



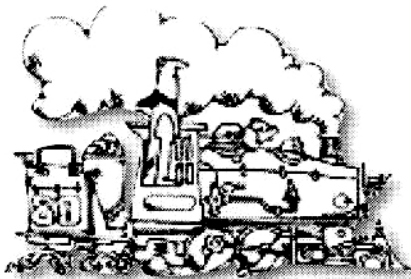
# PSR Dispatch

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Holiday Greetings to all of you!

## From the Hot Seat!

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As my first public action as incoming President, I would like to express my appreciation and that of the Region to Ed Hall for the fine work he has done the past four years as PSR President. He dealt successfully with a number of potentially divisive issues, and leaves office with a Region that is stronger and ready to deal with the problems facing this hobby in the years ahead. I would also like to thank Bill Mergard for his service as Vice-President, and his taking on the PSR Historian chairman position. He has some good ideas for ways to preserve and present the history of the Region, which he will be discussing in the near future.

With a new year fast arriving there will be a number of challenges facing us - membership, finances, preparing for the 2008 National Convention in Anaheim, and finding ways to enhance each member's hobby experience.

With the inclusion of all NMRA members living in the PSR geographic region as Region members, our total membership has risen. However, since the membership

level of the NMRA as a whole is not increasing, this is not indicative of growth. This isn't of concern only to the PSR, of course, but to all parts of the NMRA. Like all volunteer based organizations, getting and keeping members falls upon each member doing their part to attract new members, make them feel part of a great organization, and get them more involved in the hobby of model railroading. That means that you are as important to the PSR as anyone, and the PSR depends on you to do your part. Generally, that means getting involved in your Division activities, offering your assistance to others in the hobby (member or not), and getting new people into the hobby.

Finances are related to membership, of course, since dues and subscriptions to the PSR Dispatch help pay for our activities. However, another important resource in the past has been the annual PSR convention, which shares any "profits" from the convention between the hosting Division and the Region. Some years the conventions have been very successful, which helps both the Division and the Region. The past few years have not been as good (for various reasons), and it is time for us to look at the Conventions, how they are run and financed, and what can be done to make them both a better experience for the members, and financially successful. This has been a matter of discussion at the Board of Directors meetings, and you will see further activities in this area.

If you haven't heard yet, the 2008 NMRA Convention will be in Anaheim July 13 - 19, 2008, with the Los Angeles Division acting as the hosting Division. This will also be the PSR Convention for that year, which means that it is important for all members of the PSR to support the preparations for the convention as well as assisting during the convention. Bill Mergard is the committee chairman, and he and the committee will be looking for your help during the next 18 months. Please make yourself available in any way you can. Information about the Convention is online at <http://www.nmra.org/2008/>.

Speaking of conventions, the 2007 PSR Convention will be in Tucson - information about "Copper Trails ~ Silver Rails" is included in this issue, along with the registration form. It

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# Division Director

## Arizona

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There was a good turnout for the fine convention in San Diego. Ben Sevier and Don Fowler and their excellent supporting cast are to be commended for a job well done.

Speaking of conventions, preparations for the 2007 PSR convention are being finalized. The Arizona Division promises to host an unforgettable convention. Please plan to attend next year's convention. Great site, great program schedule, great people. Thanks to our convention committee



members who manned the registration table in San Diego and promoted the upcoming convention.

Heartfelt congratulations go to our Division Superintendent, Rick Wheeler, for his award as the Arizona Division Member of the year. It was my privilege to present this award to Rick during the San Diego convention banquet. Unfortunately, my words were inadequate to describe all that Rick has meant to the Arizona Division.

By the time you read this article, the Division will have completed the meet in Tucson, scheduled for November 11. This meet is always well attended and is an important annual social event.



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promises to be a great time, so get your registration in early.

Oh, yes, shouldn't forget. With my taking on this new position I will be retiring as the editor of the PSR Dispatch. I've enjoyed doing it, as it's great fun, but now I need to find someone to take it over. If you are interested, and have experience with being a newsletter editor and publisher, let me know and we can discuss the job and what it entails.

Well, that's enough for now. I'm looking forward to working with all of you during the coming year. Have a great holiday season, and a very happy new year!

## Cajon

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Anyone who has ever put on the PSR Convention know the monumental task at hand. The Cajon Division wishes to thank the San Diego Division for taking on this task and delivering an outstanding Convention. For you members who did not attend you missed out on some great clinics, outstanding layout tours and just the fun of hanging out with fellow model railroaders. For those who attended the train show you were treated to some fine modeling from the new kids in town, the "High Desert Modular Railroad Club." Their modules not only showed well but they also walked away with several awards from the contest room. Those of you who did not attend this convention have the chance to redeem yourselves, as the PSR Convention in Arizona is less than a year away, and from what they had at their display booth it should be a great event with some outstanding clinic's and layout to view.



Sadly the train show at the San Diego Convention was not well attended by the public and that is a real shame. "Train Shows" are excellent forums to exchange ideas, modeling tips and bring new members into the organization. I do not know how many of you have ever really looked at the demographics of our conventions but it is mainly a "fifties and over" group. Anyone who has looked at the membership status in "Scale Rails" has seen the decline in membership over the past several years and we as the NMRA and Cajon Division really need to make an effort to bring in new and younger members. The challenge for the Cajon Division for this next year is to development programs that will seek out new and younger membership, after all this is still "The Worlds Greatest Hobby".

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Cajon Board. We are finally starting to put together some fine programs and events, and for those of you who have not seen our new publication of "The Order

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# Activity Reports



## Los Angeles

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## San Diego

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A big thank you to the San Diego Division and its convention staff for having a great PSR Regional Convention with lots of things to see and do.

At the convention banquet, the L.A. Division presented its member of the year award to Sandy Friedfeld for all his hard work on the division committee. Congrats Sandy.



On the Division side of things, Ron Varnell hosted a DCC clinic on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The attendance was less than expected, but for those that attended, there was plenty of information and a chance to

operate on Ron's layout.

On November 4 & 5, the L.A. Division will be hosting a model train show at the L.A. County Arboretum in Arcadia with many layouts of different scales.

On February 10, 2007, the L.A. Division will have its annual banquet. Please save the date and plan to attend. In the meantime, have a great and safe holiday season.



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Board" I think you will find it informative and well formatted - you can view it online. We are always looking for articles so if you have any modeling tips you would like to share jot them down and send them to me. Our first publication was only six pages and it is our goal to expand that to eight for the next addition.

This addition of the Dispatch will most likely come out after the Cajon Division Barstow Meet on November 10-12, so I will just wish you and yours "Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year". Lets all work on planning some great events for the next year.

I would like to thank everyone who attended San Diego's PSR Convention in October. Attendance was excellent and the feedback was very positive. I would especially like to thank our committee and the volunteers who worked hard to prepare and facilitate this event. If you've ever been involved in one of these, you can appreciate how much effort it takes to make it successful. Speaking as the "Clinics Chairman", our speakers far exceeded my expectations for the quality, depth and diversity of their respective presentations. You won't want to miss Tucson in 2007 because the Arizona Division always hosts a great convention!

At the Convention's annual membership meeting, PSR President Ed Hall and PSR Vice-President Bill Mergard completed their terms and turned over the gavel to newly elected PSR President Ben Sevier and PSR Vice-President Charles Stewart. Please join me in extending our thanks to Ed and Bill for their leadership and efforts in their respective positions. Let's make sure that we collectively support Ben and Charles as they assume their new assignments and begin a new chapter for our Region.

In addition to the Convention, the San Diego Division also enjoyed a layout tour of Justin Rasas' impressive HO mountain railroad on July 22. On August 12, we gathered for our Summer Division Meet at Poway Midland Railroad Park where we received a tour of the railroad's shop and equipment. September activities were suspended so that all of our efforts could be focused on Convention preparations.

Don't forget that November is designated as the official "National Model Railroad Month". This is a great opportunity to share our hobby with friends, family, and others through special events, train shows, open houses, swap meets, etc. Wouldn't it be great if we each inducted one new member into our organization this year? It would double our membership!



# Contest Corner

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There were considerably fewer entries in the Model Construction Contest and the Photo Contest when compared to last year's record and near record number of entries. However, there was a fair representation in the different model categories. The number of module entries was higher than usual.

Here is a breakdown of the different contest groups. Fourteen models were included in the judged Model Construction Contest. There were five models in the "Display Only" group and one model was entered in the popular vote, "Favorite Model" contest, only. Three modules were entered in the Module Contest and all three received merit award scores. There was a single entry in the Arts and Crafts Contest. A total of 24 entries were submitted for the Photo Contest. Of the 14 entries in the Model Construction Contest, six received merit award scores. The highest score of the day was for a cross stitch needlework entry in the Arts and Crafts Contest. Carolyn Weber's gem received a score of 123 out of a possible 125 points. Congratulations, Carolyn.

Over the years, I've entered and judged in a good many contests from the division to the national level. During this period I've noticed that there is a common denominator that consistently produces higher scores in Model Construction Contests. That common factor is the early preparation of the Entry Form and, especially, the Judges' Score Sheet. Many persons wait until they enter the contest room to fill out these required forms. They struggle to recall the details of just what they did during the model building process. This often results in a very sparse description of what was accomplished and the omitting of many important items that would have produced a higher score. If you are building a model that you may wish to enter in a future contest, you should maintain a log or set of notes on the construction process. This will provide a ready reference for what you did and how you did it as an aid for filling out the Judges' Score Sheet. It helps to list the details added to the model, scratchbuilt parts, anything that may be unique with regard to construction techniques or an uncommon feature.

Another good plan for a contest model is to take photographs of the different stages of the construction process. You may have the best detailed model in the

# Railettes

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Railettes, if you missed the convention in San Diego, you really missed a great time. Wednesday morning Kim Fowler welcomed us with bagels and coffee and this was only the start of the fun. We learned some many new things to do and had so much fun, most of us were saddened that the convention ended. We gossiped, laugh, cried, and then laughed some more. We made unique centerpieces for the banquet and had the most delicious cookie recipe swap. The luncheon was delicious and the door prizes were spectacular. The big door prize was a huge basket donated by See's chocolates and filled with every type of chocolates you could wish for. We ranged from the faithful seven who were at every session to the twelve that showed up for the luncheon. At one session, on decorating cigar boxes, we had fourteen women. What fun!!

Now that I made you wish you had been with us in San Diego, start thinking about Tucson next year. At this time, I am planning 4 clinics each day for the women. There will be a couple of different events. A Lemon Lay Off is being planned, so bring those white elephant items, gift wrapped, to the convention. There will be some extras, in case you can't find room to bring something. This is your chance to get rid of that item that never really fit into your decorating theme. I can't promise that it will be as great as San Diego but I am going to try as hard as I can to make it just as great. I have lined up six very talented women to share their ideas with you.

The high light of the San Diego convention was when I got to present the "Faith Rider Memorial Award" to Kim for the fantastic job she did.

Hope to see more of you stop by the Railette room in Tucson. At least stop by Thursday morning for coffee and doughnuts. Come try us out and see what you have been missing.



contest, but it is amazing how much of this detail seems to "disappear" after the model is painted. Starting early preparations for the required documentation is a major key to success.

Again, it is time to recognize those "unsung heroes" who give unselfishly of their time to judge in the PSR Contests. Thank you one and all: Don Stewart, Charles Stewart, Phil Everett, Paul Schmitt, Jack Debolt, Lowell Spooner, David Irick, Rodger Gredvig, MMR, Connie Buck and Duane Buck.

# Region News

## 2006 Members of the Year

### PSR Member of the Year

Presented by Ed Hall, President

The Pacific Southwest Region's Member of The Year Award winner for 2006 is Janet Lowell. When telling everyone at the PSR Awards Banquet about who I had chosen, I told of an email I had sent to the PSR staff. I said she was the first one to answer the email I had sent and that is how I decided who the MOY was. Actually Janet answered every time I sent an email to the staff, and is usually the first one to answer. After the awards banquet she told me she knew something was up when I told of the emails, and we had a good laugh.

This is by far not the only reason that Janet is the Member of The Year, as I could not begin to list every thing she does for the PSR. Janet is always there, helping out with the Raillettes or anything else. I have seen her at every PSR event that I have attended. Janet is also at most Arizona Division events, helping the Raillettes pass time while their husbands talk trains. She is truly a dedicated person. Thank you Janet, you really deserve the award.

### Arizona Division Member of the Year

Presented by Duane Buck, Director

The Arizona Division member of the year is Rick Wheeler. Rick is currently in his second term as Division Superintendent. He has been a valuable asset to the Division for many years by planning for local meets and regional convention hosted by the Arizona Division. His ready wit and warm demeanor makes Rick a pleasure to work with.

### Board of Directors Meeting - Summary Report

Dave Irick, Secretary

The following is a short recap of the Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 11, 2006. The original report is in the possession of the PSR Secretary and consists of 62 pages of reports and supporting documentations.

The Board of Directors of the PSR met for their semi-annual Board meeting at the Al Bhar Temple, San Diego, CA, on October 11, 2006 with the President, Vice President and all four Division Directors present.

The Treasurer reported revenue has been declining, but because of fiscal responsibility the PSR has managed to operate with a positive cash flow. The proposed budget for 2006/2007 was submitted by the Treasurer and approved by the Board showing a \$20.00 surplus.

The Board approved revised copies of the Manual of Operations and By-Laws as submitted by Harold Graebner - Chairman By-Laws & Manual of Operations. Changes were necessary in order to be in compliance with the NMRA and

### Cajon Division Member of the Year

Presented by Carl Heimberger, Director

Every once in a while an individual comes along out of nowhere that really makes a difference in your life, and Cajon's Member of the Year is just that type of individual. I first met him in, of all places, Hemet at a Cajon Division meet. The rest is history, with him now giving clinics on almost any topic, working hard as the Cajon Division Membership Chair and helping organize all sorts of events within the division. Cajon's Member of the Year is our own Bob Mitchell.

### L.A. Division Member of the Year

Presented by Paul Cutter, Director

Sandy Friedfeld has been on the Division Board for several years & holds the following positions: Member Aid, Nominating Committee Chair, Cartographer. He was clinic chair at the PSR Convention held in Glendale, CA in 2004. Has also given several clinics, both at PSR & National Conventions.

### San Diego Division Member of the Year

Presented by Don Fowler, Director

Bob Moore served as Clinic Chair for the 2002 PSR Convention and was the Prototype Tour Chair for the 2006 PSR Convention. He has given numerous clinic presentations himself on scenery as well. His model railroading talents and experience combined with his pleasant demeanor and willingness to help have made Bob a strong asset to the San Diego Division.

these changes had been previously approved by the Board.

Each of the 4 Division Directors gave a short presentation on the activities in their respective areas.

Conventions: 2005 Convention netted \$70, the 2006 Convention hopefully will break even and the 2007 Convention is coming together, watch the PSR website for updates and additional information. The 2008 National Convention in Los Angeles was discussed in detail and emphasis was made on the need for volunteers. A motion was approved to give authorization to the PSR President to sign a contract with the NMRA after all contractual differences have been approved by a legal council.

The Board discussed the need for the re-activation of the Convention Promotion Committee with the task of providing coordination and assistance to each of the Divisions Convention Committees. The President is to look for a chairman.

The Board certified the vote count for the elections of President and Vice President and a motion was approved to accept the counts.

# "Back to the Future in 2006" Contest Results

## MODEL CONSTRUCTION CONTEST

### Steam Locomotive (Open)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Robert B. Olds (Cajon)  
T & W #494 0-6-0 \*101

### Steam Locomotive (Kit)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Don Stewart (Arizona)  
D & RGW #1523 4-8-2 (M-67)

### Diesel & Other Locomotives (Kit)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Robert Greenwood (Los Angeles)  
UP (SP) SW1500 #2678

### Freight Cars (Kit)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Don Stewart (Arizona)  
SN3 Wood Box Car (Arizona) \*100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
Flatcar 2/Rebar Load

### Non-revenue Cars (Open)

1<sup>st</sup> Place George Boggs (San Diego)  
GN#X-1864 Weed Sprayer Car \*99  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Don Stewart (Arizona)  
D & RGW Rubbish Car \*98

### Structures On-Line (Open)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Robert Drury (Los Angeles)  
UP Interlocking Tower

### Structures Off-Line (Open)

1<sup>st</sup> Place John King (Cajon)  
Piggly Wiggly Super Market

### Structures Off-Line (Kit)

1<sup>st</sup> Place John King (Cajon)  
Carols Dance Studio  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place John King (Cajon)  
Pallet Jack's

### Displays On-Line (Open)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Benito Diaz (Los Angeles)  
Logging Display \*88

### Ingenuity

Gerry Bill Union Station Module (Cajon)

### Thumbs Levy

Bob Schimmel "Business Car" (San Diego)

### President's Award

Benito Diaz Logging Display (Los Angeles)

### Favorite Model

Gerry Bill Union Station Module (Cajon)

### Best of Show

Don Stewart (Arizona)  
D & RGW Stock Car \*103

## MODULE CONTEST (Individual)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Benito Diaz (Los Angeles)  
Logging Operations \*95  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gerry Bill (Cajon)  
Union Station \*91

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Robert Greenwood (Los Angeles)  
LA Intermodal Yard \*90

## PHOTO CONTEST

### Black & White Print – Model

1<sup>st</sup> Place Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
NP #6012 A & B Set Strolls Through Line

### Black & White Print – Prototype

1<sup>st</sup> Place Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
#484 Reflecting Upon Itself

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
Moffet Tunnel Spits Out UP Coal Drag

### Color Print – Model

1<sup>st</sup> Place Phil Everett (Arizona)  
Passing the Mine.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
Turnbow Engine Facility

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Phil Everett (Arizona)  
Checking it Out.

HM Phil Everett (Arizona)  
The Crossing.

### Color Print – Prototype

1<sup>st</sup> Place Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
Chama Loading Tipple

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
488 Blows off a Little Steam

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Phil Everett (Arizona)  
Latah Wye

### Color Slide – Model

1<sup>st</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
SP Waiting

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
AT&SF #102

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
Yard Works

### Color Slide- Prototype

1<sup>st</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
DODX Flats

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
Cajon Trio

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Charles Nauman (Cajon)  
SD Lineup

### Best of Show

Charles Stewart (Arizona)  
Denver Union Station at Night.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Needlework (Pattern)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Carolyn Weber (Los Angeles)  
"Night Train" Counted Cross Stitch \*123

(\* Indicates Merit Award)



# 2007 PSR CONVENTION

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### SEPTEMBER 5TH to 9TH, 2007

## An Invitation to Join us in Tucson for the 2007 PSR Convention

By Roger von Seeburg

The 2007 PSR Convention Committee is pleased to extend this invitation to all PSR Members. We are working to prepare a memorable convention for each and every one of you.

Wednesday will start with the PSR BOD Meeting at 1:00 PM. Registration will open at 5:00 PM. There will be 51 hours of clinics over three days. Additionally, there will be three 5-hour "Modeling With the Masters" (MWTM) clinics and one 2-hour MWTM clinic.

There will be several layouts to visit over the five days, with some special operating sessions being planned for Wednesday evening.

There will be at least one special interest tour to the ASARCO Mineral Discovery Center – a modern open pit mine. A prototype tour will visit the Port of Tucson, Arizona Rail Car, Arizona Freight Car and a Concrete Tie Plant. There will also be several other tours that you can take on your own.

The Railette Program will include: Four craft projects per day, one clinic, a luncheon on Friday and a space limited nature hike (sign up when you arrive).

A full slate of contests will be offered with entries starting Thursday morning and ending Saturday morning. Judging on Saturday late morning and awards will be presented at the Banquet.

Friday night will feature a Chinese Auction, a social event for all who participate. Plan on having fun and perhaps obtaining that model you always wanted.

The Company Store will be open throughout the convention where you can pick-up your door prizes and purchase the convention car, convention patch and extra pins if you so desire.

The convention car will be a hopper, in keeping with the theme of copper and the railroads. The car will be available as a kit or RTR. The RTR car will be available in three styles, 1. Built-up, 2. Built-up plus weathering, 3. Built-up, weathered plus a load. Loads will also be available in the Company Store. A special load may also be available in the Company Store.

Saturday will start with the traditional HOBO Breakfast and end with the Awards Banquet. Current plans call for Jake Jacobson of the Copper Basin Railway to be the guest speaker at the dinner.

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning and will be followed by layout tours.

## Mark your Calendar & Plan to join us!



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Interested in giving a clinic? Please let me know.

Convention web site address: [www.psr-nmra.org](http://www.psr-nmra.org)



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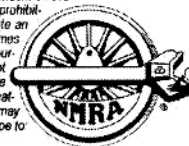
Mail to:  
NMRA Membership Contest  
4121 Cromwell Rd.  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

From November 1 through January 31, when you get someone to sign up for a new NMRA membership you'll **both** come out winners! Each month we'll draw names of three new members. Those new members **and the NMRA members who referred them** will each win their own Atlas®, Kato®, Bachmann® or Life-Like® loco.

And even if your friend doesn't bag a prize, as a new NMRA member they'll still come out a winner because they'll have all the benefits of the greatest model railroad organization in the world.

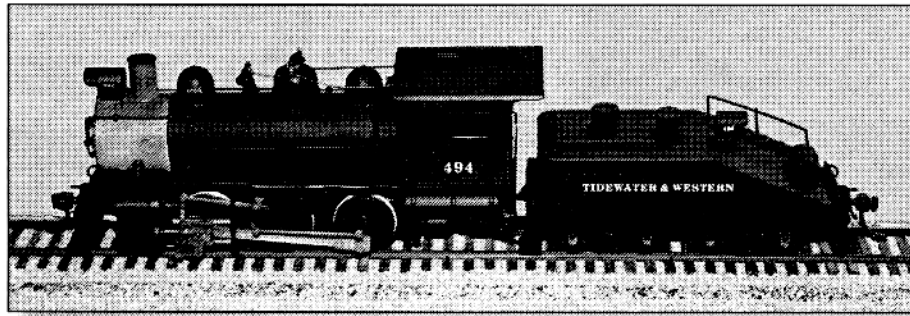
So pass along this sign-up form along to a non-member today! Then start polishing those rails.

**OFFICIAL RULES:** Contest open to U.S. residents only who are either National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (NMRA) members in good standing on November 1, or individuals who haven't been NMRA members for 2 years or more. Properly completed Membership/Entry forms must be received by 1/31/07 to be eligible. Names will be entered in drawing only after new membership has been fully processed. Renewals for existing memberships will not be credited as new memberships. NMRA officers and directors, paid or contracted NMRA employees and their immediate families are not eligible, nor are contest sponsors and business firms contracted by either the NMRA or those sponsors, their employees and their immediate families. Odds of winning random drawings are dependent on the number of eligible entries received. Contest void where prohibited by law. No substitution of prizes. Winners must execute an affidavit of eligibility and release, and agree that their names and/or likenesses may be used for advertising/publicity purposes by the NMRA without further compensation, except where prohibited. By participating, entrants agree to these rules and that the decision of the NMRA President in all matters relating to the contest shall be final. Winners names may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421

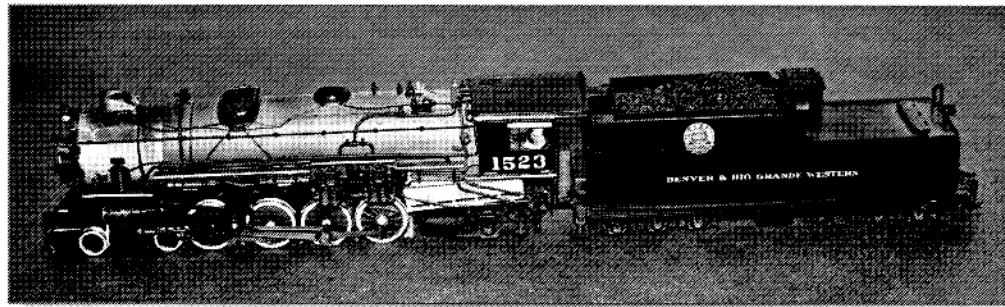




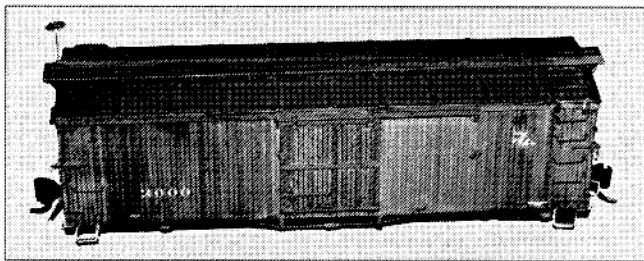
# "Back to the Future in 2006" Contest Winners



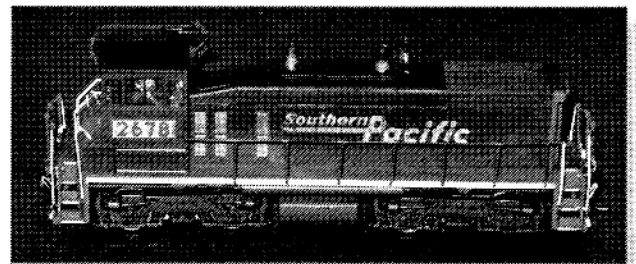
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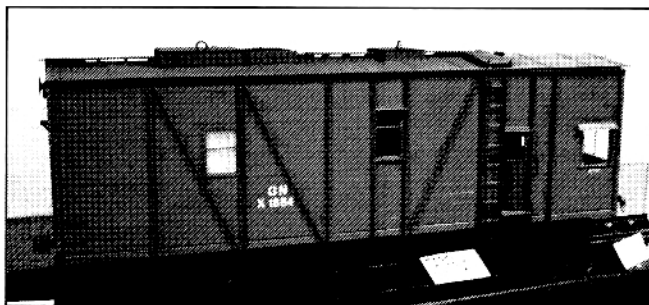
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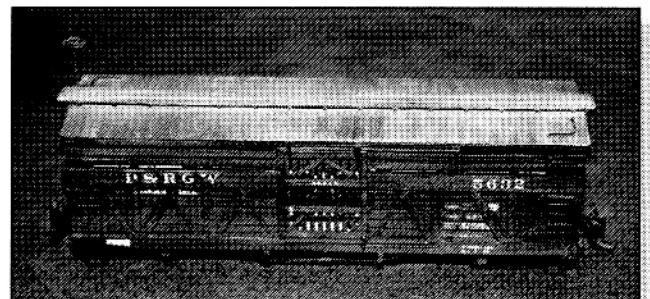
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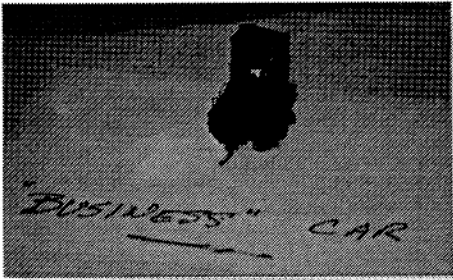


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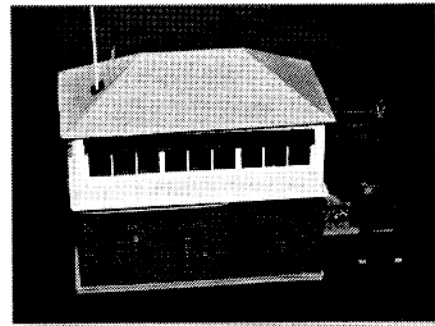


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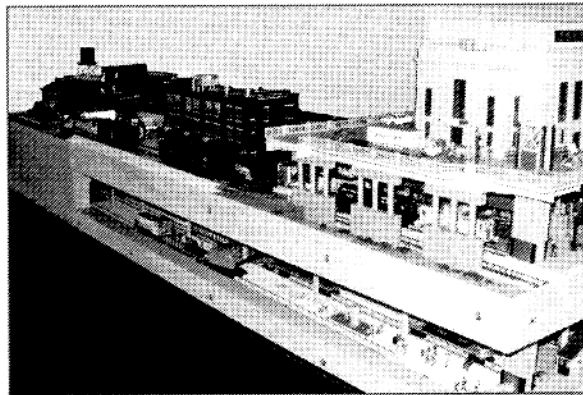
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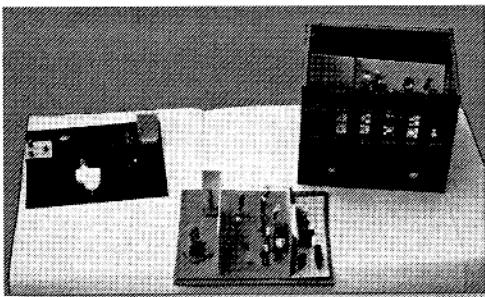
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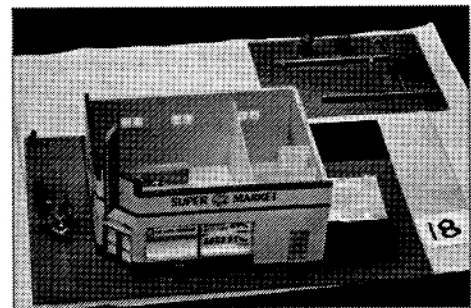
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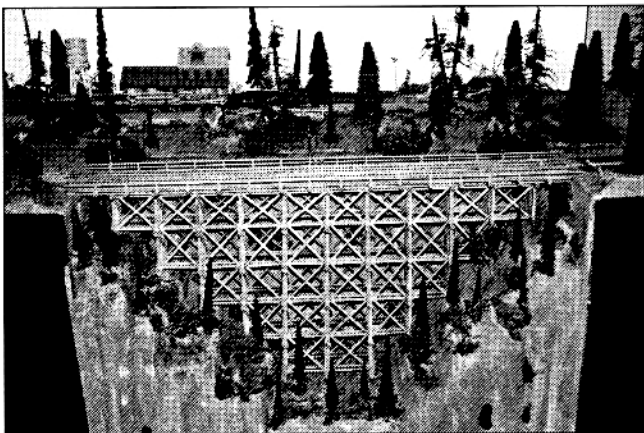
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## December

- 2,3 **Great Train Expo**, San Diego, CA – Del Mar Fairgrounds – Del Mar, CA
- 4 TTOS, SW Division Meet. Electric Toy Train Monthly Meet. 1130 a.m. start, auction at 12:30 p.m., drawing at 2:30 p.m.. Southwestern Division Toy Train Operating Society, Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd. Enter on East side of building.. \$5 children under 12 free with paid adult. (818) 702-9588, [www.cal-stewart.org](http://www.cal-stewart.org), [www.ttos-sw.org](http://www.ttos-sw.org).

## 2007

### January

- 3 **San Diego Division Layout Tour & Open House** - Don Fowler, Santee, CA  
[www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org)

### February

- 10 **San Diego Division Annual Swap Meet** - Antique Steam & Gas Engine Museum, Vista, CA  
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- 16 – 25 Coachella Valley Model Railroaders at Riverside County Fair National Date Festival. 10AM-

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## March

- 3 **Arizona Division Spring Meet**. First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix
- 3 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](http://www.oerm.org). Admission is \$5 for adults/juniors, \$10 for all-day trolley and train rides (9am to 5pm), \$8 for ages 5-11, under 5 free. Set up starts at 0700. Bring your own chairs and tables.

## April

- 14 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet and Open House. 8:00 a.m. -Noon, Swap Meet. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Open house. New location VFW Parking Lot, MAIN and 1st Ave. A block west of the old location. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or [wlindsays@adelphia.net](mailto:wlindsays@adelphia.net). See [www.pvmrrc.org](http://www.pvmrrc.org).

## May

- 9 **San Diego Division Annual Meeting & Spring Meet** - TBA [www.sandiegodivision.org](http://www.sandiegodivision.org)

## July

- 22 – 28 **2007 NMRA Convention**. Detroit, MI [www.nmra.org/2007/](http://www.nmra.org/2007/) The North Central Region presents the Great Lakes Express

## September

- 5 – 7 **2007 PSR Convention**, Copper Trails – Silver Rails, Arizona Division. Sheraton Hotel, Tucson AZ. [www.trainnet.org/newsletters.html](http://www.trainnet.org/newsletters.html) and on the Arizona Division page on the PSR web site at [www.psr-nmra.org](http://www.psr-nmra.org)



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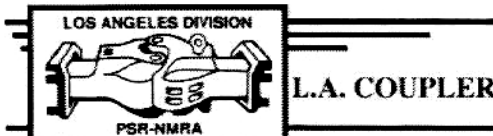
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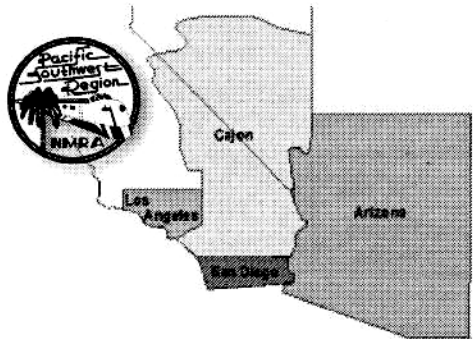
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