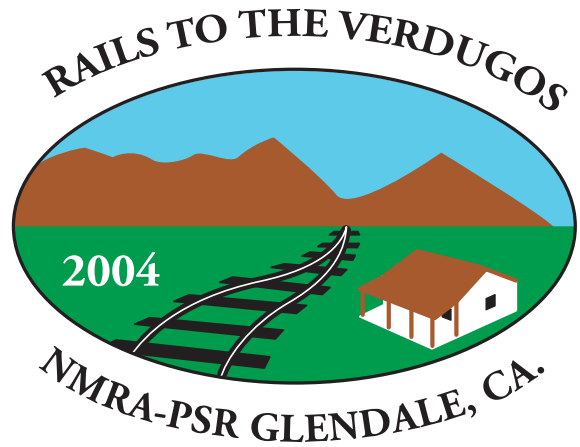
The Great Northern is roughly 62' by 40' and has a linear walk-around mainline run of 500', taking 15 to 20 minutes to cover at scale speeds.

The operating system uses the standard palm-size cardcards and waybills, with "SPin" (or "Clic") location diagrams on the facia. Control is DCC, both tethered and radio; there are no "control panels", so no time is lost trying to decode switch controls.

Regular GN operators will be available to assist if needed, so no operating experience is required, but for those who are experienced, this is a session NOT to be missed!

Operation has been talked about in the model press, and is, in fact, the icing on the cake. Here is your chance for a Great Northern hands-on experience. Attendance is limited to the first 20 who sign up, so don't delay.

To sign up, please send email to Roger von Seeburg using a subject of "GN Operations" and include your name, address, phone number and email address. You will receive advance information materials, as well as contact information should you have questions. Don't miss out! Roger's e-mail is [rvonseeburg@att.net](mailto:rvonseeburg@att.net)



## RAILS TO THE VERDUGOS

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## SPECIAL MAILING TO NON-PSR MEMBERS

In an effort to attract those NMRA members who live in the Pacific Southwest Region area but are not yet PSR members, a separate document is being mailed to them. The document consists of the previous 12 pages (numbered 9 through 20 in this issue of the *PSR Dispatch* but renumbered for the special mailing). As you have probably noticed, those pages contain quite a few items from the *Arizona Express 2003* PSR Convention Program & Timetable that will be given to all convention registrants.

If you know any of these NMRA but not PSR members, please make an effort to invite them to join the PSR and attend the *Arizona Express 2003* convention.



And for those of you who have not yet registered for the convention, here's another extract from the Convention Program & Timetable to tweak your interest in attending...

## Biographical Information from Charlie Getz, *Arizona Express 2003* Banquet Speaker

Born in Japan just to cause raised eyebrows on applications when my eyes do not match my birthplace. Became a Model RR'er in 1961 at a tender age with a tender driven Tyco General. The tender vibrated 5 minutes before the engine started! Became a NG'er and joined the NMRA the same year - '69. One of those decisions was brilliant.

Started writing a regular column for the *Narrow Gauge Gazette* in 1975 and have been at it ever since; Bob Brown believes it to be the longest running least interesting column in Model RR history.

Have been PCR Prez and Trustee; was the last Western Area VP (what were they trying to tell me?) and currently serve as Chair of the Long Range Plan Committee. Also active on the Howell day Model RR Museum Committee. Am not a MMR and my prospects

for same are quite dim. Apparently they require you do your own work (see below).

Have started numerous layouts over the years though they never seem to get finished. Have bought a few layouts and taken credit for them which is much more rewarding. Even have salvaged layout pieces from dead guys. I am shameless. Hope to use same in my own layout one day, which is finally under construction. Will take credit for those pieces as well.

Finally, seem to have become a Model RR Stand-up Comedian. That seems a rather pointless and short-lived career choice but look forward to speaking to PSR; God knows you need it!

*Charlie*



# Arizona Express 2003

Pacific Southwest Region Convention, September 11 - 14, 2003 Phoenix, AZ

## The Eagle Ridge Story

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### Railroading Fun on the Charleston, Eagle Ridge & Wheeling Railroad comes in Big Bytes

The town of Eagle Ridge is a modern town in West Virginia. The industries in Eagle Ridge include the production of plastics, oil and fuel refineries as well as manufacturing. These industries are all served by the CE&W. A few short miles away lies the town of Linoki. This is a reconstructed old town, which brings many tourists to the area.

It all started back in the year 1874, when industry in the area of Eagle Ridge, West Virginia, had grown to such proportions that a better method of getting the products of these industries to market was needed. The nearest railroads were the Baltimore & Ohio, which passed to the north of Eagle Ridge, and the Chesapeake and Ohio, which passed to the south. The owners of the industries in the Eagle Ridge area appealed to both of these railroads for a spur that would serve their needs. At the time the B&O was busy pressing onward to Chicago and the C&O was having financial problems of its own, so neither was in a mood to talk to the handful of industries in the Eagle Ridge area.

"Tubby" Toby Mane was the Proprietor of T. Mane Foods, a food processing plant just outside of Eagle Ridge that is known as Rocky Fork. Tubby wasn't about to be stopped by the lack of interest on the part of the B&O and the C&O. He got together with his good friend "Dandy" Dan Jerris, who was just beginning to make a big boom in the chemical business, and together they formulated a plan. The first step was to call a meeting of all the businessmen in the area that would benefit from a freight hauling railroad service. They held the first meeting at the Olden Brewery, home of Century Beer, the beer that Omar Von Olden hoped would make Eagle Ridge famous. Together they formed the Businessmen's Union to Return Prosperity to Eagle Ridge, also known as the BURPERS.

After a few Centurys (the beer that is), a lively discussion ensued over the direction their new railroad would take. Some were in favor of a northerly course to interchange with the B&O at Wheeling, and others favored a southerly course to interchange with the C&O at Charleston. A few Centurys later (the beer again),

the boys became real enthusiastic and decided to build a railroad in both directions.

The BURPERS then set about choosing a name for their new railroad. Because Omar Von Olden was the main stockholder of the new corporation, the name BURPERS & Olden was suggested. However, the majority felt this would cause some confusion with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, as both would have B&O as their reporting marks. The name finally chosen, and agreed to by all, was The Eagle Ridge Freight Railway System.

Construction was soon begun on the trackage both north and south, and a site was chosen on the outskirts of Eagle Ridge for the engine facility. The BURPERS began looking forward to a boom in business. T. Mane began taking orders for his food products nationwide, and decided to anticipate the rush by building an annex to his plant. Unable to find anyone that he felt could run the annex, he had himself cloned. He named the clone Cy and put him in charge of the new building. Many years later Cy Clone invented a metal fence that was named after him.

The BURPERS also formed a real estate corporation and called it Tate Realty, after the man who was chosen to run it, Reel S. Tate. Tate Realty set about acquiring as much of the real estate in the area of the E.R.F.R. as was possible. They then sold, leased or rented this property only to industries that guaranteed business to the railroad. Each parcel of land was given its own siding.

Soon after the railroad became operational it caused a monumental growth in the industries using its facilities. This caused a need for a larger work force in many of the local industries. Advertisements were placed in local and nearby newspapers, and the results brought many responses from other towns outside of Eagle Ridge. The railroad began adding a passenger car (purchased, second hand from the B&O) to their morning and evening freight trains to shuttle workers back and forth to their jobs. The workers were given passes to ride free as long as they worked for one of the founding industries.

The E.R.F.R. ran this mixed train for over a year and

added cars as necessary. As passenger service became a necessary part of the E.R.F.R. schedule the word freight was dropped from the name of the railroad and for a short time it was known simply as the Eagle Ridge Railroad. In 1877 when the trackage was completed to Charleston and Wheeling, the name was changed again to the Charleston, Eagle Ridge & Wheeling Railroad (CE&W). This name has not been changed since, and though it later became a subsidiary of the Chessie System, it still carried its own name.

The CE&W was marginally successful for many years and served the Eagle Ridge area as it was designed to do. It also began to serve as a bridge line between the C&O and the B&O.

As the automobile became more prevalent, passenger service began to drop off. Even some of the workers who rode free took to driving to work. Passenger scheduling soon was dropped and the mixed train was returned to service to handle the workers who still rode free.

It was during this time of dwindling passenger revenue that "Dandy" Dan Jerris met Honey Devine at the annual Square Dance & Beer Bust. Honey lived several miles north of Eagle Ridge in the little town of Noya. Dan was so taken by the lovely miss from out of town that he took to visiting her almost every day.

But as the railroad found it necessary to cut out passenger service, Dan found himself in somewhat of a dilemma. Being a stockholder of the CE&W, he refused to travel by auto, but would not abandon his visits to his Honey. He called a meeting of the stockholders and said, "Listen, fellas, I'd like to get to Noya." Arrangements were made for Dan to purchase a private car and the railroad agreed to run a special just to Noya whenever Dan wanted to visit Honey. The train became known as the "Justanoya Special."

Eventually, all passenger service was discontinued, with the exception of an occasional special. When the Chessie System came into being they allowed the CE&W to come in under their wing. They were also allowed to retain their own name and continue to serve their original purpose of serving the Eagle Ridge area. The Chessie System obtained the use of the CE&W tracks and Chessie System motive power soon began to appear in the Eagle Ridge area. Chessie diesels and equipment were leased to the CE&W to replace the steam engines that were still operating on the road. The CE&W had purchased a 40-ton General Electric switcher, and an antique box cab diesel to do their yard work, but all roadwork had still been handled by steam. The CE&W still runs steam, but only for tourists and

rail fan excursions in the Linoki area which has still retained the flavor of the past. A B&O Pacific, in B&O blue, usually serves this purpose. On some occasions the old B&O saddle tanker is saddled up for the job.

In the past year, two retired prospectors, who had given up looking for gold, oil or any other profitable commodity, had taken to producing their own profitable commodity in the nearby hills of Old Eagle Ridge. Business was booming for the Holyor brothers when a stray spark sent the Holyor's Still into oblivion and caused a six-foot excavation where the Holyor's Still had once stood. When the Holyor brothers were able to pick themselves up and survey the damage, they discovered that the bottom of the excavation was covered with a substance totally unfamiliar to them. Being old prospectors, the Holyors took a sample of the unknown substance to several "experts" before determining that what they had was unrefined bits and bytes. These were found to be invaluable to the rapidly growing computer industry. Several computer manufacturers and developers immediately expressed interest in this new and untapped supply of bits and bytes. The brothers then began a mining operation known as the Holyor's Byte Mine. They developed a system of hauling the bytes to the IPM refinery by the CE&W in specially built gondolas. They called this method of hauling bytes System 5500 due to the fact that their first 5499 systems were failures. This new industry has added to the revenue of the CE&W and the red high side gondolas lettered System 5500 can be seen daily carrying bytes to the interchange track to be picked up by the Chessie freight.

Another potential boost in freight revenue is expected from the Olden Brewery, which has contracted to produce Old Frothingslosh for local consumption.

Today the CE&W remains a busy little line that still performs its original job of serving the industries in the Eagle Ridge area. The CE&W uses their yard diesels, leased SW1500s and a Baldwin S12, to service the local industries, and shuttle the freight to the interchange track to be picked up by the Chessie System. Chessie fast freights also use CE&W tracks non-stop between Charleston and Wheeling. B&O through passenger service also uses CE&W tracks between these points. An occasional Amtrak special may be seen, as Amtrak also has trackage rights on the CE&W. On weekends the CE&W runs excursion and rail fan trips from Old Eagle Ridge through the mountains and back. Motive power for these trips consists of an ex-B&O Pacific and an ex-B&O Dockside. The passenger cars for these trips are ex-B&O coaches. 🚂



# Arizona Express 2003


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## Views of the Charleston, Eagle Ridge & Wheeling Bob Adler, Glendale, HO Scale

All photos by Bob Adler

A very highly detailed layout depicting the early 50's to late 60's. Many finely presented scenes, structures, etc. Walk around radio control and a great viewing space make this a great layout to see on the Northwest Layout Tour during the *Arizona Express 2003* convention.



Read the fascinating story about the creation of this very interesting layout on pages 22 and 23 of this issue of the *PSR Dispatch*. 







# 2004 Convention is Coming Soon!

DAVID COX, MMR, 2004 PSR CONVENTION CHAIR

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Registration for the 2004 PSR Convention will begin at the Arizona Express 2003 Convention. The 2004 PSR Convention & Train Show, Rails to the Verdugos, will be held September 15 to 19, 2004 at the Glendale Hilton Hotel in Glendale, CA. As a special inducement to register at the Arizona Express 2003 Convention in Phoenix an antique railroad brakeman's lantern will be awarded. The lantern, originally from the Nickel Plate railroad, was donated by railroad lantern authority and collector Hilton Beiro. Here is a brief history of the lantern from Mr. Beiro:

The Adlake 300 was introduced by the Adams & Westlake Co. of Chicago in 1930 being the third generation of short globe lanterns.

The first production of the short frame design was the Adlake #200 patented in 1917. With improvements in ventilation, fuel refinement and more heat resistant globes, the new lighter-weight style soon replaced the model "Reliable" Tall globe lantern by 1924 as the standard railroad brakeman's lantern. In 1925, Adlake offered the model #250 in response to Armspear Mfg. Co.'s release of it's 1925 short globe model.

This Adlake 300 was assembled and shipped to the Nickel Plate RR in the first quarter of 1943 as indicated

on the bottom of the lamp. The 300 was produced until 1965 when the U.S. Government legislated the discontinued use of fuel burning lanterns, signal and highway warning devices by public utilities and transportation companies. The New York, Chicago & St. Louis RR ( known as the NKP) was purchased by William Vanderbuilt and consolidated into the New York Central RR at a very inflated price to neutralize the competition.

Note: To retain the lanterns authenticity and future value as a true artifact of railroad history, refrain from electrifying or repainting. The burner and kerosene pot is in an unfired condition.



The lantern is stamped "NKP" on the top and also has the railroad name etched on the red globe. The lantern will be awarded at the annual membership meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2003. All registrations completed at the Arizona Express 2003 PSR Convention are eligible to win the lantern. The lantern will be on display at our registration table at the convention hotel.

## In Memorium William Arthur Hoadley 1913 - 2003

Following college, Bill went from the radio repair business to the Army Signal Corps. During World War II he applied his skills in radar systems and long range radio transmitters on Guam. After the war he was a transmitter engineer on Mount Wilson for 21 years and received a Pioneer Broadcasters Award. He retired from television in 1986.

Trains were Bill's favorite hobby. He joined the Glendale Model Railroad Club in 1973 along with his son Hal. Together they chaired the 1989 Torrance PSR Convention. Bill and Winifred were active participants in Los Angeles Division activities. Bill's Super Chief made a final run at his club following his Memorial Services. He will be lovingly remembered by his family and members of the Pacific Southwest Region and the National Model Railroad Association.

Extracted from the LA Coupler, 3rd Quarter, 2003.



# Flag Stops

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If you send the club notices to me, I will pass them off to the Coupler and Dispatch editors. I also send the data on to Dick Greatorex for the NMRA web pages. Anyone can copy and reprint my stuff to promote the hobby, rail travel, RR history, and railroad safety. Last changes entered on 23 July, 2003.

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## AUGUST

- 7** Pasadena Museum of History Lecture. Dave J. Kublcek, MTA Director of Rail Services. A behind the scenes look at the operations of the MTA rail system. \$15.00. Exhibition opens 6:00 PM lecture 7:30 PM. 470 W. Walnut St (Corner of Orange Grove and Walnut ST.) [www.lamor.org](http://www.lamor.org)
- 9** San Diego Division SUMMER MEET & FAMILY PICNIC. Rohr Park, Chula Vista, CA 1100
- 17** Fullerton California Modelers' Meet. 1/87 Vehicle Club, Railroad Prototype Modelers' Shoe, Herb Deeks. Radison Hotel Fullerton, 222 West Houston Ave. (714) 992-1700. Joe D'Elia (760) 721-3393
- 23** PCR Daylight Meet in Santa Barbara.
- 23&24** Gold Coast Modular RR Club @ GATS. Ventura County Fair Grounds, Seaside Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA. 11 to 5PM. Regular Adult Admission \$7.00 Kids under 12 free. <http://www.gcmrc.com/> David Minkin [dddave@QuixNet.net](mailto:dddave@QuixNet.net) See [www.GATS.com](http://www.GATS.com) for discount and details. (630) 834-0652

## SEPTEMBER

- 1** Holiday 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)**
- 7 to 23** Los Angeles County Fair. Fairplex, Pomona. See Locomotives and real rails at Gate F. Citrus Empire O scale under the Grandstand, and G gauge outdoor layout between the grandstand and Barn 4.
- 8** Pasadena Museum of History Lecture. Michael Patris, President, Mount Lowe Preservation Society, . \$15.00. Exhibition opens 6:00 PM lecture 7:30 PM. 470 W. Walnut St (Corner of Orange Grove and Walnut ST.) [www.lamor.org](http://www.lamor.org)
- 11 to 14** Arizona Express 2003. Pacific Southwest Region Convention. Phoenix, AZ. Registrar Debbie Draper, 10837 N. 34th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3310 [zdraper@aol.com](mailto:zdraper@aol.com). See [www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr/2003conv.html) for registration form (also included in this issue of the *PSR Dispatch*). Convention Hotel: EMBASSY SUITES PHOENIX NORTH —I 17 and Greenway. 2577 West Greenway Rd. Phoenix, AZ
- 13** Orange Empire Railway Museum Spring Railroadiana Swap Meet. 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)**
- 20** San Diego Division Monthly Layout Meet. Noon TBA
- 20** Santa Susana 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 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. **<http://www.trainweb.org/ssmrc>**. HO layout N modules.
- 20** Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet. 7 - 11 AM in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$2.00. Sellers contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net).

## OCTOBER

- 4** Cajon Div. Hemet, CA Meet. Cajon Div. NMRA, 9 AM Bruce Hall, United Methodist Church, 530 S. Buena Vista. Bring White Elephants! Layout tours Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856 [wescvegas@lvcm.com](mailto:wescvegas@lvcm.com) watch [www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr) See [www.cajondiv.org](http://www.cajondiv.org) for flyer
- 7** Pasadena Museum of History Lecture. Donald Duke, Golden West Books. Screening of Eberhart Production's documentary on the Pacific Electric. \$15.00. Exhibition opens 6:00 PM lecture 7:30 PM. 470 W. Walnut St (Corner of Orange Grove and Walnut ST.) [www.lamor.org](http://www.lamor.org)
- 11** 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](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) see **[www.pvmrrc.org](http://www.pvmrrc.org)**
- 11 to 14** Pacific Rail Car Adventure. Pacific Railroad Society Excursion #506 LA to Oakland to Sparks and return. Lindsay (909) 599-0182. **[www.pacificrailroad.org](http://www.pacificrailroad.org)**

**12** San Diego Division Monthly Layout Meet. Noon TBD

## NOVEMBER

Glendale Model Railroad Club. 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit **www.gmrrc.org** for directions to the club building.

**1** Saturday 10:30 - 4:30, **2** - Sunday 1 to 4, **3** - Monday Eve. 7:30 to 10

**1&2** LA Division TRAIN SHOW. 9 – 5 PM. Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA Admission to garden, for LA Parks, \$5 adults, \$3 for seniors and students 13 – 17, \$1 kids, free under 5.

**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. Jeff Smith (626) 441-6272 or smith@pacbell.net **http://home.pacbell.net/smith**

**5** Pasadena Museum of History Lecture. Santa Fe Railway panel discussion. \$15.00. Exhibition opens 6:00 PM lecture 7:30 PM. 470 W. Walnut St (Corner of Orange Grove and Walnut ST.) [www.lamor.org](http://www.lamor.org)

**8** San Diego Division FALL MEET. TBA

**14 to 16** Cajon Div. Railroad Month Celebration. Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 E. Main Street, Barstow CA 92311. Chinese Auction, Clinics and More. Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856 [wescvegass@lvcm.com](mailto:wescvegass@lvcm.com) watch [www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr) See [www.cajondiv.org](http://www.cajondiv.org) for flyer. See Western American Railroad Museum <http://www.barstowrailmuseum.org/index.html> for companion opportunity.

**Pasadena MRC Fall Show: Our 63rd Year:** 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. (323) 222-1718 Open House Donations: Adults \$3, Children \$1 (under 7 free when accompanied by an adult). Joe Behan, [joe@behan.com](mailto:joe@behan.com), <http://www.pmrcc.org/#OPENHOUSE> Saturday, Nov 8: 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM; Sunday, Nov 9: 1-5 PM; Tuesday, Nov 11: 7:30 PM - 10 PM; Saturday, Nov 15: 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM; Sun, Nov 16: 1-5 PM

### Orange Empire Railroad Museum Ticketed Event

A Day Out With Thomas Tickets are \$14.00 except for children under 1 year.

**9, 11, 14, 15, 16** <http://www.oerm.org>  
2201 S. "A" St., Perris CA 92570, (909) 657-2605 info, (909) 943-3020 office

## DECEMBER

**13** Cajon Div. CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOW. Henderson, NV Convention Center, 200 S. Water St. 10 to 4PM. With Silver State Div. TTOS. Admission \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 youth (8 and up) Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856 [wescvegass@lvcm.com](mailto:wescvegass@lvcm.com) watch [www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr](http://www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/psr) See [www.cajondiv.org](http://www.cajondiv.org) for flyer.

## 2004

### FEBRUARY

**13 to 15** 19<sup>th</sup> SN3 Symposium. Pasadena, CA. Slim Gauge Club sponsorship. Jeff Smith (626) 441-6272 or smith@pacbell.net **http://home.pacbell.net/smith**

**28 - 29** The Model Train Expo. Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4:30 Adults \$8.00 Jr. under 11 free. Fairplex, Pomona, CA Bldg. #4. [www.modeltrainexpo.com](http://www.modeltrainexpo.com) On Track Productions.

### APRIL

**10** 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](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) see **www.pvmrrc.org**

### MARCH

**13, 14** Los Angeles Div. Model Train Show. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr., La Cañada Flintridge, CA 9 – 4 PM Garden fees: Adults \$5, students and seniors \$3, kids (5-12) \$1, under 5 free. Info: Mary Barstow (310) 377-9762.

### JUNE

**3-4-5-6** The Big Train Show. Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. [www.bigtrainshow.com](http://www.bigtrainshow.com). Public Sat 1 – 6; Sun. 1 – 4.



**JULY 4 to 11: Puget Sound Express, NMRA 2004 National Convention.** Seattle, WA.

Information and Registration: Dave Kreidler, (425) 831-5131, [rrnut@msn.com](mailto:rrnut@msn.com)

General Information: [www.nmra2004.org](http://www.nmra2004.org)



**SEPTEMBER 15 to 19 "Rails To The Verdugos," Pacific Southwest Region Convention.** Sponsored by Los Angeles Division, celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Glendale Hilton Hotel, Glendale, CA. Two day train show.

Information: Mary Barstow, MMR, 6930 Clovercliff Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-3002, (310) 377-9762, Fax: (310) 377-5565, [pvpacific@earthlink.net](mailto:pvpacific@earthlink.net)



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Family	\$ 9.00 [   ]	\$1.00 [   ]	\$10.00 [   ]

\*\* YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NMRA® TO BE A PSR MEMBER.

Send this application and your check (made payable to "Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA") to: PSR - NMRA, Debbie Draper, 10837 N. 34th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3310. For information on NMRA® or PSR Life or Affiliate Life Membership, contact Debbie at [zdraper@aol.com](mailto:zdraper@aol.com) or (602) 953-1681.

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September 11-14, 2003  
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**Embassy Suites Hotel Phoenix-North, 2577 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023-4222**  
**Reservations:** 800-527-7715, Local: 602-375-1777, Specify: "Model Railroad Convention - PSR"  
 Fax: 602-993-5963, <http://www.embassysuites.com>, Specify: "Group/Convention code: CRR"  
**Hotel Information:** Room Rates: \$85 per night (single or double); Spacious, Two-Room Suites; Evening Reception (5:30 to 7:30 PM including free full bar); Complimentary cooked-to-order Breakfast.





*The Cactus Charlie Route*

# Arizona Express 2003

Pacific Southwest Region Convention  
September 11 - 14, 2003 Phoenix, AZ  
Presented by the Arizona Division - PSR - NMRA

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

## Extra Fares

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Banquet** (Saturday - No-Host Bar at 6 PM, Banquet at 7 PM):

<b>Prime Rib</b>	_____
<b>Salmon</b>	_____
<b>Honey Sesame Chicken</b>	_____
<b>Total Meals:</b>	_____ @ \$42.00 _____

<b>Convention Patch</b>	_____ @ \$5.00 _____
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**Convention Car (HO Boxcar)**

<b>Kit (with decals)</b>	_____ @ \$10.00 _____
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<b>Ready to Run</b>	_____ @ \$15.00 _____
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<b>East Layout Tour</b> (Transportation)	_____ @ \$20.00 _____
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<b>South East Layout Tour</b> (Transportation)	_____ @ \$15.00 _____
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<b>North West Layout Tour</b> (Transportation)	_____ @ \$20.00 _____
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**Railettes** (24 persons maximum for each tour):

<b>Cerreta Chocolate Tour</b> (Thursday, 9 AM to Noon)	_____ @ \$25.00 _____
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<b>Arizona Mills Mall Tour</b> (Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM)	_____ @ \$20.00 _____
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**Model Railroad Train Show and Swap Meet** (Saturday, 13 September):  
(10 AM to 2 PM, Free Admission if you wear your Convention Badge)

<b>Shuttle from Hotel to Show</b> (9:30 AM to 2:30 PM)	_____ @ \$ 5.00 _____
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For table reservations (\$24 each) contact  
Dean Palmer, 8817 W. Columbine, Peoria, AZ, 85381, (623) 776-2279

### Modeling with the Masters (MTM) Clinics

(20 persons minimum and 24 persons maximum for each clinic. Circle your Scale for each.)

**#1 - Introduction to building wood craftsman kits - \$40.00**

C1-N	C1-HO	C1-S	C1-O
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**#2 - Introduction to scratchbuilding a wood trestle bridge - \$40.00**

C2-N	C2-HO	C2-S	C2-O
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**#3 - Introduction to scratchbuilding in styrene - \$40.00**

C3-N	C3-HO
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**#4 - Introduction to building white metal kits - \$42.00**

C4-HO	C4-S	C4-O
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**#5 - Introduction to building laser kits - \$42.00**

C5-N	C5-HO	C5-S	C5-O
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<b>Total MTM Registrations:</b>	_____	<b>Total MTM Cost:</b>	_____
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**Total Extra Fares:** \_\_\_\_\_