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On the Cover...



HP Engine 1536 getting a last minute checkup before heading back out on the road. Pulling a business train full of dignitaries celebrating the railroads 70th Anniversary.



Superintendent Report

Hello to all L.A. Division members of the NMRA. I hope you have been enjoying our hobby this year. I had a great time recently at the PSR regional convention in San Diego with four days of activities -- clinics, contests, displays, meetings, tours, swap meet, auction, layouts, dinners, and even a little bar hopping. Of course, socializing with old friends and meeting new modelers is the best part of a convention like this.

Many of our L.A. Division members did well in the contests and auctions, including honors in various division and region awards. I have been to many, many model railroading conventions and they continue to be more fun and interesting than almost anything else I do. Try it if you haven't! The next PSR regional convention is in Phoenix next year, while the next NMRA national convention is in Salt Lake City next year. SLC is a long drive from here, but doable, and I always enjoy driving across the American West! I'll be there.

And if you are "narrow" minded, the next National Narrow Gauge convention is relatively close in Sacramento next year, just a few hours drive away. It will be a fabulous event, nowadays even larger than the national NMRA convention, and highly focused on the best craftsmanship in our hobby.

Pat Raymer, our L.A. Division director to the Pacific Southwest Region, was elected vice-president of the PSR, so we appointed Mona Raymer to complete his term as director. She will serve until the regular elections next year. Mona has been very active in the division events, volunteering to help in many ways, and will be an excellent representative to the region for our division.

The advisory board of our division is continuing to meet every month, usually the 2nd Thursday at 7 pm, and all members are welcome to attend and participate. These are our active members who put on our events for your pleasure -- the member appreciation banquet early in the year, the SpringRail event with its swap meet, clinics, displays, light lunch, and camaraderie, and the Freight Fright modular show at Halloween at the South Coast Botanical Gardens.

Our advisory board has continued to flesh out our organization of the PSR 2020 annual convention, which will be in Van Nuys. Pat Raymer offered to Chair the convention committee and was unanimously selected. Many of the other convention positions have volunteers, and there is always something for more volunteers to do. We have deadlines next year, 2019, to publish 2020 convention information, man tables at conventions and shows, and begin to publicize our convention. So we are looking for more help, and time is flying by.

Cheers,

Mike O'Brien,
Superintendent
L.A. Division-PSR-NMRA



Directors Report

Greetings fellow L.A. Division members,

As I write this, the ballots for regional elections have already gone out. The Coupler usually goes out at the end of the quarter named on the cover, so the elections are likely over by the time you read this. If you opened the election email, you might have noticed that I was running for Pacific Southwest Region Vice-President. Assuming that I will be elected to the office (not a huge leap, considering I am running unopposed), I will be leaving my post as L.A. Div. Director. I cannot hold the director position and the vice-president position at the same time, as this would give me 2 votes on the regional board. Mona Raymer was appointed Director and assuming the role until an election is held. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote.

This is by no means my “swan song” with the L.A. Division. I will continue to be active within the division-managing the Mail Chimp email distribution, assisting the membership chair when I can, helping at the train shows and SpringRail, and perhaps writing something for The Coupler that isn’t a director’s report!

Speaking of The Coupler, there is always a need for content: articles, photos, modeling tips, etc. We want to hear from you! Please consider submitting material. Submissions to The Coupler can count towards your Achievement Program certificate for author.

The most recent activity for the L.A. Division was the Great Train Show at the Pomona Fairgrounds. I was unable to attend the show as I was out of town, so I will let those who were there report on the festivities.

The PSR convention “Beach Ops 2018” was held recently on September 12-16th in San Diego and hope you had a chance to attend.

By the way-you may still be receiving

The Coupler even though your membership may have lapsed. I have not been very strict in editing our email distribution list to only members in good standing. After all, one of our mandates in the NMRA is education, which means sharing information. On the other hand, it seems unfair to the members who DO maintain their membership to “give away” The Coupler and other informational emails to people who no longer have an interest in keeping their membership current. Therefore, I will be reconciling the L.A. Division Mail Chimp distribution list every 2-3 months to the official member roster provided by NMRA headquarters. This will give those who have “forgotten” to renew their membership a chance to remain on the email distribution list. If you wish to continue to receive emails from the L.A. Division, including The Coupler, please take a look at your membership expiration date and renew in a timely manner.

The L.A. Division has many fun activities coming soon. Take a look at the events calendar in this issue of The Coupler for more information. I hope to see you soon!

Until then, and likely for the last time as Director of the L.A. Division, I wish you Happy Railroading!

Pat Raymer
Director
L.A. Division-PSR-NMRA



From the Website Guy

Where Has the Time Gone?

As I write this article August has faded, and September is in full swing. The heat we had to deal with this summer is fading and a feeling of Fall is in the air. Normally December is the time to recap what has been experienced in the year that is fading into history, but I decided that this is a good time to share with all you the things that were memorable in 2018. Many of these experiences I got to share with some of you and am very proud to have done so.

Model Railroading:

2018 was full of great model railroading events and I am so very proud to be a part of this awesome hobby. The year started out with members of the Glendale Model Railroad Society being invited to operate at the Corona Model Railroad Society, which was a direct result of two of the Glendale members attending the Cajon Division convention in September 2017, visiting the Corona layout and striking up a friendship. The visit was great, and the Glendale club members really enjoyed the Corona layout. If you are ever in the neighborhood it is worth a visit. In February the Glendale Model Railroad Society opened its doors on a Saturday (normal open houses are on the first Monday of each month), which provided a good opportunity to show off the layout to city officials and anyone else who wanted to stop by. The Glendale Model Railroad Society will host its next 3-Day Open House on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

In March the L.A. Division held its annual membership banquet, this year being at the Central Grille in Glendale. The food was excellent and of utmost importance to the author of this article, there was a surprise gift for each guest. The presentation for the evening was "Prototype Railroad Photography Basics" presented by noted model railroader and railroad photographer Tim Johnson (also the author of this article). This banquet is always fun and a great way to spend time with fellow model railroaders. In April the L.A. Division held their annual SpringRail event. This is one of the most fun events of the year and those who attend always have a great time. There is a swap meet, clinics, lunch and a hobo auction. Please note that there is one person in the crowd (namely the author of this article) who is always looking to win that ever elusive locomotive(s) that always show up in the auction. Despite a howl of disappointment when his ticket isn't drawn please be sure that he really is very happy for the person who did win it/them. In June the L.A. Division hosted a "Meet N' Greet" at the Glendale Model Railroad Society. There were plenty of refreshments and trains on the layout that the guests could run. This was designed to get all of you members together, so we could say hi and socialize with you. The event was a success, we will be hosting more of these at different layouts. Keep a lookout for notifications and please come join us at them, we truly look forward to seeing you!! In July, during the peak of our hot spell was the Great Train Show in Pomona. Of course, the L.A.

Division had a table and the show was very well attended, which gave us the opportunity to talk to a lot of people. It is very encouraging to see the number of families attending and the number of kids who were truly interested in being there. The last event to mention was the national convention in Kansas City. Although the author (me) couldn't attend I am Facebook friends with someone who did go and the photos he shared were quite enjoyable to see. It looked like it was a very well-done event. On a side note, 2018 was an awesome year for me personally with regards to model railroading. I was able to add to my already large (and loved) collection without putting myself in financial jeopardy. I also managed to get some interesting projects done for myself in between those I do for other people, the most notable was the Southern Pacific single fuel tank SD7 I finished a week or so ago, plus I had a good friend come to my shop for some weathering lessons.



Prototype Railroading:

For me 2018 was a great year for prototype railroad activities. Our cold weather didn't seem to last long enough but there were several chances in February and March for me to photograph trains on Tehachapi in the snow. Although the snow never materialized the trips were still well worth it, I saw lots of trains and on one particular trip

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Membership

Hello L.A. division members! I hope this finds you well and that you had as good a summer as we have. We went on vacation, traveled on the Southwest Chief to our destination in Illinois and participated in a variety of train related activities for the first week. See what a good time we were having in our picture below? We then rented a car and went over into Michigan for a week....a German town called Frankenmuth, where they have an enormous year round Christmas store. And, yes, they had a large number of train ornaments and indoor/outdoor decorations! Thanks for letting me share. Moving on...

As of the last roster provided from NMRA national headquarters, the L.A. Division now has 213 members. When you're talking with your friends – see if they want to join! Also, please remember to check your membership status. You may be receiving The Coupler even though your membership has lapsed. You can find the expiration date of your membership on your NMRA membership card. If it has expired, please renew as soon as possible, so you can continue to receive the benefits of membership. Remember that one of the benefits of membership is the discounts from NMRA partners. To see all of our discount partners and find more benefits, go to www.NMRA.org. Also, when you are visiting one of our local train stores, be sure to mention that you are an NMRA member. Some offer discounts to members.

I would like to welcome our new member that joined in August, **Frank DeJauregui**.

****Important note:** If you move, change your phone number or email address, please remember to send an email to membership@ladiv-nmra.org so you

will continue to receive our emails.

Also, notify National so they have your current information. ******

The Advisory Board is still in need of a volunteer to fill the non-rail (railette) chair position. This position is necessary so we are able to provide any non-rail persons attending our convention in 2020 adequate festivities to enjoy while our modelers are in clinics and on prototype outings. The only requirements are attending an Advisory Board meeting once a month and overseeing our non-rail program at the convention. If you know of anyone that might be interested in keeping this vital part of our program alive, please have them email me at membership@ladiv-nmra.org. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

We will be attending the upcoming PSR regional convention in San Diego – we are looking forward to a great time! Don't forget our Freight Fright event is the last weekend in October at the South Coast Botanic Gardens. If you attend either, please make sure to find me and say hello.....hope to see you soon!



Mona Raymer
Membership Chair
L.A. Division-PSR-NMRA



Financial Report

LADivPSRNMRA Balance Sheet As of August 29, 2018

	Aug 29, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Advisory Board	
Expenses	793.49
Total Advisory Board	793.49
Bank Fees	1,009.30
Banquet	
Expenses	1,855.06
Income	-1,285.00
Total Banquet	570.06
Build a Memory	
Income	-1,200.89
Total Build a Memory	-1,200.89
Childrens Coloring Boxcar	
Expenses	506.37
Total Childrens Coloring Boxcar	506.37
Coupler	96.14
Elections	
Expenses	955.92
Total Elections	955.92
Freight Fright Modular Meet	
Expenses	801.34
Income	-684.43
Total Freight Fright Modular Meet	116.91
NMRA Promotional Events	
Expenses	856.67
Income	-383.15
Total NMRA Promotional Events	473.52
Regional Convention	
Expenses	29,081.29
Income	-30,812.58
Total Regional Convention	-1,731.29

James L. Keena
Chief Clerk/Paymaster
LA Div. PSR NMRA

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LA AREA PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET 2018

Saturday – Oct 6th, 2018 9am - 4pm

Encounter Christian Church

10012 Ramona St. Bellflower, CA 90706

**\$20 at the door - \$15 with a model to display
Bring your models (Finished or unfinished)**

Bring a friend!

**All scales and all vehicles welcome
Great Clinics! Fantastic Raffle!**

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Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers Meet



On Saturday, Oct 6th, 2018 RailMaster Hobbies will be hosting the first ever "Los Angeles Prototype Modelers Meet". This exciting new event will be held at the:

Encounter Christian Church
10012 Ramona St. Bellflower
CA 90706
9am - 4pm

\$20 At the Door
\$15 with a Model to Display
All Scales and Vehicles Welcome!

Clinics:

Henry Baez, weathering:

See an actual demo of how Henry weathers his models (HO and N scale) using military modelers techniques. He will show how to get prototypical weathering that really make the model have that great 3D look. Henry will be in the main area of the meet and showing his weathering techniques throughout the day.

Pete Steinmetz - Weathering with pan pastels.

Jerry Allen - Using Bare Metal Foil

Joe Strapac - SP Beaumont Hill

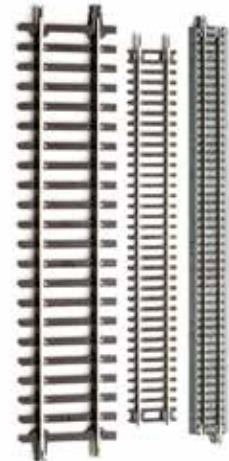
Jim Fuhrman - Arduino for model railroaders



Manufacturers:

Confirmed to be at the meet:

Athearn
ESU
RailMaster Hobbies
SPH&TS
ScaleTrains
Soundtraxx
TAM Industries
OwlMtModels'
Barry Draper



Swap Meet:

Setup at 7am for an 7:30am start. Swap meet cost to vendors will just be the admission price to the show. Bring your own table for swap meet.

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Los Angeles Division NMRA
Next Board Meeting

Thursday
Oct 11th, 7:00 PM
619 Hahn Ave.
Glendale CA 91203

LA Division NMRA members receive President's Award!

The following honors were given by outgoing president Charlie Getz and incoming president Pete Magoun at the banquet in Kansas City.

President's Award for Service to the Division

Martyn Jenkins (Australasian Region)

Tom Winlow (British Region)

Don Bozman (Lone Star Region)

Bob Weinheimer (Mid-Central Region)

Larry Diehl (Mid-Continent Region)

Gary Children (Midwest Region)

Steve Juranics (Niagara Frontier Region)

Barry Hersel (North Central Region)

Jim Heidt (Northeast Region)

Gus Campagna (Pacific Coast Region)

Rus Segner (Pacific Northwest Region)

Pat Raymer (Pacific Southwest Region)

Mona Raymer (Pacific Southwest Region)

Harold Linke (Rocky Mountain Region)

Art Landrigan (Southeast Region)

James Robertson (Sunshine Region)

Jay Davis (Thousand Lakes Region)



Pat & Mona Raymer receiving their President's Awards at the PSR convention in San Diego

From the Website Guy (cont'd)

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there was plenty of rain, which was great to photograph trains in as well. I even had the chance to put my vintage 1988 Ford Bronco II into 4-wheel drive. In April my friend, Scott Sackett reintroduced me to Cajon Pass. I hadn't really spent a lot of time there since my hiatus from railfanning in the 90's and when I got back into it in the early 2000's I found I preferred Tehachapi or the occasional trip to Beaumont Hill. Well, Scott and I had been talking about visiting the crossover at Frost and decided on a Sunday for the outing. I wasn't sure how busy a Sunday on Cajon Pass would be. We got to the first spot, Mormon Rocks, about 10 am and worked our way from location to location towards Frost. We found so much train traffic along the way that we didn't get to Frost until about 3pm. Scott really knew his way around and we went spots I used to visit back in the 80's as well as some I had never been to before. It was an amazing unforgettable day. Of course, as Spring sprung more trips to Tehachapi were in order and on

each trip I endeavored to find new spots. I have been photographing trains on Tehachapi since I was a boy, so I thought I would have to work hard to find new locations. It turns out that sometimes you really can't see the forest through the trees. All I needed to do was look around a bit near the familiar places and the new ones popped up. Train traffic was good on all the outings, so I was able to add a nice selection of photos to my collection. Another type of outing Scott, his son Sam and I enjoy are local outings. There is so much activity right here in our own backyard and the urban settings make very interesting backgrounds for photography. Just the other day I went to Simi Valley to photograph a BNSF officers special that came down the U.P. coast line. As always, my participation on the diesel service crew at Orange Empire Railway Museum was interesting and productive. For the past few years I have been working primarily on our 1939 built ex-Southern Pacific EMC SW-1. It has made tremendous

progress and when the restoration is complete she will be an incredibly valuable asset to the museum. My faithful four-legged friend, Ryder even got to go for some locomotive rides!



We still have a few months to go before 2018 actually comes to a close and I anticipate more railroad adventures, both model and prototype, before that happens. I look forward to these adventures as well as the ones in the year to come.

Tim Johnson
Webmaster
L.A. Division-PSR-NMRA



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Home

Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers, Inc.

The Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers Inc. AKA the Highland Pacific Railroad will be celebrating its 70th platinum Anniversary this year. The club owns its own building and is still improving and expanding the Highland Pacific Railroad.

The club is open year-round on almost every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. We are always looking for new members to become part of this group of model railroaders where you can enjoy the fellowship of model railroading, craftsmanship, mentoring, learning and improving your own modeling skills. Come and join the fun. We have one of the lowest monthly dues in the Los Angeles area at just \$30 per month.

We have implemented and expanding block assigned DC and NCE DCC throughout the entire railroad. Through our block assignment control method, both DC and DCC locomotives can operate together on along separate portions of the railroad. Your prized DC locomotives can work alongside your newer advanced DCC decoder and sound equipped locomotives. This way no one is left out of the fun of model railroading. The Highland Pacific never charges an admission fee for our annual open houses, but donations are always welcome. We are here to promote the hobby of model railroading and have fun at the same time.

Every 5th Wednesday that occurs in a month is where we operate the railroad utilizing timetables and by a prototypical Centralized Traffic Control Center to dispatch and move scheduled trains across the railroad. Simple card cards and way bills are

used for delivery and pickup of cars from various industries. Regular train running occurs monthly and some members also meets on Saturdays to run trains.

As part of the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the Club, this year's open house will encompass two weekends on the following days:

***Saturday, November 3, 2018
Noon to 5:00 P.M.***

***Sunday, November 4, 2018
Noon to 5:00 P.M.***

***Wednesday, November 7, 2018
7:00 to 10:00 P.M.***

***Saturday, November 10, 2018
Noon to 5:00 P.M.***

***Sunday, November 11, 2018
Noon to 5:00 P.M.***

Refreshments will be available as well as our annual raffle for great model railroad items. Come join us in our celebration. Additional information is available on our club website:

<http://www.highlandpacifcrr.com>

James Keena
***Paymaster
Highland Pacific Railroad***



70th Platinum Anniversary





FREIGHT FRIGHT 2018



Entrance Fee to Gardens:

Adult	\$9.00 (Ages 13-61)
Senior	\$6.00 (Ages 62 and over)
Children	\$ 4.00 (Ages 5-12)
Toddlers	FREE (Ages 4 and under)
Students	\$6.00 (with Student I.D.)

*Visitors under 18 must be
t by an adult*

The LA Division Freight Fright will again be held at the South Coast Botanical Gardens in Palos Verdes on the weekend of October 27 & 28, 2018. This is an annual modular meet event hosted by the Los Angeles Division. The event is free, the only charge is the entry fee paid to the County of Los Angeles for entry to the Gardens.

PASSING IT ON.



Arthur when he was almost two

I don't remember the first time I let my 2.5-year-old run trains on our N scale layout, but it was definitely before he could stand on his own. I'd hold him up and let him turn the throttle up and down. Once he realized exactly what was going on, he was hooked. Eventually he got to the point where he could stand in a chair and watch as his train speed around the track. Within a few months' time, it got to the point where I'd come home from work and he'd motion for me to come with him as he ran over to the basement door to play "choo-choo". Now we are at the point where if he wants to play with the "cool big black choo-choo", I give the go ahead, and he races downstairs, turns the power on, and begins running trains. He's mastered the throttle, he can start, stop, and change direction with ease. Honking the horn, ringing the bell, and turning the lights on and off adds to his enjoyment. He is content to just drive around in circles, ringing the bell.

Occasionally, he stops and tells me that he wants to attach cars to the engine, and I show him which switches to throw to get the cars he wants. He hasn't mastered which knobs move which switches on his own, but he knows that to pick up cars, he needs to do some switching. His tiny fingers struggle with getting cars and engines on the track at times, but he knows I'll be there to help when he asks.

He and I play trains most days after work. It gives me an opportunity to do some work on a car or structure and lets him run trains for a few minutes. I often just stand there with him, lending a hand when needed, watching as he enjoys the hobby.

Sooner or later, the current layout will come down as I make room for the next one (www.pvcrr.blogspot.com/p/track-plan.html). I don't want us to be without a railroad to play with during this time, and while I like the idea of keeping the current layout while the new one is being built, I don't know how realistic that would be given the size of the train room. Rather than lose this special time with him, I made him his own railroad, or a "big cool ding-ding (trolley) town." His words, not mine.

I put this together during one of his naps. A piece of scrap plywood, trimmed with 1" oak, and some 1/2" pink insulation foam, make up the base. A grass mat provides the surface, and some blue craft foam was used for the river. While the layout downstairs is DCC, this one uses an old Bachmann DC throttle and EZ-Track I had on hand. The track isn't attached, so we can change it if we'd like. The buildings were from prior layouts and currently unused, as were most of the trains he runs. Because we already owned the trains and structures, I think I spent less than \$50 on materials. Of course, these aren't his only trains. He has some Brio, some Thomas Trains, some battery powered plastic ones, and all the train magazines and books he could ever need. But this little railroad is different.



The new railroad is approximately 30" x 32"

More than simply sharing my hobby with him, I'm letting him experience it himself. It isn't some off-limits thing for him to look at. It's his world to play with. A simple oval like this might not satisfy all of our wants and needs in the hobby and he may very well outgrow it, but in the meantime, he is learning how to work his tiny fingers, and exercise his imagination. More important than that, we are spending quality time together laying on the floor with some dinosaurs watching his "cool blue yellow choo-choo" zoom around the track.

One day I'll find the picture of a two-day old me laying in front of a Christmas tree with my dad's Lionel trains running behind me, that seems like an appropriate addition to the collection we are building.

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Great Train Show 2018

The Great Train Show that was held at the Los Angeles County Fair Ground on July 24 & 25, 2018 and the Los Angeles Division helped to staff a NMRA booth with several Cajon Division members at the show. On display were a impressive collection of vendors, modular layouts, and eager visitors. Always great to run into old friends and meet new ones!



Pacific Southwest Region Extra 3704-1 Train Trip to San Diego

On Saturday, July 21, 2018 several members of the Los Angeles Division boarded Amtrak at Union Station for a PSR organized get together to tour the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. They were joined by additional Cajon Division members in Fullerton and Santa Ana for the excursion. This was a pay your own way event to bring together PSR members to enjoy an afternoon together. Once in San Diego, public transportation was utilized to travel from the San Diego Santa Fe Depot to the Museum at Balboa Park. San Diego Division member joined the group and assisted in providing a tour of the various railroad layouts in the Museum.



Lunch was individually obtained by participants at the various food services located in the Balboa Park Museum complex. Members reassembled to complete the tours of each of the N, HO, O scale railroads that are within the Museum. Everyone then returned to the Santa Fe Depot for dinner together while awaiting the Amtrak return trip departure time. It was a fun time had by all.



James Keena
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NMRA

The NMRA is many things to many people.

The NMRA is Fellowship...

Members at all levels of the NMRA are eager to share their knowledge and friendship.

Divisions

There are over 150 NMRA Divisions - groups of NMRA members in local communities. Most hold regular meetings featuring interesting and informative presentations on subjects ranging from "how-to" clinics to prototype railroad slide presentations. Many also have a regular newsletter for members.

Regions

There are 18 NMRA Regions across the globe and each Region is made up of many Divisions. Regions usually hold annual or semi-annual conventions which can include presentations and clinics, as well as tours to model layouts, prototype tours, and even banquets and swap meets. All Regions have a member newsletter.

National

Every summer the NMRA National Convention brings together its members for a week of clinics, contests, layout tours, prototype excursions, the "National Train Show®", and dozens of other exciting activities. Every year it's held in a different city, so it makes an ideal family vacation.

The NMRA is Member Services...

Being a member of the NMRA entitles you to a multitude of services, all geared toward expanding your enjoyment of the hobby. You'll find most of these services listed below in the "Why Join" section.

Every month our large, four-color magazine, NMRA Magazine, will update you on NMRA activities on a Divisional, Regional, and National level. It also includes informative modeling or prototype articles.

In addition, NMRA members have exclusive access to Tape/Slide Clinics, Data and Standards Sheets, The Pike Registry, and dozens of other resources.

The NMRA is Standards...

When the NMRA was founded in 1935, model railroading was in its infancy, without standards that ensured interchangeability. The NMRA was the organization that set those Standards and Recommended Practices which still guide manufacturers and consumers alike. In fact, the NMRA recently set the manufacturing standards that continue to guarantee the compatibility of different brands of DCC equipment.

The NMRA is also deeply involved with developing both Module standards and Large Scale train standards, again helping to ensure that hobbyists enjoy the many benefits of equipment compatibility.

The NMRA is The A. C. Kalmbach Memorial Library...

The Kalmbach Memorial Library just may be the largest railroad reference and research center in the world, containing over 100,000 prototype photos, 6,000 books, and more than 50,000 modeling, prototype and historical society magazines. Every day it answers dozens of members' questions about everything from model to prototype railroading.

NMRA members can get answers to questions; printouts of the periodical database; videotapes and tape/slide clinics, and discounts on research services, photo reproductions, surplus books and magazines

The NMRA is the Achievement Program...

The NMRA's Achievement Program, or "AP," is designed to help modelers improve their skills and get more enjoyment out of their hobby. In addition, it gives recognition to those members who have displayed a high degree of skill or service to the hobby.

The Achievement Program helps give you the skills that let you build a model railroad you can be proud of.

The NMRA is Conventions...

Anyone who thinks a local club can offer the same benefits as the NMRA has never been to an NMRA National Convention. Each summer some of the best modelers from around the world gather to teach, learn, compete in modeling contests, and view some of the best model railroad layouts around.

The convention is capped off by the "National Train Show®", one of the largest shows of its kind in the country. You'll typically find over 150,000 square feet of booths from model railroad manufacturers and dealers, most with special "train show deals" or special model introductions.

In addition, Region and Division conventions and meets give members a chance to gather together to gain knowledge and "talk trains" all year long.





MODEL TRAIN & RAILROAD EVENTS:

2018

September

- 28-30th Gold Coast Station 30th Anniversary Open House, Tehachapi
29th Model Railroads of Southern California Layout Tour #57, So. Orange County

October

- 1st Glendale Model RR Society Open House, Glendale
7:30pm - 10:00pm
5th-7th Central Coast Railroad Festival, San Luis Obispo
6th Los Angeles Prototype Modelers Meet, Bellflower
6th Daylight Division Meet, San Luis Obispo
6th San Luis Obispo RR Museum Brewery Excursion, San Luis Obispo
6th & 7th Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House, Hawthorne
13th North County Model Railroad Society Swap Meet, Oceanside
20th Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino
20th & 21st Belmont Shore Model RR Club Open House, San Pedro
27th & 28th L.A. Division Freight Fright

November

- 3rd Santa Susana RR Historical Swap, Simi Valley
3rd Railroad Slide Exchangers Show, Pasadena
3rd, 4th, 5th Glendale Model Railroad Society 3-Day Open House
3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th & 10th Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers
70th Anniversary Celebration, San Gabriel
3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th & 12th Orange Empire Ry Museum Day Out With Thomas, Perris
10th Coachella Valley Model Railroaders Open House, Indio
10th - 11th Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club Show, Tehachapi
10th, 11th & 13th California Southern Model RR Club Open House, Norwalk
16th-18th Cal-Stewart Train Meet, Glendale
17th, 18th & 20th Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House, Pasadena

December

- 2nd Los Angeles Model Railroad Society Open House, Hawthorne



MODEL TRAIN & RAILROAD EVENTS:

2019

January

5th Railroad Slide Exchangers Show, Pasadena
26th-27th Great Train Show, Ventura

February

15th - 24th Coachella Valley Model Railroaders Open House, Indio
23rd L.A. Division Annual Banquet/Membership Meeting, Location TBD

March

2nd-3rd Great Train Show, Costa Mesa
9th Coachella Valley Model Railroaders Open House, Indio
9th & 10th Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society Train Show, Bakersfield
30th Railroad Slide Exchangers Show, Pasadena

April

6th-7th, 9th-14th San Bernardino County Museum Train Days, Redlands
13th L.A. Division Spring Rail Meet, Whittier
26th & 27th Cajon Division Spring Meet at OERM

June

14th-16th Cajon Division CIM3 Event

July

7th - 13th NMRA National Convention, Salt Lake City Utah.

October

6th & 7th L.A. Division Freight Fright



MODEL TRAIN & RAILROAD EVENTS:

2020

April

18th Spring Rail Meet, Whittier

September

9th - 13th Pacific Southwest Region/NMRA Convention, Van Nuys

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