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Season's Greetings

From the Hot Seat!

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First, let me thank you for showing your support for the PSR by sending in your votes. By reading this you know I was re-elected. There is a lot of work to do in the next two years getting the LRP up and running. There are many details to be worked out so that we will conform to the new National policies.

If you did not go to the Glendale convention you really missed out on a good one, the convention committee putting on a really great event. As I talked to people throughout the convention I could tell they were all having a great time.

Today there are many things pulling us in different directions, and going to the convention sometimes has to be put off till the next year. The next convention is September 7th through 11th, 2005 so make your plans now. Really, please plan on attending - this is your convention. As you may have guessed, the attendance was lower than it should have been at Glendale. The dates for the coming event are posted a full year before the next one, so please try to plan on being there. Well, that's enough for my soapbox rambling.

We gave out many awards at the banquet. The PSR Member of The Year is Harold Graebner. You may not know Harold but he is a vital part of the PSR. He is the person that writes all the complex language

for the By-Laws and Manual of Operations. He also has the job of explaining it to me! If you have ever read them you'll know what I mean. This leads me into some of what we discussed at the Board of Directors meeting just before the start of the convention. We have to change the By-Laws and MOP to accommodate the change with National going to the Long Range Plan. During this time we may also choose to update them both to keep up with the times.

We also talked about the future of our conventions at the BOD meeting, what are the benefits from them and what direction we may want to go in the future. We may want to form a convention committee that has at least one representative from each Division. This would lessen the burden on the Division and spread the work out evenly through the Region.

Another topic we discussed was the budget. Another year has passed with an approval of a budget with money going out faster than we acquire it. We went through the

budget and cut some costs but we still have a long way to go. We will have to wait and see what effect the LRP has on our situation before we do more.

Well that's about it for now, time to make plans for the last Division meets for the year. The year is almost over, I hope you all have a great holiday season.

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The Arizona Division has sponsored 3 Division Meets with full NMRA contests, 3 clinics at each, a business meeting, Railette activities and doorprizes. The final meeting this calendar year was the meeting in Tucson on November 6. It is our meeting with the most activities as it contains all those activities in the other meets plus a banquet and layout tours. It takes up two days. The Tucson group did another outstanding job hosting the meeting. Lots of fun was had by all! Seventy-six people attended and all had a great time. We learned things of interest at the meeting, layout tours and filled stomachs at the banquet.

An Arizona Division sponsored PSR Convention in 2007 was discussed. We will see if a group wishes to head the committee. I suspect Division members from all over the state will assist anyone who volunteers to head up the convention.

The Division arranged a trip on the Verde Canyon Railroad on August 28. Fifteen people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the time. On the way up, we saw Eagles, Great Blue Herons, ducks and Elk and bats. The trip back was under an almost full moon. The temperature was warm for the departure but delightfully crisp on the way back. We will plan another trip in April or May next year.

I know everyone's time is tight and so is money. But a day with a bunch of friendly people can't be beat. The next Division Meet is scheduled for March 5, 2005 in Phoenix.

Participation: the word is relatively benign, but the impact is strong. Participate in life, don't just sit on the sidelines and watch it go by. Jump into the parade, step on stage, run onto the field. The more you participate, the more you get out of life. There are a lot of really great model railroaders in the PSR. If you do not know whom to contact, there is a list by Division in the Dispatch. Call a Director she or he will be happy to help you get on the right track to someone who shares similar interests. This can help you save time and frustration as they may have already seen the problem you may be just starting to see. One of the great benefits of NMRA membership is sharing ideas on the art of

It hardly seems possible to be writing a column to end another year. I sure hope I had fun because 2004 has just whizzed by.

Hats off and kudos to the LA Convention Committee for a great convention in Glendale. I personally had a great time. At each convention there is always something that stands out among the activities offered and from the comments received, I believe in Glendale it was the clinics. Folks kept making comments about the great clinics. Being an educator at heart this was wonderful to hear.

However I must say I was most disappointed at the lack of models in the Contest room that had only a handful on display. I agree with Duane Buck, PSR Contest Chair, that this bordered on embarrassment for the PSR, especially since there were a number of NMRA® and other Region officials in attendance. One person from the PCR even commented that he was amazed to see so few models. Okay PSR, can you help remedy this situation? If you don't like the paperwork to enter a model for judging, you can still bring your models to the Contest room for "Display". I know PSR has some great modelers and I urge you to take pride to fill our Contest room with models to show off to all.

By the time this reaches your mailboxes Barstow should be history and all Cajon activities for 2004 concluded. A report on how Barstow fared will be in the next issue. We are currently in the process of lining up some meets for 2005 and will post the details on our private website at www.cajondiv.org under events.

Of course the bulk of our energy will be used to host the PSR 2005 Convention. We are well underway and received over 40 registrations in Glendale.

A special thank you to Dorr Altizer. Even though he's now in retired status, he continues to provide support to the PSR by making all of our newsletters available online. In addition he has really been a big help formatting my 05 convention material and adverts for publication. Of course if you ask Dorr, he would deem me to be the pimple that just won't go away. <g> but I do thank him for his dedication to the PSR and for all his help.

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Activity Reports

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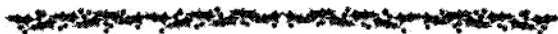


"Rails to the Verdugos" was one of the best! We all worked hard and had a great time. I particularly enjoyed organizing the clinics. It was a new experience for me. My thanks to all of the clinicians for being punctual, professional, interesting, and above all so nice.

And a special thanks to Sandy Friedfeld, my co-chair, who helped to make it easy and kept it fun. Modeling With The Masters was a success as well and a program I was pleased to be associated with. Clark Kooning worked throughout the day. He was just as chipper in the morning as he was at the end of the evening. Thank you, John Roberts, NMRA® President, for adding your expertise to our clinic roster.

Our banquet was very well attended. Following dinner we were treated to a special presentation. We were honored to have the President of the Southern Pacific Historical Society, Paul Koehler, present a photo program on all the railroads that operated in the Glendale/Verdugo area from 1874 to the present. A special thanks goes to Don Stewart for bringing and operating his digital projector, not only for the banquet presentation, but for the contest award winners. Many people worked really hard to make the convention a success. The entire convention committee truly deserves one mega thank you.

For those of you who let "Rail to the Verdugos" slip by unattended, you missed a fine opportunity to meet a lot of neat people with such interesting knowledge and skills to share. Make a special effort next year to attend the 2005 PSR Convention hosted by Cajon Division. It will be held on September 7-11 at the Radisson Resort by Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California.



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model railroading. In my opinion, you should never stop learning. It keeps the brain active and healthy and opens up new ideas and projects for you to enjoy. Have fun!

In July, John Sigurdson gave everyone a last glimpse of this famous Dakota & Northwestern N scale empire. John has sold his N scale railroad in order to expand development of his On3 logging layout.

In August we were again hosted by the Poway Club for our annual summer picnic (in lieu of a Summer Meet) at the famous Poway Railroad Park, which included a private tour of the Engine house and newly constructed turntable. Every aspect of the restoration of equipment, even the building itself, is done with period-accurate techniques and construction methods. Later that month the Division was invited to an open house at the Balboa Park Model RR Museum to operate on any of their 5 giant layouts. They allowed our members to use their own equipment (providing it met with each club's standards).

In September, Dick Roberts allowed passage on his wonderfully detailed 1930s style HO layout featuring mushroom bench work (2-levels w/opposing view blocks), and his ingenious "elevator" that moves whole trains vertically to the upper level. Curiously, Dick is seriously considering changing to On30.

In October, we met for pie and a last look at Dave Balse's Onion Valley RR (at least, his HOn3 version). Dave is converting to On30. In fact, immediately after the layout tour, a staff member from Model Railroader magazine shot a photo layout, and demolition began!

We are already busy making plans for the 2006 PSR Convention, and as you can tell, we will have several new or completely revamped layouts on the tour.

As to the future, more mini-tours and the Fall Meet are already planned, and looking further out, preparations are being made for the "N" Scale Collector's Association to have their National Convention at the Ramada Inn here in San Diego in the summer of 2005.



Contest Corner

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As another PSR convention has recently passed, it is time to do some reflecting.

It was a wonderfully planned and executed convention, with our thanks going to Mary Barstow, Dave Cox and the LA Division crew. However, attendance numbers were disappointing. It is difficult to understand why so many PSR members don't participate in such activities and take advantage of these events to further friendships and the education opportunities.

The number of contest entries was also disappointing. I don't wish to sound too negative because there were so many positive things to be said for this convention. However, there were only seven entries in the model construction contest, no module entries and no arts and crafts entries. There were 18 entries in the photo contest.

Several questions have been received regarding PSR contest rules. The PSR contest Directory "is comprised of 65 pages and "it" is cost prohibitive to provide individual copies to our members. Copies have been provided to each Division Contest Chair, as well as some PSR officers. Because of this limited distribution, we'll cover the basic requirements for contest entries in the next several issues of the DISPATCH. Please remember that your questions are always welcomed. Contact your local Division Contest Chair or myself with your queries. Start preparing your entries now for next years convention. For potential model entries, it is always sound practice to keep a log, or running narrative of the action taken to accomplish your modeling goal. This will assist in filling out the contest Judges' Score Sheet.



Achievement Program

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At the last Regional Convention, there were few models entered in the contest. This is disappointing in several areas:

There are not as many models to view by the registrants

Ideas for construction and plans are not exchanged

Construction methods and tips used on building the models are not exchanged

Learning is decreased

This seems symptomatic of a declining interest and declining membership. I have seen it in other

organizations as well. The International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) is experiencing a decline in membership and has initiated a program very similar to the NMRA's Achievement Program. This is hoped to help invigorate the society. After all, their primary focus is building models. At the August 2004 International convention held in Phoenix, the 900 registrants entered over 2,000 models in the contests. Some of these models were magnificent! Like a 1/72 scale (only slightly larger than HO scale trains) M-1 tank with a removable engine, opening hatches and skirts and a fully detailed interior. There were even a few model railroad

items. An excellent O scale PFE ice reefer and several HO cars were present in the miscellaneous category. Other models were very nice and some were fair. Many categories had over 30 entries and only 4 awards were given. A lot of people were excitedly discussing their construction techniques, subject matter and final finishing and presentation.

So, how does this apply to model railroaders? Anything that gets people excited about something or opens up a new area to explore generates interest and activity. Perhaps modeling has become the venue of only a few that blow away the competition.

When I had again lost a contest to the famous E. LeRoy Thompson, MMR, he reminded me that he

Paul Schmitt of the San Diego Division has been approved as our newest Master Model Railroader. He is MMR #342 and has earned certificates in the Motive Power, Cars, Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer-Civil, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, Chief Dispatcher and Association Volunteer categories.
Congratulations, Paul!

Chief Gandy Dancer

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As you are probably all aware by now, Bob Sherlock, who served the Pacific Southwest Region for fourteen years as Trustee, has stepped down. I think that we all owe Bob our thanks for a job well done over all those years! I will be filling the Trustee position during the transition to the new Board of Directors as called out in the Long Range Plan (LRP). Consequently, my term will only last nine months, but I promise that I will represent you to the best of my ability.

Who is this guy Jacobs, you say? Well, I've been in the NMRA® since 1979 and am, I guess, a life-long model railroader-starting with Lionel many years ago. I'm from the Nevada side of the Cajon Division, where I'm the editor of the Order Board and I've now been on two PSR convention committees. I'm in HOn3, belong to the Friends of the C&TSRR, and love the RGS. I started on the refurbishment of the cab of K-36 489 this last August and now consider that my locomotive. Enough about that-just feel free to come up and talk to me at any of our get-togethers; I would like to meet each and every one of you in the very near future. But, we must go on to the serious stuff.

The implementation of the LRP is on a pretty fast track. Some significant dates reported from the last Board of Trustees meeting are as follows:

1. A nominating committee for candidates for the new Board of Directors has been formed and is actively working. Election of directors will take place in the spring of 2005. There will be a ballot in Scale Rails.
2. The new Board will be seated on June 30, 2005.
3. The Region Advisory Council (RAC), composed of region presidents, will be formed as soon as possible and will elect the RAC representative to the Board of Directors by March 31, 2005.
4. The regions must review and update their bylaws to comply with the new NMRA® regulations by September 1, 2005.
5. The single membership program will take effect on or after September 1, 2005.

According to President John Roberts, at the National level, the NMRA® will be run like a multimillion dollar business, which in most respects it is. The new Board of Directors will give high-level guidance, which will be implemented by the departments. This is a departure

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from the current system, where the Trustees have a more "hands on" approach. There are also fewer members of the new Board which should allow consensus building on issues to take place a little faster. What does this mean to us grass roots people? We should see nothing except for more efficiency when we deal with the national organization. After all, model railroading is supposed to be fun!

See you on down the line-Bill

Railettes

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Well, the convention in Glendale is over, and I for one had a great time. The Railette/Hospitality Room was a small hub of activity. Especially when they were making the autumn wreaths and decorating the gift bags. The wreaths came out fantastically, but the gift bags came out so great they should be given as the gift instead of just the wrapping around the gift. Some of the craft ideas were better on paper than in reality so they are filed away under "No way." We had as few as three women working and as many as nine.

The luncheon on Friday was at a restaurant across the street from the hotel and we had a wonderful meal, each ordered from the menu instead of having a set menu. The restaurant was so well received some of the women had their husbands take them to supper there that evening.

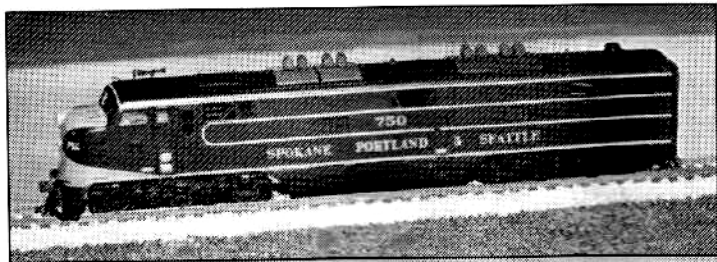
If you did not drop by, you missed a chance at some good friendship and great conversation, the coffee was pretty good also, but the real show stealer was the assorted goodies. Thanks to Mary Bartsow, Dave Cox, Joyce Pratt, Connie Buck, and Marie Lee for keep the room supplied with waist increasing goodies. If I forgot someone, consider yourself thanked heartily and please forgive the omission.

Now I am looking forward to the 2005 convention in Buena Park, CA. We are going to be right next door to the Knott's Berry Farm, so you can see that it will be a busy and fun one. The convention chair, Jan Westcott, is planning general interest sessions for the women along the lines of the men's clinics, where we can learn about a subject that would be of interest. Right now we are trying to come up with subjects for these sessions. If you have any ideas, my address, both regular and e-mail are somewhere in this issue, or if you have the 3rd quarter issue, it is on page 16. There will still be times where we will be making craft items to take home. I have a couple

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Rails to the Verdugos

Pacific Southwest Region 2004 Convention Model Contest Results



Best of Show

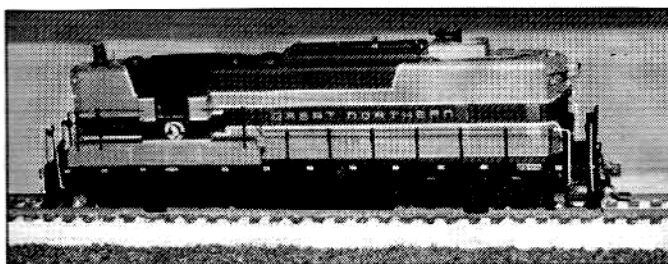
Duane Buck
Arizona Division
EMD 7A
SP&S #750



Traction - Kit

Dave Cox MMR
Los Angeles Division
Los Angeles Railway #1360

Duane Buck
Arizona Division
EMD GP7
Great Northern #604



Diesel Locomotive - Kit

Models

Diesel & Other Locomotives - kit

1st Place - Duane Buck (Arizona)
EMD GP7 GN #604 *

Passenger Cars - Open

1st Place - Eric Cox (Los Angeles) Los Angeles & San
Pedro Baggage Car *

Passenger Cars - Kit

1st Place - Barry Draper (Los Angeles) Los Angeles &
Independence Combine #56

Non - Revenue Cars - Kit

1st Place - Robert Moore (San Diego) Electric Power
Car for Circus Train.

Structures - kit

1st Place - Duane Buck (Arizona)
Oil Well Complex #1 *

Traction - Kit

1st Place - Dave Cox, MMR (Los Angeles)
Los Angeles Railway #1360 *

Ingenuity

Robert Moore (San Diego) Underbody detail (carved
from pencil erasers) for Electric Power Car for Circus
Train.

Special Awards

PSR President's Award - Robert Moore (San Diego)

Clear the Tracks, Cajon Ready to Highball!

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With a few changes to some of the detail in the normal paint scheme and a year of hard work behind them, the Cajon train and its crew is ready to roll. It's all aboard time as we head down the tracks to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California for "your" annual convention in 2005. Yes, folks, this is "your" convention! It is the once a year gathering of all PSR members. An opportunity to have fun with other member modelers, meet new friends from other Divisions and share in the fun of model railroading. It's the time when as a member of the PSR you can provide support to your organization in its quest to strengthen, promote and further the growth of our hobby. A time to be proud you belong to the Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA®. While the Cajon Division may be the host for the 2005 convention, this is by no means a Division event. We are only the workers tasked to put the event on for all of you.

A year ago when we began the process of putting this convention together you were foremost in our thoughts. We also wanted to get everyone involved to help stage this PSR convention including folks from other Division committees. We began by putting together a very large convention team made up of Cajon members that are among the most dedicated and fun loving folks in the Region and then we went railroading to horse collar others. Smile when you see a familiar name pop up in future convention articles, "got another one". <g> Truly though, everyone is working just for you to have a good time.

We're not asking you to work or volunteer although anyone is more than welcome to join this work bandwagon, just contact me. What we ask is your support to spread the word about your convention and your attendance. Come reap the rewards of our hard work. The convention won't be fun if you're not there.

Our goal is not to make gobs of money but rather

to break even and not lose money. We solicited written bids from all over the Cajon territory including the not so touristy areas. Surprisingly, the touristy places with its high volume were more cost effective than the not so touristy.

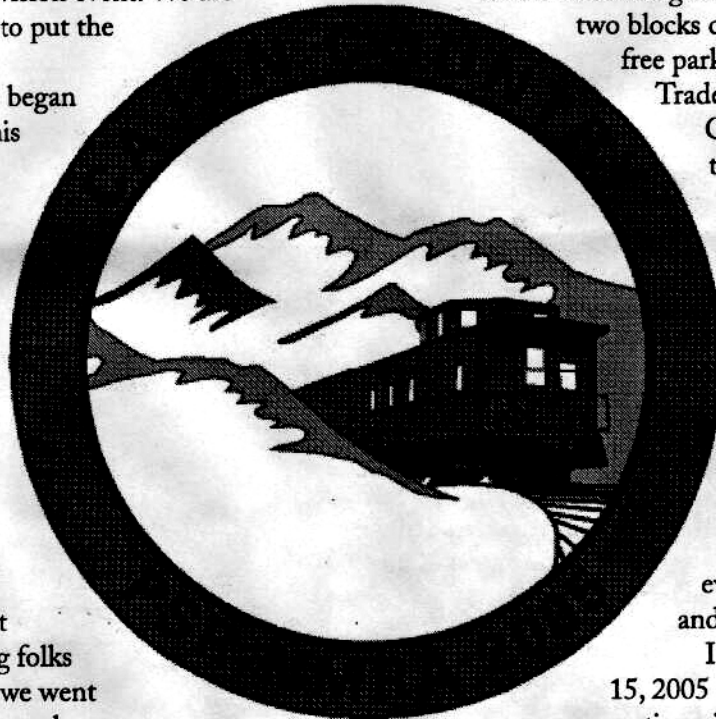
Some things such as cost are beyond our control. Everything cost \$\$ these days, a fact of life. However we have placed emphasis to try and give you the most for your time and dollar. We chose a location that is fun all by itself and one of Southern California's most visited attractions in Knott's Berry Farm. The convention hotel is just a 3 minute walk to the Knott's Berry Farm entrance. And the hotel is providing a free Knott's Berry Farm admission ticket for each room reservation made through their channels. We also chose a prominent hall noted for hosting other train shows, located just two blocks down the street with lots of free parking to host the two day Train/Trade show.

One of the changes we made this year is NO banquet. We felt this would only add to the cost of attending and we wanted everyone to be able to afford to attend the convention's finale. Instead for the Awards Presentation we are hosting a "party" complete with hors d'oeuvres, no host bar, something for entertainment all for just \$5. We want everyone to mingle, eat, drink, and laugh together.

If you register before April 15, 2005 we are giving away a free convention pin plus a quality door prize. I've spent a year rounding up these prizes (separate door prizes for the non rail ladies and guys). We will even try to accommodate giving these prizes out to the modelers by "scale" for those registering before April 15th.

The basic convention information is in our convention brochure located elsewhere in this Dispatch issue and on the PSR website at www.psr-nmra.org

All of the normal convention fare will be offered. In addition we are tossing in a few new twists to make it interesting. Stay tuned. Don't miss the train to Cajon Country, Register Today!





CAJON COUNTRY

Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA® 2005 Convention
Presented by the Cajon Division, PSR, NMRA®

September 7 – 11, 2005

**Radisson Resort Knott's Berry Farm
Buena Park, California**

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* As you want them to appear on your name badge(s) - ** Important: email communication will be used where/when possible

NMRA Adult Rail - BEFORE April 15, 2005 – Receives Free Pin	# _____	\$60.00
AFTER April 15, 2005	# _____	\$65.00
Non Rail or Railette (accompanied by NMRA member)	# _____	\$40.00
Youth (10-17, with paid adult)	# _____	\$15.00
Single Day – indicate day [] Thurs [] Fri [] Sat	# _____	\$30.00
Non NMRA member Surcharge*	# _____	\$15.00
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EXTRA FARE (A separate TOURS Extra Fare form will be sent out April 2005)

Awards Reception Party (Saturday Evening)	# _____	\$ 5.00
Hobo Breakfast	# _____	\$12.00
Railette Luncheon	# _____	\$ 5.00
Convention Car: HO Kit Plus Decals	# _____	\$10.00
HO Ready to Run	# _____	\$15.00
N Scale Decal Only	# _____	\$ 2.00
Convention Pin	# _____	\$ 5.00
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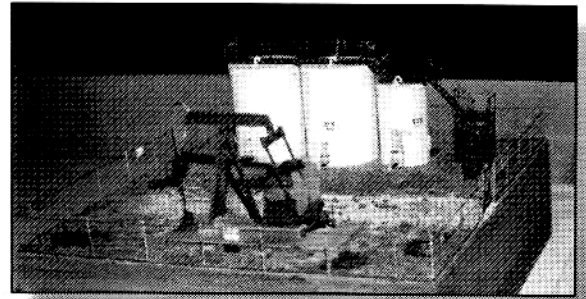
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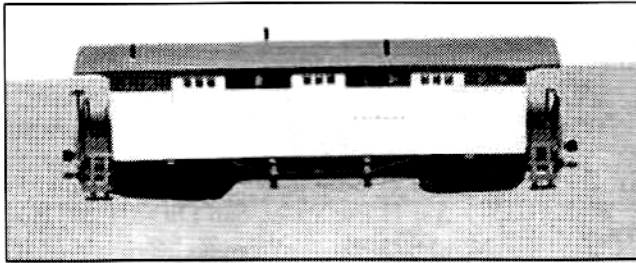
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 Reservations: 800-333-3333, Local 714-995-1111. Convention Room Rate per night is \$99
 Parking is free. Specify that you will be attending the PSR 2005 Convention

Duane Buck
Arizona Division
Oil Well Complex #1



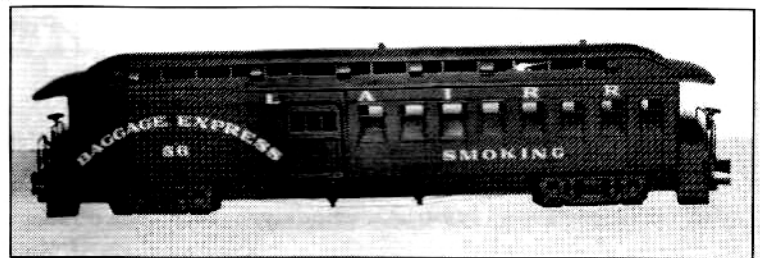
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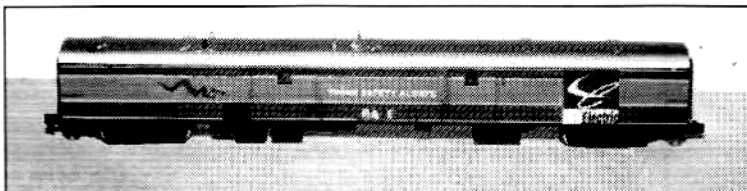
Passenger Car - Open

Eric Cox
Los Angeles Division
Los Angeles & San Pedro Baggage Car

Barry Draper
Los Angeles Division
Los Angeles & Independence
Combine #56



Passenger Car - Kit



Non-Revenue Car - kit

Robert Moore
San Diego Division
Electric Power Car for Circus Train

Electric Power Car (1st Time PSR Entry).
Favorite Model (Popular Vote) - Eric Cox (Los Angeles)
LA & SP Baggage Car

Best of Show
Duane E. Buck (Arizona) EMD 7A SP&S #750

Photography Contest

Color Print - Model
1st Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) AT&SF Switcher
2nd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Loading Out

Color Print - Prototype
1st Place - Robert Moore (San Diego) 4449 Meets the Yakima
2nd Place - Mary Barstow, MMR (Los Angeles)

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Steamed!

Color Slide - Model

1st Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Yard Terminal
2nd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Terminal
3rd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Rail Link #701

Color Slide - Prototype

1st Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Crozier Meet
2nd Place - Charles Nauman (Cajon) Headed West
3rd Place - Charles Heperle (Los Angeles) D&RGW Ski Train.

Best of Show

Charles Heperle (Los Angeles) Black & White Print
- AT&SF 3751 at Claremont.



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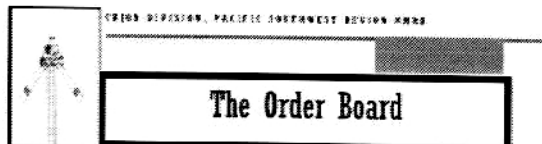
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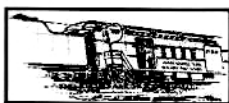


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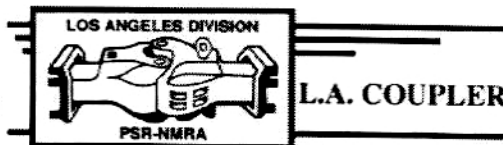


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(1930 – 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It
is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for
directions to the club building.
- 11, 12 GATS, Anaheim CA. 11 AM – 5 PM. Anaheim
Convention Center. See www.GATS.com for
discount and details. (630) 834-0652
- 11 San Diego Division Monthly Layout Tour - 12:00
to 3:00 pm - Steve Harris, Valley Center
sddiv@sbcglobal.net
- 18, 19 Great Western Train Show, San Bernardino
Fairgrounds, Victorville, CA. 11 AM – 5 PM.
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- 19 Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) Southern
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2005

JANUARY

- 8 San Diego Division Monthly Layout Tour - 12:00
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FEBRUARY

- 5 San Diego Division Winter Meet - 11:30am to
3:00 pm - Peace Lutheran Church, Linda Vista
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- 12 PSR mid-year Board of Directors Meeting -

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APRIL

- 2 Brian Block's Las Vegas BBQ and Meet. Clinics,
auction, and door prizes. BBQ lunch. . Contact
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JULY

- 3 – 11 Cincinnati Limited 2005 NMRA® Convention,
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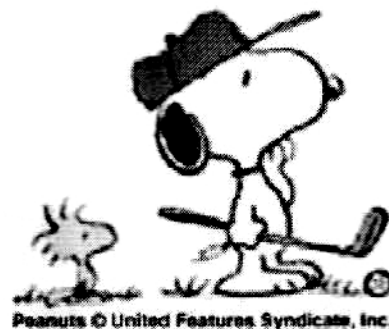
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for this event will be on the Extra Fare Form due
out about February/March 2005. More details
soon; stay tuned!



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would be gone someday and I had the opportunity to hone my skills and practice my art (yes, model building is an art) so I could begin winning. Now LeRoy is gone, but I remember his magnificent models and what I learned from him and his art. It has greatly improved my skills. I can now proudly run my extra detailed models on my own layout with the satisfaction that they are good models by anyone's standards. Sure, I have some models that I built earlier when my skills were not as good as they are now. But I have a more critical eye now and I want my models to look better.

I am more satisfied now than ever before. Why? Because the models today, whether ready to run, kit or scratchbuilt are better than they used to be and because I have the skills to make these models even better. Thanks to my involvement with those exceptional modelers building magnificent models, practicing my skills on my own models and entering contests to compare with the best, I saw with gratification my ability to compete. Sure, I got clobbered at first. But it only motivated me to do better. I learned from the best (judging helps here),

emulated their techniques and improved on them to suit my needs. Now I have great looking models that run well.

What have I done with the older less detailed models? Add details and upgrade the wheels/ trucks or recycle at a swap meet. Build your enjoyment! Build models!



Caion (continued)

Here's wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2005 for the PSR Convention.



Raillettes (continued)

of thoughts, but am in need of more crafty ideas that are suitable for ladies of all skill levels.

If nothing else stop by, introduce yourself and chat for a while.

See you in Buena Park in 2005!!



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I would like to start by congratulating Ed Hall on his 'election' to President of the PSR. Next, I'd like to thank ALL the people who took the time to vote regardless of who you voted for. With out you there would be no organization for us to belong to.

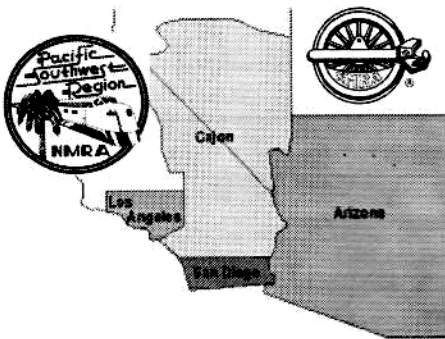
I set three personal goals when I entered the race for President of the PSR. First, I wanted the next president to be chosen through an election, not a coronation. In order for that to happen, two people had to contest for the office. We saw to that. Secondly, I wanted to try and stir up a little interest from the membership of the PSR. Since well over a hundred of you took the time to vote, as compared to 30 or 40 in the past, I'd say we did that too. The last was to get elected. Well, I fell a little short there but it's OK. In the long run the first two goals were far more important. The membership has the right to have a choice in everything that happens in the PSR. But, once given that choice you as members MUST exercise your right to voice your opinion on the choices presented by first learning about the issues and then voting, when

asked to do so, or by advising your elected representative on how you want them to vote when that is appropriate.

There are many positions available in the NMRA® that need to be filled in order for the organization to run effectively. Some of these positions require a lot of work and some a little. Some require a structured time investment and some don't. Some even require special knowledge but most don't. There is a position for everyone; you just have to find it. I challenge each of you to check out all the available positions and see if there is one that you could do. If there is, volunteer or run for it. You could make a difference. I may yet become the President of PSR, but in the meantime I plan on checking out what is available out there locally, regionally and nationally and seeing if there is a position that I could fill that would fall within the constraints of my current situation. The NMRA® only works if we make it work through our participation in the process. Please become involved.

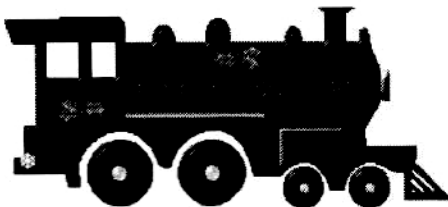
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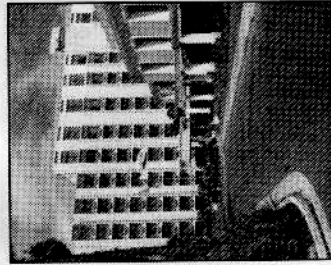
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