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Annual Banquet Feb 28

The Cajon Division Annual Banquet/Business Meeting/Railroad Night will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Use the handy registration form on the inside back cover of this issue to reserve your place at what promises to be quite a meal and evening. **DO IT NOW.**

For the mere all-inclusive price of \$11.50 for members and spouses (\$13.50 for non-PCR and for all at-the-door) you'll start your evening with a crisp tossed green salad and dressing. The entree is a New York Sirloin steak with stuffed-baked potatoes, vegetables, rolls, butter and a choice of coffee or tea. At no extra cost a Bavarian Mousse Dessert will be served to all. And remember, the \$11.50 includes tax and tip so the equivalent price of the meal, beverage and dessert is about \$9.40.

A 7:00 pm no-host cocktail hour will precede the 8:00 pm meal. We will have exclusive use of the Galeria Room (second floor) for our evening's activities.

After the meal a short business meeting will be conducted. The Division's finances (we're in the money) will be shared with you as well as information on the coming Swap & Module Meet and the Santa Fe Barstow Yard Tour. But the big business news will be the announcement of the election results and the installation of the new Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster. You'll probably recognize these two persons by their second-biggest-in-the-room smiles. (The biggest smiles will be those of the out-going Super and CC/P.

Other highlights of the evening will include the showing of railroad films from Burlington Northern and Southern Pacific. The best two or three films will be shown from the titles, "Revolution On The Right-Of-Way," "High Green To Training," "Snow On The Run," "Portrait Of A Railroad," and "The Western Coal Connection."

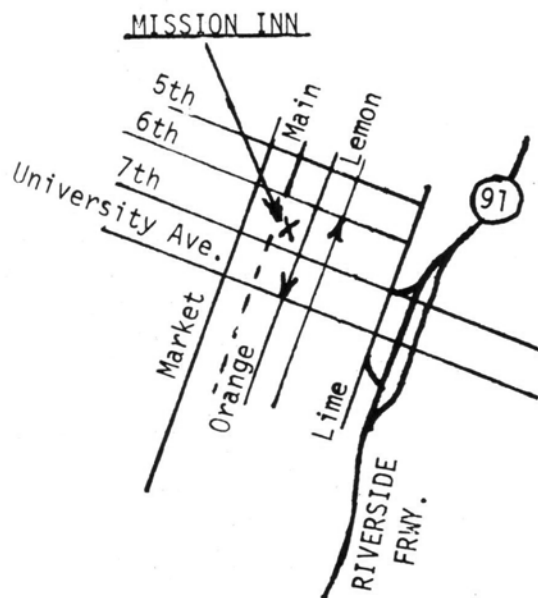
Everyone in attendance will be given a free "goodie bag." As in the past this will be a collection of manufacturer's catalogs (We've contacted over 30 firms) and collectibles from the railroads (Up to seven different contributors). (Contd. on Page 2)

ELECTION BALLOT INSIDE

See page 4 for candidate's statements and ballot.

Ballot must be mailed by Feb. 15, 1981

SWAP AND MODULE MEET
Mar. 28 NEXT CAJON DIVISION EVENT
SEE PAGE 3.



Send in the registration form on the inside of the back page **NOW.**

Cajon Commentary

By Bob Chaparro, Superintendent

With the coming of my last few weeks in office I look back upon these past months as your Superintendent with mixed emotions. I believe that we accomplished a lot yet at the same time I wish that we could have done even more. But that is behind us.

The progress of the Cajon Division in the future is up to you, the membership, just as it always has been. Your support of the new officers, your attendance at Division meets and your gift of volunteer efforts will be critical actions. By these actions the 280 or so of us who are the Cajon Division will either enjoy model railroading a lot or very little in the coming months.

I realize that there are a lot of joys in this hobby that can be experienced alone or with small groups. And the Division cannot and should not try to replace this. But we're selling ourselves short if we do not take advantage of those experiences and opportunities available only through cooperative, organized activities.

The Cajon Division is the vehicle for this idea. But just like your prized locomotive it requires maintenance. That maintenance is your involvement. Let's keep our Division rolling.

Bob

Division Elections

The Ballot for 1981 Division Election is contained in this issue along with statements of qualifications for the candidates. The two offices open are that of Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster.

These offices run for two-year terms beginning on February 28, 1981. The winners of the election will be installed at the Banquet on that same date.

Your ballot must be post marked no later than February 15. It should be mailed to the address on the ballot. Make your voice heard...vote...today.

Annual Banquet (cont'd)

And we've got the door prizes. Lots of door prizes. Last year nearly half of those in attendance (32 out of 66) won a door prize. Come as a couple and double your chances.

We should not overlook the historical and current charms of our banquet site. The Mission Inn is history. Built mainly between 1880 and 1935, it is a nationally prominent landmark and is registered as both a National and State Historic Landmark. It's beds have seen Presidents McKinley, Harrison, Taft, Roosevelt, Hoover and Nixon as well as many of the Nation's most prominent industrialists and business leaders. Even the Boomers have paid day-rates here. (Just kidding, boys).

In addition to its history, the Mission Inn has many unique features, such as the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel (right next to the banquet room), plus a score of speciality shops (come early and browse).

The Mission Inn is located at 3649 Seventh Street at the corner of Orange Street in Riverside. Take the Riverside Freeway (91) to the University offramp. Turn west and go under the freeway to Lemon Street. Turn right on Lemon and then left at the next block (Seventh St.). Public parking is available all around the Mission Inn grounds. If you plan to leave the wee railroaders with a sitter the Inn's number is (714) 784-0300.

Don't miss this great evening. Your registration must be received by February 21 to qualify for the \$11.50 meal rate. At the door registrations will be limited to 10% of the pre-registered total and will cost two dollars more.

REMEMBER...inside back cover...
your registration... do it now.

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 18 at a site to be selected by the committee. Persons interested in serving should contact Nominations Chairman: Ralph Dubois, 3380 E. Date Street, Brea, Ca. 92621. Telephone: 524-0934.

Swap & Module Meet Mar 28

Thank You

The Division's third annual Swap & Module Meet will have a new home this year in the City of Redlands. The Saturday event will be held at Cope Jr. High School which is located at 1000 Cypress Avenue. To reach the site, head to the junction of Interstates 10 and 15E in the San Bernardino area. Head East on I 10 to Redlands and exit on Tennessee. Drive South on Tennessee for one mile. At this point the road veers left and becomes San Mateo Street. This street crosses Cypress Avenue about a half-mile further. Turn left on Cypress and you'll find the school just down the road.

The public will be admitted at 9:00 am until 4:30 pm. Module set-up and swap table set-up will begin at 7:45 am. Unlike prior years the swap tables will be protected from sun, rain and volcanic fallout.

As usual, the module layouts will be indoors except this year more space will be available. The size and number of modular layouts should exceed last year's turn out. Persons interested in displaying and operating their modules should contact Module Chairman Joe Walker at (714) 792-0405.

The Division's Dining Car will be in operation featuring a four star menu of food and drink. Besides the menu there should be plenty of donuts, coffee, and coke.

On a first-come basis a limited number of swap tables will be provided FREE. Only one space per seller can be granted. Otherwise you'll need to bring your own table and pay \$1.00 per card table-size space. At the insistance of the school officials only non-commercial sales will be allowed. Further, only strictly railroad items may be swapped or sold.

The admission price for both the swap meet and the module show will be a fifty-cent donation. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 28 now as there will not be another ORDER BOARD published before this meet. See you in REDLANDS.

I have been editor of the Order Board for a little more than two years, starting shortly after Bob Chaparro became superintendent. It has been a pleasure to serve the division and to work with all the other officers.

I want to say thank you to Bob for writing most of the articles and to my wife, Jackie, for typing, retyping, and retyping so they will fit in the allotted spaces.

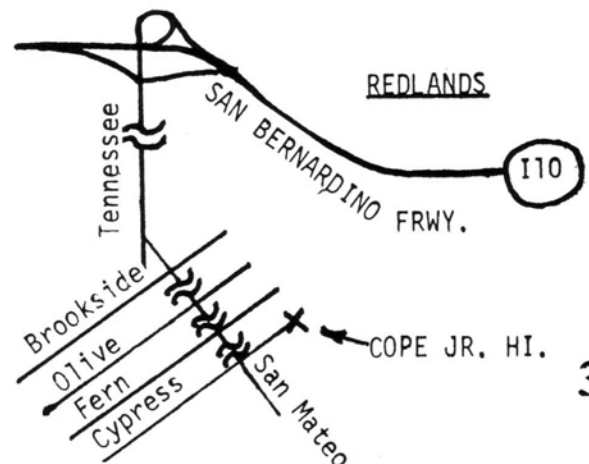
The press of business and my feelings that new blood keeps a division growing and vigorous forces me to resign at this time.

Good Luck to the new officers and the new editor.

Sincerely,
Charles Brooks

Schedule

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| Feb. 15 | Post-mark deadline for Division election ballots. |
| Feb. 18 | Election Ballots Counted |
| Feb. 28 | CAJON DIV. BANQUET/MODEL RAILROAD NIGHT, RIVERSIDE |
| Mar. 14 | Santa Fe Modelers Assn. Tour-S.F. San Bernardino Shops |
| Mar. 28 | CAJON DIV. Swap & Module Meet, Redlands |
| Apr. 8-12 | PCR Convention, Sacramento |
| Apr. 25 | CAJON DIV. SANTA FE YARD TOUR, BARSTOW |



Candidate's Statements

***** OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT *****

THOMAS E. BECKER

I've heard of times in the Cajon Division when things were not as good as they have been recently. They were improved because for the last two years we have had a superintendent who was willing to spend the time to put together new activities that are now traditions.

If elected I would devote as much time as necessary to continue the work that Bob has started as well as work to make the division attractive so that we can build up our membership. In order to attract new members the division has to provide for the needs of modelers. New modelers and some of the old timers need help from time to time with track planning, wiring, scenery, etc. A member aid committee could provide this assistance. Another activity the division could schedule is a movie night. This has been very successful in the Los Angeles Division and deserves a try in the Cajon. If you agree that things are good in the Cajon Division and you want to see the Division continue to grow and improve. Vote for me.

*** OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK/PAYMASTER ***

RICHARD D. (DICK) HUTCHINS

Resides in Fullerton, Age. 54. Has been a member of NMRA/PCR since 1964. Devoted Rail Fan; member of Rock Island Technical Society; active in all facets of model railroading, primarily HO, for more than 25 years. Business life has been devoted to management in the trucking industry.

I feel that the Cajon Division has been more active during the past few years due to the many, willing people working under the leadership of a very capable Superintendent. I would like to see continued progress and am willing to lend my support in that endeavor to division leadership.

VIC PRIOR

The Division is in great shape and our present leader, Bob Chaparro, is to be congratulated for his contribution to us as members.

As your superintendent I would work to leave the division in a position that is equal to or better than it is at present. I would present some new ideas that may interest you, and include activity areas that may include the whole family or at least the Railettes. An active division remains alive and well because interest is the blood that flows through its veins. A vote for me would be a vote for continued and increased activity in your division.

*** OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK/PAYMASTER ***

MAC McFADDEN

"Most of you know my involvement in model railroading. It's been a good many years; but since the position of Chief Clerk/Paymaster deals with the financial end of our division, I will tell my qualifications for that spot.

For the past nine years, I have handled the financial aspect of my model railroad business. It started out a small venture, but is now growing. My bookkeeping experience has also grown.

My family enjoys being in this division. We are always involved in its activities. I would like to serve as Cajon's Chief Clerk/Paymaster."

MARILYN E. MINER

"As a girl child born 40 years too soon for "toy trains," I'd like to see more women involved as modelers, collectors, fans and 'freqs'".

Qualifications: NMRA PCR membership and modeler - N Gauge. Steam - representative of family history. PCR-Cajon Div. - Membership Chairman. University of the Pacific Alumni President So. Calif. Chapter 1959 - 62.

Anaheim Elem. Teachers Association - Treasurer, 1964.

28 years, Orange Unified School District English Teacher/Consultant - yearbook and newspaper teacher, Sponsor of photo club and Railroad club.

Author of numerous articles for teaching creative writing and 2 books in the same field.

Riding The Rails

Editor's Note: Riding the rails or freight car hopping is illegal and not recommended by your editor. This review is for information only.

"If Steve Echohawk needs to go to Ventura to see his parents or to Chicago to see a friend, he hops a freight train. Steve isn't a typical hobo though. At 26 he's currently finishing his bachelor's degree in psychology. But at least once a year he takes a major railroad trip without buying a ticket. He rides the empty boxcars on the freight trains. Countless yards and miles of track behind him make him a "professional" of sorts and he is sharing this expertise with others in seminar classes. There is a lot to learn before a student can become an accomplished rail rider.

"Part of it is becoming bilingual," Steve says. "You get as much as you know how to ask for." In other words, you've got to know who all the various railroad personnel are, what information they have and how willing they'll be to give it to you. You've got to know what to ask a herder, how to talk to the yard "bulls", how to find out if the train you're catching is a "hotshot" (a fast freight that you'll have to catch on the run, but one that only stops for crew changes), or whether it's a "peddler" (a slow train). And you need to know where the train terminates.

You also need to know safety tips like how to get on and off the trains, what the cars are (gondolas, flatcars, piggybacks, reefers) and what equipment it's wise to bring. All this and more is covered by Steve in his seminars. He tells many stories and augments his information and tales with slides. The class lasts from 10 am to 7 pm with some time spent role-playing. For example, Steve plays the bull; you play the hobo. Freight hopping is illegal. When you're confronted it's very real, and you'd best know how to comport yourself. By rehearsing what you might say you're better prepared. You also rehearse typical conversations with other railroad personnel like the brakemen and herders.

At the end of the day Steve takes the class down to a railroad yard for a little "Hands-on" experience where you learn how to open a boxcar door, where not to touch the coupling between the cars, etc. - points of safety and maneuvers best suited to demonstration.

An excellent companion to Steve's course and interesting in its own right is the Freighthopper's Manual for North America by Daniel Leen. (Capra Press, Santa Barbara, 1979) Freight-hopper Leen details the nuts and bolts of freight-hopping with seriousness - he's a professional and has lots of technical points to make - but he's also got good humor and a hardy streak of common sense. He advises treating railroad personnel with respect unless you're curious about what kind of food they serve in the local jail."

Excerpted from the column Running on Empty by Valerie Mindel in the San Francisco Bay Guardian, November 6, 1980.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
February 28, 1981

Please print clearly:

Name(s) 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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Mail To:

CAJON DIVISION
Box 618
San Bernardino, Ca.
92402
714-889-7509

New York Steak...\$11.50 PCR/13.50 Non-PCR
(\$13.50 after 2/21/81 in our hands.)

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