



SPUR LINE



2023 Fall ISSUE

Next NMRA AZ Div. Meet:

Spring Meet will be on March 09, 2024, in Scottsdale.

Scottsdale Congressional United Church of Christ

4425 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Levity: (*Economy Passenger Travel*)

Favorite Train: (*Tank cars*)



Good turnout for the Fall Meet in Tucson with a little excitement when smoke was noticed in the air, and everyone was evacuated from the building as the Tucson Fire Department came rushing in with multiple fire trucks and ambulances. After a brief time, they allowed us back in keeping the main event room powered off and closed. The afternoon clinic was resumed and finished on time.



Sorry for the lateness of this edition of the Spur Line, life has just got in the way. Hope life has not slowed your modeling down and you are creating fantastic new models you would like to enter in the next contest or have it evaluated. The last meet had very few entries in all categories, and it would be great to improve on that for the Spring Meet. Not only is this for recognition of your craftsmanship but for the enjoyment of viewing great models by all.



Editor: Charlie Nidever



NMRA Arizona Division / Chris Thompson / Director Report

I hope everyone in the Arizona Division had a great holiday season with family and friends. This year has started with a bang as the first Cactus Mini Clinics make-and-take classes are being presented by MWTM Instructors Clark Kooning MMR and Peter Youngblood. There is still time to sign up for the class on March 2 to build a styrene structure and learn lots of great things from Clark and Peter.

The next in person meet is on Saturday March 9, I hope to see all of you there. The monthly Saturday Zoom meetings are scheduled to resume in April. Spring is also the time when there are plenty of swap meets going on, you can check the Division website to see when they are scheduled. The sub-division meets are also continuing to provide an opportunity for members across the state to connect with other members in their local area. The lunch and layout tours are a nice way to get together for some model railroading fellowship and see some of the great model railroads members of the Arizona Division have built.

Of course, the big news for the summer is the PSR is hosting the NMRA National Convention this year in Long Beach, CA in August. They have already lined up some great railroad tours and a number of general interest tours as well with more to come. The clinic list is growing, and there are still opportunities to add more if you are interested in providing a clinic at a national convention. Information about all of these is available on the convention website, and the Arizona Division website has a link to take you there.

Chris Thompson

Arizona Division Director



NMRA Arizona Division / Bruce Petrarca / Superintendent's Column

We are off to a new year and in prime model railroading time. This winter season we have started something new in the AZD - Cactus Mini Clinics. They are similar to the "Modeling with the Masters" clinics that have become a mainstay of the national (and some regional) conventions. This season we are doing three. There is still time to sign up for the last one - a styrene structure. They are on our webpage: <https://azdiv-nmra.org/index.php/division-meets/cactus-mini-clinics> or you can go to the homepage (<https://azdiv-nmra.org/>) and follow the link from there.

We have become big users of MailChimp to communicate to the membership. You should be receiving one or more emails from them per month. We try not to overdo it, but also want folks to know what's happening. It is hard to take advantage of what your dues are buying if you don't know what's up. If you aren't getting the emails, they may be in your Junk folder. They will be coming from superintendent@azdiv-nmra.org email address. Putting that address in your Contacts may help direct them to your inbox. If you have any issues, feel free to contact me at that address and let's see what we can do to get you in the know. Also, PLEASE do NOT mark emails from there SPAM. If you no longer wish to receive them, there is a link at the bottom of everyone to UNSUBSCRIBE. Marking them as SPAM puts a black mark on our account. Too many black marks and we won't be able to send to anybody.

Bruce Petrarca, MMR #574
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Just so you know, here are the meetings and events planned for 2024.

2024 AZ Division NMRA calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Register?
2/17/24	9 AM - 5 PM	Cactus Mini Clinic - plaster structure	Mesa	CLOSED
3/2/24	9 AM - 5 PM	Cactus Mini Clinic - plaster structure	Mest	Until 2/23
3/9/24	9 AM - 4 PM	Division meet	Scottsdale	Not needed
3/16/24	9 AM - 1 PM	Swap Meet	Adobe Mountain	Sellers only
4/20/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed
5/18/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed
6/15/24	9 AM - 4 PM	Division meet	Prescott	Not needed
7/20/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed
8/4 to 11/24		SurfLiner - national convention	Long Beach, CA	Open now
8/17/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed
9/21/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed
10/19/24	9 AM - 4 PM	Division meet	Scottsdale	Not needed
10/26/24	9 AM - 1 PM	Swap Meet	Adobe Mountain	Sellers only
11/16/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed
12/21/24	10 AM - noon	3rd Saturday Zoom meet	OnLine	Not needed

Sharp eyed readers will notice that the division meets are being held in Scottsdale twice this year. We are realigning our schedule so that the ANNUAL MEETING of MEMBERS, to occur in the fourth quarter will be closest to the biggest number of members (the Phoenix area). To do so, we won't have a meet in Tucson this calendar year, but will plan on being back there in the spring of 2025.

This year is time for the ELECTION of Superintendent, I will have been in that position for three years when the election occurs in November. Per our new bylaws, I can only hold that office for two consecutive terms. I plan to run for reelection. However, we need help on so many levels to bring the program to the folks. I welcome competition. If you are interested in the job, contact Chris Thompson, our Director and Election Chair. If you aren't certain what's involved, I encourage you to volunteer to be the Assistant Superintendent and learn what we have going on. You will never get more out of the NMRA than you put in.

Contest Results – NMRA Arizona Division Fall Meet

Tucson - 09/08/2023



Best of Show 1st Place

Andrew Arney

Wards Mill

Scratch Built



Model Construction

2nd Place

Bill Stemson

Campbell Express

Scratch Built



Model Construction

3rd Place

Michael Starkey

PG&E Birney Car #46

Modified Kit Built



Levity (Box Cars)

NO ENTRIES

Favorite Model

1st Place

Andrew Arney

C&TL&F Co Passenger Train



Favorite Train (Passenger Train)

1st Place

Andrew Arney

C&TL&F Co

Carson & Tahoe Lumber
& Fluming Company



Favorite Train (Passenger Train)

2nd Place Chris Thompson

Santa Fe Stream Liner



Favorite Photo (Color Prototype)

1st Place Bill Chamberlan

Engine House at Antonito



AP Evaluation Only

Bill Chamberlain Outside Crane Structure



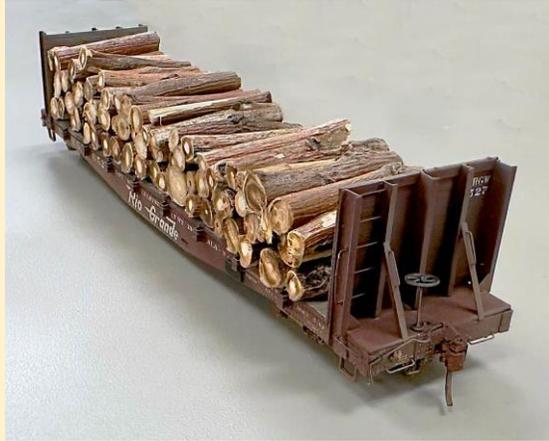
Jim Spice SN3 Skeleton Log Car #92



Jim Spice SN3 Bulkhead Flat Car #6542



Jim Spice SN3 P-B-L Bulkhead Flat Car



Gerald Mabry Pallet and Crate Factory



Mike Guinn Team Track



Display Only



National Model Railroad Association
People's Choice Awards

Photo - Model Print

First Place

 Dallas/Fort Worth TX August 2023 



HONORABLE MENTION

Presented To

Stephen Drees

A Line of Empty Log Cars
Honorable Mention—Color Print Model
Texas Express Convention Contest

 **2023** 

Contest Judges Chris Thompson, Leancy Rupert, John Lovely-MMR

“Thank you to all our judges, without them we would not have a contest room.”

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 one point towards the Association Volunteer certificate.

Help Wanted lots of Volunteer points available:
contact any AZ Div. Officer for more INFORMATION!

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Doors open at 8:30am

Directions

From the AZ-101 Loop in Scottsdale go west on Indian School Rd .5 miles, turn north (right) on Granit Reef Rd, about .5 miles the church is on the right.

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