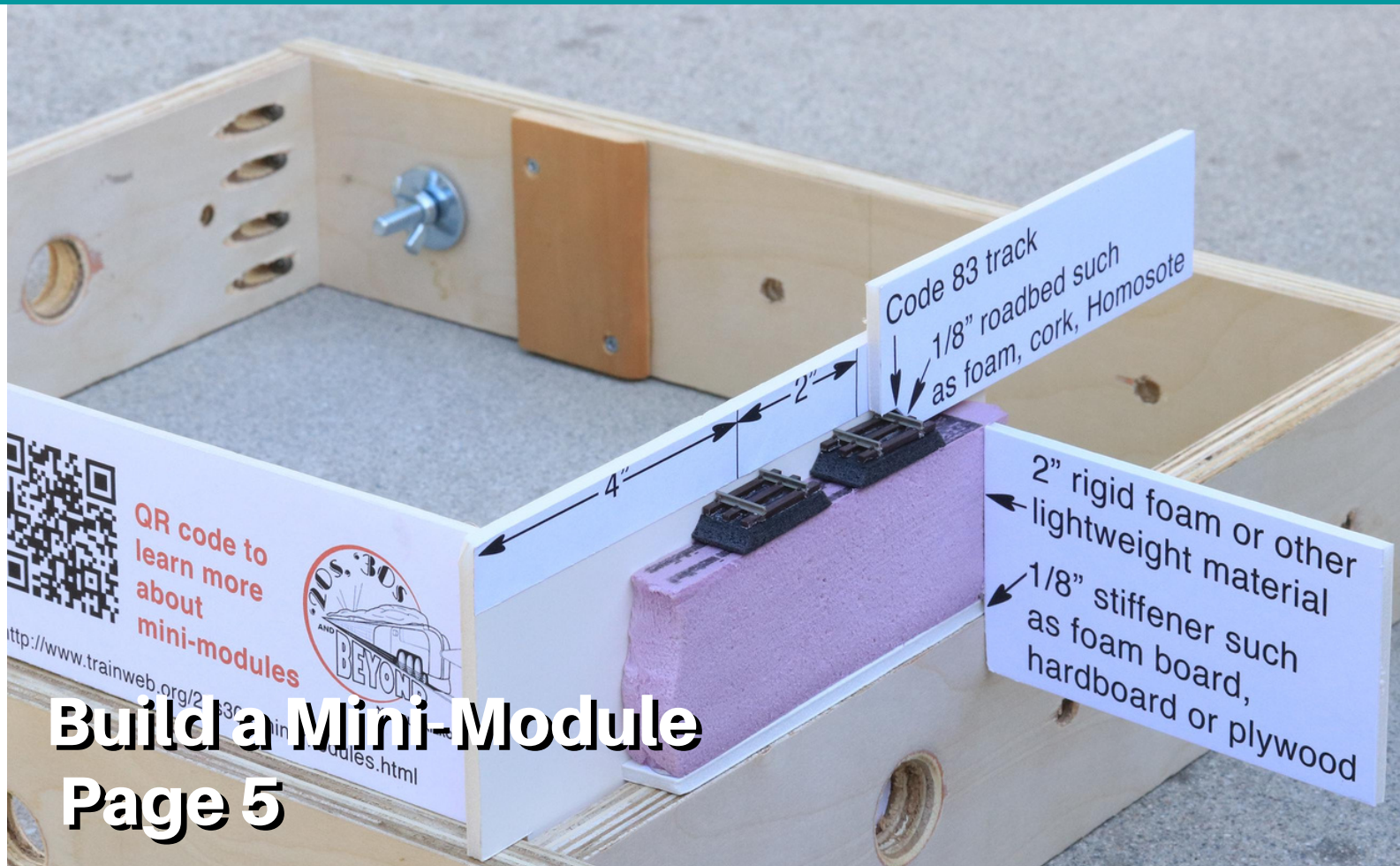


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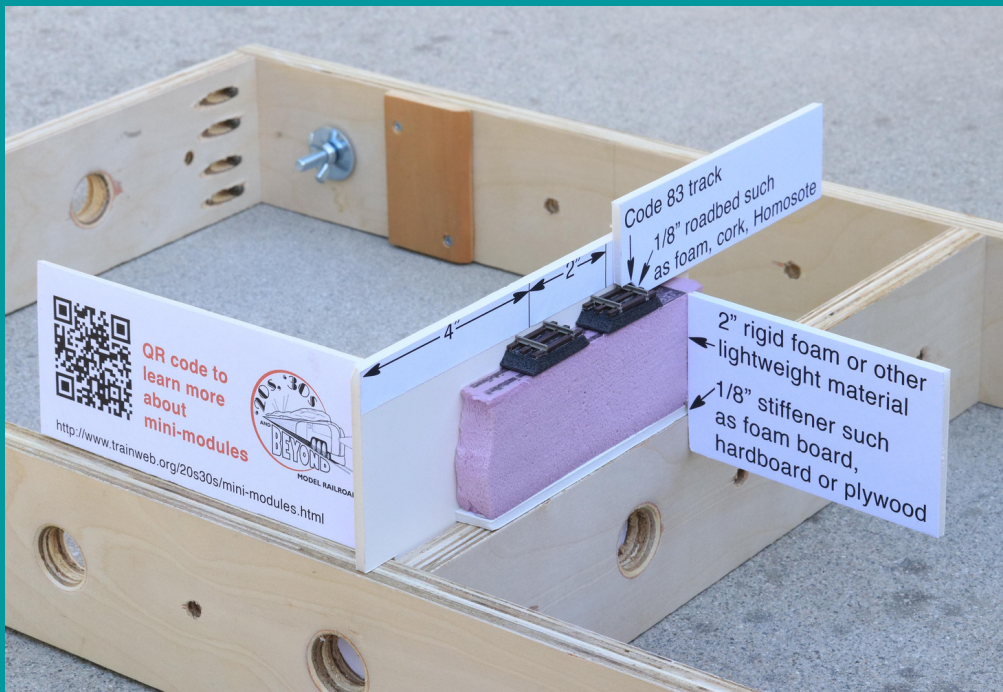
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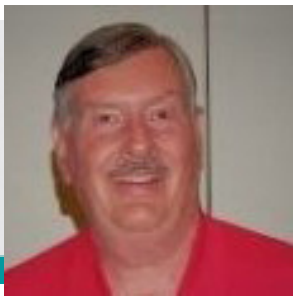
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Thank you for supporting the LA Division!



Superintendent's Report

- Vic Cavalli

Ability to Offer Local Events

For most, being able to attend locally sponsored face-to-face events is considered one of the major reasons for being a member of the National Model Railroading Association (NMRA). To that end, the Los Angeles (L.A.) Division attempts to hold (or sponsor) at least one such event each quarter of the year. We're talking about: SpringRail, FallRail, L.A. Area Prototype Modelers' Meet, Freight Fright/Frosty Fright Modular Layouts Invitational Meet, or Annual Membership Meeting and [subsidized] Banquet.

Each event attracts dozens-to-hundreds of people annually. But our ability to continue putting them on is becoming harder and harder to accomplish for a single reason – **the Division is running out of volunteer manpower.**

Causes for this loss is multi-fold: members who chose/had to quit the NMRA during the now receding pandemic, individuals physically moving out of the Division or Region, existing volunteers becoming "burned-out" due to overload, etc... You get the idea.

When I first moved back to the L.A. Division five years ago, I discovered there were a dozen or more individuals who would constantly respond to requests for help. Today, that number is roughly five (5). If it gets much lower, we, as a Division, will cease to function effectively.

If you care about the quality of programs and services your Division delivers, it is time to step up or accept the consequences.

Elsewhere in the pages of this issue, you'll find positions needing volunteers. Minimal tasks that truly help your Division to continue providing the services and events you've come to expect and enjoy. Pick the one that's special to you; then contact me. We'll discuss how a bit of your time and energy will make a big difference.

As always, I welcome your thoughts or comments.

Until our next *LA Coupler* comes out, happy model railroading to you.

Vic Cavalli
Superintendent
Los Angeles Division
PSR, NMRA

Mini-Modules

-Charley Hepperle



Charley's fictitious Las Palmas suburb of Los Angeles, shows what can be accomplished with module railroading. This scene is from one of Charley's "regular" sized modules, part of the '20s, '30s and Beyond Module Railroad Club

Modular model railroad clubs have been around for many decades. They're a handy way to build a section at home then set it up with others at weekend train shows to make really big layouts. Typically, regular modules for HO scale are 4' long and 24" to 36" wide.

Several things have changed in the past few years: two- and three-day train shows are few and far between; hobbyists have more difficulty in committing to a multi-day event;

many are driving smaller vehicles and some may be living in smaller places.

One solution to this might be mini-modules. My module club, the '20s, '30s and Beyond Model Railroad has been operating 6' x 30" modules since 1991 and now we're introducing mini-modules that are only 3' x 18". The minis are essentially dioramas that can connect to other minis or standard club modules.

Mini-Modules

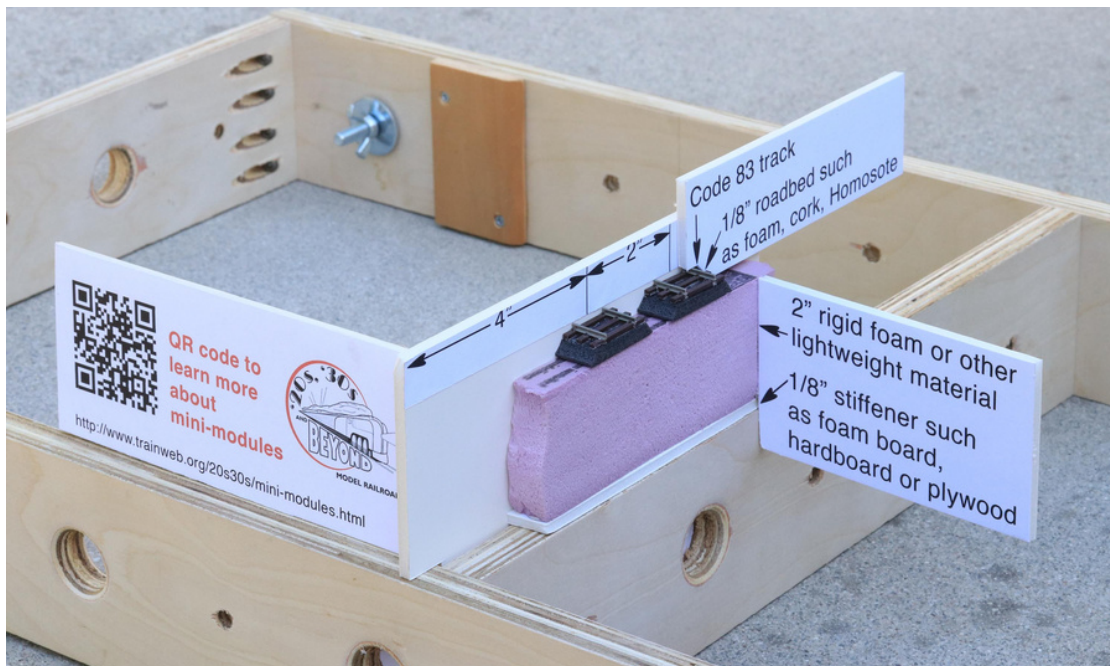
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These make it really easy to participate in one-day events, especially at venues that have limited space. The minis are intended to be set up in a line for point-to-point operations.

However, one member has built a pair of return loops — each on a pair of 3' x 3' modules. The curves have tight radii, only 15", so that means they're for switch engines and 37' or shorter cars..

Still, even with the loops it's a straight line display which is important because we can set up at venues that may only have a 5' x 25' space available. Even better, the mini-modules can be set up quickly since we won't need to deal with corners, a yard and a walk-through gate. This makes being at one-day events possible. A bonus is that some are by non-model groups such as historical societies and civic organizations that may be a way of our introducing new people to the hobby.

New members are welcome to join the '20s, '30s and Beyond Model Railroad club. There is no formal application process or cost. Just help out at setups or also build a mini- or regular module that is of similar quality to the ones already made. There are no dues, no officers, no bylaws and no meetings. Despite the name, active members are not modeling before the mid-1930s and the "beyond" extends to a vague time in the late 1940s or even the early 1950s. See our website at <http://www.trainweb.org/20s30s> and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/20s30sBeyond/>.

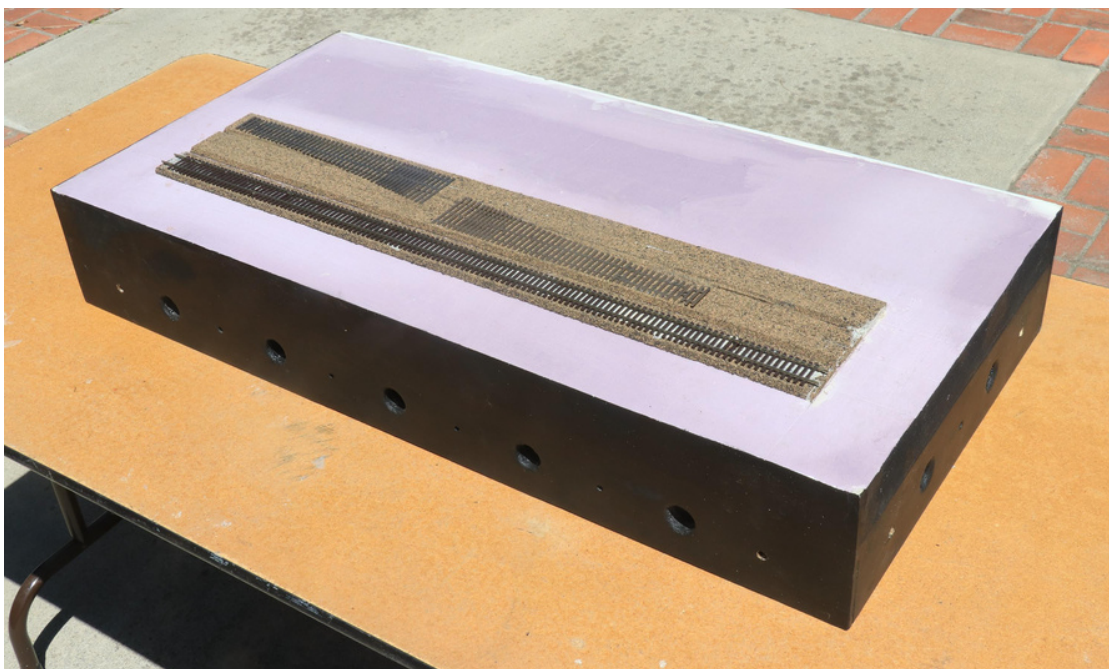
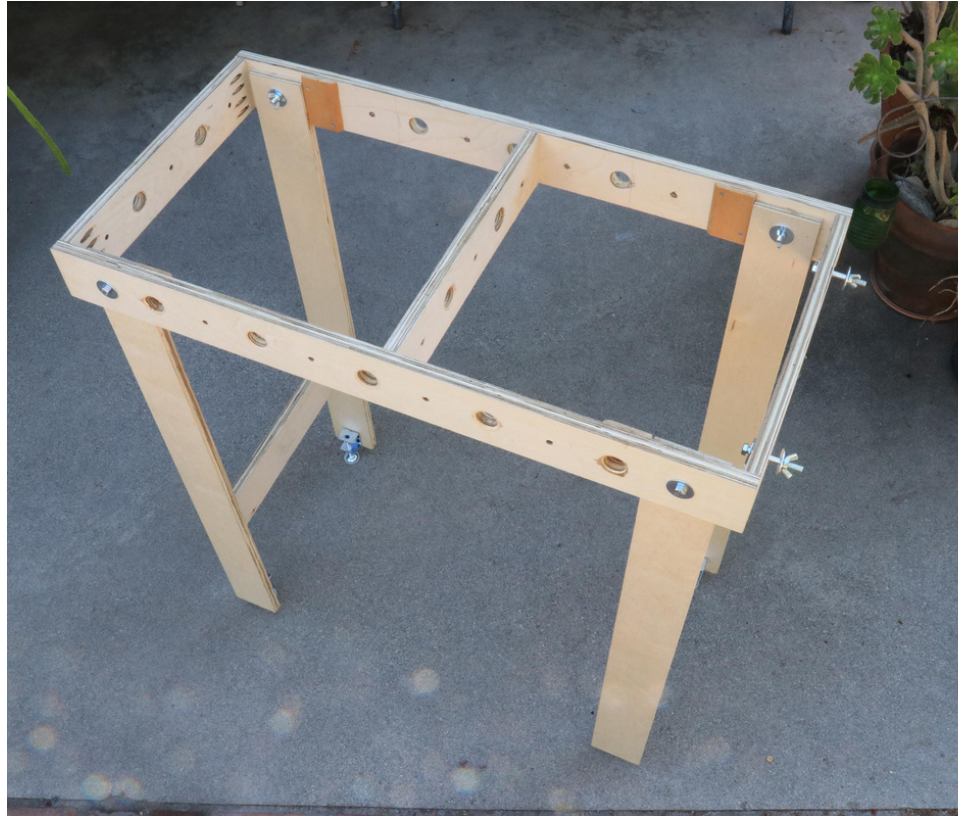


Here are the basic dimensions for the items that go on top of the frame. The two-inch thick foam permits carving scenic shapes below track level, if desired, without compromising the frame strength. All trackwork must be DCC compatible.

Mini-Modules

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The frame and legs assemble quickly with bolts and wingnuts. They can be homemade or purchased from companies that make them to order. For a setup with only a few mini-modules they could be set on tables instead of using legs.



A 3' x 1 1/2' mini-module is large enough to build a scene, yet small enough to store and transport easily. Connect it to others for an operating session at small public shows. Only two tracks are required and they can run the long way like this one, or the short way.

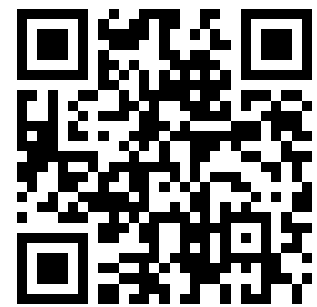
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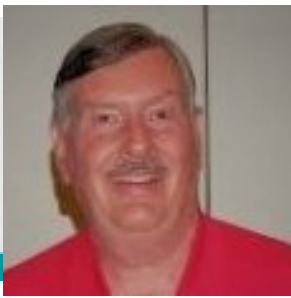
If you're short on space, a mini-module can fit on top of a file cabinet. A 5/8" thick piece of plywood was attached to the cabinet with self-adhesive Velcro and has quarter-round molding on three sides to keep the mini-module from sliding off. A piece of gray foam pipe insulation guards against head bumps when using the drawers.



Foam putty works well to square up sides and smooth rough areas. When dry it carves just like rigid foam.



Learn more about '20s, '30s and Beyond Model Railroad mini-modules by using the QR code that links to <http://www.trainweb.org/20s30s/mini-modules.html>



Director's Report

- Vic Cavalli

During the weekend of April 21, 2022, the Pacific Southwest Region's (PSR) Board of Directors held their mid-year meeting. Because of the vast area our Region covers, it was held interactively via the Zoom app. Here are some of the main topics presented at the meeting:

State of the Region: To quote our PSR President, Pat Raymer, "I am pleased to report that the PSR is in good shape, both fiscally and in membership numbers. ...we have had noticeable uptick in membership [and] while we are not quite at the same numbers in 2020, the trend is in the right direction." It also was expressed the value of in-person events cannot be overstated.

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status: The Region has completed its conversion to a fully functional 501(c)(3) recognized organization. While a bit more "fine tuning" may occur between the Region and its Divisions, for example, assisting Divisions with updating their operating By-Laws, things appear to be running smoothly. A reminder: when requesting division-level donations, for fund raising or operational purposed, don't forget to mention our non-profit status. It may encourage donations that otherwise might not occur or reveal undisclosed discounts.

2024 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show: It was announced the PSR has been awarded the bid for the 2024 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show. While negotiations between the NMRA's Meetings and Trade Shows Department and the PSR remain on-going, venue locales of either Long Beach, CA or Pasadena, CA are being considered. Due the size and scope of this project, the support and effort of the entire PSR will be required. More details hopefully to be released soon.

Upcoming Regional Conventions: Status reports were presented by the San Diego and Arizona Divisions. San Diego is hosting the PSR's 2022 Convention, "Back on Track in 2022", September 7th – 11th. Among details shared were that there will be 3 clinic rooms; one equipped to handle incoming Zoom-based clinicians from Australia, Europe, Canada, and the USA. Visit www.PSRConvention.org for more details.

Arizona will host the PSR's 2023 Convention in Flagstaff, AZ, June 7th-10th. Contracts for hotel and adjacent convention center venues have been signed and deposits paid. Of special interest is the convention team's desire to include of a train trip (possibly stream powered) to the Grand Canyon on the Grand Canyon Railway.

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Director's Report

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Being more than a year out however and many items still in their early planning stages, specifics won't be available until later this year.

PSR Officers Election: An outreach for candidates, followed by an election for the positions of **Region President** and **Region Vice President** will occur this year. Nominations will be accepted starting in June 2022; with an election being held in August, 2022.

New PSR Board Members: It was announced during the mid-year meeting **Mike Allee** (Cajon) will be taking over the duties of PSR Contest Chair, as well as overseeing the newly created Region's Education Program. Past PSR President **Don Fowler** (San Diego) was introduced as the Region's new Parliamentarian. Each appointment became effective immediately.

Request for *PSR Dispatch* Material: Editor Kevin Spady shared with the Board that he is always on the lookout for stories, photos, even "leads" for publication in the Region's PSR Dispatch newsletter. Should you have material or, even an idea you'd like to "kick around", Kevin can be reached at PSRDispatch@PSRNMRA.org.

As stated at the beginning of this column, quite a few highlights to share.

Should you have a thought or comment on anything presented here, drop me a line. In the meanwhile, happy model railroading to you,

Vic Cavalli
Director
Los Angeles Division
PSR, NMRA

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.

Around the Division

Compiled by Vic Cavalli

Welcome New Members:

Please welcome the Los Angeles Division's newest members:

Justin Ausman of Pomona, CA. Justin joined 3/1/2022

David Coscia of Alhambra, CA. David joined 3/1/2022

Tom Matreyek of Claremont, CA. Tom joined 3/1/2022

Chris Maurath of Altadena, CA. Chris joined 3/1/2022

Robert Mills of Burbank, CA. Robert joined 3/1/2022

Fred Ruby of Torrance, CA. Fred joined 3/1/2022

Eugene Cohen of Sherman Oaks, CA. Eugene joined 4/1/2022

Ken Richer of Palmdale, CA. Ken joined 4/1/2022

Daniel Lang of Downey, CA. Daniel joined 5/1/2022

The Eric West Family of Arcadia, CA. The West Family will join 6/1/2022

As of May 1st, our Division's membership has increased to 197.

A Very Good Friend of the Division is Leaving Us:

For those who may not have heard, the Los Angeles Division is losing one of its "cornerstone" members – **James Keena**, due to retirement and associated relocation. James has been a member of our Division for many years, serving as its elected Chief Clerk/Paymaster, 2016 and 2020 PSR Conventions Registrar, coordinator of multiple SpringRail and FallRail meets, local (and Regional) Contest Chairperson, local AP Chairperson, LA Coupler author/contributor, and likely several other efforts not mentioned here. Fear not, however, James has promised to make return visits to Southern California during several of the next PSR conventions.

New AP/Contest Chairperson:

The Division's Advisory Board is pleased to announce the appointment of **Gary Butts, MMR** (Cajon Division) as its new Achievement Program Chair. Gary, a Master Model Railroader himself, assumes the duties previously managed by James Keena effective immediately. Welcome aboard Gary. Contact Gary at gary.cajon@gmail.com.

Around the Division

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On-Line “Chat” Sessions:

The L.A. Division holds its interactive, Zoom-based Sand House Chat sessions the first Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm and lasting for approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours. All Division members are welcome to attend. Recent subjects discussed include: how an interchange can add interest to Operations, modeling in Nn3, a video presentation of Sean Williams’ under construction On30 layout (plus bonus video of how his 10’x8’ layout “lifts” off the floor for storage); as well as “show-and-tell” of projects currently on member’s workbenches. To learn more about *Sand House Chats*, contact Vic Cavalli at VicCavalli@comcast.net

Amazon “Smile” Program:

A reminder to all Amazon shoppers – *AmazonSmile* is a simple and easy way to support the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) each and every time you shop on Amazon. *AmazonSmile* is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser or can be activated from the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop *AmazonSmile*, you’ll find the exact same prices, selection, and convenience when using Amazon.com, but with the added benefit that *AmazonSmile* will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to the PSR. (Don’t forget: you must initially specify **Pacific Southwest Region Nmra** as your chosen charity prior to shopping. Note the capitalization.)

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)

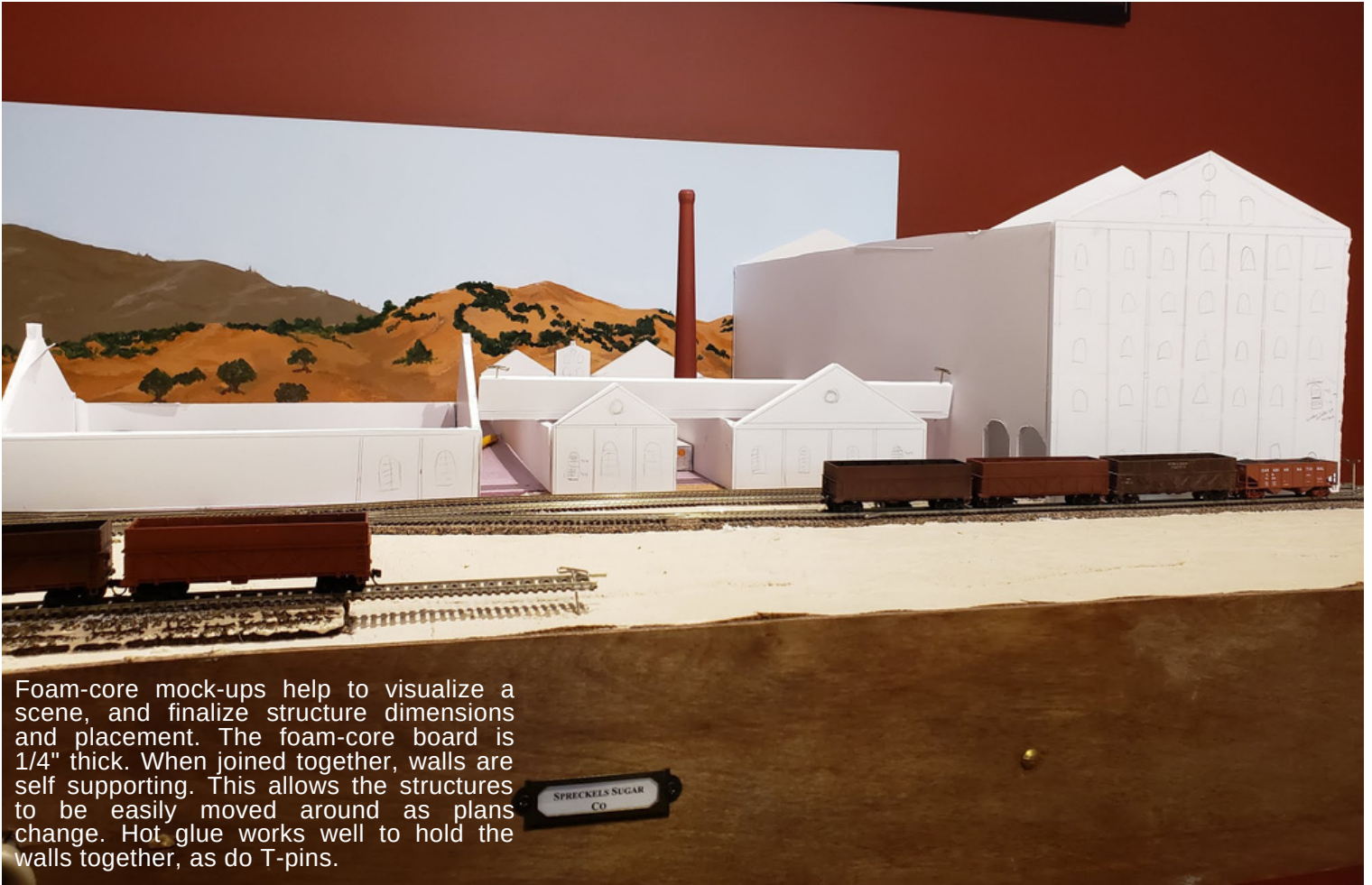
FORMAT: Roundtable style, very informal, no agenda ...via the Zoom app

WHO: Available to all members of the Los Angeles Division

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

Make Models of Models

- Nick Lisica



Foam-core mock-ups help to visualize a scene, and finalize structure dimensions and placement. The foam-core board is 1/4" thick. When joined together, walls are self supporting. This allows the structures to be easily moved around as plans change. Hot glue works well to hold the walls together, as do T-pins.



The sugar beet refinery, as viewed from the back.

When built in 1893, the Spreckels Sugar Beet Refinery was the largest beet factory in the world. Shrinking the main building to N scale gives you a structure approximately 8" wide, 44" deep, and 10" high. I couldn't fit the entire depth on my layout, so my model will be about 24" deep. I was able to maintain scale width and height on all except for the warehouse that runs parallel to the tracks (to the left in the image above).

A structure this size will define this part of my layout. It will also take a while to build. Rather than leave the space blank for who-knows-how-long, I decided to build a quick mock-up of the complex out of foam-core poster board. This allows me to get a feel for the final scene, finalize the size of the structures before buying the final materials, and gives trains a place to go while operating the layout.

Your purchasing power can help our NMRA Region!

Do you shop through Amazon? Did you know that every time you have something delivered to your doorstep by Amazon that non-profit 501c(3) organizations like the PSR NMRA could receive a donation from Amazon?

Amazon has a special program called “AmazonSmile”. AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you’ll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. 100% of the donation amount generated from your eligible purchase on AmazonSmile will be donated.

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your smart phone, and your purchases of eligible products (marked “eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on the detail pages) will result in donations. The PSR charity designation to look for is “Pacific Southwest Region Nmra” (note the capitalization error, but yes, that’s us)! It sounds far more complicated than it really is!

Some purchases, such as those made through a Kindle store, Amazon physical stores, or Alexa-enabled devices are not eligible for any donation and the donations made by Amazon are not tax deductible by you as the donations are made by Amazon. One nice feature is that if you are currently purchasing from Amazon, your account is the same for AmazonSmile as well. Your shopping cart, wish list, registries and other account settings are identical, and all this doesn’t cost you a nickel!

How Does the Pacific Southwest Region benefit?

Each quarter the PSR NMRA will receive an electronic funds transfer from Amazon for the total of the donations during the prior period. I personally do quite a bit of shopping online and I just recently switched my contribution over to the PSR NMRA once we achieved our 501 c (3) designation. Last year my contributions totaled over \$20.00. If just half of our regional membership contributed at that level, we would be contributing over \$10,000 annually to the PSR. Imagine what could be done with that amount of funding to give back quality content, events, and benefits to our membership!

AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

Give it a try!



Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA



NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Los Angeles (L.A.) Division of the Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA currently has the following volunteer positions open. Each appointment is open ended, i.e., offered without any long-term obligation. Your participation and contribution of time will be greatly appreciated; helping to insure the continued success of the Division; possibly earning you some AP points too!

Assistant Superintendent (new) – working with, and as an extension of, the L.A. Division Superintendent, the assistant superintendent performs tasks assigned him/her that are normally completed by the Superintendent himself. These assignments may include budget generation/review, event definition/approvals, conducting Division Advisory Board meeting in the absence of the Superintendent, as well as performing many other duties of the office.

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 removing outdated contents to its pages in a timely fashion.

Division Events/Calendar Tracking Coordinator (new) – a member of the Membership Committee Team, this individual oversees the creation, scheduling, organizing, and advertizing of events held or sponsored by/within the L.A. Division.

Newsletter and Website Contributors – all L.A. members are encouraged to submit articles and/or photos of their model or prototype railroading interests. Contact lisican@gmail.com (LA Coupler Editor) or kspady@att.net (Webmaster) for details.

Division Historian – responsible for physically collecting and archiving Division history, as well within the pages of the Division's quarterly newsletter, the LA Coupler, and/or on the pages of the Division's website. History may include, but not limited to, previously published issue of the LA Coupler, tracking of members' honors (such as MMRs, Officers, Golden Spike recipients, Member of the Year recipients), or photos from meets, conventions and/or gatherings.

Contest/AP Evaluators (new) – working with the Division Contest/AP Chairperson, Evaluators are taught how to assess models and/or layouts per NMRA Achievement Program standards. Contact gary.cajon@gmail.com for details.

Please Contact Superintendent@ladiv-nmra.org



Financial Report

5/01/2022

-Kevin Spady

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Starting Balance	Deposits This Period	Checks Cut This Period	Checks Cleared This Period	Outstanding Checks This Period	Ending Balance	NOTES
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\$5,103.61	\$ -					Savings Account
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	\$ 0.13	\$0.00	\$0.00			
				Checking	\$11,291.70	
				Savings	\$5,103.61	
				Total	\$16,395.31	
Consistent with Statement 4-30-2022						

The *NMRA Magazine* Has Gone Digital!

Did you know that starting in April, 2022, you are now 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.

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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: 5/07/2022

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

Recurring

Saturdays, July - May - Belmont Shore Model Railroad Club Visitation, San Pedro
1st Thursday of Each Month - Los Angeles Division "Sand House Chat" Zoom Session
2nd Saturday of Each Month - Trains & Coffee Swap Meet, Placentia
4th Sunday of Each Month - Southern Pacific Division of TTOS Meet, Anaheim
Last Thursday of Each Month - "Cajon Connection" Zoom Session (w/ Breakout Groups)
Last Saturday of Each Month - "Model Railroad Fellowship Day" - RailMaster Hobbies, Bellflower

2022

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

June 11 - San Diego Division Layout Tour, Vista
June 25 & 26 - Pasadena Model Railroad Club 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 Club 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 2, 5, & 6 - Highland Park Society of Model Railroad Engineers Open House, Highland Park

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

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

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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

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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.

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Minimum 2 Issue Commitment	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$12.50
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Please contact the editor prior to submitting any payments. Funds from advertising go directly toward supporting your Los Angeles Division of the NMRA.



Come join us at the 2022 Pacific Southwest Region Model Railroad Convention in beautiful San Diego, California!

The convention will be hosted by the San Diego Division of the National Model Railroad Association on Sept. 7th to 11th, 2022.

The opening event of the convention will be at the famous San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Located in Balboa Park. We will have a presentation there and refreshments.



Layout Tours: The San Diego area has some excellent layouts to visit. Descriptions and pictures of the layouts offered for touring are available at the convention website: psrconvention.org/BackOnTrack2022

There will also be operations sessions held at many of the layouts which will give you an opportunity to run trains under the guidance of expert model railroaders.



Prototype Tours: One of the feature prototype tours will be at the Pasha car loading facility which is the largest on the west coast. We will also have tours of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum in Campo, California, the BNSF Railroad Yard, the San Diego Trolley Yard and Maintenance Facility, The Poway Midland Railroad (and more).

Clinics: Our own NMRA Manager of Standards and Conformance, Pete Steinmetz, has put together an excellent array of clinics including topics of The History of the San Diego Trolleys, Special Effects with Arduinos, Dead Rail, Store Fronts and Interiors, Modeling with Balsa Foam, Animation, Freight Loads and others to be announced.



Awards Banquet Speaker: "Shotgun" Tom Kelly. Tom is a famous radio announcer and TV personality who's father was a railroad engineer in San Diego. Tom is a member of the San Diego Model Railroad Association as well as the NMRA. Tom is a very entertaining speaker. He has won two Emmys and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Additional events and exhibits: Hobo Auction, Swap Meet, Achievement Program Judging, Contests and Modular Layout Displays

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