

The Order Board

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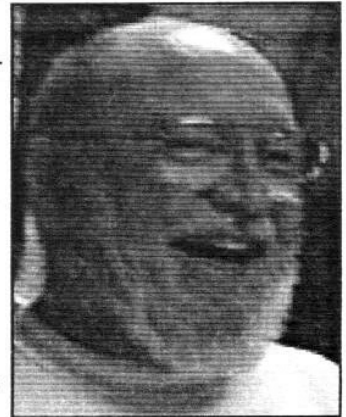
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Dave Villeneuve, New Superintendent

It's official. Dave Villeneuve won the election for Cajon Division Superintendent. When the ballot committee, comprised of John Taranto, Dale Tripp, and Bill Jacobs, finished counting, the vote was unanimous. Forty-nine members voted, a record response!

Dave, a resident of Apple Valley, models in N and G-Scale, likes photography, and is a docent at the Western American Railroad Museum and you've got to love that smile!

The Superintendent's job is to arrange events and meets, so the next time you see Dave, congratulate him and then offer to help him out!



Loretta Block taking admissions at Las Vegas East Layout Tour. See Page 3.
Photo: Bob Wescott



Talk about the tonnage on the train! Here are some of our Division members in Hunter Park after the Riverside meet. The first five, right to left, after the engineer are Director Jan Wescott, AP Chair Robert Wescott, Brian Block, Jim Furman, and Loretta Block. See page 12.
Photo: Ron Tucker



This is the morning GATX tour. Great time-great article. See it on Page 6.
Photo: Ron Tucker



Bob Mitchell wowed the crowd at the Las Vegas June Meet with his "Show and Tell" demonstration of pine trees. He also won the auctioneer contest and donated his trees! See Page 13.
Photo: Marty Judd

From the Editor's Desk

I know that this is not the usual place for this, but we have had so much going on that this is all the space I get this time. First, an apology: computers are wonderful things-when they work. When they don't-the Order Board is late! This issue is stuffed with good reports by a number of authors on the Division's activities. Next time you see one of these folks, tell them you appreciate their articles!
See ya on down the line, Bill



This is Carl Heimberger and Ron Tucker at the starting point of the Orange County Layout Tour organized by Bob Chaparro. See more about this event on Page 7.
Photo: Mike Sandstedt

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Dated: April 2, 2003

re: March 23 LV East Layout Tour

This is to offer our thanks for a terrific layout show – again. We have enjoyed both last year's and this year's shows. Congratulate everyone on a job (well, maybe not a job – perhaps more like a labor of love and fun) well done. You are all such a fun group to be with and we are pleased to be a part of it, even though it is only once a year.

Thanks again and best wishes to all!

Owen and Pat Miller, Big Bear City

Second:

On behalf OCMR, I want to thank you for organizing the Riverside event, all our members had a great time. Carl Heimberger

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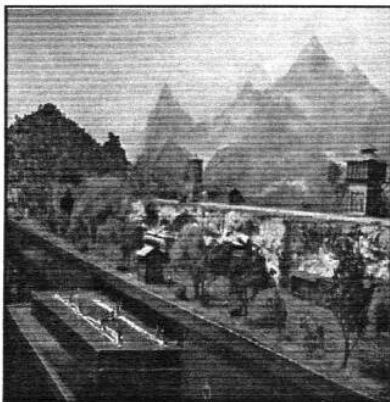
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Las Vegas East Layout Tour

By John Taranto, Publicity Chair; Photos by Robert Wescott

Almost sixty people turned out and all had a wonderful time on another successful Las Vegas Layout Tour.

Check in and first stop on the tour was at the home of Robert and Jan Wescott. Robert's HO scale New England & Western Railroad covers an area of 18 x 15 ½ feet. The freelance layout is set in New Haven country in the 1930s to 1940s. While traveling the hilly New England countryside, trains will enter and exit various tunnel portals so many times that the observer has a hard time knowing where a train will appear next.



Next stop on the tour was Bob and Ladora Buck's G scale "Buckbored's Railroad Company". Bob's garden railway is set in an 1880's western mining town. All the structures and trestles on the layout are scratch built. Several structures are replicas of buildings found in Edenville, Iowa, where Bob grew up. Trains can cover almost 400 feet of track powered by either transformer or onboard batteries. Control is via cordless remote control.



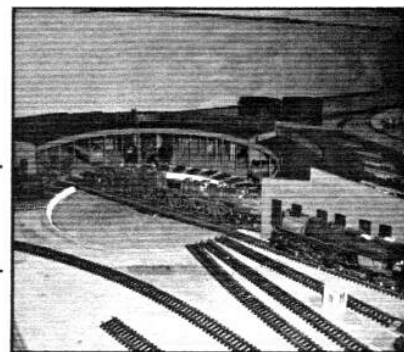
Staying with G scale, "tourists" were treated to a second garden railway at the home of Tom and Barbara Paolucci. Set in the American West between 1860

and 1890, the "Sunset Valley Railroad" operates on 500 feet of track, which includes two main lines and a



freight yard. Scenery includes tunnels, mountains, a pond with fish and a town. Tom and Barbara have decorated their layout with scratch built and commercial kit structures interspersed with live cactus. All the buildings are fully illuminated and a sound system provides authentic period music.

Fourth stop on the tour was the home of Dave Dunaway and his "Along Route 66 Railroad." Dave's layout portrays the 1950s transitional period on the Cajon Pass from San Bernardino to Summit in California. The layout surrounds the walls of a large 23 x 24-foot room on two levels. Recapturing a "railfan's paradise", visitors can view prime examples of UP, SP, and Santa Fe



power struggling through the grades of the Cajon. Most of the buildings are scratch built, including an impressive 20" turntable and 21-stall roundhouse.

Refreshments and snacks were on hand at each stop, but many attendees munched cautiously in anticipation of what laid ahead. The final stop on

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the tour was the home of Bill and Jane Jacobs, where hobbyists and railfans found a delicious barbecue dinner. With their guest's appetites unfettered, Bill and Jane were "shocked and awed" as three huge beef briskets, three dozen hot dogs and two large pot of beans were consumed. Host Bill Jacobs, echoing Dee Tucker's comments from the Barstow event remarked: "model railroaders sure can eat!"

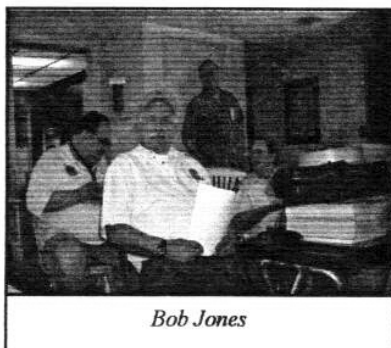
Although currently Bill does not have an operating layout, visitors to his home still got to see a model railroad in action. Jan Wescott took the opportunity to debut her portable Lego Train layout! Jan's layout featured two running trains made out of Legos.

During the barbecue, Merit Awards were presented poolside by AP Chair Robert Wescott. (See *RDC* in this issue.) Director Jan Wescott distributed door prizes and presented a special honorary membership award to Ashley Merritt for all of her volunteer service to the Cajon Division in the past three years.



Ashley Merritt and Director Jan.

After the barbecue, Bob Jones presented a two-hour slide show entitled "Trains 2002". Capturing on film the trains that he encountered in his travels, Bob demonstrated innovative digital techniques he uses to enhance his photography. Great job, Bob!



Bob Jones

The Cajon Division would like to express its thanks to Bill and Jane Jacobs for graciously serving as

hosts for the social, refreshments and slide show at the tour's conclusion. Thanks to all who pitched in to help with logistics – especially Loretta Block, who worked the admissions table at the departure point, then helped as food server at the tour's conclusion. A special thanks to all Board Team members for the cash donations used to purchase the food ingredients. And finally, the Cajon Division would like to thank each of the layout hosts who graciously opened their homes for this event, without which its success could not have been possible.

CLARK LORD STEAM UP



On May 16-18, Division Member Clark Lord was host to the Pacific Coast Live Steamers Western Regional Spring Steamup in Las Vegas. Above, Clark, on the right, explains the intricacies of live steam to Robert Wescott, center, and Bill Jacobs, left.

Below, Clark shows off his Mikado.



DIRECTOR'S NEWS CAPSULES

By Jan Wescott, Cajon Division Director

Wow! Has it really been 21 months since I first became your Director? What's that adage, "time sure flies by when you're having fun", I guess we must be having fun because time just seems to zip on by. This issue of Order Board clearly illustrates "fun" with coverage of five events held in the last calendar quarter. If we keep adding pages, our editor is going ask for a raise. <g> Thanks to all of you (members and Division Board Team) for your great support and help to make our Division strong, active and fun. I'm proud to be your leader.

National News

I've been asked to accept the position of National Education Director. After months of deliberation, I have agreed to accept the position. My basis for accepting lies in my belief that I might help serve to open communication avenues and "educate" (bring news to) NMRA members to better relate the NMRA to the hobby. In this regard, I believe my involvement can make a difference in addition to providing needed support and coordination to the umbrella areas under this Department.

News on the Home Front

Heartfelt thanks to Carl Heimberger and all members of the Orange County Module Railroaders (OCMR) for their assistance to promote the Cajon Division, PSR, NMRA, and the Arizona convention at two big recent events, Fullerton Rail Days and the Orange Show. You are indeed an asset to our Division and the model railroading hobby! Special "well done" to Wally Clark who in his efforts to coordinate a Meet in his home area, has succeeded in opening many doors to expose the Cajon Division and NMRA to people, groups and clubs for the first time. For example, the 4-H Railroaders that won an award for their Anza railroad project will be participating as clinicians as well as the members of the Hemet/San Jacinto Railroad Club and the Hemet Garden Railway group. He has also provided the opportunity to see an outdoor fire engine collection and HO layout all on the same homeowner's property for the first time. I urge all to attend the Division Hemet Meet, meet fellow modelers, and show your support.

2nd Annual Model Railroad Month Celebration in Barstow. Circle your calendars for November 14-16 (not November 8th as originally published) and make plans to be in Barstow that weekend. If you thought last year was great, we hope to make this year even greater! Ron Tucker has been busy trying to "check into" line up and confirm some exciting activities. Already there are some super clinics lined up. Bob Larson, engineer and author, has confirmed to do his slide show on Friday night. Also, Chard Walker has confirmed to do his show on Saturday night. Bob Moore will be back as will Todd Scott, Jim Fuhrman and other member clinicians from the OCMR club. Don't forget to start your entry for our "Anything but a Boxcar" Contest for cash prizes. And of course, there will be our now infamous Chinese Auction. More complete details will be in the September Order Board. Remember! November 14-16 at the Barstow Ramada Inn!

Las Vegas GATS. After a two-year hiatus, the Las Vegas Cajon contingent will be participating at the Las Vegas GATS at Cashman Field on August 8-9. My new 3 x 5 fully scened table top Lego Train Layout with Disney features has been accepted for exhibit and will be placed side by side with our promotion table to attract attention. GATS informed me there would not be a charge for our promotional table.

As we head into summer, the Division goes dark with regard to hosting events and then we come back after the September **PSR Convention** full steam ahead. Speaking of the PSR Convention, from all the inside news, it's shaping up to be a great event. I'm told by Clark Kooning, Chair of the Modeling With The Masters program, he will be putting on a MWTM session there. Also, the normal Train and Trade show will have a variation to include a swap meet with the Sahuaro Central taking chairmanship. And of course by now you know, the Cajon Division will be staging a Chinese Auction at the convention. The Convention Committee hopes to have an information and extra fare packet out by next month. Sure hope to see some of you in Phoenix! Enjoy your summer!

DIVISION VISITS GATX

By Dennis Ivison, Division GATX Tour Coordinator

On May 28th the Cajon Division was given the opportunity to visit the General American Transportation Co. (GATX) Railcar Repair Facility in Colton, CA. I know that a weekday tour is very difficult to attend for those who have to be at work, but it was the best time to see the plant in full operation. GATX does not operate on Saturdays or Sundays, still 26 of our members were able to join us. I have been associated with GATX for many years as the coordinator for the Anaheim Fire Dept. Hazardous Materials Team. My responsibilities include insuring that our Team's members maintain their skill levels for tank car emergencies. Our Haz-Mat Team has visited GATX on many occasions, and the people there have always been very gracious hosts; once again, GATX did not disappoint me. We were nearly given carte blanche by our tour guide Brian Noh, and I don't believe that any question went unanswered, any request went un-honored, nor was any opportunity missed. The people at GATX basically said, "What do you want to see, and what do you want to do? OK... let's do it!"

The tour was divided into two sessions, morning and afternoon, each group saw essentially the same things, but because we were in such a dynamic setting each group was also presented with unique opportunities. There were approximately 60 railcars in various stages of repair in the yard, and Brian let us "get our hands dirty," including climbing on any of the cars that we wished. Everyone got to see tank cars up close and personal; we saw the various exterior fittings, valves, and assemblies that make up a tank car as well as the plumbing on the inside. In addition, both groups got the chance to observe the inside slope sheets and off-loading gates of a covered hopper, how a railcar truck is disassembled, and a railcar repair facility in full swing. While we were investigating the details on a cut of auto racks, the conversation swung around to what a great layout room one of them would make.

The morning group spent more time in the shop building where the exterior of the cars are painted. While there, we got to watch a nice new coat of black paint being applied to a tank car, and take a ride on the transfer table. During the afternoon session, a switch crew brought in a new cut of cars for repair. We found a new remote control switch engine, so of course we just had to climb on and pretend to be the engineer. There was not much going on in the exterior paint shop during the afternoon, so we wandered over to the shop building where the interior of tank cars are lined and spent some time peering down into the man-ways; happily no one lost anything inside, which was Brian's biggest concern. Railfans being what we are, the afternoon group managed to find the bone yard and get some pictures of some very old switch engines and equipment. I heard some conversations about, "I wonder what they want for that?" and "I wonder if my wife would let me keep that in our back yard?"

It was hot, probably 90 in the afternoon, but well worth the sunburn I received. Despite the heat, I think that everyone had a good time. I also want to mention how great our members were, as gracious as our host was; our members were equally gracious guests. From an organizer's standpoint, this event went off without a hitch, and I want to thank everybody who attended for making my job so easy and fun. I also want to thank Jan Wescott and Chuck Nauman for their invaluable help in organizing this function. We truly have a Division to be proud of!



Ted Johnson Photo: Brian Noh conducting a demonstration.



Brian Noh emphatically giving directions. Person posing for camera is believed to be John Engstrom from At-Hearn. Hey, these guys can belong to the Cajon Division! Photo: Ted Johnson



(Editors note: Every once in a while you just get a great picture. When I first saw this image by Ron Tucker, I wanted to blow it up. The lighting is perfect, from the left.) Now, after this comment, this is a part of the GATX Tour that Dennis has so aptly described in his article on this page.

ORANGE COUNTY LAYOUT TOUR ATTRACTS 107 "TRAIN FOLKS"

By David Villeneuve, Division Superintendent, Photos by Mike Sandstedt

Thanks to the hard work of Bob Chaparro, the Orange County Layout Tour held on Easter Saturday, April 19th, drew 107 eager, and some very early 'train folks'.

There were ten great layouts on this tour and they ranged from brand new "under construction", to mature "award winning and fully-sceniced."

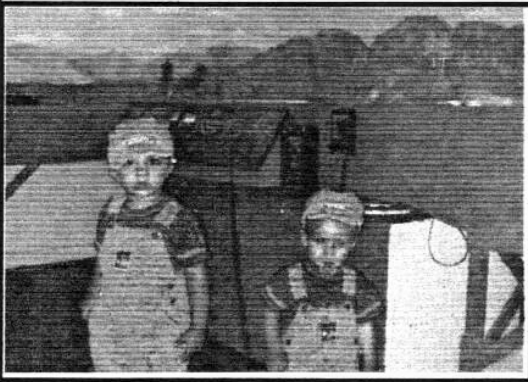
In coordinating this tour, it was Bob's intent to provide everyone with a choice of layouts to visit. It was quite an impressive array.

Many thanks to our layout hosts:

Bill Scholz with his 60's era HO Santa Fe railroad; Bill Flinn, HO Pennsylvania RR; Dennis Ivison, N-Scale Southern Pacific -n- Arizona RR; Jack Kenefick, HO California & Southwestern ; Mike Kresen, HO RR under construction; John Krueger, HO "AuSable & Sashaba" Freelance Layout; John Macik, HO Great Sierra Western; Bob Olds, HO Tidewater & Western RR; Fred Schrock, HO F. C. & S. Railroad; and Pioneer & Western Club, HO 1900s era layout in their 12 x 20 clubhouse



The starting point with me (barely visible on left), Bob Chaparro, Ron Tucker, Carl Heimberger, and attendee signing up.



From the little engineers to the big engineers, members and guests came from far and wide. All had a great time and so did I. Another great Cajon Division event!

Thanks again, Bob



My Experience as Layout Host

By Dennis Ivison

When asked if I would exhibit my layout for a Cajon Division Layout Tour, I was enthusiastic and delighted. My previous experiences with NMRA/PSR people and tours have all been great. NMRA/PSR members understand the amount of work that goes into a layout and are all very well mannered and great to have over, I'm even comfortable leaving the train room with our members in there alone.

However, I must admit that when I found out that the tour advertisements and flyers went to local hobby shops, I was a bit concerned, as I didn't know what to expect from the general public. In the past I've helped out at public train shows and there are always people with their kids that want to touch everything, things often get broken, and somehow become "missing."

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2003 EVENTS CALENDAR

(Please visit www.cajondiv.org for copy of event information and flyers.)

July 19: Board Team Meeting at Whitney Library, Las Vegas

August 8-9 : Division at Las Vegas GATS promotion

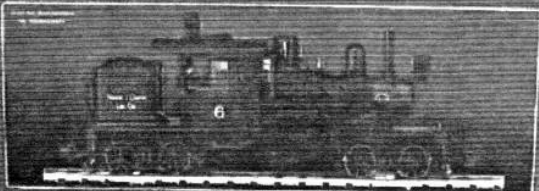
September 11-14: Pacific Southwest Region Convention

September 28: Board Team Meeting

October 4: Hemet Meet

November 14-16: Barstow Meet

December 13: Las Vegas Christmas Train Show



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Division reaps \$300 from raffle for Climax generously donated by Lynn Austin. Division member Jim Hinkle was the lucky winner! Photo by Chuck Nauman

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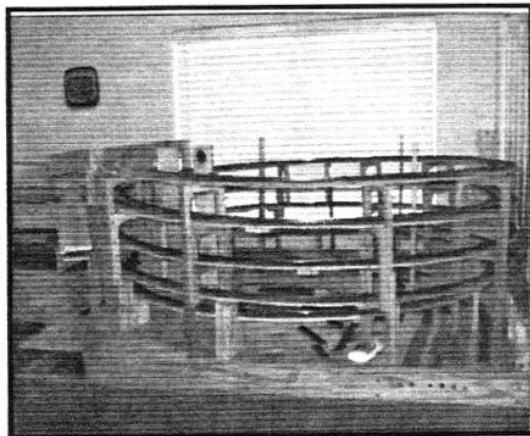
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All my fears were put to rest at this tour. It was well organized and simply great! Bob Chaparro should be given lots of thanks for organizing this event. I had around 70 people visit our home; everyone was very polite and courteous. I fielded lots of questions from people starting layouts, and many "how did you do that" type questions, very good for one's ego.

My two sons, Patrick (9) and David (5), were fantastic! They acted as entertainment directors for all of the kids that showed up. The kids liked the "trains," but all asked if they could go play on the fort in the backyard, so my boys kept them all busy. Most had to be dragged out by dad to go to the next layout.

Being a layout host is a great experience, and I hope everyone that has a layout will want to share theirs' by hosting an open house. My family and I always enjoy it very much.



Members enjoyed seeing the complex track system with two multi-level helixes at Larry and Alisha Dewsnup's Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad. Thanks for opening your layout for us! See related article on page 13. Photo by Chuck Nauman



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Bob and Gwen Ketrenos greeted over 35 members from the Las Vegas June Meet and Layout Tour who went to see their little 2 x 8 N-Scale railroad. AP Chair Robert Wescott reports that this layout has recently received a Golden Spike award. Well done! See related article on page 13.

Photo by Chuck Nauman

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Historian's Corner

By Bob Faley, Division Historian

Our collection of past issues of the Order Board is complete thanks to Dick Harley (a life member in Orange County) who will be sending us copies of those issues we are missing. So far we have 60 issues dating back to the number 2 issue in 1973 and Dick's will add about 20+ more. We offer one last big "thank you" to all those who contributed to our collection.

Trivia: "The Cajon Division and the Order Board." The first issue of what is now the Order Board was, in 1973, a one page letter simply called the "Division 8 Newsletter." As previously reported, the first organizational meeting of the PCR Cajon Division (called Division 8 at that time but changed to **Cajon** Division at this meeting) was held June 24, 1973 at Hunter Park in Riv-

erside. New officers were announced and Division events for the remainder of the year were scheduled thus setting the tone for future officers. Following that meeting the second issue of the Cajon Division publication, now known as the "Cajon-Newsletter" was published as the summer issue. In this issue was a request that suggestions for a more distinctive name for the newsletter be submitted to Bill Morriseau, Publications Committee Chairman. In the third Newsletter (Winter issue) ten names had been submitted and listed but one had not yet been selected. By the first issue of Volume 2, published in 1974, the Executive Committee had chosen the name **Order Board** and it appeared on the cover and has been ever since. The editor at this time was our old friend "Spike" (Gary Stenberg).

Robert's D---- Column

By Robert Wescott, Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair
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Photos by Robert Wescott and Marty Judd

I'm back with some old news, good news and new news. The old news is another reminder about our "Anything But A Boxcar" contest for Barstow. I can think of a lot of ways to tear a boxcar apart and know you can, too.

The good news is the prize money. The first place prize money has been increased and more money always grabs my attention. Remember this contest will be judged by popular vote only.

Anything But a Boxcar Contest Prize Money

1st Place = \$100.00
2nd Place = \$ 50.00
3rd Place = \$ 25.00

Onward to bigger and better (?) things, the "new" news. On June 7th, a model contest was held at our Las Vegas Meet. There were three (3) models entered into the contest and they all earned enough points to qualify for an AP Merit Award.

Brian Block entered two (2) locomotives, a Shay and a Porter. Brian's quest for his AP Locomotive Certificate is now complete. If my math is correct, this will be his 5th AP Certificate. Only two more to go for his MMR. Keep up the good work Brian!

The other model was Lynn Austin's Baggage Wagon. I sure hope all of you will get a chance to see this fine piece of modeling. It is completely scratchbuilt except for a couple of bolts and nuts. This includes bending, turning and welding each spoke in the wheels. It is built to a scale of 80% of the prototype. Congratulations, Lynn, great job.

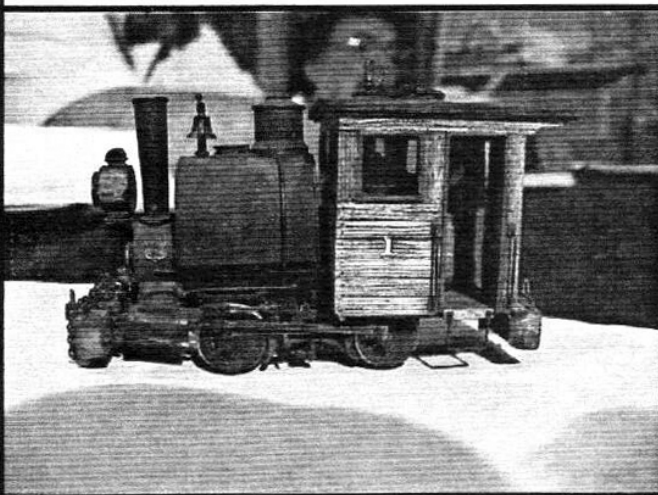
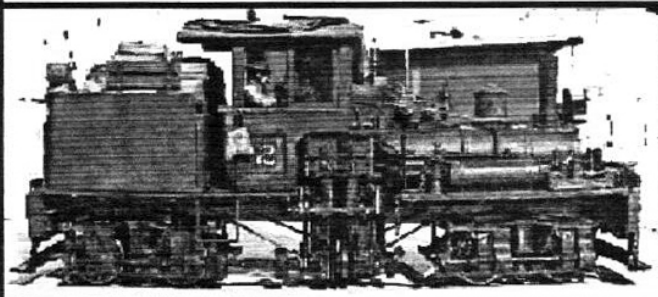
My thanks to Bill Jacobs and Marty Judd for assisting me in the judging. Pictures of all three winning models are on the next page.

For those of you who are thinking about getting into the AP program and entering models into a contest, but are a little intimidated by the paperwork or how to get started, give me a call. I'll be more than glad to give you a hand.

That's about it for this issue, hope to see you next time around and in the meantime, enjoy.



This is Lynn Austin's 0.80 scale Southern Pacific baggage cart. Not only did it get a Merit Award, it is a jewel. Lynn chose this scale because it will fit through 32 inch doors and haul around his displays. See more in RDC, page Photo by Robert Wescott



Brian Block's Merit Award winning locomotives. A Shay and a Porter. As pointed out in the RDC column, Brian will probably leave the rest of us in the dust and be the next Division MMR. Photos by Robert Wescott

Report on PCR Tri-Valley Zephyr Convention

by Charles H. Nauman, Paymaster

The Pacific Coast Region held its Annual Convention, April 23 – 27 this year, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Pleasanton, CA. The venue was nice, but it did rain a lot. This was a full-function convention, minus any raffles or auctions.

There were numerous interesting clinics; I'll mention two. The first was a three-part treatment of model railroad photography, put on by a group of accomplished photogs, including a hands-on session followed by a critique of participants' efforts. The second was a demonstration of model trees and techniques for making them, by Bob Hundman, editor of three of those railroad mags subscribed to by some of us.

The model and diorama contests drew a reasonable number of entrants. Several of the models were quite impressive. The photo contest drew a somewhat limited number of entries, perhaps the reason that the Las Vegas contingent walked away with two firsts and two seconds, among the seven categories.

Outside activities included a large number of bay-area home layouts on self-guided tours. There really are some great modelers in California. Also, there were speeder rides along the 6 miles of trackage through Niles Canyon, just south of Pleasanton. Other activities at the hotel included an old-time railroad movie evening, a swap meet, the conventional Hobo Breakfast, and the Awards Banquet on the final night.

As far as I could tell this convention didn't have any glitches, other than the excess of rainy weather, apparently an anomaly. Next year the PCR Annual Convention will be held in the wine country of Napa, April 29 – May 2, sponsored by the Redwood Empire Division and the Napa Valley Model Railroad Historical Society. They have a really great looking Convention Car lined up: a prototypical pipe flat with large diameter steel pipe load, similar to that manufactured in Napa. No two cars will have the same road number!

FUN DAY AT RIVERSIDE MEET

By Director Jan Wescott

April 27, 2003 was a picture perfect day in Riverside. It was the kind of day seen on posters with bright blue skies, a gentle breeze and temperatures hovering around 75 degrees.

The Las Vegas contingent of Brian and Loretta Block, Robert and I arrived about 8:30 am to the aroma of fresh coffee brewing. A quick glance around showed how truly prepared our gracious host and hostess, Roger and Faith Clarkson, were for this event. Everything was ready, from the coffee and sweet breads on the refreshment table, chairs in the clinic area, to the cold sodas in the "Coke" cart.

The ever-fun group of guys from the Orange County Module Railroaders (OCMR) arrived in full force. Those involved began setting up their kitbashing workshop. As a coordinator of the event, this whole scenario could not be more perfect.

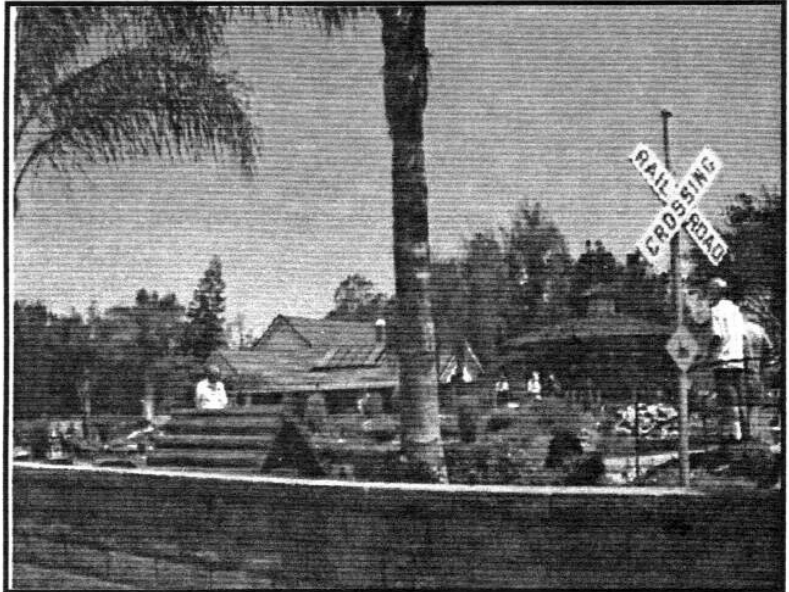
As Director, I was most pleased with the number (37) of members in attendance and that the Division Board Team was so well represented with Ron Tucker, Barstow Foreman, Dave Villeneuve, new Division Superintendent, Carl Heimberger, Orange County Foreman, the Blocks and Wescotts. I owe a special thanks to Loretta Block who took care of the admissions and details while I "played" and said hello to old friends and tried to make new ones feel welcome. Our treasury coffers sure appreciated the added profit of \$200+ from this event. Thanks to all who came. Sure hope you enjoyed as much as I did.

The clinic was great and what a really fine job of structuring it into a workshop. A job well done to Carl Heimberger, Joe Villaryo, Galen Gallimore, and Jim Fuhrman. Thank you!

Next on the day's agenda was our innovative Premium White Elephant with a best auctioneer competition. This competition produced so much laughter as the guys tried to out do each other. It produced some \$\$, too. Each auction item was distributed to a different member in the audience to auction off and the audience voted for best auctioneer by clap of hands. Ted Johnson won hands down although Mike Sandstedt did his best to influence the judging. <g> For being the best auctioneer, Ted won the opportunity to auction off a brand new locomotive obtained by Roger through donation from Jim Bromar of Trainquest.

Lunch Time! Faith Clarkson really outdid herself providing a free lunch for everyone. The array of food included everything from fresh fruit, roast beef sandwiches, salads, chips, and a slew of homemade desserts. A great finale to a wonderful time at the Clarkson's. Thanks so much, Faith!

The rest of the afternoon was spent touring by first, taking in Roger's HO layout and his famous G Scale layout. Roger also had a friend nearby open his G Scale layout and from there we went frolicking at Hunter Park for a steam train ride. Just a fun, fun day!



(Picture: l to r Loretta Block, Faith Clarkson and me)

Las Vegas June Meet and Layout Tour

By Bill Jacobs, Editor

The last Cajon event of the spring (it does get hot here in our division) took place on June 7th. As sometimes happens, this meet started as a comedy of errors and turned into a real jewel. Our original meeting place (with A/C) got cancelled at the 11th hour. Lynn Austin graciously offered his house and yard. Lynn, of course, is a great host and always has something new to amaze and grab the crowd. He had his Sedona Pacific running, along with his indoor HO layout, his hobby store, and the new outdoor On30 layout. He also donated a G-Scale Climax locomotive to be raffled off, but more about that later.

We've got to get by the formal stuff-OK? Director Jan announced that she had accepted the *National* Education Chairmanship, effective August 1. This is not trivial. Jan is not a model railroader, in what you would call the strictest sense of the hobby-I have even heard her say she hates trains. But Jan is an organizer and she intends to use this new position to disseminate information to the division in a timely manner.

The fun stuff got started with the presentation of "Techniques of High Rise Construction," a clinic by Dave Allen. Dave demonstrated how to build complex shapes for gables and cornices using styrene and how he has built very large N-scale skyscrapers.

After the introduction of new members and first time attendees; there were 9; the "Show and Tell" began. These little sessions have really turned into mini-clinics and are a lot of fun. Lynn Austin gave a really informative demonstration of why rolling stock should be tested using several test fixtures he has devised. Bill Jacobs displayed his HO baggage carts. John French, who, among other things, collects old kits, showed On30 and HO versions of Heinz pickle cars he has built, based on an old Strombecker kit that he has. Bob Mitchell demonstrated a way to build pine trees from balsa wood and aluminum screen wire. Based on the number of questions, Bob has developed a great, and I'll bet copied a lot, technique. Kathy Rice showed some of her collection of prototype car seals-some were really obscure. Finally, John McIntire displayed some On20 (that's O-scale on HOn3 track) scratch built rolling stock he constructed at least 35 years ago-it looked good even with today's technology. The Show and Tellers had a special door prize drawing and prizes were won by Kathy Rice, John French, and Bill Jacobs.

Then came the auction contest. Rather than just give away door prizes, the idea came to someone (Jan, I believe) to auction them off. Then why not have a contest to see who is the best auctioneer? All anybody knows about these prizes is the scale. Bob Mitchell won the contest, because he really did sound like an auctioneer, but Director Jan was heard to say that she was stunned by Brian Block's great showmanship. Not only did Bob win the contest, he donated the pine trees he had shown and they brought in the biggest amount of dollars in the auction.

During all the activities above, Ashley Merritt, our Division's only honorary member, was given the task of selling raffle tickets for the G-Scale Climax. Lynn had stipulated that at least \$300 worth of tickets had to be sold. Well, Ashley could sell ice to an Eskimo, as they say, and the raffle drawing was held with Jim Hinkle being the lucky winner.

The aroma of hamburgers began wafting through the yard, and Ed Hall, who had been dragooned into the position of chef of the day, was ready to go. The temperature was 104 at the time and Ed nearly swooned, but everybody mowed through burgers, baked beans, chips, cookies, and sodas. Then, after a little cleanup, it was off to the layout tour.

Fifty-four people officially signed in plus a few extra showed up for the afternoon's tour due to the mix-up on location. Layouts on the tour were Larry Dewnsup's HO Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad and Bob and Gwen Ketrenos' N-Scale layout. Additionally, Dave Dunaway graciously opened his Cajon Pass layout for those from out of town who hadn't seen it. Pictures of the layouts are located on pages 8 and 9.



Cajon Division
All Aboard!

Don't Miss the Fun! Everyone's invited!

**CAJON DIVISION'S FIRST MEET IN
HEMET, CALIFORNIA**

OCTOBER 4, 2003

530 S. Buena Vista

Bruce Hall, United Methodist Church, Hemet, CA
(Hwy 74 is Florida St in Hemet; Turn south on State Street; Go 4 blocks to Buena Vista)

Starts 8:30 am



Morning Agenda

8:30 AM – Coffee, Registration, FREE Giveaways!

9-11 AM - Clinics

Clint Adams and Manny Zuelke “Magic of Electricity in Model Railroading” at 9 AM

John Wilcutt, Mike Dunn, Dustin Renck “The Anza 4-H Model Railroad Project” at 10 AM

11:00 AM – White Elephant Auction

We'll auction off what you donate plus other items = fun galore!

Lunch

Afternoon Agenda – Open for Self-Guided - Register at the Meet to receive map/directions!

Stop #1: Just 15 minutes from the Meet is a unique Fire Engine Collection and HO home layout in Sage.

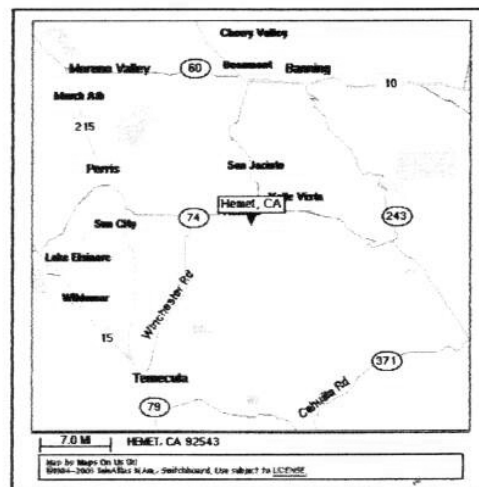
Stop #2: Visit the vintage Hemet Santa Fe Depot & Museum. The Hemet/San Jacinto Model Railroad Club will be running their trains there.

Stop #3: The Temecula Valley Garden Railroad Club located about a half mile from the Meet invites everyone to stop by to visit their operating layout

ADMISSION
FREE Admission
with Donation of White Elephant* item
Or Requested Donation: \$3

***White Elephant Item**

Any model railroading item that is wrapped in plain paper, newspaper or gift-wrap. Item(s) can be new, used, fun, or any scale. Look in your model railroading closet or shelf, find something you no longer need and wrap it!



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