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San Diego Division October Event

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 8:00am - 12:00pm

North County Model Railroad Society (NCMRS), Oceanside, CA

The October Division Event will be held in conjunction with the **NCMRS Fall Swap meet and Train Show** at Heritage Park in Oceanside. Don't miss out on this free event. Parking is also free.

A wide assortment of new and used model railroad items will be on sale including locomotives, rolling stock, track, structures, and accessories; as well as railroaders and railroad-related publications.

Layout Exhibit: NCMRS's big 1950s-era HO scale layout will be in operation, including a large expansion area that is operational as work on scenery and structures continues. A special demonstration layout featuring LRV equipment and trolley cars operating from overhead wire will also be in operation. You can see a video of the layout at: <https://youtu.be/7cQ-sfnQ1lo>

Clinics: Arnie's Trains of Westminster will present a special clinic covering all aspects of DCC.

Celebrity Modelers: Five exceptional modelers will be displaying examples of their craftsmanship. They include: **John Burrow**, a modeler of British prototypes will show several of his handcrafted brass locomotives built to UK 0 scale standard (1:43.5 or 7mm to the foot).

Glen Furtado, an associate of the Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum will showcase several items. The collection at the Carlsbad museum is considered second only to the Smithsonian.

Steve Harris, a world-class modeler and member of the Narrow Gauge Hall of Fame, has published more than 35 articles in Narrow Gauge & Short Line Gazette and Model Railroader magazines describing the construction of his HO_{n3} Rio Grande Southern Railroad. Several of Steve's scratch built structures will be on display.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

October 12, 2019

sponsored by
North County Model Railroad Society
Oceanside Heritage Park
230 Peyri Dr., Oceanside, 92058

8 am to Noon

**NO
ENTRANCE
FEE**

**FAMOUS
MODELER'S
COLLECTIONS**

**GREAT
DOOR
PRIZES**

**OFFICIAL
PSR-NMRA
LAYOUT TOUR**

**DCC CLINIC
COURTESY OF
ARNIE'S TRAINS**

**OPERATING
LAYOUT
OPEN 10 TO 3**

See some extraordinary models by...

John Burrow— British 1/4" Model Master
Glen Furtado—Miniature Craftsman Museum
Steve Harris—Narrow Gauge Hall of Famer
George Huckaby—LRV & Traction Expert
Paul Lubliner—Highliner Fame

Hot Dogs & Soda will be available for sale or bring your own picnic food and refreshments.

Sellers: To reserve space send inquiry to swapinfo@ncmrs.org

George Huckaby, past president of the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, and nationally recognized traction expert will present an operating HO scale LRV and traction layout operating from an overhead wire at the NCMRS Train Show.

Paul Lubliner, is a professional model maker best known in the model railroad community as the creator of the Highliner EMD F unit diesel locomotives. Athearn thought so highly of the model they purchased Paul's F-unit tooling and used it to launch the firm's Genesis premium line of HO models. In addition to railroad items, Paul will show samples of models he has built for movie and TV studios.

Raffle

A wide range of exciting door prizes will be raffled off throughout the meet.

North County Fall Swap meet and Train Show (Cont.)

Refreshments

Hot dogs, soda, coffee, and ice drinks will be available for purchase, or you can bring your own refreshments and lunch. Picnic tables are available in peaceful Heritage Park.

Directions: Heritage Park is located at 220 Peyri Drive, Oceanside, CA 92058. From I-5 or I-15 take Highway 76 to Douglas, then north to the second signal to El Camino Real. Go east (right) on El Camino Real to the curve where it becomes Peyri Drive. Watch for the Special Event parking sign at the wood gate on your right. A map to Heritage Park is posted on www.ncmrs.org

Vendor Information: Sellers Fee: Six-foot sales tables are \$10.00 each. Table sites (bring your own table) are \$5.00 each. Vendor setup begins at 7 A.M. Sales will be conducted from 8 A.M. to 11 A. M.

To reserve a table or a site contact Eddie Perez at swapinfo@ncmrs.org

Superintendent's Report

Keep Moving Forward



As 2019 winds down, as does the 1st decade of the 21st century, we have a lot to be thankful for and to look forward to. In addition to the usual family, health, and job, I am thankful for the group of friends I have called the NMRA. I have enjoyed their comradery around the hobby of Model Railroading. I also value the sharing of skills and learning that results.

My hope for the SD Division is to continue to build enthusiasm, increase participation among the membership, and add new members. We hold good events in this Division, but we need YOU to make them great. I am grateful to the volunteers on planning committee who continue to work hard, but we do need more volunteers. If you enjoy attending the layout tours, meets, and conventions and want to ensure that they continue and improve, volunteer to take on a responsibility. Offer your ideas and support. There are many jobs to do and many hands make the burden light. If asked, please consider responding "yes." You can also contact any one of the volunteers listed on our web site to express your desire to help.

We have some great events coming up during the remainder of 2019. This coming Saturday is a Layout Tour. We are partnering with the North County Model Railroad Society and their Model Train Show and Swap Meet. Be sure to stop by the Division Table to sign in and say hello! For more information, see elsewhere in this newsletter. It promises to be a fun time.

On November 16th, in lieu of our Fall Meet, we are partnering with the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum (PSRM). We had a limited number of spots for a discounted train ride and lunch for NMRA members that sold out quickly. If you were unable to get in on that, please come and enjoy PSRM's Centennial Celebration anyway. Here is the link to the event on their web site <https://www.psr.org/centennial-day/> Again, be sure to stop by the Division table to check in and say hello. At both events we will be promoting the NMRA & the SD Division with the hopes of recruiting new members. In December we will once again have our annual Division Christmas party. Don is passing the torch on this, so there will be more details coming later. I hope to see you at one or more of these upcoming events.

In an upcoming meet, we are going to focus on the Achievement Program (AP). We would like to encourage more members to participate in this program. With the AP, you can highlight what you have already achieved, and push yourself to try something you might not have otherwise accomplished. Our local MMR's, and fellow NMRA members, are ready to help you achieve. I am told it is not difficult. Maybe start with the Golden Spike. I was recently looking at the requirements of the Golden Spike and discovered I am already on my way. I just need to do a few new things and take the next steps on work I have already completed. So, in order that my words match my actions, I am acknowledging publicly that I will be working toward accomplishing the requirements of the Golden Spike. Join me!

Last month I, and a few others from the division, attended the PSR Regional Convention hosted by the Arizona Division. Those folks did a great job planning and running the convention and we had a great time. I attended a few clinics, operated on layouts, met familiar and new faces from other divisions, and attended the banquet. Our own Trudy Seeley was awarded SD Division Member of the Year. Well deserved! She is an energetic and positive influence in the division. She did a wonderful job as our Division Director. And now as Chief

Clerk/Paymaster, she makes my job lots easier! She is an excellent model builder to boot who is always willing to share her know-how. Be sure to congratulate her when you see her.

So, we keep moving forward. Here's to 2020: Participate in Division events to make them great, volunteer to help out as you can, consider participating in AP, and defiantly share skills and learning with each other.

Happy Modeling!

Ryan Di Fede

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Director's Report

By: Pete Steinmetz

To boost attendance, our new Membership Chair, Rudy Spano and I have a plan to personally call all former members from the last year and find out why they didn't renew their membership. Personal contact has been successful in other divisions in getting members to renew.

Many of us attended the PSR Convention in Mesa Arizona. It was hosted by the Arizona Division. They did a great job. A good time was had by all.

Our October layout tour On Saturday October 12, promises to be special. We are teaming up with the North County Model Railroad Society to be part of their train show/swap meet. There will be a layout tour of the club layout in Oceanside, a large swap meet, an exhibition by "Celebrity Modelers", a raffle, food, and a special DCC Clinic by Kevin Honda of Arnie's Trains in Westminster. Date is Saturday October 12. Location is Heritage Park in Oceanside. Swap Meet Starts at 8AM.

Our Fall Meet will be something special and different. It will be held at the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum in Campo. It will be the third Saturday of November instead of our traditional second Saturday. The special event is the 100th Anniversary of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. More details elsewhere in this issue. That will take us through the remainder of 2019.



August Meet

The club meet in August included a swap meet and a hands on presentation on weathering cars by Pete Steinmetz. Pete introduced us to some new techniques and pan pastel colors. (Pictures courtesy of Rodger Gredvig.)



Layout Tours



DICK TROTTER'S COYOTE PASS AND NORTHERN

In September we toured Dick Trotter's Coyote Pass and Northern which is an extensive HO scale layout in Lakeside. He has recently rebuilt parts of the building in which the layout sits. This is one of the more significant home layouts in the San Diego Area. The era has a fairly wide span with the layout being mostly in the 50s but the motive power stretching into the 60s.

The layout is very carefully detailed and artfully done. Dick has pioneered layout techniques that never received much publicity because Dick doesn't seek that. There are some beautiful background scenes done by Glenn Shimada. Dick also makes use of Photo shopped buildings that look very realistic. The initial view of the layout is an amazing complex city scene with buildings on top of buildings put together in a convincing manner. The layout is also set up for operation sessions which Dick conducts regularly. (Pictures courtesy of Trudy Seeley).

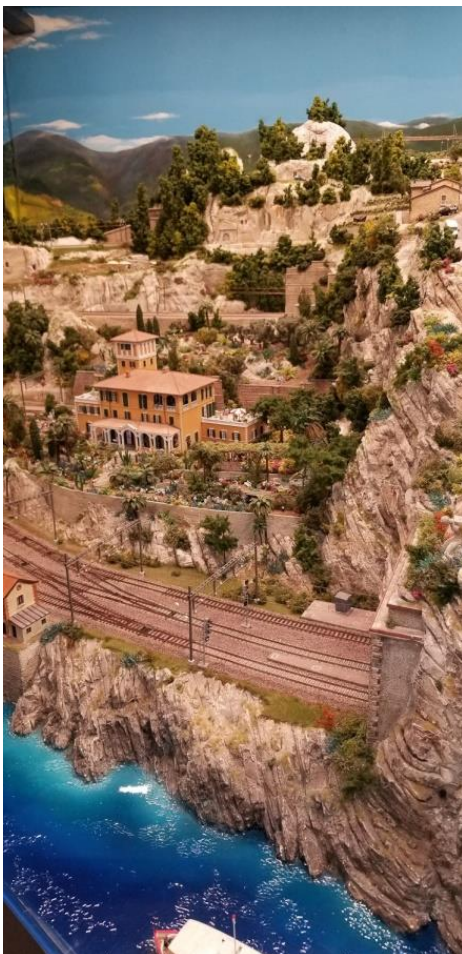
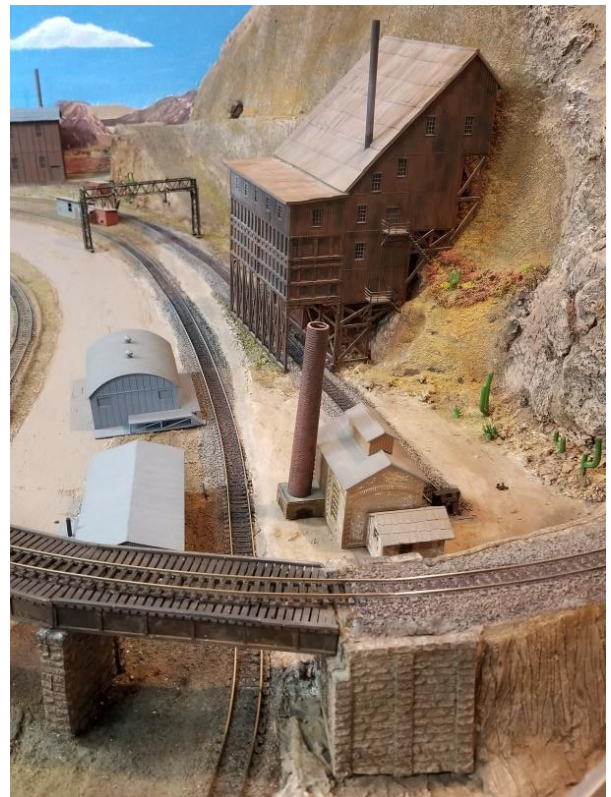


TIM FOOTE'S DESERT HIGHLANDS



route from Barstow to Kingman Arizona with very little space between towns. It contains a Borax mill in the town of Borate (which was once the location of a Borax mine near Calico California). It also has three different mines. The layout is NCE DCC and follows the transition era.

As the name suggests the layout is inspired by high desert railroading in California. It is a freelanced layout based in some reality. The HO gauge layout sits in a three car garage and is approximately 14 by 22 feet, single level. It is at least 60% completed with most of the structures placed on the layout. All the track is in and working, except for a planned hidden fiddle yard. It still needs fine detailing and some landscaping. It roughly follows the Santa Fe



GERMANY BY TRAIN TO MINIATUR WUNDERLAND

By Tim Foote

In June of 2018 I flew to Zurich Switzerland with my wife, Natividad and we subsequently met up with my son, Graham in Munich, Germany. 48 years ago, while in college, I studied in Germany for a half year and always remember Munich and Berlin as my favorite cities there. After spending a few days in Munich we took a train to Berlin. It is easy to ride trains in Europe. To get tickets, go to the train station as soon as you can

and buy them at the ticket office. The clerks all speak English, which came in handy for me because I have forgotten most of my German.

At the ticket office, always ask for any available discounts. A ticket with a specific time is cheaper than an open ticket. You should consider getting a reserved seat because the trains can get crowded which may require you to stand. If you buy tickets in advance, you can save money but the tickets aren't that expensive and I always plan my trips on the fly. The trains are fast, so you are usually no longer than 3 or 4 hours on a train. You can buy tickets for local trains at the last minute. The larger train stations also have a tourist help office where you can get a hotel room, bus tickets and many other forms of help from English speaking clerks.

After a few days in Berlin, I convinced my family to go with me to Hamburg, Germany to visit Miniatur Wunderland, which is possibly the largest train layout in the world. Hamburg is a nice city with the possible exception of its Reeperbahn neighborhood. The Beatles lived and performed there at the beginning of their career. It has night clubs, many bars and strip joints that are notorious for over charging. It is worth a walk through at dusk.



Miniatur Wunderland is near the wharf in a refurbished warehouse and it is on four floors. Buy your tickets in advance on line and you will receive a time to show up. The Alps section of the layout takes up two open floors to accommodate the mountains.



Miniatur Wunderland is actually many separate layouts and covers various countries including the United States which is at the beginning. That section of the layout looks like it was one of their first projects. I wish they had hired some of the great modelers here in the US to design it. Nevertheless, it is an interesting rendition of our railroads.

As you progress through Miniatur Wunderland, the quality of the layouts improve. It will take three to four hours to see it all. The vastness and detail of the layouts is amazing. There is an airport that is full of activity and which uses the latest animation techniques. There are videos of most of Miniatur Wunderland on YouTube. Near the end of is one of their more recent and best works, which covers scenes from Rome and outlying areas. For a model railroader, Miniatur Wunderland is one of the wonders of the world and I highly recommend visiting it if you can. Of course, traveling through Europe by train, is another wonder of the world for any rail fan. If you are going to fly all the way to Europe, you should do some rail travel as well.

For information about travel destinations in Europe look at Tripadvisor online. Tripadvisor is also handy for purchasing local tours at a discount. You can download the Tripadvisor app on your phone. There are also helpful apps for rail travel in Europe. One that I use is Rail Planner. Most of Rick Steves' travel videos are available for free on YouTube.

EVENTS CALENDAR



Fall Meet. Nov. 16, Saturday, 9am to 4pm

at the **Pacific Southwest Railway Museum** in Campo, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the San Diego & Arizona Railway. Clinics, Lunch, Bingo, Contest Judging, Show & Tell, Museum Tour, Train Ride. The club train car appears to be sold out, but you still might be able to get tickets for other cars. See their web page for more information: <https://www.psrn.org/>

Look for upcoming information about the **Annual Division Christmas Party**.

Layout Tour December 14. Saturday

Don Fowler's SP Mojave District

Layout Tour January 11, 2020

Duncan McRae's layout

Winter Meet February 8, 2020

Layout Tour, March 14, 2020

San Diego S-Gaugers

Model Railroading events in the Region, and by local clubs can be found on the following links. If you want your event listed please contact mailhook@sandiegodivision.org

LA Division events:

click the link for more information

<https://www.ladiv-nmra.org/events.html>

Cajon Division events:

click the link for more information

<http://www.cajondivision.org>

Arizona Division events:

Fall Meet, Saturday, Nov. 9th 9am to 4pm

click the link for more information

<http://www.azdiv-nmra.org/index.shtml>

From the Editor

The Mail Hook needs interesting articles and features. Please consider writing and submitting an article on a Model Railroading topic to share your knowledge with other modelers. A how-to article or highlighting a project you are working on. Maybe you could write an article about your layout progress, including pictures. Earn AP points or just make it a fun challenge. Start thinking now because the next Mail Hook deadline is January 2nd, 2020.

If you are a member of a club in the division and would like to see your club and club layout featured in the Mail Hook; please submit an article and pictures too!

I hope you enjoy reading the Mail Hook, and please consider contributing.

Tim Foote

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Submission Guidelines:

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. Please Submit by email to the Mail Hook Editor at mailhook@sandiegodivision.org, with the submission attached as a text document or in the body of email message. Pictures can be attached separately to the same email.
2. Keep in mind that submissions may be edited for length or formatting, or not used, at the discretion of the editor.

The following are the quarterly deadlines for submitting to the Mail Hook Editor:

First Qtr.-January 2; Second Qtr.-April 1, Third Qtr.- July 1, Fourth Qtr.-October 1

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Have you checked the San Diego Model Railroad Museum web site lately? There is a LOT going on there these days, and they can always use the support of all model railroaders!
Museum Web Site: <http://www.sdmmr.org/>

