

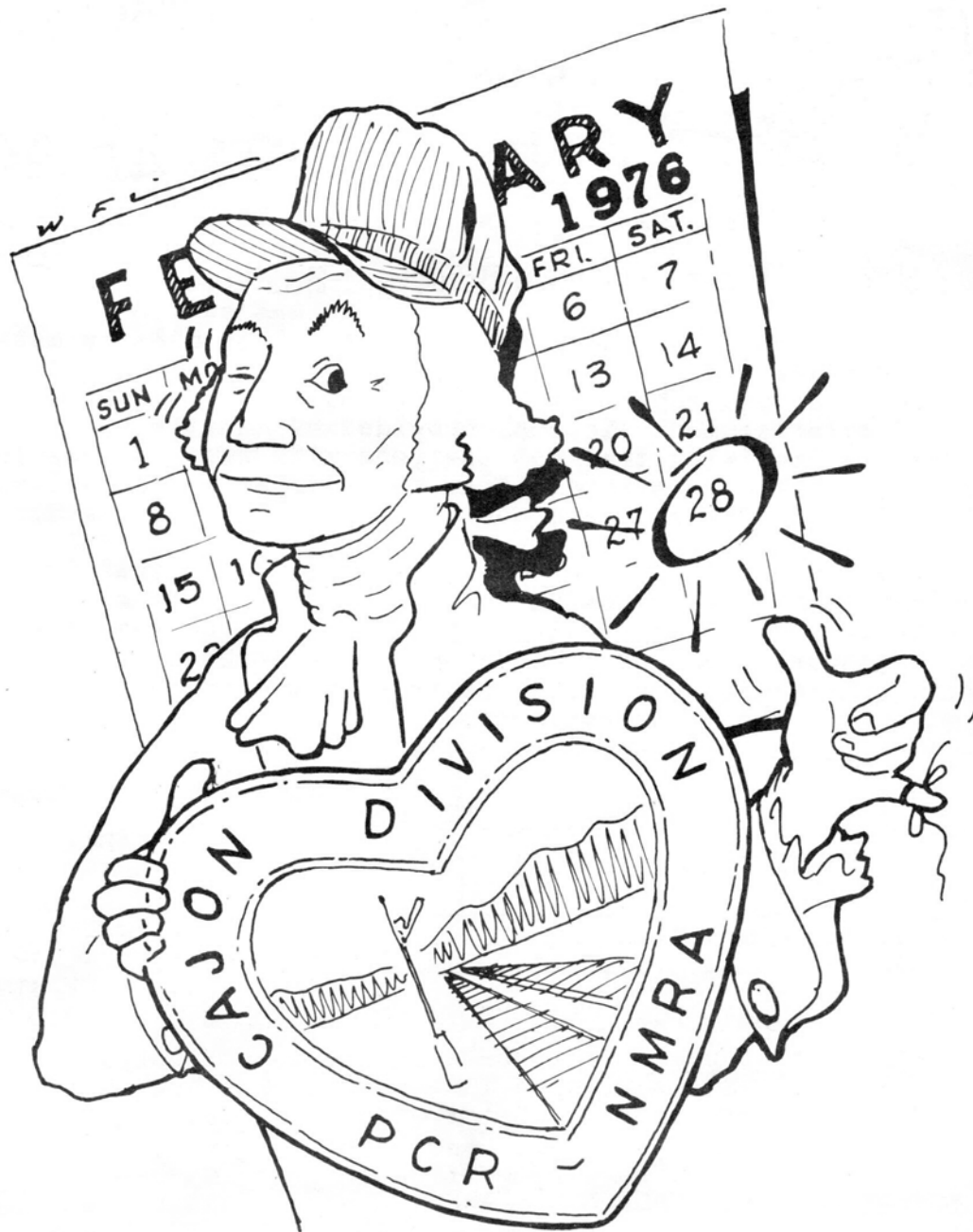
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AN EDITORIAL

By: "Big Sam" LaBrecque

This editorial will touch on these points: whom we are; divisional aims responsibilities and obligations; where are they now; and help.

In short, the Cajon Division serves upwards of 250 modelers and their families, in five counties of southern Cal. and four in Nev. It appears that the bulk of the membership is centered in the Orange county area. A smaller group is centered in the Riverside-San Bernardino region. (See the demographic breakdown in the October 1975 issue of the Order Board.)

Before going further, it might be wise to define the typical modeler in the division along with why he "joined up". We know that some of you will differ with our profile, but, please bear along with us. He is one who models in a phase of railroading, following a prototype, covering a given era. He, more than likely, has a strong emphasis in one or more skill or craft areas, such as scenicking, electrical, operating. In any case, he takes whatever his bag is very seriously. He also feels he wants to know more. On the other hand, he sometimes is reluctant to participate in clinics, contests and meets. This, many will agree, is because he is not aware of what type of help the division needs. He may also feel that he can't compete because he thinks everyone is a better modeler than he is. He doesn't want to volunteer for fear that he may get pushed for more than he cares to give. Further, when joining any organization, he may expect that it is running well with lots of people filling all positions. All he has to do is just look on. Sounds familiar? When he reads and takes part on regional and national levels, he can feel he is remote to it all, as these levels do not necessarily talk about things that are in his "backyard". He is further reluctant to compete with these experts, those that he reads about in the commercial magazines. Consequently, he may withdraw entirely and become a frustrated, passive modeler.

When asked why he joined up, he will say; "Because I wanted to meet other modelers. To discuss and have an exchange of railroad modeling ideas. Second, because I'd like to see other layouts and how they operate."

The Cajon Division, as are all divisions in NMRA, is the local level grass roots part of the organizational (NMRA) structure. To use a modern expression, "this is where it's at". The regional and national levels are somewhat removed and remote to us. Yet, we probably know more about those levels than what's going on in our own backyard. There are many reasons for this. The reg- (cont'd. page 4. See Editorial)

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(Editorial, cont'd from page 3.)
ional and national levels are, both dues-collecting groups. This helps to put them in a better position to collect and disseminate information. Many of the officers and other volunteers have more time and can afford the cost of being in office.

The division should provide clinics using local expertise augmented by the NMRA slide and movie clinics. A model contest evaluation, on local conditions to encourage participation. The division should make arrangements for tours of layouts, along with prototype visits. Further, it should maintain a broad liaison with local hobby shops and clubs. This is to mention only a few of the ways it can serve the modelers. It takes people and time along with some funds, to help run things.

Currently, the division is run by less than a handful of people, hardly enough to accomplish all that is to be done properly to serve modelers throughout our division. Hopefully, some of you will step up, at our February Meet, and offer your help and expertise.

It should be made clear that there is not a clique running the show. It just so happens that there aren't a lot more who are interested in giving help. Remember, you Master Modeler aspirants, being a volunteer counts toward accreditation.

'Nough said.....

FROM THE FROZEN NORTH

OUR JUNIOR EAST SUPERINTENDENT DAN CROCKETT IS SPENDING HIS TIME IN ALASKA. BEING A MODEL RAILROADER, HE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN LOOKING FOR RAILROADS AND FOUND ONE. DAN SAYS THE RAILROAD RUNS FROM ANCHORAGE TO PORT RICHARDSON AS A POINT TO POINT. "IT EVEN INCLUDES AN AT-GRADE 90° CROSSING OF ITSELF." COMMENTED DAN. MAYBE WE CAN GET AN ARTICLE FROM DAN ON THIS SHORTLINE.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MODELER

By: Frank Barone

I had an opportunity to sit in on a clinic at Frank's Hobby Shop, on a Friday night, given by Art Burges. I have to extend my congratulations, to Art for his presentation on the subject "Building Craft Kits". A very interesting clinic. Every modeler that has a few hours, should invest his time in these clinics around the area. There are two shops that conduct clinics that I know of as of now Frank's Hobby Shop, in Orange, every Friday night and The Little Depot of Hobby City, in Anaheim. The Little Depot has tight schedule, so check with them first. A modeler never can learn enough about his hobby, believe me. I find something new everyday and what I do not know, someone else does. If there are other clinics or movies that hobby shops present for their customers, drop a post card to me and I will write it up for the membership. Also, new groups spring up now and then, I attended one in my area, a few weeks ago. They are just getting off the ground. Their aims are quite good, no club, fellow members, just a few modelers that gather and alternate at each others house. If you do not have a house don't worry, for a hardy round of BS coffee, movies, slide clinics, or whatever the mood generates these modelers that are in my area, El Toro Mission Viejo, Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, San Clemente and a few stragglers from Tustin and Santa Ana. Some modelers have asked me about the particulars at our recent Perris meet, but as usual, I did not have any information in my "hot little hands"! So give my good buddy Dave a phone call, or write to:

Dave Cummins
25161 Miles Ave.
El Toro, Ca. 92630
Ph: 714-8371872

P. S. Don't forget to drop me post card if anything comes up:

Frank Barone, Membership Chmn.
32101 Via De Oliva
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SCHEDULE

- Feb. 14 L.A. Div. Annual Banquet, at the Cahlon Mart Restuarant , 1919 So. Broadway, L.A.
For details, contact:
Vic Bogue
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- Feb. 28 Cajon Div. Annual Banquet, at Knott's Berry Farm, at Buena Park. See details; elsewhere in this issue.
- Apr. 22-25 NMRA-PCR 1976 Bicentennial Convention, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, N. Hollywood will include tours of Amtrak Union Terminal or S.P. Taylor Yard, layout tours, contests and action galore. Contest info: Bill Privett, 6139 Alonzo Ave., Reseda, Calif. 91335 (SASE). Reservations: George Bates, 9701 Rhea Ave. Northridge, Ca., 91324 (SASE)
- May 9 Cajon Div. Spring Meet, at Riverside Live Steamers Hunter Park, Riverside, Ca.
- Aug. 1 Cajon Div. Summer Meet, round trip on Amtrak, Santa Ana to San Diego, with stop over at San Diego.

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My wife and I got to the Freedom Train twice. First in Anaheim, then in San Juan Capistrano.

Our first time out, at the Anaheim Stadium, was on a sunny Sunday afternoon. There was a line of people going a round the stadium, for a four hour wait. We decided to forgo taking the tour here. Instead, we walked around taking pictures of the train. It was certainly a "photographers' dream". An entire side of the train was open to an empty parking lot. This gave the photographers plenty of room to step back and get in some good panaramic shots of the entire train. We hope that some of you will volunteer your works to be shown at our meets.

A carnival atmosphere prevailed. Along with the official Freedom Train concessions, there were a few local booths - mostly fund raisers such as a high school band trying to work up their treasury. The smell of pop corn hot dogs and cotton candy added to the gayity of it all. There was a 2-2-0T engine towing a car, giving rides around the lot (for a fee of course). The little train belongs to the Tinkertown Railroad, is battery powered, runs on rubber tires and is about 18 years old.

At San Juan Capistrano, the entire "downtown" was closed off to vehicular traffic. The train, that is the show cars, were parked in front of the old Santa Fe depot, now a restuarant. The locomotive and the service cars, were parked down the tracks.

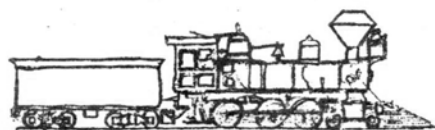
Here, all the stands were deployed on the streets. We decided to take the tour. It was night time. Unlike in Anaheim, our wait was only 1½ hours long. The tour was wonderful, except that the moving walks did move too fast. For a slow reader, like me, there wasn't enough time to take it all in.

As in Anaheim, The GS-4 locomotive was steamed up. Here, however, the engineer sounded her whistles, she has two of them. Along with the hot oil and steam smells, those sounds sure rattled my memories of my youth. I remember those long freights ehugging their way out of town.

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cus and perspective. This locomotive and its trains, excelled in the pre freeway and jet plane days when Los Angeles and San Francisco were more than a comfortable air-conditioned car or a jet airplane apart from one another. Then and only then can one realize all the splendor of this locomotive.

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NEW HAPPENINGS

By: Frank Barone

Membership Chmn.

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Your name, layoutRR, club name

Address

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This directory is for the Cajon Div. territory only. No other division or NMRA member, club or layout will be entered into it. It will be the official divisional directory. Quite a few members do not know who each other are or the where-abouts of clubs and layouts throughout the division. This will help. There will be a nominal charge to defray the cost for printing and mailing. Also, anyone with a club or layout that wishes to "advertise" in the Order Board, please contact me.

I have had a few inquiries about HO module clubs. As of this writing, I know of only one: "The Kilted Scotsmen" (Leo Campbell's troops). If you are interested in forming a new HO module club, contact me and we will see what can be done. I do think there is a real need for one. We have quite a few modelers in the Armed Services and apartment dwellers in our division with such desires.

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