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Las Vegas Meet  
April 26th

Twentynine Palms  
Train Show & Swap  
Meet

### PSR Events

Mid-Year Board  
Meeting in Temecula  
March 29th, 2008

Annual Board Meeting  
At Anaheim National  
Convention  
July 13th-20th, 2008

PSR Regional  
Convention in Las  
Vegas at the Texas  
Station Sept 3rd-6th,  
2009

### NMRA National Convention

Hosted by the Los  
Angeles Division in  
Anaheim  
July 13th-20th

## LAS VEGAS MEET APRIL 26, 2008

Plan to attend the upcoming Cajon Division Meet on Saturday, April 26th from 9 AM until mid-afternoon at the home of Larry and Alecia Dewsnup, 6856 Adobe Villa Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89142, (702) 431-1116

Although this is to be a Cajon Division sponsored event, non-members are also being invited. So bring a friend and be prepared to have a good time.

Time has been set aside for a "bring and brag" session to start around 10am. If you have a special project or discovered a new modeling technique that works well for you, bring it and share with all of us.

An added bonus! A chance to see Larry's layout, he has come a long way since four years ago. Still has a lot more to do, but will be ready for the 2009 Convention. His layout incorporates two helixes and three separate layers (One just right for kids to see close up)



There will be a BBQ in the early afternoon affording a chance to sit down, relax, and chat with you fellow modelers.

So what does all of this cost? It is normal to ask for a \$5 donation for the Division. However, if you bring a gift that we can auction off after the feeding hour, we will forgive the donation. The gift should be a railroad item wrapped in plain paper. It doesn't have to be new. For example an old kit you will never get around to putting together, etc. This is all in fun and the items usually bring in around \$5-10 each.

During the last meet a Charlie Abbott's, we just couldn't get Ed Hall to bid on anything.

see **Las Vegas Event**, page 7

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## Las Vegas Get Together Hosted by Charlie and Connie Abbott

By Dale A. Tripp

Charlie and Connie Abbot hosted the Cajon Division get together at their home in Las Vegas. The get together started by members and attendees just visiting and discussing model railroading. Coffee and Donuts were enjoyed during this social session.



Charlie's HO Scale southwestern model railroad layout was on display for all and the star of the show. His layout has complete scenery with the brilliant colors of the southwest. Small towns crop up throughout the layout with industry that must be served by the railroad.

Several members presented Show and Tell items and discussed modeling techniques. Georgia Dahlberg demonstrated quick casting using Aluminte and moulds made using Plastine Clay. She molded several sample items to show the technique. This was very informative and useful for those who need small detail parts quickly.



This show 'N' Tell demonstrating a concrete powder mix to use for covering scenery in lieu of plaster of Paris or hydrocal.

Charlie Abbot showed a test model of southwest scenery using ceiling tile, which can be found as left over waste from building projects or purchased and most home improvement stores. The test model showed the texture and the painting capabilities when used with acrylic paints. That's Lynn Austin in the Background.



see **Abbott Event**, page 6

## MALFUNCTION JUNCTION HOBBIES

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### Down The Line

Division Superintendent ~ *Bob Mitchell*



Although 2007 got off to a slow start, we ended the year with five events: Joe Dorner-Las Vegas (1), John King-Twenty-nine Palms (1), Barstow 2007, and Bob Mitchell-Wildomar (2).

This year promises to be even more eventful with as many as eight and possibly ten events. This would include

Las Vegas (4), Wildomar, CA (2), Twentynine Palms, CA (1), Temecula 2008, Barstow 2008, Orange County, CA (1), and the Palm Springs area (1). Let us not forget the National in Anaheim, CA.

The Temecula 2008 event is already shaping up to become an annual event. Its success has been given a good shot in the arm by being selected by the PSR for their Mid-year Board Meeting. This has brought members in from Arizona, San Diego, and the Los Angeles Divisions. The use of the Orange Empire Railway Museum and the opportunity to be a Locomotive Engineer highlight this event. Although we were not able to secure a space for a train show, we were able to substitute some layout tours instead. I am confident that we will have a train show next year. And having a Dinner at the Chinese Auction is a welcome new feature.

For all of you planning to attend the National Convention in Anaheim, I urge you to make your hotel arrangements now. You can go online at the National web-site to register and get more information. [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) Volunteers are needed now. And I mean a lot more than have already come forward. You can contact Dave Arendes at [arendesd@epcinternational.com](mailto:arendesd@epcinternational.com) or simply give him a call at (714) 546-4484. Look for an email in the future with a complete list of remaining positions needing to be filled.

Talking about Conventions, the Cajon Division will be sponsoring the Regional

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### FROM CARL'S WORKBENCH

Division Director ~ *Carl Heimberger*



The Cajon Division certainly has its work cut out for the next 18 months, starting with the Temecula event on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not as of yet signed up time is running out and you do not want to miss this event.

The next major effort for Cajon will be the NMRA 2008 Convention in Anaheim and this convention will need the help of ever Cajon Member as volunteer staff, so please sign on.

Other events going into the fall of 08 and spring of 09 will be Barstow in November and Temecula again in March.

All this is of course is building up to the 2009 PSR convention that will be held in Las Vegas, from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob Mitchell has been working hard on this event and to date we have the theme, "The City of Las Vegas", secured the hotel and working on the program that will include outstanding clinics, layout and proto type tours, contest room, auction, non-rail activities, banquet and much more.

See you all at Temecula, Carl.

### 29 PALMS 4th ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET

By *John King and Bob Mitchell*

Held each year at the Elk's Lodge in 29 palms, this event has been drawing a larger gathering of modelers each year. The hours for this event are from 10 AM until 2 PM on Saturday the 28th of June. A little warm that time of year for the high desert. However, it all takes place inside and the air conditioning works great. The Elk's Lodge also prepares Breakfast for a small fee.

This year there will be some vendors as usual and possibly a clinic or two. John tells me that he has invited Don Fowler, the San Diego Division Director, to come up and put on one of the clinics. For more info, you can contact John King at 760-367-9633 You can also contact John for more info. on the National Orange Show (See Below)

**DON'T FORGET**  
**THE NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW**  
**MAY 22ND THRU THE 26TH**  
**AT THE ORANGE SHOW FAIR GROUNDS**  
**IN SAN BERNARDINO, CA.**  
**'GREAT TRAIN SHOW'**

The Cajon Division of the  
Pacific Southwest Region  
National Model Railroad Association  
Presents

## **Temecula 2008**

**More than an Event...A Total Experience**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Non-Members Welcome**

**To be held in the famous Wine Country of Temecula, California, this event has something for everyone. Especially the Railletes and would be Locomotive Engineers of an Era long Past. Summary of Scheduled Activities include:**

### **Fun for the Entire Family: Young and Old Alike**

- Orange Empire Railway Museum, Perris, CA: Be the Locomotive Engineer on an ALCO RSD2 Diesel
- Locomotive and Feel the Thunder as You Take it out on the Main Line Outside the Museum
- Old Town Antique Shopping, Lunch and Wine Tasting Tour
- Saturday Afternoon Layout Tours
- Saturday Night Wrap Up with Dinner at 'Pat and Oscar's' followed by a Chinese Style Auction (Up to 100 Quality Model Railroad Items from 30+ Original Manufacturers and Suppliers)

### **Timetable of Activities**

#### **Friday Night ~ Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, Temecula, CA 92590 (951) 694-6464**

- Registration 4:30 pm until 8:00 pm (See Attached Registration Form for Fees) MC and Visa will be
- Accepted for Advanced Registration to avoid waiting in line.
- Bring and Brag Hour 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm
- Bingo 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

#### **Saturday Morning ~ Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 6th Street, Temecula, CA 92590 (951) 694-6464**

- Registration 8:00 am until 11:00 am
- Model Contest Entries 8:00 am -10:00 am...Judging 10:30 am until 1 pm
- Clinics start at 8:00 am until Noon.
- Antique and Wine Tasting Tour departs at 9:30 am until mid-afternoon  
(Personal Vehicles and/or Car Pooling may be required)

#### **Saturday Morning ~ Run-1 Locomotive Engineer at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris**

- First Run starts at 8:30 am (Depends on number of Sign-ups)
- Free BBQ at the Museum between Noon and 1:30 pm before Layout Tour  
This Museum is huge. Be sure to bring your camera. [www.oerm.org](http://www.oerm.org)  
Reservations need to be made well in advance. Contact Bob Mitchell ~ 951-440-9729  
Email: [cajondivision@coastinet.com](mailto:cajondivision@coastinet.com)

#### **Saturday Afternoon**

- Self Guided Model Railroad Layout Tours ~ Maps and locations available at Registration
- Mid-Year Board Meeting of the Pacific Southwest Region Starts at 1:00 pm @ **Mary Phillips Senior Center**

#### **Saturday Evening ~ 'Pat and Oscar's' by the Pond**

- Show up time is 5:00 pm ~ Dinner to be served at 5:30 pm
- Contest Awards 6:30 pm
- Chinese Auction Ticket Sales begin at 7:00 pm and close at 8:30 pm Chinese Auction 8:30 pm until 10:30 pm

#### **Sunday Morning ~ Run-1 Locomotive Engineer at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris**

- First Run starts at 8:30 am (Depends on number of Sign-ups)  
Reservations need to be made well in advance. Contact Bob Mitchell ~ 951-440-9729  
Email: [cajondivision@coastinet.com](mailto:cajondivision@coastinet.com) MC and Visa Credit Cards Accepted

**‘Temecula 2008’ Lodging and Locations Information**

Lodging in Temecula can be expensive. So I have blocked out 40 rooms at the Motel 6 in the Old Town area and within walking distance (1 Block) of the Mary Phillips Senior Center.

*Reservations should be made as soon as possible*....Ask about cancellation policies.

**Motel 6:** 41900 Moreno Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

	Single \$73.99	Double \$79.99	(951-676-7199)
<b>Rancho Calif. Inn:</b>	Single \$95:00	Double \$125.00	(951-676-5700)
<b>Best Western:</b>	Single \$139.00	Double \$149.00	(951-676-7378)
<b>Holiday Inn Exp:</b>	Single \$189.00	Double \$189.00	(951-699-2444)

**Clinics for Everyone**

**Many of these clinics are trial runs for the NMRA National in July**

- Weathering Modern Freight Cars~ David Arendes (**National Clinic**)
  - Scenery without the use of Molds, Plaster, or Paint ~ Bob Mitchell (**National Clinic**)
  - Casting Your Own Parts and Clutter ~ Georgia Dahlberg
  - Scratch Build Your Next Project: Materials, Tips, and Techniques ~ Brian Block MMR
  - Starting Your First Model Railroad: Bench Work and Construction ~ Bob Mitchell
  - Modeling the Bear River Bridge on Nevada County Narrow Gauge – Dick Roberts, SD Div. (**National Clinic**)
  - Contest Modeling: Paperwork and What Judges are looking For ~ Bill Jacobs, Cajon Div. Contest Chair
  - Laser Cut Kits, Concept, Layout, and Manufacturing? ~ Joe Warren, Owner of Showcase Miniatures
  - A Unique N Scale Railroad you can learn from ~ Sandy Freidfelt (**National Clinic**)
- More to be Announced at a Later Date ~ Some Titles are subject to change.

If you are doing a Clinic for the National and would like to do a trial run at this meet, please contact me as soon as possible. Bob Mitchell [cajondivision@coastinet.com](mailto:cajondivision@coastinet.com) or 951-440-9729

<b>Temecula 2008</b>			
<b>Event Registration:</b>			x
Registration Only (Dinner not included)	\$10.00		=
Registration Including Dinner at 'Pat and Oscar's'	\$30.00		=
<b>Extra Fares:</b>			
Orange Empire Museum 'Run1' Locomotive Engineer	\$40.00		=
Antique Shopping, Wine Tasting and Lunch	\$40.00		=
Same tour without Wine Tasting Tickets	\$28.00		=
<b>Total</b>			=
Name(s):		Tele: (    )	
Locomotive Run Requested Times (Subject to date received and number of sign-ups)			
Circle once for first choice and twice for second choice			
Saturday	8:30am	9:30am	10:30am
Sunday	8:30am	9:30am	10:30am

Event Registration can be paid with MC, Visa, or Check. Fill out the above form and then call Bob Mitchell to reserve Locomotive ‘Run1’ times. **Credit Card info will be taken over the phone only.**

**Checks need to be made out to ‘Cajon Division’ 951-440-9729**

**21460 Walnut Street, CA 92595-8966**

## Passing the Torch

By Bob Mitchell

First I would like to thank all of you for your support. It has made it a great pleasure being your Membership Chairman for the past two and a half years.

When I volunteer for this post in 2005, I had no idea what awaited me. One of the first things I learned was not all members received an 'Order Board' every quarter. In fact, only those who paid for the Regional Newsletter, the 'Dispatch', were mailed the 'Order Board' on a regular basis. Those who did not pay for the Regional subscription were occasionally sent an 'Order Board' based on the amount of extra copies that had been printed.

This was a two-fold problem; first it disenfranchised about a 150 of our members, and second it was draining our finances to the tune of about \$2,000 a year. Today the total cost for the Order Board is between \$200 and \$300 per year and is expected to decrease to zero once we sell enough advertising. Realizing we could not continue this drain on our Division finances, I set out to establish a strong email base. I sure many of you will remember my phone calls.

As a result, our email list increased from about 60 to 267 over a two year period. This brought the Division into the electronic communications age. It has also increased the amount of work that is now expected from the Membership Chairman. But the results have paid off greatly. Our membership is on the rise, a rare phenomenon among Regional Divisions. I can only assume it is because so many of our members are now better informed of upcoming events and that they also appreciated that occasional phone call to ask how they are doing.

In depth, there is a lot more to this task than the name implies. Keeping track of all the members contact information is a never ending job. Email and physical addresses seem to change constantly. Every time an Order Board is mailed or sent out electronically, revisions must be made to our list of some 390 members and the information needs to be resent.

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### Abbott Event, continued from page 2



Robert Broom showed some plaques made from St. Helens ash. Extremely interesting and quite colorful.



After the completion of the Show N Tell we all headed to the backyard and the BBQ lunch of excellent charcoaled broiled hamburgers and condiments with chili beans. Of course soft drinks were avail-



The auction of the white elephant items that members donated in lieu of a \$5.00 donation to attend the event was conducted after the BBQ lunch.

All in attendance enjoyed the social event, meeting with members from Las Vegas and other parts of the division. The weather was fantastic and all parted for home to enjoy the NFL playoff games.

### Passing The Torch, continued from page 6

Here are just some of the duties your new Membership Chairman will be handling. Keeping the Records updated on a monthly/quarterly basis, Printing the labels and mailing out the Order Board, Sending event announcements and Order Boards out electronically, Addressing questions and concerns members may have and/or directing them to right person, Collecting and forwarding new and renewed membership applications to the Region, Collecting and forwarding Order Board subscription fees to our Paymaster.

Now that I have assumed the duties as the Division Superintendent, it is time to pass the Membership torch on to a most capable member, Larry Dewsnup of Las Vegas, Nevada.

I hadn't realized until now just how much I have enjoyed the personal contact with all of you. Will I still be in contact with you on a regular base? Of course I will. It would be remiss if I didn't say it saddens me to pass torch. Yet, I am equally excited to have such a capable person as Larry taking over this ever increasingly important position. He will be invaluable to in my new duties as Division Superintendent.

## Welcome Aboard and Departures

*By Bob Mitchell*

I would like to congratulate two of our members for volunteering for what I consider two of our most important post.

First is Charlie Abbott of Las Vegas, Nevada. Charlie has now assumed the duties of the Paymaster. Already he has demonstrated his enthusiasm to me and will be a most valuable asset when we host the 2009 PSR Convention in Las Vegas. Welcome aboard Charlie. My thanks also goes out to Bob Chaparro for manning this Officer's position for the past two years.



Second is Lawrence (Larry) Dewsnup who is taking over the row of Membership Chairman. This has been my pet project for the last two years. Keeping the records updated was often left up to National and the Region. The result was data chaos on a local level. I am glad Larry volunteered for this job. He is the right person. His

knowledge of Microsoft Excel will make this a very smooth transition. (See the article on 'Passing the Torch') Welcome aboard Larry.

Unfortunately we are losing our 'Order Board' editor, Jeffery Dimsdale. Jeff was instrumental in creating the new format for the 'Order Board' last year. He also received the Member of the Year Award in 2007 for his efforts. When he came on Board a year ago it was pretty much understood that it would only be for about a year or until we could find a qualified replacement. I'm sure his replacement will be equally capable. If you know of anyone who would be right for this position, please contact me

### Las Vegas Meet, continued from page 1

So when Charlie got up to auction off the last item he got Ed to bid the \$2.00 he had on the table and then promptly said sold before he could be out bid. It made for a grand finale.

So mark your calendars and plan on a day of fun.

If anyone needs a ride to this event, please contact Larry at 702-431-1116 and we will see what we can do.

**Please Note: You will need this gate code to enter the gated community: 2453**

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Convention in 2009. It will be held at the Texas Station in Las Vegas on September 3rd – 6th. And it looks like the room rates will average out to about \$65.00 based on a four night stay. More about our efforts to make this the best Regional ever in future reports.

New Officers and Committee members have been appointed and some spaces are still in need of worker willing volunteers. I would appreciate if a few members would come forward for the following positions: Publicity Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Education Chair. When you volunteer you are not alone, you will receive a lot of help from the other board members to make your job fun and rewarding. Keep in mind, if you ever had the aspiration to work towards an MMR designation, there is no greater way to start than being a volunteer.

Any suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated. If you have been longing for a clinic to be given on any particular subject, let me know. Often these requests lead to some on the best clinics. You can always give me a call at 951-440-9729 or just email me at [cajondivision@coastinet.com](mailto:cajondivision@coastinet.com).

# NMRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—PSR

Please accept my application for new or renewal membership in the National Model Railroad Association,  
Including membership in the **Pacific Southwest Region** and my local **Cajon Division**.

New       Renewal       NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scale \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choices for NMRA membership One Year      Two Years      Total

NMRA membership including all rights and privileges including NMRA <i>Scale Rails</i>	\$ 51.00	\$ 102.00	\$
NMRA membership including all rights and privileges except NMRA <i>Scale Rails</i>	\$ 36.00	\$ 72.00	\$
Pacific Southwest Region <i>Dispatch</i> Subscription (NMRA Membership required)	\$ 8.00	\$ 16.00	\$
Cajon Division <i>Order Board</i> Subscription	\$ 8.00	\$ 16.00	\$
Family membership (spouse or minor child of NMRA member in good standing, no <i>Scale Rails</i> , Name _____ Date of Birth _____)	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00	\$ _____
Student membership including all rights and privileges including NMRA <i>Scale Rails</i> (Any person 18 years of age or under, or a student under the age of 26 with valid student ID.)	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00	\$ _____
Sustaining member including all rights and privileges including NMRA <i>Scale Rails</i> (mandatory for group membership such as clubs, associations, and businesses)	\$ 96.00	\$ 192.00	\$ _____
<b>Total Dues and Subscription Payment Enclosed</b>			<b>\$</b>

Ck payable to PSR-NMRA  VISA  MC  Discover  Am Ex Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail application and payment to: Larry Dewsnup, 6856 Adobe Villa Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89142**

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