

LA Coupler

The Newsletter of the Los Angeles Division of the NMRA

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Welcome to the Los Angeles Division

Do you love model trains? Do you want to be a part of a group of model railroaders in Ventura and Los Angeles counties? We are looking for new members to help us build our community and share our passion for model railroading. We are looking for people who are interested in model railroading, helping all members, from beginners to experts - build their skills and share their knowledge. Please look around the site to learn more about the Los Angeles Division, the National Model Railroad Association, regional and national model railroad events.

Spotlight On John Parris's Modules

Click on a photo to read John's description of the photo and how to make it.

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Intro We are a group of more than 200 members of the National Model Railroad Association.

Post: **Los Angeles Division, NMRA**
Wow! I hope this layout from the Hammen Creek Lumber Company makes its way to Southern California sometime so we can see it in



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On the Cover.... Mark Fischer has been hard at work updating the Los Angeles Division's on-line footprint

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!



Director's Report

- Vic Cavalli

It's been a very quiet three months since my last report of the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR). In fact, there is really nothing to report. So, instead, let's focus on National's new branding program: **NMRA Vision 2035**.

Shortly after November 1st, the new NMRA logo appeared. By now I'm sure you have seen it... the bold letters "NMRA" in a block font, colored either a red, light blue, yellow, or a greenish/brown scheme, including a pair of two solid circles under the letters "N" and "A". Basically, the silhouette of a freight car.

The new logo replaces the current blue colored railroad truck wheel on a rail "NMRA org" design effective immediately.

National also has published a ten (10) page document called "Vision 2035 – Key Objectives and Core Strategies". The main takeaway is an outline for a 2026 Work Plan, "...our foundational year [...that focuses] on building the core capabilities, impact and reach, that will serve as the Launch pad for all subsequent growth." Rather than try to summarize (or reproduce) it here, I offer to e-mail a copy of it to any member who would like one for themselves. Send your request to Director@LADiv-NMRA.org.

Another item, found posted on Headquarters' website, is the "National Model Railroad Association Net Promoter Score Benchmark Report", released in October. It summarizes results from a three (3) question survey e-mailed out to all 15,322 members back in September, 2025. Response rate was 13.3% (2,042 members) – revealing 54.5% of membership are "highly loyal and enthusiastic", 27.0% are "satisfied but unenthusiastic", and 18.5% are "unhappy". National chose to term these groups: Promoters, Passives, and Detractors; the latter two terms (equaling 45.5%) I consider offensive; aren't we all paying members?! and due equal respect of opinions? The report conclusions "The primary strategic focus moving forward must be on reducing the 18.5% Detractor rate and converting the 27.0% Passives into Promoters." Again, should you want a copy of this four (4) page report, send a request to Director@LADiv-NMRA.org.

Unfortunately, newly modified/approved Region or Division logos, originally due November 1st, have not yet been distributed. Therefore both the PSR and its four (4) Divisions are waiting on new banner and display standards (along with their associated impact/cost to each organization).

That's all for now. Thanks for reading along. May you and your families enjoy a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Until 2026!

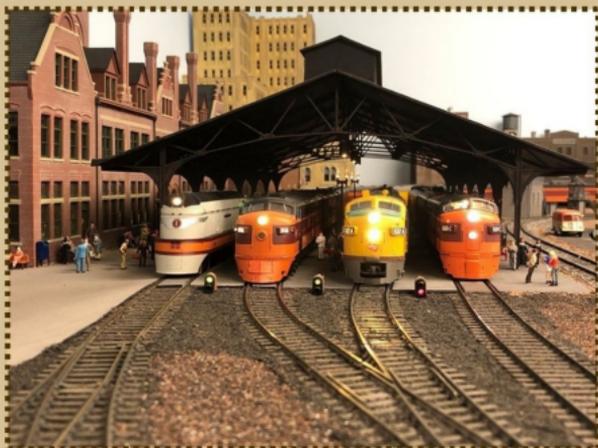
HO
SCALE

Jan 24, 2026

NMRA

10:00am ~ Round Trip Pass ~ 3:00pm

NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE MILW. ROAD OPEN HOUSE



We'd like to welcome you to Jeff Traintime's Northern Division of the Milwaukee Road. My best friend Jack Miller and I have been at work for fifteen years creating our version of the railroad's branch operations in the autumn of 1957. The locale is southeast Wisconsin. 2025 was a big year as we finally covered the last surface of this double decked 13' X 25' layout with scenery. We use NCE DCC with 3 Tam Valley boosters and all locos are sound equipped. The layout was featured in the February 2024 NMRA Magazine.

Jeff Traintime

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Due to the fragile nature of the layout, children under 12 are not permitted

SurfLiner Convention Cars



N Surfliner Car



HO Surfliner Car

HO and N Scale *SurfLiner* convention cars are still available! They can be yours for \$15.00 each (originally sold for \$30 at the convention). Each purchase includes a *SurfLiner* convention pin. Please contact Vic Cavalli for information: director@ladiv-nmra.org



Superintendent's Report

- Jeff Smith

 From the LA Division Superintendent — Full Speed Ahead!

This past year has been a great run for LA Division modelers, and the signals were green all the way. We attended the PSR Convention in Orange County, enjoyed some excellent fellowship, and were fortunate to have several LA Division members throw open the doors to their layouts for tours. Seeing different approaches, techniques, and creative solutions always reminds us why this hobby never gets old—no two railroads are ever the same.

So... what's coming down the line in 2026?

Later this year, we'll be heading south to attend the PSR Convention in San Diego, and we also have some outstanding layout visits planned. Leading off will be Jeff Traintime's Northern Division of the Milwaukee Road—a double-decked 13' × 25' railroad that packs a lot of mainline into its footprint. Trust me, this is one stop you won't want to bypass—no slow orders on this one.

We'd also like to continue offering layout visits and are planning one or two mini-clinics during the year. If you have a layout you'd like to show off, a layout you'd like some help with, or an idea for a short clinic, let us know. Whether your railroad is fully dispatched or still under construction with a few "temporary" tracks (you know who you are 😊), the LA Division is here to help you along your model railroading journey.

 Elections are also approaching, with positions opening for Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Paymaster. If you've ever thought about getting more involved and helping keep the trains running on time, now's your chance. If you'd like to run for any of these offices, just send us an email. Ballots will be rolling out soon, so keep an eye on your inbox—no caboose required.

And finally, mark your calendars for March 14, when we'll hold our Annual LA Division Banquet at Frantone's in Cerritos. All members are welcome, and the cost will be around \$25 per person. We're still looking for a guest speaker, so if you have a suggestion—or know someone who can talk trains without needing a dispatcher's clearance—please let us know.

That's all for now. Keep up your modeling, keep the wheels turning, and most of all, enjoy every aspect of model railroading—from wiring headaches to that first smooth lap around the layout when everything finally works.

See you down the line.

Call for Candidates

- John McGreevy

Help Run Your Division!

The Los Angeles Division's Elections are just around the corner. We are looking for candidates for the following positions:

Chief Clerk (*secretary*)
Paymaster (*treasurer*)
Superintendent

Reach out to John McGreevy for more information:

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LA Division Website Update

-Mark Fischer



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Do you love trains? So do we! We are a group of model railroaders in Ventura and Los Angeles counties who share our love of trains and modeling by educating people and promoting the hobby of model railroading, helping all modelers - from beginners to experts - build their skills and capabilities, and holding in-person and virtual events.

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Hi, Everyone! I am Mark Fischer, your new webmaster and social media guy.

I wanted to start by thanking Kevin Spady for his great work with the web site and the Division Facebook group over the past few years. I am excited to be building off such a strong foundation.

If you have been to the LA Division web site (<https://ladiv-nmra.org>) in the last few weeks you will notice that there have been a number of changes to make it more useful and interesting for both Division members and visitors. The site is broken down into a few main areas:

- **The Spotlight:** This is at the top of the main page and features different model railroad related photos and information. For example, we recently did a Spotlight on The Division member John Parris's HO scale modules. This section includes a link to past Spotlights archived on the site.
- **About the LA Division:** This is the one-stop shop for information about the Division, including The Coupler, both the current and past issues, Advisory Board minutes, Division officers, and more. There is also some information about the Pacific Southwest Region and neighboring regions.
- **About the NMRA:** This is a high-level introduction to the NMRA for visitors who aren't members, including links to learn more and become a member.

LA Division Website Update

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- Events Calendar: A constantly updated calendar of model railroad-related events in the area.

The LA Division has also expanded our Facebook and Instagram presence. We still have the private Facebook group for LA Division Members (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1960134804039677/>) and have added a public page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583310583554>) where we post links to upcoming events in the area, repost interesting railroad (model and 1:1 scale) information, and add Division-specific information. Our new Instagram page (https://www.instagram.com/la_division_nmra/) has similar information on it.

How You Can Help

I am asking every Division member to do a few things to help us get these new efforts going:

- Visit the web site and send me any comments, positive or negative. We want this to be useful and entertaining to people and need your help to make it better. You can email me at webmaster@ladiv-nmra.org or mark@the-fischers.org.

If you are on Facebook or Instagram, visit and follow the new page. If we post something interesting, like it and/or repost it on your feed.

- If you publicly post railroad or model railroad things on your Facebook or Instagram accounts, let us know so we can follow you and share it with our audience. Likewise, if you have favorite accounts, let us know so we can follow them as well.

Following and interacting with the Division Facebook and Instagram pages really helps us. When pages have more activity, Facebook and Instagram are more likely to show them to a wider audience of people (including people who might end up joining the Division).

Most importantly, we want to share your story with the rest of our members. Do you have a model, scene or layout you are proud of? Send us some photos and information about it! Did you read a good train or model train related book, find an interesting YouTube channel, or discover a cool web site? Let us know! Did you see some fun train things in your town or while traveling around the world? Send us some photos and information!

We all love trains – big and small – and we share that love and passion with others through The Coupler, the web site and our social media accounts so that other people can be inspired by it, learn from it, and feed their own love of trains and model railroading. Trains make us happy and we want to share that with others to maybe make them happy as well, and we can all use a little more happiness in our life!

Please send any comments (positive or negative), ideas, or things to share to me at mark@the-fischers.org.



Pacific Southwest Region 2026 Convention National Model Railroad Association

Presented by: The San Diego Division
September 9th to 13th, 2026

Come join us in beautiful San Diego for the PSR 2026 Model Railroaders Convention.

The convention has many model railroad activities including an array of clinics, prototype tours, contests, layout tours, hobo breakfast, hobo auction and a swap meet. The introductory event will be held at the famous Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park. The final event will be the Banquet. The speaker will be SP Author & Historian Jeff Cauthen.

The San Diego Division has some excellent layouts, many of which have been published in popular model railroad magazines. You will be able to view those layouts during the convention. Clinics will include Modeling with the PSR Masters led by Gary Butts, MMR and special guest clinics via Zoom. There will be activities every night of the convention.



Sirius Satellite Radio Show: Well-known radio personality and Hollywood walk of famer, "Shotgun" Tom Kelly will interview model railroaders attending the convention which will be aired on his radio show.

The convention will take place at the **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel San**

Diego-Mission Valley at 7450 Hazard Center

Drive, San Diego, California. The hotel is near a trolley stop that provides access to most areas of San Diego. Mission Valley is a centrally located area with access to popular areas of San Diego including restaurants, shopping centers and the beaches.



The convention registration direct link is here:

<https://sandiegodivisionpsrnmra.regfox.com/all-aboard-for-2026>

Additional information and the link for the hotel reservation is here:

<https://www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026>

You can also book a room by phoning 800-222-TREE. Make sure to mention that you are booking to attend the Pacific Southwest Region Model Railroaders Convention.

Membership Report

- John McGreevy

Update to local member groups forming

In the previous Coupler I brought up the idea of forming local member groups with our LA Division. Here is a progress update.

We have three local groups in their initiative states. They are centered around these areas:

Claremont

Northern LA County

Western Ventura County

Let's focus on the Western Ventura County Group. When we last left our heroes, they had 9 members and were working out the details for their first meetup.

In October, six of the members (plus one Mom and one Wife) met for the first time. The location was a restaurant. Conclusion: Great crowd, nice dinner. Member Ken volunteered to host the November meeting.

Here is Irwin's recap of the November meeting:

Despite the continuing rain, we had a great turnout last night:

Irwin Nathanson

Steve Branton

Jim Luo

Sudro Brown II

Peter Ely

Cathy Ely

Wayne Maynard

Ken Ninomiya

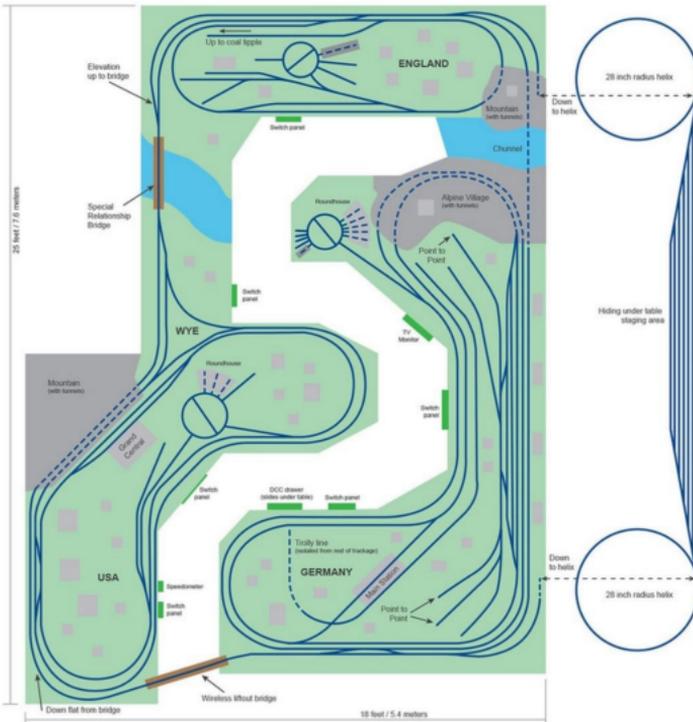
Ken was a great host who provided plenty of pizza and beverages! Cathy brought a nice homemade salad. Ken did a lot of work in advance to reserve and set up the meeting room, and to make sure we had a working PC Projector and suitable screen. I presented a PowerPoint "visit" to my former Diamond Point Railroad in up-state NY which was taken down in 2024 prior to us selling our house and moving to California. For those interested, here is a link to my old flickr page:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/111726564@N04/albums>

Next month's meeting will be hosted by Sudro Brown at the Gold Coast Model Train Club in Camarillo. This will be on December 18th, the week before Christmas. Six to 8 PM (please have dinner in advance or after). Stand by for details from Sudro!

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Here is the track plan for Irwin's New York layout. Several members expressed the sentiment that it was too bad the layout could not have made the move to California with Irwin.

The meeting also sparked additional conversations. Attendees' comments reflect what was gained by gathering. Steve commented "Yes great job hosting Ken! I enjoyed your presentation, Irwin. All the animations were cool. The conversation about Digitrax DCC before that between Peter and Wayne was interesting as well!"

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- John McGreevy

Host Ken commented: "I had a great time at the last meeting. Having the ability to talk to and listen to knowledgeable and experienced railroaders before the start of the formal part, only adds to the much needed, active NMRA presence in our local, western edge of the LA division. An active branch out here may be a key to draw in membership and retention for NMRA in Ventura County."

Ken continues: "I'd like to suggest clinics or topics that would be of interest to the young and women to tap into those often-overlooked potential members. After all it's the young who will form the NMRA of the future. And, you might not like to admit it, but it's the women that our children tend to cling to most, therefore, can be strong influences toward activities they participate in and enjoy. Irwin's presentation of his layout revealed a place that seems like it would have been one heck of fun layout to visit. It's too bad it couldn't come west with him. With all the animation on that layout, it would have been a perfect venue for a meeting that young, future model railroaders, could have been invited to."

Member Peter had much to say. Here are some highlights: "One of the challenges the NMRA seems to face in population centers like LA and others is that the 'global' benefits of the NMRA ... the invaluable role of being the manufacturer neutral vehicle for ... standards, are not generally appreciated by individual hobbyists ... and thus do not directly translate into generating the local community round robin and member connection that actually builds the grass roots NMRA population. At the other end, in large population places like LA, you have the competition for the same people from many large or small museum or club layouts and from the round-robin groups that congregate around particular personal layouts. These latter happen by people asking to join or knowing someone who is a 'member' of that group.

"The key, of course, is finding someone like Irwin, or Irwin finding the NMRA, as the polite driving force that makes these ideas become reality. Finding someone with the time, drive, and personality to put an idea like this into boots-on-the-ground reality and enthusing him and enabling him to do so is in my honest observation the hardest task in any volunteer organization, not to mention the NMRA.

"Perhaps in the sub-regional variant there is more room for the social addition of spouses, partners, non-NMRA potential members than typically show up at the rail/model rail NMRA, Museum/club events due to the latter's much more focused nature. My spouse has actively found her own enjoyable, socially focused, non-rail, pathway in my lifelong hobby but I know many relationships where the non-rail is either locked out, or proactively disinterested, as rail isn't their thing and there are no natural openings, often actually the opposite, to join their spouse/bf/gf's interest. But adding a sub-region, no long driving, common interest being geography, social part sometimes or regularly with some balanced common rail interest as the catalyst might be."

The group includes me in their group emails. Many discussions occur. In one there is mention of two former NMRA members in the area wanting to join one of the group's meetings. We discussed the Rail Pass options for these former members. FYI, members who have never been a Rail Pass Member and who have not been a member in over two years are eligible. It's nice to see this group attracting others to join in. It's clear that groups like this can help us keep and grow our membership.

Membership Report

- John McGreevy

Label this the 'editorial' section of this article, but the best part of being an NMRA member is the personal connections. Some of them are like minded individuals no matter where they may live. Still, getting together and sharing the hobby is even better. This group gets it. I am convinced there are other areas ripe for this kind of interaction. As Peter indicates, it takes an energetic leader like Irwin to get it going. Once the train is heading down the tracks there does appear to be some momentum. So, once again, the question is who is leaving the station next? Let me know if you are interested in a group in your area and I will help with the introductory emails.

Finally, here is a fact sheet about Irwin's Diamond Point Railways:

DIAMOND POINT RAILWAYS



Layout:	Walk in, basement. Three separate but interconnected model railways USA and Germany have two concentric round the layout loops, UK has one All three have industrial sidings and turntables USA and Germany have roundhouses "Chunnel" connects Germany and UK "Special Relationship Bridge" connects UK and USA Lift out bridge connects USA and Germany for a round the room circuit Helix at each end of Germany to staging yard underneath End to end German tram track with its own mini-DCC system (Tam Valley Depot)
Scale:	Germany and USA HO (1:87) UK 00 (1:76, ~ 10% larger than HO but same tracks, same electrics)
Era:	Transition between steam and diesel. But have some newer British and German rolling stock
Controls:	DCC, NCE Pro Cab, wireless (three throttles)
Locomotives:	Steam, Diesel, Electric USA: Athearn Genesis, Broadway Limited, MTH, Bachmann Spectrum, Walthers Germany: Fleischmann, Rocco, Trix, Brawa, ESU UK: Hornby, Bachmann Europe, Heljan, Dapol 95% with sound decoders (QSI, ESU, SoundTraxx, Zimo, have replaced all MRCs). Separate Instruction Sheets for each loco showing DCC address and functions.
Animation & Sound	Experiment! Press the red buttons on the fascia panels and be surprised Some are momentary (hold button down), some are latching (press and release) Some neat German rolling stock: operating passenger coach, operating breakdown crane, disco car, tamping machine, measurement car, catenary maintenance loco, more
Why Europe?	We lived in England 2001 - 2006 and loved it. I've also been to Germany countless times on business trips and vacations. While living in England, I started collecting my European items, built a small 4 X 8' layout, mainly to learn some modeling skills.

Thanks for visiting!
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Updated 30 July 2019



Financial Report

12/01/2025

-Kevin Spady

NON PROFIT CHECKING

U.S. Bank National Association

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Account Summary

Account Number 1-582-0099-4826

	# Items	\$			\$
Beginning Balance on Nov 3			16,639.17	Interest Paid this Year	0.40
Other Deposits	1	0.06		Number of Days in Statement Period	30
Checks Paid	1	282.00			
Ending Balance on Nov 30, 2025			16,357.23		

Other Deposits

Date	Description of Transaction	Ref Number	Amount
Nov 28	Interest Paid	2800006961	0.06
Total Other Deposits			0.06

Checks Presented Conventionally

Check	Date	Ref Number	Amount
0108	Nov 19	8652388535	282.00
Conventional Checks Paid (1)			282.00

Balance Summary

Date	Ending Balance	Date	Ending Balance
Nov 19	16,357.17	Nov 28	16,357.23

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 VicCavalli@comcast.net for your free link

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Upcoming Model Railroad & Prototype 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: 12/01/2025

Recurring

Tuesday & Saturdays – San Diego S-Gaugers' Open House, Grossmont Shopping Center, La Mesa, noon – 6:00 pm
Saturdays – Corona Model Railroad Society Open House, Corona Heritage Park, Corona, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Saturdays through January 3rd – Christmas Tree Lane Model Train Society Open House, Altadena, 5:00-11:00 p.m.
1st Tuesday of each month – L.A. Division Sponsored "Sand House Chat", starts at 7:00 p.m.
1st Saturday of each month – Gold Coast Modular Railroad Club Open House, Camarillo, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month – Glendale Model Railroad Society Open House, Glendale, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
3rd Saturday of each month (except October) – Arizona Division Monthly Zoom Meet, starts at 10:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of each month – Pasadena Model Railroad Open House, Los Angeles, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission charged.
Last Saturday of each month – Railmaster Hobbies' Model Railroad Fellowship Get-Together, Bellflower

2026

January 9-10 – Mini Time Machine Presents Model Railroad Weekend, Tucson, AZ
January 11 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Rudy Spano, San Diego County
January 31-February 1 – Great Train Show, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura

February 14-15 – Great Train Show, Orange County Fair & Events Center, Costa Mesa
February 28 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

March 6-7 – O Scale West, Portuguese IFES Society Hall, Mountain View
March 7-8 – Tucson Garden Railway Society Presents Rails in the Garden, Tucson, AZ
March 7-8 – Bakersfield Model Railroad Show, Bakersfield
March 14 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Steve Bradley, San Diego County

April 11 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Lunch (at Brownie's Diner) followed by visit to Joel Shank, Brawley
April 30-May 3 – PCR Convention "Extra 2026 North Limited", Rohnert Park

Upcoming Model Railroad & Prototype Events

July 25 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

July 27-August 2 – NMRA National Convention, 2026 Scenic City Express, Chattanooga, TN

September 9-13 – PSR Annual Convention "All Aboard for 2026", Double Tree Hotel - San Diego/Mission Valley, San Diego

October 17 – Roundhouse Gang Model Railroad Club Swap Meet, San Bernardino

November 11 – San Diego Fall Meet at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego

December 12 – Layouts of the San Diego Division – Wayne Pierce's On30 Minicition Railroad & Lumber Co., Dinner & Holiday Party, Santee

Please send announcements at least 3 months in advance to: VicCavalli@comcast.net

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. Please contact the editor for details.

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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