



The Order Board

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Back in the volume 26 No. 3 issue, Ed Hall submitted a photo of the BNFS SD75 Genesis that he took on his return trip from the Rail Fair. Well approximately six months later, Ed gives us a smaller version of it. Photo by Ed Hall.



Your Cajon Division is searching for suitable sites for holding meets. This is particularly important in the Southern California area which is spread across Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

The facility does not have to be elaborate. For example the October meet was held in the Anaheim Library basement conference room on a Saturday from 10:00 until 4:00. The room equipment contained three tables and 30-40 chairs. It was simple and it worked well because of

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Happy New Year, I trust everyone survived the Big Bad Y2K Bug, and hope you all had a great holiday.

Well, its a new year and the division is on track and rolling along smoothly. A lot has happened. First would be the sudden increase of new members, (see the membership report for details). Second is the 2001 convention that we are hosting, (see the directors report for more info). Speaking of the convention, the division recently had a layout donated to us, which will be raffled off at the

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Well it's the New Year again, I hope all of you had a wonderful

New Year. The Cajon Division is doing very well at this time. Jim has been working diligently to get the meets set up, we all had a great time at the December meet especially when the "White Elephant" sale started. Jim will be telling you about the next meet in his report. I have secured the Henderson Convention for the April 22nd Meet so I'll see you there, maybe I'll try out my new Scalecoat paint clinic at the meet. As you have

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those that supported the meet.

We are targeting Riverside and San Bernardino counties for future meets.

We need the members in those areas:

Riverside, Palm Desert, Desert Center, San Bernardino, Victorville, Barstow, or where ever a suitable location might be to contact myself or Jim Kociemski with the details. Jim or myself will be glad to coordinate the meet. We need you to find the locations.

The last two meets were opposites.

The Anaheim meet consisted of clinics and a short business meeting. The Henderson, NV meet shed light on the sometimes "mysterious" NMRA contest requirements, business happenings at the national level and a riotous "White Elephant" auction.

Some people were ready to change scales after that auction. There was something for everyone.

In summary, Your division needs your help.

Steve Connolly

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HEY! Superintendent.

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convention.

The layout was donated by a woman whose husband had passed away last year, and she contacted Ed Hall to accept the donation. She believed that it should go to an organization that could benefit from it. The HO Scale layout is completely wired and labeled, every stick of wood is marked for easy assembly and disassembly. A lot of time and hard work went into this layout and it shows, and we'll be honoring him with a plaque mounted on the front of the layout. Two mainline cabs, a yard with independent power, an indexing turntable, plus a sound system are just some of the features that this layout has. There is very little scenery on the layout, as it was not completed in that stage.

Along with a few structures, motive power and rolling stock will accompany the layout. We will have the layout up and running at the convention, and we'll need volunteers to help operate the layout as well as sell the raffle tickets for same. All monies collected from the sale of the raffle tickets will benefit the division directly. We will also need members to help out and make sure that the layout is in perfect

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running order for the convention, more on that later. If you would like to help out please contact Ed Hall or myself for more info. Plus if you would like to donate items that could be added to the layout, just let us know.

Next on the list, division meets. (see the report on the Dec 4th meet in the meet report). The February meet in California has to be rescheduled due to circumstances beyond our control. We will look to have that planned meet in the future. So the next meet will be back at the Henderson Convention Center on April 22nd (see flyer). What we are trying to do is to eventually theme the meets so as to appeal to everyone and not a select group or scale. So far the meets where we have a lot of clinics is getting a great response, and that's no problem as long as we have people to give them. The next California meet will be in June

(location TBA). Check the year 2000 meet schedule for future dates.

If you have a place where we can hold a meet then let us know. With the division as big as it is, it's difficult to cover the entire area by ourselves.

But if you can help out, we can get a meet to your area no problem. Just contact Steve Connolly (asst. Sup. Ca.) or myself and we can get things rolling. We are still looking for members would like to fill the open positions within the region, if you are interested then please contact Ed, Steve, or myself for more info.

Things are looking great for the division and the excitement and enthusiasm continues.

I'm sure I forgot to mention a few other points but they will be addressed in the next Order Board. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Till Next Time, Jim.

Jim Kocieraski

From the Top

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heard the Cajon Division will be hosting the 2001 Regional Convention, I have selected January 22nd as the date for the first meeting of the Convention Committee. If you want to get on the team call me and we will discuss what you may volunteer for or what I'll railroad you into. This will be the event of the Region and do not be left behind, we are going to have lots of fun putting this convention on and entertaining the Region "Vegas Style".

I believe we may have a new Contest/AP chairman for the division. He has done some beautiful displays entered in the Cajon Division Meet contests. I will not say who it is until he is fully accepted (railroaded) into the position. We still need more volunteers in the division staff so please call Jim or me and sign up.

See you at the next stop....Ed.

Ed Hall

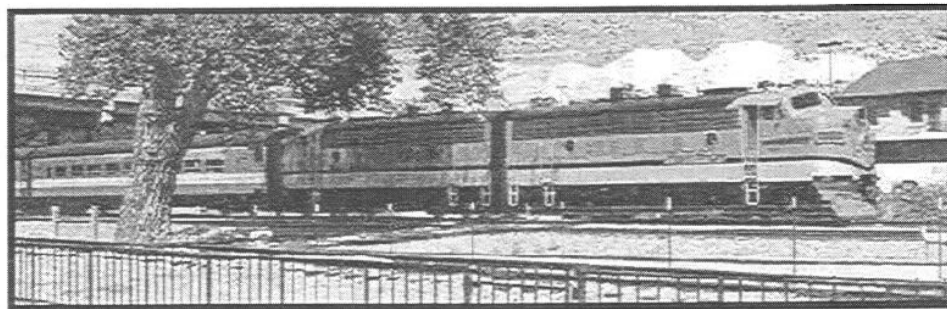


Photo by Steve Tibbetts

Membership Report

Well as I said in the last Order Board, I've requested a list of all NMRA members that are within our division. I received the list and was surprised to find alot of people who belong to National and not the PSR. So I made up a little letter telling them about the division as well as the region along with an invite to join the region/division. As it turns out, I started to mail the letters out on November 10th and since then the division has 29 NEW MEMBERS so far with more in the mail everyday. I notified Jim Barcus, our regional membership chairman as to what I was up to and he requested a copy of the letter so he could send it out to the other divisions and have them do the same thing. Remember, the national does not recognize the regions, so if you know of someone who belongs to national and not the region, get them to sign up. Plus don't forget to check to see when your membership expires so you don't lapse. *Jim Kociemski*

WELCOME ABOARD

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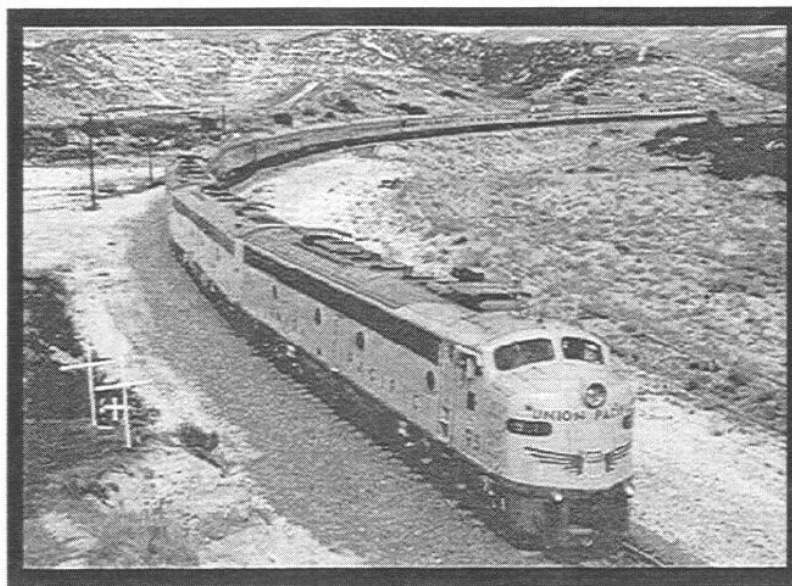
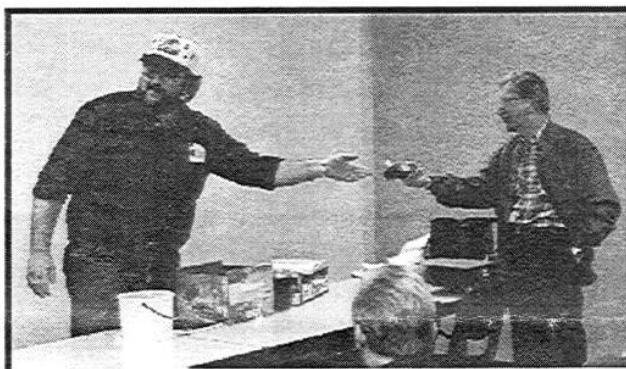


Photo by Al Bowen



Ed Hall (left) and Jim Kociemski doing the White Elephant Auction



Jim awards Bob Wescott his Golden Spike award.



And just what do we have here? Another Brian Block's master piece. All photos: Steve Tibbets

The last meet of the Cajon Division was held on December 4th, 1999 at the Henderson Convention Center in Nevada. This was our first annual White Elephant auction. About 30 people were in attendance and all had a great time. The day began with a couple of contests which turned out to be a lot of fun for everyone. The first was a Test Your Knowledge contest, 30 questions were asked and had multiple choice answers. They covered all areas of railroading. Next was a model contest in which all models were judged by popular vote. This wasn't too difficult due to the fact that there was only one model in each category.

Winners:

Test Your Knowledge: Don Ford (only missed 5 answers)

Favorite Model Contest:

Locomotive: Ed Hall

Rolling Stock: Don Ford

Structure:

Misc. Scene: Bob Wescott

A Golden Spike Award was given out to Bob Wescott, he met all the requirements for this part of the AP program. Congratulations Bob, well done.

Later in the day Ed Hall gave a clinic on the AP program and how to fill out those forms for judging. This gave everyone a clear idea as to what the judges would be looking for when you submit a model.

The day ended with the White Elephant auction. This looks like this could be an annual thing. Everyone had such a good time bidding on the packages that were wrapped up in plain paper, and seeing their faces when they opened the package up. There was a lot of great items that were sold

and some fun things just to break things up. A lot of the items were in HO scale and we just might have converted a few N scalers, probably not. There was non-stop laughter throughout the whole auction, and as I said this should become an annual event. Jim Kociemski

The Meet Report



A Word or Two with the Editor

I'm starting to get settle in here and the computers are all online. I believe that last issue was a disaster and didn't even open it up when it came in. I gave up on using the word processor and upgraded to a program designed for creating newsletters. Where the word processor crashed on every page, this one only crashed once.

One of the best additions made to the Order Board is the divisional photographer, Steve Tibbets. Its nice to receive some pictures that don't require major surgery to make out what the subject is. Thanks Steve.


What an issue, it sounds like the White Elephant auction was an success, but sorry Jim, my layout is going to be N. But I still

have that O gauge tank car to build and I do help my brother in HO.

Speaking of layouts, I just read MR's article on layout design programs. It would be nice to try all three and then decide, but I have one program that wasn't covered, being AutoCad. Of course AutoCad is a tad more expensive (\$495.00) it does do layouts very well along with the house to build around it. Unfortunately it doesn't include turnouts, I had to make those and that's where the Standards Sheets come in to play. You do remember that folder of sheets you received from the NMRA when you joined right? Well in order for me to put in the turnouts I turned to the Standards sheets that dealt with the angle coming out of

the track. So I created No 4, No 6 and a No 8 turnouts (right and left) as objects in AutoCad and proceeded to draw up my new layout. One thing that I can do in AutoCad (and capable in the MR reviewed programs) is put the drawing into a 3D point of view, with some locomotives and a few cars to boot, to show some kind of perspective of how things are going to look. I can't make the train move, which would be nice...One of the decisions to make is just how high do I want it (42" or 52"), which will require some research. Right now I'm leaning towards the 42", which is the height of my NTrak module. I do like the idea of having a line go right to the bench which allows the placement of that new model on the line without having to get up (ummm...) But in all, its going to be N all the way Jim. Well I hope you enjoy this issue of the OB. I did. S.B.

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Hobby Groups. If you have a favorite hobby shop that you frequent and you want to let others know about it, have the owner contact Steve Binyon or Jim Kociemski to advertise in the Order Board.

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.

EVENTS IN THE CAJON

Coachella Valley Model Railroad

Feb. 18-27 10am to 10pm

Riverside Fairgrounds and National Date

Festival - Indio CA

Fair Admission

Home Arts Building

Jim Hundley

73-714 Comanche, Indio CA

Pomona Valley Model Railroad Club

Swap Meet and Open House

Apr 8, 8am to 12 (swap meet)

9am to 4pm (open house)

132 E 1st St

Pomona CA

Club Phone 909-865-8035

GATS

May 6 - 7 11am to 5pm

Cashman Field

859 Las Vegas Blvd

N. Las Vegas NV

admission \$5.00

Fullerton Railroad Days

May 12, 13, 14

P.O. Box 3987

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21st Century Limited NMRA National Convention

Jul 30 - Aug 6 - San Jose CA

Info and Registration: Rob Ferguson

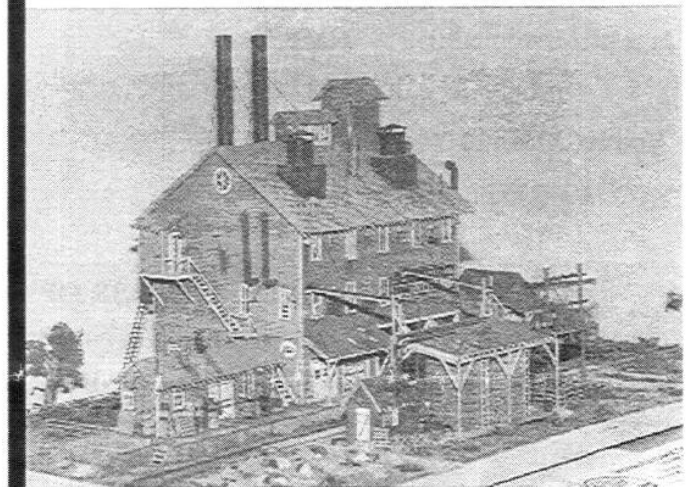
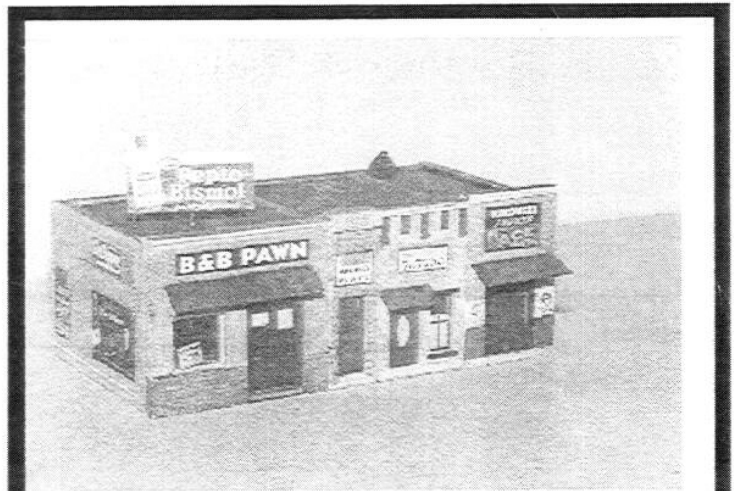
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Cajon Next Meet: 22 April

Henderson Convention Center

Henderson NV



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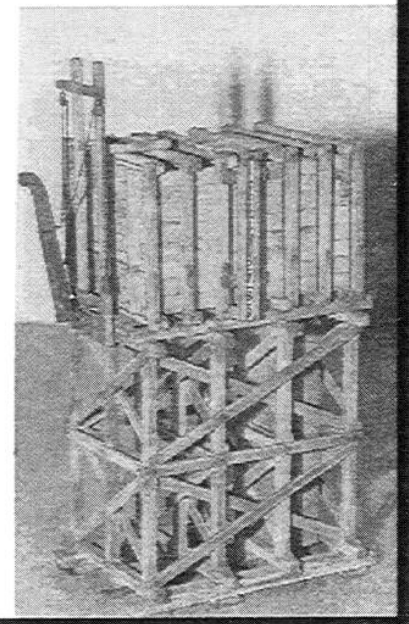
The AP Shots

Top: Chuck Nauman

Middle: Bob Wescott

Bottom: Brian Block

Congrats!



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Membership Application

Pacific Southwest Region, National Model Railroad Association

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone() _____ Occupation _____

Primary Scale _____ Date of Birth _____

New Renewal PSR # _____ NMRA # _____ Exp Date _____

<u>Class of Membership</u>	<u>NMRA</u>	<u>PSR*</u>	<u>BOTH</u>
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Youth (Under 20 Years)	\$21.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$3.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$24.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Affiliate (No Bulletin or	\$16.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$18.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

***YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NMRA TO BE A PSR MEMBER**

for information on Life and Affiliate Life Membership, call 602-374-0077. Send this application and your check or money order (made payable to: "Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA") to: FSR-NMRA, Jim Barcus, Sr, PO BOX 670, Black Canyon City AZ, 85324-0670

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