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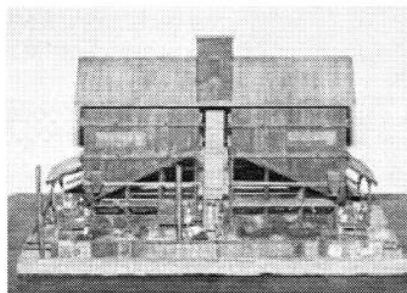
The October meet at Anaheim turned out to be better than expected. The clinics were well done and enthusiastically received. The business meeting provided all those in attendance with a snapshot of where the division is going and how we plan on getting there. Many thanks to Jim Kociemski for his support in getting this meet put together. He is the sparkplug that this division has needed for too long. An informal analysis of where the Cajon division members reside, points out the need to hold meets in different venues throughout the vast Cajon area. Thanks from SoCal
Steve Connolly



Editor Notes

Well I needed an excuse ok? I used the 'my first issue of the Order Board' for my first excuse for any errors, so this time I decided to move. Physically that is. I'm now a homeless person living out of boxes here in New Mexico, just about 50 miles south of Santa Fe. So close to the BNSF that I can hear the horns as they cross highway 44. I'm a little short on computers right now so my resources are limited for this issue, so I'm relying on the members of the PSR to help me out. I have to thank Steve Tibbetts for the great photos he sent in from the last

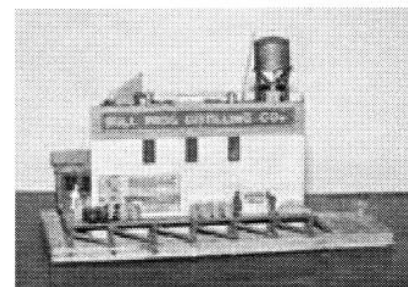
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HEY! Superintendent!

Hey Gang!
I hope everyone is still having a great year. The division is definitely BACK ON TRACK, and from what I hear it's been the talk of the Region. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this years PSR convention in Flagstaff, but according to Ed Hall everyone at the convention wants to know what suddenly happened that the Cajon Division is ALIVE and WELL with all this EXCITEMENT being generated. Well all I have to say to that is that it's YOU, the members of the Cajon Division that is making it happen. We had our last meet in Anaheim CA on Oct. 16th, and as usual it was a great success. Our Assistant Superintendent Steve Connolly (aka California Coordinator) set up a fantastic meet. With the help of some of the members in the area, they gave us a GREAT DAY, with some FANTASTIC CLINICS. There were seven of us that CARPOOLED from Las Vegas to Anaheim, and Steve and the guys made us feel right at home. Their HOSPITALITY was INCREDIBLE, and from all of us who were at the meet, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Not to mention that

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Coming from the Top



Well it seems that fall is upon us again, time to stay inside and work on those modeling projects that I've put on hold for so long. I never have enough time to do the things I wish I had time for but that's ok, I always get to do most of what I had started. We saw some great models at the Anaheim meet, although there should have been more, maybe next time we will have more samples from the modelers in that area. A reminder for everyone that November is Model Railroad Month and after reading reports for other divisions and regions I would like all of you to invite someone new to the hobby. You don't have to invite them to your house but just introduce them to model railroading. I have done this at work and at least two co-workers are going to the next meet on December 4th. After discussing "Model Trains" with one of my co-workers, he showed up at work with a Mantua F-7 Santa Fe and five passenger cars. He asked if I could repair the lights and couplers for his daughters train. I said of course I would be glad to repair them. When asked how much to do the job I said I do not charge children, I asked if he would be interested in the train meet at

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From the Top

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convention center on the 4th of December and he said he would be there. I here a lot about declining membership lately and wonder why such a great outfit like the NMRA is not growing as it should. Maybe this is a good place to start. Everyone is getting real excited about the 2001 convention. I have recieved many offers to volunteer but I still need more people. This convention will be the tailk of the NMRA for years to come and to make it successful we need man people to help. With so many things planned the convention committee will have to be very large. It only takes a little time to make this the best convention you ever attended, please help - THANKS, see you at the next crossing.

Ed Hall

Hey! Superintendent!

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the day started off with a 7.1 EARTHQUAKE just south of Barstow CA that gave us a perty good ride here in Las Vegas. Almost makes the SNOW and COLD back East where I'm from seem like nothing. More info on the meet in the meet report. Now back to the Division. As I said, there has been a lot of talk about the Division and how it came alive again. Well we need to keep it going, and we need MEMBERS to HELP OUT. The Division is still in need of a Contest Chair, AP Chair, Photographer, Membership Chair, and others to HELP out in the Division. If you are interested PLEASE contact Ed Hall or myself.

Next, it's a sad day in the Division, Steve Binyon, our new Editor has accepted a job offer in New Mexico and has moved. He will be GREATLY MISSED. Steve put together the new look of the Order Board which caught the eye of the ENTIRE REGION. BUT, the GOOD NEWS is that Steve indicated to Ed Hall and myself prior to moving that he would still be interested in doing

the Order Board, and as you can see HE's STILL AT IT. And for now, send all Articles and News items to me via e-mail, or snail mail until Steve has a permiment e-mail address. Out next Meet will be on DECEMBER 4th back at the Henderson Convention Center here in Nevada. This meet will be a FUN one. We will be holding the FIRST ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION, (see flyer for info). Also at the meet we will have Contests, Clinics, Raffles, and More. Hope to see everyone there. On to the next subject, CARPOOLING. The members here in the Las Vegas area got together and carpooled down to the Anaheim meet. This is a great way to save on gas and to get together with other members for some great talk and fellowship. A great suggestion would be to RENT a vehicle if you have a lot of members and SPLIT the cost between everyone. Also share in the driving duties. Divide the cost of the vehicle, don't forget to add in for gas and add a little more in to pay for dinner on the way home. Check with members in your area to see if they want to carpool to the next meet. We are also looking into other locations to hold Division meets. Especially around the Barstow area which seems to be the half-way point of the Division. If you know of Meeting place let me know. There has been a lot of questions and interest about the Acheivement Progreem, and we will be dicussing all areas of the AP in the Order Board, and at future Division Meets. Check out the Directors Report on the 2001 PSR Convention that the Division is hosting. We will be needing a lot of help with this. Finally, I would just like to thank themembers who have been helping out in the division. This is what it's all about, it's OUR DIVISION, let's all keep doing our part and keep'e talking. Thats what make a Division STRONG, FUN, and EXCITING. Till Next Time... *Jim Kociemski*

Contest Report

As we wait for a volunteer to take over the duties of Contest Char, (hint, hint), I thought I would let you know of some of the upcoming Contests that are scheduled for the next meet. First, at the December 4th meet we will be having a FAVORITE MODE CONTEST. Bring your Favorite Model or Models and have them judged by Popular Vote. There will be 4 categories: Locomotive, rolling stock, Structure, and Miscellaneous with prizes awarded for each category. If you like to submit your models for AP Judging, that can be done too. Second will be a TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE Contest. Let's see how knowledgeable you are about railroading. Prizes will be awarded for the most correct answers. Plus we are working on a few other things to make the December 4th meet a lot of FUN. If you have any IDEAS for Contests, let me know.

See ya December 4th!

Jim Kociemski

Membership Report

I have requested a list of members who belong to National but not the PSR, to let them know about the region. Remember, the National does not recognize the Regions so make sure you send your renewals to Jim Barcus in Arizona. If you know of a person who belongs to NMRA but not PSR, ask them to sign up. If you need an application, use the one on the back of the Order Board, or give myself or Jim Barcus a call and we can get one out to you. Don't forget, we are always looking for NEW members, Regular, Family, Junior, etc. so spread the word.

Jim Kociemski

Welcome Aboard!!

William Meyer
Daniel Kociemski

AP Report

There has been a lot of questions regarding the Achievement Program. How does it work, what do I need to do, am I eligible to be in it, etc.. Well this new column will address all areas of the Achievement Program (AP). Between Ed Hall, who is a Master Model Railroader, and myself, we will cover all areas of the AP until we have a full time AP Chairperson to take over.

The AP exists to recognize your achievement in the hobby of Model Railroading. This recognition takes the form of "Certificates of Achievement" that you can earn. You will be able to earn certificates in these categories; Master Builder Cars, Motive Power, Structures, Scenery Prototype Models, Model RR Engineer (civil and electrical), Chief Dispatcher, Association Official, Volunteer, Model RR Author, Plus Service to the NMRA. You only need 7 of the 11 certificates to become a "Master Model Railroader".

We will discuss each of these at the meets as well as in the Order Board, plus any extras that would be beneficial to you. Check out the NMRA web site for the complete AP file, or ask a Division Officer for more info.

One of the best ways to get started in the AP is to go for the "Golden Spike Award" first. This is what you will need to do:

1. Rolling Stock [Motive Power and Cars]: Display 6 units of Rolling Stock (scratchbuilt, craftsman, or detailed commercial kit).
2. Model Railroad Setting (Scenery and Structures):
 - a. Construct 8 square feet of layout including scenery.
 - b. Construct 5 structures (scratchbuilt, craftsman, or detailed commercial kits). If a module has less than 5 structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.
3. Engineering (Civil and Electrical):
 - a. 3 types of trackage required (turnout, crossing, etc.) All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.
 - b. All installed trackage must be

properly wired so that 2 trains can be operated simultaneously. (Double track main, single track main with sidings and block or command control).
c. Provide 1 additional Electrical feature such as powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

If you have met ALL of the requirements and would like to have your layout judged, then contact a Division Officer to set up a time to come and have a look.

More in the next issue.

Jim Kociemski

Editor Notes

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meet, they look great, and the story written up by Chuck Nauman on the Modeling with the Masters story, and finally Jim Kociemski for all the fill ins. Hopefully by next issue, I will have everything more organized and be more prompt.

The 2001 convention is coming, and it's our turn to put it on. Here's your chance to make our division really shine by putting your talents into the show. I'm sure Ed has a place for you, so let him know. I for one is looking forward to this big event.

Speaking of Ed, I was on the Web page checking out the judging on the various contests from the last convention. Congratulations Ed, I think I saw your name there in a few places. Also to Jim Kociemski for all the work he has put in, earned him a special Regional award.

There are some really great people in this division, and it's a great feeling to be part of it. It was hard in making the move, and I'll miss being more involved in all the events, but I hear that horn and it's coming from a War Bonnet after passing through the Raton Pass, so til the next page....

Steve Binyon



Cajon Classifieds

Have something you like to get rid of or want something? Put it here!

Club Info. If you are a member of an organization we want to know about it. We will advertise your organization in the Order Board. Contact Steve Binyon, Jim Kociemski, or Ed Hall to find out how.

Friendly Faces. We need members to give clinics at our division meets or if you know someone who gives a great clinic, let us know, also video clinics, slide shows, layout tours, ideas for discussion are always welcome for meets. Contact Jim Kociemski, Steve Connolly, or Todd Scott if you can help.

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Announcements. Open house, Railfan trips, swap meets, anything you need to announce we will put it in the order board. Contact Steve Binyon.

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Members. Regular, Life, Family, or Junior members are always welcome. See Application on the back of the Order Board. Also, if you know of anyone who belongs to national, but not the region, remind them they need to sign up for the region too. Remember, the national does not recognize the regions on their membership application, so a lot of members think they belong to the region as well. If you need applications, contact Jim Kociemski (Division membership) or Jim Barcus SR. (Regional membership chairman).

Articles. If you have an interesting story, train sighting, drawing, clinic, comments, etc. that you would like to see in the Order Board, then just contact Steve Binyon for more information on how to contribute to the Order Board.

Report from Chattanooga: "Modeling with the Masters"

"Modeling with the Masters" is an ongoing NMRA workshop series with hands-on instruction provided by a group of Master Model Railroaders. The programs are intended for beginning to intermediate modelers, and all NMRA members are encouraged to attend as participant students. This series of workshops is the brainchild of MMR Clark Kooning, who has headed up the first two workshops in the series, the first in March and the second in October 1999. Other instructors at these workshops have been MMR's Allen McClelland, Peter B. Smith and Peter Moffett.

The themes of the first two workshops have been General Modeling Techniques, and Structures, respectively. A third workshop is planned for March 2000, although a theme has not yet been developed.

Each workshop has been designed to occupy two full days of modeling and three evenings of preparatory instruction and clinics. The NMRA headquarters building in Chattanooga serves as the site for all hands-on work. Each participant must provide his own transportation to/from Chattanooga and pay a \$395.00 registration fee. The fee covers hotel accommodations for 3 nights, 2 lunches, and all materials/kits and instruction. Participants must provide

their own modeling tools.

I have attended both of the first two workshops in Chattanooga, and highly recommend them to others. The MMR instructors possess a wealth of knowledge concerning most phases of model railroading, and do an excellent job of passing it on to their students. I feel that I most benefitted from learning a number of simple skills and techniques that apply to many modeling projects and which I probably never would have picked up on my own. Also, by being introduced to a variety of new (to me) modeling projects and tools that make modeling more fun.

If you think you might be interested in attending the next in the series of "Modeling with the Masters", keep your eye on the monthly *NMRA Bulletin* for an announcement and particulars on reserving a slot for yourself. Class size is limited to about 20-25 students. Call/email me if you have any questions or would like additional details.

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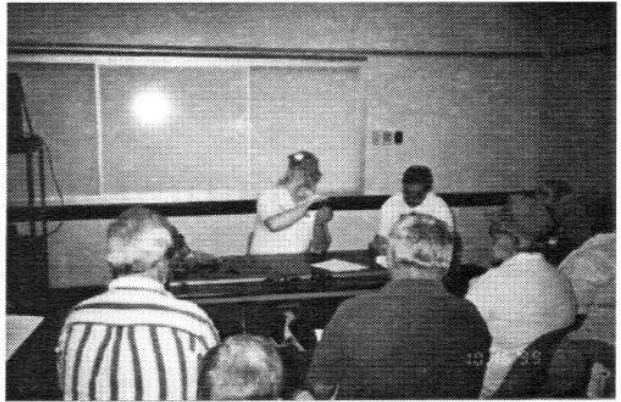
The OCTOBER Meet

The last Division meet was held at the Anaheim Public Library in Anaheim CA. Our Asst. Superintendent Steve Connolly put together a fantastic meet. 25 members were in attendance and they were treated to 4 EXCELLENT clinics. As everyone found out, the day started with a wake up call at 2:45 am pst with a 7.1 Earthquake just south of Barstow CA. that was felt throughout the entire Division, and possibly the Region. Luckily there was no major damage and no serious injuries, THANK GOODNESS.

With the traditional Howdy do's the meet started off with a clinic by Ted Johnson, that dealt with Operating standards, and how they are used in the hobby. Next was a clinic given by Jim Furhman on Tuning up Athearn Desiels. This clinic showed how some SIMPLE modifications to the engine make them run and perform EXCELLENT. The third clinic was given by Bill Meyer on Remotoring your engines. This clinic coincided with Jim Furhman's clinic and dealt with replacing the motors and with a little modification make the engines perform better. The final clinic was on simple Timetable Operations, presented by Todd Scott. A video was presented along with the clinic which show how to make and use a timetable for all aspects of operation. To Ted, Jim, Bill, and Todd, on behalf of all of us in attendance and the Division, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for some incredible clinics.

We all had a GREAT time and make some new friends, members from Nevada, Barstow, even some Friends from the LA Division came to the meet. That's what it's all about. Models are available for AP judging and we want to see more. We are hoping to see everyone at the December 4th meet in Henderson Nevada.

Jim Kociemski.



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