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Tracks Ahead for the Cajon Division

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June 8, 2024:

*Nevada Open House, Starting at 10:30AM
Timm Martin's layout, plus a BBQ!*

June 15, 2024:

*Layouts of the Cajon Division Open House
Joel Morse's NYO&W RWY
Garden Grove, CA*

August 4-11, 2024: NMRA National Convention SurfLiner 2024

*Long Beach, CA
Those interested in helping should contact
Volunteer Coordinator Mike Allee at rmallee@me.com*

September 7, 2024:

OCME tour, Costa Mesa, CA

September 3-6, 2025:

*PSR 2025 Convention
Hilton Irvine at John Wayne Airport (SNA)*



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From the Caboose

Harold Helland, MMR, Cajon Division Director



The Cajon Spring Meet was held at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Buena Park on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We started with a very successful swap meet followed by five clinics. Lunch was the usual pizzas followed by our meeting and the Hobo Auction. The Hobo Auction provided plenty of opportunities to find something you really wanted for your home model railroad. My favorite part is the Celebration of Models which had several entries and five of the models achieved Merit Awards. If you did not bring a model this time, I encourage all of you to bring models for the Celebration of Models whether for show or evaluation. Not every model has to be evaluated for a Merit Award.

The Cajon Division is sponsoring Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. The next home model railroad tour will be Joel Morse's model railroad which is scheduled for June 15 (see flyer on Page 11). We are also planning a day at the Orange County Model Engineers on September 7th. If you would like to host a tour at your home model railroad, please contact our Division Superintendent, Joel Morse.

This year is a big year for the Cajon Division and the entire Pacific Southwest Region. The 2024 NMRA National Convention, SurfLiner 2024, will be held at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach August 4 through August 11, 2024. Please consider joining the SurfLiner 2024 Convention Team as a volunteer and contributing to the success of the 2024 NMRA National Convention. We need numerous volunteers to help during the week of the convention.

The Cajon Division is responsible for the 2025 Pacific Southwest Region Annual Convention which will be held at the Hilton Irvine - John Wayne Airport. The convention is scheduled from September 3 through September 6, 2025 and will feature modular railroads, home layout tours, prototype tours, operating sessions, and numerous clinics. There will be opportunities to find something new for your home model railroad from Swap Meet or Hobo Auction. We are planning four days packed with model railroad fun. The hardest part of organizing a convention is gathering enough volunteers to make everyone's job easier. I am the convention chairman and am in the process of filling those volunteer positions. Please see the PSR 2025 Convention flyer on Page 12 to see which positions on the committee are open. After you decide how you would like to help, please contact me at h.helland@sbcglobal.net to add your name to the convention staff.

Please consider participating in the Cajon Division events this year. For those members who have not participated in our events, I hope in 2024, you will join in the fun and learning experience offered by the Cajon Division events. Your NMRA membership will quickly become more meaningful as you participate and become part of the active Cajon Division members.



From the Brass Hat

Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent



Please join me in welcoming the newest member of the Cajon Division Board of Directors, Kurt Matthews, who has taken over as Publications Chairman. Together with Dan Moran, our Acting Publications Chairman, Kurt has prepared this edition of The Order Board. Kurt is a brand new NMRA member, and he contacted me just after he first joined (March of this year, I believe), to let me know that he wanted to be an active member. Great! So, I immediately suggested he join the Board and take on the Publications Chair duties. I didn't hear back from him for a while, and I'm thinking "Yikes, I may have over-stepped making that suggestion!" But Kurt was thinking about it, and at his first Cajon Event at the Buena Park Event on April 27th, Kurt pulled me aside to tell me that he wanted the job! Frankly, I was thrilled to hear it (Dan was pleased as well)!

For those of you who have read this column during my almost 4 years as Cajon Division Superintendent, you know that my consistent message has been that you will get the most out of your membership, and your membership will have the greatest impact on your enjoyment of model railroading, if you participate in the activities that are available to you. Kurt is such a new member that I'm pretty sure that he has not read any of my previous columns on the value of participation. Nevertheless, Kurt is a terrific example of a member who wants to participate, and I commend Kurt for jumping into his NMRA membership with both feet, confirming that he clearly recognizes the value inherent in participating in the organization. I hope you all get to meet him at the upcoming events and take a lesson from him to get involved!

I don't know who said, "All Politics are Local" or "The people's true concerns end at the village gate", but I think this concept applies to NMRA activities. It's the activities and opportunities that are closest to you, in your Division and Region, that you are most likely to participate in as a member, and therefore these have the greatest potential to impact the value of your membership and your enjoyment of the hobby. But of course, you must participate in the "local" events within or near your "village gate". That means participating in the local events available to you. Our April Buena Park Event was one of our best attended events with over 70 members, who enjoyed a full day of model railroad activities, including five terrific clinics, a swap meet, the Celebration of Models (great participation), Hobo Auction and pizza lunch. It was great to see everyone enjoying this terrific, well-attended event!

The Board of Directors works hard to provide a variety of activities for our members in and around the "village gate", including the upcoming Layouts of the Cajon Division Open House on June 15th, we're I'll be hosting at my N-Scale New York, Ontario, and Western Railway. And upcoming in September is a Cajon Division exclusive behind the scenes visit to the Orange County Model Engineers and their 7.5-gauge Mackerel Flats and Goathill Junction Railroad in Costa Mesa!

Between June and September is the ultimate model railroading event at your "village gate", the SurfLiner2024 National Convention and National Train Show. This is the first time the National Convention has been in your "village" in many, many years! Having it locally gives you the opportunity to fully participate in the National Convention. One of the best ways to maximize your enjoyment of the National Convention is to stay at the convention hotel for the entire Convention, so you can fully participate in the social aspects of the convention and not miss a minute! But most importantly, register and enjoy the clinics, tours and camaraderie that is part of every National Convention!



Notes from the Chief Clerk

Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Chief Clerk



We have an Election coming Up..... No, not that one. Later this year we will need to find and elect a new Cajon Division Superintendent. Joel Morse, after an incredibly efficient run as the “Super,” is timing out of office (per our By-Laws.) He will be a tough act to follow.

So how do we get a new administration? We need folks to step up and volunteer. Some of us on the Board of Directors (like me) are getting a little long-in-the-tooth and it’s time for some younger folks to get involved. There is truth to the idea that our younger members are working full-time and don’t have the time to devote to a hobby organization. Yet, there is also truth to the concept that if you want something done, give it to a busy person!

This IS the year to step up!!! We need a lot volunteers for the 2024 National Model Railroad Association Convention in Long Beach. Talk about a great opportunity to learn and get to know some of the hobby’s Movers and Shakers.

A couple of years ago, I went to my first NMRA National Convention and met Pete Magoun, MMR (junior past-president of the NMRA.) I volunteered to be a contest room evaluator and was on his team. I learned a great deal about model making from that experience, and from the next three national conventions where I also volunteered for the “Celebration of Models” evaluator teams. I always seemed to get on Pete’s team. Pete and I still email each other regularly.

The first model that I built after this experience, I entered into a Pacific Southwest Region regional convention and took “Best in Show!” At that convention, I met up with Gary Butts, MMR and he convinced me to get back into the “volunteering” aspect of the hobby. I did and met a large group of fellow modelers who I can now consider friends.

Gary is the Cajon Division’s NMRA Achievement Program representative and he encouraged me to get active in the Achievement Program. A group of us modelers got together and started working on the “Chief Dispatcher” certificate. So my circle of friends has grown again. Also, I now have two certificates (Association Volunteer and Chief Dispatcher) and only need five more to get that MMR (Master Model Railroader) after my name.

But my job... but my calendar... but my wife.....you might say as excuses to not become involved. Well, my wife likes museums and zoos, so we were going down to San Diego a lot. It turns out that there is a Model Railroad Museum in San Diego’s Balboa Park and that there are 4 clubs that operate trains in that museum. One of the club members there invited me to join the San Diego Model Railroad Association and come on down and operate. I did and found a whole new group of fellow model railroaders. More involvement. (Part of my Chief Dispatcher certificate required running trains and documenting the times spent, so this worked out quite well.) Joyce goes to the zoo and I run trains. We meet for lunch. Joyce visits the Natural History Museum, and I run trains. Joyce goes to the art museums, and I run trains. She even goes into the airplane museum, and I run trains. Can you guess which museum she never sets foot in? Oh well, it all works.

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Notes from the Chief Clerk (Continued)

Gary Stenberg, Cajon Division Chief Clerk



While model railroading can be a solitary experience, it can be even better when shared. Getting involved and meeting new people can open up a whole new world. Our newest Board member, Kurt Matthews, who recently joined the NMRA, said that the first thing you do when you join an organization is to get involved. (Welcome Aboard Kurt.) It may not be that you just joined the NMRA and Cajon Division, but the idea is still true; get active.

Volunteer. Participate. Get Involved. Come on Down.
Participate. Get Involved. Come on Down.
And did I say Volunteer?

The more you put into the hobby, the more you'll get out of it. Besides it really is fun.

High Green and PAX

Gary Stenberg



The Backshop

Gary Butts, MMR, Cajon Division AP Chairman



What a great meet! I hope you were one of the 70+ members that joined us in Buena Park for our annual Cajon Division Spring meet. Great clinics, good swap meet and above all, great friendship.

The contest (oops, Celebration of Models) room (and it really is that) had a ton of models and not surprisingly several of them evaluated out at the NMRA Achievement Award Merit Evaluation level. All of the Merit Award models were structures so a brief review of the modeling criteria for structures seems appropriate, so here it is.

There are five model evaluation topics each of which is evaluated against the NMRA official evaluation matrix by five different evaluation teams of two or three evaluators each. Each team evaluates a specific evaluation category across all of the evaluated models to maintain consistency throughout all of the models entered for evaluation and each evaluator reaches his assessment independently and then compares his evaluation with the other members of his team to reach a mutually agreed evaluation score for their category. The categories are: Construction, Detail, Conformity, Finish and Lettering and Scratch Built.

Construction: This is the most important category and the matrix is basically Model Complexity vs. Model Quality. This is where mis-aligned corners, poor roof intersections, excess glue can all detract from your score and detailed complex models, quality construction practices and no glue in the windows will yield a high score.

Details: Folks, this is basically a list of the details that you added to your model to make it more realistic. These are details that are not included in a kit if that is where the model originated. If the model came with detailed windows and doors, they do not count. If you tossed them and made your own to make the model more like the prototype or added barrels, birds, people and interiors that were not included. Just list those details you added in this category. A lot of verbiage is not needed. Just let the evaluators know what you added/modified.

Conformity: How well your model portrays the prototype you are modeling is the key. You must give the evaluators something to compare your model with for them to do an evaluation of its authenticity. So, always include pictures of your intended prototype to help them. If your model is freelance, include pictures of similar structures that you used to create your model and point out the pertinent items. If drawings are available or you generate them, include them in your write-up.

Finish and Lettering: Simple to say, not simple to execute. This category covers how your model looks. How is the paint, how well is it weathered (not a requirement) and how believable is the finish. Paint on the windows, paint run-over on other colors, etc. will cost evaluation points. Make sure the lettering is straight if it should be.

Scratch Built. Just another list. How much of your model is scratch built? If the model is completely scratch built it is easy- 100%- Every item is scratch built and this category crosses over with the details category. If it is less than 90% scratch then partial credit can be given for any parts of the model that are made by you from basic material forms: Sheet, tube, rod, etc. etc. Be sure to list these items here and in the details category if they are scratch built details. (Continued)



The Backshop (Continued)

Gary Butts, MMR, Cajon Division AP Chairman



This year's Spring meet honored the following modelers for their outstanding models earning Merit Award Certificates. Congratulations to these outstanding modelers and thank you for sharing your efforts with us.



Loralee Page Ortez

Best of Show Merit Award : Coaling Tower
Honorary Mention Merit Award: Water Tower



Tom Stumph

First Place Merit Award: UP Freight Depot



Patrick Rogan

Second Place Merit Award: Old Blacksmith Shop



Allan Kershaw

Third Place Merit Award: Engine House



The Editor's Column

Kurt Matthews, Publications Chair



Kurt Matthews, a recent new NMRA Cajon Division Member, is the new Publications Chair. I am a soon to be retired aircraft systems engineer, and reside in Fullerton, CA. I have been model railroading since my teens. My favorite prototype railroad and era is the Delaware & Hudson in 1975 just prior to Conrail. Being born and raised in Pittsburgh, I also have an interest in Pittsburgh steel mill and coal railroading. I have a small 4x8 HO layout at my home, but I would characterize it more as a train set than a layout. I mainly use it as a large test track for new purchases and repairs. This will be my first crack at using Microsoft Publisher to assemble a newsletter, so bear with me, but I think I have the basics down.



What's Happening in Nevada?

RL Jenkins, Asst. Superintendent-NV



On March 16 we got together at Johnathan Stone's house to see his layout and have some great food. Then on May 18 we went to Steve Kazarian's House to look at his N Scale layout and talk trains for 3 hours.



Membership Report

Let's welcome our new members since January:

February:

- Gary Waller, Laguna Hills, CA
- Scott Grabau, Orange, CA

March:

- Kurt Matthews, Fullerton, CA
- Travis Heimberger, Yorba Linda, CA
- Tad Heimberger, Yorba Linda, CA
- Brandyn Simmering, Redlands, CA
- Byron Brainard, Santa Ana, CA
- Paul Johansen, Santa Ana, CA

April:

- William Rowell, Sun City, CA

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 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.

Cajon Division Spring Meet Model Awards

Mike Alee, Contest Chair

There are two ways in which one can enter an item in the Celebration Room, as an item for evaluation, using NMRA guidelines, with the possibility of receiving a Merit Award, or as an item entered for "Display" and not to be evaluated. A Merit Award is one step in earning the title of Master Model Railroader (MMR®). All items in the Celebration Room are automatically entered into People's Choice.

There were twenty-four entries in the Celebration Room of which twelve were submitted for evaluation. Four modelers received Merit Awards for their modeling abilities shown in five models (see Gary Butts' "The Backshop" Article on Page 6).

Some of the categories had only one, two or no entries. A modeler could have received a certificate for first, second or third place, possibly a Merit Award, if they had entered a model. As you peruse the model photos below notice the categories that don't have three models and the evaluation categories not represented at all. Do you have model(s) that would place in the categories, but you're a little apprehensive about showing your skills to fellow modelers? At the division meet it's just modelers of the local area. Notice as you look at the pictures they're identified by number, the modeler's name doesn't appear. The only time a name would be associated with the model would be when a modeler receives an award for their modeling ability. A personally proud moment. See the award winning models beginning on Page 13.

LAYOUTS OF THE CAJON DIVISION

Call for Member Layouts

Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent

We had seven ***LAYOUTS OF THE CAJON DIVISION*** Open Houses in 2023 and only two so far 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 the rest of this year. We will have our third Open House for 2024 on June 15 at my own New York, Ontario and Western N Scale layout in Garden Grove. See the poster about this event on page 11.

We are looking for layout owners to join in the fun and host an open house next 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 me at superintendent@cajondivision.org or call or text me at (714) 614-5401.

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, which next takes place at our upcoming Fall Meet.

Many members don’t realize that every item that appears in the Hobo Auction was donated by a Cajon Division member or local hobby shops. 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 our upcoming Fall Meet, contact me directly at donations@cajondivision.org and arrange to donate your items to the Cajon Division.

2024 SAT, JUNE 15 2024

GREAT EVENT

GRAND RAILROAD TOUR

JOEL MORSE'S



ALL TRAINS LEAVE

Garden Grove STATION

11891 Tunstall Street

SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Depart ~ 3 p.m. Return

EXCLUSIVE FARE

FREE to NMRA Members & Guests

Show & Tell Bring your latest Project to Share

Notice! This Railroad is wheelchair accessible, a step up for the restroom

Refreshments & Snacks are Included!

As Usual, Expert Modeling Advice Available

-We've got all kinds of Arm-Chair Experts-

Bragdon, DCC, Juicers, Operations, Trackwork,
Craftsman Kits, Loco Conversions, Scratch Building, Weathering
--You Name it, We'll Discuss it--



PSR 2025 CONVENTION – PACIFIC SOUTHWEST EXPRESS

SEPTEMBER 3 – 6, 2025

HILTON IRVINE – JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Registrar

Paymaster

Welcome Reception

Layout Tours

Prototype Tours

Operating Sessions

Special Interest

Webmaster

PLEASE join the Convention team by contacting Harold Helland at:

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Cajon Division Spring Meet Model Awards

Structures On-Line



Tom Stumpf

First Place in On-Line Structures , Merit Award & Third Place Structures, People's Choice Scratch Built, UP Freight Depot
N Scale



Allen Kershaw

Second Place in On-Line Structures , Merit Award Kit Bashed, Engine House
HO Scale

Awards, continued

Structures On-Line



Loralee Page-Ortiz

Third Place, in On-Line Structures , Merit Award & First Place Structures, People's Choice Scratch Built, Water Tower

HO Scale

Structures Off-Line



Patrick Rogan

First Place, in Off-Line Structures , Merit Award Scratch Built, Old Blacksmith Shop

Ho Scale

Awards, continued

Structures Off-Line



Patrick Rogan

Second Place, in Off-Line Structures, Scratch Built, California Tank House

HO Scale



Gary Stenberg

Third Place, in Off-Line Structures, Scratch Built, Outhouse Under Construction

Note: No photo was available, therefore the publisher has exercised "publishers license" to provide a suitable rendition of what the outhouse might look like completed

HO Scale

Awards, continued
Peoples Choice Structures



Mark Hummel

First Place, Display, People's Choice Scratch
Built, Gaviota Bridge

HO Scale



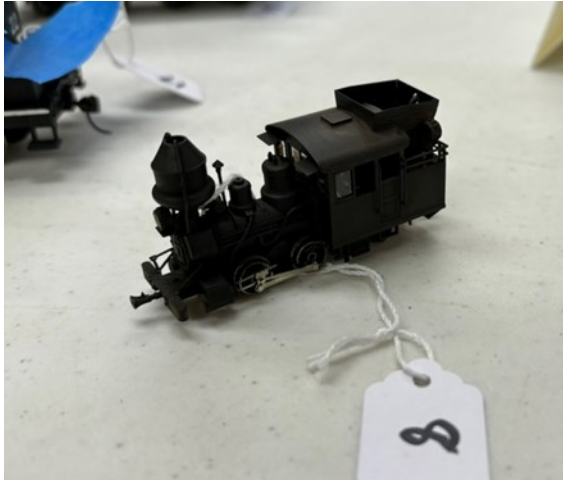
Loralee Page-Ortiz

Best of Show & Second Place Structures in
People's Choice Scratch Built

HO Scale

Operations, continued

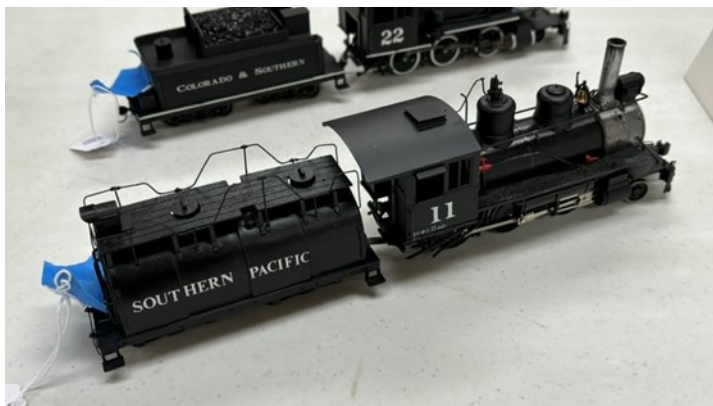
Locomotives



John Peckham

First Place Steam Locomotives & Third Place
Locomotive in People's Choice Kit, Kisu
Lumber Co. 0-4-2

N Scale



Dan Kamikudo

First Place, Locomotive in People's Choice
Kit, SP #11 NG

HO Narrow Gauge



Dan Kamikudo

Second Place, Locomotive in People's
Choice Kit, CS #22, NG

HO Narrow Gauge

Awards, continued

Rolling Stock



Gary Stenberg

First Place, Freight Car Kit Bashed, C&LL

Gondola 400

HO Scale



Jim Lou

First Place, Rolling Stock in People's
Choice Kit, Weathered Modern CNW

HO Scale



Jerry Duncan

Second Place, Rolling Stock in People's
Choice Scratch Built, 1930 Mack Bus from
an Avon Bottle

G Scale

Awards, continued

Rolling Stock



Tom Stumpf

Second Place Rolling Stock in People's Choice Kit
Bash, "To The Scrapper"

N Scale



Jim Luo

Third Place, Rolling Stock in People's Choice
Kits, "Athearn Rebuild"

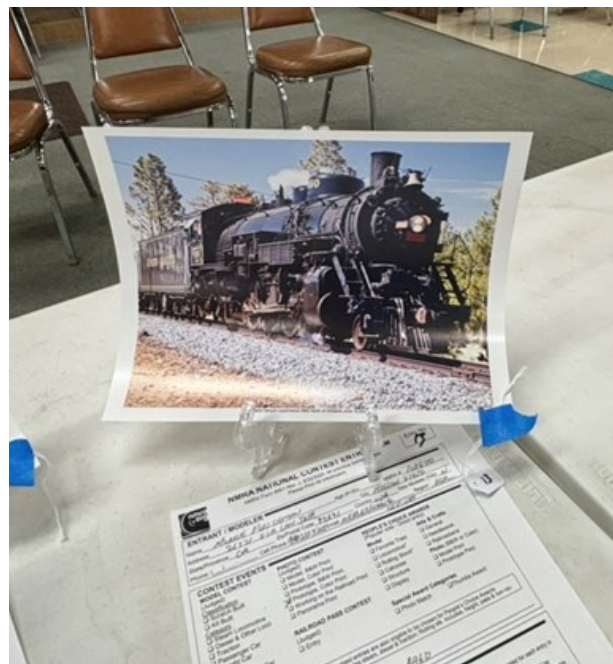
HO Scale

Awards, continued



Morrie Fleishman

First Place, Photo in People's Choice, Grand Canyon Loco 4980 with Smoke



Morrie Fleishman

Second Place, Photo in People's Choice, Grand Canyon Loco 4980



Paul Stoner

First Place, Thumbs in People's Choice Scratch, "Do You Suppose It Can Read?"

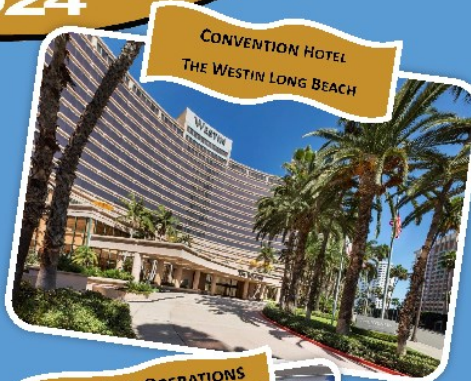
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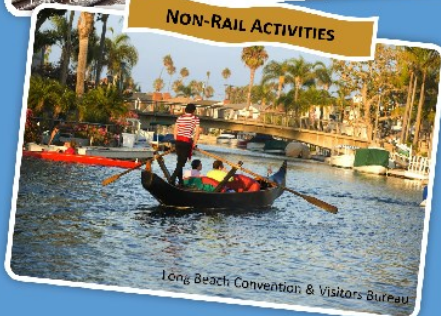
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CONVENTION HOTEL
THE WESTIN LONG BEACH



NON-RAIL ACTIVITIES



LAYOUTS & OPERATIONS



2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION

SURFLINER



LONG BEACH, CA

AUGUST 4 - 11



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2024 National Model Railroad Association Convention in Long Beach, CA, Aug. 4 to 11, 2024



The week-long *SurfLiner 2024* National Convention is hosted by the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association at **The Westin Hotel in Long Beach, CA**. The convention features



hundreds of clinics, interesting prototype tours, along with layout tours, operating sessions, general interest tours and activities, culminating in the NMRA Awards Banquet on August 10th. **Bring the entire family so they can enjoy the many attractions of Southern California, while you enjoy the convention!** Don't miss out on this incredible week of model railroading fun for you and a great Southern California vacation for the entire family!

Layout Tours and Operations: The Pacific Southwest Region has some excellent model railroad club and home layouts to visit. There will be operations sessions to give you an opportunity to run trains under the guidance of local model railroaders.

Prototype Tours: Prototype Tours currently include UP Gemco Yard, Los Angeles Union Station, The Southern California Railway Museum, Rail Giants Museum, Travel Town Railway Museum, and the Metro Rail Fleet Services Facility. On your own you can visit the famous Cajon Pass and Tehachapi Loop.



Clinics on Model Railroading: Choose from more than 100 clinics consisting of on-site presentations by local model railroaders, nationally recognized "Master Model Railroaders", and virtual presentations by clinicians around the world, will be available. Clinics will cover the history of railroading in Southern California (the SP, UP, ATSF and others) and the Southern California citrus industry, along with virtually every topic of model railroading.

General Interest Tours and Activities: There are many activities at the convention for attendees that are not related to model railroading, including on-site crafting, quilting, painting, games, speakers, and social events. General interest tours include the Nixon Library, Catalina Island Cruise, San Antonio Winery, and the Warner Bros. Studio Tour, with more being added.

Contests and Awards: The Celebration of Models room provides an opportunity to display models, photos, etc., and appreciate the work of others. Models, photos, etc. may be submitted for Merit Judging and other awards, which will be presented at the Celebration of Models Awards ceremony, August 8th, 2024.



National Train Show: Friday, August 9th to Sunday, August 11th. The National Train Show[®] is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association and is a combined industry trade show and public train show to promote the hobby of model railroading. The 2024 National Train Show[®] will be held in conjunction with the *SurfLiner 2024* National Convention in Long Beach, California. As a registered attendee to the Convention, you have free access to the train show

including early access on Friday morning.



SurfLiner 2024



Volunteers Needed!

The Pacific Southwest Region is hosting the 2024 SurfLiner National Convention in August 2024, and we need your help to make this the best National Convention ever!

Under the guidance of PSR President and Convention Committee Chairman Pat Raymer, the 30+ members of the Convention Committee have been working diligently for the past year to prepare the groundwork for a great National Convention!

The Committee needs you to make your own personal commitment and offer your time to volunteer on the Convention Committee to make the 2024 Convention memorable for all the attendees!

There are a wide range of assignments available for you that will not prevent you from enjoying the Convention – in fact, volunteering can enhance your enjoyment of the Convention and give you an opportunity to meet other attendees!

And remember, working on a National Convention Committee earns you hours towards your Volunteer Achievement Award!

Here's a short list of some of the volunteer positions we need to fill and each has a different level of time commitment:

Clinic Host: Introduce Clinicians, manage AV equipment.

Convention Concierge: Roam around and answer questions.

Registration Desk: Assist the Registrar in registering attendees.

Clinician: Present a new clinic and get Author/Volunteer Credit.

Convention Store: Assist in distributing and selling merchandise.

Tour Bus Captain: Coordinate loading, unloading, and in-transit activity.

Modeling Judge: Train as a model evaluator for the Celebration of models.

Security Officer: Keep an eye on models in the Celebration of Models Room.

To find out more about volunteering
Contact Volunteer Chairman Mike Allee Today!

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Surfliner 2024



Call for Clinic Presenters

The Clinics Committee for the upcoming NMRA 2024 Surfliner Convention in Long Beach, August 4-11, 2024 is seeking clinics presenters. Clinics of any model railroad nature will be considered. We are also interested in clinics that spotlight model railroading in Southern California.

Possible subjects may include:

- History of prototype railroads,
- Prototype railroad operations,
- Modelling that represents the current railroad culture,
- Any other subject of interest to railroad modelling, or
- “How-to” or “Make and Take” clinic.

The convention committee has redesigned the clinic proposal form to better provide information for both you and the convention committee. We request that you complete this form, for each clinic proposal, as soon as possible. You can find the new revised form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/FtB6HGVjT7DQHChc6>

If you choose not to come to Long Beach for either show, we encourage you to present a clinic via zoom during our convention.

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Rogan or Paul Stoner at clinics@surfliner.org

Support Your Local Hobby Store

We like to support local hobby stores when we can. So, we have included a list of local shops for your use.

Arnie's Model Trains & Milepost 38 Toy Trains

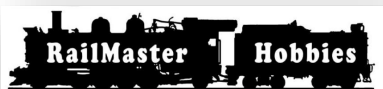


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Arnie's Trains | arniesmodeltrains.com | (714) 893-1015
Milepost 38 Toy Trains | milepost38.com | (714) 892-9471

6462 Industry Way, Westminster, CA 92683

RailMaster Hobbies



Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am — 6:00pm
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Monday - Saturday 10:00 am— 5:00 pm

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thewhistlestop.com

(626) 796-7791

2490 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

Westside Trains



Monday - Saturday 11:00am — 5:00pm

westsidetrains.com

(702) 254-9475

2960 S. Durango, #117, Las Vegas, NV 89117



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