

The Order Board

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Las Vegas Limited Convention 2001

- Mark your Calendar—September 12-16, 2001
- Palace Station—Las Vegas, Nevada
- We need clinicians!!
- Already 62 Railroaders are signed up!
- Don't miss out—see enclosed flyer.

From The Top

Ed Hall, MMR

Hello everyone, I hope this issue of the Order Board finds you busy working on your modeling entries for the *Las Vegas Limited* Convention. Have you sent in your registration yet? The countdown is on and the convention is only six months away.

I really urge everyone to send in their convention registrations. As soon as we receive it, we will send you the Extra Fare packet. With it you can make your selections to ensure you get the tours and company store items you want. Everything is on a first come first serve basis. Please do not depend on signing up for these items at the convention. You'll be taking a risk and may get disappointed. Registering early is very important!

ATTENTION ALL CAJON DIVISION MEMBERS! The deadline to send in your nominations for the Cajon Division Director and Superintendent is **March 15, 2001!** It is also the deadline to cast your vote on the proposed Cajon By Laws. Every voice is important. This is your Division. If you haven't sent in your bal-



lot, please plan to do it right away.

I would also like to address some issues concerning our PSR Member Services. Recently we had a change in Chairman. The transition has turned out to be an extremely difficult one, mostly due to lack of a computer support system and problems with the software. Fortunately, Matt Furze has come to the rescue and has resolved most of these problems (thanks, Matt). However, all of this has caused a tremendous backlog in data entry and it is a big job trying to bring everything back up to date.

Therefore, I am asking all of you to take responsibility and check the expiration date on both your NMRA and PSR membership cards. If it is or has expired, please send in your renewal fees. Your continued support is important. Plus you won't

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want to chance not getting your NMRA Bulletin, PSR Dispatch or Order Board. Please check your dates today!

In addition, if any member is experiencing any problems whatsoever with regard to member services during this transition, please let me know. I will do all I can to assist until your problem is resolved.

The Cajon Division is planning some exciting events for this year in addition to hosting the convention. In view of the attendance record from the past 3 meets, it has become apparent to me that interest in the traditional meets has waned and grown stale. It's always the same format and the same few who attend. With this in mind, I am exploring new avenues to generate more interest among the members and really get back to having fun talking trains.

For our 1st quarter, we will have a prototype tour in

Barstow. Ron Tucker has arranged a rare tour of the Barstow Locomotive and Inspection Maintenance Terminal. A flier is in this issue to give you all the details. If you plan to attend, call or e-mail me. I'll tell you where we will be meeting in Barstow. Please try to join this fun tour. BNSF doesn't grant permission very often.

For the second quarter, we are planning a joint Cajon Division/L.A. Division layout tour. I'll keep everyone posted as plans are finalized. In between, the L.A. Division has invited everyone to take in their train show and their banquet. More details inside this issue. For those who miss going to clinics, come to the convention. I'm lining up over 40 clinics!

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming meets and especially at the convention.

See you at the next stop. Ed

Getting Ready to Roll

Jan Wescott

Soon the sound of clicking wheels will be heard as the Las Vegas Limited 2001 train makes its way to the staging area. In the hub of the Cajon Division's rail yard sits the convention train and a flurry of activity surrounds it. Time is quickly ticking away with only about six months to convention day.

The past two months have certainly been labor intensive as each phase of the convention is finalized. Details are scrutinized, checked and re-checked. As this issue of the Order Board goes to press, the

Extra Fare packet is being mailed to all members who have registered. It is a very comprehensive and complete packet designed to "arm" the registrants with as much information as possible. We believe this will enable better decision-making choices on the Extra Fare Order Form. In addition, it is our hope this information will help in the planning of what items to bring from home to better enjoy the convention as an active participant.

Prior issues of the both the Order Board and the

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PSR Dispatch offered insight into some of the activities and events of the Convention. The articles were written to provide insight to the "fun" that is in store when taking part in this year's convention. However, they were also written in hopes to persuade those who have not yet registered to please do so. We are very confident our convention will offer something for everyone and have taken every measure to ensure it will roll with glory.

GET ON BOARD TODAY! We have worked hard believing the fruits of our labor will pay off dividends in the form of enjoyment at a great model railroading event. Don't Miss This Train – It will be a while before another one like this roll into Las Vegas!

CONVENTION TIDBITS

Clinics. Our area of concentration now centers on clinics. Clinics is "the" place to be at any convention. Why? The reasons are simple. It is here you'll learn the most, share the most, and have the most opportunity to meet a new friend. It places the model railroader in a small, intimate environment among other fellow modelers who share the same enjoyment, which is model railroading.

Like a trickling water faucet, securing a full slate of clinicians has been slow but steady. One by one the empty clinic scheduling slots are being filled. There are some great clinics already on tap. One, in particular, is the joint effort of the PSR Modeling Masters with their clinic presentation. And yes, we are still in need of a few more clinicians. If you can assist, please give Ed Hall a call.

Tours. There has been a few inquiries regarding the convention's publicized tours. We are offering

ten guided tours in air-conditioned buses. Of this number: two are layout tours, two are prototype tours, four are general interest tours, and two are Raillette tours. It is our plan to offer a few self-guided layout tours at a later date; however, there is no guarantee that the self-guided layout tours will be the same offerings as the guided tours.

HO Train Display. Recently, Steve Connolly stepped forward and said "Yes," he would coordinate the HO module display for our convention Train Show. "I think I can handle this from Anaheim." Remember the "little engine that could" who said, "I think I can"? And, where would we be if we didn't have volunteers? We need many more "little engines that could" and we thank Steve for stepping forward.

Layout Article. Our new Order Board Editor (bless him!) has been busy taking in the sights of the layouts to be offered on our guided tours. He will write articles about the layouts and their builders in this and future issues. Way to go, Bill Jacobs!

Convention Website. Please don't forget to check our convention website: Very soon this will be updated to include all of the convention's activities and events schedules.

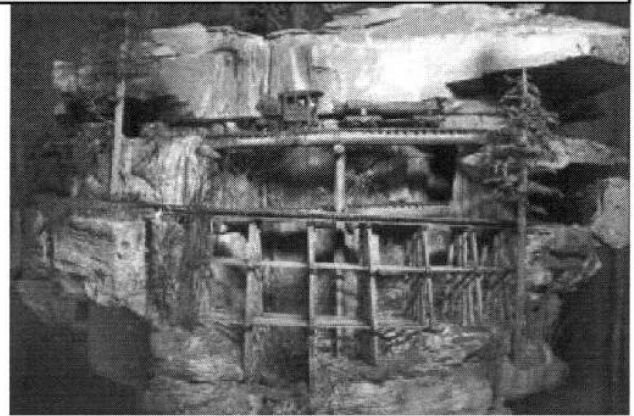
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Personalities: An Occasional Column about Our Members

Bill Jacobs

Brian Block is truly a masterful craftsman in modeling. His N-Scale Hi Desert Railroad is fully detailed with many scratchbuilt structures. But it is his On3 dioramas that take the prize-literally. He has two Best of Show awards from the National Narrow Gauge Convention. Look for his Martinez Mine article in the next issue of the Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette; it is a terrific piece of modeling. Brian's layout, and the dioramas, will be a featured part of tour #114 at your convention in September. He will also be a contest judge at the convention.



One of Brian Block's prize winning dioramas.

Railettes Set Schedule for Convention!

Jan Wescott

The Las Vegas Limited 2001 Convention is very blessed to have Marie Lee and her wonderful assistant, Dee Tucker head the Railette program and activities. Railettes attending this year's convention will meet in a special hospitality suite meeting room that features its own restroom, sink and wet bar.

The convention Railette registration fare includes the Railette Luncheon. Be sure to check your attendance on the Extra Fare Order Form. In addition to the activities, Railettes can sign up for their choice of tours and also are encouraged to submit an entry in the PSR Arts/Crafts Contest.

All Railettes are invited to join in the fun. A full slate of activities is planned and we will do all we can to make you feel welcome. Some of the fun activities scheduled are:

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 13, 2001

- 9:30 AM** **ARTS/CRAFTS** with Dee (The day begins with Dee; she has made up all kinds of kits—if you like to do arts/crafts—this is the place for you!) We would also like to recommend the Lake Mead Cruise that is on the schedule for Thursday.
- 1:00 PM** **RAILETTE TOUR**
 “An Afternoon Escapade” Tour to Ethel M's Chocolates and the Lib-erace Museum. (Note: The Railette room will remain open continuing Arts/Crafts with Dee for those not wishing to join the tour)
- 7:00 PM** **COOKIE CONTEST** (Make up a batch of cookies and please don't forget to bring along copies of your recipes. Better make two batches, as the “guys” always seem to know

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when there's cookies around)
BABY PICTURE CONTEST (Bring a baby picture of yourself) Vote for the most beautiful baby!

1:30 PM

nir table favors for everyone. There will be door prizes.

SHOPPING TOUR – 1:30 TO 4:30 PM

Shopping at the air-conditioned Belz Factory Outlet, buy direct from 155 manufacturers and save!

FRIDAY -- SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

The Railette room will be open most of the day continuing Arts/Crafts with Dee. We would also like to recommend the Winery/Luncheon Tour on the schedule for Friday.

7: 00 PM **BINGO** with white elephant prizes (if you have something that can be used as a white elephant, bring it along. This is a fun event.

****CLINIC SPECIAL:** Dee will be presenting a clinic on sequins applications. All who are interested are requested to bring a plain sweatshirt to the convention and register with Dee in the Railette room. She will inform everyone when the clinic will be held.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

11:30 AM **RAILETTE LUNCHEON** (Salon E) Very special! Marie is making souve-

If anyone needs further information, please feel free to contact Marie at (714) 963-3273 or Email: Lionlady@gte.net

PCR 2001 Convention: "A Train Odyssey"

Everyone is invited to register for the PCR 2001 Convention ("A Train Odyssey") to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in San Luis Obispo on May 2-6, 2001. Registration is \$65 full fare. For more information, contact Terry Taylor, 575 Bassi Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405, or by phone at (805) 595-9535 or Email: terrytaylor@charter.net. The convention web site is www.trainweb.org/pcr2001.

COMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- March 10-11 LA Division Train Show – Decanso Gardens. See the enclosed flyer or contact Mary Barstow, (310) 377-9762.
- March 31 LA Division Banquet. All Cajon Division members invited. See the enclosed flyer or contact Mary Barstow, (310) 377-9762.
- April 21 Barstow Locomotive Maintenance and Inspection Terminal. See the enclosed flyer or contact Ed Hall, (702) 564-6176.
- May 2-6 PCR 2001 Convention. See article in this issue or contact Terry Taylor, (805) 595-9535.
- September 12-16 PSR 2001 Regional Convention. See enclosed flyer.

Contest Chair Notes

Robert Wescott

For months now I have expounded (new 25-cent word) on the various areas of the contest and achievement program. As the days wind down to our contest in September, I'd like to focus on the Photo Contest. So here are the rules. It's time to get your entries ready.

PHOTO CONTEST

A. Categories:

1. Models

- a. Black and white prints.
- b. Color prints.
- c. 35mm Slides.

2. Prototype Subjects

- a. Black and white prints.
- b. Color prints.
- c. 35mm Slides

B. Entry Rules:

1. Entrant Limitation. Any member of the NMRA and a Region, in good standing is eligible to compete. Joint entries shall not be permitted. Anyone who derives more than 50% of his income as a professional photographer is excluded from the contest.
2. Responsibility. Neither the PSR nor the Host Committee can assume responsibility for damage to or loss of an entry. The entrant must claim items in the time period specified by the Host Committee Chairman. The PSR or Host Committee shall not be responsible for the items not claimed after the time announced by the Host Committee.

3. Exposure of the original negative or slide must have been made by the entrant personally. The print or slide shall not have won an award at a previous NMRA Convention Contest or placed first, second or third in a previous PSR Photo Contest. Computer enhanced images using commercial or special software, may be displayed and judged provided that the work on the image was personally performed by the entrant. Commercial processing and matting are permitted.
4. Entry Form. An entry form must be completed by the entrant for each item exhibited.
5. Entry Limit. No one shall enter more than five (5) items in total; however, entries may be in separate categories or even all in one category.
6. Print Size. Each print shall have an image size of at least 4-1/2 x 6-1/2 inches and be no larger than 8 x 12 inches. Prints must be mounted on an 11 x 14 grid mounting board no thicker than 1/8 inch.
7. Slides. All slides must be in a 2 x 2-inch mount that will fit in a 140 slide Kodak Carousel projector tray.
8. Display Only. Subject to the permission of the Host Committee Chairman, photographs may be exhibited for "display only." These items will not be judged or eligible for prizes in the contest.

C. Awards:

Awards shall be presented for each category for which there were entries. The Host Contest Committee may restrict the contest to certain categories. Certificates are usually to the designated winning entries. A PSR Award Plaque

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and a blue ribbon shall be presented to the first place entry. A red ribbon shall be presented for second place. A white ribbon shall be presented to the third place. Any number of "Honorable Mention" certificates and ribbons may be awarded to be certain that all outstanding entries receive recognition.

D. Reproduction:

All entrants grant the right to reproduce and publish any award-winning photograph to the official publications of the National Model Railroad Association, the Pacific Southwest Region, or the PSR Divisions. Rights for other

use are granted only by the written permission of the photographer. The images are the property of the entrant in any case.

E. Display Entries:

Prints or slides may be displayed which cannot be judged; for example, photographs which received awards at previous contests or prints/slides from professional photographers. The display of interesting photography is encouraged to lend interest to the convention viewers and to demonstrate skills essential to improving the contests.

**DEADLINE DATE
SET FOR BALLOTS!**

**ALL BALLOTS
AND NOMINATIONS**

**DEADLINE IS
MARCH 15, 2001**

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND
MAIL YOUR BALLOT TODAY!**

**YOUR BALLOT WAS IN THE LAST
EDITION OF THE ORDER BOARD.**

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Pacific Southwest Region – National Model Railroad Association

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Family	\$ 7.00 []	\$1.00 []	\$ 8.00 []

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

For information on NMRA or PSR (or both) Life or Affiliate Life Membership, call (760) 744-2769. Send this application and your check or money order (made payable to "Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA") to: PSR – NMRA, Ken Allen, 930 Briant Street, San Marcos, CA 92069-2114.

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