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SAN DIEGO DIVISION, PSR-NMRA

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Don Fowler

If you weren't able to attend Cajon Division's Spring Meet in Temecula, you missed a great time. There were a variety of activities that included bingo, shopping, layout tours, clinics, a model contest, a dinner, a Chinese auction and some great fellowship. Make sure to put it on your calendar for next year so that you don't miss out.

In the midst of all the fun at this event, I also attended our PSR Mid-Year Meeting along with our other board members. In addition to our regular reports, several other items of interest were discussed.

President Ben Sevier updated us on some changes taking place at National that include efforts to improve communication with Regions, an evaluation of the management and oversight of National conventions, and recognizing the importance of our Divisions. Within our own Region, he complimented our respective Divisions on improving our own communication through our websites. Some still need work but they are getting better. He thanked Bill Jacobs for accepting the Region Contest Committee assignment. Lastly, he shared some ideas about developing a Region Strategic Plan, complete with a vision, mission,

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

By Ben Sevier

Well, I hope you're enjoying this early taste of summer! As I sit writing this, it's just past mid-April, and the temperature has cooled down to about 88f - and I live near the coast. Hope it's not a look at the rest of the year!

Several things have been going on around the Division. We've had several very good layout tours - Steve Seidensticker showed off his 'G' scale layout in its new, expanded size, with trains going completely around the house, with full operations governed by a computer generated switch list. This month, we got to visit Dick Trotter and his incredible operations oriented HO layout - everyone seemed to have a great time. Gordon Miller, our layout tour chairman, has tours lined up for almost all the rest of the year - if you are interested in getting your layout on the tour, give him a shout. By the way, if you would like to learn about layout operations (computerized or otherwise), there are a number of layouts in the Division that host operating sessions. If you are interested in becoming an "operator," let me know.

Last month about 16 San Diego members made it up to Temecula for the Cajon Division's 2nd annual mini-convention. There were a number of things to see and do - layout tours, bingo, clinics, a model contest, and a really fun Chinese auction to cap it off. If you didn't make it this year, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year.

I've been working on keeping the Division website (www.sandiegodivision.org) up to date - there are links there to a number of model railroading sites, a Division calendar of coming events, and information about the Division. If there are things you'd like to see in a Division website, let me know. I have some new things in mind, so check in from time to time.

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1. Preferred method is by email to the editor, with the submission attached as a text document. Also accepted are: text document on diskette, printout from laser or ink jet printer, or typed using new ribbon.

2. Keep in mind that submissions may be edited for length or formatting, or not used, at the discretion of the editor.

3. Submission deadlines for publication: January 2, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

4. If you wish submission materials returned (i.e., photos), please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission.

From the Editor...

I don't know about all of you, but I have no idea where the past three months have gone! It seems I just published the last edition, and here it is time for this one. I must be having too much fun!

Speaking of that, you all need to plan to attend the Cajon Division event in Temecula next year. Those of us who went had a great time. Thanks to Bob Mitchell and his crew for another great job this year. Good clinics, good layouts, and a wonderful Chinese Auction.

Gordon Miller has been actively putting together more layout tours for the Division. Gordon has found a couple of new gems, and is working with some people we can always count on, to schedule a full program this year. I always enjoy seeing a new layout, as I always come away with a couple of great ideas. Plus, some of the established layouts have new sections. Be sure to visit the next one, coming up in June.

This month we have our Spring Meet and Annual Meeting, with elections for Superintendent and Chief Clerk/Paymaster. Voting will be by those present, so be sure to show up and exercise your option. We'll also have a demonstration of how to build your own static grass applicator, and a photo tour of Jack Burgess' famous Yosemite Valley Railroad. Sounds like more fun! See you there.

Gary



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goals and objectives that included communication and education strategies.

Vice President Don Stewart updated us on his progress with several projects that include updating the PSR By-Laws and Manual of Operations, Training for Regional Assignments, and improving PSR Communications. The PSR documents are close to being ready for review and approval. An outline for training has been completed and research is being done to plan workshops. He has been attending Division meetings to discuss Region business.

Los Angeles Director Paul Cutter gave a report on the success of the 2008 National Convention that was held in Anaheim. Cajon Director Carl Heimberger and Superintendent Bob Mitchell provided a progress report on the upcoming 2009 Region Convention to be held September 3-6 in Las Vegas. I received approval from the Board for the San Diego Division to host the 2010 Region Convention to be held September 15-19 at the Handlery Hotel & Resort in Mission Valley.

It was a very productive meeting and I'm pleased to report that your PSR Board is continuing its efforts to better serve our membership. Director elections are coming up soon so don't forget to cast your ballot. Your vote matters!

Our Division's Spring Meet will be held on May 9th at the Peace Lutheran Church. Activities will include a potluck, business meeting, clinics and show & tell. Please join us for a good time to meet with friends and enjoy our hobby.

Don

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In May we will have the Spring Meet, with officer elections, clinics, "Show and Tell" and model contest, and the usual pot luck and social activities. More information can be found elsewhere in this issue and on the web site. In August we'll have our Annual Picnic - full details later. September is Convention Time! This year the PSR Convention will be held in Las Vegas - look for information in this issue, as well as on the PSR website (www.psrnmra.org). Bob Mitchell has put together a great event, with lots of clinics and other things to keep you busy. Sign up now!

Speaking of Conventions - the San Diego Division will be hosting the 2010 PSR Convention in September, 2010. The Convention Committee is starting to meet and make plans, and could use your help! If you are interested in working on the

Spring Meet Preview

The Spring Meet and Annual Meeting is May 9, beginning at 11:30 AM, and running until 3:00 PM, at Peace Lutheran Church, 6749 Tait Street, San Diego. We'll start off with a pot luck lunch, followed by a short business meeting and elections. This year Don Fowler will run for Superintendent, and Ben Sevier will run for Chief Clerk/Paymaster. Nominations will remain open until just prior to the election.

After election we'll have two clinics. One is a demonstration how to build and use a static grass applicator. If you've always wanted good looking grassy fields on your layout, you'll want to see this clinic. The other clinic will be a slide show of Jack Burgess' Yosemite Valley Railroad by Rodger Gredvig.

We hope you'll bring some models to share with us. We'd love to see what all of you are doing. Judging will be available for those who want it, but it's not necessary. Don't worry if it isn't finished, either. We want to see it!

Please be courteous and check to be sure the morning class has ended and the students have exited before you enter the hall.

Convention, helping us put together an outstanding event for model railroaders in the Southwest, let me know, as there are a number of jobs that need to be done - all interesting. The committee usually meets every 2nd Sunday at Peace Lutheran Church in Linda Vista at 3:00pm - check the Division calendar on the website for more details. Looking forward to your help.

I mentioned earlier about upcoming elections. I've decided not to run for Superintendent again (time to let someone else have the fun!), but will run for the Clerk/Paymaster position. If you are interested in running for either the Superintendent or Clerk/Paymaster, let either Don or myself know. The election is held by voice vote of current members attending the meet, so plan to be there.

Official notice:

With the end of my term as Superintendent at the May Meet, all San Diego Division committee chair positions will expire. This means all appointed Division positions (everything except Director, Superintendent and Clerk/Paymaster) will become vacant, and the next Superintendent will select his/her new team. If you are currently holding such a position, and wish to continue, be prepared to discuss this with the new Superintendent - if you are interested in volunteering for one of the positions, now's your chance!

See you around the line!

Ben

What is this?

San Diego Division
Pacific Southwest Region - NMRA

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Welcome to the San Diego Division Home Page

The San Diego Division is one of four divisions in the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association. The Division includes the Southern California counties of Imperial and San Diego with a population of 3 million. Model railroading is quite active in the area, with 8 clubs, including those at the Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park, over 75 layout running home layouts (of which 7 have active operating sections regularly) a very active Garden Railway Society, and 3 model train stores (along with several others that have model railroading supplies). The Division is also quite active, with scheduled activities monthly including quarterly meets, layout tours, annual swap meet, annual picnic and other activities of interest to our members and model railroaders in general. The Division newsletter, "The Mail Hook", is published electronically quarterly on this web site, on the PSR website, and by email distribution to Division members. Hard copy subscriptions are available for a modest annual fee.

Next San Diego Division Events!

Division Planting Meeting - April 19th, 2009
Spring Show - May 9th, 2009

See [events calendar](#) for more information.

Get on our mailing list for events, activities and information! Click [HERE!](#)

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- [WebSite of the California Railroaders of Color](#)
- [Let's Talk Trains!](#)

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Some of you will recognize this as the new Home Page of the San Diego Division. Others may not be familiar with it. I hope all of you will take the time to visit soon, as there is much useful information that can be found. Here on the Home Page, you can find links to the NMRA, the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR), and other PSR Divisions, as well as local organizations and some of more general interest. You can see the next couple of Division events, and get on the Division mailing list, if you're not already there. You'll also find tabs linking to other pages.

On the Event Calendar, you can learn about events scheduled several months into the future. These are primarily Division and Region events, but from time to time other things might show up, if they will be of general interest to Division members. You should check this page regularly to learn what's going on.

The Mail Hook tab will take you to a listing of Mail Hook issues, including the current issue and back issues for the past several years. These provide a record of Division activities, and contain general information about modeling and 1:1 railroading that are of interest.

Finally, on the Directory tab, you'll find listings that will allow you to contact the Division officials. They will be happy to answer your questions, or find you an answer if they don't have one.

All in all, quite a useful tool for keeping up to date on happenings within the Division. I hope all of you will visit soon, and take a look around. We're always open to suggestions for improvement, or additional information we can add that will make it a more useful tool for Division members. E-mail your suggestions to the Division Director or Superintendent from the Directory page.

LAYOUT TOURS

By Gordon Miller

The following layout tours have been scheduled for the coming months. If you'd like to get your layout on the tour, contact Gordon Miller at membership@sandiegodivision.org.

June: 6/13/2009 Jack Byers HO Scale

The West End of the B&O is in the early stages of construction. The bench work and helix for this bi-level railroad are done, and some track is down. Jack promises to have the DCC system installed so we can see some trains run. The West End is housed in its own building, and you'll be interested to see how Jack has planned his railroad. Jack hopes we can provide him with some constructive suggestions to improve his plan for operations.

July: 7/11/2009 Bob Treat F Scale

The Snow Creek RR depicts a rugged short line narrow gauge railroad circa 1940-50-ish. Even though it has continuous running capabilities, it is treated as a point-to-point originating at the interchange at Nemo and eventually terminating at the small mining town of Snow Creek. I like to think of the SCRR more as an outdoor MODEL railroad than a garden railroad, trying to keep all elements as much to 1/20.3 scale as Mother Nature will allow. The use of code 215 rail, weathered rolling stock, and molded concrete rock cliffs have helped to extend this illusion. Exaggerated topography of the layout allows for numerous bridges and tunnels plus invites visitors to discover the layout scene by scene as they view it from 360 degrees.

August 8/8/2009 Ray Inbody O Scale

This free-lanced railroad is set from the steam era up to 1957. It has Santa Fe and Union Pacific equipment as the primary road names. The locomotives are diesels on the layout. It is a point to point operation, with two main yards and two industrial sections. All switches and turnouts are operated manually. The railroad includes the route from Vernon, CA to San Pedro, CA. It is housed in a stand-alone building which is 10' wide by 20' long. February was two years since I started the layout.

September 9/12/2009 Duncan McRee HO

The Tam Valley RR is an HO proto-freelanced model railroad based on the Southern Pacific. It is built as shelves running through 3 bedrooms of the owner's home as a point-to-point layout about 80 feet long, and is 90% scened. The Tam Valley RR starts as harbor scene in Sausalito California, runs

PSR CONVENTION

The PSR 2009 Convention will be held in Las Vegas September 2-6. The Cajon Division is pulling out all the stops to make this a great convention. Registration forms, including Extra Fare events, are now available. A registration form is included at the end of this newsletter. Bob Mitchell has a full clinic schedule and is still pulling more together. This is bound to be a great experience! If you haven't already done so, get your registration in.

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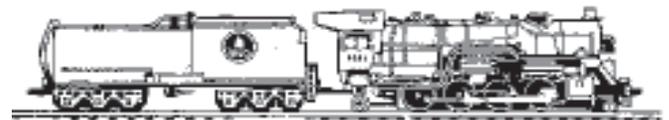
active duty military. Children under 15 are free with a paid adult.

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The STRR Crew has been busy with scenery on the Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE). We are open to the public every Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Trains are

running on the module layout, but the DPE is temporarily shut down for construction. We will be running it for the Museum Spring Festival. The 9 day festival runs from June 20th thru the 28th. The public is welcome on the two weekends. School children field trips take up the weekdays. Information on the festival and other museum activities are posted on the web site in the calendar section. Look at www.agsem.com.



Ken Houghton Rail Images.

up the Sierra Mountains, along the Truckee river, through the Nevada desert and terminates at Ogden, Utah. The main feature of the layout is beautiful scenery including hand painted backdrops, numerous streams and rivers, lots of rock carvings, and a number of Bob Mitchell's "Perfect Pines." There are also a large number of craftsman structure kits on the layout. All of the rolling stock and engines are weathered.

October: 10/10/2009 Steve Harris HO

Steve's D&RGW layout has been featured in several national magazines, most recently in the June 2009 *Model Railroader*. The railroad is housed in a separate building that includes a workshop. This is a layout not to miss!

November: TBA

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May 2009

San Diego Division - Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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June 2009

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| | | | | Big Train Show, Ontario, CA | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 SD Division Layout Tour |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Harvest Fair, AGSEM |
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| 28 Harvest Fair, AGSEM | 29 | 30 | | | | |

July 2009

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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Old Fashioned 4th of July |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 SD Division Layout Tour |
| -----NMRA National Convention, Hartford, CT----- | | | | | | |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

SCHEDULE OF PSR-NMRA EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Assembled 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. Division-sponsored events are listed in **bold** typeface.

2009

May

- 9 **San Diego Division Spring Meet and Annual Meeting**, Peace Lutheran Church, 6749 Tait St, San Diego, CA. 11:30am - 3:00pm. Pot luck lunch, elections, clinics.
<http://www.sandiegodivision.org>

June

- 13 **San Diego Division Layout Tour**, Jack Byers

July

- 5-11 **NMRA National Convention and National Train Show, Hartford CT**
www.hn2009.org

- 11 **San Diego Division layout tour**, Bob Treat

August

- 8 **San Diego Division layout tour**, Ray Inbody

- 15 **San Diego Division Summer Meet**, TBA

September

- 2-6 **City of Las Vegas, PSR Annual Convention**, Texas Station Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. For more info, go to
<http://www.psrconvention.org/2009/>

October

- 10 **San Diego Division layout tour**, Steve Harris

November

- 15 **San Diego Division Fall Meet**, TBA

2010

February

- 13 **San Diego Division Winter Meet**, TBA

May

- 8 **San Diego Division Spring Meet and Annual Meeting**, TBA

July

- 10-18 **NMRA National Convention and National Train Show, Milwaukee, WI**

2009

May

- 8-10 **Chula Vista Live Steamers Spring Meet**, Rohr Park, Chula Vista, CA. Camping and live steam in the park! <http://www.chulavistalivesteamers.com/main.html>

- 9 **National Train Day, AMTRAK celebrations** at many venues, including San Diego Santa Fe Station, LA Union Station, and San Bernardino Historic Santa Fe Depot, and most other AMTRAK stations. See <http://www.nationaltrainday.com/2009/> for information.

- 16-17, 19 **California Southern Model Railroad Club Open House**, Sat 10am – 8pm, Sun Noon – 6pm, Tue 7pm – 9pm. <http://www.trainweb.org/calsomrr/>

June

- 4-7 **Big Train Show, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA.** 10am – 6pm Sat., 10am – 4pm Sun. <http://www.bigtrainshow.com/> Expanded to include all gauges.

- 13-14 **Chula Vista Live Steamers Run Days**, Rohr Park, Chula Vista, CA. 12 – 3pm. <http://www.chulavistalivesteamers.com/main.html>

- 20-21, 27-28 **Harvest Fair and Spring Tractor Show, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista, CA.** Permanent N scale and modular HO layouts. <http://agsem.com/>

July

- 4 **Old Fashioned Fourth of July**, Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road, Poway. Narrow gauge steam and HO modular layout. <http://www.ci.poway.ca.us/Index.aspx?page=620> 10am – 4pm.

- 11-12 **Chula Vista Live Steamers Run Days**, Rohr Park, Chula Vista, CA. 12 – 3pm. <http://www.chulavistalivesteamers.com/main.html>

August

- 8-9 **Chula Vista Live Steamers Run Days**, Rohr Park, Chula Vista, CA. 12 – 3pm.

CLUB CAR

This feature will run every issue that I receive input from the clubs. Use this space to keep us up to date on your current activities. Submit announcements to the editor at any time for the next edition.

North County Model Railroad Society

Our club recently instituted a new Member Orientation and Training Program. This program requires that members complete NCE cab and program training as well as layout operation training. Completion of this program is required by new members prior to operation on the railroad. This new training program is expected to increase the competence and skill level of our entire membership.

Scenery work continues on Peninsula C. at the peninsulas principal cities of Dixon and Russell. New industrial and high rise commercial buildings are under construction or have been recently completed by various members. The new industrial buildings will provide additional switching opportunities for our formal operating sessions. Final track work on Peninsula D is near completion and initial scenery construction is under way.

We have all been told that we are part of a hobby that is possibly in slow decline. Based on the growth of NCMRS that certainly not been our experience. As a very active and visitor friendly club our membership has more than doubled to 51 members since moving to our current location a little over four years ago.

We are open to the public every Sat from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please see our website www.ncmrs.org for directions or call 760-722-7366.

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Poway Station All Scale Model RR Club



We're busy getting ready for our next show, the Harvest Fair at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. We're building a new city on one of our corner modules, and we're excited about the possibilities it will offer. Not only will we have a town, there will also be an operating origin/destination, a short passing siding, and an access point for future Free-Mo modules. This will provide us increased flexibility in how we set up and use our modules.

In addition, we're upgrading some other modules in preparation for our big show at San Rafael Parish Hall in August. It looks like this year's dates will be the 8th and 9th. We also plan to show our N scale and G scale layouts at that show. It's sure to be a lot of fun, you won't want to miss it!

You can become a part of this active group. Contact Secretary@Powaystation.org for details.

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The San Diego Model Railroad Museum has several exciting events coming up this

quarter, and into the summer. What's happening:

Join us in the Pacific Beach room **May 9, 2009** for our **Swap Meet** from 7 am to 11 am. Trade, buy or sell with other train enthusiasts. Admission is \$2.00 for buyers, and \$5.00 for sellers. For more info, call Jim Anderson at (619) 527-1900 x16

Wild West Family Day! May 10, 2009, 11 - 3

Hop on board for a wild ride into the Wild West! Anything can happen when the Wild West rolls into town! Make a sheriffs badge, learn how to square dance, and pan for real gold. All of this chaos can really get a person thirsty, so belly up to the local saloon for some sarsaparilla floats. The Wild West is officially back. This is a family day not to miss!

The **All Gauge Toy Train Association** will set up and operate a temporary modular toy train layout in the Pacific Beach Room from Saturday **May 16** to Sunday **May 31, 2009**. This will be a unique opportunity to experience a rarely seen American Flyer "S" and "O" gauge operation, along with modern and vintage trains from the early 1900s.

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Then hop on board for railroad fun and adventure at **Summer Camp 2009**. Enjoy exploring our detailed layouts, field trips to ride real trains, and even create your own layout! The Museum offers a variety of half-day, week-long summer programs for Grades 1-8.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, with discounts for seniors, students, and

Model Railroad Clubs in San Diego

San Diego Model Railroad Museum

Balboa Park, San Diego

Info: www.sdmodelrailroadm.com

La Mesa Model Railroad Club (HO)

Info: LaMesaClub@att.net

San Diego 3-Railers (O)

Info: (858) 538-0930

San Diego Model Railroad Club (HO & O)

Info: www.sdmrrc.org

San Diego Society of N Scale (N)

Info: www.sdsons.org

North County Model Railroad Society (HO)

Oceanside

Info: (760) 722-7366 www.ncmrs.org

Poway Station All Scale Modular Club

Old Poway Park, Poway

Info: www.powaystation.org

Short Track Railroad Club (N)

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista

Info: modeltrains@agsem.com

San Diego Garden Railway Society

Info: www.sdgrs.com

If you would like your club listed, contact the Club Liason, San Diego Division

Online - Web Sites of Interest

NMRA: www.nmra.org

PSR: www.psrnmra.org

NMRA National Convention <http://www.nmra.org/convention/>

San Diego Division: <http://www.sandiegodivision.org/>

Arizona Division: www.azdiv-nmra.org

Cajon Division: www.cajondiv.org

Los Angeles Division: www.ladiv-nmra.org

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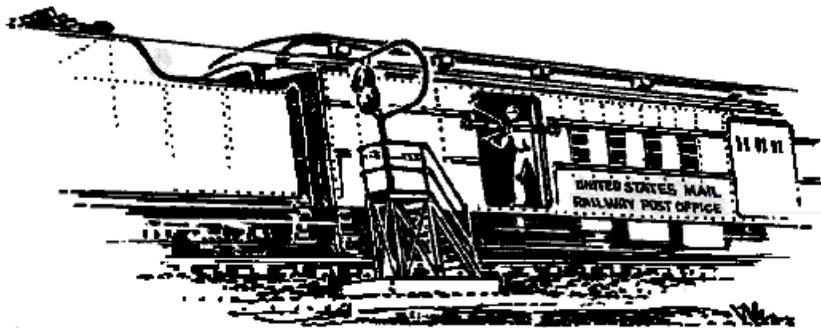
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Museum

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

Open to the Public

Tuesday through Friday 11:00 - 4:00
Saturday - Sunday 11:00 - 5:00

Admission: Adults \$5, Students \$3, Seniors \$4
Military \$2.50, Tuesdays free to all



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September 2nd-6th, 2009

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Texas Station Hotel-Casino and Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

2101 Texas Star Lane, North Las Vegas, NV 89032 (Rancho Rd. at Lake Mead Blvd)

Name(s)* (1) _____ (2) _____
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Address _____

City _____ State & Zip _____

Phone & Area Code _____ E-Mail** _____

NMRA Member (yes or no) _____ I.D. # _____ Registration Date _____

Region _____ Home Division _____

* As you want it to appear on your badge(s) ** E-Mail is the preferred communication method

For more info contact Bob Mitchell at cajondivision@coastinet.com

| FARE | QTY | EACH | TOTAL |
|---|-----|--------------|-----------|
| Full Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner) | @ | \$ 99.00 | |
| Spouse & Youth (7-18) Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner) | @ | \$ 79.00 | |
| Banquet Meal Choice <input type="checkbox"/> New York Steak <input type="checkbox"/> California Chicken | | | |
| Full Registration (Excluding Banquet Dinner) | @ | \$ 65.00 | |
| Spouse Registration & Youth (7-18) (Excluding Banquet Dinner) | @ | \$ 45.00 | |
| Non-Members are welcome at no additional charge However, are encouraged to purchase a 6 month membership Rail Pass | @ | \$ 9.95 | |
| Banquet Dinner Only (<i>Guest Speaker is Charlie Getz</i>) | @ | \$ 45.00 | |
| Bowling for Trains (Division Team Challenge) ~ Wed Night Mixer | @ | \$ 10.00 | |
| Day Fare/Per Day (Excludes Banquet) <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday | @ | \$ 40.00 | |
| Hobo Breakfast (for qualified Hobos and their guests only ~ Sat Morn) | @ | \$ 15.00 | |
| Raillette Luncheon ~ Friday | @ | \$ 15.00 | |
| Convention Car with Decals (Kadee PS-1 Box Car with Data) | @ | \$ 24.50 | |
| Convention Patches | @ | \$ 3.50 | |
| Convention Pins | @ | \$ 4.00 | |
| Manufacture Hands on Clinic (Includes Laser Kit) 4Hrs ~ Thursday. | @ | \$ 45.00 | |
| Layout Bus Tour to Pahrump, Nevada (Includes Sack Lunch) ~ Friday | @ | \$ 30.00 | |
| Hoover Dam Bus Tour (Includes Tour Guide & Chocolate Factory)~Thurs | @ | \$ 78.00 | |
| Layout Bus Tour Las Vegas (G, O, On3, HO, N) ~ Saturday Morning | @ | \$ 25.00 | |
| 'Chinese Auction' Friday Night (Don't miss this one) | | Free | |
| Payment by <input type="checkbox"/> Check or <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card | | TOTAL | \$ |
| <i>We will call you for credit card information.</i> Best Time <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening | | | |
| Mail to Charlie Abbott, PSR 2009 Registrar, 8224 Impatiens Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89131-4634 or | | | |
| Email to Charlie@abbottstdg.com or FAX to 702-871-5463 | | | |
| Available to Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday | | | |
| Primary Scales of Interest <input type="checkbox"/> HO <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Z <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> O <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow Gauge <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |
| Hotel Reservations Room Rates are Wed and Thurs \$49 Fri and Sat \$70, plus State and Local Taxes. | | | |
| Contact Maria Shellhase using her direct number during business hours 702-631-8358. Or her cell number 702-425-0650. (Report any problems to Bob Mitchell at 951-440-9729 cajondivison@coastinet.com) | | | |
| or you can contact the Reservation line 800-654-8804, Select #1, Tell Reservation what nights you will be attending - then tell them you are with the Cajon Division and the Group Code is TCICADV. | | | |