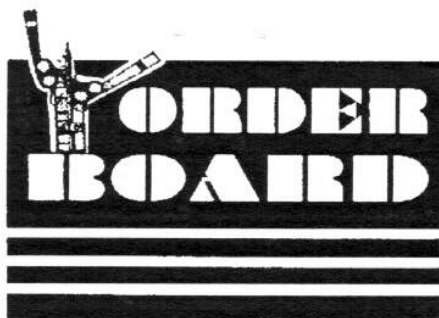


EDITORS NOTE

The big convention is over, kids are in school, not as much maintenance on the yard there may even be time to sneak to the train room and check out what needs to be done on the layout or catch up on our reading, maybe organize our stuff one more time, "Geez I wondered where that was". Anyway this sort of leads to a conversation I had with my friend and fellow modeler Tommy Daniels. We are both about the same age, not decrepit, but at a point where you wonder how much of the stuff we have we will actually build or utilize.

Tommy keeps saying "Bobby we better get started, we're running out of time." Of course we can look over at our buddy Frank who is seventy-plus and still doing some amazing detail models and probably to the amazement of some younger guys has some good ideas to keep his nationally published layout fresh. Well that is another story, I'm getting off on a tangent. The point I'm trying to make now is how much of our stuff are we going to utilize? Secondly, what are we going to do with it or what are our survivors going to do with it. What usually happens when one of us takes the final express? Our buddies will come over and hopefully buy the stuff and they will put it on the shelf planning to build or use the items someday, until it goes full circle again. I am moving to a smaller home with no

maintenance...great, also less space but it has a two car garage.



SUPERINTENDANTS REPORT

It's been awhile since our last report. We have all been very busy with the National Convention and I also moved at the same time. First let me thank all of you for voting in the last election, I was re-elected and will do my best to keep model railroading a pleasurable hobby for all of us, *like it isn't*.

The National Convention was a great success. I hope to go to the next one, but it's quite far away. Long Beach was beautiful and the weather perfect. I wish they could expand to two weeks so I could see everything. Speaking of conventions and meets we have a Divisional Meet, September 7th and 8th, here in Las Vegas at the Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and Fremont. The Modular Group will be set up to run trains. Swap tables will be available and contests will be held with Popular Vote and NMRA judging available.

Our next meet will be in Riverside at Rodger Clarkson's home on November 16th from 10am to 4pm. If any of you have not seen Rodger's layouts both indoor and outdoor you really are missing something. Please try to go by and take a long look. After the New Year we will have a meet back here in Las Vegas in February of 1997 on the first or second week. We also are planning to have the annual LA/Cajon Banquet on March 8th at the Fairplex, more details later. Tickets will be approximately \$30.

CONTEST REPORT

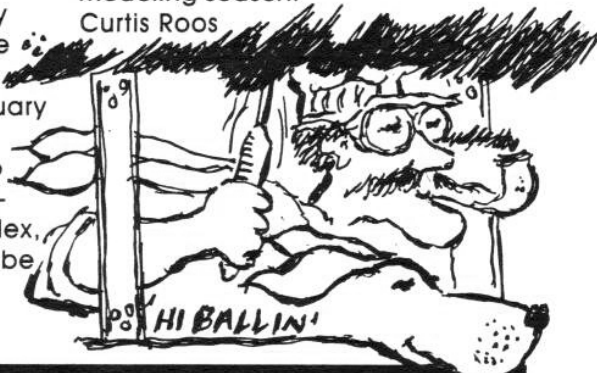
Look for a more user friendly contest system in the future. What I mean by this is each Divisional Meet will have a Popular Vote contest for the best model voted by the people attending the meet. NMRA judging will be available for anyone who wants to receive official credit for his or her accomplishment.

As most of you know I received my MMR this year and as I look back I realized it was not at all difficult, even the paperwork, anyone wishing to participate should do so. I will assist in any way I can to help you receive credit for your skills. There are many modelers in this area that have more skill than myself and I want to see more of you armchair modelers get involved. You don't get trophies if you don't enter. By the way my new address is:
Edwin R. Hall, MMR
213 Nightfall Terrace
Henderson, NV 89015
702-564-6176

DIRECTORS REPORT

As noted in the *Time Schedule* there will be meets in Las Vegas and Riverside, I hope to see you there. The Las Vegas meet is at the Odd Fellows Hall on September 7 and 8, come on over and we'll shoot the breeze about the convention and the upcoming modeling season.

Curtis Roos



EDITORS NOTE *CONTD*

Even so my wife looked at my cluttered, spacious area now and said "What the hell are you going to do with all this stuff?" Which I did not want to hear, however when she left the area I said "Revis, what the hell are you going to do with all this stuff?" All right let's get to the point already, what are we going to do with this stuff? I thought about it long and hard as I am a pack rat, but an organized pack rat, to some degree. I finally came up with the obvious decision some of it has to go. I didn't want to sell it off as I wanted the things to be utilized. This ruled out donating to a charity gift shop because, in my mind, another packrat will come along and just store it somewhere. Being a hopeless cause myself I decided to give the excess items to St. Judes Ranch. I specified it must go directly to the kids which they agreed to as it turned out a local car modeler was helping them set up a little model museum and donating a lot of his stuff also. I did give all good, new stuff including airplane models, car models, and some military kits and also my battery powered Bachman G scale 4-6-0 with a couple cars which was never run. Finally the point, these were items, although good, I would never have used and someone is going to. Maybe as you go through your inventory as an individual or a group there may be some things that can be used by someone now. As you know there is a never ending struggle to maintain the ranks of the NMRA membership, what better way than to get some kids or group started in the hobby and possible NMRA membership. I think you'll feel good about yourself and just think you will be making room for new

stuff. I must confess after the trauma of making all this room I had to go out and buy the new Athearn Mexican Caboose set. See ya next time.

Bobby Revis

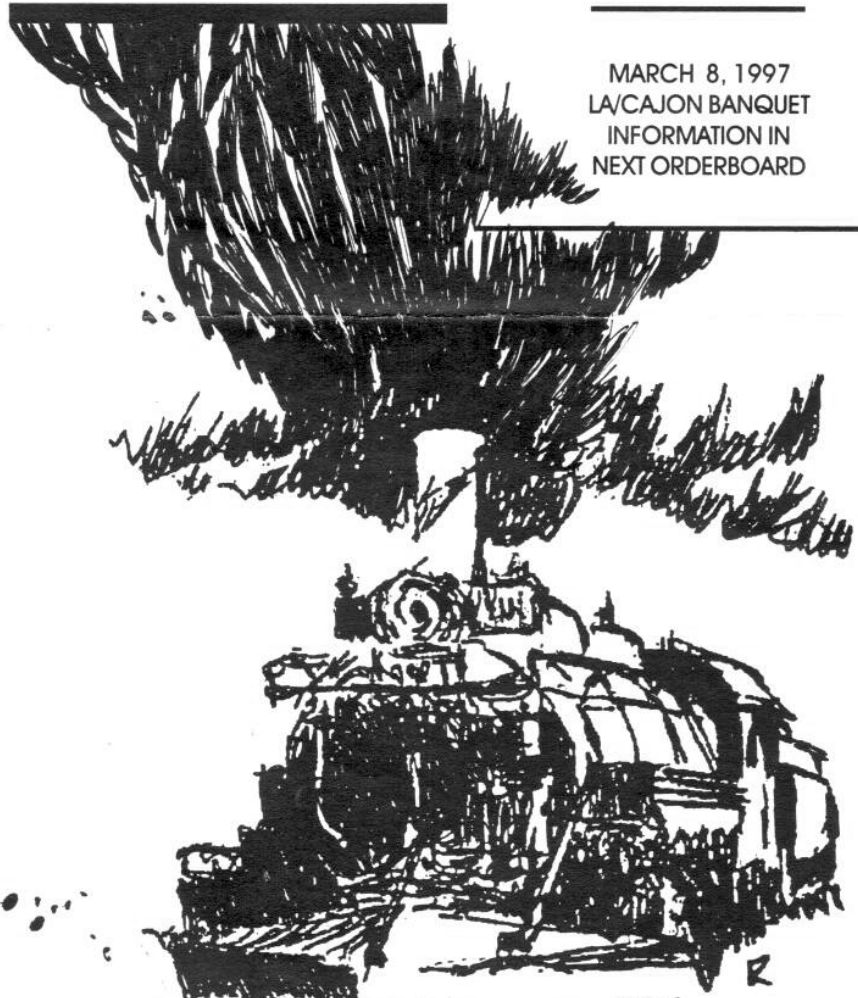
PS: Should you be thinking along the lines of helping the Boy Scouts or Boystown, etc. there is a promotional brochure available from the Model Railroad Industry Association check out the Welcome Aboard column for address.

TIME SCHEDULE

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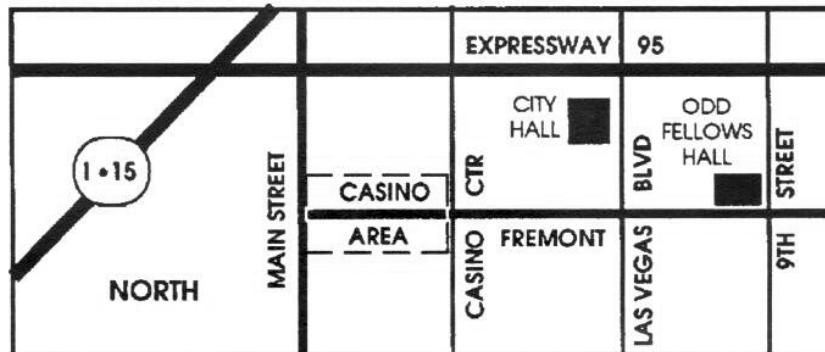
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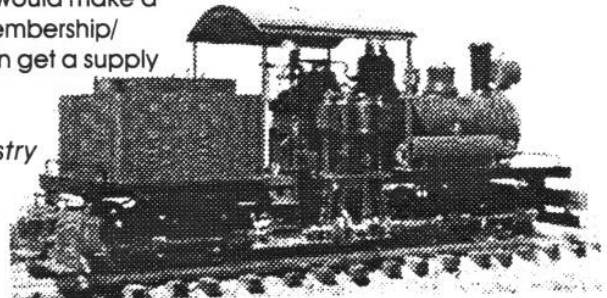
A new brochure is available from the Model Railroad Industry Association (MRIA). They will supply to anyone promoting the hobby, it would make a great addition to any membership/promotion table. You can get a supply from:

Model Railroad Industry Association
P.O. Box 28129
Denver, CO 80228

NMRA Headquarters is installing a new computer to better serve the membership and adding a part time staff person to help the current staff of three.

The Membership Recruiting department is hoping to have a new booth soon. There is still time to help out with cash donations so they can get a booth we can all be proud of.

The Long Beach Convention was attended by almost 30,000 people. Due to the efforts of many volunteers 131 new members were signed at the convention for a total of 169 overall in July.



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