

LA Coupler

The Newsletter of the Los Angeles Division of the NMRA



**PSR Convention
Modeling Showcase**

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Gary Steinberg received Best in Show honors for his model of a Timber Lined Tunnel

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LA Coupler Deadlines

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The LA Coupler is always looking for submissions, articles, photos, or ideas. Please reach out to the Editor for more information:

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Thank you for supporting the LA Division!

Get to Know Your Division's Website

-Kevin Spady



The LA Division has a brand-new website that is chock full of information. The site is updated regularly to reflect both NMRA and non-NMRA events around the region. You can find resource information on the NMRA, up-to-date information about the “going’s on” in the Division, membership and Board meeting notes, links to hobby shops and model railroad groups, and much more!!!

Check out the website at:

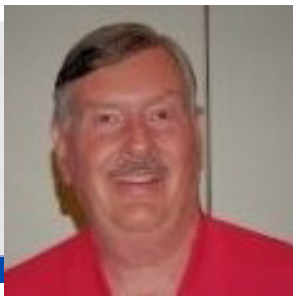
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Events Information is here:

www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.php/events/events-calendar

www.ladiv-nmra.org/index.php/events/non-nmra-events

Get involved! Find out more about what is happening around the Division and come join us at an event or meeting.



Superintendent's Report

- Vic Cavalli

L.A. Division's Future Leadership

This is my eighth and, likely, last quarterly address I will make to you as your Superintendent. As you know, I recently ran for the office of L.A. Division Director, and won. As such, and believing no one individual should concurrently hold multiple elected offices within a Division, I resigned my role as Superintendent on September 9, 2021 upon conclusion of that month's L.A. Division's Advisory Board Meeting.

Per our Division's By-Laws, my resignation immediately made James Keena, L.A.'s long time Chief Clerk/Paymaster, our new acting Superintendent; with one of his initial responsibilities being to appoint a successor to his elected office. James stated that due to the PSR having just becoming a recognized a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, it is requiring him to convert our Division's "books" over to a new Region-wide mandated accounting system, it simply "was not a good time to have someone come in to replace [his] Treasurer position cold-turkey."

James, therefore, asked for a volunteer from within the Advisory Board to complete the remaining term – until the next upcoming election – of the Superintendent position.

No one came forward, so James chose to re-appoint me, with my consent, to continue as "interim" Superintendent without voting rights. (In the unlikely event of needing a tie breaking vote, it was agreed PSR President Pat Raymer shall cast the deciding vote.) Again, note, this appointment is only temporary; until formal elections are held early next year.

James further shared that it is his intention not to run for re-election as Chief Clerk/Paymaster next year due to his pending retirement plans which will include relocating to the state of Idaho.

Which brings us to the crux of this report: Which of you will step forward to lead us come February 2022?

Neither office is overly difficult to perform. Both require some time be spent in fulfilling its duties; typically 5-10 hours monthly. And, both incumbents will remain available to assist the newly elected officers during the usual transition period into office. For more details, see the announcement "Call for Candidates" elsewhere in this issue of the LA Coupler, or call/e-mail me to discuss directly.

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Superintendent's Report

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In closing, I would like to thank all the current and past members of the L.A. Division Advisory Board for the time and service they have provided during my term. You are: Bob DeMoss, Tim Johnson, James and Edna Keena, Lloyd Lehrer, Nick Lisica, Mike O'Brien, Pat and Mona Raymer, Scott Sackett, Kevin Spady, and Ron Westlund. Together, we delivered amazing results.

To say to the entire Los Angeles Division membership, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Superintendent the last two years. Again, thank you.

My best wishes to you and your families for a cheerful Thanksgiving, a joyful Holiday Season, and a happy, healthy New Year.

Happy model railroading to you! COVID variants are still out there. Please, be safe and remain vigilant.

- Vic Cavalli

Interim Superintendent, Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA

First Thursday of Each Month

Sand House Chats!

WHAT: Sand House Chats is your chance to find out what others in the Los Angeles Division have been up to the previous month

WHEN: Held the first Thursday evening of each month starting at 7:00 p.m.

FORMAT: Roundtable style, very informal, no agenda ...via the Zoom app

WHO: Available to all members of the Los Angeles Division

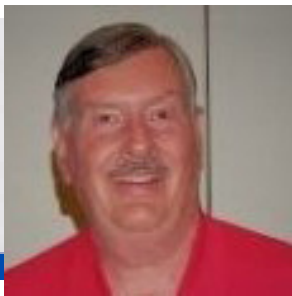
HOW TO JOIN: Contact superintendent@ladiv-nmra.org for your *free* link

In Memoriam...

Mel Marquardt



It is with a heavy heart that the Los Angeles Division announces the recent passing of Mel Marquardt. Mel was a good friend to many of us and a frequent attendee of the Cajon, Los Angeles, and San Diego Division events, and the PSR Regional Conventions. His presence will be missed.



Director's Report

- Vic Cavalli

I would like to start, my first report as your newly installed Pacific Southwest Region (PSR) Director, by thanking all Los Angeles Division members who voted during our recently concluded election. Your display of support is always appreciated. I would also like to recognize Mona Raymer for the many years of unselfish service she has provided to our Division. Job well done Mona!

Next, let's get down to what I believe is one of this office's most important responsibilities – sharing with you what has been, is, or will be happening within the PSR but outside our Division boundaries. For this report, I will focus only on the Region's annual Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting held on September 8, 2021 during the PSR's annual convention, the Orange Blossom Special.

The BOD meeting included the installation of new Division Directors Terry Fearn, (Arizona) and Harold Helland (Cajon). Terry and Harold, along with me, will be joining reelected Director Pete Steinmetz (San Diego) in representing the PSR's four Divisions.

Presented was a summary overview of the Region's now completed 501(c)(3) filing; noting the California Franchise Tax Board had just confirmed our non-profit status. This recognition includes all PSR Divisions. We're still learning how to best take advantage of this benefit; a work-in-progress.

That includes unifying each Division's current financial reporting practices into one concise Region-wide standard. Also, adopting a uniformed methodology for the acceptance and acknowledgement of monetary or physical donations going forward.

Another report presented was the results of an audit of the PSR's Treasurer's office. Findings found the PSR to be financially sound with solid recordkeeping practices in place. A few opportunities for improvement were offered to the BOD for their consideration: consistently generating budgets (for better "look ahead" planning), and enhanced tracking of PSR non-fiscal assets (e.g., shirts, awards, new member enticements).

Impressively, from the Achievement Program (AP) report, in spite of being in various forms of COVID-19 lockdowns for more than a year now, AP Division Managers found ways to perform evaluations! All told, the PSR awarded six (6) Golden Spikes, fourteen (14) Merit Awards, and Twenty-two (22) AP Certificates in 2020/2021. Additionally, during the Orange Blossom Special Convention's Awards Banquet, two (2) members were presented with their Master Model Railroader (MMR) Plaques – John Lovely, MMR #662 and Frank Baker, MMR #683, both of the Arizona Division.

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Director's Report

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On a disappointing note, total PSR membership has dropped from 975 to 915 members; a decrease of 60 (reporting period: August 2020 – August 2021). It was expressed that the lack of live shows and meets, due to pandemic restrictions, has truly handcuffed recruiting efforts. There must be activities for contacts to be made.

Under “New Business” the Regional Convention Resource Committee indicated they are currently revising the PSR’s Convention Manual, a document which had not been updated in at least the last 10+ years. While still only a draft, work is being undertaken to especially revise areas associated with how the Region could better assist hosting Divisions going forward.

So, there you have it. What I considered to be newsworthy announcements from the annual BOD meeting. Should you desire additional details on any topic, or copies of any reports, contact our PSR’s Secretary, Nick Lisica at Secretary@psrnmra.org with your requests.

In closing, let me extend my best wishes to you, and your families, for a cheerful Thanksgiving, joyful Holiday Season, and a happy, healthy New Year.

Have any thoughts or concerns? Drop me a line. In the meanwhile, happy model railroading to you,

- Vic Cavalli

Director, Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA

LA Div. Member of the Year

- Mona Raymer

Hello Los Angeles Division Members,

Just dropping a brief note in case you were unable to attend the most recent Pacific Southwest Regional convention, the Orange Blossom Special. I want to share information regarding the chosen Los Angeles Division Members of the Year for 2020 and 2021. Please join me in sending them congratulations and appreciation for their service to the Los Angeles Division.



The Los Angeles Division member chosen as Member of the Year for 2020 was Kevin Spady. Kevin still works full time, he also works at enjoying our great hobby and still finds the time to volunteer his services to the Los Angeles Division on the Advisory Board. Kevin is the one who took on the responsibility of updating the Los Angeles Division website bringing a fresh new look and making it more user friendly. Kevin was scheduled to give clinics at the convention, and even though he was unable to attend the convention he showed his dedication by doing them on Zoom! Jeff Smith of RailMaster Hobbies was kind enough to accept the award on behalf of Kevin.

The Los Angeles Division member chosen as Member of the Year for 2021 was Nick Lisica. Nick also works full time, is raising a family, working on his layout and also finds the time to volunteer his services to the Advisory Board. Nick has taken over as Editor of the *LA Coupler*, using a new program giving it a brand new look. Editing the Coupler is not an easy task but Nick has stepped up to the plate and does a fantastic job!

Thank you both for your dedication and service to the Los Angeles Division.

Mona Raymer, Past Director
Los Angeles Division, PSR, NMRA

Member Spotlight...

PSR Convention Show Room

Best in Show



Photo: James Keena

Gary Steinberg received Best in Show Honors for his fantastic wooden tunnel. The scratch built model is meticulously detailed inside and out. Gary included a binder full of reference materials and construction guides, and received a Merit Award for his efforts.

Member Spotlight...

PSR Convention Show Room



Photos: James Keena

1. "Dubois Store" - Harold Helland, HO Scale
2. "Scarlet Slipper" - Harold Helland, HO Scale
3. "Spreckels Sugar Co. House" - Nick Lisica, N Scale
4. "Ashwell Textile" - Dave Arendes, HO Scale

Member Spotlight...

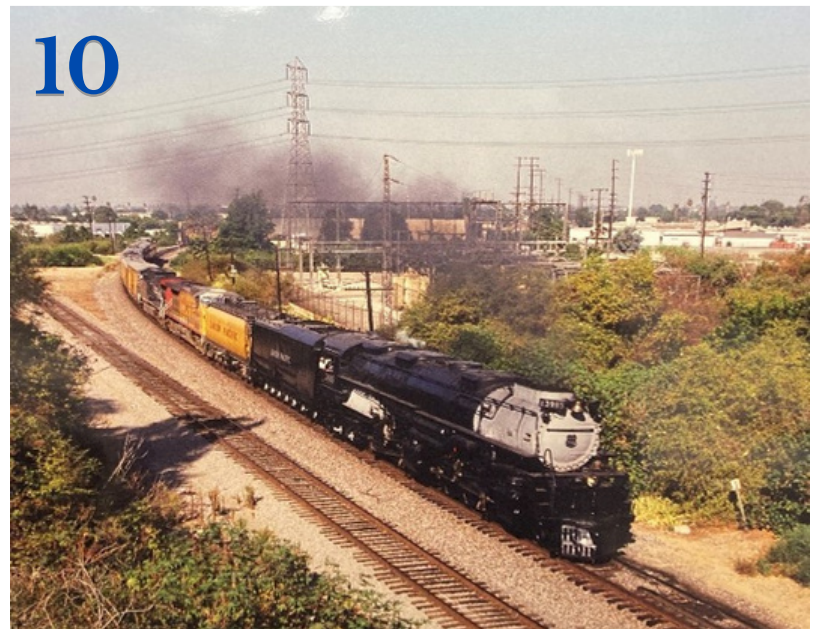
PSR Convention Show Room



Photos: James Keena

- 5. "Southern Pacific #130" - Ed Hall, HO Scale
- 6. "Southern Pacific #378" - Ed Hall, HO Scale
- 7. "Union Pacific Lone Star" - Milton SansSoucie
- 8. "Southern Pacific 3/4 Dome Observation" - Ed Hall

PSR Convention Show Room



Photos: James Keena

9. "Branch Line Milk Train" - Square Foot Challenge Winner, Joel Morse, N Scale

10. "UP 3985 at Whittier Junction" James Keena, Prototype Photograph

11. "Keeping 'Em Fresh" John Parrish, HO Scale Photograph

Call for Candidates

The Los Angeles Division (LADIV) of the Pacific Southwest Region (PSR), National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) has the following offices coming open for election:

Los Angeles Division Superintendent Los Angeles Division Chief Clerk/Paymaster

Any member in good standing with the NMRA (or who is applying for such membership) and living within the boundaries of the LADIV (i.e., Los Angeles or Ventura counties) may run for either office.

Each elected candidate will assume office for a period of two (2) years, coinciding with LADIV's Annual Membership Meeting in February, 2022.

Duties and responsibilities of each office:

The **Superintendent** is the Executive Officer of the LADIV with final responsibility and authority for the achievement of its purposes. The Superintendent presides over all meetings of the membership, the Executive Advisory Committee, and appoints such committees as may be required by the PSR or to further the purposes of the Division. The Superintendent authorizes and directs the expenditure of all LADIV funds by the Division's Chief Clerk/Paymaster, and fully cooperates with the PSR as specified by its LADIV Director. The Superintendent is an ex-officio member of all LADIV committees, without voting rights, except in the case of the Executive Advisory Committee.

The **Chief Clerk/Paymaster** acts as Secretary/Treasurer of the LADIV keeping accurate records of all membership and Executive Advisory Committee meetings. The Chief Clerk/Paymaster maintains a record of all current members of the LADIV and of those attending any LADIV function. The Chief Clerk/Paymaster receives and records all monies coming into the LADIV treasury, depositing them in a convenient bank or Savings and Loan in the name of the LADIV. The Chief Clerk/Paymaster also conducts all disbursements as authorized and directed by the Division's Superintendent. The Chief Clerk/Paymaster submits an annual financial report three (3) weeks prior to the annual LADIV Membership Meeting and for publication in the next available issue of the *LA Coupler* following the meeting.

Submission of candidacy needs to be delivered to the LA Division Nominations Chair, e-mail address: VicCavalli@comcast.net, **no later than December 19, 2021.**

How To...

Model an N Scale Sugar Beet Load

- Nick Lisica



Modeling an N scale sugar beet hauling railroad requires a lot of sugar beets. One option I considered was to find pre-made loads and make them work in my various models. This would work, and be very expensive. I searched on-line and tried to see what others had done in the past. Small rocks, sand, various spices, all came up. The most convincing I found were made of celery seeds.



Using celery seeds as a load was simple, straight forward, and relatively inexpensive. I began by adding weights to my cars, then I added bits of foam to the cars to fill out the bulk of the load. After painting them brown, I poured in the seeds and soaked them with a water/white glue mixture.

When the time comes to model piles of beets around the Spreckels Sugar Beet Factory, I'll do something similar.



Around the Division

Vic Cavalli, Bob DeMoss, Lloyd Lehrer, and Mike O'Brien
Assembled by Vic Cavalli

L.A. Division Area Events:

With local, county, and State imposed COVID-19 restrictions becoming more relaxed, “in-person” events are beginning to be scheduled again. October saw the Division co-sponsor the annual Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers Meet (in Bellflower), and host the mini-meet FallRail 2021 (in Whittier). Don’t forget, November is National Model Railroading Month! Our NMRA Recruitment Table will be set-up at several club open houses and swap meets throughout the month. Make sure to check out “*Schedule of Events*” listed elsewhere in this issue.

On-Line “Chat” Sessions:

Reminder: On the first Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm, the L.A. Division holds its Sand House Chat Zoom session. All L.A. Division members are welcome to attend. Last month’s discussions included thoughts on a most unusual flat car load worth modeling, pros-and-cons of modeling – especially scratch building – in N and Nn3, favorite prototype sites in the western United States where rail fans are welcomed, and a special invite by Ron Varnell to his upcoming Veterans Day Weekend Layout Open House (see “*Schedule of Events*”). To learn how to participate in future Sand House Chats, contact Vic Cavalli at VicCavalli@comcast.net.

Welcome New Members:

Please welcome our Division’s newest member:

Jason Klavir of Agoura Hills, CA. Jason joined 7/1/2021

Congratulations to L.A. Division’s Member of the Year:

As last year’s PSR’s annual convention, Van Nuys Local 2020 was cancelled due to the Corona Virus pandemic, the Division presented Member of the Year awards for both 2020 and 2021 at this year’s Orange Blossom Special convention. Well deserved congratulations for their contributions to our Division are extended to:

Kevin Spady – L.A. Division 2020 Member of the Year

Nick Lisica – L.A. Division 2021 Member of the Year

Around the Division

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

Division Web Site Updates:

Have you visited our Division's upgraded/expanded website recently? New additions have been made to the following pages: Image Gallery, Recognitions, Events (all pages), News – Monthly Advisory Board Minutes, and Contacts. Here's the link: www.ladiv-nmra.org

PSR's 2022 Regional Convention – “Back on Track in 2022”:

It's not too early to sign up for next year's PSR annual convention. The “Back on Track in 2022” website, to be hosted by the San Diego Division, is now on-line and accepting both convention and hotel registrations. Note: the banquet is a separate purchase in addition to your registration. Learn more at:

www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2022





Achievement Corner

- James Keena

AP Program - Motive Power

In previous months we have looked at the following categories for obtaining certificates for Golden Spike, Cars and Structures in the NMRA Achievement Program. This time we will look at the remaining category that requires Merit Evaluations to be performed, typically at National, Regional and Division Show Room events, which is Motive Power.

First, let's define what is meant by "Motive Power": it is any type of steam, diesel, or electric locomotive, traction unit, maintenance vehicle, or other type of self-propelled vehicle that runs on rails. This includes everything from speeders to streetcars to Big Boys. It does not include things that are powered models of unpowered vehicles (like hand cars) or unpowered models of powered prototypes (like dummy locomotives).

Usually at Show Room Events, Motive Power entered into the People's Choice Popular Vote category are further divided into the categories of Steam Locomotives, Diesel and Electric Locomotives as well as Traction and Self-Propelled so that similar types of motive power are likewise compared to each other.



Modified Backwoods Miniatures model by David Okamura

To qualify for the Master Builder - Motive Power certificate:

1) Build three scale models of railroad motive power, one of which must be scratch-built. Motive Power is defined as a locomotive or a self-propelled vehicle.

a. To qualify as scratch-built, the motive power must contain the following scratch-built items as applicable:
Steam Locomotives: frame, boiler, cab, tender frame and body, either valve gear or main and side driving rods.

Other Motive Power: body, frame, cab, power truck side frame, pantograph or trolley poles where appropriate.

All models must be capable of self-propulsion on track of the same gauge as the model. The power or drive trains for all models may utilize commercial motors and gears.

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AP Program - Motive Power

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All models must be super-detailed either with scratch-built parts or with commercial parts as defined in the Definitions Section.

b. The following parts are specifically excluded from the scratch-built requirement.

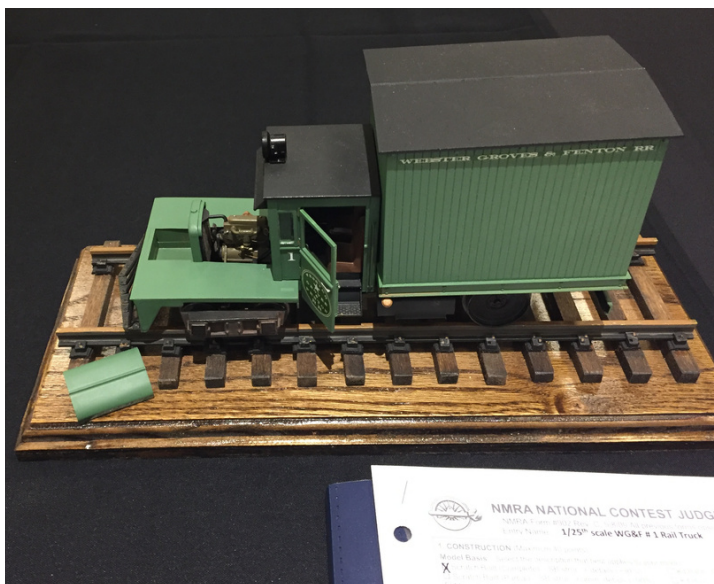
- Motor
- Gears
- Drivers and wheels
- Couplers
- Light bulbs and electronics
- Trucks
- Paint, decals, etc.
- Bell
- Marker and classification lights
- Brake fittings
- Basic shapes of wood, plastic, metal, etc.

("Basic shapes are things that builders of the prototype would have used as raw materials. For example, an "I" beam would be a basic shape; a commercial door or window casting would not.)

c. The term "scratch-built" implies that the modeler has done all of the necessary layout and fabrication that produces the final dimensions, appearance, and operating qualities of the model.

This is a good statement of the intent and spirit of the 'scratch built' requirement. Notice that it does not say that the use of a few commercial detail parts will disqualify the model as being "scratch-built". In general, the same standard applies that is used in contest judging: *"Completely Scratch-built" means that 90% or more of the model by parts count was scratch-built.* (But you do need to scratch-build the listed items in requirement 1-A above.) *Taking an existing model and modifying it to be a powered model is not considered "scratch-building."* Examples of this would be taking a passenger car and converting it into a trolley, or a box car and converting it into a box-cab locomotive. These do not meet the definition or the spirit of the term "scratch-built" given above.

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Examples of "Motive Power" models

AP Program - Motive Power

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2) Earn a Merit Award of at least 87.5 points with each of the three scale models of motive power either via an NMRA sponsored contest or AP Merit Award Evaluation.

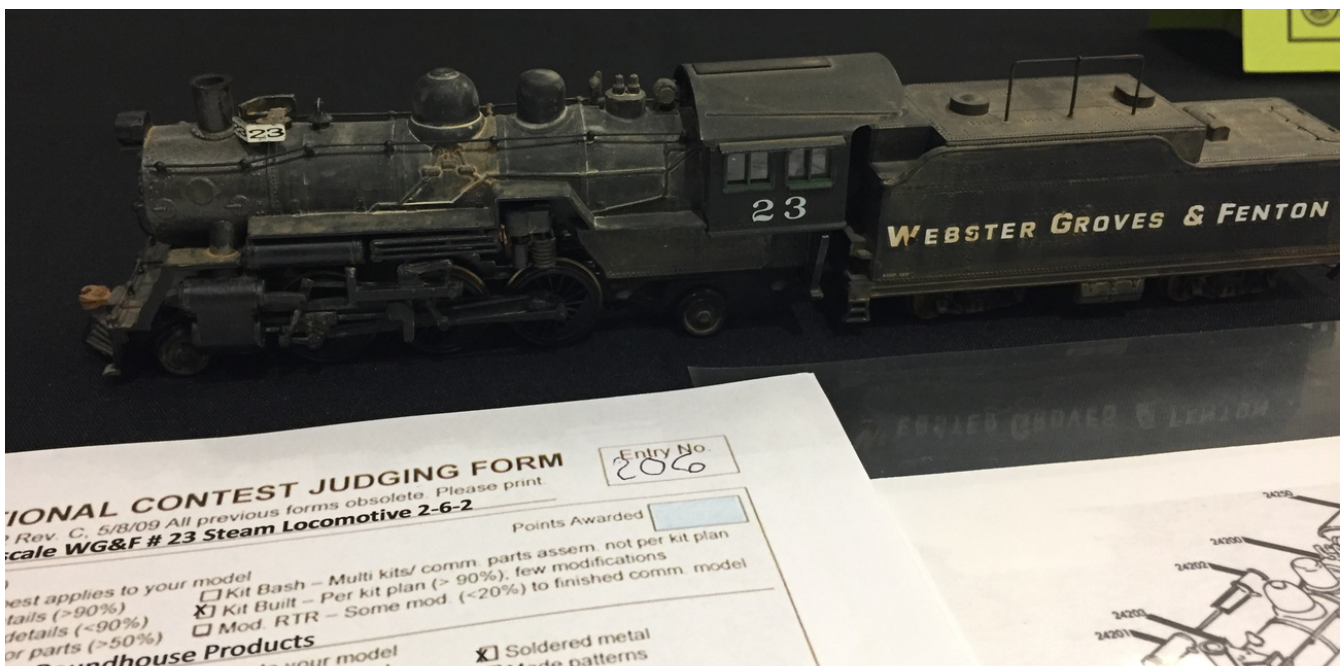
3) You must submit a Statement of Qualification (SOQ, see attached) which includes the following:

- An attachment giving a detailed description of each model, including:
 - Identification of all scratch-built features
 - All commercial components used
 - Materials used in building the model
 - Copies of the plans you used to establish conformity are NOT required, but many people do submit them, and they are reviewed by the person evaluating the model for conformity
- Verification of the Merit Awards (photocopies of the certificates)
- Photos of the model are helpful, but not required

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at contest@psrnmra.org for more information or clarifications that you may need regarding this motive power achievement category or any of the other NMRA Achievement Program categories.

Sincerely,

James L Keena
PSR Contest Chair





Financial Report

11/02/2021

- James Keena

Los Angeles Division - Pacific Southwest Region - National Model Railroad Association Banking Reconciliation							
Date	Starting Balance	Deposits This Period	Checks Cut This Period	Checks Cleared This Period	Outstanding Checks This Period	Ending Balance	NOTES
10/1/2021	\$10,274.86						Checking Account
10/1/21	\$5,103.52						Savings Account
10/25/21		1,668.00					FallRail 2021 Income Deposit
10/24/21			\$200.00	\$200.00			College Avenue Church of the Nazarene Use of Facility for FallRail 2021
10/23/21			\$100.00	\$100.00			Cash Payment to Leslie's Party Rental for Tables for FallRail 2021 Swap Meet
10/25/21			\$526.20	\$526.20			James Keena for FallRail 2021 Expenses
		\$ 1,668.00	\$826.20	\$826.20			
					Checking	\$11,116.66	
					Savings	\$5,103.52	
						\$16,220.18	
							Consistent with Statement 10-31-2021

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 appreciated, 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 someone 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: 11/02/2021

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

Recurring

Saturdays, July - May - Belmont Shore Model Railroad Club Visitation, San Pedro
1st Thursday of Each Month - Los Angeles Division "Sand House Chat" Zoom Session
2nd Saturday of Each Month - Trains & Coffee Swap Meet, Placentia
Last Saturday of Each Month - "Model Railroad Fellowship Day" - RailMaster Hobbies, Bellflower
4th Sunday of Each Month - Southern Pacific Division of TTOS Meet, Anaheim

2021

November 13 - SP Historical & Technical Society Mini-Meet, Glendale
November 13 - LAMRS Presents Veterans Day Weekend Open House at Ron Varnell's Layout, Torrance
November 13 & 14 - Belmont Shore Model Railroad Club Open House, San Pedro
November 13, 14 & 16 - California Southern Model Railroad Club Open House, Norwalk
November 20 - 21 - Pasadena Model Railroad Club Open House, Pasadena

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

2022

January 15 - Orange Empire Model Trains Clinic, Ontario
February 20 - California Express Railroadiana & Transportation Show, Buena Park
February 26 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino
March 5 & 6 - Bakersfield Model Train Show, Bakersfield
April 23 - May 1 - Train Days 2022 at the San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands
April 30 - Cajon Division Spring Mini-Meet, Buena Park
July 23 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino
September 7 - 11 - PSR Annual Convention, "Back on Track 2022", San Diego
October 15 - Roundhouse Gang Swap Meet, San Bernardino



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