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SEPTEMBER 9TH - 13TH 2020

SAVE THE DATE! It's never too early to start planning ahead for next year's PSR Convention. More info at www.psrconvention.org/VanNuysLocal2020/. Look for periodic email blasts with updates on convention information. This will be an exciting convention with lots to do!

Nominations

for the Offices of

NMRA Pacific Southwest Region President
NMRA Pacific Southwest Region Vice President

are now being accepted
through March 15th 2020.

Contact Vic Cavalli
at nominations@psrnmra.org
for additional information



The PSR BACKSHOP

Gary Butts, MMR, President



We are just back from the Great Train Show in Costa Mesa and I am encouraged by the interest level that we saw at the show. As always, the layouts are getting better and better as the skill level of the various club members improves, but the influence of new members seems to multiply the quality. Not being a Lionel collector myself (although like many, I started model railroading with Lionel) I would like to see more scale equipment available from the various independent vendors and maybe a little less 3-rail, but, hey, that is just me. The interesting thing was that the interest level around our NMRA tables was up significantly from previous years and we actually signed up two or three new members on Saturday alone. I talked with several recent retirees who were looking to get "back into" the model railroading hobby. We are not currently able to process credit cards in our Cajon Division so I ended up sending a couple of guys home with an application that I am sure will also sign up. It makes going to these shows well worth the effort to expose these folks to the additions the NMRA can add to the enjoyment of their hobby.



Future NMRA members enjoy the Costa Mesa GTS show

A reminder that our Regional Division Grant program is still very much alive and we are now looking at a new year. To briefly recap, the Region will match funds spent by Divisions (up to \$1000 combined) for money spent on new projects or events designed to attract new members and/or increase member retention levels for our current members. All it takes is a good idea. If you think of a project for your Division, discuss it with your Division Superintendent or Director to have it written up and submitted to our Grant Program chairman, Don Fowler, for Board approval.

The two big Pacific Southwest Region events on the near Horizon are the "mini" Convention (I know, I'm not supposed to use that term- - sorry, too late) held in conjunction with the Cajon Division winter meet most years and the Los Angeles Division sponsored Regional Convention held in September. This year the Cajon meet and PSR Board meeting will be held in La Quinta, CA near Palm Springs and Palm Desert on March 27-29.

The event committee has rounded up a great venue (La Quinta Senior Center) and a really nice hotel / rate for those wanting to stay over Friday or Saturday night. See the Flyer on the Cajon Web Site for more specific information. If you sign up early you are automatically entered into an Arnie's Trains gift certificate raffle, so don't wait.

The LA Division is at full steam getting ready for our Regional Convention in September. They have a great program put together with a bunch of all new Clinics, Tours and the usual fun Train stuff. The convention hotel is in Van Nuys and is a really nice venue next to the Van Nuys Airport. Several "Make and Take" clinics are on the schedule including an extended start-to-finish completed and painted structure. Check out the Convention web site at <https://psrconvention.org/VanNuysLocal2020/> for more detailed information and make your hotel reservations early to get the convention room rate.

Finally, after several years of PSR Board of Directors conversations and discussions, the drive toward incorporation of the Pacific Southwest Region as a Federal and State recognized non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation is now officially underway. NMRA National has been incorporated for many years but has failed and has given up on trying to umbrella its Regions, citing incorporation complexity as the reason. Following a definitive final negative response from the NMRA legal counsel at the Convention in Utah, we are pursuing full PSR Regional incorporation independently. The process is expected to take 5-7 months with no major problems anticipated. We hope to announce its completion at the Convention in September and expect to see future payback in the form of reduced event venue costs for all of our Divisions, increased donation response due to legal tax benefits for donors as well as increased legal protection for all of our members officiating in Pacific Southwest Region NMRA events. This incorporation is designed to umbrella all of our four Divisions operating as the single PSR corporation reducing the yearly maintenance requirements while allowing each Division to continue operating independently as they have with minimal to no changes required. More information will be forthcoming as the process progresses.

See you in La Quinta!



From the
V.P.

Pat Raymer, Vice President

My, how the time flies! Here we are in a new year and it's time for another issue of The Dispatch. I hope all of you and your families had a great holiday season and wish you a prosperous year ahead!

As promised in my last article, I will once again be writing to you about the upcoming PSR convention, **Van Nuys Local 2020**. As I write this, the first email campaign has gone out to the region and, as of this writing, a little more than half of you have opened the email. I hope that more of you will take a look in the next few days. I can understand if circumstances, no matter what they are, prevent you from attending this convention, but it is my goal to make this one of the most affordable and accessible PSR conventions in recent history.

To those of you that are already on board, I sincerely thank you for joining us. You will be receiving emails from the convention as new offerings, changes, or updates occur. The big news, for everybody who has been following along from the beginning, is that our planned keynote speaker, NMRA President Pete Magoun, will not be able to attend our convention. Pete had said from the start that his attendance was conditional. My thanks to Pete for considering being our speaker.

The bigger and better news is that **Joe Fugate**, publisher of Model Railroad Hobbyist Magazine, has agreed to speak at our awards banquet. **Joe Fugate** has been an avid model railroader since getting his first train set at age 8. Joe has written about his hobby since the 1990s and started his own model railroad publishing business in 2004. Since 2009 Joe has been the Publisher of Model Railroad Hobbyist Magazine and often shares his extensive hobby expertise through magazine articles in MRH magazine, as well as in books and videos. Joe also models the SP Siskiyou Line in HO and his layout continues to fuel his passion for doing the hobby. I am pleased to welcome Joe to our convention.

At this point I would like to share an overview of the convention schedule with you:

For our early arrivals, we will have clinics available on Wednesday afternoon. Our welcome reception will be held at the hotel Wednesday night, featuring various barbecue offerings and desserts. We have special entertainment planned for the party that you won't want to miss! The wel-

come reception is included in your registration (for a limited time)!

We officially kick off the convention Thursday morning with the PSR membership meeting. There will be a continental breakfast-also included in your registration! After the meeting, the vendor room will start to set up and clinics will begin. Thursday morning is when our bus tour to the Suiho-En Japanese garden will take place. The garden is a tranquil respite from the hustle and bustle of the city. Thursday afternoon we will be touring the former Gemco yard by bus, including a look at the Anheuser-Busch yard which is adjacent. Thursday night will have more clinics available.

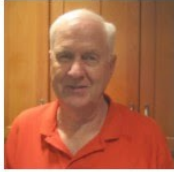
Friday morning begins with clinics, and then our first round of layout tours by bus will take place Friday afternoon. Friday afternoon we will also be featuring a prototype tour to Travel Town Museum, where a docent led tour will take us to prototypes of the past. Friday afternoon will also feature the non-rail luncheon, taking place at historic San Antonio Winery. This will be a wonderful bus ride with great food, great shopping, and great company! Friday evening will feature our famous Hobo Auction, with a chance to win that special item you just have to take home. Clinics will continue Friday night after the auction.

Saturday morning begins with the Hobo Breakfast at the hotel, followed by our swap meet, with exclusive registrant access for the first hour. The vendor room will continue to be open through mid-day. Our second layout tour by bus will be taking place on Saturday. Our awards banquet will take place Saturday evening, featuring our guest speaker **Joe Fugate**, who will be speaking about our evolving hobby. The banquet is also included in your registration (for a limited time)!

As you can see, we have a full agenda planned, with more details being added all the time. This is just a high-level overview. For more information, and to take advantage of our limited time offers, please visit our website-www.psrconvention.org/VanNuysLocal2020/. I look forward to seeing you in September!

See you down the line!





Arizona

Frank Baker, Director



Model Railroad Meet Spring Meet - Arizona Division, PSR, NMRA

Edited by: Frank Baker

February 1, 2020

When: *Saturday, April 4th 9:00am to 4:00pm*
Where: **Scottsdale United Methodist Church**
4140 North Miller Road, Scottsdale, Az. 85251 (NEW LOCATION)

Registration: \$5.00 - Coffee Provided
 \$3.00 - If NMRA member under 21 years of age. (Bring your membership card.)
 \$10.00—Non Member
FREE - If you join the NMRA and PSR at Registration.

Schedule: 9:00 am - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.
 10:00 am - Business Meeting
 11:00 am - CLINIC: " 50 years of model building " -Wayne Wesolowski
 NOON - **Free Lunch and a movie / Provided by the division / sub sandwiches and beverages**
 1:00 pm - CLINIC: " Dead Rail " Doc Shafer
 2:00 pm - CLINIC: " Model Railroad Photography " Veryl Fosnight
 3:15 pm - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.
 4:00 pm - END OF MEET

NEW! BEST OF SHOW AWARD \$ 25.00

Contests: A complete line up of NMRA contests is planned. We are including Levity, Favorite Train and the ever popular photo contest. The Favorite Train subject will be " **Container Train** ". Levity will be " **Covered Hopper** ".

Bring your favorite model for the Favorite model contest and share it with other attendees. You must be a member of the NMRA to enter contests.

Swap Meet: Tables will be available at 8:30 AM after the sellers' registration is paid. AZ Division Swap Tables are free for members. Swap Tables for non-members is \$15.00 **Tables will be open for selling from 8:30 to 9:45 and during lunch only**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

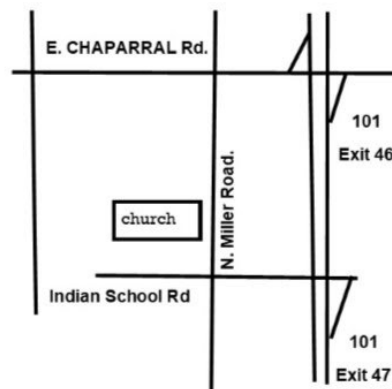
Depot: Scottsdale United Methodist Church
4140 North Miller Road, Scottsdale

Directions to the meet:

From Tucson: I-10 North to 202 East; 101 North to Indian School Rd. Exit 47; Turn left onto Indian School Rd. (westbound). Turn right onto N. Miller Rd. (northbound); Church is on your left. (about 200 yds.)

From the North: 101 east to Chaparral Rd. Exit 46 Turn right (westbound) onto Chaparral Rd. Turn left (south) onto N. Miller Rd. Cross Camelback Rd. Church is on your right.

Info on the web: www.AzDiv-nmra.org



BRING A FRIEND AND A CONTEST ENTRY TO THE ARIZONA DIVISION MEET!



Los Angeles

Mona Raymer, Director

I hope that last year's holiday season was a good one for you and brought you much happiness spending time with your loved ones and having fun with trains.

Pat & I had a wonderful Christmas! We were able to travel up North and spend the entire Christmas week with our daughter and son-in-law. We had a lot of fun and made wonderful new memories!

With last year now firmly behind us, it is hard to believe that March is now here. I hope that all of you have made it through all of the rain and big wind storms unscathed....ready for warmer weather and having fun in this wonderful hobby of "playing with trains"!

To start off this year, several of the Los Angeles Division advisory board members attended and set up a table at the Great Train Show in Ventura held February 1st and 2nd. Our table was set up to promote our hobby and the NMRA, obtain new members and advertise the upcoming regional PSR convention, the Van Nuys Local 2020, being hosted by none other than the Los Angeles Division! The two day show was very successful for us. We obtained five new members and were also able to obtain several additional convention registrations!

The same Los Angeles Division advisory board members joined the Cajon Division at the table they set up at the Great Train Show on Feb. 8th and 9th in Costa Mesa. Also a good showing, obtaining new members and more convention registrations.

Both of the shows were very enjoyable. There were numerous layouts set up and lots of vendors selling a multitude of items in all scales. We always enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I hope that you were able to attend one or both also!

Pat and I are looking forward to setting up a table at the Bakersfield train show March 7th and 8th. We will also be attending the Cajon Division meet in La Qunita on March 27, 28th and 29th and their meet in Boulder, NV on May 9th.

We hope that you will join us for some of the upcoming events for the Los Angeles Division this year. They are as follows:

April 18: Annual SpringRail Meet
College Ave. Church of the Nazarene
8221 College Ave.
Whittier, CA 90605

Sept. 9th – 13th: Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention
Airtel Plaza Hotel
7277 Valjean Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Dec. 5th & 6th: Frosty Freight (formerly Freight Fright)
***New Date!** South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

If you haven't already done so, be sure to register for our convention soon to get the best price!

I look forward to seeing you at some of our great train events for fellowship and fun!

Until next time....Happy Modeling!



PSR Membership

Pete Steinmetz, Membership Chair

Membership is holding steady. One really positive detail is our renewal rate is high. We are putting up recruiting tables at train shows and meets. We are picking up members at these events.

When I get the report from HQ every month, the first one I look for is Deceased Members in our Region. I'm happy on the months there are no reports for the PSR. We have lost very few members recently. Let's hope that trend continues. Thankfully the New Member Report is always much larger than the Deceased Member Report.



San Diego

Pete Steinmetz, Director

We are pretty busy in San Diego.

We just had our Winter Meet that was well attended and a lot of fun. One of our new members, Mike Hampson gave a very interesting clinic on using the NMRA web site. Clinic description: Review of the website and how it benefits its members, including but not limited to: Logging on to the NMRA website, forums, 100% clubs, Special Interest Groups, President's Message, NMRA Bulletin, NMRA eBulletin, Tumble, Finding layouts of NMRA members anywhere in the world, NMRA vendor discounts listings, benefits, and more... Includes a Question and Answer period. This was a very good clinic on a pertinent topic.

Many members don't take advantage of one of the benefits of being a NMRA member, the national web site. Hopefully Mike will be able to do this clinic at other meets. It is nice to have a new member get involved with the division.

I'm excited for the Cajon Division Spring Meet "Desert Rails", March 27-29, La Quinta, CA. This will be the first meet outside Southern California. There will be a visit to the Coachella Valley Model Railroad Club. I am working on a new clinic about paint and brushes for model railroaders. (Even modelers hoarding Floquil are running out) The clinic will discuss many different brands of paint that work well for modelers. (Who makes Boxcar Red? Answer: Almost everyone.) I will also discuss high quality paint brushes and where to get them for less and how to keep them in tip top shape.

The San Diego Division Spring Meet will once again be held at Short Track Railroad located at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. Getting a chance to visit Short Track is always a pleasure. They model Donner Pass in N Scale and have done a superb job of reproducing many scenes of the Southern Pacific crossing of the Sierras. The Date is Saturday, May 9.

Don't forget Fullerton Railroad Days is back on the week before, May 2 and 3. I like this because you can ride the train both ways and get off right at the event. Metrolink has the \$10 daily pass on Saturday and Sunday.

We are updating both our division and region calendars with our monthly activities.



History

Per Harwe, PSR Historian

This will be my first article as your new Historian of the PSR.

The first thing I did when I took over was to inventory the "Convention Car Display". It is almost complete but there are a few items missing, and I will continue where my predecessors left off: begging for donations so we can get a fully complete display of all our patches and pins.

Cars

We have all cars from 1982 through 2020. The records show that there were no cars issued in 1997 (Pomona) and 2015 (Scottsdale). If you have any different information, or better yet, a car from either of these two years, please let me know.

Patches

The inventory of patches is not as good as that of the cars. We are missing patches from:

1982 1983 1985 1986 1988 1989 1998

If you have any of these, and want to part with it, please let me know. If you want to keep your treasure, maybe you can take a picture of it and send it. It will fill a gaping hole in the display case even though it is not the real thing.

Pins

We have even fewer pins than we have patches. The following 10 pins are missing:

1985 1983 1985 1986 1996 1998 2000
2001 2003 2004

As with the patches, if you have one of these, please consider donate it or send a picture of it. That will be all for this time. Keep on training (and collecting).





Cajon

Jeff Herrmann, Director

Cajon Division has a full calendar of events this spring that will be sure to provide something worthwhile for every model railroader...and we have an open invitation to NMRA members for other divisions and regions as well!

We are really excited about the first event on the calendar: *Desert Rails*. The event will be held March 27-29th in La Quinta, CA during the high time to visit the Coachella Valley, so you will want to bring your spouse and make a weekend of it! Most of the meet will take place at the LaQuinta Wellness Center, located at 78-450 Avenida La Fonda in La Quinta. We have made special arrangements with The Homewood Suites Hotel near by for a special rate for the weekend. You can make a hotel reservation by calling (760)- 391-4600.

Desert Rails will start with Bingo on Friday night at the hotel. Saturday we will have a great time at the Wellness Center location including: SWAP Meet, 3 brand new clinics (including at least one hands-on make and take), Model Contest, AP Evaluations, Layout tour of the Coachella Valley Model Railroader's club layout, Hobo Auction, and Awards Banquet. We also will host the Pacific Southwest Region's Spring Board Meeting on Saturday afternoon. Sunday, we will have a tour of "The Living Desert Layout" and for an extra fare, an opportunity to visit the zoo. Fare for *Desert Rails* is \$20. Extra Fare of \$8 for lunch and \$25 for the Saturday Banquet per person is also available.

SWAP Meet table is free with paid admission to the meet. There is also a special door prize drawing for "early bird" paid registration. This is an event you won't want to miss! [Sign up on-line at our website](http://www.cajondivision.org)

www.cajondivision.org

On Saturday, May 9th we will be holding a joint meet at the Nevada State Railroad Museum with the Friends of the Nevada State RR Museum. The museum is near Las Vegas in historic Boulder City, Nevada the city famous for building the Boulder Dam. In addition to touring the museum and riding their historic train (worth the trip alone!) we will have a full meet schedule including: SWAP Meet, clinics, Modeling Contest and AP Evaluations. You can sign up on-line at our website www.cajondivision.org

And finally, it is not too early to get our annual **CIM3** event on your calendar for June 13-14. **CIM3** (Cajon Invitational Modular Modelers Meet) will be held at the Boy Scout facility in Irvine Regional Park in Orange, CA. In addition to a regular division meet format, we have invited 5 local Modular Railroad Clubs to set up their displays, run trains and host OPS sessions for NMRA members. As in past years, one of the weekend highlights will be helping over 50 Scouts BSA members begin work on earning their Railroading Merit Badge. Keep a watch on our website for more details!

We have a lot to offer NMRA members in Cajon Division this spring, we hope you will join us at one or more of our events!



PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 37

TREASURERS SPRING DISPATCH REPORT

SUMMARY:

During the period October 31, 2019 through December, 31, 2019 there were very limited expenditures by the Region.

The December 31, 2019 Bank Statement indicates that the Region has \$34,470.67 in the Region Checking Account.

Region Assets as of December 31, 2019: Wells Fargo Checking Account: \$34,470.67

Note from the Editor: If you are interested in publishing an article in the Dispatch, drop me a line or send me an article at PSRDispatch@PSRNMRA.org. I am always interested in new content as long as it pertains to events or activities of interest to model railroaders in the region. Remember that publication of articles gives you credit towards your Authorship AP if you are attempting to achieve your MMR!

“Young Kids and Model Railroad Layouts”

By Morrie Fleishman

For the last decade or more, those in Model Railroading have been discussing the problem of attracting the younger generations to the joys of Model Railroading. Our competition has been the growing video and computer industries which have saturated the markets for leisure activities. These industries seem to have the upper hand at this point. However, with our museum quality layouts, which include fixed details, I sometimes think that we fail to display the fun of model railroading in a format which young children, ages 2+ to 11 or so, can enjoy.

Many “experienced” Model Railroaders remember the first Lionel or Marx trains that they had growing up. In my case my father and cousin banned me from the basement for several weeks in December as they were working on something that I couldn’t see. That something turned out to be a 4 x 6 foot Marx Train Layout complete with a farm and farm animals and green grass and a Marx Passenger train. That was my first train and it was a nice layout with one MAJOR flaw. All of the buildings and people and vehicles were glued down to the board!!! The first thing I did, after I learned how to operate the train, which ran around one loop, was to pry everything I could off of the board so that I could move the pieces around. Now with my knight figures and cowboy figures and army men free, I could have fun in my own way.

Fast forward to now. I have a large HO layout in my garage complete with buildings, people and lots of vehicles. While the people are glued down, all of the vehicles are NOT. Since I was part of the construction industry I also collected quite a few pieces of metal and plastic HO Scale construction equipment. An open spot near the edge of the layout provided a location for a concrete plant with an attached construction equipment yard.

I have two grandsons, ages 7 ½ and 2 ½ years old, who regularly spend time at our house. In addition to my HO and G gauge layouts, my house is filled with wooden and battery operated Thomas trains. Thank you Thomas!!! My older grandson operates my layouts as well as playing with the other trains.

His favorite spot on my layout is the Construction Equipment yard. Often, after running the trains at my house for a period, he will hand me the controller and go over to the construction equipment and start moving them and other vehicles around the layout. His younger brother, who loves to push the buttons on an MRC Sound Station controller, has recently discovered that he can move a step stool over



2 ½ year old playing with construction equipment



2 1/2 year old grandson operating the MRC sound system

and play with the construction equipment himself. Most of the vehicles are metal or plastic, so any damage from playing is not significant and I am happy to repair or replace as needed. After all, the objective is to have fun. And in this hobby there are many ways to do that. So, I'll enjoy watching them have fun, in their way as they, hopefully, will enjoy spending more time with me and watching me have fun in my way. My 4 month old granddaughter, who lives in another state, already has a plastic Thomas set at my house waiting for her first birthday. Hopefully Thomas will take the place of a pink Lionel train.

As they get older I hope I can interest them to move away from Thomas and get interested in the more complex aspects of the hobby such as model building and operations and keep my rolling stock moving for generations to come.

As a member of a modular group that uses the same DCC system as I have, my older grandson often operates my trains at the shows that he attends. He is very proud of his "Junior Engineer" club badge that he wears at the shows.

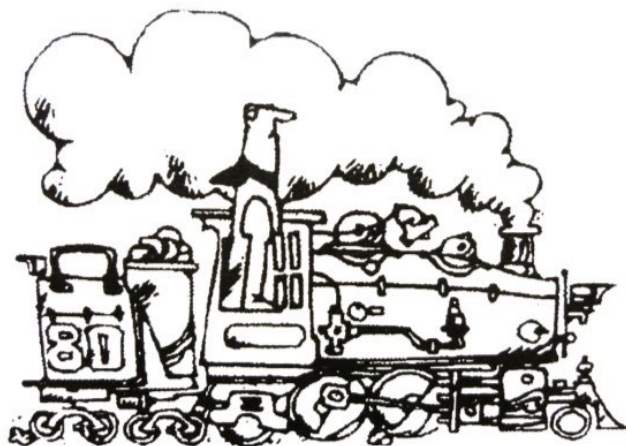


7 year old operating train on the modular layout

So, I would like to encourage those of you who interact with young children to leave a space for them to interact with a portion of your railroad designed just for them. You may be surprised at what happens.



7 year old grandson moving vehicles





Achievement Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

Hard to believe it is already 2020, and activity in the Awards Program has kind of slowed down in part due to the holidays and the Division meets for 2020 have yet to start. What does that mean for you? Well you still have time to finish off some of those projects you started and get them entered in an up-coming meet or in just 6 months the PSR Convention "Van Nuys Local 2020". Get yourself into your hobby room knock the dust of some of those half-finished projects and let's see them at the next meet or convention. Remember as an NMRA member you can attend any meet in any Division or Region. We did have a few members receive awards however and they are:

Gary Butts – MMR, Cajon Div. -AP Certificates for Association Official and Master Builder Structures.

Ed Hall – MMR, Cajon Div. – Merit Award, SP Tunnel Motor # 8236

Timothy Foote, San Diego Div. – Golden Spike

Realizing we are all in this great hobby for different reasons, some of us are members just for the social interaction with other members and that can be quite rewarding. Yet others of us die for Operations, some like building rolling stock, or locomotives, then we have the club and home layout builders, with structures and scenery and those who just like volunteering.

Well if you are a member for more than just social interaction you most likely have completed some requirements for the NMRA Awards Program. If you have questions about the program just check with your division AP Manager at one of your division meets or call them. Did you know at the last several PSR Conventions there has been a clinic on the NMRA Awards Program were you have a chance to talk one on one with someone who can give you detailed information on the program and answer any questions you may have. This clinic will be given again at Van Nuys in September 2020.

Remember some of the Award Categories do not even require you to be a model builder, Chief Dispatcher, Model Railroad Author, Association Volunteer, and Association Official, just require a little of your time, or write a few articles. Yes, there is some paperwork but do not over think it.

Now if you enjoy building models there are 7 categories available to you; Cars, Motive Power, Prototype Models, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineer and Electrical Engineer. If you have a layout you have probably already completed most of the work. Remember you DO NOT, have to be a world class accomplished modeler. The Awards Program is designed for average modeling skills. For a Merit Award all you have to score is 87.5 points out of possible 125 points. And remember only half of the models for Cars, Structures and Motive Power need to be scratch built

Again, do not over think the requirements. You can get a Merit Award with a modified kit model. Yes, it takes more than just putting the kit together but heck that is part of the fun making the model your own by changing it. And we are not looking for a book on how you built the model just a few short paragraphs will do.

Have questions just contact one of the NMRA Awards Program team we will be happy to help and answer any questions you may have. Here are your division AP Managers:

Bruce Petrarca MMR – Arizona

Gary Butts MMR – Cajon

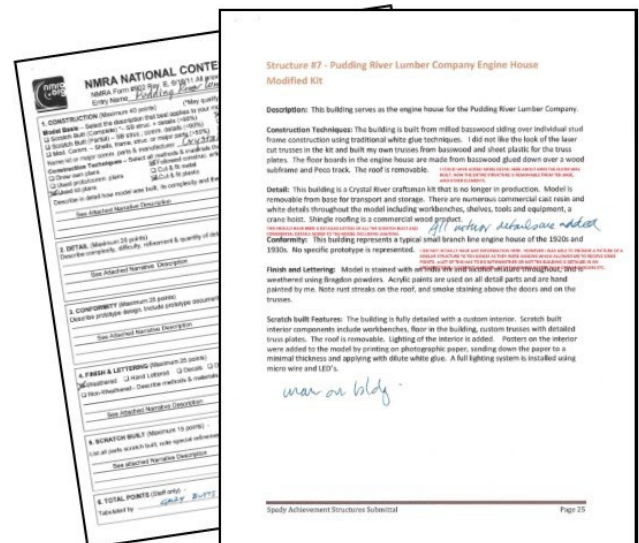
James Keena – Los Angeles

Rodger Gredvig MMR San Diego

And, you can always contact me

Carl Heimberger AP Manager PSR

Remember we are here to assist you on your endeavor to become an MMR!



Example submittal documents with notes



The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair

Hopefully you all are having opportunities to enjoy your model railroading activities in whatever form it takes. Model Railroading is a many faceted hobby with multiple ways to enjoy. Some enjoy actually just watching and photographing actual or model trains go on either their own, modular or stationary club layouts. Others emulate in miniature actual prototypical railroad operation practices. This is accomplished in many ways from the use of car cards and way bills, switch lists, or just exchanging like cars for cars. Some go further to include dispatchers, time table train orders, track warrants, sequencing or other forms of regulating the safe movement of trains across a railroad.

Many others enjoy collecting or building freight cars, locomotives or structures. Some are very talented in recreating scenery, laying track or electronic circuits to control a miniature railroad empire.

Whichever way you enjoy model railroading, it is great to share your joy with others and received positive feedback and encouragement to further you modeling or photographic skills. The upcoming Pacific Southwestern Region Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention Show Room provides an excellent opportunity to share your accomplishment with others and receive recognition as well.

The Show Room has the following many categories available to display your models, crafts and photographs:

Your entries in the Show Room can be just for display, popular vote or for Merit Evaluation. Each entry will need the NMRA Contest Entry Form #901 filled out with your name and description of your item. This is for record keeping purposes and to assure that each entry is returned to its proper owner. For those seeking Merit Evaluation, NMRA Contest Form #902 will need to be submitted as well.

Both forms are available on the NMRA website <https://www.nmra.org/contests> for download, but actual paper copies will also be available at the Convention. A Clinic at the Convention will also be available for those that need assistance in filling out the forms.

Acceptance of entries into the Show Room will begin on Wednesday, September 9th and continue until noon Friday, September 11th. This will allow Merit Evaluations and tabulation of popular votes to be performed Friday afternoon. Viewing of entries and casting of popular votes will be available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All entries would be available to be retrieved by their owners on Saturday morning following the Hobo Breakfast and Swap Meet.

Announcement of results of the Show Room Merit Evaluations and Popular Vote, along with presentation of Awards will be done at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening.

Looking forward to seeing you and your entries at the PSR Van Nuys Local 2020 Regional Convention to be held at the AirTel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, California September 9th to the 13th, 2020.

Models	Photos	Arts & Crafts
Steam Locomotives Diesel & Other Locomotives Traction Passenger Car Freight Car Caboose Non-Revenue Car Structures Displays	Model B&W Model Color Prototype B&W Prototype Color	General Needlework Railroadiana

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