



Summer ISSUE

July 2023

Bylaws Update

At the recent PSR convention in Flagstaff, the PSR Board of Directors voted to establish standardized division bylaws. There is one corporation for the region and the divisions are sub entities to that corporation. For that reason, it is wise to have one bylaw set for all divisions. Thanks to Chris Thompson, the Chair of the AZD Bylaws Committee, the final version does not materially change how we are operating the AZD. Mostly it is an update of the bylaws we have had for 35 years. Yes, 1988 was the last revision.

Voting is now underway, to view the new bylaws and an analysis of the changes go to the AZD website: <https://www.azdiv-nmra.org/> under the Library tab.

“YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT”



Charlie Nidever
SpurLine Editor

We need modeling articles and other appropriate articles for the SpurLine. Send them to me using the link below.

[Contact SpurLine Editor](#)

Valley of the Sun SubDivision Meets

Our goal for the second half of 2023 is to have meets in the East and West Valley Subdivisions. If you live in the valley and have an idea of a place to meet for lunch or special layout(s) to visit, please let me know.

That's all the news for now from me. Keep modeling and enjoy your summer.

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NMRA Arizona Division / Terry Fearn Director'S Report

No Director's Report for this issue of the SpurLine

NMRA Arizona Division / Bruce Petrarca MMR #574 **Superintendent's Column**



PSR Flagstaff Convention

Wrap Up

In talking with folks at the convention, I rate it as an overwhelming success. Everybody I talked with was having a good time. The train ride to the canyon was a hit.

Finances

The attendance at the convention was *way* below expectations, due to many factors. We had almost 300 at the last convention we hosted (2019). We thought we were conservative when we expected about 225 and planned on coming out even at about 200. The actual attendance was 174.

Things were looking gloomy financially in May when I sent an Email blast to the Members. Many folks, even some who did not even attend, stepped up with donations and other assistance. Attendees were generous with their purchase of drinks and tickets for both the Hobo Auction and the raffle prizes. All of this contributed to the bottom line. The division may come out of this with only a slight financial loss. It will be another few weeks before we have the final accounting.

Announcements at the Convention

- Chris Thompson was announced as the AZD Director Elect. He will take office in September.
- Paul Buhrke received the Member of the Year award from AZD for his contributions as Chair of the Members' Aid Committee and starting up the Sonoran (southern AZ) Subdivision.

Videos

There are videos coming out about our convention and train trip.

Dale and Karyn Angell of Toy Man Television on YouTube were our guest speakers. They have already started a series of videos based on things they shot at the convention. The opening episode is on Dale's channel (link below) with additional ones showing up every few days.

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/OS81ZRMZKKI](https://youtu.be/OS81ZRMZKKI)

Another YouTuber, RV Railfan Videos, chased the train and got some great footage, including some amazing wildlife shots, including the one that is on the thumbnail. Check it out here:

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/GXE8UJHX_PU](https://youtu.be/GXE8UJHX_PU)

If you didn't get to the convention, you can see what you missed. If you did, there are some great memories in these videos. Enjoy!

Build & Send Video on the web

Our May Zoom meeting included a short clinic by Richard "Mossy" Mossholder, a member of the PCR Redwoods division. Mossy discussed "round robin" construction where several modelers plan to build a small display or diorama for use on one of the group's layouts. After several months of mailing the display between members, it gets delivered to the recipient, ready to put on his layout. It's a way to have a bit of your friend's imagination and talent on your layout.

The video of the clinic is on Bruce's Vimeo channel. Here's the link:

[HTTPS://VIMEO.COM//831059246/](https://vimeo.com/831059246/)

Jeff Liedl Estate

The AZ Division Member Aid Committee held an estate sale at Jeffery Liedl's house to dispose of his railroad. We managed to sell off the bulk of his holdings, including his layout. A very hearty thank-you to those NMRA members who came out and supported this event. His widow was most appreciative and surprised with the results.

Sharon Fosnight

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the death of Verryl Fosnight's wife Sharon in mid-June. Verryl and his son, David, are in my thoughts at this juncture.

Get to Gathers

Sonoran subdivision Meet

Paul Buhrke is coordinating the mini meets for Southern Arizona (called the Sonoran Subdivision). The next planned meet is: July 8, starting at 10 AM at:

Coco's Bakery Restaurant

7250 N Oracle Rd

Tucson, AZ 85704

Layout tour after lunch meeting at Paul Buhrke's house.

High Country Subdivision Meet

Terry Fearn (our retiring Director) is coordinating the High Country (Northern Arizona) mini-Meets. The next planned meet is 8/1 at 11 AM at:

Anna's Place Grand Canyon Cafe

137 W Railroad Ave

Williams, AZ 86046

Layout tour after lunch meeting at Mike Guinn's house.

Zoom Meeting in July

Our 3rd Saturday meet in July will be on Zoom on July 15 at 10 AM (MST or PDT). George Bogatiuk from SoundTraxx will be sharing some Tsunami2 Tips and Tricks. Join us for a bit of camaraderie, news updates and a chance to share your current projects and concerns.

Here is the link to join the Zoom meeting that Saturday morning:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85068125295?PWD=TM9QCFVJVUU3CGOYRGI3TJZXTZEZQT09#>

Scale Trains Road Show comes to Tucson.

They will be at SASME on Wednesday August 16th at 7 PM. Bruce had the opportunity to see them at AMRS about a year ago. It is a good show and chance for fellowship.

SASME

1828 E Winsett St, Suite A

Tucson, AZ 85719

Executive Advisory Committee

The new bylaws rename this committee from the Leadership Committee to the "Executive Advisory Committee" as Bruce had set it up. So, in the spirit of change, let's call it by its new name.


It consists of the elected officers and the Chairs of all the committees.

We have been meeting on Zoom for about an hour in most months. Our next meeting is July 10 at 7 PM.


CONTACT BRUCE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE: SUPERINTENDENT@AZDIV-NMRA.ORG

Check out the [Summer Q2 2023 PSR NMRA Dispatch](https://www.psrnmra.org/images/dispatch/Dispatch%20V41n2.pdf) for the Contest Report at the Grand Canyon Express PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION Convention.
<https://www.psrnmra.org/images/dispatch/Dispatch%20V41n2.pdf>

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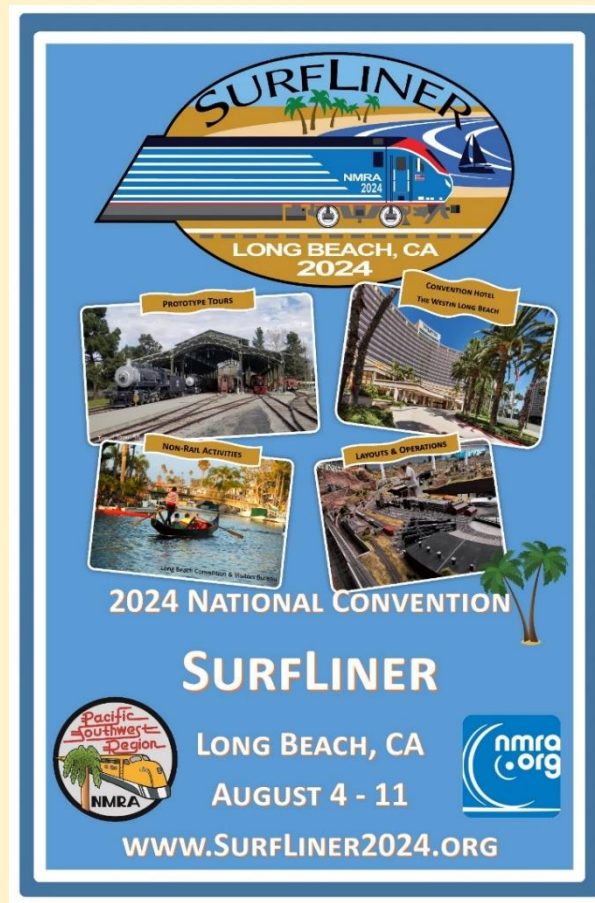
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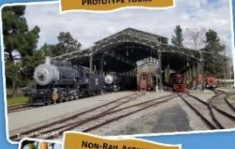
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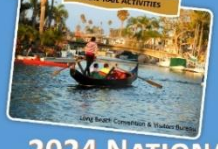
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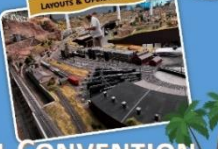
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What's on Your Bench

Send me pictures of what you are modeling, in process or complete. Once complete bring it to the next meet, enter in the contest, get it evaluated for AP merit award , or just display it for others to get motivated to start building.

I have been scratch building a small coal mine for my Hon3 layout over the last couple of months. Very slow but will get there someday. Hope to have it done by the next meet. Cleanup, more weathering, and details should finish it up.



Please send pictures and description of yours for next SpurLine

**Summer Meet was replaced with the PSR Convention in
Flagstaff June 7-11 2023**

Next AZ Division Meet

Location

Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
1660 West Ruthrauff Road
Tucson, Az 85705

Date and Time

Saturday, Nov 18, 2023
9:00am to 4:00pm

Doors open at 8:30am

Directions

From the north, drive southeast on I-10 to the W El Camino Del Cerro / Ruthrauff Rd
Exit.

Follow Ruthrauff Rd till you come to the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community
Center.

“Stay tuned location and or date could change”

Volunteer to be a judge and you will find it rewarding and may even improve your modeling skills. Every time you are a contest judge you qualify for 1 point towards the Association Volunteer certificate.

PULLING IT TOGETHER: We need more participation in the operations of the Division. You get out of the NMRA in proportion to what you put in. Every officer and committee Chair needs an assistant. Please step up. Thanks to those who are helping to make Arizona the best division it can be. We all appreciate your efforts.

contact any AZ Div. Officer for more INFORMATION!

Help Wanted: lots of Volunteer points available:

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