

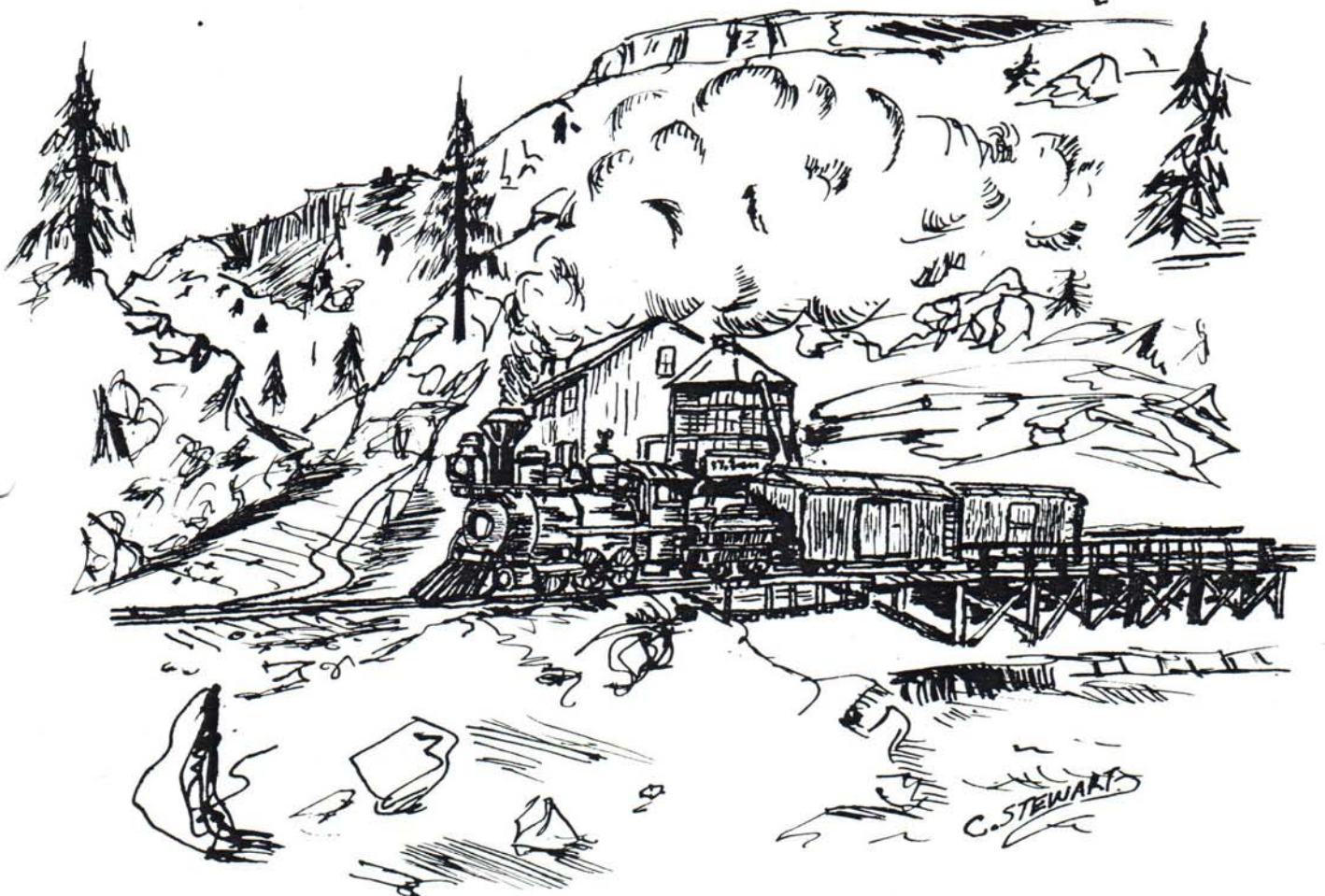
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Pen and Ink sketch donated by C. Stewart

FALL MEET by Sam Labrecque

Model railroading is family fun. Accordingly, Ted Van Klaveren announces that the fall meet will be held at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum, in Perris, - changed from Glen Helen Park. The meet will be on November 16th, 1975. Here there is plenty of family fun - trolley riding along with the museum.

Divisional activities will include raffles, door prizes, and contests. It looks like there will be plenty of fun.

Frank Barone, will manage a spike driving contest, a photo contest, and a pass contest. The photo contest will have four categories: B/W - model; B/W - Prototype; Color - Model; and Color - Prototype out of this, a best - of - show photo will be judged. Entrants, please mount your photos.

The pass contest will be for passes of both model and prototype.

Both the photo and pass contests will be judged by popular vote.

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EX-SUPER OFF TO FROZEN NORTH

Dan Crockett and his wife Esther have left Southern California and now reside in Alaska. Dan has been named to direct all computer operations connected with the Alaska Pipeline, Aleyeska Pipeline Corp., the combined constructing and maintaining of the line, will bring petroleum from Alaska's remote North Slope to the seaport of Valdez, 150 miles east of Anchorage.

Dan was the first Superintendent of the Cajon Division, and the idea of forming a division was developed by him, in collaboration with Director Duane Leetzow, Chief Clerk Tom Cummins, Andy Anderson, Bill Funk, Gordon Mills and Fred Torres, in the summer of 1973.

Crockett co-ordinated the hugely successful tour of SP's Colton Yard last year and established our relationship with the Riverside Live Steamers, who co-host a meet with us at Hunter Park each year in May.

Our warmest good wishes to Dan and Esther, and our hopes to see them again in the future go with them to their new home.

? ? ?WHO IS IT? ? ?

by P. Borden

"Hey! Who's that young kid in the Bowler hat?" This is a question that's been asked many a time at various functions the Division has held. That young kid in the Bowler happens to be our present Superintendent, Gary Stenberg. Gary, who took office Feb. 1975 is only 25 years old. Our youngest superintendent so far and possibly in the nation. He has been a member of the NMRA, PCR, & Cajon Division since 1971.

Gary, a native Californian, was born in Los Angeles and moved to Santa Ana where he is currently living. (He has recently purchased a home in the city of Irvine and will be moving there shortly.) He is a quiet individual with many varied talents & interests other than railroading. Some of these are photography, writing of poetry & music. He sings with the 1st Methodist Church Choir and has even written one song & has acted in "Your A Good Man Charlie Brown" playing the part of Schroeder.

A graduate from both Santa Ana High and Santa Ana College, he has received an A.S. Degree in Fire Science. His current job is as a Fire Apparatus Engr. with the California Division of Forestry. He was recently pitted against 29 applicants for 8 openings at Paramedic School. Gary will start School to become a Paramedic this December. He has been with the Forestry Div. for 6 years.

When asked why he became Superintendent, He said he had his arm twisted, but also added that he is enjoying the new challenges it has brought his way.

Gary is an HO_{N3} modeler of the Colorado narrow gauge. His layout, which is currently being dismantled due to moving, is styled after the C & S RR, Rio Grande Southern & The Denver & Rio Grande W.

Next time you're at one of the Divisions functions and you see a young man in a brown Bowler Hat, walk up and say Hi!

Fall Meet Cont.

Gary Stenberg tells that our division needs money. The white elephant auction has always been a good fund raiser. This also is a good way to contribute - by bidding at the auction.

Three short clinics will be held:

Weathering - Tom Cummins

Scenicking - Ted Van Klaveren

Rock Casting - Frank Barone

A swap meet is also being organized, so those of you who have something to sell, bring along your wares. There will be a 5% fee of your gross sales.

For the families who may not want to bring their picnic lunches, hot dogs, cake, ice cream, and cold refreshments will be on sale.

Come - ride trolleys, see the museum-drive spikes - judge photos or just lounge around and yack. Come - bring the whole gang for this family - fun meet at Perris.

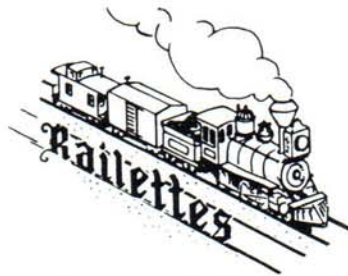
HOW TO ENJOY YOUR HOBBY (OR WHERE DID I GO WRONG)

by F. Barone

I normally assume that I am an average model railroader. I have a family with a reasonable wife and kids that do not run up and down the black shouting to their friends, "My daddy plays with toy trains", even my little female tom-boy. My son thinks it's, in their lingo, neat or right-on!

I can remember way back, or day-dream of my first Lionel, WOW!, a "toy train". That was before my 45-tray junk container, a 4-drawer desk of everything that I cannot bare to throw away, and half the den all my own of everything imaginable that a model railroader can collect, tools, books, 12 ft. test track and half the garage. I am in that position where I have accepted my fate, "I am hooked!".

The sweetest thing around my house is whenever someone comes over and sees the disarray in the garage and my workroom and comments, "what is it?". Then "Super Wife" strikes, "Why that's my husband's hobby!". I can see pride radiating when she points out this and that thing. I think confidentially she feels it keeps me out of bars. But everytime I take inventory, my hobby has multiplied like rabbits. The only thing I ask is "HELP!". HOW DO I STOP A MONSTER? Just kidding, but how do I convince my wife?



ATTENTION ALL RAILETTES

How many of you have become bored just sitting around at the division meets or maybe you haven't even come for just that reason. Now we have something for you too!

Peggy Riggle, a member of the Los Angeles Division, has offered her services to hold a ceramic painting craft session at our fall meet (please see article about fall meet for time & place). Peggy will furnish us with a ceramic cartoon type locomotive, that your husbands are sure to want hanging on the wall in his workroom, paint, brushes, water, & expert advice. All we bring is are willing fingers & \$.50 to cover Peggy's cost of supplies.

Ceramic painting is a really wonderful hobby & very easy to do even if you feel you have a handful of thumbs. Another thing to keep in mind is this might be something you could start doing at home while your husband is working on that hobby of his. Many hobby stores carry acrylic paints, sprays and brushes or you could always use your husbands (don't count on it!).

It really will be a fun way to spend a couple of hours at a meet designed to be fun for the WHOLE family. We hope you'll come too!

To give Peggy an idea of how many cartoon locomotives & supplies to bring she has asked that you drop her a postcard just stating you'll be there & you want to paint. If you happen to forget to write her do come, she's bringing a couple extra just in case. Peggy's address is:

Mrs. Peggy Riggle
909 N. Lincoln
Montebello, Ca. 90640

by Thomas J. Cummins

by F. Barone

Member and friends of Cajon Division will long remember our August 2 meet at Shakey's in Tustin. More than fifty people gathered there for food and fun. Highlight of the festivities was the film, "Model Railroading Unlimited", produced by Kalmbach Publications. The movie presents much information about the hobby, but in a wildly funny form which had the capacity audience howling with laughter.

In a more serious, but equally happy vein, senior past president, Dan Crockett, and his wife Esther, won the raffle, carrying off a dremel mototool donated by Frank Santangelo of Frank's Hobby Shop in Orange Ca. Frank and his lovely wife attended the meet as guests of the division. Also in attendance was Leo Campbell, of Campbell Scale Models.

The White Elephant Auction drew spirited bidding for the unknown treasures. Last item in the auction was a brass steam locomotive, donated by Frank Santangelo and bought by Assistant Superintendent Ted Van Klaveren, for a mere twenty dollars. Over \$100 was realized from the auction. This money, along with more than fifty dollars gained from the raffle and admissions, was deposited in the divisions account, to provide future meets.

RAILROAD QUIZ


1. "Sherman's Neckties" referred to what item of equipment?
2. In what year did the "General's" raid take place?
3. What is a "sleeper" in English railroading?
4. What motive power was used on the first railways?
5. What type of railroad car has the classification mark GRA?
6. What are the dimensions of a standard #5 prototype tie?
7. S B & M are the reporting marks for what railroad?
8. When was New York's Grand Central Terminal opened to the public?
9. George Westinghouse patented the air-brake in 1869. When was its use required by law?
10. What is the longest railroad bridge in the world?

After a long day at work, if you work and are tired, that easy chair looks good after dinner and the TV knobs are not that far away, and if you have kids the TV is already on. There are a lot of things to do while sitting there, planning ahead, sketches for a new project, or just dreaming of that big layout. Watch out though you could go to sleep that way. Why I have even taken time to look at my wife! My wife has even woken me up hollering "pass the plywood!".

I have thought so much, that my thinker has given out on me. Sometimes I lapse into such things as, "I wonder if I should save this toilet paper roll for a tank car," or hiding left-over parsley for bushes. Believe me, you can get into trouble just being a chair-man and saving all those things up that just seem to happen along without a layout to put them on. Especially when the wife opens a drawer and sees two dozen old plastic pill bottles and shakes her head and walks away mumbling to herself "Why did I ever suggest to him HE NEEDS A HOBBY!".

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WHERE THEIR AT

Several people have commented to me that they would like to know where all the members are located. Well we just can't up and write a directory. This would have to be taken up with the membership. Then there are those who would feel it was an invasion of privacy.

Since we can't publish a list of names in your area, we've done the next best thing, published a list of cities in the division and the number of members in each. Now all you have to do is go knocking on doors until you find them.

The idea of a divisional directory is not such a bad one especially since the National is discontinuing theirs.

Anaheim.....16	Loma Linda.....4
Apple Valley.....1	Los Alamitos.....3
Balboa.....1	Mira Loma.....1
Barstow.....2	Mission Viejo.....2
Beaumont.....1	Mountain Center...1
Bishop.....1	Needles.....2
Bloomington.....1	Newport Beach.....2
Brea.....4	Ontario.....3
Buena Park.....3	Orange.....4
Calimesa.....1	Overton.....1
Chino.....1	Pahrump.....1
Colton.....1	Palm Springs.....1
Corona.....4	29 Palms.....1
Corona Del Mar...3	Perris.....2
Costa Mesa.....7	Phelon.....1
Cypress.....1	Placentia.....5
El Toro.....1	Redlands.....7
Fontana.....4	Rialto.....4
Fountain Valley...1	Riverside.....6
Fullerton.....9	Rossmoor.....1
Garden Grove.....5	San Bernardino....6
Grand Terrace....2	San Clemente.....3
Hemet.....4	San Juan
Hesperia.....1	Capistrano...3
Highland.....2	Santa Ana.....22
Huntington Beach.10	Stanton.....1
Irvine.....1	Tustin.....3
Laguna Beach.....1	Upland.....4
Laguna Hills.....3	Westminster.....3
La Habra.....3	Yorba Linda.....1
La Palma.....1	Yucaipa.....2
Las Vegas.....11	Yucca Valley.....1

RIVERSIDE LIVE STEAMERS MEET

Fifty locos - live steamers - will be on the tracks in Hunter Park, Riverside. Ken Casford, Roadmaster, adds this meet will be on Oct. 25, 26, and 27. Looks like Plenty of train rides and picture-taking opportunities. Pack a picnic lunch, the kids and come and enjoy.

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"HERE COMES THE JUDGE"

or

What To Look For In A Model

by F. Barone

...take them one at a time...remember the glue, that sticky stuff that gets over and under everything. I had an opportunity to be a judge at the last Regional Convention in Sacramento and a few models had that sticky stuff in sight. That's a no-no! Small cracks between corners of the frame, roof, etc. Remember, line up your parts and leave no space open (except for a model that has just pasted through an earthquake). Proper handling of materials, better construction and always painting the model before assembly are a good idea. Once the glue has set, no way are you going to cover it up.

A few models look as if "too many cooks spoiled the stew". Too much paint can cover up your detail to obscure an otherwise fantastic model. A very light coat of weathering and a caption that the model just came off the desert will do. The same applies for decals, dry transfer or free style.

When you are finished, give the model a good looking over. Was the bolt or nut, wheel, grab iron, door in the logical place? Have you done your homework (I write this because I am guilty of a lot of these things)? Invite a friend over and have him evaluate it before you enter it in a contest, this way you have more time to change the detail before a stampede of people can point out your shortcomings.

Conformity, which way to go, kit or scratch, no time versus a lot of time, it's your choice and entirely up to you. As Frank Slater says, "There are no losers except for those who do not participate".

SAVE THE PALMS R.R. DEPOT

by David Riggle
Public Relations, L.A. Division

The Palms Depot, after standing for 90 years, faces demolition unless we act now. The only way to save this beautiful old Victorian Station is for it to be moved to a new location. The Cultural Heritage Foundation of Los Angeles, a privately funded group, has proposed moving the depot to Heritage Square along side the Pasadena Fwy. at Ave. 43.

Restoration work will be done by volunteer workers after consulting with railfans for accurate data on the structure as it appeared about the turn of the century.

This classic redwood structure has served as a depot for the Los Angeles and Independence R.R., The Los Angeles Pacific R.R., and the Pacific Electric Ry. When reopened it will once again serve as a ticket office for a trolley line. The depot will serve railfans, as a headquarters and meeting place, and Heritage Square as a park office.

Please, if you are interested in railroads, or beautiful structures, send ten, five, or as much as you can to:

Save the Palms Depot
Heritage Square
3800 Homer St.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90031
Ph. (213) 222-3150

A benefit will be held Oct 24, in the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium at 320 South Mission Dr., at 8:30 P.M. Westbound Limited, filmed on the S.P. in 1922, will be featured with two short films. One on Angeles Flight, the other a Market Street, San Francisco Cable Car ride about 1904. The renowned Bill Shaw will provide a recital and musical score on the theater organ. Tickets are available for a \$3.50 tax-deductible contribution and a SASE to "Save the Palms Depot":

C/O P.O. Box 73
San Gabriel Ca. 91778
Ph. (213) 284-3227

or The Pacific Railroad Society
P.O. Box 5279
Los Angeles, Ca. 90055
Ph. (213) 325-6202

or The California Railroad Society
909 N. Lincoln Avenue
Montebello, Ca. 90640
Ph. (213) 728-3892

FARWELL

by Larry Borden

This will be the last issue of the Order Board with me as your Editor. I hope you have enjoyed some of the changes I have made. I am returning to school this fall and will not have the time it takes to do a good job.

At the time of this writing a new editor has not been named. As you can see the Order Board has grown to eight pages. This means that more and more articles will be needed. So please, help your new editor and the division. WRITE!

ENTER THAT CONTEST

By F. Barone

Enter and enter, again and again. I am sure there are people out in the Division who are still modeling (building models), your next big chance is the PCR convention at Los Angeles in 10 short months.

Dust off something you have been working on and redesign or finish it. Be it small, large, display, diorama, etc. Get ready and enter it next year.

NOMINATION GOOF

In the last issue we stated that nominations were being taken for Division Director and that he had to be outside of Orange County.

Well we goofed! The Director can now be elected from the division at large. This was done so more people would run for office.

We also understand that more nominations are needed. So now here is your chance to help the division.

FRANK'S HOBBY SHOP PICNIC

For the fourth year, Frank's Hobby Shop is sponsoring a Picnic at Hunter Park, Riverside, on Oct. 26th. Bring along a picnic lunch. Frank's will provide the wet stuff. This is an all-day affair - train rides, baseball and a raffle. Frank has to know how much refreshments to provide. To help plan, come on by his shop or phone, to tell him how many are in your party, at the same time, register for the free raffle. Frank's is at 666 N. Tustin Ave. Orange, phone (714) 532-3462.

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DIFFERENT INTERESTS IN THE DIVISION

by F. Barone

I have run into quite a few modelers in the past few years that have varying interests in the hobby, scenery, switching model construction, photos, and writing. People watching has become a favorite subject of mine. "One man's meat, another man's potatoes!" I have seen and heard some lively discussions, or arguments if you please, on every topic from A-Z. I still cannot understand some people that "know it all" and try proving it by shouting it out so one-and-all can hear. Why, I keep asking myself, well it is obvious, there is something lacking in their repetition and the only way to overcome it is to shout others out of the discussion. One of these times, stroll over to one conversation and join in and you will see what I mean. Myself, I love them! I know of no other way to find out what is actually happening unless I do. The logic is, everyone that I have met is specializing, in one field or another of model railroad ing, and the specialist that shouts does not realize the other person is in another field, "scenery" or whatever, but it is one way to swap ideas. If everyone would listen instead of trying to make a point (point, reminds me of the time my wife threatened to pull the plug on the layout for not listening, "I do NOW".) But, I would like to see more ideas swapped than just lying around in someones head not doing anything.

All it takes is a postcard to your editor. Just a few lines will do. He loves to receive mail (at the last meet he personally "shouted" in my ear "No one writes to me".) So—WRITE!

1. They were rails heated and twisted around tree trunks by Union Soldiers during the March to the Sea (1864).
2. 1862
3. A Railroad tie.
4. Horses and oxen used on railways with wooden rails in English mines as early as the 17th century.
5. Gondola with fixed sides and ends, with one or more hoppers to dump out-side the rails.
6. 7" x 9" x 8' 8"
7. St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Rail
8. Feb. 2, 1913
9. 1893
10. Quebec, Canada, 1,800 ft.

THE GREAT COUPLER HOOK-UP OR UNHOOK

by F. Barone

"..Last resort, read the instructions". The old saying still holds true. I have noticed on quite a few layouts, that most people, once the magnetic couplers are in position, that is it. They install no test track to confirm, height or space and there is always trouble about something that does not work, or works when it is not supposed to. Couplers are too high, too short, or too long and the same for the magnets.

Instead of going through all that trouble, it can be rectified if there is a test track on the work-bench. Why not check conformity before the equipment is put upon the layout and forgotten until later. Then BOOM all hell breaks loose! Nothing fits or will take tight radius, cars will not uncouple over a magnet or will uncouple when it is not supposed to. To check conformity should be an automatic response when new equipment shows up. I know some people are old pros, but try it you'll like it!

TIMETABLE

- Oct. 25, Riverside Live Steamers
26, 27 Hunter Park, Riverside.
- Oct. 26 Frank's Hobby Shop annual picnic, Hunter Park Riverside, Ca.
- Oct. 31- PCR Mini Convention
Nov. 2 San Mateo, Ca.
- Nov. 16 Cajon Div. Meet, Orange Empire Trolley Museum, Perris, Ca.
- Feb. 21 1976 Cajon Div. Annual Banquet, Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Ca.

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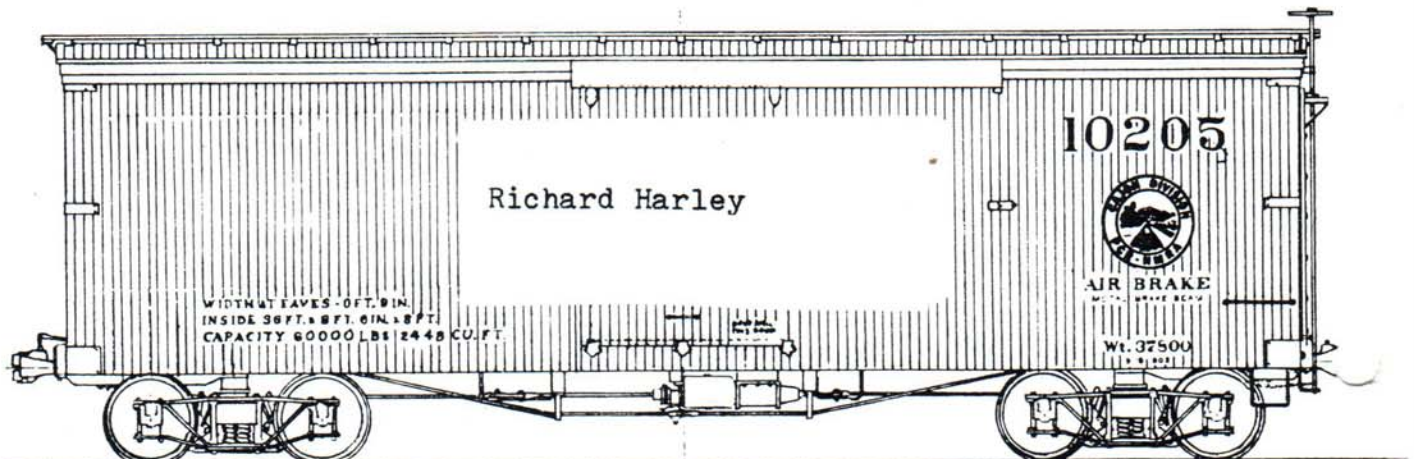
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