



Spur Line

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Summer Meet - Arizona Division, PSR, NMRA Saturday, June 2, 2007 - Sedona, Arizona

Depot: St. John Vianney Catholic Church West Sedona
180 Soldier Pass Road West Sedona, Arizona (See locator map on Page 10)

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: Prototype Priority Train Control for Model Trains (TWC/DTS/ABS/CTC) - J. Lovely
- 11:00 AM - Business Meeting and door prize drawings.
- 11:30 AM - Break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice.
- 1:00 PM - CLINIC: Care and Feeding of HO and N Scale Locomotives - John Causbie
- 2:30 PM - CLINIC: DCC Train Control, Reporting and Occupancy Detection - Scottsdale Model Railroad Club (R. Petrina, E. Stewart, R. Sommer)
- 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 "Work Cars". The Favorite Train category will be MOW or work train with a maximum of ten units, plus power. Bring your favorite model for the popular vote Favorite Model contest and share it with the other attendees. 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. Please note all swap meet sellers must be NMRA members and must register.

Raillettes: What more could you ask for then to be in cool Sedona in June. It sure beats Phoenix or Tucson. We will be decorating children's T-shirt that will then be given to a local shelter. This is something that always comes in handy. Come join in on the fun!

Pacific Southwest Region

**Copper Trails – Silver Rails Convention Sept. 5th – 9th, 2007
Tucson, Arizona**

Superintendent's Corner

By: Rick Wheeler

Greetings to the Arizona Division!

WOW! Fourteen new members joined the NMRA at the Phoenix Meet. The new Yuma Model Railroad Club joined in mass, all 11 of them. We are glad to have you all aboard. A total of 111 Rails and Railettes enjoyed the day, and learned something, renewed old friendships and made new ones.

The clinics were interesting and well presented. Richard Dick's clinic on plaster building kits reminded me of some of the mistakes I made in the past putting these types of kits together. I should be able to do it better now. I liked Bruce Petrarca's clinic just a much this time as I did when he presented it in Sedona. There are still a few tools I must buy! Roy Sas's presentation gave us several ideas on sturdy and square/plumb benchwork.

Five Railettes enjoyed the camaraderie of the meet and made jewelry. Hey Railettes, and non rails we would like more of you to join us.

Your Division Convention Committee is continuing to work 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. I hope everyone received their special edition of the Spur Line giving you the information we have about the convention. Updates include more layouts, 21 now. Our Banquet Speaker will be Charlie Getz. Many of you know Charlie from his bimonthly articles in *The Narrow Gauge Gazette*. He is also on the NMRA board of Directors. He has given many clinics at various model railroad conventions and been their banquet speaker. His clean humor about the hobby is hilarious. Please plan to attend The Arizona Division's PSR Convention.

I want to thank the Division supporters that donated door prizes. Individuals include *Duane Buck*, *the Estate of Udo Meyer*, and *Don Stewart*, plus *The Flagstaff Model Railroad Club*. Thanks also to our hobby shop supporters who donated door prizes. The donating shops were *An Affair With Trains* in Phoenix, *The Freight Yard* in Phoenix, and *Litchfield Station* in Avondale. Please visit these hobby shops and thank them for their support and buy something to support them.

On page 6 in this issue of the Spur Line is information about the candidates for our Division's leaders for 2008 & 2009 The candidates are:

Duane Buck - Director

Rick Watson - Director

Art Carlton - Superintendent

Richard Dick - Chief Clerk & Paymaster

Please make sure to vote!!

Our next meet will be held in West Sedona on Saturday June 2, 2007 at the St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

Keep on building those models. *See you in Sedona!*

Achievement Program

By: Don Stewart

Now is the time to get your models built for the Regional contest in September.

The reason I say this is you have a meet in June (June 2 in Sedona) to have them evaluated in a judging environment and then have time to improve your models. You might also want to judge, as it will give you an idea about the things judges look for in models. You will not be able to judge the category your model is in, but judging other categories will give you the idea.

Take advantage of this as it improves your modeling abilities and builds personal self-confidence. Approaching this with an attitude toward improvement will also help you build better models. It is always nice when others tell you that you do good work.

Editor's Update

By: Rick Watson

I'm trilled to be the new Spur Line Editor. First of all, I would like to thank Raymond Taylor for the fantastic job he has done as editor. I look forward to taking Spur Line to the next level. That being said, I have also opted to run for Division Director. I believe I'm up to the task and have the opportunity to improve both the Spur Line and the Arizona Division. As Editor, I will appreciate your feedback and suggestions for improvements to the Spur Line. My contact information is listed on page 5 or pull me aside at a division meet and let me know what's on your mind and what you'd like to see changed.

Director's Report

By: Duane Buck

At our recent Division meets we have seen an increase in attendance. Eighteen new members have joined the NMRA at our last two meets. There is hope that we are seeing a resurgence in the interest in the NMRA.

Among our new members is an entire railroad club from Yuma. Welcome aboard, gentlemen.

In addition to the upcoming 2007 PSR convention in Tucson during the September 5-9 timeframe, there are two more Division meets planned for 2007. They are scheduled for June 2 in Sedona and November 10 in Tucson. Make plans to attend the convention and PSR meets. We guarantee an enjoyable time.

Elections for the Division Director, the Division Superintendent and the Division Chief Clerk and Paymaster are coming up. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please submit your name to Lenny Smith, the Nominations Chairman.

We would also like to welcome Rick Watson as the new editor of the Spur Line. Special thanks to Raymond Taylor for the great job he has done as editor for the past three years.

As most of you know, the NMRA national convention for 2008 will be held in PSR territory at Anaheim, CA. The "ANAHEIM SPECIAL" will be held during the July 13-19 timeframe. If you have not attended a national convention, here is a great opportunity. There are enough events to dazzle even the most ardent model railroader, rail fan, and their families.

Speaking of the Anaheim convention, each division's share of the "spoils" is dependent on the amount of active participation of the membership of each division. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours, please submit your name to Rick Wheeler, Division Superintendent, or myself. A list of volunteer positions that need to be filled will be provided in the near future. Give it a try. You'll meet interesting people from all over the United States and many other countries.

Much of the discussion at the March 24 PSR Board meeting was directed toward ways of recruiting new members for the PSR. Much of the emphasis with

regarding membership recruitment was placed on attracting younger members to perpetuate our organization. This subject will be discussed in more depth in future issues of the Spur Line.

Chief Clerk & Paymaster Report

By: Jack Debolt

We continue to have great turnouts with 111 registered attendees at the March Phoenix meet. In addition to 69 members we had 42 adults as guests. Nine of our guests joined as new NMRA-PSR members and one current member joined PSR. All eleven members of the Yuma Model Railroaders, six of who were in attendance joined NMRA-PSR at the meet.

Account Balance as of Nov. 30, 2006	\$ 8989.31
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Income:

Attendance fees from Mar., 07 Meet	\$707.00
Sales, Patches and Pins	\$ 25.50
Sales, Cars	\$ 60.00
NMRA Dues	\$ 41.00
Total Income:	\$833.50

Expenses:

Flyer Postage – Mar., 07 Meet	\$ 25.74
Kwik Kopy – Mar., 07 Newsletter	\$390.68
Meeting Expense, Phoenix Facility	\$200.00
Raillette Expenses – Mar., 07 Meet	\$ 70.09
NMRA Dues	\$ 41.00
Division Awards	\$217.06
07 Convention Car Deposit	\$1616.00
Office Expenses	\$ 17.96
Total Expenses:	<u>(\$ 2578.53)</u>

Account Balance as of April 9, 2007	\$ 7244.28
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*Hope to see you in Sedona
on June 2!*

From the Contest Room

by: Duane Buck

We had a fair number of entries in the Phoenix meet contest room with 11 models in the model construction contest and 12 photos in the photo contest.

Congratulations to Randolph Snow. All three of his model entries received merit awards with two first place and the Best of Show awards.

From the questions I have been receiving there seems to be some confusion over the requirements for prints in the photo contests. There are four categories. They are color-model, color-prototype, black and white model, and black and white prototype. For the dimensions the Arizona Division and PSR follow the requirements set forth by the NMRA. Prints must be mounted on flat rigid board (cardboard) or matted with similar material-no folders or glass frames allowed. Photo and mount may not exceed 12" x 16" (30 cm x 40 cm) in size. Minimum mount size is 8" x 10" (20cm x 25cm) and the minimum print size is 5" x 7" (13cm x 18cm). It should be obvious that prints that are present with an attractive matting show up best for those who are judging. Additionally, there is a requirement for all photo entries in Arizona Division and PSR contests to fill out the Photo Entry form PSR 601. One form for each entry.

I hope to see all of you at the Division meet in Sedona, on June 2nd.

Contest Results – Phoenix Meet

March 3, 2007

Model Construction: (* Indicates Merit Award)

Rolling Stock - Open

1st - Jim Paulsen	Santa Fe Tank Car*
2nd - Alan Olson	Soo Line Caboose

Rolling Stock - Kit

1st - Alan Barnes, MMR	HTTX Flat Car w/load*
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Motive Power - Open

1st - Randolph Snow	On2 1/2 0-6-4T*
2nd - Randolph Snow	HOn2 1/2 0-4-4T*

Motive Power - Open (continued)

3rd - Alan Olson	BTR SDP45 #1976*
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Structures-Kit

2nd - Jim Tuck	Paul's Ice Vault
3rd - Jim Tuck	Verne's John Deere Gear

Display - Kit

2nd - James Johnston	Lumber Mill
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Best of Show

Randolph Snow	HOn2 1/2 Wood Tank Car*
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Note: in the category where there was no first place winner, there was an insufficient point total (76) to allow a first place award in accordance with Arizona Division Contest Rules.

Favorite Train (Stack Cars)

1st - Gary Gelzer	HO GNC Train
2nd - Gary Gelzer	N GNC Train
3rd - Mark Rendak	ATSF Piggyback Train

Levity

1st - Jim Tuck	Stacked Cows
2nd - Alan Barnes, MMR	Double Stacks
3rd - Tom George	Double, Double Stacks

Favorite Model

1st - Mark Rendak	Chicago Belt Ry Switcher
2nd - Tom George	"Flying Scotsman"

Photography

Model - Color

1st - Phil Everett	"It Works".
2nd - Phil Everett	"Crossing".
3rd - Ken Rhoads	SF Weed Sprayer Car

Prototype - Color

1st - Alan Vincent	Coal Drag
2nd - Ken Rhoads	Santa Fe Snow Dozer
3rd - Allen Greger	Near Needleton, CO.

Congratulations!
Keep on building those models.

Railettes

By: Janet Spooner

Hi All Railettes,

Boy, we sure did miss you in March at the Phoenix meet. Those of us who were there had a great time and made some beautiful necklaces, bracelets, and matching earrings. We had fun and were even joined by one of the men who made a gorgeous necklace and matching bracelet as a present. He almost put the ladies to shame with the great job he did.

June 2 is our next meet and it will be in magnificent Sedona. What more could you ask for then to be in cool Sedona in June. It sure beats Phoenix or Tucson. We will be decorating children's T-shirt that will then be given to a local shelter. This is something that always comes in handy.

In September, our Region convention will be held in Tucson. I have several very talented ladies to present clinics. We are even privileged to Arliss Powell speak to us on the subject "So, you inherited a Railroad." Some of the hands on clinics include Kim Fowler showing how to turn cigar boxes into purses, a scrap booking session with Tatiana Gutierrez, and I will be showing how to turn washcloth into a gift for women who end up in a shelter with nothing but the clothes on their backs. There are other things planned to keep you busy. The Sheraton where we are staying is a beautiful hotel and everything is right there at the hotel. Come on down and have a great time. I hope to see many of you in September. Stop by the Railette room, we will have coffee and goodies for you. Sit down, join in, make new friend or reconnect with old ones, and have fun.

"Spur Line" Distribution

By: Dan Stoleson

The "Spur Line" currently is being mailed at a significant cost for copying, postage, etc. Emailing it to you each time would represent a very worthwhile cost savings to the Division, and would reduce the workload on the individuals doing this work.

If you are open to receiving your "Spur Line" by email, please notify me at dmstoleson@aol.com, by

phone at (520) 825-4680, or by snail mail at 62694 E Amberwood Dr. Tucson 85739.

(If you cannot or prefer not to make this change, there is no need to contact me.)

Many of us already receive newsletters and communications by email, and find it quite satisfactory. My expectation is that email will work well for most of us.

Thanks very much, Dan Stoleson

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Candidate Statements

Division Director Candidate

Duane Buck, Sedona, AZ



I have been a member of the Arizona Division for 16 years. During that time I've come to know many of you through regular attendance at Division meets. I have been a model railroader and railfan for 58 years. My life membership in the NMRA dates back to 1969. I have been an active member of the Division, having served you as Director for the past two years, as Assistant Contest Chair from 1995 to 1999, as Contest Chair from 1999 to the present, and PSR contest Chair from 2000 to the present. I've judged in nine different NMRA National Contests since 1996, with six of these as a category lead judge. I am currently working toward completing the MMR requirements that some of you remind me I should have completed 12 years ago. Additionally my wife and I have hosted a number of Division meets in Sedona over the years.

I'm currently serving a second term as President of the Great Northern Railway Historical Society, an organization with 2200 members. I also sit on the GNRHS Board and am the Modeling Editor for the Society. I have provided data to 33 different model manufacturers over the past eight years. I have written five articles that have been published in Mainline Modeler, Railmodel Journal, and Railroad Model Craftsman.

The Division has made significant improvements in recent months through the cooperative effort of current and past officers. Meet attendance is increasing, especially in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. There has been a recent increase in new memberships and the Division financial situation has improved.

I'm not going to make a lot of promises or ply you with flowery statements. My record of successful participation in our wonderful hobby speaks for itself. However, I will promise this, I will work hard for you and the Division. For this, I ask for your support for another term as your Director.

Division Director Candidate

Rick Watson, Tempe, AZ



One constant in life is change.

With that in mind, I would like to be an agent of change for the Arizona Division. I have been a model railroader since I received my first Lionel train set at age 5. I have been involved in various levels of the hobby throughout my 44 years, including working at a hobby shop through high school and working as a custom painter of brass while in college. I am a regular operator on railroads around the valley and participate in many operations events around the country. I am helping friends with the construction of their layouts while preparing for the construction of my own.

I believe that we have the opportunity to make the model railroading community stronger by promoting the hobby. We need to expose model railroading to those outside of our normal groups, those who would not normally see model railroading. Currently I promote the hobby through my leadership with the Grand Canyon State Model Railroaders modular club. We target events that expose non model railroaders to model railroading. Thus far in 2007, we've displayed at the Men's Luxury Toy Expo (3 day event) and the Maricopa County Fair (5 day event) making model railroading available to new audiences. We talk with the crowds and will often invite visitors 'inside the ropes' to operate trains. All are volunteer events in support of my commitment is to promote the hobby. I'll admit, I enjoy running trains too!

As Division Director, I will work to grow the division in both membership and stature. My goal is for the Arizona Division to set the pace for the PSR, not just participate. This will be accomplished by setting goals and seeking out new opportunities. I want the other PSR divisions to follow *our* leadership. I will be an agent of change by looking for new ways to bring in new members both young and old; and develop programs that help members get their children and grand children interested in the hobby. I want folks to be excited about model railroading.

We have great opportunities ahead. The 2008 National Convention in Anaheim will be a tremendous opportunity for the Arizona Division to shine. We have a number of Master Model

Railroaders in the division and many more pursuing a MMR (including myself). I want to leverage these folks to help generate more interest in the program and division activities. Our Railettes program is a great one and I want to help them grow as well. The program's success is a role model for all divisions.

In demonstrating my commitment to the Arizona Division, I have already assumed the role of Spur Line Editor. And, I'm ready to take on more to help our division grow. In support of my drive to make the Arizona Division the best in the PSR, I think I can bring a fresh perspective and new energy to the Director's role. But, I cannot do this alone. I need your vote to become Arizona Division Director and just as importantly, I need your input, feedback, and participation to make *our* division great!

Division Superintendent Candidate

Art Carlton, Casa Grande, AZ



I am 41 years old and was raised in La Palma, Arizona, a wide spot in the road south of Coolidge. My childhood home was less than a ¼ mile from SPRR Picacho/Phoenix line. I have been married to my wife, Kim, for seventeen years and we have two daughters, Jessica, 14 and Courtney, 7 (an up coming model railroader). I'm currently employed by Pinal County as an administrator for the Office of Emergency Management. My duties include responding to all emergency disasters, supervising the Environmental Investigators, writing and updating emergency response and recovery plans, developing various emergencies exercises for the first responders in the County. I'm also the "grunt labor" in my Wife's and Mother-in-law's family own businesses in Casa Grande.

Like many of us, the model railroad bug bit me after receiving a train set on my 12th Christmas. Two summers latter my folks built me a train shed to house the train layout. I switched over to O scale (two rails) after being introduced to it by my high school electronic teacher and later mentor, Bruce Smith. Right away Bruce began teaching me the skill of scratch building. I was in heaven . . .

I have been involved in many community organizations, which includes serving as President (2

ys) for Casa Grande's O'Odham Tash Days, Board member for Casa Grande Valley Historical Museum, committee member for city of Casa Grande Historical Preservation Board, committee member for Casa Grande Main Street – Railroad Depot planning committee. I was also an R&R historical advisor to the County civil engineer for the installation of the Silver Horizon car as a depot in the, then, town of Maricopa. In 2005, I was successful in obtaining IRS non-profit status for the Bruce C. Smith Model Railroad Foundation, which I currently serve as President. The Foundation was developed in memory of Bruce to preserve the history of model railroading and his collection of model trains.

I first joined NMRA in April of 2006, after being encouraged by Rick Wheeler and "THE" Lenny Smith. After a few NMRA meets, I realized I wanted to get more involved with the group. That is when Lenny asked me to run for Superintendent.

If you elect me as Superintendent, I hope to carry on the positive items that my predecessors have instilled in the organization and encourage new ideas to entice younger generations to partake in the World's Greatest Hobby and join the NMRA. I humbly ask you for your support and thank each of you for allowing me to be part of the NMRA Family.

Chief Clerk and Paymaster Candidate

Richard Dick, Tucson, AZ



I am the current treasurer for my model railroad club (SASME in Tucson) and have served in this capacity for several different terms. In addition, I have served as Paymaster for several Regional Conventions including the 2007 Convention to be held in Tucson.

In the 1990's, I served one term as Arizona Division Superintendent, and two terms as Arizona Division Director on the PSR Board.

I attend most of the Division Meets and pledge to attend all the Meets during my elected term. I will work with the current Chief Clerk/Paymaster to assure the successful transition of the Division's financial data.

Please vote during this election. It only costs one stamp and will show your interest in the Division activities.



2007 PSR Convention Copper Trails ~ Silver Rails

September 5 to 9, 2007

Submitted by: Roger von Seeburg

This is an update to the *Special Edition of the Spur Line*

~ Clinics ~

One clinic is canceled: A prototype clinic by Ron McLaughlin, “**Riding the rods over Tehachapi**”.

The following clinics have been added:

~ Prototype ~

Refrigerator Car Operations - *Anthony Thompson*

From returning and cleaning empty cars, to icing, loading and moving them to the destinations of their loads, refrigerator cars were handled in quite specific ways. This clinic summarizes these ways, primarily for the ice refrigeration era, and includes numerous points for modelers relating to operations. The focus is on produce shipping, not on meat or other specialized cargoes.

Cabooses - *Larry Platt*

A brief history of the caboose and it's uses both in service and after retirement. Learn how to identify extant cabooses even after their former heritage has been obliterated.

Bridges for the Non-Engineer - *George Lopez-Cepero*

Don't know a girder from a column, then come see this clinic. George will present information on bridge types, what are the elements of bridges and show examples of bridges in Arizona. Bring your questions and examples.

~ Modeling ~

Modeling Prototype Loads - *Chuck Nauman*

Building N and HO scale (open) loads based on what we see on/in flats, bulk-head flats, centerbeam flats and gondolas with attention to prototype practices.

Signs and Custom Interiors for Buildings – a Low Tech Approach - *Charlie Getz*

This clinic offers very low-tech methods to create custom signage and other external as well as internal details for your structures. Using a color copier at any of the major chains, you can make era-authentic signs and complete interiors for your structures at a reasonable cost. This clinic will also discuss

sources for the signs and methods of reproduction, copier tricks to age your signs, and how to add interiors and other external details with the minimum of effort.

~ Layout Tours ~

The following layouts have been added to the layout tour:

Ken Karrels Double K Ranch - *Ken & Mary Karrels G, 7 1/2", MTH, On30*

East Tucson

Fourteen hundred feet of track traverse 11 bridges, tunnels, 2 waterfalls and 2 ponds on this desert garden railway. There are 8 different layouts circa 1940-1950 with numerous structures and lots of sound coming from the buildings. In the house is a combination MTH and On30 layout. In addition you can ride on a 7 1/2" gauge train over a 1000' circle of track. There is a prototype SP caboose you can see and "sleep" in. This operation was featured on Tracks Ahead.

Grand River Southern - *Bob & Eileen Schwab Scale: G*

Oro Valley

This completed garden railroad is a Colorado narrow gauge operation between Colorado City and Clear Creek circa 1910. Over 100 cubic yards of dirt and rock make the mountains with 3 tunnels and 12 bridges for the trains to traverse over the 450' of track. There are numerous structures and people adding realism to the scenes.

Boojum & Mesquite - *Bill Dillion Scale: G*

SaddleBrooke

This completed backyard layout has 600' of track in a large loop. There are 2 towns, and scattered industrial buildings on this circa 1900 to 1950 layout. There are 135 buildings. In addition there is a trestle, waterfall and several buildings have sound chips to add realism.

Guest Speaker for the Awards Banquet

Charlie Getz, HLM: Many of you will recognize Charlie for his columns in the Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette. Many will also recognize Charlie for his involvement in the NMRA and PCR. You will find that Charlie is a very entertaining and humorous speaker. Be sure to attend the Awards Banquet and share in the wisdom Charlie will shower upon us.

Closing Comments: Watch the web site for additional updates as well as future issues of the Spur Line and the PSR Dispatch. The web site is located at:

www.psr-nmra.org

When making your hotel reservations at the Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites using the 800 number, please use these key word phrases with the reservation operator: "**National Model Railroad Association/Pacific SW Region**" or "**PSR Convention**" We have received some reports that some are having difficulties. We have worked with the Hotel to improve the situation. Hopefully, it is taken care of now.

We look forward to seeing you in Tucson, September 5 to 9, 2007.

The activities are shaping up nicely and you are sure to enjoy yourself.

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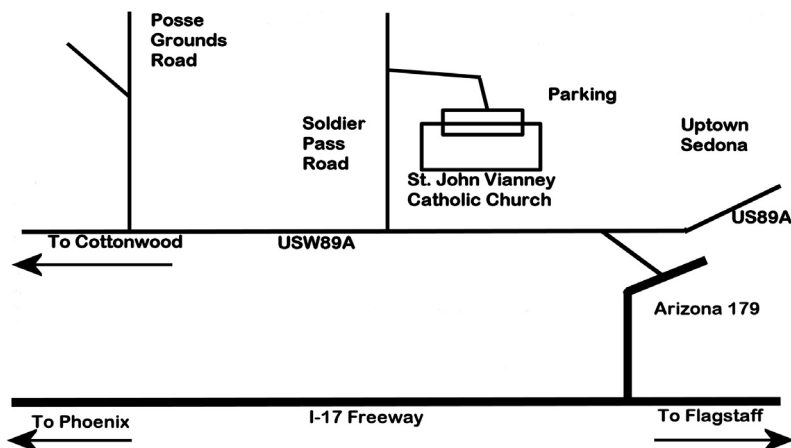
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~ Coming Events ~

*July 22nd - 28th, 2007 - "Great Lakes Express"
NMRA National Convention, Detroit, Michigan*

*September 5th - 9th, 2007 - "Copper Trails -
Silver Rails" PSR Convention sponsored by the
Arizona Division. The convention will be held at
the Sheraton Hotel on Grant Road in Tucson.*

*November 10, 2007 - Arizona Division Fall Meet -
Jr. League of Tucson*

North from Phoenix on I-17 to Arizona 179. Go west 15 miles to Sedona. From US 89A, west of the junction, turn on Soldier Pass Rd. The address is 180 Soldier Pass Rd, but you will turn to the right from Soldier Pass Rd. onto St. John Vianney Rd.