



PSR Dispatch

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

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EVENTS

2016

March 30th

Officer Nominations
Due

April 9th

Mid-Year BOD
Meeting
Temecula, CA

Wed, Sept 21st -

Sunday, Sept 24th

PSR 2016
Convention
Culver City, CA



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PSR Dispatch Online

January 1, 2016

Welcome to the PSR Dispatch Online, bringing you up to date news and events in the Pacific Southwest Region ~ NMRA



PSR AP Report - Don Stewart

There has been some confusion lately about the paperwork needed for merit award judging (evaluation). All you need are the NMRA forms (available on the web site at <http://www.nmra.org/forms>) and a photo of the prototype. The main Achievement Program Page is at <http://nmra.org/education/achievement-program>.

If you are freelancing the model, have photos that show the appropriate portions of a similar prototype. When filling out the paperwork, remember these things: The judges were not there when you built the model so they do not know what you did. The scores for merit judging are based on what you did and how well you did it.

- **Construction** – Describe how you built the model and its details. This is a description of WHAT YOU DID. If you built a model from a kit, bring the instructions and reference them. This way you can simply



say "I built the model from the kit per the instructions." If you add details, describe how you built the details.

- **Detail** – List what you added. Just a list of WHAT YOU ADDED.
- **Conformity** – Show a photo of the prototype that you are modeling. Look on the internet for pictures if you don't have one at home. So here you SHOW WHAT THE REAL THING LOOKED LIKE. This shows that your model conforms to the prototype.
- **Finish and Lettering** – List how you painted and decaled your model. This part does not need an extensive description. Just DESCRIBE HOW YOU PAINTED THE MODEL. The model will show off your finish work.
- **Scratchbuilt** – Just list the items you scratchbuilt. JUST A SIMPLE LIST HERE. How you built the scratchbuilt parts is covered in the construction category.

If you fill out the paperwork ahead of time, use a computer or Typewriter so it is easy to read. If you fill it out at the Meet, ask for some guidance or suggestions. There are usually several knowledgeable people in the Contest Room (Contest Chair, AP Manager, MMR). We will be glad to help. Your paperwork should be a page of descriptions and a photo of the prototype. You do not need elaborate binders.

Some simple guidelines for your work:

1. All joints should be clean with no gaps or un-even seams. Fill in any gaps with putty.
2. Paint should be even (all weathered or all new paint). Any differences should be explained in your paperwork.
3. There should be no glue spots or shiny spots on a weathered model.

4. The model should be square and cleanly constructed.
5. Help judge other models. It will give you an idea what judges look for when evaluating models.

**PSR Mid-Year
Board Of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 2016
1:00 pm 'til 5:00pm
Temecula Senior Center
Temecula, CA**

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The 2016 Mid-year meeting of the PSR Board of Directors Meeting will be held during the Cajon Division Summer Meet in Temecula, CA. All members are welcome to attend and observe the meeting.

Officer Elections

Elections for the PSR Officer Positions of President and Vice-President are being held this year. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact the Nomination Committee chairman by email at [Nominations](#), or by phone at (602) 953-1681.

2015 PSR Convention

To see results of the Convention Contest, go to the [Convention Results](#) page on the Arizona Division website.

To see a short slide show of events at the Convention, go to the [Convention Photos](#) on the PSR website.

LA Junction 2016 PSR Convention September 21 - 24, 2016

Visit the Convention website at

[http://www.psrconvention.org/
lajunction/index.html](http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/index.html)

for registration and extra fare forms, hotel registration, and complete details about the convention. See you there!!

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