

LA Coupler

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Vic Cavalli shares this image of ex-SP #2472 for a bit of Prototype Inspiration

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LA Coupler Deadlines

Publication Team

The LA Coupler is always looking for submissions, articles, photos, or ideas. Please reach out to the Editor for more information:

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Thank you for supporting the LA Division!

General Membership Meeting

March 10, 2022

7:00 pm

Conducted via Zoom

Please join us on Thursday March 10 for our annual *General Membership Meeting*. Due to on-going public health concerns, the meeting will be held through Zoom, meaning you can easily attend from the comfort of your home.

The meeting will include:

- Introductions of the Board Members
- Officer and Team Member Reports
 - Website Updates
 - *LA Coupler* Updates
- Open Questions/Discussion
- Clinic on Landscaping a Model Railroad by Kevin Spady
- Door Prize Drawing

A meeting link will be emailed out prior to the meeting.



Superintendent's Report

- Vic Cavalli

The Election That Wasn't

With the beginning of each new even numbered year, L.A. Division members are asked to vote for their new division leadership. Following traditional procedures, an electronic "Call for Candidates" announcement was sent out to all local members mid-November, 2021. Upon the deadline for submissions, December 19, 2021, no one had stepped forward to run for either the office of L.A. Division Superintendent or Chief Clerk/Paymaster. Therefore, without a slate of candidates, the need of holding an election became moot.

While not a "new" occurrence within the more than 125 active divisions that comprise the NMRA, the lack of any eligible members stepping forward to guide our Division was a first.

Not surprisingly, this problem was a major topic of discussion during the January 2022 L.A. Division Advisory Board (Board) meeting. So that the Division may continue functioning, the following proposal was derived and approved:

- As there will be no elected Chief Clerk/Paymaster available when the current occupant's terms expire, as stipulated in our By-Laws, the Board agreed Interim Superintendent Vic Cavalli has the executive power to appoint a successor(s).

- Using this privilege, Superintendent Cavalli chose to split the position, naming Nick Lisica the Division's incoming Chief Clerk, and Kevin Spady its incoming Paymaster. Each individual to have one full Advisory Board vote.

- So as to permit for a clean and organized transition of duties, current Chief Clerk/Paymaster James Keena agrees to remain performing his office's duties, without Board vote, for the next 2-3 months.

- As for establishing an incoming Superintendent, it was agreed Director Vic Cavalli will petition PSR President Pat Raymer for permission to temporarily combine the title and duties of the L.A. Division Superintendent office with that of L.A. Division Director's. The duration of said combination lasting for one (1) year only.

While possibly not an ideal solution, the Board felt these actions provided for a "best case", short term scenario; time which will be spent investigating and implementing a hopefully better, long term answer.

As always, I welcome your thoughts or comments. Until the next issue of the *LA Coupler* comes out, happy model railroading to you.

- Vic Cavalli
Interim Superintendent
Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA

Prototype Inspiration

Memorial Day Weekend found ex-Southern Pacific (SP) P-8 4-6-2 No. 2472 in excursion service on the Niles Canyon Railway, May 23-25, 2015. Riders were able to enjoy multiple round-trip excursions between Sunol, CA and Niles, CA; with a photo-line run-by provided on each return trip.

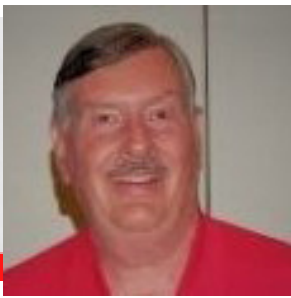
New
Feature!



Photo: Vic Cavalli

SP No. 2472 was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1921, and retired from regular revenue service on February 7, 1957. Donated to San Mateo County, No. 2472 was initially put on static display at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds. In 1976, a group of volunteers decided to restore the locomotive; work being completed in May 1991. Additional boiler work was required between 2005 and 2006. No. 2472 appeared in excursion service on the Niles Canyon Railway for many years; until the summer of 2015. Today the locomotive resides at the Northwestern Pacific Railroad in Schellville, California. No. 2472 is one of three surviving SP 4-6-2 Pacific-type locomotives, the other two being Nos. 2467 and 2479.

If you have any prototype images you'd like to share, please email Lisican@gmail.com



Director's Report

- Vic Cavalli

As stated in the previous edition of the *LA Coupler*, I believe one of this office's most important responsibilities is sharing with you, my fellow L.A. Division NMRA members, what has, is, or will be occurring outside our Division boundaries within the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR). Therefore, let's get started:

The **Cajon Division** held its first "*Cajon Connection*" Zoom-based, members' session on Friday, January 28th. Attendance was very good; roughly 30 individuals signing in. Large enough, in fact, its organizers foresaw the value of offering multiple "*breakout rooms*" so different subjects might be discussed simultaneously. Initial topics included: Operations, Scenery, and Electronics. Cajon plans to make this a monthly event. For more information, contact:

Steve Moss

(see "*Sign up Link*") at

www.cajondivision.org/Events_Page.htm

Additionally, don't forget to mark April 30 on your calendars, as this is when Cajon will hold its *2022 Spring Meet*. Free to all NMRA members, the event will be held at **Messiah Lutheran Church, 6625 Dale St, Buena Park, CA**. Details may be found in the December 2021 issue of *The Order Board* at

www.cajondivision.org

The **San Diego Division** continues preparing to host this year's PSR annual convention, "*Back on Track in 2022*", September 7th – 11th, 2022. Details, as well as registration, may be found at:

www.PSRConvention.org

Don't forget, banquet tickets must be purchased separately from to your registration.

If not doing so already, make it a habit to visit www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/events for a listing of upcoming S.D. area events, including:

- February 12 – Winter Meet and Silent Auction
- March 12 – Layout Tour
- March 26 – Garden Railroad Open House and Layout Tour
- April 9 – Layout Tour
- May 14 – Short Track Railroad Layout Tour and Division Meet

I hope every L.A. Division member took the time to respond to the **Arizona Division's** e-mail / survey requesting input on whether you would prefer attending their hosting of the PSR's 2023 Regional convention either within the Phoenix metropolitan area, or around Flagstaff, AZ and centered around a Grand Canyon theme. From follow-up e-mails, it appears the latter was quite popular, as their planning team has requested an exemption from PSR guidelines – which states that annual conventions shall be held in either

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Director's Report

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September or October of each year. For now, simply keep some “open” days (around the end of June, 2023) in your schedule.

Else wise, Arizona's *Spring Meet* is scheduled for March; details (i.e., date, location, agenda) to be forthcoming.

From the **Regional** level, nothing new to report since the annual PSR Board Meeting held September 2021. That's likely to change, however, as the PSR's mid-year Board meeting should occur either March or April 2022 – date, time, location, and agenda not yet determined.

So, there you have it, the latest newsworthy events and announcements from around the Region. Should you have any thoughts or comments, drop me a line.

In the meanwhile, happy model railroading to you,

- Vic Cavalli

Director

Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA

First Thursday of the Month **Sand House Chats!**

WHAT: Sand House Chats is your chance to find out what others in the Los Angeles Division have been up to the previous month

WHEN: Held the first Thursday evening on each month starting at 7:00pm (chats typically last about an hour)

FORMAT: Roundtable style, very informal, no agenda ...via the Zoom app

WHO: Available to all members of the Los Angeles Division

HOW TO JOIN: Contact superintendent@ladiv-nmra.org for your *free* link

How To...

Model Agriculture Fields in N Scale

- Nick Lisica

A common site in the Salinas Valley during the 1910s, Pajaro Valley Consolidated cars parked alongside agriculture implements.



My layout is set in the fertile Salinas Valley, nestled between the Gabilan and Santa Lucia mountain ranges. The landscape is dominated by agriculture fields (primarily sugar beets in the time period I model), and I needed a way to effectively replicate those in miniature. After a few different attempts, I found that I could create a simple, effective scene, using styrene, spray paint, glue, and ground turf.

The base is made with corrugated styrene, (from Plastruct), that convincingly replicates irrigation furrows approximately 12-15" in width, cut to the shape of my field. I then spray both sides of the piece a dark black or brown. This will be useful if the ground cover chips off in the future. Once dry, I coat one side with a spray adhesive, and cover it with a liberal coating of ground cover. This will act as the soil, so any dark color will work. I used Woodland Scenics fine turf "Earth" mixed with "Soil". Once this was dry, I shook off the extra turf and reapplied as necessary. After I was happy with the coverage, I glued the plastic field to the layout. At this point, it looks like a field in between plantings.



The furrows before crops are planted

I wanted to include crops, and I found the best way to do that would be tedious, but it works. I laid a thin line of white glue down each row in the field, then sprinkled on green ground cover. Ideally it lands in a nice row. Fortunately, real crops aren't perfectly straight, so gaps and a bit of randomness adds to the look.

Around the Division

Assembled by Vic Cavalli

Welcome New Members:

Please welcome the Los Angeles Division's newest members:

Molly McGreevy of Simi Valley, CA. Molly joined 12/1/2021

Tom Selinske and Family of Pasadena, CA. Tom joined 12/1/2021

Matthew Monahan of Carson, CA. Matthew joined 1/1/2022

John Rippy of Azusa, CA. John joined 1/1/2022

As of January 1, 2022, our Division's membership now stands at 194!

National Announces Annual Dues Increase:

Annual dues for U.S. members will increase effective April 1, 2022. The new rate structure will be:

- Membership with access to only the digital version of NMRA Magazine, \$68.00
- Membership with access to the digital version, while still receiving a printed version, of NMRA Magazine, \$92.00
- Sustaining membership with access to the digital version, while still receiving a printed version, of NMRA Magazine, \$120.00
- Student membership with access to only the digital version of NMRA Magazine, \$40.00
- RailPass membership (trial 9 months only) with access to only the digital version of NMRA Magazine, will remain at \$19.95
- Family membership with no access to either version of NMRA Magazine, will remain at \$10.00

Might want to add an extra year, or two, onto your existing membership.

On-Line "Chat" Sessions:

Don't forget, the L.A. Division holds its interactive, Zoom-based *Sand House Chat* sessions the first Thursday of each month. Things get started at 7:00 pm and last for approximately one hour. All Division members are welcome to attend. Examples of some of the recent subjects examined include: pros-and-cons of wood vs. styrene vs. resin kits, favorite techniques for laying ready-to-run track, who manufactures the best quality ready-to-run switches; as well as show-and-tells of projects various member's are currently working on. To learn more about *Sand House Chats*, contact Vic Cavalli at VicCavalli@comcast.net.

Around the Division

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L.A. Division Sponsored Events:

The recent upsurge of new COVID related cases and hospitalizations in the greater Los Angeles and Ventura counties has forced the Division's Advisory Board to hold this year's 2022 annual *General Membership Meeting* virtually, i.e., on-line, again. The Zoom-based meeting date will be March 10th with more details forthcoming.

Pandemic-related health and safety concerns also have contributed, at least in part, to the Board's decision to not go forward with this year's *SpringRail 2022* mini-meet; originally scheduled for April 23rd.

Check out "*Schedule of Events*", listed towards the rear of every L.A. Coupler issue, for a complete inventory of all known scheduled events.

Other Cancelled Area Events:

By now most of you have likely learned both Great Train Shows originally scheduled for Costa Mesa (February 12th and 13th) and the L.A. County/Pomona Fairplex (March 19th and 20th) have been cancelled or relocated (to Victorville, CA) respectively. A significant loss for our local members; as well as our best opportunity to attract new members annually.

2022 NMRA National Board of Directors Election:

National sent our e-mails/electronic ballots to all eligible members on January 31, 2022. Members are being asked to vote for both an *At Large Worldwide Director* and a *Western District Director*. Voting details, as well as candidate statements may be found in your e-mail. Please review and cast your vote for the candidates that best support your views. Voting closes on March 1, 2022 at 9:00 pm Pacific Time.

Get to Know Your Division's Website

-Kevin Spady



The LA Division has a brand-new website that is chock full of information. The site is updated regularly to reflect both NMRA and non-NMRA events around the region. You can find resource information on the NMRA, up-to-date information about the “going’s on” in the Division, membership and Board meeting notes, links to hobby shops and model railroad groups, and much more!!!

Check out the website at:

www.ladiv-nmra.org

Events Information is here:

www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.php/events/events-calendar

www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.php/events/non-nmra-events

Get involved! Find out more about what is happening around the Division and come join us at an event or meeting.



Achievement Corner

- James Keena

AP Program - Association Volunteer

In previous months we have looked at the following categories for obtaining certificates for Golden Spike, Cars, Structures, and Motive Power in the NMRA Achievement Program for models that earned Merit Awards. This time we will look at one of the other types of Achievement Certificate that is available to be earned. One that you can earn easily by just showing up at meetings and volunteering at events.

To qualify for the Association Volunteer Certificate, you must:

Serve actively on one or more NMRA committees (National, Regional, or Divisional) and/or as an Officer long enough to accumulate sixty (60) certified Time Units (TUs). The TUs you receive for various types of service are listed below:

1. Active satisfactory service as a National Department Head: 4 TUs per month.
2. Active satisfactory service as a National committee Chair/Manager, reporting to a Department Head: 3 TUs per month.
3. Active satisfactory service as a Region committee Chair/Manager or a National committee member, or Division Superintendent/President: 2 TUs per month.

4. Active satisfactory service as a Region committee member, a Division Officer other than as Division Superintendent/President, or Division committee Chair/Manager: 1 TU per month.

5. Active satisfactory service as a Divisional committee member or Division board member: 1/2 TU per month.

6. Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit at the rate appropriate for committee Chairmen at the same level. At least four (4) issues of the publication, edited by the person applying, shall be attached to the SOQ or a URL provided for electronic newsletters before points will be considered for credit.

So what exactly constitutes a "committee"?

Basically, just about any office or function that isn't covered under Association Official. Most other officers in a Division (or Region) are considered Committee Chairs/Managers. For example, if your Division has a person who runs the contest at the monthly meeting, they can be considered the "Contest Committee Manager", your local AP representative is a member of the "Region AP Committee", and so on. Conventions (at all levels) are chock full of committees (Only the convention General Manager receives "Committee Manager" points - all others receive "Committee Member" points, even if their title includes the word "Manager").

AP Program - Association Volunteer

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6. (...continued) Individuals who work just the day of the event (for example at the convention registration desk) receive credit for one month's work as committee members.

7. Service as a Division officer (other than Superintendent/President) or Division Director: 1 TU per month.

8. Newsletter Editors of 100% NMRA clubs having 10 or more members, may earn one time unit per issue of the club newsletter (print or electronic), providing it is four pages or more. Four (4) issues of the newsletter, edited by the person applying, must be attached to the SOQ, or a URL provided for electronic newsletters, before the time units will be considered for credit. (Other club officers, even of 100% NMRA clubs, DO NOT earn Volunteer credits.)

9. Official judges at NMRA sponsored model contests (including non-rail) shall be given time units for such service at the contest only (not monthly), as a one-time service credit per contest as follows:

1. National Contest Judge: 3 Time Units
2. Regional Contest Judge: 2 Time Units
3. Divisional Contest Judge: 1 Time Unit

This credit is in addition to any credit that you may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the contest event.

10. Individuals (and their crews) who open their home or club layout for layout tours or operating sessions in conjunction with NMRA conventions or other NMRA sponsored events earn credit as follows for each day that the layout is open for viewing.

1. National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
2. Region Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
3. Division Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

NOTE: There is generally a maximum of 48 Time Units credited for any one National Convention, 24 Time Units credited for any one Regional Convention, and 6 Time Units credited for any one Divisional event.

12. Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselors who are NMRA members can earn: 1 TU (Time Unit) per month plus 1 TU per Scout that qualifies. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as counselors in the past provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service.

13. A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Association Volunteer credits for each additional (the first presentation is credited toward Author unless the person already holds the Author certificate) presentation at the following schedule:

1. National Clinic: 3 Time Units
2. Regional Clinic: 2 Time Units
3. Divisional Clinic: 1 Time Unit



Financial Report

12/01/2021

- James Keena

Los Angeles Division - Pacific Southwest Region - National Model Railroad Association Banking Reconciliation							
Date	Starting Balance	Deposits This Period	Checks Cut This Period	Checks Cleared This Period	Outstanding Checks This Period	Ending Balance	NOTES
12/1/2021	\$11,096.68						Checking Account
12/1/21	\$5,103.43						Savings Account
12/21/21		\$ 0.09					Savings Account Interest
12/17/21			\$55.11	\$55.11			Bob DeMoss for Flowers for Mel Marquardt Funeral Check #398
		\$ 0.09	\$55.11	\$55.11			
						Checking	\$11,041.57
						Savings	\$5,103.52
							\$16,145.09

Consistent with Statement 12-31-2021

The *NMRA Magazine* Has Gone Digital!

Did you know that starting in April, 2022, you will be able to access the *NMRA Magazine* digitally?

That's right! From your phone, computer, or tablet, you can now enjoy everything the *NMRA Magazine* has to offer. Don't worry, the print addition isn't going anywhere.

However, if you would like to access the magazine digitally, you will need to register with www.NMRA.org. This is *free* for NMRA members and only requires an email address. Once subscribed to the website, you'll have access to all of the conveniences of a digital magazine.

See page 10 of this issue for details on digital only magazine subscription rates.

Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA



NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA is currently in the need of some extra help and volunteers. We try to actively promote the Model Railroad Hobby and community through our Spring Rail Meets, Social Media events, Freight Fright, Regional Conventions, "Coupler" Newsletter, Website and involvement with the other Southern California Divisions, Model Railroad Clubs, and Home Layouts. We are looking for volunteers to spend maybe a few hours each week or so helping in these areas. Your contribution and participation would be greatly appreciated, helping to secure the long-term success of the Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA!

Assistant Webmaster – working with the L.A. Division Webmaster, the assistant webmaster helps to keep the Division's website working smoothly, its contents up-to-date; adding new (or deleting old) contents to its pages in a timely fashion.

Social Media Coordinators – Social Media Coordinators act as the caretakers, overseers, and moderators of the L.A. Division new and expanding Zoom media capabilities. Currently used only for audio/visual meetings, the L.A. Division envisions Zoom as becoming the vehicle by which members may participate in Chat Groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Show-and-Tells, Clinics, Prototype and/or Model Railroad Tours, ... The limiting factor here is only the collective imaginations of the team's coordinators.

Historian – a new (or possibly old one being brought back) position. It's holder will be responsible for collecting and archiving Division history; physically, within the pages of the Division's quarterly newsletter The L.A. Coupler, and (working with the Division's webmasters) on the pages of the Division's website. Areas of history that the Division would like preserved include (but are not limited to): previous issues of the L.A. Coupler, Members' Honors (i.e., MMRs, Officers, Golden Spike recipients, Member of the Year recipients), photos of meets, conventions, and/or shows, ...

L.A. Coupler/Social Media Contributors – though not a "staff" member of the L.A. Division Advisory Board, the Division is always in need of individuals who are willing to share articles and/or photos of their model or prototype railroading interests. Should you think you have something to share, please contact the Division's Superintendent, any member of the L.A. Coupler's staff, and/or any of the Social Media Team's coordinators.

Outreach Volunteers - We are looking for someone to make calls to members inviting them to participate in upcoming events and meetings. This would require a very social individual with an interest in chatting. They could also promote articles for the Coupler from Members.

Please Contact Superintendent@ladiv-nmra.org

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Schedule of Events

Areas Covered:

Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Mono, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara & Ventura + National Conventions

Last updated: 1/31/2022

Due to the ongoing public health concerns, we recommend checking with organizers to confirm event status.

Recurring

- 1st Thursday of Each Month - Los Angeles Division "Sand House Chat" Zoom Session
- 2nd Saturday of Each Month - Trains & Coffee Swap Meet, Placentia
- Last Saturday of Each Month - "Model Railroad Fellowship Day" - RailMaster Hobbies, Bellflower
- 4th Sunday of Each Month - Southern Pacific Division of TTOS Meet, Anaheim

2022

February 12 - San Diego Division Winter Meet and Silent Auction, Peace Lutheran Church, Linda Vista

February 12 & 13 - Great Train Show, Costa Mesa - **CANCELLED**

February 20 - California Express Railroadiana & Transportation Show, Buena Park

February 26 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino

March 5 & 6 - Bakersfield Model Train Show, Bakersfield

March 7 - Glendale Model Railroad Society Open House, Glendale

March 10 - L.A. Division Annual General Membership "Zoom" Meeting

March 12 - San Diego Division Layout Tour (check Division's website for details)

March 19 & 20 - Great Train Show, Victorville Fairgrounds, Victorville

March 26 - San Diego Division Garden Railroad Open House & Layout Tour (check Division's website for details)

March 26 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet & Open House, Simi Valley

April 7 - Glendale Model Railroad Society Open House, Glendale

April 9 - San Diego Division Layout Tour (check Division's website for details)

April 9 & 10 - Pasadena Model Railroad Open House, Pasadena

April 21 - 24 - PCR "Return to the Redwoods" Annual Convention, Rohnert Park

April 23 - May 1 - Train Days 2022 at the San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands

April 30 - Cajon Division Spring Mini-Meet, Buena Park

May 5 - Glendale Model Railroad Society Open House, Glendale

May 14 - SP Historical & Technical Society Used Books and Artwork Sale, Upland

May 14 - Short Track Railroad Layout Tour and San Diego Division Meet, Vista

May 21 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet & Open House, Simi Valley

Schedule of Events

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June 25 & 26 - Pasadena Model Railroad Open House, Pasadena

July 23 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino

August 7 - 13 - NMRA National Convention, "Gateway 2022", St. Louis, MO

August 27 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet & Open House, Simi Valley

September 7 - 11 - PSR Annual Convention – "Back on Track 2022", San Diego

September 24 & 25 - Pasadena Model Railroad Open House, Pasadena

October 6 - 9 - Central Coast Railroad Festival and Layout Tours, San Luis Obispo

October 15 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino

November 5 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet & Open House, Simi Valley

December 10 & 11 - Pasadena Model Railroad Open House, Pasadena

Advertisement Guidelines

Interested in Advertising in the LA Coupler?

Please note that advertisements in the *LA Coupler* need to be related to the hobby of model railroading (including prototype railroading). All ads are to be supplied by the owner and published at the discretion of the *LA Coupler* editor and/or the LA Division Advisory Board. If you have questions about the guidelines, please reach out to the editor at Lisican@gmail.com

Publishing guidelines for ads are as follows:

Ad space is sold on an annual basis (four issues, published quarterly), for a full, ½, ¼, or ⅛ page sized ad

A commitment for two issues is requested up front (totaling 50% of the total costs), a full year commitment would receive a discount of 10% on the price.

	Full Page Ad	Half Page Ad	Quarter Page Ad	Eighth Page Ad
Annual Cost	\$100	\$60	\$40	\$25
Minimum 2 Issue Commitment	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$12.50
Full Year Discount (less 10%)	\$90	\$54	\$36	\$22.50

Payments are to be made to the LA Division NMRA via PayPal at losangelesdivision@gmail.com

Please contact the editor prior to submitting any payments. Funds from advertising go directly toward supporting your Los Angeles Division of the NMRA.



**For more information on the NMRA
please visit www.NMRA.org**

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