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June 13
NMRA-X
Virtual Convention

June 27
NMRA-X
Virtual Convention

October 24
Cajon Fall Event
Buena Park, Ca

November 14
Cajon Event
Boulder City, Nevada



"From the Brass Hat" by Joel Morse Superintendent



Strange day's indeed. As I write this article, we're well into our 3rd month of the Covid 19 "Stay Home, Stay Safe" strategy, and I just found out that the NMRA National Convention and our Region's Van Nuys Special have both been cancelled.

To help keep us all in touch, engaged and informed during these unusual times, your Cajon Division Board of Directors decided to augment the quarterly Order Board Newsletter with this "Order Board Lite" newsletter. We intend to publish it on a monthly basis, in between regular Order Board publication. In these monthly communications, we'll tell you a little about how we have been spending our model railroading time, provide some tips and short articles, and be able to provide you with more timely Division and Region information than is possible in the Order Board.

While the cancellation of the National Convention in St. Louis is a great disappointment to NMRA Members around the world, the cancellation of the LA Division's "Van Nuys Local" 2020 Convention, is a tremendous disappointment to PSR Membership. And make no mistake, no one is more disappointed by the necessity to cancel the convention than all the folks on the Convention Organizing Committee, who have been working since the spring of 2019 to bring this convention to us. We owe them a heart-felt THANK YOU! For the hard work they put in that will not be rewarded.

With the cancellation of the Van Nuys Local, the Division and Region's attention has switched to the upcoming Cajon Division October 24th Buena Park Event, and the 2021 Cajon Division hosted PSR 2021 Convention, dubbed the "Orange Blossom Special". We are looking at enhancing the Buena Park Event, in the hope of increasing attendance (assuming we are able to move around more safely by then).

The cancellation of the 2020 Convention has a big, negative effect on the financial planning effort for the 2021 Orange Blossom Special, because historically, approximately 40% of the next year's convention income is generated by early registration at the prior year's convention. Without the 2020 convention registration income, there is very limited "seed money" to pay deposits for locations, buses, etc. So, in order to kick start the early registrations for the Orange Blossom Special, you can directly roll over your Van Nuys Extra registration and qualify for an early bird discounted Registration Fee of \$105.00! This \$20.00 discount on the full priced registration is also being offered to NMRA members until September 30, 2020. If you are able, please roll over your registration or register early, so the 2021 Convention Committee can continue to move their efforts forward. The Orange Blossom Special Website <http://psrconvention.org/OrangeBlossomSpecial2021/> is already live, and we are adding convention information every day!

We are looking for volunteers to help us plan and execute the Buena Park event in October, including presenting clinics, helping with set-up, and other efforts. Please contact me directly if you would like to get more involved! The Board would appreciate the assistance!

We are also looking for a tech-savvy member who would like to take over as Media Manager for the Division, you would be Administrator of the Division IO Group and Facebook Page, as well as helping to generate content for them. Contact me directly if you have interest!

Finally, we want to encourage you to patronize our local brick and mortar hobby shops: we are lucky to have them, and they have been supporting the Division, so let's support them. See the information at the end of this newsletter! Hope to see you soon!

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The Editor's Column

by Morrie Fleishman

Editor: Cajon Division



Cajon Division members of the NMRA normally have many opportunities to get together and enjoy the hobby with fellow members. They include receiving the Order Board which is issued 4 times yearly, Cajon division events, like the Temecula and Buena Park meets, regional and national events like the yearly PSR conventions and the National convention and various other train shows and activities. However, during this current situation with the exception of the Order Board, all other opportunities have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Board felt that a monthly short-form Order Board would be invaluable in keeping members updated with modeling opportunities available such as the many Virtual (On-Line) events that have been popping up everywhere. Please send me an email and pictures showing what you are working on and letting us know what on-line events you are aware of so that we could spread the word to others.

Thanks.

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Virtual Meetings via Zoom, Skype, etc.

While new to some, IT types have been using products like webex and gotomeeting to do training to remote sites for many years. I have recently become aware of the NMRA-X Virtual Model Railroad Convention Live Events which runs for 12 hours with 10 or more presentations on a variety of topics. These are scheduled every two weeks with the next two scheduled for June 13 and June 27. These events start at 6 am and go to 6 pm eastern time. However, the topics are listed before hand so that you can decide what you want to see and when. Information about them is available from the NMRA website. Go to the website and search for NMRA-X. You should check the calendar of events and find when they are scheduled and you can link to specific page for each one scheduled and get the the information needed to attend. They stream on U-Tube and Facebook.

On the Saturday before Memorial Day I viewed a 2+ hour Multi-Division Virtual NMRA Meeting event which was coordinated by San Diego Model Railroaders. In this instance I was emailed by PSR members with the information and I was able to log in.

Finally, the Operations Special Interest Group, OPSIG, has started a Sunday afternoon 2 hour meeting. For times and information see the OPSIG website opsig.org.

Common elements of all of these meetings are that attendees are provided with the login information, the time and as well as reservation information as there may be limits on the number that can join in. Often the meetings have been recorded and are available on youtube.

The formats use a combination of layout tours and clinics, some with Powerpoint presentations. In addition, there are a lot of videos available on the NMRA website.

While it doesn't look like we will have train shows and events in the immediate future, these options provide valuable ways that people can take advantage of clinics and can have some limited interaction with other Model Railroaders.

FUTURE EVENTS

~~September 9—13 PSR Convention in
Van Nuys, Ca. CANCELLED~~

October 24, Cajon Division Meet, Buena Park.

November 14, Cajon Division Meet Boulder City, Nv.

September 8—11, 2021 Orange Blossom Special

PSR Convention

Irvine, California

<http://www.psrconvention.org/>

[OrangeBlossomSpecial2021](http://www.psrconvention.org/OrangeBlossomSpecial2021)

Cajon Media Sites

Groups.io group: <https://groups.io/g/CajonDivisionPSRGroup>

Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CajonPsr/>

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PSR 2020 and 2021 PSR Conventions

Regrettably, The PSR Convention scheduled for September in Van Nuys has been cancelled.

The Registrar for 2020 is in the process of contacting everyone who has signed up to determine what they would like to do with their refund.

One of the options is to roll your registration funds to the 2021 Orange Blossom Special and take advantage of an early discount. The website for the Orange Blossom special is;

<http://www.psrconvention.org/OrangeBlossomSpecial2021>

The hotel is the Hilton next to the Orange County Airport. If you would like to help with the 2021 convention please contact me Carl Heimberger cjheimberger@gmail.com.

What Have Model Railroaders doing while they Stay at Home?

WHAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON:

Jeff Herrmann

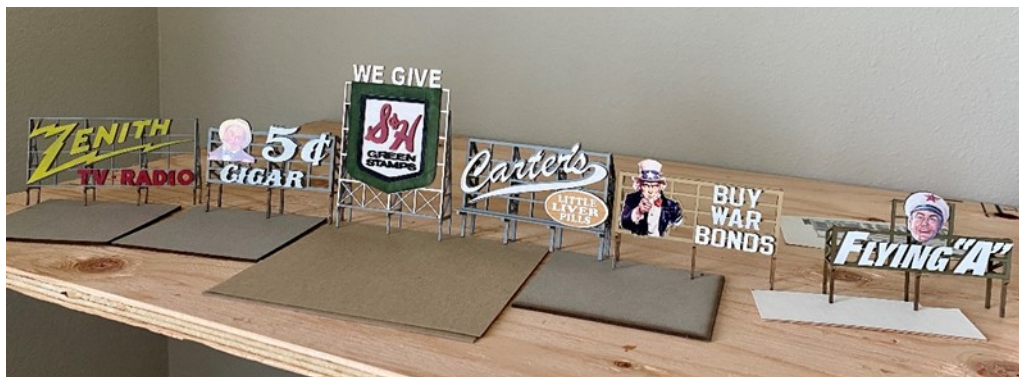
By necessity, I have had to be creative during the “shelter in place” period to spend time on my modeling. Back at the end of the year we sold our home and moved into a small apartment while our new home is being built. I took down and packed up my layout along with most of my tools and lots of not-yet-started kits. At the time, having the movers put everything in storage (with no access to it) made perfect sense... several delays later it looks like we won't be able to move in to the new house or get to our stored stuff until fall!

Fortunately, I did pack a small box with some essentials like a couple of Exacto knives, a cutting mat, NW Shortline Chopper, a few sanding sticks and paint brushes. I was also able to fit 2 small craftsman kits and a bunch of unpainted “detail” parts in the box that I smuggled into the back of the car! Just before the lock down (didn't know it at the time) I also went to a train show and picked up a few more gems I have mentioned in past articles.

So, here is what I have been working on so far:



American Seltzer Company- a HO Scale craftsman kit by Bar Mills Models. I added lights and an interior to the bottom floor. I still need to do some additional weathering and add some details, but I am pleased with the progress.



Rooftop Signs- these are a combination of Bar Mills and Blair Line products.

Old Gold - Engine Shed -By Joel Morse

Pictured below are two publicity shots of the N-Scale Faller "Old Timer Engine Shed" (#222141) that I downloaded from Amazon while writing this. Seeing it on Amazon made me laugh out loud. You see, I built this engine shed when I was a teenager in the early 1970's, and I have been "schlepping" this model around for about 45 years, from Long Island to California. Of course, I have been keeping it for *just the right spot* on the layout. And now, I have found it, so it's time to make some layout "Gold" from this "old" model!



I came across it a couple of months ago, while looking for something else (isn't that how it works): just when I was adding a four-track locomotive and caboose storage facility in the town of Shellysburg, which is on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western RR. Shellysburg originates a daily interchange transfer to Walton Yard on the New York, Ontario and Western, after the crew works the Shellysburg yard. New track work in Shellysburg is shown below on the left. When I found the model, I knew it would be the centerpiece for this part of the layout.

Since the NYOW had a very limited locomotive roster of only four loco types: GE 44 Tonners, FT, F-3 and NW-2, I'm getting my loco fix by building up my DL&W roster (they had quite a few types). Here's what the engine shed looked like, right out of storage, below on the right.



Apparently, as a teenager, I knew about weathering, because there was clearly an attempt to weather the brickwork and windows, but it wasn't completed. I probably used a Black India ink and alcohol wash, which as I recall was my "go to" method (although I did also use ground-up pastel sticks occasionally). You'll probably notice, like I did, that one of the roof exhaust stacks is missing its "top hat", and the seams at both sides at the rear walls have large gaps. Clearly, I had not yet discovered liquid glue (if it even existed then), so the inside corners are literally filled with tube cement. One of the exhaust stacks was also the victim of too much glue, the other was loose, so much for consistency.

Other than those issues, I think it's a pretty interesting old brick engine shed, a little European looking, no doubt, but not unrealistically so (to my eye), and it has some nice window and brick detail; I like the roofing too, which I have interpreted to be slate, commonly used in upstate New York and New England.



The first problem was to replace the missing roof exhaust stack “top hat” or, failing that, replacing both roof exhausts with something new. I found that replacing both exhausts was not possible (remember too much glue?), because I could not remove them both without damaging the roof. And I did not want to try to manufacture a matching “hat”; so I looked in my scrap box to see if I had a single “hat” that would match. I found a few “hats” but none that matched what was on the model, nor could I find two that matched each other (so I could replace both “hats”). But it was a fun visit with my scrap box, and found a couple of other interesting things for future projects. After cleaning up the scrap box mess, I remembered a bag of Faller roof parts I had picked up at Arnie’s, in the discount bin, for no good reason, other than it was \$0.99 and I might need it someday. Someday was here! They were exact matches, but I decided to replace both “hats” anyway.

The next step was to weather the entire engine shed to remove the plastic sheen from the roof and the exhaust stacks, and to add some age to the building overall. For weathering, I used Bragdon Weathering Powders, Light Rust and Soot. The Rust went on really thick, and needed to be toned down with aggressive rubbing, and covering with the Soot. The Soot worked great on the roof, and created a much more slate color to the tiles. I applied the Soot over the entire model, but extremely heavy above the main door, to simulate years of coal dust and diesel engine soot.

The final steps included “planting” some vines along the back corners to hide the poor seam. Standard model railroading approach, so standard that if you see vines on the corner of a building, you can almost assume there is a bad seam behind the plants! I also glued ballast to the exposed portions of the kit base along the front doors and the rear man-door.



I’m pleased with the results and I’m thrilled to be able to turn this old model, which represents my earliest years of model railroading, into layout gold! When the ballasting and surrounding mini-scene is completed, this model will look right at home along the aisle at Shellysburg. To me, it looks great, and it fits perfectly with the story I’m telling with my layout.

Support Your Local Hobby Store

In these times when Hobby Stores have not been able to function normally, we need to continue to support them when we can. There are 3 Brick and mortar train stores in our area that support our hobby;

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OPEN for regular business!***

YES!! Come in and shop around!

Arnie's HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 10am-6pm

Milepost 38 HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 10am-5pm

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6462 Industry Way, Westminster, CA 92683

RailMaster Hobbies, 9812 Belmont St., Bellflower, Ca. 90706 562-867-5627

We plan to go back to regular hours starting June 1.

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Sunday - 12:00pm to 4:00 pm

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We do thank all of you for your support. Stay safe.

Jeff and Leticia Smith and Crew

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