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# The Order Board-Supplemental

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### 2025 SPRING MEET OF THE CAJON DIVISION



This is a Special Edition of The Order Board highlighting the 2025 Spring Meet.



# *The Editor's Column*

*Kurt Matthews, Publications Chair*



This is a supplemental edition of The Order Board focused on Cajon's recent Spring Meet on April 26, 2025 in Buena Park, CA. There were a total of 43 attendees from the Cajon and LA Divisions and five swap meet vendors. The weather was a bit problematic with cool temperatures and sporadic rain showers.

A big thanks to the volunteer staff who handled sign-ins, set up of the various rooms and swap meet vendors, organizing the food & drinks, setting up of the Hobo Auction and final tear down.



**Sign-In Table**



**Left: Pat Raymer, PSR President Emeritus**

**Right: Joel Morse, Current PSR President**



**Swap Meet**





## *Clinics*

There were four clinics presented. The clinics were well attended with about ten folks in each. Thanks to all the presenters who donated their time to prepare and present their topics.

1. Basics of 3D Printing for Hobbyists and Model Railroaders by Mark Carnigham. The clinic covered two basic areas, design and printing. Design covered the issues and processes of creating files for the printer. Printing covered the types of printers with their advantages and issues.
2. Creating Inkjet Decals with White Lettering by Paul Stoner. The clinic discussed how to create decals with white lettering on inkjet printers using several techniques.
3. Selecting Components for Model Railroading Electronic Applications by Brian Hummel. This clinic discussed the possibilities of electronic applications for model railroaders.
4. History of Auto Racks by Kurt Matthews. The clinic provided the history of transporting automobiles on the railroad from the early days of using box cars to modern enclosed articulated auto racks. A list of available models was also presented.



**Mark Carnigham Giving 3D Printing Clinic**



## *Lunch and Hobo Auction*

The usual lunch of Domino's pizza along with drinks was provided with admission. After lunch a number of announcements were given by Paul Stoner, followed by the model awards ceremony and the Hobo Auction. The auction consisted of over 90 donated items including models of various scales, books, shirts and a few non-railroad related items. A book of tickets sells for \$5 and one or more tickets are placed in the red cup next to the auctioned item. Once all tickets are placed, a single winning ticket is drawn from each cup for each item. More than one ticket can be placed in the cup to increase your chances of winning. All but a very few items were bid on and won. The Hobo Auction rounds out the events for the day.



**Lunch**



**Auctioneer Brian Neely assisted by Gary Butts**

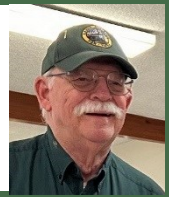


**Paul Stoner and Mike Allee Placing Tickets at the Hobo Auction**



# Contest Report: 2025 Spring Meet

Mike Allee, Contest Chair



There were eighteen entries in the Celebration Room at the Cajon Spring Meet, of which fifteen were submitted for evaluation. Fourteen of the models received Merit Award.

There are two ways in which one can enter an item in the Celebration Room. As an item to be evaluated, using NMRA Achievement Program Guide Lines, with the possibility of receive a Merit Award. Or, as "Display Only" (not seeking evaluation). All items submitted are voted on by attendees in "Popular Choice". Evaluated models are evaluated by qualified modelers

With only fifteen models submitted there was a lot of room for a modeler to submit a model for evaluation and receive a first, second, or third place certificate and ribbon, with the possibility of a merit with plaque (Cajon members only) as well. At a Cajon Div. Celebration there are nine model evaluation classifications, Steam Locomotive, Diesel & Other Loco, Passenger Car, Freight Car, Caboose, Non-Revenue Car, Structure On-Line, Structure Off-Line, and Display (dioramas and Modules). Awards are also available for "People's Choice" Locomotives (all types), Rolling Stock (all types), Structures (all types), Display/Module, Arts and Crafts (all types), Thumbs (humorous), and Favorite Train. At our division meet usually only local area modelers enter models. You may notice, as you look at the pictures, the models are identified by number, the modelers name doesn't appear at the time of evaluation. The only time a modeler would be associated with the model would be when the model receives an award. A personally proud moment.

### Evaluators:

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|---------------|----------------|
| Dave Arender  | Gary Stenberg  |
| Joel Morse    | Pat Raymer     |
| Allan Kershaw | Harold Helland |
| John Peckham  | Brian Neely    |



Mike Allee in Contest Room

### Contest Evaluation in Progress





## ***Contest Report: 2025 Spring Meet***

***Mike Allee, Contest Chair***

You may be wondering about Evaluation and Merit. There are five categories a model is evaluated for, Construction 40 pts., Detail 20 pts., Conformity 25 pts., Finish & Lettering 25 pts., and Scratch Built 15 pts., for a total of 125 pts. A model will receive points in each category, even a kit in Scratch Built. A kit model must have additions to it to be entered. It can only receive up to 8 pts. in the category. The fewest points a model can receive and earn an award is 50 pts., to possibly receive a certificate 75 pts.

Merit Award is an award in the model part of the NMRA Achievement Program. A modeler has to receive a certain number of merits in each of the categories to receive an Achievement Certificate in that category. In the model building categories, to receive a merit, the model must have an evaluation of 87.5 pts or higher. For those of us that remember high school 87.5 out of 125 is 70% or a "C-". I only mention this for those thinking about getting an MMR tagged behind their name. Keep in mind that in model building, some of the models must be scratch build but not all models need to have received a merit. All of the necessary information can be found at the NMRA website under education.

There are two forms to fill out to enter a model, 901 and 902. These can be downloaded either from NMRA education/contests or Cajon website. 902 on the Cajon website has two additional boxes filled out by the evaluators to aid in ones interpreting the score received. Also, review the "AP Judging Guidelines". This is the evaluation tool used by the evaluators to evaluate models in the Cajon Div. and PSR.

Even though an evaluator in each category is qualified, the Cajon and PSR invite model builders who have never judged to join in the evaluations and be guided by a qualified evaluator. The lessons learned on what additional things go into building a model and what to include in the descriptions on form 902 categories is invaluable. I always hear how valuable the experience was and never any negative comments. Many come back to evaluate again.

Always complete the forms at home. Time is very short in the Celebration Room. Trying to remember everything you did and write it down in bullet form is a pressure task, even though there is always someone available in the room to review your 902 and advise you. Build something, fill out the 902 and plan on having it reviewed and then enter the model in the "Display Only" category. If the advisor thinks you should enter it for evaluation then do so. Even if you don't get the score you think it should receive, the comments and evaluated score will be invaluable for you next project.

There are eleven certificates available to reach Model Master Railroader (MMR) one must receive seven. Gary Butts MMR, our Cajon & LA Div. AP Mgr. needs one more certificate to have all eleven. Carl Heimbberger PSR AP Mgr. will receive his Model Builder - Car Certificate with his Cajon Spring Meet awards and is close to finishing his final certificate needed Model Railroad Engineers - Civil.

The next Cajon Division Meet will be April 2026. The fall meet will be in conjunction with the Regional Convention, 2025 Pacific Southwest Express sponsored by Cajon. The dates are Sept. 3rd thru 6th at the John Wayne Airport Hilton Hotel. It will be a good time to bring those models, take the time to evaluate models, and learn to be a better modeler than you all ready are.



## ***Department of Corrections and Excuses***

*Kurt Matthews, Publications Chair*

The editor has prepared the following based on his best available knowledge, cryptic notes, photo logs and faulty memory. If any mistakes are found, I apologize in advance. Corrections may be submitted to [editor@cajon.org](mailto:editor@cajon.org) and I will publish them in the next edition of the Order Board.



## ***Fall Meet Model Contest Awards***

The following model contest awards were won at the Spring Meet in Buena Park. Photos of the presentation of awards are on the next page. Congratulations to all the winners!

### **Best of Show**

Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Stock Car #5669

### **Model Contest-Evaluated**

#### **Locomotive**

1st Place: Steve Cole. Steam Locomotive B&O #98, Little Joe 0-4-0

#### **Online Structure**

1st Place: Gary Butts, Oyster Bay Station

2nd Place: Allen Kershaw, Snow Shed

#### **Freight Car**

1st Place: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Salt Car #31

2nd Place: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Cord Wood Car #125

3rd Place (Tie): John Peckham, DG&H Powder Car #1 and DG&H Box Car #2

Honorable Mention: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Wheel & Tie Car

#### **Caboose**

1st Place: Paul Stoner, MoW Caboose/Tool Car

#### **Non-Revenue Car**

1st Place: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Tunnel Car #53

#### **Passenger Car**

1st Place: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW RPO #63

2nd Place: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Baggage #126

3rd Place: Carl Heimberger, D&RGW Coach/Combine #214

### **Certificate of Achievement-Author**

Pat Raymer



## *Awards*



**Carl Heimberger: Best in Show, First/Second Place Freight Car, First Place Non-Revenue Car, First/Second/Third Place Passenger Car**



**Steve Cole: First Place Locomotive**



## Awards



**Gary Butts: First Place On-Line Structure**



**Allen Kershaw: Second Place On-Line Structure**



## Awards



**Paul Stoner: First Place Caboose**



**Pat Raymer: Certificate of Achievement, Model Railroad Author**



***Model Contest-Judged  
Best of Show***



**Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Stock Car* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Scratch Built



## ***Model Contest-Judged Steam Locomotive***



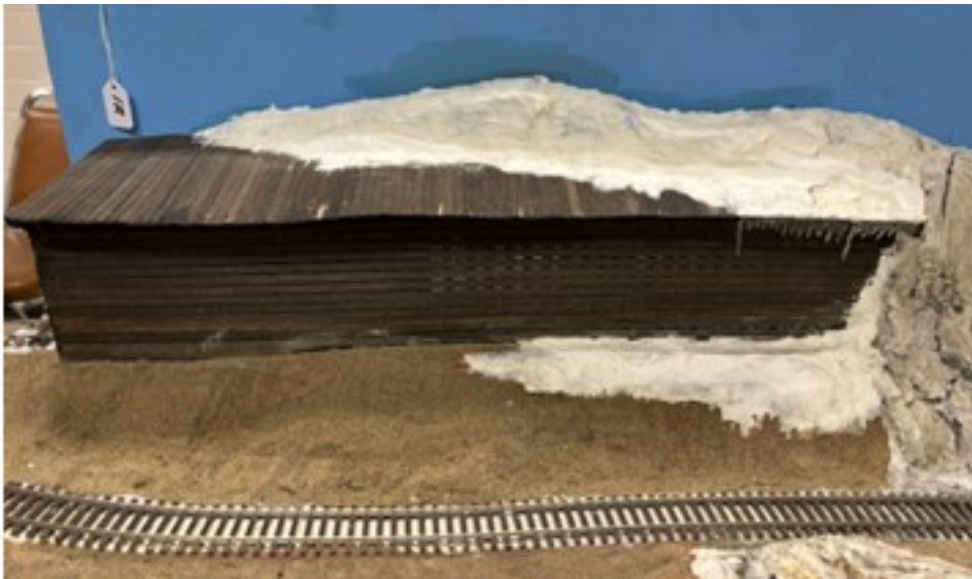
**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*B&O 98 Steam Locomotive* by Steve Cole  
Popular Choice O Kit Built



## ***Model Contest-Judged Online Structure***



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*Oyster Bay Station, LIRR* by Gary Butts  
Popular Choice HO Scratch Built



**Second Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*Snow Shed* by Allan Kershaw  
HO Scratch Built



## ***Model Contest-Judged Freight Car***



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Salt Car #31* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Scratch Built



**Second Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Cord Wood Car #125* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Scratch Built



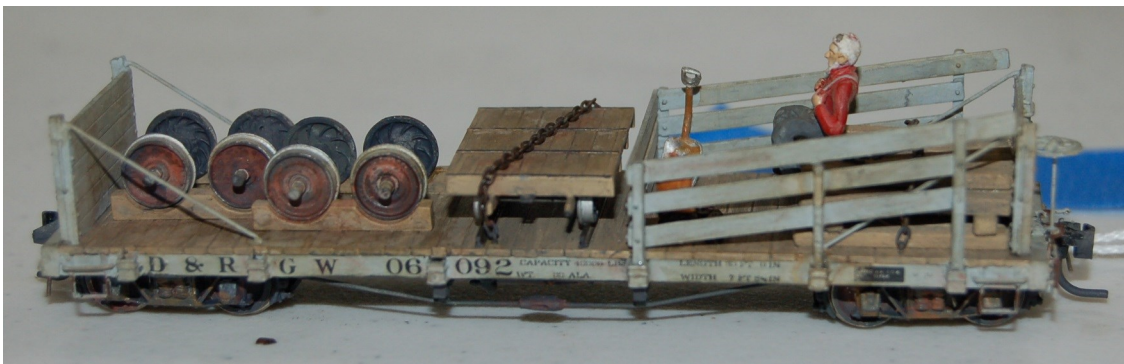
**Third Place (tie), Merit Evaluated**  
*DG&H Powder Car #1* by John Peckham  
HO Scratch Built



## ***Model Contest-Judged Freight Car***



**Third Place (tie), Merit Evaluated**  
*DG&H Powder Car #2* by John Peckham  
HO Scratch Built



**Honorable Mention, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Wheel & Tie Car #92* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Scratch Built



## ***Model Contest-Judged Caboose & Non-Revenue Car***



**First Place Caboose, Merit Evaluated**  
*MoW Caboose/Tool Car by Paul Stoner*



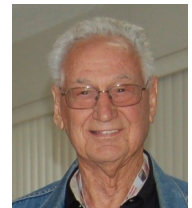
**First Place Non-Revenue Car, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Tunnel Car #53 by Carl Heimberger*  
HO Scratch Built



## ***Model Contest-Judged Passenger Car***



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Postal Railway #63* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Kit Built



**Second Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Baggage Car #126* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Kit Built



**Third Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*D&RGW Coach/Combine #214* by Carl Heimberger  
HO Kit Built



## *Model Contest-Other Entries/Display*



**Passenger Car Entry**  
**HO SWP Coach**  
Steve Cole



**Display**  
**HO Bennet All Door Box Car**  
Don Erickson



**Display**  
**O Andover Freight House**  
Robert Kanaley



**Display**  
**HO ATSF Refers**

