

MAIL HOOK

SAN DIEGO DIVISION, PSR-NMRA

3RD QUARTER, 2015

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

By Don Fowler

In case you hadn't noticed, summer is upon us and all that it brings with it; warm weather, vacations and of course model railroading. There are many opportunities for NMRA members to take advantage of in the next few months.

In June, we visited Ryan DiFede's N scale railroad and had a great time seeing his progress and some of his very interesting innovations! Thanks to Ryan for hosting and for all who attended. It was a lot of fun.

On July 11th, we visited Steve Ulmer's most excellent railroad. Steve has done a fantastic job of building a beautiful railroad in his living room. You won't want to miss this one.

Our Division's Summer Meet will be held on August 8th at the Poway Community Center (air conditioned). We will be enjoying a backdrop painting clinic by Bob Mitchell. We will also be hosting a BBQ luncheon and a silent action. Be sure to bring some of those cool things that you want to get rid of and make some money at the same time.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Pete Steinmetz

Things have been pretty quiet since our Spring Meet in May. There have been a couple of very good layout tours, Ryan DiFede's two level Southern Pacific layout had so many interesting details and features. I really liked the elevator design to go from one level to the next.

Steve Ulmer's N Scale Southern Pacific layout features the Kelso, CA depot built many years ago by Norm Wright.

We have a good lineup of Hands On clinics for our meets for the rest of the year. Bob Mitchell will be doing a Hands On Backdrop clinic at our Summer Meet on Saturday, August 8th. (More info elsewhere in this issue)

Jimmy Simmons will be doing a Hands On building clinic at our Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum on Saturday November 14.

Don't forget the PSR Convention in Scottsdale, AZ running September 16 -20.

The Great Train Show will again be visiting Southern California. There is a January Date at the

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Spring Meet Wrap-Up

The Spring Meet was held May 9, at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista again this year. A Swap Meet kicked off the festivities, but again this year, the attendance (particularly of buyers) was disappointing. The Board is open to any suggestions as to how this can be improved.

When we closed the swap meet at 11:30, we adjourned to the Short Track Railroad Section House on another part of the museum grounds for lunch and a look at their layout. It's always a treat

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There will also be show & tell, contest judging and door prizes, of course. Please join us for a great event.

As if that wasn't enough, the National Convention will also held August 21-29 in Portland, OR. I convinced Kim to attend with me via Amtrak's Coast Starlight. I know this will be a great trip. A good number from San Diego Division are attending so I hope that we can all get together for a meal while we're there

September 15-20th will be our Pacific Southwest Region Convention held this year in Scottsdale, AZ. I'm hoping that you'll join us there so that San Diego Division is well represented. There will be many great clinics, layout & prototype tours, and other great activities. Arizona Division always does a great job.

Just to give you an update on my personal progress, my garage has been emptied, insulated, dry walled, painted and carpeted in preparation for the new N scale layout. The workbench and computer are set up and I'm now ready to commence with the bench work (see photos). *{The Editor seems to have mislaid the photos. Sorry. Ed}* Sometimes I talk about doing things and they don't get done but I'm committed to running trains in time for our Christmas layout tour (got to have a layout to have a tour). Wish me luck!

I hope to see you soon at one of our events. I know that you'll have a great time.

Don

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Director's Report *from Page 1*

Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa and a Del Mar date in February. More specifics will be announced later.

Many people were thinking the World's Greatest Hobby Tour was going to have dates in the West for 2016. It has been announced and all announced dates are in the Midwest for 2016.

There are a lot of outside activities and family time during the Summer. I'm not doing as much modeling as I do in the Fall and Winter. I still manage to weather a few cars.

Have a good Summer.

Pete

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Spring Meet Wrap-Up *from Page 1*

to visit Short Track and see the progress on their Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE), that models the Southern Pacific line over the pass,



Above: Superintendent Don Fowler, MMR, does double duty manning the entry door and his swap table. Right: Dick Miller and Al Cuevas attempt to interest Don Ham, MMR, in some merchandise. *Gary Robinson photos.*

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Spring Meet Wrap-Up (cont'd from Page 2)

between Roseville, CA, and Sparks, NV. This year they've also expanded their Ntrak layout, with modules formerly belonging to the late Jim Fitzgerald. Short Track is open every Saturday morning, in case you missed this meet. They'd be happy to have you drop in for a visit.



Above: Rick Raglan demonstrates the methods, as Don Ham, MMR, looks on. Right: The crowd was enthralled! Gary Robinson photos.



Lunch was pizza, provided by the Division. Bruce Deck made sure there was enough for everyone, and some folks brought some sides and desserts. A good spread.

After lunch, Don Ham, MMR, and Rick Raglan, both Short Track members, demonstrated the method Short Track uses for making pine trees. Some in attendance got to make their own trees! Although Short Track is an N scale railroad, the techniques are transferable to other scales. All in all, it was a good day!

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SUMMER MEET PREVIEW

This year's summer meet will again be held at the Community Park, 13094 Civic Center Drive, in Poway. The air conditioned auditorium will provide a great place for Bob Mitchell to present his hands-on (for a limited number) backdrop painting clinic! Everyone will be able to watch, as Bob creates a backdrop from scratch, but only some will be able to participate in the hands-on, so you'll want to show up early.

The auditorium will open at 8:00 for set up, including the silent auction. People should begin taking their seats about 8:30. The clinic will start at 9:00. Poway Station will have a couple of modules set up and trains running all morning.

We'll break for lunch around noon. After lunch the silent auction will be closed and distributed. Anyone can bring something to auction, the Division asks 10% of the final price. Auction forms will be provided.

Lunch, hamburgers and hot dogs, will be provided by the Division. Division board members will cook and serve. You're welcome to bring a salad or dessert if you like, but nothing is required. Lunch will be served outside the auditorium, but you're welcome to return inside, until 1pm.

Take Poway Road, west from State Route 67, or east from Interstate 15, to Community Road. Turn south on Community, then right onto Civic Center at the next light. Proceed across Bowron Road to the parking lot. Earlier arrivals will be able to park closer to the auditorium. For late comers, there is additional street parking on Bowron Road. There may also be overflow parking at Valley Elementary School, on Bowron Road. Come early, and carpool!

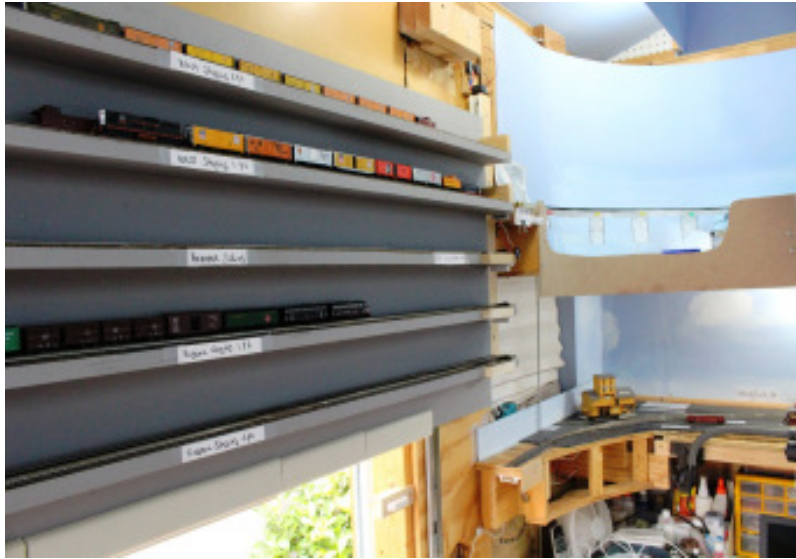
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LAYOUT TOURS

Kirk Treanor has been putting together some great layout tours. Both the April and May tours have visited layouts that were open to us for the first time.

June

We visited Ryan Di Fede's N scale Southern Pacific Cascade Line, from Eugene to the Cascade summit in 1954. The layout is in a tall 6' X 12' "Tuff Shed" building,



Above L: Ryan's elevator, labeled so visiting operators know which level they need. Above R: Superintendent Don Fowler, MMR, Steve Ulmer, Pete Steinmetz, Bruce Deck, and Layouts Chair Kirk Treanor shoot the breeze outside Ryan's purpose-built shed. Below L: Ryan's workbench is built-in, under the railroad to conserve space. Below R: Ryan explains the layout to guest Gene Forbes. *Gary Robinson photos*



on 2 levels connected by a staging elevator. The elevator has 5 shelves; the upper 2 are West Staging, the lower 2 are east staging (Eugene, OR) and the center shelf carries the main line between the upper

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Layout Tours, cont'd

and lower levels. The upper level of the layout represents "The Hill" with a division point at the Summit just before entering staging. The lower level includes industry switching at Springfield OR, a helper yard at Oakridge, OR with a long spur to the adjacent Pope and Talbot Saw Mill. All of the track was laid, and scenery was being planned. The upper level and the entire main line is operational with rest of the wiring being in progress. The backdrop is painted sky, but no scenery yet, although Ryan has posted many prototype pictures of scenes he will recreate, to help visitors understand what they're seeing.

July

We visited Steve Ulmer, to appreciate his 30-inch wide N-scale shelf layout, 14 feet by 18 feet dogleg layout, cantilevered from the wall (no legs) around the dining room. It was initially designed as a display layout for guests to enjoy while eating, and also includes a variety of industries for switching operations. There are two loops; a figure eight inside a dog-bone with a double crossover between the loops in the downtown area. The railroad is set in the Transition era, in the local southwest desert with the town of Kelso, CA as the focal point – this is UP and BNSF country. Construction began in the early 90s and by the late 90s, just after the track was powered, it



Above: The center of Steve's layout. The white area is unfinished plaster. R: The Kelso depot.

Below: Looking along the leg over the Kelso depot. Below R: Steve (with beard) and friend, Director Pete Steinmetz.

Gary Robinson photos.



became dormant until the Spring of 2015. 94% of the track is installed, and trains are running. The layout was initially wired before DCC was widely known or available, so it only

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Layout Tours, cont'd

operates on DC with a couple of analog throttles. That will change in time (easier to go digital than to install block control wiring). Industries include an oil tank farm, cattle pasture and corrals, a chemical plant, and a mine. All but one of the structures have yet to be built, but Steve had place holders at strategic spots around the layout. Downtown Kelso features a completed scratch built replica of the UP Kelso station, hand crafted by the renowned Norm Wright. Steve just completed turnout wiring (analog for walk around control) and rail painting, and he is now selling off my analog/DC locomotive power to be replaced some day with DCC. His next project is to start ballasting the visible rail.

September

We were still looking for a September tour at press time.

October

In October, we will stop in at the North County Model Railroad Society, for many years a fixture above the Boney's Market in Oceanside. They were recently forced to re-locate, and they've cut a deal with the City of Oceanside, now occupying a building in Heritage Park, at 220 Peyri Drive. Construction of a new layout has been under way, and trains should be running by the time we visit this HO club. The Trains for Kids layout (4 track) will be operating.

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NMRA News

The Combined Nominating Committees' Final Report

By John Stevens

NMRA Secretary



National Nominating Committee Chair Tony Koester has submitted the Combined Nominating Committees' Final Report to the National Board of Directors. The candidates for the 2016 election are shown below.

Atlantic District Director

- Peter Bowen
- Kathy Millatt

At Large World Wide Director

- Mike Brestel

Western District Director

- Steve Barkley
- Don Fowler
- Stephen Priest

Members may petition the NMRA to nominate additional candidates using the By Petition process which can be found in Sec A 10.1 paragraph 3 of the EHB (Executive Handbook, available as a PDF on our website at <http://www.nmra.org/executive-handbook>. All petitions must be received by the NMRA Secretary by September 15, 2015. For more information, contact NMRA Secretary John Stevens at snevets4@bellsouth.net.

Please note that San Diego Division's own Don Fowler, MMR, is a candidate for national office next year. Let's all get behind him. Let your friends in other divisions know, and ask for their support. Ed.

LCC Standard to be Unveiled in Portland

During its Winter meeting, the NMRA Board of Directors approved the standards for Layout Command Control, or LCC. Those standards will be introduced to manufacturers at the Portland Convention this August. More information is on the web page at www.NMRA.org.

August 2015

San Diego Division - Events

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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Multiple Events |
| 9 Tehachapi Summer Model Show | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Short Track Ops Session, AGSEM | 14 | 15 MRSC Layout Tour #44 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 SFVRRHS slide show | 21 | 22 |
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September 2015

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| 13 TTOS Open House | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 SFVRRHS slide show | 25 | 26 |
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October 2015

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| 25 BSMRC Open House | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

SCHEDULE OF PSR-NMRA EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

From various sources. Events may have been submitted by sponsors. Send corrections, additions, and future events to the editor at mailhook@sandiegodivision.org. Events should be of interest to San Diego Division members. List not all-inclusive. Division-sponsored events are listed in **bold** typeface.

2015

August

8 San Diego Division Summer Meet, Poway Community Park Auditorium, Poway. 8:30 - 1:00. Hands-on backdrop painting clinic, Silent auction, cook out . Poway Station modular HO layout. More information: Meets@sandiegodivision.org

23-30 NMRA National Convention & Train Show, Portland, OR. Clinics, Model Contest, SIG meetings, layout tours, prototype tours, operating sessions, more. www.nmra2015portland.org/

September

12 San Diego Division Layout Tour, TBA layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

16-20 Pacific Southwest Region Convention, Millenium Resort & Villas, Scottsdale, AZ. Clinics, model contest, layout tours, prototype tours, operating sessions, more. www.azdiv-nmra.org/

October

10 San Diego Division Layout Tour, North County Model Railroad Society (HO), 220 Peyri Dr, Oceanside. Noon -3pm. layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

November

14 San Diego Division Fall Meet, San Diego Model Railroad Museum. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prade, Suite 4, San Diego, CA (Balboa Park). 9am - 3pm. Meets@sandiegodivision.org

December

12 San Diego Division Layout Tour, Don & Kim Fowler, Santee, CA. Noon - 3pm. more info layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

12 San Diego Division Christmas Party, details TBA. meets@SanDiegoDivision.org

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January

9 San Diego Division Layout Tour, details TBA. layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

February

13 San Diego Division Winter Meet, details TBA. Meets@sandiegodivision.org

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August

1 Hemet-San Jacinto Railroad Club swap meet, Hemet. More info <http://hemetsjmodelrailroad.webs.com/>

2 California Express Railroadiana Show, Buena Park.

8 TTOS/SW members' picnic. More info at <http://ttos-sw.org/home.htm>

8 Walt Williams Swap Meet, Anaheim. For more info, call 714-905-6988

8-9 Summer Model Train Show, West Park Activity Center, 410 West "D" Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. More info at <http://tehachapi.com/calendar/wc20140809.html>

15 Model Railroads of Southern California Layout Tour #44. More info at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Model_Railroads_Of_Southern_California/info

15 Santa Susanna Swap Meet, 6503 Katherine Rd, Simi Valley, CA. 7am -10am. More info at <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/swapmeet.htm>

20 San FernandoValley RR Historical Society Slide Show, Andres Pico Adobe, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA. 7pm More info at <http://sfvhs.com/>

September

4-6 Lompoc Valley Model Railroad & Historical Society Open House, 428 North I, Lompoc. More info <http://lompocvalleymodelrailroad.org/>

13 Toy Train Operating Society Southern Pacific Division Open House, 11-2, Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W Crescent Ave, Anaheim. Sales, raffles, auctions, operating layouts, displays. Free admission and parking. More info www.ttos-sp.org

24 San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society Slide Show, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA/7pm. More info at http://sfvhs.com/events_exhibits/events_exhibits.html

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SCHEDULE OF OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST (cont'd)

October

24-25 Belmont Shores Model Railroad Club Open House and Swap Meet, 3601 Gaffey St, San Pedro, CA. Swap Meet Sat 7am, Open House 10-4 both days. 3D Printing Clinic Sat 2pm. Free admission. More info at <http://www.belmontshorerr.com/>.

24 Banning Train Fest Swap Meet, Banning Community Center, 789 N San Geronimo Ave, Banning. Admission \$3, vendors \$10 by Oct 21, or \$12 after. Vendor spaces 3' x 6'. Provide your own tables & chairs. Vendor set up 6:30, hours 8-2, car tuen up clinic at 9 and 10:30. Contact David Heiss at 951-849-4586 or via e-mail at dheiss@recordgazette.net.

November

1, 3 Slim Gauge Guild Open House, 300 South Raymond Ave (basement), Pasadena, CA. Sun 10-6, Tue 3-9. <http://slimgaugeguild.com/>

4, 7-8 Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers Open House, 854 Broadway, San Gabriel, CA. Wed 7-10pm, Sat & Sun, noon - 5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Highland-Pacific-Railroad/224041617678346>

7-8, 14-15 Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House, 5458 Alhambra Ave, Los Angeles, CA. Sat 1-5, 7-9, Sun 1-5. Donation \$5 adult, \$1 kids 8 and over. More info <http://pmrrc.org/>

20-22 TTOS Cal-Stewart Meet, Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario. More info cal-stewart.org

December

4-6 Lompoc Valley Model Railroad & Historical Society Open House, 428 North I, Lompoc. More info <http://lompocvalleymodelrailroad.org/>

6 TTOS/SW Toy Train Meet, 136 E Santa Clara St, #2, Arcadia. More info <http://www.ttos.org/>

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Club Car



The Big Train show in early June was the first show for the two new cove modules, our Kevin Spady has been working on. While not 100 percent done, the modules looked great. The plan is to have most or all the scenery done and the new finished boats by David, Dennis and Kevin on display. Hugh's and other modules have been and are being updated.

We started the year with two shows in the first two months and then some down time until the big Train show in early June. With the down time, we were able to have a build session with some modules built and wood for other modules cut.

Coming up next in mid July is the Great train show, we hope to have new modules there from Foster and Ken and our layout area full of modules.

Sorry to say, no World's Greatest Hobby show for 2015 and 2016 in California, maybe coming in 2017. We hope to have an update in the next *Mail Hook* for shows we will be at for 2016. At this time we plan to be at the Big Train show for 2016.

If in the area during any of the shows, stop by and see us and say hi and come run your On30 DCC trains with us. The group is still free to join and there are no dues. So, what are you waiting for, time to join in and build a module or just run your DCC trains? Module standards are posted on the Yahoo site. See you at the show, the train show.

We are one narrow minded group, and we are looking for a few good men, and women, and young people..... and in no set order!

Join us on our Yahoo site! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CSCModOn30/>

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CSC On30 Group

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Club Car (cont'd)



The search for a new clubhouse location is ongoing. Mike Forys has contacted his representative, Tod Gloria, in his efforts and is awaiting an answer. Mike will attempt to contact the management at Grossmont Center to discuss future space availability.

We are still pursuing the 501c(3) certification. Mike Forys and Bob Graves will meet this week to finalize the application.

We are reworking both Powell Yard and the Gilbert Siding modules. The new Powell Yard module (PY3.5) is estimated to be 70% complete. The 3 new Gilbert Yard module frames, along with their wire harnesses, have been constructed. They are estimated to be 50% complete. After some testing was done to determine maximum grade on reverse corner and yard staging area, the design was modified to replace a single 6' module with (2) 4' modules to reduce grade.

Our next layout display will take place at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum over the Labor Day Weekend. The layout will be open to visitors on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

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Poway Station recently participated in the Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration at Old Poway Park. On a hot day, the park was packed with people, but we were comfortable in an air conditioned room, running our trains on seven modules for the enjoyment of the public and us. We've begun to fill in the centers of our two loop modules, one with a farm and rural scene, and one to be an extension of our city, which we will rebuild to accommodate access to our "back track," thereby allowing more operating possibilities at future runs.



By rebuilding the city, we can also improve the transition between the city and the Holly modules, so it isn't so abrupt. We'll move the center of the city onto the loop, and taper it down through a light industrial area to the Holly modules. The transition should look better. Judge for yourself, we'll be setting up some modules at the Summer Meet on August 8.

We welcome back our summer member, Tim Harrington, who lives in Arizona most of the year and summers in Coronado. Tim assembled the grain elevator on the farm loop, and provided some crop fields.

We're always looking for folks to join us. There's plenty of fun to be had. Stop by and speak to a member at a show, or contact one of the officers through our web page, www.PowayStation.org. All Aboard!

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The San Diego Garden Railway Society continues the tradition of Sunday layout tours. The next tour, Sunday, August 16, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 4 pm, will be at the Vanishing River Railroad, in Bonita. The Vanishing River Railroad is based on railroads in South Seattle and King County Washington during the 1890 - 1920's. The train and trolley tracks were located based on historical records. The larger pond, which represents Seattle's harbor, has a pump/syphon mechanism which raises and lowers the water level by about two inches each fifteen minutes. The tide flat area is exposed at 'low tide'. The mainline trains and the trolleys are electrically interconnected to avoid collisions. The SDGRS sponsors a tour every month, usually. Check our web page, <http://www.sdgrs.com/>, for more information about our club, and upcoming events.

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2015 PSR Convention

September 16 – 20 you should plan to be in Scottsdale, Arizona. Those are the dates for this year's Pacific Southwest Region convention, sure to be the best yet!

Festivities will begin on Wednesday afternoon, with the annual Board of Directors' meeting, as well as several clinics. Wednesday evening will be the welcome BBQ at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

On Thursday, excursions will begin. This year, we'll be visiting the Phoenix Valley Metro Light Rail, the Verde Canyon Railroad in Clarkdale, the Maricopa Live Steamers, and Verryl Fosnight's "Union Pacific – Wyoming Division" HO railroad in Cornville.

Check the convention schedule on the web page (below) to find out when your favorite excursion is scheduled.

Clinics will get into full swing all day Thursday, running late that day so we can fit them all (over 50!) in. They'll continue Friday, until 5:30, Saturday 8-3:30, and Sunday 9-11:30. We're sure to have something for everyone this year.

Of course, we'll also have the Annual Membership Meeting, Rail Fan (formerly Railette) activities, the contest room, the Hobo Breakfast, layout tours, operating sessions, Special Interest Group meetings, a Hobo Auction, and a swap meet.

JULY UPDATE : Applications are open for Operating Sessions at the 2015 PSR Convention.

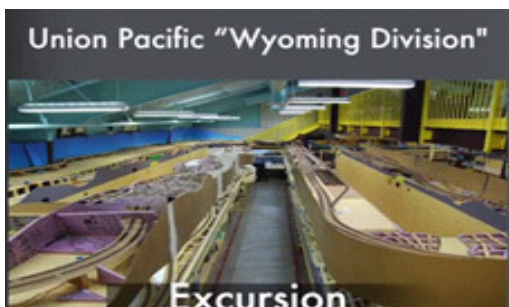
The time is now to apply for a slot at operating on one or more of the nine railroads available during the 2015 PSR Convention in Scottsdale, Az. Eight of the railroads are usually available only during Desert Ops Weekend, but they will be operating during the convention. Get your application in before August 15th to have the best chance to land a spot on one of these outstanding railroads.

Go to <http://www.psrconvention.org/PHX2015/2015ops.html> to see the available railroads and follow the prompts to find the online application form.

The convention hotel is the Scottsdale Millennium, and rooms are going fast! You'll want to make your reservation as soon as possible. Use the link to the group rate reservations on the convention web page (below) to make your reservation, and send in the convention registration form on the next page to ensure you don't miss out on the fun!

Check out the convention web page, <http://www.psrconvention.org/PHX2015/>. Review the video containing information about all the opportunities available to you in Scottsdale! See the convention schedule. Read the list of clinic titles. You won't want to miss this one! You can find a registration form on the next page.

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Scottsdale Express 2015
Pacific Southwest Region Convention
September 16-20, 2015
 Presented By: Arizona Division, PSR
 Millennium Resort, 7401 N. Scottsdale Road,
 Scottsdale, AZ 85253-3548 1-800-243-1332

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| Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) (By 09/07/14) | | \$60.00 | |
| Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) (09/08/14 to 03/31/15) | | \$75.00 | |
| Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) (04/01/15 to 09/20/15) | | \$95.00 | |
| Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg without Banquet (By 09/07/14) | | \$60.00 | |
| Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg without Banquet (09/08/14 to 3/31/15) | | \$65.00 | |
| Adult Rail (NMRA Member) Reg without Banquet (04/01/15 to 09/20/15) | | \$85.00 | |
| Adult Family Member (with NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) (By 09/07/14) | | \$60.00 | |
| Adult Family Member (with NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) (09/08/14 to 03/31/15) | | \$70.00 | |
| Adult Family Member (with NMRA Member) Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) (04/01/15 to 09/20/15) | | \$90.00 | |
| Adult Family Member (with NMRA Member) Reg without Banquet (By 09/07/14) | | \$40.00 | |
| Adult Family Member (with NMRA Member) Reg without Banquet (09/08/14 to 03/31/15) | | \$45.00 | |
| Adult Family Member (with NMRA Member) Reg without Banquet (04/01/15 to 09/20/15) | | \$50.00 | |
| Youth Member Reg & Banquet (Beef Chicken Veg) | | \$45.00 | |
| Youth Member Reg (without Banquet) | | \$15.00 | |
| Banquet Only (Beef Chicken Veg) Saturday (09-19-15) | | \$40.00 | |
| Wine Tasting - Saturday (09-19-15) | | \$25.00 | |
| Ladies Lunch - Friday (09-18-15) | | \$15.00 | |
| One Day Reg Only | | \$15.00 | |
| Non-NMRA member surcharge (applied to Rail Pass if eligible) | | \$10.00 | |
| BBQ - Wednesday (09-16-15) Evening | | \$12.00 | |
| Convention Patch | | \$5.00 | |
| Convention Pin | | \$5.00 | |
| Convention Shirts Men's Polo (Pocket w/Logo) S M L XL Circle Size | | \$30.00 | |
| Convention Shirts Men's Polo (Pocket w/Logo) 2XL 3XL 4XL Circle Size | | \$35.00 | |
| Convention Shirts Women's Polo (No Pocket w/Logo) S M L XL Circle Size | | \$30.00 | |
| Convention Shirts Women's Polo (No Pocket w/Logo) 2XL 3XL 4XL Circle Size | | \$35.00 | |
| Prototype Tours (Extra Fare) | | | |
| Tour of Valley Metro Light Rail Operations & Maintenance Center - Thursday (09-17-15 AM) | | \$15.00 | |
| Tour of Maricopa Live Steamers at Adobe Mountain Park - Thursday (09-17-15 PM) | | \$15.00 | |
| Tour of UP Wyoming Division in Cornville & Ride Verde Canyon Railroad (includes Lunch) - Friday (09-18-15) | | \$125.00 | |
| Operations Session on UP Wyoming Division in Cornville (includes Lunch) - Saturday (09-19-15) | | \$25.00 | |
| Total | | | |

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From the Editor...

We're coming up on the Summer Meet, and that usually signals summer winding down. I'm actually looking forward to some cooler weather, so I can spend more time in my (uninsulated) garage working on trains. I have a couple of projects on the plan, and I'm anxious to get them completed. I hope you all have been busily working on your trains.

This year's Summer Meet should be a lot of fun! I'm really looking to Bob Mitchell's clinic on backdrop painting, as I missed it at the last convention. We'll have a silent auction, and the cook out sponsored by the Division Board. The Poway Community Park Auditorium is a great venue, and it will allow Poway Station to set up a few modules for your enjoyment as well. Don't miss it!

There are two conventions coming up, and I hope you're planning to attend at least one of them. The National Convention & Train Show will be in Portland, OR, August 23-30, and the Pacific Southwest Region convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ, September 16-19. Both have excellent programs scheduled.

This issue of the Mail Hook has a couple of pictures from the last two layout tours, and some from the Spring Meet. I'd love to have more of you submit articles for publication. They don't have to be ready for publication in a major magazine, just write up one of your projects, or a visit you've made to a railroad venue. I can help you dress it up if needed. It takes a lot when I have to write almost the entire issue by myself, but editing something that's already written is easier. Help me out, please.

Gary

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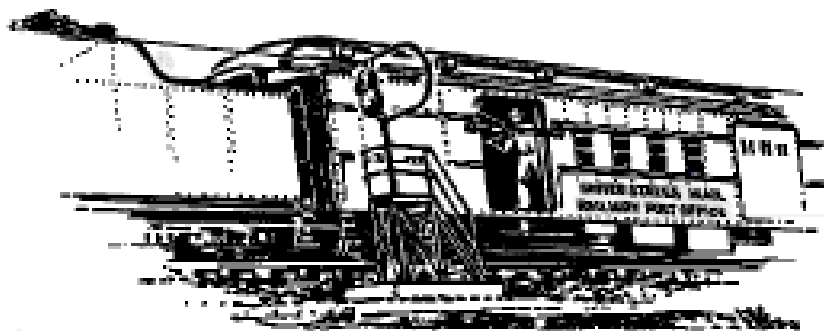
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