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Tracks Ahead for the Cajon Division

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July 12, 2025

Cajon Division Layout Tour
Corona Model Railroad Society Layout
Corona Heritage Park
510 W. Foothill Parkway
Corona, CA 92882
<https://cmrsclub.com>

July 14-19, 2025:

NMRA 2025 National Convention, Station No. VI
Sheraton Detroit Novi
21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375
<https://www.nmra2025.com/>

September 3-6, 2025:

PSR 2025-Pacific Southwest Express Convention
Hilton Irvine at John Wayne Airport (SNA)
18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612
www.pacificswexpress.org



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From the Caboose

Harold Helland, MMR, Cajon Division Director



THREE MONTHS TO THE 'PACIFIC SOUTHWEST EXPRESS'

Planning for the 2025 Pacific Southwest Region Annual Convention which will be held at the Hilton Irvine - John Wayne Airport is nearly complete. The convention, "Pacific Southwest Express" is scheduled from September 3 through 6, 2025 and will feature modular railroads at the hotel which will include operating sessions, home layout tours, prototype tours, home operating sessions, numerous clinics, Celebration of Models, general interest activities, and an Awards Banquet. There will be opportunities to find something new for your home model railroad from Silent Auction, Swap Meet, Hobo Auction, or the Vendors Booths. We are planning four days packed with model railroad fun.

Prototype Tours include Los Angeles Union Station and the Southern California Railway Museum. In addition to the normal fun at the Southern California Railway Museum, we will be focusing on Santa Fe 5704 which is now at the museum. SCRM will provide a private tour of the museum and an opportunity for you to drive a diesel engine. The Los Angeles Union Station tour includes a behind the scenes tour of areas not open to the public. The original refurbished ticket counters and the original Fred Harvey restaurant will be included in the tour.

There are over 50 Clinics to provide knowledge for members. There are five private model railroads providing Operating Sessions, one modular group at the Hotel and the Riverside Live Steamers. If you have never participated in an operating session, now is the time. If you are interested in some new equipment for your model railroad, we have the Hobo Auction, Silent Auction, Swap Meet and a Vendors Section in the Hilton Hotel.

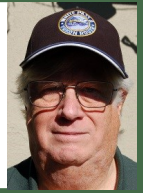
The convention will end with an Awards Banquet and our guest speaker, Cinthia Priest, Editor NMRA Magazine. The NMRA is celebrating 90 years of service to model railroad enthusiasts this year. As an NMRA member, you want to help celebrate the 90th anniversary and join in the fun at the Pacific Southwest Express convention.

For more information, please continue reading the Cajon Order Board.



From the Head End

Paul Stoner, Cajon Division Superintendent



As many of you realize, 2025 marks the 90th anniversary of the NMRA. The predominate scale for model railroads in 1935 was O-scale. At a convention of model railroaders in Milwaukee that year, modelers were encouraged to bring models to operate on various O-scale layouts in the area. Modelers quickly became aware of incompatibilities with each other's models. The publishers of newly launched "Model Railroader" and "Model Craftsman" magazines and others realized that there were no recognized standards for what they thought was an established scale. In the formation of the National Model Railroad Association these pioneers sought to establish standards for equipment compatibility that would make the hobby more enjoyable.

Due to shortages in materials during the war years, the hobby grew slowly. Following the war, returning service men and women found an established hobby ready for their participation. Models and equipment purchased at any store or location was compatible with existing models allowing the hobby to grow. A smaller alternative to O-scale that appeared shortly before the war, HO-scale grew in popularity rapidly from the mid-1950s through the 1960s, primarily because of the standards adopted by the NMRA. Electrical, track, wheel, and coupler standards ensured that models could operate consistently on any layout and HO gradually replace O as the dominate scale.

These scales were joined by N-scale in the late 1960s and Z-scale in the early 1970s rounding out the major scales we still enjoy today. Once again, the NMRA stepped in to establish standards of compatibility early in the development of these scales that would prove essential to their eventual popularity. More recently, it was the NMRA that has pushed for standards for DCC and now LCC that has made it possible for these to have developed and continue to develop as a whole new aspect of operating our models. It is the continuing support of the members of the NMRA that make all this possible. It is the modeling community through the NMRA that have established the standards, not some independent group of manufactures or suppliers.

And let's not forget the modeling aspect of the hobby! Most of us enjoy seeing a favorite locomotive, structure, or scene accurately recreated in miniature and we admire the individuals that are able to create these models. It was for this reason that the Achievement Program was established in 1961 to recognize excellence in modeling. Finally, it is through NMRA sanctioned meetings, gatherings, and conventions that modelers can share their expertise, skills, and knowledge to those of us eager to learn those new skills.

To those Cajon Division members that have been loyal to the NMRA over the years, thank you! There are currently 254 members in the Cajon Division. Of these, 67 have been members for 30 or more years and 27 for more than 50 years. That's more than half the age of the association! However, I know that there are a great many model railroaders out there that don't appreciate the benefits of the NMRA. They maintain that the NMRA doesn't benefit them directly. They say they don't read the NMRA Magazine, attend conventions, participate in the Achievement Program, join clubs, or seldom operate their equipment on other modeler's layouts. They are happy to build their little railroad empires and run their trains. But it is 90 years of the NMRA that allows them to enjoy the hobby at all.

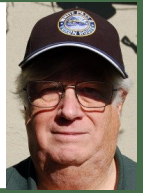
So, if you are one of those that don't think the NMRA is for you, think about the advancements in the hobby over the last 90 years and what it would be like without the NMRA. Then think about what you can

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From the Head End (continued)

Paul Stoner, Cajon Division Superintendent



bring to the hobby and consider joining (or rejoining) the NMRA and what it can mean to the hobby over the next 90 years. And once again, THANK YOU to those members that continue to support the hobby through the NMRA.



Pacific Southwest Express Convention

Call for Member Layouts

Paul Stoner, Cajon Division Superintendent

One of the highlights of any NMRA convention is visiting the home layouts of other modelers. Planners for the 2025 Pacific Southwest Express Convention in Irvine during September 3 – 6, 2025 are looking for individuals to open their home layouts to attendees of the convention.

If you would like to share the experience of the convention with your fellow modelers, we're ready to include you in the convention fun. Your layout doesn't have to look like those in your favorite magazine, you just have to be interested in showing your fellow modeler what you have been working on and in spending a few hours talking about model railroading. In fact, input from visitors to your layout may provide you with some new ideas and tricks! If you are interested in having your layout included in the convention layout tour and showing others what you are working on, contact Paul Stoner at :

superintendent@cajondivision.org.



Layouts of the Cajon Division

Call for Member Layouts

Paul Stoner, Cajon Division Superintendent

We had seven ***Layouts of the Cajon Division*** Open Houses in 2023 and four in 2024, and we want to continue to schedule these events, which have been well attended and enjoyed by the membership. We need more layouts to feature in 2025.

We are looking for layout owners to join in the fun and host an open house this year. Your layout does not have to be the "finished article", you just have to be interested in showing your fellow members what you have been working on and spending a few hours talking about model railroading. In fact, input from visitors at your Open House may provide you with some new ideas and tricks! The Cajon Division will provide up to \$50.00 to reimburse you for food and drinks that you might serve. If you are interested in hosting an Open House and showing us what you have been doing, please contact me and we'll work out a date that works for you. Email Paul Stoner at superintendent@cajondivision.org.



Notes from the Chief Clerk

Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Chief Clerk



Greetings Everyone!!

As temperatures soar outside, the allure of the Model Railroad workshop inside beckons. The Pacific Southwest Regional convention, to be held in Irvine, is just a couple of months away. If you get started soon, you'll have just enough time to build a model to enter into the Celebration of Models. I am looking forward to seeing all of the great work members of the Cajon Division will enter. That means you!!! The more models that are entered, the more ideas we get for projects of our own. So please participate.

Now, for a little behind the scenes look at the Division. Here is a list of what positions are currently working for you, Superintendent (Paul Stoner), Assistant Superintendent-Nevada (Craig McCormick), Director (Harold Helland), Chief Clerk (guy with the funny hat), Paymaster (Robert Calicchia, Membership Chair (Patrick Rogan), Publications Chair (Kurt Matthews), Achievement Program Chair (Gary Butts), Social Media Chair (Joel Morse), Contest Chair (Mike Allee), and Donation Acquisition Chair (Brian Neely). So we have eleven people working very hard in order to bring you the quality that is the Cajon Division. You might always hear about the first five officers, but the "Chairs" don't get enough praise.

Membership Chair Patrick Rogan is in charge of maintaining our membership records and reaching out to folks to remember to renew their NMRA membership. Good records of our membership allows for improved information flow. With a membership of around 250, he has a lot to do.

Publications Chair Kurt Matthews is in charge of the Order Board and the Website. Kurt is the person that brings you information expertly presented in the Order Board. He is the editor and put this issue together! Just look though it and enjoy. If you're on the go, he also does the Website, giving you the most current information available, Kurt really likes photographs, so we are privileged to get to "see" a lot more thanks to him.

Achievement Program Chair Gary Butts, MMR is in charge of supporting the Achievement Program, by evaluating models upon request and processing the applications for certification in the various disciplines of the program. He is well qualified for this position, having been awarded all but one of the available Achievement Program Certificates...and he's working on the last.

Contest Chair Mike Allee is in charge of putting together the "Celebration of Models" (formerly called the Contest Room). This task involves organizing the evaluators, setting up the "Contest" room, checking models in and out of the room, processing the evaluation forms, and determining the results. He then produces the Celebration of Models certificates and ribbons.

Donation Acquisition Chair Brian Neely is in charge of securing donations for the Division that are used in

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Notes from the Chief Clerk (continued)

Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Chief Clerk



our Hobo auction and sometimes a raffle. Brain scours the countryside looking for donations for the Hobo Auction. The Hobo auction is one of the ways that the Division is supported financially and wouldn't be as great as it is without his efforts. As a win-win scenario, donors, like hobby shops, are recognized and then are supported by our membership,

In addition to the duties each of the Board has taken on, they all participate in organizing and presenting the events available to you the member. A simple thing like an Open House or Division meet still requires a lot of work behind the scenes. Simple things... like "who's going to get the soft drinks and snacks/" But it's not all hard work. We get to meet new friends and share our great hobby.

Now back to fun things. Mark your calendar and for sure, make certain that you are registered for the upcoming Pacific Southwest Regional convention at the Hilton in Irvine (Right across the street from the John Wayne Airport.) It is going to be a great event! Don't forget to sign up for the tours!

I hope to see you there.

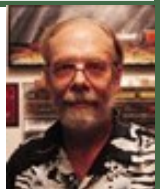
High Green and PAX

Gary



The Backshop

Gary Butts, MMR, Cajon Division AP Chairman



Member Per Harwe provided the following historical account of the beginnings of the Cajon Division. Thanks Per! Happy 52nd Birthday to the Cajon Division!

On June 24, 1973 Division 8 of the NMRA Pacific Southwest Region, hereby named Cajon Division was formed with Dan Crockett as its first Superintendent. Here is the Vol. 1 No. 2 Cajon (as yet unnamed) Newsletter to be later called The Order Board from our online archives:

https://www.cajondivision.org/Old_Order_Boards/OB-1970-74/OB-73-v1n2.pdf

Editor's Note: I for one am glad I do not have to run multiple printed copies at the mimeo machine and stuff envelopes for snail mail...Kurt



What's Happening in Nevada?

Craig McCormick, Asst. Superintendent-NV



Timm Martin graciously opened his home for a layout tour of his Grandjean Martin HO Model Railroad on June 14. Timm provided a BBQ lunch and a clinic on how he makes mountains from foam board and mud tape. Despite the balmy 106°F weather, the following folks were present: Alfredo Escalante, Paul Mickelson (Cajon NMRA), Ed Muha, David Sherwin (Cajon NMRA), Jim Sherwood (Cajon NMRA), Duane Yoder (Cajon NMRA) and myself.



Fun For All





What's Happening in Nevada? (cont.)

Craig McCormick, Asst. Superintendent-NV



Mountain Making Clinic





What's Happening in Nevada? (cont.)

Craig McCormick, Asst. Superintendent-NV



Grandjean Martin RR





The Editor's Column

Kurt Matthews, Publications/Web Chair



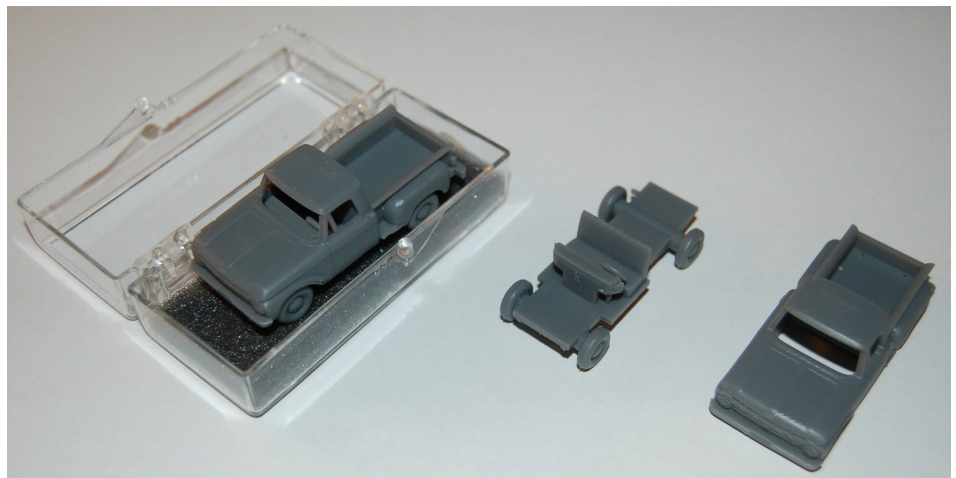
On the Road Again Special Edition

I will be releasing a Special Edition Supplemental Order Board covering my visit to the 2025 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree in May sponsored by Division 2 of NMRA's Mid-Central Region. The Jamboree included clinics and local area layout tours. I went on a full day of layout tours and took plenty of photos!

Product Review

I recently purchased four HO 1966 F-Series Pickup Truck models from Showcase Miniatures. They were produced by 3D Printing. The truck is in two pieces, the body and the frame/chassis/interior. That makes them easier to paint. There is no window glass provided. The surfaces are quite smooth, unlike some other 3D models I have purchased where the build layers are not as fine resulting in 'steps' or ridges in the surfaces that requires additional sanding. The material is thick enough such that rough handling is not an issue. There are a few small areas of remaining flash that need to be cleaned up, but the surfaces should take paint well. I would recommend washing the model in warm soapy water prior to painting to remove any surface contaminants. Each model came individually packaged in separate clear plastic cases.

Showcase Miniatures has a large assortment of vehicles of various model years and other items in HO, N, Z and S scales. Showcase also offers an NMRA discount of 10% for members, just use code NMRA10member at checkout. Free shipping for orders over \$75. The unit cost of my order was \$18 for each truck prior to the discount and \$7 shipping, which was reasonable. <https://www.showcaseminiatures.net/>



Ship Modelers Association

Ahoy Mateys!

From our Paymaster Bob Calicchia: The group has been around since 1973. They hold meetings at the Hobby Day Building at 1127 N. Anaheim Blvd. According to their web site, they have 50-60 attendees for a meeting. They meet the third Wednesday of every month. Here is their website, very interesting, lots of info: <https://www.shipmodelersassociation.org/>

Going to Novi?

If you happen to be going to the national convention in Novi, MI this month, I would love to get some pictures and a summary of the event from you for future publication in The Order Board.



Membership Report

Patrick Rogan, Membership Chair



Let's welcome our new members since May 2025:

May:

- **David Hays, Henderson, NV (RP)**

What is (RP)? It is a Rail Pass (Trial) Membership:

<https://www.nmra.org/trial-membership>

If any of our members know these new members, how about reaching out to them and welcome them with open arms!

Reminder: The Cajon Division communicates with its members by e-mail. If your email address is not on file with the NMRA you are missing valuable communications from the Cajon Division.

To update your email with the NMRA go to www.nmra.org and in the upper left hand corner, login to the Member Log-In Registration (if you have not registered on the NMRA website you will need to register). Once logged in, in the upper left hand corner, click on Member Info. Above your user name click on Edit and then update your email address in the space provided and save your changes. Now you should start receiving email messages from the Cajon division. If that might be too difficult for you can contact me at membership@cajondivision.org and I will have the NMRA office update your email for you.



Call for Model Railroad Donations

Brian Neely, Cajon Division Donations Chair

"One man's trash is another man's treasure" seems like the perfect reason for every model railroad swap meet since the beginning of time. But it also applies to the items that appear for bid at our Cajon Division Hobo Auctions

Many members don't realize that every item that appears in the Hobo Auction was donated by a Cajon Division member or local hobby shop. Our Hobo Auction supplies of donated items are getting very low, and we need your unneeded model railroad supplies to the Cajon Division, so we can continue this tradition.

Every one of us has bought and stored items that we know we will never use, not on the current layout and not on the next layout, because our model railroading focus, need, or interest has changed. These items are cluttering up our limited storage space. Sure, you could wait until you get around to selling your items at swap meet after swap meet until it's gone or you can just donate the items to the Cajon Division.

The Cajon Division (and the PSR) are 501(c)(3) Charitable Organizations under the IRS and California tax codes and therefore you may be able to take a tax deduction for the items you donate. When you donate items to the Cajon Division, we provide you with a receipt for your taxes.

If you have items to donate for future meets, contact me directly at donations@cajondivision.org and arrange to donate your items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Pacific Southwest Express

PSR 2025 Convention

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September 3 thru 6, 2025

Hilton Irvine – John Wayne Airport

www.pacificswexpress.org

The Pacific Southwest Express planning is well under way and the convention will have something for everyone.

Do you like to see home model railroads to learn how the owner has accomplished something that you like? Do you like to learn new ideas from the home model railroad owners? If yes, we will have numerous home model railroads to visit and learn directly from the owner. Many of the home model railroads will be self-drive, (you can team up with a friend) and one guided tour of home model railroads. We will have several modular railroads set up at the convention for viewing and learning something new.

Do you like Operating Sessions? We have four home model railroads committed to run operating sessions and one modular club that will run operating sessions at the Convention Center.

The Pacific Southwest Express will offer several opportunities to acquire something new for your model railroad. Several vendors are planning to set up at the convention which will provide the opportunity to purchase the latest in model railroading. Of course, we will have the Hobo Auction and Swap Meet to allow you to decide which items you cannot live without. Another new feature will be a Silent Auction which will allow attendees to decide how much they would like to pay to add something new to their collection.

Clinics are always a big hit among attendees. Our clinics will provide historical information, knowledge on building all phases of a model railroad, and prototype information. We are planning for over 80 clinics presented by modelers, historians, manufacturers and MMRs with the most popular being presented twice. Stephen Priest will present a clinic on the restoration of SF 5704, an SD45-2, to the 1976 paint scheme. He will also discuss the process for moving a new model from an idea through planning, production and finally to distribution. We will all learn the importance of the Pre-Order portion of the process. In total, 294 requests for a clinic have been sent to previous presenters. I am sure you will find some clinics that will be of interest to you.

If you like Prototype Tours, we have something for you. The Southern California Railway Museum has the West's largest collection of railway locomotives, passenger cars, street cars, and interurban electric cars. The tour will include SF 5704, which was refurbished to the 1976 paint scheme. If you always wanted to drive a diesel engine, this tour will provide the opportunity.

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Pacific Southwest Express

PSR 2025 Convention (continued)

The Los Angeles Union Station is the main railway station in Los Angeles and the largest railroad passenger terminal in the Western United States. This is a behind the scenes tour that includes the historic ticket counter and the original Fred Harvey Restaurant. Los Angeles Union Station is included on the National Register of Historical Places.

Celebration of Models is always my favorite portion of our conventions. We will include all the “normal” categories for viewing and evaluation. In addition, there will be a special contest for a one square foot model. The model must be no larger than one foot square and not over two feet high. The model must include track and/or a freight car. Photographs and Arts and Crafts will also be included in the model contest.

We will end the convention with an Awards Banquet and our Keynote Speaker, Cinthia Priest, Senior Editor NMRA Magazine. Since 2025 is the 90th Anniversary of the NMRA, I am sure Cinthia will include some of the key events in the development of the NMRA. She may also hit the highlights of her Destination MMR articles.

It is time to reunite with model railroad friends and associates. We will include plenty of general interest activities for spouses. Come and join us for an interesting, knowledgeable and fun four days at the Pacific Southwest Express convention September 3 through 6, 2025 at the Hilton Irvine. Register at www.pacificswexpress.org.

Harold Helland, MMR
Chairman, Pacific Southwest Express

Register Now for the Convention and Reserve a Hotel Room. Last Day to Book Discounted Hotel Room Rates is August 13, 2025.

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Pacific Southwest Express Convention

Final Call for Clinics

Final call for individuals to present clinics at the PSR 2025 Pacific Southwest Express Convention September 3-6, 2025, at the Irvine Hilton which is across the street from John Wayne Airport. If you are interested in showing others your model railroad knowledge we want you. Suggested topic areas are:

- 3D Printing, Laser Cutting and Other Computer Modeling Methods
- Achievement Programs and Standards Setting
- DCC, LCC, Wiring & Other Electronics
- Layout Design and Construction
- Layout Operations
- Modeling Techniques and Ideas
- Prototype Railroads History
- Any Other Areas of Interest

If you are interested in presenting a clinic at the PSR 2025 Pacific Southwest Express Convention, we request that you complete the online form, for each clinic proposal, as soon as possible. You can find the form using the link at >

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEkTYilnT677hBO3XrZXqtWYvCl8wqyRU_Q7T9K6RUEJDEfw/viewform?usp=sharing

If you have any questions or problems, please contact us at pacificswexpress@gmail.com



2025 Sat, July 12 2025

GREAT EVENT

GRAND RAILROAD TOUR

Corona Model Railroad Society

HO SCALE CORONA LAYOUT



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Corona, CA 92882

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SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Depart - 2 p.m. Return

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Three Months to Pacific Southwest Express

Registration Closes August 15, 2025

Register NOW: www.pacificswexpress.org

Clinics covering subjects that interest you!

Celebration of Models includes all categories plus:

One Square Foot Model, Two feet high or less

Include piece of track and/or rolling stock

Prototype Tours – Los Angeles Union Station, Southern California Railway Museum

Modular Railroads – OC Module Railroaders, OC N'Gineers, 20's 30's and Beyond

Operating Sessions – List on the Website

Home Model Railroads

Vendors, Swap Meet, Hobo Auction, Silent Auction

Information on the Website

General Interest Activities

Information on the Website

Awards Banquet

Keynote Speaker: Cinthia Priest, Editor NMRA Magazine

Volunteers Needed to help during the convention

Numerous possibilities available / Times to match your interests

One Sheet of Hobo Auction Tickets for Volunteering

Email Don Fowler at: ddfowler57@gmail.com

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Prototype Tours - Seats Available

Thursday, September 4
Los Angeles Union Station

Main Railway Station in Los Angeles
Tour areas not open to the public
Original ticket concourse includes a 110-foot ticket counter
Massive bronze chandeliers
Hand painted acoustic ceiling
Last of the great railway stations built in the United States
Original Fred Harvey Restaurant
National Register of Historical Places

Friday, September 5
Southern California Railway Museum

Private Tour of Railway Museum
West's largest collection of railway locomotives
The collection includes passenger cars, freight cars, street cars
Railroads included in the collection: Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Santa Fe,
Los Angeles Railway (streetcar system)
Includes Santa Fe 5704 which was recently refurbished to 1976 paint scheme

Mini Run One Option to drive a diesel locomotive for a \$25 donation to the museum

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Email Don Fowler at: ddfowler57@gmail.com

Registration

Assist with registration process

Company Store

Disperse items purchased during registration

Reception

Sell Bingo Sheets

Hobo Auction

**Sell Hobo Auction tickets
Set up Hobo Auction
Disperse prizes during the Hobo Auction**

Celebration of Models

**Monitor the room
Model check-in and check-out
Evaluation of models**

Prototype Tours

Bus Captains

General Interest

Monitor room as needed

Clinics

**Monitor rooms
Award Clinician Certificates**



WELCOME to the 90th NMRA National Model Railroad Convention, STATION No. VI

July 14-19, 2025 – Novi, Michigan

60 Layouts to Visit



Clinics and Workshops



Suburban Hotel
w/Free Parking

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The convention is being hosted by the NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the NMRA. Our goal is for [A Convention Like No Other](#). We are planning a great week of model and prototype railroading, just for YOU!

This convention is open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be an NMRA member to attend!

Come and join us for the MAXIMUM model railroad FUN!

LOCATION

Convention HQ is the Sheraton Hotel
21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375

See all the accommodation options on our [Location Page](#)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- [Suburban location HQ Hotel](#) with FREE parking!
- 50+ restaurants within 15 minutes of HQ Hotel
- Operating sessions available
- NMRA model contest and model showcase
- [Banquet Dinner](#) with guest speaker on Saturday evening
- 20+ [Clinics](#) per day Tuesday – Saturday
- [Modeling With The Masters®](#) clinics
- 60+ [home/club layouts](#) 200 – 3000 sq ft to visit
- [Prototype tours](#) available
- Model Showcase display room with popular vote awards
- Yard Sale of new/used model railroad equipment
- Friday night [Pizza Party](#) with choice of soda, beer or wine.
- Event shirts available pre-order only
- EVERYONE welcome to attend!
- Unprecedented One LOW cost admission!
- Admission price includes ALL layout visits/clinics
- National Train Show Saturday – Sunday

Don't miss out on the latest updates leading up to the 2025 NMRA Convention! [Subscribe](#) now to join our community of industry enthusiasts, thought leaders, and passionate learners.

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Operating Sessions



Model Showcase Room



<https://www.nmra2025.com/>



Grouper NMRA Membership Dues Benefit



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Research shows that participating in groups like the **National Model Railroad Association** improves our mental, physical, and social health. It's called "Social Fitness," and it's the perfect replica of your favorite track.



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Arnie's Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Milepost 38 Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Arnie's Trains | arniesmodeltrains.com | (714) 893-1015

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6462 Industry Way, Westminster, CA 92683

RailMaster Hobbies

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm

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thewhistlestop.com

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2490 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

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