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Barstow 2008
October 10th-12th

Las Vegas Meet
Sept-Nov TBA

Temecula 2009
March 2009

PSR Events

Annual Board Meeting
At Anaheim National
Convention
July 16th, 2008

PSR Regional
Convention in Las
Vegas at the Texas
Station Sept 2nd-6th,
2009

NMRA National Convention

Hosted by the Los
Angeles Division in
Anaheim
July 13th-20th



By Bob Mitchell

The National Convention has arrived. Activities start on July 13th and will be continuing throughout the week and finally wrapping up on Sunday, July 20th.

This convention is absolutely loaded with some top notch clinicians from across the country. Well worth the price of registration. I myself have set time aside to attend 17 of them. Not bad when you consider that I am also giving four clinics and have volunteered to be a Bus Captain on three tours.

Surprisingly, with all this I will still have plenty of time to rub elbows with some old acquaintances from the PCR and LSR Regions where I have given clinics in the past. I also plan on making as many new friends as possible. For me, mingling with fellow modelers has always been one of the highlights of attending conventions, including our Local and Regional events.

The Cajon Division has been a major contributor to the volunteer efforts that are required to put a convention of this size together. Here are just a few of the Major Volunteers who have given so much of their time. **Carl Heimberger** is in charge of transportation and arranging the contracts with required bus companies. He has spent countless hours in his efforts. **Bob Chaparro** has been working on the Layout Tours for nearly two years now. Yes, you heard it right, two years and at least 400 hours. This included making up more than 200 maps.

Dave Arendes volunteered to gather all of the volunteers needed for the Convention itself. Carl and I pitched in and helped and we have been able to reach and assign more than 170 volunteers. And we are not done yet.

All of this does not include all of the other volunteers at the National Level and the LA Division who was selected by the National to Host this event. Volunteers have also been recruited from the AZ and SD Divisions.

I realize that many of you will not be attending this convention simply because of the current economic situation. And I sympathize with you.

If you are still undecided, and straddling the fence, I urge you to reconsider. It has been 12 years since we have had the opportunity to attend a National Convention in

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Lawrence Dewsnup's Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR Spring Layout Event

By Dale Tripp & Bob Mitchell

Cajon Division members gathered on a Sunny and mild April Spring day as Larry Dewsnup's guests to view his HO Scale Model Railroad which depicts operations on a railroad that connects Los Angeles with Salt Lake City. The layout is on multi-levels connected via two helix loops. The layout design provides for optimum operating conditions. The design features accessibility with many sidings for industry and an efficient yard and assembly area. Construction of industry and scenery are a work in progress.



Brightly colored red rock country displays its brilliant colors. Large industries are springing up along the way to be serviced by the railroad. Train control uses Digitrax DCC system with simplified track wiring.

Larry still has quite a bit of work before the 2009 Regional PSR Convention in Las Vegas. But he'll make it.

Alecia's extensive doll collection provided entertainment for Raillets. The doll collection features many dolls in all styles and eras.

In Photo:

Bev Smith, Alecia Dewsnup (Our Hostess) and Mary Grippo



Bob Mitchell presented a clinic on photo etching small detailed parts. The parts are to be used on a logging scene in HO Scale on his layout. He is constructing a steam donkey with detailed parts photo etched from brass sheet. The clinic was extremely interesting. He is etching over 200 detailed parts.

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Down The Line

Division Superintendent ~ *Bob Mitchell*



With the National Convention almost over, it is now time to start planning for the future once again. Here is what's coming up this year and next.

Barstow 2008 has been moved from November to October the 10th, 11th, and 12th this year. This change was brought about by the Western American Railroad Museum in an effort to increase there attendance. It also appears that we might once again have both rooms available at the Harvey House for the Train Show. My request for volunteers on Page four also applies to this event..

Rick Fulkerson has agreed to host the next Las Vegas meet at his home. We are hoping his layout will be ready for an operation session for the Regional in Las Vegas, 2009. You can expect this meet to be sometime in September or November this year. Exact time to be announced in the next Order Board and on the Web at www.cajondiv.org.

I would really like to see us put on a Christmas event in Las Vegas similar to one that Jan Wescott did in Henderson during her reign as Director.

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FROM CARL'S WORKBENCH

Division Director ~ *Carl Heimberger*



The National Convention in Anaheim is approaching fast and with the publication of this Order Board It will be around 10 days away. If you have not registered, there is still time or you can do so at the Convention Registration Desk. Remember the last National Convention in our back

yard was in 1996 and the next one this close could be another 12 years from now. You can go on line to the convention web site and check out all the fantastic clinics and other events. Although most of the needed volunteers have already signed up, there is always a need for a few more and stand-bys. If you are interested, you can contact Dave Arendes at 714-546-4484 or Bob Mitchell at 951-440-9729 (cajondivision@coastinet.com). Volunteers earn points towards their Volunteer Achievement Award.

For all of you who attended the event this last March in Temecula, a big thank you as you helped make the event an outstanding success. We also need to recognize Bob Mitchell for an outstanding job in planning and organizing this event, Thank you Bob. For those of you who did not attend Temecula, well you missed a great event, lots of outstanding clinics, a nice showing in the contest room, a great BBQ lunch at the Perris Railroad Museum (Thank you Harold for cooking the lunch), a fun filed day for the non rails antiquing and wine tour, dinner, and of course the famous Chinese Auction that was quite profitable for the Cajon Division. What even made this event more fun is we opened it up to all the divisions in the PSR and we had quite a showing from the San Diego Division. We are already in the planning stages for this event next year and are hopping to work with San Diego and open up some layout in their Division for a tour on Saturday Afternoon. We are also hoping to add a train show element to this event, but that is still in the planning stage. So keep March open next year, more information to follow. Did I mention being an Engineer at the throttle of a real Locomotive?

Looking to the long range it is our turn in the barrel for the 2009 PSR Convention to be held in Las Vegas at the Texas Station Casino and Convention Center, and the preliminary planning is already taking place for this event as well, but we will need volunteers to help plan and execute the event. So please contact Bob Mitchell or myself or we will be contacting you, and you know we will.

Hope to see you all in Anaheim.

Carl Heimberger

Director Cajon Division

Anaheim Special

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our own backyard. And it will probably be another 12 years before you can do it again.

Convention Facts

True: The Convention Hotel is \$135 per night. **But, I am hearing reports that just down the street there are rooms for as low as \$75 per night, the same price as a Regional.**

True: The Registration is \$150 for the entire week. (You can also register for one or two days for about the cost of a Regional) **But, this includes the opportunity to attend some 150 Clinics, 23 Non-rail clinics, 20 Layout tours with more than one hundred layouts on display, about 48 Self guided layout tours, 18 Prototype tours, 6 General interest tours including a trip to Catalina Island and a Home built by Frank Lloyd Wright, Bid at a Silent Auction with more than 1600 Items to choice from, One of the best Model Contest display of models in the United States, Attend Special Interest Groups (SIG) forums, and a Train Show involving Manufactures and Venders from around the world. WOW!**

True: Some of the tours involving Bus transportation cost a few extra dollars. **But, most of the cost is for the Bus transportation and in some cases the cost of the tours themselves. When you break the cost down...they are actually a bargain when you consider what it would cost to do on your own. Especially with today's gas prices.**

True: The contest judging at a National can be quite intense. **But, this is an opportunity to brush up on your skills and learn from some of the best. You can even volunteer to work alongside one of the judges and learn the ins and outs first hand. There are even two clinics on how to score high every time.**

True: You can spend a great deal of money at a National Convention. (Did you know the National replaces the PSR Regional this year) **But, if you plan your time, select your clinics, and try not to do everything. The overall cost is not much more than attending a Regional. You might even make part of that back with the giveaways at the Train Show or with what you win at the silent auction.**

About Volunteering: It is still not too late to be part of this great convention. In fact, you do not have to be a registered attendee to volunteer to help out. And your volunteer time can be applied to the Volunteer Achievement Award. The best thing about volunteering is the people you will meet and work with.

Right now we still have about 8 positions to fill for the Auction Room....a great opportunity to look everything over prior to the bids closing. All of these shifts are for no more than about 3 hours each. We need your help! If you are already signed up or are planning on attending, please contact me now for all the information.

That's Bob Mitchell at 951-440-9729 or email me at cajondivision@coastinet.com

Down the Line

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This one I will need local Vegas help with. If you like the idea, send me an email with you thoughts. Be sure to include your wiliness to volunteer.

The Christmas event at my place in Wildomar will probably not take place due to a very low turnout last year. It just doesn't make sense going to all the planning and announcements for a total turnout of 11 members. Perhaps when I get started on my layout, it will conjure up more interest.

Temecula 2009 is a definite go and will be a multi-Division meet. Once again it will be in March. I am hoping to plan it during the Schools Spring Break. Hopefully, this would provide us space at one of the local schools auditoriums for a Train Show. At the Temecula 2008 Event we introduced a new class of members, 'The Winos'. There will be a special breakfast for this group next year (these are the members who choose to go on the Lunch and Wine Tasting Tour). Heck, if the PSR can have Hobo's, why can't the Cajon Division have Winos.

Temecula 2008 A resounding Success

By Bob Mitchell

Most photos taken by Karen Arendes, Some by Bob Mitchell and others.

Held in March of this year, this Grand Cajon Division meet was also the meeting place for the PSR mid-year board meeting. All toll, 89 Members attended the event. We had attendees from all four Divisions and Model entries from Cajon and Arizona. And, as well as it went off, we can expect at least as many next year. The last Order Board gave you all the details of this exciting events. So I am just going to let the photos taken at this event tell the whole story. **(More Photos on Page 6)**



Our Guest of honor, Tim Randall From Athearn Trains (Standing)



Joe Warren from Showcase Minatures Giving his Clinic on Laser Cut Kits



Contest Entries



AP/Contest Chair Bill Jacobs on Right Winners L-R Don Stewart, James Keena?, Jim Fuhrman, Charlie Abbott, and Ken Weber I think I got them right?



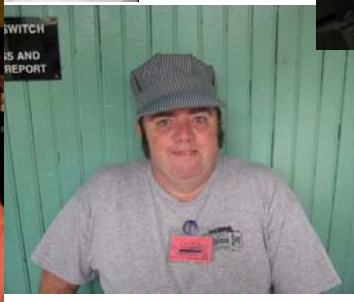
Most of the Clinicians L-R Dave Arendes, Bill Jacobs, Brian Block, Jim Furhman, Georgia Dahlberg, and Bob Mitchell (kneeling)



A very 'Happy' Group of 'Winos'



Chinese Auction Mayhem



From the Contest Room at Temecula 2008

By Bill Jacobs, AP/Contest Chair

The contest room at the Temecula event had 14 entries, quite a respectable showing. And-for the first time in my tenure as AP/Contest Chair, five Merit Awards were earned. Great!

I am especially proud of the judging team. We had four judges, one from each Division in the PSR. They were Carl Heimberger, David Irick, Don Stewart, and Rodger Gredvig, MMR. They did a fine job and I would like to use this forum to thank them all.

But what you really want to know about is the awards, so here they are:

First Place Motive Power with Merit Award

Jim Fuhrman

Second Place Motive Power

James Keena

First, Second, and Third Place Cars with Three Merit Awards

Don Stewart

First Place Structures with Merit Award

Charlie Abbott

Second place Structures

Joe Palmer

First and Second place for Photos

Ken Weber

Separately, at the dinner on Saturday night, Charlie Abbott received his Golden Spike.



This 'G' Scale D&RGW Locomotive was Scratch Built using Resin Castings by Barry Bogs. One of the MMR's we have invited to our Convention.

Lone Star Region Report

By Bob Mitchell

Once again Brian Block and I traveled to Houston to the Lone Star Convention. They always have some of the best conventions I have ever attended. And this year was no exception.

They even put me on the Dinner Banquet Agenda to speak to them about our upcoming Convention in Las Vegas at the Texas Station. This was the first time I have had to speak at a convention in a Charlie Getz style (I am no Charlie Getz) but did manage to get a few good laughs from the audience. Did I mention that I have already talked to Charlie and he is planning on being our guest speaker in 2009.

The purpose of giving me the floor for about five minutes was to invite them to Las Vegas in 2009. The response was great. We have at least Three MMR's coming to our convention from Texas to give some unbelievable clinics. And I think there could be as many as Two or Three more. Watch for more information on these fine Clinicians in future Order Boards.

Brian took his new, not quite finished Boat house. His latest two year project. And, although he did not enter it in the contest, he did win the popular vote. They had 108 Entries in their contest...Wow!!



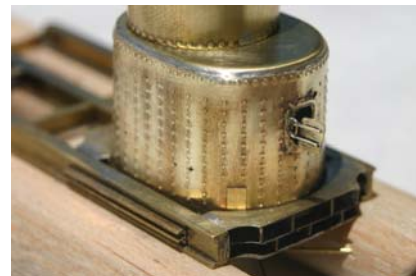
I ended up being slightly embarrassed when I won all three HO Locomotives in the Raffle. It was Bingo-Bango-Bongo, one, two, three all in a row. I gave one of the locomotives to an 11 year old named Al who was invited with his Grandmother to come to the event. The two I kept were Broadway Limited sets of three. Set one was an A&B powered F7 unit with an additional empowered B Unit. The Second set was the same except they were Burlington Northern F3 units.

Someone yelled out 'Get a Rope' Texas Style.

Las Vegas Spring Meet

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Bob Mitchell explains his Photo Etching Techniques and the Two Speed Compound Geared Yarder...a Steam Logging Backwoods Donkey Engine



Gears, Wire Reels, and Crankshaft being test fitted. Still a lot of part clean up to do at this point.

Donkey Photo Update: Boiler in Place with Operating Fire Box Door. Plans are to put a flickering light inside.



Mike Grippo displays his Golden Spike Award. Good Job Mike!



After eating, the tradition white elephant auction was held. A good time was had by all. In Photo: Rick Fulkerson



In Photo Left to Right:

- Mike Grippo
- Lynn Austin
- George Brancacio
- Rick Fulkerson

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Las Vegas Spring Meet

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In Photo: Left to Right

- Dale Tripp
- Behind Dale is Bill Jacobs (Nose, Hair, and Shirt)
- A member who's name slips me. '? John ?'
- I'm trying to read the name tag here, yikes!
- Chuck Nauman
- Bill Graebel
- Brian Block
- Kurt Miseil

In Photo Left to Right:
 Mike Grippo (Arm only)
 Larry Dewsnap's Daughter "I think"
 Rick Fulkerson again "What a Ham"
 Larry Dewsnap (Back Turned)
 And there is that fellow named
 ? John ?
 Would someone please email me with
 his name
cajondivision@coastinet.com
 Thanks,
 Bob Mitchell



Members enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill prepared by Larry's son. The food as always at Cajon division events was excellent.



And Last but not least, our Host
 Larry Dewsnap and His Golden Spike Award
 And by the looks of it, very Proud.
 Thanks for a great event, Larry.

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