



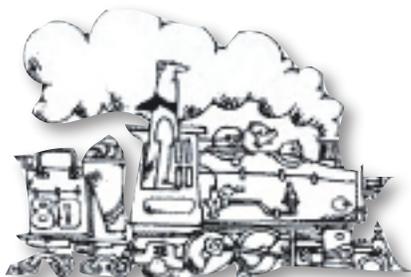
PSR Dispatch

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Spring is here, which means that Summer and the NMRA National Convention and Train

Show are not very far off. Have you registered? Made your hotel reservations? Volunteered to help the LA Division put on a really great convention? If not, time to get your act together and get moving. Otherwise, you will miss out on a fun event.

It's election time for PSR officers, so this issue is going to all PSR members regardless of their Dispatch subscription status. Under the new NMRA Regulations, all voting NMRA members who reside within the geographic boundaries of the PSR are voting members of the Region. If this is your first experience with the PSR, please know we're glad to have you aboard!

This issue includes a ballot for President and Vice President. Please complete and return the ballot as soon as possible - all you have to do is fold it, apply postage, and drop it in the mailbox.

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From the Hot Seat!

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With election time comes changes in the PSR. I would like to thank Charles Stewart for his assistance and advice during his term as Vice President of the PSR. Charles is experiencing that stage in his life that many in the hobby find themselves in, with personal and career demands forcing him to put some activities on the "back burner". I expect that, in a few years time, he will once again have time to become more involved, and I certainly hope he will.

Duane Buck has announced he will be retiring from the Contest Chairman position he has ably filled for a number of years. Besides being an outstanding modeler, Duane has kept the flame of the Model Contest burning bright, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Another person retiring from a position he has held for a long time is Dick Greatorix, the PSR Webmaster. Dick brought the Region into the internet age by using his skills with web design, lots of time and a space on the internet to bring members the PSR and Division web sites. Dick, thank you!

With two positions in the PSR organizations coming vacant, along with a couple of others that need filling, I'm going to be looking for a few arms to twist. If you are interested in any of the open positions (check the PSR Directory in the back pages), please let myself or your Division Director know. Volunteers are essential to the operations of the Region, and your help is needed!

Speaking of things you can do to help, a volunteer form for the Anaheim Convention is included in this issue. It's a self mailer - fill it out, fold it over, apply a stamp, and drop it in the mail. Without your help, it won't happen, so we're making it as easy as possible. Please, do it today!

Well, that's enough from me. I'm looking forward to Anaheim, and expect to see you there.

Division Director

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Greetings from the Arizona Division. We had a great meet March 1 in Phoenix. The turnout for the meet was great. We pushed the size limits of the facility. Attendance was very high and we a number of new members sign up. The clinics were very well received and some presenters have been asked to show a part two. The contest room had a good number of entries and this was our first meet with an official 'Lenny's Challenge' category.

Lenny's Challenge is the result of a challenge put forth to modelers across our division. The challenge is a non-judged activity where modelers bring their models for display. It's also an opportunity for modelers to discuss their models and techniques. Hopefully this is a positive experience for modelers and helps to encourage them to head to the contest room. Granted, not everyone wants to compete in the contest room, so this gives them the opportunity to display their work.

We also included layout tours after the meet. I'd like to thank Richard Newkirk for opening his SP Shasta Division layout. Thank you to the PebbleCreek Model Railroad Club, the Scottsdale Model Railroad Club, and the Thunderbird Model Railroad club for opening their club layouts for the tour. We hope to continue to provide layout tours in conjunction with future division meets.

Our efforts to have more members subscribe to our electronic version of our Spur Line newsletter are moving along nicely with nearly one third of the membership subscribing electronically. As many of us know, publication and distribution of the newsletter is the most significant expense annually for the division.

We also launched our new division website at the end of January. Thus far, we've had very good feedback and hope to make it a value added resource for division members. You can visit the site at www.AzDiv-NMRA.org

As part of the final wrap up from the Regional Convention in Tucson the region was presented with a check at the board meeting in March.. The Arizona Division still has Copper Trails - Silver Rails t-shirts and convention cars available. Please contact Richard Dick, our Chief Clerk and Paymaster at

I would like to start by thanking all the NMRA members from Cajon and the other Divisions who came to the Cajon Division Temecula event this past March and helped make it the success it was. It is our hope everyone went away with the feeling that they got their monies worth and had a fun weekend experience. In our preliminary planning for next year we are hoping to include a train show and do some layout tours into northern San Diego area so keep March open on you calendars.

As some of you know two of our Cajon members have been tasked with obtaining and coordinating the volunteers needed for the National Convention in Anaheim from July 13 to 20, 2008. To date they have had minimal response to there requests for volunteers and we have a need of around 180 volunteer time slots to fill, and hopefully some of you will do more then one time slot. This is a sad commentary for our hobby, if we as members are not willing to put forth the effort to make a National Convention succeed why we question the reason our hobby is becoming stagnate. We really need the help of ever member of the PSR to step up and take on at least one volunteer shift the National Convention, please contact Dave Arendes. arendesd@epcinternational.com.

Do not forget that the Annual PSR General Membership meeting will be held on Saturday July 19th at the National Convention, in the Marriott Hotel, at 9:00 am. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Paymaster@AzDiv-NMRA.org for more info.

Our next meet will meet will be June 14. We'll be hosting the meet away from the summer heat of Phoenix and Tucson in Flagstaff. We have three great clinics scheduled and invite members from the other divisions to join us. The Grand Canyon is a short distance from Flagstaff as well as the Grand Canyon Railway.

Activity Reports



Los Angeles

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San Diego

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I wish to thank the Cajon Division for hosting the mid-year board meeting in March at their meet in Temecula. It should have been hosted by the L.A. Division and due to problems acquiring a meeting room from the National Convention hotel; the Cajon Division graciously agreed to have the meeting held during their meet.

At the Board Meeting, work is still progressing in having the PSR By-Laws in compliance with the national by-laws. Discussions were also held on the possibility of having joint meets with two or more of the Divisions participating. The PSR is still looking for volunteers to fill some vacant positions at the region level.

The L.A. Division is also looking for some volunteers to fill vacant positions at the Division level. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help and learn.

Speaking of volunteers, the Anaheim Special is in need of more people to step up and help at the National Convention in July in Anaheim. There are benefits to volunteering. Aside from the aspect of meeting a lot of nice people, you will receive a convention volunteer T-shirt and your Division will receive income as the proceeds from the convention will be distributed to the Region Divisions based on the number of volunteers participating from each Division. Another benefit if you volunteer to be a bus guide on one of the many different tours is you get the tour free. There is no limit on the number of tours you can lead other than time constraints.

I would like to encourage all members to register and attend the National Convention to be held in Anaheim in July 2008. Attending the National is a terrific experience and it may be awhile before it is so close to home again.

Hope to see you in Anaheim.

I must start by giving special thanks to Superintendent Mitchell, Director Heimberger and other Cajon Division members who assisted in hosting a great spring meet in Temecula over the weekend of March 28-30. This first time event was a huge success with more than eighty in attendance. The festivities included bingo, clinics, layout tours, our mid-year PSR Region Board meeting, Chinese auction and a trip to the Orange Empire Railway Museum to see the sights and run a locomotive. You won't want to miss this event next year.

At our mid-year meeting, the Board extensively discussed the proposal of e-mailing newsletters and/or posting them on a Region website with Division links. Cost savings, hard copies for non-computer members, and restricted access were among the issues covered. A formal recommendation will be forthcoming that will address these concerns on behalf of the entire membership.

Our Division enjoyed a great Winter Meet on February 9th at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista, home of the Short Track Railroad Club. This event included a swap meet, pot luck, clinics and a tour of the progress on this club's railroad.

Special thanks to San Diego Division's Frank Tepedino for accepting the PSR Region's Bylaws & Manual of Operations chair position. This is an important task but Frank's professional legal background and attention to detail makes him a great choice for this assignment.

The San Diego Division is looking forward to several rail related activities in the near future:

- May 03 Amtrak day trip to Fullerton Railroad Days
- May 10 Spring Meet at Peace Lutheran Church
- June 01 ATSF #3751 Travels to San Diego
- June 14 Bob Mitchell's Open House
- July 13-19 NMRA National Convention in Anaheim

We hope that you can join us for some of these activities. The more the merrier!



Secretary's Report

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The mid-year meeting of the PSR Board of Directors was held in Temecula, CA, March 29, 2008. PSR President Ben Sevier presided over the meeting which was held at the Mary Phillips Senior Center.

President's Report: In his report President Sevier commented that our Region is strong but many challenges are facing us:

Membership – Retention and increasing average age of members are important issues that need to be addressed.

Finances – While our financial balance sheet is currently on the positive side the long term outlook is questionable. Our income currently comes from dues, subscriptions and surplus from the annual convention. With the rising cost of postage our newsletter is draining our resources, we need look for ways to cut cost and increase revenues.

Communications – Communications with our membership and the general railroading public in very important for retention, generating new members and informing members of our functions. The problem with communication is that is cost money. As stated our newsletter is an expensive but vital communication tool, but we need to figure out ways to trim the cost of postage and printing.

President Sevier feels that it is very important that communications with our members, which includes the Dispatch, the various Division Newsletters, and the Website need to be our top priorities in the PSR. He encourages all members to step forward and volunteer to help make the PSR and the NMRA a stronger organization.

Vice-President's Report: Charles Stewart reported that he is trying to build feedback in his questions and answers column in the Dispatch but at this time he has received few responses.

Treasurer's Report: Because of good stewardship the Region has remained solvent and we expect to remain the same in the near future.

Division Director Reports: Each of the four Directors presented a report on the activities and

membership in their respective areas of responsibility.

Staff Member Reports: Presenting reports on their respective areas were: Membership, Railette and Achievement.

Old Business:

2007 Convention committee presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$904.09 for the PSR share of the profits from the 2007 Convention in Tucson, AZ.

2008 National Convention: The committee reported that everything is coming together. Registration count is ahead of the past two years attendance at this time. More volunteer are needed and each Division Director was asked to recruit volunteers from their respective areas. President Sevier requested that the committee secure a room on Saturday morning, July 19, 2008 for the PSR General Meeting and Wednesday or Thursday evening for the Board Meeting.

New Business:

PSR Financial Audit Report: The PSR Audit Committee has audited the Statement of Financial Position of the PSR as of Aug 31, 2007 and the related Statement of Activities that were submitted to the PSR Board of Directors as well as the financial records for the fiscal year then ended. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the PSR as of Aug 31, 2007, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals.

Membership and Subscriptions: A lengthy discussion was held on the topics of how to retain membership; grow membership and communicate with members. Keeping members informed is key to member retention and participation, but rising cost of postage and printing are hindering the Region and Divisions effectiveness. While no definitive answers were reached by discussing the issues it is hoped that solutions can be found.

2009 Cajon Convention: The PSR Region convention will be held on Sept 2nd to the 5th, at the Texas Station Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV

No other business being placed before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

The Annual Board meeting will be held at the convention hotel in Anaheim on Wednesday, July 16th or Thursday, July 17th at 6pm pending availability.

Respectfully Submitted
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Secretary - PSR

Fireman's Seat

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What is a major essential to any prototype railroad? Ballast of course. Ballast is used by railroads to help drainage and prevent a washout as well as preventing the ties from shifting. As model railroaders we are always looking for new ideas and easier ways to make our model look more realistic. In this article we are going to take a look at a layout aspect of ballasting track.

There are many tools on the market today that are made by various companies to try and help you lay your ballast perfectly. Though a few of these tools may work for some I have found that the results vary and sometimes the use of these tools is an inconvenience. No tool that I know of on the market assists in ballasting around turnouts either, so we have to do it the good old fashioned way.

My best recommendation to everyone is to ask members in your divisions, as so many members have a vast knowledge and experience with model railroading, but when that becomes difficult there is always reference material that be purchased or ordered online. Some of those references are:

Reference Articles: Ballast

"Mainline Modeler", March 1990 page 26
Photos of 144 different brands and colors

Ballasting - techniques for easy application
"Mainline Modeler", August 1990 page 54

Ballast and Ground Cover . . . in color
"Railmodel Journal", January 1990 page 40

Roadbed and Ballasting
"True to Life Scenery for your Model Railroad" - page 17

Roadbed; Ballasting; Bonding loose ballast; Ballasting around switches

Many articles were printed about this subject in the

Railettes

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Ladies, (Yes, men, here is where you let your wife read the Dispatch.) We are getting very close to the National Convention, which this year is being held right in our Region. It is taking place in Anaheim, CA. I hope a lot of you are planning to attend because Diane Forbes has been putting in a lot of time and effort to make it a great time for us. There are some fabulous tours, Disneyland, of course, and Catalina Island, as well as some fantastic clinics. There is so much going on, you could be busy from morning till night. There is a great luncheon, right at the hotel, as well as a wine tasting clinic and if that is not your cup of tea, how about a chocolate tasting clinic. The clinic are extra fare items so get your name on the list soon. We will be having Bingo and a lemon lay-off. If you don't know about the lemon lay-off, you need to come and find out what it is. I guarantee it will be a lot of fun. The ladies putting on the Convention need our support, so to see you there.

We just got back, a couple of weeks ago, from the Cajon Division's Temecula meet and it was a blast. You need to find out what is going on from your hubbies and bring him to these great meets for us ladies. There was winery tours and antique shopping. The main street of Temecula was crowded with stores and all was within a short walk of the motels and the center where the meet was held. It is great when we get together informally as a Region and have fun. The men talk railroading and we can shop.

late fifties, and interestingly enough the next big boom for information in magazines was in the mid eighties and early nineties (which is the references provided for ease of potential acquisition). That is showing about a twenty year gap in major publications with a flurry of the same subject, if that trend keeps then who knows we may have another boom on this subject just around the corner. After practicing and working you may be the one to start the trend and share your knowledge with others.

Have fun, be safe, and hope to hear from you all.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

If you are a voting member of the Pacific Southwest Region, which means a voting member of the NMRA who resides in the geographic boundaries of the Region, please go to the Officer Election Ballot included as an insert in this issue and VOTE!
Thank You!

Contest Corner



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Most of us can remember a character from the fairy tale, Alice in Wonderland. You know the one who kept repeating, "I'm late for a very important date". I call your attention to this phrase to emphasize that the Anaheim convention is only a few months away. It is time to finish or prepare your contest entries for this event. I refer to the Anaheim contests as being a very rare opportunity to win multiple awards.

As I have explained in last quarter's Contest Corner, there will be a dual contest format. This format will give you a chance to receive several awards for a single entry. Therefore, it is essential that you notify the contest officials that you are a PSR member when you bring your entry into the contest room. It is my intention to use a coding system to identify PSR entries so that there will be an efficient means to determine the winners of the respective national and region contest entries.

At this point I am not going to go over the category descriptions once again. PSR AP Manager, Don Stewart and I have covered this information in a number of past editions of the DISPATCH. However, I would encourage you to look at the Judges' Guidelines as set forth on the NMRA website. Knowing what the judges will be looking at will assist you in the preparation of your entry and give you a distinct advantage over those who are not familiar with these guidelines.

In the past I have spoken of several ways to enhance the presentation of your entry and to impress the judges with your preparation. This preparation starts with the Entry Form and the Judges' Score Sheet. Type these forms if at all possible, for the judges appreciate being able to easily read the information you have provided and are more likely to read it completely. The Judges' Score sheets provide a very small space to write your descriptions and attachments will be required to tell the whole story. There has been an increasing tendency by some to go into a multi-multi paged dissertation. If you do so, the chances of the judges reading your complete tome, are slim. Be concise and stay with exactly what you accomplished in each category for your entry. Provide drawings, plans, photos, parts samples, jigs and molds as appropriate. If you are entering motive power or rolling stock, use a display track rather than just having them "sit on the table".

Over the past eight years you have heard me preach about the importance of contest judging as a learning tool. Even if you never intend to enter a contest, judging

Achievement Program

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Temecula, CA was the site of the PSR BoD meeting and a Cajon Division meet. If you missed the meet, it is a shame as it was similar to a miniature convention with just over 2 days of fun. Part of the meet was a contest and there were five models that earned merit awards. The merit awards will be sent to the Cajon Division AP Manager Bill Jacobs to be presented to the qualifying recipients. One Golden Spike Award was presented to a Cajon Member at the Saturday dinner and two additional Golden Spike Awards were earned shortly after the meet. These will be sent to Bill as well.

I hope you are all reading about the Master Model Railroader articles in the Scale Rails. It is very informative and includes examples and tips about obtaining the certificates. They contain a wealth of information and are valuable guides in obtaining your certificates. Even if you do not seek your MMR Certificate, the information has some great ideas for modeling.

can show you many techniques used by others that will improve your own skills and may inspire you to take on new projects. I have been a model railroader for 59 years and I never cease to be amazed that there is still so much to be learned. I would define our hobby as one with a constant learning curve. Although all judging opportunities provide a chance to learn, judging in a national NMRA contest is something special with the general quality and quantity of the entries. The fact that you may have little or no judging experience should not deter you from participating as a judge. You will be paired with an experienced judge who will "show you the ropes". And you are reminded that any profits derived from the Anaheim convention will be apportioned by the amount of active participation by each of the four PSR Divisions. Not only will you learn, but you have an opportunity to assist your Division financially. If you are willing to put aside other activities for a few hours and participate as a judge, please contact me at the earliest date. I might also add that judging in a national contest will give you three points toward your Volunteer Achievement Certificate.

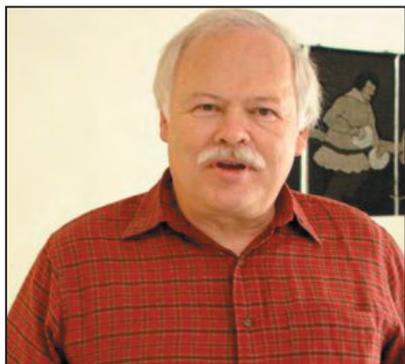
In closing, I would encourage you to enter the Anaheim contests as a matter of pride. Pride not in one's self, but pride in the PSR organization. This is the national stage and an opportunity to demonstrate to the rest of the NMRA how well our PSR members can respond to this challenge.



PSR Officer Elections

Candidate Statements

PSR President



Qualifications

Ben began modeling, as many do, in childhood with airplane and ship models, becoming involved in model railroading in his teens while working in a hobby shop. After first joining the NMRA in 1972, the demands of career and family forced him to put the hobby aside for a number of years, becoming active again in the early '90's. He has been active in Division and Region activities, serving as newsletter editor, membership chairman and currently Superintendent for the San Diego Division, and serving as PSR Dispatch editor and PSR President.

My term as PSR President has been interesting and enjoyable. We have an excellent Board of Directors that works well together, and the outstanding volunteers that are needed to keep the Region alive and involved in the model railroading community. As you are no doubt aware, there have been many changes in our hobby and in the NMRA itself as we struggle with the many demands of our modern, very busy world. After a lot of work on the part of many members, the membership of our organization is once again growing, but there is still much work to be done. We, that's you and I, must work hard to provide valuable services to our members and the hobby at large. If elected for a second term, I will continue to work towards improving communications with our members, and finding ways in which the PSR can assist the Divisions and other model railroad groups. Our hobby can only continue to thrive if we engage everyone, not just those who model in our scale, our prototype, or only our narrow interest. I will need, and expect, your help, and I look forward to working with you.

PSR Vice President



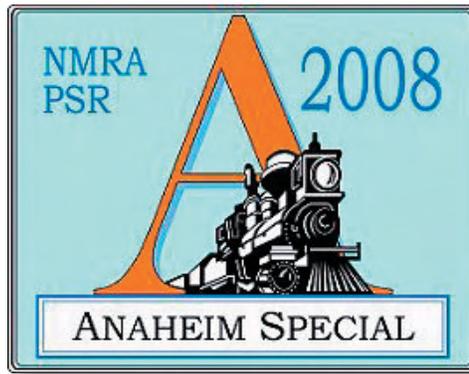
Qualifications

Don has been involved in modeling and specifically model railroading since childhood. He is active in Division, Regional and some National activities. His involvement with the NMRA started in 1976.

Don has been a member of the PSR since its inception in 1984 and previously in the PCR. He has been the Arizona Division Director several times, most recently September 2003 to September 2005. He has been the Achievement Program Manager for the PSR since 1998.

I want to be active as a VP for the region. I will work closely with the President to create and foster activities for the membership. Some of these activities will be generated by the membership so I solicit your input on the things that will make the NMRA more meaningful to you, the member. Without two-way communication it will be difficult to tune activities to your needs.

One of the things I enjoy most about this group is the people. The camaraderie and friendships I have made will last throughout my life. I enjoy seeing old friends at the Division and Regional meetings and thus want to strengthen the communication and friendship throughout the PSR. Meetings and other NMRA events are an important way to continue developing new friendships and I will encourage them throughout the Region. This is a fun hobby. Let's have fun!



ANAHEIM SPECIAL

2008 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 13th - 19th, 2008

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Make the Anaheim Special 2008 Convention a success by welcoming and assisting convention attendees. In July of 2008, the LA Division of PSR will host the NMRA National Convention in Anaheim, and a large number of volunteers will be needed to help run the event. The jobs are fairly simple; working the registration desk, bus layout tour guides, room hosts for clinics, etc. And for the most part a 4 to 6 hour commitment is all that is required.

We need folks to help in the following areas:

- Registration Desk
- Company Store
- Tour Desk
- Transportation Area
- Auction Room
- Clinic Office
- Contest Room and Judges
- Non-Rail Functions
- Tour Guides for: Layout tours, Prototype tours, General tours
- Volunteer Desk

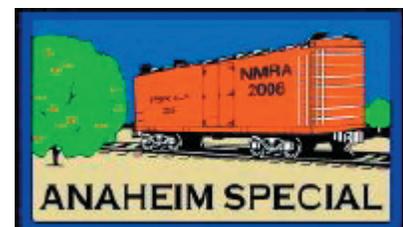
Come and renew old friendships, make new friends and help make this the best convention of the Decade.
EVERYONE WHO SIGNS ON FOR A MINIMUM OF A 1/2 DAY WILL RECEIVE A COOL LIMITED EDITION CONVENTION T-SHIRT

Please help and sign-up soon - a self-mailer form is included in this issue of the PSR Dispatch

For more information contact

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For Registration and more information, go to <http://www.nmra.org/2008/>



Flag Stops

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We have amassed this information from various sources. Some of the events have been submitted by sponsors. Please send corrections, additions and future events to me at wlindsays@roadrunner.com. I can also be reached at (909) 599-0182. I encourage the use of this list to promote the hobby and help others enjoy railroading and modeling.

2008

April

5, 6, 26, 27 Roger Clarkson's Two Riverside Layouts Open House Schedule. 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. 1463 Rimroad, Riverside, CA. www.rfrailroad.com
Map link: <http://tinyurl.com/2gkff4>

12 Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet and Open House. CANCELLED Watch our web page for future activity. Lindsay Smith (909) 599-0182 or wlindsays@roadrunner.com. See www.pvmrrc.org.

19, 20 Belmont Shore Lines (N) and Angels Gate Hi-Railers (O) Joint Open Houses and Swap Meet. 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday Swap Meet, 8 AM to Noon. 3601 S. Gaffey Street, Bldgs. 824 & 848, San Pedro, CA. \$1.00 per person or \$2.00 per family, all donations go to Angels Gate Park. Contact: www.belmontshorerr.com or Bill Costley, 310-831-1140.

26 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet and Open House. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. In the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Rd. Simi Valley CA Admission \$2.00 for adults. Sellers contact Richard Parshall oltwntrn@pasbell.net
<http://www.santasusannadepot.org/2006swap.htm>

26 Layout Tour #10 - San Gabriel Valley Area. Model_Railroads_Of_Southern_California@yahoo.com. Bob Chaparro thecitrusbelt@yahoo.com

26 Las Vegas Meet, Cajon Div. Larry Dewsup's home, 6856 Adobe Villa Ave. Las Vegas <http://www.cajondiv.org/>

26-4 Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House
5458 Alhambra Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90032
(323) 222-1718 E-mail: Webmaster@pmrrc.org
Spring Show - Our 68th Year:
Saturday, April 26 - 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM
Sunday, April 27 - 1-5 PM
Tuesday, April 29 - 7:30 PM – 10 PM
Saturday, May 3 - 1-5 PM and 7-10 PM
Sun, May 4 - 1-5 PM

Open House Donations: Adults \$3, Children \$1 (under 7 free when accompanied by an adult)
www.pmrrc.org

May

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3, 4 Fullerton Railroad Days, Fullerton Depot.
17 Layout Tour #11- Orange County Area. Model_Railroads_Of_Southern_California@yahoo.com. Bob Chaparro thecitrusbelt@yahoo.com

17, 18, 20 California Southern MRC Open House. Saturday 1000 to 2000 (10 to 8 PM) Sunday noon to 1800 (Noon to 6PM), Tuesday 1900 to 2100 (7 to 9 PM) 12140 E Firestone Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 (562)863-3156 Admission Free

June

28 29 Palms 4th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet. Elks Lodge Twenty Nine Palms, CA John King (760) 367-9633 <http://www.cajondiv.org/>

July

8 – 13 Santa Fe Railroad Historical & Modeling Society's Annual Convention. Riverside, CA <http://www.atsfr.com/convention/info-Riverside.htm>

13 – 19 2008 NMRA Convention, Anaheim, CA
26 & 27 1st Annual Railway Reflections Memorabilia Show & Sale, to benefit the reconstruction of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Location is at the Nevada State Library & Archives (on the capitol grounds), 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City, NV. Hours: Sat., 9am-8pm, Sun., 9am-4pm. Free admission. For show info. & dealer applications contact Mike & Wendy Munson, ttcrrc@charter.net, see website for details
www.railwayreflections.org

August

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<http://www.santasusannadepot.org/2006swap.htm>

September

6 Western Prototype Modelers Meet. La Habra Community Center, La Habra, Orange County, California. <http://www.westernprototypemodelers.org>

6, 7 Glen Landin's Show. G Scale and railroad memorabilia. Orange, CA <http://glenlandin.com/index.html>
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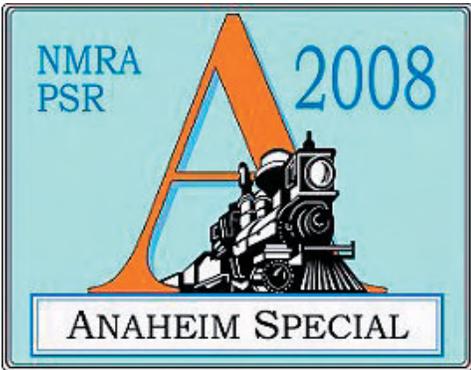
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