

MAIL HOOK

SAN DIEGO DIVISION, PSR-NMRA

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Convention right here in
San Diego.*

Message from the Superintendent

The New Year is upon us and it promises to be a great one for the San Diego Division's model railroaders. Remember to keep the second Saturday of every month available for our special events. We will bring you monthly layout tours, quarterly meets, and this year we'll be hosting the annual PSR Convention right here in San Diego. There will be much to see and do to enhance your model railroading fun so plan to join us so that you don't miss out.

Thanks to all who attended our open house and Division Christmas Party in December. The trains ran well and food & fellowship was great! Let's do it again next year.

Coming up soon is our Winter Meet on February 10th at the Clairemont Christian Fellowship Church. Clinics will include "Rolling Stock Tune Ups" and "Building/Detailing Structures". We will also be hosting a "Hobo Auction" with lots of great items. Clean out your closets and bring some railroad items to donate. You will also find some great treasures.

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Upcoming Division Meet

Division Winter Meet

- Clinics - "Modeling Tips and Techniques for Structures", an EduTrain clinic developed by Bruce DeYoung and presented by Pete Steinmetz.
"Car Tune Ups" presented by Don Fowler and Trudy Seeley.
- Contest and AP Judging
- Show & Tell - bring a model or other model railroad related item to show and discuss with the members.
- Hobo Auction - Please bring items that you would like to donate to the Division for the Hobo (Chinese) Auction. The Auction will begin after the clinics. Tickets will be on sale throughout the Meet until the Auction starts.
- The meet begins at 1:00 PM, and lunch will not be part of the event. If you would like to bring "goodies" to share, please feel free.

Location Clairemont Christian Fellowship Church 4570 Mt. Herbert Ave. San Diego, CA 92117

Church is aside Genesee, approx. Halfway between Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Balboa Ave.

Directions: I-5: I-5 to 52 east. Exit south on Genesee, cross Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Right on Mt. Herbert at top of hill. I-15: to 52 west. Exit Genesee south as above.

Division News

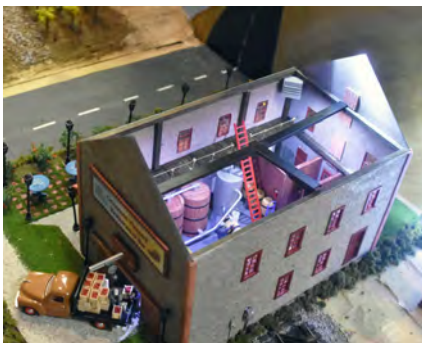


The division was pleased to be included in the celebration.

January Layout Tour

On January 13, 2018 the division featured the San Diego S-Gaugers "Grossmont Central Railroad" The San Diego S-Gaugers is a 100% NMRA modular club located in the Grossmont Center Mall, in La Mesa. The S-Gaugers were also celebrating their 10th anniversary as a club with cake, refreshments, and an open house. The club hosted many visitors that day. The division was pleased to be included in the celebration.

Over the past year the club has been working hard to build new modules to expand the size of the layout. The railroad boasts realistic scenery, fun accessories for the kids, and buildings with interior details and lighting.



New SD Division Members

Please welcome new members when you meet them at division and regional events. The following are members who have joined us in the past few months:

Thomas Irwin, Dave Vegas, Lee Levinson, Tom Ritenour, Cheryl Anderson, Linda Albrecht, Keith & Carol Radford, Eddie Perez, Lise Lapoint-Conway, Richard Blankship, Kevin Chapman

From the Editor

This is my first issue as editor of the Mail Hook. You can look forward to quarterly issues. They will be delivered as PDFs found on the division web site and forums. Also, make sure you are registered on our forum (<http://www.psrnmra.org/forums/>) so you can link to additional Mail Hook content. I am hoping for regular messages and articles from our division leadership. This issue features a message from our Superintendent.

Please give me feedback on what you would like to see featured in the Mail Hook. Better yet, if you would like to submit an article about on a Model Railroading topic, perhaps for AP points, or just for fun; please do not hesitate.

If you are a member of a club in the division and would like to see your events listed or would like to provide information or a feature about your club please submit that information to me.

I can be contacted at mailhook@sandiegodivision.org

Following are the quarterly deadlines for submitting to the Mail Hook:

January 2, April 1, July 1, October 1

Submissions: Contributions of articles on any railroad or model-railroading topic of interest to the membership are welcome. There is no compensation. If you are interested in submitting articles, event information, or other information of interest to members of the Division, please follow these guidelines:

1. Submit by email to the editor, with the submission attached as a text document.
2. Keep in mind that submissions may be edited for length or formatting, or not used, at the discretion of the editor.

Message from the Superintendent, *continued from page 1*

If you've been working on a project, bring it along for show & tell and/or contest judging. Invite a friend and bring a dessert. It will be a great time.

The Convention Committee is now meeting regularly to make preparations for our upcoming Region Convention, "Beach Ops 2018". It's shaping up to be a great event with new clinics, layout & prototype tours, contests & auctions, display layouts, swap meet, operating sessions and of course a great awards banquet. Be sure to register before the price increase takes effect. The committee always needs help so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget about our Membership Contest this year. The Region grand prize is \$500 cash for the person who enlists the most members. The second prize, awarded by each of the PSR's four Divisions is \$250 cash. I've enlisted two so far but I'm working on several more. The point of this contest is to grow our membership so let's make San Diego Division the PSR winner! Prizes will be awarded at our Convention in September. I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our upcoming events. We need your participation to keep things rolling so be sure to join us for a great time.

All Aboard!

Don Fowler
SD Division Superintendent

Upcoming Division Events

Winter Meet **February 10**
 Clinics, Show & Tell, Hobo Auction
 At Clairemont Christian Fellowship Church
 Begins at 1pm

Layout Tour **March 10**
 Layout/Location TBA

Layout Tour **April 14**
 Layout/Location TBA

Spring Meet **May 12**

Other Upcoming Events

These are other Model Railroading events in the Division and Region, and by local clubs. If you want your event listed contact mailhook@sandiegodivision.org.

Layout Tour No. 54 February 17
 Model Rail Roads of Southern California
<https://groups.io/g/ModelRailroadsOfSoCalif>

Great Train Show February 20 – 21
<http://trainshow.com/costamesa/>

LA Division Annual Banquet March 24
<http://www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.html>

Arizona Division Spring Meet March 31
<http://www.azdiv-nmra.org/nextMeet.shtml>

Spring Rail April 21
<http://www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.html>

Cajon Division Spring Meet April 27 – 28
http://www.cajondivision.org/Events_Page.htm

PSR Regional Convention, San Diego Sept. 12 – 16
<http://www.psrconvention.org/beachops2018/index.html>

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