

# The Order Board

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#### **March 23, 2024:**

*Layouts of the Cajon Division  
Gary Butts, MMR's G&S RR  
Huntington Beach, CA*

#### **April 27, 2024:**

*Cajon Fall Meet  
Buena Park, CA*

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#### **May, 2024:**

*Nevada Open House  
Steve Kazarian's layout*

#### **June, 2024:**

*Nevada Open House  
Timm Martin's layout, plus a BBQ!*

#### **August 4-11, 2024:**

*NMRA National Convention SurfLiner 2024  
Long Beach, CA  
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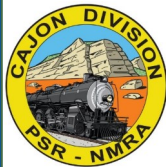
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## *From the Caboose*

*Harold Helland, MMR, Cajon Division Director*



Hello, model railroaders, and welcome to 2024. This year will start with our Spring Meet at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Buena Park on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We will include both a swap meet, and the Hobo Auction in order to provide plenty of opportunities to find something you really wanted for your home model railroad. I also encourage all of you to bring models for the Celebration of Models whether for show or evaluation. Not every model has to be evaluated for a merit award. There will be a lunch, probably pizza, provided for everyone and of course plenty of time to renew friendships with fellow model railroaders.

The Cajon Division is sponsoring Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. The November 2023 tour was hosted by Joel Morse, the January 2024 tour was hosted by David Balser, and the March tour will be hosted by Gary Butts, MMR. If you would like to host a tour at your home, please contact our Division Superintendent, Joel Morse.

This year is a big year for the Cajon Division and the entire Pacific Southwest Region. The 2024 NMRA National Convention, SurfLiner 2024, is the responsibility of the Pacific Southwest Region. SurfLiner 2024 will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center August 4 through August 11, 2024, with the base operation at the Westin Hotel. The planning process for the convention is making significant progress and will be a joint effort of all four PSR Divisions. Please consider joining the SurfLiner 2024 Convention Team and contributing to the success of the 2024 NMRA National Convention. We also need numerous volunteers to help out the week of the convention. Please consider joining the team and help make the convention a success.

The Cajon Division is responsible for the 2025 Pacific Southwest Region Annual Convention. The convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Irvine, and we will call the convention the Pacific Southwest Express. I have volunteered to be the 2025 Convention Chairman, so if you would like to volunteer to be part of the organization team, please contact me at your convenience.

Please consider participating in the Cajon Division events this year. For those of you who have participated in our events, I am sure you have either found items you needed for your model railroad, learned something new from our clinics, or have continued to work on your Achievement Program certificates. For those members who have not participated in our events, I hope in 2024 you will join in the fun and learning experience offered by the Cajon Division events. Your NMRA membership will quickly become more meaningful as you participate and become part of the active Cajon Division members.



## ***From the Brass Hat***

***Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent***



It has been my great privilege and an honor to have been serving as Superintendent of the Cajon Division since 2019, following the resignation of the previous, long serving Superintendent, Dennis Iverson.

In my first “From the Brass Hat” column and in subsequent columns, I have consistently discussed the importance of membership participation in the events and activities available to the members as well as my firm belief that in any organization, the members who gain the most from their membership are the ones who actively participate to the greatest extent in the organization’s activities and events. So, one of my primary goals as Superintendent is to work with you and your Board of Directors to increase member participation by investing more effort in getting new members actively involved in Division activities immediately, and by creating additional, different, and less formal opportunities for all members to meet one another and share their passion for model railroading.

Over the past four years the Board of Directors has offered several new opportunities to the membership, such as the *Cajon Connection* and the *Layouts of the Cajon Division*, along with our semi-annual Buena Park meets and monthly Las Vegas events. Unfortunately, the same 20% of Cajon Division’s 259 current members participate in any of these events. Frankly, it’s kind of frustrating to me personally, and I’m at a loss as to how to better engage with the members who don’t participate. Perhaps one of you is reading this column and can tell me what else I or the Board can offer you to increase your participation.

Keep in mind that none of these events can happen if there is not a large pool of Cajon Division members willing to volunteer and help make the Cajon Division events more valuable for the membership. And folks, there are not a lot of volunteers offering their time. The organization needs you to take the initiative to actively volunteer to help when you hear about an event. There is a lot of work behind the scenes, and the Board of Directors can’t do it all alone (we have other responsibilities too, just like you). Isn’t the old saying: “Many hands make light work”? We need you to volunteer to help setup and break down the facility, man a table at the train show or other outside events.

Additionally, we need you to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. The commitment is one online meeting a month (typically 90 minutes), two or three hours each month to complete any Division work efforts associated with your position, and to attend as many events as you can. Currently, there is one Board of Director position open (Publications Chair), which requires familiarity with Microsoft Publisher software (or something similar) and a few hours four to six times a year to put together the materials you receive for publication. The Publications Chair is not responsible for writing the Order Board, just publishing it. While this position remains open, the workload is falling on our Web and Social Media Chair, Dan Moran, to fill in (and he’s doing a great job). And while this position remains open, the work needed to manage the workload associated with this seat falls to the other Board members. We need to fill this open Board seat with some new blood to rebuild the Board team. Please let me know if you want to discuss this opportunity to start earning your NMRA Official or Volunteer Achievement Certificate.

You can’t beat your prospects for growth, education, and friendship that your membership in the Cajon Division, and the NMRA, offers you. But you can waste it. And it will be wasted if you do not participate in

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## *Notes from the Chief Clerk*

*Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Chief Clerk*



2024 is going to be a big year for Model Railroaders in Southern California! The Cajon Division is really active with our own events, but the really big news is that we are also heavily involved in the 2024 National Model Railroad Association's week long Annual Convention to be held in Long Beach. So what can we expect?

I have attended four National Model Railroad Association Conventions and I can attest to having had a really great time at each of them. There will be world class clinics on various aspects of model and prototype railroading. There will be tours available of local prototype railroad related facilities. Also available will be tours available of local model railroads, both private layouts and club layouts. There will be a "Celebration of Models" contest room with some of the finest modeling in the world on display. Of course there will be a banquet with a keynote speaker. But best of all, there will be Model Railroaders from all around the world (literally) to meet and become friends with.

One of the best opportunities at the National Convention is to volunteer to be a contest judge. Sounds daunting, but it is one of the best "classes" you'll ever have on how to build a model. At my first convention, I volunteered and was put on a team with a Master Model Railroader named Pete Magoun and a couple other folks. We were assigned the task to evaluate just one of the aspects looked at for competition. We got to see up close some of the finest models ever, and got to see what the judges were looking for. I learned a whole bunch. Pete, former NMRA president, and I are still in touch, and I get modeling encouragement all the time. I have volunteered for judging at every National that I have attended and continued to learn more and more. In 2021, at the Pacific Southwest Region convention, armed with all this new knowledge, I entered my first structure in the Celebration of Models. I received "Best in Show for On Line Structures" with my Timber Lined Tunnel. Thank You National NMRA Conventions!

Did I mention camaraderie? Staying at the convention hotel is a marvelous way to facilitate meeting and sharing with other model railroaders. I almost said "Fellow Model Railroaders" but there are some very dedicated women modelers too! Many of these women are Master Model Railroaders (MMR)! Anyone with a MMR after their name on their shirts is a person who has accomplished a great deal in model railroading and will almost certainly want to share their love of the hobby. Did you now that some cosmetic products make great weathering tools? I didn't until I took a clinic from one of these Masters.

I am sure that others will be telling their stories about conventions and opportunities, dates and times.

I can't recommend highly enough the experience of attending a National NMRA Convention.

I'm going and I hope to see you there.

High Green and PAX





## ***The Backshop***

***Gary Butts, MMR, Cajon Division AP Chairman***



Well, it's raining again as I sit down to write this column. For many of us retired or semi-retired modelers, this comes as a mixed blessing. Being a native Californian, I, like many of us, are used to and long for the Sunny days California is known for, especially after a couple of months of cold, rainy weather. The days are getting longer but the temperature is staying low and the Sun somewhat elusive. The good news is that we have a great excuse to stay indoors and exercise our hobby inclinations.

As the NMRA Achievement Program chair for our Division, I hope that some of that hobby work is directed toward model railroading and in particular: scale model building, modifying, painting, detailing or anything related to pushing toward finished models that we can all enjoy and appreciate at our next meeting featuring a "Celebration of Models" room. Not only does it give those rainy days some purpose other than mowing the lawn, it helps our mental attitude by replacing the sometimes-depressing weather with some enjoyable quality time honing our many modeling related skills.

Let me give you a goal for finishing up your latest modeling project: the Cajon Division Spring Meet scheduled for Saturday, April 27. As usual, the Meet will take place in Buena Park and will definitely feature a Celebration of Models room. That gives you the best part of two months to put the final touches on your current model or maybe even start and finish a model for all of us to see at the Meet. Of course, for those of you working your way through the Achievement Program, there will be evaluators present to evaluate your structure, car, or locomotive according to the NMRA AP matrices to see if they qualify for an Achievement Award. All of these models submitted for evaluation automatically are entered into the "Judged Model" contest along with the non-evaluated people's choice contest which only adds to the fun.

Some of you have asked about the "Contest Rules" by which the Cajon contests are run. Although we have historically followed our Pacific Southwest Region contest rules, we do have a charter to maintain our own Cajon Division rules and run our contest accordingly. This has been lacking until now. Cajon Division Contest Rules have now been drafted and should be ratified by the Cajon Board in time for them to be published before the Buena Park meet. After approval, look for them to appear on the Cajon Division web site soon or contact myself or Mike Alee (Cajon Division Contest Chairman) for a copy in the meantime. By the way, don't worry, there aren't any major changes to the rules we have been using right along but some of the non-Judged model categories have been coalesced into the People's Popular Choice Contest to allow for a wider range of entries. Hopefully, this will bring more railroad stuff to the room for all of us to enjoy. See you in Buena Park.



## ***The Editor's Column***

*Dan Moran, Interim Publications Chair*

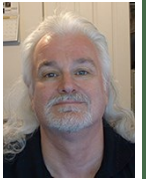


The position is now open for a new Publications Chair to join the Cajon Board of Directors. The only technical requirement is knowledge of Microsoft Publisher, or a similar piece of desktop publishing software. Please contact our Superintendent, Joel Morse, at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:superintendent@cajondivision.org), if you're interested in volunteering.



## ***What's Happening in Nevada?***

*RL Jenkins, Asst. Superintendent-NV*



On January 20, Jim Tennant hosted a monthly get together and it was well attended. We got to try the new Proto Throttles on his layout!



# ***Membership Report***

***Patrick Rogan, Membership Chair***

The Division membership currently stands at 259. Let's welcome our new members since November:

**November:**

- Bert Boden, Westminster, CA
- Michael Pacillo, Las Vegas, NV
- Mel Grabau, Orange, CA
- Nick Martinez, Santa Ana, CA

**December:**

- Aiden Steyee, Mesquite, NV
- Ryan Noppen, Big Bear City, CA
- John Garnish, Henderson, NV
- Rachel Forman, Santa Ana, CA
- Robert Evans, Las Vegas, NV
- David Borger, Upland, CA

**January:**

- Steve Johnson, Redlands, CA
- Bill Foster, Newport Beach, CA
- Richard Bode, San Clemente, CA

The Cajon Division communicates with its members by e-mail. If your email address is not on file with the NMRA you are missing valuable communications from the Cajon Division.

To update your email with the NMRA go to [nmra.org](http://nmra.org), and in the upper left hand corner, login to the Member Log-In|Registration (if you have not registered on the NMRA website you will need to register). Once logged in, in the upper left hand corner, click on Member Info. Above your user name click on Edit and then update your email address in the space provided and save your changes. Now you should start receiving email messages from the Cajon division. If that might be too difficult for you can contact me at [membership@cajondivision.org](mailto:membership@cajondivision.org) and I will have the NMRA office update your email for you.

## ***From the Brass Hat***

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the events. So don't waste your membership – attend the events, meet other members, volunteer to help out at one of our events, write an article for the Order Board, or give a clinic. In addition to volunteering, we all benefit when there are more members participating in each event! Of course, we all have competing responsibilities and priorities in our lives. As far as I'm personally concerned, being a member of the Cajon Division (and the NMRA) is about participation in the Division, Region and National events, where I can meet other modelers and learn more about this great hobby of ours from them. I get a tremendous amount of pleasure out of the social aspects of model railroading and connecting with people who share the passion we have for this great hobby at these events. The Division needs you to make your personal participation in Cajon Division events a priority by marking your calendar as soon as an event is announced and make being there possible, by not scheduling other things at the same time.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming *Layouts of the Cajon Division* Open House March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gary Butts, MMR's G&S HO scale layout in Huntington Beach. We are looking for more layout owners to host during the year, so let me know if you would like to open your layout to your fellow division members (the division pays for the refreshments).

The Cajon Division Spring Meet will be held in Buena Park on April 27<sup>th</sup>, with a full day of model railroading fun including a swap meet, clinics, celebration of models (both for display and Achievement Program judging), Modeler's Show and Tell, and the famous Hobo Auction.

And if you haven't registered yet, it's time to do so for the Surfliner 2024 National NMRA Conventions to be held in Long Beach, California August 4-11, 2024! The Convention Committee is hard at work, and we could use your help! Volunteers are needed now during the planning phase and will be needed during the convention. Please contact me at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:superintendent@cajondivision.org) if you want to be involved in this great event. You will also earn points towards your Volunteer AP Certificate!



# Cajon

Division- NMRA  
Spring - 2024

Saturday  
April 27, 2024



8:30 AM-5:00 PM

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Clinics**  
**Swap Meet**  
**Hobo Auction**  
**Modelers - Show & Tell**  
**Celebration of Model Railroading**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Awards Ceremony**

### TARIFF

#### Event Registration

- NMRA Member: \$10.00
- Non-Members: \$15.00
- 18 and Under Free with Parent/Guardian Only

**Pizza and soft-drink lunch included!**

#### Swap Meet Space:

- One 6' space free for NMRA Members
- \$5.00 / 6' space for Non-Members
- \$5.00 for each additional space
- Bring your own tables, chairs, shade!

**MODELS:** Bring a model for contest, AP judging or Show & Tell and get one free Hobo Auction ticket sheet!

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Courtyard**  
**6625 Dale St, Buena Park**

**Near the 5 and 91**  
**Free parking**

**[cajondivision.org](http://cajondivision.org)**



## ***Layouts of the Cajon Division: David Balser's Onion Valley Mining company***

We held our January, 2024, "Layouts of the Cajon Division" event at David Balser's On30 Onion Valley Mining Company layout in Hemet, CA. This was an excellent opportunity to visit a true craftsman's layout.





## ***Layouts of the Cajon Division***

### ***Call for Member Layouts***

***Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent***

We had seven ***Layouts of the Cajon Division*** Open Houses in 2023 and one in 2024, and we want to continue to schedule these events, which have been well attended and enjoyed by the membership. We need more layouts to feature next year. We will have our second Open House for 2024 on March 23 at Gary Butts, MMR's G&S RR in Huntington Beach. See the poster about this event on page 15.

We are looking for layout owners to join in the fun and host an open house next year. Your layout does not have to be the "finished article", you just have to be interested in showing your fellow members what you have been working on and spending a few hours talking about model railroading. In fact, input from visitors at your Open House may provide you with some new ideas and tricks! The Cajon Division will provide up to \$50.00 to reimburse you for food and drinks that you might serve. If you are interested in hosting an Open House and showing us what you have been doing, please contact me and we'll work out a date that works for you. Email me at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:superintendent@cajondivision.org) or call or text me at (714) 614-5401.

## ***Call for Model Railroad Donations***

***Brian Neely, Cajon Division Donations Chair***

"One man's trash is another man's treasure" seems like the perfect reason for every model railroad swap meet since the beginning of time. But it also applies to the items that appear for bid at our Cajon Division Hobo Auctions, which take place at our Spring and Fall Meets.

Many members don't realize that every item that appears in the Hobo Auction was donated by a Cajon Division member and local hobby shops. Our Hobo Auction supplies of donated items are getting very low, and we need your unneeded model railroad supplies to the Cajon Division, so we can continue this tradition.

Every one of us has bought and stored items that we know we will never use, not on the current layout and not on the next layout, because our model railroading focus, need, or interest has changed. These items are cluttering up our limited storage space. Sure, you could wait until you get around to selling your items at swap meet after swap meet until it's gone or you can just donate the items to the Cajon Division.

The Cajon Division (and the PSR) are 501(c)(3) Charitable Organizations under the IRS and California tax codes and therefore you may be able to take a tax deduction for the items you donate. When you donate items to the Cajon Division, we provide you with a receipt for your taxes.

If you have items to donate for our upcoming Spring Meet, contact me directly at [donations@cajondivision.org](mailto:donations@cajondivision.org) and arrange to donate your items to the Cajon Division.



## ***Clinicians Wanted for the April 2024 Cajon Division Spring Meet***

*Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent*

The NMRA and the Cajon Division are about learning from one another; and one of the ways we do that is through clinics presented by our fellow modelers at local events, regional events, and national conventions!

If you have information about a model railroading or prototype railroading subject that you would like to share with your fellow members, we encourage you to prepare and present a clinic about it at our Spring Event on April 27, 2024!

Clinics can be presented on almost any subject that might be of interest to other modelers, such as a scenery technique, model building, model painting, operations, layout planning, electronics, decoders, taking railroad photos, or historical rail subjects, among others. We all recognize that model railroading is many mini-hobbies wrapped up together: so which one of the mini-hobbies are you knowledgeable about and willing to share with the rest of us?

Your clinic could be a live demonstration of the technique (tree building for example) or a lecture done in Power Point. Clinics presented at Division events can help you qualify for either your Author or Volunteer AP Award, provided that your clinic is a minimum of 45 minutes in length, and you distribute written materials to the modelers who attend your clinic.

If you have a clinic you would like to present, please contact me directly at:  
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Scratch Building, Weathering  
--You Name it, We'll Discuss it--**

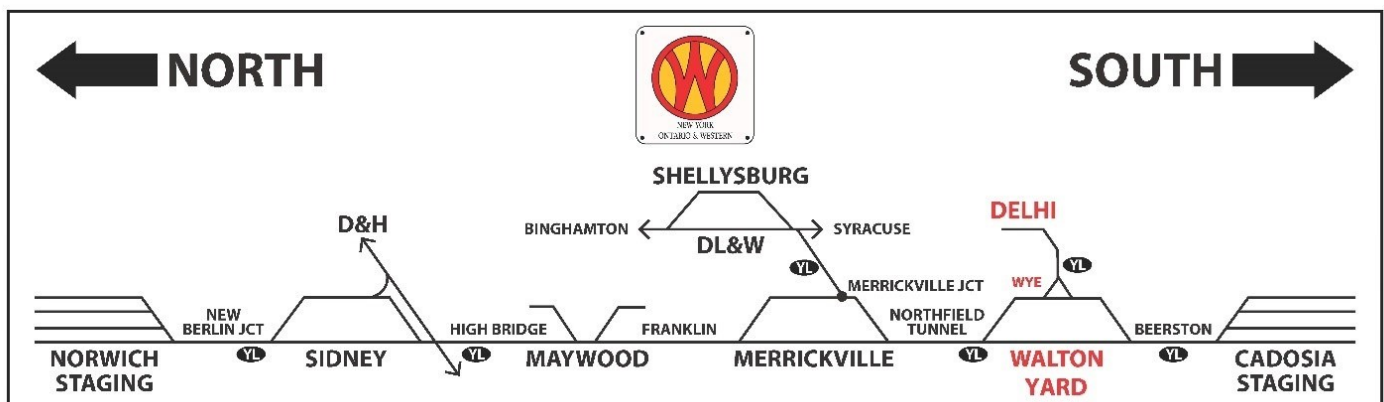
# ***Operations — Take a Trip With the Crew on the Delhi Turn***

***Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent***

The types of trains you run on your layout have an important impact on the experience of the operators of your railroad, and there are a wide variety of the train types to choose from: Locals, Turns, Transfers, Unit Trains, Through Trains, Sweeper Trains, Fast Freights, and Passenger service (among others). Each type of train is focused on providing a different type of service to your railroad's customers and each requires a different work effort from the crew; therefore, each provides a different operating experience. For layouts focused on operations, a variety of train types provides the operators with opportunities to run the types of trains they prefer or to run new types.

This article focuses on the type of train called a "turn"; specifically, the Delhi Turn on my N-Scale New York, Ontario and Western Railroad layout. A "turn" is simply a train that runs to a certain point on the railroad (terminating station), does the required work, and returns to the originating station, typically in one "trick" (meaning within a "statutory railroad workday"). Work may be done at customer spurs on the way out to the terminal station and on the way back to the originating station, and doing so would make this a "local turn". A pure "turn" would bypass interim stations/customers and only work at the terminating station, leaving the interim stations for a "local". Whether work is performed at the interim stations is up to the railroad operations department, but what work is done when, is often based on whether the work requires use of facing or trailing point turnouts. A "local turn" will often work trailing points only, in each direction, if no other factors (such as perishable or fragile cargo) would require handling the work otherwise.

The Delhi Turn, which has the Train Symbol WD-1 (Walton to Delhi, with the number "1" signifying the direction as railroad north) on the outbound leg and DW-2 on the return leg, runs from the Walton Yard, up the Delhi Branch to Delhi, as shown in red on the schematic below. On the prototype, there are a number of smaller towns on the branch-line and this train would have serviced them all as a local turn, but only Delhi exists on my layout. The Delhi Turn serves five of the six customers in town: 1) Delhi Co-op Dairy; 2) WR Marble, a grocery warehouse; 3) Dean and Bramley Feed, provider of feed, grain, farm implements, fuel oil & coal dealer; 4) the Delhi Freight Depot; and 5) the Delhi Team Track. A sixth customer in town, the Delhi Coal Company, is served by its' own coal turn. The Delhi Turn is one of the favorite jobs on the NYOW, because it is switching heavy, and can take an operator up to 45 minutes to complete the run.



## Operations, continued

On my layout, we use an NYO&W inspired Form 19 to act as a combination Clearance Form A, Train Order, and train instruction sheet. This, along with the Car Cards and Waybills, is all the paperwork the crew needs to operate the train. The Dispatcher issues verbal “Track Warrants”. There is lot of information on the Form 19 (probably too much detail, which I am whittling away at), providing instructions about what the crew needs to do at each station along the way. Since a turn is an “out and back” run by the crew, the turn could be handled by a single Form 19 and, since the work is on a branch line, the instructions could be very simple: “Run to Delhi, work all customers, except the Delhi Coal Company, and return to Walton Yard”. But there are also a lot of “stage directions” on the Form 19, such as reminders of when to talk to the Walton Yardmaster, when to call the Dispatcher, and other special instructions. Additionally, the Form 19 includes information for the Walton Yardmaster and the Dispatcher, about the train composition, what type of locomotives to use and the maximum train tonnage, since there are weight restrictions on the branch due to the grade.

The blank boxes on the form are filled in by the Walton Yardmaster as the train is being made up in the yard. Notice that in addition to the Train Symbol of WD-1, there is also a spot for the “Train Number”, to be filled in by the yardmaster. The Train Symbol is used by the traffic department to manage the types of trains on the railroad, the “Train Number” will be used by the Dispatcher and the Crew to communicate about this particular train during its time on the railroad. The Train Number consists of the railroad name, lead locomotive number and the direction. Today, we are going to be following O&W Extra 121 North from Walton to Delhi, which will consist of a lash-up of two NW-2’s. On the return trip to Walton, the crew will need a new Form 19 for Train Symbol WD-2 and will return as Train Number O&W Extra 121 South. Note that WD-1 is permitted a maximum of 7 cars, plus the caboose, due to the grade and traction limitations of the NW-2’s. While we run a two engine lash-up here, this early phase NW-2 locomotive (circa 1948) did not have the capability of running as a lash-up. On my railroad, we need two to make the grade, so a lash-up it is,

FORM 19	New York, Ontario and Western Railway		FORM 19
Joel Moore, Trustee			
TRAIN NUMBER:			
TRAIN SYMBOL:	WD-1		
TO: DELHI		DIRECTION: NORTH	From: WALTON
NAME: DELHI BRANCH TURN		Originates: WALTON YARD	
ENGINE #:	CLASS:	2	
ADDRESS:	TYPE:	NW-2 ONLY	
CABOOSE #:	MAX TONNAGE:	7 CARS	
DISTRIBUTIONS:			
THIS TRAIN WORKS THE DELHI BRANCH			
PROCEED TO DELHI UPON CLEARANCE FROM WALTON YARDMASTER			
CONTACT DISPATCHER PRIOR TO DEPARTING WALTON YARD			
NOTE TONNAGE RESTRICTIONS			
UPHILL CARS 7 MAXIMUM			
AT DELHI: REQUEST TRACK AND TIME TO WORK DELHI			
SET OUT CARS FOR ALL DELHI CUSTOMERS			
PICK UP CARS FOR ALL STATIONS			
NO PICKS UP AT DELHI COAL COMPANY			
EMPTY HOPPERS FROM DEAN AND BRANLEY TRESTLE MAY BE SET OUT AT DELHI COAL COMPANY			
CARS SHOULD BE BLOCKED PRIOR TO DEPARTING DELHI			
THIS TRAIN RETURNS TO WALTON AS DW-2			
USE DW-2 FORM 19 TO RETURN TO WALTON			
DRAFT RUN			
DRAW BLUE			
In Yards and Sidings with Multiple Tracks, Track ONE is adjacent to the Aisle.			
HARTBOUND TRAINS HAVE SUPERORITY OVER WESTBOUND TRAINS OF THE SAME CLASS			
CONDUCTOR AND ENGINEER MUST EACH HAVE A COPY OF THIS ORDER			
Made	Time	M	Operator
			2/13/2015

and I like the look of them running hood forward rather than the prototypical cab forward.

### Now, let's take a trip with the crew on the Delhi Turn and work Delhi with them:

The Walton Yardmaster and Assistant Yardmaster (Chris Armstrong and Arnold Arons) have classified the incoming traffic and used Classification Track 1 for the 6 cars going to Delhi on today's WD-1, but these cars don't become a train until the locomotives and caboose are assigned by the Yardmaster.





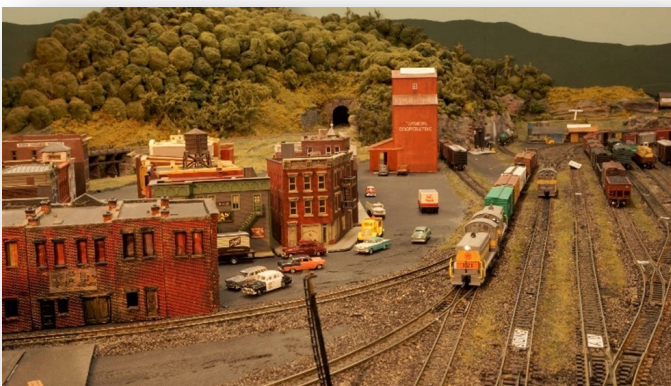
## *Operations, continued*



Consistent with Form 19 requirements, the Yardmaster has selected O&W NW-2 lash-up of engines 120 and 121. On the O&W, we refer to lash-ups by the higher loco number (which is used for the DCC address).



Once the power is on the head- end and the caboose on the tail, O&W Extra 121 North is ready to depart Walton for Delhi. The Delhi Branch begins at the wye in Walton. Most of the NW-2s were custom painted by a member of the crew, the rest by a professional painter.



O&W Extra 121 North's consist includes six cars and a caboose: a NYC 40' livestock car with a few dairy cows destined for the Team Track, an empty 40' NY Despatch reefer for W.R. Marble, an empty 40' Dairyman's League milk car for the Delhi Dairy Co-op, a loaded oil tank car, a loaded 40' B&O boxcar with farm equipment for Dean and Bramley and a 40' NYOW boxcar with LCL items for the Freight Depot. Based on the consist, the crew will want to work the stockcar first, once O&W Extra 121 North reaches Delhi.



With the Dispatcher's permission to enter the Delhi Branch and the Yardmasters' permission to use the Wye, the crew of O&W Extra 121 North sets out on their assignment. Using the "South" leg of the Walton Wye, O&W Extra 121 North heads up the Delhi Branch, passing the Walton Station, and Munn's Piano, before crossing Delaware Street, and starting up the 2% grade.

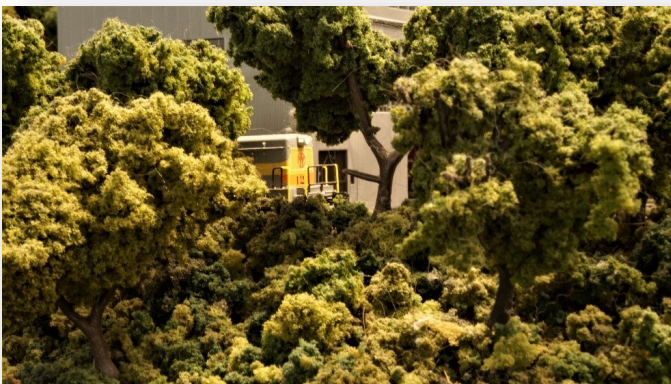
## *Operations, continued*



The grade continues over the low wooden trestle crossing (what will be) a marshy backwater of West Brook Creek.



After crossing the low trestle, O&W Extra 121 North heads into a tunnel, which will open up just outside the Town of Delhi.



O&W Extra 121 North pokes through the trees as it exits the tunnel and arrives in Delhi.



Upon exiting the tunnel in Delhi, the track curves around the Delhi Coal Company, passes the station (flat) and Extra 121 North enters the Delhi yard.



## *Operations, continued*



The crew stops at the freight depot to talk to the agent and organize the waybills, checking for pick-ups and set-outs.



There's plenty of work to do now that Extra 121 is in town. There appear to be outgoing cars on every customer spur, and it looks like the crew will be in town well past lunchtime. (The white tags are customer names.)



The first move will be to pull the cars currently on Team Track spur, to make room for the livestock car. The crew will need to make a few moves to pull the three cars off the spur, and put them in a convenient, but out of the way location, since two of the three are heading to Walton on the return trip. In this case, the crew puts them on the Yard Lead.



The next moves are to pull the stockcar off the train, run around the car and push it onto the Team Track spur.



*A busy day in Delhi.*



## *Operations, continued*



Once the crew has completed this “priority” move, their attention turns to the next set of moves needed to complete their work in Delhi.



Since the white reefer at the Delhi Co-op Dairy is loaded with a perishable cargo of milk, picking up that car will be the last work the crew will perform before getting ready to head back down to Walton.



After dropping off the stock car, the crew runs the engines back to the train.

Here you can see the three cars pulled from the Team Track to make room for the stock car, sitting on the Yard Lead.

The one car going back into the Team Track spur will be handled as part of the overall switching effort.



All the customer spurs in Delhi have facing point turnouts, so the crew runs around the train to work all the customer spurs.

A smart conductor would not be in the caboose at this point, he'd be drinking coffee in the Delhi Freight Depot.

## *Operations, continued*



Once the crew has run around the train, they begin the work of pulling all the pickups, setting them onto the yard lead and making up the return train.

It's normal to work the pickups first, and then do the setouts.

Weight restrictions and the stiff uphill grade limit tonnage of train WD-1 to a maximum of 7 cars, but the southbound trip as DW-2 is downhill and has a maximum tonnage capacity of 10 cars.



Now that the work is completed in Delhi, the crew is ready to head back to Walton. Before doing so, however, they must contact the Dispatcher to obtain a new Form 19 for the return trip.

This Form 19 will be issued for Train Symbol DW-2 (Delhi to Walton, southbound).

The train name is now "O&W Extra 121 South".



Prior to leaving Delhi, the crew of O&W Extra 121 South must contact the Dispatcher for permission to occupy the branch.

The Walton Yard Limits start just outside the tunnel portal, just before the downhill grade begins. Therefore, upon exiting the tunnel the crew will contact the Yardmaster for permission to enter the yard, and, when off they have arrived in Walton and are off the Branch, the crew will alert the Dispatcher that they are "off his railroad" and head for beans.

The crew of O&W Extra 121 North (and South) hope you enjoyed your trip with us. You could be on the crew of the Delhi Turn during the SurfLiner2024 National Convention. Register for the convention and sign up with the OPSIG for a spot on the NYOW!

## ***What's in a Name?***

***Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Chief Clerk***

Does your model railroad have a name? Some model railroaders model the prototype pretty strictly, so their railroad's name is pretty much a given. However, some folks add a sub-division name, which may or may not really exist. Other model railroaders invent a name for their model empires. Who doesn't know about the Gorre and Daphetid? Here's where a list comes in handy. Write down a list (or copy one) of railroad names in the area you want to replicate, such as, Denver and Rio Grande, Carson and Colorado, or Denver and Salt Lake. Saying them out loud, they kind of have a ring to them. Maybe yours could have a similar sound.

Here's my story. About 60 years ago, I was in my parent's car driving up into the Sierras on vacation. We drove through the community of Coarsegold. Well, that sounded pretty good. A couple miles up the road I saw that someone had painted a southwestern style lizard on a rock outcropping alongside the highway. So now I have the "Coarsegold and Lizard Ledge Railway." And, it has a ring to it! Sometimes inspiration just hits you in the head.

OK. Lots of railroads have the names of cities or towns they either start from or wish to go to. Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe are real places. If you have a model railroad, you might want to list some of the cities or towns you have on it. Of course, you might want to get creative. Say your layout wants the Great Northern and the Southern to meet. Where could they possibly come together? Perhaps somewhere in the middle of the U.S? What better name could you come up with than Buttswiggle Junction, Missouri? Come on. Show me! Sorry about that. I couldn't resist.

Getting a little more serious (Okay, very little) with naming, does your model railroad have any industries? I do like the funny names like "Dewey, Cheatum, and Howe, Attorneys at Law," or "Smith Mortuary – Let our staff stuff your stiff!" or even "Cathedral City Volunteer Fire Department – you light 'em, we fight 'em." However, how about naming some of your industries, or shops, or whatever, after friends of yours or important people in your life? A friend of mine did both. I now have a model that he built for me that's a small livestock pen and ramp with a sign proudly displayed that reads "Stenberg's Bull Shippers," and yes it does have a bull in it.

The gentleman who got me started in HO on 3 years ago was Richard Clute. He and his wife Virginia would let me come over to their home once in a while and he would show me his latest project. Although not a "Master Model Railroader" he was a pioneer in the hobby and gifted in whatever he modeled. I NEVER saw a train derail on his hand laid layout. I guarantee you that somewhere on my railroad there will be a small store labeled "Clute's Flutes."

Let's see if we can come up with just a couple of names. Folsom Feed Store, Suzie's Saloon, Gus's Gas, Hank's Hardware or even the Holey Terror Gold Mine (Okay, it's just a big hole). A key point is to have fun with the naming process and then chuckle as anyone who visits your model railroad empire notices and does a double take.

So, what's in a name? A challenge, a memory, a bit of humor, and potentially, a lot of fun.

I'll close with my favorite Roy Rogers and Dale Evans song, "Happy Trains to You, until we meet again."

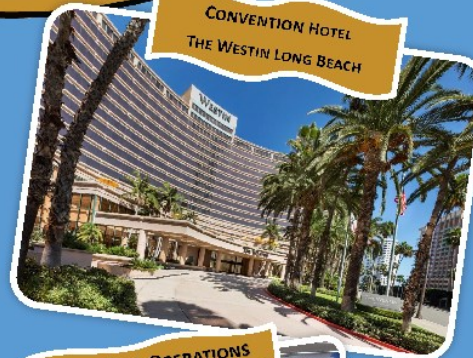




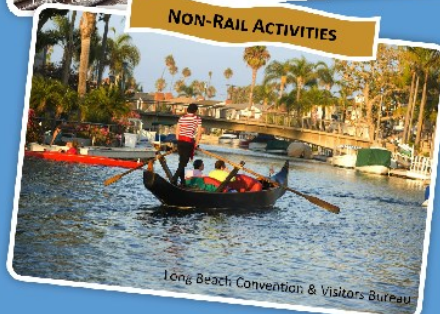
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## ***2024 National Model Railroad Association Convention in Long Beach, CA, Aug. 4 to 11, 2024***



The week-long **SurfLiner 2024** National Convention is hosted by the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association at **The Westin Hotel in Long Beach, CA**. The convention features



hundreds of clinics, interesting prototype tours, along with layout tours, operating sessions, general interest tours and activities, culminating in the NMRA Awards Banquet on August 10<sup>th</sup>. **Bring the entire family so they can enjoy the many attractions of Southern California, while you enjoy the convention!** Don't miss out on this incredible week of model railroading fun for you and a great Southern California vacation for the entire family!

**Layout Tours and Operations:** The Pacific Southwest Region has some excellent model railroad club and home layouts to visit. There will be operations sessions to give you an opportunity to run trains under the guidance of local model railroaders.

**Prototype Tours:** Prototype Tours currently include UP Gemco Yard, Los Angeles Union Station, The Southern California Railway Museum, Rail Giants Museum, Travel Town Railway Museum, and the Metro Rail Fleet Services Facility. On your own you can visit the famous Cajon Pass and Tehachapi Loop.



**Clinics on Model Railroading:** Choose from more than 100 clinics consisting of on-site presentations by local model railroaders, nationally recognized "Master Model Railroaders", and virtual presentations by clinicians around the world, will be available. Clinics will cover the history of railroading in Southern California (the SP, UP, ATSF and others) and the Southern California citrus industry, along with virtually every topic of model railroading.

**General Interest Tours and Activities:** There are many activities at the convention for attendees that are not related to model railroading, including on-site crafting, quilting, painting, games, speakers, and social events. General interest tours include the Nixon Library, Catalina Island Cruise, San Antonio Winery, and the Warner Bros. Studio Tour, with more being added.

**Contests and Awards:** The Celebration of Models room provides an opportunity to display models, photos, etc., and appreciate the work of others. Models, photos, etc. may be submitted for Merit Judging and other awards, which will be presented at the Celebration of Models Awards ceremony, August 8th, 2024.



**National Train Show:** Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The National Train Show® is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association and is a combined industry trade show and public train show to promote the hobby of model railroading. The 2024 National Train Show® will be held in conjunction with the **SurfLiner 2024** National Convention in Long Beach, California. As a registered attendee to the Convention, you have free access to the train show including early access on Friday morning.



## ***SurfLiner 2024***

### ***Volunteers Needed!***



The Pacific Southwest Region is hosting the 2024 SurfLiner National Convention in August 2024, and we need your help to make this the best National Convention ever!

Under the guidance of PSR President and Convention Committee Chairman Pat Raymer, the 30+ members of the Convention Committee have been working diligently for the past year to prepare the groundwork for a great National Convention!

The Committee needs you to make your own personal commitment and offer your time to volunteer on the Convention Committee to make the 2024 Convention memorable for all the attendees!

There are a wide range of assignments available for you that will not prevent you from enjoying the Convention – in fact, volunteering can enhance your enjoyment of the Convention and give you an opportunity to meet other attendees!

And remember, working on a National Convention Committee earns you hours towards your Volunteer Achievement Award!

Here's a short list of some of the volunteer positions we need to fill and each has a different level of time commitment:

***Clinic Host:*** Introduce Clinicians, manage AV equipment.

***Convention Concierge:*** Roam around and answer questions.

***Registration Desk:*** Assist the Registrar in registering attendees.

***Clinician:*** Present a new clinic and get Author/Volunteer Credit.

***Convention Store:*** Assist in distributing and selling merchandise.

***Tour Bus Captain:*** Coordinate loading, unloading, and in-transit activity.

***Modeling Judge:*** Train as a model evaluator for the Celebration of models.

***Security Officer:*** Keep an eye on models in the Celebration of Models Room.

*To find out more about volunteering*

**Contact Volunteer Chairman Mike Allee Today!**

[rmallee@me.com](mailto:rmallee@me.com)





## ***Surfliner 2024***

### ***Call for Clinic Presenters***



The Clinics Committee for the upcoming NMRA 2024 Surfliner Convention in Long Beach, August 4-11, 2024 is seeking clinics presenters. Clinics of any model railroad nature will be considered. We are also interested in clinics that spotlight model railroading in Southern California.

Possible subjects may include:

- History of prototype railroads,
- Prototype railroad operations,
- Modelling that represents the current railroad culture,
- Any other subject of interest to railroad modelling, or
- “How-to” or “Make and Take” clinic.

The convention committee has redesigned the clinic proposal form to better provide information for both you and the convention committee. We request that you complete this form, for each clinic proposal, as soon as possible. You can find the new revised form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/FtB6HGVjT7DQHChc6>

If you choose not to come to Long Beach for either show, we encourage you to present a clinic via zoom during our convention.

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Rogan or Paul Stoner at [clinics@surfliner.org](mailto:clinics@surfliner.org)

## ***Support Your Local Hobby Store***

We like to support local hobby stores when we can. So, we have included a list of local shops for your use.



### ***Arnie's Model Trains & Milepost 38 Toy Trains***

*Arnie's Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am—6:00 pm*

*Milepost 38 Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am— 5:00 pm*

*Arnie's Trains | [arniesmodeltrains.com](http://arniesmodeltrains.com) | (714) 893-1015*

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*[thewhistlestop.com](http://thewhistlestop.com)*

*(626) 796-7791*

*2490 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107*



### ***Westside Trains***

*Monday - Saturday 11:00am — 5:00pm*

*[westsidetrains.com](http://westsidetrains.com)*

*(702) 254-9475*

*2960 S. Durango, #117, Las Vegas, NV 89117*



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