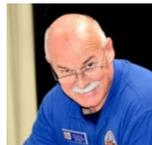


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### Superintendent's Report

Don Fowler MMR

### Upcoming Division Events

3rd Quarter 2018

#### Layout Tour

July 7, Saturday  
Noon to 3pm  
Ryan Di Fede's  
Cascade Line

#### Summer Meet

August 11, Saturday  
Peace Lutheran  
Swapmeet  
Cook out  
Clinics  
Fun & Fellowship

#### PSR Convention

##### "Beach Ops"

Hosted by  
the San Diego Division

We are just about two months away from hosting the Pacific Southwest Region's annual convention right here in San Diego. The Convention theme/title is "Beach Ops 2018" with significant emphasis placed on our local model railroad operations. There will also be a PSR Board Meeting, General Membership Meeting, clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, auctions, a swap meet, contest room, model railroad displays, an awards banquet and much more. Haven't registered yet? Better get on board! You won't want to miss this great model railroading event right in your own backyard. You can register now online, just click here:

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

If you have a layout designed for operations, we'd like to feature it. Even without an operations theme, if you have a model railroad that you'd like to share with our visitors, please contact us as soon as possible. If you'd like to present a clinic, we can arrange that also. Been

Sept. 12 - 16  
Wed thru Sun

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## Other Upcoming Events

These are other Model Railroading events in the Division and Region, and by local clubs. If you want your event listed please contact [mailhook@sandiegodivision.org](mailto:mailhook@sandiegodivision.org)

### **Cajon Extra #3704-1 South Take Amtrak to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum**

July 21, Saturday

*click the link for more information*

<http://www.cajondivision.org>

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## From the Editor

Well the format of the Mail Hook changes again. I thought we would continue to use the PSR Forum as a place to post and distribute this news letter. But not so, the Forum is not widely used in San Diego and we do not have a dedicated software for creating a newsletter. But we do have this email service... duh! So no more downloading from the Forum, just watch your inbox the week before the Second Saturday Division Event each quarter (January, April, July & October).

I hope you enjoy reading the Mail Hook, and please consider contributing.

-Ryan Di Fede  
Mail Hook Editor  
[mailhook@sandiegodivision.org](mailto:mailhook@sandiegodivision.org)

**This issue's contributors of articles, information, and pictures:** Don Fowler, Trudy Seeley and Roger Gredvin

working on a model? Bring it to the contest room for evaluation and possible award.

While hosting a convention is a lot of work, it's also a lot of fun. If you'd like to experience a convention from behind the curtain, we can arrange it. There's a task for everyone. We need drivers, clinic room technicians, runners (not really running), security, registration aides and I've probably missed a couple of other assignments. In exchange for your help, there's a free gift in it for you. Contribute a half day, a whole day or all week – we appreciate whatever time you can spare.

Among my other duties, I volunteered to provide some clinics (because I just didn't have enough to do). One of my subjects is 1940's model railroading in San Diego. I recently came into possession of some old photographs of the Pacific and Southwestern HO model railroad courtesy of Reed's Hobby Shop. The photos didn't include any narrative or description of what's depicted so I've been attempting to research this history with limited results. I could sure use your help if you have any historical knowledge on this topic. Please feel free to contact me directly and I'll be happy to incorporate whatever you can provide.

I hope to see you at this great event. You will learn and experience many things that can be applied to your future modeling efforts. It's promising to be one of our very best conventions ever but we need YOU there to make it a complete success.

Don



### **A New Director For the SD Division**

Trudy Seeley

Bob Feuerstein, our former San Diego Director, moved out of the PSR to Florida on retirement from

Seeley, and Roger Greiving

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### San Diego Division Officers

Director:

Trudy Seeley

Superintendent:

Don Fowler

Chief Clerk/Paymaster:

Ben Sevier

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his job. We will miss you Bob!

The Division appointed Trudy Seeley as the replacement Director at the Division Annual Meeting in May held during the Spring Meet at the Short Track RR club in Vista. Thank you Trudy! Congratulate and encourage her at our next event.

Trudy will be providing a column for this space in the Quarter 4 Mail Hook.

## July Layout Tour June 14, 2018 - Time TBA Cascade Line - SP Springfield Sub Hosted by Ryan Di Fede San Diego (near La Mesa), CA

Ryan Di Fede's n-scale layout depicts the Springfield Sub-division in Oregon in 1954. The "Cascade Line" was part the passenger timetable of Shasta Route and extended from Eugene beyond Klamath Falls. The modeled railroad supports passenger service, through freights, and locals. It is a point-to-point railroad around the walls on two levels, with staging east (Eugene) & west (Klamath Falls) at each point. The lower level includes industry in the town of Springfield, and a helper yard with a saw mill at Oakridge. The upper level of the layout represents climbing "The Hill" in the Cascades ending with the division point at Crescent Lake, just past the Summit and before entering staging.

Trains move between levels and to and from staging via a manually operated staging elevator. It has 5 shelves, the lower 2 are east staging, the upper 2 are west staging, and the center shelf carries the main line between the upper and lower levels.

Bench work is complete. The layout is fully operational with all track installed and trains DCC controlled with a NCE PowerCab. Additional throttles are NCE Radio or Wi-Fi mobile phone apps. There is a mix of manual and DCC operated turnouts. Scenery is in the beginning stages; there is good progress on the backdrop, some foam has

been cut to the general topography, a few structures have been built, and lots of plans in place...

All crammed into a dedicated 6' X 12' "Tuff Shed" out building in the back yard.

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Address: 3901 69<sup>th</sup> St. SD 92115

On the day of the event please enter via the gate to the left of the garage door.

#### Directions from 94

Take the Massachusetts Ave. exit north. Turn left on Waite Dr. Go beyond the stop sign and up the hill before turning right on 69<sup>th</sup> St. The house is on the right side of the street across from the cross street Marlow Dr.

#### Directions from Interstate 8

Take the 70<sup>th</sup> St. exit heading south. Follow 70<sup>th</sup> St. past El Cajon Blvd and continue on 70<sup>th</sup> St. toward University Ave. Continue straight; as you cross University the street name changes to Lois St. At the stop sign take the left fork and continue on to King St. At the next stop sign take a right on Hoffman Ave. Hoffman changes to Celia Vista Ave in one block. In 2 blocks take a left on to 69<sup>th</sup> St. The house is on the left side of the street across from the cross street Marlow Dr.

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## **Editorial**

Your Article Here!

A plea to Division members and clubs.

The Mail Hook needs interesting articles and features. Please consider writing and submitting an article on a Model Railroading topic to share your knowledge with other modelers. Maybe you could write an article about your layout progress, including picture. Earn AP points or just make it a fun challenge. Start thinking now because the next Mail Hook deadline is October 1.

If you are a member of a club in the division and would like to see your club and club layout featured in the Mail Hook; please submit an article and pictures too!

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### **Submission Guidelines:**

Contributions of articles on any railroad or model-railroading topic of interest to the membership are welcome. There is no compensation. If you are interested in submitting articles, event information, or other information of interest to members of the Division, please follow these guidelines:

1. Submit by email to the editor at [mailhook@sandiegodivision.org](mailto:mailhook@sandiegodivision.org), with the submission attached as a text document or in the body of email message. Pictures can be attached separately to the same email.
2. Keep in mind that submissions may be edited for length or formatting, or not used, at the discretion of the editor.

Following are the quarterly deadlines for submitting to the Mail Hook:

January 2, April 1, July 1, October 1

## **Division News**

### **April Layout tour**

Annual Swap Meet & Clinics at the  
**North County Model Railroad Society**





**April Bonus Layout tours**  
**San Diego Garden Railroad Society**  
Bob Treat's **Snow Creek Railroad**  
Steve Seidensticker's **Gopher Canyon Lines**



The event was a combined tour of the Garden Railroad Society and the NMRA SD Division (Snow Creek RR pictured). Eventually about 70 people showed up.





There was a swap meet too!



The Gopher Canyon Lines (GCL) extends from Steve's backyard garage around the front of the house, along other side to the back yard in a giant U shape that is point to point.



The GCL is designed for operations.



### Spring Meet at Short Track RR Club

Between the clinics, auction, & lunch there was time to view the Donner Pass RR.



Harold Helland of NCMRS was awarded his AP Certificate

for Structures. Congrats Harold!



All five MMRs in the San Diego Division.  
Left to right: Dick Roberts, Paul Schmitt, Don Hamm, Rodger Gredvig, & Don Fowler

### Clinics:

Two clinics were enjoyed at the Spring Meet. **Bruce Qualmann** demonstrated using an Arduino circuit board to activate servo driven turnouts. He showed us how an Arduino is good for a variety uses on our railroads for a modest price. The second clinic by **Trudy Seeley** was an interesting presentation prototype specialty cars used for all sorts of unusual things.



## June Layout tour

Ben Sevier's  
Gurdon Sub-Division, Missouri Pacific



Ben's layout is traditional grid construction, homosote track base, with styrofoam land contours. Operations are point to point with staging. He uses the "tab-on-car" system which streamlines paperwork and is easy for first time operators to learn.



Below are some of the happy people attending the event!



### **PSR Forums**

The PSR member forums are now open on the PSR web site at: [www.psrnmra.org](http://www.psrnmra.org)

Click on the Forums tab, register your account, and participate in discussions, get up to date info on events, and ask questions of fellow members of the PSR and NMRA.

Do it TODAY!

Have you checked the San Diego Model Railroad Museum web site lately? There is a LOT going on there these days, and they can always use the support of all model railroaders!

Museum Web Site: <http://www.sdmrm.org/>

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