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TOWER TALK *by Vic Prior*

ROAM CAJON IN '86

The "Roam Cajon '86" Pacific Southwest Region Convention will be held within our own Cajon Division's boundaries this coming August 14th through the 17th. It is being sponsored by the local model railroad group known as the Rusty Rails, with help from other groups and people from all over Southern California.

The sponsoring group is planning a four day model railroading extravaganza that you will remember for a long long time to come. They are determined to give you, the conventioneer, your full dollars worth! The group is not working to make a profit but to give you a higher quality convention than is the usual. Of course, this takes money. The old adage, "You get what you pay for", is still true today. Let's take a peek at what is in store for you. Remember, some of these are still in the planning stages as of this writing, but here goes:

- ** At least four prototype tours through railroad (or railroad related industrial) facilities. Some of these are limited to just a small group of people, so "the early bird gets the worm".
- ** An extra fare trip to tour Barstow Diesel Shops and return via AMTRAK over Cajon Pass. Again limited seating (limited to 45).
- ** Bar-B-Que Banquet on Friday night of the convention at Hunter Park in Riverside. Special registered conventioneer only live steamers put on by the Riverside Live Steamers. Also after dark rides and photo. If you haven't ridden an open car, model steam train in the dark you haven't lived! Also there will be live, professional entertainment at this banquet for your enjoyment. This will be a departure from the usual Saturday Night Awards Banquet.
- ** On Saturday night will be the Awards Ceremony for the contests and achievement certificates. This will be held in the hotel's banquet hall. Although there will be no charge for this, there will also be live, professional entertainment that you won't want to miss. A lot of soul searching went on among the convention organizers before they decided to purchase this

COMING EVENTS:

OUTDOOR SWAP MEET APRIL 19, 1986
LAYOUT TOUR MAY 3, 1986
SUMMER MEET, JUNE 29, 1986
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entertainment for your pleasure. You absolutely will not want to miss this one or hear about it from your friends who attend.

** The Audio Visual Department plans movies and slides of your choice throughout the convention starting Wednesday evening, August 13th for early arrivals.

** At this writing, there are twenty three clinics committed to by speakers on all facets of model railroading. We are aiming for a total of thirty five separate clinic titles. That will represent thirty five hours of model railroading input for all of you modellers out there.

** The modular display layout will be out in force with the N and HO scalars anxious to tik up their hobby with everyone.

** The Railettes will have a full schedule as well. Our Railette Chairman has plans for shopping sprees, wine tasting tours and local interest tours around the Inland Empire. Speakers on craft and other general interest subjects will also be presented as well.

MORE on TOURS ACTIVITIES
** There are some neat plans for the "junior" Rails and Railettes. On an Ontario Airport tour, the younger set will get to walk through an airplane and see all the finer points of aviation. There will be an afternoon swim party at the beautiful hotel pool. Other activities are in the planning stage but unconfirmed so far.

** Your region's Contest Chairman, Hank Graham, and our division's Contest Chairman, John Hachey have teamed up to bring you a super contest this year. You still have time to make that model you've always wanted to enter. Winning in some categories isn't all that hard. I found out last year, after years of thinking about entering. This is your year to enter. You have five months to prepare. If I can do it, so can you. Come on, it'll be fun.

** As of this writing, there are fifteen layouts on the Layout Tour. Clubs and private layout owners are, right now, burning the midnight oil getting ready to impress you with their handiwork. I personally have seen most of these layouts and know you will be impressed. The committee may add to this number by convention time.

** You may live close to the convention site, but we recommend that you stay at the beautiful headquarters hotel, The Airport Hilton, so that you don't miss any of the goings on or the fellowship of other modelers in attendance. In order to help you with this decision, we've prepared several incentives. We've gotten the hotel to guarantee what we think is the lowest rate in the area: \$55.00 single, \$65.00 double. The convention committee will raffle off one single room each night of the convention to conventioners registered as guests of

the hotel for the night raffled. The night you stay in the hotel may be paid for by the convention committee. The Hilton will raffle off a free weekend at the Airport Hilton to someone among the registered hotel guests. The hotel will also host a cocktail party Saturday night for conventioners registered at the hotel. Admission to the party will be by room key only (no exceptions). When you consider the possibilities, staying at the convention hotel is quite a bargain!

There will be so much happening you will have to choose your activity very carefully. The committee has planned it this way so that you don't have any boring moments waiting for something to happen.

Be forewarned! The hotel is not as large as the usual Hilton in a Large City. The block of rooms we have saved for our conventioners will only be held until a couple of weeks prior to the convention time. Common sense dictates that if we have 500 attendees, as did the Pasadena '85, the Hilton rooms will go fast. If you plan at all to stay in the Hilton, I would suggest action on your part as soon as possible!

The "Roam Cajon '86" host committee is very enthusiastic and excited about bringing this convention to you. I hope, if you haven't signed up yet, you will fill out the form found in this issue of the ORDER BOARD today. Oh yes, pick up the phone and reserve your room at the Airport Hilton --now. There phone number is (714) 980-0400.

Come and "Roam Cajon" with us. See ya there!

OUTDOOR SWAP MEET by Rick Colbert

This year, the Cajon Division is holding its' first "annual" Outdoor Swap Meet (annual indicates that this will be done yearly if the membership seems to like it). It will be held Saturday, April 19, 1986, in the parking lot of the Orange County Business College, located at 1401 South Anaheim Boulevard in Anaheim (East of Harbor Boulevard, between Ball Road and Katella and right off of the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5). Swappers will be required to furnish their own tables. They will be able to park their cars or trucks in over ninety spaces and set up their tables behind their vehicles. There is also ample parking space for buyers. The price for sellers is \$4.00 per parking stall of space used. Admission is free to the buying public.

Items to be sold may include brass engines, cars, track, railroad magazines, books, and railroad memorabilia. All scales-- HO, HOOn3, N, O, S, LGB, etc. are on the sellers lists. Come to the largest swap meet ever hosted by the Cajon Division.

Set up for swappers begins at 7:30 AM and we will stay open as long as the buyers and sellers want. Eating and restroom facilities are provided.

Also scheduled will be a modular railroad display and snack bar inside the college. If swappers would like to reserve two or more spaces together, check out the enclosed map and call Rick Colbert, (714) 533-6484.

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