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[Henderson Meet](#)  
November 6, 2021

[Great Train Show](#)  
Costa Mesa  
February 12—13

[Great Train Show –](#)  
Pomona  
March 19-20

[Cajon Div. Spring Meet](#)  
Buena Park  
April 2

[Back On Track in 2022](#)  
PSR Convention  
San Diego, Ca.  
Sept 7—11, 2022



## From The Director

Harold Helland  
Cajon Division Director



Wow, what a great start to my term as the Director Cajon Division. The Cajon Division of the Pacific Southwest Region held the annual convention “Orange Blossom Special” at the Hilton, Irvine and it was certainly a great success. The convention team led by Carl Heimberger did an excellent job of organizing, coordinating, and executing the event. The four-day conference started with an Ice Cream Social that included Bingo for prizes. This was a great chance to reunite with friends from other divisions and of course friends from the Cajon Division.

The heart of the convention was packed with numerous clinics, home layout tours and operating sessions. Of course, there were non-rail activities all through the convention. There were over thirty clinics to attend during the convention, nine operating session layouts and over twenty home layouts open for viewing.

The Hobo Auction held Friday evening was a huge success. There were approximately 300 items for members to choose from to try their luck to be a winner. The anticipation was amazing as the auction went on to see the faces as everyone was hoping for their favorite item. Everyone went home with something from the auction.

The Conference climax was the Awards Banquet with keynote speaker, Charlie Getz, past president of the NMRA after serving two terms as president. Charlie has been instrumental in the development of the NMRA exhibit “Magic of Scale Model Railroading” at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento.

Due in part to the success of this event, there are over 90 PSR members already signed up for the 2022 PSR Convention “Back On Track in 2022” located in San Diego.

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## “ From the Brass Hat“

by Joel Morse Superintendent



### Wow, wow, wow! What a great convention!

The Orange Blossom Special rolled through town September 8-11, and I sure do hope you got on board for that exciting ride. This edition of the Order Board is focused on bringing you the highlights of the convention.

For those of you who attended the OBS, here's a smattering of some of the events and layouts you may have missed while attending a clinic, operating or while on the prototype tour.

For those of you who didn't attend this time, I'm hopeful this view of the OBS will encourage you to attend the next regional convention hosted by the San Diego Division, named "Back on Track in 2022", in San Diego next September!

The OBS Convention Management Team, chaired by Carl Heimberger, did a fantastic job of bringing this convention from concept to reality over the past two years or so, despite the rough trackwork challenges of the COVID pandemic and the uncertainty of whether the OBS would be held. Back in June, before the Delta variant raised it's ugly and deadly head, we thought we had a "high green" for the OBS, and we made major financial commitments. Over the summer, we were very concerned about whether and in what form the convention would be held.

The highlights for me included working on my 12" Challenge Diorama for a few weeks beforehand (and winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place); hosting an operating session on my N-scale New York, Ontario and Western Railway for six guest operators, presenting a clinic titled "Layout planning for Operations", and being the auctioneer for the giant Hobo Auction of over 300 items. I attended clinics focused on the Achievement Program and a clinic on Model Judging, and then judged the models submitted for Merit Awards in the Contest Room. I enjoyed the Ice Cream Social on the first night, outside on a beautiful southern California night, while team calling the Bingo with Gary Stenberg, along with listening to former NMRA President Charlie Getz, the banquet's Keynote Speaker, talk about the social benefits of being a model railroader. Speaking of the social aspect, I got the chance to meet a modeler from the Arizona Division, spend some time together, and perhaps created a new lifelong friendship through model railroading, the World's Greatest Hobby!

All in all, a terrific four days for those of us who were there! Hope to see all of you in San Diego next September.

Also note that there is a Meet scheduled for November 6 in Henderson, Nevada for those of you who want to hit Vegas and attend the Meet!

Finally, I want to welcome our new Division Director, Harold Helland, who was voted in by the membership during the August election. Congratulations to Harold, and I look forward to working with you for the next few years!

***PLEASE JOIN US ON October 29 at 7 PM FOR “CAJON ON ZOOM “***

*The one hour session will start with a review of the Recent Orange Blossom Special Convention and conclude with a “Help” session for those who have Model Railroad problems and need suggestions or places and persons to consult in finding solutions.*

*Look for an email with the login information.*

***HOLD THE DATE — APRIL 2, 2022***

***The Cajon Division’s Next Event will be a 1 Day meet in Buena Park***

***We plan to have clinics, a swap meet, a Hobo Auction, etc.***

***Details will follow at a later date***

**Membership**

Please join me in welcoming the following new members in the Cajon Division during the third quarter of 2021:

Judith Belvill, North Las Vegas, NV  
Patrick Powell, Las Vegas, NV  
Jeff Sauls, Temecula, CA  
Scott Steidinger, Huntington Beach, CA

As of September 20, 2021, we are now 288 members in the Cajon Division. The summer was not a good time for our membership number so let us all try to recruit new members.

Per Harwe  
Membership Chairman  
Cajon Division

**The Editor’s Column**

by Morrie Fleishman

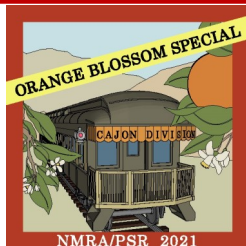


Editor: Cajon Division

Welcome to the October issue of the Order Board the newsletter for the Cajon Division. As always we are looking for items to include. This is your chance to talk about what you are doing and to show off a little in this time of non-socialization. Not everyone can publish an article for Model Railroader. However, this publication is available for everyone and if needed I can help you organize your thoughts. So, 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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## 2021 Orange Blossom Special – Now just a Memory

Yes, the 2021 Pacific Southwest Region Convention “The Orange Blossom Special” is just a memory now but from my perspective an incredibly good memory. Sure, not everything went as planned but that is typical with any event, in spite of all the planning. Let’s face it this was the first PSR Convention in two years, and we were not even sure it could be put on until the day of the convention. A convention can only be a success if members attend, I would like to thank everyone who did attend and hope you had as great a time as I had.

An event of this magnitude can only happen with a resolute convention team, and I was fortunate to have such a team. They are: Gary Butts MMR – Co-Chair/Company Store, Mickael Allee – Contest Room/Volunteers, Dave Arendes – Clinics, Harry Buehrle – Swap Meet, Morrie Fleishman – Registrar, Roberta Fleishman – Non Rails, Edward Hall MMR – Chief Hobo in Charge, Per Harwe – Web Master, Richard Hock – Membership Communication, James Keena – PSR Contest Manager, Dan Moran – Paymaster/Digital Communications, Nick Lisica – Publicity/Graphics, Joel Morse – Layout Op’s, Annette Palmer – Donations, Joe Parrino – Transportation/Tours, Paul Stoner – Layouts. Thank you all for a job well done.

We would not have had the great convention we did without the help of a host of clinicians, and they are for the Rails program; David Arendes, Frank Baker MMR, Gary Butts MMR, Mark Carnighan, Bob Chaparro, David Coscia, Al Daumann, Morrie Fleishman, Don Fowler MMR, Ed Hall MMR, Richard Hock, Nick Lisica, Bob Mitchell, Joel Morse, Bruce Morden, Mike Osborn, Jim Smith, Keven Spady, Steve Stalling, Paul Stoner, Ron Varnell, Mark Williams, James Keena, Pete Steinmetz, and Steve Pepin. And a special thanks to the clinicians who helped fill in for cancelled clinics by doing additional clinics, Bob Chaparro, Dave Arendes. And a special thanks to John Lovely who came unexpectedly and gave a clinic, and Kevin Spady who, even though he could not attend, gave his clinic via Zoom.

Also, a thanks you to Roberta Fleishman for organizing the Non-Rail program, clinics, and tour. The Non-Rail clinicians were Anette Palmer, and Roberta Fleishman.

What would a convention be without Layouts? And in spite of Covid concerns we had twenty-two layouts to visit. So, a special thanks to all the layout owners who opened up their homes and allowed their fine layout to be seen. Here is the list of owners; Randy Boyd, The Brea Museum, Todd Brody, Gary & Sandy Butts, Mark Carnighan, the Corona Model Railroad Society, Morrie & Roberta Fleishman, John Gornick, Harold Helland, Bruce Hendrick, James Kruger, Jim Lancaster, Bob Mitchell, Lou Najera, The North County Model RR Society, Bob Olds, David Sheegog, Van Schultz, Vic & Sue Thies, and Michael Wolf. Operations host included Marty Bradley, Eric Bloomer, Joel Morse, Bob Calicchia, Chris Jean and Ron Varnell.

So, in spite of Nigh Sayers who thought we should have canceled I am proud of our team for moving forward in spite of all the obstacles we faced and for putting on a first class convention. To the 2021 PSR Convention Team you have my sincere thanks for bringing this 2021 Orange Blossom Special home.

Carl Heimberger  
2021 PSR Convention Chair

## ***Orange Blossom Special Final Report***

Well the Orange Blossom Special is over. It was a great success. Attendance in the face of the pandemic was a well respected 160 and everyone had a good time. The convention started with an Ice Cream Social, included 36 clinics, and tours to the Union Pacific Gemco Yard, the Nixon Library (for Non-Rails), and the Saturday layout tour. Layout tours offered 27 HO, N, and G Gauge layouts to visit over three afternoons and operations on six layouts. Evening events included the Hobo Auction where over 300 items were offered and the Awards Banquet on Saturday Night. The guest speaker was former NMRA President Charlie Getz who gave a delightful talk covering the NMRA exhibit in the Sacramento Railroad Museum as well as the comraderie of those in the hobby. The event culminated with the awards presentations for both 2020 and 2021 as well as those earned in the contest room.



**HOBO Auction**



**GEMCO Yard Tour**



**Swap Meet**



**Awards Banquet**



Charlie Getz—Past NMRA President

# Layout Tours



Dave Sheegog's Castle Peak and Thunder Railroad



Vic & Sue Thies' TooMuchFun Railroad



Morrie & Roberta Fleishman's Mitchell Falls and Staunton Railroad

## Michael Wolf's "A South African Quadrama"



### ***Another Way to View the Contest Room Entries***

The contest room allows members to display their creations and their expertise in many different ways. While the quality is always first rate and many approaches are unique, I find the most refreshing thing about the entries is the many ways that those interested in our hobby choose to participate. The contest room at the Orange Blossom Special contained a great variety of items ranging from super detailed locomotives to rolling stock, buildings, scenes, art work, pictures of models and actual railroad items, examples of railroading, etc. You don't need a garage or extra room to be involved in the hobby, you just need some time and a little space and above all, some imagination to work on your creation. I have taken a lot of photos of model railroads over the years, but I never thought about enlarging them and entering a contest. Even if I do at some later time, the real joy is just having others see what you are doing. Inspirations can come from many sources and I recommend that you should add the contest room to your list.

Morrie Fleishman Cajon Order Board Editor.

## *ASSOCIATION AWARDS*



Dan Moran  
2020 Cajon Member of the Year  
2021 PSR Region Member of the Year



Pete Steinmetz  
2020 PSR Region Member of the Year



Carl Heimberger  
2021 Cajon Member of the Year



Ryan DiFrede  
2021 NMRA President's Award



Nick Lisica  
2021 LA Member of the Year Award

### **AWARDS TO MEMBERS NOT PHOTOGRAPHED**

#### **Arizona Members of the Year**

2020 Jesse Poole

2021 Richard Petrina

#### **Los Angeles Member of the Year**

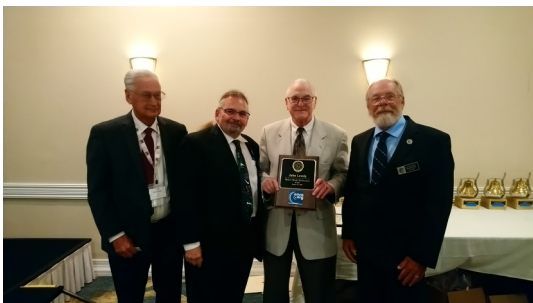
2020 Kevin Spady

#### **San Diego Members of the Year**

2020 Rudy Spano

2021 Mike Hampson

**NMRA President's Award 2020: Don Fowler**



John Lovely —MMR #662



Frank Baker—MMR #683





1st and 2nd Place Locomotives - Ed Hall



Passenger Cars—1st Place Merit Award  
and People's Choice Award  
Milton SansSoucie



Structures On Line—1st Place & Merit Award  
Dave Arendes



**Structures Off-Line**



**1st Place Merit—Nick Lisica**

**Nick Lisica**



**2nd Place —Harold Helland**

**Harold Helland**



**3rd Place — Harold Helland**

**One Square Foot Challenge**



**1st Place Joel Morse**



**2nd Place John Parrish**



**3rd Place Annette Palmer**

**Favorite Trains**



1st Place—James Keena



2nd Place—Annette Palmer



**Thumbs Award**

**1st Place—Ed Hall**

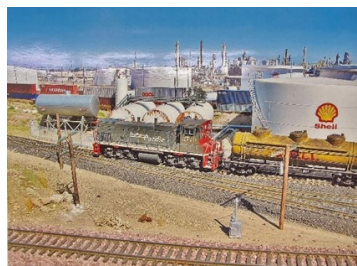
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Called Levery



**Model Photography—Color**



1st Place



2nd Place



John Parrish



3rd Place



Annette Palmer

**Model Photography—Black & White Photos**



**1st Place**

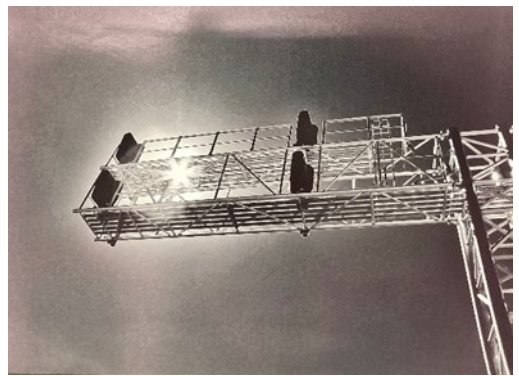


**2nd Place**

**John Parrish received all 3 Black & White Photo Awards**



**1st Place—John Parrish**



**3rd Place**



**2nd Place—John Parrish**



**3rd Place—James Keena**



## Arts & Crafts—General



1st Place



2nd Place



Annette Palmer

## Arts & Crafts—Needlework



1st Place



2nd Place

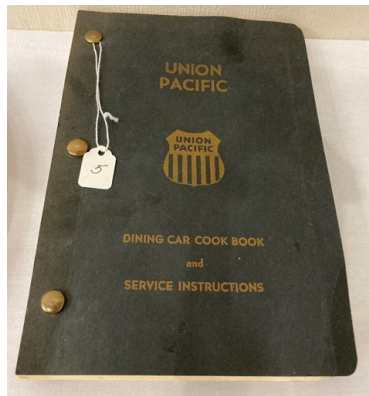


Kim Fowler

## Railroadiana



1st Place



2nd Place



Roberta Fleishman

## Best In Show—Overall Categories



Timber Lined Tunnel - Merit Award—Gary Stenberg

T Track Display



Non rails events at the 2021 PSR Orange Blossom Special Convention  
Roberta Fleishman Chairperson

Article by Annette Palmer

I saw the ladies having a great time at the convention this year, some attended the non-rails clinics while others attended the other clinics that they wanted to learn from. I was glad to see around 30 non-rails signed up this year to attend the convention. Our non-rails clinics included the following clinics or excursions. There were about 10 ladies who attended various events for the non-rail's clinics at the convention.

On Wednesday we started out with meet and Greet with Bingo for prizes. We had 6 attendees for this event, and everyone walked away with a prize.

Thursday was our docent led tour of the Nixon Library with lunch at Marie Callender's

We had 7 ladies and one gentleman attend this event, docent led tour, everyone had a great time touring the library and had fun visiting each other at the lunch. Edna even bought us a pie which we shared back in the non-rails room. Thanks Edna.



In the evening we did our Artificial flower display, each person who attended made a light up flower display and took it home with them, we had 4 ladies attend this clinic.



We then proceeded to have the jewelry making clinic where they were able to make their own floating locket or earrings or a regular necklace. We had 5 ladies enjoying making floating lockets to take home to family and friends

On Saturday we had the Swap meet which there was four ladies selling non-rails items.

To finish off the event on Saturday we had Tissue Art Canvas where they could do abstract line art or cut or crush tissue paper to make your own masterpiece.

At the awards banquet we raffled off two special raffle prizes aimed at the non-Rail participants. They were baskets with jewelry in them. I was glad to see so many ladies at the dinner on Saturday night.

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