



Spur Line

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Spring Meet - Arizona Division, PSR, NMRA Saturday, March 3, 2007 - Phoenix, Arizona

Depot: First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix
3100 W. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, 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 - Building plaster building kits - Richard Dick
- 11:00 AM - Business Meeting - door prize drawings.
- 11:30 AM - Break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice.
- 1:00 PM - CLINIC - DCC Tools - Bruce Petrarca
- 2:30 PM - CLINIC - Constructing Layout Modules - Roy Sas
- 3:30 PM - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.

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 "Stack Cars". The Favorite Train category will be box cars (the more colorful, the better) with a maximum of ten units, plus power. Bring your favorite model for the Favorite Model (popular vote only) and share it with all who attend. You must be a member of the NMRA to enter contests. 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. Please note all swap meet sellers must be NMRA members and must register.

Railettes: Make a floating bead necklace and earring set. All supplies will be available for you to make a set to keep or give as a gift. There will be a choice of colors. This project should take both the morning and afternoon sessions.

P.S.R.

**Copper Trails – Silver Rails Convention Sept. 5th – 9th, 2007
Tucson, Arizona**

Superintendent's Corner

By: Rick Wheeler

Greetings to the Arizona Division

Congratulations to all 90 of you who were able to find the Jr. League and work your way through all the road construction. The Clinics were interesting and well presented. Mike Welborn's and John Causbie's clinic was very informative and their handout gives us a leg up on the model manufacturers as a source for parts on passenger cars and obtaining the proper trucks for each car. After watching Bruce Petrarca's clinic on DCC ready engines, I think I will save money because of the damage I would cause, and let him install the decoders for me. Norma Milligan of the BNSF R.R. reminded us all about railroad safety in Operation Lifesaver. Also, when we are on railroad property without permission, IT IS TRESSPASSING. We can be fined more than the cost of a model locomotive. Thank you all for excellent clinics.

Ten raillettes enjoyed the camaraderie of the meet and made snow boys and snow girls.

Your Division Convention Committee is working on the 2007 PSR Copper Trails – Silver Rails Convention to be held in Tucson on Sept. 5 through Sept. 9, 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel on Grant Road in Tucson. **Please plan to attend.** We are also requesting clubs or groups that have modular layouts to display them at the Convention.

I want to thank the Division supporters that donated door prizes. Individuals include **John Almond, Duane Buck, Dean Peterson and Gary Gezler.** Hobby shop supporters that donated door prizes. Were the **Hobby Place @ Ace, Tucson, HobbyTown USA, Tucson, Affair With Trains, Phx., The Freight Yard, Phx., Roy's Train World, Mesa.** Please visit these hobby shops and thank them for their support and buy something.

It is time to be thinking of a new Superintendent and Chief Clerk & Paymaster. We need volunteers to run for these two offices. Please contact Lenny Smith Nominations Chairman at 520 836 7683 or me.

Our next meet will be held in Phoenix on Saturday March 3, 2007 at the First Southern Baptist Church, 3100 W. Camelback. (The same place as last year).

Keep on building those models.

Chief Clerk & Paymaster Report

By: Jack Debolt

We had a great turnout for the November meet in Tucson, with 90 registered attendees. In addition to 59 members we had 31 adults as guests. Three of these guests joined as new NMRA-PSR members. We have been attracting quite a few guests to our meetings. Let's do our best to continue introducing friends to our hobby and encourage them to join.

AZ Division Account

<i>Account Balance as of 8/31/06</i>	<i>\$9105.65</i>
<i>Income:</i>	
Attendance fees from Nov '06	\$602.00
<i>Total Income:</i>	<i>\$602.00</i>
<i>Expenses:</i>	
Flyer Postage – Nov '06 Meet	\$32.58
Kwik Kopy – Nov '06 Newsletter	\$384.68
Travel Reimbursement *	\$ 50.00
Raillette Expenses– Nov '06	\$ 51.08
Meeting Expense, Tucson Facility Rental	\$200.00
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	<i>(\$718.34)</i>
<i>Account Balance as of 30 Nov '06</i>	<i>\$ 8989.31</i>

**Operation Lifesaver Speaker*

“Spur Line” Distribution

By: Dan Stoleson

The “Spur Line” currently is being mailed at a significant cost for copying, postage, etc. Emailing it to you each time would represent a very worthwhile cost savings to the Division, and would reduce the workload on the individuals doing this work.

If you are open to receiving your “Spur Line” by email, please notify me at dmstoleson@aol.com, by phone at (520) 825-4680, or by snail mail at 62694 E Amberwood Dr. Tucson 85739.

(If you cannot or prefer not to make this change, there is no need to contact me.)

Many of us already receive newsletters and communications by email, and find it quite satisfactory. My expectation is that email will work well for most of us.

Thanks very much, Dan Stoleson

Director's Report

By: Duane Buck

We had an excellent turnout for the Tucson meet. A big thank you to all who attended. Three new members were recruited at the meet. There were some excellent discussions during the business meeting. Membership participation and comments are always welcomed.

Please plan to attend our next meet in Phoenix during March.

The 2007 PSR convention committee is making excellent progress with all planning on, or ahead of schedule. Register early for this event at Tucson. There is a great list of events to choose from for your enjoyment. There are clinics, including the ever popular Modeling with the Masters, and some exciting tours planned. Please plan to attend. We guarantee that you'll have a good time.

With the NMRA national convention coming at Anaheim in 2008, volunteers are needed to fill a variety of roles. A list specifying particular needs will be published in the near future. Please bear in mind that this convention is a function of the PSR and we need to actively participate to ensure success. Just a reminder that distribution of the profits to PSR divisions from the NMRA convention is dependent on individual division participation.

See you in Phoenix.

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, mailing address, phone number and e-mail 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.).

Achievement Program

By: Don Stewart

A clinic was presented to the Sun-n-Sand club in January on the Achievement program. Models were brought and judged for merit awards. If you would like to hear about this part of the hobby, contact me and I will bring along the clinic I prepared, some models to help you practice judge, and some forms to help you fill out. Bring your models and I will have qualified judges to score your models.

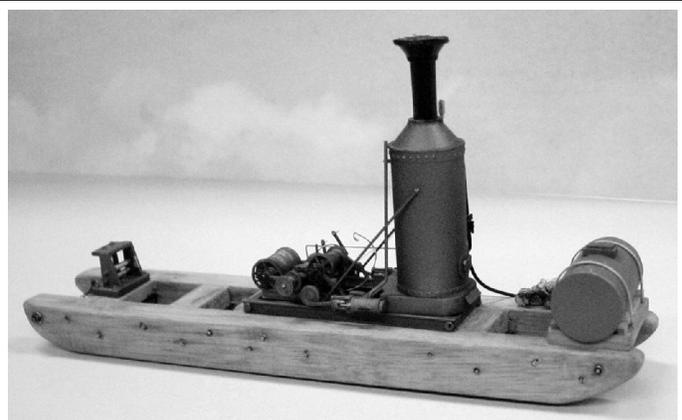
At the recent Regional meet, the Arizona Division again held sway with a model contest best of show and several first places. By the way the Arizona Division also did very well in the photography contest with best of Show and lots of first places.

Now is the time to begin your models for the September Regional Convention in Tucson. It should be a great time and some interesting modeling to admire.

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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, e-mail: 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.



Structures - Open First Place: Donkey Engine - By: V.C. Tarpenning (Photo by: Anna Taylor © 2006)

Contest Results – Tucson Meet

November 11, 2007

Model Construction: (* Indicates Merit Award)

Rolling Stock - Open

1st Alan Olson ATN Jordan Spreader #X62*

Rolling Stock - Kit

1st Alan Barnes MMR BN Log Flat Car #633089 *

Structures - Open

1st V.C. Tarpenning Donkey Engine *

Structures - Kit

1st David Irick Red & White Grocery*

Best of Show

Duane Buck GN F7A-B-A #363 A/B/C*

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

Favorite Train (Piggyback Flat Cars)

1st Nelson Steinmetz O Scale AT&SF MOW Train

Levity

1st John Stockton Party Train - Billboard Tank Cars
2nd John Stockton Armored Tank Cars

Photography

Model – Color

1st Allen Greger AT&SF 3571 At Williams, AZ
2nd Allen Greger GREX 6000 at Williams, AZ

Prototype – Color

1st Phil Everett Nevada Northern #93
2nd Phil Everett "Sheep"
3rd Alan Greger CB&Q #5632

Arts & Crafts

General Original Category

1st Art Carlton Pencil Drawing of Motor Car

Congratulations!
Keep on building
those models.

From the Contest Room

by: Duane Buck

While there was a sparse turnout in the contest room, all entries were of exceptional quality.

All five models in the model construction contest received merit awards. There was one first time entry from V.C. Tarpenning, a new NMRA member. David Irick only recently began entering the model contests and already has two merit awards.

Two entries in the photography contest are the fewest that I can remember. However, the high quality of the entries was what we have come to expect from Allen Greger.

There was one entry in the Arts and Crafts contest. A beautiful pencil drawing by Art Carlton that received 98 points out of a possible 125.

There was a complaint by one member that there weren't many contest entries. This individual attends about one of every three meets and rarely ever enters any contests himself. There was also some hearsay comments regarding the model scoring process. These latter comments generally come from the absence of understanding with regard to NMRA judging criteria.



Structures - Kit First Place: Red & White Grocery -
By: David Irick (Photo by: Anna Taylor © 2006)

Happy Railroading!

Railettes

By: Janet Spooner

Well, if you missed coming to Tucson in November, you missed your chance to make a snowboy and snowgirl. These who finished them were delighted with the results. There were about 10 women who showed up and cut, glued and sewed for the day to complete the snowgirl and took home the supplies to finish the snowboy at home. In addition to all this hard work, we gossiped, laughed, and generally had a good time.

Now the plans for the March meet are to make jewelry. All supplies will be there for each Railette to make necklaces, bracelets, or earrings of their own design. It is time for each of you to come armed with your own creativity. I will have some patterns if you would rather do it that way. But throw caution to the winds and make that piece that you need to compliment or finish that special outfit.

In September, the PSR convention will be held in Tucson and the plans for the Railette activities are already well under way. So far we have lined up Katie Sofre to instructing us on how to make a bracelet, Kim Fowler will be instruction us on making cigar box purses and a Christmas Tree centerpiece, and Arliss Powell will speak about what we need to do if we suddenly inherit a railroad, with humor and great compassion. They are some other activities planned but I am not going to tell all now. Have to keep some plans a surprise for the next issue. Of course, a great luncheon is being planned. So hope to see all of you there so we can get reacquainted, laugh, gossip, and hopefully make new friends.



Snow People created by Railettes

(Photo by: Anna Taylor © 2006)

***Hope to see you in Phoenix on
March 3.***

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Rolling Stock - Kit: BN Log Flat Car #633089 -
By: Alan Barnes MMR (Photo by: Anna Taylor © 2006)

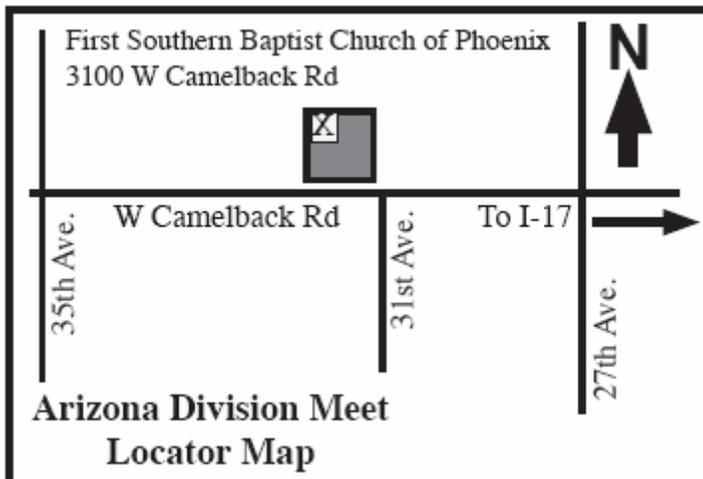
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Happy New Year!

*Support your local
Hobby Shop!*

~ Coming Events ~

June 2007 - Arizona Division Spring Meet - St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 180 Soldier Pass Rd, West Sedona, AZ. Info: Duane Buck (see roster).

September 5th – 9th, 2007 - “Copper Trails – Silver Rails” PSR Convention sponsored by the Arizona Division. The convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on Grant Road in Tucson.

November 10, 2007 - Arizona Division Fall Meet - Jr. League of Tucson