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## **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

By Don Fowler

#### Happy New Year!

Seems like 2010 roared through like a freight train. It came and went so fast. Many things happened during the past year, both good and bad. With the old year behind us, 2011 offers us new opportunities to improve the quality of our lives. I can't think of a better way to start off the year than by finding new ways to enjoy our great hobby of model railroading. Now is the time to start those new projects, expand or rebuild and enhance our knowledge and skills. If you haven't had the time or opportunity lately to join us in our activities, please know that we would greatly enjoy your company.

The Railpass Program continues to prosper and help grow our membership. If the opportunity presents itself, consider sponsoring a friend for \$9.95. What a great way to introduce someone to our organization and enhance their enjoyment of model railroading.

We had a great time at our annual Division Christmas Party on December 11<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in several years, it didn't rain so we were able to operate the garden railroad as well as the indoor layouts. Some folks even brought their own equipment to run and we really enjoyed that. There was lots of food, games, laughter and great fellowship. On behalf of Kim and myself, thank you very much for sharing the evening with us. If you couldn't make it, please try to join us next year.

Have you made your reservations for the 2011 NMRA National Convention in Sacramento next July and our next PSR Convention in September at Flagstaff? If you haven't yet signed up, please do so that you don't miss out. Conventions

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# FALL MEET WRAP UP and WINTER MEET PREVIEW

We had a great time at the Fall Meet in November. More food than we could eat, a chance to see what's new at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, a fabulous Chinese auction, and two great clinics! First, Rodger Gredvig, MMR, shared some pointers on Achievement Program and contest judging. Rodger is the Division Contest Chair. We have five MMRs in the Division, and several more folks who are nearing completion of their certificates. This clinic took the mystery out of the paperwork for many. If you've been modeling for any length of time, you're probably ready to try this program out. Paul Schmitt is the Division AP Chair, and he or Rodger would be happy to discuss your situation.

The second clinic was Dick Roberts' tree making clinic. Dick has a lot of great-looking pines on his Nevada County Railroad. Dick demonstrated one of his techniques and showed us some tools he's made and bought that simplify the process, turning out great-looking pine trees with a minimum of effort.

The Chinese auction featured the typical variety of items, and those in attendance were having fun "bidding" on the items they wanted. Quite a few went home with some new "treasures." Thanks to Superintendent Fowler and his wife Kim for managing this event smoothly again.

Next up is our annual visit to the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista, to hold the swap meet and visit the Short Track Railroad. It's always fun to see this great railroad, and they've made a lot of progress on their permanent layout, the Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE). If you haven't seen it for a while, you'll be in for a treat.

The swap meet begins at 8:00 (set-up at 7:30) and runs until 11:30. It gets bigger every year, and

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## FALL MEET WRAP UP (cont'd)

we're counting on another big turnout. Bring some of that stuff you've been meaning to get rid of, and you may find someone who wants to give it a new home! We'll break down and go over to the Short Track section house for a pot luck lunch, followed by clinics and fun on the railroad.

Joe D'Elia of Proto Power West/A-Line will present a clinic on "Standards for Excellent Operation." This clinic will cover correct dimensions for rolling stock and track, leading to reliable and smooth operation. Joe has been an active model railroader for over 50 years. He ran a successful hobby shop, Arrow Hobbies, in the

L.A. area, was one of the founders of the "Railroad Prototype Modelers" and an original member of the "1/87th Vehicle Modelers" group. Joe has been living and working in Carlsbad for the past 15 years and runs his own company, Proto Power West/A Line, with over 500 model railroad products. Joe also is the owner of New Rail Models and their excellent "Blue Point" manual switch machine.

The second clinic will be presented by Duncan McRee, who will discuss the Tam Valley Frog Juicer, a DCC device for auto-



Paymaster Sevier, Superintendent Fowler, and John Sigurdson, MMR, discuss a transaction at last year's swap meet. Gary Robinson photo.

reversing the polarity of frogs. Besides being the simplest way to power route frogs on turnouts, it also has other applications in crossings, crossovers, turntables, and loops. The clinic will discuss how the Frog Juicer works and how to use it. Duncan has been in the hobby since he was 17, and models the Southern Pacific and the Nevada County Narrow Gauge in HO/HOn3. He is the owner of Tam Valley Depot, a model railroad electronics firm, and has written articles in the railroad press describing how he developed his products. Currently, Duncan is building a layout representing the Sacramento division of the SP including the town of Colfax where the SP and NCNGRR interchanged.

Swap meet, pot luck, layout tour, and two great clinics! What more could you ask for? Bring your friends, and I'll see you there!

## Cajon Divison Temecula Meet

The Cajon Division annual meet in Temecula is something many San Diego Division members enjoy attending. This year's event will be held on Saturday March 19th. There will be the usual 9 clinics Saturday morning, with layout tours in the afternoon, a silent auction in the later afternoon, and dinner at 7pm, with the Chinese auction immediately following. Saturday afternoon will also feature the Pacific Southwest Region Mid-Year Board meeting that is open to all, and the Contest Room. The meet will be held at the Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, in Old Town Temecula, beginning at . Contact Bob Mitchell for more details at <a href="mailto:cajondivision@coastinet.com">cajondivision@coastinet.com</a> There will be additional layout tours available on Sunday.

## Superintendent's Report (cont'd from Pg 1)

are a great time to renew old acquaintances and make some new friends while enhancing our skills in the world's greatest hobby. Our next Division Meet will be on February 19th at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. There will be a swap meet, potluck, clinics, contest judging and a tour the Short Track Club's progress on their impressive layout. Join us for a great time and bring a friend.

We will continue to sponsor our monthly layout tour events as a way to fellowship and share our great hobby. If you haven't hosted one of these events in awhile, please ask Don Ham to get you on the calendar. It's a lot of fun and we always learn a lot.

Do you have some new ideas about what you'd like to see from your Division? I'd really enjoy discussing your thoughts on the subject. Help us serve you better.

Don

## Welcome New Members

New members keep our organization vital by brining new ideas and enthusiasm to our group. Beginning this month, we will be listing the new members since the last issue, and running a short background on those who are willing. This may help both the new members and exisiting members identify those in the group with similar interests. To submit background, contact me or Ray Inbody, Membership Chair. Since this is the first listing, it includes members who have joined since July 1, 2010. Ed.

Joshua Baakko; HO scale

Eric W. Bradford; N scale; member of Short Track

RR

Steven R Bradley

Robert Buchanan

Allan Burke

**Bruce Cummings** 

**Jeff Davies** 

Ryan DiFede

Tom Dorff; G scale

David L Gardner

Mike Gurchiek

Stephen Hager

Kurt J Hayek

Martin Jaquish

Michael McIntyre

Guillermo F Mendoza

James Noel

Thomas W Northrop; N and G scales; member of

Short Track RR and San Diego Garden Railway

Society

Joyce Northrop; family member

Gerald L Schamahorn; N scale; member of Short

Track RR

Robert Schultz; O scale

Rudy Spano; HO scale

Paul Spencer

Bruce Stadwiser

Anthony Tomera

Daniel Webber; HO scale

Jerry Schamahorn is one of the newest members of the San Diego Division. His interest in trains has spanned an entire lifetime, since both of his grandfathers were railroad employees. One was a conductor with AT&SF, the other was a section gang foreman with Union Pacific. His father bought a Lionel set for him when he was only two years old. As a teenager, he dabbled around with some HO. He discovered N scale in 1967 and has been immersed in that scale 44 years since.

Jerry was very active in the Belmont Shore RR Club in San Pedro, CA, for 38 years. He was on the committee of 4 persons who started N-TRAK, and the committee of 3 who petitioned the NMRA to recognize N scale and establish NMRA standards. Jerry is currently a member of Short Track RR Club in Vista, CA.

Growing up in Kansas, and graduatung from Kansas State University, he is a former US Army Infantry Officer (Air Borne Ranger), and a Vietnam Vet. During virtually all of his professional life, he has been involved in sales and marketing, including working for some Fortune 100 companies. He founded two corporations, one in the service industry, the other an export company. Recently moving from Huntington Beach, CA, after 38 years there, Jerry now lives in San Marcos, CA. He is retired and enjoying being a part of Short Track RR Club. His other interests are music, from classical to bluegrass, reading and college football.

Jerry models AT&SF, U.P., MoPac, KCS, CB&Q, & S.P. In his early N scale years he modeled his own private road (Midland Pacific & Southern) due to the lack of prototypical equipment being available in those years. Roughly 50% of his roster of steam and diesel is decorated for that private road.

Currently between layouts, his goal is to build a layout in a 12' x 30' expansion of his home, planned for that purpose. Scenery and scratch building of structures are major areas of interest and experience. Kitbashing of engines and rolling stock is also fun.



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## LAYOUT TOURS

#### March (12th) Layout Tour

## Roy "Pat" Archer (This is a change from previously published information!)

Pat has one of the most incredible collections of Lionel Trains in the U.S. He houses this collection in a 6000 sq. ft. three story "room addition" to his home in Escondido. Track runs between floors through helices and shelves on walls connecting the four layouts. He has both diesel and steam locomotives, some dating back to the 1930's, with freight and passenger trains of every description. This collection is a must see. If Lionel made it, Pat has it on one of his four layouts.

## April (8th) Layout Tour

Ron Couisineau

Ron's G scale garden railway is centered in his back yard on a 20'x40' raised bed with a western theme. The layout has approximately 400 feet of track with a staging yard under the raised foundation of the house. What is interesting about this layout is the innovative use of everyday materials to build scenery and structures. Ron has demonstrated that you don't need a fat wallet to build a very presentable and interesting layout. This layout is well worth seeing.

#### May 14th Spring Meet, TBA

#### June 11th Layout Tour

Dick Trotter - Coyote Pass & Northern (HO)

The Coyote Pass & Northern is housed in its own space that has expanded over time, and is the result of many years of work by Dick and his crew. A layout built for operation, with a number of highly detailed "destinations" that can keep train crews occupied for hours with interesting switching problems, the CP&N is one railroad you won't want to miss. Of special note is the complete repainting of the backdrops by Glenn Shimada. The combination of fine modeling, outstanding detail, and well-designed operation track plan, managed by Rail Ops, is a free-lanced railroad you'll enjoy visiting.

#### July 9th Layout Tour

Duncan McRee - Tam Valley Railroad (HO)

The Tam Valley RR is a proto-freelanced model railroad based on the Southern Pacific. It is a shelf-style layout running through three bedrooms as a point-to-point layout about 80 feet long. The Tam Valley RR starts as harbor scene in Sausalito, California, runs up the Sierra Mountains, along the Truckee River, through the Nevada desert, and terminates at Ogden, Utah. The layout features beautiful scenery including hand-painted backdrops, numerous streams and rivers, and a number of Bob Mitchell's "Perfect Pines." There are also a large number of craftsman structure kits on the layout. A new multilevel Donner Summit layout is under construction that features the interchange between the Southern Pacific and the HOn3 Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad.

#### September 10th Layout Tour

David Balser - Onion Valley Railroad (On30)

The Onion Valley Railroad is a reincarnation of David's former HO scale railroad that appeared in Model Railroader. The railroad has been in transition since the article appeared, and is now ready to be displayed for our enjoyment. Featuring several engines constructed or super-detailed by Bob Schimmel, MMR, this railroad is all about operation. David's "Jazz and Pie" operating group includes some of the best modelers in the area. If this is anything like the HO scale version, you won't want to miss this gem!

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<b>17</b> Palm Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b> Easter	25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> Railroad Days, San

#### SCHEDULE OF PSR-NMRA EVENTS

#### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Assembled from various sources. Events may have been submitted by sponsors. Send corrections, additions, and future events to the editor at mailhook@sandiegodivision.org. Events should be of interest to San Diego Division members. Division-sponsored events are listed in **bold** typeface.

#### 2011

## **February**

**19 San Diego Division Winter Meet,** Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista. **Note changed date!** 

#### March

- **12 San Diego Division Layout Tour,** Roy "Pat" Archer, Lionel, Escondido
- **18 20 Cajon Division Meet**. Temecula, CA. Includes PSR Mid-Year meeting, 3/19, 1pm. <a href="http://www.cajondiv.org/news.htm">http://www.cajondiv.org/news.htm</a>

## April

9 San Diego Division Layout Tour, Ron Couisineau, G scale Nickomi Junction (freelanced), Carlsbad.

## May

14 San Diego Division Spring Meet and Annual Business Meeting w/Elections, Location TBA

## June

**11 San Diego Division Layout Tour,** Dick Trotter, Coyote Pass & Northern

## July

- 3-9 X2011, NMRA National Convention, Sacramento, CA.
- **16 San Diego Division Layout Tour,** Duncan McRee, HO scale SP, Claremont **Note date change!**

## August

13 San Diego Division Summer Meet, TBA September

- **10 San Diego Division Layout Tour,** David Balser, Onion Valley On30, Encinitas.
- **21-25** Rails to the Rim, Pacific Southwest Region Convention, Flagstaff, AZ

#### October

8 San Diego Division Layout Tour, Poway Station HO layout, Old Poway Park Train Song Festival, Poway, CA. 10 - 4.

#### 2011

## **February**

- **12** Swap Meet, San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. 7am 11am. Admission. <a href="http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/">http://www.sdmodelrailroadm.com/</a>
- **17-20** Sn3 Symposium, Monrovia, CA. Clinics, tours, contests, vendors. Layout tours in SD County 2/20. For more info see <a href="http://frolin.net/Sn3-2011/index.html">http://frolin.net/Sn3-2011/index.html</a>
- 26 Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, Janet Goeske Senior Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA. 7:330am - 11 am. \$3.00 buyers, \$12.00 sellers. Info: Gary 909-794-3153

#### March

- 5 Orange Empire Railway Museum Swap Meet, 2201 S. "A" St., Perris CA 92570. 9 am 2 pm. \$7 buyers, \$18 sellers. Set up begins 7 am. See <a href="http://www.oerm.org/pages/calendar.html">http://www.oerm.org/pages/calendar.html</a>
- 19 Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Mini-Meet, San Bernardino Depot, San Bernardo, CA. 8am - 5pm. See the page at <a href="http://www.atsfrr.com/">http://www.atsfrr.com/</a> for more information.
- **26, 27** Poway Station HO modular set up, Templar's Hall, Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road, Poway CA. 9am 5pm Saturday, 9 am 3 pm Sunday. Free admission. Info: 760-839-5877 or <a href="mailto:president@powaystation.org">president@powaystation.org</a>.
- 26, 27 Santa Susana RR Historical Soc. Swap Meet and Open House. 7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. In the Santa Susana Park Pavilion. 6503 Katherine Rd. Simi Valley CA Admission \$2.00 for adults. Info contact <a href="mailto:events@santasussanadepot.org">events@santasussanadepot.org</a>

## **April**

 ${\bf 30}$  ,  ${\bf May\,1}$  Railroad Days at San Bernardino Depot. **June** 

18-19, 25\*26 Spring Tractor Show, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N Santa Fe, Vista, CA. Antique tractors, trucks, parade. Short Track Railroad (N scale) open house. 9 am - 4:30 pm all days. Admission. More info at <a href="http://www.agsem.com/tractor-show.php">http://www.agsem.com/tractor-show.php</a>

See the San Diego Division web page calendar for Other Events of Interest for other dates. Ed.

## **CLUB CAR**

This feature will run every issue that I receive input from the clubs. Use this space to keep us up to date on your current activities. Submit announcements to the editor at any time for the next edition.



Our Fall Tractor Show, held the last 2 weeks in October, was a great success. We had both the modular and permanent (DPE) layouts operating, a treasure hunt with prizes for the children, and railroad movies for all attendees. Next is the Spring Tractor Show the last 2 weekends in June.

Operating sessions we hold on the second Thursday of the month continue to draw well, both club members and guest operators. All are welcome to attend. Operations start at 7:00PM. Bring a Digitrax throttle if

you have one, to operate on the DPE. The modular side still runs on DC.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at the section house in December. We had a mixer and a potluck, followed by a white elephant gift exchange. This is always a popular event, especially with "significant others." The Section House was decorated festively for the occasion.

Construction continues on the Donner Pass Exhibit (DPE) permanent layout. With most of the bridges done, we are directing our attention to the town of Colfax, which occupies prime real estate at the front of our DPE layout. Our laser crew is busy doing CAD drawings, which are then entered into the laser program that cuts the buildings out of basswood. Our goal is to have the town completed by the Spring Tractor Show in June.

Short Track Railroad will once again host the San Diego Division Winter Meet on Saturday February 19, 2011. We start with a swap meet, continue with a pot-luck lunch, and conclude with clinics. All are welcome.

We'll also be participating in the layout tour on February 20 associated with the Sn3 Symposium. We'll be open noon to 4pm.

The Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum has tabletop swap meets (not necessarily railroad-related) scheduled for the last Saturday of January, February, and March. A good way to get rid of old items or find some treasures. Information at <a href="http://www.agsem.com/upcoming-events.php">http://www.agsem.com/upcoming-events.php</a> Come see us any Saturday morning at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe, Vista.

Pete Steinmetz

It's been a very active year for our club. Work is progressing nicely on the peninsula in our new 1000 square foot expansion area. We are currently working on block wiring and control panel construction and wiring. This expanded portion of our layout includes a passenger terminal, an extensive freight yard and an

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engine servicing yard. Needless to say our members are anxious to get this new portion of our layout operational. The freight yard and the passenger terminal will add a new dimension to our monthly operating sessions.

Again this year we set up our 8 foot by 16 foot modular demonstration layout at the annual Great Train Expo in Del Mar. Our layout has a four track main line and is set up for little engineers to operate. We are always a hit with the kids.

Sad News: Dick McGrew, a long-time member of NCMRS passed away in November. He was well known and well respected for his knowledge of brass locomotives and DCC decoders and sound systems. He will be missed by his fellow club members. His heirs, who were here recently from Germany, told me that that they are planning a memorial for Dick when they return to Oceanside.

We are open for visitors Sat. from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Visit our website <u>www.ncmrs.org</u> for directions, or call 760-722-7366

Dick Miller

Poway Station has had a busy Fall, and the activity will be continuing into the Spring. In October we showed both our HO and N scale modules at the Train Song Festival in Old Poway Park. This event includes not only the train songs and model railroads, but railroad-related vendors and activities for the kids, carnival food, and rides behind the 1907 Baldwin 0-4-0 steamer. It's a great day for the family, and we always have a terrific time! We keep the layouts up Sunday as well, even though the main event is Saturday only, so we get more time to play with the trains!



We were back in Old Poway Park with the N scale layout for Christmas in the Park. This year's event was the most well-attended in years (no rain!), and everyone enjoyed the small layout we presented. Good thing it was small, or we wouldn't have been able to accommodate the crowds.

We'll again be in the Porter House Great Room in Old Poway Park on February 20, participating in the layout tour associated with the Sn3 Symposium. We'll have the N scale set up from noon to 4 pm, and we invite you to drop by with the family. We always have something new to show, and this will be no exception, as we continue to improve the scenery on our club modules. We're also upgrading the electronics, installing turnout motors and auto-sensing equipment to ensure the turnouts are properly aligned for approaching traffic.

The last weekend in March we will be setting up our HO scale layout in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park. We are working on developing the specific configuration we'll use, and we hope to have enough room to set up the N scale as well. Our primary objective is to showcase the HO scale Free-Mo modules some of our members have been building. One of our members has built a special module to interface the Free-Mo modules, at our club standard height, to his existing modules, and it should be a lot of fun to operate. We're excited about the possibilities this will open up!

Why not get involved in some of these exciting things? We're always open to new members, and you can't have too much fun! Check our web page, <u>www.powaystation.org</u>, or contact me at the e-mail on our web page.

Gary Robinson



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The San Diego Model Railroad Museum has an exciting Spring coming up! We start with a swap meet on February 12, beginning at 7:00am. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$5 for sellers. Sellers should arrive by 6:30 to set up. In addition to tthe swap meet, February is Museum Month. This is a month-long promotion, sponsored by Macy's, that offers half-price admission for up to four people with a Museum Month Pass. The Pass can be obtained at any Macy's store. Museum Month Passes are only valid on regular (\$7) admissions.

Then, on March 19, all of Balboa Park celebrates Family Day. The Museum will participate in this popular event. Children will learn how a steam engine functions and make a paper-based steam locomotive. Children 17 and under will be admitted free with a paid adult admission. Most other museums in the Park will also be participating.

Registration is open for the Museum's Summer Camp. Campers' activities will include museum tours, railroad history, workbooks, railroad safety education, diesel/steam engine mechanics, model railroad electronics, freight car building and much more. (Activities range according to age group) Kids in the 1st -8th grade welcome! For more info go to <a href="https://www.sdmrm.com">www.sdmrm.com</a>

Mac's Kid's Corner continues every Tuesday and Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Train stories, games, and various railroad crafts are featured.

The Pacific Beach Room is always available for parties and events. Kids' birthday parties are a favorite! Contact the Museum office, 619.696.0199, for more information or to make a reservation.

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## From the Editor...

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I can't believe it's time for another issue!? Where does the time go? I'm supposed to be retired, with nothing but time on my hands. Plenty of time to spend on trains, and having fun. I suppose I do get some time in on the club layout, but I had hoped to be a lot farther along on my own layout than I am. Oh well, it's a good thing I like doing this.

jceiermann@msn.com

The Spring quarter is shaping up to be a busy one, with plenty of swap meets and layout tours coming up. If you check the calendar, you'll see a swap meet four weeks in a row, including our Division Winter Meet at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. Then there's a Southern California-wide layout tour on Sunday, February 20, and a layout tour the second week in March, follwed the next weekend by two events. The Cajon Division meet in Temecula is always fun, and the Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society will be held at the San Bernardino Depot, unfortunately on the same date, March 19. There will be a couple of layout tours in conjunction with the Temecula Meet.

Poway Station will have a set up the following weekend in Old Poway Park, where they'll display a couple of new Free-Mo modules they've been working on. We get a week off, then the Division layout tour for April will be at at Ron Couisineau's G scale layout.

Spring break, of a sort, will be in the middle of April, and the month closes with Railroad Days, again at the San Bernardino Depot.

At the Division Spring Meet in May, we'll have elections for Division officers. If you're interested in becoming more involved in setting the direction of the Division, contact me or one of the present officers, Don Fowler or Ben Sevier.

## Model Railroad Clubs in San Diego

San Diego Model Railroad Museum

Balboa Park, San Diego

Info: www.sdmodelrailroadm.com

La Mesa Model Railroad Club (HO)

Info: LaMesaClub@att.net San Diego 3-Railers (O) Info: (858) 538-0930

San Diego Model Railroad Club (HO & O)

Info: www.sdmrrc.org

San Diego Society of N Scale (N)

Info: www.sdsons.org

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North County Model Railroad Society (HO)

Oceanside. Info: (760) 722-7366 www.ncmrs.org

Poway Station All Scale Modular Club

Info: <u>www.powaystation.org</u>

Short Track Railroad Club (N)

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista

Info: www.shorttrackrr.org

San Diego Garden Railway Society

Info: <u>www.sdgrs.com</u> **ZoCal Group** (Z)

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ZoCal

San Diego S-Gaugers

http://sites.google.com/site/sdsgaugers/Home

## Online - Web Sites of Interest

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NMRA National Convention <a href="http://www.x2011west.org/">http://www.x2011west.org/</a>

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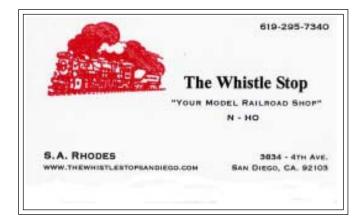
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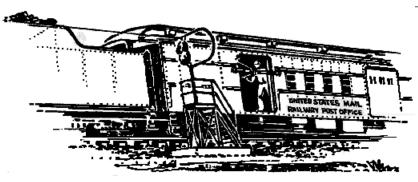
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