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EDITORS REPORT

e have had a hectic year at the Caion Division with the Director and Treasurer leaving for personal reasons and the convention upon us. Let's review, the turnout at the Cajon/Las Vegas Meet was good, we had a working HO layout, clinics by Ed Martin, a nationally recognized author, slide shows, model contest, flea market and a bunch of nice guys, it seems the same nice guys show up as usual. We have a good time BS-ing and trading ideas. In fact Lynn Austin showed up with a couple of Bachman Doodlebugs he kitbashed into a motor car and trailer and a two car articulated. Great stuff that I'm going to copy, so I learned something. I also met an older fellow modeler who is building his first layout. He had a few bridges and detail buildings he thought he couldn't use because of space limitations. We kicked a few ideas around and to keep it simple he's going to add a separate upper level for mining and logging, to utilize his detail stuff. So he learned something.

I myself cannot understand why more modelers don't show up. I guess some of you are intimidated, and some of you are too "advanced" for this boring meet stuff. Well if you are intimidated, don't be. I earn part of my living as a modelmaker, but I'm not great with electricity, so I ask for help. Which brings us to the "advanced" modelers...why not come over and give us the benefit of your vast knowledge. If you have a neat model you would like to share, you don't have to enter the contest. Maybe you have a favorite engine that's too big to run on your home layout, maybe you don't have a layout, bring it over they'll let



SUPERINTENDANTS REPORT

oy how time flies, it's near the end of September already. Thanks to all of you who attended the Spring Las Vegas Meet and the September Meet at Las Vegas also. The spring meet was a great week end of railroading. First the Spring meet, I would like to thank the Las Vegas Modular Club and Ed Martin for their contributions. The modular club set up and was operational by 10:30 Saturday morning and ran trains all weekend. Everyone is invited to bring something to run if you like, call me for more info. Ed Martin, of Mainline Modeler fame gave two clinics. The first one was on basic modeling and the second was modeling refrigerator cars. A lot of good information.

fter the clinics we judged the model contest. I wanted to have the entrants judge each others models, but time ran out so Curtis and I judged them as a clinic. We explained what we look for and why we give more points in one area over another. Everyone got a lot out of this and I expect with this understanding their modeling will get even better. By the way we had two models receive over 87.5 points in the contest. This qualifies the participants for merit certificates for their

The September Meet at Las Vegas was also great. We cut it to one day with a shortmorning meet at the Oddfellows Hall and

efforts.

CONTEST REPORT

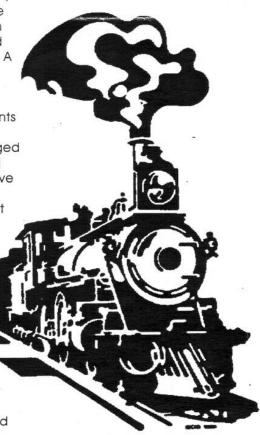
finished with four layout tours. The layouts visited were Frank Burke's, Tule Springs & Western, Lynn Austin's, Clover Valley Railroad, Tony Ratola's Steel Rail Lines and Royal Ream's, Royal Grand Western. They were all unique in their own way and all tour-ists enjoyed themselves.

Also we are hosting the Cajon Zephyr '97 convention to be held October 9-12, 1997 at the Sheraton Fairplex, make plans to attend. Registration forms are in this newsletter.

Thank you, Ed Hall

DIRECTORS REPORT

There will be no Directors Report this issue.



EDITORS NOTE CONTD

you run it on the modular or they will run it for you. At this time we have the HO modular club, but Ed Hall and I have been working toward a meet in conjunction with the tinplaters and large scale groups. Initial talks are promising in fact the large scale guys meet quite often at present. Anyway we think it will be interesting...we'll keep you posted.

Don't forget the upcoming Cajon Zephyr '97 Convention to be held October 9-12, 1997 at the Sheraton Fairplex. Registration forms are in this newsletter.

By the way the older fellow I mentioned earlier in this column said he made the ultimate sacrifice. In order to utilize his bedroom to build his layout, he had to move back into his wife's bedroom ...and she snores.

Bobby Revis

WELCOME ABOARD

We encourage dealers to advertise in the Order Board. Our rates are very reasonable. You reach at least 300 model railroaders each issue, since many of us travel the tri-state area and like to check out a hobby shop when we're out of town, let us know where you are and what you have to offer.

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Curtis Roos term as Director is up and Ed Hall is running for that position. Should Ed Hall be successful in his bid for the Director slot this will present a vacancy in the Superintendants position. If anyone is interested please think about it, a call for candidates will be made if the need arises.

We would like to welcome Brian Block to the Cajon Division as our new Contest Chair. He is a very good modeler and should lend a lot to this position. We are sorry we do not have his phone number yet, but you can contact Brian through Ed Hall for now.

We do need a Chief Clerk/Paymaster as Tom relocated. Ed Hall is filling in, but some one is needed on a more permanent basis. If you are interested please call Ed Hall at 702-564-6176.

We also need a new Editor as I am giving up the job to pursue some business ventures, build some models and a dual gauge HO layout and I'm running out of time. It's a fun job for the right person. Anyone interested please con-



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HEAR YE, HEAR YE!! COMING THIS OCTOBER 912 IN THE YEAR 19 HUNDRED AND 97 IS A SPECTACULAR EVENT! THE CAJON ZEPHYR '97 CONVENTION YE ALL COME TO WITNESS THIS EVENT!

The PSR Annual Convention will be held this October 9-12, 1997 at the beautiful, Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona, California. Do not miss this event it will be a very worthwhile convention. We the convention committee, or the convention committed, have been working very hard to put this convention together and make it one you will talk about for years to come. This is a full boat, all the trimmings, PSR/NMRA Cajon shindig. EDWIN HALL.

The hotel is an all suite hotel, the rooms have two tv's refrigerators and microvaves. A full American breakfast puffet is included in the room price. When you call for room reservations tell them you are with the "Pacific Southwest Region National Model Railroad Association to get the preffered rates. If they claim to be full ask for a manager or call Ed Hall a 702-564-6176. Rates are\$89. single or double, \$99. triple, \$109. for four.

EXTRA FARE ITEMS

The Banquet: beef or chicken \$31. Pins and Convention Decal: Price TBD, decal will depict the convention logo.

HOBO breakfast: Will be Saturday morning, seating is limited so sign up

The Clinics: The clinics will be given by some of the best in the west. So far our Clinic Chairman has signed up atleast two Master Model Railroaders to share their knowledge and expertise. Most all aspects of Model Railroading will be covered. We are running each blinition atleast twice for coverage.

Layout Tours: Are the next big feature of the 97 convention. Most of the layouts are 30 to 45 minutes from the conventionsite. They are self guided tours and times will be announced in the timetable. Generally the schedule is Thursday 12pm to 3pm, these times are approximate and each tour may be different. Some highlights are Cliff Springmeirs 3600 square foot G scale railway with 2000 people and buildings. His HO layout has 2300 figures and was reviewed in the April 1996 Bulletin. The Highland Park Society of Model EngineersClub is a 42 x 82 mixed era layout, formed in 1948, it is one of the oldest in Southern California. It is HO and HOn3 with mountains and coastal scenery a round trip at normal freight speed is 45 minutes. Roaer and Faith Clarkson's layouts consist of a garden layout with rivers, ponds and many structures and a 1930 to 1950 era HO pike completely finished. These are just 3 of 15 to 20 layouts on our tour.

Prototype Tours: Will consist of visits to the Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society in Ventura, October 9-12, the Pomona Club Swap Meet, October 11-12, The Great American Train Show in San Bernardino October 11-12, the West Covina Club and the Pepper Street Yard. All of these tours are self guided.

Model contest: Open, kit, novice and youth judged. Favorite, by popular vote.

Photo Contest: Judged and favorite by popular vote.

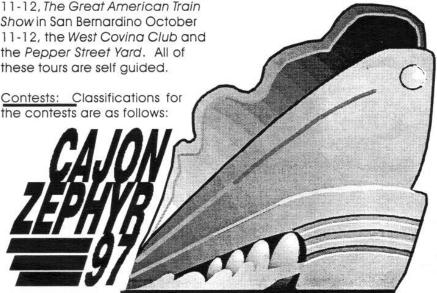
Modular Contest: Covers modules. Arts and Crafts: Train related. Displays: Favorite by popular vote. Former winners and important items with no other place to compete.

Railettes: Activities start on thursday a craft show or bingo is scheduled early in the afternoon. Then a speaker at night, her topic will be nutrition and how to take care of our bodies. Friday will be a trip to the mall by bus and in the evening another craft show. Saturday there will be a luncheon at the hotel with a speaker or entertainment while lunch is served. If anyone has white elephant items please call Marie Lee at 714-963-3273 and let her know.

Please send in your registration early so we can plan and anticipate any other needs for the convention.

Another reason to register early is to cover convention expenses. Costs add up quickly and your support will help the convention as a whole.

See you at the Sheraton.



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