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Auction December 9

The Cajon Division's next big event is the Auction. This will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 10 am to 3 pm in the community room of Glendale Federal Savings in Fullerton. The address is 320 North Harbor Blvd.

Admission to the Auction is \$1.00. If you bring items to sell, those items actually sold will be assessed a ten percent (10%) fee based on the ultimate selling price. No fee will be charged to items not sold.

This is your chance to buy and sell railroad hobby items in an atmosphere quite different than the usual swap meet; from the established minimum bid price the seller sets a floor for his profit and the buyer knows the least possible price he can offer for the available item.

If you have items to sell, plan on bringing an open top box or cardboard mounting sheet for each item (except books and magazines) plus a felt-tip marker for identifying the items on the auction cards.

If you plan to buy items, bring plenty of cool green cash because there's going to be a lot to spend it on.

What can you bring to sell? Any model railroad item with a minimum value of \$ 5.00. Books and magazines will be auctioned separately in a "silent" auction area. Magazines will be sold by lots with these lots and individual books entered with a minimum value of \$ 5.00 .

If you wish to receive a copy of the Auction rules in advance, send an SAE and 10¢ to: Cajon Auction, 2428 Monterey Peninsula Drive, Corona, Calif. 91720. This information will not be mailed after December 5, so get your requests in early.

Displays Wanted

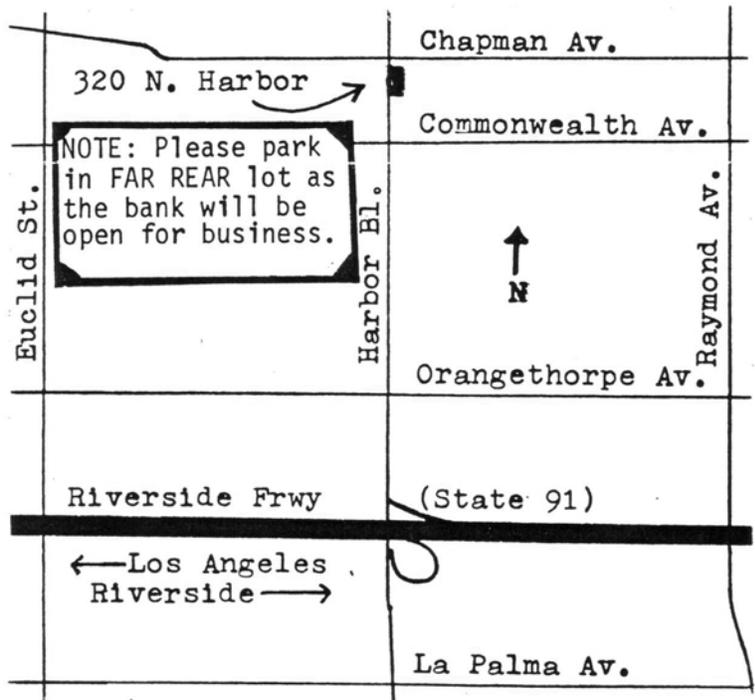
Cajon Division members are invited to participate in a Railfair (Model Train Display) at the San Bernardino Central City Shopping Mall on Jan. 13, 1979 during Mall hours (10 am to 6 pm) in the Harris Court.

Contact coordinator for the exhibit Bob Seaman (714)883-9248 for information or to arrange to exhibit. Cutoff for entries is Dec. 1, 1978.

To date, exhibitors include a On3 module group and a HO module group. Other displays are being sought.

Central City Mall will provide a 40' x 40' stanchioned off area. Set up time will be at 8 am on Jan. 13th at the Harris and Frank doors.

AUCTION LOCATION, 320 North Harbor Blvd.



Cajon Commentary By Bob Chaparro, Superintendent

Give or take a few, there are 260 persons who, by the act of paying PCR dues and the particular area of their residence, are members of that organization we recognize as the Cajon Division. Some of us have been here since Day One and some only a few weeks. Some of us are proud to be in the Division and some of us have much less interest in identifying with the local component of the PCR. But for whatever motive, active or passive, there are 260 persons in the Cajon Division... or so says PCR.

Sometimes I wonder. I've seen and met many persons who claim to be in the Cajon Division at meets, in hobby shops, and trespassing on prototype property. I get mailing labels for 260 persons everytime we mail the ORDER BOARD. So unless many of a much smaller number of you are paying PCR dues under a lot of assumed names for Lord only knows what sinister reasons, there should be 260 of you, right?

But sometimes I wonder.

Why would I doubt that there are 260 of you? Because outside of the handful of fine volunteers that help me to run your Division, I have received the same amount of calls and letters from the rest of you that I've received from Howard Hughes: none.

What would you respond to? How about the last issue of the ORDER BOARD? The following topics were raised in the last issue for the purpose of receiving input from the membership: Selection of meet themes and activities, subjects and presentors for clinics, hosts for layout tours, and a request for additional volunteers. Total response: zero. Zero out of 260. Then again, maybe there aren't 260 and the Cajon Division is the Twilight Zone of the model railroading world. Come on gang, make me a believer. I'd hate to think I was writing for the sake of 260 unattended mail drops.

My address is on the last page. My phone number is (714) 734-7141.

Elsewhere in this issue are two articles on the upcoming election and election committee.

We need candidates for Superintendent and for Chief Clerk/Paymaster. I consider my office of Superintendent wide open for two reasons: 1. For personal reasons outside the business of the Division I may

not be a candidate. 2. Even if I am a candidate I may not be the best person to represent you in your opinion. You owe it to yourselves to have a strong slate of candidates for this office.

We also need about five people to certify and count the ballots. The fall-out from a recently disputed election in this Division still is a sore point with many persons on each side of that election. The next election must be conducted in such a manner as to remove all possibilities of a dispute. We need five persons to help achieve this objective.

Bob

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Division Elections

The Cajon Division is seeking candidates for the offices of Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster for two-year terms beginning in February 1979. Nominations may be offered by interested individuals or on behalf of others by contacting Joe Walker at 236 Doyle, Redlands 92373. Joe's telephone number is (714) 792-0405.

Candidates must be current members of the PCR and residents of the Cajon Division. For publication purposes, a brief statement of qualifications and views concerning the office sought should accompany each nomination. Nominations will close on December 22.

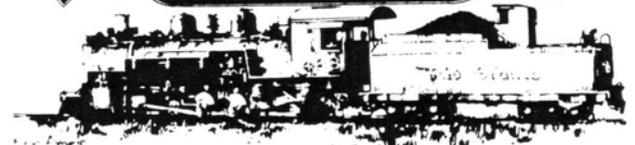
Ballots for the election will be included in the next ORDER BOARD, which will be mailed on January 19, 1979. The ballots will be counted on February 6 (see related story) with the results to be announced at the annual Banquet/Business Meeting on February 10.

Election Committee Needed

An election committee is needed to certify and count ballots for the upcoming Division election. A minimum of five persons are needed for this committee.

The election committee will count ballots on February 6 at a site to be selected by the committee. Persons interested in serving should contact Joe Walker, (714) 792-0405.

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Fall Meet

If you didn't get to the Fall Meet at Hunter Park on September 24 you missed what was probably the hottest meet ever held by the Cajon Division. How hot was it? Well... we had a lot of hot, live steam from the Riverside Live Steamers running all day, including a monster of a cab-forward that was often in service double-headed with other brute locomotives. We had Shirley McFadden's burger-wrapped hotdogs at prices too low to quote. There was a hot discussion of what was the ultimate good in module standards during the module clinic. And we had a hot giveaway of over two hundred dollars in merchandise donated by various model retailers and manufacturers. Very few in attendance failed to get a door prize.

Oh, yes. We almost forgot. The "hot" theme of the Fall Meet was further enhanced by the 105 degree heat.

We would like to extend special thanks to those that donated merchandise for this meet: Arcade Hobby Shop (Riverside), Durango Press, Frank's Hobby Shop (Orange), The Hobby Mart (Riverside), The Hobby Shops (El Toro/San Clemente), the Little Depot (Anaheim), Mac's O Gauge, Mini-Trains (Costa Mesa), Village Model Shop (Ontario), Westside Model Co., the Yard Master, and Kemtron Corp.

If your local hobby shop is in the above group please thank them for their support. If your local shop isn't in this group (many more were contacted) you may wish to ask for their support for future meets.

Wide Guage World

by Ron Hawkins

We regret that we didn't get Ron's column by press time. We look forward to his contribution in the next issue.

Ed.

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Nov. 19 Culver City Model Railroaders
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Dec. 9 Cajon Div. Auction, Fullerton,
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1979

Jan. 13 Railfair, San Bernardino, Calif.

Feb. 10 Cajon Div. Banquet/Business
Meeting, San Bernardino, Calif.

Apr. 19-22 PCR "Vintage '79" Convention,
Santa Rosa

July 17-21 NMRA National Convention,
Calgary, Canada

1980

May 1-4 PCR Convention, Disneyland
Hotel, Anaheim, Calif.

Aug. 12-16 NMRA National Convention,
Orlando, Florida

Help !!!

The Division is in need of an indoor site in Orange County for a late Spring meet. If you know of a possible site, or even have an idea or possible suggestion, please contact Superintendent Bob Charro, (714) 734-7141.

Many meets in the past have been in the great outdoors. This does not allow a full-range of activities, including slide clinics. An ideal site would have both indoor and outdoor facilities, but as such sites are rare, we are now looking for a possible indoor site.

Please help us explore all possibilities. Check on that building you go by on your way to work - it might just be what we need.

Please let me know of any possible locations, we will make the necessary arrangements. We need your help!



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Listening In

"5300 feet, 4800 tons and we have 6 cars to pick up and 4 set outs at Colton" reports a UP train by radio.

My Bearcat scanner opened an entirely new world of railroading for me. Much of the Cajon Division of the PCR is ideally situated for scanner listening. We don't need it in our car to chase trains, although we have tried it on trips and have been disappointed because of few communications. Here in the Riverside-San Bernardino area we have the SP Colton Yard, 3 major railroads that traverse the Cajon Pass, Amtrack, Riverside Junction, Colton Tower and also Southern California traffic via radio telephone channels and when climatic conditions are unique - Victorville and Hobart Yard.

Many things on the scanner about railroading have been surprises to me. Do you know what a train crew does when they go to 'beans' (eat)? Sometimes they park the train on a siding, have the operator call a cab and go to the nearest restaurant. At times they park the train on a siding, cut off the engine, back down the main to pick up the rear end crew and then proceed to a siding close to some restaurants and park the engine while they have 'beans'. At other times, permission to stop to eat is denied.

I also have found it interesting that a train that has power equal to 3 horsepower per ton is considered a hot shot, quite a difference from automobile or truck power to weight ratios.

Again it was a surprise to learn that through trains often drop off and pick up cars all along the way.



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I am amazed at how much vandalism occurs to railroad property and freight with injuries to train crews not uncommon. Railroad special agents (police) are very active on the airwaves.

I hadn't known that UP's dispatcher and CTC is located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Control of switches, signals and radio communications between train crews and the dispatcher are via microwave radio relay between Southern California and Salt Lake City.

Trains stall climbing Cajon Pass oftener than I had thought might be so. The Santa Fe and U.P. readily help each other over the hill when necessary.

In future issues, I will discuss types of scanners, radio frequencies, road channel traffic and radio telephone traffic.

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Annual Banquet Feb 10

The Cajon Division Annual Banquet will be February 10, 1979 at the Convention Center in San Bernardino.

Happy hour is from 6 to 7 p.m. The banquet will start at 7 p.m. followed by a business meeting where the election results will be announced and new officers installed.

A judged contest of freight cars will be a special feature at the banquet.

Make your plans now, keep Feb. 10 open for the annual banquet. Additional information will be announced in the next Order Board.

PCR CAJON DIVISION AUCTION AGREEMENT

1. This auction committee reserves the right to handle the auction and all matter concerning the auction as it sees fit. It further reserves the right to reject any item without stated cause.
2. Any matter regarding the auction should be brought to the auction chairman's attention; however, all matters shall be up to his judgement.
3. Once your items are entered into the auction, the item, or items cannot be removed until the item is either sold or rejected as a "no-bid" item.
4. All sales must be handled through the auction committee and the cashier.
5. Items will be auctioned off by number sequence, unless the auction committee representative elects to do otherwise.
6. It is agreed that the seller shall pay 10% of the selling price to the auction committee; this 10% fee shall be deducted from the selling price of the item.
7. Buyer shall pay for his purchase before the seller receives his money.**
8. Bid shall advance by amounts to be determined by the Auctioneer.
9. Each item shall be called three times before being sold. Items will not be described in detail.
10. At completion of sale, item will be forwarded to cashier who will collect the amount agreed upon before delivering purchase to buyer.
11. All items must be mounted on a temporary cardboard sheet for handling, or enclosed in an open top box. All items must be of a minimum five dollar value each or a lot value minimum of five dollars.
12. All items or monies due the seller must be claimed no later than the close of the auction.
13. Neither the auction committee nor the Cajon Division-PCR, assumes responsibility for condition or truthfulness of fact of any item.

** Only checks made out to "Cash" will be accepted. All checks must be approved by the Auction Committee and must be substantiated by driver's license identification. If the buyer pays by check the seller will be reimbursed by a Cajon Division check.

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