



# PSR Dispatch

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Hello everyone, welcome to another new year. The holidays are now behind us and it's time to focus on the coming year's activities. Mark your calendar for the PSR convention October 11th – 15th this fall and all other meets during the year. Look in the back of the Dispatch for Lindsay Smith's Flag stops for all the dates.

There is not much to report from national, they just had their mid-year board meeting and I have not received any reports as yet. The new renewal system is up and running so don't forget you'll need to "subscribe" to the Dispatch in order to receive it in the mail. You can renew on the NMRA web site or do it via US mail.

The mid-year BOD meeting is set for Saturday, March 18 (1-4 pm) at Al Bahr Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111-1303. All

## From the Hot Seat!

Ed Hall, MMR, PSR President  
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members are welcome to attend and see the inner workings of the PSR.

This is also the time to elect new officers in the PSR, please forward nominations to Tom Draper our nominations chair. Offices open for nominations are President and Vice President.

While I am on the subject of PSR business we are in need of some volunteers for three positions in the PSR staff. Historian – gathers convention memorabilia and important PSR information for future reference. Education – Informing potential members of the NMRA organization, information involving the Achievement Program and contests. Publication Advertising – Seeks sponsors for advertising in the Dispatch. If you want further information please get a hold of me or another PSR officer.

I wanted to congratulate Don Stewart, he received the PSR Member of the Year award at the PSR's "Cajon Country" convention at Knott's Berry Farm last September. Don also did very well in the contest room receiving the Best of Show award for his D&RGW Flat car. I would like to thank all the people that entered into the contest, we had one of the best turnouts in the past few years.

Also congratulations are in order to the new Division Directors, Arizona Division – Duane Buck, Cajon Division – Carl Heimberger, Los Angeles Division – Paul Cutter, and San Diego Division – Don Fowler.

See you at the next stop...

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# Division Director

## Arizona

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The November meet, in Tucson, saw a good turnout of division members. Everyone enjoyed the clinics, swap meet, contests, raiette crafts and the door prizes. Best of all, however, was the feeling of good fellowship among the attendees. A short meeting of the Division Advisory Panel was held after the meet had concluded.



The next division meet is scheduled for March 4, in Phoenix. The site for the meet is the First Baptist Church of Phoenix on 3100 W. Camelback Road. The meet offerings include clinics, a full slate of NMRA contests, a swap meet, raiette activities and the ever popular door prizes. The meet opens at 9 AM and runs until 4 PM. Come join us.

A committee has been formed under the co-chairmanship of Richard Dick and Rick Wheeler, and plans are rapidly moving forward for the 2007 PSR regional convention. The planned convention site will be in Tucson. The convention plan will be formally presented to the PSR Board during the March meeting in San Diego.

Speaking of PSR conventions, please plan to attend the PSR convention in San Diego, October 11-15. These conventions are great fun and provide the opportunity to visit with old friends and to make new friends.

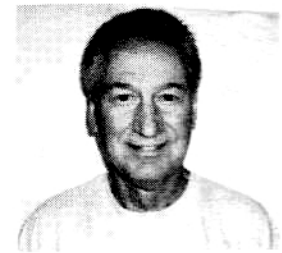
## Cajon

Carl Heimberger  
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The end of 2005 and the start of 2006 brought a great sadness to the Cajon Division; we lost two of our long time members with the passing of Robert Wescott in November of 2005 and Bill Flynn in January of 2006. These two fine model railroaders have been strong supporters of the Cajon Division since it's conception and there passing will truly be a loss to our division for many years to come.

The Cajon Division is still missing several key Board positions that need to be filled. The Division needs your help to keep Cajon going as a strong Division. So please step up to the plate and volunteer to take on one of these roles. Several events are in the planning stage for this year. John King is going to host a Cajon train meet and vendor fair in Twenty-nine palms on June 24th at the Elks Hall. We are still looking for Orange County to plan an event in the early summer and of course we will hold the annual Barstow Event at the Ramada and the Harvey House on the 10th, 11th and 12th of November 2006, volunteers are needed to help in the planning of these events.



The 2006 PSR Convention is not that far off and San Diego needs the help of all the divisions so please check your schedules and if you can put on a clinic give them a call. I would also like Cajon to put on a good showing in the contest room I know many of you have the skills to do some fine modeling so let show it off.

### PSR Elections Coming Up - Your Input is Needed

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

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# Activity Reports



## Los Angeles

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## San Diego

Don Fowler  
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I wish to correct an omission from my last report (which was my first) and that is to thank my predecessor, Mary Barstow for the great job serving as Director for the past four years. I know and appreciate the fact that I can contact her anytime for advice and suggestions in fulfilling the job of Director.



The L.A. Division hosted a layout tour on November 5th, 2005 in the North Long Beach area for members and guests.

On February 25, 2006, we had our annual banquet and members' Business Meeting at Taix Restaurant where we were surprised by

Dave Cox who gave out door prizes to all modelers that attended.

Upcoming events include the mid-year board meeting on March 18, 2006 in San Diego.

On April 1st & 2nd, we will have a public model train show at South Coast Botanic Gardens.

On May 20, 2006, Bill & Irene Mergard will be hosting another meet at their home featuring a decal clinic with Don Martin. If you did not attend the last meet at the Mergards, you missed a great day. Plan to attend this one! I would like to invite all our members to attend the events we have organized for your benefit and enjoyment. Please feel free to bring prospective new members and/or guests.

### Wanted!

An HO convention car from the 2004 PSR Convention in Glendale. The car was an S.P. flat with two S.P. truck trailers.

Please contact:  
Dave Cox, dcx.lafd@yahoo.com

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a great holiday season and found some quality time for model railroading. We enjoyed a great fourth quarter here in San Diego.

In October, we visited Frank Tepedino's HO layout housed in a specially built room over his garage. There was an incredible amount of detail on this large double decked layout with "trains aplenty" running everywhere.

In November, we enjoyed an excellent attendance at our annual Fall Meet held at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum. In addition to the wonderful hospitality of the museum clubs, attendees enjoyed plentiful "pot luck", two brand new clinics, and our first Chinese Auction. A good time was had by all. Later in the month we were invited to Joel Shank's magnificent Rio Grande Southern Sn3 layout in Brawley (Imperial County). This layout resides in its own building and was featured in the October 2001 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman. Awesome layout!

In December, we traveled to Valley Center where we visited with Steve Harris and enjoyed his splendid HO n3 rendition of the Rio Grande Southern. This railroad also resides in its own building and was featured in the November 2004 issue of Model Railroader.



Preparations for our upcoming convention are proceeding nicely. The convention committee is working hard to address the many details necessary to ensure a high quality event for all attendees. We do need help with all aspects of the event and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to participate, feel free to contact me directly or any of our convention chairpersons. It's going to be a great convention and you won't want to miss it!

In the meantime, have a great spring and consider attending one of our upcoming events. We're a friendly bunch of model railroaders who believe "the more, the merrier".

# Contest Corner

Duane E. Buck, PSR ContestChair  
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After having had a record 40 model contest entries in Buena Park, we have a tough act to follow. Additionally, there were 40 photo contest entries which was just short of the record 42 at the 2003 convention.

I speak of the fine showing in Buena Park, with the hope of enticing you to enter our contests at the upcoming PSR convention, in San Diego, during the October 11-15 timeframe.

It is never too early to start your modeling and arts and crafts projects for the October contest. Time has a way of slipping away and if you work as slowly as I do, you'll need the additional time.

Here are some hints for preparing your contest models:

1. Obtain a copy of the Judges' Score Sheet. By studying this sheet, you will get an idea of what the judges will be looking for.
2. Another good idea is to maintain a log, during the construction phase, to record the steps taken during the building process. Be sure to list the materials used. This will serve as a reminder of what you did and will aid you in filling out the Judges' Score Sheet.
3. Gather documentation such as photos and plans/drawings to present with your entry.

In filling out the Judges' Score Sheet, the goal is to describe what you hoped to accomplish and the process you used to accomplish that end.

As always, I stand ready to assist you with any contest issues or problems you may encounter. You need only to ask.

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FUTURE IN 2006  
Pacific Southwest Region  
Annual Model Railroad  
Convention  
October 11<sup>th</sup> Thru 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
San Diego, CA**

# Railettes

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Ladies, if we did not see you at the Buena Park Convention you missed a great time. There were seven clinics held for the ladies and all those who participated appeared to be having a great fun. We had clinics on scrapbooking, plastic canvas needlework, jewelry making, frame decorating, making snowmen, Bingo, and a lecture on identity theft. The luncheon was delightful and the ladies in attendance had a good time getting to know new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends. The friendship is old not the friends.

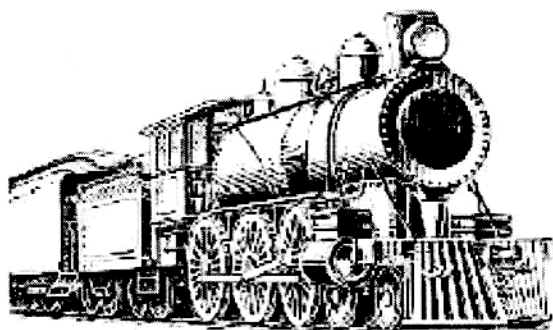
In order to make up for missing the blast in Buena Park, you need to get down to San Diego for the next convention. The plans are being made at this time for an exciting and busy time for all the ladies. You can be as busy as you would like to be. But if you miss out on the opportunity of stopping by the Railette Room, you are missing out on a fun experience.

Hope to see all of the Buena Park ladies in San Diego and renewing our friendship and as always looking forward to meeting new friends.





SAN DIEGO DIVISION PSR-NMRA



# Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet

**Saturday, May 13th, 2006**

**Doors Open - 9:00am (Setup at 8:00am) - Close at 11:30am**

**Hilltop Recreation Center**

**Oviedo Road, San Diego, CA**

**BUY  
SELL  
TRADE**

**ALL SCALES**

**Model Railroading Public Invited!**  
Event is free to members of the  
National Model Railroad Association.

All Others - Adults \$1.00  
Children 12 & under - Free  
Seller Tables - 2.00 per half table

**Division Spring Meet Follows**

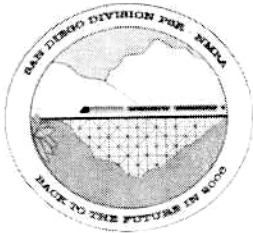


**HAVE MORE FUN -  
BRING A FRIEND**

## **Directions**

From Interstate 15, take the Ted Williams Parkway/Freeway exit and continue on the 56 West Freeway (Ted Williams). Exit at Black Mountain Road. Turn right and proceed to Oviedo Street, then turn right. Go to the top of the hill and look for the center on the right.

From Interstate 5 or Interstate 805, take State Route 56 East. Exit at Black Mountain Road (about 6 miles). Turn right and proceed to Oviedo Street, then turn right. Go to the top of the hill and look for the center on the right.



# BACK TO THE FUTURE IN 2006

## Pacific Southwest Region Convention

### October 11th through 15th, 2006

### Ben Sevier Convention Chair

The next pages of information on the 2006 PSR Convention, "Back to the Future in 2006" in San Diego, California, provide the most current information on what is planned, including clinics, events, prototype tours, layouts, etc. Also in this issue is the Convention Registration Form, and a Convention Flyer. Please note cutoff dates, and get your registration in today!

### CONVENTION WEB SITE:

[www.sandiegodivision.org/](http://www.sandiegodivision.org/)

### REGISTRATION FEES:

The following NMRA® member registration options are available:

NMRA Adult Rail before 4/1/06 .....	\$50
NMRA Adult Rail after 3/31/06 .....	\$65
NMRA Adult Rail after 8/19/06 .....	\$75
Raillette: .....	\$40
Youth (10 - 17 w/ paid adult): .....	\$15
Child: .....	Free
Single Day: .....	\$30

Non-NMRA® attendees must pay an additional fee of \$10 or purchase a one time only 6 month NMRA® Rail Pass at \$ 9.95.

Make checks or money orders (U. S. Funds only) payable to San Diego Division and mail to Gary Robinson, 2319 Conway Drive, Escondido, CA 92026

### HOTEL:

Ramada Inn & Conference Center  
5500 Kearny Mesa Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92111

Room Rate ~ \$79

Corporate Code for Rate ~ PSR-NMRA

Free Parking ~ Next to Train Show

For Reservations ~ (800) 447-2647 or

<http://www.ramadasandiego.com/reservations.htm>

Location: South of SR-52, East of I-805, and West of SR-163, in the Kearny Mesa area.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

#### Convention Chairman – Ben Sever

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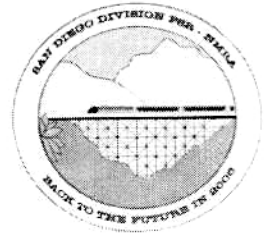
#### Program – Chuck Hart

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# BACK TO THE FUTURE IN 2006

## Pacific Southwest Region Convention

### October 11th through 15th, 2006



### Gary Robinson

Registrar

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Back to the Future in 2006, the PSR Convention, is only nine months away. We already have over 70 people, rails and non-rails, who have registered for the fun! Don't miss out. You can save \$15 by registering before April 1, when the registration fee increases from \$50 (for rails) to \$65. A registration form is included in this issue, or you can contact me directly.

Thanks to those of you who have already registered. You should have received your initial confirmation, either via e-mail or the USPS. I will be sending out additional information, such as the extra fare registration forms, as soon as these events are finalized. Our event committee is working on pulling together some great events! I think you'll be pleased with the result.

Some of you have asked about making hotel reservations. Our hotel committee is working with the hotel staff to make our reservation rates available, for those who wish to reserve rooms now. The hotel has experienced significant staff rotation, but we should have this issue resolved soon. I will notify all registrants when the hotel is ready to accept reservations.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in October. In the meantime, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

#### Board of Directors Meeting

The San Diego Division will be hosting the PSR Board of Directors mid-year meeting in the conference room at the Al Bhar Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA (the site of the 2006 Convention and Train Show). The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Saturday, March 18, 2006.

The Al Bhar Temple is located at the intersection of Clairmont Mesa Boulevard and SR-163, and is easily reached from the I-15, I-805 and SR-52 freeways. There are many excellent places to eat within a four block radius of the location, including the restaurant at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center next door, the hotel for the convention.

### Don Fowler

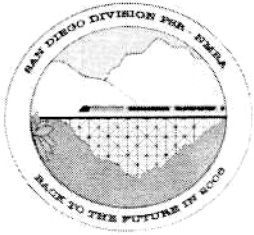
Clinics

DO WE HAVE CLINICS?????? YOU BET WE DO!!!!!!!

You will not want to miss the clinics offered at our upcoming PSR Convention in San Diego "Back to the Future in 2006". We plan to offer forty-five clinics this year. Some are old favorites with updated information while most will be brand new! We will be relying on much of the great talent in our region but we're also excited about a special presentation by Model Railroader's Andy Sperandeo. Our clinics will be offered during the day Thursday through Saturday so that attendees can participate in the special evening activities as well. Here is a sampling of what we're planning:

Animation	Rodger Gredvig
Citrus Industries	Bob Chaparro
Coaster Operations	Mitch Alderson
Craft Resources	Kim Fowler
DCC	Jim Fuhman
Disney Trains	Michael Broggie
Grade Crossings	Jim Thacker
Helpful Hints	Frank Tepedino
Infrared Detection	Jim Campbell
Mirror Magic	Bob Mitchell
Operations	George Boggs
Operations	Dick Roberts
Outdoor Railroads	Roger Clarkson
Plans from Photos	Gary Robinson
Prototype Signals	Wayne Penn
Pulpwood Yards	Gary Robinson
Santa Fe "F"s	Jim Fuhman
SD & AE	Reana Deutsch
Tree Making	Bob Mitchell
Trees	Burton Maxwell
Weathering	Tony Burzio
Weathering	Steve Harris
Wiring	Dave Balser

If you would like to present a clinic for our convention, we still have room for more. Give me a call (619-787-1930) or drop me an e-mail (donald.fowler@sdsheriff.org) and we'll include you. Share your talent and knowledge with our members. I guarantee that you'll have a great time doing it.



# BACK TO THE FUTURE IN 2006

## Pacific Southwest Region Convention

### October 11th through 15th, 2006

## Schedule of Events

(Preliminary)

*There's more to do than you will ever have time to do!*

### **Wednesday - October 11, 2006**

Convention Begins  
PSR Board of Directors Meeting  
Layout Tours  
Reception

### **Thursday, October 12, 2006**

Model Contests  
Clinics  
Prototype Activities  
Railette Activities  
Layout Tours  
SDMRRM Operating Sessions

### **Friday, October 13, 2006**

Model Contests  
Clinics  
Prototype Activities  
Railette Activities  
Layout Tours  
Train/Trade Show Open  
Chinese Auction

### **Saturday, October 14, 2006**

Hobo Breakfast  
Model Contest - judging  
Clinics  
Prototype Activities  
Railette Activities  
Layout Tours  
Train/Trade Show Open to Public  
Awards Banquet

### **Sunday, October 15, 2006**

Annual Membership Meeting  
Layout Tours  
Train/Trade Show Open to Public

## Planned Events

### Banquet Speaker & Clinician

Andy Sperandeo  
Executive Editor, *Model Railroader*

### Railette Activities

### Prototype & Railfan Tours

San Diego Trolley  
Multi-Modal Operations  
Others

### Layout tours

N Scale, HO Scale, Large Scale, Outdoor,  
Narrow Gauge

### Types of Clinics Planned

Animation  
Citrus Industries  
Prototype Operations  
Craft Resources  
DCC  
Disney Trains  
Grade Crossings  
Infrared Detection  
Operations  
Outdoor Railroads  
Plans from Photos  
Prototype Signals  
Pulpwood Yards  
SD & AE  
Tree Making  
Weathering  
Wiring





## IN DEFENSE OF AMTRAK

*While many railfans and modelers seem to delight in trashing AMTRAK, the railroad does offer our only national passenger rail operation, and is constantly under attack from the politicians. Following is a letter that Don Fowler, Director of the San Diego Division, sent to TRAINS Magazine. You may find it interesting reading. Ed.*

Over the years, I have read numerous articles in your publication and others describing the financial mismanagement of Amtrak, its poor operation, and unsavory personnel. I thought that your readers might find my recent experience refreshing.

On the occasion of my son's graduation from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, I decided that it provided the perfect opportunity to travel by Amtrak. I departed San Diego on August 9, 2006 and traveled to Los Angeles via Amtrak's Surfliner. The train was clean, the personnel were friendly and professional, and the train was on time (to the minute) throughout the trip.

At LAUPT, I transferred to Amtrak's Southwest Chief which departed approximately one hour late. Upon boarding, the sleeping car attendant apologized for the delay, escorted me to my room, and ensured that I had everything that I needed. Shortly after departure, I enjoyed a great dinner in the dining car that was served by friendly and jovial staff. After dinner, movies were shown in the Sightseer Lounge. When I returned to my room, my bed had been made up.

By morning, the delayed departure time had been made up and we were on time for the remainder of the trip. I awoke to fresh coffee, juice, and a newspaper. At Albuquerque, we were permitted to disembark during the service stop. Native Indians displayed and sold blankets, jewelry, and other art. Volunteers from the National Park Service boarded the train and provided information about the area we were passing through to passengers in the lounge.

Meals were always a pleasant adventure. The menu provided variety and the portions were plentiful and quite tasty. The dining car staff offered suggestions and made accommodation for special diets and finicky children. I dined with retirees, students, and families, most of whom were enjoying their first train trip. Complaints were few and usually resulted from inexperience in traveling by rail.

Upon arrival in Chicago on August 11, I was met by a Red Cap who offered to drive me and my luggage from my sleeping car to the station. To my surprise, he drove me right up to the rental car counter to pick up my car which had been pre-reserved through Amtrak. I

obtained my car and proceeded to my destination.

The return trip departing Chicago on August 14 was just as good. As I got in line to check in, an Amtrak employee met me, examined my ticket, and escorted me to the Metropolitan VIP Lounge. There, I was checked in and enjoyed a movie on a big screen TV in a comfy chair with complimentary sodas and snacks. The train again departed approximately one hour late and the time was made up by morning.

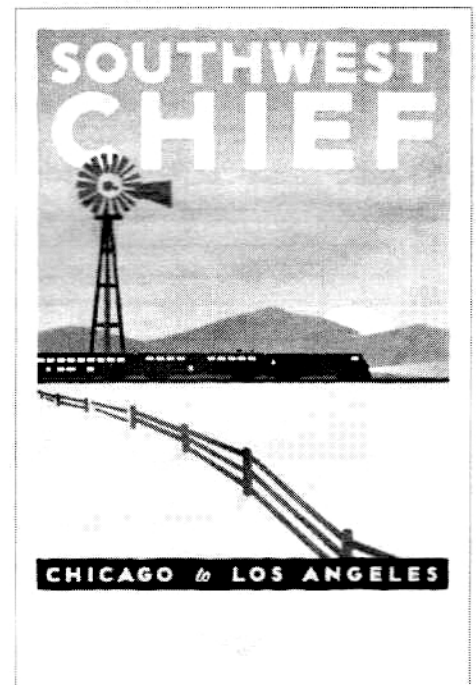
On the return trip, I found the staff, food, and accommodations just as good as the first trip. In New Mexico, a passenger medical emergency caused a thirty minute delay while the train waited for an ambulance. The crew was professional and proficient throughout the ordeal. Although we arrived in Los Angeles on August 16 about thirty minutes late, I easily made my Surfliner connection and returned to San Diego without incident.

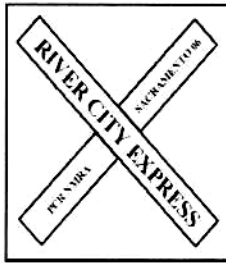
My wife tells me that I am frequently impatient with poor service and delays so if things had not gone well on my trip, I would be letting you know about it. I can honestly say that the crews on both trains worked very hard to make my Amtrak experience as pleasant as possible. I regret that I cannot remember their names to give them the individual recognition they deserve. The trip was very relaxing and the views of passing scenery were spectacular.

I recognize that not all Amtrak trips go as perfectly as this one but my experience was very good. We will soon be booking a trip to Seattle on the Coast Starlight for next summer. If you haven't taken an Amtrak trip lately, give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

And no, I don't work for Amtrak or the railroad industry.

Don Fowler  
Santee, CA





**PCR/NMRA**  
**RIVER CITY EXPRESS**  
**Convention 2006**  
**DoubleTree Hotel**  
**Sacramento, Ca**  
**May 3-7, 2006**

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

RIVER CITY EXPRESS  
 Ed Pultz, Registrar  
 211 Cedar Lane  
 Woodland, CA 95695  
 E-Mail: epultz@juno.com

Hosted by: Sierra Division, Pacific Coast Region, National Model Railroad Association,  
 Sacramento Modular Railroaders, and Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society

WEBSITE: <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~rivercityexpress/index.htm> NMRA WEBSITE: <http://www.nmra.org/>

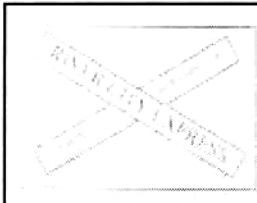
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Please PRINT Information**

Last Name		First Name*		Registration Date		Committee Use	
Address		City		State		Zipcode	
Home Telephone		e-mail Address		NMRA Number		PCR Number	
Registration Type (Please check one)				NMRA Region (if other than PCR)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Model Railroader <input type="checkbox"/> Non Rail <input type="checkbox"/> Youth							
Primary Scales and Interests (Check all that apply)		<input type="checkbox"/> HO <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> O <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
<b>ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT(S) LIVING AT SAME ADDRESS (Use another form for more than 1)</b>							
Last Name		First Name*		Registration Date		Committee Use	
Registration Type (Please check one)				<input type="checkbox"/> Model Railroader <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Youth			
FARES: Please fill in and total				QTY		@	
Regular Registration:						70.00	
Spouse Registration or Youth Registration (12-18 years or student)						30.00	
Non NMRA Member must join the NMRA, Rail Pass 6 mos.						9.95	
One Day Registration (Circle One) Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun						35.00	
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Shirts Golf type with Pocket and Logo (Check Size) <input type="checkbox"/> XXL						25.00	
Convention Hat with Logo (one size fits all)						14.00	
Convention Car – WP Wood Reefer (HO Only) for 1 only						14.00	
Convention Car – WP Wood Reefer (HO Only) for 2 or more						12.50 ea	
SP Loco Shops Tour Thursday LIMITED ACCESS*** incl. bus transport						20.00	
CA State Railroad Museum Tour Thursday incl. bus transport						15.00	
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UP Roseville Yard Tour Wednesday very limited incl. bus transport						20.00	
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SATURDAY BANQUET Guest Speaker, Awards, Door Prizes, buffet-style						45.00	
SUNDAY BREAKFAST More Awards & Door Prizes, Buffet-style						16.00	
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DoubleTree Hotel \$98.00/night/room for 1 or 2 and \$108.00/night/room for 3 or 4  
 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, Ca 95815 (916-929-8855) Use rate code PCR.

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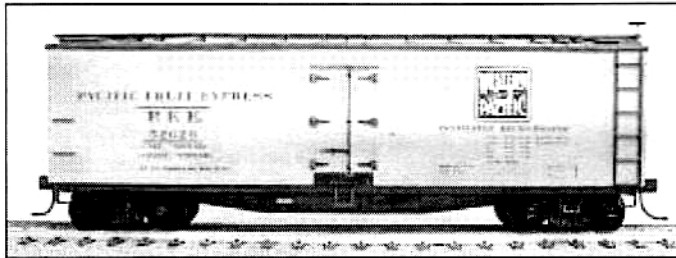
PCR Convention May 3-7, 2006

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211 Cedar Lane  
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95695

The Sierra Division is hosting **River City Express**, the PCR Convention, May 3-7 in Sacramento, California. We have a great line up of prototype and layout tours, as well as clinics and events. Meeting new people and seeing old friends again should make this a memorable convention. You can print a registration form from the website or use PayPal® to register on line.

The DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento is the site of all functions and tour starts. Room rates are \$98 for up to two people and \$108 for up to four. Their website is [www.doubletree-sacramento.com](http://www.doubletree-sacramento.com) (use the reservations code **PCR**), or call 1-800-222-8733, or 916-929-8855. Located across from Arden Fair Mall, a variety of fast food and elegant dining are a short walk or drive of the hotel, which also has restaurants and lounges.



The convention car is a WP wood refrigerator car by Accurail in HO, representing 775, R-30-13 cars built by AC&F in 1924. Most were rebuilt in 1939 and many survived a number of years. Numbered 52608, 52617 and 52623, a convention logo and multi-number decal will be available. The cars are one for \$14 or \$12.50 per for two or more.

Pocketed green polos and black hats with our cross-buck logo can be ordered with your registration. Regular shirt sizes are \$22 and extra-large sizes are \$25. Hats are \$14, one size fits all.

We've booked extensive tours of the California State Railroad Museum and the old Southern Pacific shops. CSRM has redone many of their exhibits and added new ones. Changes to the SP shop buildings included a new transfer table, allowing them to move more stored equipment inside. The docent-led tour will be

very informative and give you lots of opportunities for pictures. The items in the shops and the buildings are of great historical significance and are not open to the general public. The tour requires extensive walking over uneven ground. We will try to accommodate special needs if you let us know in advance.



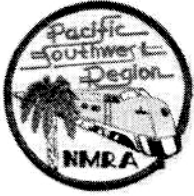
Other planned tours include the Sacramento Light Rail Facilities and shops, the Siemens Rail Car manufacturing facility, the Roseville UP Rail yard, along with other museums and lumber, rock and chemical industries that are served by rail in and around Sacramento.

A special event will be a silent auction run by Coast Division members. The material is from the Heinsohn bequest, donated to PCR.

Clinics will run noon Wednesday to noon Saturday. We are working hard to include new and unique topics from basic skills to advanced techniques, so that everyone will benefit.



*The PCR and PSR will be publishing information about the other's convention this year in their respective newsletters. Since the PCR convention is in May, the timing works out well, and hopefully members from each will find time to visit neighbors. Ed.*



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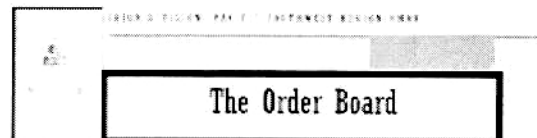
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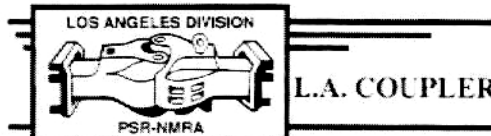
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1 - Current issues of the *PSR Dispatch* and all four of the Division newsletters (in PDF format).

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## MARCH

- 18 Great Western & Atlantic Trainshow. 11am - 5 pm. Costa Mesa, CA. \$8.00 [www.gats.com](http://www.gats.com)
- 18 PSR Mid-year Board of Directors meeting. Al Bahr Shrine & Convention Center, San Diego, CA

## APRIL

- 1, 2 Los Angeles Div. South Coast Botanic Gardens Model Train Show. 0900 to 1630 (9 AM to 4:30 PM) 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula. L.A. County Fees: Adults \$7.00; Students (ID) and Seniors \$5.00; Children 5-12 \$2.50; Under 5 free. Contact Mary Barstow (310) 377-9762
- 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](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net) see [www.pvmrrc.org](http://www.pvmrrc.org)
- 24 Los Angeles Division Board Meeting. Contact Mary Barstow [pvpacific@cox.net](mailto:pvpacific@cox.net)
- 29, 30 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 - 10 PM (Sat 1000 - 1600; Sun 1300 -- 0600) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit [www.gmrrc.org](http://www.gmrrc.org) for directions to the club building.
- 29, 30 Pasadena MRC Spring Show - Our 66th 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](mailto:joe@behan.com) <http://www.pmrrc.org/#OPENHOUSE>

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Sunday, April 30	1-5 PM
Tuesday, May 2	7:30 PM - 10 PM
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Sun, May 7	1-5 PM

## MAY

- 1 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 - 10 PM (1930 - 2200) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It

is within Fremont Park. Visit [www.gmrrc.org](http://www.gmrrc.org) for directions to the club building.

- 6, 7 Fullerton Railroad Days. 9 - 5. Fullerton Train Station, 124 E. Santa Fe Avenue. (714) 278-0648 [www.scrf.org/rrdays](http://www.scrf.org/rrdays)
  - 13 San Diego Division Annual Swap Meet. Hilltop Recreation Center, Oviedo Road, San Diego, CA Visit [www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org) for more information, or the Mail Hook online at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org).
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  - 20 San Diego Division Layout Tour. North County Model Railroad Society, Oceanside, CA. Visit [www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org) for more information
  - 20 Santa Susana Open House. 10 to 4. Simi Valley CA. For information contact Richard Parshall 805 526 0371; or [oltwntrn@pacbell.net](mailto:oltwntrn@pacbell.net). Santa Susana Depot is located at Santa Susana Park (Katherine Rd. Near Kuehner Dr. adjacent to and South of the railroad tracks, about 1 mile South of Los Angeles St. in Simi Valley). If coming from the I-118 it is the first right on Kuehner after crossing the RR tracks. <http://www.santasusannadepot.org> HO layout N modules.
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  - 20 "In the Heat" Railroad Swap Meet, North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ. 9 - 2PM \$5.00 at Door. Tables \$20.00. (602) 336-0973. NPBC-Sr. Adults. David Jerry (602) 336-0973
  - 20 Los Angeles Division Clinic Meet. Especially for NMRA members, Bill Mergard is providing a Decal Clinic by Don Martin at his home, 5210 Carmelynn St., Torrance, CA 90503-1906. Lunch at 1130; Clinic at 1330 (1:30PM). Bring a display model for the joy of others.
  - 28 San Diego Division Layout Tour. John Constans, Cardiff. Directions are available in the Mail Hook online at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org)
- ## JUNE
- 10 San Diego Division Layout Tour. TBA More info and directions available in the Mail Hook online at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org)
  - 10, 11 Pacific Coast Modular Club-Open House. Sat. 11am- 5pm, Sun. 11am-3pm Palms Park.

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JULY

- 2 to 9 NMRA Convention. Philadelphia, PA <http://www.nmra.org/2006/> The Mid-Eastern Region hosts Independence Junction
- 15 San Diego Division Layout Tour. TBA More info and directions available in the Mail Hook online at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org)
- 23 Dispatch 25/1 Deadline.
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- 12 San Diego Division Summer Meet & Picnic. Visit [www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org) for more information, or the Mail Hook online at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org).
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- 1,4,5 Open House -- Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers, Inc. 835 E. Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776 Wed Nov 1, 7-10 PM; Nov 4, Noon to 5 PM; Sun Nov 5, Noon to 5 PM. Free <http://highlandpacificrr.com> Info: Jerry Duncan, Open House Chief, (626) 285-1031
- Pasadena MRC Fall Show: Our 66th 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](mailto:joe@behan.com) <http://www.pmrrc.org/#OPENHOUSE>

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Sunday, Nov 5	1-5 PM
Tuesday, Nov 7	7:30 PM - 10 PM
Saturday, Nov 11	1-5 PM and 7-10 PM
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- 4 San Diego Division Fall Meet. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA Visit [www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org) for more information, or the Mail Hook online at [www.trainnet.org](http://www.trainnet.org).
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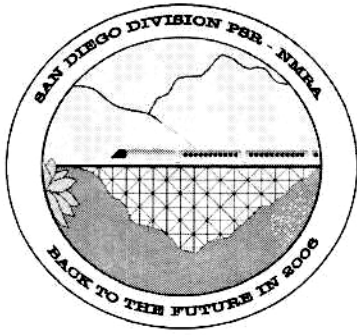
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Would you willing to give a clinic? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks

Operating session interest? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No, thanks

Make checks payable to:

**San Diego Division**

Send registration form and payment to: Gary Robinson, PSR 2006 Registrar

2319 Conway Drive

Escondido, CA 92026

Registrar's contact information: Email: [grobbedobbie@yahoo.com](mailto:grobbedobbie@yahoo.com) Phone (760) 839-5877

**Convention Hotel:** Ramada Inn & Conference Center, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111

**Reservations:** (800) 447-2637 - [http://www.ramada.com/Ramada/control/advanced\\_search](http://www.ramada.com/Ramada/control/advanced_search) - Room Rate \$89.00

Registrar's Use Only: Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Posted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:**

Full refund, less \$5.00 fee per registrant, when requested in writing (or email) before September 1, 2006

## Banquet Speaker & Clinician

Andy Sperandeo  
Executive Editor, *Model Railroader*

## Raillette Activities

## Prototype Tours

## Layout tours

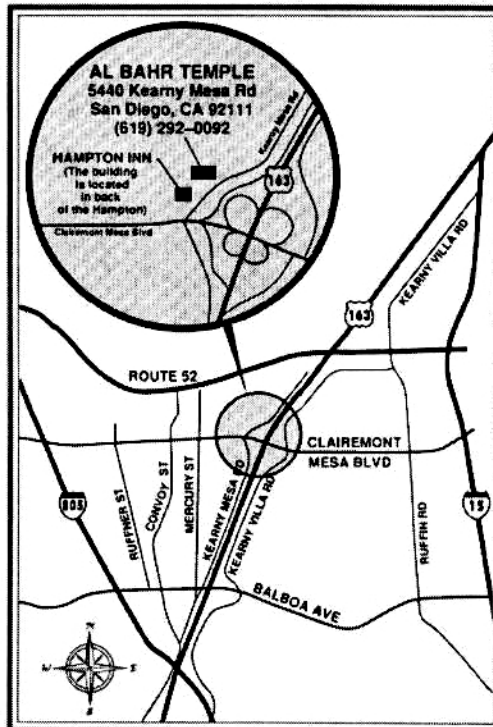
## Sample of Clinics Offered

Animation	Rodger Gredvig
Citrus Industries	Bob Chaparro
Coaster Operations	Mitch Alderson
Craft Resources	Kim Fowler
DCC	Jim Furhman
Disney Trains	Michael Broggie
Grade Crossings	Jim Thacker
Helpful Hints	Frank Tepedino
Infrared Detection	Jim Campbell
Mirror Magic	Bob Mitchell
Operations	George Boggs
Operations	Dick Roberts
Outdoor Railroads	Roger Clarkson
Plans from Photos	Gary Robinson
Prototype Signals	Wayne Penn
Pulpwood Yards	Gary Robinson
Santa Fe "F"s	Jim Furhman
SD & AE	Reana Deutsch
Tree Making	Bob Mitchell
Trees	Burton Maxwell
Weathering	Tony Burzio
Weathering	Steve Harris
Wiring	Dave Balsler



## **BACK TO THE FUTURE IN 2006**

Pacific Southwest Region  
National Model Railroad Association  
San Diego Division  
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(760) 839-587  
[www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org)

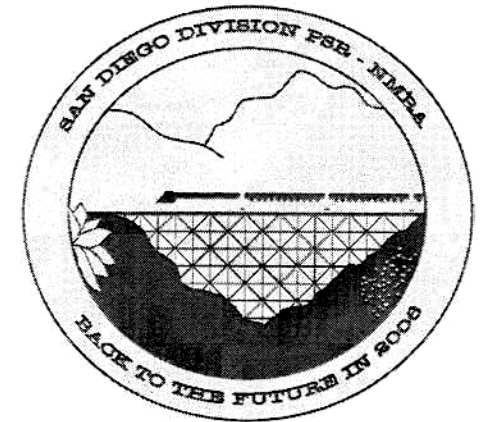


# BACK TO THE FUTURE IN 2006

## Annual Model Railroad Convention

## Pacific Southwest Region

National Model  
Railroad Association



October 11<sup>th</sup> Thru 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Ramada Inn & Convention  
Center

&

Al Bahr Shrine

San Diego, CA

# Schedule of Events

*There's more to do than you will have time to do!*

## Wednesday - October 11, 2006

Convention Begins  
Layout Tours  
Reception

## Thursday, October 12, 2006

Model Contests  
Clinics  
Prototype Activities  
Railette Activities  
Layout Tours  
SDMRRM Operating Sessions

## Friday, October 13, 2006

Model Contests  
Clinics  
Prototype Activities  
Railette Activities  
Layout Tours  
Train/Trade Show Open  
Chinese Auction

## Saturday, October 14, 2006

Hobo Breakfast  
Model Contest - judging  
Clinics  
Prototype Activities  
Railette Activities  
Layout Tours  
Train/Trade Show Open to Public  
Awards Banquet

## Sunday, October 15, 2006

Annual Membership Meeting  
Layout Tours  
Train/Trade Show Open to Public



## Convention Hotel

Ramada Inn & Conference Center  
5500 Kearny Mesa Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92111

Room Rate ~ \$79

Free Parking ~ Next to Train Show

For Reservations ~ (800) 447-2647 or  
<http://www.ramadasandiego.com/reservations.htm>

• Corporate Code for Rate ~ PSR-NMRA •



## Al Bahr Shrine Train & Trade Show

5440 Kearny Mesa Road  
San Diego, California 92111-1303  
Free Parking

### Friday - October 13th

Convention Attendees only  
12noon to 4pm  
4pm to 7pm - Open to the Public

### Saturday - October 14th

10am to 6pm - Open to the Public

### Sunday - October 15th

10am to 4pm - Open to the Public

# Convention Information

[www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org)

## Contact Information

### Convention Chair

Ben Sevier  
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### Registration

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Phone: (760) 839-5877

### Train Show

Bob Lang - Vendor Chair  
[langteam@aol.com](mailto:langteam@aol.com)  
Phone: (858) 565-9062  
Jim Wirt - Club Chair  
[jwirt@ucsd.edu](mailto:jwirt@ucsd.edu)  
Phone: (858) 259-0283

### Clinics

Don Fowler  
[donald.fowler@sdsheriff.org](mailto:donald.fowler@sdsheriff.org)  
619-787-1930

### Layout Tours

Dave Balsler  
[dbalsler@adelphia.net](mailto:dbalsler@adelphia.net)  
(760) 436-6139

### Prototype Activities

Bob Moore - Chair  
[bobmoore24@earthlink.net](mailto:bobmoore24@earthlink.net)  
(619) 224-4894

George Boggs  
[slbco1@aol.com](mailto:slbco1@aol.com)  
(760) 789-4210

### Railette Activities

Kim Fowler  
[fowki@cox.net](mailto:fowki@cox.net)