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SUMMER MEET - ARIZONA DIVISION, PSR, NMRA

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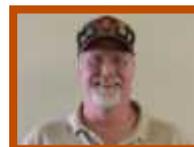
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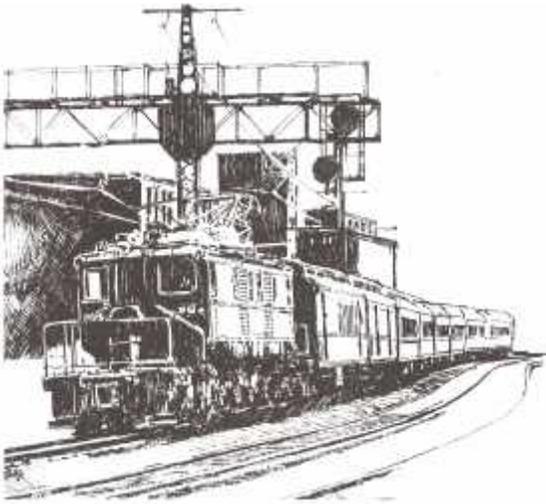
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FROM THE EDITOR - FRANK BAKER



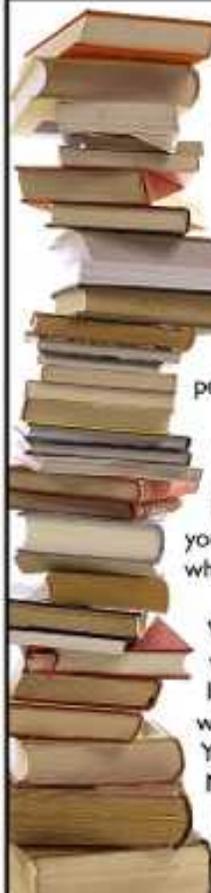
This issue is packed, including the results of the Spring Meet in Sun City, one of the funniest stories from Lennie Smith, a wonderful article from R.B. Trombley on the S.P. Daylight trains, and a complete pictorial of the contest room, Janet's Railettes and jewelry. Also included in this issue are the candidates running for office. I would also like to extend a special thanks to all the members of the Sun City club for the use of their facility and their gracious hospitality.

I keep looking at other division newsletters to see what we might include in ours. **The Potomac Flyer** has a crew listing that has a Category that I thought would be of interest to all of us, especially in the light of the recent loss of two members of the division. They call it, "Layout disposal Assistance". This is a subject matter that we (and our spouse) do little to consider until it is too late. They have a team that provides guidance on how to record your train possessions, consideration of insurance, values, how to or assist with selling, donation or dispose of valuable items. Several officers and members have asked Rick Watson to head the committee for the Arizona Division. We will call it "**Model Railroad Estate Assistance**". He will be selecting other members to work on a proactive team to help members and their families on personal record keeping, estate and insurance planning and estate liquidation. Rick and his team will share this program information with the membership at future clinics.

Remember summer in the cool pines of Flagstaff. It will soon be time to travel North for a beautiful day, lots of trains, contests and friendship.at the Division summer Meet.

This is your newsletter and I welcome your comments. Enjoy the issue and if you have any ideas that you would like to add or discuss, send me an email at SpurLine@Azdiv-nmra.org

Enjoy the issue and I will see you in Flagstaff.



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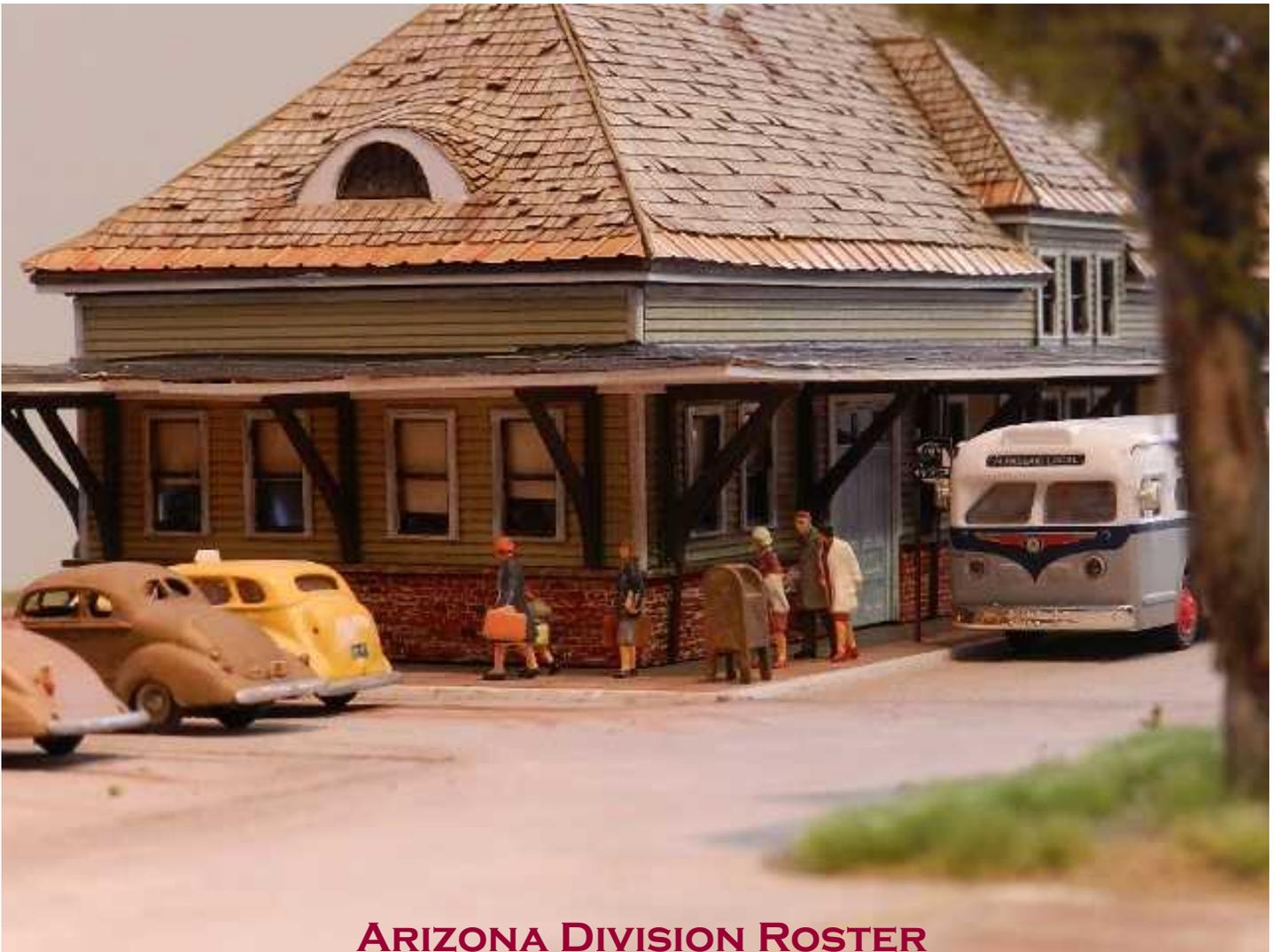


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SUMMER MEET - ARIZONA DIVISION, PSR, NMRA

Saturday, June 8, 2013 - Flagstaff, Arizona

NEW DEPOT

*Sechrist Elementary School, Flagstaff, Az.
2230 North Fort Valley Road / Highway 180
2 miles north of downtown Flagstaff en route to the Grand Canyon
Map on the last page*

REGISTRATION

Bring your membership card
\$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.)*
FREE - Non-member joining the NMRA and PSR at registration

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.
10:00 am - Meet Begins with Welcome and Introductions
10:05 am - CLINIC: **How do we get younger folks involved? ONE ANSWER**—Jim Tuck
11:00 am - Business Meeting and door prize drawings
11:45 am - Break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice
1:00 pm - CLINIC: **Making Desert Plants**—Dave Nash & Curtis Deibel
2:00 pm - CLINIC: **Personalizing Your Railroad with Custom Decals**—Stan Cedarleaf
3:15 pm - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.
4:00 pm - Meet Ends

ARIZONA DIVISION WEBSITE: www.AzDiv-nmra.org

CONTESTS

A complete line up of NMRA contests is planned. We are including Levity, Favorite Train and the ever popular photo contest. The Favorite Train subject will be **WAY FREIGHT** with a maximum of ten cars / locomotives,. The Levity category will be **HIGH COUNTRY TRAIN**. 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. Bring your unfinished models, projects and show them in **Lenny's Challenge!**

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. AZ Division Swap Tables are free for members with a quality donation to the door prize collection. Swap Tables for non-members is \$10.00 with a quality donation of a door prize.

RAILETTES:

A fun & 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!

**** WANTED ****

**GOOD QUALITY MODEL KITS, TOOLS, RR EQUIPMENT, ETC.
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DIRECT FROM THE DIRECTOR — DAVID IRICK

Well the cool weather is behind us and now it is time to gear up for Summer.

I did get my new layout started at home and I have surprised myself on how much I that have accomplished in a short period of time. I had a strong desire to get trains running which encouraged me to get the track and wiring finished. I can now enjoy the fun part of operating the layout while I add structures and scenery.

The Arizona Division held our spring meet in Sun City, Arizona on March 9, 2013. As usual we had a large crowd, interesting clinics, a great swap meet, fantastic models in the contest room, giggles from the ladies area and the large layout of the Sun City modelers to enjoy. If you were not there you missed a great meet. I want to thank all of you who were involved in hosting the meet for a job well done.

Our next meet will be in Flagstaff on June 8th. Watch the Spur Line and the web site for further details on the meet, with the new location and schedule of events. Flagstaff in June is a great place to beat the heat and spend the day with friends. I encourage all of you to attend the meet and spend the weekend in the cool north.

On March 23, 2012 I attended the Pacific Southwest Region meeting in Temecula CA. This is one of two meeting that I attend each year. We received the final report for the 2012 Regional Convention in Ventura, CA which produced a small profit. We reviewed the upcoming convention in San Bernardino in September 2013. Everything is coming together smoothly for that convention. I encourage everyone in the Arizona Division to go to the convention web page, see what we are offering and attend the convention. The board reviewed the future conventions in San Diego in 2014 and the Arizona convention in 2015. A complete recap of the board meeting can be seen in the Secretary's Report in the Dispatch.

The 2015 Pacific Southwest Region convention will be held in the Phoenix area in September of that year. The Scottsdale Model Railroad Club has volunteered to take the lead and host the convention with the help of volunteers from around the State. Currently we are in the process of finding a hotel to hold the convention. Later the year we will start the process of planning the actual convention itself. If you are interested in helping us with the convention please contact me.

Remember that this is an election year for the Division. Don't forget to vote for Superintendent and Chief Clerk and Paymaster. See you in the cool climes of Flagstaff.





FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT—ALAN VINCENT

I hope all who attended the Spring Division Meet in Sun City enjoyed it as much as I did. I would like to thank our gracious host at the Sun City Model Railroad Club for another great job, your hospitality and support helped make this another Division success, and I look forward to our next meet there in March of next year! It was so nice to see and visit with the many members who attended, as well as the new members and guest who I hope will continue to be involved in our continuing activities.

I would like to personally thank Chuck Hammond for stepping forward to take the leadership role in contest room for Dave Irick. This will free up more time for Dave to concentrate on his many important duties as Arizona Division Director. I hope the June Meet in Flagstaff will bring out many new members projects, and get Chuck started off in a big way in the contest room. I would encourage you all to bring and share your talents with the division, we have so many categories available, from models encompassing rolling stock, locomotives, structures, and photography. We are blessed with many talented and patient modelers, who not only like to share the projects they have completed, but are willing to share that knowledge too. Thank you for the many judges who helped out and devoted their time in the contest room. We had two information packed clinics at the Spring Meet, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and then a Q & A secession in the contest room called 'Meet the Modeler'. If you have a clinic you would like to share with the Division, please let us know, as we are looking for topics to share at the November Meet in Tucson, and the March meet in Sun City.

With the coming elections this year, and the departure of Jim Tuck as Chief Clerk and Pay Master, we find ourselves with a need to fill this vital and important position in the Division. Doc Shafer was nominated and accepted the call to serve, but due to recent changes in his schedule and circumstances, he must withdraw his nomination. So now we need another Division Member to step up and volunteer to serve in this position for the Division. Contact myself, Dave Irick, Lenny Smith or Jim Tuck, the current Chief Clerk and Pay Master if you are interested to serve. I look forward to seeing you in the cool air at the Summer Meet in Flagstaff!



CHIEF CLERK & PAYMASTER REPORT

By: JIM TUCK



123 attended the March meet in Sun City. The group included 86 NMRA members, 29 visitors (non-members), 2 guests, and 6 new NMRA members. The *visitor* number is larger for this meet, as I was more careful about asking about NMRA membership.

Two guests were brought by an Arizona Division member under Alan's competition. Each of the following division members has credit for one guest:

March 2012: Alan Barnes, Vernal Fosnight and Matt Furze

June 2012: Barry Bertani, Art Carlton and Alan Vincent

November 2012: Richard Dick

March 2013: Alan Vincent and Alan Vincent

So, the Superintendent is in the lead!

We sold eight of the boxes of a dozen of the 2007 regional convention car kits! I sold a box of 12 on eBay a few months ago, but the selling price was not worth the trouble.

In response to a suggestion that we should have NMRA membership information at Arizona clubs and hobby shops, I asked the national office for propaganda that was available at the meet. Unfortunately, the sign-up wasn't a huge success.

Account balance January 1, 2013	\$4,488.52
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INCOME

Meet Registration	\$805.00
NMRA Member Registration	\$113.85
Company Store Sales	\$480.50
Swap Meet Table Sales	\$20.00
Spur Line Support	\$0.00
Donations	\$3.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$1,422.35
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EXPENSES

Spur Line Distribution & Printing	\$574.30
Meet Locations	\$68.00
Meet Expenses	\$258.05
Raillette Expenses	\$98.16
NMRA Member Registration	\$113.85
Meet Equipment	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$20.95

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,133.31
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Account Balance March 13, 2013	\$4,777.56
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Election of Officers

The current terms of the Arizona Divisions Superintendent and Chief Clerk & Paymaster are coming to an end in November at the Division Tucson Meet. If you know of someone who is interested in either of these positions, or are interested yourself, please contact.

Lenny Smith – Nominations Chairman at nomchair@AzDiv-NMRA.org

The current term of the Arizona Division Director is also coming to an end in September at the Annual Membership Meeting during the 2013 PSR Convention in Riverside, CA. If you know of someone who is interested in this position, or are interested yourself, please contact.

Tom Draper prior to the Mid-Year BOD meeting on March 23, 2013 at TCDRaid-er@aol.com



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DIVISION DIRECTOR CANDIDATE: DAVID IRICK

It has been my privilege to serve you as the Arizona Director for the past two years. I solicit your vote of confidence to continue for another two year term.

Most of you know me and know that I am approachable and seek out ideas and opinions from fellow members. My heart and soul is dedicated to the betterment of our Division and I constantly seek memberships input on how we can improve.

Besides Director, I have been Contest Room Chairperson for the past two years, many of you are familiar with me in that capacity. I have worked hard to make the contest room more accessible and friendly to all who wish to enter.

Before I took on the job of Division Director, I was the Pacific Southwest Region Secretary for seven years. With nine years serving on the Region board I feel that I have gained the experience and ability to represent Arizona as it should be represented.

I am currently planning and forming a committee to host the 2015 regional convention in Phoenix. I would like to serve the next two years as Arizona Director so that I can see that project handled through to completion.

Thank you for supporting me these past two years, I hope that I can, with your support, serve you for another two years.

The position of Director will be voted for from a ballot issued by regional publication—"The Dispatch"

The position of Chief clerk and Paymaster will become vacant in September. Anyone interested in this position is recommended to contact: **Nominations Chairman - Lenny Smith (520) 836-7683 ***NomChair@AzDiv-nmra.org*****



SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE: R.B. TROMBLEY, MMR

Robert B. "R.B." Trombley, Ph.D, MMR is now a candidate for the NMRA, PSR, AZ Division Superintendent. "R.B." is an NMRA Master Model Railroader, # 130, the MMR being granted on September 14th, 1987. "R.B." has been doing serious model railroading since about 1970. He has built eight model railroads in his career, four in HO and four in N scale, his current scale. He has developed and presented many different clinics to local and regional conventions and is a former Superintendent of Division 8 of the North Central Region as well as serving as the 1986 Regional Convention Chairman and Program Chairman of the NCR, and Contest Judge for the NCR. Within the PSR, he has served as the 1985 Regional Security Chairman. Also, "R.B." has previously served the NMRA at the national level by serving on the NMRA Prototype Information Committee from August, 1982 thru June, 1986. In addition, he served as Vice Chairman of the NMRA Member Aid Committee from April, 1986 thru June, 1989. He is currently a member of the AZ Model Railroad Society, N Scale Division in Phoenix. Dr. Trombley is a retired college professor and research scientist in volcanology and has authored & published four books and co-authored & published two others. "R.B." now devotes almost all his spare time to model railroading and furthering the benefits of the hobby and the NMRA.

SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE: ALAN VINCENT

My name is Alan Vincent. I am a member of the Thunderbird Model Railroad Club, and have served that organization in several capacities, including the Board of Directors, Vice President, and President. I am the Club Historian and current Vice President. I am the current division superintendent.

Like it or not we are a rapidly aging hobby, and capturing young minds and imaginations becomes more difficult with each passing year. We owe it to all those who came before us, who introduced us to the hobby, nurtured us as we grew (and continue to grow), to share it with a new generation or introduce it to others. The many advances in the last ten years, in details, prototype options, Digital Command and Control, and of course sound, offer many new and very intriguing ways to capture those imaginations! These are not your father's trains, and we all face a tough choice as we seek to preserve the past and embrace the future. Adapt and re-capture the imaginations of those that we would have follow, or remain static and slowly fade to memories ourselves. I feel we can both adapt and re-capture dreams and imaginations equally well, if we all take a step out of our own comfort zone and help others discover the fun that we share. That can be as simple as encouraging a young modeler taking their first faltering steps into the hobby, or lending the knowledge, expertise, and memories of our own life experiences.

I invite you to join me in making our Division all it can be! Learning as we enjoy each other's company, by sharing our combined skills, passion, and love for the greatest hobby ever! As I get to know you all better, I look forward to your kind support and serving as a second term for Superintendent.

FROM THE CONTEST ROOM / SUN CITY / DAVE IRICK

While the number of models and photographs entered in the contest room was down from last year the quality was exceptional. We had 6 models entered in the judging contest, 14 photographs, 5 favorite trains, 1 levity entry and 4 entered under favorite model which were not judged.

After last year's 32 entries I was somewhat disappointed in the turn out this year. I was hoping for more models this year, but I guess that like me you just did not have the time to finish that model. Your next opportunity to show your skills will be in Flagstaff in June. Usually the Flagstaff meet is a good opportunity to snag that first place as participation is light.

The models shown in the contest room are improving in quality. I have been judging for a long time now and having entered many contests myself over the years and I do commend the modelers entering our contest today. Your dedication and skills is top notch. I hope that you continue to build and enter our Division's contests. I am most encouraged how each of you spends the time answering questions from your fellow modelers on how you built your models or answering questions on how they can solve the particular modeling problem. Sharing your talents, skills and knowledge with others is commendable.

How can I forget our contest room judges? What a great group of guys. We have a core group of 15 to 20 members that I can count on to skip the afternoon clinics and spend 2 to 3 hours evaluating the models in the contest room. Our judges are real dedicated modelers that are utilizing their skills to better your modeling skills. They are there to assist you, do not be afraid to ask them for guidance and advice.

This is the last column that I will be writing from the contest room. I am not leaving the contest room you will still find me in there at our meets, but I need to pass a few of my hats onto others so that I can concentrate on your 2015 Regional convention. Chuck Hammond from the Thunderbird Club has volunteered to take the lead position in the contest room. I am sure that most of you already know Chuck, but if you don't, stop by the contest room in Flagstaff and introduce yourself.

From the all of the Arizona staff, judges and volunteers welcome Chuck and rest reassured that we are here to support you in your new position as Contest Room Chairman – Arizona Division.

FROM THE CONTEST ROOM / SUN CITY / ALAN BARNES

The contest room had only 6 models in the judged contest and 5 for display. All of these models were of excellent quality. Five of the judged models earned merit awards. Alan Olsen brought back his best of show model from last year for display---Thanks Alan. First and second place favorite trains were separated by only one vote----so all votes count. If you are reluctant to enter the judged competition, then bring in your models for display. Please put your name and phone number with display models, so that that proper credit can be given and unclaimed models at the end of the meet can be returned. There were a few categories in the judged contest with no entries. We have the plaques and ribbons, so bring your models.

The “Best of Show” station model by Frank Baker and the First Place Structures Open model by Paul Chandler were only separated by a few points and were some of the highest scoring models we have had in the contest room. Lots of research both used white models in preparation. Excellent construction techniques, superb finish, and volumes of scratchbuilding resulted in fantastic one of a kind prototypically correct models that will be showcases on the owner’s layouts. I would be satisfied with completing one station of this amount of work, but Frank is going to make two more copies of the station, one for his neighbor and railroad buddy Russ Henzel, and one for Frank’s layout. Now that is a lot of scratch built stations. I also really liked the gas meter on Paul’s model, so small, but so real.

A big thanks to all who displayed their models and photos. Another big thanks to our judges who are willing to miss the clinics to evaluate the models. It was good to see the Yuma group back again. We know that it is time consuming and expensive to travel long distances, but great to see everyone.

The lower number of models allowed the judges to complete their evaluations before the Modeler meet and greet with about 15 minutes to spare. The meet and greet was lightly attended, but that allowed for more personal interaction. I was initially concerned about 100 people crowding into the room and making things unworkable. I learned a few things, including Paul Chandler uses older low function DCC decoders to control the lighting in his station model. Other great discussions included, types and sources of shingles, resin brick material, making plastic look like wood, and oyster cars.

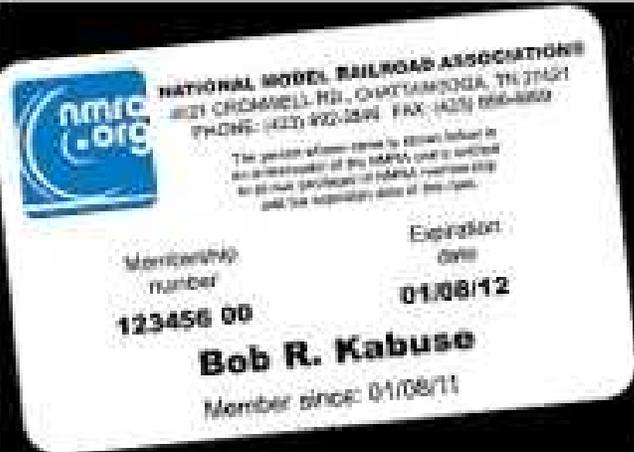
A concern was raised about food and drinks possibly damaging the models on display. In the future please either finish your food and drink items before entering the contest room, or leave/consume them in the front area with the room personnel before you view the models.

The judge’s comments led me to learn more about RGS stock cars. Thank you for your comments. The comments are very helpful for the Contest Room Staff to resolve ties as well as educate the modelers about the model evaluation.

FROM THE CONTEST ROOM / TUCSON / ALAN BARNES (CONT.)

I had many conversations with attendees, after viewing the superb models in the contest room, about bringing a model to the contest room and motivation. One entrant said he was motivated by the meet to bring a model. Some attendees said they just could not get started, or their motivation wavered. There are many activities competing for our time. It is very easy to just drop down in front of the TV.

The key may be to break the model building process down into small manageable chunks. Tonight do some background research. Tomorrow clean up the work bench. A day later review your materials and possibly go shopping. The point is to get started doing something. Try and make it more a routine to reward yourself with modeling time. Round Robins and clubs may keep you motivated between NMRA meets. You can always showcase your in-progress and completed models in the **Lenny's Challenge** area, with minimal paperwork and no competition. As always, I find model railroaders as very helpful and informative.



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FROM THE AP CHAIRMAN—DON STEWART

At the March Arizona Division Meeting, five Merit Awards were earned by members who entered models in the contest. These modelers and their models were:

Frank Baker **Ft. Edwards Station**

Paul Chandler **Southern Pacific Lathrop Depot**

Don Stewart **RGS Narrow Gauge Stock Car 7303**

Don Stewart **RGS Narrow Gauge Box Car 8611**

Tim Gilliland **Coyote Wells Station**

The quality of these modelers continues to be high.

One thing I remember when I first started entering models in contests was that I could not compete with the top modelers, several of whom were Master Model Railroaders. I was discouraged and thought that I was going to be stuck in second or third place, with no hope of ever getting a Best of Show award.

What brought me out of the funk and frustration was a little advice from the same MMRs I was losing to in the contests. I improved my skills with practice, started to add more details to my models, and developed better finishing techniques. I started doing better in the contests and feeling better about my capabilities. Building better models then became easier and I liked the look of the finished models. I also learned some simple tricks about filling out the paperwork for the contests.

A critical step forward was judging the models in Division contests. I learned what the judges were looking for in the models and read the member's paperwork. This showed me some hints on completing the paperwork to be most effective in the scoring. Here are the hints:



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FROM THE AP CHAIRMAN—DON STEWART (CONT.)

Here are the hints on the judging categories:

It is best to keep this to one page. A lot of writing takes time to read and there may be a lot of models to judge. It is helpful to write up your judging sheet **before** you get to the contest room so you do not forget anything. This also allows you to edit the words to keep them short and to the point.

Construction – Describe how you built everything.

Details – just list the details you added above the basics. Do not describe how you built the details, that part is in the Construction above.

Conformity – How well does the model match the real thing? A picture of the prototype is a big help in the score. Include it. If you are using something for your personal rail-road, include photos of prototypes similar to the one you modeled. Show how the brake wheel is correct, that the car frame matches a prototype, that the sides are similar to something that you have a picture of the structure or car.

Finish and Lettering – Not too many words needed here. The model does the talking. Just describe how you painted, decaled and weathered the model.

Scratchbuilt – List what you built from scratch. Do not describe how you built the parts (again, that is in the construction portion above).

Building models is enjoyable, as you build more, your skills improve and the satisfaction gained also increases. **Enjoy your modeling!**



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Model - Color

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2nd Place – Coming Around the Bend—Bob Batt

3rd Place – Live Steam Shay —Bob Batt

Model - Black & White

1st Place – Buggy and Coal—Lee Stoermer

2nd Place – GP9 #5913 In the Snow—Don Stewart

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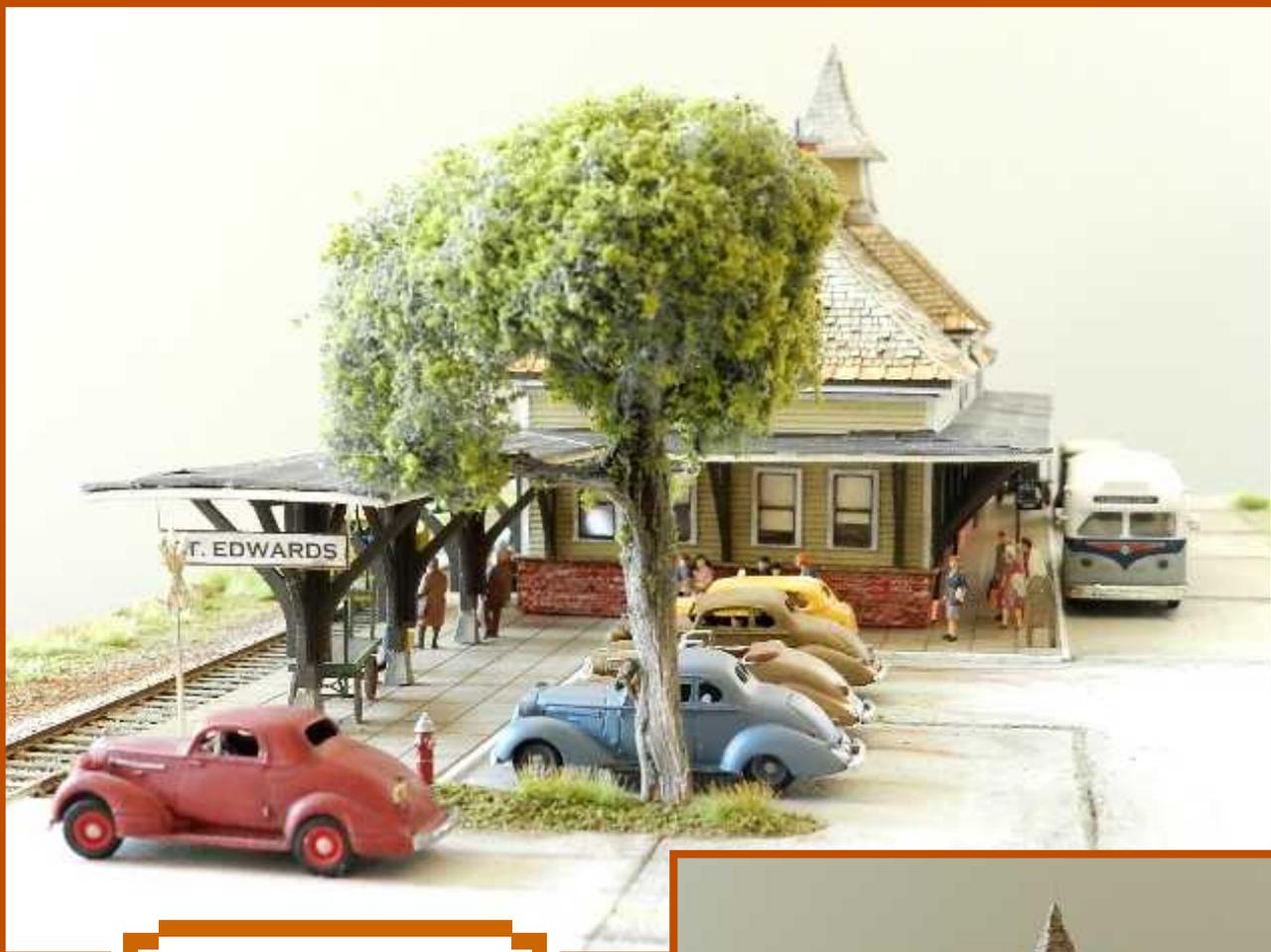
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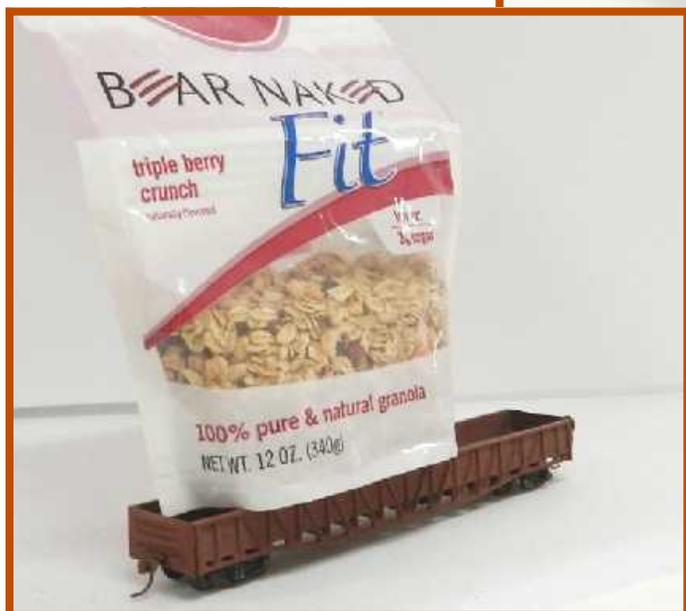
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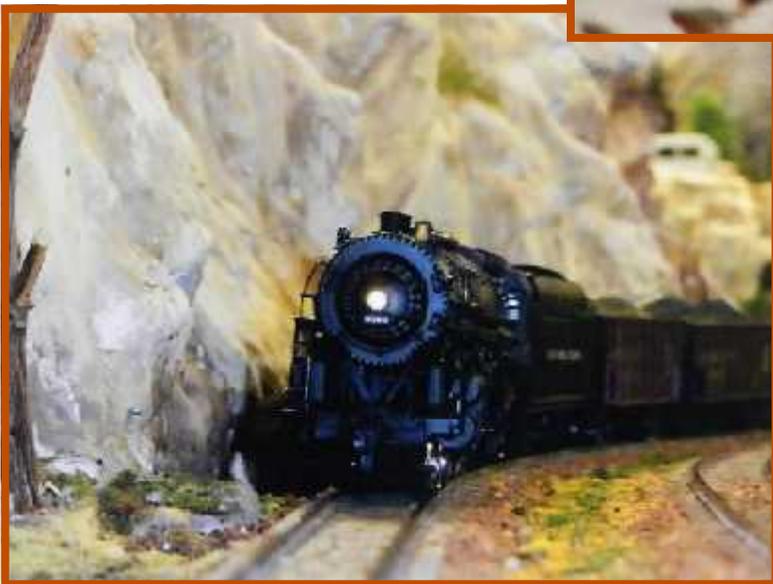
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2nd Place
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RAILETES *BY: JANET SPOONER*

Hi Ladies,

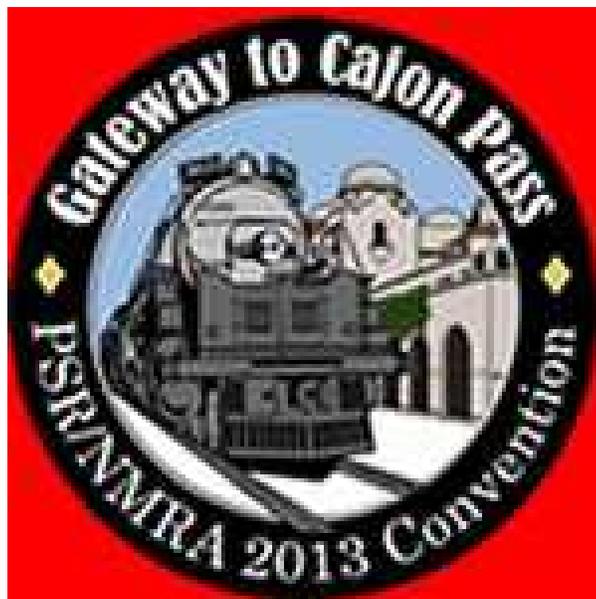
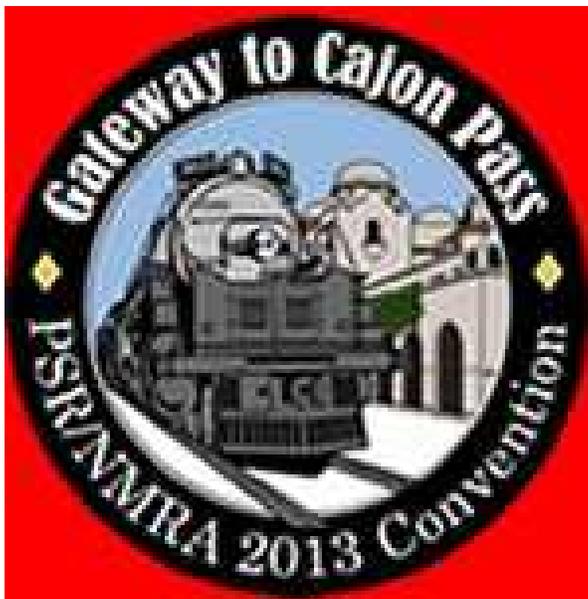
Well, we had a great time at the Division Meet in March. We met at the Sun City Fairway Rec Center. What a great facility, everything is new and up-to-date. By the time, we settled down to work, we had solved the problems of the world. All it takes is 6 or 7 woman sitting down and all troubles are taken care of. Now if someone would just listen to us.

We, finally got to work, making some lovely jewelry. We started with a crystal pendant necklace that was made to look like an Easter Egg. The necklace, and its matching earring, was cute and finished very quickly. Next we did a turquoise and copper and earring set. The necklace had a 1 1/2" copper medallion in its center, that was called a Desert Lily. This project took us into the afternoon session to finish. The finished set was fabulous. With time left, I went scrounging around in my jewelry supplies and found the items necessary to make angel necklaces and earrings. This set makes up so easily and they look spectacular when finished. Each lady was able to make two and even three sets. To say we had fun would be an underestimation of a great day.

Our next division meet will be in the cool country. What could be better than Flagstaff in June? Now as to what we will be doing up there, well, honestly at this time I have no idea. Any suggestions as to what you would like to do is very welcome. My contact information is in this Dispatch. If you don't have any suggestions, then I guess you will have to trust that I will come up with an idea. (Always have, haven't I.)

Take care and I hope to see you in Flagstaff in June. Come and join us for a day of gossip,,,er information exchange, laughter, and an overall great time.





***“DERAILED”* BY LENNIE SMITH**

Seven years ago I was cursing EBAY looking for some rare item for my model railroad collection. Then there it was, a S.P. MM 3--a 2-6-6-2 brass Hallmark, very rare, only eighty made. I had been looking for one for nineteen years. The offer on EBAY stated \$900 or best offer. I waited until the last thirty seconds and bid \$500, which was best offer. I paid on Pay Pal and waited for my engine to arrive. Three days later I received an email from the well known train dealer on EBAY stating that his automobile was stolen while on his way to the post office and my prized loco was in the trunk and he would be refunding my money.

Well as luck would have it, his address was in his EMAIL. He lived in Sacramento, California where my father in law Gus lived. Right away I called Gus with a plan. He was on his way to town that hour and he agreed to help. Now Gus, then 80, and a very big man of six foot six and over three hundred pounds with a real rough look. He is a farmer and was outside all day.

In less than an hour after I received the email from the seller, Gus banged on the mans door eight hundred miles from Casa Grande. The man opened his front door and Gus, in a loud voice, stated “I am an EBAY investigator and if you do not send that locomotive to Lenny Smith in Arizona your account with us will be terminated and EBay will sue you for false advertise”.

Well I received an email that day that his car was found and my locomotive was shipped. I run that S.P. locomotive often and always remember Gus who passed away a year ago.



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- May 11, 2013 **National Train Day**—Arizona Railway Museum, 330 W. Ryan Rd., Chandler, Az.
- May 18, 2013 **West Valley Train Swap Meet**—Glendale Christian Church, 9661 N. 59th Ave.
Sat. 9AM- 2 PM Admission \$5.00
- May 31-June 1, 2013 **Summer Toy Train Show & Meet**, Tucson Expo Center, Tucson
Fri. 2 PM.—7 PM., Sat. 9 AM.—2 PM.
- June 8, 2013 **Arizona Division NMRA Summer Meet**, Sechrist Elementary School, Flagstaff, Az.
9 AM—4 PM
- June 6-9, 2013 **Rails Along the Rio Grande**, Rocky Mountain Convention Center, Albuquerque
Marriott Pyramid North, Albuquerque, N.M.
- July 7-13, 2013 **Toy Train Operating Society Convention**, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, NV
- July 29, 2013 **In the Heat Swap Meet**, 9 AM– 1AM, North Baptist Church, Phoenix, Az.
- July 31– Aug 4, 2013—**Santa Fe Historical & Modeling Convention**, Flagstaff, Az.
- Aug 17, 2013—**Beat the Heat Swap Meet**—9 AM– 1 PM, Prescott Activity Center, Gurley St.
Prescott, Az.
- Aug. 28-31, 2013—**33rd National Narrow Gauge Convention**—Hilton Hotel, Pasadena, Ca.
- Aug. 30– Sept 2, 2013—**Coconino County Fair**—Flagstaff model Railroad Club—10AM—5 PM
Open House
- Sept. 25—29, 2013—**PSR, NMRA 2013 Region Convention**—”Gateway to Cajon Pass”
San Bernardino, Ca.
- Oct. 12-13, 2013—**Scottsdale Annual Rail Fair**—McCormick—Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale,
10-5 PM.
- Oct. 17—19, 2013—**ATRRM Annual Conference**—Association of Tourist Railroads & Railway Museums Convention—Historical Mission Inn, Riverside, Ca.
- Nov. 2-3, 2013—**Fall Toy Train Show & Meet**—Tucson, Az.
- Nov. 9, 2013, **Arizona Division NMRA Fall Meet**—St. Odilia’s Church, Tucson, Az. 9 AM—4 PM

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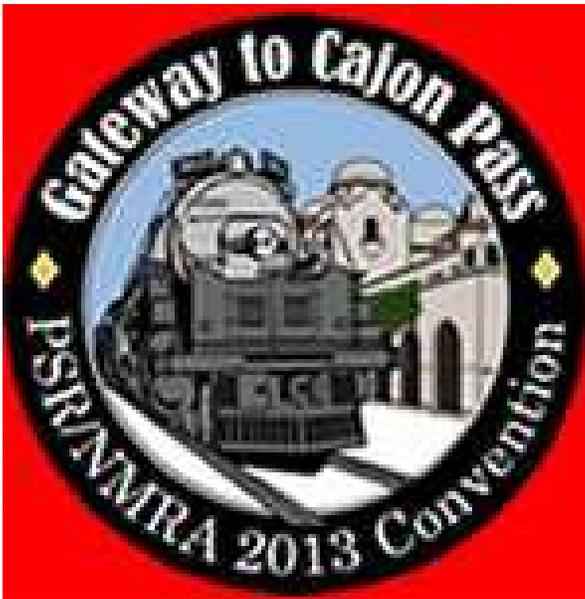
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RARG 2013 Pre-Convention Operating Sessions

June 4- 6, 2013

The purpose of a railroad is to move cars and trains loaded with commodities from point A to point B and make a profit.

Model railroaders enjoy emulating the prototype railroads using operating sessions to move cars and trains from point A to point B for fun. Would you like to participate in an operating session? If yes, you can join us as a complete beginner or an operator being somewhat familiar with Sequential Running, Timetable-Train Orders, Track warrants and Train Control Systems.

All layout operating sessions will be defined by your level of experience and the number one goal is having fun operating. Layout operating sessions will be limited to a certain number of engineer/conductor crews as requested by the layout host. The operating sessions will be closed to the public; however, most layouts will be open to the public some time during the convention.

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You must register for the convention to be able to sign up for the operating sessions. Operating slots will be available on a first come-first served basis. There is a \$10 deposit for each session with the money being refunded to you when you show up at the scheduled operating session. A standby list will be built for each operating session.

Santa Fe & Oklahoma Southern Railroad

Lynn Garrison will host a beginner operating session on her freelanced HO "Santa Fe & Oklahoma Southern Railroad" layout set from Oklahoma City south to Ardmore, OK. Her layout features a mid sized yard with a 4 stall roundhouse and turntable. Industries includes a flour mill, rock crusher, food warehouse, farmer's co-op, warehouse for mixed goods and an oil delivery spot. The layout features exceptional painted backdrops and scenery that she did herself. Lynn will host 4 engineer/conductor teams using a car card system and Digitrax simplex system. Some throttles available, bring your own if you can.



Missouri Pacific Coffeyville Subdivision

Joe Rogers will host a beginner operating session on his freelanced Free-mo HO "Missouri Pacific Coffeyville Subdivision" set in southeastern Kansas. Some of the key industries to be served include an ADM Corn Sweetener plant, 2 elevators, an oil supply company plus two interchanges. Operation is via switch lists and car cards and Joe uses a Digitrax simplex system. Joe will host 4 engineer/conductor crews. Some throttles are available or bring your own if you can.

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Denver & Rio Grande Narrow Gauge 3rd Division

Art Lorenz will host an intermediate operating session on his "Denver and Rio Grande Narrow Gauge 3rd Division" Sn3 layout running between Salida, Marshall Pass & Gunnison, Colorado. Art has 400+' of mainline and the emphasis will be on the steps it takes to get a steam train out of town and over the line. Art will host 4 engineer/conductor teams. Operation is via car cards and he uses a Digitrax simplex system. Some throttles available or bring your own if you can.

Denver & Rio Grande Alamosa Division

Bob DuBois will host an intermediate to advanced operations on his D&RGW Alamosa Division featuring his standard gauge La Veta Pass route and narrow gauge San Juan Route. Power includes steam and early standard gauge diesel. Operation is via car cards and waybills with a sequence based operating scheme. Bob will host 6 engineer/ conductor crews. Bob uses a Digitrax system using both simplex and duplex throttles. Some throttles available or bring your own if you can.



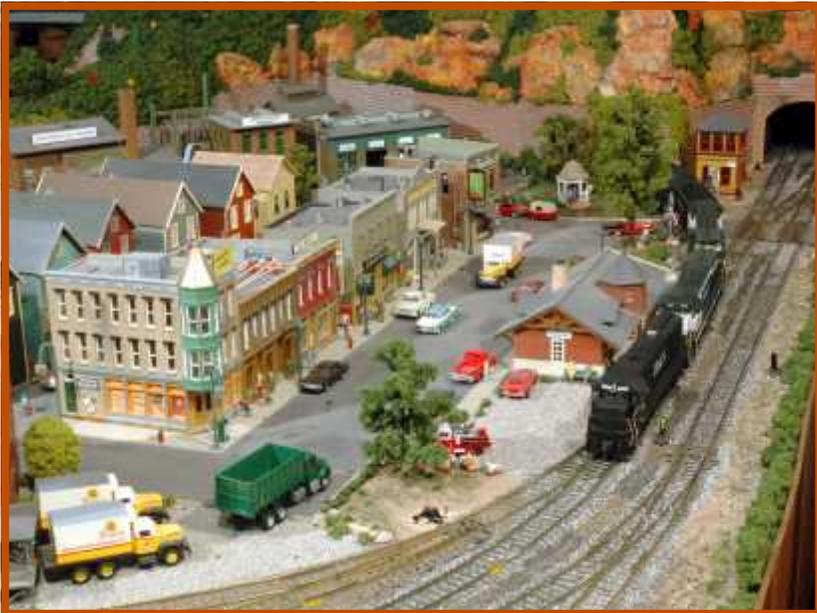
Oklahoma Belt Line

John Moore will host an advanced session on his "Oklahoma Belt Line" including the Santa Fe and Rock Island Lines. The Belt line is an HO industrial switching railroad which is loosely based on operations in Oklahoma City during the late 1940's and early 1950's. John runs his layout using a modified car card system and operators must be able to read train orders, messages and instructions. John will host up to 6 engineer/ conductor teams. DCC is Digitrax simplex. Some throttles available or bring your own if you can.



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JB & N “The Empire” Railroad

Bill Sedivec will host an advanced operating session for modelers who have experience operating on layouts. Bill uses “Ship It” and car cards on his JB & N. The locals call Bill’s layout “The Empire”. The setting for his freelance railroad is southern New York state and the multilevel features 385’ of main line connected by two helices. Over 100

engines are used to shuttle 600+ cars on his layout. Bill runs his layout with a CTC system, the layout is fully signaled and uses a Digitrax simplex system. 9 engineer/ conductor teams are needed to run a session. Some throttles are provided or bring your own if you can.

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Guest Speaker and Clinician



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Pelle K. Soeborg is a graphic designer in Farum, Denmark. In the early 1990s, several *Model Railroader* magazines caught his attention, and he has been a model railroader ever since. A trip to the United States in 1992 added to his

interest in modeling United States prototypes.

Pelle has written a number of articles for *Model Railroader*. His images have been featured in MR calendars in addition to Woodland Scenics and Walthers catalogs. He is the author and photographer of the book, *Mountain to Desert: Building the HO Scale Daneville & Donner River*, by Kalmbach Books, which demonstrates modeling techniques through the construction of his home layout. In addition to model railroading, Pelle enjoys slot car racing, oil painting, and photography.

Books by Pelle:

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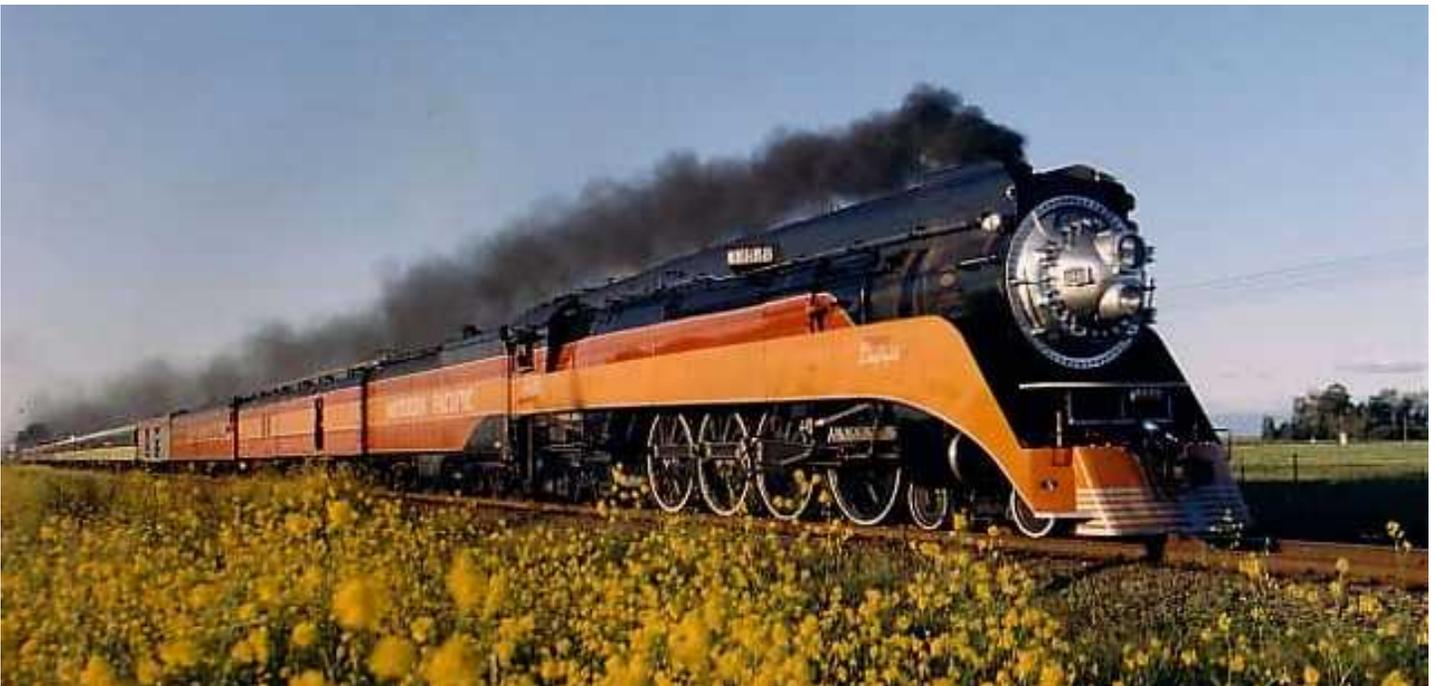


A Short History of the SP Daylights

By

**R. B. Trombley, MMR
NMRA - PSR – AZ Div.**

There have been (and still is) a lot of passenger trains running throughout the United States but the Southern Pacific's *Coast Daylight* was a passenger train, originally run by the Southern Pacific Railroad (SP), ran between the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, via the SP's Coast Line. In the eyes of many people, it was the "most beautiful passenger train in the world". The SP's *Coast Daylights* featured a stunning red, orange, and black colour scheme as shown in the photo below taken by Robert Morris.



The initial SP Daylight was a Daylight that began running occurred in March of 1937, and was pulled by a 4-8-4 locomotive (GS-2) and were numbered from 4410 to 4415. They were retired in 1956 and there are no surviving locomotives today. From 1938 to 1942 on locomotives 4416 thru 4429, another 4-8-4 locomotive deemed the GS-3s was utilized. They were retired in 1957 and again, there are no surviving locomotives today. There were an entire series of Daylights that included the *San Joaquin Daylight*, *Shasta Daylight*, *Sacramento Daylight*, and *Sunbeam* trains. The Coast Daylights continued to run behind steam until the 7th of January 1955. This was long after most streamliners had been taken over and powered by the diesels. On the 1st of May 1971, the Amtrak took over and rerouted their *Coast Daylight* to Oakland so it could continue north to Portland, Oregon.

With the suspension of World War II, on the same route, in the years between 1940 and 1949, a second train known and called by the name *Noon Daylight* was in operation. The original train, the *Coast Daylight*, was informally known as the *Morning Daylight* during the same time period.

A Short History of the SP Daylights (cont.)

In the year 1949, an overnight train known as the *Starlight* replaced the *Noon Daylight* using the same 4-8-4 locomotives. In 1956, coaches from the *Starlight* were added to the all-Pullman *Lark* and the *Starlight* was discontinued in 1957. Amtrak later revived the train name for its Los Angeles to Seattle service known as the *Coast Starlight*.

The United States Postal Service, on the 26th of August 1999, issued 33-cent *All Aboard! 20th Century American Trains* commemorative stamps featuring five celebrated American passenger trains from the 1930s and 1940s. One of the five stamps featured an image of a 4-8-4 steam locomotive (GS-4) pulling the red-and-orange train along the California Pacific Coast. The GS-4s were numbered from 4430 to 4457 in the years 1941 to 1957. The GS-4s were retired in 1958 and only one survives, locomotive number 4449, which this writer has had the pleasure of visiting and riding behind in 1999 in California.

The train is also the subject of the railroad documentary, "**Daylight: The Most Beautiful Train in the World.**" hosted by Michael Gross. The documentary features early colour images and colour films from within the train and as it travels along its route. Passengers fondly reminisce about their travels aboard the train, about the striking coastal scenery, and about the fine amenities available at the height of rail passenger era. The narrative was accompanied by large collection of contemporaneous photographs and films, including personal black-and-white films showing life aboard the train.



The documentary covers the time period from 1937 to 1971. This is the time period when the route and equipment were owned and operated as a business venture of the Southern Pacific Railroad. It begins with the train being ordered in 1935 in spite of the ongoing depression, entering service in 1937, operating through World War II, replacing locomotives with diesel power in the 1950s, and finally the demise of the train due to the declining rail passenger traffic. After World War II, declining revenues forced SP to cut costs through a series of austerity measures.

The train's layout was reconfigured to eliminate the dining cars that were considered a significant change. These were replaced in favour of Automat cars. A typical 1946 passenger consist was made-up as follows: Baggage Chair Car Combine, Articulated Chair Car (Pair), Articulated Chair Car (Pair), Articulated Chair Car (Pair), Articulated Dining Car (Triple Unit, consisting of a Coffee Shop car, Kitchen car, and Dining Room car), Chair Car, Articulated Chair Car (Pair), Articulated Chair Car (Pair), Chair Car, Tavern Car, Parlour Car, and a Parlour Observation Car. As a side note, 20 cars were the maximum consist, if demand was there.

The Automat cars offered prepared food from vending machines instead of fresh, made-to-order meals in the dining cars. These cars saved money by eliminating all of the train's culinary personnel. This was a utilitarian configuration which allowed for seating, for baggage, and for the Automat car.

A Short History of the SP Daylights (cont.)

This configuration was used until the train was discontinued. In 197, a typical passenger car consist was made-up of: a Baggage Car, Chair Car, Chair Car, Chair Car, Automat Car, Chair Car and an Observation Chair Car. In 1971, Amtrak took over operation of the route along the Pacific coast, expanding the route northward to Portland and Seattle. In 2008 it was announced that the "*Coast Daylight*" will resume service, allowing a flexible passenger itinerary, in 2011.

With respect to locomotives, there are only two surviving locomotives that were used on the *Coast Daylight*. They are Southern Pacific 4449, a 4-8-4 GS-4 steam locomotive which also served as the Bicentennial American Freedom Train engine from 1975 to 1976, and Southern Pacific 6051, an EMD E9 diesel locomotive. Also, from 1942 to 1955 the SP used another 4-8-4 locomotive, the GS-5s. They were also retired in 1958 and there are no surviving locomotives today.

With respect to diesel locomotives, the SP used several models throughout the years. Starting in 1953 and ending in 1968, ALCO PAs (#6000 pictured above), numbered 6000 to 6004, 6005 to 6017, 6019 to 6045, and 6055 to 6068 all of which were A units were in use. B units consisted of numbers 5910 to 5915, and 5918 to 5324 for the same time period. All of these locomotives were retired in 1968 and there are no surviving locomotives today.



From 1953 to 1968, the SP also used EMD E7 units. The A units were numbered from 5900 thru 5909 and the B units 5916 & 5917. They were retired in 1968 and there are no surviving locomotives today. The SP also used an E8 unit numbered 6018 and was in service from 1954 to 1968 and was retired in 1968. Again, there are no surviving locomotives today. EMD E9 units numbered 6046 thru 6054 were in service from 1954 thru 1971, the year of these locomotives retirement. One unit survives today, number 6051.

From the years 1953 thru 1971, the SP also employed EMD FP7 units numbered 6446 thru 6462 and all, except 6462 were sold to Amtrak in 1971. All these locomotives were retired (with Amtrak) in the 1980s. There are no surviving locomotives today. Lastly, EMD SDP45s numbered 3200 thru 3209 were leased and in service with Amtrak until 1976. They were all retired in the early 1990s and there are no surviving locomotive today.

So lastly, the *The Sunset Limited* was the last among the big American luxury trains to be streamlined, and in 1950 the train was reintroduced in a completely new look, featuring stainless steel cars, painted in silver with red letterboards and white "Southern Pacific" lettering. All cars except the RPO-Baggage (which had 6-wheel trucks) were built with 4-wheel trucks, and the last car of the train was a sleeping car with a blunted rear end, featuring a lighted neon-sign with the train name on the rear door. Until 1950 the train was pulled by 4-6-2 Pacific type and 4-8-4 GS-1 Northern type steam locomotives between New Orleans and El Paso, and by 4-8-2 MT-4 Mountain type and 4-8-4 GS-4 Northern type steam locomotives between El Paso and Los Angeles/San Francisco. Occasionally even some 4-10-2 Southern Pacific type and 4-8-8-2 AC class Cab Forward type steam locomotives could be seen pulling the train, especially on the western portion of its run. Steam on the *Sunset Limited* lingered until 1953, when there were enough diesel locomotives to provide steady diesel power to the train.

A Short History of the SP Daylights (cont.)

After dieselization, ALCO PA A-A unit diesel locomotives powered the train between New Orleans and El Paso, and EMD E7 and E9 diesel locomotives in A-B-B sets pulled the train between El Paso and Los Angeles. Between 1950 and 1958, the diesel locomotives pulling the train were painted in the Southern Pacific's "Daylight" scheme; later in the 1960s and 70s EMD F7 diesel locomotives in A-B-B-A sets and painted in SP's "Bloody Nose" scheme powered the train on the entire run.

And so in 1971, as previously mentioned, Amtrak took over operation of the route along the Pacific coast, expanding the route northward to Portland and Seattle. In 2008 it was announced that the "*Coast Daylight*" will resume service, allowing a flexible passenger itinerary, in 2011 which remains to this day. The Southern Pacific was a great railroad and developed a great train series in the Daylights !

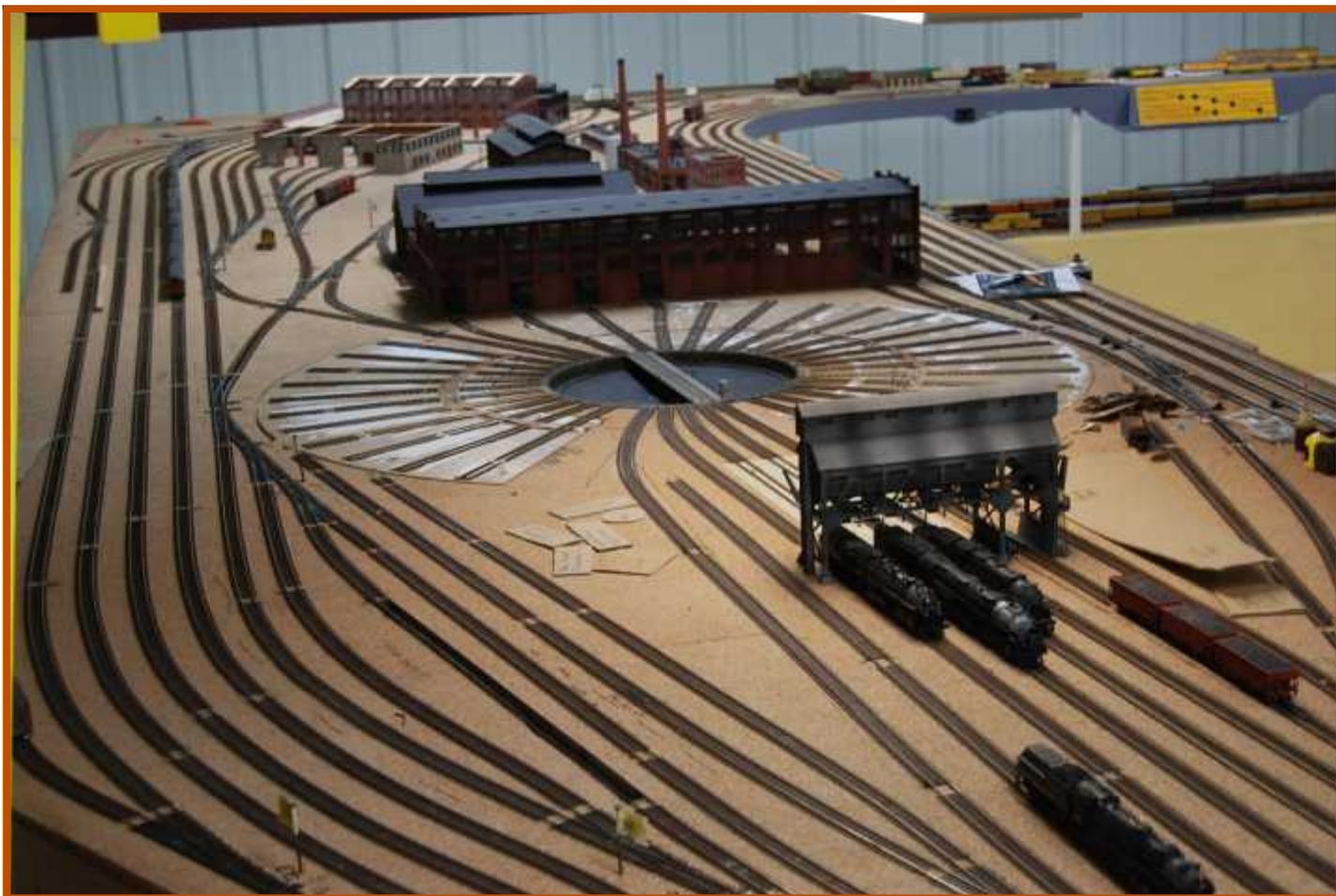


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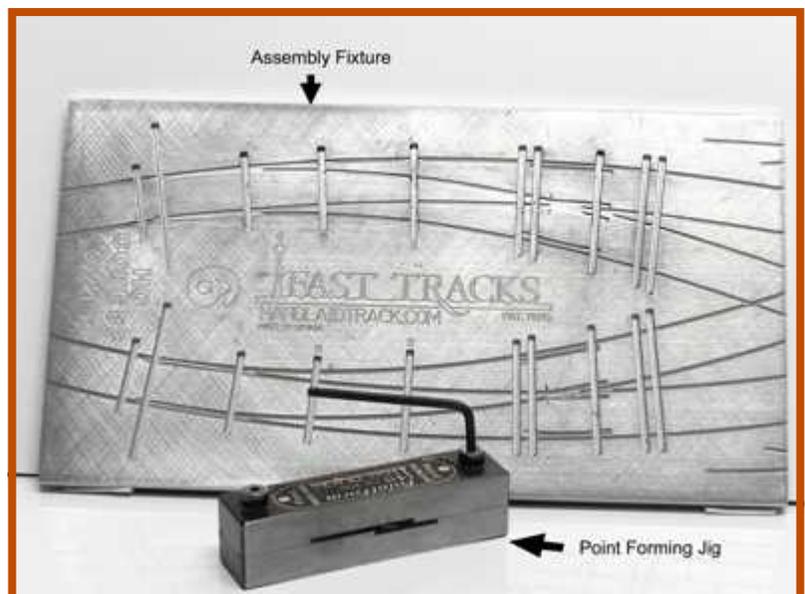
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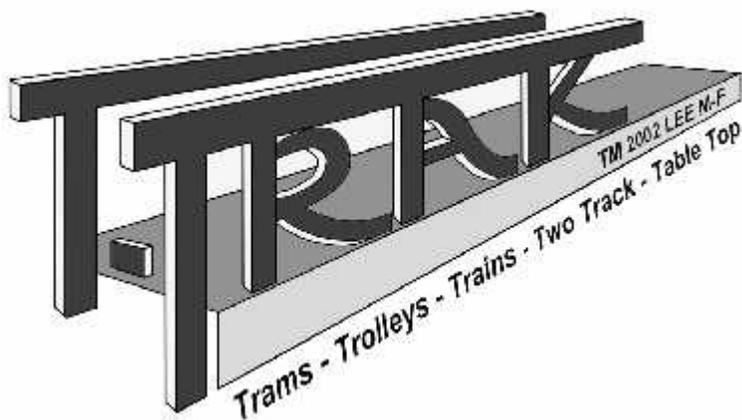
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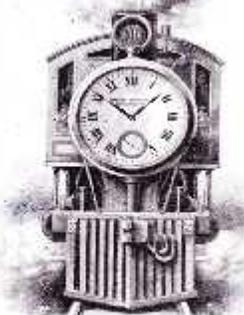
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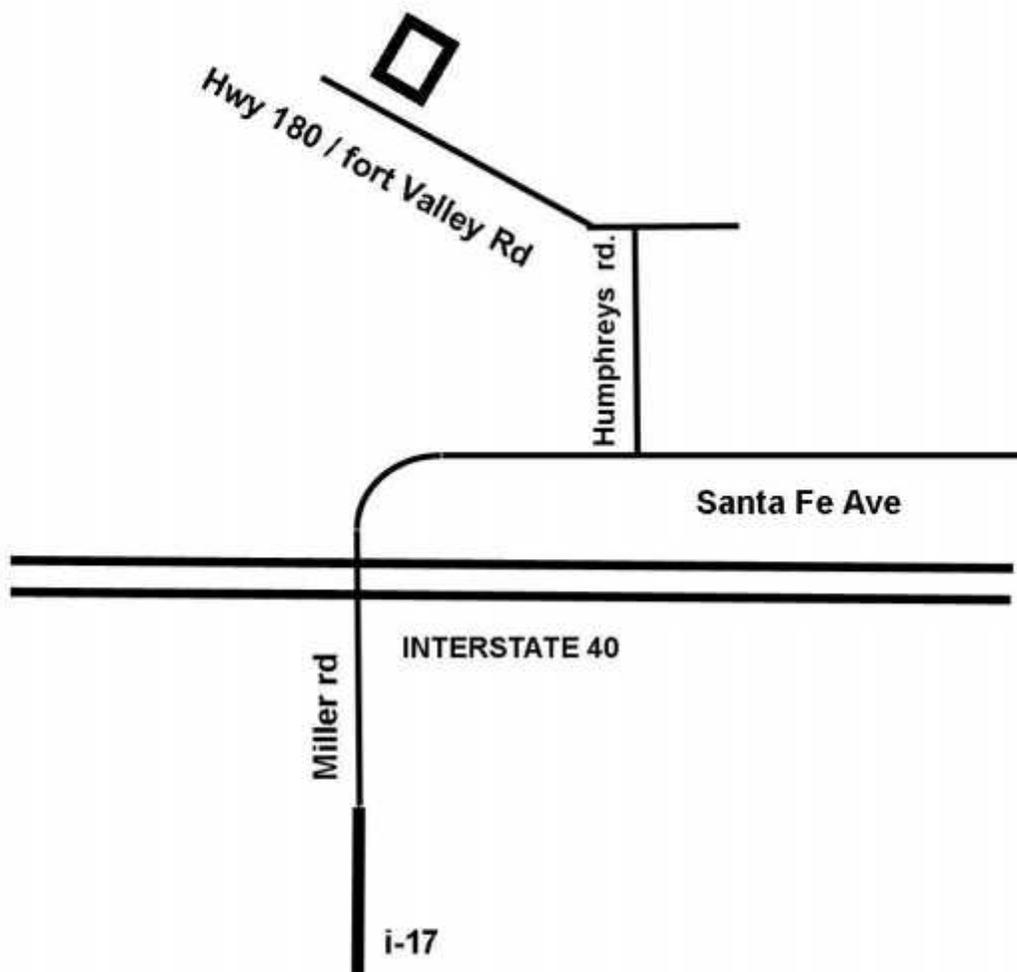
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