

The Order Board

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Barstow Event Surpasses All Expectations Proclaimed By Many "The Best Ever"



By John Taranto, Publicity
Chair

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Barstow Model Railroad Month Celebration. Many attendees declared that they had more fun and gathered more modeling pointers at this "Mini-Convention" than they did at most major events. The event location at the Ramada Inn was very conducive for the meet. Several people had rooms that looked out over the BNSF/Union Pacific tracks with a perfect vantage point for railfanning.

What better place to have a model railroad show than Barstow, with its magnificent Casa Del Desierto Santa Fe Railway Terminal Building! This huge facility is now home to the Western American Railroad Museum. Its many exhibits, both indoors and out, were a real treat to the attendees.

The Harvey House, also located inside the terminal, housed all the operating layouts with room to spare. The Model Train Show attracted more than 200 visitors. The rail yard outside the terminal was bustling with trains; it

The Cajon Division Team gathers to say thank you to Ron and Dee Tucker (left) for making our event possible. They also wish to thank all that came, participated and attended the Barstow Model Railroad Celebration. YOU made this event the most successful Meet in the Division's history.

seemed as if every five minutes another freight would rumble by. At first everyone would be inside enjoying the layouts, and then another "real" train would appear which prompted all to rush outside to watch. Kids would see how many prototypical locomotives and freight cars would match the ones on the layouts.

Back at the Ramada, over 125 attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves with a wonderful variety of clinics to attend and inspecting superbly crafted models and dioramas in the contest room. The Chinese Auction proved to be a big hit! Many folks had as much fun sitting around separating their tickets and chatting as watching to see who won what. Later in the evening, slide shows kept everyone entertained.

Ron and Dee Tucker held an open house for the event

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This quarter we received two letters, both about the Barstow event. I'd like to share both with you:

To the Editor:

My husband Norman and I attended the meet in Barstow last weekend. I would like to say that this meet was one of the best that I have attended. Jan Wescott did an outstanding job and I can't say enough about how she put everything together so wonderfully. She kept the cost way down and that was a big focal point for all. I know that other meets and conventions do NOT have to charge such high prices and that is why attendance is so low. People, especially retired people, just can't afford to go to these meets, get a hotel room, and eat out on their pensions. It is so sad to see people unable to go because of the cost. It makes much more sense to lower the price and have more people attend. For me, the Chinese auction was another focal point. We had such a great time ripping tickets apart, the auction was standing room only, and people were excited to see if they got their treasures. The clinics were wonderful and they also had a lot of attendees. Dee and Ron Tucker REALLY need to be commended on their efforts as they also did so much and opened their home to everyone who was at the convention. Dee made every bit of the food: dozens of cookies, sandwiches, relish trays, chips, and all sorts of drinks, at their open house. Then on Sunday, Dee had trays of huge home made cinnamon rolls at the hotel, which were to kill for. All in all, the meet was superb. Remember we are out to have fun, visit with each other, talk trains, share ideas, and just be there for each other. Thank you for your time and I do hope you will print something so that others will know.

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We had the best time.
Marie Lee
Huntington Beach, CA

and;

To the Editor:

I would like to say CONGRATULATIONS and a big THANK YOU to Jan and her crew that made the Barstow Meet such a success and so much fun. Thanks also to all who came from near and far, mostly far, to attend the meet. I thought the train show at the Harvey House was great, thanks to all the groups and individuals that brought their modules and displays. Thanks from Dee and myself to all who came to our home to see the Bodie Southern and stayed to chit chat, that was nice, we really enjoyed it.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS.

Ron Tucker
Barstow Foreman

See ya down the line, Bill

2003 EVENTS CALENDAR

- January 25: Division Board Team Meeting
- February 22: 2003 Las Vegas Meet
- March 23: Las Vegas East Layout Tour, BBQ, and Slide Show
- April 19: Orange County Layout Tour

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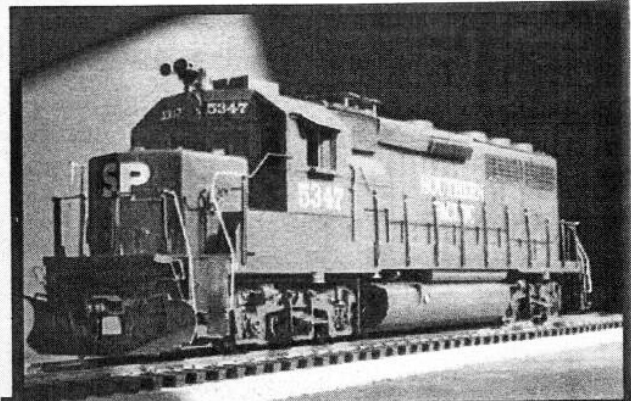
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and their home quickly became the unofficial after-hours meeting place. Dee prepared a wonderful spread of food for her visitors. Many found an unbelievable "buffet" of prepared sandwiches, stuffed peppers, deviled eggs, a host of baked treats and a variety of beverages to satisfy the hungriest pallet. After witnessing over 150 finger sandwiches and 10 dozen cookies disappear, Dee remarked: "Model Railroaders sure can eat!" Ron's HO scale Bodie Southern railroad was in operation and ran flawlessly under DCC control. Finding his layout scenery still under construction, fellow modelers were able to gather new ideas for future projects. Ron eagerly dispensed advice.

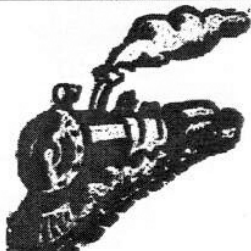
Centrally located, the Barstow meet brought together members from all areas of the Division like Menifee, Yucaipa, Thousand Palms, Hemet, Riverside, Anaheim, Newport Beach, and Southern Nevada. In addition there were others that came from San Diego, Utah, and Arizona. It was great to see so many people participate and enjoy the events. A bargain priced admission, an ideal location, large attendance, a great schedule of events and a tidy profit for Cajon Division all made this event super and one to remember. It surpassed all expectations!

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NEW DIVISION FOREMAN

Recently, Steve Connolly stepped aside after serving 5 years as the Division's key person in Orange County. Much of the activity enjoyed today in the Orange County/Anaheim area was spearheaded by Steve. He certainly was a great asset to the Division and did an exemplary job. On behalf of all the Division members, we say thanks and wish Steve life's very best.

Say hello and extend a warm welcome to Carl Heimberger, the Di-Orange County Carl has been with many of sion's activities current leader ange County Railroaders Carl has ward to volun- vices and is more than ca- filling this position. We feel very fortunate to obtain his help. Thanks, Carl for volunteering and saying "yes"!



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MADAME DIRECTOR'S NEWS CAPSULES

BY JAN WESCOTT, CAJON DIVISION DIRECTOR



AULD LANG SYNE

"Here's to you and here's to me...a toast to all of us together"

REMINISCING 2002...A GREAT YEAR!

A New Division Website, Improved Member Communications, Support of a 22-Member Board Team, Division Newsletter Became Super Great, 10 Fun Events, Record Attendance, Increased Dollars in the Coffers, 47 New Members (incl. 21 Re-rails), 5 AP Certificates Awarded, 10 Merit Awards, 10 Golden Spike Awards, and more importantly FUN reigned supreme!

NEW YEAR 2003...A promise of more to come

The Division Board Team will meet on January 25th to discuss 2003 events.

Already scheduled for the 1st Quarter:

- Feb 22 Las Vegas Meet 2003 (Announcement elsewhere in this issue)
- March 23 Las Vegas EAST Layout Tour, BBQ and evening Slide Show
- April 19 Orange County Layout Tour

Other Events in the Works:

- Dennis Ivison is arranging for a tour of the Colton Tank Car Facility
- New Orange County Foreman, Carl Heimberger will plan something
- Roger Clarkson will host a Meet in Riverside
- Possible layout tour and potluck at Mt. Charleston
- Wally Clark is arranging a Meet in Hemet in October
- Barstow?? Who knows what Ron Tucker will dream up for next year
- The Division will join Lynn Austin for his annual Swap Meet in Sept/October
- Another Christmas Train Show?? Maybe and Pending



RAIN IN THE FORECAST??

Someone asked me recently "What happens to the Cajon Division after Jan?" My answer: "I don't know".

So I am asking you, the members, "what will happen to our Division? Hearty seeds were planted for the future this past year and anyone stepping forward will reap its benefits. Will you really let this Division go dormant? This was the state of the Division a year ago before I stepped forward. To date there is no future Director in mind nor is there a Superintendent who wants to handle position. The time is now to step forward!

Many have suggested possible solutions such as re-aligning or integrating the Cajon California Counties into the San Diego and Los Angeles Divisions while others suggested dividing this massive Division into two Divisions (California Cajon and Southern Nevada) thereby eliminating so much travel time. Are these viable solutions to our problem?

After three consecutive reigns of Nevada Directorship, I believe the next Director should be someone who resides in the California side of this Division. There is ample support in Nevada to assist and organize events here.

Can you help? Can you make a difference to keep our Division active? It is your hobby, your organization, your dues money, and your reasons for joining. Let me hear from you. Your thoughts, your ideas and your suggestions are most welcome to assist in addressing this weighty issue.

Moonlight Madness Fun in the Dark! What Else Could You Want?

By Bill Jacobs,
Editor

Lynn Austin's annual fall swap meet, sponsored by the Cajon Division, was held this year on Saturday *night*, October 5th. Lynn said, "I just wanted to see the trains run with lights." And run, they did. Lynn had his *Sedona Pacific* going to the delight of the attendees, the Southern Nevada N-Trakers had a big layout with *long* trains (that really is the beauty of N scale, you know), and the On30 guys, with several operating layouts, wowed the attendees. The weather was just outstanding-cool and calm.

By every measure, the event was an overwhelming success. There were over 100 in attendance during the course of the evening. Contributing chefs for the hobo stew at 6 PM were Dave Dunaway, with a hot and spicy blend, Jim Kochemski, with a soup style, and your author, with everything left in the freezer. (Editorial comment-I know I've said this before, and I noted that John Taranto made a similar comment in his Barstow article, but oh my golly, model railroaders can eat. I really thought *I* made enough for an army, but all three of these huge pots just disappeared). Robert Wescott contributed cornbread and Ramona Burke made most delicious Italian flat bread, along with some great cookies. That started the evening.

Kurt Meisel brought his Timesaver layout, on which most of the youngsters just whomped the more mature folks. There was a very active swap meet, with a number of sellers doing a pretty brisk trade (I will not divulge anything here, because your Chief Clerk was visiting her sisters at the time). We awarded the Cajon Division's first G-Scale Golden Spike award to Bob Obert for his great garden layout. At 7 PM, there was a clinic. Your author showed people how to make rock molds. This was my first clinic-I really didn't think that this was much of an interesting thing to do, but there was good attendance, and a very responsive group. Once again, maybe something that is a snap for you is not easy for someone else. It was a big lesson for me and one more reason why this hobby is fun.

Joe Gambie then showed an interesting selection of prototype slides (remember, it was dark). As the evening wore down, about 30 diehards hung around and just shot the bull-or lied to one another. For me, this was the best part of the night. I talked to Kurt Meisel a lot-this is a man who has followed some amazingly obscure prototypes!! Some of the young guys wanted to see how their locos stacked up, so Lynn got out his newly built engine test track, and they had at it. At about 11 PM, your Division Director and the AP Chairman (who happen to be married) whipped up some of the best Belgian waffles that anybody ever tasted. (We're back to this eating thing-again). To say they were well received is an understatement! It would bring tears to your eyes to really know how much whipped cream was consumed.

All of the food was donated; the Division made a little money; Lynn's thinking of continuing this next year, and everybody had a great time. What else could you want?



Division and Contest AP Chair, Robert Wescott, awards the Division's first G Scale Golden Spike Award to Division member Robert Obert at the Moonlight Madness event. Robert Obert is the newly elected President of the Las Vegas Garden Railway Society. Congratulations!

Historian's Corner

By Bob Faley,
Historian

As reported in the last issue, we are trying to complete our collection of published Order Boards. We received absolutely zero response to our plea for the back issues we were missing since then. Therefore, we again request your assistance in locating issues for the following years: 1977 to 1982; 1986; 1988-89; 1990; 1992; 1994; and 1998. We will copy your issues if you do not want to part with them. Just contact us and we will take it from there.

If I can put on my Region Historian hat for a minute, I am happy to report that we are moving right along on obtaining past convention cars for our Convention Car Display. We now

have 16 of the 22 cars we need in order to complete the display from 1982 through 2002. Please see my report in the first Dispatch of next year for specific details.

The photo album mentioned in the last Order Board, will be completed by the end of this year, and will cover all District events held this year. A new album will then be started to cover 2003. We want to thank Jan Wescott for supplying most of the photos.

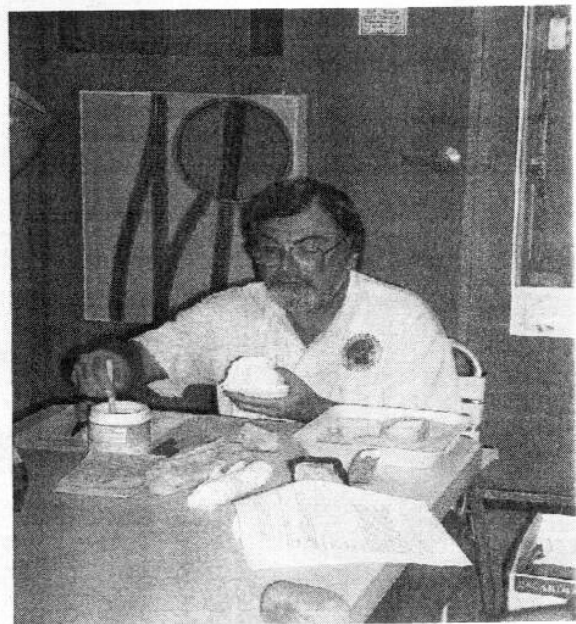
Trivia: We want to take you back some twenty-five years. Do you remember the young kid in the brown bowler hat who appeared on several issues of the Order Board (see below)? He was referred to as "Spike" and was a very active member of the Division at that time? He always attended Division functions wearing this hat. Answer in next issue.



MALFUNCTION JUNCTION HOBBIES

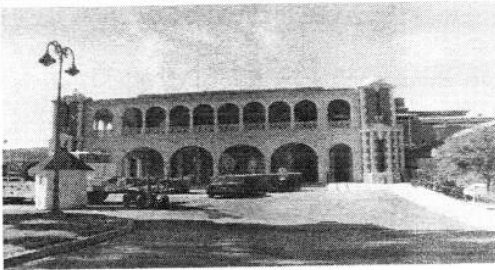
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At right, Bill Jacobs giving his "Easy Rock Mold Casting" clinic at Lynn Austin's "Moonlight Madness" meet. This is in Lynn's garage and you can see some of his On30 handiwork in the background!



Barstow Collage

All Barstow photos by Lynn Austin, Robert Wescott, Charles Nauman, Marty Judd, and Jane Jacobs



The Harvey House



Bob Sherlock, PSR Trustee



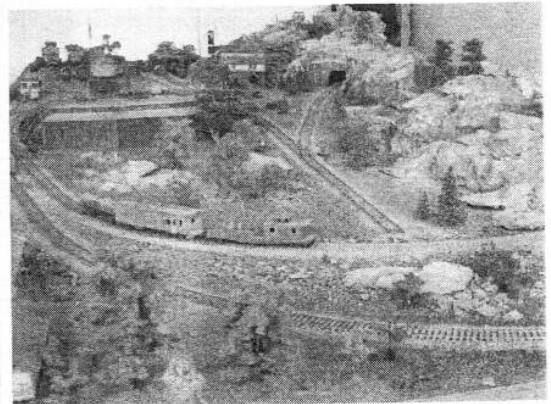
Ready for the Live Auction!



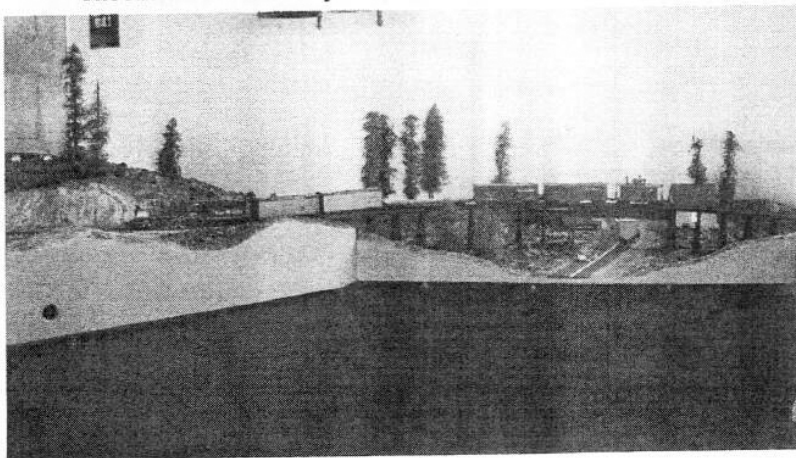
The Arndts at the Harvey House



Clinician Bob Moore



Dogtooth Mountain HO Layout at Western American Railroad Museum



A long freight on Brenda Bailey's Sn3 layout

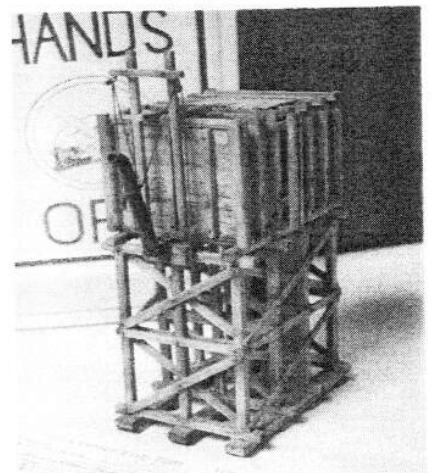


Right: Chinese auction action.

Left: Mike Sandstedt



Right: Brian Block's Merit Award winning HO water tower.

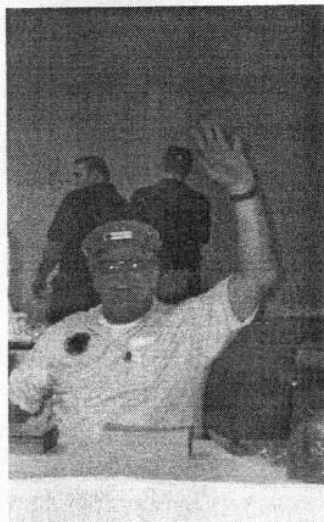


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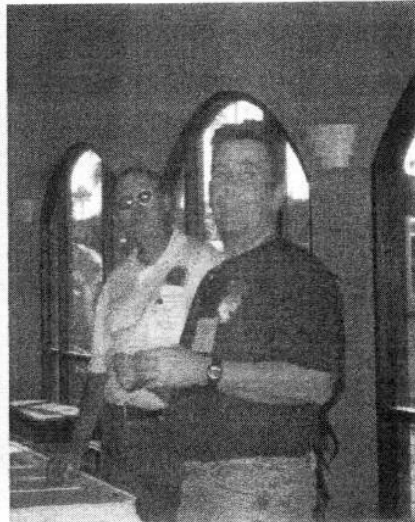
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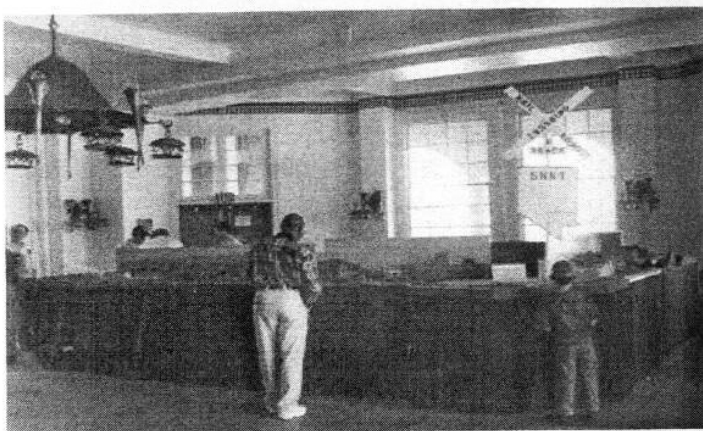
Loretta Block and John Taranto check the schedule



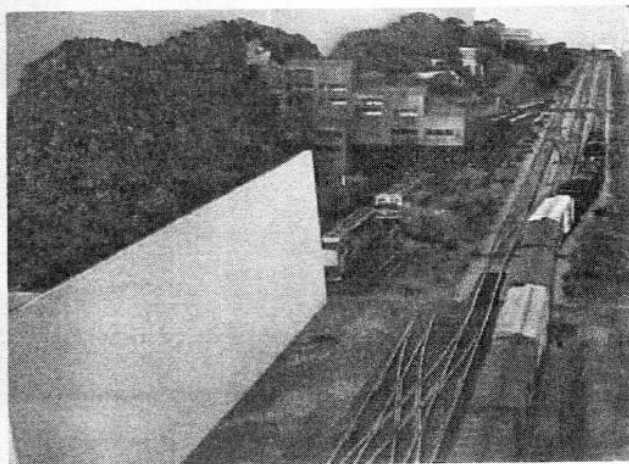
Marty Judd, ace ticket seller



Ed Hall, PSR President, and Brian Block



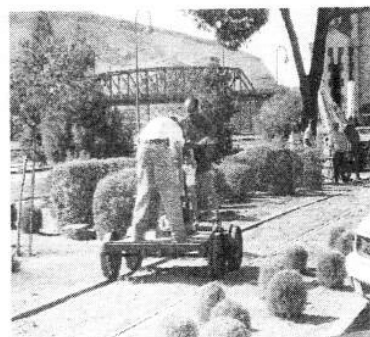
Southern Nevada N-Traker's layout



Orange County Module Railroader's layout



Left: Bill Arndt's disappearing Lionel layout



Right: Pump Harder!

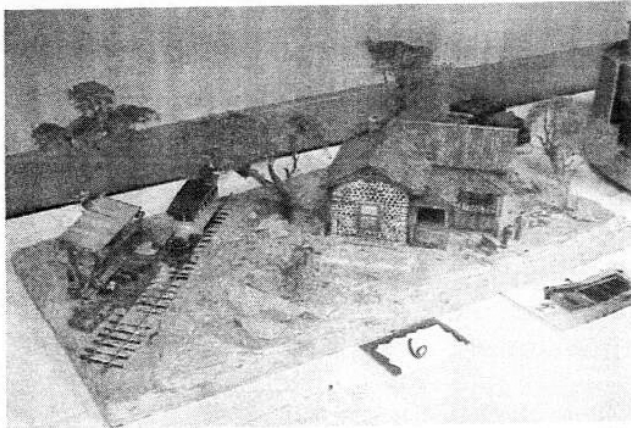
Robert's D---- Column

By Robert Wescott,
Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair
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With the BIG event in Barstow over, the results of the Diorama Contest along with the other awards that were achieved are in.

DIORAMA CONTEST

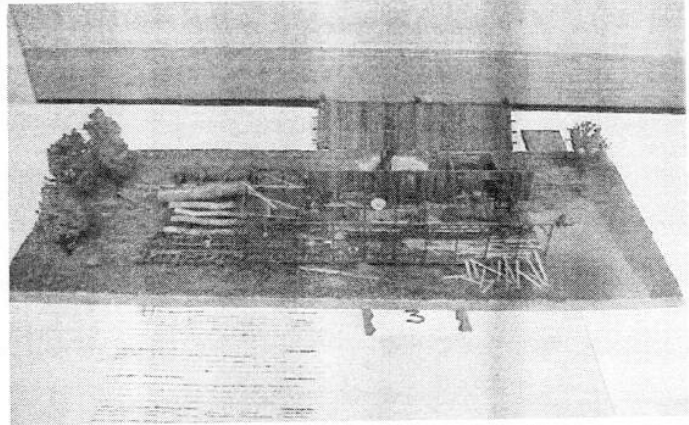
1 st Place	Brian Block	Bottle House
2 nd Place	Robert Wescott	Sawmill
3 rd Place	Lynn Austin	Station



Brian Block's 1st Place Bottle House

There were six entries in the diorama contest and I hope there will be more next year. These contests provide you an opportunity to try something new, presents a challenge to yourself and can be very rewarding at completion. You may really surprise yourself even though you may not win. Besides, it gives a chance to let the rest of us share your modeling methods. The contests are still a learning process for me. It's all predicated on what you thought of this one. If you have any thoughts, let me know. I'm always open to suggestions

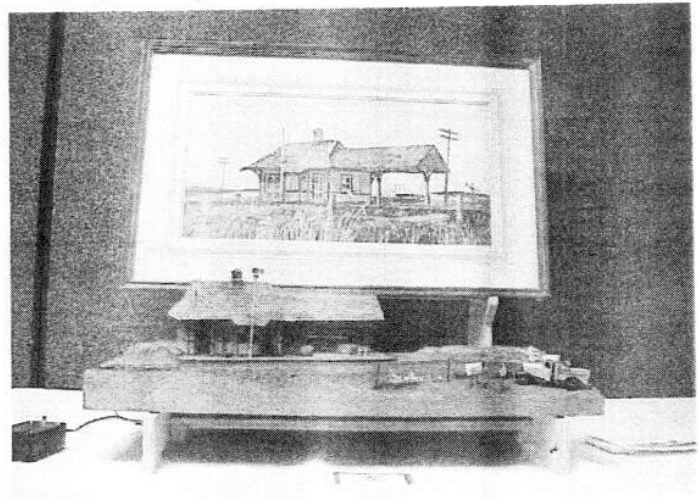
Next year at the Annual Cajon Division Meet, the contest will be "Anything But A Boxcar". It need not be anything fancy. Start out with a basic boxcar and make it into something else. Scenery is not required



Robert Wescott's 2nd Place Sawmill

unless that's what you want to use as for a base. Prizes will be determined at a later date.

Brian Block won first place in the diorama contest with his Bottle House. His goal was to have the structure judged and earn the qualifying 87½ points for a Merit Award. Upon learning that this was achieved, he donated his first place prize money of \$75 towards next year's contest. My thanks to Brian for his generosity and to Lynn Austin for donating all the prize money for this year's contest.



Lynn Austin's 3rd Place Station

MODEL CONTEST

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In addition to the diorama contest there were six models entered, judged, and all six received enough points to qualify for Merit Awards as determined by our four very competent judges, Dennis Ivison, Ted Johnson, Marty Judd and Todd Scott, in our model contest. My thanks goes to the judges for taking time from all the other events to judge our entries in the Model Contest. People like them always make things go a lot easier when they step forward and volunteer to help out. A job well done.

Brian Block Rolling Stock
 Structure – Off Line
 Structure – Off Line
 Structure – On Line

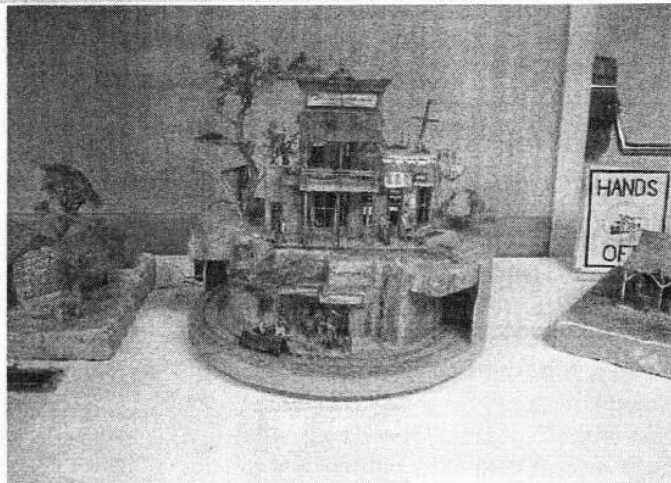
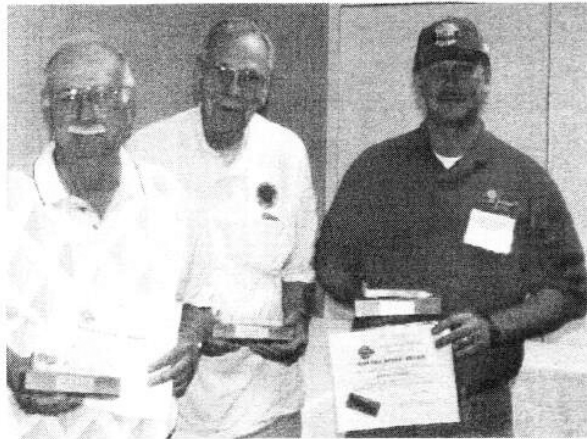
Ted Johnson Rolling Stock

Robert Wescott Structure – On Line

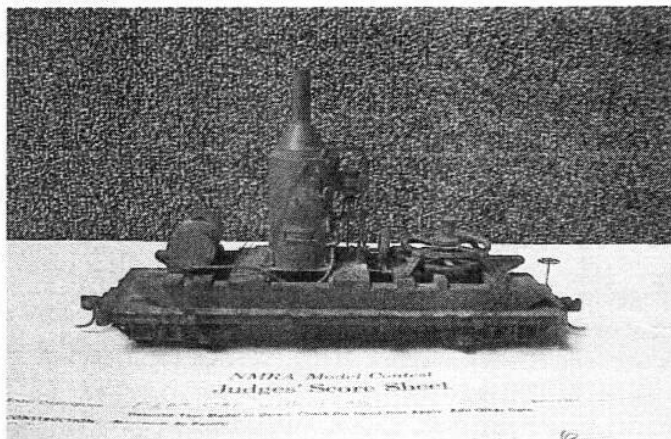
Also, the Bodie Southern Railroad (by Ron Tucker) was inspected and judged. This layout was deemed qualified for a Golden Spike Award. The paperwork has been sent to the Regional AP Chair for processing. Good job, Ron!!!!!!

RECENT AWARDS

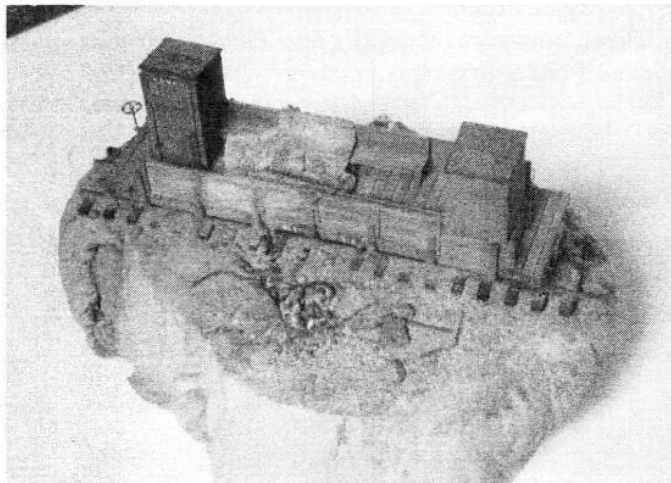
Showing off their Golden Spike Awards are (left to right) Roger Clarkson, Bill Flinn and Dennis Ivison. Not present were Stan Hayes and Mike Kresen who also received their Golden Spike Awards



Brian Block's Merit Award winning Structure-Off Line. (Brian's Structure-On Line is shown on page 8.)



Ted Johnson's Merit Award winning Rolling Stock entry



Brian Block's Merit Award winning Rolling Stock entry. This is a passenger car.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOW ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

by Jan Wescott,
Cajon Division Director

Just in time for the holidays, the Christmas Train Show held at the Henderson Convention Center on December 14th attracted crowds of over five hundred people and received rave reviews. Organized to promote "trains" to the public, this first joint venture sponsored by the Cajon Division, PSR, NMRA and the Silver State Division of the Toy Train Operating Society (TTOS) was a huge success both in its purpose and mission and a "larger than projected" financial net gain. Both the Cajon Division and the Silver State Division received approximately \$950 from the net proceeds.

As the organizer of this event, it was my goal to unite the local train groups for an event to promote our hobby of trains. I wanted to have an event that would be fun for the train enthusiasts and at the same time provide opportunity for families to bring their children to see model and toy trains in a variety of scales and settings.

Together with the full cooperation of Bill Arndt, President of the Silver State Division of TTOS, all challenges and obstacles were met to make this event materialize. In all there were seven operating layouts and eighty-two "swap meet" tables of both train and craft sellers. Another major supporter of this event was Ernie Eagan, President of the Southern Nevada Model Railroad Engineers (SNMRE) who immediately purchased 9 tables to get this event underway.

We received cooperative support from the local modular layout clubs. Participating in this event was the Southern Nevada N-Trakers (SNNT), the Nevada Module Engineers (NME), the On30 Modulares headed by Lynn Austin who also brought his 4 x 8 Sedona Pacific, and the local chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Bill Arndt built a special toy train layout for the event and both John Georgi and Ed Berg brought tin plate operating layouts. Due to space limitations and a prior commitment, The Las Vegas Garden Railway Society did not have their modular layout on display but many of their members, including their new President, Bob Obert, and VP Charlie VanNetta, attended the show to offer support.

My sincere appreciation to all those who worked alongside me during this event, especially the local members of the Cajon Board Team who showed up in full force to ensure I had enough help. A very special thank you to Ramona Burke, Barbara Perfect, Shelley Mathews, Loretta Block and to Bill and Jane Jacobs who brought Ashley Merritt, Aaron Nelson, and Nina Scharbach down to help.

All said and done, I think Ed Berg (TTOS) expressed my sentiments best about this event. He said, "although the monetary gain is nice, I think the true measure of success is yet to be seen – with the addition of new members into the train fraternity and the goodwill we have all engendered."

(Photo by Marty Judd)



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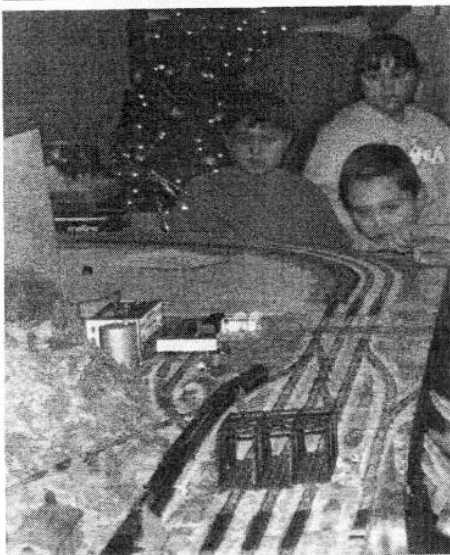


**SLIDE SHOW - "WESTERN PACIFIC"
Special Guest Presenter: Bob Larson**

Bob Larson is a retired engineer for the Union Pacific and has done many guest presentations for other NMRA events. He owns hundreds of slides and will show you some of the engines he drove while he worked for the P&O, Western Pacific, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific including many steam locomotives. He has published a book of his pictures entitled "Western Pacific Trackage" and it is our hope he will bring along some autographed copies for you to purchase.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Bring A Show'n'Tell! Anyone bringing and participating in the "Show and Tell" will receive a special door prize ticket for a special prize drawing. Also if you have a model to be judged, don't forget the paperwork and/or contact Contest/AP Chair, Robert Wescott (page 2 for contact info).

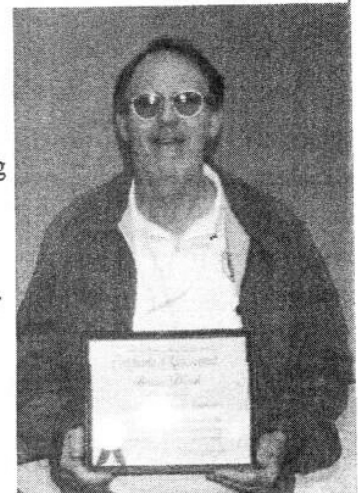


Left: Awestruck at the Henderson Christmas Train Show. Children are fascinated by the SNNT layout. Maybe some future model railroaders?

(Photo by Marty Judd)

RECENT AWARDS

Two Division members were presented AP Certificates at the Awards Presentation in Barstow. Pictured here is Brian Block showing off his Model Railroad Author AP certificate. Not pictured is Jim Kociemski receiving his Volunteer certificate. Congratulations to both!



CONGRATULATIONS!

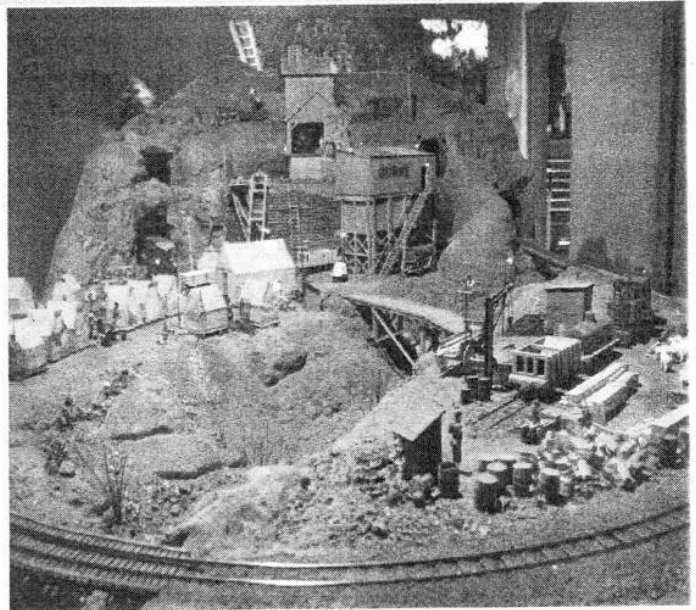


At the September 2002 PSR Convention, Jan Wescott, Division Director, named Bill and Jane Jacobs as the Cajon Division's Members of the Year. In making her announcement, Jan stated that both Bill and Jane are dedicated and outstanding members that continuously step forward to volunteer beyond their Board positions to ensure the Division's success. Bill Jacobs is the editor of the Order Board and Jane Jacobs is Chief Clerk. Congratulations to both well-deserving members!

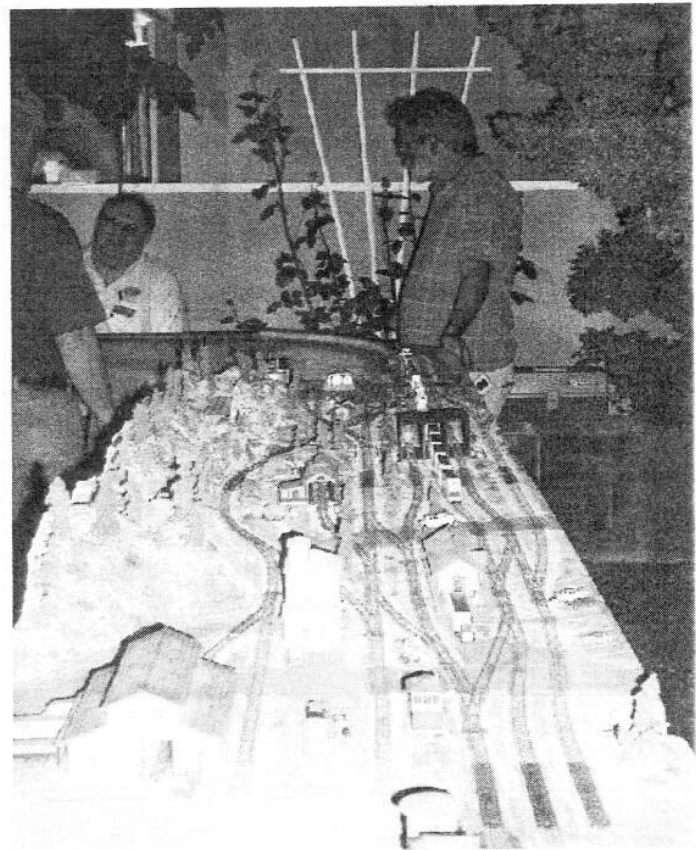
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Mike Kresen with his Golden Spike Award. Congratulations!!

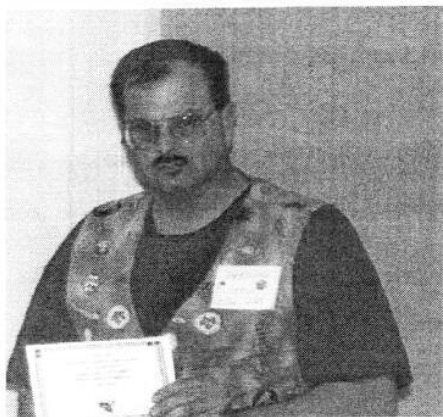


Lynn Austin's highly detailed On30 Sedona Pacific layout is shown here at the Moonlight Madness meet. This layout is extremely portable and has traveled to many events. *(If you want to have some fun, just ask Lynn how much it weighs-Ed.)*

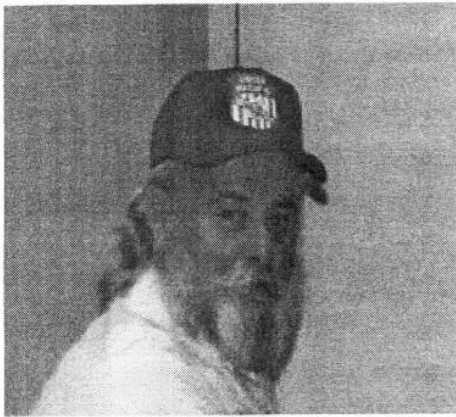


Right: Southern Nevada N-Traker's layout in operation at the Moonlight Madness meet.

Some Barstow Meet Appreciation Awards



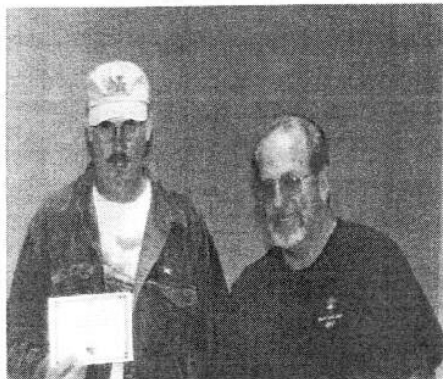
Bill Arndt, Silver State TTOS President



Bob Hunt, WARM Museum



Lynn Austin with Jan Wescott



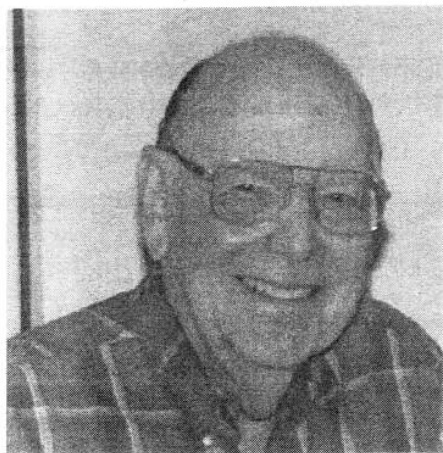
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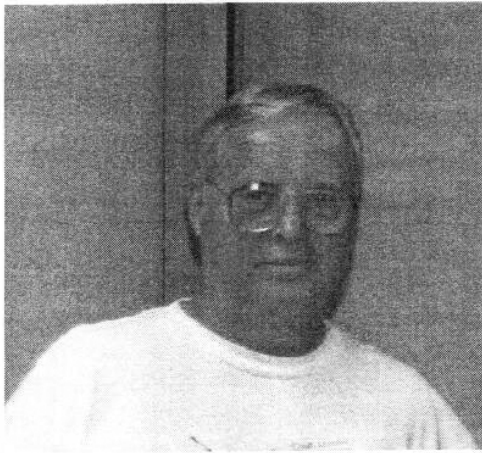
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