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Pacific Southwest Regional

CONVENTION

September 25 - 29, 2019

Join Tony Koester and the Arizona Division convention team for a wonderful four days of scale and full size railroads in Arizona. Experience the Verde Canyon Railroad in Clarkdale; a welcome BBQ at Stillman McCormick Railroad Park; The "Wyoming Division" in Cornville; Ron Mei's "Sunset Route" and Frank Baker's "Morristown & Erie". Over 35 layouts in Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott. 40 plus clinics covering a wide range of topics, Hobo Auction with entertainment, and great Non-rail events. (Page 13)

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"ARIZONA JUNCTION"



NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION & TRAIN SHOW

JULY 7-13, 2019, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Note from the Editor: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have accepted the Editor position with PSR. I look forward to serving PSR membership with a regular issuance of an informative and interesting newsletter. My commitment to you is to issue the Dispatch each quarter of the year on a regular schedule.....just like a real railroad!

Kevin Spady, PSR Editor





The **PSR BACKSHOP**



Gary Butts, MMR, President

Having just returned from a vacation, I am feeling ready to get started on some of the proposals that were just passed at our mid-year Pacific Southwest Region Board of Directors meeting. As I mentioned in the last issue of the Dispatch, the meeting was held at my residence and Board members traveled from Los Angeles and San Diego to be present for this meeting. Frank Baker (Arizona) and Ed Hall (Nevada) were present at the meeting via electronic media to save them the long commute to Huntington Beach.

This was the first official meeting with our essentially new Board made up of a new President, Vice President and new Directors for all of the Divisions with the exception of Arizona. We had a full agenda filled with all types of new proposals and we were able to consider essentially all of the important items before we ran out of time.

Most of the significant changes that were considered and passed involve routing more of the Region's assets and income back to the individual Divisions so that they will be available for use to enhance the NMRA experience for our individual PSR members. The Region receives a small (\$2/ member/year) stipend drawn from our NMRA dues. This money has historically been accumulating in a static PSR Regional account. It was voted to pass all of this stipend on through to the Divisions to be spent as each Division desires with the aim of making our meetings and events more interesting with the hope of increasing retention and recruitment of members.

Along this line, it was decided to expand the Achievement Program Golden Spike award to include the physical "Golden Spike" trophy Region-wide. These trophies will be supplied to the Divisions by the Region as needed. The Golden Spike is seen by most as the introduction to the NMRA Achievement Program and the Cajon Division has had good success with increased AP involvement following the award of the "Spike". We also will be returning to the coveted "Bell" award

for the Division and Region "Member of the Year" awards presented at the Regional Convention each year. The "Bell" had been replaced by a "Gandy Dancer" trophy due to the rising cost of the Train Bells but with a little creativity we have come up with a way to keep the costs down and return to the Bell.

To keep all of our members informed of the Region happenings at the PSR Board level and also at the sister Divisions, our new Dispatch editor, Kevin Spady, has committed to faithfully issuing the Dispatch back in its old format each calendar quarter. Funding has been set aside to mail physical copies of the Dispatch to those few members that have been verified to not have access to the internet. Mailed copies are expensive but it is in our charter to get word out to all of our members regarding our activities throughout the Region and so we will.

We have voted to consolidate the previous Life Member fund into our Region General fund. The account was originally established many years ago to service the dues and subscription costs for our Life Members. Some years ago, NMRA headquarters assumed the dues responsibility for all life members (National and Regional) and since we have been using electronic media for our Dispatch and event notifications, the Life Member account has become stagnate. There have been no draws on the account for years and access to these assets was tied up in securities. Since we have committed to mail our newsletter to all members without internet access and email to the rest, our subscription costs for life members will be borne by the Region general fund.

A few one-time Region level costs were also approved: look for new clinic projectors in all of our Divisions to form back-up and multi-clinic availability. Also, expect more less-significant changes and additions as the year progresses and we have time to consider them.

I am excited by some of the new directions we are taking and look forward to seeing the results of our efforts adding to our individual NMRA experiences.

I hope to see you in Utah or at least in Arizona in September- Arizona has a great Regional Convention lined up for us so make your Reservations soon!



From the **V.P.**

Pat Raymer, Vice President

“You’re history!”

It’s a commonly used phrase, although perhaps cliché at this point. I wondered when the first use of this phrase occurred, so I went to the internet. Unfortunately, a British pop band performed a song with this title in the late 1980’s, which made my research that much more difficult. What I did find is several definitions of the term. The literal use is you are no longer here, deceased. A more colloquial use of the phrase means ‘no longer important’, a ‘has been’, ‘all washed up’, ‘irrelevant’. I never did find out when it first hit the popular slang.

I had occasion to thumb through an old issue of Model Railroader a few nights back. It was from around 12 years ago. When I held it in my hands, I could feel the heft of it. It was about twice the thickness of the current issue. As I paged through it, I couldn’t help but notice how many manufacturers, suppliers, model train stores, etc. are no longer in business. Nostalgic? Yes. Do I wish they were still around? Yes. They are history.

So, I think to myself, what happened to all these manufacturers, suppliers, model train stores, etc.? Outdated products? Mismanagement? Merger? Lack of interest? It could be any or all of these things or something else.

Some things from the past we are better off without: brass rail, fiber ties, oversize wheel flanges, and the X2F coupler, to name a few. But, without these things existing in our past, we wouldn’t be where we are today.

By now you must be thinking to yourself: what does all this have to do with the PSR or the NMRA? Time marches on, things change. Life is change. If you don’t change with the times, you’re history.

The NMRA has a very long history. There have been many changes over the years. It has grown from a

handful of dedicated enthusiasts to a worldwide organization. The changes fueled the growth.

As an organization, we must embrace change if we are to survive. One thing that we can strive to change is complacency.

As we move further into the 21st century, we face many challenges, not the least of which is a perceived general decline in interest in model railroading. Many of us were first exposed to model railroading in our childhood, planting a seed that lasted a lifetime. How many kids these days get a train set for Christmas? After that seed was planted, the NMRA must have done something right to catch your attention along the way, because here you are, a member!

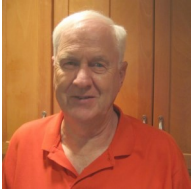
We need to continue to plant the seed for future model railroaders. We need to find the dormant seeds in the people who have been exposed to the hobby and encourage them to grow. We need to look at what that ‘something right’ was that caught your attention when you joined and scale it to today’s world.

Here’s where you come in. Do your part to keep our hobby from becoming outdated, mismanaged, withering from lack of interest. Don’t be afraid to share your hobby with others. Many are the times my wife and I have struck up conversations with total strangers about our model railroad interests. It very often strikes a chord with them as they share their own experiences. Is there a youngster in your life? How about that train set for Christmas or a birthday? You can be an advocate for the hobby. If every member did just one thing to further model railroading, think of the impact that could have!

Remember those shrinking magazine pages, that train store that used to be there, or that small manufacturer that had to fold up shop.

You can help the NMRA either MAKE history or BE history.

The choice is up to you.



Arizona

Frank Baker, Director

Our March meet was held at a different venue in Scottsdale and was very well attended. Our Superintendent, Richard Petrino has been finding new and interesting topics for the meets to attract more members. In addition, we now offer a \$25 cash prize for “Best of Show”. We had quite a bit of competition in the contest room. Several new members came with beautiful models. The winner was Jeff Liedl with a beautiful scratch built curved trestle.



Our Summer meet, typically held in June in the high country, will not be held to allow us more time for our upcoming regional convention in September.

Our Fall meet will be in Tucson on November 9th. Planning is already underway by our Superintendent Richard Petrino.



2019 PSR Convention

For the last year and a half, The Arizona Division has been very busy working on the 2019 PSR Regional Convention coming September 25th—29th, 2019. We have recently modified the convention video to improve the message, make the video shorter and have members talking in the video to make it more personal. Go to our website and check it out. It will also be available on the May and June issue of the NMRA Turntable.

Here are a few convention highlights to consider:

- **54 Clinics / no repeats**
- **35 Layout Tours / self drive to layouts in Tucson / Prescott-Cornville / and the Phoenix metropolitan area**

- **Huge indoor swap meet with 70 plus tables**
- **Non Rail section of Swap meet**
- **Fabulous train ride on the Verde Canyon Rail road**
- **Daily Non Rail planned events**
- **Opening BBQ at Scottsdale McCormick Rail road Park**
- **Musical entertainment during the early portion of the Hobo Auction**
- **Guest Speaker / Tony Koester**
- **Layout Room will include the Mudhens and “0” scale modules from the Orange County O scalers/**
- **Vendor Room including: Tru Color Paint; Con-Cor and several others**

And these are just a few of the planned events : Check our website at:

<https://www.azdiv-nmra.org/psr2019convention/>

The video will be used at the NMRA National Convention to help attract folks to our regional convention.

Our convention will have articles in the NMRA Turntable in May and June. It will also be one of the articles in the May issue of the NMRA Magazine. One of the layouts on the tour will be featured in the August issue of Model Rail-roader magazine that goes on the newsstand in mid July. Ron Mei has a fantastic layout of the Southern Pacific’s “Sunset Route”.

We hope to see many of you at our regional convention in Mesa, Arizona - September 25th—29th, 2019.





Los Angeles

Mona Raymer, Director

Hello PSR members,

I hope you have been having a lot of fun modeling and train adventures during the first few months of the year.

In my last article, I mentioned that the Los Angeles Division would be holding our annual Membership Meeting and Banquet on February 23rd. It was held at the Central Grille in Glendale. The food was delicious and we had a full house! Our special guest was Mary Barstow, MMR #292. She was presented with a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions and service to the Los Angeles Division. Mary joined the NMRA in 1980 and became involved with the advisory board for many years, volunteering as Coupler Editor, Director and Superintendent. Mary was also on numerous Los Angeles Division Regional Convention committees and served on two local National Convention committees. Mary has done a great job for the Los Angeles Division and helping to promote our wonderful hobby. We commend and thank her for her service and friendship! A good time was had by all in attendance and everyone enjoyed receiving a surprise gift just for attending.

On Sunday, March 17th, a few Los Angeles Division members met up with San Diego and Cajon members at the L.A. Live Steamers at Griffith Park. The San Diego and Cajon members boarded Amtrak in their respective areas and rode up to LA Union Station for this wonderful gathering. We spent a number of hours with the Live Steamers touring the facility including Walt's Barn, having lunch, and riding on the steam trains. Those interested were also able to go over to Travel Town for a self-guided tour and visit the N scale East Valley Lines layout. It was a great day of trains and fellowship. A big thanks to Dennis Ivison for arranging the train up for this.

On April 13th, the Los Angeles Division held our 10th annual SpringRail event. We convened once again at the College Ave. Church of the Nazarene, in Whittier. We were very happy to have such a good turn out with 44 in attendance. It was a full day with a swap meet, clinics, the CA South Coast On30 modular club, contest room, lunch and hobo auction. Another great day of fellowship for model railroaders.

Have you heard about our annual Freight Fright event? Usually, in October, we hold a Modular Club layout show. This is a chance for the best Modular layout groups to get together and show off for the public and modelers. This year there was a conflict with dates and the venue needed to change our dates. Please note the change below. We hope you can make it so you can enjoy all of these great Modular Clubs.

The upcoming events for the Los Angeles Division this year are as follows:

Aug 3rd & 4th: Great Train Show
Pomona Fairgrounds
2200 N. White Ave.
Pomona, CA 91768

Oct. 5th: L.A. Area Prototype Modelers Meet
Encounter Christian Church
10012 Ramona St.
Bellflower, CA 90706

Dec 7th & 8th: Freight Fright Holiday Edition**
South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

**Please note date change for our Freight Fright due to venue request.

I look forward to seeing you at some of these events ~ if we haven't met yet, please introduce yourself!



Los Angeles Division SpringRail Event Layout



San Diego

Trudy Seeley, Director

Spring has come with a bit of wet (and sometimes wild) weather! The San Diego Division Spring Meet was held on May 11th, and members were worried about the forecast of heavy rain and thunder storms as we all traveled to the Short Track Club in Vista. By the time the meet started, we had sunshine, however!

We had two wonderful clinics. Bob Chaparro gave a fascinating clinic on chalk marks on railroad cars. He also supplied the white pencils so members could try out marking their own box cars (which we brought). Pete Steinmetz gave a great clinic on weathering cars using colored pencils.

We also had a guest speaker from the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum in Campo, Bruce Semelsberger, archivist & historian. He gave us an informative presentation of the history of the SD&A railroad and an update on plans for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the completion of the railway. The SD Division will be joining them on Nov. 16, 2019, holding our fall meet there, and hopefully garnering a few new members! More information will follow on this event, which we hope other PSR members will attend!



Bruce Semelsberger

Elections for Superintendent and Clerk/Paymaster were also held at our Spring Meet. Ryan Di Fede was elected Superintendent. Ryan has been an NMRA member since 2010. He has served previously as

Membership Chair and Mail Hook Editor. Ryan also was Registrar at the 2018 PSR Convention. He is a San Diego native and has been involved with model railroading since 2008. His N scale layout depicts the Cascade Line in Oregon, as run by the Southern Pacific in the 1950s.

Trudy Seeley was elected Clerk/Paymaster. She moved from the east coast 4 years ago, where she was involved with a Mid-Hudson On30 group. She joined the NMRA in 2013 but was not actively involved until 2016 when she moved west and joined the San Diego Division. She is also a member (& board member) of the San Diego Model Railroad Assn. and works on the layout in the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park most Friday nights



On a sad note, the SD Division lost a valued member, Don Ham, who passed away May 8th.

Don was a career Navy aviator. After military service he became a contractor. He was a prolific and talented modeler of the Southern Pacific Railroad in both HO and N scale, achieving

Master Model Railroader status in the NMRA.

He was a member of the Short Track Club in Vista and served the San Diego Division for many years as the Layout Tour Chair. He also effectively managed our convention swap meets.

UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 8, 2019

Layout Tour: Steve Seidensticker

July 13, 2019

Layout Tour: Duncan McRae

August 8, 2019

Summer Meet: Peace Lutheran Church

Sept. 14, 2019

Layout Tour: Dick Trotter

Oct. 12, 2019 Business Meeting / Layout Tour – Oceanside

**Locations & Directions can be found on the SD Division website prior to the event.



Cajon

Jeff Herrmann, Director

Please join us Father's Day Weekend (June 15-16) at The Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center in Orange, CA. Cajon Division is looking forward to our second annual CIM3 Summer Event on June 15-16. CIM3 is an acronym for ***Cajon Invitational Modular Modelers Meet***. Five Modular Railroad Clubs in our area will be at The Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center to run trains and operate all weekend long! All five clubs: N-Trak Express; Orange County Module Railroaders; Southern California South Coast On30 Modular Group; Green River Junction Railroad; and Orange County "N" Gineers are 100% NMRA Membership Clubs. Cajon Division welcomes all NMRA members to join in on the fun. So, you don't need to belong to a modular club to participate...several clubs will have open Operating Sessions available.

Additionally, at CIM3 we will hold all the traditional Cajon Division meet activities: AP Judging and Contests, Clinics, Kit Build Clinic (Laser kit included in admission price), Bingo, Hobo Auction, and Swap Meet Tables. We also will be debuting our Box Car Race Track (think Cub Scout Pinewood Derby- for Box Cars in 3 scales: HO, N and On30). Registration is just \$25 for the entire weekend (free parking with preregistration!) and includes coffee & donuts both mornings, 2 lunches and dinner on Saturday night and a ride on the Irvine Park Railroad. Come just for the Swap Meet on Sunday Morning for \$10. We also look forward to helping over 40 Boy Scouts and Scout BSA members work towards earning Railroading merit Badge during Saturday's program. To register and see the entire event schedule, please go to our website: www.cajondivision.org If you live out of town and would like to participate, let me know and we can direct you to nearby hotels.

I was also pleased to participate in our Division's annual Las Vegas Spring Meet on Saturday, May 18th. Timm Martin hosted and catered the event at his home (which doubles as an event center). Timm has a nice HO scale layout and owns and runs a professional BBQ catering business with his wife Crystal. I presented a clinic on improving the looks of plastic doors

and windows, PSR Director Gary Butts presented a clinic on Frog Juicers, and making turnouts and reversing loops work error free, and Paul Mickelson presented a clinic on how he makes trees (thousands of them!) on his Vegas Valley RR. After the event wrapped up, many of us went to Paul's home to see his layout and extensive HO Brass collection display, both are very impressive!

Communications Report

Ben Sevier, Chairman

Website – I finally killed the PSR member forums. No one has been using it, and I've received no comments since I set it offline months ago. Other methods seem to work better for our members these days. The website has been going through some page cleanup and updates. I've started implementing user accounts (Board members first), but we need to decide what sort of services or information we wish to provide to our members in a "members only" section. We could build a "member contact" page, whereby members could agree to have their name listed, with an underlying contact email address (meaning not showing on the site) so that a member could click on another member and send an email to them - useful? We could also set the Dispatch archive to member only, OR we could put a listing of vendors and museums that are in the PSR geographic that give discounts to NMRA members. Ideas or thoughts?

PSR Dispatch – Kevin Spady took over as the PSR Dispatch - YEAH!! Gary Butts did a very nice issue in between. I will work with Kevin to provide whatever he needs from me, and set him up with access to the online service.

Election – The Director elections are this summer, and we will be using Election Buddy again. It worked very well for the Officer elections last summer, and has been used by National for the past several elections. We can also use it for anything that needs to be voted on by the membership.



PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

In follow-up to my Spring Dispatch Report, we have liquidated the under-performing securities account and deposited the proceeds into the Region Checking account. We anticipate reinvesting a portion of the Region's finances with a local advisor. Additionally, we have opened a new local bank account with Wells Fargo. We have had some challenges with the bank account (which have delayed depositing checks, but has not impacted our ability to cut checks). We expect the bank issues to be resolved by the time you read this report.

The April 30, 2019 Bank Statement indicates that the Region has \$41,654.45 in the Region Checking Account.

The Statement of Financial Position (April 30, 2019) indicates that the Region has Total Liabilities and Fund Balances of \$43,698.88. The \$2,044.43 difference between the April 30, 2019 Bank Statement and the Fund Balance represents the net positive activity during the period, and is clarified on the Statement of Activities - January 1 through April 30, 2019. There are two undeposited checks in the Region's possession for a total of \$2,305.10 and two checks cut totaling \$260.67 during this period (\$2,305.10 minus \$260.67=\$2,044.43).

Region Assets as of April 30, 2019:

Wells Fargo Checking Account: \$41,654.45

Statement of Financial Position:

Region Fund Balance: \$43,698.88

Statement of Activities:

Income \$2,305.10

Expenses: \$260.67

Net Activities: \$2,044.43



PSR Membership

Pete Steinmetz, Membership Chair

Let's face it, thinking about membership is boring. Who in our PSR group thinks about membership? The Membership Chairs in our four divisions do. I do. That's probably about it. Our job is behind the scenes. Most members seldom have contact with the membership chair except when they are welcomed as new members or are behind in their dues.

We are part of the leadership team in each region and division. We work with the other leaders to give members value for their membership. Each Division has events for members. We try hard to think of and present events that are of interest to our members. Our leaders are available to answer member's questions, deal with concerns, and take suggestions on how we can improve our divisions and region.

The issue all of us struggle with is how to attract new members. We don't want the NMRA to be known as only appealing to HO and N Scale modelers. Many of us have heard stories about how the NMRA is a bunch of old HO modelers. That is not true and we in the PSR want to change that perception. What can members do to help? Invite a nonmember friend to an event or layout tour. Introduce them to other members.

I had the pleasure of presenting the Author AP Certificate to Steve Harris. Steve is a noted modeler and member of the Narrow Gauge Hall of Fame. Like many modelers Steve has done the work to get his MMR but has not done the paperwork. When I approached him, he was not a current NMRA member. When I told him I would help, he was very enthusiastic. AP people, who do you know that have completed the requirements for certificates? Talk to them and visit their layouts. With Steve, we got a new member and are going to have a new MMR. That is a win for both.

The days of sitting around the contest room waiting for members to bring models for evaluation are passing. Getting out and visiting layouts, signing up new members, and helping with the evaluations are how we are going to get new members and many AP certificates.

Let's get some new members!



Achievement Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

Congratulations to the Pacific Southwest Region members who have been active the past 3 months in the NMRA Awards Program. In the past 3 months we have issued the following:

Golden Spike,
Terry Dosett, AZ

Merit Awards:

Frank Baker, AZ (2-Cars)
Alexander Beaz LA (1-Motive Power 2- Cars)
Gary Butts, Cajon (Structure)
Sandy Butts, Cajon (Structure)
Terry Dorsett, AZ (Structure)
Tim Guiland, AZ (Structure)
Jeff Liedt, AZ (Structure)
John Lovely, AZ (Structure)
Tim Steinmeier AZ (Structure)
Bill Tichenor AZ (3-Structure)

Award Program Certificates:

Steve Harris, SD (Author)
Dennis Ivison, Cajon (Structures)

Master Model Railroader

Dennis Ivison, Cajon (MMR # 636)

Are you as an NMRA Member working on your AP Certificates and MMR? If not, maybe you should be! If you are an active modeler, you most likely you have already completed many of the requirements all you need to do is submit the paperwork. Ah! The dreaded paperwork. Do not make more of this than it is, just go to the NMRA web site and download the requirements and necessary forms.

For Cars, Motive Power and Structures there are 5 sections on the judging/evaluation the forms, but do not over think them, we just need a short paragraph for each section with the following information.

- Construction: Tell us about everything you did to building the model.

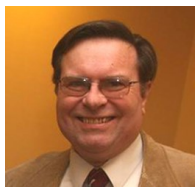
- Detail: What details did you add to the model.
- Conformity: Provide a photo of a prototype similar to the completed model and/or a written description.
- Finish and Lettering; tell us how you painted, stained, weathered and lettered the model.
- Scratch Built: If you scratch built anything tell us about it.

So, keeping this in mind, now is the time to get your entries ready for the 2019 PSR Convention, in Arizona, September 25 to 29, 2019 and that is only 15 weeks away. The goal here is to make both James Keena and myself work hard by having lots of entries in the contest room. Never entered anything before? Well, there will be a clinic at the convention showing you how to fill out the paperwork. Or feel free to contact your local Division AP Manager for some help.

Arizona – Bruce Petrarca, MMR
Cajon – Gary Butts, MMR
Los Angeles – James Keena
San Diego – Paul Schmitt, MMR

As I have stressed in the past, the PSR Awards Program Team is here to assist you, so if you have any questions please contact your division AP Manager or myself. We will review your information and let you know if anything is missing and will also set up a date to have a team come to your home to evaluate things that cannot be brought to a Division meet or convention.

Please do not look at the AP as a test or competition. You are only competing with yourself; the goal is to score over 87.5 points. From my personal experience participating in the AP has only improved my modeling skills as today I am a far better modeler than I was when I first entered a model in the contest room at the 2001 PSR Convention.



The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair

The Los Angeles Division of the Pacific Southwest Region recently held their 10th annual SpringRail event in Whittier on April, 13, 2019. The L. A. Division has been encouraging modelers to enter their creations into the Show Room for display as well as for merit evaluation. A free lunch is also offered at the SpringRail event as a further incentive for members to enter models in the Show Room.

This year we had a nice showing of 22 models entered into the Show Room. Merit Evaluation was performed on 10 of the models by a team of six evaluators. Of the models evaluated, 6 of the models earned Merit Award scores of 88 points or higher utilizing the NMRA standardize evaluation matrixes.

The following categories were evaluated:

- **Construction:** How well the model is built, assemble and put together.
- **Detail:** Number, complexity, difficulty, refinement and quality of additional details or parts added, removed or replace on the model.
- **Conformity:** How well the does the model represent a real or fictional prototype.
- **Finish and Lettering:** How well did the modeler paint and letter the model. How complex is multiple colors. If the model is weathered that is evaluated as well.
- **Scratch Built:** Did the modeler make any additional parts or details added to the model. If the model is built from stripe or sheet materials instead of from a kit it is considered scratch building.

Results from the SpringRail Show Room are as follows:

Steam Locomotives

1st Place – Southern Pacific Lines T-28 4-6-0 by Vic Cavalli

2nd Place & Merit Award – US Army HOn30 2-6-2 Steam Locomotive by Alexander Baez

Diesel & Electric Locomotives

1st Place - Sacramento Northern # 202 GE 70 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young

2nd Place - Sacramento Northern # 201 GE 70 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young

3rd Place - Sacramento Northern # 401 EMD SW-1 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young

Freight Cars

Merit Award – US Army HOn30 Trench Train Freight Cars by Alexander Baez

1st Place – T&NO 1-1/2 Door 50' Single Sheathed Wood Boxcar by James Keena

2nd Place – 1937 AAR 40' Erie Boxcar by Vic Cavalli

Structures On-Line

1st Place & Merit Award - KJ Lumber Curved Trestle by Gary Butts

2nd Place – Car Shed by James Keena

3rd Place – Black Butte Depot by Annette Palmer

Structures Off-Line

1st Place – Welding Works by Jeff Hermann

2nd Place & Merit Award – Chantey Springs Medical Clinic by Sandy Butts

3rd Place & Merit Award – General Mercantile by Tim Steinmeier

Displays On-Line

1st Place - Wood Water Tank by Carl Heimberger

Displays Off-Line

1st Place - Low Tide by Nick Lisica

Look forward to seeing you and your entries at an upcoming the NMRA sponsored Show Room or co-sponsored prototype modelers meet. Your next opportunities to display, or to have your models, photos or arts and crafts evaluated will be at the following upcoming events:

Cajon Division Modular Meet in Irvine, CA June 14 - 15, 2019

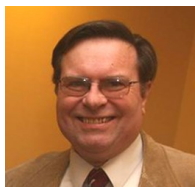
NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT July 7 -13, 2019

PSR Convention in Mesa, AZ September 25 -29, 2019

Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers, Bellflower, CA October 5, 2019



SpringRail Merit Award – US Army HOn30 Trench Train Freight Cars by Alexander Baez



The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair



Steam Locomotive

1st Place – Southern Pacific Lines T-28 4-6-0 by Vic Cavalli



Freight Car

1st Place – T&NO 1-1/2 Door 50' Single Sheathed Wood Boxcar by James Keena



Diesel & Electric Locomotive

1st Place - Sacramento Northern # 202 GE 70 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young



Structures On-Line

1st Place & Merit Award - KJ Lumber Curved Trestle by Gary Butts



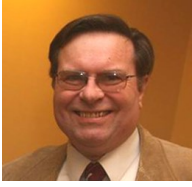
Structures Off-Line

1st Place – Welding Works by Jeff Hermann



Displays On-Line

1st Place - Wood Water Tank by Carl Heimberger



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Displays Off-Line

1st Place - Low Tide by Nick Lisica



Structures Off-Line

2nd Place & Merit Award – Chantey Springs Medical Clinic by Sandy Butts



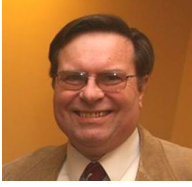
Steam Locomotives

2nd Place & Merit Award – US Army HOn30 2-6-2 Steam Locomotive by Alexander Baez

Elections are upon us!

Elections for Division Directors are coming up in a couple months for all four PSR Divisions. Voting will be done electronically and you can expect a separate email advising you on the voting procedure. Watch your emails and please make sure to cast your vote!

Vote



Convention Report

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Pacific Coast Region Convention Report

Five intrepid Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) members trekked northward to participate in the joint Pacific Coast Region (PCR) and Feather River Rail Society (FRRS) Convention in Sacramento. The FRRS is the organization that operates the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola, California.

This PSR contingency consisted of Bob Chaparro, Bob DeMoss, Ed Hall, as well as James and Edna Keena. We were able to reconnect with several friends that are members of the PCR including Dave Putnam, a former PSR member who recently retired and moved northward into the PCR. Dave has already gotten involved with the PCR and was introducing Clinic presenters at the Convention.

Both Bob Chaparro and Ed Hall were Clinic presenters at this join PCR/FRRS Convention. Bob's clinics were on the Citrus Industry and Right-of-Way & Track Side Details. Ed's Clinic dealt with Basic Air-brushing. Ed also participated in the Vendor Room that was open during a majority of the Convention. The Convention hall also included several Sacramento area Free-Mo and conventional modular railroads and displays.

A total of 55 clinics were available to participate in, some of which were offered twice to provide people who went on tours the opportunity to be able to attend at least one of the sessions. Prototype tours included the Siemens Mobility Factory and the California Railroad Museum. There were 11 layouts available to see on a self-driven bases and 15 layouts open for operation sessions before, during and after the Convention. James Keena assisted with the Merit Evaluation of models entered into the PCR Show Room.

There were multiple clinics presented by the FRRS regarding the Western Pacific Railroad and the California Zephyr. A highlight of the Convention was a reunion of original onboard California Zephyr train hostess affectionally known as Zephyrettes. Several opportunities were available to meet and to learn

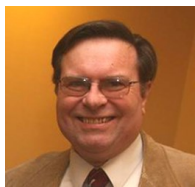
about firsthand memories and stories from the actual ladies that work on the train. Each California Zephyr trainset had one Zephyrette assigned to each train for its entire journey from Oakland to Chicago and back. The Western Pacific Railroad paid the salaries of the Zephyrettes under the joint agreement between the Western Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande Western and Chicago Burlington and Quincy to operate the California Zephyr.

This year's Hobo breakfast was held at the Pacific Street Café, which was right adjacent to the former Southern Pacific Railroad now Union Pacific Railroad Roseville Yard. Visible nearby were several of the rotary snow plows that are based in this yard that are used to clear the mainline through Donner Pass. The Awards Banquet was held in an outdoor patio and served buffet style where participants were able to pick and choose their meal selection. The key note speaker was Charlie Getz, the past president of the NMRA.

James Keena submitted several photos into the PCR photo contest and won 1st Place in the Black and White Track and Structure category for his Alberni British Columbia Station Water Tank photo. He also received a 1st Place Popular Vote Award for his Favorite Train Display.

Attending Conventions or local meets in neighboring NMRA Divisions is a great opportunity to renew friendships, attend different clinics and enjoy a new scenery and activities. Don't forget NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City from July 7 to 14, 2019 and our own PSR Convention that will be held in Mesa, Arizona from September 25 to 29, 2019.

Consider volunteering for a couple of hours at a Convention or Event. It is a given fact that the more you put in the more you will get out of your hobby of model railroading. Yes, the NMRA is manufacturing standards, but relationships and education are just some of the additional major benefits of being part of the NMRA.



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Modular Railroad display by Sacramento Modular Railroaders



Favorite Train Display



Southern Pacific MW31 Snowplow



Roseville Depot



Happy Modeler! First Place Track and Structures Award—James Keena

Pacific Coast Region Convention



2019 PSR CONVENTION

September 25 - 29th, Mesa, Arizona

Join Tony Koester and the Arizona Division convention team for a wonderful four days of scale and full size railroads in Arizona. Experience the Verde Canyon Railroad in Clarkdale; a welcome BBQ at Stillman McCormick Railroad Park; The "Wyoming Division" in Cornville; Ron Mei's "Sunset Route" and Frank Baker's "Morristown & Erie". Over 35 layouts in Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott. 40 plus clinics covering a wide range of topics, Hobo Auction with entertainment, and great Rallette events.



- Tony Koester, guest speaker and clinician
- Over 35 Layouts in Tucson, Prescott and the metropolitan Phoenix area. All scales.
- OPS Sessions on numerous layouts
- Special Day trip / ride the Verde Canyon Railroad / private car
- Self Guided tour to the Arizona Railway Museum
- Hobo Auction with entertainment provided by Nicole Pesche
- Opening Convention BBQ at McCormick / Stillman Railroad Park / layouts on display / ride on the park train
- Huge Indoor Swap Meet
- Kalmbach book signing table, layout room, manufacturers tables
- Contest Room
- 50 plus Clinics
- Non Rail tours / Musical Instrument Museum / Heard Museum
- And much, much more



Convention hotel is the **Sheraton Mesa at Wrigleyville West**, centrally located off the 101 and 202 in Mesa. The PSR convention Room Rate is \$110, plus tax.

contact the hotel at: 1-888-625-4955 or the Sheraton website

[Book your group rate for PSR 2019 Convention](#)

To make your convention registration, go to our Arizona website at:

www.azdiv-nmra.org

Make Checks payable to: PSR 2019 Convention or you can use PAY PAL

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We look forward to seeing you in Arizona. Remember to bring your models for judging and AP Evaluation. Most of all, be prepared to have a marvelous time.



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