

The Order Board

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Cajon Division Member of the Year: Robert Wescott

By Bill Jacobs, Editor

Robert Wescott was named Cajon Division Member of the Year at the 2004 PSR Convention in Glendale, California. Robert has held the positions of both Contest Chair and Achievement Program Chair for the past four years. During his tenure in these posts, more AP Awards and Golden Spikes for layout construction have been awarded than at any other time in the Cajon Division. Don Stewart, PSR Region AP Chair, opined, last year, that Robert was the busiest Division AP Chair in the PSR! Although



Robert Wescott receiving his Member of the Year Award from Division Director Jan Wescott. Photo: Charles Nauman

he is very close to the Division Director, I am aware of only three people who knew about this in advance-and one of them wasn't Robert. I also know that he has probably loaded and transported more boxes of door prizes, Chinese auction prizes, supplies, and whatever else Jan seems to need than most longshoremen! Congratulations, Robert.



These are the 2005 PSR Convention Co-Chairs, Carl Heimberger and Jan Wescott, along with the Red Baron's nemesis. You figure out who's who. See article on page 10.

Election Notice

Call For Nominations for Cajon Division Director: 2005 is an election year for the Cajon Division Director. Nominations are now being accepted. Deadline for nominations is November 30, 2004. Any PSR member in good standing is eligible to run for office. The by-laws define the responsibility of this position as primarily serving as a liaison between the PSR and the Cajon Division. The Director becomes a voting member of the PSR Board of Directors and attends two PSR Board meetings a year. The term of office is for two years (in odd numbered years) beginning at the PSR membership meeting usually held at the end of the PSR convention.

We are a volunteer organization with a great base of members that have demonstrated willingness and effort to support our organization. Now a person is needed to step up to the plate for the next two years. All it takes is a sincere heart and the willingness to be a responsible leader. Before you nominate someone, be sure that you have talked to them and that they are willing and ready for the job! Send your nominations to: Robert Wescott, Nominations Chair, 180 W. Middleton Drive, Henderson, NV 89015-7918, or e-mail rdwescott@cox.net.

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Membership

By Martin A. Judd, Cajon Division Membership Chair

I've just been reading the Membership Statistics/Demographics for the NMRA up through May 31, 2004. I was looking for something new and interesting to talk about. What I got out of the 22 pages of data is that there is NOT anything NEW to talk about. It was just more of the same thing. Model Railroaders are old and getting older. Where are the kids? When we have our layout shows there are all sorts of pictures of kids looking at the trains and having a good time. Where do they disappear to after the show? Look at our local monthly events. How many kids do you see there? One, or at the most, two. This leads me to a couple of conclusions. First, members of the Cajon Division must not have any kids or grandkids. Second, the parents of the kids that we do see at our shows must not be in to model railroading. So...I've come up with the ultimate solution. **We, the members of the Cajon Division, need to start adopting these kids of parents who don't have our love for model railroading.** On the surface this probably sounds sort of stupid, but think about it. Some kid comes to one of our shows and sees the trains running and thinks, "Gee, that's neat. What do I need to do to get a train like that?" What usually happens? The parents go to the show vendors or local hobby shop to see about getting their kid a train set like they had, years ago, and wind up getting sticker shock. So, needless to say, no train for the kid-he then gets a skate board or a video game and we've lost him as a new poten-

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LAST CALL for Cajon Shirts!

Do you need a Cajon Division Logo Shirt? As you know, we do not stock these in our inventory so if you need or want one, please let Director Jan know. She will be making an order soon to have ready by Barstow. By the way, you can save on shipping by picking it up in Barstow!

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3751 UPDATE

September 15, 2004

It is now official. All plans for the 3751 to run during our November 2004 Barstow weekend have been shelved until next year.

3751 officials said "this was a necessary business decision by BNSF citing wrong time of the year. BNSF prides itself with on-time performance of the UPS traffic and did not want to jeopardize that position. Obviously this is the rush season for UPS. One of the problems facing the western railroads is insufficient capacity to meet the sudden increase in demand. We can only cross our fingers the UP and BNSF can develop some workable solutions to the capacity problems."

Some specific plans are in the works for next year to run some trips in both NorCal and SoCal, some with the 3751. Information will be provided as it develops.

While disappointing, there will still be plenty of fun activities for our weekend in Barstow!



DIRECTOR'S NEWS CAPSULES

By Jan Wescott, Cajon Division Director Email: wescvegas@cox.net

Photo by Dale Tripp

It has been a very eventful three months since my last column. With such a full plate at times I felt like a jumping bean bouncing from one task to another. I have so much news and will attempt here to highlight some of the major happenings that may be of interest to you.

NATIONAL NEWS - Much has been written about the new LRP and the many changes forthcoming. I urge you to stay informed by reading all information available on the nmra.org website and as published in Scale Rails. With regard to the recent election for PSR Trustee to replace Bob Sherlock who served on the NMRA Board of Trustees for 14 years, Bill Jacobs, our Order Board editor, ran unopposed and will serve approximately nine months until the Trustee position goes away on July 1, 2005. The selection process to seat the new Board of Directors that replaces the current Trustee system is now underway. I am sure Bill will have more details about the LRP implementation process after attending the midyear Board of Trustees Meeting scheduled for January 15, 2005 in Phoenix.

PSR NEWS - Announcement was made at the recent PSR Board of Directors meeting that Ed Hall won re-election to a second term as PSR President by a margin of almost 2-1. Congratulations! His role, too, will change under the new LRP. As PSR President, he will have the added duty to serve as a member of the NMRA Region Advisory Council. The Region Presidents serve as the "voice" of their Region on this Council. In other PSR news: at the Board Meeting it was voted to change the PSR annual convention agreement between the Host Division and the PSR with regards to the convention net proceeds. Beginning in 2006 the Host Division will receive the first 30% of the net proceeds with the remaining net proceeds to be divided 50-50 between the Host Division and the PSR. A ceiling cap for any loss to the Region was set at \$1,000. Also Bill Mergard, LA Division, has accepted to fill the vacant position of PSR Vice President.

PSR 04 CONVENTION IN GLENDALE - Glendale was a good convention and well organized. The weather was perfect; any dread of LA traffic was quickly dismissed as for naught and I received more comments than ever before about the outstanding clinics held. I think I saw about 27 Cajon members at the convention. Kudos and many thanks to the LA Convention team for a great time. The Cajon Division members did themselves proud to pull off another successful auction activity at a PSR Convention. We're getting quite good at this and as I keep telling everyone all this practice will only make us perfect for our own auction in 2005. <g> In truth, our success is due to the loyalty and dedication of its members that is unmatched anywhere. I think you are the best! Chuck Mitchell, Pacific Coast Region, and Bob Mitchell, Cajon Division, did a wonderful job as auctioneers. Many thanks to: Dave and Kathy Villeneuve, Lynn Austin, Carl Heimberger, David Arendes, Bill Flynn, Bill Jacobs, and Robert Wescott for their help. I believe there were over 70 auction lots with many items going for quite a bargain. I know Robert Wescott was more than happy to add a Fine Scale Miniatures kit to his collection for a mere \$60. Bob Mitchell, aka Pine Tree Bob, auctioned off some of his perfect pine trees and donated his return of \$150 to the Cajon Division. Thank you Bob, we appreciate you!

CAJON NEWS

SAYONARA - Bill Jacobs, Robert Wescott, and I bade farewell to Ron and Dee Tucker at breakfast on our way to Glendale. They are now on their way to their new home in Amarillo, Texas. I know they will be dearly missed by their many friends in the Cajon Division and in the PSR. I wish them happiness in their new home. Also Dave and Kathy Villeneuve announced that they are moving to Idaho. I can only imagine the void this leaves the Barstow Mu-

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seum folks as within just a short span of time they are losing two key members in the Tucker's and Villeneuve's. I know it certainly leaves a void for me and I will miss them dearly.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - The front page of this Order Board issue addresses the need to seek out and search for a new Director to take the reins of our Division. As great as we are, this Division cannot continue forward if someone doesn't step to the plate to keep it going. For me it's been quite an experience and akin to a great roller coaster ride. Most certainly it's been my privilege meeting so many of you and making friends along the way. While it's been a challenge to find ways for all of us to get together for some laughter and fun, I've enjoyed doing it. And I even learned a bit about trains and modeling, too. <g>

CAJON IS NOW A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION - The Cajon Division owes a debt of gratitude to Board Team Member Bill Graebel for all his hard work, leg work, and diligence to accomplish the task of helping me complete all the necessary paperwork to make the Cajon Division a legal 501c federal exempt non-profit organization. Special thanks also to our Treasurer Charles Nauman for his help in preparing all of the necessary financial documents. We are not only a federal exempt 501c but two weeks ago we received the Nevada State Sales Tax Exemption as a non-profit organization. The added benefit means we do not pay any Nevada State sales tax for anything we purchase in Nevada. I think we will reap big savings on our copying and printing especially with our newsletter.

BARSTOW - Are you ready? November will soon be here and all plans are underway to have a great event in Barstow. The full event schedule is in this Order Board. Don't forget to make your room reservation if you intend to stay at Barstow Ramada Inn. I only blocked off a certain number of rooms. New this year is the addition of a Silent Auction on Friday night. Here's your chance to unload some "unwanted" railroad items and gain \$\$ for your new model railroad wants. Also, a change to last year's schedule, is moving the Chinese Auction to Saturday night allowing everyone to take in the festivities at the Museum and Harvey House on Saturday afternoon.

3751 INFO - I met with the organizers of the proposed 3751 run that was to occur during our Barstow event. I know many of you may be disappointed to learn that plans have been postponed till possibly spring of next year. We are sorry we couldn't make it happen for you this year. However, that said, understandably Laurence Deutsch, President of Barstow Museum and I are a little relieved. We could not envision how to handle both the coordination of our own events and the throng of railfans that would be coming had it come to pass. An explanation of what happened re: the 3751 is elsewhere in this issue.

2005 PSR CONVENTION IN BUENA PARK - All aboard! The Cajon Division sponsored 2005 PSR Convention is ready to roll! After a year of planning, everything is in place to have a super event. I ask your support to please spread the word, tell everyone you know and make every effort to attend. Check out the PSR website at www.psr-nmra.org for complete convention information. We are now accepting registrations and I have put aside some really nice door prizes for early registrants. As in Glendale, we will be offering a free patch and pin for those registering in Barstow. The Cajon Division has never had the reputation of being a financially rich Division (fun we are, but rich we are not) and thus you know we absolutely need the early registrations to use as seed money for the many deposits and expenses needed to put on an event of this size. We are off to a great start, though. In Glendale, thanks to the help of Jim Philips, Charles Nauman, Bill Jacobs, Carl Heimberger, Dave and Kathy Villeneuve, Robert Wescott, and David Arendes that helped staff the 05 promotion table we got 42 registrations. This convention will only be great and fun if you are there.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.cajondiv.org for new events. We are now scheduling some fun get-togethers for 2005! That's all for now and looking forward to seeing everyone in Barstow.

Coming in November...BARSTOW!

November 14-16, 2004 *You've heard all the talk about this great event for the past two years. The time is near, plan now to be there, don't miss it!*

LOCATION: Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 E. Main Street, Barstow, California

Phone: (760) 256-5673

Special room rate is \$59; Mention "Model Railroading Group"

NOTE: All "Meet" activities (clinics, auctions, etc.) will take place at Barstow Ramada Inn.

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION: Registration will take place "at the door" at the Barstow Ramada Inn. Admission is \$8 per NMRA member or member's spouse. Price of admission includes all activities for entire weekend including Train Show.

TRAIN SHOW: Harvey House, 685 N. 1st Avenue, Barstow. Show is open to the general public Saturday and Sunday. It will be held in conjunction with other activities sponsored by the Railroad Museum and the Barstow Chamber of Commerce. See enclosed flyer this issue.

EVENTS TIMETABLE

FRIDAY EVENING - NOVEMBER 12th

NOTE: Modular groups will be setting up at the Harvey House on Friday afternoon.

5:00 to 8:00 pm	Registration Open
5:00 to 9:30 pm	Silent Auction (see below)
6:00 to 8:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open - Room B
6:00 to 8:00 pm	MODEL CONTEST ENTRIES Accepted
6:00 to 7:00 pm	Members Show 'n Tell (Bring and Brag) Hour*

*Show 'n Tell Folks: Sign in at Registration Desk; Special Prize Drawing Ticket

FRIDAY CLINICS

Room "C": 7:00 pm	Tuning Up Basic "Shake the Box" Car Kits - Carl Heimberger
Room "D": 8:00 pm	Scratch Building Structures in Styrene - Dale Tripp

SILENT AUCTION - ROOM A - FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY!

5:00 to 6:00 pm	Seller Registration
6:00 pm to ??	Bidding begins; in will end "unannounced" between 8:30 and 9:00 pm
Winners Posted	Saturday morning by 9:00 am
Payment and Pick Up	Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 am
Seller Settlement	Saturday about 7:00 pm

NOTE: Items not paid for or picked up will be returned to the Seller as "no sale." Sellers receive 90% of paid winning bid price. There are no fees for winning bidders.

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 13TH

8:00 to 11:00 am - Registration Open - Coffee and Refreshments

MODEL CONTEST - ROOM B

8:00 to 10:00 am Model Entries Accepted
 9:00 to 11:00 am Vote for Popular Model Contest
 11:00 am Closed for Judging
 6:00 pm Awards Presentation
 6:30 to 8:30 pm Pick Up Models - All models must be removed by 9:00 pm Saturday

CLINICS - ROOM C

8:00 am Casting Plaster Stonewalls for Structures - Brian Block
 9:00 am Circus Train Models - Ken Seipp
 10:30 am Landscaping Your Layout - Chuck Nauman

CLINICS - ROOM D

8:30 am DCC: Bells, Whistles, and More - Jim Fuhrman
 9:30 am Slide Show - Bob Chaparro Part I: Along the Old Santa Fe-A look back at the Santa Fe in action during the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Part II: Recycled Rolling Stock-A pictorial of life after revenue service for rolling stock with an emphasis on possible modeling projects.
 11:00 am New Resin Painting Techniques - Bobby Revis

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Meet activities at the Ramada Inn will take an intermission on Saturday afternoon from 12:00 to 6:00 pm to allow everyone to enjoy the festivities at the Museum grounds and Harvey House. Activities resume at 6:00 pm Saturday with the AWARDS PRESENTATION followed by our infamous CHINESE AUCTION.

AWARDS PRESENTATION - ROOMS A AND B - 6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to attend! Door Prizes, Coffee and Cake Refreshments!

CHINESE AUCTION - ROOM A

7:00 to 9:00 pm Ticket Buying, Viewing, and Entry
 9:00 pm Drawing of Winners for Auction Items. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!** We suggest you entrust a friend to hold your tickets if you cannot be present.

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14TH

9:00 AM - IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETING - ROOM B

Director invites everyone to gather for a brief informal membership meeting. Special door prizes have been set aside for this meeting. A fun premium White Elephant Auction will follow the membership meeting.

NOTE: The Train Show and the Special Festivities continue at the Harvey House and at the Museum grounds until 3:00 pm Sunday. As we go to press, a biscuits and gravy breakfast brunch and a special band concert is planned for Sunday afternoon.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Order Board is sent Free to all members in the Cajon Division. This newsletter is available to PSR Members outside of the Division for \$3 per year and to non-PSR members for \$5 per year. Make your check payable to "Cajon Division" and mail to Bill Jacobs, Editor, 4813 Plata del Sol Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

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All members with Internet access are invited to visit our private Cajon Division website. View photos taken at recent events, purchase items from our Company Store, or obtain copies of event flyers. Our website is updated regularly.

Visit: www.cajondiv.org

ADDRESS CHANGES

There a number of ways that you can let us know that you have moved. This is very important, because: (1) you won't get your newsletters and flyers; (2) we get your publications back which we have to pay first class postage for; and (3) nobody knows where you are.

So, Here is what to do: E-mail our Membership Chair—that's Marty Judd , who's address is on page 2. If you don't have e-mail, drop a letter to Marty, his USPS address is also on page 2. If for some reason you don't want to let Marty know (he really is a nice guy) let anybody else on page 2 know. So there!



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GOLF ANYONE?

The PSR 2005 Convention will be hosting a Golf Scramble. The golf course is located just 3 miles from the convention hotel. The ever affable Bob Sherlock has agreed to help coordinate this event. It's sure to be a bundle of fun. Signups for this event will be on the Ex-

tra Fare Form due out about February/ March 2005. More details soon; stay tuned!



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Robert's D— Column

By Robert Wescott, Cajon Division Contest/AP Chair
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For my column this issue, I was going to share the next part of the article first published in the Lone Star Region publication about model contest entries. I'm afraid that it will have to be postponed to the next issue, due to all the information that HAS to be put in about Barstow and the 2005 PSR Convention. I think that it's more important for our members to know what is going on in our Division first. Speaking of contests, remember that you can get any model you bring to Barstow judged for both the contest and the AP Program. It would be nice to see some more of your skills displayed for others (including me) to see.

Congratulations to Cajon Division member Charles Nauman for his photographic skills at the 2004 PSR Convention held in Glendale: In Color Print, Chuck won 1st Place for "AT&SF Switcher" and 2nd Place for "Loading Out." In Slide-Model, Chuck won 1st Place for "Crozier Meet" and 2nd Place for "Headed West." REMINDER NOTICE: Do you have your "Order Board" or "Handcar Shed" ready for the Popular Vote Contest in Barstow? Remember the prize money (real) cannot be awarded if we don't have any entries (and in my mind, one entry does not make a contest). There were no other contests held or awards presented within the Division since the last issue. Hopefully, there will be a bunch after Barstow. Get busy and have some modeling fun!

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tial modeler. We need to strike when the iron is hot. **When is the last time you gave your business card (or phone number) to the parent of an interested kid and offered your assistance in getting the kid going in model railroading?** A few months ago I was approached by a guy that works for me who started asking a lot of questions about model railroading. He finally owned up that it wasn't for him; his 10 year old son had expressed an interest in trying it. My co-worker thought that it might be something that he could do to spend some time with his son and was feeling me out as to the potential. I loaned them a bunch of old layout design books that I had laying around to give them some ideas of what they might be able to build. I told him to get a Walther's catalog and subscribe to Model Railroading magazine. He came to me a couple of weeks ago; he needed more help. His son wanted to build a railroad with a WW II theme, but the prices for the available equipment in the catalogs were a fortune. I suggested that he contact some of the local modular groups and work on a module with his theme-much cheaper. I offered to show him some of my old modules, mostly scratch built, and explained that you can build a lot of stuff with a few tools, some scale lumber, and desire. **I guess I've started my first "adoption process!"** So, the next time you happen to hear a young person express interest in model railroading, even if it is only a desire to "play" with trains, don't ignore them. Talk to them. Talk to their parents. It's easy to talk to kids, just don't make the mistake to talking down to them. It isn't "cool" to be interested in learning new things, especially if they have friends around, but they really want to learn. You have the information that they need to get started. See what their limitations are and point them in the right direction. If they can barely afford the price of a car kit, then talk to them about all the neat things they can learn and do while building that car kit. **You have the knowledge or know somebody that does.** Pass that knowledge on. Knowledge is a lot like money. It can't do you any good once you are dead, so give it to someone who can use it for years to come!

Cajon, Ready to Highball??

By Jan Wescott and Carl Heimberger, PSR 2005 Convention Chairs



Hello Cajon! Are you ready to host the Pacific Southwest Region for it's 2005 annual Convention? After a year of hard work your convention team is ready and we now look to the members for your support and help. One of the things we have strived to do is make this convention a fun event for everyone and most certainly it would be very disappointing if our own members are not there.

We're not asking you to jump in, volunteer, or physically lend a hand although we never turn down a pair of extra helping hands and can always use folks to relieve our load. What we are asking is that you give your support by helping us to publicize the event, spread the word and make every effort to attend. Remember, as a member of the Cajon Division you are the host of this event and we're inviting everyone to come to "Cajon Country."

The basic information about the convention is in this issue. Further information may be obtained from the official convention PSR website at www.psr-nmra.org or linked from our private website at www.cajondiv.org under Events.

A year ago when we began the process of putting this event together you were, and are, our primary focus. First we chose a location that needed little advertising. When was the last time you visited Knott's Berry Farm? Secondly, we ensured that the parking was free at both the hotel and at the Train and Trade Show. Free parking is getting to be a rarity in Southern California. And third, a great group of dedicated members were railroaded to form your convention team. These members make up the heart of this convention. We couldn't do this without them.

Some things such as cost are beyond our control. Everything costs \$\$ these days. Our goal is to break even with a little surplus. This is not a fund raiser event but rather the annual gathering for all PSR members. It's having fun with other modelers who share the same affinity for trains. It's our big show to promote and further the growth of our hobby.

We are doing a few things differently and adding a few things that we hope will provide interest. One of the big changes is NO banquet. Instead we are hosting a "party" for the Awards Presentation complete with hors d'oeuvres, no host bar, and entertainment-all for just \$5. We felt a banquet would only add to the cost of attending and we wanted everyone to be able to afford to attend the convention's finale-the Award's Presentation.

In addition, the hotel will provide one free Knott's Berry Farm admission ticket for each room reservation. This is so great for the ladies to go roaming and shopping. The hotel is exactly a three minute walk to the Knott's Berry Farm entrance. There are so many shops and eateries (who can forget Mrs. Knott's Chicken-Chicken or the great bakery located beside it?) Okay, guys can go roaming, too. <g> We're also restructuring the Non-Rail and Railette activities to include some clinics that would be of interest to them. And-we have "railroaded" the very personable Bob Sherlock to be the coordinator of a Golf Scramble. The golf course is located just three miles from the hotel.

If you register before April 15, 2005, we are giving away a free Convention pin plus a quality door prize. Jan has spent a year rounding up these door prizes (separate door prizes for the non-rail ladies and guys.) We will even try to accommodate giving these out to the modelers by "scale" if registering before April 15th.

So register for your convention today. This is one event that you will not want to miss! Do it now!

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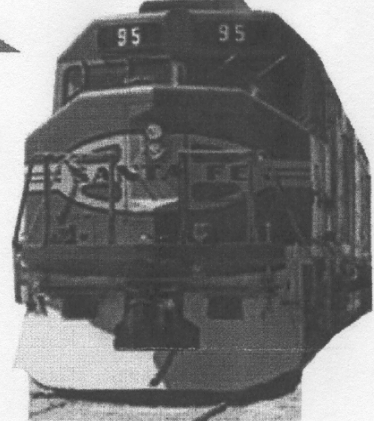


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