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It has been one of the hottest summers on record here in the desert, I'm thinking about how nice and cool the weather in Buena Park would

be right now. I am really looking forward to this convention because of all the activities that the convention committee has planned and the wonderful weather in southern California. Have you decided to go? If you have not yet decided yet, please look at the web site and see what is planned for activities and clinics. I was even asked (railroaded more like it) to give a clinic. Another reason to attend is the beautiful area the convention is being held, in southern California. What more could you ask for?

I am finding out more each day about the RAC (Region Area Council) and the responsibility of the Region President and the council. They are trying to get a comprehensive listing of staff personnel in the Regions and Divisions so that the NMRA departments can communicate with directly. This will foster better working relationships and get the available information and assistance out to the place where it is needed most, to the local groups. You may have thought that the NMRA has been less then forthcoming with information to the Regions or Divisions, but from what I understand this is

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From the Hot Seat!

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all going to change for the better. Personally I am happy this is happening, it can only increase member confidence and trust with the people in headquarters.

The flow of information will come through the RAC through the region president then to the membership, in the past this information came through the regions Trustee. With the new reorganization the Directors will be spread out over a greater distance so it would be unlikely they will be able to supply time to each Region as was done in the past. Since all of this is so new I am just starting to receive information. Some information I did receive from the RAC director indicates minor changes in the language of the regulations of the NMRA. Mostly descriptive terms that are necessary for the new changes.

There was also information about the 2011 national convention in Sacramento, California, the hotel and train show locations of the NMRA Convention be locked in. This may seem far into the future but it is not, considering hotels these days.

As far as the single dues startup date, Headquarters does not appear to be ready to handle the single dues membership as expected. We will continue the same procedure as we have done until further notice.

Election Results

The last issue of the PSR Dispatch included a ballot for electing new Division Directors, and approving the By-laws changes. The new Division Directors will be:

Arizona Duane Buck	
CajonCarl Heimberger	
Los Angeles Paul Cutter	
San Diego Don Fowler	
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Congratulations to all who participated	1

Division Director

Arizona

Don Stewart



Cajon

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Eighteen hearty souls from the Arizona Division rode the May 28 Starlight ride on the Verde Canyon train. Two bald eagles were spotted within 100 feet of the train. The evening cooled down nicely and the return trip under the stars and moon was relaxing.

June 11 was our Summer Meet in Sedona. About 40 people enjoyed the day. Two clinics, one on using Redwood bark to simulate sedimentary rock and another one on installing DCC into a large existing model railroad were well received. The usual contests, swap meet and getting together with friends generated smiles all around.

September will find many in the Arizona Division heading to Knott's Berry Farm and the PSR Convention. Those that are attending should offer to assist the hosts in presenting a good convention. After all, it is our convention too. Offer to spell a Cajon member so they can attend a clinic, help someone else present a clinic by turning on or off the lights, helping set up or taking down the display, at least participate in the activities and enjoy each other's company. Remember, we all have something in common, our love of railroading and the modeling that we do.

Attending a regional convention is similar to a family reunion. You get to see people you haven't seen or talked to in a year. The nice thing about these conventions is that you have something to talk about (trains) and you get to choose your friends. That makes this better than a family reunion where you may not have anything to talk about (except that aunt, uncle or cousin that bothers you because they are creepy) and you are born or marry into the relationships with your relatives (sometimes good, sometimes not). Enjoy the friends you make and renew at the conventions!

November will find the Arizona Division back in Tucson for the Meeting on November 5. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM and last until 4:00 PM. Doorprizes, contests, clinics, Railette activities are all part of the day's activities. You supply the people and the result is fun. A bonus at the Tucson Meet is an evening dinner at a buffet restaurant. A full day of layout tours on Sunday will feature some spectacular layouts.

First, a big thank you to all who called sent cards or emails during my recent illness. So far so good as they say and I "think" I'm finally on recovery road.

As I write this column, my train ride as Director is nearing its final station stop. It's been quite an experience for me. One filled with lots of highs and pleasurable times but more importantly, an experience that has brought me a host of new friends. Thank you one and all for your support.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming PSR 2005 Convention in Buena Park this September. Things are falling into place and its really shaping up to be a great convention. There's a host of great clinicians, excellent layouts on tour, our infamous Chinese Auction, lots of door-prizes and a fun awards reception party.

Your new Cajon Director, Carl Heimberger, will take over on Sunday, September 11th at the General Membership meeting in Buena Park. I think you will find him to be an enthusiastic positive leader with lots of energy. I believe he will serve the Cajon Division and the PSR well.

He is already working on coordinating our annual Barstow Model Railroad Month weekend celebration. It will be held on November 11-13, 2005 at the Barstow Ramada Inn. Please visit our private website at www.cajondiv.org under Events for more information as details are finalized.

As for me, I will continue to support and promote the hobby by serving as a Department Chair with the NMRA. I will be wearing a new NMRA hat taking over the Member Services and Membership Department. I'm sure that will keep me busy and somewhat out of mischief.

In closing, please try to attend this year's PSR Convention in Buena Park. It surely would be fun to celebrate one last big hurrah with all my friends in the PSR. Until we meet again along a railroad track, God bless and again thank you.

Activity Reports



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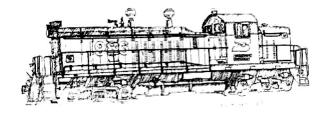
"Cincinnati Limited 2005" is past. Paul Cutter and I spent the first four days behind the table of our "2008 Anaheim Special" national convention booth. Not too many clinics or layout tours on our slate, instead wonderful conversations with so many people. I did attend the Train Show on Friday and managed a fair amount of restraint. A trip on the Whitewater Railroad in Indiana following an old canal was a nice conclusion to the week.

Our train show at Botanic Garden was quite successful. The weather was moderate until that May weekend, and then it turned hot. Fortunately we moved our G scale layout from the Cactus Garden to a cooler location just behind the main exhibit hall. Our attendance figures were strong. Many happy families!

August promises two events on the calendar for L.A. Division members. Our annual business meeting, pot luck, and operating session will be at Sandy Friedfelds. Then, on August 27th, Saturday, our members and their friends are invited to socialize and improve air-brushing skills with guidance from Don Martin, formerly of All Aboard Model Train Emporium. Bill and Irene Mergard are hosting this event and will graciously provide a tasty lunch for the attending members.

We are all looking forward to "Cajon Country" in September. Convention committee work has progressed at full steam. Much careful planning has gone into this convention and the location is terrific. This should be a lot of fun.

My term as Director ends this September. I have enjoyed serving in this office. Thank you to all who have supported me these last four years.



My tenure as San Diego Division Director ends with the election announcement in September. I would like to thank the members of the Division for their support, participation, and enthusiasm for the hooby of model railioading:-I especially Want to thank those in leadership positions who have really made this divisions function with alacrity and harmony. They have made my job much easier.

As we head into our year (2006) to host the regional convention, I want to encourage as many modelers as possible to get involved now in the planning of this event. Your participation is what makes a convention a worthwhile and rewarding experience for us all. At this moment several Chair positions still need filling, so the time to step up is now.

I would like to remind N scalers about the National N Scale Convention that will be held here in San Diego at the Town & Country Convention Center, August 17-21, and to encourage all modelers to see a big convention right in our backyard.

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity I had to serve you at the regional level and I ask you to support our next Director with encouragement and enthusiasm.

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Arizona Division (continued)

There are enough that it will be difficult to see all of them in the single day.

By the time the PSR Convention is over my term as Arizona Division Director will be over. It has been a privilege to serve the members in Arizona in the director's capacity. Some challenges, some delights, but always a lot of support from the great members in the Arizona Division and others in the Region. For that I thank you all. You have been a great group of people to work with; I'll see you at Division and Regional activities and we can swap stories. Perhaps I'll be back in some capacity in the future.

Contest Corner

Duane E. Buck, PSR ContestChair buckgnry@msn.com

After giving you a three page dissertation in the last issue of the DISPATCH, this column will be much shorter.

There's an ad currently running on TV that basically states that no one wakes up in the morning and wants to do anything but the best at his or her job. Let's apply this philosophy to our hobby of model railroading and even, more specifically to entering an NMRA contest

Haven't some of you wondered how it might feel to have your name called and to step up and receive an award? Some of you may recall, from last years PSR convention, that Robert Moore of San Diego Division fame won several awards for his model contest entry. It was the first time Bob had entered a PSR regional contest. Believe me, when I say that the look of elation on Bob's face when he received his awards was worth the price of the registration.

You could be the next Bob Moore. This means that you'll have to put forth some effort to create a contest level entry. Maybe it's the effort to excel that is turning you off to contests. However, consider this, the fact that you did put forth the effort, and that you did win, and for the moment, you were the best. I'm sure that Bob Moore is still smiling with the memory of his awards.

PSR Members continue to Garner Awards in National Competition. Two of our members have come away from Cincinnati with awards.

Gary Burnham, of the Cajon Division, won first place in the Color-Prototype photo contest with his photo of Chama, N.M.

Allen Gross, MMR, of the Arizona Division, our perennial winner in national competition, received the first place award in the Steam Locomotive category, along with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Brass Bell Award, The Timber Times Logging Equipment Award and the Wm. J. Lenoir Locomotive Construction Award for the best scratchbuilt steam locomotive model. Allen's fine model was of NP 2-6-6-2 #3100.

Congratulations to our winners. You have represented your region very well. I hope to see you in Buena Park. Please attend my clinic regarding (what else?) contests. And, enter our contests.



Achievement Program

Don Stewart, AP Program Manager

Brian Block earned his Master Model Railroader (MMR) certificate. The plaque will be presented to Brian at the PSR Convention in September.

Jane Jacobs has earned her certificate as an Association Volunteer. I will present her certificate at the PSR Convention.

Rodger Gredvig earned his Certificate for Association Official and will receive it at the Convention.

Bill Jacobs earned his Model Railroad Author Certificate in June and it has been forwarded to National. I hope to present him with his certificate in September as well.

That is 11 Certificates to present at the 2005 PSR Convention. That is a record for the last few years. Seven of those are for the Cajon Division people. I have heard that Jan and Bob Wescott have been "encouraging" the Cajon members to complete and send in their paperwork. It looks like her persuasion has worked.

Railettes

Janet Spooner, Railette Chair jspooner86@aol.com

Calling All Railettes

What a wonderful time was had by all at our meet in Sedona. Not only were we able to enjoy that magnificent scenery, but we were able to greet old friends and make some new ones, all why decorating tee shirts for children who are taking refuge at the Camp Verde Shelter for Women. We were able to decorate 15 shirts. 5 small. 5 medium, amd 5 large. There were nine ladies in attendance and it gave all of us a good feeling to do something for those who are not as well off as we are. We finished the tee shorts early in the afternoon so we took some impromptu lessons in origami. The laughter could be heard throughout the meeting and the finished items were a source of delight to each of us who accomplished the feat.

In September, there is the convention in Buena Park, CA. The hotel is part of the Knott's Berry Farm complex and is within walking distance of the park and

E. Henry Mills - A Remembrance

The NMRA, PSR, the San Diego Division and the model railroading community recently lost a stalwart member — and many of us lost a friend. Henry was a real hero in my book. He was on the Hornet when it launched Jimmy Doolittle on a wakeup call to Tokyo in 1942. On top of that, he survived the sinking of that carrier a bit later. I don't know exactly when Henry launched his model railroad career but when I came to San Diego in 1970 he was deeply involved in the activities of the San Diego Division, at that time part of the PCR. I can't remember how I got started with the NMRA but it soon put me in touch , with Henry. It was my first San Diego Division meet and Henry was pretty much in charge. As the meeting ended, Henry said the Division really needed more volunteers. No one came forward (surprise?). That same night I called Henry and tossed my hat in the ring. Thus was launched my 30-odd year acquaintance with E. Henry Mills.

Henry and a few others at that time were having a hard time keeping the division together as an active unit, and he and I both spent many subsequent years doing the same thing. I've lost track of all the positions Henry served with PCR, PSR and SDD, but he is probably best remembered for his last role as Achievement Chairman. He was instrumental in getting the rules improved and streamlined and in getting members more involved. He didn't wait for someone else to get things done. For example, when he needed new easels to display photos for the contests, he made them himself -- professional quality, of course. Everything he did had to be perfect.

He encouraged everyone to, compete, to get involved, and he encouraged me to go after the MMR award. At one point he worked directly with me so we could both earn our Dispatcher award. Every Friday night, for what seem an interminable time, I would drive up to Henry's, and we would take turns driving over to John Sigurdson's 'N' scale layout to rack up the hours and experience needed for that award. I know we drove over 1,000 miles in this effort, and I sure got to know Henry a lot better (John, too). Henry was always ready to help and became a sort of lighting guru. He provided model car lighting for many local model rails, including a neat little voltage regulator which to this day is being used by many of our local modelers.

I started winding down in the hobby even before Henry was diagnosed with Parkinson's so I didn't get to see him very often. I visited him about a year ago and although he had trouble communicating, the old sparkle was still in his eyes and you could tell it was killing him to be inactive. In 2002 his wife, Mary, and daughter, Cathy, brought him to the PSR convention at San Luis Rey where I am sure he had a ball being once again a part of the hobby he loved so much, and seeing old friends, many for the last time

Henry was a guy you just can't replace. You just do your best to try to live up to his standards. He has already been missed for the past few years and for many of us he always will be. Happy railroading on the top deck, old friend.

Bob Schimmel, MMR

Editor's Note: Henry passed away over a year ago, and Bob prepared this memoriam at that time. Due to a series of events, it did not reach me until time for this issue. So for those who knew and remember Henry, we didn't forget.

its outside shopping and restaurants. The plan for the ladies attending is outstanding. Some make an' take sessions, professional Bingo, and clinics just for us. Plan on coming and having a wonderful time. Come and have some fun, learn something, and make friends.

In November at the meet in Tucson we will need to bring some photos as we will be having a demonstration on scrapbookin' and will be making a small memory mailer that would make a wonderful gift for anyone. (About 15 to 20 photos will be plenty) Scrapbookin' will be either in the morning or the afternoon not both sessions. We are hopeful that the origami lady will be available to give us some idea of her skill and teach us some of the more simple plans for us to execute. In a few minutes the each of us will something delicate and awesome to take home.

. Come on down and join in the fun. Janet Spooner, Railette Chair

CAJON COUNTRY



LATEST CONVENTION NEWS

New Exciting Workshop Added!

Make n Take – 2 hours – Tools Required \$10 Extra Fare covers kit materials – Limited to 20 students

Leslie Eaton MMR, well noted for being a most dynamic clinician at our National Convention, has agreed to present 3 clinics at our convention. One of these will include a special hands-on "make n take" two hour workshop. The other two clinic presentations will be regular clinics and listed in your Convention Program Timetable.

Students at this workshop will learn the basics of circuit construction and how to add simple and inexpensive animation to your layout. Hands on will be to construct a strobe with a decay that can be installed on an antenna, water tower or any place desired.

This workshop is appropriate for all scales and levels of modelers from beginners through the experienced. However, attendees should have some experience in soldering small parts.

Each participant is required to bring a few simple tools:

- Small soldering iron (max 40 watts) with a stand and a sponge
- · Small needle nose pliers
- Rail nippers or small side cutters
- A Clamping tweezer to use as a heat sink
- · And if needed an Optivisor/magnifier

Don't miss this affordable opportunity to attend this workshop. The cost for this workshop is usually much more but Leslie is donating much of the cost of kit materials to make it affordable for you. I urge you to sign up now on the attached revised Extra Fare Form.

CONVENTION UPDATES

- Engine House Tour is now SOLD OUT.
 Attendees can check the Tour Desk at the convention to see if there are any cancellations.
- Microscale's no fee decal clinic has been revised to be a make n take clinic. Each participant will be able to take home his practice decal project. Class size limited to 30.
- Both the bus guided Thursday Afternoon Hobby Shop Tour and the bus guided Friday Night Layout Tour is confirmed to "GO". A

limited number of seats remain for both tours. Those interested in either of these tours are urged to sign up right away.

- The bus guided Saturday Hobby Shop Tour is CANCELLED.
- The Golf Scramble is CANCELLED.

NOTE: The deadline for all refunds has passed. In addition, refunds on tours will only be made if we can re-sell the tour ticket.

REMINDERS:

Don't forget to sign up for Awards Reception party on Saturday night. It's a great way to end the convention and so reasonable at only \$5 per person. It's sure to be a night of laughter, drink and merriment. We're planning some fun entertainment with prizes. Don't miss it!

The HOBO Tradition or What is a HOBO? by Jan Wescott

The tradition began back in 1960 when Karl Busch organized a breakfast for a group attending a



reunion breakfast at the 1960 NMRA Silver Anniversary. There he was dubbed "Biggest Bum" and so began the founding of the HOBO program with those in attendance at that first breakfast.

Today, the HOBO program flies under a red and white NMRA herald imprinted with a regional designation. There is no political structure and its sole purpose is to encourage and recognize attendance of conventions, particularly NMRA conventions.

Any NMRA region member who attends an NMRA National Convention outside the member's home region is eligible for membership. There are no other requirements or qualifications to achieve or maintain HOBO membership. There are no dues.

Bill Mergard, PSR Chief Hobo In Charge, will gather all HOBOs at the Cajon Country PSR 2005 Convention for a breakfast at 0700, Saturday, September 10th. The breakfast will be held at Mrs. Knott's Chicken restaurant in Buena Park, California.









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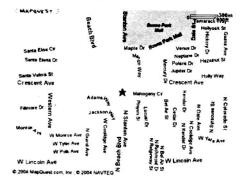


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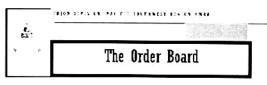
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2005 AUGUST

20 <u>San Diego Division Layout Tour</u>. Don Ham. Directions are available in the Mail Hook on <u>www.trainnet.org</u>

20, 21 <u>Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club Mountain</u>
<u>Festival Show.</u> Free. Veterans Hall, 125 F Street,
Tehachapi. http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/shows.html . TLRC, P.O. Box 876, Tehachapi, CA 9358 geoffpeggy@cybersurfers.net

SEPTEMBER

5 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 – 11 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention. Cajon
Country. Sponsored by Cajon Division.
Radisson Resorts Knott's Berry Farm, Buena
Park CA. Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856.
wescvgas@cox.net See www.cajondiv.org (under events).

11 TTOS Southwestern Division Meet. Arcadia Masonic Center, 50W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007 11:30 AM -- \$5.00 www.ttos-sw.org or Larry Pearson at 818-848-2653.

17 <u>San Diego Division Layout Tour</u>. Art Dominy.
Directions are available in the Mail Hook on www.
trainnet.org

17 San Fernando Valley Railroad Historical Soc.
Slide Show. 10 AM (1000 PST), \$2.00 unless
exhibiting. First Presbyterian Church, 510 East
Olive (@Fifth St.,), Burbank, CA. Jerry Weisman
(310) 657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net

Orange Empire Railway Museum Spring
RAILROADIANA Swap Meet. 9am to 2pm.
2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of
Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm.
org. Admission is \$4 for adults/juniors, \$8 for
all-day trolley and train rides (9am to 5pm), \$6
for ages 5-11, under 5 free. Set up starts at 0700.
Bring your own chairs and tables.

OCTOBER

1 & 2 Los Angels Live Steamers Fall Meet. 5202 Zoo Drive, (Griffith Park) Los Angels CA. www.lals. org

1 & 2 Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House and Swap Meet. Swap Meet Sat. 9 – Noon. Open House, Sat 9-5 Sun 10 – 4:30. 14005 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorn CA. Free, Bob Santelli 818 -398-2623;or www.lamrs.org

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8 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club (PVMRC).
8 -12 Swap Meet, 9- 4 Open house. New location: VFW Parking Lot, MAIN and 1st Ave. A block west of the old location. Club phone 909 865 7035. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or wlindsays@adelphia.net see www.pvmrrc.org

8 <u>San Diego Division Layout Tour</u>. Frank Tepedino. Directions are available in the Mail Hook on www.trainnet.org

9 Western Prototype Modelers Meet. 9 am to 7 pm, seminars start at 10 am. \$15, or \$12 with model for display. La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd, La Habra CA. The 16th Annual Western Prototype Modelers Meet features seminars on modeling and an operating Free-Mo HO Scale layout. Bring models to display, view and discuss hundreds of models from fellow modelers. For information see: www. WesternPrototypeModelers.org or contact Tim Costello, 714-832-8696

10 <u>Los Angeles Division Board Meeting</u>. Contact Dave Cox (310) 472-6363

15 "Adobe Mountain Model Railroading Adventures"
Arizona Model Railroad Society, Adobe Mountain
Railroad Park, 22822 N. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix,
AZ 85310-4400. 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Swap
Meet 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Admission: \$4.00
donation per person, for all events; children
12 and under free. Jerry Oyler 9218 W. St.
John Rd., Peoria, AZ 85382 (623) 815-1939
jerryoy147@msn.com

15, 16 Orange Empire Railway Pumpkin Train. Ride to the patch and pick out a pumpkin. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm.org. Special reservations are required.

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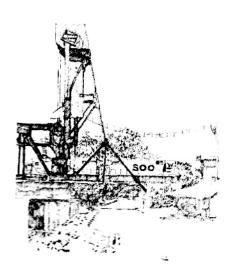
Pasadena MRC Fall Show: Our 65th Year: 5458 Alhambra Ave., Los Angeles CA. (323) 222-1718 Open House Donations: Adults \$3, Children \$1 (under 7 free when accompanied by an adult) Contact Joe Behan joe@behan.com http://www.pmrrc.org/ #OPENHOUSE

Saturday, Nov 5 Sunday, Nov 6 Tuesday, Nov 8 Saturday, Nov 12 Sunday, Nov 13

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- 5 Arizona Division Fall Meet. Junior League of Tucson
- 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.
- 11, 12 <u>TTOS Cal Stewart Meet (Public Show)</u>. 10 2 PM. Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green Street. <u>www.calstewart.com</u> or Larry Pearson at 818-848-2653.
- 11 -- 13 Cajon Division Barstow Model Railroad Month Celebration. See www.cajondiv.org for details. Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 E. Main Street, Phone (760) 256-5673, Special room rate of \$59 per night(mention event). Two day Train Show at Harvey House

- 12 <u>San Diego Division Fall Meet</u>. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park
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