

The Cajon Division

ORDER BOARD

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JUNE CAJON DIVISION MEETING

June 1, 1991

The June meeting will be held in the meeting room at Republic Federal Savings & Loan Association at 2400 East 17th Street, Santa Ana. This is just west of the intersection of I-55 and 17th Street. The meeting room is on the second floor and the entry door is in the rear. Meeting time is 2:00 PM and a \$2.00 admission fee will be charged per person or \$5.00 per family. Any non-member who is NMRA at the meeting will be extended complimentary admission.

The program will include TWO clinics, video presentations, consignment table, favorite model display, layout tours and refreshments.

Details on the clinics and consignment table are covered in articles in this issue of the ORDER BOARD.

Favorite Model Display

In keeping with the featured clinic of this month's meeting, the model display will be for your favorite Athearn model, rolling stock or loco. The Model Display is an opportunity to share your work with other members of the Division. This is not a contest. So bring your Athearn model and share it with the other members. DON'T FORGET, bring an

Athearn kit and Kadee #5 couplers for the Clinic. Maybe what comes out of the clinic will become your favorite Athearn card.

Layout Tours

Details of the Layout Tours and directions will be provided at the Meet.

Come and be part of your Division's activities. We need the support of all members to make these programs a success. See you there.

February Meeting Report

The February 1991 PSR Cajon Division Meeting was called to order by John Wissinger, Cajon Division Superintendent.

John Wissinger announced that he is leaving office in April 1991 due to a job change. He will be replaced in accordance with the by-laws.

The Division crew was introduced: Tom Van Wormer, Cajon Division Director; Bill Flinn, Cajon Division Paymaster; John Hinds, Cajon Division Chief Clerk; Curtis Roos, Cajon Division Membership; Al Soule, ORDER BOARD Publisher; and Joe Wade, ORDER BOARD Editor.

There were 28 people in attendance. An informal poll was taken, and a majority of the attendees indicated that they were NMRA and PSR members.

See February Meeting, Page 2.

February Meeting (From Page 1)

There was a discussion regarding the **ORDER BOARD**. Comments were generally favorable. The **ORDER BOARD** staff asked for volunteers to help with the production of the newsletter, as well as articles and comments (pro or con). The staff could really use an Advertising Editor, as we would like the **ORDER BOARD** to at least pay for itself.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

\$150 prior to the PSR convention.

\$3,792 income from the convention

\$110 to rent the meeting room

\$200 to publish the February **ORDER BOARD**.

There was discussion on the meeting format and content. It was generally agreed that a \$2 admission fee was acceptable to offset the cost of putting on a meeting. Raffle tickets and refreshments should also be sold. Railette activities should be planned for full day events, but not shorter meets. A survey will be taken of the PSR membership to gather information regarding meeting preferences.

Volunteers were asked for several positions. Mike Kennelly will be the Division Achievement Program Chairman with help from Chick Curtis. Mike McKeever will be the Member Aid Coordinator. Todd Scott will be the Program Chairman. The positions of Facilities Chairman, Consignment Coordinator, and Model Display Coordinator are still open.

There was a discussion on the model display table. It was decided to continue the display table.

There are plans to publish a Division Directory which would include the member's name, phone number, city, scale, road modeled, and period modeled. There was some discussion.

The Director's report is as follows:

There will be a Board of Directors meeting March 23. Items to be discussed include the geographical size of the divisions and the possibility of having the National NMRA convention in Anaheim in 1996. If there are comments or questions, call Tom Van Wormer at (714) 842-6881.

Raffle winners were Gary Hannes, Mike Kennelly, Chick Curtis, Bob Chaparro, Tom Van Wormer, and Steve Brost.

Chick Curtis gave a clinic on the Riverside grain industry using some interesting slides and maps. He then gave an unbelievable demonstration of making scenery with dryer lint (yes, dryer lint). This is one

scenery technique that really must be seen to be believed!

Refreshments were provided by the Railettes, with outstanding Brownie cookies provided by Tony Lee. Positive comments are still ringing throughout the Division over the quality of those Brownies.

Cajon Division Officers

Superintendent	John Wissinger 2319 E. Virginia Road Fullerton, CA 92631 (714) 441-2617 (Resigned 04/30/91)
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Membership	Curtis Roos P. O. Box 1754 Victorville, CA 92393 (619) 951-2122
Program	Todd Scott 42 Monteleagro Irvine, CA 92714 (714) 559-0182
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Hands-on Athearn Tune-up and Do- it-Yourself Switches Clinics for June Division Meeting

Hi. My name is Todd Scott and I've been asked to be the Division Program Chairman. I've been in scale model railroading for over 40 years. Over those years I have had numerous model railroads. Some were complete disasters and others were a lot of fun.

During the last 20 years I've become interested in operation and proceeded to build a layout designed for 12 operators complete with a fast clock and full timetable operation. At the same time the subject of couplers came up. The hook type were not suitable for operation, especially switching. Equipping 99 freight cars and 25 passenger cars turned out to be a very expensive proposition. Many mistakes were made as far as height and play were concerned.

A few years ago I was asked to do a clinic for a PSR meet at the Pomona Fairgrounds. I elected to do it on Athearn freight cars and Kadee #5 coupler installation. It was a very popular clinic and I wish to share it with you at the next meeting.

Athearn Tune-up

The clinic will detail the process of fine tuning Athearn freight cars for maximum performance. Proper gauging and centering of wheels in their frames so they track properly, enhancing reliability and longevity. If you're interested in operation, this clinic will give you experience in the proper installation and adjustment of Kadee couplers and the importance of car body height alignment, providing maximum performance and interchange capability.

To put more fun into this clinic we'll make it a group participation event. Please bring an Athearn freight car and a pair of Kadee #5 couplers. I'll furnish the necessary tool.

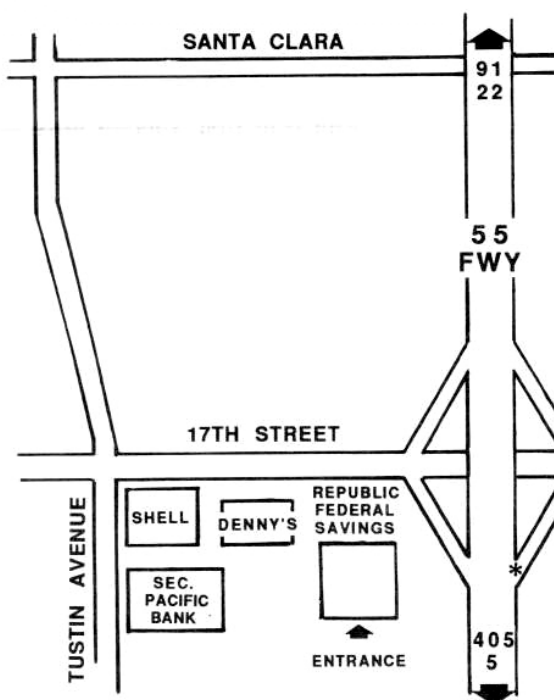
Do-it-Yourself Switches

Starting with the 1 June Division Meet, Tom VanWormer will be presenting a series of up to four clinics on hand-laying model turnouts. This series will cover the construction of various types of turnouts. In June Tom will cover, through slides and demonstration, the construction of the "traditional" point-type turnout with "winged frog" and guard rails. Several techniques for assembling the frog will be shown, along with the "fun and games" of points.

Follow on sessions will include self-guarding frog turnouts, stub turnouts, and single point turnouts. Methods of control will also be demonstrated.

The clinics will be followed by a short, surprise video (or two) on an unrelated topic.

Look forward to seeing you there.



***NOTE: THE NORTH BOUND OFF-RAMP AT 17TH IS CLOSED.**

From the Super

by John Wissinger

First of all, I want to thank all those people who came to the February meeting. We had a very interesting program and some very good input on division activities. Also, thanks to Chick Curtis for his clinics. I, for one, learned several things!

In the last issue of the **ORDER BOARD**, I talked about two items I would like to see changed: cliques and the poor reputation the NMRA seems to have. Let me address those two problems in this issue.

People usually do not set out to form a clique. Since this is a volunteer organization, we must rely on volunteers to get the job done. When no volunteers step forward, the chairman must ask someone to do the job. Since it is very difficult for most people to pick up a membership list and make cold calls to someone he doesn't know, he usually ends up taking the easy way and asking someone he knows; a friend. Soon, all the jobs are filled from a particular group of people or a club. "The clique has taken over!" We have no one to blame but ourselves when this happens. To a certain extent, this has already begun to happen with the new officers. Because of the lack of Division activity and no publication of the **ORDER BOARD**, all the new officers have come from the '90 convention committee. It is interesting to note that the convention committee was put together by Vic Prior and very few of the people knew each other before then.

There will be committees to be filled down the road and there are over 300 Division members, most of whom I don't know. Watch the **ORDER BOARD** for the Division needs (see the Want Ads in this issue) and either volunteer yourself or let us know of someone who you think could fill the job. Remember, this is your organization. The Superintendent cannot do this alone. We all need your help.

The NMRA's reputation is going to be a lot harder to change. Outsiders have always found fault with organizations that they don't belong to or understand. Some of it is rationalization for not joining the NMRA and some of it we bring on ourselves. These instances happen when someone gets upset with a particular member for something that was said or done and, instead of blaming that individual, he blames the entire organization. I cannot

believe some of the comments regarding the '90 convention prior to it that were based on what some other committee had done at some previous convention. In order to change our reputation, we need to be careful how we interact with our fellow hobbyists, particularly when we are talking to a non-NMRA member. To them, each of us represents the box car and spot it on a siding for awhile, particularly if you are serving on an NMRA Committee.

If you are on the other side of that fence and are a member that has been offended, remember that this is your organization, too. You can make changes, but only if you get involved. With the exception of a few jobs at the Headquarters in Chattanooga, each and every office in this organization is filled by a volunteer who was elected, or a volunteer who was appointed. You could just as easily be that volunteer and, just maybe, do a better job. It's a lot tougher than standing on the outside and criticizing, but I guarantee the results will be more to your liking. It's a lot easier to change an organization from the inside than the outside. That is exactly why I ran for my first office in 1975. I thought I could do a better job. Maybe you can also make a difference. And remember, most of these "jobs" only last two years at the most. That's little time enough to give to an organization that has given us modelers so much.

And now, I must leave you. Because of my current employment situation, I will be leaving the area in the near future. Effective with the end of April, I am resigning as Superintendent of the Cajon Division. This will give time for a smooth transfer of the office of Superintendent to someone else. Thank you for the support you have given me, it has been greatly appreciated.

See you at the meeting.

See You
In Denver



**MOUNTAINS
OF FUN
IN '91**

JUNE 30 — JULY 6, 1991

NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
BOX 31002 AURORA, COLORADO 80041

A GREAT CHANCE TO HELP

by Tom VanWormer

The recession and the South Coast Air Quality Management District have combined to cause our Superintendent, John Wissinger, to have to resign on 30 April due to loss of his employment. We wish him the greatest success in securing a new position and will miss his leadership, experience, and counsel.

The Division Board of Directors is accepting nomination for a replacement, any PSR member residing in the Cajon Division is eligible. Please contact the Director, Cajon Division, Tom VanWormer, (714) 842-6881 with your nominations. Nominations will be accepted through the close of the 1 June Division Meet.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 23 MARCH 1991 MINUTES

1. President Sherlock called meeting to order at 1330.
2. Waived minutes of San Bernardino Sept Brd Mtg.
3. Took roll, and distributed Mid-year Reports.
4. BOD and Chairmen of committees made verbal reports.
5. Wil Seaver reported on progress of 1993 convention to be held at the New Long Beach Hilton, \$68 per person during 1st week in October.
6. 1992 Convention in Laughlin, NV, Chairman Bruce Stull, with activities at the Flamingo Hilton, Regency Inn, and Ramada Inn.
7. Close out of 1990 Convention created a profit as reported by Conv. Cochair, Tom VanWormer, in amount of \$3792.
8. Elie Amiel provided a report on growing membership in the PSR.
9. Dorothy Finch & LeRoy discussed AP program with new applications recommendations, and new Calligrapher for certificates, Robert Kramar. Only two MMR (Master Model Railroaders) earned their MMR in the PSR. (We have others who have moved to the PSR, but earned it in other regions. We expect 10 to 12 AP awards at Tucson in 91. Doty requested a budget increase to \$200 per year.
10. Ralph Oxhandler, Contests, reported on up-beat of contests participation.
11. Don Stewart, director for Arizona, provided report on the coming convention and other activities after the BOD meeting.
12. PSR BOD signed a get well card for member Bob Rowe.
13. Tom Draper, Treasurer, provided the treasurer's report and noted we have a business account with \$5212.09.

MOTION: Increase the 1990-91 budget to \$7629 by increasing the AP budget to \$200 and Membership to \$900. PASSED

14. MOTION: Table the new convention final report format proposed by Bill Hoadley because the format had not been made available to all the BOD. PASSED

15. PSR will send the winning Slide from the 1990 PSR convention to the Bulletin for use in the 1992 calendar and \$100 for the 1992 convention ad.

16. LeRoy Thompson is reworking the Convention Manual into the PSR Manual.

16. MOTION: New Director Nominations for 1991-92

Los Angeles:	Bill Merthgard
Cajon:	Tom VanWormer
San Diego:	Bob Schimmel
Arizona:	Roger Von Seeburg

PASSED

18. John Lemon and Roger von Seeburg reported on all phases of the Tucson PSR Convention in Sep 91. Advertising will start appearing in the model press in May 91.

19. Tom Draper announced the NMRA has worked out a deal for discounts available to all NMRA members dealing with Granger Co. Tools and Building Specialties.

20. President Sherlock requested all region and division officials provide the names of spouses for inclusion on the PSR Officials Roster.

21. The Secretary will provide an up to date PSR Officials Roster in the near future.

22. Elie Amiel is in the process of updating all the membership files to include ZIP+4 to reduce the mailing cost.

23. Wil Seaver is organizing the bid for the 1996 National NMRA Convention. He is requesting volunteers to assist. His number is 1-800-462-2882 (His favorite locomotives). Possible sites include Ontario, Long Beach, or Anaheim.

24. Bob Schimmel and Bob Moskal are working on updating some of the NMRA data sheets. They are looking for assistance. Meeting Adjourned at 1535

John T Sigurdson Sec, PSR

CAJON DIVISION PSR - NMRA

JUNE MEET

JUNE 1, 1991 - 2:00 PM

Republic Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

Meeting Room on 2nd Floor - Entry Door in Rear - Plenty of Parking

55 Freeway & 17th Street

2400 East 17th Street

Santa Ana

CONSIGNMENT TABLE AT DIVISION MEETS

Approximately 50% of the items on the Consignment Table were sold at the February Cajon Division Meet. Granted, there were only two members who brought items to the table, but some 50 individual items were offered. Items included structures, rolling stock, track and magazines. HO and O scales were included with the majority being HO. Items were new, almost new and used to varying degrees.

The Consignment Table is a service to Cajon Division Members. It provides an outlet for items that no longer have a place in their owner's railroad plans. It's the old saying; "one man's discards are another man's treasures." We all know that saying is no-where more true than in model railroading.

The Division Board is advertising for a permanent Consignment Table Coordinator. Are you interested? (Gives you first look at all those treasures.) Until that person is identified, we'll have one of the Board Members at each meet to manage the operation. All sales at the meets will be off the Consignment Table. The Table will be managed by an appointed member. Only PSR Members are eligible to sell at the meets.

For the service, 10% of the sale price goes to the Division. All items must be priced and marked when you bring them to the table and the price must include the 10% Division charge. Tags and pens will be available at the table but to avoid confusion, we ask that you have everything marked when you arrive.

This can be an excellent opportunity to sell and buy items in accordance with your current requirements. We don't want to make it burdensome but we do want to avoid some of the problems inherent with an open flea market environment. Swap-meet and auctions are still a part of our plans but those will be at selected times and places. In the mean time, use the Consignment Table. It helps you, other modelers and the Division.

Calendar of Events

by Bob Chaparro

May 18-19 - Buena Park: *Citrus Empire Train Show & Swap Meet* at PoFolks Restaurant, 7701 Beach Boulevard. Show Hours: Sat. 8 to 4, Sun. 10 to 4. Swap Meet Hours: Sat: 8 to 11:30. \$2.00. Fred Townsend (714) 870-6083.

May 18, 19 & 21 - Norwalk: *Calif. Southern Lines Open House*, 12140 Firestone Blvd. Free. Ed Nordstrom (714) 871-4121 days, 525-4032 eves.

May 19 - Arcadia: *Allied Model Trains Auction*, Masonic Lodge, 50 W. Duarte Rd, 9:00 to 5:00. Free. (213) 313-9353.

May 25 - Whittier: *Model Train Assoc. Annual Meet*, Plymouth Congregational Church, 12058 Beverly Blvd.. Free. 8:00 to 1:00. (714) 842-9190.

June 1 - Santa Ana: *Cajon Division - PSR Meet*, Republic Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., 2400 E. 17th Street. Starts at 2:00 PM. \$2.00/person, \$5.00/family.. Tom VanWormer (714) 842-6881.

June 1 - Ontario: *Union Pacific Historical Society Meet*. John Hachey (714) 947-4389.

June 30 - July 7 - Denver: *NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION*, , Mountains of Fun in '91, P.O. Box 31002, Aurora, Co. 80041.

July 11 - 14 - Bakersfield: *Santa Fe Modelers Organization National Convention*. Gene Rutle 1034 Atkins Dr., Visalia, Calif. 93291 (209) 732-2815.

August 10 - San Diego: *Cajon Division - PSR San Diego & Imperial Valley Rwy Tour*.

September 11 - 15 - Tucson: *PSR 1991 CONVENTION*, Doubletree Hotel, Elmer Laws, (602) 296-9461, P.O. Box 30381, Tucson, AZ. 85751

September 21* - Riverside: *Cajon Division - PSR Meet*.

October 12* - Las Vegas: *Cajon Division - PSR Meet*.

November 23* - Victorville: *Cajon Division - PSR Meet*.

*Tentative Dates

NOTICES

San Juan Capistrano: New club forming with 30'x 40' layout, contact Tim Holsten (714) 661-3132.

Norwalk: Membership open, *California Southern Lines*. Information Ed Nordstrom (714) 871-4121 days, 525-4032 eves.

Send calendar items and notices to: Bob Chaparro, 2428 Monterey Peninsula Drive, Corona, CA 91720 (714) 734-7141 evenings.

UPCOMING DIVISION MEETS

The Cajon Division is planning a year of activities to meet the needs of our far flung members. Part of this effort will be to move the meetings around the dispersed geography of the Cajon Division. The meet activities we want to include are layout tours, clinics, displays, and consignment sales. Based on your comments in the survey, we will consider other requested activities. Please note all dates are tentative and subject to change.

10 August - We will have a facilities tour of the *San Diego and Imperial Valley Railway*. The tour will start with an Amtrak ride to San Diego, followed by a Trolley trip to the *SD&IV* HQ and Engine Facilities.

After the tour we will bus to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. (You have the option of using this planned public transportation or going by car.)

21 September - Will be held in the Riverside/San Bernardino area with the normal clinics and activities. The layout tours will include the *Riverside Live Steamers* and Roger Clarkson fabulous Garden Railroad and expanding HO layout. The favorite model display will be steamers in honor of the *RLS*.

12 October - This Meet will be held in Las Vegas. The favorite model display will be hi-cube cars, honoring the home of high rollers.

23 November - In the High Desert-Victorville area. The favorite model display will be models dealing with the cement industry.

We want to move the meeting sites around the Cajon Division and we are looking for sponsors to host the meets. A Cajon Division Meet Planning Guide is in preparation and will be provided to all hosts. The goal is to develop a format for Cajon Division Meets that is fun, easy to set up and support. If you'd like to help sponsor a meet, please contact Tom VanWormer, (714) 842-6881. The Division will arrange for clinicians (unless the host has someone in mind), provide for refreshments, consignment table, and favorite model display. The host finds the location (preferably free), arranges for the layout tour, the publicity (Division can supply help here) and anything special (like a barbecue/dinner/ etc.) If more people are interested in hosting meets in your area, we will gladly expand our schedule to a meet a month.

WANT ADS

FACILITIES CHAIRMAN

Job description: Arrange for the meeting site for three to five meetings per year.

CONSIGNMENT COORDINATOR

Job description: Man consignment table during meeting, handle sales, pay sellers, and deduct sales commission.

MODEL DISPLAY COORDINATOR

Job description: Coordinate with the Program Chairman to choose meeting modeling subject, provide display space and security if necessary, and keep track of entries and awards (if any) (could be combined with AP chairman).

EDITOR, ORDER BOARD

Manage the Division Newsletter. Direct the activities of the staff in all aspects of preparing and producing the ORDER BOARD.

AD MANAGER, ORDER BOARD

Work with the editor to develop an ad sales program. Call on local hobby shops and other business to solicit ad sales. Manage the Ad Department, display, classified and personal.

If you would like to take on any of the above jobs, or can suggest someone who might be willing to, please call Tom VanWormer at (714) 842-6881.

HISTORIC PROTOTYPE HAPPENINGS

THE MAIL SPECIES

by Steve Donaldson

(From the Orange County Railway Historical Society
Newsletter)

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It was not long after the first rail line was opened to Orange County that trains started carrying the U.S. Mail to this area. On 1 September 1878, the Los Angeles & Santa Ana Route Agent went into operation on the Southern Pacific line between those points.

On 1 August 1882 all Route Agent runs became Railway Post Offices (RPO), including the SP LA & SA run. On 29 June 1889 the LA & SA RPO was changed to the LA & Tustin, (via Studebaker, Whittier, and Miraflores) over newly opened branches of the SP. On 28 November 1891, the SP LA and Tustin RPO was changed back to the LA & SA.

As of 1900, the SP RPO operated on both the Santa Ana and Los Angeles bound morning trains, the clerk and car changing trains at Arcade Depot. These were considered "express" trains by the mail service, and featured "catcher service" between terminals. The RPOs were not carried on the Sunday runs of these trains. RPOs were carried on the afternoon in- and outbound SP trains as well, but the clerk only worked between Santa Ana and Florence (junction with the Wilmington Line) and apparently changed trains at that latter point.

There was never official RPO service to Newport Beach via the SP, but only "closed pouch service", meaning a pouch was sent down on the mixed train from Los Angeles, but there was no on-board sorting or other processing enroute to or from Newport Beach, even though some pictures of trains at Newport show RPO cars in the consist (they probably just weren't cut out at Santa Ana after the trip from Los Angeles). "Closed pouch" service was also pro-

vided between Loara (West Anaheim) and Los Alamitos. The LA & SA RPO over the SP was discontinued on 29 September 1911 when by this time "closed pouch" service was provided by the Pacific Electric and RPO service by the Santa Fe. Full mail service to Newport Beach was provided by the Pacific Electric from 19 March 1906 and was extended to Balboa on 4 March 1908. This run continued until 12 June 1917 when it was changed to closed pouch service. By 1915 the PE provided close pouch service to Yorba Linda and between Santa Ana and Huntington Beach.

Orange County was also served by the Los Angeles and San Diego RPO, and the San Bernardino & Orange RPO operated over the Southern California Railway (Santa Fe) for many years.

As late as 1943 the Santa Fe LA Division Superintendent issued Bulletin Instructions directing the following: "Train No. 71 (the early morning northbound San Diego Passenger Train) will slow down at Anaheim each Sunday morning to permit one pouch of mail to be thrown into the baggage car." "Train No. 78 (the late evening southbound San Diego Passenger Train) will slow down at Anaheim and Orange sufficiently to permit safe dispatch of mail." "Train No. 23 (the westbound "Grand Canyon") will stop for mail daily, except Sundays and holidays at Placentia." "At Fullerton, Anaheim and Orange, Train No. 72 (the second morning southbound San Diego Passenger Train) is to slow down to put mail off or to stop on request of the mail clerk to put off mail which can not safely be unloaded while the train is in motion." At Irvine and El Toro, Train No. 70 (The early morning southbound San Diego Passenger Train) was to "reduce speed sufficiently [to at least 30 MPH] to ensure safe dispatch of mail. At Irvine the train crew, rather than a post office or station employee, was to handle the discharge and pick up of the mail, parcel post, and express, and at El Toro crews were instructed to leave mail inside the freight house. Train No. 75 (the afternoon northbound San Diego Express Passenger Train) was directed to stop on flag at Serra for mail except on Sundays and Holidays, when Train No. 77 (the evening northbound San Diego Passenger Train) was to handle all mail, parcel post, and express for that point. At one time or another, there were mail cranes (hangers, where mail bags could be snagged by passing trains) at Placentia, Fullerton, Anaheim, Aliso (Newport Blvd. crossing of the Santa Fe, once

known as South Tustin, and by later-day railroaders as "Case Swayne" because of a shipper by that name located at that point in modern time), Irvine, El Toro, and Capistrano. In the case of Aliso, the mail crane was all that was left by mid-1906; the depot had been boarded up, and the nearby warehouse removed according to a July edition of the Santa Ana Blade newspaper.

How important was mail to the railroads here? In the 1880's, mail accounted for 2% of all revenues on the SP Santa Ana line, in 1896 it accounted for 3% of all revenues on the Southern California Railway, but by 1964 it was so important to the Santa Fe that failure to renew the mail contract on the San Diego route resulted in cancellation of two regular passenger trains. This reduced the daily total from four round trips down to two.

Two Orange Countians were memorialized in connection with their rail mail service. In January 1915, Chief Railway Mail Clerk Harold H. Hamilton fell from the open door of a mail car on the Los Angeles to Santa Ana run and died from his injuries. Another individual, known as "Art", had a contract to transport the mail between the post office and the mail trains at Santa Ana during the early 1950s. His big red 1940s-era Dodge truck on the station platform was a sure sign to railfans of that time that a train was about to arrive (or, possibly, had just departed) and appears in many early photographs of the depot area during that decade.

MODELING NOTE: Can you see it now! A situation card in your operating system requiring the mail train to stop to drop off mail inside the El Toro Freight House, or halt the train because the mail clerk fell off the train.

CORRESPONDENTS NOTE: If everything in this column is oriented toward Orange County, it is only because I don't have any good sources for either Clark, Riverside, or San Bernardino Counties. If you have unpublished information about our local railroads, please share them with the Order Board Staff.

MID-YEAR BOD MEETING COMMENTS

by Tom VanWormer
Director, Cajon Division

If you enjoyed the '90 Convention in San Bernardino, you can be looking forward to the Conventions coming up in 91, in Tucson, and 92 in Laughlin. Roger von Seeburg and John Lemon have pulled out all the stops for what appears to be an outstanding 1991 convention in a great location. The Doubletree Hotel in Tucson is the great location with outstanding facilities for the convention and the attendees. The Hotel has picked up on the breakfast and lunch buffet format, started in San Bernardino. For followers of Pasture Pool, there is a PGA course across the street and the hotel has reserved tee times available to convention goers.

Seems no one wants to challenge the current directors. Come on folks, this job is great fun and all of your efforts are tax deductible. The key items from the meeting include (a) the close out of the San Bernardino convention and its profit. The profit was due to our exceeding the 250 minimum attendees planned break-even, Ed Nordstrom of Gifford Stationary in Fullerton donating all of our printing needs and Vic Prior of DTW donating the convention cars. Thanks to both for their tremendous support. (b) Increasing the funding for the Achievement and Membership Programs. Our new Cajon Division AP chairman is Mike Kennelly and he has the new forms and strong support from Dotty Finch at Region. Elie Amiel and Curtis Roos, our membership chairmen at region and division, are doing a great job in getting more members and providing support with mailing labels etc. They can use a hand in getting more folks to share in the fun of the NMRA. And, (c) More member services and benefits from National to include insurance coverage for all division activities and discounts at the Granger Co.

A final opportunity for fun and challenge, Wil Seaver is putting together a bid for the 1996 National NMRA Convention here in Long Beach, Ontario, or Anaheim. He needs help. Yours truly has volunteered to set up Prototype tours based on my limited success with the tours at San Berdoo. We'll need help in all areas of the convention. Over 2000 people are expected. You don't have to be in charge, just help. Call Wil at 1-800-462-2882 (yes, Wil likes Pacifics and Mallets) and let him know what you would like to do.



1991 PSR Convention - Tucson

"Tucson's #1 in '91"

By: Roger von Seeburg

Hello Cajon! We hope that you have enjoyed the "Special Edition" of the "Spur Line". If you want to register, use the form in that publication or write to: "Tucson's #1 in '91", PO Box 30381, Tucson, AZ 85751 or call Elmer Laws, Registrar at (602) 296-9461. Here are some special arrangements we have made for your enjoyment to and from the convention.

Arizona Central Railroad

The Arizona Central Railroad has agreed to offer special fares to convention attendees. This train runs through the scenic Verde River Canyon which is only accessible by rail. The train leaves from Clarkdale, which is located about 15 miles to the west of Interstate 17 (the main highway between Phoenix and Flagstaff). The train departs at 1 pm Wednesday through Sunday from the station at 300 North Broadway. On Saturday there is a Western Barbecue Excursion. The special fares are available from Saturday, September 7 through Sunday, September 22. Call (602) 639-0010 for reservations and be sure to mention that you are part of the 1991 PSR Convention, "Tucson's #1 in '91". The fares are: (all fares are plus tax)

Excursion only - Coach

Adult	\$23.00
Senior	\$22.00
Child under 12	\$13.50
First Class	\$38.50

Saturday BBQ Train

Coach	\$51.00
First Class	\$72.00

This is a special opportunity for those who are driving to the convention to take a short side trip and enjoy a train ride through the scenic countryside that used to be a major mining area in Arizona. You won't ever forget the beauty of the area or the quality of the ride.

Grand Canyon Railway

The Grand Canyon Railway is offering special fares to convention attendees from Friday, September 6 to Friday, September 20. This train departs from the station in Williams (just off Interstate 40), daily, and runs to the old Grand Canyon Station. You will have three to four hours at the Grand Canyon to enjoy its beauty and grandeur or you can stay near the station and take pictures of the turn of the century steam engines and 1920s Harriman Coach Cars. The special fares are:

Adult	\$42.30 *
Child under 12	\$11.50 *

* Plus tax and \$4 National Park Service entry fee (ages 16 to 62) Maximum of 3 children per adult.

This is also a special opportunity for those who are driving to the convention. Take an extra day and enjoy this ride. You can stop either on your way to or from the convention site in Tucson. Call 1-800-THE-TRAIN (1-800-843-8724) to make reservations and be sure to ask for the PSR/NMRA Convention discount. This is a quality ride and well worth the extra day to stop and enjoy Arizona's north country and the Grand Canyon.

Special Convention Air Fares

For those who wish to travel to Tucson by air, the Bon Voyage Travel Agency in Tucson has arranged special Air Fares on Delta Airlines. The discount are impressive, at least 5% below the lowest early reservation fares and up to 40% off the last minute fares. Contact Bon Voyage Travel direct by calling 1-800-327-7215 and be sure to tell them you are attending the PSR/NMRA Regional Convention in Tucson.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
National Model Railroad Association
Pacific Southwest Region

Date _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Telephone () _____ Occupation _____

Scale Modeled _____ Date of Birth _____

New ☐ Renewal ☐ PSR# _____ NMRA# _____ Exp. Date _____

Family Member _____ Date of Birth _____

New ☐ Renewal ☐ PSR# _____ NMRA# _____ Exp. Date _____

CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP
(PSR & NMRA)

Regular \$29.00 ☐ Youth (Under 20 Years) \$19.50 ☐

Affiliate (No Bulletin) \$18.00 ☐ Family _____ at \$6.00 Per Name ☐

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

For information on Life Membership please call 1-602-775-5444.

Please send this application and your check or money order to:

PSR - NMRA
Membership/Promotion Department
7665 East Spouse Drive #3
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-5222

Activities Questionnaire

Cajon Division

Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA

This questionnaire has been assembled to solicit the meeting activities preferences of the Cajon Division members. The results of the survey will be used in planning future meetings and their activities. By returning this survey you will have direct input in Division activities. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it.

	Yes	No	Maybe
1. Have you attended Cajon Division meetings in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Have you attended division meetings outside the PSR?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Do you plan to attend Division Meetings in the future?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If no, why not? _____			
4. What meeting format would you prefer?			
a. Short afternoon or evening meeting including a short business meeting, clinic, consignment table and model display.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Afternoon or evening dinner meeting featuring the above plus a meal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. All day meet with swap-meet, clinics, tours, contests, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(1) Will you help stage this type of meet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) If yes, please write in your name. _____			
d. Combination of the above: 1 all-day, 1 dinner meeting and several short meetings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. How many Division meets would you like to have per year?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Four, once a quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Six, bi-monthly			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eight, monthly excluding June, July, August and December			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ten, monthly excluding August and December <input type="checkbox"/> Twelve, monthly			
6. Indicate your preferred meeting TIME. Check the box for best time and cross out the day for unacceptable.			
Evenings Mon <input type="checkbox"/> Tues <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/>			
Saturday Morn <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> All Day <input type="checkbox"/>			
Sunday Morn <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> All Day <input type="checkbox"/>			
7. Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Select a regular, central location <input type="checkbox"/> Move around the Division <input type="checkbox"/> No preference			
Select areas you would go, cross out those you would not: Orange County <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside County <input type="checkbox"/>			
Southwestern San Bernardino County <input type="checkbox"/> Other San Bernardino County Area <input type="checkbox"/> Las Vegas <input type="checkbox"/>			
8. Circle the area, in #7, where you live.			
9. What do you consider to be a reasonable charge for meetings?			
a. Short meeting <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3.50			
b. Dinner meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00			
c. Traditional (4.c. above): <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$4.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00			
10. List favorite activities: _____			
List activities you will not go to: _____			
11. What other comments do you have regarding the Division? _____			

12. Questions for spouses:			
Do you want any kind of Raillette (Non-rail) activities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
What Raillette (Non-rail) activities would you come to meetings with your spouse to see? _____			

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please fold as indicated, place a stamp on it and drop in the mail, OR bring it to the June Division meeting. Results will be summarized in an upcoming Order Board.

ORDER BOARD

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