



# Order Board

The News Letter for the Members of the Cajon Division of the Pacific Southwest Region - National Model Railroaders Association



Vol 27 No 3

August 1999



Don't ever leave home without it. The camera is what I never leave home without. I never know what I'll need a picture for, but in this case I need a picture of 8288, because I just purchased the Athearn SD751. I taken this snap shot of 8288 on the way home from Rail Fair 99, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Mohave Desert. *Ed Hall.*



## Editor Notes

I don't know what I'm getting myself into here in volunteering to be the Editor of the Order Board. I ended up upgrading my word processor, it was a couple of versions back, just to see if this was possible, so bear with me as I struggle along.

I guess I could say something about myself, - I'm into N-Scale that resembles the Santa Fe (all the way!), that should be enough for now.. I remember one early Christmas morning, seeing a Tyco HO going around the tree. There was no tag, but I knew it was mine, and I just sat there viewing from different angles as the train passes by. Thirty years later, I'm now at a smaller scale, and still enjoying it and learning along the way.

Now I'm in the NMRA, and doing up the divisional newsletter, hopefully for the better, but that is to be seen.

Whats in store? Well first we have  
(Continued on Page 2)



## HEY! Superintendent

Howdy folks! Hope everyone is having a great summer!! Well it appears that the division is getting back on track, and it's definitely generating a lot of excitement.

First, you noticed that new look of the Order Board. That's due to our new Editor, Steve Binyon. Steve is a real go getter and is doing a fantastic job. Check out the Editor's Report for more on Steve.

Second, would be our last division meet in Henderson Nevada. We had about 60 people (most of them members), show up and most staying the entire day. We had 6 clinics lined up but we could only get to 4 of them, (the other 2 will be given at future meets). Everyone had a great time. The Southern Nevada N-Trakers had their modules set up and running great. Thanks to all that attended. Our next meet will be in Anaheim,

(Continued on Page 5)



## Coming from the Top

I hope everyone had a great summer, although it is still hot outside the days are getting shorter and autumn is on the way. We know this means more time to work on our model railroads. I hope to see more models at the Flagstaff convention and at the division level, I always take a couple models either for display or for a contest entry, it seems like our contest people never have enough to do so lets keep them busy.

Our meet in Henderson was a great success. Jim did a wonderful job and I am looking forward to the California meet hosted by our new California Coordinator Steve Connolly on October 16<sup>th</sup>, anyone interested in carpooling from the Las Vegas area should contact either one of us for details.

Jim says by this time next year we will be hosting three Division meets in California and three in the Las Vegas area, which leads me onto my

(Continued on Page 3)

## Cajon Division Officers

### Director

Ed Hall,MMR0  
702-564-6176  
[ehall@softcom.net](mailto:ehall@softcom.net)

### Superintendent

Jim Kociemski  
702-876-0355  
[jim\\_wen@email.msn.com](mailto:jim_wen@email.msn.com)

### California

Steve Connolly  
[Conneyer1@aol.com](mailto:Conneyer1@aol.com)

### Membership

Waiting for YOU!  
Jim Kociemski (acting)

### Contests

Waiting for YOU!  
Jim Kociemski (acting)

### Member Aid

Hal Carlson  
714-898-2504

### Raillette

Marie Lee  
714-963-3273

### Editor

Steve Binyon  
702-363-2746  
[binyons@intermind.net](mailto:binyons@intermind.net)

### ORDER BOARD

201 Logansberry Lane  
Las Vegas NV 89145-4739  
702-363-2746



## News From California

*(Ed: This is a new column coming from Steve Connolly. Thanks Steve!).*

**M**y name is Steve Connolly. I have been active with the Orange County Modular Railroaders for eight years and am presently the treasurer for the club. My model railroading interests are varied regarding favorite road, era or scale. I find that I like them all.

I presently have half of the garage dedicated to my "Carolina Pacific". It is a 14' x 7' display consisting mainly of my modules which have been used in club displays as well as the NMRA National in Long Beach.

Last May, Jim Kociemski called and asked if I could help get the Cajon Division reactivated in Southern California.

This coming October 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a meet scheduled in the Anaheim Main Library. If there are any questions, you can e-mail or call most anytime. *Steve Connolly*

### HEY! Superintendent!

*(Continued from page 1)*

CA. (See enclosed flyer for more info). Which brings me to the third. Steve Connolly our Assit. Superintendent AKA. California Coordinator, has been setting up the meet in Anaheim, and from talking with him, it sounds like another great meet. Steve has clinics lined up and this meet should be a lot of fun.

Looking forward to seeing you all there. The final meet of the year will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> 1999. This will be back at the Henderson Convention Center, and we are planning some fun things for this one. More details will be in the next Order Board due out around the end of October. All of us are giving our input to make the meets better, and we are coming up with some great ideas for the meets, contests, clinics, etc. and of course, all ideas and suggestions are always welcomed.

Starting next year, we would like to have a meet every other month, alternating between Nevada and California, and all

### Editor Notes:

*(from page 1)*

Steve's **New's from California** column, which will be moved to the front page, to replace mine. Jim and Ed, had a good thought of including the membership that is located in California. With 250 miles separating Las Vegas and Riverside, Steve will be giving the Order Board a more California Perspective. Hopefully I'll be getting more information from our other officers, such as Todd and Marie. Others items to include in the order board will be a classified section for members to put in their wants and needs, meets and other events schedule for not just this Division, but the Region as a whole, and maybe the NMRA as a whole. And last, pictures. I would like to get pictures of members, trains, and projects. The more the better. The bottom line is I much rather be struggling in figure out where to put all this information instead of trying to fill two or four pages. *Steve Binyon*

points in between, to save on driving time. Which brings up a point of traveling to meets: A lot of members get together and carpool to the meets. It's a great way to get to know the members in your area, as well as members in other parts of the division. If you would like to attend a meet that is not in your area of the division, contact an officer or member in your area to see if they would like to share the ride. No one likes to travel alone.

As you will see in the classifieds, we are in need of members to fill open positions in the division. Anyone interested please feel free to contact me if you are interested.

Well, that's about it for now, lets get behind our division and show our support.

Until next time, See Ya!

*Jim Kociemski*

## Contest Report

(No report from the contest chair, since we don't have one, so I'll fill this column with some Computer news. Ed.)

Computer: I need to get some information here. They just released that SD75 from Kato and I want to put some details on. Where can I get a few pictures of it in ATSF blue? Simple task you would say, go to the local Search engine

([www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), [www.lycos.com](http://www.lycos.com), or [www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)) and do a search on SD75, and you end up with zero matches or even worse 500,000 matches. Another way is to go to [www.ATFS.com](http://www.ATFS.com) which just might have a picture of it. Nope, ATSF is no more.. By this time you are getting a headache and wondering just how beneficial is it having this stupid box. Well let me help in certain ways. Well, let me just suggest some good links to put into your Favorites or Bookmarks depending on the browser you are using. Lets start with the NMRA home page ([www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)) where they have loads of links in the Directory of World Wid Rail Sites. Just beware that they have over 3500 links waiting for you. My favorite link is the Q-Station

([www.primenet.com/~jimc/qs/qstation.html](http://www.primenet.com/~jimc/qs/qstation.html)), which is an ATSF haven (and BNSF but I'm not going to admit that). From there I can go directly to the Warbonet link and whoa.. A nice little picture of 243. But there's another link here, the Santa Fe Superfleet, which contains 15 more pictures of the SD75 fleet. There are other resources available from the internet (its not just www). If you have a NEWS, you can subscribe to the [rec.models.railroad](mailto:rec.models.railroad) news group and post questions there, or you can join a mailing list, such as the n-scale mailing list (goto [www.onelist.com](http://www.onelist.com) for instructions to join a mailing list). Think of the internet as a large book with a very large index. Well I filled this column so I must end it here.

Steve Binyon

## From the Top

(Continued from page 1)

soapbox again. We will be hosting the 20001 convention in Las Vegas and we need volunteers! The division is growing by leaps and bounds and to provide you with a quality service we need you to help. This whole thing is run by volunteers (you could not pay someone enough to do it) and we have found that it will work if we all help. There are a lot of jobs that can be done that do not require much time to accomplish the task. Take for instance the Paymaster, this job requires you to write a check now and then, make deposits, balance the checkbook and make a statement about once a year. This is not hard or time consuming work and you get to see the officers four or five times a year also, that's worth it by itself!! The time serve can go to your Achievement program as Volunteer and help you get your MMR. This is YOUR DIVISION and it depends on you to make it the best one. So please think about it and let either Jim or myself know what you will like to do. Thank You and see you at the next crossing.  
*Ed Hall*

## Membership Report

We had 5 new members sign up at the July 17 meet, with more renewals. Check your membership card so you know when to renew your membership. Jim Barcus has been doing a great job with sending out regional reminders to renew your membership, so keep them coming. *Jim Kociemski*

## Welcome Aboard!!

Wally Casarotto  
Robert C. Evans  
Richard J. Fritz  
Weston "Edd" Mathews  
Chuck H. Nauman

**ALL SCALES HOBBIES**  
**DCC AND SCENERY SPECIALISTS**

**TRAINS**  
**STANDARD & NARROW GAUGE**

LGB ARISTO ACCUCRAFT  
DIGITRAX KATO MICRO TRAINS  
MON-FRI 10-8, SAT & SUN 10-6

4640 E. FLAMINGO RD. STE. 106  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89121 702-547-4629

## Events around the Region

### Cajon Divisional Meet -CA

October 18, 1999

Anaheim Main Library  
Anaheim CA.

### Cajon Divisional Meet-NV

December 4, 1999

Henderson Convention Center  
Henderson NV

### San Diego Model Railroad Museum

"O Winston Link: Memories and Machines"

August 1 thru October 31  
619-696-0199

### Pioneer Western Model Railroad OL' Fashion Card Table Swap Meet

September 11, 1999

7430 Orangethorp  
Fullerton, CA  
714-526-6718

### PSR Regional Convention

In the Pines in '99

September 15-19, 1999

Flagstaff, Arizona

### Southern Nevada

#### N-Trakers

Las Vegas Nevada

Meetings First Saturday of Month

702-363-2746

### Orange County Module Railroaders

Business meeting Second Wednesday  
of Month 7:30 p.m.

Anaheim Public Library

Steve Tibbets (714) 991-1862

### Maricopa Express Junior Railway

Glendale Arizona

602-842-1860

Meetings first Saturday of Month  
1 PM to 3 PM

### GATS

Oct 23, 1999 11am - 5 pm

Civic Plaza, Phoenix AZ

### Sahuara Central Railroad Preservation Society Everything Railroad Swap Meet

9am - 1:00pm

Postal Carriers Union Hall,  
3720 Greenway Road, Phoenix Az.

### Pacific Railroad Society Excursion

#474, The Skunk Railroad

\$395.00 each

contact: Barbara L. Silbert

(626) 570-8651

(323) 283-0087



# Cajon Classifieds

*Have something you like to get rid of or want something? Put it here!*

**Club Info.** If you are a member of an organization we want to know about it. We will advertise your organization in the Order Board. Contact Steve Binyon, Jim Kociemski, or Ed Hall to find out how.

**Friendly Faces.** We need members to give clinics at our division meets or if you know someone who gives a great clinic, let us know, also video clinics, slide shows, layout tours, ideas for discussion are always welcome for meets. Contact Jim Kociemski, Steve Connolly, or Todd Scott if you can help.

**HobbyTown USA**

CHUCK TOWNSEND  
Sahara Decatur Plaza  
5085 W. Sahara, Suite 134  
Las Vegas, NV 89146  
Phone (702) 889-9554

**Hobby Groups.** If you have a favorite hobby shop that you frequent, and you want to let others know about it, have the owner contact Steve Binyon to advertise in the Order Board.

**Announcements.** Open house, Railfan trips, swap meets, anything you need to announce we will put it in the order board. Contact Steve

**J.W. RAILWAYS**

Verne & Deb



www.unlimited-systems.com/JWRailways

Toll Free: (877) JW-RAILS  
(597-2457)

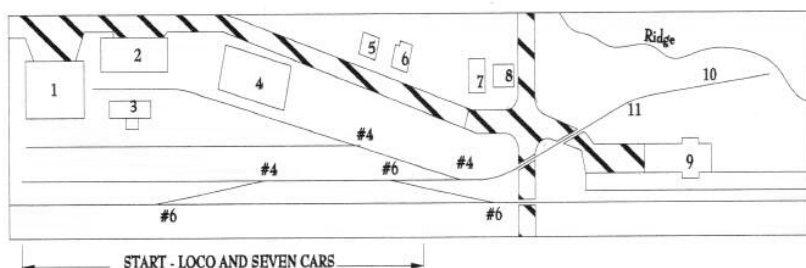
3450E S. Procyon Ave. (702) 251-5787  
Las Vegas, NV Fax (702) 251-4674

Binyon.

**Members.** Regular, Life, Family, or Junior members are always welcome. See Application on the back of the Order Board. Also, if you know of anyone who belongs to national, but not the region, remind them they need to sign up for the region too. Remember, the national does not recognize the regions on their membership application, so a lot of members think they belong to the region as well. If you need applications, contact Jim Kociemski (Division membership) or Jim Barcus SR. (Regional membership chairman).

**Articles.** If you have an interesting story, train sighting, drawing, clinic, comments, etc. that you would like to see in the Order Board, then just contact Steve Binyon for more information on how to contribute to the Order Board.

## ID SWITCHING MODULE



1. CATTLE LOADING PENS
2. LUMBER YARD
3. FREIGHT SHED  
(old box car)
4. WAREHOUSE
- 5 & 6 HOUSES
7. GENERAL STORE
8. DINER

9. STATION & PLATFORM
10. HOUSE TRACK
11. SIGN "NO LOCOMOTIVES  
BEYOND THIS POINT"

*(This story I got from the Cinder Cruncher, the newsletter of the International Division, NFR, NMRA, March/April 1983).*

**Introduction.** It is late morning on a beautiful summer day in 1952. You have just rolled into town with the eastbound local and have a number of switching moves to make. A work train is on the bridge just east of the station, so your engine can't pull very far down the line. The conductor doesn't see any problems in making

the moves.

As soon as your work is done, the work train will pull into the siding and the local will be able to proceed. There is a meet with the daily westbound passenger run for three trains at town, so the local has to get its work done in an efficient manner. The I. D. management doesn't like passenger trains delayed.

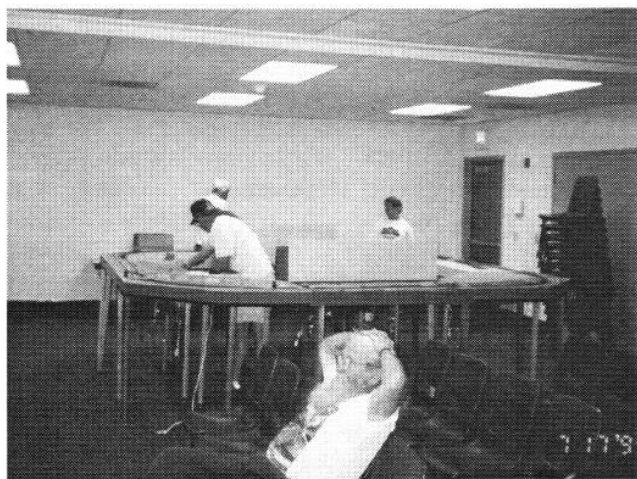
I wonder if the conductor can lay out his moves so the crew can get lunch at the Diner across from the station. At 75 cents a plate, the roast beef dinner is hard to beat.



Bobby Revis clinic on modeling with casting.



Dave's clinic on using the Dremel Tool.



SNNT. With Don Ford supervising the N-Trakers.

## The JULY Meet

The last Meet was held Henderson Convention Center, in Henderson NV, of course, and in my opinion it was a great success with over 60 people showing with new members signing on. With a change of pace, there was no swap meet associated with this meet, but more emphasis being placed on clinics which is what the NMRA is all about.

The meet started early for me since my local club, the Southern Nevada N-Trakers, was allowed to set up for the meet. With the doors officially opening at 10:00 a.m., people started to stream in to the room. Coffee and donuts were being offered and people started to mingle. The official business meeting started by the Director with the standard announcements of myself and Steve Connelly appointments.

Bobby Revis started the clinic session on his presentation on working with casted models. I found this to be very interesting in the fact of the fine detail that can be put into these models, even down to the wood grain. I found the mine built into the hillside as a project to put into my project queue.

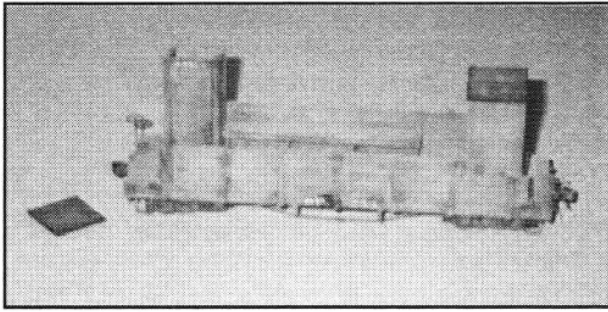
Big Jim Kociemski followed with his showing of a paint booth under \$20.00. Mad of simple cardboard and a fan, it became more valuable in the sense that it only took about 10 minutes to set up and 10 minutes to put away.

Ed Hall show the various tools involved in the art of model railroading. The search for the perfect tool is as never ending as completing your layout. But, it looks like the best tool will be something is never bought, but kitbashed in some manner.

The last clinic was Dave's demonstration of the use of the ever trusted Dremel tool. His company sells a special cutting wheel that is very durable indeed. Of the several handed out samples, I tested one in cutting some track for a friends layout. I was able to use the sides of the well as a sanding disc, and it never did break.

There were other clinic schedule but time was running short and there were some judging to be preformed. In all most members that attended liked the clinic format of the meet and hopefully more clinics will be offered at future meets.





Brian Blocks Passenger car.

Judging. At the last meet Brian Block submitted his passenger car for judging. This allowed him to collect some more valuable points towards his Achievement program, which goes all the way up to Master Modeler. The achievement program awards NMRA members for various projects that they endeavor into, such as Brian's passenger car. With each new membership, you receive a packet that contains information about the program. I put my somewhere and has lost it, but you can retrieve it from the NMRA web site or you can ask our member services person.

I just returned from viewing a golden spike award at Robert and Janice Westcott house. Here, not only did I see a fine layout in the works, but I also met some very fine people, where we talked pass my bedtime about railroads, the hobby, and the NMRA. This was an HO layout which I was very impressed with, even though I'm a N-Scaler. Congrat's, Robert on your golden Spike award.

Along with the achievement program, you also receive the standard practices. I find this very helpful in my track planning, since I just don't remember the angle a #6 turnout makes off the straight line. Track laying, bridge clearances, car weights, turnouts, and other information can be obtain from the NMRA standards. But what the standards gives us modelers is something for the industry to go by, without them, we could be having problems coupling a Life-Like Car with a Atlas car.



## In the Pines in 99 Preliminary Schedule

### Wednesday

Registration (6:00pm to 9:00 pm) PSR BOD  
Directors Meeting

### Thursday

Registration Opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Clinics  
Contest Entries  
Videos  
Railette Tour (9:00a.m.)  
Prototype & Self-guided tours

### Friday

Clinics  
Contest Entries  
Prototype & Self-guided tours  
Videos  
Railette Luncheon (12:00 p.m.)  
Flagstaff Model Railroad Layout Tour (evening)  
Live Auction (7:00 p.m.)

### Saturday

Hobo Breakfast (7:00 a.m.)  
Clinics  
Contest Entries (till 10:00 a.m.)  
Layout Tours (9:00 a.m. - all day)  
Videos  
Contest Judging  
Awards banquet

### Sunday

PSR Business Meeting (9:00 am)

Note: This is the *preliminary* retrieved from the PSR web page.



# NMRA / PSR CAJON DIVISION MEET

Saturday, October 18, 1999

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 am

At the Anaheim Main Library

S.W. Corner of Broadway and Harbor Blvd.

Free Admission

## Schedule Events:

### Clinics:

Ted Johnson: Standards

Jim Puhrman: Tuning up Athearn Diesels

Bill Meyer: Remotoring

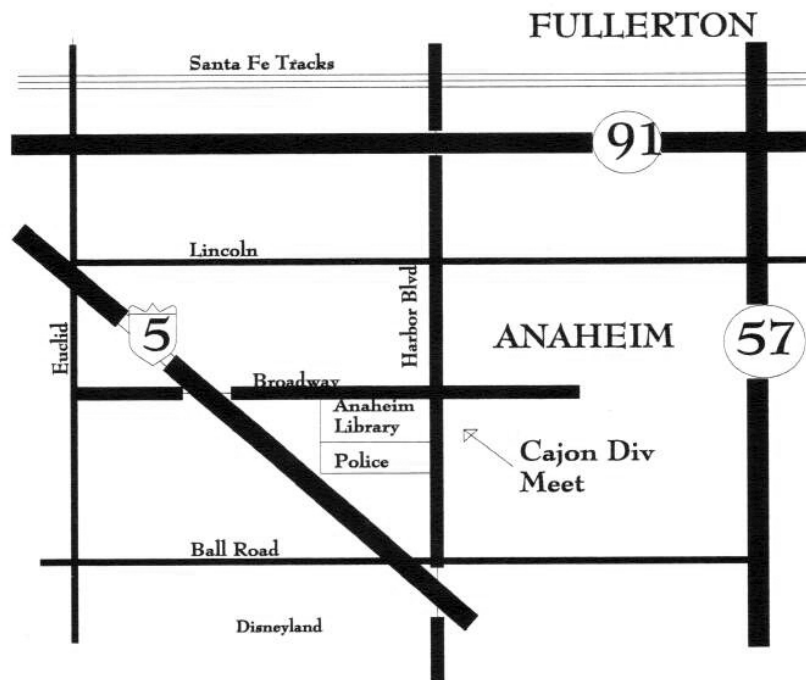
Todd Scott: Simple Timetable operations

Jim Puhrman: Treasures in the junk box.

Raffles, Contests, Displays and More!

Model  
be available  
Program

Judging will  
for AP



Contact: Steve Connelly (714-772-4884) or Jim Kociemski (702-876-0355)



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION, NATIONAL MODEL**  
**RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Scale \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

New [ ]    Renewal [ ] PSR # \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Class of Membership</u>	<u>NMRA</u>	<u>PSR*</u>	<u>BOTH</u>
Regular	\$32.00 [ ]	\$5.00 [ ]	\$37.00 [ ]
Youth (Under 20 Years)	\$21.00 [ ]	\$3.00 [ ]	\$24.00 [ ]
Affiliate (No Bulletin or Local Publications)	\$16.00 [ ]	\$2.50 [ ]	\$18.50 [ ]
Family	\$ 6.00 [ ]	\$1.00 [ ]	\$ 7.00 [ ]

**\*YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NMRA TO BE A PSR MEMBER**

For information on Life or Affiliate Life Membership, call 602-374-0077. Send this application and your check or money order (made payable to "**Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA**") to:

PSR - NMRA, Jim Barcus, Sr, PO Box 670, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324-0670

**ORDER BOARD**

201 Logansberry Lane  
Las Vegas Nevada 89145-4739

Address Service Requested