

MAIL HOOK

SAN DIEGO DIVISION, PSR-NMRA

JANUARY 2005

Superintendent's Report By Ben Sevier

The new year is well under way, and we've already had some great events. The layout tours have been spectacular (if you didn't make it to Burton Maxwell's, well, you will have another chance, and Don's layout was even better than last time...), and we had a fantastic Winter Meet. The rest of the year looks like it will be just as good. So, put down the events on your calendar, and we'll be look'n for ya!

"BACK TO THE FUTURE!" Say, what? That's the name of the 2006 PSR Convention being hosted by the San Diego Division (that's us!). The theme is celebrating the reopening of the Carrizo Gorge Railway through to Plaster City, and the Convention patch will be a modification of the old Division patch (shown here). The Convention Chairman (see below) made the proposal to the PSR Board of Directors at the recent semi-annual meeting, and it was accepted.

So, we're on the hook for a convention in September, 2006. The initial committee has been formed, with yours truly as the Chairman, and Don Fowler as Treasurer. We are in need of volunteers for the various other chairman positions - the list follows - if you are interested, please give me a call or send an email.



<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Co-Chairman	vacant
Registration	Gary Robinson
Publicity	vacant
Program	Chuck Hart
Contest	Rodger Gredvig
Railette	Kim Fowler
Awards	vacant
Train Show	vacant
Clinic	Don Fowler
Layout Tours	Dave Balser
Transportation	vacant
Displays	vacant
Auction	vacant
Country Store	Milt Perkins
Banquet	vacant

Thanks to hard work by Rodger, we have reserved the Ramada Inn on Clairmont Mesa as the convention hotel, and the adjoining Al Bahr Shrine for the Train Show. We already have some potential clinics lined up, and are starting on all the detail tasks that go into making a successful convention. Can we count on you?

The 2005 PSR Convention is Buena Park is coming up fast

- September will be here very soon (can you believe?). If you haven't signed up yet, there's an ad in this issue with contact information - or you can read that flyer that came in the last issue of the PSR Dispatch. It is looking like it will be a really good convention, with lots to do and see. The San Diego Division will be presenting a hands-on clinic on scenery (great clinic - don't miss it!), and we already have a number of our members who have signed up. Have you? No! Why NOT? I'll be looking for you there!

Well, out of space for this issue. Think about joining the Convention Committee, either now as a chairman, or later as a volunteer. We need your help, and you will have a great time!

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Layout Meets & Tours

By David Balsler, Layout Tour Chairman

Turnout at the layout tours this past few months has been great! We've been averaging about 24 people showing up each month, and over 35 showed up at Don Fowler's place in January! Everyone's had a great time, and come away with both ideas and the urge to "get something done" on their own projects. To get the year started, we will be visiting a couple of new layouts, and one familiar one, thanks to the willingness of Burton Maxwell, Tom McCammint and Mike Colasurdo to allow us to visit their homes.

February: A new layout on the tour is the Westside Lumber Company of Burton Maxwell. Burton is recreating portions of the famous logging line in HO_{n3} and is incorporating certain aspects of the real company such as Buffalo Landing, Camp 8, River Bridge, Cleavey River Bridge and eventually Camp 45. Current projects under way are the engine facilities, car repair shops, sand & oil facility and the sawmill. The layout is a point to point design in a 16x37 foot room with scenery about halfway done and trackage about 80% complete. Being scheduled for a layout tour normally motivates a builder, and Burton is planning on completing a lot of those projects he has underway.

Note: this tour will not be on the usual Saturday afternoon, due to other commitments of the host, but will instead be offered on two days. The first tour will be on the Sunday afternoon

of the weekend, and the other will be on Monday evening. This will allow those who aren't available on Sunday to still make the tour.

March: Tom is modeling the Southern Pacific in the steam era and his railroad features a great

collection of the famous "Cab Forwards". Tom is a master craftsman and his rolling stock, track work, buildings, and electrical systems all look and work flawlessly. His railroad is in a special room built in his house and although the scenery is not complete, this is one of the nicest model railroads in the county. A beautiful roundhouse and fully indexed turntable move the big steamers in and out of the yard servicing tracks.

April: Mike Colasurdo and his "Two Railroads". Mike's model railroad is HO scale and is set in the transition era of the 50's and 60's



Don Fowler's Layout - N Scale - Details!!

running steam and diesel but Mike will sneak in some modern motive power and rolling stock when he feels like it. UP, SP, and ATSF rolling stock will be seen including everything from Athearn to brass models of different types and eras.

Mike's layout is traditional DC controlled with electrical blocks using cab control with walk round throttles. Some turnout are powered and others are manually operated. So far 3 locomotives have been equipped with sound effects.

The layout is housed in a bonus room between the garage and the family room approximately 16' x 20' in size and the benchwork and trackplan are very creative. In the back of the room Mike has built a "dogbone" style layout and in the middle of the room there is an "island" style layout connected by a removable bridge letting the trains move between the two railroads. The larger layout is based on a plan Mike saw in a track planning book years

ago and has a double track main line with at-grade crossings requiring careful attention during operation. The smaller layout is a modification of



Ross Black's "Beaver Creek Railway" - On30

another plan from a book and includes a small town, a yard, and a wye. The scenery is Southern California mountain and desert vistas using



Burton Maxwell's "Westside Lumber Co." - HO

varied techniques and structures with all work done by the owner. Mike also has included in this room his workbench, display cases, and cabinets to store his many models and memorabilia. Mike is currently making scenery changes, assembling rolling stock, and taking out building permits for new structures and is generally having fun.

I have been asking for volunteers for new Layout Tours and in December Mike sent us an e-mail and said he was willing to invite us over to visit with him, so lets make an extra effort and welcome a new member and have a great turnout.

The February tour at Burton's house will be on Sunday the 13th from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm and on Monday night from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The March tour at Tom's house will be on Saturday the 12th from noon to three. The April tour at Mike's house will be on Saturday the 9th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Directions for all the tours will be sent to you by postcard the week of the tour. If you don't get a postcard call me at (760) 436-6139 and I will get you directions. Layout tours are primarily for members, but you are encouraged to bring along friends who are interested in the hobby.

We're still looking for layouts for many of the remaining months. If you would like to volunteer, give Dave Balsler a call at (760) 436-6139, or email him at dbalsler@adelphia.net It's a great experience, and we would all love to see what you are doing...



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San Diego Model Railroad Museum

SALUTE TO AMERICAN FLYER

Saturday, February 12 - Sunday, February 27, 2005

The San Diego Model Railroad Museum presents a "Salute to American Flyer" trains. An operating modular layout will be featured from February 12 - 27th by the All Gauge Toy Train Association. This exhibit will include vintage operating A.C. Gilbert original American Flyer trains dating back to the 1940s and 1950s. The "S" gauge two-rail track will also feature moving accessories such as log and cattle "loaders".

FEBRUARY FAMILY DAY

Sunday, February 20, 2005, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In celebration of President's Day, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum will host a fun, family-oriented railroad arts and crafts day on Sunday, February 20, 2005, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Families are invited to join in as we look toward springtime by building our biggest indoor "garden railroad" ever! Come see the fantastic structures and scenery and help our little model "passengers" and freight get to their destination. Other activities includes railroad videos, and free railroad hats and snacks. Activities are included with museum admission. Children under 15 are FREE!

The San Diego Model Railroad Museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building in Balboa Park and is the largest exhibition of model railroading in North America measuring over 28,000 square feet. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 -- Children under 15 are FREE. For more information about events at the Museum call (619) 696-0199 or visit our website at

www.sdmodelrailroadm.com.

MONTHLY LAYOUT MEET LOCATIONS

Burton Maxwell (February) - 318 Rose View Place, Chula Vista, CA 91910 619 420-2725 South on 805 toward Chula Vista. Exit at "H" Street West. Turn right on "H" Street and proceed to the first light. Turn right on Hilltop for short distance. Turn left on Center Street for short distance. Turn right on Rose View Place and proceed to no. 318.

Tom McCamint (March) - 1704 Calle Jules, Vista. To get to his house, take S-78 to the Escondido Avenue Exit, and turn North on Escondido Avenue. Stay on Escondido Avenue

until you come to East Vista Way, turn right. About 1.6 miles on E. Vista Way turn left onto Arcadia Avenue, turn right onto Calle Jules to 1704.

Mike Colasurdo (April) - 852 Pamela Lane, El Cajon, California 92920. (619) 588 2761 Thomas Brothers Map 1271-E1 Directions: Highway 8 east to the El Cajon Blvd. exit and turn at first stop light on to Chase Ave. Drive east on Chase for 7 blocks and turn right on Lemon ave. Before Lemon starts uphill turn right right at Pamela Lane Third house on the right.

Online - Web Sites of Interest

Train Net: www.trainnet.org

Rail Pictures: <http://www.railpictures.net/>

NMRA: www.nmra.org

PSR: <http://www.psr-nmra.org/>

Cajon Country 2005 Convention: www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/psr/2005conv.html

San Diego Division: www.getnet.net/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html (PSR) or

www.sandiegodivision.org (local)

Cajon Division: www.cajondiv.org

San Diego Model Railroad Museum: www.sdmodelrailroadm.com

San Diego Rail Sites: www.sandiegorail.com/index.html

Carrizo Gorge Railway: <http://www.carrizogorgerailway.com/>

The Overland Trail: www.overlandtrail.com

February 2005

San Diego Division - Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Winter Meet Peace Lutheran 11:30 - 2:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 PSR Board Meeting - Anaheim
13 Layout Tour Burton Maxwell 12:00 - 3:00 pm	14 Layout Tour Burton Maxwell 6:00 - 10:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>President's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2005

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Layout Tour Tom McCammant 12:00 - 3:00
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Easter</i>	28	29	30	31		

April 2005

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Layout Tour Mike Colasurado 12:00 - 3:00	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

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1. Preferred method is by email to the editor, with the submission attached as a text document. Also accepted are: text document on floppy disk, printout from laser or ink jet printer, or typed using new ribbon.

2. Keep in mind that submissions may be edited for length or formatting, or not used at the discretion of the editor.

3. Submission deadlines for 2005: April 16, 2005, July 16, 2006 & October 15, 2005.

4. If you wish submission materials returned (i.e., photos), please send a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Paymaster's Report

by Don Fowler

Following is the status of the San Diego Division's treasury as of 10/08/04:

Accounts:	Operating	Money Mkt
Prior Balance:	375.49	10,493.96
Interest:	0.00	17.20
Revenue:	0.00	0.00
Transfer (mm/ops):	0.00	0.00
Expenditures:	312.08	0.00
Current Balance:	63.41	10,511.16

Clinicians Needed!

We are currently compiling a resource list of members who are willing to provide training on various aspects of model railroading to be provided at meets, shows and conventions. General topics may include bench work, track, electronics, scenery, operations, engines & rolling stock, maintenance, history, or any other related topics. There are many talented modelers within our Division who have developed or refined many techniques and skills. In order to expand our membership and support each other, these skills need to be shared. If you would like to contribute your talents to help support our hobby, please contact our new Clinic Chair Don Fowler for further information. We welcome experienced clinicians and newcomers as well. Assistance is available for developing presentations if desired. The more you invest in our Division, the more you'll get out of model railroading.

SCHEDULE OF PSR-NMRA EVENTS

February 2005

Feb 5 - Sat 11:30am 'til 3:00pm - **SD Division Winter Meet** - Peace Lutheran Church, Linda Vista.

Feb 13 & 14 - Monthly Layout Meet - Burton Maxwell, "Westside Lumber Company", Chula Vista

March 2005

Mar 12 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - Tom McCamant, Vista

April 2005

Apr 9 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - Mike Colasurdo, El Cajon - "Two Railroads"

May 2005

May 14 - SD Division Annual Swap Meet - 9:00am 'til 11:00am - Poway Community Park Auditorium. Poway, CA Tables and admission free to members. Tables \$1 per 1/2 table. Public admission \$.50, children under 12 free. Parking is free.

May 14 - SD Division Spring Meet and Annual Membership Meeting - 11:30am 'til 3:00pm - Poway Community Park Auditorium, Poway

May 21 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - TBA

June 2005

Jun 11 - Sat 12: noon - Monthly Layout Meet - TBA

July 2005

Jul 3 - 11 Cincinnati Limited 2005 NMRA Convention, <http://www.cl2005.com/home.htm>

August 2005

Aug 13 - Sat 11:30am 'til 3:00pm - **SD Division Summer Meet/Picnic** - Ramona, CA

Aug 20 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - TBA

September 2005

Sep 7 - 11 **Pacific Southwest Region Convention.** Cajon Country. Sponsored by Cajon Division. Radisson Resorts Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park CA. Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856. wescvgas@cox.net www.cajondiv.org.

Sep 17 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - TBA

October 2005

Oct 8 Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - Dave Balser - Encinitas

November 2005

Nov 12 - **SD Division Fall Meet** - details TBA

Nov 19 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - TBA

December 2005

Dec 3 & 4 - Sat & Sun - GATS - membership table

Dec 10 - Sat 12:00 noon - Monthly Layout Meet - TBA

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San Diego 3-Railers (O)

Info: (619) 690-4358

San Diego Model Railroad Club (HO & O)

Info: www.sdmrrc.org

San Diego Society of N Scale (N)

Info: www.sdsons.org

North County Model Railroad Society (HO, N)

Oceanside

Info: (760) 746-4779

Poway Station Model Railroad Club

Old Poway Park, Poway

Info: www.powystation.org

Short Track Railroad (N)

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista

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San Diego Garden Railway Society

Info: www.sdgrs.com

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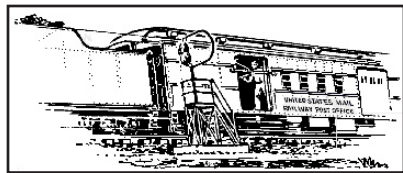
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