

The Cajon Order Board

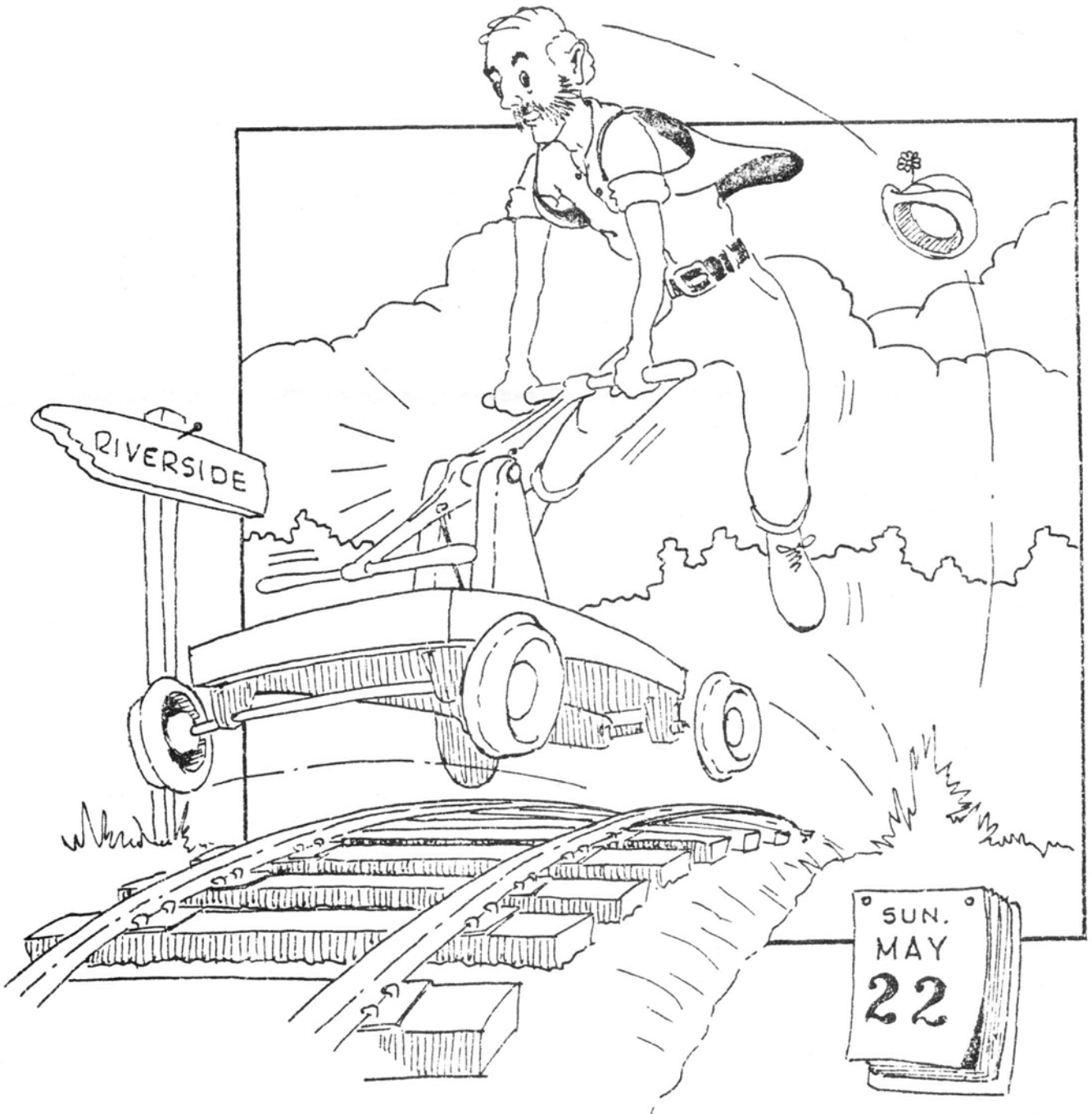


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As I am sure most of you are aware by now, we have had some problems with our recent Division election. A number of letters from the membership were sent to Bob Dupont, PCR President, concerning the manner in which the election was conducted. As a result of the verification of several of the complaints, it was recommended that the election be declared void and that another election be held. At the annual meeting, held in conjunction with the banquet, the members present approved this recommendation. Consequently, you will shortly be receiving a new ballot for this election. I urge you to fill out your ballot and return it promptly.

The Division is temporarily without elected officers with the exception of yours truly, the Director. Under PCR and Cajon Division By-Laws, the Director assumes the duties of Superintendent until such time as the vacancies are filled. Under this system, the division can continue to function, more or less normally. As such, I am happy to report that the necessary committees continue to exist, and the people that have been doing a good job of keeping the Division going are continuing on until this matter is settled. We are tentatively planning a meet for the latter part of May in the San Bernardino - Riverside area. This meet will provide for the installation of the new officers. Hopefully, time and place will be finalized before this issue goes to press so that you can make plans accordingly.

In all, it's unfortunate that we have had the current situation occur within our rather young division. Maybe, as a result of all of this, we'll be able to solidify the Cajon Division even better, come up with some new ideas and be able to get back to our most important business - that of having fun together with a great hobby.

Duane S. Leetzow
Acting Superintendent



An open letter to my fellow division members:

As a relatively new member of the Cajon Division, it has bothered me why so much fighting would go on for a simple superintendentship of our division. I heard rumors that it had something to do with the division backing the '81 National.

Why would two groups from central Orange County be so interested in this superintendentship and/or the '81 National. My curiosity was aroused after receiving the two letters in the mail from these two groups stating their positions on the '81 National and division officers.

The answer may have come while attending a committee meeting. It was revealed to me that the hosting group of the National Convention stands to gain 50% of the profits from the convention.

I can see this is a very good reason for wanting a convention, and insuring division endorsement of the convention bid would be very beneficial to a group preparing a bid.

I am going to give my vote careful consideration.

It just so happens that we have a very capable, active, and experienced member in our division from San Bernardino, who is planning our next meet, that would make a ideal write-in candidate for Assistant Superintendent.

Incidentally, the total cost of this letter was bore by me.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Bader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Bob Bader, PCR #1867
April 23, 1977

To the Editor, "Order Board":

A group of Cajon Division members are presenting to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Coast Region a petition that the Board of Directors intervene in the current election of Division officers. We take this step reluctantly, because we heartily wish to get the whole thing over with and get back to model railroading. Nevertheless, we believe that there have been so many errors in handling the affair that the new ballot which members have recently received is open to exactly the same charges as were used against the original election - that is, the election could easily be rigged. We further believe that the manner in which the matter has been handled has had the effect, with or without the intent, of condemning our former Superintendent and our former Ballot Chairman without a hearing. We further believe that the entire dispute is the result of a callous and calculated attempt on the part of a small group of members to obtain control of the Division for commercial purposes (i.e., the 1981 NMRA Convention), thereby subverting the basic intent of the Association.

We are asking the Board of Directors of Pacific Coast Region to do two things:

- (1) Investigate the circumstances of the original election, to determine if in fact there is reason to believe that it was conducted in an improper manner, or if there is any other reason to hold a new election (for example, to "clear the air");
- (2) If they find that a new election should be held, we are asking the Board to conduct the election, using some method (such as the two-envelope system prescribed by Roberts Rules of Order) which will ensure that nobody can tamper with the procedures or results.

We ask that this be published in the Order Board so that all members of the Division will know what is happening and why. Members desiring to have more detailed information on our action and the reasons for it are invited to contact any of the following members:

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Stew Mulford	24291 Juaneno Drive, Mission Viejo	92675	830-0887

In the meantime, since we do not know what action the Board of Directors will take in response to our petition, we urge every member to VOTE for whomever he or she thinks will do the best job. And we urge all members to HANG IN THERE and don't get discouraged about the troubles the Division is passing through. One way or another we'll get through this mess and get on with the fun!

Stew Mulford

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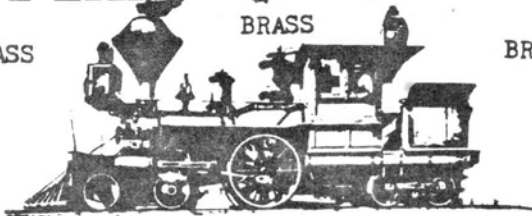
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RAMBLINGS.....by Mac McFadden

Mark your calendar: May 22 is the Cajon Division Spring Meet at Renck Community Center 4015 Jackson in Riverside. Take Van Buren or Adams to Magnolia. Jackson is the street in-between. Renck Center is west of Magnolia--see map. There will be door prizes and a judged contest for gondola

On the subject of meets, I have proposed to the By Laws Committee that an article be put in as follows: An associate Contest & Activities Chairman be allowed to function and be sanctioned by the Cajon Division. Our division is geographically so large, it is of little benefit to the large majority of model railroaders in the outlying areas. This article would allow local people to put on their own local meets and the contests would be recognized for credit toward Achievement Program points. Each meet put on by a section gang would have to pay its own way--contest ribbons, rental of space, etc. Anyone who likes this idea, please contact me at once.

There is a new "club" forming in the San Bernardino area. It will be a short line group with no dues & no officers. At this time, it is putting together the PCR "CAJON PASS '77" Mini. It is also working on a bid for the '81 NMPA National. Some members will also be building On3 modules & O scale traction modules. Once again, if you are interested in this group, contact me. I'm acting as organizer & spokesman for our group.

'73s til next time...

"CAJON PASS '77"

Shirley McFadden

The Mini is coming along at great speed. Flyers should be out very soon. Don't forget the meeting in April...the 28th...at 7 p.m.

For those working on committees, don't forget to keep on your various projects. Oct. will be here sooner than we think!

Oh, I want to inform everyone before I start getting complaints. On the flyers, the artwork is different than what we chose at the meetings. The artwork was lost in the mail & another substitute had to be done so the flyer could be done. The chosen artwork will appear on posters, letterheads, etc.

See you later in April.

Contest results from Annual Meet at Knotts Berry Farm:

Passenger:

1. Paul Scoles - HOn3 Parlor Buffet
2. none
3. Carl Gaither - Oscar

M/W:

1. Eric Littleford - Pile Driver
2. Paul Scoles - RGS - O30
3. George Ciborowski - Rotary Snow Plow

Steam:

1. Mike Varble - HOn 30"
2. Siles Bazerman - HOn3 C-16
3. Tom Arzoian - O-6-C

Structures:

1. Dave Menasco - Bucket O Beer
2. Steve Huebner - Frt House
3. Clarence Massar - Coal Tower
3. Eric Littleford - Station

Freight:

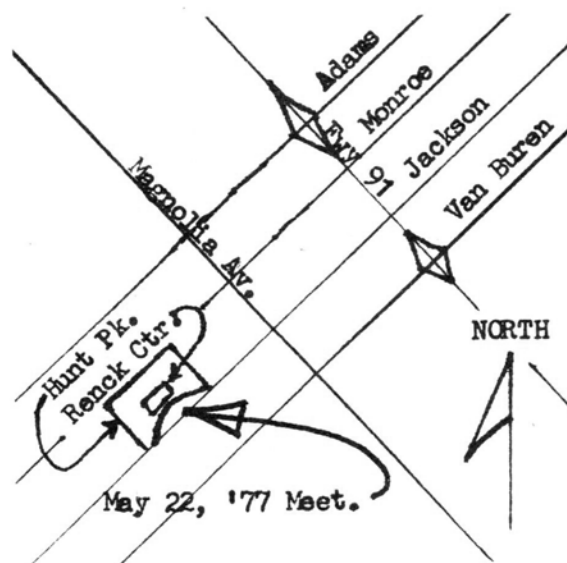
1. Bob Bader - On3 Flat
2. " " - " Box
2. Anthony Thompson - Box
3. Frank Barone - HOn3 Gon.

Diesel:

1. Richard Bradberry - F7
2. Graig Walker - SD45
3. Richard Bradberry - F45

Diorama:

1. Dave Menasco - Abandoned barn
2. Paul Scoles - Eng. house & shops
3. Clarence Massar - General Store



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