

EDITORS NOTE

This is our last issue of the year. The period between September and now was a busy one with several meets and conventions and now the holidays, so gear up and have fun. Ed Hall will cover the meets and convention happenings. We are still looking for material and letters, and attendance at meets could be better. In fact I have a few thoughts in this area I would like to share.

At a recent local meet I picked up an old *Bulletin* (June 1980), it turned out to be a treasure. It contained a plan for a Yosemite Valley baggage car I plan to build and also convert the plan for some shorty coaches for my little 4-6-0. It also had a photo of an 0-12-0 Camelback, Idea starter and some photos of an articulated logging loco I'm in the midst of modifying and a great little story on, *The Path of a Hudson*.

As I started to read the article I began fantasizing...you can tell I'm getting old when I fantasize over a Hudson...anyway it started in Ashland, Wisconsin where the Chicago & Northwestern was retiring their steam engines. Hudson 4004 was brought there to help thaw iron ore cars. It was parked on a siding behind the diesel house. One night a diesel bumped into the tender end of the 4004 as if to say "run for it big guy". Number 4004 moved slowly gaining speed as it forced its way through several switches. "I can make it" thought the giant behemoth as he started down a stiff downgrade. Fortunately, the crossing flashers were working as 4004 roared across highway 2 at 40 miles per hour, threading through the Reiss Company coal dock...gaining confidence 4004 could feel the cold night air rushing past. Sadly though he could not control his fate as he hurtled out onto a dead-end siding, provided for such incidents, diving head first into the cold dark swamp. Like an ancient dinosaur embedded in a tar pit, 4004 lay...it was over. Railroad officials recovered the tender, but 4004 was

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SUPERINTENDANTS REPORT

Well another year is almost over. I attended the last meet for this year in Fullerton, but previous to that the Las Vegas Meet was held at the Palace Station on October 21st and 22nd. It was a successful gathering. The Las Vegas Modular Group set up their display and ran trains both days. Three clinics were conducted, the first was on painting reefer cars by Ed Martin. Ed shared some of the best weathering tips I've seen from his *Mainline Modeler* article. Second, Jerry Holton showed slides from a very small part of his extensive collection on Santa Fe equipment. After Jerry's presentation there was a slide presentation on rare Pennsy equipment followed by my short clinic on modeling for contests and the Achievement Program.

Extra swap tables had to be delivered because of the amount of people bringing items. We also voted to purchase a large coffee maker for our meets as few places have the equipment and others charge too much for coffee. The door prizes were divided between Saturday and Sunday, most were given out Saturday because we estimated that would be the day most would attend. The next stop was Fullerton, California on November 25. We had a good showing with Curtis Roos conducting a clinic on the Dispatch Category for the Achievement Program that was very interesting. Also of note, Frank Burke received the Golden Spike award for his magnificent layout and mind blowing sound system. I would like to share some thoughts with you on what exactly is a *NMRA Train Meet* and how it relates to you as a model railroader. The reason for this letter is to help you get a better understanding of the NMRA and why we have these train meets.

First the *NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION* is a member organization dedicated to the modeling of railroads and related parts thereof. NMRA has an Achievement Program to help people increase their modeling skills and encourage them to find their own hidden



capabilities. The model contests we put on are part of the AP program in a manner of speaking. The contest prepares an individual for a natural progression into the AP program.

Secondly, the NMRA meets establish a fellowship, a bonding of people from all walks of life find a common subject, model railroading. Through the years I have made many friends throughout the country and every time we meet at these events we pick up right where we left off last time we talked. I can call any of them to pick their brain on a particular subject or just to say hello. We discuss many different subjects like the contests, the achievement program, or why people seem to be drifting away from the hobby.

A final closing and sad note, long time friend to many of us and dedicated modeler Joe Corey passed away this past week. We will miss him at the meets and the hobby shops our prayers are with him and his family.

Ed Hall

DIRECTORS REPORT

The board of directors has approved that the rewritten BY-LAWS be submitted to the membership for a vote of approval. I would like to highlight some of the changes. First is defining our name and purpose. The setting of the boundaries of the PSR is under the control of the National Board of Trustees, we have proposed changes to our bylaws to reflect this. The membership section of the bylaws has been reorganized and expanded to reflect the membership classes of the national as well as a more complete defining of rights and privileges of the membership class. The management article better defines who has the vote on the board and changes that reflect that the Region Trustee is a national office and we can not make restrictions to the office. Changes in the bylaws to reflect that only PSR members of certain classes may be directors, officers of the region and of the divisions, that only PSR members (including family members) may serve on a PSR committee. While there are a number of changes that I have not mentioned, please read the proposal. I am sure that you will find the changes better reflect the way the region is operated and is clearer and less prone to misinterpretation. Cont page 2

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doomed to the carnivorous scavenger of the cutting torch. The beautiful Hudson that powered the *Challenger* trains out of Chicago had made its last run. It is a sad tale, but fortunately for us we can preserve 4004 in our mind and photos or models. This was a great little story and I came across it only because I attended a meet and visited a swap table. This find for me was a little treasure, that's the beauty of the swap tables at a meet, your junk is someone else's treasure, bringing back a memory or just the fun of refinishing an old relic. So bring your stuff no matter how bad a shape and share some stories or information you may be inspired to do something new or try a project you thought out of your realm. ■

Bobby Revis

DIRECTORS REPORT (contd)

I would like to remind all of you to vote for the offices of Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster.

I would also like to thank the following hobby shops for their generosity of door prizes and dispensing meet notices, B&R Railways, PRC Trains, Hobbytowne and Petersons.

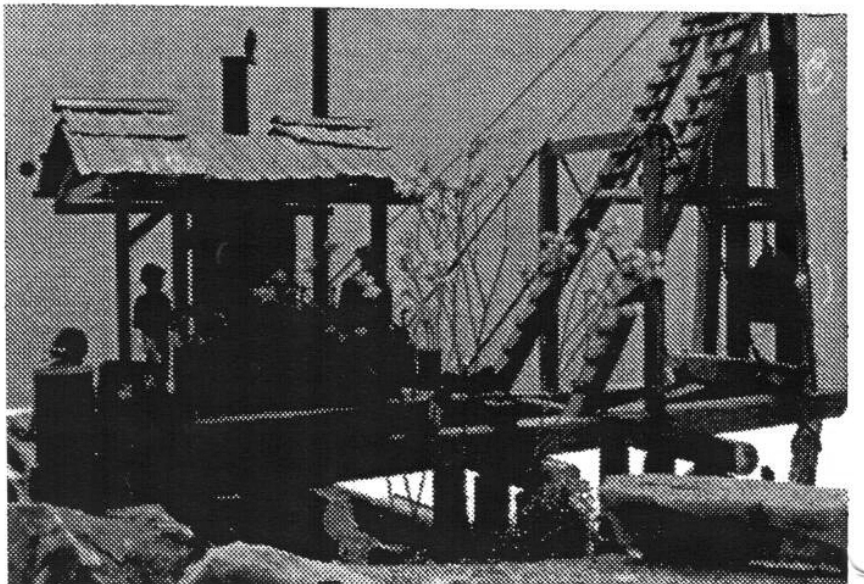
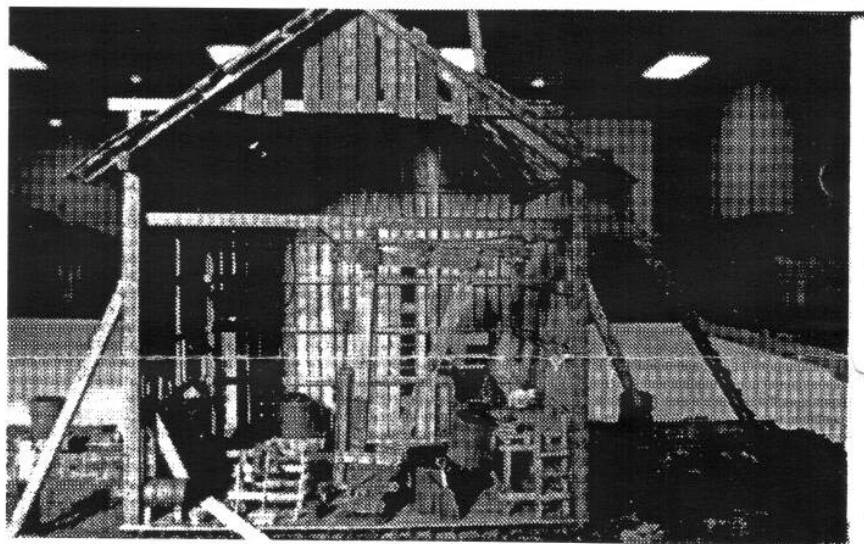
The Long Beach Convention Committee still needs volunteers, see *Welcome Aboard*. I hope to see you at the next division meet. ■

Curtis Roos

CONTEST REPORT

There were three contest models at the Las Vegas meet. All three received merit awards and all three were structures. Third place went to Robert Wescott for his HO colling station, second place went to Robert also, for his HO railcar shed and first place went to Brian Block for his scratch built On3 pile driver on sled, Brian scaled up HO plans to build this beauty.. All will receive a merit certificate for receiving over 87.5 points.-

Ed Hall



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Volunteers are needed for the 1996 Convention Committee for **Long Beach Limited/NMRA 1996**. You can be a part of an exciting venture. If you are interested please contact:

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LONG BEACH LIMITED

As you know the NMRA National Convention will be held in Long Beach, California this year on July 15 thru 21. Some of the highlights are as follows: Tehachapi Loop, Cajon Pass, L.A. Metro Rail System, Orange Empire Railway Museum, Historic Laws Museum, Port of Long Beach, Clinics by experts, layout tours include the L.A., Santa Barbara, San Diego and Riverside areas, there will be model and photography contests

a trade show, modular layouts and displays, a company store, golf tournament, banquet, non-rail/raillette clinics, luncheon, shopping and Catalina Adventure Cruise and much more. It's all happening in our local area so let's plan on attending and possibly participating on a volunteer basis or as a modeler/photographer or a combination...do!!! For more information you can contact Registrar Ralph Oxhandler, 454 Ferrara Way, Vista, CA 92083-4802 or phone/fax 310-371-1955. We will have more information and registration information in our next ORDERBOARD. Start planning that contest model and clicking that shutter, time goes by before you know it summer will be upon us. ■

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