



# The Order Board

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## Tracks Ahead for the Cajon Division

### Upcoming Events

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#### **November 8 (10AM-5PM), 9 (12-5PM), & 11 (5-7PM), 2025**

CA Southern Model RR Club Open House

12140 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

<http://www.trainweb.org/calsomrr/dates.html>

#### **November 8-9, 2025, 10AM-4PM**

Great Train Show

San Bernadino County Fairgrounds

14800 7th St., Victorville, CA 92395

<https://www.greattrainshow.com/gts-show-landing-pages/victorville-10-25>

#### **January 31-February 1, 2026, Time TBA**

Great Train Show

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001

<https://www.greattrainshow.com/>

#### **February 14-15, 2026, Time TBA**

Great Train Show

Orange County Fair & Event Center

88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

<https://www.greattrainshow.com/>

#### **September 9-13, 2026**

PSR All Aboard for 2026 Annual Convention

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel San Diego Mission Valley

7450 Hazard Center Dr., San Diego, CA 92108 USA

<https://www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026>



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## *From the Desk of the Director*

*Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Director*



Greetings from the Pacific Southwest Region. A lot has happened and there are a lot more things happening. On September 3rd the PSR held its regular business meeting. The major highlight of the meeting was, of course, the installation of me as the Cajon Division Director. Just kidding. I was officially recognized, but the business of the region was what the meeting was all about. Each of the four division directors presented a report from their division in addition to the reports from the other regional officers. Finances, meets, membership, and events in each division were reported on. Besides the Division reports, we also had reports presented on the health and well-being of the Region.

**FINANCE:** The region is financially healthy. The first six months of the year (Jan 1, 2025 through June 30th 2025) show the PSR, including all of the Divisions' accounts, with cash on hand of \$77,797.49. Expenditures for this period exceeded income by \$748.86. This shortfall will probably be overcome by the end of the year. A lot is going on with our finances as the Region and the Divisions are now included in one umbrella (501c3) tax deductible corporation. The treasurer has to file a bunch of paperwork, but our position is strong.

**MEETS:** All of the divisions held at least one "meet" during the first six months of the year. The Cajon Division hosted the biggest meet this year...that being the Pacific Southwest Region Convention at the Irvine Hilton, right next to John Wayne airport. A bit more information on the Convention will be presented later.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The good news for the region is that you are most likely a member. The bad news is that we have lost 76 members, region wide, from July 2024 until July 2025. The Cajon Division lost 12 members during this time. Our Division is looking into why we lost those members and what we might do to encourage new members joining and current members staying.

**ACHEVEMENT PROGRAM:** From the national convention held in Long Beach to the regional convention held in Irvine a total of 20 Achievement Program certificates have been awarded. One Master Model Railroader certificate was also awarded. In 2023-2024 we had 25 Achievement Programs certificates awarded and two Master Model Railroader certificates. Carl Heimberger MMR, the Region A/P chair, is researching methods to encourage participation in this program.

**EVENTS:** Things are happening all over the Region. The Arizona Division had their first annual "Cactus Crawl" that showcased 21 open house layout tours over two days. The Cajon Division hosted the regional convention. The LA Division continues to host the "Roundhouse Chats" on ZOOM the first Thursday of each month. The San Diego Division holds monthly in person activities. Lots going on. Keep your eyes peeled for something near you.



## ***From the Desk of the Director***

*(Continued)*

**THE REGIONAL CONVENTION:** The Pacific Southwest Region has a convention every year. This year the convention was held in Irvine. Unfortunately the attendance was down from previous conventions and, although we ended up in the "Black" we didn't generate a lot extra funds for the Cajon Division and the region. Perhaps the location was sub-optimal, since we had just had a National Convention in Long Beach, or perhaps it was higher priced than folks wanted to pay. Our next PSR convention is going to be held in San Diego (<https://www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026>). We haven't been there in four years and there are some spectacular things planned. So we, from the Cajon Division, need to be there and participate. Start building models now! The more models we enter, the better. Let's show the Region what the Cajon Division can do. The 2026 convention is in San Diego. The 2027 convention is going to be in Arizona. 2028 will find us in Los Angeles. In 2029, it's going to be the Cajon Division's turn to host. Let's make the convention that we will host in four years super outstanding.

**WHAT'S UP:** Getting back to the subject of membership, and thanks to Patrick Rogan our membership chair, we've learned that the membership in the inland empire wasn't being served adequately. Over the past several years virtually all of our meets have been in Buena Park. Buena Park is on the western edge of our division and was a popular site for both Orange County members and LA Division members. The venue was also convenient because one of our members, Annette Palmer, was a congregant at the church and helped coordinate the events. Half of our membership resides outside of Orange County, in points east, and that presented a problem to be solved. Well, we will be searching for an appropriate venue, or venues, somewhere in the inland empire for some of our future meets. Hunter Park with the Riverside Live-Steamers, the Southern California Railway Museum in Perris, and Community Centers have all been suggested and are being explored. If you know of a facility that can accommodate 100 to 120 people and has a large dining room and smaller break out rooms, please let us know.

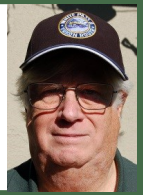
Well that's about it for now. PAX and High Green!





## ***From the Head End***

***Paul Stoner, Cajon Division Superintendent***



The Pacific Southwest Express Convention is now in the history books, and it was a success. The convention planning team was primarily made up of Cajon Division members under the leadership of Harold Helland. I wanted to thank all the Cajon Division members that helped with planning and preparation of the convention. I also wanted to thank all the members of the Cajon Division that attended. You were just as important to the overall success of the convention.

Now, I'm looking forward to the 2026 convention in San Diego on September 9 – 13, 2026 at the Doubletree Hotel-Mission Valley. Details and early registration are available at [www.SanDiegoDivision.org](http://www.SanDiegoDivision.org).

"Shotgun" Tom Kelly will be hosting his Sirius XM radio program from the hotel during the convention.

There are some changes to the Cajon Division Board of Directors this fall. First, Gary Stenberg will be taking over as the Cajon Division Director. Gary was elected to replace Harold Helland who retired at the completion of his two-year term. Gary was previously the Cajon Division Chief Clerk. Steve Cole has agreed to take over the position of Chief Clerk. Thank you, Steve! Finally, Patrick Rogan will be leaving the position of Cajon Division Membership Chairman at the end of the year. In addition to doing a fantastic job as the Clinics Chairman for the Pacific Southwest Express Convention, Patrick has also done a great job of quantifying membership statistics and trends for the division. Thank you, Patrick. So, the Membership Chairman position will be open for the start of 2026, and we are looking for someone to fill Patrick's shoes. Contact Patrick at [membership@cajondivision.org](mailto:membership@cajondivision.org) if you would like to find out more about the duties and responsibilities of the position. If you think you would be interested in filling the position, contact me at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:superintendent@cajondivision.org), Gary Stenberg at [director@cajondivision.org](mailto:director@cajondivision.org), or you may also contact Patrick, directly.

Because the board members were involved with planning and coordinating the convention, I decided that we should concentrate our efforts exclusively to that task rather than also try and plan a Cajon Division Fall Meet this year. However, we are actively working on planning the Spring Meet for next year and we would like to hear your input. Since the dynamics of the membership are starting to trend towards the Inland Empire, Brian Neely, the Cajon Division Donation Chairman, is looking for possible locations for the event in that area. In the past the Cajon Division has held meets at the Temecula Senior Center, the Banning Community Center, and the Southern California Railway Museum. What are your thoughts? We have tentatively decided on a date of April 25, 2026. Brian and I are interested in getting input from the membership on what they would like to see in the next Spring Meet. Anyone that has any ideas on what they would like to see for a location, theme, or program should contact Brian at [donations@cajondivision.org](mailto:donations@cajondivision.org), Gary Stenberg at [director@cajondivision.org](mailto:director@cajondivision.org), or me at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:superintendent@cajondivision.org)



## ***Layouts of the Cajon Division***

### ***Call for Member Layouts***

***Paul Stoner, Cajon Division Superintendent***

We had seven ***Layouts of the Cajon Division*** Open Houses in 2023 and four in 2024, and we want to continue to schedule these events, which have been well attended and enjoyed by the membership. We need more layouts to feature in 2026.

We are looking for layout owners to join in the fun and host an open house this year or next. Your layout does not have to be the “finished article”, you just have to be interested in showing your fellow members what you have been working on and spending a few hours talking about model railroading. In fact, input from visitors at your Open House may provide you with some new ideas 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 and we’ll work out a date that works for you. Email Paul Stoner at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:superintendent@cajondivision.org).



## ***Department of Interesting***

An early SP stack car, 513300 built in May of 1983. Notice the ‘beefy’ ends and ladders to reach the twist locks for attaching the upper container. Photo taken by Carl Lehman in Kirby, TX in September 1987.







## ***Notes from the Chief Clerk***

***Steve Cole, Cajon Division Chief Clerk***



*Editor's Note: With the appointment of Gary Stenberg to Division Director, Steve Cole has graciously agreed to assume Gary's old position of Cajon Division Chief Clerk. Below is Steve's biography in his own words.*

*Welcome Steve!*

I'm a life-long model railroader, starting with a Johnson-Russell 2-rail O gauge set around 1950. Santa really got it going with American Flyer in 1952. By junior high school I moved to HO with a Mantua Shifter, and over the next few years I built two 4 x 8 layouts in my parents' home. Thru college years and after Army time I kept up with the hobby by continuing to build rolling stock. Nearly 40 years ago I started building a HO layout that hangs in my garage. It is still not operational although the hard part (benchwork and hand-laid mainline) is long done. I had hit a mental block and it stayed dormant for 30 years. Several years ago, I rejoined NMRA, exactly 50 years after I had previously been a member. That allowed me access to local modelers and I made contact with Gary Butts and the group that operates with him. With his very helpful knowledge and skills I'm back on track to get my layout going. That's what NMRA is all about. My personal emphasis within the hobby is model building, e.g., craftsman kits and scratch. I am also active with the Southern California S Gaugers Club, having both S scale and American Flyer Hi-rail trains on our modular layout at shows.



## ***NMRA Achievement Program***

The August edition of the NMRA Magazine (page 53), acknowledged PSR Arizona Division Member Ron Hart of Peoria, AZ in earning the Golden Spike Award. Ron joined the NMRA in 2021. Congratulations Ron!

What is the Golden Spike Award.....glad you asked!

<https://www.nmra.org/golden-spike-award>



## ***What's Happening in Nevada?***

***Craig McCormick, Asst. Superintendent-NV***



Paul Mickelson hosted an open house layout tour of his HO Scale Midland Creek RR in Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, September 27. The event was attended by NMRA members Ed Hall, myself, Dick Shenberger and Duane Yoder. Below are some snapshots of Paul's railroad. Thanks to Paul for opening up his home to see his layout.



### **Midland Creek RR**







## ***What's Happening in Nevada?***

*(Continued)*

Mike Pacillo hosted a Hobo's meet up and open house layout tour of his N Scale Freelance Modular RR in Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, October 25. Mike provided the following summary.

The modules have three prototypical locations:

1. Horseshoe Bend (BNSF Mains in Yorba Linda, CA)
2. CSI - California Steel Industries (NUCOR), Fontana, CA (the old Kaiser Steel Mills)
3. A two trestle scene from Afton Canyon

Motive power and rolling stock generally represents the 1990's BNSF with a side of Union Pacific. Many of the engines and rolling stock are weathered.

The CSI Peninsula is an industrial spur, designed and made to facilitate industrial operations at large Free-moN layouts which are running "Operations". It is a work in progress and reflects how the plant was configured in the 1990's and consists of four 24"x18' sections.

Afton Canyon is 100% complete (18"x6'). It's scenery represents a contemporary depiction of the location.

Horseshoe Bend is a 90° (four section) module, with 12' radius double track mains and a passing siding. It's a bit of an anachronism as far as time period goes. Full scenery reflects April 1972 Santa Ana Canyon with rolling hills covered in blooming mustard beauty. The three tracks (concrete ties) resemble the late 90's while the riverbed itself resembles how things looked in the 1950's. I'm super proud of Horseshoe Bend. It's often a crowd pleaser and a favorite among Free-moN operators at the shows where it appears.

Photos of the modules appear below and on the next page. Thanks to Mike for opening up his home to see the modules.

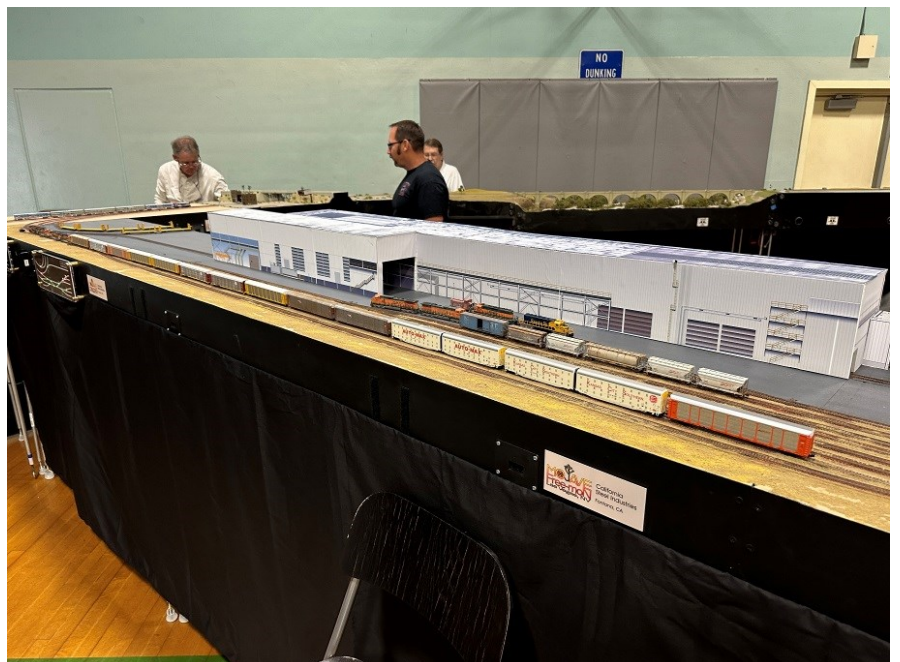
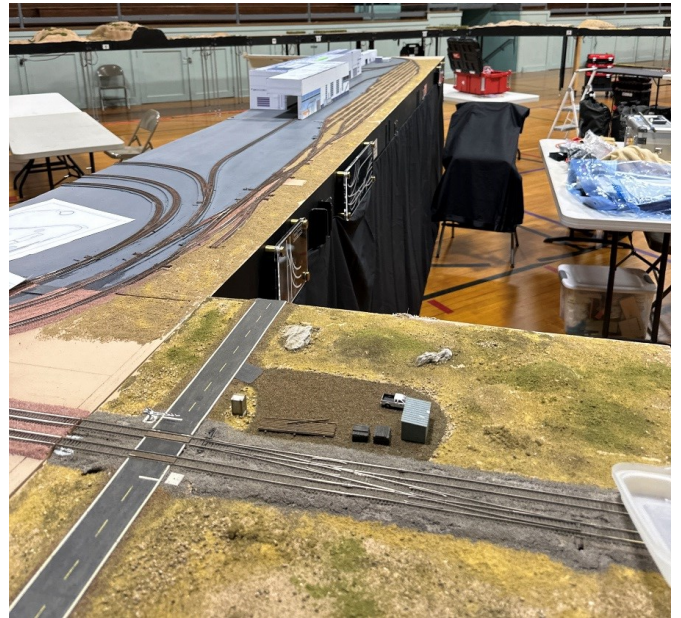






## ***What's Happening in Nevada?***

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## Membership Report

Patrick Rogan, Membership Chair



Let's welcome our new members since August 2025:

### August:

- Arthur Almon, Upland, CA (RP)\*
- Reese Symmon, Mission Viejo, CA

### September:

- Eric Voigt, Riverside, CA

Cajon Division wishes to recognize the passing of member Richard Powell of Riverside, CA. Our sincere condolences to Richard's family and friends.

\*What is RP? It is a Rail Pass (Trial) Membership:

<https://www.nmra.org/trial-membership>

If any of our members know these new members, how about reaching out to them and welcome them with open arms!

Reminder: The Cajon Division communicates with its members by e-mail. If your email address is not on file with the NMRA you are missing valuable communications from the Cajon Division.

To update your email with the NMRA go to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) and in the upper left hand corner, login to the Member Log-In Registration (if you have not registered on the NMRA website you will need to register). Once logged in, in the upper left hand corner, click on Member Info. Above your user name click on Edit and then update your email address in the space provided and save your changes. Now you should start receiving email messages from the Cajon division. If that might be too difficult for you can contact me at [membership@cajondivision.org](mailto:membership@cajondivision.org) and I will have the NMRA office update your email for you.

I would like to thank the following members who have renewed their NMRA membership since the August 2025 Order Board:

| <u>First Name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>City</u>   | <u>State</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Adele             | Boyles           | Laguna Hills  | CA           |
| Thomas            | Boyles           | Laguna Hills  | CA           |
| JC                | Gennevee         | Las Vegas     | NV           |
| James             | Goad             | Beaumont      | CA           |
| Mel               | Grabau           | Orange        | CA           |
| William           | Harless          | Las Vegas     | NV           |
| Steve             | Lauland          | Henderson     | NV           |
| Melodye           | McGroarty        | Las Vegas     | NV           |
| Brian             | Meaton           | Henderson     | NV           |
| John              | Miller           | Riverside     | CA           |
| Daniel            | Moran            | Villa Park    | CA           |
| Warren            | Peterson         | Henderson     | NV           |
| Van               | Schultz          | San Clemente  | CA           |
| Stan              | Schweitzer       | Garden Grove  | CA           |
| Robert            | Sibley           | Henderson     | NV           |
| Brian             | Smith            | Aliso Viejo   | CA           |
| Doug              | Spinn            | Mission Viejo | CA           |
| Michael           | Stubbs           | Yucaipa       | CA           |



# ***Membership Report***

***(Continued)***

## **Membership Milestone Report – October 2025**

Milestones are defined as a significant point in development. In the NMRA and Cajon Division that means achieving membership when you achieve active membership each 5 year interval.

Since the last Order Board for August 2025 the following members reached a milestone:

| <u>First Name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>City</u>   | <u>State</u> | <u>Years of Membership</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| David             | Sherwin          | Las Vegas     | NV           | 25                         |
| Charles           | Backes           | Mission Viejo | CA           | 15                         |
| Daryll            | Faust            | Las Vegas     | NV           | 15                         |
| James             | Dinwiddie        | Buena Park    | CA           | 5                          |
| Steven            | Frenken          | Yucaipa       | CA           | 5                          |

Let's give these members a large and rowdy thank you for being a NMRA member.

Our members are the NMRA and the Cajon division most important assets. I appreciate your renewed faith in both the NMRA and the Cajon division. Let me know at [membership@cajondivision.org](mailto:membership@cajondivision.org) if you have any ideas of activities you would like to see the cajon division host or participate in or that you participated in a model train activity that you would like to share with others.





## ***Interesting Facts of the Cajon Division***

***Patrick Rogan, Membership Chair***

- The Cajon Division was created in June 1973 as the 8<sup>th</sup> Division of the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA.
- The Cajon Division consists of 8 counties. including Inyo, Mono, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino in California and Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye in Nevada.
- The 1973 population in those counties were as follows:

### **California**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Inyo           | 16,344           |
| Mono           | <u>6,454</u>     |
| Orange County  | <u>1,607,000</u> |
| Riverside      | 498,000          |
| San Bernardino | 704,000          |
| CA totals      | <u>2,831,798</u> |

### **Nevada**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Clark            | 561,000          |
| Esmeralda        | 1,437            |
| Lincoln          | 3,519            |
| Nye              | 14,708           |
| Total for Nevada | <u>580,664</u>   |
| Total            | <u>3,412,462</u> |



## ***Interesting Facts of the Cajon Division***

***(Continued)***

- On June 1, 1982, The Pacific Southwest Region began operations and was a split from the Pacific Coast Region [PCR] as it was due to the geographic and member size of the PCR and the related difficulties in serving its members.
- The population of the Cajon Division at the time of the formation of the Pacific Southwest Region was as follows:

### **California**

Inyo 18,408

Mono 9,280

Orange County 2,046,000

Riverside 720,000

San Bernardino 967,000

CA totals 3,760,688

### **Nevada**

Clark 514,000

Esmeralda 1,213

Lincoln 3,750

Nye 130,909

Total for Nevada 649,872

Total 4,410,560



## ***Interesting Facts of the Cajon Division***

*(Continued)*

- Today the population of the Cajon Division [as of 2022, the latest information available] is:

### **California**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Inyo           | 18,718           |
| Mono           | <u>12,978</u>    |
| Orange County  | <u>3,200,000</u> |
| Riverside      | 2,500,000        |
| San Bernardino | 2,193,000        |
| CA totals      | <u>7,924,696</u> |

### **Nevada**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Clark            | 2,300,000         |
| Esmeralda        | 744               |
| Lincoln          | 4,482             |
| Nye              | 54,738            |
| Total for Nevada | <u>2,359,964</u>  |
| Total            | <u>10,284,660</u> |





## ***Interesting Facts of the Cajon Division***

***(Continued)***

- The changes in population since the creation of the Cajon Division in 1973 is as follows:

|                   | <b>1973-2022</b>         |                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|                   | <b><u>Difference</u></b> | <b><u>% Change</u></b> |
| <b>California</b> |                          |                        |
| Inyo              | <u>2,374</u>             | <u>14.53%</u>          |
| Mono              | <u>6,524</u>             | <u>101.08%</u>         |
| Orange County     | <u>1,593,000</u>         | <u>99.13%</u>          |
| Riverside         | <u>2,002,000</u>         | <u>402.01%</u>         |
| San Bernardino    | <u>1,489,000</u>         | <u>211.51%</u>         |
| CA totals         | <u>5,092,898</u>         | <u>179.85%</u>         |
| <b>Nevada</b>     |                          |                        |
| Clark             | <u>1,739,000</u>         | <u>309.98%</u>         |
| Esmeralda         | <u>-693</u>              | <u>-48.23%</u>         |
| Lincoln           | <u>963</u>               | <u>27.37%</u>          |
| Nye               | <u>40,030</u>            | <u>272.16%</u>         |
| Total for Nevada  | <u>1,779,300</u>         | <u>306.43%</u>         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <u>6,872,198</u>         | <u>201.39%</u>         |

- During some of that time, Riverside County was considered to be the fastest growing county in the United States.
- San Bernardino county is the largest county land mass in the lower 48 states, comprising 20,105 square miles. In fact, 9 US states are smaller than San Bernardino County.
- Nye county is the third largest county land mass in the lower 48 states, comprising 18,147 square miles.
- Lincoln county seventh largest county land mass in the lower 48 states, comprising 10,637 square miles.



## ***The Editor's Column***

***Kurt Matthews, Publications/Web Chair***



### **Latest on You Tube**

Mike Osborne's (LA Div) latest HO Santa Fe Pacific layout video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEU0za5a-HY>

New Australian Outback Freight Service and Terminal. Oi mate! Double stack copper ore containers would make an interesting model project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcKAMuzZYds>

Nevada Northern Locomotive 250 in new semi-quincentennial paint scheme:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYbzE42RjL4>

NMRA Division 7 Layout Visits including Don Leedy's Utah Southwestern and Ed Bley's PRR:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVQGmm2FgW4>

### **Changes Coming...**

NMRA National and PSR Regional have announced some changes that will affect publication of The Order Board.

1. National is developing a common logo design that will be utilized all the way down to the Divisional level. These are supposed to come out the later part of this year.
2. The Cajon Division Order Board, along with the other PSR Regional newsletters, will be distributed to the entire Region instead of to the individual Divisions only. As editor, I plan to not be repetitive with information that is included in the PSR Dispatch. However, I anticipate there will be duplication of information in some instances.

### **PSR Southwest Express Divisional Meet**

I served as the 'official' photographer of the Pacific Southwest Express Divisional Meet in September. The photos taken of the contest winners and other days of the event were published in the last edition of the PSR Dispatch and I will not repeat them here. However, I would like to congratulate the contest winners from Cajon, Harold Helland, Gary Stenberg, Pat Rogan, Jim Phillips and Gary Butts. Paul Stoner was awarded 2025 Cajon Division Member of the Year. Also, congratulations to Cajon Division's latest Master Model Railroader, Carl Heimberger.



## ***The Editor's Column***

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### **Got a Modeling Question?**

If you have a modeling or prototype related question you would like to propose to the greater Cajon NMRA community drop me a line at [editor@cajondivision.org](mailto:editor@cajondivision.org) and I will publish it in the next **Order Board**. Hopefully, someone will provide an answer that I can publish in the following edition. Currently, I publish on a bi-monthly basis, but if I get the answer sooner, I can forward it to you directly before publishing that answer in the following edition.

### **Coming Soon...**

I recently visited the Western Pacific RR Museum in Portola, CA for the first time. I took plenty of photos and will be publishing those in a supplemental edition to be released at the time of this Order Board release. Look for it!

I will be visiting Western PA in November and have been lining up model railroad activities I plan to report on in a future supplemental edition, including a Greenberg's Train Show, NMRA Mid-Central Region member Dennis Coglianese's home layout and the Western PA Model Railroad Museum.



## ***Call for Model Railroad Donations***

*Brian Neely, Cajon Division Donations Chair*



"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 our Cajon Division Hobo Auctions

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

Every one 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 or you can just donate the items to the Cajon Division.

The Cajon Division (and the PSR) are 501(c)(3) 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 for future meets, contact me directly at [donations@cajondivision.org](mailto:donations@cajondivision.org) and arrange to donate your items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## ***What is That???***

***Kurt Matthews Publications/Web Chair***

I came across this crazy oddity and thought it might be of interest. Inland Lime and Stone was a subsidiary of Inland Steel and located at Port Inland in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on the north shore of Lake Michigan. It was the primary source of limestone for Inland's steel making plants south of Chicago. Limestone was quarried and processed at the Port Inland facility and shipped by lake boat to the mills.

From US Dept of Interior Report Mining and Milling Methods, Inland Lime and Stone Co., Port Inland, MI by L.G. Marshall: "...Each train consists of a Differential Steel Car Co., 1,000 hp., trolley-type DC electric locomotive and nine 50-ton side dump cars. The power is picked up from the trolley line by a contact shoe at the top side of the cab (Figure 10). The cab and power plant utilize only a small part of the locomotive chassis, the remaining space being occupied by a 40-ton side-dump box. This is loaded in the same manner as the regular cars and increases locomotive traction on the load haul." Figure 10 shows the locomotive and Figure 14 shows the car dumper. Trains are loaded in the quarry by an electric shovel, then taken to the processing building and dumped.

The quarry was still in operation as of 2021, but the quarry locomotive is no longer powered off overhead wire, but is a 'dummy' and a standard locomotive is used at the end of the train. See the You Tube video link on the next page.



FIGURE 10. - Quarry Locomotive.



FIGURE 14. - Car Dumper.







## ***What is That???***

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From the same report, a map of the lime quarry is shown below. From my best investigation, the quarry lay along the original Soo Line which was purchased by Canadian Pacific. Subsequently CP sold the line to Wisconsin Central who was in turn bought by Canadian National, the current operator. Inland Steel was merged into other concerns years ago and other companies have taken over operation of the quarry.

If you would like to know more, here are some interesting websites and a You Tube video of the trains in action:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnwchRxU5hU>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inland\\_Steel\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inland_Steel_Company)

<https://www.michiganrailroads.com/railroads-in-history/462-i-i/3506-inland-lime-and-stone-company>

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015078454587&seq=16>

This would make one interesting model to scratch-build and enter into a future modeling contest. Any takers?

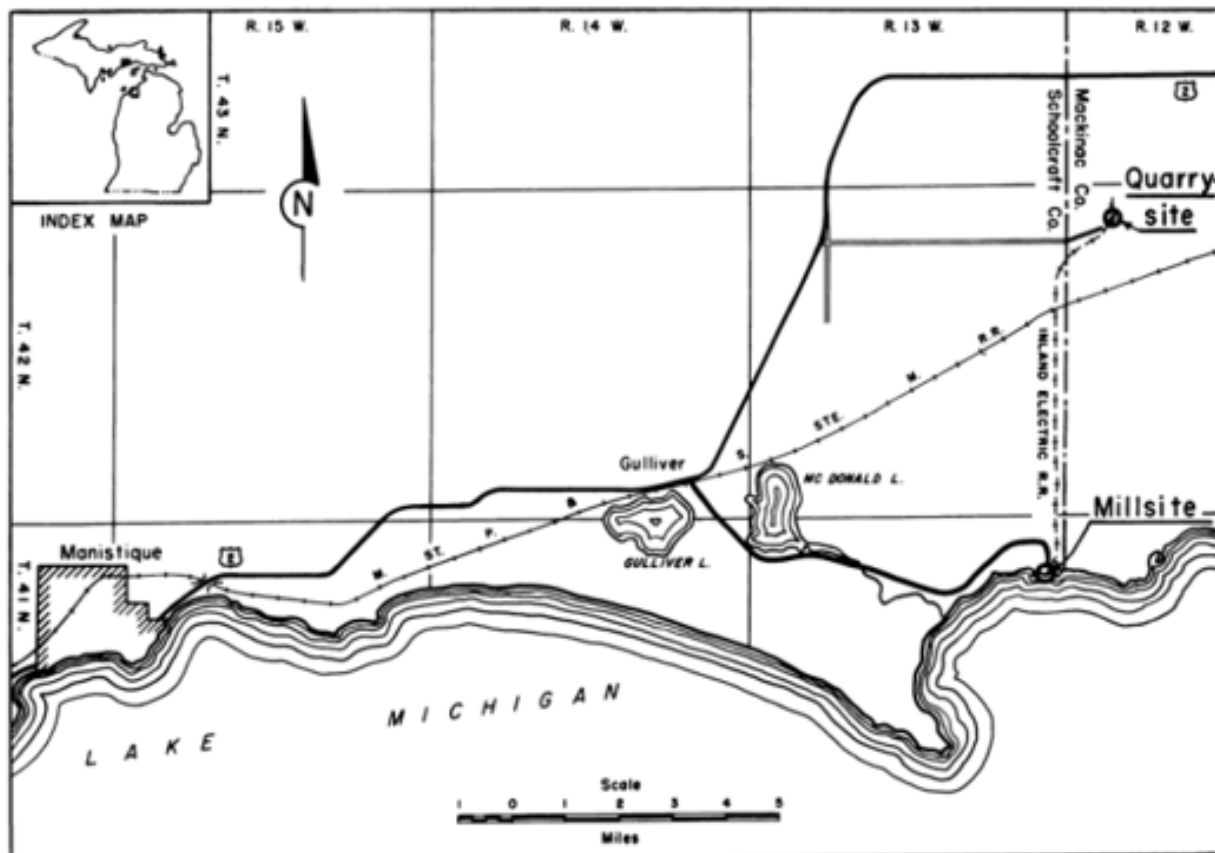


FIGURE 1. - Location of Mill and Quarry, Inland Lime and Stone Company, Port Inland, Mich.

The convention registration direct link is here:

<https://sandiegodivisionpsrnmra.regfox.com/all-aboard-for-2026>

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## **Pacific Southwest Region 2026 Convention National Model Railroad Association**

*Presented by: The San Diego Division*

**September 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Come join us in beautiful San Diego for the PSR 2026 Model Railroaders Convention.

The convention has many model railroad activities including an array of clinics, prototype tours, contests, layout tours, hobo breakfast, hobo auction and a swap meet. The introductory event will be held at the famous Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. The final event will be the Banquet. The speaker will be SP Author & Historian Jeff Cauthen.

The San Diego Division has some excellent layouts, many of which have been published in popular model railroad magazines. You will be able to view those layouts during the convention. Clinics will include Modeling with the PSR Masters led by Gary Butts, MMR and special guest clinics via Zoom. There will be activities every night of the convention.



**Sirius Satellite Radio Show:** Well-known radio personality and Hollywood walk of famer, "Shotgun" Tom Kelly will interview model railroaders attending the convention which will be aired on his radio show.

The convention will take place at **the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel San**

**Diego-Mission Valley at 7450 Hazard Center**

**Drive, San Diego, California.** The hotel is near a trolley stop that provides access to most areas of San Diego. Mission Valley is a centrally located area with access to popular areas of San Diego including restaurants, shopping centers and the beaches.



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You can also book a room by phoning 800-222-TREE. Make sure to mention that you are booking to attend the Pacific Southwest Region Model Railroaders Convention.

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### ***Arnie's Model Trains & Milepost 38 Toy Trains***

Arnie's Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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Arnie's Trains | [arniesmodeltrains.com](http://arniesmodeltrains.com) | (714) 893-1015  
Milepost 38 Toy Trains | [milepost38.com](http://milepost38.com) | (714) 892-9471

6462 Industry Way, Westminster, CA 92683

### ***RailMaster Hobbies***

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[railmasterhobbies.com](http://railmasterhobbies.com)

(562) 867-5627

9812 Belmont St., Bellflower, CA 90706

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[thewhistlestop.com](http://thewhistlestop.com)

(626) 796-7791

2490 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

### ***Westside Trains and Hobbies***

Monday - Saturday 11:00am - 5:00pm

[westsidetrains.com](http://westsidetrains.com)

(702) 254-9475

2960 S. Durango, #117, Las Vegas, NV 89117



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*Sunday - Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm*

*Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm*

[lasvegastraindepot.com](http://lasvegastraindepot.com)

*(702) 268-8813*

*2585 S. Rainbow Blvd. (cross street Sahara), Las Vegas, NV 89146*



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