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From The Caboose

Harold Helland MMR
Cajon Division Director



The Cajon Spring Meet was held April 22, 2023, at the Messiah Lutheran Church courtyard in Buena Park. The Spring Meet was a complete success for all who attended the meeting. Clinics, pizza lunch, Swap Meet, Hobo Auction and the Celebration of Models room were all well attended by those present. Twenty-five models were submitted for show or evaluation. The event was special to me because I was awarded my Master Model Railroader Certificate. I could not believe that numerous members gave me a standing ovation for the accomplishment. To say the least, I was very happy, and I thank all of you for the recognition.

I am sure many of you enjoyed the PSR Convention this summer. The Grand Canyon Special was a really great event in Flagstaff, Arizona. The highlight of the convention was a steam train ride to the Grand Canyon from Williams, Arizona on Saturday. The trip included a tour of the Engine Facility on Friday. Thursday was Hobo Day which started with the Hobo Breakfast and ended with the Hobo Auction. The convention also had all the usual activities including over 30 clinics which covered many areas of model railroading and Flagstaff. Layout tours and railfanning provided numerous opportunities to see what other model railroaders do for their hobby. The closing banquet was held Saturday evening with guest speaker Dale Angell, The Toy Man.

The Cajon Division is also hosting the Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. The May tour was of the Los Angeles Junction Railway presented by Bob Calicchia. The layout is an urban switching layout set in Vernon, California in 1974. Everyone enjoyed the time spent at Bob's home. The next layout tour will be at my house on July 15. My model railroad is a freelance transition era Union Pacific railroad based on the Overland Route in the Midwest plains of Iowa and Nebraska.

The Pacific Southwest Region was awarded the 2024 NMRA National Convention to be held in Long Beach. The planning process for the convention is in progress, and will be a joint effort of all four PSR Divisions. SurfLiner 2024 will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center August 4 through August 11, 2024, with the base operation at the Westin Hotel. Please consider joining the SurfLiner 2024 Convention Team and contributing to the success of the 2024 NMRA National Convention.



“ From the Brass Hat “

by Joel Morse Superintendent



If you didn't attend the PSR Convention hosted by the Arizona Division, you really missed out on a few great days filled with model trains, prototype trains, old friends, and quite a few new friends. You also missed a unique opportunity to visit the Grand Canyon Railway Engine Facility on Friday, and ride in style to the Grand Canyon in vintage cars behind locomotive 4960, a 1923 Baldwin Locomotives Works built 2-8-2 (Mikado) on Saturday. I sat in the Pullman, just one car back from the locomotive, and because the Pullman has operating windows, we got to hear every huff, puff, squeal, and whistle blast to and from the Grand Canyon! And the **GRAND CANYON!** Wow! I've been to the South Rim a couple of times in my life, but the last time was many moons ago, and frankly, I'd forgotten how awesome

and inspiring it is. That was certainly one the highlights for me of this regional convention, but not the only one.



In fact, the real highlight for me had nothing to do with the unique convention location or the clinics, or the tours or even the Grand Canyon. The real highlight for me is something that is available to everyone who attends any Regional and National Convention: the opportunity to rekindle old friendships, meet new people and create lasting friendships through our mutual passion for model or prototype railroading.

At this convention I had the opportunity to spend some time catching up with the incoming Director of the Arizona Division, Chris Thompson, whom I originally met at the *Orange Blossom Special* hosted by the Cajon Division in 2021 and connected with again at the San Diego Division *Back on Track* in 2022. I also got to meet other members of the Arizona Division, some whose names I've heard over the years or met in passing, but never had a chance to spend any time with. Additionally, I met, and I believe, created the beginnings of new and what I hope will be long lasting friendships, with four other modelers from around the country during the convention: two from the Arizona Division, one from the Cowcatcher Division in the Lonestar Region and one from the Western Division of the Sunshine Region. At every convention the clinics are informative, and the prototype tours, layout tours and operations sessions are often a



once in a lifetime opportunity, but these are short-lived. The friendships made at conventions can last a lifetime. So, I'm going to continue to go to as many Regional and National conventions as I can, and I urge you to make a point to attend them too!

And to that end, let me again invite you to make plans to attend the Surfliner 2024 National Convention right here in the PSR, August 4-11, 2024. Modeling friends both young and old will be coming to our backyard, so don't miss this opportunity. The interactive Registration Page will be up soon.



The Backshop

by: Gary Butts, MMR, AP Chairman



Recently we have had a run of members qualifying for their Achievement Program Chief Dispatcher certificate under the Engineering and Operations sub group. Although the operations time requirements are fairly straight forward and easy to understand, the paperwork portion of the requirements has left some of us a little confused. Follow along as I try clarify the requirements for qualification as an NMRA AP Chief Dispatcher certificate. The specific detailed requirements can be found on the NMRA web site under the Achievement Program tab.

Operation Hours: This is the amount of time that an NMRA member has accumulated operating on a model railroad in a prototypical manor. This time must be accumulated on a layout (club or home) that can accommodate and has operational during the time accumulated toward the certificate, at least two mainline trains plus yard switching in simultaneous operation. Qualification requires a total of 50 operational hours which can be spread over the five different railroad categories listed below and that at least three of those categories must have an accumulated total of 10 hours or more. Further, one of the 10-hour categories must be that of Dispatcher.

Model Railroad Operations Categories

- Engineer
- Yardmaster
- Hostler
- Towerman
- Dispatcher

The time spent operating must be documented in order to be considered and should be accumulated on the Chief Dispatcher Statement of Qualifications Form Operating Log Book (page 4 of the SOQ). This form requires signatures from knowledgeable NMRA members witnessing the subject operation.

Having this form with you at each session can sometimes not be feasible, so I accept multiple Log Book pages, if required, and I will condense the entries for final submission. If you are caught without your log book page at a foreign layout just have the layout owner print a copy of the SOQ Log Book page 4 from the web site and record your operation on that page and have the operation witnessed to become part of your Log Book submittal.

Chief Dispatcher Documentation: This is the part of the requirement that gives most members some pause to complete it is not a trivial portion of the award. Four documents are required to qualify for the award: Layout schematic, Timetable, Train chart (graph) and Operating System. Of these documents the Layout Schematic and the Operating System description can be shared between members operating on the same layout using the same operational system. The Timetable and train chart must be generated by the applicant. Required as part of the train chart requirement is the detailed description of a train meet as shown on the train chart with graphics showing the positions of the trains involved as the meet progresses and a description of the progression relating to the graphics.

Model railroad schematic: This is a drawing of a model railroad that meets the requirements of those listed in Operation hours above. Normally this would be the schematic of a layout that you have operated on but it does not have to be. The drawing must show the simulated distances on the layout and must be neat and readable. It does not have to be done in ink. This drawing can be shared with other Chief Dispatcher AP applicants.

Time Table: "Develop a timetable appropriate to this model railroad, simulating prototype time, covering a period of eight hours or more, during which at least three scheduled mainline trains move in each direction". Remember the timetables you have seen on the Internet or on the wall or marquee at a train station for inspiration. Your timetable should show destination names, and

arrival and departure times and any other pertinent information needed for the traveler or freight hauler. This time table should correspond to the schematic used above and must feature at least three mainline trains moving in each direction.

Train Chart: Generate a Train Chart From the train movements shown in the Time Table above. This is a chart showing time versus distance with lines showing the movements of the trains listed during the eight-hour day. At least one train meet should be indicated and that meet must further be detailed with additional graphics showing the involved train positions and a detailed description of the events relating to the meet. This can be communications between dispatchers, engineers, etc. or movements of brakemen handling turnouts and whistle communications. This requirement seems to be a stumbling block for many applicants but just put yourself in the position of the engineers involved and describe what needs to take place to perform the meet and show on a diagram where the two trains are located with respect to each other on the rails (siding?) at each step of the description.

System of Operation: This requirement can be shared between members of an operating group or club if desired. It is a description of the "organization" of the operating session environment. This document should describe things like the system used for train movements, time table and train order, fast clock, bills of lading, etc. Also, what type of dispatching is used and what rules of the road are to be followed. Included can be methods of train assignments. Operating documents should be specified such as: way-bills, Form 19's, Form A's, Track warrants, etc. Priority movement directions and trains should be mentioned if they are important to the operation of the railroad. Locomotive bell and signal requirements may also be included. Optional information relative to the environment such as smoking restrictions, handling of cars for uncoupling, derailments and electrical shorts all can be included in this document.

I hope this amplifies and possibly clarifies the requirements for the Chief Dispatcher Achievement Award AP certificate. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, don't hesitate to contact me. Meanwhile, get those operating hour in and documented. The SOQ Log Book Page 4 follows or you can always find it at this internet link: <https://www.nmra.org/forms> 2020 Statement of Qualification: Chief Dispatcher.

Photos from April Cajon Event at Buena Park



Registration and Cajon Swap Meet Table



Clinic



New Layout for the LA Port Railway—LAMRS



Swap Meet



Contest Room



Raffle Winner

Awards Presented at the April Cajon Event in Buena Park



Presentation of **Master Model Railroader Certificate (MMR)** to **Harold Helland**
By Carl Heimberger and Gary Butts



Presentation of **Association Official Certificate** to **Joel Morse**
By Carl Heimberger and Gary Butts



G&SRR MAC Railbus #176

Best in Show

Merit Award

No. 1 Popular choice - Diesels & Others



Mike Allee presenting Awards to
Gary Butts



G&SRR Consolidated 2-8-0 # 276

Merit Award

No. 1 Popular choice - Locomotive Steam

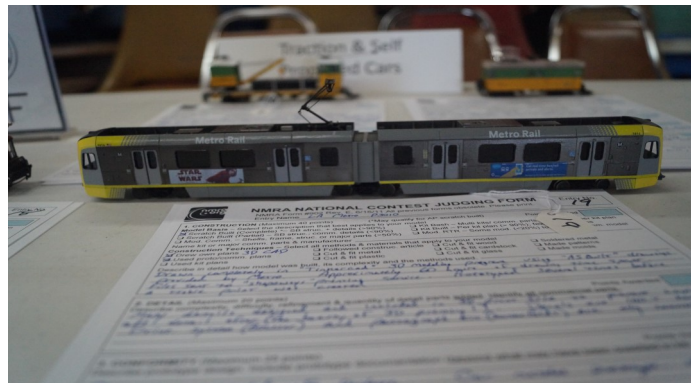
Awards Given at the April Cajon Event in Buena Park



Mike Allee & Gary Butts presenting Awards to Andrew Chir



Lary/Tower Car
Merit Award
Honorable Mention - Traction



LA Metro P3010
Merit Award
3rd Place - Traction, 3rd Place Popular



LA Transit Derrick Car 9225
Merit Award
2nd Place - Traction, 1st Place Popular Choice



LA Railway "Maggie"
Merit Award
1st Place - Traction, 2nd Place Popular Choice

Awards Presented at the April Cajon Event in Buena Park

More from Andrew Cheir



Pacific Electric NOW Portable Substation
Non-Revenue—1st Popular Vote



Three SP Passenger Cars
All merit Awards
1st Place in Passenger Cars, 1st or 2nd in Popular vote



SP F-50-7 TOFC Flat AR & Freuhuef Trailers
1st in Freight car, 2nd in popular choice,
Merit Award



Blue Plate Special—William Marececk
Best in Show—Structures Offline
Merit Award, 1st in Popular Choice



Carl Heimberger and Gary Butts present certificate
to William Marececk

Awards Presented at the April Cajon Event in Buena Park



Richard Hock's Submittals

Richard was not present for awards presentation



Hudson Heating & Coaling Elevator
Structures On Line—2nd Place
Popular Choice—1st Place
Merit Award



Ice Cold Refrigeration Storage Transfer
Structures On Line—1st Place
Merit Award



Yard Office
Structures On Line—3rd Place
1st Place Popular Choice
Merit Award



Mobil Oil
Structures On Line—2nd Place
3rd Place Popular Choice
Merit Award

Awards Presented at the April Cajon Event in Buena Park



Scratch built Cars - Jerry Duncan
 Passenger Cars—2nd Place
 Popular Choice—1st Place
 Merit Award



Favorate Train - Great Northern Western Star
 Jerry Duncan
 Popular Choice—2nd Place



Favorate Train - Santa Fe Grand Canyon
 Arie Korporaal
 Popular Choice—1st Place



Freight Car - SFPD Wooden Reefer
 Morrie Fleishman
 Popular Choice—1st Place
 Freight Car—3rd Place



Freight Car—Center Sill Flat Car
 Don Erickson
 Popular Choice—3rd Place



Morrie Fleishman, Andrew Cheir, Don Erickson
 receiving certificates from Mike Allee

Awards Presented at the April Cajon Event in Buena Park



Box Car Storage Facility
Structures On Line
Popular Choice—1st Place



Paul Stoner receiving his certificate
From Mike Allee and Gary Butts



Freight Car—Coal Car Brian Hunnell
Freight Car—2nd Place
Merit Award



Structures On Line Tim Steinmeier
Structures On Line —1st Place
Popular Choice—2nd Place
Merit Award



Structures Off Line—Tom Stumpf
Structures On Line —1st Place
Popular Choice—1st Place, Merit Award



Tim Steinmeier receiving his certificate
From Mike Allee and Gary Butts

Notes from the Chief Clerk—Gary Stenberg



Have you ever been sleepy? I mean really sleepy. Well that's the state I find myself in. You see, I have a new granddaughter and she and her mom are spending the first three months at "The Grandparent's House." After a 19 day stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Brianna came home with us. The thing about "Preemies" is that, at first, they have to eat like every two hours. Mom, Grandma, and Grandpa are taking turns doing baby watch, diapers, and feeding. This doesn't leave a lot of time for sleeping.

You might ask, "What's that got to do with Model Railroading?" Well, in a sleep deprived state, one does a lot of daydreaming (hallucinations?) and I'm no different. I envisioned a D&RGW coal train, and I only had six 70 ton HO hoppers from Arrowhead Models. So today I ordered two more. Back to daydreaming, I would like to earn some Achievement Certificates and I "see" a couple of structure models in my future. I dream that I'll be able to enter them in the "Celebration of Models" at the 2024 National Model Railroad Association Convention in Long Beach. I'm even dreaming that they'll get enough points for a Merit Award!

While infant care isn't for everyone, dreaming certainly can be. Once you have the dream, you can work toward fulfilling it. My next dream is that quite a few of the members of the Cajon Davison will build models and enter them at Long Beach. Cajon Rules!!! Well, maybe...it's up to you.

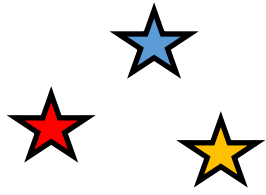
One of the challenges of feeding a baby is getting them to "burp" after the bottle. This usually involves a lot of holding them and rocking them while patting them on their backs. The little darlings squirm a lot, but occasionally they fix their stares on something. While performing this task, I noticed that Brianna's eyes were fixed on a couple of things. In the den where we have the feeding station set up, I have decorations on the wall. Train paintings actually. The biggest is a painting of a Denver and Rio Grande steam locomotive pulling a train over a trestle. (Look up Vol 1 #3 of the Order Board" and you'll see what the painting looks like). YES! She was fascinated with a train painting. In fact she stares at it all the time! Perhaps she'll be a Model Railroader someday. Grandpa can only dream.

Photos from The Flagstaff PSR Convention

From June 7 to 11 The Arizona Division hosted the PSR convention at Flagstaff. The highlight of the convention was spending time in the Grand Canyon Railway Maintenance Facility and the next day taking the special Steam Train version of the Railway to the Grand Canyon. At the Banquet on Saturday Night Mike Allee was awarded the bell for Cajon Member of the Year. Here are a few pictures from the convention.



Mike Allee Received the Cajon Member of the Year Award



CAJON DIVISION TURNS 50

By Gary Stenberg



On June 24TH 2023 the Cajon Division becomes 50 years old. That's right, 50 years ago our Division split off from the LA Division of the Pacific Coast Region (PCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). An incredible amount has happened since that day. So here's a little history.

50 years ago we didn't have cable TV, or cell phones, or the internet, so folks had hobbies. Model Railroading was big. Hobby Shops were all over the place and the golden age of HO Brass was in full swing. Los Angeles County was the home of a surprising number of Model Railroaders and all of the activities seemed to center "Up There." Orange County and points east were on the outskirts, even though we had almost as many members. Several activists within our geographical area wanted a little more say in the Division's events and they pushed for establishing a new division within the PCR. With a lot of work, they were successful.

On June 24TH, 1973 the newly created Division 8 had its first organizational meet at Hunter Park in Riverside. Hunter Park is the home of the Riverside Live Steamers and couldn't be a better place to start. Acting Superintendent Dan Crockett called on acting Ballot Chairman Ray Sadler to announce the results of the election.

We then became the "Cajon Division" with Dan Crockett elected as Superintendent, Wayne Walker as Assistant Superintendent, Andy Anderson as the Chief Clerk/Paymaster, and Duane Leetzow as the Division Director. Within a month, Gary Stenberg (me) was appointed as the Editor of the Cajon Division Newsletter (It didn't have a name yet.) Within a year, we had voted on a Logo and named the newsletter the "Order Board".

The Division didn't start out rich. In fact, we operated on a shoestring for quite a while. We had some very successful meets, at which we sold hot dogs and soft drinks, and generated enough capital to meet the expenses. The biggest expense at the time was to print and mail the Cajon Division "Order Board."

We went through a lot of growing pains and it wasn't easy. I suggest that you take a trip through the back issues of the Order Board that are posted online on the Division's Website to get an idea of what went on.

Today, 50 years later, we are going strong.

The Cajon Division is active in Orange County, CA, Riverside County, CA, San Bernardino County, CA, and in the greater Las Vegas, NV area.

We have had seven members attain the status of Master Model Railroader. At last count, 36 of our current and former members have earned a total of 103 Achievement Certificates.

We had a Regional Convention (now the Pacific Southwest Region) in Irvine.

Many Cajon Division members are actively involved in organizing the 2024 NMRA National Convention in Long Beach.

In 2025, the Cajon Division will be hosting the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) regional convention.

We have come a long way in 50 years. Happy Anniversary!!!



SAVE THE DATE

Cajon Division Fall Festival

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Swap Meet

Clinics

Lunch

Hobo Auction

Modelers' Show and Tell

Celebration of Models Room

General Membership Meeting

Awards Ceremony

Join us for a fun filled model railroading day!

\$10.00 for NMRA Members

\$15.00 for Non-Members

Includes lunch with drink.

Bring a model for the Celebration Room and get 1 Hobo Auction Card
Swap meet vendors: One 6' table with admission, bring your own equipment.

Messiah Lutheran Church

6625 Dale St, Buena Park

More information at www.Cajondivision.org

Halloween Themed Diorama Contest at Buena Park Event on October 21

To add some Halloween fright and pumpkin spice to the upcoming October Cajon Fall Festival, we invite you to let your imagination run wild and create a fun Halloween Themed Diorama as a display entry in the Celebration of Models Popular Vote category. The rules are simple: 1) Halloween Themed; 2) Minimum Size: 12-1/2" wide x 14" deep (T-Trak module size), Maximum 24" x 24" (Module Size); and, 3) include 12 inches of track. That's it. You are encouraged to light or animate your Diorama as an added dimension. An award based on the Popular Vote will be presented. So, block out the date, Saturday, October 21, 2023 and attend the Cajon Fall Meet, additional information about the Meet can be found in this newsletter and on the Cajon Web Site.

Layouts of the Cajon Division

Call for member layouts!

As of now, we have had two very enjoyable days visiting three of the **Layouts of the Cajon Division**: Joel Morse's N-Scale New York, Ontario, and Western Railway, Gary and Sandy Butts' HO G&S Railroad and Bob Calicchia's LA Junction Railway.

And we have Open Houses and layouts scheduled for July, August, and September. We are looking for layout owners to join in the fun and host an open house in the fall and into next year.

Your layout does not have to be the "finished article", and you have plenty of time to add to it between now and the fall! In fact, input from your fellow members at the Open House may provide you with some new ideas, tips and tricks!

The Cajon Division will provide up to \$50.00 to reimburse you for food and drinks that you might serve.

If you are interested in hosting an Open House and showing us what you have been doing, please contact me with a date you have in mind at superintendent@cajondivision.org or call or text me at 714-614-5401.



Layouts of the Cajon Division

The Harold Helland Model Railroad

Saturday July 15, 2023 from 11 am to 2 pm

Tour: Harold Helland is hosting a tour of his 180 sq. ft. HO Scale model railroad based on the Union Pacific Overland Route through two towns.

Date: July 15, 2023

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: 6 Ambito Street, Rancho Mission Viejo, 92694

Access: Second Floor - stairs with no elevator

Model Railroad Elevation: 40 to 45 inches

Parking: Public Street -- Please do not park in the driveway, I am the second house on the right side of the driveway.

Model Railroad Description: This is a freelance transition era Union Pacific model railroad based on the Overland Route in the Midwest plains of Iowa and Nebraska. The model railroad includes two towns served by the Union Pacific. One of the towns has two main streets and an industrial area which includes two sidings and seven rail served industries. Several other construction businesses are also in the industrial district. The second town is a main stop for the Union Pacific and includes a steam engine facility with a roundhouse and turntable. The model railroad rises and passes over a small lake with a beach and a few canoes. The structures are mostly wood kits, some modified, and wood scratch built. The rolling stock includes many upgraded Athearn Blue Box kits with both steam and diesel motive power.





Layouts of the Cajon Division:

Scheduled for August 19, 2023 10am – 2pm Fullerton

Chris Jean's Santa Ana and Northern

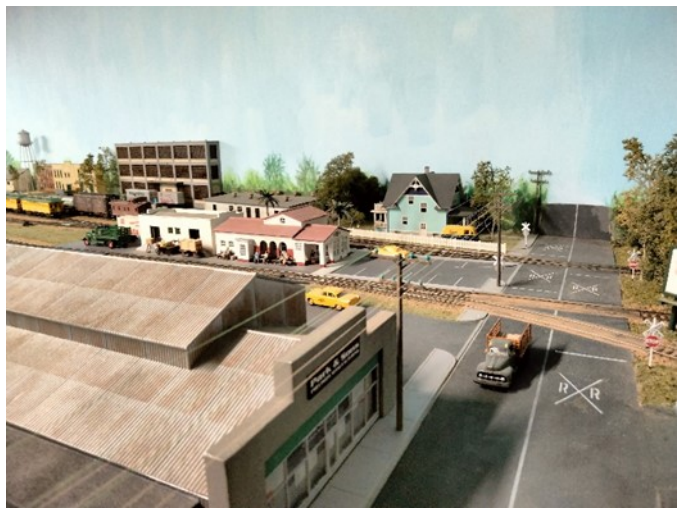
Address: 209 North Orchard Avenue, Fullerton 92833

Originally built by the McFadden brothers in the mid 1890's to transfer lumber products from ships tying up at McFadden Wharf (now Newport Pier) to their lumberyard and a connection to the Santa Fe in downtown Santa Ana, the Santa Ana & Newport Railroad (SA&N) was rather short lived. The Southern Pacific acquired the SA&N around 1900 in anticipation of the commercial development of Newport Harbor, building extensions to connect the SA&N tracks to the SP main line and creating a continuous loop of track around much of central Orange County. The connection never happened, and the railroad was essentially abandoned in 1930, with a minor portion remaining in Huntington Beach.

Set in 1957, Chris's 350 square foot proto-freelanced double-decked HO Santa Ana and Northern layout reimagines the fate of the railroad, such that his fictionalized version remained independent and operated into the late 1950's, retaining its original connection to the ATSF but also benefitting from later connections to the SP and the Pacific Electric. The layout depicts portions of Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach and Huntington Beach using many scratch-built and kit-bashed structures, with most of the layout scenery completed.

This layout is in the garage and the lower level is wheelchair visible and accessible, but the upper deck is 54" above the floor.

Come visit Chris's excellent layout in Fullerton on August 19th. Additional details will be emailed to PSR members in the coming weeks.



The Editor's Column

by Morrie Fleishman Editor: Cajon Division



Welcome to the June issue of the Order Board, the newsletter for the Cajon Division which is issued every other month. We would like to see what you have been working on. Here is your chance to talk about what you are doing and to show us your accomplishments. While not everyone can write an article for Model Railroader, this publication is available for everyone to report on what they have been doing. If you need help in putting an article together please contact me and we will get it done together. Remember also that articles printed in the Order Board count toward your Author Certificate.

Thanks.

Morrie Fleishman editor@cajondivision.org

Cajon Membership Report

by Per Harwe, Membership Chairman

Pending

Cajon Division

Call for Model Railroad Donations!

“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure” seems like the perfect reason for every model railroad swap meet since the beginning of time. But it also applies to the items that appear for bid at Cajon Division HOBBO Auctions.

Many members don’t realize that every item that appears in the HOBBO Auction was donated by a Cajon Division member and local hobby shops. Our HOBBO Auction supplies of donated items are getting very low, and we need your unneeded model railroad supplies to the Cajon Division, so we can continue this tradition.

Everyone of us has bought and stored items that we know we will never use, not on the current layout and not on the next layout, because our model railroading focus, need, or interest has changed. These items are cluttering up our limited storage space. Sure, you could wait until you get around to selling your items at swap meet after swap meet until it’s gone (we’re having one on October 21st at our Buena Park event) or you can just donate the items to the Cajon Division.

The Cajon Division (and the PSR) are 501c3 Charitable Organizations under the IRS and California tax codes and therefore you may be able to take a tax deduction for the items you donate. When you donate items to the Cajon Division, we provide you with a receipt for your taxes.

If you have items to donate, bring them to the October 21st event in Buena Park, or contact me directly (superintendent@cajondivision.org or 714-614-5401) and arrange to donate your items to the Cajon Division.



Prototype Tours



Convention Hotel
Westin Long Beach



Boat Activities



Layouts & Operations



Surfliner 2024

National Model Railroad Association Convention

August 4th through August 11th

The Westin, Long Beach, CA

The week-long *Surfliner 2024 NMRA National Convention* is being hosted by the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

The convention program includes:

Hundreds of Model Railroading Clinics: Including on-site and live-virtual clinics along with coveted “*Modeling with the Masters*” hands-on clinics, covering almost every aspect of model railroading you might be interested in!

Layout Tours and Operations Sessions: The Pacific Southwest Region has some excellent model railroad club and home layouts to visit; on your own or as part of organized tours. Many layouts will also be hosting operations sessions!

Prototype Tours: Excursions to Los Angeles Union Station, the Metro Rail Fleet Services Facility, Travel Town Museum, Historic ATSF 3751 steam locomotive and other exciting destinations are scheduled!

General Interest Tours and Activities: Several interesting and fun non-railroading focused trips including special tours to the Bowers Museum and the Warner Bros. Studios are planned! And Disneyland, famous beaches, and quaint beach towns are only a short drive from the hotel. On-site crafting, quilting, painting, games, speakers, social events, and cooking classes are also being organized!

Contests and Awards: The Celebration of Models Room provides an opportunity to display your models, photos, etc., and appreciate the work of others. Achievement Program Merit Award judging will be available along with People’s Choice contests and awards!

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2024 National Model Railroad Association Convention in Long Beach, CA! Aug. 4 to 11



The week-long **SurfLiner 2024** national convention is being hosted by the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association and held at **The Westin in Long Beach, CA**. The convention features a variety of activities and events to enhance your knowledge of model railroading, prototype railroading and Southern California! These consist of hundreds of clinics, numerous prototype tours, layout tours, operation sessions, and general interest tours and activities, culminating in the NMRA Awards Banquet on August 10th. As a convention attendee you will get early, special access to the National Train Show[®], where you will see the latest model railroading products, meet major manufacturers, and purchase items for your layout. Don't miss out on this incredible week of model railroading experiences!



Layout Tours and Operations: The Pacific Southwest Region has some excellent model railroad club and home layouts to visit. There will also be operations sessions which will give you an opportunity to run trains under the guidance of local model railroaders.

Prototype tours: Prototype Tours currently may include Los Angeles Union Station, The Southern California Railway Museum, Historic ATSF 3751 steam locomotive, Travel Town Museum, and the Metro Rail Fleet Services Facility.

Clinics on model railroading: More than 100 clinics consisting of on-site presentations by local model railroaders, nationally recognized "Master Model Railroaders", and virtual presentations by clinicians around the world will be available. Clinics will cover the history of railroading in Southern California (the SP, UP, ATSF and others) and the Southern California citrus industry. There will also be clinics on basic and advanced model railroading, backdrop painting and methods, along with electronics and animation, battery powered model railroading (Dead Rail), layout planning, layout design, scenery techniques and much more.

General interest tours and activities: There are many activities at the convention for attendees that are not related to model railroading, including on-site crafting, quilting, painting, games, speakers, social events, and cooking classes. General interest tours include the Bowers Museum and the Warner Bros. Studio Tour, with more being added soon.

Contests and Awards: The Celebration of Models room provides an opportunity to display models, photos, etc., and appreciate the work of others. Models, photos, etc. may be submitted for Merit Judging and other awards, which will be presented at the Celebration of Models Awards ceremony, August 8th, 2024.

National Train Show: Friday, August 9th to Sunday, August 11th. The [National Train Show[®]](#) is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association and is a combined industry trade show and public train show to promote the hobby of model railroading. The 2024 National Train Show[®] will be held in conjunction with the **SurfLiner 2024** national convention in Long Beach, California.



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