



# PSR Dispatch

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## EVENTS

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.

**2016**  
**March 30th**  
**Officer Nominations**  
**Due**

**April 9th**  
**Mid-Year BOD**  
**Meeting**  
**Temecula, CA**

## PSR Dispatch Online

March 1, 2016

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

## From The Fireman's Seat

Gary Robinson - Vice President

Spring is coming, and model railroading will take a back seat to gardening – but not this year for me! My wife and I are traveling the USA, and I hope to find some layouts, clubs, and events to visit along the way. Gardening can wait until next year.

I've been working on a couple of projects for the Region. One is chairing a committee charged with creating a strategic business plan (the plan) for the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR). Members of the committee may be changing, so I won't mention their names now, but I've received some good communications from them, and expect to have a proposal ready for the PSR Board meeting on April 9. There is some discussion regarding whether the plan would be in conflict with the current governing documents (see the PSR web page, [www.psrmmra.org](http://www.psrmmra.org)), and whether they need to be changed before or after the plan is adopted. Your comments are welcome, to

Wed, Sept 21st -  
Sunday, Sept 24th  
PSR 2016  
Convention  
Culver City, CA

### Temecula Meet!

It is that time of the year and the Cajon Division is holding its annual **Spring Event & Meet** this coming April 8-9 at the Mary Phillips Senior Center in Temecula, CA. This event will be open to all and will feature a complete selection of model railroad clinics, a model train contest, TimeSaver switching challenge, local area layout tour, awards banquet and Division membership meeting at Pat and Oscar's restaurant. Lunch will be available Saturday. Friday evening will feature desert and Bingo for Trains.

Have a look at the attached flyer [HERE](#) for complete event and clinic schedule and location details. See you there!

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The second project is an audit of the PSR financial books and records. I will be meeting with Treasurer Tom Draper during March, and will have an audit report for the Board at the April 9th meeting.

I will not be seeking office in the Region this year, due to my travels. I've enjoyed working with everyone, and expect to reactivate my involvement when Neva and I are traveled out. Meanwhile, I wish all of you clear tracks ahead!



## San Diego Division

Pete Steinmetz - Director

As Winter is departing and we are headed into Spring there have been quite a few model railroad events and many more in the future. We had a successful Fall Event highlighted by Jimmy Simmons' hands on clinic building his Hansen's Machine Shop. All those that participated learned many techniques used in completing structures.

Our Winter meet featured the first of our EduTrain Clinics, presented by Gary Robinson. For those not familiar with Edu Train, it is a national NMRA program to review and present clinics that are of interest to members and can be given by others at various events. The clinics have authors notes that help the presenter give the clinic.

I will present two Edu Train Clinics, "The Pursuit of Realism" by Lance Mindheim and "The Art of Soldering" by Dave Carlton at the Cajon Division Meet in Temecula. The Pursuit of Realism shows how everyday scenes can be enhanced with simple techniques and placement of details. The Art of Soldering demystifies soldering and shows simple



## Spring Rail!

The LA Division is holding their annual SpringRail event this coming April 23rd in Buena Park. With a model railroad swap meet, a host of great clinics running all day and lunch as well, it can't help being a fun model railroading day! Click [HERE](#) to access the event information and registration web page.



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equipment and techniques that can make any modeler comfortable and successful soldering.

The San Diego Division will have our Spring Meet on Saturday May 14, 2016 at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. We will have clinics, a business meeting, silent auction, a tour of Short Track Railroad, and a free pizza lunch. This is always a fun event. Short Track has very good facilities to hold our meet. Come see all the progress the club has made on their very impressive Donner Pass layout.

Want to know all the latest model railroad event schedules for Southern California? Subscribe to the Model Railroads of Southern California Yahoo Group. It has all the weekly and monthly schedules for the various gatherings from San Luis Obispo to the Mexican boarder. Subscribe at [model\\_railroads\\_of\\_southern\\_california-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:model_railroads_of_southern_california-subscribe@yahoo.com) A Yahoo ID is required.

Mark your calendar for our Summer Event on Saturday August 13 at the Poway Community Center. Cook out, swap meet, clinics, and other activities.

Until next time.

## 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.

**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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