

# The Order Board

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## Tracks Ahead for the Cajon Division

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#### **September 7, 2024: (9:45AM-Noon)**

*Orange County Model Engineers tour*

*Fairview Park, 2480 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626*

*<https://ocmetrains.org>*

*More information to follow soon via email*

#### **October 5-6, 2024 (10AM-4PM):**

*Great Train Show*

*Del Mar Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall*

*2260 Jimmy Durante, Blvd., Del Mar CA 92014*

*<https://greattrainshow.com>*

#### **October 19, 2024: 8:30AM-5PM**

*Cajon Division Fall Meet*

*Messiah Lutheran Church, 6625 Dale St., Buena Park, CA 90621*

#### **December 7, 2024 (10AM-2PM):**

*Union Pacific Sugar Pine Sub Layout Tour*

*2302 N Glennwood St., Orange, CA*

#### **February 15-16, 2025:**

*Great Train Show/World's Greatest Hobby Tour*

*Orange County Fairgrounds*

*88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626*

*<https://greattrainshow.com>*

#### **September 3-6, 2025:**

*PSR 2025 Convention*

*Hilton Irvine at John Wayne Airport (SNA)*

*18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612*

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## *From the Caboose*

*Harold Helland, MMR, Cajon Division Director*



Wow, what a great National Convention. SurfLiner 2024 went pretty smoothly from my perspective and everyone had a great time. I was responsible for the Prototype Tours for the convention and was able to find some super bus captains to handle the tours. My thanks to Kurt Matthews, Denni Baumer, Craig Carnell, and David Carnell for being bus captains. Of course, Chris Thompson did a great job of notifying us of any last-minute changes and who was eating which type of sandwich. In case you did not attend the SurfLiner Convention, the registrants toured the Southern California Railway Museum, Los Angeles Union Station, Travel Town Museum, Rail Giants Museum, Metro Rail Fleet Services and Union Pacific Gemco Freight Yard.

Gary Butts served as the company Store Manager and offered shirts, hats, mugs, pins, and freight cars lettered for the convention. The HO box cars and the N scale covered hoppers looked great and were purchased by many attendees.

There were more clinics than any one person could attend. Pat Rogan and Paul Stoner pulled the clinics together and had many registrants trying to decide which clinic they would attend every day.

All this came about under the leadership of Pat Raymer and Joel Morse. Thanks for their countless hours to make this a success. There were roughly 40 members of the SurfLiner Convention Committee along with numerous volunteers, and everyone helped to make the convention a success.

The Cajon Division is sponsoring Layouts of the Cajon Division. These are home model railroad tours presented by Cajon Division members. If you would like to host a tour at your home model railroad, please contact our Division Superintendent, Joel Morse. We are planning a day at the Orange County Model Engineers on September 7. The Cajon Fall Meet will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church on October 19. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

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, "Pacific Southwest Express" is scheduled from September 3 through September 6, 2025, and will feature modular railroads which will include operating sessions, home layout tours, prototype tours, operating sessions, numerous clinics, Plus One activities, and an Awards Banquet. There will be opportunities to find something new for your home model railroad from the Silent Auction, Swap Meet or Hobo Auction. We are planning four days packed with model railroad fun. Registration will be open soon. Many of us were involved with SurfLiner 2024 and have not been able to get the website up and running. There will be the opportunity to register with a discount since we are opening the registration late. Please be sure



# *From the Caboose (Continued)*

*Harold Helland, MMR, Cajon Division Director*



to watch for the email notifying you that registration is open. If you would like to help, please contact me at [h.helland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h.helland@sbcglobal.net) to add your name to the convention staff.

Please consider participating in the Cajon Division events. For those members who have not participated in our events, I hope 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.



**PSR 2025 Convention**  
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**Model Railroads**

Modular Railroads  
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Museums

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Activities for All



## *From the Brass Hat*

*Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent*



This is my last “From The Brass Hat” column to you, as I will be stepping down as Cajon Division Superintendent at the upcoming Buena Park Event on October 19<sup>th</sup>, when the new Superintendent takes over. As of my writing this column, the new Superintendent is unknown, but I wish him or her great success and satisfaction in their efforts to improve the Cajon Division.

My 5-year tenure as Superintendent began because of the previous Superintendent’s resignation of the position short of the completion of his term. At the time, I was the Cajon Treasurer and happy to stay Treasurer, with no intent of moving into the Superintendent job, when two Cajon Board members approached me and asked me to serve the organization in a new way. Considering my belief that the NMRA brings value to the membership and as a member of this organization, I would get out of it what I give, I had no choice but to agree. And I’m glad that I did!

So what did I get out of my tenure as the Superintendent? The experience has been challenging and very positive, overall. The best part of it has been that being Superintendent required me to make the effort to meet members at every opportunity I had, whether at open houses, train shows, our Buena Park events or when at the hobby shop. I made it my business (and my “duty”) to introduce myself to new and existing members and try to learn a bit about them and where their passion for the hobby lies, and in the process, I made some friends and met some interesting people. Of course, I also got an opportunity to work with a terrific Board of Directors, and I thank them for their support in my goals for the organization and their efforts to improve the experience of every member of the Cajon Division.

During my time as Superintendent we experienced the Covid Pandemic. Unfortunately, we had to cancel a few events at the beginning of this era, but we managed to adapt, improvise and overcome, holding “minimal contact” Buena Park Events, where we substituted new outdoor activities for inside activities. At that first event, we initiated the Cajon Connection, where we shared modeling information around tables outside in the courtyard which worked out well. We also held the Hobo Auction partially outside, which didn’t work out so well, due to wind blowing over the cups, but we adapted for the next event, and weighed down the cups with stones. At that event, we also started the “Modelers’ Show and Tell”, which gave those members who brought models for display or Merit Award consideration, the opportunity to tell the group about their models. Also during the Pandemic, since we couldn’t meet in person, the Board decided to publish the Order Board magazine every month, and we did this for more than a year. (The need to write a lot of articles during that period accelerated me getting my Author Achievement Certificate, and I don’t think I’m the only one.)

Quite a bit has occurred during my tenure, and I won’t bore you by listing them. I hope my efforts as Superintendent have improved the value of your membership in the Cajon Division. It has been my honor and privilege to have served the membership in this way. I hope to continue to bring value to the Pacific Southwest Region as a whole as I transition into the PSR President position.



## *The Backshop*

*Gary Butts, MMR, Cajon Division AP Chairman*



The big PSR push for the National Convention is behind us now and by all accounts was a great success. In spite of the lack of the normal large venue for the National Train Show and all of the bigger vendors that it attracts, everyone I had contact with was more than satisfied with the event. It takes an amazing amount of work to put this convention together and our convention team is to be congratulated for doing such a fine job.

Although the contest room evaluators seemed a little stingy with the AP Merit awards, our Region walked away with the bulk of the contest plaques across all model categories. There were some fantastic models in the celebration room and it seems we, here in the PSR, can build some nice models when we want to.

Of course, before the dust even has settled, we are into the early stages of preparing for our 2025 Pacific Southwest Region Convention. Committee slots are open for anyone interested in helping out and earning some Achievement Program volunteer credits in the process. Contact our Cajon Division Director, Harold Helland, to see how you can get involved.

The question came up again the other day relative to the requirement for the Master Builder Cars Achievement Program Certificate. It can be a bit confusing. The basic requirement to receive the certificate is easy enough: accumulate eight cars representing four different types of rolling stock that have been evaluated and meet the qualifications that follow. At least four of these eight cars must have evaluated out at Merit Award level at an NMRA event or by special evaluation session arranged by an NMRA Division AP chairman. Copies of the Merit Award Certificates should accompany the Cars AP application. In addition to the Merit Award requirements, four of the eight qualified cars must have been scratch-built by the member seeking the certificate. The confusion seems to come from the mis-understanding that these Merit and Scratch cars need to be separate cars. Yes you need eight qualified cars, but it is a Mix and Match situation.

It is OK if not all four of your scratch-built cars make Merit level evaluation as long as enough of your non-scratch (kit?) built cars evaluate at Merit level to make up the total to be four Merits within the eight cars submitted. To meet the NMRA requirement that all submitted cars should be of "Merit Award" quality, the traditional PSR minimum evaluation requirement for a Cars Statement of Qualification is 60 points. So, if you super-detail four kit cars and add enough scratch built details and do a good job of assembly, etc. and receive Merit awards for them, your four scratch built cars need only evaluate above the 60 point level to make up your eight car total and qualify for the certificate. For instance, my personal submittal years ago included four scratch built cars but only three were awarded Merit. However, two of my four kit-built cars did receive Merits so that gave me the four scratch and five merits award cars I needed. Of course, it is usually easier to evaluate at the Merit award level with the complexity of scratch building and four or five scratch built cars that make merit take the pressure off of the remaining as long as they can qualify with 60 or more evaluation points.



## *Upcoming Layout Tour*

*December 7, 2024*

While railfanning the Yosemite Park area, a Shay locomotive cab ride through the forest with whistle blaring and headlight beaming through the trees served as the inspiration for the Union Pacific Sugar Pine Sub garage HO Scale layout. To have model train whistles blaring and headlights shining thru the scale 100-foot-tall trees, presents quite a design challenge.

The layout is still in the construction phase so you will be able to observe our construction and scenery techniques. The use of foam, dirt, mountains, trees, riverbed with running water are some of the design goals. There are numerous photo opportunities around the four bridges, six single tunnel portals, one double tunnel portal, riverbed (with running water... hopefully) and a small town with a six-track yard for yard jobs and industrial switching. Future plans are for a lumber yard and an engine facility.

The layout will be open to members of the Cajon Division of the NMRA on December 7, 2024 from 10AM to 2PM at 2302 N. Glenwood St. in Orange, CA. Your host is Terry Howden. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see everyone there for a great layout and a great get together.

### **The Layout at a glance**

Name: Union Pacific Sugar Pine Sub.

Scale: HO

Size: 17' x 20'

Proto-Freelanced: UP Mountain RR

Locale: Inspired by Yosemite Mountains

Minimum radius: 20"

Maximum radius: 40"

Minimum turnout: No. 6

Maximum grade: 1.5%

Benchwork: 3/4" Baltic birch

Height: 54" - 57"

Roadbed: 1/2" Baltic birch cork on top

Track: code 83 (main)

code 70 (elsewhere)

Scenery: blue/pink foam

Backdrop: custom lighting

Control: NCE DCC





## *The Editor's Column*

*Kurt Matthews, Publications Chair*



I had the privilege of being 'bus captain' for the Metrorail/GEMCO Yard Tour during the SurfLiner Convention. Both locations were very informative.

### **Metrorail**

The Metrorail facility is located on S. Santa Fe Ave. just north of the Fourth St. Bridge in downtown Los Angeles. It is on the site of the old AT&SF Los Angeles Passenger Station (pre-Union Station) and coach yard along the west side of the river. Our tour was led by Bob Spadafora, Sr. Executive Officer and Andrew "AJ" Chier, Director of Rail Fleet Services. The facility maintains and upgrades the former Metro Red Line Subway cars that run from Union Station to N. Hollywood. I believe it is now referred to as the B-Line. These cars are classified as 'heavy rail' and run off third rail power in lieu of overhead catenary. The first delivered cars date from the 1990s and are being retired and replaced with all new cars. The later delivered series of original cars are being refurbished with a life expectancy of another 15 years. Upgrades include new seating that is more easily cleaned, new signage and stainless steel panels on the inner walls to defer graffiti. We were able to go inside both an older refurbished car and a brand new car. The cars are relatively simple, consisting of a body, control station, trucks and electric motors. We also were shown the wheel press/profiler machine. The facility performs its own wheel work. Our thanks to Bob and AJ for conducting an informative tour.

### **GEMCO Yard**

GEMCO Yard is located in Van Nuys at the site of the now extinct General Motors Plant (hence the nickname). The yard serviced the GM plant, a Budweiser Brewery to the north (still active) and a Stroh's Brewery across from the GM plant at what now is the site of the Metrolink Station. Like most of Southern California industry, the GM plant site is now a shopping center. Ghosts of the tracks leading into the plant still exist in the pavement at the fence line. The yard was originally Southern Pacific, but is now Union Pacific. An excellent source and a write up of the yard's history can be found in the book [Southern Pacific Lines Los Angeles Division](#) by John R. Signor. The yard now serves local industries and as the origination/termination point of the Guadalupe Turn. This train takes cars to Guadalupe Yard near Santa Maria and connects with the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. Traffic includes lumber, frozen produce, fertilizer, propane and petroleum coke.

We were able to watch the yard shifters move cars to make up the Guadalupe Turn train. The yard shifters also had an ex-SP bay window caboose utilized as a shoving platform. It was a virtual copy of the Athearn Blue Box HO model including the flying saucer antenna and the 'frog-eye' marker light housing on the roof. The Turn was assembled off of two yard tracks by the road power, backed to the east end of the yard to reach the main and went by us going west at track speed. That made for great photos and videos.

Our special thanks to Mike Osborne, a UP conductor, who acted as our tour guide, not only at GEMCO, but on the entire bus ride up and back pointing out various rail facilities and lines along the way. Mike also arranged for the tour of the yard itself. All of the UP employees we met were very friendly and informative.

On another note, I wanted to recognize all the Cajon Board Members who tirelessly supported SurfLiner both before and at the conference every day. And a special thanks to Joel Morse for his service as the Cajon Division Superintendent these past years. Thanks gents!



## ***What's Happening in Nevada?***

***RL Jenkins, Asst. Superintendent-NV***



There have not been any scheduled events in Nevada, as it is that time of year that we hunker down due to the heat. Stay tuned for local events coming in the fall. In the meantime, check out the upcoming events in California including the OCME tour, Del Mar Great Train Show, Cajon Fall Meet and UP Sugar Pine Sub Lay-out Tour.



## ***Call for Fall Meet Clinicians***

***Joel Morse, Cajon Division Superintendent***

A great way to share some of what you know with your fellow members and earn some points towards your Volunteer or Author AP Certification would be to present at Clinic at the Buena Park Event on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, contact Joel Morse at [Superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto:Superintendent@cajondivision.org).



## ***Call for Cajon Division Superintendent***

By October of 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, but don't let that deter any member who would like to take a leadership role in putting forth themselves as a nominee. If you know someone who you think would make a good Superintendent, put their name forth as a nominee. Candidates should be submitted to Harold Helland, Gary Sternberg or Joel Morse for consideration and vote. Their contact information is on the second page of The Order Board.

As Joel stated earlier in his column, this is a golden opportunity to not only meet more members in Cajon, but also across the Pacific Southwest Division and National.



## ***Membership Report***

***Patrick Rogan, Membership Chair***

Let's welcome our new members since April:

### **May:**

- Daniel Heston Riverside, CA
- Gordon Huber, Santa Ana, CA
- Lev Michaelian, San Clemente, CA

### **June:**

- Angel Garrido, Laguna Niguel, CA
- Katherine Stoner, Irvine, CA

### **July:**

- Thomas Niemerow, Henderson, NV
- Warren Peterson, Henderson, NV
- Chris Ryan, Yorba Linda, CA
- Douglas Yost, Murietta, CA

### **August:**

- Richard Barron, Cathedral City, CA
- Doug Spinn, Mission Viejo, CA
- Paul Novisoff, Huntington Beach, CA
- Trever Adamo, Anaheim, 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](http://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](mailto:membership@cajondivision.org) and I will have the NMRA office update your email for you.

## ***Cajon Division Fall 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 the People's Choice Award category.

Some of the categories may only have 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. Do you have models 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. The models are identified by number, the modeler's name doesn't appear. The only time a name would be associated with the model is when a modeler receives an award for their modeling ability. A personally proud moment.

Please consider bringing your models to the Fall Meet in October!

## ***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 three 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 in 2025. We will have our fourth Open House for 2024 on December 7th at Terry Howden's Union Pacific Sugar Pine Division HO Scale layout in Orange, CA. See the article and poster elsewhere in this edition.

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 Joel Morse at [superintendent@cajondivision.org](mailto: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 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 our upcoming Fall Meet, contact me directly at [donations@cajondivision.org](mailto:donations@cajondivision.org) and arrange to donate your items to the Cajon Division. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

A special thank you to Annette Palmer for her generous donation of a complete sound system for Cajon Division use along with a train set and Lionel car.



## UP GEMCO Yard Photos





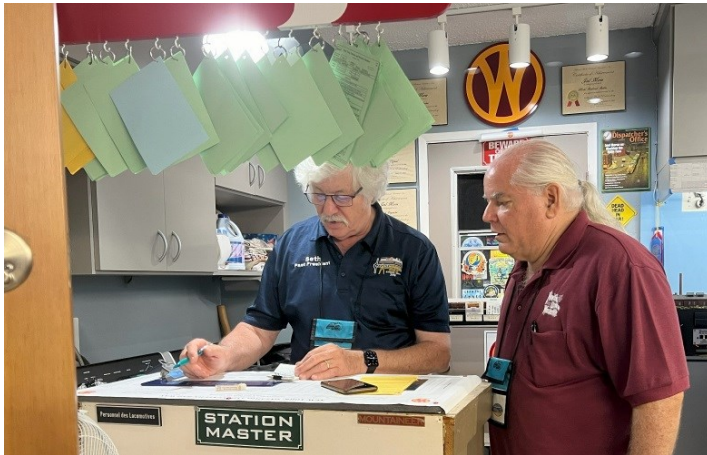
## ***UP GEMCO Yard Photos***





## *Joel Morse's NYO&W SurfLiner2024*

### *Operations Sessions Photos*



Dispatcher Seth Neuman (CA) and Host Joel Morse discuss traffic management during the Evening Trick



Evening Trick Crew on the NYOW (Travers Stavac, Joel Morse, John Shields, Mike Thomas, Frank Schneider, Jeff Lee, Ian Jones and Seth Neumann)



Guest Crew John Shields (OH) and Frank Schneider (IL) both work Sidney during the Evening Trick



Guest Yardmaster Travers Stavac (MD) works Walton Yard while Frank Schneider (IL) looks on during the Evening Trick



## *Joel Morse's NYO&W SurfLiner2024*

### *Operations Sessions Photos*



Guest Crew Mike Thomas (MO) in the foreground works the Delhi Freight Turn while Ian Jones (AUS) in the cap, works the Delhi Coal Turn and Jeff Lee (AUS) works Shellysburg DL&W Transfer during the Evening Trick



Guest Dispatcher Darren Starkey (AUS) and host Joel Morse share a laugh at the Dispatcher's Desk



Guest Yardmaster Duncan Cabassi (AUS) and host Joel Morse pose at Walton during the Morning Trick, that's local crew member Arnold Arons working as Asst. Yardmaster



Guest Crew Ken Hojknacki (WI) switches cars at Delhi



# *SurfLiner2024 President's Welcome*

## *Reception Photos*





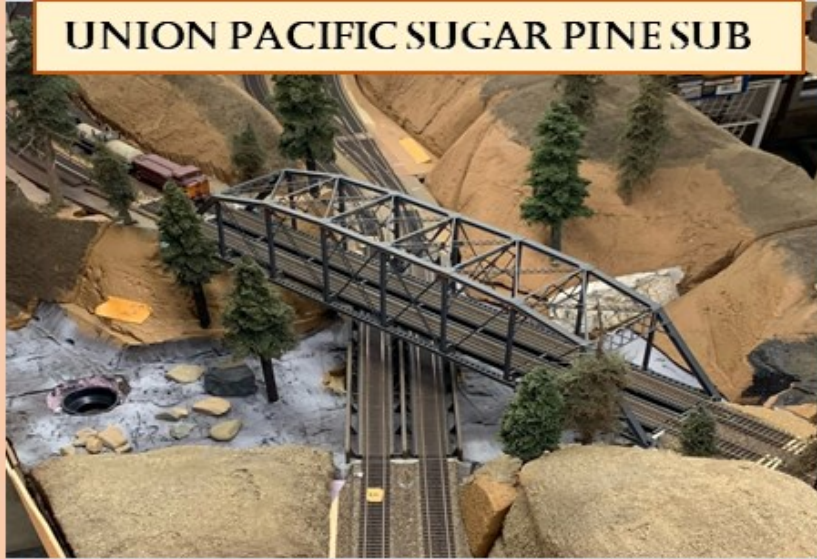
2024 Sat, December 7 2024

# GREAT EVENT

GRAND RAILROAD TOUR

**Terry Howden's**

UNION PACIFIC SUGAR PINE SUB



ALL TRAINS LEAVE  
**Orange Station**  
2302 N Glennwood St.

SCHEDULE

**10 a.m. Depart ~ 2 p.m. Return**

EXCLUSIVE FARE

**Free to NMRA Members & Guests**

Show & Tell: **Bring your latest Project to Share**

**Refreshments & Snacks are Included!**

As usual, Expert Modeling Advice Available  
**-We have 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--



# Cajon

Division- NMRA

FALL - 2024

Saturday

October 19, 2024



8:30 AM-4:30 PM

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Clinics**

**Swap Meet**

**Hobo Auction**

**Modelers - Show & Tell**

**Celebration of Model Railroading**

**General Membership Meeting**

**Awards Ceremony**

### TARIFF

#### Event Registration

- NMRA Member: \$10.00
- Non-Members: \$15.00
- 18 and Under Free *with Parent/Guardian Only*

**Pizza and soft-drink lunch provided**

#### Swap Meet Space:

- Free for NMRA Members
- Others: \$5.00 / 6' space
- Bring your own tables, chairs, shade

**MODELS:** Bring a model for contest, AP judging or Show & Tell and get one free Hobo Auction ticket sheet!

**Messiah Lutheran Church  
Courtyard**

**6625 Dale St, Buena Park**

**Near the 5 and 91**

**Free parking**



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

[REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!](#)

## 60 Layouts to Visit



## Clinics and Workshops



## Suburban Hotel w/Free Parking



## July 14-19, 2025

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!

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 2024

Come and join us for the MAXIMUM model railroad FUN!

## LOCATION

[Convention HQ is the Sheraton Hotel](#)  
 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

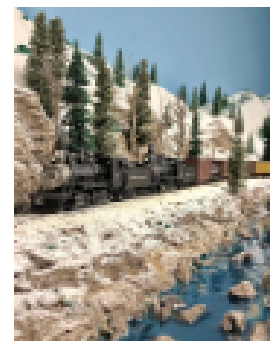
- [Suburban location HQ Hotel](#) with FREE parking!
- 50+ restaurants within 15 minutes of HQ Hotel
- Operating sessions available
- NMRA model contest and model showcase
- [Banquet Dinner](#) with guest speaker on Saturday evening
- 20+ [Clinics](#) per day Tuesday – Saturday
- [Modeling With The Masters™](#) clinics
- 60+ [home/club layouts](#) 200 – 2000 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



## National NMRA Model Contest





# ***Grouper NMRA Membership Dues Benefit***

## NMRA + Grouper Social Media Assets

Goal: Increase sign ups of Grouper benefit for NMRA members

### Facebook / Instagram Post Copy

#### Ideas:

🚂 All aboard for better health and happiness! 🌟 Join us in celebrating our partnership with Grouper, a revolutionary benefit from your health plan. Now, eligible NMRA members aged 65 can enjoy their passion for model railroading while staying connected and supported. Learn more: [www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA](http://www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA)

🚂 Exciting news! We've teamed up with Grouper to enhance your NMRA membership experience. If you're 65+ and have an eligible health plan, you can now join us in the joy of model railroading with covered dues. Sign up now: [www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA](http://www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA)

🌟 Social connection is vital for a fulfilling life. That's why we're thrilled to partner with Grouper to support our members in staying connected through model railroading. Discover how your health plan can reward you for your hobby: [www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA](http://www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA)

💡 Did you know model railroading isn't just a hobby—it's a path to better health? Our partnership with Grouper makes it easier for eligible members aged 65+ to prioritize their well-being. Sign up now and let's embark on this journey together! #SocialFitness #NMRA

#### Post 1:

🚂 Exciting News, NMRA Members 65+! 🚂

We're thrilled to partner with Grouper to offer FREE NMRA memberships for members with eligible Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plans!

💡 How it works:

- 1) Visit [www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA](http://www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA) and verify your health plan.
- 2) Get reimbursed for your NMRA membership dues if your current plan includes Grouper
- 3) Enjoy yearly reimbursements as long as you stay active!

Grouper believes in the power of social fitness and has partnered with NMRA because our members embody the spirit of connection through model railroading.

For questions or assistance, contact the Grouper team at (833) 205-2431 or [NMRA@hellogrouper.com](mailto:NMRA@hellogrouper.com).

Sign up today: [www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA](http://www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA)

#NMRA #SocialFitness #hellogrouper



# Grouper NMRA Membership Dues Benefit

## This is healthcare?

Your passion for model railroad is healthcare. **Really.**

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.



MODEL RAILROADING

## Get Paid for Having Fun

**MEMBERSHIP DUES? WE COVER 'EM FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OVER 65!**

Grouper works with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plans to cover membership dues, so you can focus on what you love to do. Don't worry about the membership cost - **it's on your health plan.**



To see if your plan covers the Grouper social fitness benefit, visit



[hellogrouper.com/NMRA](http://hellogrouper.com/NMRA)

# Grouper

Call (833) 519-1078

Email [nmra@hellogrouper.com](mailto:nmra@hellogrouper.com)

Exclusive benefit for current NMRA members in the U.S. with an eligible Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plan.



## ***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***



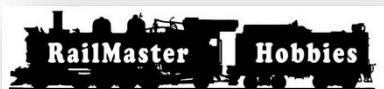
*Arnie's Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am—6:00 pm*  
*Milepost 38 Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am— 5:00 pm*

*Arnie's Trains | [arniesmodeltrains.com](http://arniesmodeltrains.com) | (714) 893-1015*  
*Milepost 38 Toy Trains | [milepost38.com](http://milepost38.com) | (714) 892-9471*

*6462 Industry Way, Westminster, CA 92683*

### ***RailMaster Hobbies***

*Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am — 6:00pm*  
*Sunday 12:00 pm — 4:00 pm*



[railmasterhobbies.com](http://railmasterhobbies.com)

(562) 867-5627

9812 Belmont St., Bellflower, CA 90706

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X (formerly Twitter): @RMHobbies

### ***The Original Whistle Stop***

*Monday - Saturday 10:00 am— 5:00 pm*  
*Sunday 11:00 pm — 4:00 pm*



[thewhistlestop.com](http://thewhistlestop.com)

(626) 796-7791

2490 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

### ***Westside Trains***

*Monday - Saturday 11:00am — 5:00pm*



[westsidetrains.com](http://westsidetrains.com)

(702) 254-9475

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



The NMRA has negotiated discounts from several companies that are listed in the *NMRA Magazine* and on the NMRA Website, including a company called Daylight Sales. If you order items from them or any other of the companies on the list, remember to ask for the NMRA Discount.