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## SUMMER MEET - ARIZONA DIVISION, PSR, NMRA Saturday, November 13, 2010 - Tucson, Arizona

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**SASME 2011 CALENDAR**

**AVAILABLE AT DIVISION MEET!**

SASME will again have its calendar for 2011 for sale at the Division Meet in Tucson, for \$14. It will feature 12 pictures from our layout. There was interest last year and we are letting everyone know ahead of time this year. Save a place for this year’s calendar!!

# FALL MEET - ARIZONA DIVISION, PSR, NMRA

## Saturday, November 13, 2010 - Tucson, Arizona

### DEPOT JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TUCSON

**2099 E. RIVER RD, TUCSON, ARIZONA**

Meet contacts: Art Carlton 520-560-3368 or Richard Dick 520.790.5356

**REGISTRATION** \$7.00 - Coffee Provided; FREE - If you join the NMRA at Registration.  
 \$3.00 - If NMRA member under 21 years of age.  
*(Bring your membership card.)*

**SCHEDULE**

- 9:00 am - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.
- 10:00 am - CLINIC: Tsunami Decoders - Bruce Petrarca
- 11:00am - Business Meeting and door prize drawings
- 11:45 pm - Break for lunch
- 1:00 pm - CLINIC: Contest Judging and Tips - Part 1 - Allen Gross,MMR
- 2:00 pm - CLINIC: Status of High Speed Rail Around the World - Gordon Geiger
- 2:45 pm - CLINIC: TBD
- 3:30 pm - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings
- 4:00 pm - Layout Tours
- 5:00 pm - Dinner at the Golden Corral

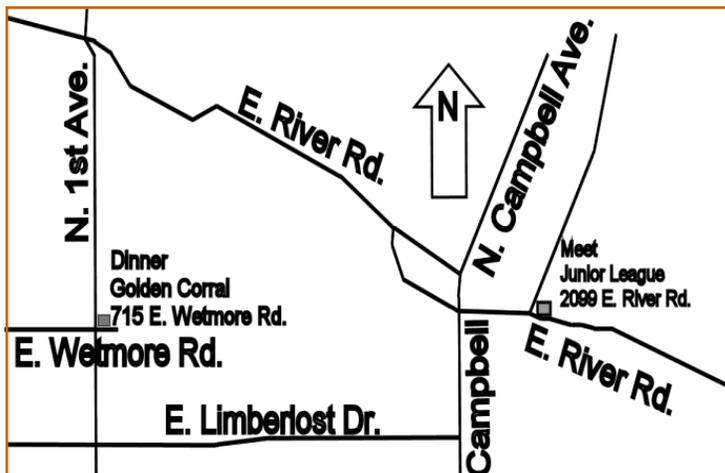
**CONTESTS**

A full line up of NMRA contests is planned. Also included are Levity, Favorite Train and the ever popular photo contest. The Levity theme is 'Mixed Freight'. The Favorite Train category will be mixed freight. The train is a maximum of ten cars plus motive power. Bring your favorite model for the popular vote Favorite model contest and share it with other attendees. You must be a member of the NMRA to enter contests. Don't forget Lenny's Challenge to display your work!

*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:** A fun and exciting project activity is planned for the ladies. We promise that you are going to laugh and have a good time making it. Come join in on the fun!

**Directions:** From Phoenix go south on I-10 to the Ina exit. Go east to N. Oracle Rd. Turn south on Oracle Rd. and then east on River Road. The address is 2099 E. River Road.

*Please park in the rear.*



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

**BY: ART CARLTON**

This November will mark the beginning of my fourth year (and last year) as the Superintendent of the Arizona Division of the NMRA. The past three years I have continued to encourage each of you to grow our membership, to take time out to mentor and support someone in model railroading, volunteer to do clinics and enter models in the contest room. Without fault you have taken those tasks to heart. Our membership has almost doubled, I have a list of clinicians to carry use through to the Phoenix meet in March and the numbers of model entries continue to grow. So I would like to personally thank each of you and continue to encourage you to keep the momentum going.

This now brings me to my next request to our membership. I attended the last model railroad swap meet in Phoenix as a vendor. Helen Smith and I had a booth for ourselves and one for the Division. As I tried to tend to both

booths I kept thinking how nice it would be if more of our membership would assist in manning the Division booth at the various swap meets to promote our cause. As the day went on my thoughts changed to how nice it would be if our members would get

more involved in being leaders of our Division. During the past several meets it has been mentioned that by this November some of our leaders will be stepping down from their posts. Yet, no one from our membership has contacted me or even shown a small hint of stepping up to replace these fine individuals. Come this November we will need to fill three very important leadership positions.

Rick Watson has been carrying the majority of the leadership roles for the past 3+ years and has asked for volunteers to take over the Editor's position of the *Spur Line* and the position as the Division Webmaster. I feel he has done an outstanding job of improving both of positions. He has taken the *Spur Line* to greater heights and brought it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He also designed such a great website; it caught the eye of National and caused them to upgrade their site. Thanks Rick for all you have done!

The next position is the Contest Chairman held by Kevin Looff. At the Flagstaff meet this summer Kevin announced he will be stepping down as the Contest Chairman. Kevin has done an outstanding job in this position! He has faithfully stayed consistent with the contest rules and regulations as prescribed by National. He has been able to grow the pool of judges to fairly judge each entry. I have on several occasions visited the contest room while the judges were hard at work, and let me tell you it is very interesting to observe them judging each model. They all do an outstanding job for our members! This brings me to a conversation with one of those judges – Alan. I did read the rules on scratch building and you were right. The window and doors need to be scratch built, too. Well back to the work bench for that model. Darn . . .

NOW! I would like to ask the Division membership, to step up and do their part and volunteer to be a leader in our great Division! This organization does not run itself. It takes all of us to make our Division the best it can be. And it's a great way to be one more step closer on obtaining your Master Model Railroad certification. Yes, volunteering does count.

So if any of you would like to volunteer to fill these positions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 560-3368.

### **\*\* WANTED \*\***

**GOOD QUALITY MODEL KITS, TOOLS, RR EQUIPMENT,  
ETC. FOR DOOR PRIZES AT UPCOMING  
ARIZONA DIVISION MEETS**



## DIRECT FROM THE DIRECTOR

*BY: RICK WATSON*

We had a great meet in Flagstaff. Thanks to all who participated and to the Flagstaff Model Railroad Club for organizing the location and the clinics. Not to mention their operating session.

I was asked to participate as a judge beyond my normal contest room judging. Kevin Looff, Don Stewart and I went to a member's home to judge one of his models. He had entered the model in the contest at the Phoenixmeet, but failed to achieve a merit award. He made adjustments to his paperwork and the model and requested that it be reevaluated. Kevin, Don and I re-judged his model and he did in fact achieve that merit award. Congratulations.

The PSR Convention was this month in San Diego. While I'd like to attend, I could not. I was at the Reno Air Races. I have been attending the Reno Air Races for the last fourteen years with my best friend and am committed to that. I'm sure it was great convention and I hope to hear more about it from those who attended.

It's that time of year when I am able to select the member of the year. This year's winner is Kevin Looff. Kevin has done a fantastic job with the contest room since taking over for Duane. Thank you Kevin! Contest room participation is up significantly!

Our next meet is in Tucson this November. See you there!

Now, I have two specific rants that I feel need to be said. So, here goes...(note: this was written prior to my receiving Art's column)

### **Rant 1: Apathy: *lack of interest or concern: indifference (Merriam Webster)***

Apathy is real within our division. It has taken many forms. During my two terms as Division Director, I have seen apathy demonstrated by many of our members. In most cases, it takes the form of 'somebody else will do it'. And, we always have the same members who step up almost every time. I've talked with some, and they are tired of being THE volunteers.

*Example 1:* The 2011 PSR Convention is/was scheduled to be held in Arizona. Based on past conventions, the next location would be Flagstaff. I asked repeatedly at meets and in the Spur Line for someone to volunteer to chair the convention. I had a few folks volunteer to help with the convention, but no one to take ownership. I tried lobbying a number of members to no avail. Finally, after my column last fall, where I stated that if I didn't have a volunteer for chair and city by the end of the year, that I would officially forfeit the convention. Guess what, Larry Gibbs and the Flagstaff Club stepped up to host the convention. Thanks guys! Subsequently I found out that another member was taking steps to ensure we had a venue if no one had stepped up. And yes, he is an active participant. Should I have had to put out an ultimatum? No. Chalk up one to apathy.

*Example 2:* I have been asking for a volunteer to replace me and become the new Spur Line editor. And, I have been asking for well over a year. So, we continue along. I had members contact me about helping out with photos, etc. I quickly responded in kind welcoming their help. The responses I received after that? Only the sound of crickets. Guess what, it's ultimatum time: the last issue I will produce will be the Spring 2011. That will complete 4 years as editor, and that's enough. And now, if

we don't have a new editor by Spring, then we won't have a newsletter. The general lack of interest and/or response to date equals Apathy.

*Example 3:* I have been Webmaster for nearly 3 years. In that role, I created the website and designed it for long term sustainability (not all my documentation is complete). To date, I have only had one member offer. He subsequently withdrew. I have appealed to the membership for a volunteer to replace me. The answer has been even louder crickets than my request for editor! Apathy.

*Example 4:* When Duane Buck announced that he would be retiring as Contest Chair for the division, we had no response. There were some obvious choices, but they kept quiet. Thankfully, Kevin Looff stepped up. Kevin has done a great job. We've seen the number of models increase continually under Kevin's chairmanship. The meet in November will be Kevin's last meet as Contest Chair. He has appealed for a replacement. But, he has only received the same deafening silence from the membership. Yep, more apathy.

*Example 5:* The division elections are coming up next summer. We have made it known that Art, Richard, and myself are not eligible to run again. We have asked for candidates and again received no response. I'm guessing that somebody will step up when we don't have any volunteers and have to plead for someone. Apathy.

It seems that in our division, it is always the same people stepping up. Why? I realize it's because they care. Does anyone else care?

In the next year, we will need to fill the following positions: Director, Superintendent, Chief Clerk & Paymaster, Spur Line Editor, Contest Chair, and Webmaster. Good thing we don't need a janitor!

So my question to each of you: On which side of the fence do you stand? The participant side or the apathy side? If you select the apathy side, then you'd best not complain to me about the division unless you are prepared to get an ear full in return!

### SASME OPERATING SESSION SUNDAY, NOV. 14

For this year's Division Meet, SASME will have an operating session on our layout. The first 8 people to send an email to Nick Buchholz (nbuchholz@noao.edu) expressing interest in operating will be selected. Others are welcome to visit the layout during this time. The session will start at 9am on Sunday, Nov. 14, and last about 3-4 hours. There will be SASME members there to act as guides and assist the operators as needed. Come join the fun!

### Rant 2: The NMRA

As many of you have seen, the NMRA presented a new logo and branding at this year's convention in Milwaukee. Whether you like the logo or not, it is to be used and is effective immediately.

National continues to preach to the divisions that we, the divisions, are the touch point to the membership. And that we provide the value to the members. So why do you pay your \$50+ per year for membership? Good question. Frankly, I feel that the chasm between the divisions and National is increasing. And National is causing it to grow.

With the new logo, I believe National had a perfect opportunity to be inclusive with the membership. National had at least three potential logos to select from. And, the NMRA leadership made the selection. I believe this would have been an excellent opportunity to be inclusive. Let the member-

ship vote to determine the next logo from the three. The members would have been able to participate in something that will have a lasting affect going forward. But alas, an opportunity missed. I posted this on a NMRA discussion group as a missed opportunity. I was told by a board member that this was brought up as an option and the board decided against it. I guess the members don't need to be involved in 'their' organization. Let the divisions deal with it.

Quite frankly, this is nothing but elitism. If National didn't see the value in including the membership in the selection process, what is the value to the membership? I'm at the point that I question whether I should continue as a member. What is the value I get from my membership? In this economy, if folks don't get value for their dollars spent, they will take their money elsewhere.

**In Summary:** I'm tired and frustrated. I'm tired of the apathy in our division and I'm frustrated with the NMRA. I question whether to continue as a member and whether I want to continue as a leader in the division. I have resolved myself to renew my membership as I do believe in the NMRA. I made a commitment to the division when I was elected Director and will honor that.

Once my commitment to the Arizona Division is complete, I will likely become 'just another member' of the division. I can say that these experiences have affected my desire to pursue a MMR. I currently have the paperwork ready for four certificates. I will be evaluating whether to continue that as well.

I'm frustrated. This is a hobby and it shouldn't be this hard.

I welcome your feedback!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEVIN LOOFF**

**2010 ARIZONA DIVISION MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

### ***A Thank You from John Almond***

I thank every NMRA member who provided me with a single dollar at the recent train show held in Tucson. The singles rolled into a fair amount to help Daniel Goodman, a Desert View High School wrestler whose comment is below, at the national freestyle tournament in Fargo, ND. He is a special young man who was afforded a unique invitation. A number of us were able to get together funds for travel and hotel. The NMRA member funds will provide meals while on the trip. Yes, wrestling is not model railroading, but each of us in the hobby have interests and causes which do not have ties to railroading. High school wrestling has been one of mine since high school.





## CHIEF CLERK & PAYMASTER REPORT

*BY: RICHARD DICK*

We have a very good turnout for the Flagstaff Meet. There were 75 paid, and we picked up two new members for a total attendance of 77. That's the best we've had for a Summer Meet in some time. Good to see everyone there!

The balance sheet for the period April – July 2010 is included for your information:

Account Balance, March 31 , 2010		\$6,316.30
<b><u>Revenue:</u></b>		
Division Meet: June 13, 2010:		
Attendance Fees	\$525.00	
Sales, Pins and Patches, Cars	\$21.00	
Donation	\$7.00	
NMRA Dues	\$58.00	
Total Meet Revenue		\$611.00
Other Revenue:		
Past Convention Car	\$7.00	
Total Revenue		\$618.00
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>		
Division Meet: June 13, 2010:		
Club/Hobby Shop Flyer Postage	\$31.37	
ImageWorx - News letter/posters/flyers	\$431.31	
Flagstaff Meet Facility Expense	\$77.00	
Raillette Expenses (not reported yet)	\$0.00	
		\$539.68
Other Expenses:		
Bank Fees	\$34.12	
NMRA Dues	\$58.00	
		\$92.12
Total Expense		\$631.80
<b><u>Income</u></b>		-\$13.80
Account Balance, July 31, 2010		\$6,302.50



**Favorite Train entries!**



## **DIVISION ELECTIONS ARE 9 MONTHS AWAY!**

Elections for the Director, Superintendent, and Chief Clerk Paymaster are just over a year away.

### **We need candidates!**

The current officers are not eligible to run again, so we need new candidates.

We will provide help and coaching to ensure your success!

This is your opportunity to play a role in our continued success.

If you're interested in running, please contact our Nominations Chair: Lenny Smith

Phone: (520) 836-7683 or email: [NomChair@AzDiv-nmra.org](mailto:NomChair@AzDiv-nmra.org)



## **The 2011 PSR Regional Convention is Coming to Flagstaff!!!**

***What:* PSR 2011 Regional Convention**

***When:* September 21 – 25, 2011**

***Where:* Flagstaff – Radisson Hotel**

**What can you do? Help make it a huge success!**

**Need volunteers for planning, clinics, contests, etc.**

**Contact: Larry Gibbs, Flagstaff Model RR Club**

**[Flagmrrc@gmail.com](mailto:Flagmrrc@gmail.com) or (928)699-3449**

**SUMMER SPUR LINE RAILROAD QUIZ - PASSENGER TRAINS**

1. What railroads ran the 'Ambassador' over the route of Baltimore to Washington to Detroit?
2. What railroads ran the 'Exposition Flyer' between Chicago and San Francisco?
3. What railroads ran the 'Quaker' between Boston and Philadelphia?

*Answers on page 29 of this issue.*

Quiz questions from "Named Passenger Trains", 1948 courtesy of Allen Gross, MMR



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

***ALAN GREGOR***

**NMRA MEMBER  
FOR 50 YEARS**

**SPUR LINE PRINT VERSION SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE COMING  
PLEASE HELP!**

We have been trying to convert most of the membership to the e-Spur Line. As you are receiving this, you are helping us reduce division expenses. Please help us convert more of the members. Many of us have friends who are on email regularly, but still get the print version of the Spur Line. We need your help in getting them to make the switch to the e-Spur Line.

One of the most significant expenses for our division is the cost of producing the print version of the Spur Line. For the last issue, we spent over \$450 dollars just for the last issue. The bottom line is that we spend over \$1500 per year for the print version. Arizona is the only division in the PSR not charging for the print version, and we have the fewest subscribers to our electronic newsletter. We do realize that not everyone has internet access and we still want to make the Spur Line available to them.

Our goal is not to render a profit, but to cover the costs to print and mail the print version of the newsletter. So, effective January 1, 2011, we will begin charging an annual subscription. The fee will be \$5.00 per year which will cover the printing and mailing costs for the three issues per year.

Get your friends to subscribe today! To subscribe, all the member needs to do is send an email to [SpurLine@AzDiv-nmra.org](mailto:SpurLine@AzDiv-nmra.org) requesting to subscribe and include name and preferred email address. That's it!

## FROM THE CONTEST ROOM

*BY: KEVIN LOOFF*

The contest room in Flagstaff was a fairly busy place at the Summer Meet. We had 9 model entries in the judged contest, 13 photos, and 4 Favorite Train entries. Unfortunately, there were no entries in the Levity contest. I apologized to everyone at the meet and I will do so again here for the fact that I was not able to award plaques to the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners of the model contest at the meet. I had made arrangements to get the supplies I needed from the trophy shop, but they did not show up at the meet as I had hoped. I will award the modelers their plaques at the upcoming Tucson meet. Three of the models were awarded Merit Awards.

As was announced at the Flagstaff meet, I will be stepping down as Arizona Division Contest Chairman after the Tucson meet in November. The upcoming meet will mark my third anniversary in this position and I believe it is time for someone else to step up and keep the contests going. Organizations such as the NMRA can only function with the work of volunteers. We have been spoiled in the Arizona Division in that the two previous Contest Chairmen volunteered and served for extended periods of time. In the case of my predecessor, Duane Buck, the time of service in the position was over 12 years. When he was ready to relinquish that role and the role of Pacific Southwest Regional Contest Chairman, no one immediately stepped up. It took me awhile to decide to add one more responsibility to my already busy life. Then I realized that someone needed to perform this function and I had enjoyed and benefitted from entering models in the contests. I agreed to take over the Arizona Division from Duane, but decided against trying to do the PSR as well. Duane Buck and Alan Barnes were fantastic at helping me transition into this position and helping in the contest room. Several people have readily volunteered to be judges and we have trained several new members to work as judges. To whoever takes over as the Contest Chairman for the division, there will be support from me, Alan, Duane, and many more. I have taken many of the forms that were photocopies of photocopies and remade them in digital format. I will provide all of those files to the next person to fill the position. Interest in the contests has picked up recently and we have seen great models from several members and many first time contest entrants.

I have to take a moment to thank all of the members who have volunteered to be a judge at the Flagstaff meet. I would also like to thank all of the members who judged at any of the contests during my tenure as contest chairman as well as all of the members that entered models and photographs in the contests.

I hope to hear from someone soon that they are willing to ensure that our model and photo contests continue to improve.

The Favorite Train category for the Tucson meet will be home road mixed freight. Bring motive power and up to 10 pieces of rolling stock all representing one railroad, your home road, whether it is prototype or freelanced. The Levity category will be "mixed freight".



**CONTEST RESULTS - FLAGSTAFF DIVISION MEET**  
***JUNE, 2010***

**Model Construction:** (\* Indicates Merit Award)

**MODELS**

**Best In Show**

Wyoming Mercantile\* - Allen Semer

**Rolling Stock - Open**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ingot Cars - Alan Barnes, MMR

**Rolling Stock - Kit**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – CB&Q Waycar\* - David Irick

**Motive Power – Kit**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – GN NW2\* - Duane Buck

**Structures – Kit**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – D. C. Cochran - Lou Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Leeton Depot - Lou Anderson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Wayne Sisters Store—Lou Anderson



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



**CONTEST RESULTS - FLAGSTAFF DIVISION MEET**  
***JUNE, 2010***

**LEVITY & FAVORITES**

**Levity - Skeleton Car**

No Entries!

**Favorite Model**

1<sup>st</sup> Place– Wyoming Mercantile – Allen Semer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pacific Fruit – Paul Traverso

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-D.C. Cochran – Lou Anderson

**Favorite Train - Lumber/Lumber Products**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Paul Traverso

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bob Libbey

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Richard Worones

**BEST IN SHOW – ALLEN SEMER  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



**CONTEST RESULTS - FLAGSTAFF DIVISION MEET**  
*JUNE, 2010*

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Model - Color**

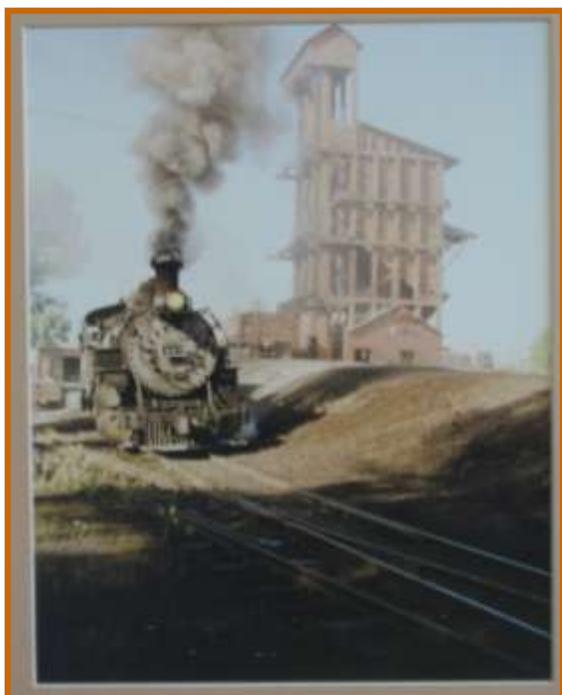
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – High Iron - Nelson Steinmetz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Shay with Cat - Roger von Seeburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – GM&O Engine – Bob Libbey

**Prototype - Color**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 497@Chama – Roger von Seeburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 315 D&RG - Allen Gregor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rail Runner – Nelson Steinmetz

**Slide**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – GN on the Bridge – Jon Wolfe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alamosa 1959 – Allen Greger



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
***KEEP ON BUILDING THOSE MODELS***

***MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR MODELS, PHOTOS,  
AND LENNY'S CHALLENGE ENTRIES TO  
TUCSON ON NOVEMBER 13TH!!***

Rolling Stock - Open  
1st place  
*Alan Barnes, MMR*



Rolling Stock - Kit  
1st place  
*David Irick*

Locomotives - Kit  
1st Place  
*Duane Buck*





**Structures - Kit**  
1st, 2nd, 3rd place  
*Lou Anderson*

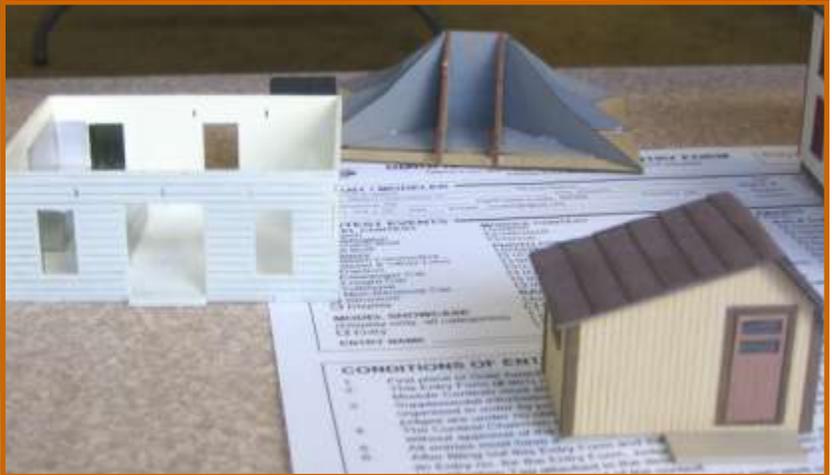








LENNY'S  
CHALLENGE



## YUMA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

*BY: LEE STOERMER*

Sometimes when you look back on what five years can do, it is surprising. Right now the news is filled with stories recalling the events of 2005's hurricane Katrina and the effects since. So is the story of the Yuma Model Railroaders Modular Club tied in with the legacy of that event. Over the next five years since the YMRR Modular Club has gone from that first 12 to 32 complete fully operational modules, being viewed by literally thousands of Yuma residents, grown the membership of the group as a whole, but more importantly formed friendships between many people that would never have met before.

While the hurricane did not affect the residents of Yuma directly, it was on my return from working in the New Orleans area that several friends of mine gave me a copy of a notice that had been in the local newspaper asking about interest in model railroading. After a series of phone calls a meeting date and time was set for those interested at a local restaurant, which was attended by about 20 people. Up to that point I knew of a handful of others that did model railroading here in Yuma. The discussion during that first meeting centered around everyone's interests, ideas for meetings and getting to know each other along with collecting names and emails. A meeting date was set for the following month. There was definitely some excitement in the air as many modelers had been 'lone wolves' as they had not known about anyone else in the area.

At that next meeting in November I brought up the subject about a modular style railroad. A significant amount of interest was shown by those present as we discussed the pro's and con's. After that meeting a series of conversations and more phone calls and emails were exchanged regarding ideas and standards that were found online. Discussions ensued and during the next meeting a preliminary set of standards were developed. Ten of the original members at the first meeting expressed interest in building at least one module.

Later in November we met at the home of Bill Otterstien and began construction of the module frames in bulk. Those interested were given a cost, monies were gathered and materials purchased and construction began assembly line style. The first of the frames were built over a couple days on Bill's carport in November and early December. The great thing about working in a group of members is that not everyone has all the tools or experiences that are needed for something like this. But in the group setting, you do not need to possess it all, you just need the willingness to contribute, participate and sometimes compromise.

Late in January 2006 the first official trial set up of the YMRR modular club was held in Stan Ramey's open shop area. It was a chilly day but that didn't slow anyone down. While one of the corner modules wasn't quite ready we did have enough to make nearly a full loop. With the exception of one wiring issue that was easily corrected, it ran great. Several modules had a significant amount of scenery completed and this helped encourage others. We were in business!

Tragedy struck when one of our original members, Doug Perry, unexpectedly passed away in February. Doug had developed an inside corner utilizing two sections of module frames that fit in just right. Doug's wife, Marion, graciously donated the modules to the club, as she said Doug was enjoying his new found friends and would want that. To this day, we still use these inside corners known as Perryville, still in the unsceniced state that Doug had them completed to at the time of his passing, and now we use them for video and other displays.

Over the next five years the YMRR has continued to grow. We have set up our modular layout at the Yuma County Fair, Yuma Southgate Mall, during the Yuma Doll and Toy Show and for the Yuma Railroaders Family Heritage Family Days. Presently we have 12 of the modules set up and operational at the Yuma Quartermaster Depot and Visitors Center. We continue to work with the City of

Yuma and the Heritage Board on developing a full time permanent site in the Southern Pacific Railroad freight house, for which we have high hopes of being in the near future.

All of the members of the YMRR modular Club are members of the NMRA and regularly attend meetings and conventions, from Tucson to Phoenix to Flagstaff and Sedona, and some also out of state. A few of our members that have been entering their modeling work at the meets and have been earning several awards, with some earning enough points for merit awards. While not all of our members are year round residents of Yuma, during their travels they have also attended NMRA meets across the country, with one actually having been in Australia and making contacts through the NMRA there.

Earlier this summer several YMRR members were able to lend their talents and assist in the restoration of a diorama of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot circa 1870. It was built 15 years ago by Kofa High School history class students under the direction of John Harris, one of our members. YMRR members restored scenery, repaired some structural damage and generally updated the appearance of the 1/4" scale diorama. Also some of us were able to assist in some restoration work to the SP #2521 Steam Locomotive located here in Yuma. It has been placed on display on the site of the original rail alignment as it crossed the Colorado River in 1877 in an excellent interpretive area located on North Madison Avenue that is well worth the time to experience should you be here. And our next non-model railroad project is assisting in the preservation work to be done on the Southern Pacific Railroad wooden coach car #1643 built about 1875.

So as you can see the YMRR has become quite an active group. If the last five years are any indication of what a group can accomplish we look forward to the future five years and beyond. I just hope that it doesn't involve any more hurricanes though!



## WEBMASTER'S UPDATE

**Virus alert!** Some of the subscribers are having issues opening the e-Spur Line. They are getting virus alert messages. In all cases this is caused by the security software installed on your computer. As part of the publishing process, I ensure that the file is virus free. I create the Spur Line in Microsoft Publisher. I then convert the document to the Adobe .pdf file. That is what is linked to in the publication message sent to the subscribers. As an alternate, some members have found that if they go to the division website: [www.AzDiv-nmra.org](http://www.AzDiv-nmra.org) they can open the Spur Line successfully. The majority of the users don't have any alert message regardless of how they open it. Myself included. I'm running software that would catch it!

**New Webmaster needed.** As mentioned in both Art's and my columns, we need a new webmaster. This is not a difficult job and I'm willing to train you. I've grown tired wearing three hats (Director, Editor and Webmaster). Its time for other members to help out. If you're interested, please contact me: [Webmaster@AzDiv-nmra.org](mailto:Webmaster@AzDiv-nmra.org)

## COMING EVENTS

<b>October 9-10</b>	<b>Rail Fair</b> at McCormick–Stillman RR Park, Scottsdale, AZ
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Everything RR Swap Meet</b> at Abohe Mountain.RR Park
<b>November 6</b>	<b>In the Heat Swap Meet</b> - Phoenix, AZ
<b>November 27-28</b>	<b>TCA Turkey Meet</b> - Mesa, AZ
<b>March, 2011</b>	<b>Arizona Division Spring Meet</b> - Phoenix, AZ
<b>June, 2011</b>	<b>Arizona Division Summer Meet</b> - TBD**

**\*\*We have not determined a location for the Summer Meet. We usually target early to mid June. We are open to new locations. If you're interested in hosting the meet or want to know what's required to host, contact Art Carlton [Superintendent@AzDiv-nmra.org](mailto:Superintendent@AzDiv-nmra.org)**

## EDITOR'S UPDATE

**New Editor needed.** As mentioned in both Art's and my columns, we need a new Editor for the Spur Line. I think I've taken the Spur Line pretty far during my tenure as Editor. But I've grown tired wearing three hats (Director, Editor and Webmaster). Its time for other members to help out. I'll train you. We have a lot of smart and talented folks in this division. Many of which can assume this job with minimal training. And, you can take the Spur Line to the next level or continue as it.

I really would like to turn over the reigns. And, as mentioned in my Director's column, the next issue (Spring 2011) will be my last issue. So WE NEED A NEW EDITOR!!!

That doesn't mean I throw you into the deep end of the pool! I will train you to be successful. And when you're ready to solo, you can make the call!

If you're interested, please contact me: [SpurLine@AzDiv-nmra.org](mailto:SpurLine@AzDiv-nmra.org)

## RAILETTES

*BY: JANET SPOONER*

Hi Ladies,

Well, we are getting close to the PSR Convention in San Diego. I, for one, love going to San Diego for our convention because in addition to the marvelous climate and being close to the beach, the majority of the planning for the ladies' program is done by the very talented Kim Fowler. Thus I can enjoy the convention more as an attendee. Knowing Kim, I'm sure we are all in for a treat and she has many different things planned for us to do. I will be giving a couple of clinics along with Linda Irick and, I think, Diane Forbes who will also be presenting clinics for our education and entertainment.

As usual we will be having fun just seeing old friends again. This is one of the best parts of getting together meeting and greeting old friends as well as the chance to make new friends. Ladies, if you are at the convention, just follow the sounds of laughter, excitement, and talking to find the Railette room. Then come in and join in the great times that are always going on there. Of course, there will be a ladies luncheon.

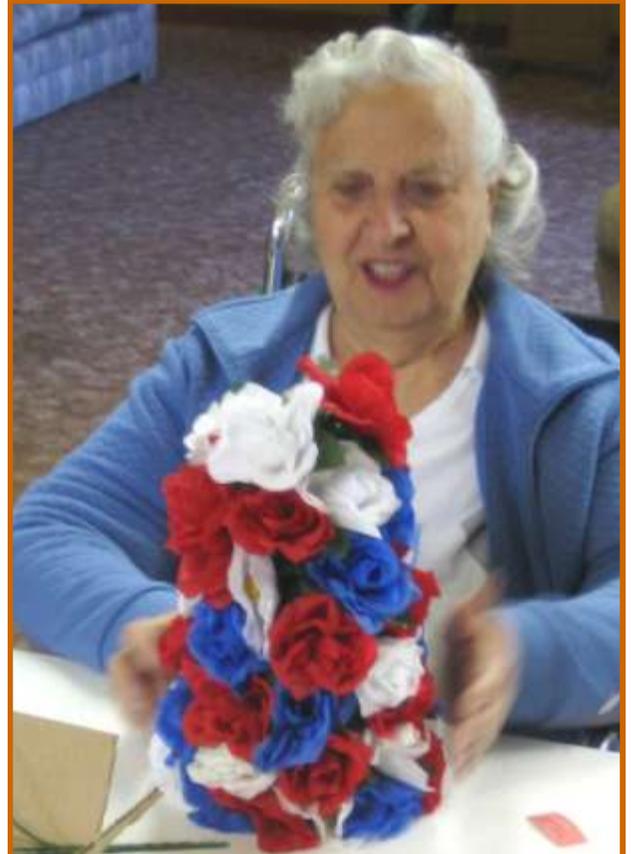
The National in Milwaukee was a resounding success, at least for the ladies point of view. We had more women at or clinics than at any other convention in recent history. At the welcome and lemon-layoff the first day we had close to 100 women in the room and the smallest clinic had 17 ladies present. We have come a long way ladies and I hope the new non-rail chair continues what we have started.

Hope to see you in San Diego in September.



I am also starting to plan for the AZ Division meet in Tucson. We always have a good time there. I will have a better idea of what we will be doing in Tucson after the September Convention in San Diego. Must be getting old, can only plan one thing at a time.

So if I don't see you in San Diego, hopefully we can get together in Tucson in November.



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### Spur Line Railroad Quiz Answers

1. What railroads ran the 'Ambassador' over the route of Baltimore to Washington to Detroit?

Answer: Baltimore & Ohio and New York Central

2. What railroads ran the 'Exposition Flyer' between Chicago and San Francisco?

Answer: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Rio Grande, and Western Pacific

3. What railroads ran the 'Quaker' between Boston and Philadelphia?

Answer: New Haven and Pennsylvania Railroad



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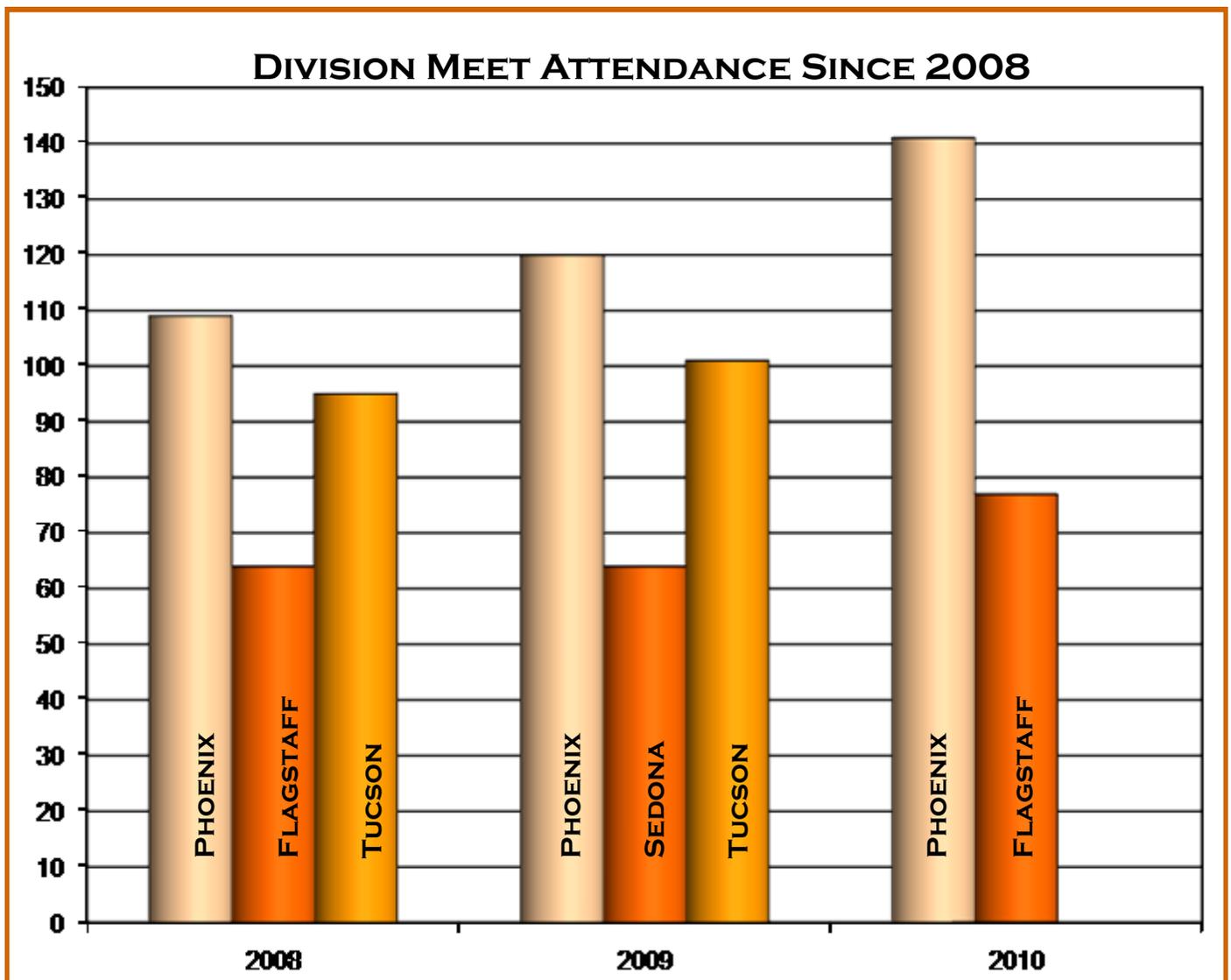
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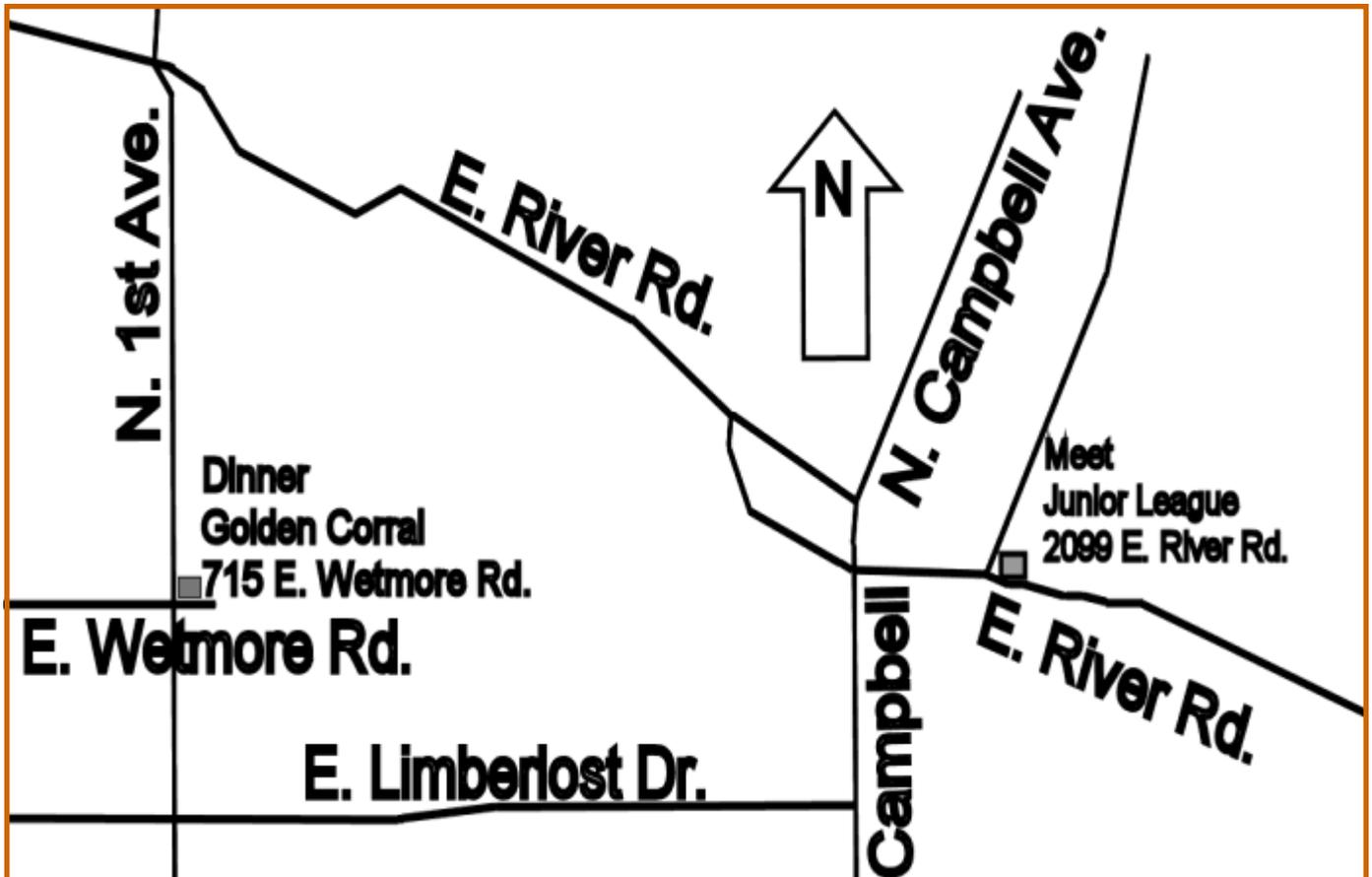
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