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Fall Meet - Arizona Division, PSR, NMRA Saturday, November 11, 2006 - Tucson, Arizona

Depot: **The Junior League of Tucson**
2099 E. River Rd, Tucson, Arizona (See locator map on Page 6)

Registration:

\$7.00 - Coffee Provided

\$3.00 - If NMRA member under 21 years of age. (Bring your membership card.)

FREE - If you join the NMRA and PSR at Registration.

Schedule:

- 9:00 AM - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.
- 10:00 AM - CLINIC - How to Build Passenger cars - Mike Welborn & John Causebe
- 11:00 AM - Business Meeting - door prize drawings.
- 11:30 AM - Break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice.
- 1:00 PM - CLINIC - "DCC Ready" (??) Locomotives - Bruce Petrarca
- 2:30 PM - CLINIC - Operation Life Saver - Norma J. Milligan - BNSF
- 3:30 PM - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.

Contests: A full slate of NMRA contests is planned. Also included are Levity, Favorite Train, and the ever popular photo contest. The Levity theme will be "Tank Cars." The Favorite Train category will be "Maintenance of Way," with a maximum of ten units, plus power. Bring your favorite model for the Favorite Model contest and share it with all who attend. You must be a member of the NMRA to enter contests. Give our contests a try. You may win an award.

Swap Meet: Tables will be available at 8:30 AM after the sellers' registration is paid. There is no fee for tables, but only Arizona Division members are allowed to sell. Anybody can buy! Please, only one table per seller until everybody has a table.

Railettes: The project for this meet is to create a pair of twelve inch tall snowpeople (snowman and snowgirl). Materials will be provided for this easy project that is described in the Railette column inside the newsletter.

**Meet Chairman/
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Superintendent's Corner

By: Rick Wheeler

Greetings to the Arizona Division

It was cool and wonderful in Flagstaff for our summer Division Meet. Forty-nine rails and raiettes enjoyed the clinics, the walking tour; thirty plus rail enthusiasts went to the BBQ and visited the Flagstaff Model R.R. Club HO/HOn3 layout. Clinics were interesting and informative. The Panel Discussion presented by Malcolm Mackey, Joe Meehan, and Tom Paradis gave us a fascinating history of Flagstaff and the railroad. Joe Cluck opened our eyes to little things that tell the viewer about your layout time frame and other subtle things of modeling the modeler might show. My wife, Elisabeth and others enjoyed the walking tour hosted by Tom Paradis. Norma Milligan of the BNSF R.R. gave us a shortened version of railroad safety in Operation Lifesaver. Thank you All.

Seven raiettes enjoyed the camaraderie of the meet and decorated tee shirts to donate to the needy.

Alan Barnes is now the 375th Master Model Railroader. Don Stewart presented him with his certificate. Congratulations Alan!

Congratulations to the others that entered the contests.

Charles Stewart was elected Vice President of the PSR. Congratulations Charles. Our other candidate Don Stewart lost by 1 vote. Please folks, your vote counts; take the time to vote in the PSR elections and the up coming local and national election

Your Division Convention Committee is working on the 2007 PSR Copper Trails – Silver Rails Convention to be held in Tucson on Sept. 5th through Sept. 9, 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel on Grant Road in Tucson. Please plan to attend. We are looking for layouts in Southern Arizona to view during the Convention. Start now by putting the finishing touches on your layout. Call me at 520 818 1547 or e-mail me at elisarick@wbhsi.com if you would like to show your layout during the Convention. We are also requesting clubs or groups that have modular layouts to display them at the Convention.

I want to thank the Division supporters that donated door prizes: John Almond, Flagstaff Model RR Club and The Freight Yard (on Bell Road in Phoenix).

The Freight Yard donated enough door prizes that everyone that stayed to the end of the meet received a prize.

Thief in the Roundhouse! An Affair with Trains donated several door prizes, but an unauthorized person picked them up stating he represented the Flagstaff meet. But the

Chief Clerk & Paymaster Report

By: Jack Debolt

We had a very good turnout at Flagstaff with 49 registered. We had 40 members, eight visitors and one new member. We need to keep up the good work by bringing guests of all ages to our meetings.

AZ Division Account

Account Balance as of 4/26/06 \$9233.69

Income:

Attendance fees from August 12, 06 Meet	\$343.00
Sales of RR cars, Standard Gauges, Patches, and Pins	\$9.00
Donations	\$3.00

Total Income: \$355.00

Expenses:

Flyer Postage- August 12, '06 Meet	\$45.18
Kwik Kopy – August 12, '06 Newsletter	\$369.06
Meeting Expense, Flagstaff Facility	\$50.00
Office Expenses	\$18.80

Total Expenses: (\$483.04)

Account Balance as of 8/31/06 \$9105.65

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prizes never showed up. We were all ripped off!! Kenny Rhoads is the only person in Maricopa County authorized to pick up door prizes.

The November 11th Tucson meet will have 3 informative clinics and there will be 2 layouts open after the meet and before the dinner at the Golden Corral. Additionally, 6 more layouts will be open on Sunday

Keep on building those models.

**See you in Tucson on
November 11th.**

Mark your calendars:

P.S.R.

**Copper Trails – Silver Rails
Convention**

Sept. 5th – 9th, 2007

Tucson, Arizona

Director's Report

By: Duane Buck

The number of people voting in the recent PSR-wide election for President and Vice President was indeed disappointing. With only 157 out of over 1200 eligible voters voting, this was not a good showing. The Arizona Division that has the largest number of any division within the PSR certainly did not do its part in determining the outcome of the election. Even with two well known candidates for President and Vice President from our Division, local members showed little interest in voting. I am happy to announce that Charles Stewart from our Division was elected Vice President. Congratulations, Charles. And - congratulations to Ben Sevier of the San Diego Division who was elected President, by one vote, over our own Don Stewart.

From the reports of the 2007 PSR Convention Committee, preparations are moving smoothly to produce a memorable convention in Tucson, next year. We have Rick Wheeler and Richard Dick, as our co-Chairman, to thank for their leadership in this matter. When you see these gentlemen, give them a "thank you."

Just a reminder that the 2006 PSR convention is coming up during the October 11-15 timeframe in San Diego. The regional conventions always provide a great source of enjoyment for modelers, railfans and for those whose interests lie elsewhere.

According to reports, the Flagstaff meet was enjoyed by all who attended. There were 49 attendees. Connie and I were unable to attend because of our annual scheduled trek to California during this week. We were able to celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary with our family and our new great granddaughter.

Mark your calendar for November 11. That is the date for the Division meet in Tucson. We always have a great time in Tucson and the meet venue there is an excellent one. I hope to see you there.

Railettes

By: Janet Spooner

First, to all of the ladies who showed up at the Flagstaff meet, a great big thank you for all of your help and your support. There were seven of us and we decorated 15 tee shirts for children who are in shelters. These tee shirts were donated to a shelter down here in Phoenix called Maggie's Place and they were very excited to receive them and ask that I express their thanks to all the ladies who helped with the project. So ladies here it is: "THANK YOU!"

Next on the calendar is the convention in San Diego in October. Kim Fowler, a local, is setting up the Railette program and from what she has been telling me this is not one you want to miss. Trust me on this; she has some great things planned for us.

After San Diego is our meet in Tucson. I am planning to have us make the cutest snowman and snowgirl you have ever seen. They are about 12 inches high and are really fun to make. As always they are also easy to make. About all you will need to do is cut and glue. There is some sewing but I guarantee that even I can do it and when it comes to sewing I am "needle handling challenged" which translates to mean that I am really bad at it. So if I can do it anyone can.

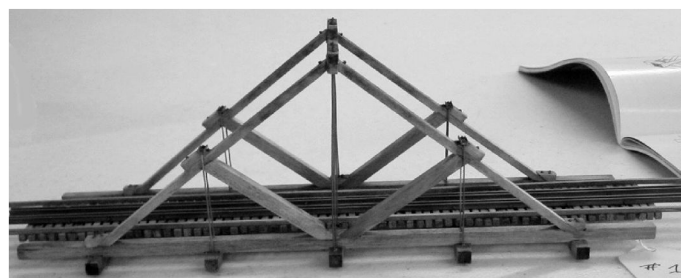
Hope to see you in both San Diego and Tucson where we can renew friendships and have some fun.



(Photos by: Anna Taylor © 2006)



Best of Show: BN Log car #200374 By: Alan Barnes
(Photo by: Anna Taylor © 2006)



Structures Open 1st Place: O Scale Bridge By: David Irick
(Photo by: Anna Taylor © 2006)

Contest Results – Flagstaff Meet

August 12, 2006

Don Stewart for Duane Buck

Six models were entered in the contests. Two earned a merit award (over 87.5 points out of 125) with their high quality work.

Model Construction: (* Indicates Merit Award)

Rolling Stock - Kit

- 1st Raymond Taylor – On30 Turtle Creek caboose
- 2nd James Johnston – HO StL&M Stock car
- 3rd James Johnston – HO NYC Early Container car

Motive Power – Kit

- 2nd Raymond Taylor – O scale 4-6-0 Turtle Creek Steam locomotive

Structures - Open

- 1st David Irick – O Scale 50 foot Wooden A-frame Bridge *

Best of Show

- Alan Barnes BN Log car #200374 converted from Box car *

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

Favorite Train (Bill board reefers)

- 1st Roger Von Seeburg Steam Era Beer Train

Favorite Model

- John Almond – California Portland Cement Covered hopper

Photography

Prototype - B&W

- 1st John Almond – CA&E Sign
- 2nd Alan Gregor CB&Q #4960, Rockford, IL, July '61

Prototype - Color

- 1st Allen Greger – Needleton Tank
- 2nd John Almond – Hammond Crossing
- 3rd Allen Greger – D&SNG Motor Car #222

Slides

- 1st John Almond – Blue Island Crossing

Slides

- 1st John Almond UP Crossing the Fox

From the Contest Room

By: Duane Buck

The Flagstaff meet produced seven model contest entries and six photo contest entries. In the model contest there were two merit awards, not bad at almost 29% of the entries. My thanks to Don Stewart and Alan Barnes, MMR, for taking care of the contest room in my absence.

There appears to be a continuing trend with more new persons getting involved in judging the Division model contests. There was one first time judge and two novices at Flagstaff. As has been stated on a number of occasions, judging is a wonderful learning experience. Give it a try!

It is time to finish those contest entries for the upcoming PSR convention in San Diego. October is just around the corner. Prepare your paperwork early and type in the information if at all possible. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Arizona Division was well represented in the NMRA contest room at the Philadelphia convention. Allen Gross, MMR, our perennial model contest award winner scored again this year. Allen's CP, 4 wheel flanger #40041 won first place in the Non-Revenue category with 120 points. His model also won the Fun and Games Hobbies Special Award for the best scale person or persons as part of the model. Duane Buck's GN FTA-B set #251A/B took second place in the Diesel and Other category, missing first place by one point, with 106 points. This model also received the KATO Diesel Award. Duane's GN TOFC flat car #60204 won the popular vote contest in the Freight Car category.

Remember, get your contest entries ready for the Division meet at Tucson, on November 11. What a way to celebrate Veteran's Day!

***Bring a friend and a contest entry
to the Division meet!***

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The next opportunity to enter models will be at the Regional Convention in San Diego in October. In the Arizona Division, the next opportunity is November 11 in Tucson and then March 3, 2007 in Phoenix.

Congratulations!

Achievement Program

By: Don Stewart

The recent model contests at the Arizona Division Meet in Flagstaff resulted in two more merit awards. Alan Barnes earned one for a boxcar conversion to a log car. He has earned several of these for other log car conversions and is building up a good fleet.

The second merit award was earned by David Irick for a beautiful A-frame wooden railroad bridge. This was only his second contest entry. Excellent work, David!

Alan Barnes was also presented his MMR plaque at the meet. He is MMR #375. He has earned certificates in: Scenery, Structures, Author, Volunteer, Chief Dispatcher, Electrical and Motive Power. Congratulations, Alan!

Request for Clinicians for the 2007 PSR Convention

By: Roger C. von Seeburg

If you are interested in giving a clinic at the 2007 PSR Convention, to be held September 5 to 9, 2007 in Tucson, AZ, please contact me (contact info below). Don't procrastinate; there are only 27 clinics to be scheduled, and several are already taken. Topics can be anything having to do with prototype railroading or model railroading or special interest topics such as participation in the NMRA Achievement Program.

Send me your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address (if you have one). Also send the clinic title and a brief description of the clinic for use in the convention program. Also provide me with the equipment requirements you need in the clinic room (slide projector, LCD Projector, VCR & TV, white board, flip chart, etc.).

Each clinic will be scheduled for two presentations, on different days and at different times to give the registrants the best opportunity to schedule your clinic while also scheduling themselves for the other activities they also want to place in their schedule.

You can contact me (Roger von Seeburg) at 309 E. Beck Ln, Phoenix, AZ 85022-3009, (602) 942-9549, e-mail: rvonseeburg@att.net. I will confirm your contact as quickly as possible. I look forward to hearing from all of you and reading about the fantastic topics you have to share with those who attend the convention.

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Layout Tour

November 11, 2006 - Fall Meet Layout Tour - Basic Schedule - map at meet

Name	Scale	Sat.	Sun.
Gadsen-Pacific	G, O, S, HO, N	No	Yes
Gordon Geiger	HO	Yes	No
Gary Gutierrez	HO, HOn3	No	Yes
Bob Knoll	N	No	Yes
Gary Martin	G	No	Yes
Brian Miller	Lionel Std Gauge	No	Yes
Bob Schwab	G	No	Yes
SASME	HO	Yes	Yes

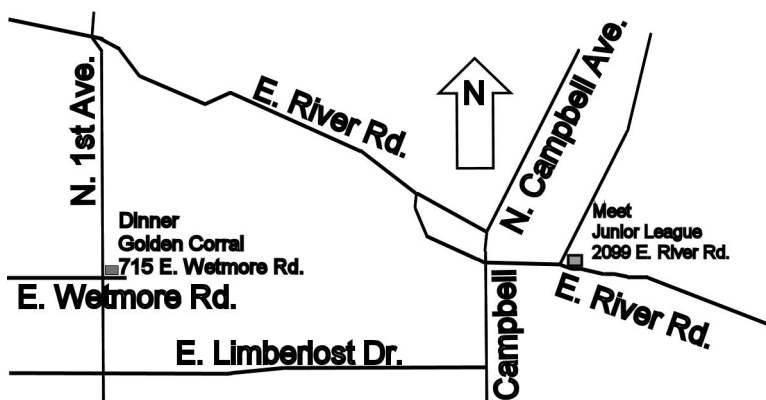
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Support your local hobby shop!

~ Coming Events ~

October 11 to 15, 2006 - "Back to the Future," PSR Convention sponsored by the San Diego Division. The convention will be held at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center San Diego, CA

March 3, 2007 - Arizona Division Spring Meet - First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix

September 5 to 9, 2007 - "Coper Trails - Silver Rails," PSR Convention sponsored by the Arizona Division.

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