

An Introduction to the

# MODEL RAILROAD HOBBY

If you are interested in trains, have some spare time and are looking for an interesting and challenging hobby that enhances skills in a multitude of interesting specialties while providing the opportunity to meet and learn from other model railroad enthusiasts. Consider attending the half-day

“Introduction to Model Railroading” program presented as part of the 2017

## National Model Railroad Association Pacific Southwest Region Model Railroad Convention



One day only:

**Saturday September 16, 2017**  
**Ontario Convention & Airport Hotel**

7:30am Registration: Adults- \$25.

(This program is recommended for adults, however children will be admitted free with a registered adult)

8:30am-12:15 pm Presentations

2:00pm Corona Model Railroad Club Tour

### In-Depth, Demonstration and Hands-on Presentations:

- Session 1: Introduction to Model Railroading
- Session 2: Selecting the right model train(s) for your railroad
- Session 3: Building your first model railroad layout
- Session 4: Resources: knowledge, skills and “group therapy”

\*Program Graduates are eligible to receive a complimentary 6 month NMRA membership

[www.cajondivision.org/Introduction.MRR.htm](http://www.cajondivision.org/Introduction.MRR.htm)

Free Advanced Reservations Recommended for this special program

Walk-ins: Space Available (Check on-line for current status)



### Program

#### \*Introduction to Model Railroading

- How model Trains Work
- Engine and Car Construction
- Track Types
- Electrical Power
- Common Model Railroad Scales
- Cost

#### \*Selecting the Right Model Train(s) for Your Railroad

- How to Make Your Dream Happen
- How Much Room You Will Need
- The Time Era(s) You Can Model
- Ready-to-Run, Kit and Scratch Built
- What it will Cost

#### \*Your First Model Railroad Layout

- Layout Location
- Type of Layout Construction
- What will my Layout be?
- Track Planning
- Type of Electrical Power System
- Scenery

#### \*Resources

- Knowledge
- Skills
- “Group Therapy” (Social Interaction)

This 1-day program is presented as part of the  
National Model Railroad Association  
Pacific Southwest Region 2017  
Convention, September 13-16, 2017



## “Ontario Manifest”

Ontario Convention  
& Airport Hotel

2200 E Holt Blvd., Ontario, CA 91761

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

### Schedule,

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**7:30 am -12:15 pm**

#### Radisson Ontario Airport Hotel

2200 E Holt Blvd., Ontario, CA 91761  
(909) 975-5000

**7:30-8:30 a**

Program Registration at the Door, Coffee, Refreshments

**8:00-8:30 am**

Meet the Presenters. Meet our highly qualified staff of presenters informally while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea. This group of eight NMRA advanced modelers have all distinguished themselves through their various model railroad interests and all started small with a Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin or other first train set.

**8:30-9:15 am Introduction to Model Railroading**

**Pete Steinmetz & Ron Varnell**

This session will cover the basics of all of the model railroading hobby. What model railroad sizes are common, what sizes are available, how the models work, how much they cost, etc.

**9:30-10:15 am Selecting the Right Model Train(s) for Your Railroad**

**Gary Butts, MMR & Kevin Honda**

This session covers what you should consider before making a model train purchase. Buying the wrong types of model trains for a particular individual's dream, space, skill level and budget can lead to frustration and ultimately dissatisfaction with the hobby. This session will help you get started in the right direction regardless of your ultimate goals.

**10:30-11:15 am Your First Model Train Layout**

**Carl Heimberger**

This session covers how to get started with a Train Layout. From a simple loop around the Christmas Tree to a permanently constructed set of tracks, turnouts (switches), scenery, etc. From track laid on the carpet to a to that laid on a shelf to a 4'x8' sheet of plywood and larger. This is how you can go about it and enjoy the process.

**11:30 am-12:15 pm Model Train Resources**

**Harry Buehrle**

Adding some interest to your hobby by attending Train Shows or joining a club or organization. Sharing your model railroading experiences and learning from other modelers can be some of the biggest rewards from the hobby.

**2:00 pm -3:00 pm**

**Informal visit to the Corona Model Railroad Society Layout**

3124 Taylor Ave, Corona, CA 92882  
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