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SAN DIEGO DIVISION, PSR-NMRA

2ND QUARTER, 2015

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

By Don Fowler

Spring is in the air and summer will be here before you know it. That means lots of model railroading opportunities are coming our way.

In case you're new or have forgotten, our Division events are almost always held on the second Saturday of every month. There are four Quarterly Meets (Feb, May, Aug & Nov) that feature clinics, contest judging, show & tell, swap meets, hobo auctions, and silent auctions. Short business meetings and elections are also held at these events. There are also eight Layout Open Houses (Jan, Mar, Apr, Jun, Jul, Sep, Oct, & Dec) which feature home or club layouts. In addition, we have our annual Christmas Party in December. Our Region (PSR) holds their annual convention in September, and the location rotates each year between the four Divisions (Arizona, Cajon, Los Angeles and San Diego). Don't forget the National Convention, usually held each year in July, but this year it's in Portland, OR, August 23-29.

As you can see, there are a lot of activities offered by the NMRA; locally, regionally and

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Pete Steinmetz

Growing membership is one of my chief priorities. We are analyzing data as to why members don't renew their membership. We are also trying to figure out how to get young people more involved in our hobby. It is a difficult task. There are many other activities that occupy people's time in Southern California. If there is anybody that would want to help, by contacting former members, let me know. It will be a matter of calling them on the phone.

All PSR San Diego Quarterly Meets will be free to attendees this year. This does not include the swap meet portion of the Spring Meet. We also plan to have "Hands On" clinics at all the meets.

I will be running for re-election as PSR San Diego Director. Watch for a ballot.

If anyone has suggestion to help our division, please contact me at:

director@sandiegodivision.org

I am always open to clinic suggestion on what members want to learn.

Pete

Winter Meet Wrap-Up

The San Diego Division Winter Meet was held on February 14 at the Clairemont Christian Fellowship Church. The highlight of the meet was a hands-on weathering clinic, given by Director Pete Steinmetz. It was quite well attended, and everyone had a great time learning some new skills. Different scales were in evidence, but all the techniques were independent of scale. See the pictures beginning on page 2.

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nationally that we can take advantage of. Add to that our local operating sessions, club activities, swap meets, and train shows. This doesn't include our informal get togethers, work sessions, and rail fanning trips in which we participate. I guess that I should throw in work on our own personal layouts as well. If you're a model railroader in San Diego County, you have many opportunities for fellowship, sharing, and learning our hobby.

Speaking of our personal layouts, I've decided to tear down my fifteen year old N scale layout and begin anew with some very cool enhancements. DCC, Code 55 track, two major yards, no duck unders, wider aisles and a second deck, which will double the main line length. Demolition is under way and I hope to have trains running by Christmas. Of course that's ambitious but it's good to set goals.

We've decided to provide "hands on" clinics at our quarterly Division Meets this year. At the Winter Meet in February, we sponsored a weathering clinic for rolling stock, taught by our own Pete Steinmetz. Pete has perfected some excellent techniques with a variety of mediums, and shared them with us at this event. Everyone had a good time and took away some great new skills. For our upcoming Spring Meet in May, we'll be hosting a tree making clinic unlike any other that you may have attended in the past. You won't want to miss it.

I'm hoping that you'll make some time to share fellowship with us, develop your modeling skills, and get the most from our favorite hobby, model railroading. See you soon!

Don

Winter Meet Wrap-Up (cont'd from Page 1)



Left: Different scales were obvious from this picture, in which both G scale and HO scale rolling stock is being weathered.

Bruce Deck Photo.

Right: Clinic leader Pete Steinmetz (well, most of him!) looks on as Club Liaison Ryan Di Fede, Robin Becker, and Linda and Dick Albrecht work on their techniques.

Bruce Deck Photo.



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



Left: Superintendent Don Fowler, Paymaster Ben Sevier, and Dick Rupert work on their cars while Ray Inbody relaxes in the background.

Bruce Deck Photo.

Right: Director Pete Steinmetz, clinic leader, helps Milt Perkins with his technique.

Bruce Deck Photo.



SPRING MEET PREVIEW

The Spring Meet will feature our annual swap meet, beginning at 8:30am on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Set up begins at 8:00. This year it will be held at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum (AGSEM), 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, in the Assembly Building. Admission to the swap meet will be \$2 for NMRA members, and \$3 for non-members. Tables will be \$5 per half (banquet) table. The swap meet will end at 11:30, or whenever vendors have sold out.

After the swap meet, we will adjourn to the Short Track Railroad Section House, where the Division will provide a pizza lunch at noon. Following lunch, there will be a hands-on tree building clinic. Short Track Railroad has "planted" thousands of trees on their Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE), and they will share their methods for making these realistic trees with us. Everyone who attends will be able to take home at least one tree, but more importantly, they will know how to make their own at home. Materials will be provided.

The AGSEM Assembly Building is located on the left, just after entering the Museum grounds. There is ample parking around the building. The Short Track Section House is the last building on the southwest corner of the grounds, and parking is in the field just beyond the building.

The AGSEM can be reached from California 78. Westbound, exit at Vista Village Drive, and turn right. Proceed to N Santa Fe and turn left, just across the railroad tracks. Follow N Santa Fe just over two miles, to the Museum entrance on the left. Eastbound, exit at Melrose Drive, and turn left. Follow Melrose to N Santa Fe and turn right. The Museum entrance will be on your right, less than one mile.

The Assembly Building is the first large building on the left after entering the Museum grounds.

LAYOUT TOURS

December

We were privileged to view the last public display of Don Fowler's wonderful N scale Southern Pacific layout. Don will retire in the spring, and spend his time re-building the layout in the same space. The level of detail Don has incorporated into this N scale layout is truly inspiring. I can't wait to see what he comes up with for a successor layout!

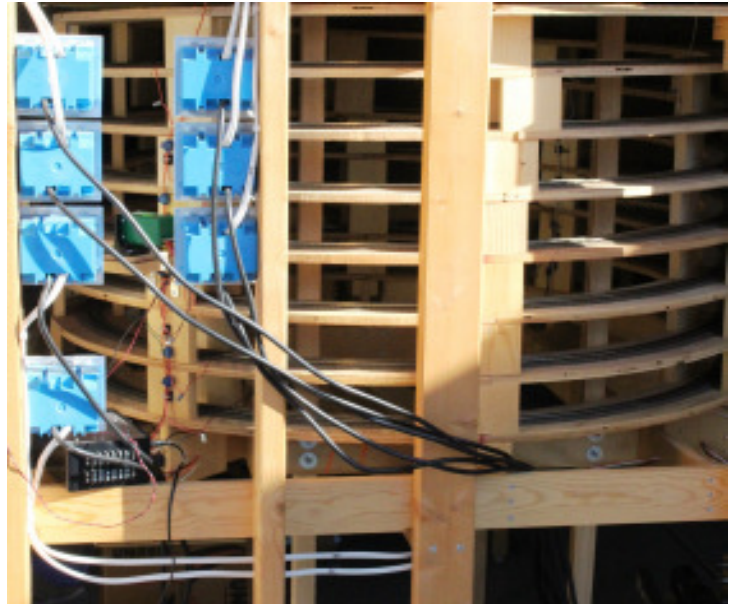
We also got to see his garden layout. Also with a Southern Pacific theme, it runs around the perimeter of the back yard.

January

There was no layout tour in January.

March

Kirk Treanor's HO scale Portland, Albany and Toledo is in early stage of completion. Supporting structure of the two-level 16x18 garage layout is in place, with trackwork for a staging yard (below right), a six loop connecting helix (right), and the first portion of the main lower level (below left), installed and operational. The entire structure, including framework for overhead lighting, is free standing and designed to fit under the garage door when opened. Train and turnout control is provided by a Digitrax DCC system, with wiring for occupancy detection and transponding commenced. The layout will represent portions of the Union Pacific between Portland and Albany, OR, plus a section of the Portland & Western RR (a Genesee & Wyoming subsidiary using both 2nd



Gary Robinson Photos



Layout Tours, cont'd

and some 1st generation diesels) between Albany Yard and the Georgia Pacific Containerboard plant at Toledo, circa 2006.

The narrowest walkway around the layout is 2 feet wide, but several good viewpoints will be available to any visitor in a wheelchair. The final section of the layout is accessed via a 52" high duckunder (right).



Gary Robinson Photos

April



Frank Tepedino's fully operational HO model railroad occupies a 25 by 20 foot room especially built for the layout. The layout has two levels, which are not interconnected. The top level features four main lines, and the waist high level features two main lines. The era is the 1940's - 1950's, and equipment includes some 45 steam engines, about 35 diesel engines, and some 200 plus freight cars, not all of which operate simultaneously. Long trains of 40 to 50 cars are typically run. The layout also has some 100 structures, mostly illuminated, many detailed humorous scenes, a complex series of track "ladders", and both steam and diesel engine servicing yards.

See "Layout Tours" on Page 6

June

Ryan Di Fede's Southern Pacific's Cascade Line, from Eugene to the Cascade summit in 1954, is in a tall 6' X 12' "Tuff Shed" building. This N-scale layout is 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 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. By the date of the tour all of the track will be laid. 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.

July

Open

September

Open

October

North County Model Railroad Society (NCMRS). NCMRS is building a new HO layout in a new home, but should have trains running by October. They're in Oceanside, near San Luis Rey Mission.

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NMRA News

2015 National Election

The national election results have been announced, and the slate of successful candidates looks like this:

President - Charlie Getz, HLM

Vice President, Administration – Clark Kooning, HLM, MMR

Vice President, Special Projects – Gerry Leone, HLM, MMR

At Large North American Director – Peter Youngblood, MMR

Eastern District Director – Joe Gelmini, MMR

Pacific District Director – Mike Bartlett



Congratulations to all the newly elected folks, and thanks to everyone else who threw their hats into the ring. It's the people who are willing to step up that make this organization what it is.

C/MRI (Computer/Model Railroad Interface) SIG

A new Special Interest Group, the C/MRI SIG, has been established. This group is dedicated to supporting the C/MRI and the C/MRI net protocol as designed by Dr. Bruce Chubb, MMR, and subsequent enhancements. The group will offer mutual support and information exchange for those using this system. To join, send an e-mail to cmri_users-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

May 2015

San Diego Division - Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Fullerton Railroad Days
3 Fullerton Railroad Days	4 GMRRC Open House	5	6	7	8	9 SD Div Spring Meet
10	11	12	13	14 Short Track Ops Session, AGSEM	15	16 Multiple Events
17 Multiple Events	18	19	20	21	22	23 Santa Susana Swap Meet
24 TTOS Open House 31	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 LA Div Spring Rail

June 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6 Big Train Show
7 Multiple Events	8	9	10	11 Short Track Ops Session, AGSEM	12	13 SD Div Layout Tour
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Lompoc Valley MR Open House	27 Lompoc Valley MR Open House
28 Lompoc Valley MR Open House	29	30				

July 2015

			1	2	3	4 th of July Poway Station, OPP
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 SD Div Layout Tour
12	13	14	15	16 Short Track Ops Session, AGSEM	17	18 Great Train Show, Fairplex
19 Great Train Show, Fairplex	20	21	22	23	24	25 Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet
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

May

- 9 San Diego Division Spring Meet**, Short Track RR, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N Santa Fe Ave, Vista. Swap meet 8:30-11:30 in the AGSEM Assembly Building, lunch and tree building clinic following, at Short Track Section House. Meets@sandiegodivision.org

June

- 13 San Diego Division Layout Tour**, Ryan Di Fede (N), College Grove area. Details TBA. layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

July

- 11 San Diego Division Layout Tour**, TBA layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

August

- 15 San Diego Division Summer Meet**, Old Poway Park, Poway. *Note change of date!* Silent auction, clinic, cook out. Meets@sandiegodivision.org

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

October

- 10 San Diego Division Layout Tour**, North County Model Railroad Society (HO), Oceanside. layouts@SanDiegoDivision.org

November

- 14 San Diego Division Fall Meet**, San Diego Model Railroad Museum. Details TBA. Meets@sandiegodivision.org

December

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

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May

- 2-3 Southern California Railroad Plaza Association Railroad Days** in Fullerton, 9-5 both days free admission. ATSF 3751, more. See <http://www.scrpa.net/index.html>

- 2-3 High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club show**, Elk's Lodge, 240 E Ave K, Lancaster. More info <http://www.hdmmrc.com/>

- 2-4 Glendale Model Railroad Club Open House**, Sa 10-4, Su 1-4, M 7:30 - 10, 619 Hahn Ave, Glendale. More info <http://gmrrc.org/>

- 16-17 Angels Gate Hi-Railers and Belmont Shores clubs Open Houses**, Angels Gate Park, 3601 Gaffey St, San Pedro. 10 - 4. Free admission. More info <http://www.belmontshorerr.com/index.html> or <http://angelsgatehirailers.org/>

- 16-17, 19 California Southern Model Railroad Club Open House**, 12140 E Firestone Blvd, Norwalk. Sa 10-8, Su 12-6, T 7-9. More info <http://www.trainweb.org/calsomrr/dates.html>

- 23 Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet and Open House**, 6503 Katherine Rd, Simis Valley. Swap meet 7-10, Open House follows. \$2 admission. More info <http://www.santasusannadepot.org/swapmeet.htm>

- 24 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

- 30 Los Angeles Division Spring Rail**, Messiah Lutheran Church, 6625 Dale Rd., Buena Park. Swap meet 7-10, activities 8-5. Pizza lunch \$7. More info <http://www.ladiv-nmra.org/events.html>

June

- 6-7 Big Train Show**, Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario. Sa 10-6, Su10-4. \$10 pre-sale, \$10 door, \$14 Two day pass. More info <http://bigtrainshow.com/>

- 6 or 13? San Diego Model Railroad Museum Swap Meet**, 7-11, SDMRRM, 1649 el Prado, San Diego.

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SCHEDULE OF OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST (cont'd)

June (cont'd)

- 7 TTOS/SW Toy Train Meet, 136 E Santa Clara St, #2, Arcadia. More info <http://www.ttos.org/>
26-28 Lompoc Valley Model Railroad & Historical Society Open House, 428 North I, Lompoc. More info <http://lompocvalleymodelrailroad.org/>

July

- 4 Old Fashioned 4th of July, Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Rd, Poway. Poway Station modular layout, 10-4, free admission. More info at www.Poway.org
18-19 Great Train Show, Fairplex, 1101 McKinley Ave, Pomona. 10-4 both days. Admission. More info <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/index.html>
25 Roundhouse Gang Swapmeet, San Bernardino. 7:30-11:00.

August

- 1 Hemet-San Jacinto Railroad Club swap meet, Hemet. More info <http://hemetsjmodelrailroad.webs.com/>
2 California Express Railroadiana Show, Buena Park.
20 San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society Slide Show, Pasadena.

September

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

- 24 Banning Train Fest Swap Meet, Banning.
24 San Fernando Valley RR Historical Society Slide Show, Pasadena.

November

- 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



There were no shows in late 2014, but we started our 2015 year with our first show in Anaheim. We ended up with a 40 x 40 layout at the GTS Anaheim January 10-11 2015 train show. People were pouring in both days for the show, with long lines both days to get in. This was the first time with the kids can run trains layout, we were able to finish it during the show and have it up and running for the last 4 hours of the show.

Next up about a month later was the Del Mar GTS in mid February at the Fairgrounds. This was a hard show for most of us, we lost Michael Pfulb just before the show. We ended up doing a last run with his gas battery run car and had a guest book for people to sign. We will miss you Mike. We ended up running the Kids layout for the whole show, a bit more work is needed, but we are getting there. The layout area was 40 x 40 and we were able to have Mike's module there. Brad had all three modules of his modules at the show for the first time.

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Club Car (cont'd)

The big Train show is up next in early June. No World's Greatest Hobby show for 2015 in California, maybe coming in 2016. We should end up with the two new cove modules at this show.

We ended up having a work session the last weekend of March, two new module frames were built and wiring was finished on two other modules. We hope to maybe have one of the new modules at the Big Train show with other modules being upgraded before the show.

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 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/>

Dain Leese
CSC On30 Group

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The GTE show at Del Mar featured 18 layouts this year. The visitor turnout appeared to be light partly due to the choice of Valentine's Day and Presidents Day weekend. Our display this year included all 24 of our modules, including the two new modules created by Dale Minard. The setup layout required all the time that we were allotted and the club discussed methods that could be used to reduce setup time.

Don Fowler, The

Superintendent of the San Diego Division of the Southwest Region of the NMRA showed up at our March meeting to present Dale Minard with the Golden Spike Award for his work on the Air Museum Modules he created. The Golden Spike Award is the first step in the Master Model Railroader Achievement Program. Congratulations Dale!

We are developing plans to expand the Gilbert yard to install a passing siding and improve operations. Plans for expanding the Powell yard were also presented. These improvements will allow us to operate trains more realistically.

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Poway Station had two successful set ups recently. In February, we were at the Great Train Show (formerly the Great Train Expo) in Del Mar. We had a small group, but we had fun, with a fair-sized layout. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough room to include our Free-Mo style modules, but we hope we'll be able to use them somewhere soon.



Then on April 19, we participated in "History Days: Workin' on the Railroad," in Old Poway Park. Again, we were a small group in a small room, but after a gremlin was located in the electrical system, we all had fun. The layout is running very smoothly now.

Our next scheduled set up will be in Old Poway Park, for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July, from 10am until 5pm. Events in Old Poway Park are always good family fun. Come by and see us!

Membership is always open. You can contact us with questions through our web page, www.powaystation.org, or by talking with any member at an event. Hope to see or hear from you.

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Club Car (cont'd)



The San Diego Garden Railway Society continues to be active, with monthly layout tours and other various activities. Here are a few of the upcoming events. We are always happy to have anyone interested in trains attend our events, we'd just like to know that you're coming, so we can plan for the crowd.

May 17 – Open House at Jan & Joe Semerad, San Diego, 1 – 4pm.

June 14 – Dick & Julie Dale, El Cajon

July TBA – James & Kittie Kuhns, Encinitas, date and time TBA

August TBA – Dick & Bea Ericksen, Bonita, date and time TBA

You can check the Calendar on our web page, <http://www.sdgrs.com/>, for more information.

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.

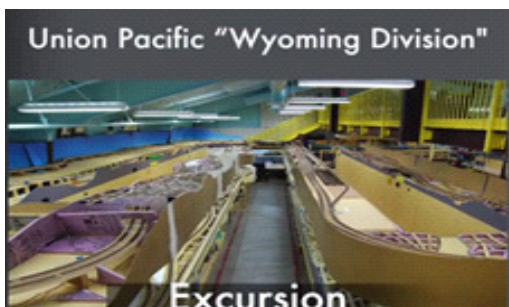
On Thursday, excursions will begin. This year, we'll be visiting the Phoenix Valley Metro Light Rail, the Verde Canyon Railroad in Clarkdale, the Maricopa Live Steamers, and Verryl Fosnight's "Union Pacific – Wyoming Division" HO railroad in Cornville. Check the convention schedule on the web page (below)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

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!





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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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	
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From the Editor...

Spring is in the air, and model railroaders are getting active. If you don't believe that, just check out the events calendar for May! We really have a wide choice of events.

I got an early start with a trip to the east coast, about which I've written elsewhere. I'd love to have more of this type of thing from any of you who travel to railroad events or venues, particularly in other parts of the country.

Now the spring open house season is starting, and I encourage you to visit somewhere you've never been. Try a different scale than the one you model, you may get some ideas.

There are several swap meets coming up, including ours at the Spring Meet in Vista. Keep an eye out for those treasures you've been seeking. This may be the time you find them! Or, maybe you have surplus "stuff" you'd like to get rid of. A swap meet can provide the needed cash to obtain that new piece of rolling stock, or that coveted locomotive.

The tree clinic at the Spring Meet will show you how to make some really great-looking trees. The techniques can be used in any scale. When you see the Short Track layout, you'll get a feel for how effective these trees look. You won't be disappointed.

The PCR convention will be held in Newark (south SF Bay area) this year. They always put on a great convention, and if you can get up there, you'll have a good time, maybe learn something.

Lots of opportunities this time of year. Be sure to take advantage of them. Then write up your experience for me.

Gary

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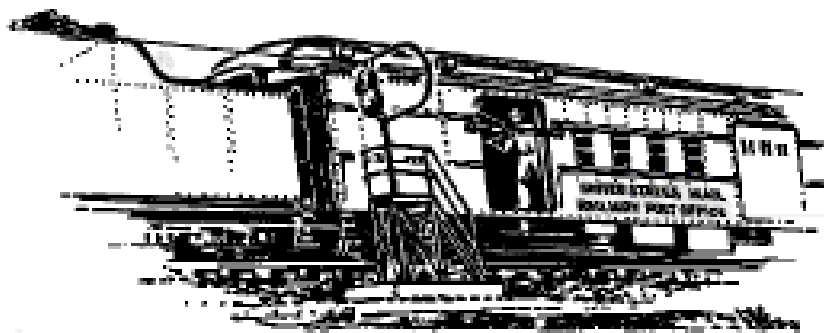
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