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The USCG Lighthouse at Faro keeps watch over the harbor on Lloyd Lehrer's HOn3 Western and Terminal Railroad & Navigation Co. layout.

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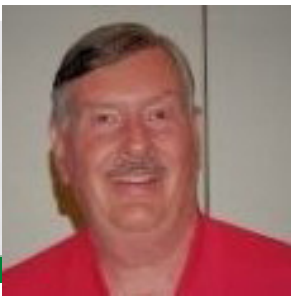
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Superintendent's Report

- Vic Cavalli

The Year 2020 in Review

by Vic Cavalli

Allow me to start off by wishing each of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year. And, before looking forward at what 2021 may bring us, let's quickly review what 2020 was.

Year 2020 started off well enough for us model railroaders, in general, and the L.A. Division, specifically. The first weekend in February offered us a Great Train Show at the Ventura County Fairground and Events Center. Not only was it well executed, but the Division's **Membership Recruitment** crew - led by chair **Bob DeMoss** - signed up 6 new NMRA members! Things continued to roll along with yet a second Great Train Show the following weekend; this time at the OC Fair and Events Center in Costa Mesa, with members of our L.A. Division assisting neighboring Cajon Division at their NMRA recruitment table.

Later that same month, L.A. Division Director **Mona Raymer** once again organized another of her superb planned *Los Angeles Division Membership Business Meeting and Banquet* get-togethers; featuring a Tehachapi Loop-area slide show presented by keynote speaker **Tim Johnson**.

Then March arrived. Along with it, a new word was added to our daily vocabulary: "COVID-19" - a virus actually, which would dominate all our lives for the rest of the year. Local, regional, and national NMRA events would succumb to it. Canceled was our Division's *SpringRail 2020* day meet. Canceled was the PSR's annual convention, *Van Nuys Local 2020*, which we, the L.A. Division, would have hosted. Canceled, too, were the NMRA's National Convention, *Gateway 2020*, and the National Train Show; as well as our own Division's end-of-year co-sponsored *L.A. Area Prototype Modelers' Meet* and open-to-the-public annual modular layouts invitational, *Frosty Freight*. So many events lost.

But COVID-19 wasn't going to beat us! Instead, alternative solutions were found. Couldn't visit fellow modeler's layouts due to restricted lockdowns? Then we'd bring the layouts to the pages of our quarterly newsletter, the *L.A. Coupler*. One layout, Dan Wexler's Hamlin & Valley Central Railway, has already been presented and we hope to offer more soon.

Couldn't meet with others in person, face-to-face? Then we'd meet virtually. Initially, your Advisory Board held its monthly planning session via GoToMeeting (thank you **Tim Johnson** for hosting us) until such time as we were able to establish our own Division's Zoom Meetings account (thank you **Kevin Spady**).

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The Year 2020 in Review

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And, learning from our San Diego Division's "brothers and sisters", the L.A. Division test drove its initial "Open to All Members" virtual Show-and-Tell Zoom session (with more sessions to come in 2021, including one on February 20th).

What about the absence of being able to view others modeling efforts and/or taking in a "How-to" clinic or two? As shared above, we're currently at work organizing additional Show-and-Tell Zoom sessions, as well as having already introduced "What's on Your Workbench" and "How-to" features within the pages of the L.A. Coupler. Our biggest hold-back, naturally, is usable "material." This is where you can help. Everyone, I believe, has something they could share. What's yours? (Contact information for all Advisory Board members may be found in the rear of each issue of the L.A. Coupler.)

Which bring us back to the present, Year 2021. COVID-19, sadly, isn't going to go away any time soon. Scientific consensus (i.e., estimates) is we won't return to some form of normality until the latter second half of this year. As such, there will not be a SpringRail 2021 meet this April (although, just maybe, the Division might introduce a FallRail event towards the end of 3rd quarter).

Likewise, our annual Los Angeles Division Membership Business Meeting and Banquet won't be a face-to-face affair this year.

Instead, planning is underway to hold the Members' Business Meeting portion virtually,

with the "banquet" segment being a bring-your-own, "eat while you view" option; as part of our next "Show-and-Tell" Zoom session. See page 11 for details.

Unfortunately, NMRA Headquarters, too, has had to cancel this year's National Convention, *Rails by the Sea*, to be held in Santa Clara, CA, and its associated National Train Show event scheduled for July – due, in part, to the fact clinicians and private layout owners are extremely hesitant at making commitments for the intermediate future.

In summary, face-to-face events are likely to continue taking a beating for awhile longer.

Therefore, a promise to you – I, along with the rest of the L.A. Division Advisory Board, will continue to grow upon the strategies already set forth. We will schedule more and varied virtual Zoom-based interactive presentation and sessions. We will continue to include additional modeling contents within the pages of The L.A. Coupler. And, hopefully, starting soon, a complete review and upgrade of our L.A. Division's website will be underway.

All ideas and suggestions put forward will be considered. I welcome your input and thoughts. In the meanwhile, happy model railroading to you!

Be safe and remain vigilant,

Vic Cavalli

Superintendent, Los Angeles Division of
the PSR, NMRA, Inc

Lloyd Lehrer

New
Feature!



Photo: Lloyd Lehrer

The upper level of Lloyd Lehrer's HOn3 Western and Terminal Railroad & Navigation Co. layout features this breathtaking mine scene. The main structure is kitbashed from two Grandt Line "East Terrible Mill & Mining Co" kits, with added dormers, a new stone base, ore gates, and chutes. The wood trestles and cribbing are all scratch built, and the base scenery layer is decomposed granite.

Each issue we would like to feature the work of one or two LA Division members. If you'd like to be featured, please email a few images (of anything hobby related!) and a brief caption to our editor.



Director's Report

- Mona Raymer

Welcome 2021

by Mona Raymer

Hello Los Angeles Division Members,

I hope you are safe and healthy! With 2020 and the holiday season behinds us, I hope you were all able to have a holiday season that was filled with wonderful new memories and that your year is off to a reasonably good start.

I'm sure by now you are aware that this year's National Convention, *Rails By The Bay*, has been cancelled. If you had registered, and have not already heard from the registrar, you will be contacted soon with a variety of options. You can transfer a portion of your registration to attend the virtual meet that will take the place of the in person Convention, donate all or a portion of your funds to the Convention committee, donate the money to National or receive a partial or full refund.

News from the Regional Board: The Pacific Southwest Regional historian, Per Harwe, is looking for items that are missing from the Regional memorabilia collection. If you have any of the items listed herein, and are willing and interested in donating them, please contact Per via email at the following email address: history@psrnmra.org If you have any information that the following pins or patches were or were not issued for these years that would be helpful as well.

Patches missing for the following years:

1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, and 1998

Pins missing for the following years:

1982, 1983, 1985, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004

Per will gladly accept a scan or copy of the patch or pin as well, in order for the empty spot to be filled.

The Pacific Southwest Regional Board of Directors is still working on obtaining a 501c3 status for our Region, encompassing all four Divisions. The paperwork was processed slower than normal due to the Covid-19 situation and we were notified that the ID# stated on the original filing was incorrect. Everything has been corrected and filed and we are waiting on notification from the IRS that the process has been completed.

The L.A. Division Advisory Board will continue to have virtual meets via the ZOOM app.

Please watch your email for notification of them. If you would like to present a "show and tell" item to let everyone know what you've been working on, do a clinic or show us your layout, please contact us here at the L.A. Division to let us know. We will be happy to add you to the lineup of presenters! We hope you will attend our virtual meets so we can continue the fellowship of our wonderful hobby

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until such time we are able, once again, to gather in person.

As of this writing, due to the continuing Los Angeles County (and venue) Covid-19 restrictions, the Los Angeles Division will not be moving forward with any plans for our annual SpringRail event. We are, however, having discussions about the possibility of having a similar event sometime in the fall if restrictions are lifted and it can be done in a safe manner that will not put the health of our members in jeopardy. We will not take any chances with the safety and health of anyone.

Until next time....Happy Modeling! And, above all else, stay safe!

Mona Raymer
Director, Los Angeles Division of the
PSR/NMRA, Inc.





From The Website Guy

- Tim Johnson

What Friends Are For

by Tim Johnson



Reefers weathered with a friend

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic we all know that the world has changed forever. Shutdowns and quarantines have become a part of our daily conversations and there is no way to avoid the daily news reports on this subject. With luck, 2021 will bring back at least some of the things we have come to enjoy, Conventions, SpringRail, etc. I was counting on the Hobo Auction at SpringRail to boost my locomotive fleet, alas I will have to wait another year.

The good news is that we can still enjoy this wonderful hobby. Many model train clubs have taken to the internet highway with Zoom club meetings. Not everyone is on board with this new way of doing things, but those of us who are get to enjoy the pleasure of the company of friends, albeit in a virtual environment. It would be an error for me not to mention how important it is for us to get together, even if it is only on a computer screen.

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What Friends Are For

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A close up of Tim's terrific weathering work

With the lack of getting together in real life, the risk of losing touch with our fellow model railroaders is what I would consider a concern. Also, human beings are social creatures and lack of interaction can be damaging to our psyche. If you are a member of a club that is holding virtual meetings, I highly encourage you to attend, this pandemic will end, we will be able to go back to our train club premises and attend model railroad events. At the risk of going against the "stay home and stay safe" way of life, I occasionally get together with a few of my friends in person. We are always safe and do not take what is going on lightly.

The reward is that for just a short time life seems to be normal and I get to be in the same room with fellow model railroaders. No matter whether it is a real visit or a virtual visit, the fellowship that model railroading brings carries on. I have faith that before long, we will be able to see each other again and resume the things that brought us into the hobby in the first place.

Until then, keep up your modeling projects, share them with your friends, and most importantly, remember what Model Railroader magazine says, "Model Railroading is Fun."

2021 General Membership Meeting

***Please join us for our PSR NMRA LA Division
2021 General Membership Meeting and
Show & Tell Event!***

February 20, Starting at 1:00pm

Due to gathering restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the **2021 L.A. Division General Membership Meeting** will be held virtually, in conjunction with our next "Show & Tell" Zoom meet. Please come and listen to what is happening in our Division and the PSR in general. All NMRA members residing in Los Angeles or Ventura Counties are invited to attend.

A Special Door Prize Drawing Will Be Held at the End of the Meeting, You Must Be On-line to Win!

Show & Tell Event

Prior to the Membership Meeting, we will be conducting a Division "Show & Tell" event to allow members to showcase their current projects or modeling activities. Our last "Show & Tell" event was held in November, and was quite successful, with a lot of interesting material shown. ***Share your latest work!*** This is an informal and conversational activity, so please feel comfortable participating.

If you are interested in presenting your latest work in the Show & Tell portion of the meeting, please RSVP your interest and what you would like to present to Kevin Spady at **kasman727@gmail.com** If you simply would like to listen to the Show & Tell and Membership Meeting, just follow the link below to the Zoom meeting on the designated day.

You must RSVP if you want to present in the Show & Tell portion!

Please don't share this invite, it is for members only!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85986246638?pwd=NjZ6ck1JbmtlQ2FYdXAveTNaakRCUT09>

How to get ready for the "Show & Tell":

We will be dividing up the "Show & Tell" portion of the event into 5 to 10-minute segments. Individuals will have roughly 5 minutes to present something model railroad related, and then we will open the floor for a few minutes for questions, then on to the next presentation. Even if you have nothing to present, come to listen and learn from what others have done.

It is recommended sharing be via photos. This can be done by opening the picture files in a viewer program on your computer, or by inserting them into PowerPoint. You do not need to spend a lot of time in prep, just enough to provide a clear picture. If you decide to share via your web cam, be aware of camera angles and lighting, as camera resolution is often not adequate to show any detail. We want to be able to see your good work. You will be prompted to share your screen when the moderator allows. This may seem complicated, but really all you have to do is have the program open to your presentation file prior to presenting and accept a "share your screen" invitation when prompted!



Members' Services

By the Members' Services Team:
Vic Cavalli, Bob DeMoss, Lloyd Lehrer, and Mike O'Brien
Assembled by Vic Cavalli

Welcome to the new **Members' Services Team** column. Rather than publishing separate reports from each of the existing Membership, Member's Aid, and Buddy [Pilot] Program committees, we thought it more valuable to combine our efforts into a single 360° view of local membership and benefits activities. So, here it goes:

Recruitment:

Current Federal, State, and/or County COVID-19 guidelines – as well as our own L.A.

Division COVID-19 Policy Statement – prohibit us from holding, or participating, in any near-area gatherings, local face-to-face recruitment efforts continue to be on an indefinite hold. In order to partially counter these restrictions, your Division's Advisory Board has authorized the development of NMRA recruitment flyers, emphasizing the value of local membership, which will be distributed to hobby shops throughout the area.

I'm also delighted to announce our newest Division members. Please welcome:

Wayne Carson of La Verne, CA. Wayne joined 12/01/2020

Rudolph Ruiz of Los Angeles, CA. Rudolph joined 1/01/2021

Bob Vanderwall of South Pasadena, CA. Bob joined 1/01/2021

Retention:

The end of 2020 found our Divisions' membership count at 203, a decrease of 12 for the year - L.A. Division starting 2020 with 215 members. For those who like statistics, here are some numbers:

New Members who joined in 2020: 14

Members who renewed in 2020: 154

Overall renewal rate: 82%

On a sadder note, we must share the passing of fellow Division members:

Mitchell Krywokulsky, a lifetime member, who joined the NMRA on 1/01/1969

Benny J Pessia, a lifetime member, who joined the NMRA on 5/06/1987

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Members' Aid (including the new Buddy Program)

It is with extreme pleasure that the Executive Advisory Board announces the return of Lloyd Lehrer as L.A. Division's **Members' Aid** chair. Should you have questions regarding either the NMRA or model railroading, in general, contact Lloyd for an answer. Should you stump him, your inquiry will be forwarded onto an appropriate subject matter expert.

While waiting your inquiries, Lloyd will also be assisting **Buddy Program** chair Mike O'Brien - see last quarter's *Winter 2020 L.A. Coupler* issue for an overview of the program's goals and objectives - in the development of a new, electronic-based L.A. Division-centric "Welcome Aboard" packet.

So, there you have it. A recap of the current activities being undertaken by your newly reorganized **Members' Services Team**. Should you have any questions regarding your NMRA membership, or related benefits, feel free to contact any member of the Team. Contact information may always be found in the rear of each issue of the *L.A. Coupler*.



**NMRA PSR Los Angeles Division
Virtual Meet
Saturday, February 20, 1pm (PST)**



Join Us Through Zoom

**A live event designed to showcase what you've been up to
during the last few months.**

**Show & Tell
Discussion**

**Please RSVP to the LA Division Superintendent
superintendent@ladiv-nmra.org**

**Information on how to log-in will be provided prior to the
event**

How To...

Modeling a 1930s Camp

- Nick Lisica



As families moved west in the 1930s, scenes like these were common. For those modeling the 1920s and 30s, creating a similar scene on your layout is simple, and will add a touch of authenticity to your miniature world.

Using various parts from my scrap box, including ultra fine sandpaper for the tarp, I created this N scale scene. The car is loaded with crates and boxes, strapped to the sides and back. The cot is built from a few pieces of styrene, as are the tent poles. I used thread to tie the tarp in place, wrapping it around the roof of the car to match the prototype image. A few trees would complete the scene of a family's affordable hotel for the night as they head west.





Achievement Corner

- James Keena

An Introduction to the AP Program

by James Keena

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Achievement Program, which was originally established in 1961, is part of the ongoing education program for its members. In simple terms, the Achievement Program (AP) is a travel guide or road map, to help you on your journey through the world of model railroading. The AP also provides incentive to learn and master the many crafts and skills necessary in the hobby of model railroading. With the completion of each category, you will be issued a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

The AP requirements are a set of standards, but they can also serve as a set of guideposts for those who are new, near-new, and not-so-new to the hobby. Not because they lead to some sort of official pat-on-the-back, but because they are a source of ideas for projects that can help us learn to become better modelers.

Briefly, the AP is a system of requirements for demonstrating a superior level of skill in various aspects of our hobby. It covers not only building various types of models, but also building other things which are important to the hobby, such as scenery, structures, track work, and wiring. It also recognizes service to the hobby and the NMRA, which are important as well. The Achievement Program is also a personal commitment to share one's knowledge with others and to encourage them as they also make the AP journey.

The Los Angeles Division hopes that you will soon find just how easy it is to participate in the Achievement Program, and if you are not yet involved, start you off on the right foot.



Some people may be reluctant to participate in the AP, because the requirements seem difficult to understand. Over the following months in each issue of the *L.A. Coupler*, I will try to simply explain each of the different categories in the AP, and what the exact requirements are.

If you are new to the AP, I recommend that you take a look at obtaining the NMRA Golden Spike Award. Although not an actual AP category, its requirements are structured along the same lines as the AP certificates.

The Golden Spike is the easiest, and for many people, the first AP award that they earn. It is designed to demonstrate familiarity with different areas of the hobby, rather than expertise in a particular area. Here are the Golden Spike Award requirements, which you can use as a checklist, you may surprise yourself and find that you have met most, or all of them, already.

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Golden Spike Requirements

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars)

a. Display six (6) units of rolling stock (scratch built, craftsman, or detailed commercial kits).

Notice that the requirement is to "display" them. Nowhere does it say that they must earn a minimum number of points in judging - just that they must be displayed. For example, even having them set out on your layout, or a table in your train room counts as "display"

These models need to show a little more effort than a "shake the box" kit. For example, by itself a freight car kit straight out of the box is not enough to qualify. However, by painting and decaling it, adding a little detailing, perhaps some weathering, etc., you'll have a qualifying model in no time!

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

a. Construct a minimum of eight (8) square feet of layout

Again, there is no requirement about how good or how elaborate your layout must be - just that you must "construct" it. On the other hand, you may have trouble convincing someone that a loop of track nailed to a piece of green painted wood constitutes a "layout"... How much is 8 square feet of layout? Well, a typical module is 4 feet by 2 feet, and would easily satisfy this requirement

b. Construct five (5) structures (scratch built, craftsman, or detailed commercial kits). These structures may be separate, or one or more of them may be part of a single scene.

The same comments apply here about the type of kits. The idea is to show that you can do more than glue a simple plastic kit together. Painting or weathering are good things to consider. Remember that "structures" aren't just buildings. Things like bridges and trestles also fall into this category.

3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

a. Three (3) types of trackage are required (turnout, crossing, etc.) All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.

This requirement sounds a lot harder than it is. First, notice that last sentence about commercial trackage; you don't have to hand-lay anything - you can just install a store bought turnout. "Types of trackage" can be just about anything: turnouts, crossings, and grade elevation (a change in elevation of the track) are all examples of "types of trackage". Also, note that the three types DO NOT have to be different. For example, just having three turnouts will qualify. The "proper roadbed" requirement can be met by laying the track on a raised roadbed, (such as cork, rubber, plastic, homasote) and ballasting it. The purpose of this requirement is to show that you understand roadbed profile, drainage, etc.

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3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical) *continued*

b. All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (double-track main, single-track main with sidings, block or command control, DCC, etc)

This requirement can also be easier than it sounds. Notice the option for a single track main with sidings. This means that as long as you can cut power to the sidings individually, you can run one train, park it on a siding while you run another, then park it and run the first again. This meets the requirement.

c. Provide one additional electrical feature, such as powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

Don't read more into this than is there. A powered turnout can be something as simple as an Atlas turnout with a switch machine. Think in terms of anything that runs off the 'Accessories' terminals of a power pack and you're half way there.

One other thing to remember: Not all of these requirements need to be met on the same layout (or piece of layout). They don't even need to be met in the same scale! If you want to build G scale rolling stock, an N scale Model Railroad setting, and an HO scale layout for trackage and wiring, go ahead.

Also, the Golden Spike, as well as the other parts of the AP have a certain amount of flexibility. For example, suppose you and your (friend/spouse/child) work together on all your projects, but do twice the required amount (12+ units of rolling stock, 16+ square feet of layout, 10+ structures, etc.). You can both be considered, as long as you can show that you have each demonstrated the required skills.

I have included the Golden Spike Award Application form (*see the following page*) as part of the article for your ease of use. You only need another member of the NMRA to sign off on your form to verify that you satisfy each of the requirements and then submit it to me, your Los Angeles Division Achievement Chair. I will then provide my concurrence and forward your application on to the Regional AP Chair for submittal to NMRA Headquarters. The NMRA will then issue your Achievement Certificate, which will then normally be presented to you at a Division or Regional event. The form is also available on the NMRA website under the Education Tab.

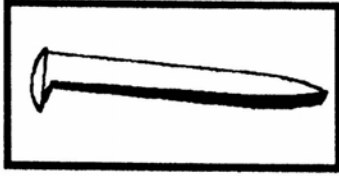
In future Achievement Corner articles I will further explain the requirements for each of the eleven (11) categories that are available in the Achievement Program. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help.

Sincerely,

James Keena
Achievement Chair
Los Angeles Division

An Introduction to the AP Program

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD APPLICATION FORM May 2006

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM AND SEND TO YOUR REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL AP CHAIR

Member's Name: _____ NMRA#: _____ EXP: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Prov: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Region: _____

The Golden Spike Award will be awarded to any NMRA member who has completed the Qualifications Checklist, obtained the necessary signatures and who does not hold MMR status. It will be administered by the regional and divisional AP Chairs. AP regulations and definitions apply for scratchbuilding and detailing. To qualify for the award the member must complete the following checklist; obtain the signature of the divisional AP Chair or another NMRA member designated by the divisional Chair. The divisional Chair will submit the signed form to the regional AP Chair who will issue the Golden Spike Award certificate.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):

☐ Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits.

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

- ☐ Construct a minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.
- ☐ Construct five structures either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.

3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

- ☐ Three types of trackage required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.
- ☐ All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command control).
- ☐ Provide one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

Witness: _____ Name: _____ NMRA #: _____

Regional AP Chair: _____ Region: _____

Kevin Spady

New
Feature!



Photo:Kevin Spady

Pudding River Lumber Co. No. 6, a modified Bachmann shay, on the Riverton module, near the Herbert Shirley Construction Company headquarters building. The Shay has a replacement boiler from a Bachmann 2-6-0, a revised cab, and additional details.

This was taken on one of Kevin's Pudding River Lumber Company On30 Modules.



Financial Report

- James Keena

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Advisory Board Expenses	1,050.01
Total Advisory Board	1,050.01
Bank Fees	2,210.71
Banquet Expenses	3,398.09
Income	-2,385.00
Total Banquet	1,013.09
Build a Memory Income	-1,200.89
Total Build a Memory	-1,200.89
Childrens Coloring Boxcar Expenses	506.37
Total Childrens Coloring Boxcar	506.37
Coupler Elections Expenses	111.64
Total Elections	1,042.49
Freight Fright Modular Meet Expenses	1,224.12
Income	-851.43
Total Freight Fright Modular Meet	372.69
NMRA Promotional Events Expenses	2,354.43
Income	-1,659.15
Total NMRA Promotional Events	695.28
Regional Convention Expenses	42,245.07
Income	-45,636.31
Total Regional Convention	-3,391.24
SpringRail Expenses	6,625.13
Income	-9,400.40
Total SpringRail	-2,775.27
Checking - Other	8,070.13
Total Checking	7,705.01
Savings	
Intrest	-6.92
Savings - Other	5,107.56
Total Savings	5,100.64
Total Checking/Savings	12,805.65
Total Current Assets	12,805.65
TOTAL ASSETS	12,805.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	12,805.65
Total Equity	12,805.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,805.65



Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA



NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA is currently in the need of some extra help and volunteers.

We try to actively promote the Model Railroad Hobby and community through our Spring Rail Meets, Social Media events, Freight Fright, Regional Conventions, "Coupler" Newsletter, Website and involvement with the other Southern California Divisions, Model Railroad Clubs, and Home Layouts. We are looking for volunteers to spend maybe a few hours each week or so helping in these areas. Your contribution and participation would be greatly appreciate, helping to secure the long-term success of the Los Angeles Division PSR NMRA!

Assistant Webmaster – working with the L.A. Division Webmaster, the assistant webmaster helps to keep the Division's website working smoothly, its contents up-to-date; adding new (or deleting old) contents to its pages in a timely fashion.

Social Media Coordinators – Social Media Coordinators act as the caretakers, overseers, and moderators of the L.A. Division new and expanding Zoom media capabilities. Currently used only for audio/visual meetings, the L.A. Division envisions Zoom as becoming the vehicle by which members may participate in Chat Groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Show-and-Tells, Clinics, Prototype and/or Model Railroad Tours, ... The limiting factor here is only the collective imaginations of the team's coordinators.

Historian – a new (or possibly old one being brought back) position. It's holder will be responsible for collecting and archiving Division history; physically, within the pages of the Division's quarterly newsletter The L.A. Coupler, and (working with the Division's webmasters) on the pages of the Division's website. Areas of history that the Division would like preserved include (but are not limited to): previous issues of the L.A. Coupler, Members' Honors (i.e., MMRs, Officers, Golden Spike recipients, Member of the Year recipients), photos of meets, conventions, and/or shows, ...

L.A. Coupler/Social Media Contributors – though not a "staff" member of the L.A. Division Advisory Board, the Division is always in need of individuals who are willing to share articles and/or photos of their model or prototype railroading interests. Should you think you have something to share, please contact the Division's Superintendent, any member of the L.A. Coupler's staff, and/or any of the Social Media Team's coordinators.

Outreach Volunteers - We are looking for someones to make calls to members inviting them to participate in upcoming events and meetings. This would require a very social individual with an interest in chatting. They could also promote articles for the Coupler from Members.

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Schedule of Events

Areas Covered:

Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Mono, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara & Ventura + National Conventions

Last updated: 02/08/2021

Due to the ongoing public health concerns, we recommend checking with organizers to confirm event status.

2021

February 20 - PSR Los Angeles Division Virtual Meet (Through Zoom)

February 21 - California Express Railroadiana & Transportation Show, Buena Park << **CANCELLED**

March 27 - Southern California Railway Museum Swap Meet, Perris

March 27 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet, Simi Valley

April 22 - 24 - PCR Convention, *Sugar Pine Centennial*, Fresno

April 24 - Southern California Railway Museum's Behind the Scenes, Perris

May 15 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet, Simi Valley

July 4 - July 11 - NMRA National Convention and Train Show, Santa Clara <<< **CANCELLED**

September 8 - 11 - PSR Convention, *Orange Blossom Special*, Irvine

September 25 - 26 - Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House, Pasadena

October 1, 2, & 3 - Central Coast Railroad Festival, San Luis Obispo Area

November 6 - Santa Susana Railroad Historical Society Swap Meet, Simi Valley

November 20 - 21 - Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House, Pasadena

December 18 - 19 - Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House, Pasadena



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