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NMRA/PSR 2021

## 2021 PSR/NMRA Convention ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

September 8 —11, 2021

See pages 14 & 15 for more information

Planning is well underway for the 2021 convention with many clinics already on board, as well as layouts and operations sessions.

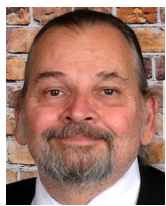
Check out

[psrconvention.org/OrangeBlossomSpecial2021](http://psrconvention.org/OrangeBlossomSpecial2021)

for more information!

**Note from the Editor:** Here's the Q2 Dispatch for your reading pleasure! Remember that the Region and Divisions are only as good as the support and participation of members like you! If you are interested in participating, get in touch with your Division Director. Get involved!





## FROM THE WAYCAR

Pat Raymer—President

Greetings fellow PSR members,

Spring is in full swing and summer is just around the corner. Spring brings renewal and change, and the PSR seems to be feeling the effects. The COVID-19 situation is improving here in California, with more restrictions being lifted or amended, allowing for more capacity at indoor and outdoor venues. This bodes well for train related events in the upcoming months.

Change was in the air at our PSR mid-year Board meeting, which was held virtually on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Elections Chair Vic Cavalli presented the results of the vote by the membership to approve our new corporate Bylaws and they were officially adopted at that time. The new Bylaws and amended Manual of Operations are now posted for your viewing pleasure on the PSR website in the library tab under “governance”.

I am proud to announce that the Pacific Southwest Region NMRA has been officially recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit corporation! It feels as though this took forever to accomplish and I am glad we are now able to take advantage of this status. All of the Divisions are included in this status under the PSR umbrella. Because of this, there will need to be standardization in financial reporting from the Divisions to the Region Treasurer, Joel Morse. He is now working out the details of this reporting system, and I know his goal is to make it as easy as possible.

One of the benefits of our non-profit status is being able to take advantage of Amazon Smile. If you are not familiar, Amazon Smile will donate .5 percent of an Amazon purchase to a non-profit organization. We are currently working on our registration, and will have more information out to you soon.

Our PSR secretary, Dave Irick, MMR, announced at our mid-year meeting that he wished to retire from the position. Dave has been the PSR Secretary since I became involved again (I was once member when the dinosaurs roamed the earth) with the NMRA in 2011.

I believe he had been serving as Secretary for a considerable time prior to that, so it seems that he has served his full term and is ready to be released back into society. Dave was always able to keep the Board meetings on track, and knew what needed to be done. I’m sure I speak for the entire PSR Board, past and present, in saying that his presence will be missed. My thanks to Dave for many years of loyal service to the PSR!

Dave’s retirement left a huge gap in the Board—we cannot function without a Secretary. I am pleased to announce that Nick Lisica, Editor of the L.A. Division newsletter “LA Coupler”, has agreed to fill that gap. I look forward to working with him in the future. I told him it was an easy job, so please don’t scare him off right away! Welcome aboard Nick!

I have now found that keeping the Board “on board” is part of my job description. Since I just LOVE to make more work for myself, I have introduced two new committees for the PSR Board.

The first is the Education Committee. Since education is, I would venture to say, the primary reason we can qualify as a non-profit organization, this committee is a necessity. It has been suggested that this may become a requirement by NMRA National, so we will be ahead of the curve. I am currently seeking a Chairperson to head this committee. A background in education would be preferred, but is not necessary. The ability to communicate effectively is a definite plus. Regional level AP volunteer points would apply. Please contact me if you have an interest in this position.

The second is tentatively called the “Virtual Communications Committee”. This is a special committee that will manage the video presence of the PSR, including the creation of the PSR YouTube channel. My vision for this is a place where all of the members of each Division would be able to share video of their respective projects and events. Moira Wilkie Whitaker has agreed to spearhead this effort as Committee Chair. This is a work in progress, so watch for more coming soon!

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the NMRA Partners Program. There over 50 Partners now listed on the website, with varying levels of discounts. Log on to the NMRA website and register to see how much you can save!

See you down the line!



## THE PSR BACKSHOP

Gary Butts—Vice President

At long last it has become a reality! The Pacific Southwest Region is officially been recognized by the Federal Government as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The effort was initiated in the early part of last year (2020) with hopes of completion by September of that year. Well, Covid plus some clerical errors contributed to delays that spanned a management change of the PSR and required a recast of the PSR By-Laws (nothing substantial) but in any case, we now enjoy official non-profit status and the incorporation includes all four of our Divisions. Although the Cajon Division has benefited from reduced venue rates and tax advantages to some of its donors in the past, its non-profit was held in Nevada and did not extend to our sister Divisions. This PSR Region wide Federal/California incorporation also carries a margin of personal liability protection to members participating in the management of any of our various public meets and events.

As some of you know, I am a member of the Cajon Division and a lot of fun stuff is happening in the Division. The Division held its second outdoor "Covid" compatible meet last month and it was really nice to get back together with so many of our model railroad friends. Something like 75 people showed up for the event in Buena Park with swap meet vendors arriving early for to get set up before the meet even started. Although the Virus restrictions prevented gathering for clinics in small rooms, the various events including the swap meet, contest room, hobo auction, lunch social, show-and-tell session, Cajon Connect special interest groups and the membership/awards meeting kept everyone interested and having a great time.

First tried at the last outdoor Cajon meet, the show and tell session featured models ranging from single rolling stock and structures to complete dioramas. The modelers of these models that had been on display or up for contest and AP evaluation took a few minutes to

describe their models and modeling techniques used in building their models and answered question fielded from the members spread out in the church venue courtyard.

Introduced at this last meet was a take-off of the NMRA Special Interest Groups (SIG's) called the "Cajon Connect". This is a program designed to become a series of regular on-line discussion groups. Various interest groups gathered together in the venue courtyard to share common interests and to seek and give advice on several different model railroad topics. The intent is for these groups to be open to any NMRA member with the goal of enhancing our model railroading experience and to particularly form a way that members new to the hobby or just new to our Region can become acquainted with other members in a natural way. Call it the Cajon approach to the "buddy system" with the goal of retaining new and old members by including them in the Region/Division social connections that so many of us identify with our hobby. At this meet the initial Connect groups included, model railroad electronics, operations, scenery, T-Trak modules and building merit award models. Look for these groups to start meeting regularly on-line and feel free to join and contribute to the discussions. Schedules will be posted on the Cajon Division web site and will be distributed to all of our Region Divisions.

I'm sure that by now you have heard that this year's PSR Convention: the "Orange Blossom Special", is going strong and with the Covid Virus becoming more under control each week the confidence is high that it will have a great turn out. If you haven't made your reservations yet, don't put it off too much longer. I know that the hotel discount rate rooms are near full and the deadline for Convention store souvenir goodies is also approaching. I hope to see you there!







## Cajon

Richard Hock, Director

### It's Cajon Cash singin' up a storm!

Well, not really because I can not sing in key or even carry a tune. But as I sat in front of my computer contemplating what to write for this column, only melodies and songs came to my head like... I've Been Working on the Railroad, Dinah won't you blow, Dinah won't you blow, Dinah won't you blow your horn... Take the Last Train to Clarksville... (Huh? Seriously now!) Okay all you Monkees fans or haters, don't judge me. Half of the time, I don't know where all this craziness of my mind comes from. But the song that resonates with me is Johnny Cash's Folsom Prison Blues. "I hear that train a comin', it's rolling round the bend. And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when."

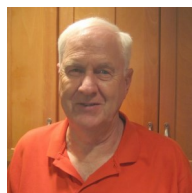
I don't know about you, but those lyrics speaks volumes to me since we have been in the Folsom Prison called the pandemic lock-down. Now that things are starting to ease up, the lyrics continue, "Well if they freed me from this prison. If that railroad train was mine. I bet I'd move it on a little farther down the line, Far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away."

There was plenty of sunshine last month when the Cajon Division held its Spring Meet in the outdoor courtyard of Messiah Lutheran Church, in Buena Park. This event was well attended with over 75 attendees. The day started with a lot of swap meet action. Approximately twelve vendors filled numerous tables with hobby items for horse trading with wheeling and dealing going on. The contest room was full great models. From scratch built locomotives and rolling stock to kitbashed structures to Ron Varnell's (LA Div.) HO scale Westside Pier. Lunch was held under the tents as many of us reconnected with fellow hobbyists face to face. After lunch activities included Modeler Show 'N Tell, a break out session of Cajon Connect interest groups and of course, the Hobo Auction. All in all, a great day back together.

Borrowing more of Johnny Cash's lyrics, "I hear that Orange Blossom Special train a comin', it's rolling round the bend." That's right! The PSR 2021 Orange Blossom Special is only about 3-1/2 months away! Released in 1966, the Monkees sang, "Take the last train to Clarksville. And I'll meet you at the station... Don't be slow. Oh, no, no, no." Yes, I skipped some of the lyrics to get to the point. The convention and activities are filling up quickly. Sign up today and don't delay. Let the convention whistle blow your pandemic blues away.

So before this column turns into Casey Kasem's Top 40 train song hits, I will leave you with a little Aerosmith... "I said, train kept a-rolling all night long Train kept a-rolling all night long Train kept a-rolling all night long Train kept a-rolling all night long With a heave, and a ho"

Let's roll into Irvine in September! See you there!



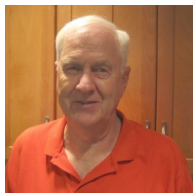
## Arizona

Frank Baker, Director

Arizona is slowly getting back to meeting with fellow NMRA members and other local model railroaders. Late last month we held a joint meeting with members of the Arizona Division and Adobe Mountain Railroad club. Our goal was to have NMRA members meet members of the ADMRC, view their HO scale and N scale layouts and share what Arizona NMRA members have been building. Several NMRA members bought models constructed of many materials including wood, plaster and computer printed plastic buildings. The computer printed structures were a big hit. Mike Chipman has several printed structures on display.

One of our goals was to attract Adobe Mtn members to consider joining the NMRA. We offered a bargain price for Railpass of \$5 and the division would cover the difference. This would give the division membership nine months to convince those that signed up to

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## Arizona

Frank Baker, Director

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become full members. We had coffee and donuts to help sweeten the deal. All in All, thirteen people signed up for the railpass program that day.

The Arizona Historical Society will be sponsoring the first swap meet of the year. The NMRA division has a free booth at the meet to attract new members and keep in touch with current members.

Bruce Petrarca has been busy assisting Arizona members on their MMR assessments. There are several members that are close to achieving their MMR. I finished my final AP civil certificate and the paperwork in now with Frank Koch for review and MMR certification.

Plans are underway for a formal division meet in July in Prescott. Richard Petrina, division superintendent, has been working with Terry Fearn on facilities selection. Prescott is a great place to hold a meeting during the hot summer months here in the desert. Formal meet information will be released very soon.

## NMRA YouTube Channel

If you have access to the internet take a minute to check out the NMRA YouTube Channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBbDHVLodgxn8otpnudMsHdQMucCzcTWD>

There are over 75 videos available from the NMRA-X event held during the week of July 12th. While it is challenging to watch videos live during the week if you are a working person, these video recordings of the presentations give you access to the events. Take a few minutes to browse the library and see what interests you!



## Los Angeles

Mona Raymer, Director

Hello PSR friends!

I hope that all of you are having a great start to the year! Can you believe that summer is almost upon us? It is such good news that all areas of California are going into the yellow tier. We are looking forward to more restrictions being lifted and being able to have and attend events in person.

The Los Angeles Division Advisory Board had our second virtual meet on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This meet included the Los Angeles Division annual membership meeting where a \$25.00 gift certificate for RailMaster Hobbies was up for grabs by those in attendance. Congratulations to David Wright!! Next year we hope to be able to have our annual meeting as we usually do in conjunction with a Los Angeles Division member banquet, where everyone in attendance gets to pick a surprise door prize!

The Los Angeles Division is in process of updating our website with a new look, making it more vibrant and user friendly. Kevin Spady has taken the lead on this and is making great progress.

With the restrictions in the County of Los Angeles being eased, we are in hopes of having a FallRail meet. This meet will follow the same format as our annual SpringRail meet that we haven't been able to have since the Covid-19 restrictions went into effect. Keep an eye out for more information about this. I look forward to being able to see all of you there!

That being said, I look forward to seeing you at the Convention!!!

Until next time....Happy modeling, stay safe and well!



## San Diego

Pete Steinmetz, Director

It is refreshing to see people starting to get out again. I recently attended the Southern California Railway Museum Swap Meet. It was well attended and it was great being among fellow railfans and modelers.

The Orange County TTOS had a swap meet in Placentia last weekend. This event is mainly for Lionel people, but there were some sellers of other scales there. Pretty well attended.

I was unable to attend the Cajon Meet due to a scheduling conflict, but heard it was also well attended.

The next big event will be the PSR Convention in September. I'm sure there will be a lot of last-minute registrations and Day Passes.

The San Diego Division continues with their monthly Zoom Meets on the second Saturday of the month at 1:00PM. All members of the PSR are invited. Watch for an invitation E Mail.

The PSR San Diego is talking about getting back to in person events. We have not decided in which month we will start.

We are starting to have planning meetings for the 2022 PSR Convention which will be held in San Diego. We will have details at the 2021 PSR Convention in Irvine along with a really good deal for people that sign up during the convention.

Gordy Robinson is the new NMRA President. He takes office July 10, 2021. Gordy will bring new energy to the NMRA.



## Historian's Report

Per Harwe, Historian

I am proud to report some progress on collecting information for the 'Historian's Corner' on the PSR Website (<http://www.psrnmra.org/library/historians-corner>).

But let me begin with asking for help (again). A major source of information is the Divisions and Region Newsletter. It varies a great deal in what has been saved on the respective websites and some areas are better than others. **My request for help this time is that if you have an old issue of a newsletter that is not on your division's website, please let your webmaster (and myself) know so we can archive a copy of it before it gets lost forever.**

It has been a very interesting couple of months reading old Newsletters and collecting data from them. The Convention page is now complete! Some logo pictures may not be of the highest quality (photographed from a convention car or patch) but they are all there now. The list of *Member of the Year Award* recipients is also complete and I thank all of you who contributed to this effort! Without your valuable input this would be nowhere complete.

The next big task will be to find all elected officials (PSR and each Division) and finding a nice and clear way to present this. There is the beginning of that page on the site and I welcome any suggestion for layout and content.

As far as the Achievement Program awards go, I have decided to just link to each Division's webpage where these are stored. It will be very difficult to keep this updated in a central location and the divisions are doing a great job doing this.

As I have mentioned above, contributions are always welcome. Please contact me via email: [historian@psrnmra.org](mailto:historian@psrnmra.org)





## Achievement Program

Carl Heimberger, AP Chairman

With the start of a new year comes new opportunities, last year had its challenges. I am optimistic that many opportunities will open up this year to members working on the Awards Program. Yes, some Regional and the Nation Convention have been canceled for 2021 but as of this writing there are still 2 convention on the west coast still proceeding. First is the PCR this April in Fresno and second is the PSR next September in Irvine. So, start doing the paperwork on all those projects you have been working on for the last year and bring them to the contest room for evaluation.

Even with the stay-at-home restrictions being in place this last quarter we have had a few members successfully achieve some Merit Awards and AP Certificates by doing remote and social distancing evaluations.

Congratulations to the following PSR members.

Bob Granger AZ for completing his Civil Certificate.

Paul Buhrke, AZ for completing his Scenery and Prototype Model Certificates.

Morrie Fleishman, Cajon for completing his Electrical Engineer Certificate.

Harold Helland, Cajon for completing his Civil and Cars Certificates.

Frank Baker, Arizona completed his Civil Engineer and that gave him 7 Certificates, so he has also earned his MMR.

As you can see there are ways to have your work evaluated following safety protocol, so if you have work you would like evaluated contact your Division AP Manager and develop a plan to have your models/layout evaluated.

I encourage all of our members to stay safe and get the vaccine so we can finally get back to normal and have some face-to-face events. I am look forward to next September and the 2021 PSR Convention Orange Blossom Special in Irvine, so bring all those projects you have been working on and let's fill the contest room.

If you have not already signed up for the 2021 PSR Convention take a look at the website [www.PSRConvention.org](http://www.PSRConvention.org). there are some great clinics and prototype tours planned and do not forget the contest room. Hope to see you there.



## PSR Treasurer

Joel Morse, Treasurer

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#### TREASURERS SUMMER 2021 DISPATCH REPORT

##### SUMMARY:

During the period January 31, 2021 through March 31, 2021 there were a few key financial transactions by the Region.

The March 31, 2021 Bank Statement indicates that the Region has \$32,636.14 in the Region Checking Account.

The major transactions during this period were:

- Payment of \$240.00 to Cajon Division for Rental Space for 2021.
- Internal Revenue Service refund of \$275.00 for duplicate Incorporation payment.
- Distribution of the \$893.00 NMRA Membership Rebate to the Divisions:
  - o San Diego: \$116.00
  - o Los Angeles: 191.00
  - o Arizona: \$307.00
  - o Cajon: \$279.00

##### Wells Fargo Checking Account:

**Region Assets as of December 31, 2020: \$32,215.61**

**Region Assets as of March 31, 2021: \$32,636.14**

**Net Change this period: + \$410.53**



## Tools and Tips

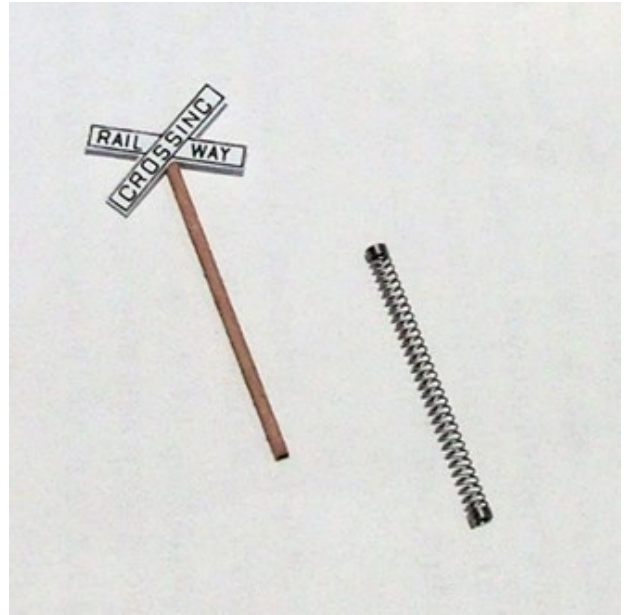
### Flexible Rail and Road Sign Posts

By Gary Butts, MMR

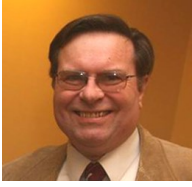
After snapping off a few of my layout scenery sign posts (and then having to repair them) while reaching for something just beyond that needed attention, I came up with a solution that has completely solved the problem for me. Blair Line has a great kit of various road signs that come with .05" x .05" wooden posts for HO scale and I have several planted around the layout. Upon visiting my storeroom of junk left over from previous projects, I came across a box of long narrow stainless steel compression springs left over from a previous development project for Apple Computer back in the day. Anyway, they wind perfectly and snugly on to the bottom of the Blair Line posts.

I attach a spring to the bottom of the sign, paint it and drill a hole in the layout just slightly larger than the outside of the spring (.089" dia.). After trimming the spring length to fit the depth of the drilled hole leaving the bottom of the sign post roughly even with the surrounding surface, I drop the sign/spring into the hole (no glue) and done. The signs can easily bend over to 90° and spring right back when released. No damage to repair and I temporarily pop them out if I am doing a lot of work close by.

I have a zillion of these springs, drop me a line if you would like to try it and I will mail some to you.







## The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair

With the slow lifting of restrictions imposed by the State and local governments along with the increasing number of persons being vaccinated, we are starting to have physical model railroad events being held again. We are not anywhere close to normal again, but we are making progress in the right direction. The Southern California Railroad Museum in Perris held an outdoor swap meet that was well attended by both vendors and buyers. The Cajon Division again held an outdoor Spring Meet event in Buena Park. This event again was primarily held outdoors complying with face mask and social distancing guidelines. This was an abbreviated event that consisted of a swap meet, Show Room, Show-&-Tell session and Hobo Auction.

A new addition to the event was a session called Cajon Connection where members were able to interact with other NMRA members providing questions and answers on various subjects such as electronic, operations, and the NMRA contest and achievement program. This was a precursor to formulating online Zoom meeting groups for individuals that have similar model railroading interests. The event was well attended by about 76 members from the Cajon, Los Angeles and San Diego Divisions in the morning hours. During the afternoon following the end of the swap meet the attendance reduced to around 50 persons.

There were 18 different items entered in the Show Room consisting of 12 models and 4 photos. Nine (9) models had merit evaluations performed with the remaining models being for display only.

### People's Choice Popular Vote



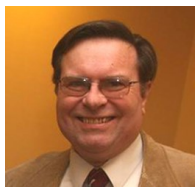
1<sup>st</sup> Place Locomotive & Cars – Open Cab 2 Truck Shay by Sean Williams



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Locomotive & Cars – Yellow Pine Mining Co. #18 by Kevin Spady



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Locomotive & Cars – Yellow Pine Mining Co. Work Train by Kevin Spady



# The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair



1<sup>st</sup> Place Structures – Westside Pier by Ron Varnell

Most Humorous – Westside Pier by Ron Varnell



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Structures – Steve's Builder Supply by Harold Helland



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Structures - Coca Cola Bottling Works by Paul Stoner

## Judged

1<sup>st</sup> Place Steam Locomotive - Open Cab 2 Truck Shay by Sean Williams

1<sup>st</sup> Place Diesel Locomotive - Yellow Pine Mining Co. #18 by Kevin Spady



1<sup>st</sup> Place Freight Car – Ambroid HO & S Scale ACL Ventilated Boxcars by Steve Cole

1<sup>st</sup> Place Structures - Coca Cola Bottling Works by Paul Stoner

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Structures - Steve's Builder Supply by Harold Helland



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Structures – Kimball Print Shop by Dave Arendas

In addition, there were several Achievement Program Awards that were presented at the Buena Park Event.





# The Show Room

James Keena, PSR Contest Chair

## Achievement Program Award Certificates

Harold Helland – Master Builder - Cars

Harold Helland – Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

## Merit Awards

Open Cab 2 Truck Shay by Sean Williams

Yellow Pine Mining Co. #18 by Kevin Spady

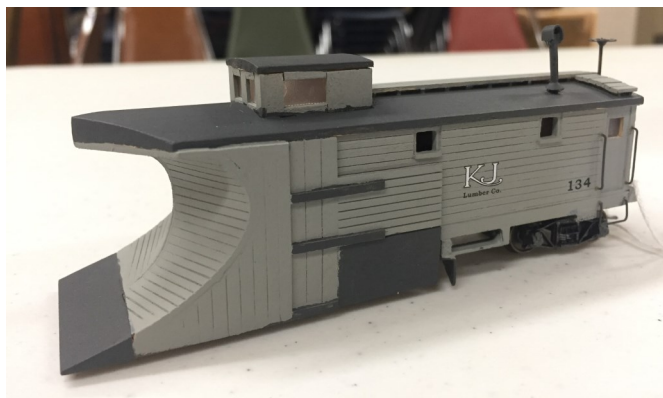
Coca Cola Bottling Co. by Paul Stoner

I encourage you to continue working on your model railroads as well as your future entries for the Show Room. Begin filling out your forms in advance for your entries, I have included NMRA Form 901 & PSR Form 902 for your convenience.

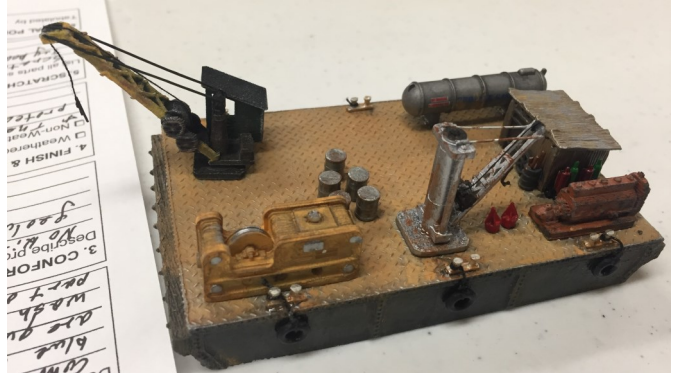
The next scheduled NMRA sponsored model railroad event will be the PSR Orange Blossom Special Convention in Irvine, September 8 to 11, 2021. This will most likely be one of the first Regional Conventions to be able to be held in over a year. This will be a great opportunity to again to interact with your fellow model railroaders outside of Zoom meetings.

Until we meet again, keep safe and enjoy your modeling and time together with your family.

## Additional Entries:



Snow Plow by Gary Butts



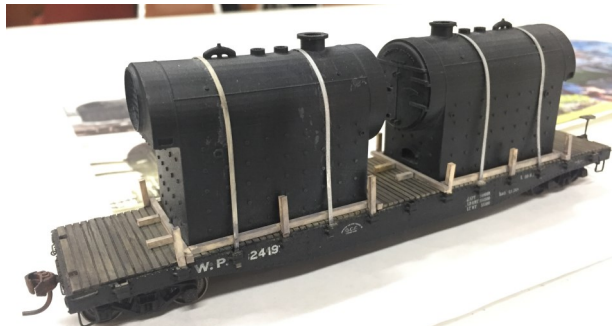
Barge by Barney Rosen



G&S Caboose by Sandy Butts



Reese Tool by Dave Arendes



WP Flat with Boiler Load by James Keena



**NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

NMRA Form #901 Rev. J, 8/22/2020. All previous forms obsolete  
Please Print All Information

Entry No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRANT / MODELER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if <30): \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ New Modeler (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTEST EVENTS****MODEL CONTEST**

(Judged)

**Classification**

- ☐ Scratch Built  
☐ Kit Built

**Category**

- ☐ Steam Locomotive  
☐ Diesel & Other Loco  
☐ Traction  
☐ Passenger Car  
☐ Freight Car  
☐ Caboose  
☐ Non-Revenue Car  
☐ Structure  
☐ Display

**MODEL SHOWCASE**

(Display only, all categories)  
☐ Entry

**PHOTO CONTEST**

(Judged)

- ☐ Model, B&W Print  
☐ Model, Color Print  
☐ Prototype, B&W Print  
☐ Prototype, Color Print  
☐ Working on the Railroad Print  
☐ Panorama Print

**RAILROAD PASS CONTEST**

(Judged)

- ☐ Entry

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS**

(Popular vote - Direct entry)

**Model**

- ☐ Favorite Train  
☐ Locomotive\*  
☐ Rolling Stock\*  
☐ Caboose  
☐ Structure  
☐ Display

**Arts & Crafts**

- ☐ General  
☐ Needlework  
☐ Railroadiana  
**Photo (B&W or Color)**  
☐ Model Print  
☐ Prototype Print

**Special Award Categories**

- ☐ Photo Match ☐ Thumbs Award

\*Note - Judged entries are also eligible to be chosen for People's Choice Awards  
 - Loco includes steam, diesel & traction; Rolling stk. includes, freight, pass & non-rev.

ENTRY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. First place or Gold Award winners from previous NMRA National Contests are not eligible.
2. This Entry Form # 901 must be completed for all entries. Judge's Score Sheets # 902 must also be completed for each entry in the Judged Model Contests.
3. Supplemental information, including plans, photos and other supporting documentation may be submitted. This should be organized in order by judging factor (Construction, Detail, Conformity, Finish & Lettering and Scratchbuilt). However, judges are under no obligation to review this material, and the Contest Chairman may limit this information.
4. The Contest Chairman reserves the right to determine how to display entries. Removal of entries from the Contest Room without approval of the Contest Chairman and presentation of the claim check is prohibited.
5. All entries must have a declared value. (See below.)
6. After filling out this Entry Form and the Judge's Score Sheet, if applicable, return both to the Contest Staff who will provide an Entry number for the Entry Form, Judges Scoring Sheet, Claim Check and Entry Identification Tag. Place entry with Identification Tag attached in the designated location. Retain the Claim Check, which must be signed and presented to pick up the entry at the end of the contest.
7. I certify that this entry is entirely my/our original work. I release the NMRA and all persons connected with this Contest from any liability arising from damage to or loss of the entry in any amount greater than the limits of insurance carried by the NMRA.
8. I grant the NMRA a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual license to reproduce images or videos of the entry made by the NMRA, or to reproduce copies of the entry itself if it is a photograph, in the NMRA Magazine or any other form of NMRA publication, including print, electronic media, and any other means now known or hereafter created.

Entrant / Modeler Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proxy Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Value  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NMRA CONTEST CLAIM CHECK**

I hereby certify that entry # \_\_\_\_\_ entered the Contest and has been returned to me in satisfactory condition

Entrant / Modeler / Proxy Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST JUDGING FORM

NMRA Form #902 Rev. E, 6/16/11 (PSR 12/20/2020)

Please print.

Entry No.

Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. CONSTRUCTION (Maximum 40 points)

(\*May qualify for AP scratch built)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

**Model Basis** – Select the description that best applies to your model

- ☐ Scratch Built (Complete) \* – SB struc. + details (>90%)      ☐ Kit Bash – Multi kits/ comm. parts assem. not per kit plan  
☐ Scratch Built (Partial) – SB struc.; comm. details (<90%)      ☐ Kit Built – Per kit plan (> 90%); few modifications  
☐ Mod. Comm. – Shells, frame, struc. or major parts (>50%)      ☐ Mod. RTR – Some mod. (<20%) to finished comm. model

Name kit or major comm. parts &amp; manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

**Construction Techniques** – Select all methods & materials that apply to your model

- ☐ Drew own plans      ☐ Followed construc. article      ☐ Cut & fit wood      ☐ Soldered metal  
☐ Used proto/comm. plans      ☐ Cut & fit metal      ☐ Cut & fit cardstock      ☐ Made patterns  
☐ Used kit plans      ☐ Cut & fit plastic      ☐ Cut & fit glass      ☐ Made molds

Describe in detail how model was built, its complexity and the methods used. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. DETAIL (Maximum 20 points)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

 Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement & quantity of detail parts added. Identify all commercial parts.


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## 3. CONFORMITY (Maximum 25 points)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

 Describe prototype design. Include prototype documentation (beyond what may have been supplied in kit).

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## 4. FINISH & LETTERING (Maximum 25 points)

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

- ☐ Weathered    ☐ Hand Lettered    ☐ Decals    ☐ Dry Transfers    ☐ Spray    ☐ Airbrush    ☐ Dry brush    ☐ Stain

☐ Non-Weathered - Describe methods & materials \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. SCRATCH BUILT (Maximum 15 points) - ☐ Kit Built Classification

Points Awarded

Row	Col	Score

List all parts scratch built; note special refinements \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6. TOTAL POINTS (Staff only) -

Final Score

Tabulated by \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2021 PSR Convention Update

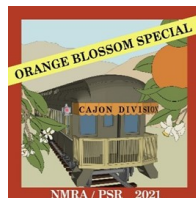
Nick Lisica

Have you reserved your spot at this year's Pacific Southwest "Orange Blossom Special" yet? In just a few short months we are planning on getting together once again to meet, mingle, and model. After a year of uncertainty, all signals are pointing toward a welcome return to the Pacific Southwest Region's Annual Convention, the "Orange Blossom Special". The convention will take place in Irvine, CA, between September 8 – 11.

We are pleased to announce that we have lined up former NMRA President Charlie Getz to be this year's keynote speaker. According to his biography on the NMRA webpage, Charlie has been the Western Area Vice President, on the Pacific Coast Region Board, President, Pacific Coast Region Trustee, and At-Large North American Director of the NMRA. He chaired the Long Range Plan Committee, in addition, he was the primary author of the new NMRA regulations. He is an experienced modeler and is well versed in the NMRA. For his keynote address, Charlie has put together a discussion on the influential Model Railroader Project Railroad – The San Juan Central. He'll discuss the history of the layout, and where you can see it today. Charlie will then discuss the new "Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit at the California Railroad Museum, how it came to be, and what you can expect to see there. It promises to be an interesting discussion you won't want to miss.

We encourage you to visit our website, [www.psrconvention.org](http://www.psrconvention.org), to learn more about the convention. We have a number of layouts set up for both operations and tours, numerous clinics, prototype tours, and of course there are plenty of non-rail activities lined up as well.

As the clouds of the past year begin to part, we are excited to see you all in Irvine this September. The "Orange Blossom Special" will run between September 8-11, at the Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport Hotel, located at 18800 MacArthur Blvd, Irvine, CA 92612.



**Critical Registration  
Information  
Please Read**

First the Orange Blossom Special Website is completed and up and running. If you have any questions about the convention this site should answer them. The site contains information about the hotel, a final convention event schedule, clinic descriptions, extra fare tours and items, layouts and Op's sessions, Non-Rail events, contest room, etc.

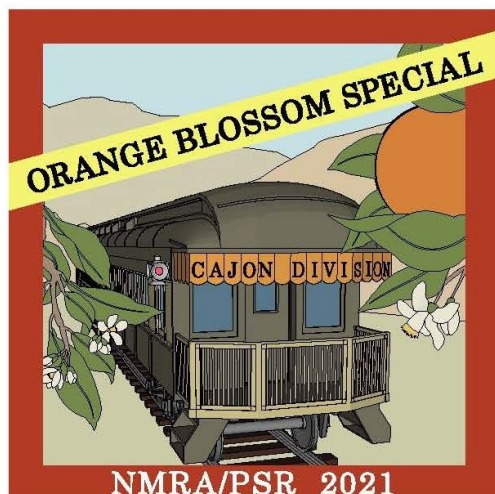
Next and critical for you members who had your 2020 LA Convention registration transferred to the 2021 Orange Blossom Special. There is some confusion as to what was actually transferred. The 2021 Orange Blossom Special convention only accepted your convention registration and your banquet, all other items you purchased for the 2020 convention you should have been given a refund. If you have questions about the refund, please contact the Los Angeles Convention Committee. So, what does that mean to you? If you transferred you are ONLY signed up to attend the convention and banquet, NO tours, or extra fare clinics were transferred to 2021. By now you should have received an email from the 2021 registrar telling you how to go into the registration system and add extra fare clinic, tours, and events. Cannot find that email, please contact [2021registrar@psrconvention.org](mailto:2021registrar@psrconvention.org) and he will resend it to you. We are asking for you to please update your registration this month as we want to finalize that part of your registration.

You have not registered yet? Well now is the time, it is simple just go to the convention website [www.psrconvention.org](http://www.psrconvention.org). there you will find all the information about the convention and you can register on-line by just clicking on the registration link. Several critical things we do need from you are your NMRA Number, division, (or region if not PSR member), will you attend the welcome reception, and of course all the extra stuff you want. Once you have registered you will receive a confirmation email with information about what you have signed up for and how to go back and add or modify your registration. Please keep that email.

It has been a long 15 months of lockdowns and it will sure be nice to finally get back together and enjoy this great hobby. We look forward to seeing all of you in September at the Orange Blossom Special 2021 PSR/NMRA Convention.

The 2021 Orange Blossom Special Convention Team





National Model Railroad Association  
Pacific Southwest Region

2021

## "Orange Blossom Special" MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION

September 8 – 11, 2021

Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport Hotel  
Irvine, Ca



❖ **Keynote Speaker Charlie Getz**

*Past President of the NMRA*

❖ **Operating Sessions**

*Featuring: 10+ Layouts*

❖ **Prototype Tours**

*Including: **The UPRR Gemco Yard***

❖ **Non-Rail Activities & Tours**

*Including: **The Nixon Library***

❖ **Welcome Reception**

❖ **Private Layout Tours**

❖ **Railroad Modeling Clinics**

❖ **Hobo Breakfast**

❖ **Model Railroad/Railroadiana Swap Meet**

❖ **Railroad Model Contest Room**

❖ **Model Railroad Auction**

❖ **Awards Banquet**

**Hotel Reservations:** You can now reserve your room on-line by going to the convention website and clicking on the 'Hotel' link. The convention rate rooms at the Hilton are guaranteed to fill up, and you don't want to miss out on the discount, or worse, be trying to find a last-minute hotel deal. Hilton Reservations: 949-833-9999 – Group Name: 2021 PSR Convention / Group Code: PSRC

**Convention Tours:** Convention staff is working on securing additional rail and non-rail tours. Currently, the list of tours includes the UPRR Gemco Yard in Van Nuys, as well as a trip to the Nixon Library for the non-rail attendees. Check the website for additional information and updates.

**Convention Goodies:** Don't forget to check out the Company Store, where you will find shirts, pins, patches, as well as our special run model railroad cars.

**Registration:** The full fare rate of \$125 covers your convention registration and the awards banquet. See the convention website for complete registration and convention details.

**[www.PSRConvention.org](http://www.PSRConvention.org)**



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