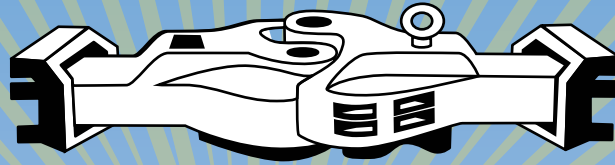


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and more!***



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### On the Cover...



A BNSF stack train approaches the west end of Warren on a snowy February 21st, 2019. The next issue of the Coupler will have an article about the uncommon snow day in Tehachapi.

## Superintendent Report



### LA Division Superintendent Report, April 2019

Greetings to L.A. Division members!!

I hope you are having another great year of fun and enjoyable model railroad doings and happenings.

#### DIVISION DOINGS . . .

We have an "Advisory Board" which meets monthly with the Division's elected officers. The Glendale Model Railroad Society graciously allows us to use their clubroom from 7 to 9 pm on the second Thursday of each month. Many years ago, we used to meet at the home of an officer of the Division.

All LA Division members are welcome to participate in these meetings, as well as any interested guests. Of course, every NMRA member who lives in L.A. or Ventura County is automatically a L.A. Division member and a full participant in our affairs. We have three elected officers (Director, Superintendent, and Clerk-Paymaster), while any member interested can be appointed to the "Advisory Board" as chairperson, co-chair, or member of one of our committees--there is room for everyone; no-one need be left out! Just show up, get involved, and watch out--the Superintendent may "volunteer" you onto a committee!

That's how it works--we present officers and advisors found that we could help the L.A. Division and just kind of volunteered ourselves. It is fun and

interesting. Hopefully, no "club politics", just hobby activities. We are the "grass roots" of the national NMRA, our hobby's premier organization.

Personally, I first volunteered with the LA Division on the 1996 Long Beach NMRA national convention as Layout Design SIG chairperson. I continued along with the national LDSIG and eventually was elected LDSIG President. Then I termed-out about 10 years ago. I became involved locally with the L.A. Division, volunteering as Editor of the L.A. Coupler, then ending up as Superintendent and here we are. I term out next year, in 2020. So you see, I can vouch from many years of personal experience that volunteering is very enjoyable and satisfying--i recommend it!!

Cheers,  
Mike O'Brien  
Superintendent





# Directors Report

Hello L.A. Division Members,

I hope that 2018 was a good year and you enjoyed a lot of wonderful train activities and fellowship with other modelers. I wish you a belated Happy New Year, and hope it is off to a great start!

I am looking forward to 2019 and being part of the PSR Regional Board of Directors. As you know, the Board is comprised of many new officials, including the president, vice president and new directors for all four divisions! We have many items in the works, and I will keep you updated as time goes by.

In January, a number of the Los Angeles Division Advisory Board members attended the Great Train Show held in Ventura on January 26th & 27th. We set up tables to promote the NMRA, provided a lot of free magazines to attendees and also had a coloring table for the children. We had great success in obtaining new members. This was the first time that the Great Train Show had been held in Ventura in 9 years. Some stated that this show was smaller than when it was previously held there. But, it is felt that if the show continues to be held in Ventura again, it will grow and be better every year.

We all had a great time seeing all of the vendors that are committed to the hobby as well as the modular groups that bring their great layouts to enjoy. It is always wonderful to see old friends and make new ones at these shows!

As the Banquet Chair, I would like to let you know we held our annual Membership Meeting and Banquet on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Central Grille in Glendale. The food was delicious and we had a full house! We had a very special guest of honor and speaker, Mary Barstow, who was awarded a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions and service to the Los Angeles Division. Mary joined the NMRA in 1980 and became involved with the advisory board for many years, volunteering as Coupler Editor, Director and Superintendent. She also helped facilitate numerous L.A. Division Regional Conventions and served on the committee for two local National Conventions. Along the way, Mary also achieved her MMR #292! Congratulations for a job well done Mary! We truly appreciate all you have done for the L.A. Division and in promoting our great hobby! A good time was had by all and everyone enjoyed receiving a surprise gift just for attending.

By the time this edition of the Coupler arrives, some of the Los Angeles Division Advisory Board will have helped man a table at the Great Train Show in Costa Mesa with the Cajon Division to promote the NMRA and all of the benefits for the members. I hope we saw you there.

Please "Save The Date" for the following L. A. Division events ~ hope to see you at then!

April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

SpringRail – Whittier

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Great Train Show – Pomona Fair Grounds

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Annual Freight Fright – South Coast Botanic Gardens, P. V. Peninsula

Until next time...Happy Modeling!

*Mona Raymer*  
Director  
Los Angeles Division, PSR,  
NMRA

# From the Website Guy



## Situational Awareness

Time is a funny thing. The longer we spend time doing things, even the things we love, our perspective changes. We have the tendency to forget to appreciate the things we do that make our lives interesting. A good example is the 20 plus years I spent working on a WW2 B-25 Mitchell. At first I could hardly sleep the night before going to an air show with the crew but after a while it just seemed like a lot of work. After a weekend of explaining about the airplane to people I remembered more about how tired I was when I got home than I did about how interested the people at the show were in seeing her. It wasn't until the owner passed away and the airplane went off to her new home that it really sunk in what all those years of involvement really meant to me. To me, our hobby is extremely interesting and provides me with a tremendous amount of enjoyment, but I have been doing this for a while and as I mentioned time has a funny of changing the way we look at things.

Over the past couple of years or so I have been helping to man the NMRA table at train shows where I get to see all kinds of people who are interested in model trains, not all of whom are in the

hobby or as serious as some of us are. In thinking about that it occurs to me that the people who attend these shows have a varied way of viewing what is all around them. The reaction I enjoy seeing the most is that of awe. It reminds me of how I felt when was introduced to model railroading. My dad worked for Lockheed Aircraft Company in Burbank and was a member of the Lockheed Employees Recreation Club, which had a model railroad layout. As a boy he would sometimes take me there to run trains and it was always something I looked forward to. The trains and the scenery all seemed so real and the evenings there inspired my love of model trains.

People who see our hobby for the first time don't likely see Santa Fe 4-8-4 Northern or SD40-2s or anything like that. Most likely what they see is a great number of miniature trains that remind them of the great big ones they waved at as kids, or as kids now they wave at. They are reminded of the train sets that filled the basements or attics of an Uncle or Grandfather, and they almost always smile when they talk about these things. For these people time hasn't gotten them used to how fascinating and wonderful our hobby is.

Those of us who have been in the hobby for a while are still passionate about it, otherwise we wouldn't give up so much of our free time helping to run open house events at our model railroad clubs or volunteer time

with hobby organizations, such as the NMRA, but how often do we think about how much the things we do enrich the lives of those who come to the open houses or train shows. The full-size trains that we have models of are an extremely important part of our economy and infrastructure, our country would come to a grinding halt without the railroads. In a way, by showing people our hobby we are paying tribute to the railroads, past and present and I think it helps people understand how important railroads are. That, to me, is pretty huge because I remember when air travel was becoming popular and passenger trains (all trains, for that matter) were being seen by most people as outdated, dirty and unnecessary. Time does indeed have a funny way of changing our perspective but it doesn't change the fact that we have a great hobby that brings enjoyment to so many people, some of whom aren't model railroaders but do appreciate what we do.

*Tim Johnson*  
Webmaster  
Los Angeles Division, PSR,  
NMRA



# Membership



# Financial Report

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN COUPLER REPORT

Jan 26, 2019: Vic Cavalli and I drove to the Ventura County Fairgrounds for the Great Train Show on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to man the Membership Table. James and Edna Keena, Pat and Mona Raymer and Mike O'Brien joined us. We were in the building with the club layouts.

We were able to set up three tables. One with NMRA and membership information, another covered with handout material, older NMRA magazines and Scale Rails, donated by Steve Dodge. These proved to be very popular. Another table for Children to color train pictures while we were talking to their Parents about the NMRA and the L.A. Division.

Very surprising, we sold six memberships, One PCR full membership to, Chris Fletcher of Santa Barbara. Four NMRA "RAIL PASS" for the Los Angeles Division: Jude Stacy of Woodland Hills, Dan Van Keuren, Henry Kane of Ventura,

Robert Ojeda of Santa Clarita, and Bill Armstrong for the Cajon Division. WELCOME ABOARD.

Now, take advantage of your membership, and join other members by attending the events that the divisions put on. The L.A. Division has the membership BANQUET on February 23<sup>rd</sup> with speaker Mary Barstow, MMR, in Glendale and SPRINGRAIL on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Whittier. Springrail we will have Clinic's, Contests, and the famous "HOBO" auction. An all day event. You don't want to MISS IT.

Over all, I feel the show was a success, very good crowd, lots of interest. The dealers were in one building, not crowded, wide aisles, very good representation of the various scales and items available. The building with the seven Club layouts, most of the scales represented with wide aisles.

Hopefully we can get a couple of extra tables at the Costa Mesa Show in March, as the extra tables kept the Children busy,

while we were able to talk to the parents and renew their interest in Model Trains. I had several conversations with parents, concerning their children's interest in Trains and getting them started.

See you at the Train Show, in Costa Mesa, stop by and say HELLO.

Toot, Toot,

Robert "BOB" DeMoss,  
Membership Chairman,  
Los Angeles Division,  
PSR, NMRA

9:41 AM  
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## LADivPSRNMRA Balance Sheet As of November 9, 2018

|                                      | Nov 9, 18        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |                  |
| Current Assets                       |                  |
| Checking/Savings                     |                  |
| Checking                             |                  |
| Advisory Board Expenses              | 824.70           |
| Total Advisory Board                 | 824.70           |
| Bank Fees                            | 1,029.30         |
| 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 Elections Expenses           | 955.92           |
| Total Elections                      | 955.92           |
| Freight Fright Modular Meet Expenses | 950.65           |
| Income                               | -770.43          |
| Total Freight Fright Modular Meet    | 180.22           |
| NMRA Promotional Events Expenses     | 964.40           |
| Income                               | -410.15          |
| Total NMRA Promotional Events        | 554.25           |
| Regional Convention Expenses         | 29,081.29        |
| Income                               | -30,812.58       |
| Total Regional Convention            | -1,731.29        |
| SpringRail Expenses                  | 6,114.17         |
| Income                               | -8,222.60        |
| Total SpringRail                     | -2,108.43        |
| Checking - Other                     | 8,028.66         |
| Total Checking                       | 7,705.01         |
| Savings Intrest                      | -4.49            |
| Savings - Other                      | 5,105.13         |
| Total Savings                        | 5,100.64         |
| Total Checking/Savings               | 12,805.65        |
| Total Current Assets                 | 12,805.65        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>12,805.65</b> |

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

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# Great Train Show, Ventura

## We're Going To The Train Show!

Are there any more exciting words in the English language? Well yes, actually, like "you've won the lottery!". The chances of going to the train show are, however, much better than winning the lottery so... we're off to the train show! The train show in this case was the Great Train Show, returning to the Ventura County Fairgrounds January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, after an estimated 10 or 11 year absence from the venue.

I know why I go to the train shows, and I have a few suspicions why you might go as well. As a representative of the NMRA, part of my motivation is to promote the organization. Beyond that though, it is a chance to see some old friends and perhaps make some new ones. It is also a chance for me to search for those special gems being offered by the vendors that are just begging to go home with me.

How about you? You may go for one or more of the reasons that I have mentioned, or maybe you are a first-timer, taking the kids to see the layouts (and secretly planning your entry or re-entry into the wonderful world of model railroading). Maybe you are there with your modular layout group, showing off your artistry for the public and having fun running trains.

But what about the other people who go to the shows? What about the people that make it happen? I stopped to talk with some of these people and get their take on the train show experience.

Bill Grove, the man in charge of the Great Train Show, took a few minutes out of his very busy day to speak with me. When I spoke with him, he was seven weeks away from his 30<sup>th</sup> year with the train show. I asked him how he got started with the Great Train Show. He told me "Back in Chicago, where I'm from, I was a member of a model railroad club with a friend of mine, Randy. I've known him since the second grade, and he now owns this company. In 1989 Randy approached me about helping out with some shows-they were expanding-and 30 years later, I'm still doing it." That company is Trainshows.com, putting on train shows nationwide. With all this travel around the country, I asked Bill how often he gets to see home in the Chicago suburbs. "About once a week" he said. "This is the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in January that I've travelled. I'm usually home Tuesdays and Wednesdays - we leave for shows Thursdays and often come back on Mondays". When I asked him if he had a favorite city that he goes to with the show, he said, "I don't know that I have a favorite city but I usually have a favorite place in almost every city we go to. The best cheeseburger in the world is in Wichita. The best seafood buffet is in Virginia Beach. So, I can go almost anywhere and find something I really like". Regarding Ventura: "The weather is nice, the views are great, so it's right up there".

I asked Bill if there was anything about the show that people might find surprising. He responded "I mean, certainly if you're in the hobby there's probably not a lot, but I always hear from people that are in with a young kid- that maybe aren't modelers- just how much there is at a show. I've already heard a couple of times today, people walk in and go 'wow' this is humongous and by show standards this show's not as big, obviously, as Costa Mesa. But, for this market, there are no other shows so somebody just walking into this is...I mean there's a lot to see here. There's a whole separate building of layouts, there's a whole building of vendors, and all the outside stuff for kids. So, you know, if you're not into the hobby and you just kind of come down to see what it's about, you can really be surprised as to how much the hobby has to offer".

Will the Great Train Show be coming back to Ventura soon? Bill said "My schedule right now is through August. In April, I will schedule the next round but I will certainly talk to them". I think all the train show fans in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles counties would be pleased to see the show return.

My next stop was Joe D'Elia Jr., owner of A-Line/Proto-Power West, and frequent train show vendor. Joe has been in the model railroad industry since 1980. What got Joe interested in model railroading? Like many of us, it was a Lionel set that only came out at Christmas. "Later on, I developed an interest in HO because I thought the size was right and there's a lot of equipment available. I had a couple of friends in grammar school that were interested in trains and we actually built a layout in the garage of one of their grandmothers because she didn't drive". After he got married, he

joined the Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers-the home of the Highland Pacific Railroad. I asked him if he was still a member of that club. "No, not anymore" he said. "We lived real close (to the club). Actually, I'm still a member of a club-down in San Diego. The San Diego Model Railroad Club. I would encourage a lot of people to join clubs because you can get a lot of knowledge, even if you're going to build a home layout. There's comradery and you can learn from other people".

I asked Joe how A-Line and Proto Power West came about. "When I was a member of the Highland Pacific club in the late 70's-early 80's, the trains didn't run real good, performance-wise. A lot of club members used to complain about the track. They blamed the track when it really was the equipment". It was at this time that he learned of Proto-Power West and their re-powering of Athearn locomotives with can motors. Joe went to work for the man who owned the business. The business kept growing and the owner had a "real job" besides Proto-Power West, so, he had to "pick one or the other", and Joe ended up buying the business from him.

A-Line sprung out of Joe's days railfanning the Cajon Pass, when the first intermodal cars were coming over the hill. "I was very interested in that, so that lead to us doing our intermodal cars and containers. We were the first company to bring intermodal to the hobby. The theory was, I could come out with the cars, but everything was so new back then. There were no (scale) containers so I said, 'how can I come out with a car with no loads?' so we had to do cars, we had to do containers, we had to do decals, one thing just lead to another".

When I asked Joe what he thought has changed over the years, he quipped "We've all gotten older". I then asked him what he saw for the future of the hobby. "Well, electronics is what I think is going to make a big difference in the hobby. The younger crowd is into electronics and computers and that type of thing. I've seen a lot of young guys coming into the hobby, I think mainly because of DCC. But the ultimate to me is what I can't believe that somebody hasn't jumped on, which they kinda have, is battery operated trains (dead rail). That, to me, would just explode model railroading. If you told somebody they could buy trains, put track down and not put one stick of wire on there, you could get more people involved in model railroading than you could believe because it would be instant...like a plug and play thing, I mean instant gratification. If somebody, like Athearn, really picked up on that and ran with it - it would be phenomenal.

My last question for Joe was "What's your favorite thing about coming to the train show?" "Selling stuff so I can get rid of it, because I've got way too much stuff!" he said, laughing. "My son says 'Dad, get rid of this stuff 'cause I don't want it around when you're gone'". "Not a railfan?" I said. He replied "No, he's not a railfan, but he is going to take over the business ...". One of these days, you may be seeing Joe D'Elia III at the train show!

Next, I visited with Gary and Lenny Burnham. They have been doing train shows for 7 or 8 years now. Their company-Tucson Rail is, coincidentally, based in Tucson, Arizona. I asked Gary what got them started going to the train shows. "I just decided to get rid of some excess inventory, so I did a Great Train Show in Tucson and I enjoyed it so much that I started buying collections and building up my inventory. We do about 10 shows a year". I asked him if he had always been into model railroading. "Oh, yes" he replied. "Since I was young, just like everybody else, you know, with the train set around the Christmas tree". I asked what is the furthest they have travelled for a train show. "That would be Denver I guess" Gary said. "And up in Richmond, in the Bay Area". I asked them both what they saw changing over the time they have been going to shows. Gary said "I think N scale has really grown. I probably sell 3 N scale items to 1 every HO item". Lenny said she sees more young people getting into the hobby. They both said their favorite thing about coming to the train show is meeting people and talking with them, and giving them information. Gary said "I just love to do it, you know". Yes, Gary I do know.

My last stop was with Frank and Krystal Longano. Frank and Krystal are, in my opinion, a train show and swap meet institution in the area. They have been doing train shows and swap meets for 10 years, according to Frank. Frank is known for his affordable rolling stock and locomotives, and almost everyone knows Krystal as the "tree lady", with her hand made citrus, palm, and other trees. She always has a wide variety of pre-built structures as well.

I asked Frank what started them going to the shows. "I was changing my layout from an older theme to a newer theme, so I wanted to sell my older stuff and update it to the newer stuff". "So you went as a casual seller?". "Yeah...a one table seller to get rid of my stuff to buy new stuff". "And it snowballed from there?". "It snowballed up from there" he said, laughing. I asked what the furthest distance was that they went for a train show. "Richmond, California" he replied. Frank and Krystal base out of the San Bernardino area.

What have they seen changing in the last 10 years? "The lack of younger people getting into it" he said. "It's all the older people. The younger people are more into computers, the handheld gadgets and all that kind of stuff. The younger people just aren't interested in the trains".

What is Frank's favorite part of going to the train show? "Meeting the people" he said.

So, that is our trip to the train show, visiting with just some of the people that make it happen. We've only scratched the surface, and there are many more people involved than I have mentioned here. The common thread that I see is the social aspect. Everyone I spoke with enjoyed meeting new people and seeing old friends. Sometimes it seems as if the trains are subtext, a reason to gather together. We've seen different opinions as to where the hobby is going and what the future holds. Whatever that future holds, you can bet someone will be bringing it to the train show.

I would like to thank Bill, Joe, Gary, Lenny, Frank, and Krystal for taking the time to share their train show experiences with me.

Pat Raymer

Vice President-PSR-NMRA





# SpringRail 2019

## Impressions of SpringRail 2019

Had a wonderful time this weekend attending the LA Division SpringRail Meet, held at the Church of the Nazarene in Whittier. A special thanks to the Church for generously letting us use their facilities on this bright and sunny Saturday and Sunday!

My weekend started on Friday afternoon as our California South Coast On30 Modular Group began setting up our layout. After moving some tremendously heavy platforms out of the way in the room we set up in, we dove into our usual frenetic building of our layout. Our layout is different each time we set it up depending on how many members can attend and how much space we have. I think we had 20 modules on display. The layout takes about 4-5 hours to set up and is deconstructed and packed away in our cars and trailers in about 3 hours. On Sunday morning we ran trains on the layout and then enjoyed the excitement and interest of the kids from Sunday school coming in to see the layout and run trains. What a great bunch of very enthusiastic and well-behaved kids! Thanks to James Keena for his support in getting us into the facility early in the mornings and late in the afternoons, particularly on Sunday as we took the layout apart and packed up to go home.

My Saturday at the Meet was busy busy! In addition to running the modular layout and answering questions of Meet attendees who came in to view the layout, my day was busy with the Swap Meet, several clinics, a contest room, awards ceremony, hobo auction, and lots of camaraderie with friends. I was only able to get into two of the clinic presentations, one by Steve Crise on UP's move of Big Boy 4014 out of Pomona CA to Cheyenne WY and the second by Carlos Gasparini on using Arduino systems on your layout. It was quite interesting to realize it took them the better part of a carefully planned year to just get the locomotive moved 1.3 miles to live rails. The logistics were difficult as the path of travel for the 1,200,000-pound locomotive was across a thin asphalt parking lot and buried natural gas lines! I presented a clinic on an introduction to Modular Model Railroading and pleasantly had good attendance for the last clinic of the day. This is the third time I have presented that clinic, so I am going to have to come up with some new material soon!

I arrived late to the awards ceremony due to tending to some issues on our layout but did get there in time to have Gary Butts hand me two Merit awards for locomotives I had judged some time ago, and then sit down and enjoy the Hobo Auction. Mona and Pat Raymer did most of the heavy lifting on getting the auction set up and organized and they did a great job. It is always a fun event and Pat Raymer did a masterful job of moving quickly through over 100 auction items and spicing it up with a bit of humor. He was assisted by Edna Keena, Mona Raymer and Sandy Butts who ran all over the room delivering the winners their rewards!

James Keena, Vic Cavilli, and Carl Heimberger ran the contest room and unfortunately, I was unable to get to the room in time to get photos of all the models! Hopefully someone else was able to take photos and can post them on our Facebook page. Congrats to the winners! Speaking of Facebook, I included a flyer promoting our page in the SpringRail Schedule and encourage everyone to join the page. I have posted a large number of pictures on the NMRA LA Division Facebook page of the Meet so you can get an impression of the event if you couldn't attend. It's a great place to get news and information.

It was great to see several of our NMRA Cajon Division friends at the event including Gary and Sandy Butts, Dennis Ivison, Carl Heimberger, Dain Leese and many more. Thanks for Cajon Division for your support! LA Division, let's support CIM3 for Cajon Division in June!

If you missed SpringRail this year, plan on attending next year as the event is well organized and really a lot of fun. Enjoy the pictures!

Kevin Spady

# SpringRail 2019



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## *Congradulations*

To Kevin Spady for receiving his Association Volunteer award. Kevin is very active in the Los Angeles Division and we appreciate what he brings to the Division.



Los Angeles Division NMRA  
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*7pm on the second Thursday  
of each month*  
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## **Do you want to know more about what’s going on in the Los Angeles Division of the NMRA?**

Are you searching for more connection with the NMRA? Do you want to hear and learn from others about the Model Railroading Hobby?

***Become a part of model railroading in the Los Angeles area and join the NMRA Los Angeles Division Facebook page! Give it a try!***

It is open to all NMRA members and provides a valuable tool for learning about local events, activities of your NMRA Division Board, and just general modeling information.

Go to the link and ask to join! No obligation and one of the few things that are free! Be an active part of your local Model Railroading community!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1960134804039677/members/>





# THE SHOW ROOM

## The Show Room

The Los Angeles Division of the Pacific Southwest Region recently held their 10<sup>th</sup> annual SpringRail event in Whittier on April, 13, 2019. The L. A. Division has been encouraging modelers to enter their creations into the Show Room for display as well as for merit evaluation. A free lunch is also offered at the SpringRail event as a further incentive for members to enter models in the Show Room.

This year we had a nice showing of 22 models entered into the Show Room. Merit Evaluation was performed on 10 of the models by a team of six evaluators. Of the models evaluated, 6 of the models earned Merit Award scores of 88 points or higher utilizing the NMRA standardize evaluation matrixes.

The following categories were evaluated:

- ☐ **Construction:** How well the model is built, assemble and put together.
- ☐ **Detail:** Number, complexity, difficulty, refinement and quality of additional details or parts added, removed or replace on the model.
- ☐ **Conformity:** How well the does the model represent a real or fictional prototype.
- ☐ **Finish and Lettering:** How well did the modeler paint and letter the model. How complex is multiple colors. If the model is weathered that is evaluated as well.
- ☐ **Scratch Built:** Did the modeler make any additional parts or details added to the model. If the model is built from stripe or sheet materials instead of from a kit it is considered scratch building.

Results from the SpringRail Show Room are as follows:

### Steam Locomotives

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Southern Pacific Lines T-28 4-6-0 by Vic Cavalli

2<sup>nd</sup> Place & Merit Award – US Army Hon30 2-6-2 Steam Locomotive by Alexander Baez

### Diesel & Electric Locomotives

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Sacramento Northern # 202 GE 70 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Sacramento Northern # 201 GE 70 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Sacramento Northern # 401 EMD SW-1 Ton Locomotive by Richard Young

### Freight Cars

Merit Award – US Army HOn30 Trench Train Freight Cars by Alexander Baez

1<sup>st</sup> Place – T&NO 1-1/2 Door 50' Single Sheathed Wood Boxcar by James Keena

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 1937 AAR 40' Erie Boxcar by Vic Cavalli

### Structures On-Line

1<sup>st</sup> Place & Merit Award - KJ Lumber Curved Trestle by Gary Butts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Car Shed by James Keena

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Black Butte Depot by Annette Palmer

### Structures Off-Line

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Welding Works by Jeff Hermann

2<sup>nd</sup> Place & Merit Award – Chantey Springs Medical Clinic by Sandy Butts

3<sup>rd</sup> Place & Merit Award – General Mercantile by Tim Steinmeier

### Displays On-Line

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Wood Water Tank by Carl Heimberger

### Displays Off-Line

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Low Tide by Nick Lisica

Look forward to seeing you and your entries at an upcoming the NMRA sponsored Show Room or co-sponsored prototype modelers meet. Your next opportunities to display or have you models, photos or arts and crafts evaluated will be at the following upcoming events:

PCR Convention in Sacramento, CA May 1 – 5, 2019

Cajon Division Modular Meet in Irvine, CA June 14 -15, 2019

NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT July 7 -13, 2019

PSR Convention in Mesa, AZ September 25 -29, 2019

Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers, Bellflower, CA October 5, 2019

Sincerely,

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PSR Contest Chair



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# Call for Candidates

The following Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) Board of Directors position is open for election this year:

## Los Angeles Division Director

Any PSR member in good standing with the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (or who is applying for such membership) and lives within the boundaries of the LA division may run as a candidate.

Duties and responsibilities may be found in Section 2 – Officers, subparagraph The PSR Division Director of the PSR’s Manual of Operations.

Submissions of candidacy needs to be delivered to the LA Division Nominating Chairman (see e-mail / address below) no later than May 13, 2019. Included in the submission must be written consent to serve the office, if elected. (Form will be e-mailed to you.) It is strongly encouraged the candidate also submit a statement (not to exceed 250 words) of their relevant qualifications and/or plan of action for publication. A personal photo is optional.

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## 2019

### April

- 6th-7th, 9th-14th ..... San Bernardino County Museum Train Days, Redlands
- 13th ..... L.A. Division Spring Rail Meet, Whittier
- 27th ..... Western Prototype Modelers Meet, San Bernardino
- 27th ..... San Bernardino History & RR Museum Railroadiana/Model RR Swap Meet, San Bernardino
- 26th & 27th ..... Cajon Division Spring Meet at OERM

### May

### (2019 cont'd)

- 4th ..... Railroad Slide Exchangers Show, Pasadena
- 4th ..... High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club Show, Lancaster
- 5th ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet, Arcadia
- 11th ..... San Diego Div. Train Meet, Location TBA
- 18th ..... Santa Susana RR Historical Swap, Simi Valley
- 23rd ..... CalRailfans Tehachapi Railfan Excursion, Tehachapi

### June

- 2nd & 4th ..... Slim Gauge Guild Open House, Pasadena
- 2nd ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet, Arcadia
- 8th ..... San Diego Div. Layout Tour, Location TBA
- 14th-16th ..... Cajon Division CIM3 Event

### July

- 7th - 13th ..... NMRA National Convention, Salt Lake City Utah.
- 7th ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet, Arcadia
- 13th ..... San Diego Div. Layout Tour, Location TBA

### August

- 3rd ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Annual Picnic, Los Angeles
- 3rd-4th ..... Great Train Show, Pomona
- 10th ..... San Diego Div. Train Meet, Location TBA
- 24th ..... Santa Susana RR Historical Swap, Simi Valley

# MODEL TRAIN & RAILROAD EVENTS:

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## September

25th - 29th ..... PSR NMRA Regional Convention, Mesa, Arizona.

## October

5th ..... LA Area Prototype Modelers Meet, Bellflower  
 5th & 6th ..... L.A. Division Freight Fright  
 6th ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet, Arcadia  
 12th ..... San Diego Div. Layout Tour, Location TBA  
 12th ..... North County Model RR Society Swap Meet, Oceanside  
 19th ..... Southern California Airline, Railroad & Transportation Show, Long Beach  
 19th ..... High Desert Modular Model Railroad Club Display, California City

## November (2019 cont'd)

2nd ..... Santa Susana RR Historical Swap, Simi Valley  
 3rd & 5th ..... Slim Gauge Guild Open House, Pasadena  
 6th, 9th & 10th ..... Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers Annual Open House, San Gabriel  
 9th ..... San Diego Div. Train Meet, Location TBA  
 9th & 10th ..... Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club Show, Tehachapi  
 15th - 17th ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Cal Stewart Meet  
 16th ..... Pacific Southwest Railway Museum/100th SD&A Completion Anniversary, Campo

## December

1st ..... TTOS Southwestern Division Train Meet, Arcadia  
 14th ..... San Diego Div. Layout Tour, Location TBA

## 2020

## April

18th ..... Spring Rail Meet, Whittier

## September

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

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