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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
division happenings

by Bob Chaparro

The big news this issue is, of course, the meet at the Riverside Live Steamers on September 24th. This should be quite a meet! Aside from all that we have planned, it might also just be your chance to see a rare model of a live-steam Cab Forward! Of course, there will also be a couple of clinics, a favorite model contest and a swap meet area -- which all adds up to a lot of FUN, so bring the whole family!

For those of you who haven't heard yet, I was elected Superintendent at the Spring Meet in Perris last June 11. At that meeting I recruited several volunteers, and with their help we have been able to get things rolling with a clear track ahead. I think you'll enjoy the things we have in store for you! If you would like to participate more actively, feel free to contact me (my address is on the back cover).

We are currently in need of a new editor for the "Order Board" as Craig Walker has advised me of his resignation. The editor's main job is to compose and paste-up the OB and to sell advertising. At this time, the editor will not have to deal with the actual printing of the OB. If you would like to become the next OB editor, let me know as soon as possible. Again, my address is on the back cover.

I hope to see most of you out at Riverside on September 24 for a day of fun with live steam and your fellow Cajon Division members! Mark that Sunday on your calendar!

Bob

ABOUT THIS ISSUE
observations and random notes

by Craig Walker, Editor

This issue of the OB contains something it hasn't in quite a while -- advertising. Thanks to the efforts of Chris Holmes, this issue of the OB contains eighteen ads, and the next issue should have even more!

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Both Superintendent Bob Chaparro and Director Ray Sadler have been informed that this will be my last issue as editor of the "Order Board". My resignation has no political overtones; both Bob and Ray have been friends of mine for several years, and I was looking forward to working with them. However, between work and school I will simply have no time left to devote. I certainly hope you enjoyed the last several issues of the "Order Board".

See you in Riverside on the 24th!

Craig

1978 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEP 24 Cajon Division meet at the Riverside Live Steamers at Hunter Park in Riverside. 10 am to 3 pm Clinics, contest and swap meet.
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If you are interested in sharing a ride (and perhaps expenses) to Cajon and other PCR meets, send your name, city and phone number to the ORDER BOARD Editor. Remember to indicate whether you have a car available or want a ride. All names, etc. will be published in the ORDER BOARD with the follow-up being the responsibility of the interested members.



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by Ron Hawkins

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Any or all of these methods can be used by the modeler. Instead of modeling just one road, why not also install a shortline. This would give you a good reason to get that 44-tonner or O-4-OT that you've always wanted. You could use transfer runs from other roads to move cars to and from hidden storage tracks. A belt railway could be used to connect two or more roads on your layout. Whatever the case, interchanges add another dimension to model railroading.

A few notes for those with an interest in 1:1 scale. . . Santa Fe is not expected to order any more GP40X's in the near future. In the next order of locomotives from EMD will be some SD40-2's for coal service. They will be numbered in the 5200 series and will be based out of Cleburne, Texas. They will be pooled with the BN. Currently, the Santa Fe is having a power shortage, so they've leased about 50 locos from the Norfolk & Western. The N+W power is based in Barstow, so they can be seen running all over the Cajon Division.

Meanwhile, over at the SP, the rumor mill reports that due to their power crunch, SP will be leasing some Western Maryland F-units, which will be based out of Texas. Word is also floating around that Espee's

next order of MP15AC's will come from EMD in a variation of the new "Daylight" scheme. And this time they'll be using the correct "Daylight" red and orange...seems the M-K rebuilds are using SP scarlet and caboose orange instead. Maybe next time we'll have more details on these stories, so until then, happy railfanning. . .

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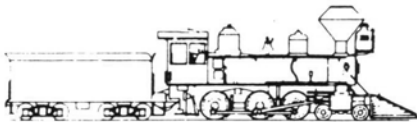
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Cajon Commentary

By Bob Chaparro, Superintendent

Not too many weeks ago the Cajon Division held a meet at Perris which included an on-the-spot nomination and election for the office of Superintendent. I came to that meet totally unaware of my pending fate.

While relaxing in the shade of a tree at the edge of the nomination gathering I heard my name volunteered as a candidate by my friend (?) Joe Walker. My first reaction was to violently protest such a crazy nomination. Me, Superintendent? Not in this or any other century!

But then it dawned on me that in the nearly ten years I had been a member of the NMRA and PCR I had never really contributed to the organization. All I had done was benefited from the efforts of others who planned and operated meets and conventions, who published the BULLETIN, BRANCH LINE, and ORDER BOARD, who conducted clinics and prototype tours, and who in short did about everything for me except for reading me the MODEL RAILROADER while peeling grapes for my leasurely consumption.

This was my chance to risk contributing and besides, it was only a nomination at that point. I'd never get elected...or so I thought.

Now, I am the Superintendent. More importantly, I am your Superintendent. In concert with others I will plan, organize and direct the activities of your Division. These functions, however, will be conducted in the context of what you, the membership, desire.

In this respect I am assessing the wants of the membership so that the activities of the Division will come to play a meaningful part in your model railroading. If this means improving on the quantity and the quality of past activities, we'll do it. If this means a complete overhaul of the past practices, we'll do that instead.

I intend to use the better ideas from inside and outside the Division because I hate to 're-invent the wheel' and this will permit the chairpersons, volunteers and me to spend more total time on new and original projects. I intend to cooperate and coordinate with our neighboring divisions and local model railroad organizations for the benefit of our members and to increase interest, membership and revenue in our Division. I intend to distribute activities and our chairpersonships as evenly as possible within the boundaries of our Division.

I do not intend to compete for recognition and resources with the other divisions nor the clubs and railroad groups in our area. I do not intend to rehash past differences and disputes in our Division. I am only concerned with today and the future.

To do what I believe needs to be accomplished will require help. The Division already has a small but solid core of volunteers but more will be required if we are to have a sustained level of activities. After all, it's your Division so why not give it some of your time and influence. Don't wait nearly ten years as I did.

Coming Attractions

Elsewhere in this issue is information concerning the meet scheduled for September 24. In addition a full-blown auction (not a swap meet) will be staged at a site to be announced in the Orange County area and the annual banquet/business meeting will take place on February 10 in San Bernardino at the Convention Center.

Other Cajon Division activities planned for the coming months include a combined swap meet and all-scale modular meet in January or March and perhaps a summer layout tour. A spring prototype facility tour and a railroad movie night are also being considered.

If you have other activities that you would like to see take place please contact the Activity Chairperson c/o the ORDER BOARD.

LAYOUT TOURS

The Cajon Division wants your layout! If you've spent a lot of time on your own personal version of the Santa Fe, Great Northern, S.P., or even the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville, why not share your layout with your fellow Cajon rails?

Even if your layout is but 10% complete, others can benefit in seeing how you are constructing your future transportation empire.

If you are interested in taking a host role in a Divisional layout tour or having your pike available for viewing when a meet is scheduled in your area, please contact Superintendent Bob Chaparro.

Thoughts On Clinics

Probably due to the good weather in our area the Division has held a majority of its meets in the great outdoors. And probably for this reason the amount of modeling clinics held at our meets has been insignificant.

Yet the membership has shown an interest in clinics as demonstrated by their attendance at clinics in hobby shops, other divisions' meets and PCR and the NMRA conventions. Part of the problem may be that the Division needs to spend more time promoting clinics. Part of the problem also may be that many of the "usual" clinics do not lend themselves to outdoor presentation.

To improve this situation the Division will begin to emphasize clinics and will attempt to secure indoor facilities for some of the coming meets. But inasmuch as many of our meets will continue to be held outdoors there is a need to develop an inventory of clinics that can be held without reliance upon slides, electric power, and windless conditions.

These clinics, lasting from fifteen to sixty minutes, would be "picnic" clinics as they would take place under picnic conditions. Two or three such clinics will be presented during the September 24 meet at Hunter Park. More will be needed, however, for upcoming meets.

If you have an idea for a picnic (or even conventional) clinic and are willing to present the clinic or suggest someone who can, please contact Superintendent Bob Chaparro.

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