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The Order Board

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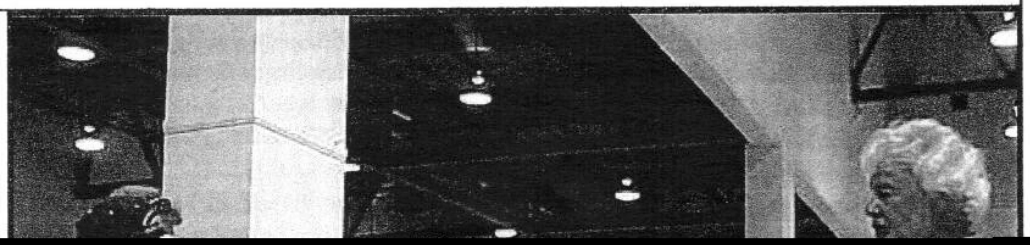
Or Chuck, Chuck and More Chuck

By Loretta Block

The Annual PSR Convention was hosted by the Arizona Division at the Embassy Suites

Cajon Division at Las Vegas GATS

By Bill Jacobs, Editor
Photos by Robert Wescott



The Cajon Division was represented at the Las Vegas GATS on August 9 and 10 at the Cashman Field Convention Center. A number of our members manned the booth during

DIRECTOR'S NEWS CAPSULES

By Jan Wescott, Cajon Division Director

Having the Division go dark for the summer certainly did not equate to extra free time for me. We had a Board Meeting, did a two-day GATS show promotion, sent off our final copy to the State for our incorporation papers, secured our permits for the Christmas Train Show, finalized our activities for the Barstow Meet, and prepared for the Chinese Auction at Phoenix. Hopefully you got in some extra modeling time and are getting your contest models and "Anything But a Boxcar" model ready for judging at Barstow.

NATIONAL NEWS

The much discussed regulations to implement the Long Range Plan (LRP) are being finalized and will be put to the membership in a ballot in the Scale Rails/Bulletin, hopefully, by the end of this year. The last issue and upcoming issues of the Scale Rails/Bulletin will contain more information on the LRP. Please remember this is your organization and your input is important. I encourage everyone to send in your ballot with the decisions of your choice. There are several changes being proposed but the controversy seems to be centered on two key issues. One concerns whether a new member, as is now the practice, should first join the NMRA, then pay again to join their Region and in some Divisions, pay again to join their respective Division, or, pay one all inclusive dues payment. Another key issue concerns changing the current 17-member Region Trustee policy-making body to a nine member Board of Directors. Again, I strongly recommend that you read the new regulations concerning all the changes being proposed and cast your ballot.

PSR NEWS

Several vacancies on the PSR Board were filled: Ben Sevier, San Diego Division, was selected to be the Dispatch Editor effective 2004; Janet Spooner, Arizona Division, volunteered to be the PSR Railette Chair; and David Irick, Arizona Division, is the new PSR Secretary. Two vacant positions are left: PSR Education Chair and PSR Historian. If anyone is interested, please let me know or contact PSR President Ed Hall.

The PSR Board voted to have the membership provide input on the Region convention membership issue. The issue is whether or not non-members should be allowed to attend the PSR Region Convention. The insurance aspect of the issue was clarified and determined it had no bearing on non-members attending. It was generally agreed that non-members could attend if they paid a surcharge. A survey will be put out in the next Dispatch to see what you all think. It is the same thing that we do now at our Cajon Events and Meets. Members pay one price and non-members pay a bit more but everybody can come and have fun.

PSR 2003 CONVENTION IN PHOENIX

I can honestly say I enjoyed this particular convention more than any other in many a moon. Members of the Cajon Division showed up in full force; everywhere you turned our Cajon logo shirts could be seen. With pride I can say our Division was "glowing"! I don't know what percentage of the total attendees were Cajon members, but it was a bunch. I was most pleased that our newest members Charlie Abbott, Ed and Madeline Ravelli, and Bob Mitchell made it to the convention and that old friends, Frank and JoAnn Zila came all the way from Mammoth Lakes.

At the PSR meeting I announced that for the first six months of 2003 our Division did not have one past due membership. We are gaining new memberships at about two per month; our participation in the AP program is doubled, and attendance at our events is increasing in multiples. Additionally, Don Stewart, PSR AP Chair, announced at the banquet that we had the most Golden Spike Awards.

Lynn Austin had his 4 x 8 Sedona Pacific right in the hotel lobby, it was the only train running at the convention hotel. I'm told that our Chief Clerk, Jane Jacobs, donned some pretty sexy garments for the Railette fashion show. The

Chinese Auction brought in over $800 net for the convention. Chuck Nauman swept the awards in the photo contest room, Brian Block's Bottle House won favorite model, and Robert Wescott won first place for his bridge. Free drinks in the bar led to many late hours, Modeling With the Masters led to many early mornings-oh yes, we were glowing, and I sang that song (Glow Little Glow Worm) for 3 days, too. Ron Tucker, Barstow Foreman, yelled at me because he woke up one morning singing that song in his head. <g>

Heartfelt congratulations to Charles Nauman, Division Paymaster, for being selected Cajon Division Member of the Year. A very well deserved recognition for all he has done the past two years as our Paymaster and also as Las Vegas Convention registrar. Super job! It really turned out to be Chuck's night, as in addition to being named Member of the Year, he received his AP Volunteer and his Golden Spike awards in addition to his many other awards for the photo contest.

CAJON DIVISION NEWS

The year 2005 is the Cajon Division's turn to host the PSR Convention. It's also my last year as your Director (I'm at term limit and you cannot re-elect me anymore). I decided I would accept the challenge to be the 2005 Convention Chair and with your support go out with a real bang.

Because the last Cajon sponsored convention was held on the Nevada side of the Division (Las Vegas 2001), the 2005 convention should be held on the California side. I put out a call to the Board Team to assist in locating suitable facilities. Carl Heimberger, Orange County Foreman and current President of the Orange County Module Railroaders, jumped in and dedicated some long research hours to assist this cause. He has also volunteered to be the 2005 Convention Co-Chair.

With Carl's assistance I am now preparing a proposal to submit to the PSR Board at the midyear 2004 meeting for approval to host the 2005 PSR Convention. For those of you that will attend our upcoming Barstow Meet I will unveil our Convention logo chosen by the Board Team, hopefully name our convention hotel, Train/Trade Show location, and show you a sample of our patch and pin at the membership meeting that Sunday. For those that cannot attend Barstow, I will insert the same information in our next Order Board.

DIVISION EVENTS

We have 3 big events to finish off the year: Hemet, Barstow and the Henderson Christmas Show. The details about the Hemet Meet on Oct. 4th appeared in the previous Order Board issue and you can get a copy of the flyer from our private website at www.cajondiv.org under Division Events. Details about Barstow and the Christmas Train Show can be found elsewhere in this issue. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

In Memoriam

STEVE CONNOLLY

On July 28, 2003 long time Cajon Division member and former OCMR President Steve Connolly passed away after a long, intense, struggle with cancer. Steve will be remembered for his friendship to all of us, for his pioneering spirit, and his many personal contributions to keep the Cajon Division active in the Orange County-Anaheim area. We'll see you in the great roundhouse in the sky, Steve.

BARSTOW CELEBRATION - PLAN NOW TO BE THERE!

By now you've heard all the talk from last year's event: "best meet ever;" "great fun;" "well worth the money;" and "a super event." Plan now to be there this year! We are working hard to ensure this year's event will be the best yet!

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 E. Main Street, Barstow, California
Phone (760) 256-5673
Special Room Rate is $59; Mention "Model Railroading Group"
All Meet activities (clinics, auctions, etc.) will take place at the Barstow Ramada Inn.

Circle Your Calendar
BARSTOW
November 14-16, 2003

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION
All registrations will take place "at the door" at the Barstow Ramada Inn. Admission is $8 per NMRA member and $10 for non-NMRA members. Special rate for couples is $15. Price of admission includes all weekend activities including the Train Show.

THE TRAIN SHOW will be held at the Harvey House, 685 N. 1st Avenue, Barstow. Admission to the train show is included with your registration. General public admission to Train Show is $5

SCHEDULED EVENTS

FRIDAY EVENING: (EARLY BIRD ARRIVALS)
(Note: Modular groups will be setting up at the Harvey House on Friday)

6-8 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

7 PM BOB LARSON SLIDE SHOW
You won't want to miss this great show. Bob Larson is a retired Western Pacific engineer and author of two books. What makes his show unique is his ingrained humor as he shares his real life stories in his slides. He will have his books available should anyone be interested in purchasing an autographed copy.

6-9 PM HOSPITALITY (MEET AND GREET) ROOM will be open to socialize and train talk. Available for viewing will be the PSR Convention Car display and the Cajon Division photo albums for 2001 to 2003.

SATURDAY (FULL DAY OF ACTIVITIES)

SATURDAY MORNING:

REGISTRATION: 8 AM TO 12 NOON

MODEL CONTEST ROOM OPEN – 8 AM TO 12 NOON.
Entries accepted for Model Contest and Anything but a Boxcar Contest.
Judging will take place at close of Chinese Auction, approximately 3 pm.
All winners and awards will be announced at Awards Presentation at 6:00 pm

CLINICS WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM and will be held in 2 rooms simultaneously all morning.

CURRENT PLANNED CLINICS ARE:
Dale Tripp - Modeling Southwestern Scenery Plants
Charles Nauman - Model Trees for Railroads

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Todd Scott - Quick and Dirty Scenery
Jim Fuhrman - Detailing F Units
Bob Moore – untitled
Carl Heimberger – Kitbashing Techniques
Dave Dunaway, Rich Fritz – Scenery With Foam & Ground Cover
Bob Mitchell – Modeling Pine Trees Using Screens
Bobby Revis – Resin Kits

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Cajon Division's infamous CHINESE AUCTION – 12 Noon to 2 PM

Auction Drawing will be held at 2 pm. Must be present to win!
Don't miss this fun activity! Donated items are pouring in and already includes many items in various scales in HOn3, HO, N, G, and O. To date there are over 50+ items including several locomotives, some really nice car kits, train sets and loads of stuff for non rails, too.

AFTER THE AUCTION: ample time to browse around the rail yard, see train show at the Harvey House, tour the Railroad Museum, and the Route 66 Museum.

SATURDAY EVENING

6:00 PM Awards Presentation
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! Bring your enthusiasm and show the folks that participated as clinicians, modular exhibitors, winners of the popular vote and model contest, and our volunteers, your appreciation for their contribution to the success of this event. There'll be door prizes, too!

7- 8 PM Chard Walker Presentation
Always a colorful speaker, Chard is author of two books "Chard Walker's Cajon- Rail Passage to the Pacific" and "Chard Walker's Cajon- A Pictorial Album San Bernardino to Victorville". If you own any of his books you might want to bring them along and ask for his autograph.

8:00 PM SHOW AND TELL
"Bring and Brag" is one of the Division's most popular activities. Members quickly realize sharing is "fun-est" among fellow members. Sharing is also learning! So bring along that neat locomotive or that special gift you bought for yourself and show it off. Or demonstrate that neat little trick you learned in modeling, Share it. Special prize drawing for all participants!

SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 AM "Membership" Meeting
Director (Jan) invites everyone to gather for a brief informal "membership" meeting. Find out the news and what's in store for 2004. Information update about the 2005 PSR Convention sponsored by the Cajon Division. New convention slogan and logo will be unveiled. Special door prizes have been set aside for this meeting. A **Premium White Elephant Auction** containing choice selected items will be held immediately following the membership meeting.

10 AM to 2 PM Ron and Dee Tucker's Open House. Stop by on your way out of town to visit Ron and Dee Tucker. The Bodie Southern RR will be open for viewing and Dee will have refreshments available.

11 AM to 4 PM Train Show at the Harvey House.

DON'T FORGET: NOVEMBER 14-16, 2003 BARSTOW

2003 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

October 4: Hemet Meet

November 14-16: Barstow Meet

December 13: Las Vegas Christmas Train Show

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Order Board is sent Free to all members in the Cajon Division. This newsletter is available to PSR Members outside of the Division for $3 and to non-PSR members for $5. Make your check payable to "Cajon Division" and mail to Bill Jacobs, Editor, 4813 Plata del Sol Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

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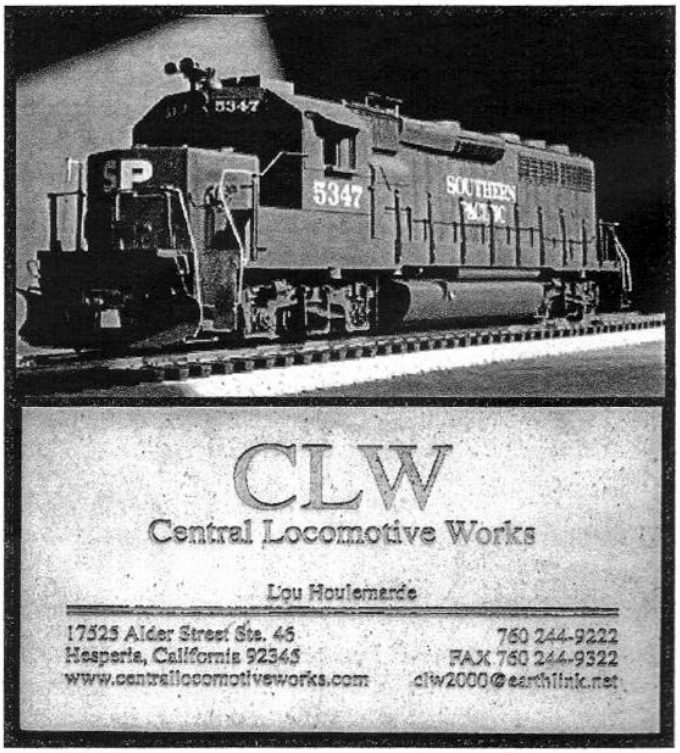

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CHINESE AUCTION "MADNESS" IN PHOENIX

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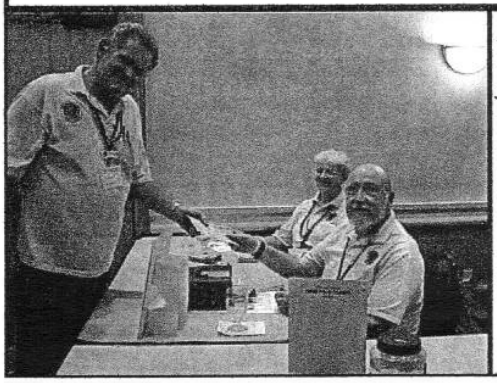
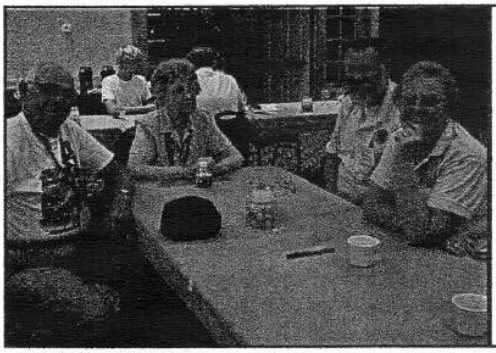
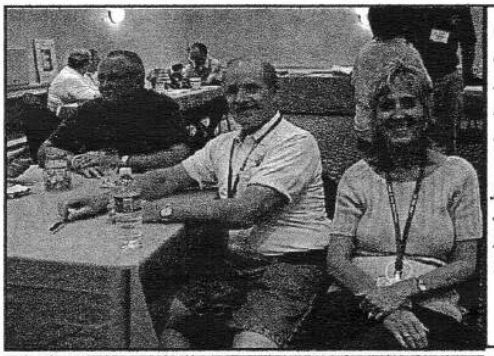


Lynn Austin buying tickets from "ace sellers" Dave and Kathy Villeneuve. Dave is the Cajon Division Superintendent.

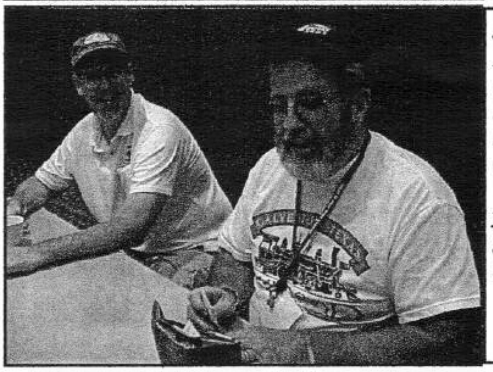
From left: Cajon Division Director Jan Wescott, Brian Block, PSR Dispatch Editor Dorr Altizer, Convention Co-Chair Roger von Seeburg, and a little bit of Jim Hinkle waiting for the auction to begin.



George and Virginia Boggs of the San Diego Division with Arnt and Kay Tonnessen, who made the trek from Gardnerville, NV.



On the right, Larry and Alicia Dewsnup, some newer Cajon Division members. Their layout was featured in the June Las Vegas Meet and Layout tour.



Jeff Sicklesteel and Mike Cooke (checking to see if he has any money left) of the Orange County "N"gineers. Can you tell that these guys have a good time?

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Historian's Corner

By Bob Faley, Division Historian

This month your Historian is going to relate some interesting trivia from the 1977-78 time period when the Cajon Division was part of the Pacific Coast Region (PCR). Those of you who were around at that time are well aware of these happenings, so please bear with me.

This period was a dark time in the history of the Division. There was considerable turmoil amongst members and the political situation caused havoc with the Division office positions. It was probably the closest the Division has come to being disbanded. There had been a Superintendent election that was over-turned and rerun (1977); the Order Board (OB) was down to one page (vol. 6, no. 5); there were no advertisers in the OB and thus no income from it; the Division bank account was almost depleted ($341.24); the annual Division banquet had to be canceled for lack of attendance; and members had lost interest in the Division and thus few volunteers were available to administer it's operation. Members like Duane Leetzow, Ray Sadler, and Shirley McFadden did an excellent job of keeping things together until a solution could be found.

When things looked darkest, one of the Division members of almost ten years stepped in to the Superintendent's position and immediately issued a firm statement in his first OB that re-ignited a spark that had been lost over the years. He surrounded himself with a competent staff and the turn-around is history. The Division was saved. There have been several other rough spots in the road for the Division since then and fortunately there was always someone willing to take over the reins and get us through, but these are items for future columns.

However, we should remember that if this individual in 1978 had not taken the reins at that time, there might not be a Cajon Division today. Who was this member? He is our past Regional president, **Bob Chaparro**. And today, twenty-five years later, he is still active in the operation of the Region and Division.

Robert's D---- Column

By Robert Wescott, Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair
Email: RDWesc@cox.net

I'd like to begin this column by congratulating both Brian Block and Charles Nauman. At the Awards Banquet in Phoenix, Brian received his Achievement Certificates for Motive Power, Structures and Rolling Stock. Charles received his Achievement Certificate for Volunteer and also a Golden Spike Award. Brian is well on his way to obtaining his MMR.

In the Convention Model Contest in Phoenix Brian also received the most votes and won the Favorite Model Award for his Bottle House and Charles received the Third Place Award for his HO Gauge Flat Car with load. In the same vein, Charles swept the Photo Awards Contest. He received so many 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for his photographs that I lost count of how many of which and what for. I'll just say congratulations for a great job.

Last but not least, Bob Ketrenos received his Golden Spike Award that I accepted in his behalf and will present it to him in Barstow. Again, my congratulations to everyone for a job well done and for making me look good as the AP manager for the Cajon Division.

REMINDER! Last reminder about our 'Anything-But-A-Boxcar' Contest that will be held at our big to-do in November in Barstow. I expect lots of entries this year so if you haven't finished, time is ticking away. I'll be awarding a $100 cash prize to the winner, $50 to the second place winner and $25 for third place all chosen by popular vote. Last year, our popular vote cash prize contest had more entries than I expected. This year my expectations are higher since it is so much easier.

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MORE REMINDERS: Regular Contests will also be held at our Barstow Meet in November, so bring along any model you want judged and don't forget the paperwork.

I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS! Please take note-it is listed at the top of this column.

HELP! I'm still looking for an N-gauge Long Beach Limited Convention Tank Car to complete my display for the Division.

That's all for now. It's a lot cooler, so get working on those models and let me know if you need any help in any way pertaining to Contests or the AP program.

CAJON WINNERS AT PHOENIX

PHOTOS

Color Print-Model

1st Place	Charles Nauman

Black & White Print-Model

1st Place	Charles Nauman

Color Print-Prototype

1st Place	Charles Nauman
3rd Place	Charles Nauman
Hon. Mention	Charles Nauman

Color Slide-Prototype

1st Place	Charles Nauman
2nd Place	Charles Nauman

MODEL CONSTRUCTION

Passenger Cars-Kit

2nd Place	Ed Hall

Freight Cars-Kit

3rd Place	Charles Nauman

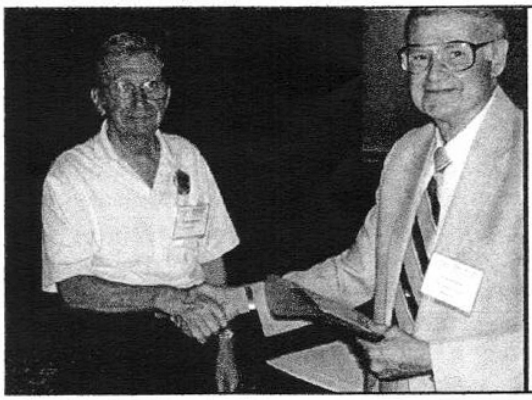
Structures On Line-Open

1st Place	Robert Wescott

SPECIAL AWARDS

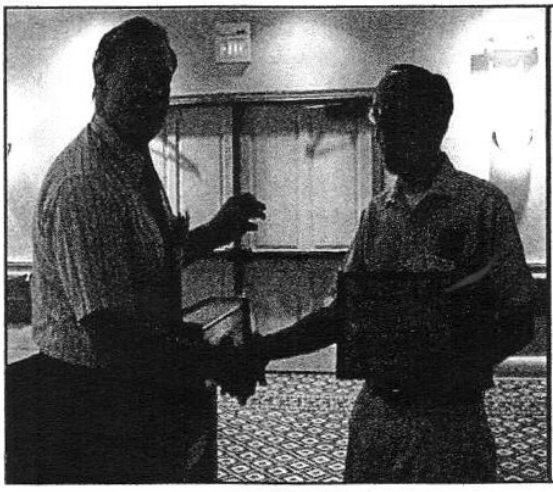
Favorite Model	Brian Block

Charles Nauman receiving the Cajon Division Member of the Year Plaque from Division Director Jan Wescott. Photo by Robert Wescott.



Duane Buck, PSR Contest Chair presenting Robert Wescott his First Place award for "Structures on Line." Photo by Charles Nauman.

Brian Block receiving his Favorite Model award from Duane Buck. Photo by Robert Wescott.



PSR Region AP Chair Don Stewart presents Chuck Nauman with his Association Volunteer Award. Photo by Robert Wescott.

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