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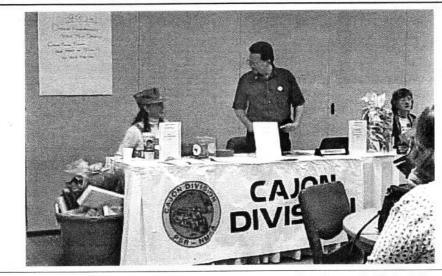
By John Taranto, Publicity Chairman

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Las Vegas area Model Railroad Fun Day held at the Henderson Convention Center on February

16<sup>th</sup>. One of the key activities was lots of opportunities to train talk and this was certainly evident as the attendees seemed to relish the chance. Coffee in one hand, doughnut in the other, they just chatted away.

Turnout was better than expected with over 100 persons in attendance. Some 85% stayed for the entire event. Membership Chair Tim Roberts was on hand to help sign up 2 new NMRA/PSR members, two new PSR members and several renewals. Barstow Section Foreman Ron Tucker and his wife Dee surprised everyone with their arrival in Las Vegas to attend the meet. Dee Tucker made up a bunch of great pin-striped Model Railroad vests that she donated to the division as a fund raiser item. Ron proved that it is often worth it to go the

## Model Railroad Fun Day in Henderson: A Great Success



Members were greeted by Tim Roberts, Membership Chairman (center), Alice Altman, wife of Richard Altman, Las Vegas Section Foreman (right), and Ashley Merritt (left). Notice the huge basket of "white elephant" auction items. Photo: Robert Wescott.

extra mile to attend an event, as he won a raffled gift basket valued at over \$50.

Member Aid Chair Lynn Austin had his 4x8 Sedona & Pacific layout on display which attracted a lot of attention from both the NMRA members and the general public. The kids were fascinated!

The Clinician for the day was Division Greeter Don Ford. Don did his usual outstanding job with his clinic on hand-laid turnouts. Don had a display of various turnouts and essential tools on hand for visual aid.

The White Elephant Auction was a big hit. Las Vegas
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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It really seems like these editions come along a lot faster than the calendar says. I've got to tell you that this Division is on a roll! Elsewhere you'll see that we had a meet in Henderson that really exceeded all expectations. We had kids, who are extremely knowledgeable-about most everything-listen; mine's 26 and he still thinks I'm crazy (but he also helps me with the Order Board-so maybe I'll tone down my rhetoric a little). We're having a meet down in the Coachella Valley this month that is being organized by the "Tank King." See the flyer in this edition. I'm going-I think a little tango training would complete my image-and there are a lot of model railroaders down there that I want to meet. By the way-I think you should go, too.

In the last edition, I lamented the cost of publication. Well, guess what? We lowered our rates and now there are three new advertisers! Link and Pin Hobbies, the Train Exchange, and Central Locomotive works have all come forward to help support us. Now, I promised that we'd support them-so don't make me a liar. I'm going to tell you about each one of these establishments in this and coming editions. First, Link & Pin Hobbies: Link & Pin was founded by Art and Lucinda Crecca in Colorado in 1987 as a mail order business specializing in HO and HOn3 craftsman kits. Soon, a line of hydrocal cast buildings and parts, based on customer demand, was added. When the craftsman railroad kit market softened in the late 1990s, Link & Pin diversified into other branches of hobby retailing. First came dinosaur models, later, other figure models and spaceships, and most recently science fiction related action figures. Link & Pin is now the premier retailer of resin cast dinosaurs in the USA-so, if you've got kids or grandkids that are into dinosaurs-this could be one stop shopping, because they continue to stock a wide variety of model railroad products, including many out of production kits that are not available elsewhere. Every thing they advertise is in stock and most orders are shipped in a couple of days. Link & Pin moved to Las Vegas in 2001. They will send you a catalog for the mere price of a SASE with a 34 cent stamp, at this address:

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See ya down the line, Bill

### **Madame Director's News Capsules**

By Jan Wescott, Cajon Division Director Email: wescvegas@lvcm.com

Like the blast of a rocket, your Cajon Team has taken off and been moving at full throttle since being organized just three months ago. Casey Jones had nothing on us. This is truly a dynamic group of volunteers that not only talks but accomplishes. I am very proud to be associated with this Team. Their full steam action has me "huffin" trying to keep pace. Here are a few highlights to share with you.

MEMBERSHIP: All Cajon members are now entered into a data base whereby we can organize and sort member listings by area. This will be used to keep you informed.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: All survey responses have been data entered and the reports are very informative and interesting. There were 55 survey responses returned and each individual received a Cajon Division logo pin.

EDITOR: Your Order Board is online along with the Dispatch and other Division's newsletters. We are now working to get a monthly news page online. Hard copies of the Order Board will continue to be mailed.

AP PROGRAM: Four members have spent sessions with the AP Chair doing the necessary paperwork to get their awards.

MEMBER AID: Utilizing his modeling skills, our Member Aid Chairman has converted all the HO Convention boxcars into Cajon Division Logo cars that we can now sell to raise some money for the Division. (Note: To all that purchased a 2001 Las Vegas Limited HO convention car, these truly are collectibles now.) The Cajon Division cars are classy!

HISTORIAN: He has now identified all of the Directors and Superintendents since our inception in 1982. In addition, two albums have been started for our Division which will document our history. Did you know this is our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in existence?

PUBLICITY: Great strides in this area. We had a full feature article in the Las Vegas daily newspaper about

our hobby of model railroading and the Henderson meet! In addition our "Model Railroaders Wanted" fliers are being distributed throughout the Division.

SECTION FOREMEN: Hats off to these guys! From now until June we have an event every month somewhere in the Cajon Division. In fact, outside of 3 months, there is a Cajon event every month this year! Details will be publicized as they are finalized.

DIRECTOR: I'm helping to organize a big "open to the public" Christmas holiday Train Show in Las Vegas. The sole purpose is getting every Las Vegas train enthusiast group involved to promote trains and model railroading. Bridging the gap between SIGs, TTOS, and modular groups can only result in a win-win situation for all. Due to our proximity and the cooperative spirit of the LA Division, a mutual agreement has been made to continue to share events, when possible. This can only result in more camaraderie for the members of the PSR.

A plea to all Cajon members! Plan to participate! Join the camaraderie bandwagon when an event is held in your corner of the world or nearby. Participate!!. We are here for you and are giving you our very best effort in the name of model railroading fun.

As stated in the last Order Board, the Cajon Team's main focus is camaraderie and education. It is not about money, politics, or getting you to volunteer for "umpteen" hours. Participate, attend, come out and have some fun!

The first annual Cajon Membership Meeting and Meet in Barstow in November will be an event you won't want to miss. Clinics, tours, trains running, contests and food are being planned. Why Barstow? Because it is 2-hour drive for all Cajon Division members, that's why!

Don't forget the 1 x 2 Diorama Contest! Lynn Austin, one of our advertisers, has quite graciously put up money for cash prizes to be awarded. (He also said that it wouldn't cost him anything, because he expected to win 1st,

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### Madame Director's News Capsules (continued)

2nd, and 3rd—is that motivation enough?) Get busy modeling, enjoy the fun! The rules are elsewhere in this edition. This will be judged by popular vote at our Barstow Membership Meeting.

REMINDERS: Remember to register for the PSR Convention to be held on September 12-14, 2002 at the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, California. Chuck Hart,

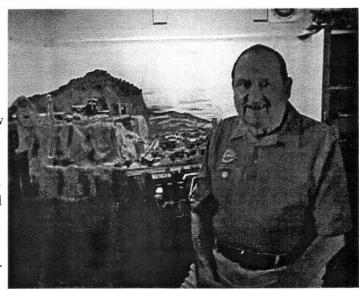
Convention Chair, tells me they are planning some fun-filled events for all to enjoy. Save \$10 by registering before March 30<sup>th</sup>! Also, don't forget to send in your nominations for PSR Vice President and President.

Enjoy life, have fun and happy modeling!

### **Historian**By Bob Faley, Division Historian

Thanks to the foresight of our Director, Jan Wescott, the Cajon Division now has it's own Historian. I am happy to accept this position and will do the best I can to recreate what has gone before us. However, to get started, I need help from out members. As a beginning, I need the names of all the past Cajon Directors and Superintendents. In addition, I would like to know which past conventions the Cajon Division hosted.

I would like to receive any information that is available pertinent to past activities of the Division: participation in conventions/exhibits; publicity items; official correspondence about the Division, and/or its members; copies of past meeting minutes; past publications (Order Board, etc.); and any items that were issued by the Division, such as patches, buttons, hats, and souvenirs. If you have an item that you think should be in the Division archives, don't hesitate to contact me.



Let's get behind Jan and get this program running. I can be contacted as noted on page 2. If you reside in Nevada, contact Jan and she will forward your message. I will answer every message I receive. Thanks, in advance, for any assistance you can offer.

### Tom Mohr

Tom Mohr, PSR Vice President, passed away on the morning of January 8, 2002. The Cajon Division would like to express our condolences to the Mohr family.

### Want Ads

Wanted: Cajon Division Webmaster
If you have knowledge in this field, we could use your help. Contact Jan Wescott.

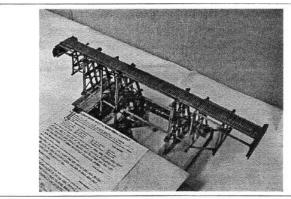
Wanted: Old PSR Convention Timetables and Order Boards

Historian needs any copies you may have. Copies can be returned to you. Contact Bob Faley.

Foreman Richard Altman's auctioneering skills were superb. Bidding often became furious and was a delight for the audience. Everyone enjoyed watching the winning bidders as they opened their newly acquired and often impressive "treasures".

Kurt Meisel brought his HO Timesaver for the contest. First place went to youth member Daniel Kociemski and second went to fellow modeler Dennis Miller.

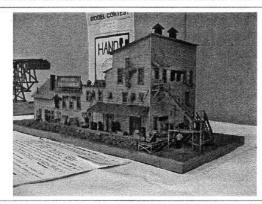
There were two entries in the model contest portion of the



Model entry by Bill Jacobs of the RGS Bridge 37-B, the Bilk trestle. This entry earned enough points for a merit award. Photo: Robert Wescott.

event and both won enough points to earn merit awards. Order Board editor Bill Jacobs entered a scratch built model of the Rio Grande Southern's Bridge 37-B, the "Bilk Trestle" Bill designed his own plans from a photograph of the prototype. Robert Wescott's entry was a highly detailed structure of an old time manufacturing plant called the "Jeffries Point Stave & Heading Co."

Rounding out the pleasant afternoon were the layout



Robert Wescott's kit built model entry, Jefferies Point Stave & Heading Company, earned enough points for a merit award. Photo: Robert Wescott.

tours. Two Henderson area model railroad enthusiasts graciously opened their homes to our attendees. Special Projects Chair Tom Marshall reported that he and his wife Bonnie lost count after 50+, but their visitors drank 3 pots of coffee, 2 big jugs of lemonade and ate all the cookies on hand-if that's any indication. Royal Ream said that more people visited his layout from this event than the bus tour from the Las Vegas 2001 convention.

A special thanks goes to Ashley Merritt and Alice Altman who manned the registration table for the meet. The mass effort by the Cajon Committee produced a very successful event. From the start of planning, publicity, flier distribution, to the finish with setup, donations of coffee supplies, pastries, extra white elephant items, opening of homes for layout tours, bringing displays and even clean-up was commendable. Several attending members noted that the presence of the entire (local) committee members everywhere.

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Saturday, April 6, 2002 at 1:00 PM Whitney Library 5175 E. Tropicana Avenue

For your added enjoyment, refreshments and popcorn will be available.

It will be an afternoon filled with camaraderie and train talk-and, don't you know- there will be door prizes. Seating is first come, first served.

### Bob Olea of Bob's Trains Invites everyone To come on down!

Visit the great Coachella Valley! I'm happy to be a part of the Cajon Division's Model Railroad Layout Tour on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March! I'm going to be doing some cooking for the event. I want everyone to have a good time and I look forward to meeting all of you! Bob's Trains, located at 12312 Palm Drive in Desert Hot Springs, will be the first and last stop on this tour. See the enclosed flier for all the details.



### CAJON DIVISION BOXCARS

However you like them: blue, red, black, or silver doors; the Cajon Division boxcars are rolling out and are now on sale for \$10 each. Your Member Aid Chair has single handedly converted all the Athearn convention boxcars into Division cars-and they are really great! Purchase your logo boxcar today. Your support is appreciated. Send your check plus \$3 postage and desired door color to Jan Wescott, Director (see Page 2).



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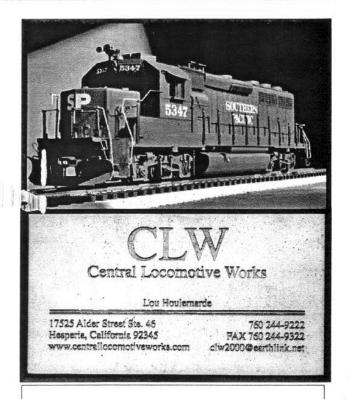
The Pacific Southwest Region Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, at 1:00 pm. The location will be the Mission San Luis Rey conference center in Oceanside, California. The Mission San Luis Rey is located between Interstate 5 and Interstate 15 on Highway 76 in North San Diego County.

#### **Directions:**

From Interstate 5: Exit Highway 76 — head east approximately 4 miles to Rancho del Oro exit — Mission will be on your left.

From Interstate 15: Exit Highway 76 — head west approximately 15 miles to Rancho del Oro exit — Mission will be on your right.

All PSR members are eligible and urged to attend the meeting of **their** board.



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### EDUCATION REPORT

By Jim Kociemski, Cajon Division Education Chairman

Howdy Gang!

When I accepted the position of Division Education Chairman I started to think (oh no, he's thinking), what would be the best way to "Educate" the railroader? In that respect I decided to cover this in three areas: Model Railroading; Prototype Railroading; and The NMRA.

Through the use of the Order Board, as well as division meets, clinics, and any other time I can talk, I will try to give some insight to help educate the members on all aspects of railroading. Plus, maybe learning something myself; this <u>is</u> a two way street, you know.

Throughout my years in the hobby, I've met many people who have a special interest in the hobby from all different areas of railroading and that's what I would like to share with all of you. Each report will have a little or a lot of information on the various areas and I hope to inform everyone, from the "beginner" to the "seasoned" railroader. The biggest area I would like to cover is the NMRA. Not everyone knows what the

NMRA is all about and what it can do for its members. I am hoping to remedy that. To keep the member informed and educated, keeps the member INTERESTED and that, in turn, keeps the NMRA going. Plus, it will generate NEW members that might have been intimidated due to the feeling that the NMRA is just for the "professional" modeler. Just remember, we all started out not knowing a coupler from a truss rod. That crusty old guy sitting next to you is just a kid who wants to help you!!

I would like to extend an invitation to all members to share their knowledge of the hobby and offer any help. If you have a great clinic, presentation, knowledge of prototype operations, or any other railroad facts, please feel free to contact me, I will always accept any help or information. To contact me, see page 2 of this issue.

So 'till next time, I'll leave you with this, "An idea not shared is an idea lost." And always remember, "Model Railroading is FUN."

### CALIFORNIA REPORT

By Steve Connolly, Orange County Section Foreman

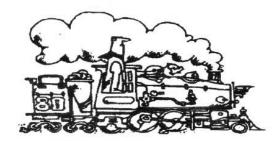
On May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the Fullerton Railroad Preservation Association will hold the third consecutive "Fullerton Railroad Days." Past events have drawn fifteen thousand attendees over both days. It is free to the public and family oriented. It is a source of potential new NMRA and PSR members. We are going to be handing out NMRA informational materials.

With that in mind, we in this corner of the Cajon Division, are holding a meet at the Sunkist branch of the Anaheim Library on May 18, 2002. We are hoping that

the contacts made during "Railroad Days," will come to the meet and find out what the NMRA-PSR is all about. Todd Scott has arranged for an operating session on Dennis Ivison's N-Scale layout for the after lunch program. Dennis lives not far from the library, in Garden Grove, and has generously opened his home layout for us to operate. This should be super!

Todd Scott is arranging another layout tour. If you remember, his last tour was excellent. Dates and details will be available in the next Order Board.







### CONTEST CORNER

By Robert D. Wescott, Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair

Remember for the Barstow Meet — Cajon Division First Annual Diorama Contest Rules:

- 1. All dioramas must be 1' x 2' with no part of the display extending outside these measurements. They may be as tall (vertical elevation above or below level) as the modeler wishes to make them. If a backdrop is used it must fit within these measurements.
- 2. Each diorama must be completely self contained. Dioramas may be built to be displayed together however no pieces may be used on more than one diorama. For example: Two dioramas are built, each representing two halves of a gorge with the intent being to feature a large trestle spanning the gorge. You are not allowed to set up the two dioramas next to one another and then set the trestle in between them. If you wanted to model this scene then half of the trestle would need to be modeled on EACH diorama so that when they are next to one another it appears to be one large trestle yet the dioramas are actually self contained.
- 3. The diorama can be done in any scale and it must contain at least four different items from the list of features provided below (meaning your diorama could contain A, C, F, and K and be OK. However, 4 trees (B) only count as one item from the list):

#### Features:

A. Track	E. Rolling Stock	I. Trestle	M. Rocks
B. Trees	F. Water	J. Snow	N. Sound
C. Building/structure	G. Figure - Person	K. Figure - Animal	O. Animation
D. Lights	H. Vehicle	L. Vehicle	

- 4. Somewhere on the diorama at least one reference must be made to railroading. This could be abandoned track, a wrecked train car, a railroad sign or structure. Even something like a tavern called "The Whistle Stop" would work because it is a reference to railroading. Use your imagination.
- 5. During the Annual Membership Meeting, all participants agree to bring their dioramas to be displayed.
- 6. There will be a basic popular vote to choose the Best of Show, Funniest, and the Most Creative Use of Space under each category.

Well, there you have it. To me, it sounds like fun and I'll be starting mine in the near future. There will be prizes that will be determined as we near meeting time. I don't know what they will be yet, but I have lots of time to figure them out. These displays will not be for the AP program. If you have structures or rolling stock included that you wish to be judged for the AP program, that's O.K. This can be arranged at the meeting (don't forget the paperwork).

If it sounds like a fun thing for you, let me know and I'll keep a list of all who wish to enter and follow the above rules.

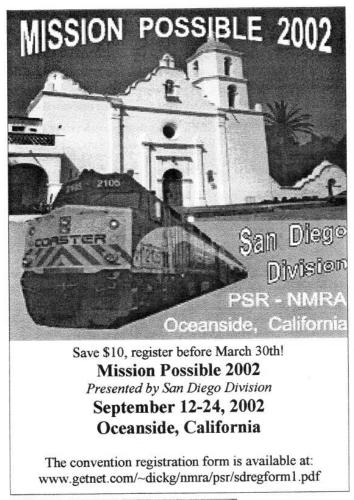
### "FLASH"

It is my pleasure to announce, and this is a first since I became the Cajon Division Contest/AP Chairman, that I finally received news that one of our members has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the NMRA. On January 2, 2002, our Director, Jan Wescott was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Model Railroad Author. Because this was her first achievement award, she also received and AP Patch from the AP Department General

### **Contest Corner (continued)**

Manager, Pat Harriman. This patch really looks sharp! All I can say is congratulations and now I have to live with her. We've got a number of others in the Division that are well on their way to Certificates, so keep on pushing. These are fun to hand out.

Bob

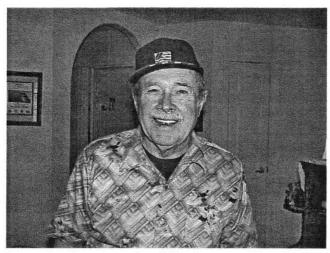




Don Ford presenting his turnout clinic at Henderson Fun Days. Photo: Robert Wescott

<b>Coming Events</b>				
March 16	Cajon Division Coachella Valley Model Railroad Layout Tour Start: Bob's Trains Desert Hot Springs, CA			
March 16	PSR Board of Director's Meeting Mission San Luis Rey Oceanside, CA			
April 6	Popcorn and MR Slide Show Whitney Library Las Vegas, NV			
April 20	LA Division Train Show South Coast Botanic Gardens Rancho Palos Verdes, CA			
May 1-5	PCR Convention Redding, CA			
May 4-5	Fullerton Railroad Days Fullerton, CA			
May 18	Cajon Division Anaheim Meet Sunkist Library Anaheim, CA			
July 20	Cajon Division Committee Board Meeting Whitney Library Las Vegas, NV			
September 12-15	PSR Convention Mission San Luis Rey Oceanside, CA			

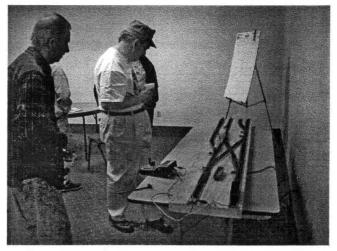
### Model Railroad Fun Day in Henderson



Many thanks to a new local Henderson resident, Joe Alcorn, who videotaped the Cajon Division meet on Saturday, February 16th. Although Joe has no interest in trains, he thought it would be nice to have a preserved video tape memory and presented Tom Marshall, Royal Ream, Lynn Austin and the Cajon Division with a copy. He said it looked like everyone was having so much fun, and he did, too, capturing it on tape. *Photo and caption by Robert Wescott* 

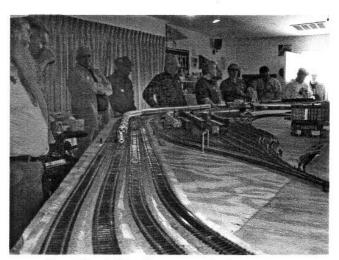


Royal Ream and his layout were one of the stops on the Henderson Model Railroad Fun Day Layout Tour. Photo by Charles Nauman



Division members operating the Timesaver Layout.

Photo by Charles Nauman



Tom Marshall and guests at the layout tour. Photo by Charles Nauman



Business meeting at Henderson Model
Railroad Fun
Day.
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Send this application and your check (made payable to "Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA" to: PSR—NMRA, Dottie Finch, 8808 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85051-3707. For information on NMRA or PSR (or both) Life or Affiliate Life Membership, contact Dottie Finch at gramdottie@aol.com or (602) 973-4231.

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