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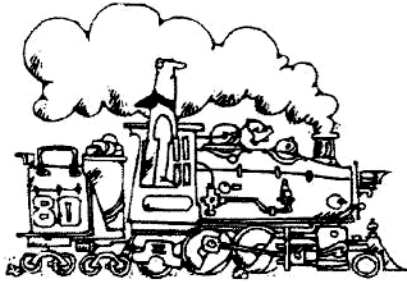
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From the Hot Seat!

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Hello everyone it looks like spring is finally here, unless you live in the desert, then summer is here. That means you'll be working on those contest models for the Convention in September, right? Well I hope so!

Please let me welcome two individuals to the Pacific Southwest Region Directory, One, Bill Mergard, you may already know, and Joe Dorner is new to the workings of the PSR.

With many years of service in the PSR, Bill will be our new Historian. He fits well in this position because he knows many people and has great knowledge of the history of the PSR. Joe is relatively new to the PSR and has volunteered for the Education position. I'm sure he is off to a great start with Jan Wescott guiding him. Welcome and good luck to both of you.

As you know, we are always asking people to help out with the working end of the PSR, and today we are complete! We have a "NO VACANCY" sign on the "Directory" door. I cannot remember when we have had all of the PSR positions completely filled, so let me thank ALL of you for helping out. If you still want to get involved we always need volunteers, just contact your committee person or Division Director and ask.

At the midyear Board of Directors meeting we discussed the vote results for the issue regarding non-NMRA® members attending our regional conventions. Over 86% of you voted "no" to the requirement that the primary member be a member of the NMRA®. Now what do we do with these results? We had a long discussion on the topic during the meeting, but what surprised me was the discussion after the meeting. The

questions and reasons of why we do annual conventions came out during the discussions. There are many reasons and beliefs of why we do them. I felt camaraderie was the most important reason for our conventions. I have meet many great people at the NMRA® conventions, most have become very close friends. The renewal of friendships at these functions leads me to think there should be more than just one per year.

Another reason for the conventions is financial, something that was not a problem in the past but now is. We are constantly struggling to "keep it in the budget" and for the last two years we have spent more than we have wanted. For a limited time this is no big deal but over the longer term it is not healthy for the PSR. A contribution from the hosting convention committee has helped the PSR keep within the year's guidelines for some time.

So what is the reason for having these conventions? Some believe our motivations are clouded. I have asked Don Stewart to head up a special committee to look into a better understanding of our intentions for these annual events. We put these events together for the PSR membership, I feel this is just one of the benefits of being a member. I belong to many organizations but the fellowship in the PSR and the NMRA® is by far the strongest.

Speaking of conventions, have you sent in your registration for the "Rails To The Verdugos" yet? This is in the heart of the PSR and promises to be a great convention. You owe it to yourself to be a part of the Pacific Southwest Region experience.

See you at the next stop...

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Arizona Division's March Meet

Sixty-one (61) people attended the Arizona Division's Spring Meet held on Saturday, March 13, 2004. Three new members were signed up. Registrants were charged \$5.00 to attend and youths \$2.50. Entrance was free if you joined at the time of registration. The Meet provided 3 clinics, a full slate of contests, Raillette activities, a swap meet and an informational meeting. Lots of attendees stated that they enjoyed the day (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM).

Three clinics were presented on various subjects. These were all interesting and well attended.

§ John Determan discussed the finer points of brush painting those modeling details. Lots of information on the care of paintbrushes.

§ Paul Chandler gave an excellent clinic on reworking turnouts for better operation. Essentially he solders the points to the frog rails, then isolates the frog and powers it separately. This virtually eliminates opens, shorts and derailments at the turnouts.

§ Tom George presented his "Scratchbuilding a la Carte" clinic he first gave at the 2003 Regional Convention. He discussed many different modeling materials and building methods.

A full slate of contests was held and included Construction (Kit and Open), Photographic, Favorite Model and Favorite Train categories. First place Construction contest winners receive a small plaque and all other contests get ribbons for first place.

The Construction Category was broken into Motive Power, Rolling Stock, and Structures in both Kit and Open categories, the difference being the Kit category can only earn 1/2 of the scratchbuilt points. This Kit category was established to give those who super-detail kits an opportunity to compete evenly with scratchbuilders or kitbashers as they usually only have a few scratchbuilt parts. A total of four Merit Awards were won in the Construction contests. Excellent work by these modelers.

§ Motive Power was a hot contest with 5 entries (3 in Open and 2 in Kit). Alex Dirks took Best of Show with a Conrail Diesel he extensively kitbashed. It was a beauty that earned a merit award. In the Open category, Alex took first with another Conrail Dash 9 Diesel (also a merit award), Paul Chandler took second with a nicely worked over SP RSD locomotive, and Tom George took third with his

The 'ole saying "time flies" is truly an understatement this year. It's hard to believe that by the time this issue reaches your mailboxes the year will be half over. I'm happy to report the Cajon Division continues along a successful trek.

On June 12th we look forward to hosting two events simultaneously on the same date. One event will be held in Southern California, the "Inland Empire Layout Tour" coordinated by Bob Chaparro. The other event will, the "Boulder City Meet", will be held in Nevada, and represents the first Division event to be held in Boulder City and at the historic landmark Boulder Dam Hotel. The Meet will include a train ride and prototype tour of the engine house at the Nevada State Museum.

Speaking of Bob Chaparro, a former PSR President, I must comment that he is one of the busiest folks I know since "retiring" from office. To date he has coordinated a Joint Layout Tour for the San Diego and Cajon Divisions, the Cajon's Inland Empire Layout Tour, and is the Layout Tour Coordinator for the LA Convention Committee. Hats off to him!

The Cajon Division will once again be involved at the PSR Convention and will help host the LA Convention Auction Night. If you want to have some fun and share a laugh or two, don't miss this event at the convention. Go to www.psr-nmra.org and click on the Convention Home Page for more information..

After the LA Convention we really rev up our gears to ready for our big weekend, the Model Railroad Celebration in Barstow on November 13 and 14. Everyone is invited and is most welcome to join us. It really is an affordable fun-packed weekend for all model railroaders. Each year this event continues to grow and I wonder can it be even possible to make it better? Yes, and this year promises to be even greater with the Barstow Railroad Museum becoming more involved and hosting many activities to coincide with our event.

The PSR Board gave Cajon the magic "go ahead" to proceed with plans for the 2005 PSR Convention. The Cajon Convention Team is already working at full steam preparing for that event. Advance information for this and other events is now on-line at our member website, www.cajondiv.org.

Hoping to see you soon. Jan

Activity Reports

Los Angeles



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Major events occurred for the Los Angeles Division in the month of March. The first event was hosting the PSR Board of Directors' Meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Glendale. It was most productive, albeit lengthy. One issue concerned convention contracts. Also, there was much discussion re non-NMRA® members attending region conventions. Following the Dispatch survey, it was decided that divisions will charge nonmembers a minimal fee in addition to the regular convention registration fee.

Descanso Gardens Train Show was fantastic. The total attendance for the weekend was 5,400. The weather really cooperated. It was a beautiful day. The tulips were right at their prime. It is truly rewarding to put in a lot of hard work and then have a well attended event. We have been invited to return to Descanso next year for their Pumpkin Festival.

Everyone had a great time at our March 27th 50th Anniversary Banquet. Fire Station #27 provided an unusual and interesting setting for our event. Volunteers from the museum give informative tours. Prior to dinner a brief presentation was given explaining the purpose and goals of the museum. Many thanks to both Karen and Ron Ustach for adding much red and white ambience to the upstairs dormitory/dinning room.

"Rails to the Verdugos" is now our primary focus. Our convention issue of *Coupler* is now completed and has been mailed to all NMRA® members that live in our division. The following issue of *Coupler* will be out in July and will contain additional convention description. Information will also be provided in the NMRA® *Bulletin*, and the PSR web page. Register now and be a part of a great convention.

IN MEMORIAM

GALE EDWARD IRWIN

Born: September 2, 1922 – Died: March 19, 2004

Gale was truly dedicated to model railroading, and rendered incomparable service to the Los Angeles Division of the PSR. He served as Superintendent in 1988, 1990, and 1992, and he was Director in 1994 and 1996. Gale was also a member of the Lomita Railroad Museum and the Inland Terminal S Scale Club.

San Diego



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San Diego Division activities since the last report have mainly concentrated on our Winter Meet and monthly layout tours. The Winter Meet included our customary potluck meal, door prizes, model contest, and clinic. However the clinic was a bit unusual. We decided to offer 5 clinics wrapped up in one. It was an experiment in fast and dirty scenery construction - a brief description is at the end of this article.

Among the layout tours, we visited Art Dominy's HO layout in February, Nelson Rath's O scale empire in March, and four layouts in Orange County in April. Art Dominy and his son have created a mountainous motif in their "Deboise Western RR" (De Boys — get it?). This Layout features twisting mountain vistas, crack passenger service, and plenty of visual interest and bustling scenes along the right of way.

Nelson Rath has created heavy O scale coal drags behind giant articulated's. You can actually feel them rumble by. Overhead, an HO (and HOn3) layout traverses most of the 20 by 45 foot dedicated outbuilding. This is topped by an even higher G scale line which operates on a looping self-timer.

Although somewhat dampened by April showers, the four layouts visited in April included those of Bob Chaparro, Mike Kresen, Bill Flynn and Jim Landcaster. This was a joint tour with the Cajon Division, and was a lot of fun for all who went.

Meanwhile, initial plans have been activated to prepare for the PSR convention which we anticipate hosting in 2006.

Quick and Dirty Scenery Clinic

Each participant was given a 2" thick, square foot foam block as a starting point. With a hot glue gun, quick set plaster, and fast drying acrylic paint, each person moved from one scenery station to the next. First station was creating a road using styrene sheet which was painted and then cut on the diagonal. With a simple swipe with a flat slotted screw driver along a straight edge, road stripes and cross walks were quickly and accurately represented. Modelers then moved to another station where they learned how to cast rocks and add color variations. Then they stacked and pinned (with tooth picks) even more randomly shaped foam chunks onto a corner, smothered it with more

Contest Corner

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As we close in on yet another PSR convention, my curiosity is once again aroused. What curiosity, you say? Why is it that we don't get a greater attendance at the premier PSR event of the year, the regional convention? These conventions are great fun. They offer an opportunity to congregate with fellow model rails, to learn through many fine clinics and tours and to have a chance to find that treasured model that may have eluded you over the years. Some will say the conventions are too expensive, and yet when one considers the returns received from convention activities, they really are a bargain. For those of you who regularly attend our conventions, keep coming, and for those of you who have never attended, give it a try. You'll like it!

My curiosity knows no bounds, so here's another one for you. Why don't we have more individuals entering our contests? The PSR offers a variety of contests that cover almost every railfans' interests. There is the photo contest that covers a multitude of railroad related formats. This contest area includes black and white photo categories for both model and prototype subjects, with the same subjects for color photos. Additionally, we have a slide category which also covers both model and prototype categories. Which of you have never snapped any photos or slides of subjects associated with our favorite hobby?

The PSR contest room also gives you an opportunity to show off your skills in the arts and crafts contest. For those who sew, crochet, knit, do needlepoint, tat, paint or a myriad of other crafts, here is your opportunity to share your efforts with others and the very good possibility that you'll come away with an award.

And finally, there is the very popular model construction contest. Every year, virtually every convention attendee ventures into the contest room to "ooh" and "aah" over the contest models that are on exhibit there. We have so many fine modelers in the PSR, and viewing their work is truly an educational experience. There is so much to be learned about our hobby and the contest room is an excellent part of that process. Why not bring in your model(s) and let the rest of us drool (just kidding-we'll keep 'em dry") over your treasures? This area also includes a module contest.

Each year the PSR procures some beautiful awards to be presented to the contest winners. Imagine the pride in showing your children, grandchildren and friends such an award. Every PSR member should enter a contest and take home an award, even if it is a one time event.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you of the PSR President's Award. Our President, Ed Hall, created this beautiful plaque award, to be given to an individual who is

Achievement Program



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I have received several Certificates recently and they are being processed. Keep up the good work. It is gratifying to see the high quality work being done by members in the PSR. Contact your local Division representative if you want to get started in the Achievement Program. They will be glad to help. You will find their contact information in the Division publications.

Railettes

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Hi, my name is Janet Spooner and I am the new Railette Chairman for the PSR. Just letting you know that plans are being made for you to have something to do at all conventions. The local ladies in charge will plan something for all to do, or information will be provided on the quickest way to get to the nearest shopping centers, museums, or other points of interest. Let me know what you are interested in and something can be worked out about a way to car pool to get to where ever you want. Crafts, shopping, coffee, conversation, cards, or whatever appeals to you.

I promise any crafts that are done will be EASY. They have to be as I'm only just getting into the craft scene. The Glendale convention is close the Glendale Galleria and it is supposed to be quite easy to get to. So maybe we can plan on invading it with credit cards at the ready.

On Friday, a luncheon is planned for all ladies. It is free (\$15.00 for any non-railette), all we need to know is whether or not you will be coming. There will be door prizes and good fun for all.

We still need cookies for the Railette room. The convention committee said that this is what they live on for the duration of the convention.

No plans are carved in stone and can be changed quite easily. So I hope to see many of you at the Glendale convention.

entering a PSR regional model construction contest for the first time. This prestigious award is given to the person selected by the President. If you have any questions about contest procedures, or if you need contest forms please do not hesitate to contact your Division Contest Chairman and me. Contest forms and information is also available on the NMRA Website. Regards, Duane

Chief Gandy Dancer

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The NMRA Mid Year Board of Directors Meeting was held in Cincinnati, OH February 19th thru 22nd, 2004, with many subjects being discussed. The minutes will be published in a future NMRA® *Bulletin*. Some of the highlights were as follows.

1. VP John Roberts reported that a new telephone system has been installed at NMRA® HQ (the old system suffered lightning damage and had to be replaced, it was covered by insurance).

2. The Calendar Project is in full swing with the expectation of being even better than before. Need photos sent to the Library (ATTN: Brent). There will be an article calling for photos, that will be appearing in "SCALE RAILS" within the next three or four months. GET THOSE PHOTOS IN!

3. The clinic book for Seattle is well under way. Anyone wishing a copy of the latest book project, "Track and Railway Maintenance", should send your order to HQ. The next book project will be a collection of freight car photos. This could easily be more than one or two volumes. Look for Christmas delivery.

4. The JCP Program is now under the direction of our own Jan Westcott – Dick Flock will run the event and report to Jan.

5. Since the Toronto Convention the Howell Museum Committee has held meetings regards sites for the Museum. They have teamed up with the Narrow Gauge Foundation to bring strength to our quest. Sacramento looks promising, but

the committee is not ruling out other sites as of yet (Downtown Chattanooga, and Strausburg, PA) More later.

6. Address Labels will be mailed in the March/April Time frame. You will be able to reorder.

7. The Library Committee Final Report: As stated in the interim report the committee believes that the Kalmbach Memorial Library is a major asset to the NMRA® and the entire model railroad community. After conducting a survey of the NMRA® membership concerning the services of the Library, here are some of the results:

1. Expand the services of the Library
2. Establish a "Friends of the Kalmbach Library Program" to raise additional funds to expand services.
3. Continue writing grant proposals seeking funding for special projects.

4. Publicize the services offered by the Library.
5. Enlist a corps of volunteers with model railroad expertise to help handle the additional work load.

8. You can be proud of the Education Chair of the NMRA – our own Jan Westcott – for her efforts with the Education Committee. She has done a fine job of reorganizing.

9. We will soon have a new membership classification to be known as "THE RAIL PASS" Membership. Any person interested in model railroading can become a six month member for a single payment of \$9.95. This membership is not renewable but is convertible into any other class. This class of membership does include a subscription to the "Bulletin/Scale Rails". The Rail Pass Membership can't hold office nor can they vote. There will not be a new member packet sent to the Rail Pass Member. They can participate in the achievement program.

10. PLEASE READ THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF SCALE RAILS - AGAIN!

Most importantly the Long Range Plan proposal and ballot!

THEN VOTE – VOTE – VOTE – VOTE!

Happy railroading,
Bob

PSR Elections Coming Up - Your Input is Needed

The terms of the current President and Vice-President of the PSR are coming to an end this September. If you know of someone who is interested in either of these positions, or are interested yourself, please contact:

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PSR Education Department



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Jan recently talked me into becoming the Education Chair of the Pacific Southwest Region. I've been an NMRA® member for a dozen years, and am active in the Southern Nevada "N-Trackers". When Jan Wescott moved up to the NMRA® Educational Chairman, she left the regional position open and somehow I fell in. As a representative of the NMRA Education Department I am here to help members better understand the programs available in the NMRA®, and to be a "font of information" and "guide members as they work their way to a better understanding of the NMRA®" as Ray Bilodeau the NMRA® Assistant Education Director says. I'm not sure what this means, but I guess that I am here to pass along things that float by from National, answer questions and be a general reference source.

I also can pass back to national and to other regions things that are happening here. Since Jan lives locally and is a member of our Region it's real easy to keep her informed about our activities, as she will probably be participating in most of them.

I want to use this column to help spotlight your great efforts in sharing the hobby. Send me your education success stories. Have you organized a "Railroading Merit Badge" class? What clinics were taught at your latest gathering? What amazing workmanship was highlighted at your last model contest? How did the public react to your exhibit at the local mall? Did someone in your Division make that extra effort that is deserving of recognition? Let me know so I can share it with everyone else.

Some new things to pass along - the NMRA® has a new PDF format Judges Scoring Sheet that will aid in judging contests. Instead of filling out paper forms and calculating scores the judges can enter information directly into a computer worksheet, print it out, and calculate and report scoring electronically. These forms are available on the NMRA® Contests web page, or you can contact me directly.

There are also three new contests and awards that will be presented at the 2004 National Convention in Seattle. They are:

* "Mt. Albert Scale Lumber Award" sponsored by the Mt. Scale Lumber Company. This award is presented to the wood model structure obtaining the highest number points at a NMRA® Contest (construction of structure must be predominately wood).

* "Hunterline Award" sponsored by Hunterline Productions. The sponsor will select the "Best of Show" for wood structures for presentation of this award.

* "Fantasonics Engineering Award" sponsored by Fantasonics Engineering is open to both on-line and off-line displays. The sponsor will select from these two categories the winning entry for this award. In addition to the award, Fantasonic is offering a special prize for the 2004 contest.

The special prize is a complete Scale Magic sound scene craftsman kit. This includes a CD player, a stereo amplifier, a "referenced" pair of miniature two-way speakers, and complete instructions for installing and concealing them. In addition prize also includes a dedicated Scale Magic CD soundtrack of the winner's choice and ten hours of studio time to customize the soundtrack to the specific model it is intended. Together with the complete Scale Magic sound system/track (\$300) and the studio time (\$250) this prize is valued at over \$500.

Sounds pretty good. You can contact me by phone or at my email address, listed in the directory section.

San Diego Director's Report - continued from page 3

plaster and slashed and hacked at the quick setting plaster with a knife to simulate sedimentary cliffs. While still damp, four shades of earth tone acrylic colors were applied with a brush in one hand, and a spray bottle in the other to melt it all together into a convincing rock face with loose chunks providing a talus slope. From there they moved on to the foliage station. A little webbed matting on a multibranched twig covered in some green foam produced almost instant trees. Some more medium and fine foam spread along the roadside on any exposed flat surfaces brought these miniature scenes to life. A quick visit to the "Water" station with a little blue and green paint swirled on in concentric layers and some fast drying nail polish created a small pond or tiny creek. A little more foam (darker green around water, yellow and brown foam elsewhere) and the scenes were complete in less than an hour and a half. A brief contest followed the completion, but it was difficult to pick a winner. All participants had become expert scenery gurus in no time at all. Plus they got to take their creations home.

This clinic will be available to attendees at the convention in September. Sign up and learn how easy scenery really is!

IN MEMORIUM

Brenda Marie Bailey

The San Diego Model Railroad Museum lost its treasurer and chief financial officer, Brenda Marie Bailey to a heart attack at the age of 63. She had been the museum treasurer since 1982, and oversaw all the financial activities for the prosperous, accredited museum, and her devotion and effort was in large measure responsible for the museum's financial success. An outstanding "S" Scale modeler, Brenda's contribution to model railroading and her love of trains was prolific and inspiring. She will be greatly missed.

scratchbuilt Electric locomotive. In the Kit category, Hal Fritz took first with his MoPac F-7 locomotive.

- In the Rolling Stock Category there was only one entrant, but Tom George's scratchbuilt DM&IR caboose earned a merit award.

- In the Structure category, there were two entrants. Tom George entered a wharf he built, earning a Merit Award and taking first place. John Almond entered a hotel he had built and took second.

Photography Category had five subcategories. Lots of photos were entered in the Color Prototype category as usual. There were no Black and White photo entries. Don Stewart won first in the Color Model and Color Prototype Categories and John Almond took first place in the Slide Category.

Favorite Model and Favorite Train Categories were well populated with four entries in the favorite model and six in the favorite train. Alex Dirks won first in both. Alex is a relatively new NMRA member, and is an excellent modeler.

Janet Spooner, our new *Raillette Chair*, constructed a small bouquet potpourri item. No *Raillettes* attended this function, but this may be due to the fact that we have not had a *Raillette Chair* for the last two years.

This place was busy during setup, between clinics and during the lunch break. Nine tables were set up and most filled quickly. There was a large swap meet held the same day in Phoenix, which pulled some participants from the Division Meeting.

Rick Wheeler chaired the Business meeting, held after the first clinic and just before lunch. He discussed the upcoming meetings and Division issues. Don Stewart discussed the PSR BoD meeting, Survey results and the upcoming mini-meet "Sides and Slides" on April 24 where attendees bring side dishes, and a tray of slides to watch. The evening will start at 5:00 PM with a BBQ dinner. Don will provide the location (his house) meat, plates, utensils and drinks. A \$2.00 donation is requested if you do not bring a side or slide. That will go to the Division.

Door prizes were given out (via tickets given to every attendee). Door prizes were awarded after the business meeting and after the contest awards were announced at the end of the day.

Verde Valley Train Ride

The Arizona Division is sponsoring a moonlight ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. The date is Saturday, September 25th, 2004. The train leaves at 5:30 PM and returns under an almost full moon around 9:00 PM. There are only 35 seats available, so if you want to ride with us, call or email Don Stewart at 480-759-5019 or snpcw@aol.com.



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CAJON DIVISION EVENTS

RAIL HISTORY ADVENTURES

CAJON DIVISION, PSR, NMRA®
Boulder City Meet

June 12, 2004 - 8:00 AM

Boulder Dam Hotel (Historic Landmark)
1305 Arizona Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Discover Rail History! Activities include clinics, show 'n tell, model contest, proto tour at Nevada State Museum, train ride and engine house tour.

Pricing - \$3 NMRA member; \$5 non-member includes Free admission to Hoover Dam Museum located within the hotel.

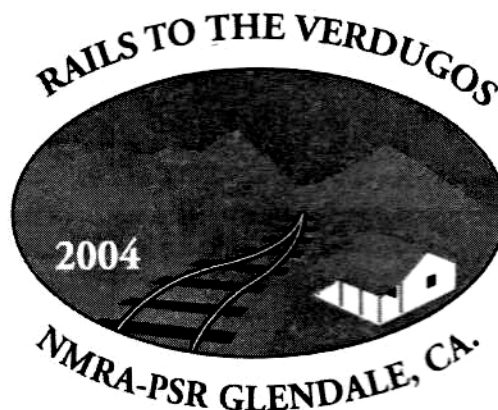
Train Ride - \$3 per person (special discount for Meet attendees)

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Rails to the Verdugos

Pacific Southwest Region Convention
September 15th through 19th, 2004



General Information

Mary Barstow, MMR, Convention Committee

The next pages of information on the 2004 PSR Convention, **Rails To The Verdugos**, will help to describe some of the activities that we have planned, including clinics, tours, contests and many other events and activities designed to keep you busy and entertained. Also in this issue is the Convention Registration Form and the Extra Fare Registration form. Please note cut-off dates, and get your registration in **today!**

CONVENTION WEB SITE:

www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2004conv.html

REGISTRATION FEES:

The following NMRA® member registration options are available:

Full Adult Rail:	\$ 70
Raillette:	\$ 60
Teen (13 - 20):	\$ 40
Youth (under 13 w/ paid adult):	Free
Single Day:	\$ 30

Non-NMRA® attendees must pay an additional fee of \$15 which may include one time only 6 month NMRA® Rail Pass of \$ 9.95.

Make checks or money orders (U. S. Funds only) payable to L.A. Division and mail to John Oliver, Registrar, 29011 Geronimo Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275-3034.

HOTEL:

The Glendale Hilton

100 W. Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=BURHGHH>

Room Rates: \$89.00 single/double per night, \$10 each additional person

For Reservations: Phone 1-818-956-5466 or e-mail: HILTON.COM, GLENDALE, RESERVATIONS GROUP CODE NMA.

Be sure to mention that you are attending the PSR Model Train Convention (otherwise the regular rate would be \$149 per night.)

Location: Just North of the 134 Fwy, (the connector between the 210 and the 101 Fwys.), between the 2 Fwy & 5 Fwy.

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PROTOTYPE TOURS

Amtrak/MetroLink, Gold Line trolley, subway system, Los Angeles to Pasadena and Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley
Thursday, Sept. 16, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

___ @ \$15 ___

Amtrak/MetroLink train trip, Olvera Street, Union Station Los Angeles
Friday, Sept. 17, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

___ @ \$15 ___

Fillmore & Western Railroad train trip, bus transportation
Saturday, Sept. 18, 9:00 AM to 5 PM

___ @ \$45 ___

BANQUET

Saturday, Sept. 18, Social 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM, Awards and Program 8:00 PM

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HO Athearn Southern Pacific flat with two SP trailers

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___ @ \$ 8 ___

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___ @ \$ 5 ___

MODELING WITH THE MASTERS

These are four and a half hour clinics except for #5. You **must pre-register**.

Thursday, Sept. 16

(1) 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Building wood craftsman kits

Scale

___ # ___ @ \$42 ___

(2) 1:30 PM - 6 PM, Scratchbuilding a wood trestle bridge

___ # ___ @ \$42 ___

Friday, Sept. 17

(3) 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Introduction to scratchbuilding in styrene

___ # ___ @ \$42 ___

(4) 1:30 PM - 6 PM, Introduction to building white metal kits

___ # ___ @ \$42 ___

(5) 7:30 PM - 10 PM, Constructing hand laid turnouts

___ # ___ @ \$30 ___

Saturday, Sept. 18

(6) 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Introduction to building DPM buildings

___ # ___ @ \$42 ___

EXTRA FARE ITEMS TOTAL

\$ _____

Please enter here and on **Registration Form**

Modeling With The Masters

Mary Barstow, MMR, Convention Committee

We are pleased to present **Modeling With The Masters**. This program is only available to attendees at national conventions and a few select regional conventions. It is a hands-on approach to modeling, and Advance registration is required. The program is limited to small groups. You will receive personal instruction by an NMRA Master Model Railroader. The MWTM Clinics cover topics on an introductory basis, but include advanced techniques. Participants will learn by doing, and they will be amazed at what they can accomplish. Descriptions are listed below.

Building Wood Craftsman Kits #1

This is an introduction to the world of wood craftsman kits. Each participant will receive a kit of a blacksmith shop which could also be used as several different structures if you wish. It will be built using board by board techniques. You will get personal instruction by NMRA Master Modelers on how to assemble, paint, and weather this interesting kit.

Scratchbuilding a Wood Trestle Bridge #2

Each participant will build a small wood trestle bridge using a jig. This clinic will help you learn how the prototype bridges are built and how to apply that knowledge to our models. You will learn to cut and fit wood, stain and weather along with using NBW'S. If you need a trestle bridge or wonder how they are built, this clinic is for you.

Introduction to Building with Styrene #3

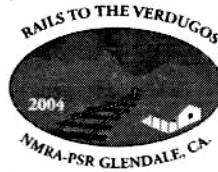
In this fast paced-clinic each student will construct a small bunkhouse scratchbuilt with neat details from styrene. You will learn all about styrene: how to cut it, sand and file it, and all about "gluing." Plus some real neat tricks and tips to make styrene your favorite material for building. In addition you will learn how to use an airbrush to paint styrene. If you have never used an airbrush, don't worry. We will teach you all about it! If you have never scratchbuilt anything before, this clinic is for you.

Introduction to White Metal Kits #4

If you have ever looked at those fantastic white metal vehicle kits and said "gee, these look great but I have no idea how to build them..." , this is your clinic. Each participant will build a fantastic white metal vehicle and learn all the tricks about putting it together. You will then get to paint and weather your kit using an airbrush.

Constructing Hand Laid Turnouts #5

This is one hands-on clinic no one should miss. Each participant will learn how to scratchbuild a turnout and take it home with them. Anyone can build a turnout. In this clinic we will be using one of the newest and most fantastic items to come along on the model railroad market, the "FastTracks" jig. Our instructors will help each of you to build a perfect scratchbuilt turnout. If you ever wondered how to build a turnout, but thought it too tough, too much time involved, but would like to try, then this is the clinic for you. Just think of the fun you will have and the money you



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will save.

Building DPM Buildings #6

In this clinic we will be showing you how to build DPM buildings. Sounds easy, well there are some fantastic tricks our instructors have for you such as choosing the right glues to assemble these fantastic little structures. In addition we will show you some neat painting tricks, plus the instructor will show you about adding interesting details such as signs, window dressing, and roof details. A couple of surprise details, too. When you come away from this clinic you will say it is a winner.

These are four and a half hour clinics with the exception of Clinic #5. You must preregister. Each clinic must have 20 registrants or it can't be given. See the convention registration form on the extra fare side for dates, times, and registration. Be sure to indicate your scale.

Auction Update

By Jan Wescott, Auction Coordinator

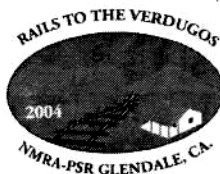
Come join the fun, share a laugh or two, grab a bargain; or make a few dollars! These opportunities awaits you at the LA Convention Live Auction. Plus, we'll have special door prize drawings, refreshments, and bargain White Elephant items all making for a great event. At the podium will be the very personable and smooth talking Bob Mitchell as auctioneer for the Live Auction that begins at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th. Selected auctioneers from the audience will be used for the White Elephant Auction to close out the evening after the Live Auction.

Good News! We've been allocated a larger room for the Live Auction. This means we'll have room for more auction items and will now accept a lower minimum retail value of \$10 per auction lot. So start clearing out that shelf in the hobby room or closet and bring your no longer needed model railroad related items to the Convention. Bundle little items to make one auction lot. Registration for Sellers (who receive 90% of paid sales) will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific function rooms at the Glendale Hilton. The Auction Room will be open for item viewing and Bidder registrations beginning at 7:00 p.m. All bidders must register and obtain a bidding card to participate in the Live Auction.

Don't forget to bring the gals, too! We've received some nice donated non-rail items that we are inserting into the auction lot. I hope to see you there! Jan



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Extra Fare Tours

Mary Barstow, MMR, Convention Committee

THE FILLMORE & WESTERN RAILWAY

Saturday, Sept. 18th, 9 am – 5 pm

\$ 45.00 – Bus Transportation

The Fillmore and Western Railway runs between Fillmore and Santa Paula through the fertile Santa Clara River Valley. Once it was used for growing barley, lima beans, lemons and oranges. Eventually oranges were replaced by avocados and container nurseries. Lemons seemed unaffected by the change.

The General Motors 1949 F-7, dressed in orange and silver, will probably be used on the day of our visit. Their steam engines are in the shops for repair.

The Short Line rail corridor was once used by the SP to transport agricultural products to the main line. Another line was built to the south and became the now favored route. The Short Line rail corridor, along with new restorations in Fillmore and Santa Paula, make for an enjoyable excursion.

Our tour group, arriving by chartered bus, will board the train at 11:30 a.m. with a departure at 12 Noon. There is a one hour stopover in Santa Paula and a return to Fillmore by 3 p.m. The Cafe Parlour Car is open at 11:30 a.m., and is available for lunch.

Or, you may choose to find a lunch stop in Santa Paula. A snack bar and gift shop are also on board. After a full and exciting day, we will return by bus to the hotel at 5 p.m.

THE METRO RAIL TOUR

Thursday, September 16th, 9 am – 4 pm

\$ 15.00

This tour leaves the hotel at 9:00 am and travels to the historic Glendale Station via the Glendale Beeline shuttle. The tour boards a Metrolink train and travels to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. At Union Station the tour travels the entire 17 mile subway system to its terminus in North Hollywood. On returning to Union Station by subway the tour takes the newly completed light rail Gold Line to Pasadena and returns. This 14 mile route is on the historic Santa Fe R/W between LA and Pasadena. After a tour of Union Station the tour returns to Glendale by Metrolink train and arrives back at the hotel at 4 pm.

OLD TOWN LOS ANGELES TOUR

Friday, September 17th, 9 am – 4 pm

\$ 15.00

Leaving the hotel at 9 am we travel to Glendale Station via the Beeline. There, traveling by Metrolink, we tour Union Station. The group then visits the old Plaza and historic Olvera Street that includes the city's oldest adobe buildings and quaint Mexican shops. You will have the opportunity to visit Philippe's Original French Dip Sandwich Restaurant which has a railroad museum of its own. The tour return to the Glendale Hilton at 4 pm.

Model Contest

Lindsay Smith, Contest Chair

Come on in and help entertain the Conventioneers! You can make it a better convention by showing something. No matter if it is not high caliber MMR work, an interesting model can entertain your friends. At the very lowest level of participation, come on in and admire the work of others. Please vote for your favorite model.

We will have all the judged model categories open. You can exhibit in the Open or Kit Contest categories. If you have never placed first or "Best Of Show", you can enter as a Novice in either Open or Kit.

We will also have a judged Photography Contest. You can "enhance" an image with computer processing, but show us what you can see with a camera. Please mount your work so it will display on our photo racks. We still have categories for 35mm color slides of models and



real rail scenes.

Needle craft and railway art will be displayed in the Railette (non-rail participants) area with the good cookies.

For just showing a special item of interest, we will have a Display Section. Just make a small "caption" so the viewers can appreciate your display. I may show some early or antique items in this group. These models are not judged in the contest or favorite model category. You can also show video, photos, and computer artwork in the Display Section.

We appreciate the craftsmanship of our friends! We came to put on this show to have and provide fun! If you are not having fun, I'll break your leg! That's a joke! But I really pray that all models shown throughout the years of LA Division Contests have not caused the modeler to be embarrassed by nit picking or rivet counting. Of course in the contest between very good models, the difference may be slight and the judgment arbitrary. It happens! You can ask questions and I'm sure the contest room gang will be glad to help you become a better modeler.

Clinics

Mary Barstow, MMR, Convention Committee

We have an impressive cast of experienced clinicians who have agreed to participate in our clinic program. They are:

Lindsay Smith	David Hauver
Don Fowler	Sandy Friedfeld
Dave Connery	Bob Moore
Bruce Bloch	Chuck Nauman
Brian Kreimendahl	Peter Ely
Steve Dunham	Bob Larson
Dave Crammer	Bryan Hunnell
Robert Mitchell	El Swerdfeger
Don Stewart	Carnigham
R. Lamar Scheuerman	John Roberts

Some examples of what we have for you:

Western Pacific Trackage – Bob Larson

Bob Larson has agreed to present his highly successful and entertaining clinic on his experiences on Western American railroads. He is a retired locomotive engineer and author of a book titled Western Pacific Trackage. Bob's slide show literally chronicles portions of his 40 plus years of service on Western American railroads. Through this amazing tenure Bob fired and later engineered every type of locomotive from the smallest narrow gauge steamer up through the mightiest articulated monsters and captures it all through the lens of this camera. His natural wit and humor will keep you in stitches. Bob does the entire show from actual experiences and without any notes. Don't miss this outstanding show! (Continued to the right)

Layout Tours - Clubs

Mary Barstow, MMR, Convention Committee

The following clubs have agreed to be on the layout tours during our convention:

The Glendale Model Railroad Club

"Verdugo Valley Lines" - HO, HOn3

Open Wednesday evening, September 15th

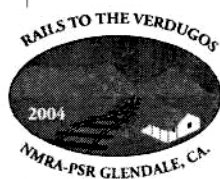
6 pm - 9:30 pm

Glendale Model Railroad Club's 25 x 40 ft. modern era layout realistically models Southern California. From the Los Angeles Union Station SP trains pass through Burbank, San Fernando, Saugus, Mojave, Walong, Caliente, and Edison on the way to Bakersfield. Tehachapi loop is beautifully represented. Buildings reflect the originals, especially Los Angeles Union Station. Reviewed in Model Railroader, May 1996.

Highland Park Society of Railroad Engineers

"Highland Pacific" – HO, HOn3 & Traction

The Highland Park Society of Model Engineers Club is a 42 x 82 ft. mixed era layout formed in 1948, one of the oldest in So. California. The layout is mainly HO with some HOn3 in the mountainous half; the other half is coastal. It is CPC controlled with five individual cabs and



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Scenery – San Diego Style – San Diego Division

Instructors include Rodger Gredvig MMR, John Sigurdson MMR, Ben Sevier, Gary Robinson, Bob Moore, and Don Fowler. This clinic offers "hands on" basic scenery instruction for creating streets, rock castings, trees, ground cover, and water. There is no charge to participants who will leave with a completed module. This clinic is limited to the first twenty-four who sign up.

Details Make the Difference – Don Fowler

This clinic provides ideas for adding small details to create more realistic scenery utilizing slides of finished scenes from Don's "N" scale 16' x 20' layout. Projects include streets, shop details, fencing, trees, and more. Techniques include scratch building, kit bashing, and use of commercially available products. Don's father introduced him to model railroading at age four and he's been addicted every since. Don is now in N Scale, and his latest layout is operational, with the scenery 75% finished including operating signals/grade crossings, night lighting, and sound systems. Don is currently serving as the San Diego Division's Clerk/Paymaster and working on his MMR certification.

several major yards with cabs. Beautiful scenes are of Del Mar, Angels' Flight, Bayshore Depot, Blue River Timber Co., and Angel's Bridge. Reviewed in RMC, Dec. 1995.

Slim Gauge Guild

"Colorado and Sierra Railroad" – HOn3, Sn3

Colorado scenery has been incredibly recreated on the Slim Gauge Guild layout. The Sn3 part of the layout represents 1900 era freelanced scenes typical of Western narrow gauge, -mining and logging. The HOn3 layout depicts favorite locations in Colorado. Rails pass through Gunnison into Black Canyon, and on to Cimarron. Dawes Viaduct and Crystal Creek Bridge are modeled.

Pasadena Model Railroad Club – "Sierra Pacific"

HO, HOn3, & Traction

The Pasadena Model Railroad Club operates the Sierra Pacific Lines, one of the worlds largest HO scale operating model railroads, covering 5000 sq. ft. The railroad has over 30,000 feet of hand laid steel rail. A four track mainline allows for operating up to ten 30 ft. trains. Branch lines serve coal mines, ore and limestone mines. There is a lumber mill and logging operations. Recently a theatrical lighting system has been installed allowing trains to operate in a semi-automatically controlled 24-hour day-night sequence. It must be seen to be believed.



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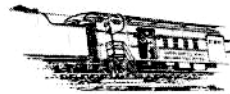
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- 29 - 31 Los Angeles Live Steamers Spring Meet. 5202 Zoo Drive, (Griffith Park) Los Angeles CA. www.lals.org

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- 3-4-5-6 The Big Train Show. Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. www.bigtrainshow.com. Public Sat 1 - 6; Sun. 1 - 4.
- 7 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 - 10 PM (1930 - 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for directions to the club building.
- 12 San Diego Division Monthly Layout Meet - see Inland Empire Layout Tour.
- 12 Inland Empire Layout Tour, Cajon Division. www.cajon.org Bob Chaparro psrpom239@cox.net (949) 770-5158
- 13 Arizona Division "Next" Meet. St Vianney Catholic Church, 180 Soldier Pass Rd., West Sedona, AZ. Duane Buck, buckgnry@npgcable.com www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/azdiv/azdiv.html
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- 27 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

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- 4 to 11: "Puget Sound Express" NMRA 2004 National Convention. Seattle, WA. Information and Registration: Dave Kreitler, (425) 831-5131, rrnut@msn.com. General Information: www.nmra2004.org
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- 31 "In the Heat" Railroad Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ. 9 - 2PM \$5.00 at Door. Tables \$20.00. (602) 336-0973. NPBC-Sr. Adults.

AUGUST

- 2 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 - 10 PM (1930 - 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for directions to the club building.
- 7, 8 GATS, San Bernardino, CA. National Orange Events Center, 689 South E Street, 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. See www.GATS.com for discount and details. (630) 834-0652.
- 14 Pioneer Western Model Railroad Club - Old Fashioned Cardtable Swap Meet. 1230 West Orangethorpe, Fullerton, CA 8 am - 12 noon. (714) 526-6718.
- 16 to 24 Southern California Home & Garden Show.

- Anaheim Convention Center. G-gauge Garden Layout. <http://www.trainshow.info/>
- 21, 22 GATS, Ventura, CA. Ventura County Fairgrounds, Sea Side Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$7.00. See www.GATS.com for discount and details. (630) 834-0652. Also see <http://www.gcmrc.com/>
- 29 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

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Coupler deadline
- 6 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 - 10 PM (1930 - 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrc.org for directions to the club building.
- 10 to 26 Los Angeles County Fair. See Citrus Empire O scale layout under the grandstands. Fairplex Garden Railroad G-gauge, South of Grandstands outdoors. Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society at Gate F. Includes a Big Boy
- 11 San Fernando Valley Railroad Historical Soc. Slide Show. 10 AM (1000 PST), \$1.00 unless

- exhibiting. Presentation room, Los Angeles Times Valley Plant, 20000 Prairie St. (@Winnetka), Chatsworth, CA 91311. Jerry Weisman (310) 657-6321 weisman@adelphia.net
- 15 to 19 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention. Rails to the Verdugos. Sponsored by LA Division. Glendale Hilton.
- 18 Santa Susana Open House. 10 to 4. Simi Valley CA. For information contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or 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.
- 18 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet. 7 - 11 AM in the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. Admission \$3.00. Sellers contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or oltwntrn@pacbell.net
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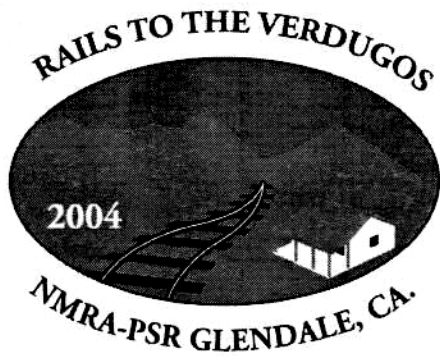
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