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ORDER BOARD

SPRING MEET

*At the Perris Railway Museum
Sunday, June 11th
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT
notes from our new director
by Ray Sadler

As the new Cajon Division Director to the PCR, I would first of all like to thank those of you who voted for me for your support and confidence. I intend to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my abilities.

As most of you are aware, our division has not been active for some time. Now, our Superintendent, Jim Groover, has found it necessary to tender his resignation for personal reasons. Since we have no Assistant Superintendant, and no working by-laws, I have asked our Chief Clerk, Shirley McFadden, to temporarily take over the duties of Superintendent until we can elect a new one.

This Division has not pulled together for some time and I think it is important that we put our past difficulties behind us and all pitch in and work together for the good of the Division.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are details of our next meeting. Let's all get out and support it! Without your support, our Division will fail and we might possibly be absorbed back into the Los Angeles Division. I don't believe that you want that to happen. Let's show the rest of the PCR that we have what it takes!

We cannot run this Division without volunteers to fill the vacant offices and committees. I know there are those of you who have volunteered before and were told to "get lost," but you are the people that this Division needs to come forward now and help. I think there are enough of you who realize that it's our Division and we are the ones that have to work to make it a good one. Stop letting the "other guy" do all the work and try a job yourself. Who knows? You might even like it!

At the Board of Directors meeting in Phoenix there was discussion of the need for a dues increase. It was felt that with everything going up, our organization cannot operate properly on our present dues of \$2.00. At the general meeting a motion was made and carried to place a dues increase to \$3.00 on the next PCR ballot. I was asked to try and find out your feelings on this

increase, so I would like to hear from any of you who may have some comments.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Duane Leetzow, our last Director, for the fine job he did for the Division.

As your representative to the PCR, I want to make this Division better, but I cannot do it alone (nor can any other single individual). It will take all of us.

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
division happenings
by Shirley McFadden

The Cajon Division is in trouble again. . .no Superintendant! Jim Groover resigned May 1; and as the last elected officer, I need to make the following announcement:

Mark your calendar -- June 11th, Sunday -- for an important meet. It will be a combination of fun and business.

The business aspect will consist of voting in a new Superintendent. We need candidates for the position, so think of a person you would like to see take over this Division. . . then bring him/her with you and make your nomination.

We need to pull together and make the Division one we can be proud of once again. We have had two scheduled business meetings and a meet on May 14th that were cancelled without Division notification. Our funds are slowly decreasing (see financial statement in this Order Board). Our morale is low and the Division is feeling it all. So, please come out for the meet and vote for the Superintendent of your choice.

Now for the rest of June 11th. . . we have planned a favorite model contest, a swap meet area, an

auction (the charge will be a wrapped white elephant or 50¢ per person), and our "Dining Car" will be open during the lunch hour.

So gather up your family, contest items, things for the auction and, most important of all, your Superintendent candidate. Plan to spend the day with your friends. The charge will be 50¢ per person. The hours will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Let's get the Cajon Division back on its feet!

Shirley

ABOUT THIS ISSUE
observations and random notes
by Craig Walker, Editor

Why is it my mind always goes blank whenever I have to write this?

Why is it deadlines and finals always coincide?

Why is it very few people ever contribute anything to the "Order Board?"

Why is it the "Order Board" has no advertising anymore? . . . Aha! One I can answer! Between working forty hours a week and school, I have had precious little time to do all the driving required to call upon the Cajon Division's many hobby shops for advertising. Therefore, it is with a big "thank you" that I welcome Chris Holmes as the OB's new Advertising Director (classy title, eh?). Actually, Chris is perfect for the job; as a salesman for Golden State (a large model railroading distributor) he travels to most of the hobby shops in Southern California anyway, so . . .

Those of you who read everything in the OB will no doubt have noticed that I have a new address. Now you know where to send all your club news, articles, cover photos (yes, we do print them when we get them!), and, of course, the ever-popular gripes. For those of you who don't read every word of the OB (shame on you!), my new address is on the back, right above your address sticker.

Also on the back cover is a list of committee members. As this list hasn't been updated for a while, please read it. If your name is on it, and it shouldn't be, let me know. Or, if your name is not on the list, and it should be, let me know. Or, if you would like to volunteer for a committee (and who wouldn't?), let me know and we'll try and find one for you.

Enjoy your "Order Board" and be sure to attend the meet at the Perris Railway Museum on Sunday, June 11.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$930.60
Expenses:	
OB printing	- 164.03
Postage	- 130.00
'78 banquet cost	- 250.00
Refund-'76 May Meet	- 33.10
Miscellaneous	- 12.23
Bank Balance (1 May 78)	\$341.24

1978 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUL 31- Wolverine Express '78
-AUG 6 NMRA National Convention
Dearborn, Michigan

SEP 30 Pioneer Western Railroad
Club's annual Swap Meet
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Admission:
Buyers -- Free
Sellers-- \$1.00 per
card table size space
7424 (rear) Orangethorpe
Buena Park

THANKS LEO

Always helpful Leo Campbell (of Campbell Scale Models, of course), after reading of our problems in getting mailing labels, offered the Cajon Division the use of his IBM computer. Thank you, Leo, but we are no longer having trouble with our labels. We'd feel a bit guilty tying up your computer anyway.

CONVENTION NEWS

Many Cajon Division members were in attendance at the recent PCR Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. In all some 600 PCR members were present and, as is the custom when the Arizona Division hosts a convention, "a good time was had by all!"

The next convention for PCR members will be the "Mini" to be held for the first time in Fresno. The dates are October 27th, 28th, and 29th. Watch your "Branchline" for details.

The 1979 Convention Committee reported that plans are well under way for the "Taste the Wine" affair at Santa Rosa to be held April 19 through the 22nd, 1979. Again, the "Branchline" will have more details.

At Phoenix, the Board of Directors also accepted the bid of the Orange County "Boomers" to host the 1980 PCR Convention. The location will be the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. The dates will be May 1st through May 4th, 1980.

If you have not attended our PCR conventions in the past you are missing out on one of the most enjoyable benefits of belonging to this organization. Plan to attend the next PCR bash and find out!

Both plastic and craftsman kits are available for cars of this period. While Athearn and Model Die Casting (Roundhouse), as well as the newly rejuvenated Train-Miniature line, offer plastic kits; craftsman kits are produced by Central Valley, Ambroid, Northeastern, Quality Craft, Prototype Modeler, Ulrich, Suncoast and LaBelle, among others. Try a craftsman kit -- they're not as difficult as they might first appear (and a lot more fun).

Another point to remember is that during the '40's and '50's cars remained in service until they literally fell apart. Today, freight cars are allowed in interchange service for forty years.

Also useful are any photos of freight trains during this period. Next time you see a book on, say, the Delaware and Hudson or Grand Trunk Western, don't pass it by without so much as a glance. thumb through it. Maybe, behind that Frisco Mike, or in the background of that roster shot of an Illinois Central E6 is that elusive Union Pacific forty-footer with the Overland herald you've been looking all over Creation (to say nothing of your stack of Cox postcards) for. You never know. . .

WIDE GAUGE WORLD

a view on contemporary modeling

by Ron Hawkins

While it is often said that modelers of 1940's steam and 1950's diesels have nothing in common, they do have one mutual link: the freight cars behind their locomotives. This often overlooked field is just as important as locomotives or structures. When thinking of freight cars, two important points must be remembered. First, a variety of cars is needed, but the most common ones should be brown forty and fifty-foot box cars. Second, make (or buy) at least two of some cars -- if you model the SP, have four or five (or eight) identical boxcars, not just one of everything. Keep in mind that about half of all the freight cars in a train will belong to the road running the train.

SWAP MEET

Dr. Paul Bush, of the Pioneer Western Model Railroad Club, informs us that their popular swap meet will be held in Buena Park again this year. Plan on attending, as there seem to be better bargains there every year. Details can be found in the Calendar of Events elsewhere in this issue.

If your club is sponsoring a show, looking for new members, or just wants people to know that it exists, send it to the "Order Board."

TRACK GAUGES

Rumor has it that the NMRA is finally going to reissue their HO Standards Gauges this Summer. Fine . . . now how about HO n3, N, 1/4"??

CAJON DIVISION



"SPRING MEET"

Where: Perris Railway Museum
(Take 'Perris - LK Elsinore'
Exit off I 15 E (395)
Follow signs to Trolley Museum)

When: June 11, 1978

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

What's Happening :

Swap Meet Auction
'Dining Car'

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Favorite Model Contest

H.O. Moduals

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