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ON THE COVER:

Our LA Division Spring Layout Tour.
Collage by Mike O'Brien

*Volunteers needed for offices of Superintendent
and Clerk-Paymaster. We need YOU.
(see notice on back cover)*



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Superintendent's Report

by Mary Barstow, MMR

Many of you will probably be headed for Hartford and the National Convention. I have chosen to stay at home and work on neglected projects. Sections of outside track have challenged me this spring and I am determined to win.

Our Division Layout Tour May 16th was really successful. Six homes were open for that afternoon. This was one more than originally publicized. Five of those model railroaders, myself included, live within a few blocks of each other and the sixth is only two miles away. It is a happy circumstance! About forty people visited our layouts and were very pleased that driving was minimal between the layouts. Following the tour guests returned for munchies and visiting. On June 4th our group had another layout tour, this time for the "Big Train Show," with guests coming by bus from the Ontario Convention Center. It is now agreed that we all will take a break from hosting layout tours for awhile.

On September 2-6 the PSR Convention will be held in Las Vegas at the Texas Station Convention Center. Cajon Division is planning many activities

that you can't miss. Contact Charlie Abbott, Registrar, for added information. E-Mail: crab-botti@aol.com or phone 702-658-9506. Or contact Bob Mitchell at cajondivision@coastinet.com.

Los Angeles Division members will have an opportunity to meet Joe Jackson. Paul Cutter has offered his home for this event. Big Joe will give a presentation entitled "The Theme is Steam." It is scheduled at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 3rd. He has contributed numerous articles to the Southern California Garden Railway Society's publication all expressing his love of trains. He is a member of The Los Angeles Live Steamers and is currently employed as an engineer for the Disneyland Railroad.

The Model Train Show will be returning to the South Bay Botanic Garden on November 7th and 8th. Modelers who participate in the event will be hearing from me in the near future. Those of you who enjoy our event be sure to save that date. This will be our 16th show at this venue.

I look forward to seeing you all in Las Vegas.



Superintendent Mary Barstow's grandson Evan enjoys her backyard G gauge model railroad during our Spring Layout Tour.

From the Editor....

IN MEMORIAM

William Mergard
September 17, 1935 - June 15, 2009

Bill joined the National Model Railroad Association in 1971 and became a very active member. He held most of the offices at the Region level and at the Division Level. He was also chairman of two national conventions, Long Beach Limited 1996 and Anaheim Special 2008.

Bill was employed by Delta Airlines beginning in 1956. He also was very involved in the community as he and Irene raised their family. Scouting, Little League, and AYSO along with a love of trains were a major part of his life. He was also a member of the Southern California Garden Railway Society and put up an incredible annual Christmas display in his front yard that brought joy to many. In 1975 he became a part of Harold Graebner's First Friday of the Month Club where the group solved the world's problems and operated on Sigma Lines. Bob Rowe and Ken Wilson were among the original members. I joined the group in 1980 and felt quite privileged to be included.

Bill encouraged all of us in the hobby and was always very helpful. Affectionately known as "The King," he combined a serious side with an engaging sense of humor.

We will miss him.

Submitted by Mary Barstow.

**INCOME STATEMENT
YEAR 2008**

By Clerk-Paymaster John Oliver

	Income	Expense	Net
ADMINISTRATION:	0.00	-233.00	-233.00
BANK:			
Interest	360.88	0.00	
Fee	0.00	0.00	
Total=	360.88	0.00	360.88
ACTIVITIES:	0.00	-125.46	-125.46
ANNUAL BANQUET:			
Income	775.00	0.00	
Restaurant	0.00	-1,301.71	
Expense	0.00	-275.40	
Total=	775.00	-1,577.11	-802.11
COUPLER/POST CARDS:			
Advertisement	300.00	0.00	
Subscription	84.00	0.00	
Postage	0.00	-304.76	
Printing	0.00	-374.45	
Total=	384.00	-679.21	-295.21
TRAIN SHOWS:			
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	
Sales	273.35	0.00	
Donations	0.00	0.00	
Expenses	0.00	-195.00	
Total=	273.35	-195.00	78.35
GRAND TOTALS	\$1,793.23		(\$2,809.78)
NET PROFIT/LOSS 2008			(\$1,016.55)

**BALANCE SHEET
AS OF December 31, 2008**

ASSETS	
CASH -- UNION BANK	\$2,851.72
CD's -- UNION BANK	\$15,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$17,851.72
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
EQUITY	\$18,868.27
NET INCOME	(\$1,016.55)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$17,851.72

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2009

July 5 – 11 2009 NMRA National Convention, Hartford, CT
<http://www.HN2009.org>

August 8 L. A. Division Board Meeting & Summer Meet, Saturday, 10
am, at Paul Cutter's home, 3042 Earlmart Drive, Los Angeles CA, 90064.
<http://www.ladiv-nmra.org>

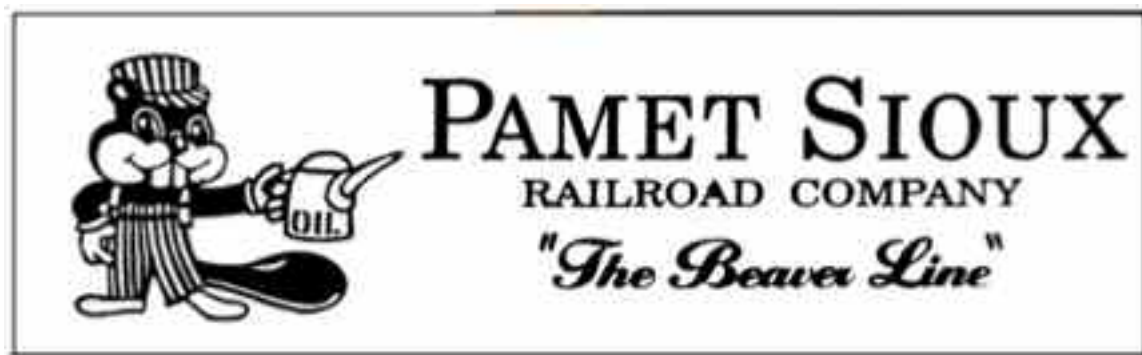
September 2-6 PSR Convention in Las Vegas. Texas station Convention
Center and Casino, 2101 Texas Star Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89032
<http://www.cajondiv.org/events.htm> -- see ad in this issue.

October 3 Saturday, L. A. Division Meet with Joe Jackson. Hold the date --
details to follow.

October 21 L. A. Division Board Meeting. 7 pm Wednesday, Paul
Cutter's home, 3042 Earlmart Drive, Los Angeles CA, 90064. <http://www.ladiv-nmra.org>

November 7, 8 LA Division Model Train Show all weekend. South Coast
Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes. Details to follow.

**Flagstops: Please refer to The PSR Dispatch for additional information
on events in Southern California: <http://www.psrnmra.org/>**





City of Las Vegas 2009

Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA[®] 2009 Convention

September 2nd-6th, 2009

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Need More Info? Go to <http://www.psrconvention.org/2009/index.html> for latest updates

FARE	QTY	EACH	TOTAL
Full Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 99.00	
Spouse & Youth (7-18) Registration (Includes Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 79.00	
Banquet Meal Choice New York Steak Chicken			
Full Registration (Excluding Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 65.00	
Spouse Registration & Youth (7-18) (Excluding Banquet Dinner)	@	\$ 45.00	
Non-Members are welcome at no additional charge However, are encouraged to purchase a 6 month membership Rail Pass	@	\$ 9.95	
Banquet Dinner Only (<i>Guest Speaker is Charlie Getz</i>)	@	\$ 45.00	
Bowling for Trains (Division Team Challenge) ~ Wednesday Night This is also the site of the Welcome Mixer ~ No Fee ~ Open Bar in Lounge	@	\$ 10.00	
Day Fare/Per Day (Excludes Banquet) Thurs Friday Saturday	@	\$ 40.00	
Hobo Breakfast (for qualified Hobos and their guests only ~ Sat Morn)	@	\$ 15.00	
Raillette Luncheon ~ Friday	@	\$ 15.00	
Convention Car with Decals (Kadee PS-1 'HO' Box Car with Data)	@	\$ 24.50	
Convention Patches	@	\$ 3.50	
Convention Pins	@	\$ 4.00	
Convention T-Shirts Circle Choice(s) S M L XL 2X 3X	@	\$ 13.00	
Convention Polo Shirts Circle Choice(s) S M L XL 2X 3X	@	\$ 27.00	
Manufacture Hands on Clinic (Includes Laser Kit) 4 hrs ~ Saturday AM	@	\$ 45.00	
The San Diego Gang's Hands on Scenery Clinic 3 hrs ~ Friday Afternoon	@	\$ 5.00	
Layout Bus Tour to Pahrump, Nevada (Includes Sack Lunch) ~ Friday AM	@	\$ 30.00	
Hoover Dam Bus Tour (Includes Tour Guide & Chocolate Factory) ~ Thurs	@	\$ 78.00	
Layout Bus Tour Las Vegas (G, O, On3, HO, N) ~ Saturday Morning	@	\$ 25.00	
'Chinese Auction' Friday Night (Don't miss this one)		Free	
Payment by Check to <i>Cajon Division</i> or Credit Card		TOTAL	\$
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Email to Charlie@abbottstdg.com or FAX to 702-871-5463			
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Contact Maria Shellhase using her direct number during business hours 702-631-8358. Or her cell number 702-425-0650. (Report any problems to Bob Mitchell at 951-440-9729 cajondivision@coastinet.com)			
or you can contact the Reservation line 800-654-8804, Select #1, Tell Reservation what nights you will be attending ~ then tell them you are with the Cajon Division and the Group Code is TCICADV.			

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON REPORT -- by Bob DeMoss, January 2009

2008 Membership Numbers		2009 Membership Numbers	
Members listed	321	Members listed	321
Clubs	5	Clubs	5
New Members	--	New Members	83
6-month Members	--	6-month Members	45
Lost Members	(48)	Lost Members	(48)
Total Individual Members	273	Total Individual Members	401

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JOHN OLIVER AND I HAVE BOTH SERVED TWO TERMS IN THESE POSITIONS AND ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THE BY-LAWS TO CONTINUE IN THESE OFFICES. WE NEED OUR MEMBERSHIP TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN LOS ANGELES DIVISION. OTHERWISE THE DIVISION WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE AN INACTIVE STATUS.

PLEASE CONTACT SANDY FRIEDFELD, NOMINATIONS CHAIR, AT SANDJOL@AOL.COM OR CALL HIM AT 310-541-1917. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU IF YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP US OUT AND WANT MORE INFORMATION OR ARM TWISTING. PLEASE CALL ME, MARY, AT 310-377-9762.

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