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ON THE CAJON CALENDAR

4TH Annual Banquet &
1ST Model Railroad Show

DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

FRANK BARONE

Frank has been in Model Railroading since 1944, first in the "Big Stuff" and then after Korea he changed over to HO, HOn3. Frank became a LIFER in the NMRA, PCR two years ago after putting it off for many years. Frank is working on his BA degree but claims interference from model railroading.

Frank sez: I volunteered for one job and wound up working everything except Chief Clerk and Director. We have grown by 15% and attendance at our meets has doubled since I have taken over the division 6 months ago. I have planned for expansion of the division in the next two years and to bring our meets up to a par with mini's. I am planning the 77 mini in San Bernardino, the 79 PCR Annual in the Division, and the biggie the "81 National.... Please show your enthusiasm by volunteering and PLEASE VOTE.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

TERRY BARRETT

Terry has been in and out of Model Railroading for more than 20 years from tinsplate to HOn3. Currently he is modeling in HOn3 after tries at HO and N. Terry is presently the activities chairman in the Cajon division and thus shares time for new layout construction with responsibilities to the division.

Terry sez; He plans to help the Superintendent to carry forward plans for the division and to encourage the committees to carry out their duties in the Division. He would like to see more people volunteer and help out with the activities in the Division.

Compiled by: Fred Hill
Nominations Chairman

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

T. R. SMITH

T. R. as he's known to many has been active in the hobby for more than 10 years not counting trains under the Christmas tree years. T. R. is a member of the HO module club and currently has an extensive HOn3 layout under construction. As owner of the "FRONTIER REPLICAS" company he has shown a devotion to bringing out quality products for the betterment of the modeler. A member of M.R.I.A., he is an active participant at many of the meets and conventions in the area.

T. R. sez: I hope to bring to the Division a revitalization in spirit necessary to the continued growth of the hobby. I would like to gain more active participation by the membership in our division and hopefully rekindle the friendly competition which has led to many of the great improvements which we are seeing in the quality of model railroading today. Greater participation can only lead to greater enjoyment in an already great hobby.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

JAMES GROOVER

Jim has been an active HO modeler for more than 8 years. Jim has an HO layout currently under construction and has always given a helping hand when a model railroad project is involved. Jim is a member of the Anaheim Fire Dept and member in good standing of the Little Depot Friday Night Gang.

Jim sez; I hope to be able to provide assistance to the superintendent in the planning and coordination of activities within the division. The time has come for the Cajon Division to move forward and establish itself as a leader within the PCR with the introduction of new ideas and take constructive steps for improving our hobby. Toward this end I fully intend to transform the office of Ass't Superintendent into one of active leadership.

1977 "CAJON PASS" MINI CONVENTION

OK, Cajon Division. It's official. We have it--the 1977 Mini-Convention at San Bernardino. The dates will be October 20-23.

But even though it's being called a "Mini," we are looking at a registration number of approximately 500 people.

So you know what my next question will be, right? Where are the necessary number of volunteers? This convention will have around 14 committees to fill. Under each committee, there should be the minimum of 4 to 6 people, depending upon the committee. If you multiply it out, you see we need the minimum of 56 to 84 volunteers. I want each committee to have enough people under it so that there's relief teams. Anyone who has worked on a registration desk knows what I mean!!

Some of the committees we are looking at are: registration, contests, clinics--both live and slides & movies, swap area, tours--both prototype & home layouts, manufacturers displays, auction, raiettes, and lil' steamers.

Do you see anything that is of interest to you? I hope so. We need alot more volunteers.

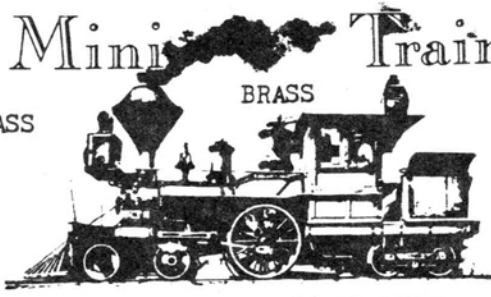
In addition to the regular convention, we are planning to have an "all scale modular meet" going at the same time. We are hoping to have groups from this area, the Bay area, and possibly from the Arizona region.

So, you see we have alot going for us. Wouldn't you like to take pride in helping to put on such an array of entertainment? If you haven't already done so, send me your name, address and phone number and let me know what you would like to be involved in.

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NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND.....By Paul Scoles

Hi...It's December already! Hard to believe, but the hobby shops are jammed with Christmas shoppers. Good time to stay home and work on that model. Plenty of time to finish it for the big contest at the ANNUAL CAJON DIV. BANQUET in FEBRUARY! Rumor has it that everyone is going to turn out for this contest...even "Butch-the-Cop", otherwise known as: fellow-member Butch Massar. The reason I mention Butch here is to make a point: He is not only a newcomer to the Division, but new to the hobby as well; but he plans on entering several models in the upcoming contest. Why? Well, building for a contest sharpens one's skill as a model builder...let's face it: You do better when you know others will closely examine your work. That's the whole philosophy behind NMRA contests, and why Butch is working so hard getting ready for February. He WANTS to improve, and from what I've seen of his progress, he might just win a category or two. Having a modeler with only one year of experience knock off some of the veterans would be a tremendous blow to some egos...or would it? How about it...guys, are we going to concede to Butch, or shall we get busy?

How about some comments on ballasting track? I've been doing a little on the Pelican Bay Rwy. & Navigation Co. tonight, so it comes to mind. Even though it has been covered several times in National publications, there seems to exist some mystery, so we'll go through it... Let's assume that you are using either plastic tie flex track or hand-laid track (fiber tie track doesn't lend itself to this method)...First you should select your ballast material. This should be dictated by the period and locale you model...Cinders, light or dark gray, or even reddish-brown would suffice for modern steam or diesel layouts (Highball and Campbell both make good lines of this type of ballast). Locale plays a big role here.....Yards probably should be cinders, while the mainline colors vary depending on the location of the source of ballast. Go out and look at the real thing if you are not sure. For us narrow gauge and period nuts (and industrial trackage on modern layouts) the best choice is natural dirt...that is, decomposed granite. Decomposed granite can be purchased at some building supply outfits, or you can make a quick trip up into the Sierras and pick some up for FREE (If all else fails, try Kaufman Bldg. Materials, 1526 Rosecrans, Gardena.). At any rate, the idea now is to get it glued down but retain a "loose" look. First, spread your ballast and dress it to it's final shape...use a soft paint brush here. Add a little LaBelle oil switch points and linkage to keep glue from jamming them up. Next, wet the ballast using a spray bottle filled with water and 1-2 teaspoons of liquid dish soap (the soap is important, so don't leave it out). For the glue, some prefer white glue, such as Elmer's, while others use latex glue, such as Liquitex polymer matte medium. I prefer the latter as it doesn't get brittle. Which ever you prefer, it is applied the same: mix some up in a cup with water...about 1 to 1½ parts water to 1 part glue, and apply to your WET ballast with an eyedropper. Apply glue to both sides of the track, and to the middle, and try to avoid getting too much around switches. A final touch, aside from cleaning the tops of the rails the next day, would be to apply some grimey black to heavily used mainlines or engine house leads with your airbrush to simulate oil drippings...but do it very lightly. That's all there is to it.....

SOME EDITORIAL REMARKS: Rumors are rampant in an organization such as ours, but one rumor that has been substantiated by numerous responsible parties revolves around our Director, Duane Leetzow. It seems Duane was unable to attend the Regional Director's meeting in Santa Barbara this fall...understandable, but the puzzling thing is that he refused to designate a suitable representative....instead preferring to inform the Regional Officers that only he was "competant" to represent us! Come to find out this isn't the first time he has done something on this order, and the Division has gone without representation on the Director's level MORE THAN ONCE. This is certainly not the kind of behavior or attitude that we can afford from the Director of the Division, as this is a primary "RESPONSIBLE" position in our political structure. A great many members, myself included, feel that this situation needs to be brought out into the open, and the reasons made public...if there is a personality conflict or some other problem maybe we can solve it. Most assuredly, we cannot go unrepresented at any future Director's meetings...HOW ABOUT IT DUANE?.....Enough for now... SPECIAL THANKS for helping me with my scenery problem of last issue to PATRICK TOOL, who is kind enough to send me some information on making waves and surf with resin.

THANKS FOR JOINING US.....PAUL



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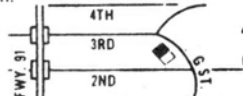


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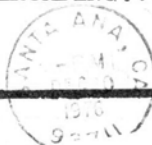
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