

# The Order Board

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By Robert Wescott

It's 10 AM, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and the members start to arrive for the Division's Meet at the Sunkist Library in Anaheim. Event Hosts Steve Connolly and Todd Scott, along with Division Director Jan Wescott were on hand to welcome everyone. Inside, the aroma of coffee and a tray of banana nut muffins freshly baked by Dee Tucker (Barstow) were also there to greet everyone. The sign in sheet listed 38 names in attendance.

Looking around the room, there were many familiar faces, like Norman and Marie Lee, Roger and Faith Clarkson, Paul Gerhardt, and Bob Chaparro. There were some new faces, too, like Emil Chopich, Jim Rhea, Bob Olds and Walter Raes. The Orange County Modular Railroaders (OCMR) led by their President, Carl Heimberger, attended in full force with eleven Division members. The Las Vegas contingent was well represented with its group of five. And there were six NMRA visi-

## Anaheim Meet Success with Fun



*Carl Heimberger, Jim Fuhrman, and Todd Scott hold their audience captive during their clinic presentations. Carl did "Easy Tree Making," Jim did "Improving Engine Performance," and Todd did "Simplified Signaling."*  
Photo: Robert Wescott.

tors who had come to enjoy this PSR event.

With an arsenal of door prizes and her wily, energetic personality, Jan Wescott was first up on the day's program. She certainly provided a spark and gave everyone quite a "wake-up" presentation, one that was filled with interactive audience participation.

Jan welcomed each new face and guest with token gifts, thanked Dennis Ivison and Bill Flinn for opening their homes for the day's event, gave special recognition to the OCMR members for their support, and introduced the Las Vegas contingent to everyone.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I said it last time and I'll say it again-this Division is on a roll! Since the last edition we've had three big events: the Coachella Valley meet; the Las Vegas slide show; and the Anaheim meet. There are reports on all of these events elsewhere in this edition. Well, coming up about two weeks after you receive this, the Las Vegas layout tour will occur. It's on Father's Day and I can't think of a better way for 'ole Dad to get out and have a good time. There are five fabulous layouts on the tour, so come on out and have some fun.

One of the things I've heard from other editors, both active and retired, is that this quits being fun when you end up writing the whole newsletter. I certainly don't have that problem. You'll notice that we have a number of contributors-and these folks are pretty darn good-I didn't realize that there were all these closet journalists in our midst! Many of our contributors are on their way, or have already received, an "Author" merit award. The reason I'm telling you this is for stimulation-not me; you. I know there are more latent writers out there and it's a step to being an MMR, too.

There are a number of events planned for the remainder of the year, but the one I'm really looking forward to is the Barstow meet in November. Why? Because of the module contest. Bob Wescott came up with the idea and it's a great one. You've all seen the rules. Lynn Austin graciously is donating prize money-but I heard him say that he doesn't really think it'll cost him much because he expects to win! Now that's a challenge! Think outside the box a little-for example, there is no height requirement-only length and width-and that's all I'm telling about mine. Or ours, maybe-you see my very patient wife, Janie, who's the Chief Clerk for the Division, really isn't a "rail," but she's found that she loves one of the processes we're using on this module, so much so that I can't keep ahead of her. Terrific! She's really not rolling her eyes as much when I discuss the next project.

We have received several (I swear) unsolicited kudos about the Order Board, even from the PSR President. As I told one person-we don't get paid for this-but I feel like we just got a big raise. On behalf of all the contributors, thanks.

We have more new advertisers: Bob's Trains & R/C in Desert Hot Springs and The Train Stop in San Dimas. Please support all of our advertisers!!

See ya down the line, Bill

## Madame Director's News Capsules

By Jan Wescott, Cajon Division Director

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Time is really zipping by and I must be having a heck of a good time, because I can hardly believe June is here, and another Order Board column is due. There's much to share with you since our last issue: the PSR Board of Director's meeting, three Division events, a Division Board meeting and some exciting news.

### PSR News

- The mid-year PSR BOD meeting was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mission San Luis Rey, site of this year's convention. The mission is a beautiful old church with a history of its own. It's very picturesque and serene, with lush green grounds, and the ocean nearby. The Board was able to tour the clinic areas and saw the location of the train/trade show hall. All seem quite adequate with ample space. Other highlights of the meeting were:
- Ed Hall, who is a candidate for the PSR President's position, was voted in as the interim Vice President. Chuck Hart, who is this year's convention chair, is the candidate for the Vice President's position. Don't forget to vote!
- It was announced that Roy Eberbach is the new PSR Secretary and Tom Rodgers; the new PSR Business Manager.
- A vote was taken to have a policy inserted into the PSR Manual of Operations that the primary rail registrant must at least be an affiliate NMRA member to attend PSR conventions. This issue promulgated a firestorm of mixed opinion. After much discussion, the policy, as voted, remained.
- There was also a vote to change the Youth membership to a Student membership. This will allow any person 18 years and under and also any person between the ages of 19 and 25 that possess a current valid student ID from an accredited institution to be an NMRA member at the student rate. The student rate will be two-thirds the cost of the regular membership rate rounded to the nearest dollar.

Tom Draper explained a proposal under consideration concerning the NMRA Bulletin. To reduce costs, a slick-cover commercial magazine called Scale Rails will replace the NMRA Bulletin. The magazine will be distributed to newsstands similar to other major hobby

magazines. However, the NMRA member's edition would include traditional NMRA news in the form of a middle insert to the magazine. Only NMRA members would receive this augmented copy.

### Special Announcement

The Cajon Division now has an additional website. Check it out at [www.cajondiv.org](http://www.cajondiv.org)! I think you will agree it's great! The primary purpose of this website is to communicate information to Division members on a monthly basis. This website will be used only for Division news, activities and events. Hats off to Dale Tripp who volunteered his talents to be Division Webmaster and got the website up and running. He plans to update the website by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

### Division Board Meeting

The May 11<sup>th</sup> Division Board Meeting was devoted to assessing and re-evaluating the Board's progress toward its long and short term goals and discussing the Division's future direction. Some of the issues on the day's agenda were identification of improvement areas, discussion of successful areas, and formulation of ideas of how to best move forward. It was a very enlightening and productive meeting.

### Events

Highlights of the three events that took place since our last newsletter are covered elsewhere in this issue. A total of ten events are scheduled for this year. The events to date have been very successful resulting in new memberships, more member interest in the AP program, and increased attendance.

### Barstow Event Update

Excitement is building for our big November event in Barstow. Full details and an event timetable will be in the next Order Board. To date, there are eight confirmed clinicians. The Railway museum is also making special

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## Madame Director's News Capsules (continued)

plans for our event, such as opening up the SP 45, the ATSF Caboose, and bring up some baggage cars, etc. Many other events are being scheduled such as a Chinese Auction, White Elephant Auction, mini-train show,

and slide show. Circle your calendars for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>! You won't want to miss this event!

That's it for now. Enjoy, have fun, and happy modeling!

### Historian's Corner

By Jan Wescott, Director

Bob Faley, our Division Historian, has had to undergo a series of operations recently. Our best wishes to Bob for a quick and speedy recovery.

In his behalf, we would like to extend our appreciation to John French for his kind donation of several old newsletters, including many old Order Boards, that will certainly help to complete our collection. Thank you, John French!

Bob wants everyone to know he is well on his way to piecing our history puzzle together. There are only a few years missing before every Order Board is in our archives. Missing issues are of the early '90s. In addition, he has filled two volumes and is now working on a third full of Division materials.

Please look in your closets, boxes and wherever, for anything you feel should be in our Division archives-old pictures, meet programs, fliers of past events, etc. Recently Division member Gary Stenberg, informed us that he has a copy of the original by-laws for the Cajon Division dated back in the '80s. He will be providing us a copy for our archives. This is great news!

Some Trivia: Did you know the Cajon Division will be celebrating its 30th year anniversary next year? The first organizational meeting of "our" newly formed Division was held at Hunter Park in Riverside on June 24, 1973 and given the name Cajon Division. This means that the Cajon Division predates the Pacific Southwest Region!



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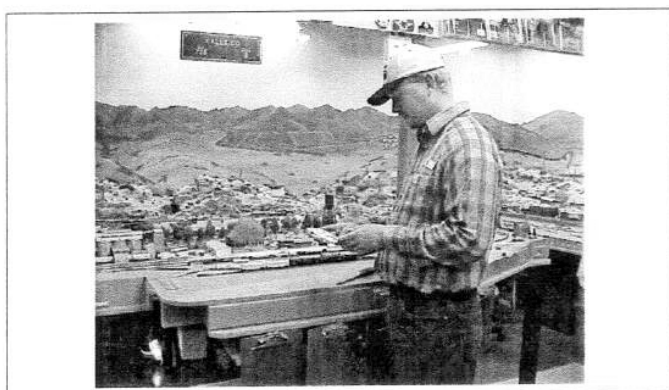
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Displaying a 1983 Order Board, she gave recognition to both Todd Scott and Bob Chaparro whose names were listed on the 1983 committee directory indicating over 20+ years of volunteer service for the betterment of the Cajon Division.

Special appreciation plaques were given to both Todd Scott and Steve Connolly for their assistance in coordinating Division events in the Orange County area the past three years.



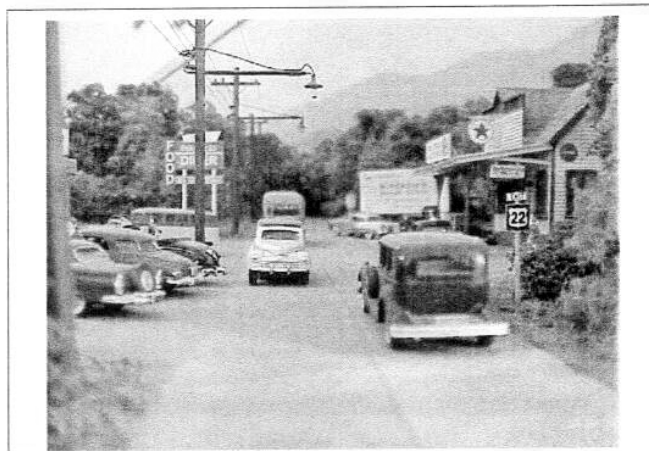
*Dennis Ivison with his superb N-Scale layout.. Photo: Robert Wescott.*

Next on the day's agenda were the clinics. Division events held in Orange County are well noted for their excellent clinics and today's trio did not disappoint anyone. Todd Scott's "Simplified Signaling", Carl Heimberger's "Easy Tree Making" and Jim Fuhrman's "Improving Engine Performance" clinics held the audience captive. These clinicians came very well prepared with visual aids, step by step demonstrations and solid presentations. At the end of the clinics, Jim Fuhrman gave everyone a 100-piece packet of spacer washers.

Dennis Ivison brought his N-Scale version of John Allen's timesaver module to the meet. It was really neat! Many members commented that they wished they had more time to "play" and practice the setup.

Lynn Austin surprised the group by bringing a locomotive test stand. Members who had brought locomotives as "show and tell" were able to test their pulling power.

Following the "formal" segment of this meet, the group



*A scene on Bill Flinn's HO-Scale layout, the "Pennsy Western Railroad." Photo: Robert Wescott.*

proceeded on self-guided tours to view two excellent layouts: Dennis Ivison's superb N-Scale prototypical masterpiece, and Bill Flinn's Pennsy Western RR, home to thousands of trees.

How do you measure success? Is it a success if the event ends up in the plus column financially? Is it by the number in attendance? Is it a success because two more new members joined the PSR? Just what is success and how is it measured?

Yes, yes and yes, success is all of the above and more importantly, success is having members shake your hand at the end of the event and say "thanks for putting it on, I'm glad I came." "I had a good time!" The Anaheim Meet was all of the above, a success with lots of fun!

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### A SAD SAYONARA!

On April 30, 2002, the Southern Nevada Model Railroad Engineers bade a fond farewell to the old freight depot that served as their home for so many years. Ernie Eagan and Bill Arndt are vigorously searching for a new home and we wish them well.

Photo by Bill Arndt



### ROGER AND FAITH CLARKSON INVITE YOU TO AN OPEN HOUSE!

Roger and Faith say, "you are invited and feel free to bring all your friends, too!" The dates for this year's scheduled open house are October 12th and 13th and October 26th and 27th from 1 to 5 p.m. each day. What you'll see is 1/3 acre of G-Scale trains running on over 2000 ft of track. Nine trains can operate simultaneously over bridges across waterfalls, through scenic towns, and numerous tunnels. The G-Scale trains are set in the beauty of a meticulously maintained garden. A new Shay section was recently added.

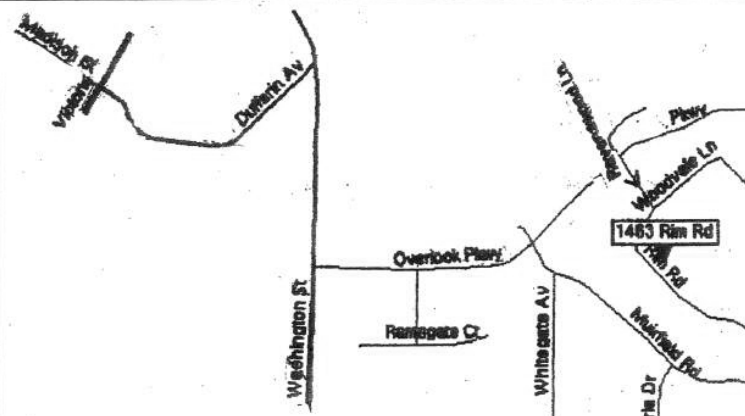
In addition, you'll be able to watch six trains run on a 22 x 32-foot HO-Scale railroad which features over a hundred structures all illuminated by miniature lights. This railroad room is temperature controlled for your viewing pleasure.



"Come visit us." "We'd love to see you!" Roger and Faith live at 1463 Rim Road in Riverside. They suggest exiting on Madison from the 91 Freeway. The map shows the rest. Their home is very easy to find.

Special Note: Roger and Faith have offered to host a regular Division Meet next April. There will be clinics and other events in the morning and the opportunity to really take in both layouts in the afternoon. Watch for further details at the turn of the New Year!

Photo provided by Roger and Faith Clarkson.



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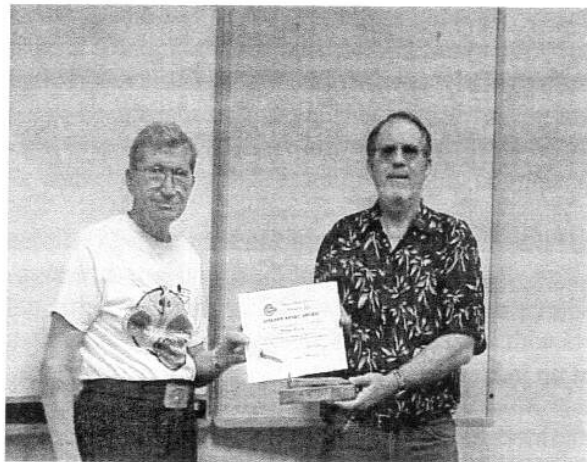
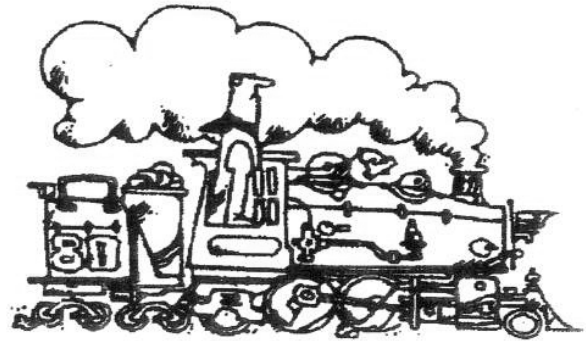
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*Arnt Tonnessen with his Gold Spike Award.*



*Brian Block receiving a Gold Spike Award.  
 Photo by Jan Wescott.*



*After the slide show at Lynn Austin's house.  
 Photo by Robert Wescott.*

## Slide Show Provides Camaraderie, Entertainment, and Education

By John Taranto, Publicity Chairman

A large turnout was on hand and everyone had a great time at the April 6th slide show held in Las Vegas at the Whitney Library. Cajon Division invited "The Three Amigos" Don Hartman, Jerry Holton and Steve Peters, to present a slide show as an informal gathering for members to enjoy an afternoon of trains, sodas, popcorn, and camaraderie.

Before the show began however, Merit Awards were presented to three Cajon Division members. Achievement Program Chair Robert Wescott presented Lynn Austin and Brian Block with Golden Spike Awards for layout/module construction. A Merit Certificate was presented to Bill Jacobs in the structures category. Robert Wescott also received a merit certificate in the structures category.

The slide show began with a guest presenter. The "Three Amigos" introduced Bob Jones as their guest for the first portion of the show. Bob's show was entitled: "Chasing Trains." It featured action shots which Bob took on recent railfanning trips. His show consisted mainly of Santa Fe and BNSF motive power with some UP thrown in at the end. Bob's presentation was very informative as he demonstrated how certain effects in railroad photography could be achieved by using camera angle, telephoto lenses and available light to your advantage. Bob also showed the results of computer aided special effects in photography.

The Amigos then took the floor with their entertaining show. What makes their shows so outstanding is not only their collection of over 140,000 slides, but also their extensive knowledge of each railroad, its history and paint schemes. Their selections for this afternoon's show covered North American railroading on both east and west coasts. Slides of the Penn Central railroad show how modeling this road is a delight if you are into heavy weathering, as was evident by the terrible condition of their locomotives. Pennsy fans were treated to a nice display, proving that the Pennsylvania was not afraid to experiment with many varieties of steam, diesel, and electric powered locomotives. The New Haven Railroad was also featured with a respectable number of

examples. Over on the West Coast, the Southern Pacific reigned supreme with cab-forwards of several classes shown and Espee's fine stable of GS Daylights, which paraded by in both the classic red, orange, and black livery as well as silver and black "War Babies".

Next, viewers were given a history lesson in the early development of diesel locomotives. With archival photos, we were taken inside the Electro Motive Division's erecting facilities to see first generation diesels being assembled. Members watched as EMD began by laying a frame out on the shop floor and ended with giant overhead cranes lowering sleek car bodies onto their chassis. One-of-a-kind test bed locomotives were shown being put through their paces on the proving tracks at the sprawling complex.

Turning back to present day railfanning, modern diesel fans were not disappointed judging by their "ooohs and aaahhs" from viewing the many examples of colorful MU lash-ups. Also featured in the show were several fine examples of art deco and Spanish mission style railroad depots that are still in existence.

After the three and a half-hour show (including breaks between carousels) the group adjourned to the home of Lynn Austin. Lynn graciously hosted a backyard hamburger barbecue at no cost to the members. With Dave Dunaway flipping burgers at the grille and baked beans nearby, everyone kicked back with their plates for a fine meal and lively discussions. The weather was cool and comfortable. As the evening wore on, members requested an encore from the "Amigos" who were only too happy to oblige with more slides.

The "donation hat" collected \$18 for Cajon Division treasury during the course of the afternoon. The ever-resourceful Lynn Austin lended to the fund raising efforts with an array of old model-railroading magazines tied up in bundles for the taking. A nearby donation can collected \$14. Included in the door prizes was a 2002 Model Railroader Calendar, donated by Trainquest, that was won by Jerry Holton.



## Trains, Food, and the Tango

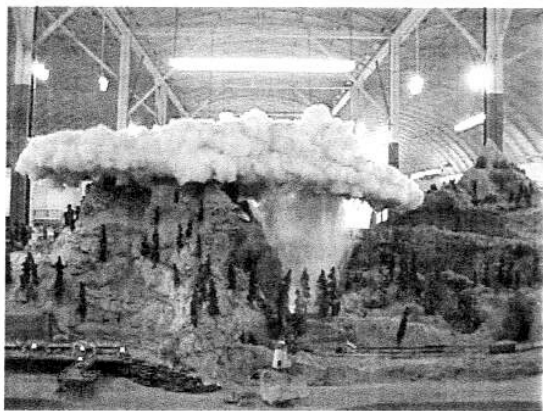
*March 16 Coachella Layout Tour Had It All*

By Bill Jacobs, Editor

On a windy day in the high desert, 24 hardy model railroaders toured three layouts and then enjoyed barbecue and a tango demonstration. Organizers of the event were John King, High Desert Section Foreman and Bob and Heidi Olea of Bob's Trains & R/C in Desert Hot Springs. There were attendees from all over the Region; Banning, Barstow, Las Vegas, to name a few; as well as the local rails. The jumping off point, at 10:00 AM, was Bob's Trains, where a sale for the tour-goers was underway.

The Coachella Valley Model Railroaders Club layout on the Date Festival grounds in Indios is a highly detailed HO/HOn3-Scale layout with a large number of scenic vignettes, for example: a golf course; a carnival; storm clouds with lightning; and a Native American pueblo, just to name a few. There are about 35 club members. Don Jones, club president, told us that there was well over 1,500 feet of track with the individual member's handy work displayed in the rolling stock, a lot of it scratchbuilt.

The Penn Wolf Railroad ("Cry Wolf for Service") of Bob and Nancy Wolf in Thousand Palms is a 1960s era HO-Scale coal hauling bridge route constructed in the



*A thunderstorm scene on the Coachella Valley Model Railroader club layout.  
Photo: Tom Marshall.*

Wolf's garage. Bob told us that Nancy does the scenery and he handles the rest, an obviously successful combi-

nation. The layout was begun on April 23, 2001, and is amazingly complete for such a short building time. It is designed for industrial switching and there are plenty of opportunities because of a lot of line side business. Nancy also had some nice snacks for the tourists, which were greatly appreciated.

An added third stop was a G-Scale layout on the grounds



*Bob and Nancy Wolf's layout. Photo: Tom Marshall.*

of The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert. This is a huge LGB garden layout. It is advertised to have the longest trestle in the world and it certainly has a good claim for that title. There is a separate European section with a cog railway going up into the "Alps."

After the tour, it was back to Bob's where he and Heidi prepared a delicious barbecue: beef and chicken fajitas; barbecued chicken; beans; and rice. The Division provided the drinks. Model railroaders can really sock it away! No one left hungry. During dinner, John King and his dance partner, Jeri Stickney, entertained with a tango demonstration; a fantastic performance under demanding conditions. If you haven't seen them, just do it, they're really good. Lucky door prize winners were: Jerry McFarlane, Jeri Stickney, Don Jones, Heidi Olea, Nancy Wolf, and Robert Worones.

A job well done by John, Bob, and Heidi gave us our first meet in the high desert in a long time.

## Robert's D@#! Column

By Robert Wescott, Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair

Things have been busy since the convention last year, especially with special emphasis of the new Cajon Division's goals. So far this year, Cajon Division members have attained the following awards:

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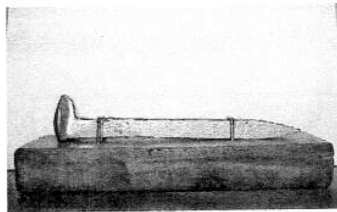
Ed Hall	Association Official	09/01
Jan Wescott	Association Author	01/02

### Merit Awards:

Lynn Austin	Structures	09/01
Brian Block	Structures	09/01
Ed Hall	Locomotives	09/01
Carl Heimberger	Freight Cars	09/01
Jim Kociemski	Structures	09/01
Jan Wescott	Module	09/01
Robert Wescott	Structures	09/01

### DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE?

Special thanks goes to our Division Education Officer, Jim Kociemski, craftsman of our fabricated Cajon Division Golden Spike Award pictured. These awards will be presented to all those who have completed the requirements for the NMRA Gold Spike Award (as long our supply lasts), in addition to the NMRA Certificate.



The following Cajon Division members have completed all the requirements and have received their Gold Spike Certificates from the NMRA and the Golden Spike from the Division:

Lynn Austin	03/02
Brian Block	03/02
Arnt Tonnessen	03/02

In addition, the following members have submitted their applications for approval, through me, the Regional AP Chair and forwarded to the National AP Chair for the following Achievement Certificates:

Brian Block	Association Author
Jim Kociemski	Association Volunteer
Jan Wescott	Association Volunteer

Robert Wescott                      Association Volunteer

Two structures that were judged at the February Cajon Division Meet in Henderson, NV earned enough points for merit awards and these were awarded at the Las Vegas Slide Show event held April 6, 2002:

Bill Jacobs	Structures
Robert Wescott	Structures

It does this ole heart good to see that the Contest/AP Program is still alive and well within the Cajon Division. Don't stop now!!!

A reminder (and in no way the last), don't forget the module contest to be held in November in Barstow. Voting for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be by popular vote. Prizes donated by Lynn Austin of Malfunction Junction Hobbies will be \$75, \$50 and \$25 dollars in cash. I've already heard of at least six being built, if not finished, and more on the way.

Also, if you have any models that you want judged, bring them along. I'm sure that we can find enough judges to take care of them. Just don't forget the paperwork! You can download the forms from the NMRA website.

Another reminder! Get your contest models ready for the PSR 2002 Convention in Oceanside. Another sweep of Merit Awards would be a wonderful thing to see at the Regional Convention.

Remember, Contest/Merit Award Judging can be setup at any of the meets held within the Division. Just let me know in plenty of time that you have an item to be judged and it will get judged.

Anyone that thinks that they have completed the requirements for the Golden Spike Award will need to let me know so that I can make the necessary judging arrangements. This will be done at your home.

There's a red marker on the Order Board ahead, so I'll see you in the next issue.

## Free Train Rides at Fairview Park

Lee Weaver and the Orange County Model Engineers welcome all to Fairview Park in Costa Mesa for a free train ride every 3rd full weekend of each month from 10 am until 3:30 p.m. The Park is located on Placentia Avenue between Adams and Wilson.

Lee says their specialty is the bigger stuff with standard gauge scale models that are 1-1/2 in/ft scale (1/8th the size of the real thing) and narrow gauge scale models that are 2-1/2 in/ft scale (1/5th the size of the real thing). The track gauge is 7-1/2 inches.

The trains are built and owned by the members, some can pull more than 20 adults at a time. Visitors will

see all types of locomotives and there is over 13,000 feet of track that covers only a portion of this 40-acre site.



Come ride the trains and see OCME in action!

### Coming Events

June 16	Las Vegas West Layout Tour 11:00 am 7240 Polaris Avenue Las Vegas, NV
July 14-21	NMRA National Convention Fort Lauderdale, FL
July	Cajon Division BOD Meeting Whitney Library Las Vegas, NV
September 12-15	PSR Convention Mission San Luis Rey Oceanside, CA
October	Lynn Austin Annual Swap Meet Las Vegas, NV
November 2-3	Model Railroad Month Celebration Barstow Ramada Inn Barstow, CA
December 7-8	Christmas Holiday Train Show Las Vegas, NV

### Cajon Division Webmaster

Dale Tripp, long time Las Vegas and N-Scale modeler, has volunteered to be the Cajon Division's first Webmaster. He has been busy the last 30 days getting the Division website up. Check it out at [www.cajondiv.org](http://www.cajondiv.org).



*John and Jeri demonstrate the tango at the Coachella meet.*

*Photo by Bill Jacobs.*

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