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## PSR Forums

The PSR member forums are now open on the PSR web site at: [www.psrnmra.org](http://www.psrnmra.org)

Click on the Forums tab, register your account, and participate in discussions, get up to date info on events, and ask questions of fellow members of the PSR and NMRA.



Welcome to the Special  
2016 PSR Convention  
Edition  
of the **Dispatch**

<http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/>

**LA Junction**, the 2016 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention, will be held September 21 to 25, 2016, in Culver City, at the Double Tree Hotel. In this publication you will find detailed information on the various activities and events that will be presented at the convention. If you have not registered for the 2016 PSR Convention please read the following articles and reconsider your decision about attending. The Los Angeles Convention Team has put in thousands of hours over the past 3 years in planning this convention just for you, so please do not

Do it TODAY!

**From the Editor:**

Do you have an interesting article that would be of interest to members of the PSR? If so, please email them to [psrdispatch@psrmmra.org](mailto:psrdispatch@psrmmra.org). If the article is more than a couple of paragraphs long, the full article will be stored on the PSR Website, and linked from the article. One image may be part of the newsletter - any additional images will be stored on the PSR Website, and linked from the article. This allows for the newsletter to be easily read on a members device (computer, tablet or phone), with a full article or large images available as they choose.



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[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)  
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disappoint them by not showing up. You can review all the convention clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, and social events in detail on the convention web site at

[www.psrconvention.org/aljunction](http://www.psrconvention.org/aljunction). I hope to see all of you this September at the 2016 PSR Convention.

Carl Heimberger  
PSR President

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**2016 PSR Convention Registration**

The 2016 Pacific Southwest Region "Los Angeles Junction" Convention is fast approaching, but there is still time for you to register. We have made registration as easy as possible for you on the Convention website <http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/>. Registration is just a simple click away and convenient payment is available through PayPal. There is a printable registration form if you would prefer to mail your registration in with a check or money order.

All of the tours are still available, including the Silver Splendor dome car ride to San Barbara as well as the extension to San Luis Obispo. This trip includes breakfast and dinner prepared about the train.

To register for the convention, follow this link:  
<http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/registration.html>

James L. Keena  
Registrar  
2016 PSR Los Angeles Junction Convention



### Welcome Reception

Hello my name is Ron Varnell; I am the owner and creator of the Any Era Western Railroad and a member of the LA Junction Convention Team. I would personally like to invite all convention attendees to the PSR 2016 LA Junction Welcome Reception that will be held at my 1,400 s.f. layout in Torrance, Wednesday night starting at 4:00 pm. All convention registered guests will be served a cooked on site Santa Maria Style BBQ that will include Tri-Tip Sirloin, Chicken, Garlic Bread, Santa Maria Style beans, mixed green salad, salsa and BBQ sauce, soda, beer or wine. Dinner service will start at 6:00 pm and the dinner is sponsored by the Original Whistle Stop, Inc, Pasadena. In addition we will have entertainment and gaming tables for your enjoyment.

And of course there is the layout to see and you can actually run trains if you wish. In addition I will have the dedicated team who helped me build my dream layout consisting of Dr. Tom Peterson, Dr. Jim Bright, Derick Griffin, L A Roe and Mike Hassas. These gentlemen will be there to answer any questions you may have about how the layout was designed and built.

I and the Los Angeles Junction Convention Team will be there to help kick off this exciting 2016 PSR Convention come and enjoy this great social event. It is included in your full convention registration package, so please RSVP by September 18, 2016, you can go on line to the registration page or e-mail [pjkeenawhittier@msn.com](mailto:pjkeenawhittier@msn.com) to RSVP.

For more information about the Reception and other special events, go to the Convention website at:

<http://www.psrconvention.org/>

Welcome Aboard.

Your 2016 PSR Convention Team

## Clinics, Clinics and More Clinics

If you are one who goes to a convention just because of the clinics, the 2016 LA Junction Convention is the convention for you. We currently have 47 different Rail clinics lined up covering a variety of subjects from simple weathering to high tech 3D printing. Just added - NCE will present a series of clinics on DCC Friday and Saturday so if you have questions about DCC here is a chance to talk with a tech support specialist. And for the Railettes we have 7 craft clinics in the works. Many of these clinics are new with new Clinicians and have never before been presented at a PSR Convention. Clinics will run continuously during the convention except during the Hobo Auction and the Awards Banquet and as a special bonus there are 2 clinics on Wednesday for early arrivals. Clinics range from Power Point presentations to visual demonstrations and some hands on so bring some cash as some of the hands on clinics have a material cost to be collected at the door. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn some new skills.

For more details on planned clinics, including subjects, presenters and other information, follow this link:

<http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/clinics.html>

## **Yes We Have a Contest Room**

Do you have an interest in obtaining your MMR?  
Or do you just like to show off your latest projects?  
At the 2016 LA Junction Convention we will have a Contest/Display Room so bring your newest project(s) to have it judged or to just display. All entries will be eligible for Popular Vote, but if you want your entry judged for the AP please bring your completed paperwork with you. Never entered anything for AP judging? This is a convention contest room for you. We will have a special clinic Thursday at 4:00 pm where you can have help in filling out the paperwork or just reviewing paperwork you have submitted to be sure you get the point your model deserves. When you visit the contest room please remember to cast you vote for most popular model.

For more information about the Contests, follow this link:

<http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/contests.html>

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## **Convention Awards Banquet**

Always a fun social event is the Awards Banquet, and this year will be no exception. Come and see who won in the contest room, meet the new PSR Board of Directors, and find out who was selected Member of the Year from each Division and the Region. You will also be able to enjoy our guest speaker Wayne Penn who will tell us how he got into the world of real railroading after working at Knott's Barry Farm as a fireman/engineer. If you have not signed up for

the Banquet contact James Keena to find out how you can add that to your convention experience. Meal choices are Bourbon and Black Pepper Crusted New York Strip Lone, Honey and Orange Blossom Lime Marinated Salmon or Vegetable Wellington Marinated and Grilled Vegetables in a Puff Pastry Backed to Golden Perfection..

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## Layout Tours

As of this writing we have twenty-six home layouts and nine club layouts available for self-guided tours. Nearly twenty home layouts are appearing on a PSR tour for the first time ever.

The tour program kicks off on Wednesday afternoon just ahead of the free B-B-Q reception. Ron Varnell's HO layout is the venue for the B-B-Q. This layout occupies a 1,400 square foot space. It is a UP-oriented layout set in the 1958 to 1970 era, with a twenty-three stall roundhouse, two turntables, a major passenger terminal and an operating hump yard. Also housed in the layout room is a very large collection of HO brass locomotives, including many extremely rare and limited production models. Ron has a brass example of every UP turbine, including the original GE demonstrator unit.

Seven other layouts will be available on Wednesday so check-in early to avoid missing the opening day's tour.

If you like prototype modeling seven layouts are based on actual sections of real railroads. Two of these are located in the same neighborhood just 600 yards apart, both based on branches of the Milwaukee Road. For you narrow gauge fans we have seven of these for your enjoyment.

The tentative schedule of layouts is here:

[http://www.psrnmra.org/docs/LAJunction LT 2016.pdf](http://www.psrnmra.org/docs/LAJunction_LT_2016.pdf)

This schedule is ONLY for use by convention attendees, and is not to be distributed or used outside of the convention.

## Swap Meet

The Convention Swap Meet will be on Saturday, September 24 2016 at the Double Tree Hotel Los Angeles – Westside which is the convention hotel at 6161 West Centinela Ave, Culver City.

The schedule is as follows:

6:45 AM– 7:45 AM Vendor Check-In and Setup

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Convention Attendees  
admittance

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM General admittance

Convention attendees are admitted FREE. The swap meet is open to the general public with an admission fee of \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family (up to 4 persons).

Vendor tables are still available. Table size is 30" by 6' and the cost is \$10.00 to convention attendees and \$20 for others for the first table. Additional tables are available for \$10 each. Contact the swap meet coordinator Wayne R Maynard at [waynermaynard@yahoo.com](mailto:waynermaynard@yahoo.com) or by phone 805-746-7509 to reserve your spot. Vendor sign-up can also be made on the convention website,

[http://www.psrconvention.org/  
lajunction/special\\_events.html](http://www.psrconvention.org/lajunction/special_events.html)

The event will be held under a covered canopy on the pool deck behind the hotel. There is a \$7.00 parking fee at the hotel. You can access the swap meet through the hotel lobby or the parking lot on the north side of the hotel. We will have shipping

boxes and bubble wrap available to purchase so you can protect your swap meet treasures for your travels home.

## Convention Schedule

The Current Convention Schedule is at this link:

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

*Note: the convention schedule may change at any time. Before making plans, check this link:*

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

*for changes, cancellations or additions.*

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