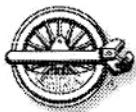


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Ben will be taking my column space for this issue, hope you all had a wonderful holiday and received lots of trains! There is not much going on because of the holiday season so I'll bring you up to speed in the next issue. See you at the next stop... Ed Hall

Well, here it is, the end of the year, and this issue isn't out yet! Looking at other regions around the country, there seems to be an epidemic of late newsletters - not sure why, but 2005 was not a year for getting things done on time. Perhaps 2006 will be a better year, all round.

This has been quite a year for the NMRA® and the PSR. Changes in structure for the NMRA® and changes in "membership" for the PSR mean that more model railroaders will enjoy the benefits of being members of their Region and Divisions as part of joining the NMRA®. This is a chance for us all to make them welcome, and get them involved in the local and regional activities.

2005 has been a successful year for the PSR, overall. New Division Directors were elected and took office in September, and they all have a number of ideas on ways to bring in new members and add value for current members.



The convention in Buena Park was a great success (Jan and her crew did a great job!) - if you missed it, you missed out on a lot of good modeling and outstanding layouts. As Duane discusses in his column, there were a large number of excellent models entered in the modeling contest, and the entries in the photo contest were just awesome!

The contests give you a chance to show off a bit, and learn more about what it takes to be a great modeler (I know I'm not there yet...).

There was also some sad news. In late November came word that Robert Wescott (Jan's husband, and a fine modeler) passed away after a brief illness, a loss to the Cajon Division and to us all.

2006 promises to be an interesting year, with lots of events and activities. The Flag Stops column (kept up to date by Lindsay Smith - my thanks!) includes a number of open houses, division meets, swap meets, layout tours and lots of other places to get together with other modelers - and don't forget to invite your modeling friends along, too! There will be elections for PSR officers, and at the division levels as well - this is your chance to get involved and help get things done - the NMRA® is a volunteer organization and needs your help to make it work.

In October the PSR goes to San Diego for the "Back to the Future in 2006" convention. The theme is the reopening of the rail line to the east from San Diego across the famed Carrizo Gorge and on into Imperial County, connecting with the Union Pacific. There will be prototype tours, lots of layout tours, clinics (lots and lots of clinics), raillette activities, train show and much more. Andy Sperandio has agreed to be the speaker at the Banquet, and present a clinic as well. San Diego in October is the perfect time - the weather is usually sunny and mild - and there is much to see and do. However, for it to be a great convention, you need to attend - the registration form is in this issue - fill it out and send it in, now!

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday season, and I wish you the very best in a new year. Ben Sevier, Editor

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As I start my term as Arizona Division Director, I'd like to thank my predecessor, Don Stewart, for his fine performance as Director. I'm not certain how many times Don has served as our Director, but I do know that he has always achieved excellent results in that capacity.

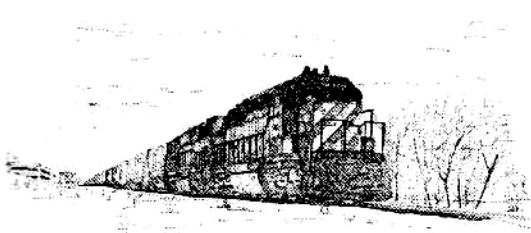
The division has a number of highly experienced members who have served as officials on both the division and region levels. The goal will be to utilize this expertise in planning future division and regional endeavors. To accomplish this, a Division Advisory Panel has been formed. The panel will exchange ideas and make recommendations for the planning and improvement of division and region functions. The panel is comprised of six members, four of which have served as either or both, Division Superintendent and Director. My heartfelt thanks goes to Don Stewart, Charles Stewart, Roger Von Seeburg, Richard Dick, Rick Wheeler and David Irick for agreeing to serve on this panel.

By the time you read this article, the division will have completed the November meet at Tucson. The Tucson meets are always special, with many railroad and social activities. The next meet will be held in Phoenix, March 4, 2006. It will feature a full slate of NMRA® contests, clinics and, most of all, the camaraderie we enjoy at these meets. Come join us.

The planning stages have begun with the intention of hosting the 2007 PSR convention in Tucson. There hasn't been a convention in Tucson since 1991!

Best regards,

Duane



Cajon

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It has been an exciting past few months for the Cajon Division. The big success was the Pacific Southwest Regional Convention at Knott's Resort Hotel, held on September 7th through the 11th. I was proud to be a part of the team that put on this event. And all of the members of Cajon Division who gave this convention their all should also be proud of a job well done. Special thank you to all the 'Delegates' who attended - without you it would not have been a great convention. And those Vendors, who made our Train Show a success, thank you for your participation. I would be amiss if I did not give a **BIG THANKS** my predecessor and mentor Jan Wescott for her tireless dedication to the Cajon Division. Without Jan's leadership the 2005 PSR Convention would not have happened.

So what does Cajon Division do for an encore? Well in November we staged our Mini Convention in Barstow to celebrate Model Railroad Month. Friday night started with a Hospitality Room, Bingo and a Hands on Weathering Clinic. Saturday consisted of more Clinics in the morning, the afternoon featured a Train Show and Craft Festival at the Historic Harvey House, and we ended Saturday with an Award Presentation and Live Auction. Concluding the event on Sunday was a short General Membership Meeting and then off to the Harvey House for a full day of trains.

What is in store for Cajon Division over the next two years? Well, not being one to lead a one man band, my challenge to the membership of the Cajon Division is to have quarterly Division Events. So you guys and gals in Las Vegas, Orange County and the Inland Empire, let me know your ideas for upcoming events. After all, the Cajon Division can only be as strong as its membership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Director.

Carl Heimberger

Activity Reports



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As this is my first directors report for the Los Angeles Division, I wanted to thank all of you have supported me to obtain this position. I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors and to serve the L.A. Division. The function of the Director is to act as a liaison between the Division and the Region. With that in mind, I am asking L.A. Division members to contact me with any suggestions, comments or changes that they would like to see in both the Division and the Region.

We had a very successful public model train show at Descanso Gardens on Oct. 22 & 23. Even though the weather was a bit dreary, a crowd of over 4,000 was very enthusiastic to see the different scales displayed by both clubs and individuals. I would like to give a very big thank you to all those that participated in making this a great event.

At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to a Division layout tour on Nov. 5 in the southern end of the county.

The committee has been busy planning events and activities for 2006. We will start with our annual banquet on Feb. 25, 2006. We are also planning two meets for members during the year and another public train show.

Our next regional board meeting will be in March 2006 and I will give a report on that meeting after I have attended it.

Paul

In Memoriam

Robert Westcott, modeler, member, and husband of Jan Westcott, passed away after a brief illness on November 29th, 2005.

I'd like to begin by thanking our Region members for taking the time to vote in our recent election. Your interest and participation are critical to the success and growth of the NMRA® and model railroading in our area. I am looking forward to working with the Board as we look for ways to support each other and represent the interests of our membership.

Things didn't slow down a bit over the summer in San Diego. We enjoyed a Division Summer Meet at George Boggs' ranch, mini-meets at member's homes, the Perris Swap Meet, the National N Scale Convention, and of course, our annual PSR Convention.

Members of the San Diego Division had a great time in Buena Park and congratulate the Cajon Division for hosting a wonderful PSR Convention. There were many good clinics, a great choice of goodies at the Chinese Auction & Train Show, outstanding model railroads on the layout tour, a fun awards reception, and an opportunity to visit with old friends. If you didn't attend, you missed a great time.

While at the Buena Park event, our own convention committee signed up a record sixty registrants for San Diego Division's "Back to the Future in 2006" scheduled for October 11-15, 2006 in beautiful San Diego. Plans are already underway for a very large train show, swap meet, auction, new clinics, layout/prototype tours, awards banquet, and more. Sign up before March 31, 2006 for \$50.00 before the next rate increase takes effect. Better yet, sign up a friend as well. This convention is shaping up to be one of the best ever! Stay tuned for more details.

Another great event that I want to tell you about is the upcoming Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum on November 12, 2005. There will be a pot luck, model contest judging, clinics, and an auction. Bring some food to share, a favorite model, and something to donate for the auction. We're going to have a lot of fun so don't miss out.

Have a great holiday season and share your model railroading fun with everyone!

Don

Contest Corner

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WOW! There were 40 models in the model construction contest! Everyone should be impressed by that number. That is eight more than the previous maximum number seen during my time as Contest Chair. Are we seeing a revival of that competitive spirit? I certainly hope so. The quality of the models ranged from poor to outstanding. This is not unusual. However, having 28 of the 40 models receiving merit awards demonstrates that, by far, most of the models were of high quality.

There were four entries in the Thumbs/Levity contest. This number is higher than the norm, in recent years. Do you suppose that we are recapturing our sense of humor from the clutches of "political correctness?"

There were 40 entries in the photo contests. This is just two short of the former high of 42, in 2003. The overall quality of the photos was superior to those in recent memory.

There was a single entry in the arts and crafts contest.

Some billed the contests as a "shootout" between the Arizona and Cajon Divisions. If this is true, I guess one might consider it a draw. The Arizona Division won the most first place awards, while the Cajon Division received the most merit awards.

A big "thank you" to all who made the effort to enter the contests! The contests are always one of the highlights of any NMRA® meet or convention, and the sharing of contestants' efforts is greatly appreciated.

It is always appropriate to recognize the ones who judge in the contests. Their time and expertise is essential to the success of any contest room effort.

Thanks to:

Brian Block, MMR
Don Stewart
Duane Buck
Edd Mathews
Lindsay Smith
Martin Judd
Lowell Spooner
Connie Buck
Robert Wescott

Railettes

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If you did not get to the convention in Buena Park, you missed out on 4 fun filled days. The Railettes were extremely busy. We had a clinic given by Jan Altizer on plastic canvas coasters stitched in the herald of a railroad. Jan also had a CD for sale, that contained the patterns for most of the railroads in the US. Then we had a clinic on scrapbooking by Loretta Block, she also emceed the Bingo, which was attended by some of the men. What fun!!! I hosted 3 clinics and the ladies made wooden blocks snowman, decorated and padded frames, liquid silver bow tie necklaces, and ribbon bookmarks. We ranged from a high of 20 (in the Bingo) to 14 making the snowmen and the other items.

The luncheon was in the Amber Waves restaurant in the hotel and we had a menu of soups, salads and sandwiches for which to chose. It was a delicious luncheon and we laughed until our sides ached. The evening Awards Reception instead of formal dinner was very informal and a great deal of fun. (That word does seem to keep coming up)

The 2006 convention in San Diego is in the planning stages but I expect it to be as good as Buena Park, with even more for the Railettes to do. So come on down to San Diego and be prepared for a busy time and to have some excitement and FUN.

CONVENTION CONTEST RESULTS (* Indicates Merit Award)

Model Construction Contest

Steam Locomotive (Open)

1st Place	Paul Schmitt, MMR	(San Diego)
	Dunkirk Class Logging Loco	*104
2nd Place	Joe Villaryo	(Cajon)
	PV 0-4-0-6T	*92

Steam Locomotive (kit)

1st Place	Brian Block, MMR	(Cajon)
	ENG #2 16 Ton Shay	*96
2nd Place	Joe Villaryo	(Cajon)
	PV 2-8-2	*95
3rd Place	Joe Villaryo	(Cajon)
	PV 2-10-0	*92
H/M	Joe Villaryo	(Cajon)
	PV 4-8-2	*90
H/M	Joe Villaryo	(Cajon)
	PV 4-6-2	*88

Diesel & Other Locomotives (Open)

1st Place	Brian Block, MMR	(Cajon)
	Plymouth #7	*89

Diesel & Other Locomotives (kit)

1st Place	Duane Buck	(Arizona)
	GN F3A #227	*103

2nd Place Ed Hall, MMR (Cajon)
UP SD70M #4884 *89

3rd Place John J. King (Cajon)
SP F7A #6322

Passenger Cars (kit)

1st Place James Keena (LA)
SP40' RPO

Freight Cars (Open)

1st Place Ted Johnson (Cajon)
UCNG Flat Car with Load *102

Freight Cars (Kit)

1st Place Duane Buck (Arizona)
GN TOFC Flat Car #60278 *112

2nd Place James Keena (LA)
ACL Phosphate Car *92

3rd Place James Keena (LA)
Mathieson Dry Ice Car #5023

Cabooses (Open)

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW #0503 *114

Cabooses (Kit)

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW #0517 *102

2nd Place John J. King (Cajon)
SP #1741

3rd Place John J. King (Cajon)
SSW #14

Non-Revenue Cars (Open)

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW Spreader *101

Non-Revenue Cars (Kit)

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW Water Car #0470 *103

2nd Place Carl Heimberger (Cajon)
40' Maintenance of Way Car *97

Structures-On Line (Open)

1st Place Brian Block, MMR (Cajon)
Water Tank *108

2nd Place Paul Gerhardt (Cajon)
Saw Mill

Structures-Off Line (Open)

1st Place Dave Cox, MMR (LA)
Hotel Trenton *110

2nd Place Robert Wescott (Cajon)
Camp Cook Shack *109

3rd Place Robert Wescott (Cajon)
Shed Under Construction *94

Structures-Off Line (Kit)

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
Acme Manufacturing Co. *90

2nd Place James Cooley (Arizona)
Dairy Queen Stand *88

3rd Place John J. King (Cajon)
Carols Dance Academy

Displays-On Line (Kit)

1st Place Duane Buck (Arizona) Oil Refinery
Complex *103

Displays-Off Line (Kit)

1st Place Duane Buck (Arizona)
Oil Well Complex *94

Modules

1st Place Terry Howden/Mike Sandstedt (Cajon)
Tall Trees Logging Module *94

Special Awards

Ingenuity Paul Schmitt, MMR (San Diego)
HOn30 Dunkirk Logging Loco

Thumbs/Levity Dave Cox, MMR (LA)
How not to build a house

President's Award Joe Villaryo (Cajon)
Multiple Steam Locos

Favorite Mode Duane Buck (Arizona)
Oil Refinery Complex

Best of Show Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW Flat Car #6517 *117

Photo Contest

Black & White Print - Model

1st Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)
Trains and Trucks

2nd Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)
SP Twosome

Color Print - Model

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
C-19 at Embudo, NM

2nd Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
K-37 Below Cliff

3rd Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)
SP Rules

H/M Charles Nauman (Cajon)
NP Rules

Color Print - Prototype

1st Place Don Stewart (Arizona)
C & TS Doubleheader

2nd Place Chuck Hart (San Diego)
UP #5395

3rd Place Don Fowler (San Diego)
BNSF 4521 Cable

Color Slide - Model

1st Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)
SP Yard

2nd Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)
SP GP40

3rd Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)
NP Yard

Color Slide - Prototype

1st Place John Almond (Arizona)
Wales Rail Town

2nd Place John Almond (Arizona)
Steam Makes It Mark

3rd Place John Almond (Arizona)
Potential Building Project

Best of Show Dave Arendes (Cajon)
V & T #27

Arts & Crafts Contest

Railroadianna - Pattern

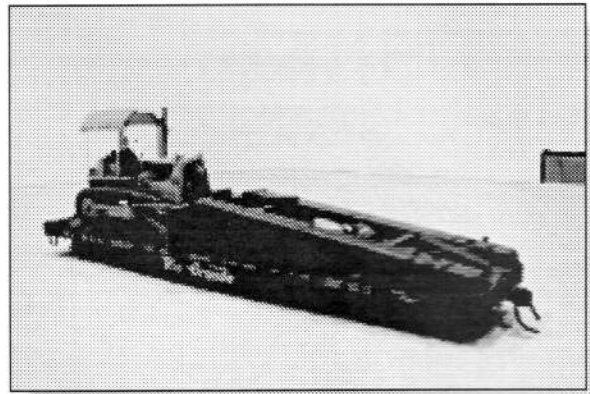
1st Place John Almond (Arizona)
UP Latch Hook Rug



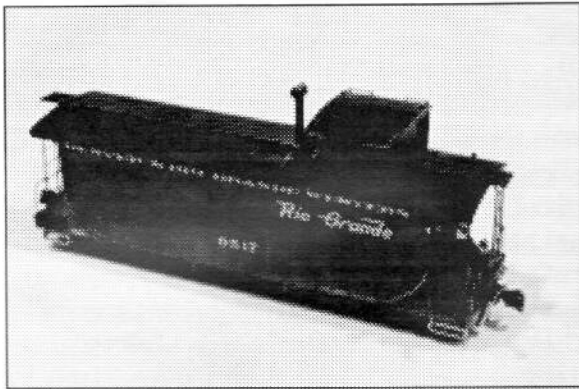
Cajon Country

2005 PSR Convention Contest Winners - 1st Place

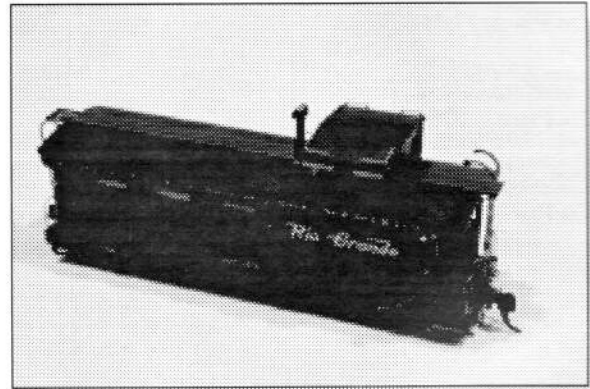
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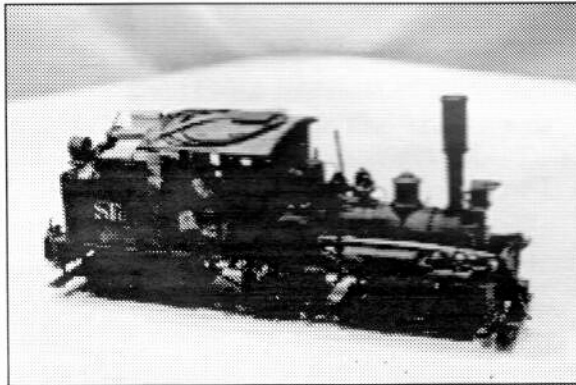
Best of Show (Model) - Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW Flat Car #6517



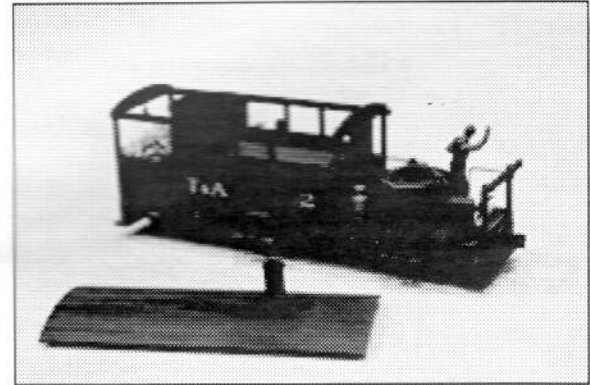
Caboose (Kit) - Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW #0517



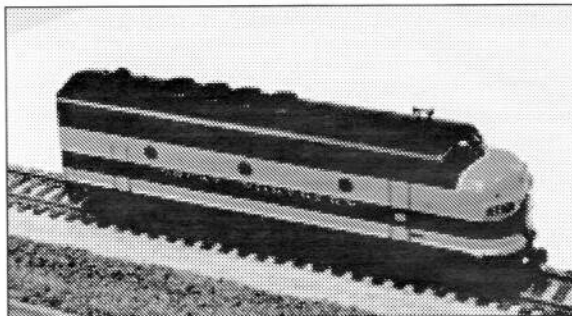
Caboose (Open) - Don Stewart (Arizona)
D & RGW #0503



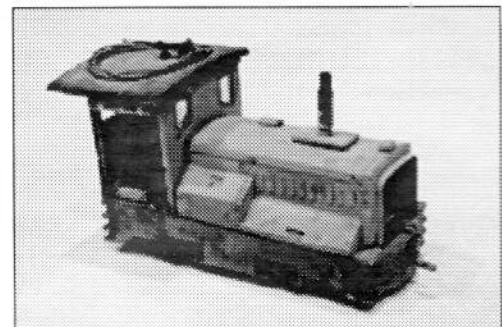
Steam Loco (Kit) - Brian Block, MMR (Cajon)
ENG #2 16 Ton Shay



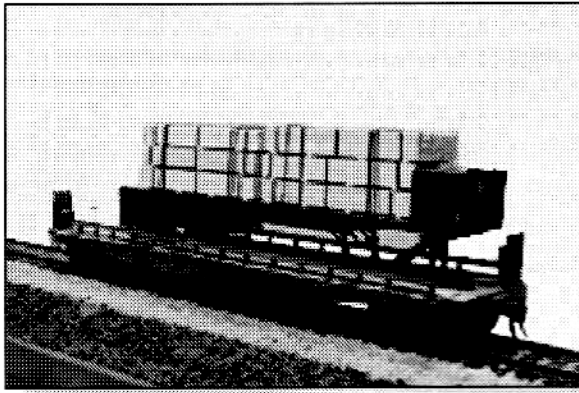
Steam Loco (Open) - Paul Schmitt, MMR (SD)
Dunkirk Class Logging Loco



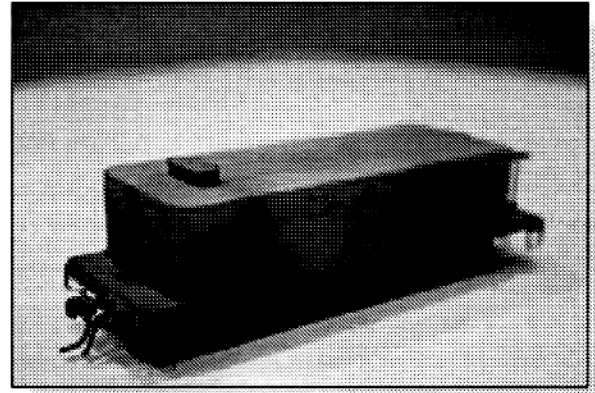
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GN F3A #227



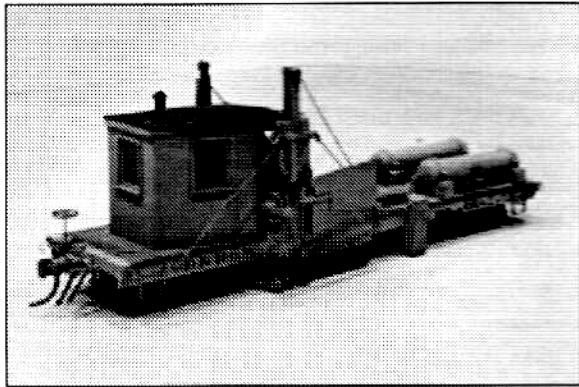
Diesel & Other (Open) - Brian Block, MMR
(Cajon) Plymouth #7



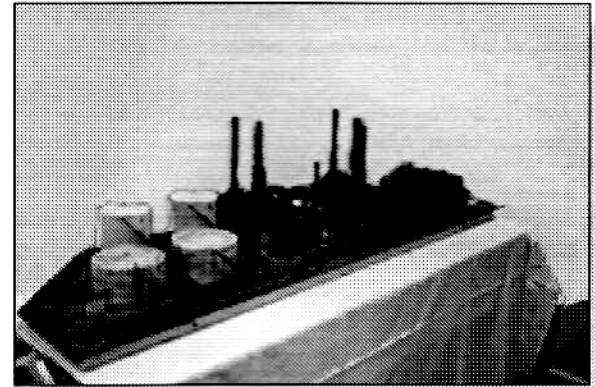
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GN TOFC Flat Car #60278



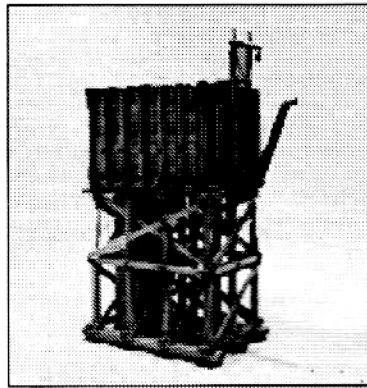
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D & RGW Water Car #0470



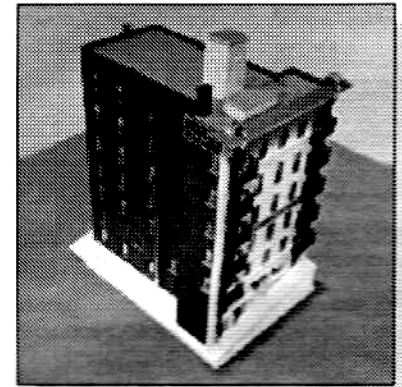
Non-Revenue Car (Open) - Don Stewart
(Arizona) D & RGW Spreader



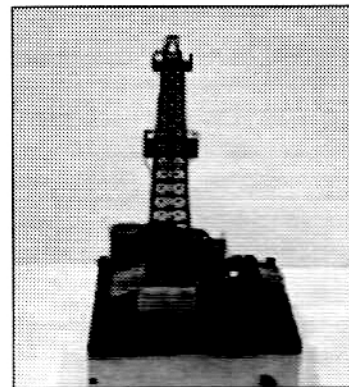
Display On-Line (Kit) - Duane Buck (Arizona)
Oil Refinery Complex



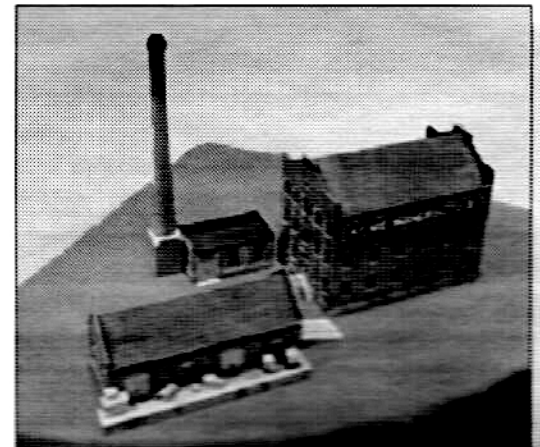
On-Line Structure (Open)
Brian Block, MMR (Cajon)
Water Tank



Off-Line Structure (Open)
Dave Cox, MMR (LA)
Hotel Trenton



Display Off-Line (Kit)
Duane Buck (Arizona)
Oil Well Complex



Off-Line Structure (Kit)
Don Stewart (Arizona)
Acme Manufacturing Co.

Guest Editorial - *I was considering writing a piece on working on Achievement Program certificates (there are a number of people in my Division working on theirs, and I'm sure in other divisions as well) when I found the following editorial by Paul Voelker, editor of the "The SouthErneR", the Region publication for the SER (<http://www.ser-nmra.org/>). Paul is active in Division, Regional and National activities, and contributes to various model railroading online forums as well. He talks about working towards one type of AP certificate better than I can - think about what he says, and get to writing! Ed.*



From the "Editor's Soapbox" column, Fall 2005 edition of "The SouthErneR":

... a few months ago three people got their Model Railroad Author certificates and I was among them. All three of us got it primarily for writing articles that were published within these pages. That opportunity is available to anyone residing within this or any other region, you just have to sit down and do some writing and a little research. (Taking and sharing a few pictures wouldn't hurt either!)

A few years ago I thought that "never in my wildest imagination would I be able to get an author's certificate" but it wasn't really that hard to do. The hardest part for most people is finding someone that will publish something you write - doing the article is the easy part!

Well trust me on this one, almost any article on the hobby, or trains in general, that shows up in person or on my computer, is likely to end up in the "next available magazine" which in my case means: the NEXT magazine! This isn't one of the national publications that has a huge backlog of articles to choose from. Any article that shows up is one less article that I have to write to fill up the space. Plus each article submitted gets YOU that much closer to your Model Railroad Author Certificate!

As this is a region publication, you get 2 points per page whether it is used in the printed version or the online version. However, half of the total points submitted (21 out of 42 total points) has to be done in the printed version. Both John Stevens & Bob McIntyre turned in over 42 points each (43 & 46 respectively). In both cases they were able to count both articles that they submitted and the reports that they do for each issue as a part of their official duties for the jobs they hold. (Yes, Division Reports & Chairman's Reports count toward your certificate.)

I myself turned in a few more than they did at 202 points - 48 points for the printed versions plus 152 points for the online versions and one clinic I counted (2 points). Why 202? Well I didn't want anyone to think I was just doing the magazine to get the "bare minimum points" needed for the certificate and then had plans to "bolt from the job" as some would do (particularly a lot of people who get their Volunteer Certificate!) as I plan on having this job for quite a while longer because I like doing it, not because I needed to do it.

Now depending on how photos are counted (like as in 1/3 page each), the scoring for just the online-only PSX2004 Model Contest Photo Book alone (52 pages & 260 photos) can be counted as either 104 points (page count) or 173 points (photo count). That is something to think about isn't it? Go take some pictures!

Clinics also add to your total points for the Author certificate. However, you must have a "hand-out" for the clinic to count. Since you have to write that anyway, submit it, together with some photos and drawings or plans you did to present your clinic, as an article for publication in "The SouthErneR" (instant results) or some other publication of your choosing.

I've also been known to use (verbatim & with accreditation to the author) stories or discussions that appear on the SER Yahoo Groups website when I think they might be of interest to the general membership or to save me the time in writing something. For example, Bruce Smith's story in the previous issue (Summer) on the Montgomery convention is a case in point. Bruce saw more of the convention than I did and when someone on the Yahoo group asked for a description of the event, Bruce wrote about the convention happenings. I then asked him if I could use his work in "The SouthErneR" and that story (together with some of my photos) became the convention article. Saved me a lot of writing and gave Bruce points towards MR Author, best of both worlds! Think about it...

Paul Voelker, Editor, "The SouthErneR"

I think Paul has some good points to make here, both on working on AP certificates and on how easy it can be to get your articles and photos published. Any member of the PSR is invited to submit articles and photos to the "PSR Dispatch" - how to do so can be found in the sidebar on page 15 of this issue. Keep in mind that the editor (me) has the final say on what is published, and may edit your submission to fit the guidelines of the publication and the space available. Photo submissions will more often than not be published in the online version only. I look forward to seeing what you can share with the rest of your fellow modelers! Ed.

BACK TO THE FUTURE IN 2006

PSR-NMRA 2006 Convention

Celebrating the Return of Carrizo Gorge and the Eastern Rail
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October 11th thru 15th, 2006
San Diego, California

Hosting Hotel - Ramada Inn
Train Show - Al Bahr Shrine

Convention Hosted by the
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San Diego Division, PSR

Featuring

Andy Sperandio - Banquet Speaker & Clinician

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Model & Photo Contest

Raillette Activities

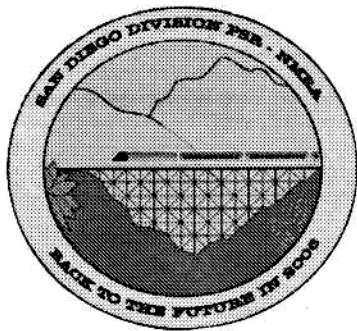
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Kalmbach Memorial Library – A Primer

by Thomas Mossbeck, Research Associate

This article is the first in a series of articles about the services and benefits available as part of your NMRA® membership. It introduces the reader to the Kalmbach Memorial Library (KML) and its resources. After reading this you should have a basic understanding of the library, its contents and services, and how they can be utilized. If you need additional information about the library, or have comments, please don't hesitate to contact the library staff: Thomas Mossbeck, Research Associate

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4121 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

Phone: 423-894-8144 Fax: 423-899-4869

Web: www.nmra.org/library Email: kalmllibresearch@aol.com

Welcome to your Kalmbach Memorial Library, the research library of the National Model Railroad Association. The library houses a unique collection of railroad material which is used by model railroaders and historians to gain further knowledge of the many facets of the hobby.

There are two basic ways that the library can be used; in person or long distance. You can either come to the library to do the research yourself, or you can have the staff do the work and mail the material to you. To submit a research or photocopy request you can call, write, fax or email, or you can use the online fill-in form on the library's website www.nmra.org/library. Other contact information is listed at the end of this article.

Requests come in many forms. They can be as simple as a copy of a certain article that you may have heard of or seen a reference to, or they can be as complex as finding out the type of water column used on the Reading, the number of different manufacturers who have produced models of Big Boys, or information on how to scratchbuild live catenary systems. Frequently, questions also involve plans of locomotives and rolling stock, as well as information about a specific location, such as a yard or passenger station.

In order to answer these questions, the staff has a variety of source material from which to get information. I will begin by listing of some of the collections and resources available at the library then briefly discuss each one and explain their uses to the modeler.

John Kentlein – H.K. Porter Collection

Bruce Meyer – EMD Collection

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Official Guide of the Railways

Official Railway Equipment Registers

Poor's Manual of Railroads and Moody's Railroads

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Historical society, club, museum and SIG publications

Video collection

John Kentlein – H.K. Porter Collection

This collection has over 780 builder's photos, catalogs, blueprints and other data chronicling the history of the premier industrial locomotive manufacturer. If you are interested in Porter locomotives, we have published a reprint of the 13th catalog *Porter Steam Locomotives, Light and Heavy*, which is available for sale at the library. The book also contains a roster of Porter locomotives including indication of the photos in the collection.

Bruce Meyer – EMD Collection

If you are looking for paint diagrams of locomotives from GM's Electro-Motive Division, then the Bruce Meyer collection is for you. With over 1,400 EMD paint scheme drawings from various railroads, operation manuals and other diesel locomotive items, this collection is a valuable tool to the model railroader wishing to paint and letter EMD equipment. A complete listing of available diagrams can be found on the library website under "Our Collection", or you may call us and we will be glad to check on the availability of any drawing which may be of interest to you.

Photo collection

There are approximately 100,000 prints, slides and negatives in the library's photo collection, with approximately 25 % currently cataloged. Notable is the Miller Negative Collection, which includes 4,347 images representing 110 railroads. Developed by Harold B. "Dusty" Miller, it covers the years 1934-41 and therefore documents the peak of steam power development. All views are static, and in some cases show the locomotive in stored or partially dismantled condition. The bulk of the images are of western roads, with particular emphasis on the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Western Pacific. Some of these photographs were highlighted in the book *Steam on the Feather River Route*, which is still available for sale at the library. We can offer prints of any photo, slide or negative in our collection. If you are interested in finding out if we have the pictures you are interested in, all you have to do is contact us and we will gladly do a search and mail you a list of relevant images for your review.

Periodical collection

Over 50,000 modeling, prototype and historical society magazines, as well as vintage *Railway Age*, *Railroad Gazette* and *Railway Review* publications make up the Kalmbach Memorial Library's periodical collection. Most are indexed so the material is easy to locate. The periodicals can be used for copying specific articles or as sources for answering research questions. If you would like

articles on handlaying turnouts we will be glad to mail you two or three examples, or if you are looking for original primary material about the electrification of the Pennsy, we can look up information in vintage publications describing the efforts to carry out this huge task.

Car and Locomotive Builder's Cyclopedias

These are great for finding information about freight and passenger cars, and locomotives, and all their components. Information, drawings and photos of brake systems, underframes, boilers, wheels, and everything else that make up the finished products. We have cyclopedias from the 1880s to 1997, so all eras are well represented.

Official Guides of the Railways

If you are in need of passenger train schedules then this is the publication for you. Our website lists all the years in the collection so you can request specific copies. The publication lists all passenger train stations in North America, and has schedules for all trains serving those stations, sorted by railroad. Many also have maps of their lines.

Official Railway Equipment Registers (ORERs)

Published quarterly, the ORER is a complete listing of freight cars owned by the railroads and private car companies. Cars are sorted by railroad and listed according to their numbers. The following information is provided for each listing: AAR mechanical designation, markings and type of car, numbers, inside and outside dimensions, door dimensions, capacity, and the number of cars in each series. Freight connections and junction points are also listed, as well as a recapitulation of all the freight car equipment for an easy overview of the total number of cars sorted by mechanical designation. The website lists all the ORERs in the library's collection. Again, it is just a matter of contacting us and letting us know which railroad(s) and year(s) you would like copies of, and we will mail them to you. This information is useful when trying to accurately number your freight cars, finding out which cars were owned by a given railroad, and for putting together a prototypically accurate freight car mix on your layout.

Poor's Manual of Railroads and Moody's Railroads

These publications have great information on the railroads' finances, track mileage, equipment holdings, traffic, histories and comments on operations and finances. The amount of information varies with the size of the railroad, but everyone should be able to find useful data in these publications.

Book collection

The library is home to more than 7,000 books and manuals, spanning all areas of model and prototype railroading. The books are classified according to the Drury system, a railroad-specific classification system named after former Kalmbach Publishing librarian George Drury. Books can then be categorized by such subject matters as Cars, Engineering, Locomotives, Model Railroading and Model Building, General Railroading, Specific Railroads, Traction, and Foreign (non-North American), just to name a few. We rely heavily on the book collection, as well as the periodical collection when conducting research. The collection is constantly growing due to the generosity of members who donate books they no longer have a use for, and from families who are looking to dispose of a material following a member's passing. We are also receiving a fair amount of newly published books from publishers who in return get their books announced in the monthly Library Car column in Scale Rails.

Historical society, club, museum and SIG publications

We have more than 275 different publications from railroad historical societies, clubs, museums and NMRA SIGs (special interest groups). We also have an extensive collection of NMRA® region and division newsletters. The historical society and SIG publications are great sources for in-depth articles on narrow subject matters. Chances are if an article on a particular subject has appeared in a one of these publications, this will be the single best source of information on that subject, excluding books.

Video collection

Over 500 videos make up the library's video collection. They are divided into three categories: Modeling, Prototype, and Clinics. Just like photos, videos are a great source of inspiration and prototype information to the modeler. Whether you are looking for videos on railroading in general, railroad- or area-specific videos, or modeling and how-to clinics, chances are the video collection has something for you. The best part is that they are all available for rent. The price for members in the United States is \$5.00 per tape, postage paid (note that some titles have two or more tapes, in which cases the price is multiplied accordingly). You can find a complete listing on our website, or we will be glad to mail you printout if you do not have internet access. For members outside of the U.S., please contact your local A/V Dispatcher for price and availability.



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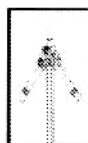
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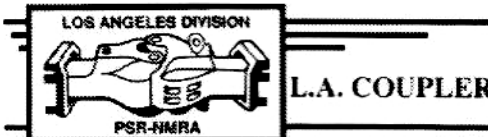
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18 San Diego Division Layout Tour. Steve Seidensticker, North Park, CA. Directions are available in the Mail Hook online at www.trainnet.org

25 Grand Canyon Div. TTOS Mid-Winter Model Railroading Meet. Arizona Italian American Club, 7509 N. 12th St., Phoenix. Just North of CAP Canal. \$5.00 and family rides for free. John Pryor (602) 799-8570 see www.users.cox.net/ttos

25 Great Western & Atlantic Trainshow. 11am – 5 pm. Pomona, CA \$8.00 www.gats.com

MARCH

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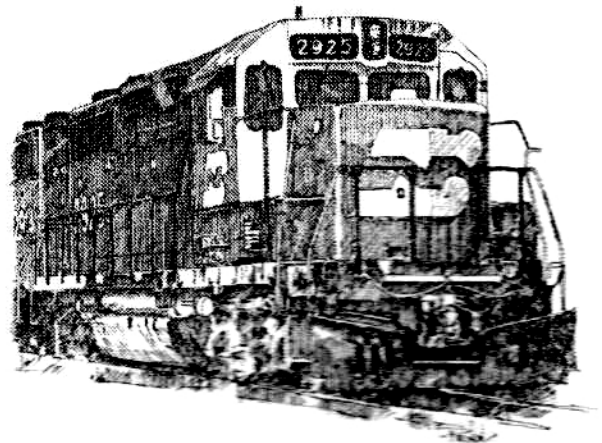
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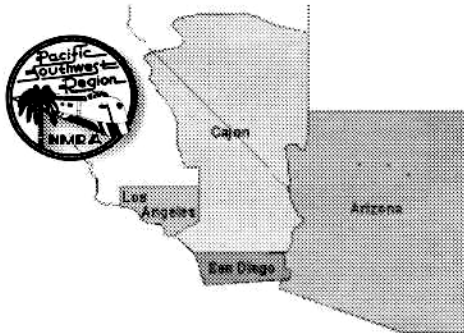
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