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Summer Meet - Arizona Division, PSR, NMRA Saturday, August 12, 2006 - Flagstaff, Arizona

Depot: Federated Community Church
400 W Aspen Ave, Flagstaff, Arizona (See locator map on Page 6)

Registration:

\$7.00 - Coffee Provided

\$3.00 - If NMRA member under 21 years of age. (Bring your membership card.)

FREE - If you join the NMRA and PSR at Registration.

Schedule:

- 9:00 AM - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.
- 10:00 AM - CLINIC - Panel Discussion: How have railroads influenced the history of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona?
- 11:00 AM - Business Meeting - door prize drawings.
- 11:30 AM - Break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice.
- 1:00 PM - CLINIC - Walking tour of Downtown, led by Tom Paradis. Leaves from Charly's Historic buildings.
- 2:30 PM - CLINIC - "Setting the Stage" by Joe Cluck
- 3:30 PM - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.
- 4:30 PM - Flagstaff Model Railroad Club Open house. Bar-B-Q supper at Fort Tuthill, \$8 per person.

Contests: A full slate of NMRA contests is planned. Also included are Levity, Favorite Train, and the ever popular photo contest. The Levity theme will be "Maintenance of Way." The Favorite Train category will be "Billboard Reefer", with a maximum ten units plus power. Bring your favorite model for the Favorite Model contest and share it with all who attend. You must be a member of the NMRA to enter contests. You may join at registration. Give our contests a try; you may win an award.

Swap Meet: Tables will be available at 8:30 AM after the sellers' registration is paid. There is no fee for tables, but only Arizona Division members are allowed to sell. Anybody can buy! Please, only one table per seller until everybody has a table.

Raillettes: Help decorate children's tee-shirts for distribution to various child crisis nurseries around the state. Tee-shirts, fabric paint, brushes, and some stencils will be supplied. If you can bring appropriate stencils, please contact Janet Spooner. (See contact information on Division roster.)

Information: For more information, contact: Meet Chairman Jim Tuck (jimtuck@aol.com) Tel. (928) 773-9194 or Rick Wheeler (elsarick@wbhsi.com) Tel. (520) 818-1547.

Superintendent's Corner

By: Rick Wheeler

Greetings to the Arizona Division

Our Phoenix Division Meet entertained 96 rails and Railettes. Clinics were interesting and informative. Richard Dick's clinic encouraged many discussions from the audience about their problems installing DCC in older engines. If the Ski Train in Denver is still running this summer when it is over 100 degrees, I think we all will make reservations to cool off in Denver based on the interest in Don Stewart's clinic. Bruce Petrarca's clinic on sound woke us up and caused enough questions that Bruce will be presenting a clinic in Tucson on "DCC ready" (?) Locomotives.

Twelve Railettes enjoyed the camaraderie of the meet and made necklaces.

At the PSR Cajon Country Convention at Knotts Berry Farm, Don Stewart was named PSR Member of the year. **Congratulations Don.**

Your Division Convention Committee is now working on the 2007 PSR Copper Trails – Silver Rails Convention to be held in Tucson on Sept. 5th through 9th 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel on Grant Road in Tucson. **Please plan to attend.** We are looking for layouts in Southern Arizona for the Convention. Start now by putting the finishing touches on your layout. Call me at 520-818-1547 or email me at elsarick@wbhsi.com if you would like to show your layout during the Convention. We are also requesting clubs or groups that have modular layouts to display them at the convention.

I want to thank all the Division supporters that donated door prizes: **John Almond, An Affair With Trains, Blue Sky Module Frames, The Freight Yard, John Lovely, Don Stewart, and Duane Buck.**

The August 12th 2006 Flagstaff Meet will have a different venue than our usual meets with only 2 clinics and a walking tour of Downtown, Flagstaff. This should be interesting! Flagstaff had several railroads at the turn of the previous century, the Atlantic and Pacific, the Santa Fe Pacific, The ATSF, and the Arizona Mineral Belt. Further west was the Santa Fe and Grand Canyon, Prescott and Arizona Central, and later the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix RR.¹ In time they all became the BNSF or went bankrupt. Of course, two roads were reincarnated as the Grand Canyon RR and the Verde Valley RR.

A BBQ will be held following the meet 4:30 at the Flagstaff Model Railroad Club open house. Cost \$8. You must make reservations by August 6th for beef or chicken. Contact John Lovely 928-774-7589 or FMRRC@aol.com.

Chief Clerk & Paymaster Report

By: Jack Debolt

We continued to increase meeting attendance with 96 registered attendees at the March Phoenix meet. In addition to 69 adult members, we had 27 adults as guests. Eight guests joined as new NMRA members. Keep up the good work of bringing guests and let's try to get some youth attendees for the next meeting.

AZ Division Account

Account Balance as of 12/30/05 \$ 9156.99

Income:

Attendance fees from March 4, 06 Meet	\$616.00
NMRA Dues Received	\$86.00
Sales of RR cars, Standard Gauges, Patches, and Pins	\$39.00
Donations	\$ 2.00

Total Income: \$743.00

Expenses:

Flyer Postage- Mar '06	\$28.77
Kwik Kopy – Mar '06 Newsletter	\$365.87
Meeting Expense, Phoenix Facility	\$100.00
Railette Expenses (Mar '06)	\$60.45
Division Awards	\$ 22.26
NMRA Dues to NMRA Headquarters	\$86.00
Bank Maintenance Fees (Jan '05- May '06)	\$ 2.95
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	<i>(\$666.30)</i>

Account Balance as of 5/05/06 \$9233.69

New Hobby Shop

The Freight Yard

2734 W. Bell Rd., Suite 1306
Phoenix, AZ 85053-7555
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They carry HO & N scale products as well as Thomas the Tank Engine products. They provide a discount for model railroad club members and will special order on request. They handle retail, mail-order, wholesale and custom manufacturing of N-scale and HO-scale model trains. They will do special run cars and decals and custom painting.

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See you at the Flagstaff Meet on August 12th.

1. Historical Atlas of Arizona, Walker & Bufkin, Univ. of Oklahoma Press.

Director's Report

By: Duane Buck

I would like to open by thanking all of you who attended the March Division meet, in Phoenix. It was our largest turnout in some time with 96 attendees. When I see the members who attend our Division meets having such a great time, I wonder why even more do not attend. With great clinics to broaden our knowledge, a full slate of NMRA contests, a mini-swap meet, door prizes and most importantly, sharing quality time with fellow members who share common interests, one has to wonder why even more do not attend these great meets.

Another positive aspect from our recent meet is that we acquired seven new members and a renewal. Contrary to what some cynics may say, we do not have a dying hobby.

I'm happy to report that the PSR Board has approved the Arizona Division's bid to host the regional convention in 2007. The convention is planned for the September 5-9 timeframe in Tucson. Under the able leadership of Rick Wheeler and Richard Dick, Co-Convention Chairman, preparations are moving forward. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the others that form a strong Convention Committee and their functions. They are:

Secretary	Lowell Spooner
Paymaster	Richard Dick
Registrar	Paul Chandler
Printing & Advertising	Roger von Seeburg
Graphics	George Feltovic, MMR
Banquet & Hotel	Rick Wheeler/Richard Dick
Raillette/Non-Rail	Janet Spooner
Pin & Patch	Don Stewart
Clinics	Roger von Seeburg
Layout Tours	Rick Wheeler
Prototype Tour/Transportation	Jack DeBolt
Videos	Raymond Taylor
Auction	Matt Furze
Convention Car	Don Stewart
Company Store	Raymond Taylor
Security	Rick Wheeler
Door Prizes	John Almond John Causbie Ken Rhoads

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Contests/Awards

Duane Buck

HOBO Program

Bill Mergard

PSR Awards

Ed Hall

Please set aside these September 2007 dates and plan to attend what promises to be a great convention.

Division Chief Clerk & Paymaster Jack DeBolt was kind enough to provide financial data for the past three years. After some calculations, it was determined that the Division has been running an average deficit of \$669.35 per year. There should be no deep concern over this annual deficit because overall we are in good financial health. However, we will still attempt to reduce this annual deficit.

An important PSR election is coming up. That is the election of a new President and Vice President. Please vote in this election. Even if the candidates are unopposed, your vote sends a message of confidence.

During the PSR Board meeting on March 4, in San Diego, Bill Mergard who is heading the PSR involvement in the 2008 NMRA national convention at Anaheim made a strong statement worth noting. He stated that any monies that were forthcoming to the PSR as a result of the Anaheim convention would be distributed to the divisions based on their members' participation and assistance in helping with the convention activities. It is hoped that a significant number of Arizona Division members will step forward and assist in this worthwhile endeavor. If you are willing to volunteer your services and talents, please contact me, or Bill Mergard at mdlrrerbil@earthlink.net

Remember the upcoming Division meet in Flagstaff on August 12th. John Lovely and the Flagstaff gang have promised a wonderful meet and the cool, green environs will be a welcome relief in August.

Optional Afternoon Activities

Riordan Mansion State Park tour including the West Wing to view saw mill model. \$6 group rate available if we get enough reservations.

Pioneer Historical Museum, N. Fort Valley Rd, Central Arizona RR # 12. \$3 Senior and child rates available.

Contest Results – Phoenix Meet

March 4, 2006

Model Construction: (* Indicates Merit Award)

Rolling Stock – Open

2nd Tom George Chinese Bay Window Caboose

Rolling Stock - Kit

2nd James Johnson Dormitory Car
3rd James Johnson Open Passenger Car

Motive Power – Open

1st Alan Barnes D & RGW Motor Car #592
* (116 pts.)

2nd John Lovely
Silverton Northern Railbus "Casey Jones" * (99 pts.)
3rd John Determan SP ALCO 643 #9152

Structures – Kit

1st Art Carlton Sawmill * (95 pts.)
2nd Dan Thompson Arizona Box & Crate Co.

Display-Open

2nd Bob Nuss Apartment Building w/pool
3rd Bob Nuss Beer Hall w/wedding

Best of Show

Randolph Snow Mine Complex * (118 pts.)

Note: If there is no first place winner in a category, there was an insufficient point total (76) to allow a first place award in accordance with Arizona Division Contest Rules.

Favorite Train (Tank Cars)

1st Roger von Seeburg D&RGW #1177 w/Tank Cars
2nd James Johnston WP #15 w/Tank cars
3rd Bob Nuss 0-8-8-0 "Tank" car

Favorite Model

1st Art Hill Logging Camp
2nd Tom George LORAM Rail Grinder Train
3rd Art Hill Gas Station

Photography

Model – Color

1st Bob Adler AT&SF SD 18 Zebra Stripe
2nd Bob Adler Rahway Valley #17
3rd Alan Barnes

Prototype - Color

1st Bob Adler D&RGW #486 w/Train
2nd James Kline Out of the Past
3rd Allen Gregor AMTRAK GN Diesels

From the Contest Room

by: Duane Buck

There was an excellent turnout for the model construction contest with 17 entries. Four of the entries received merit award scores.

We saw something that is almost impossible to see below NMRA national model contests and this is two scores of 116 and 118 points in the same contest. Alan Barnes and Randolph Snow treated us to two fantastic models with Alan's D&RGW motor car and Randolph's mine complex.

Alan Barnes' fine showing culminated his quest to become a Master Model Railroader. Congratulations to Alan!

We are also seeing a renewed interest in judging. There were two new judges involved in the Phoenix contest room. Welcome to Dick Vogler and Alan Olson who were judging for the first time. More of you should become judges. It opens a whole new world and is an educational process. Viewing models through the eyes of a judge is a great learning process. Give judging a try. We'll pair you with a qualified judge.

Prepare your models and photos for the upcoming division meet at Flagstaff, on August 12.

Achievement Program

By: Don Stewart

Alan Barnes has joined the ranks of the elite model railroaders. He has earned his Master Model Railroader Certificate. Alan's work is outstanding and this recognition is well deserved. Congratulations Alan. In a related matter, here is a quick guide to filling out the contest forms:

- Construction – This is how you built the model. If you built from a kit, include the instructions.
- Details – Simply list the details added to the basic model. If the kit you are building includes super details, these are part of this list.
- Conformity – Here a picture is worth a lot of words. List prototype items that are unusual or that you followed in your model. A free-lanced model can score high here if you show evidence that you followed aspects of the prototype. Model photographs do not count.
- Finish & Lettering – Just describe how you painted, lettered and weathered your model.
- Scratchbuilt – Just list the scratchbuilt items.

Request for Clinicians for the 2007 PSR Convention

By: Roger C. von Seeburg

If you are interested in giving a clinic at the 2007 PSR Convention, to be held September 5 to 9, 2007 in Tucson, AZ, please contact me. (contact info below). Don't procrastinate, there are only 27 clinics to be scheduled, and several are already taken. Topics can be anything having to do with prototype railroading or model railroading or special interest topics such as participation in the NMRA Achievement Program.

Send me your name, address, phone number and email address (if you have one). Also send the clinic title and a brief description of the clinic for use in the convention program. Also provide me with the equipment requirements you need in the clinic room (Slide projector, LCD Projector, VCR & TV, white board, flip chart, etc.)

Each clinic will be scheduled for two presentations, on different days and at different times to give the registrants the best opportunity to schedule your clinic while also scheduling themselves for the other activities they also want to place in their schedule.

You can contact me (Roger von Seeburg) at 309 E. Beck Ln, Phoenix, AZ 85022-3009, (602) 942-9549, email: rvonseeburg@att.net. I will confirm your contact as quickly as possible. I look forward to hearing from all of you and reading about the fantastic topics you have to share with those who attend the convention.

Railettes

By: Janet Spooner

Hi, Ladies, hope you were at the Phoenix meet. There were 12 ladies in attendance and we had a great time getting reacquainted and catching up on gossip. We had a fun time making necklaces with matching earrings. We are getting so good at bead work that some of us had the time to make 2, 3, or even 4 necklaces. The ladies have told me that they wore them every where and enjoy letting the people know that they made them themselves. Each necklace was an individually designed creation and the final product was limited only by the supplies on hand.

The summer meet will be held in historic downtown Flagstaff at the Federated Community Church on

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August 12th. We will be once again decorating children's tee-shirts that will then be given to a local homeless and/or battered women's shelter. The children frequently arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs, so this gives them something to wear. It is a fun project and everything will be supplied. Just bring your willingness to work, laugh and have a great time.

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~ Coming Events ~

October 11 to 15, 2006 - "Back to the Future," PSR Convention sponsored by the San Diego Division. The convention will be held at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center San Diego, CA.

November 11, 2006 - Arizona Division Fall Meet - Jr. League of Tucson

**P.S.R. Copper Trails –
Silver Rails Convention
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