



SPUR LINE

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SUMMER MEET - ARIZONA DIVISION, PSR, NMRA Saturday, June 14, 2008 - Flagstaff, Arizona

DEPOT Federated Community Church

400 W. Aspen, Flagstaff, Arizona (See locator map on last page)

REGISTRATION \$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.)

9:00 am - Registration opens. Enter contests until noon.

10:00 am - CLINIC: Railroad Logging in Northern Arizona by Roger Eyrich

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: Tour of Flagstaff Depot (Visitor's center) - easy walking distance from the church

2:30 pm - CLINIC: Railroad Flagging by John Lovely

3:30 pm - Announce contest winners, door prize drawings.

4:00 pm - Flagstaff Model Railroad Club Open House. Bring a DCC engine, stay as late as you want
— No Host Bar-B-Que supper at Fort Tuthill (around \$8.00) —

SCHEDULE

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 "Stock Cars". The Favorite Train category will be Passenger Trains, to consist of a maximum of ten cars, plus motive power. 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.

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.*

RAILETES: 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!

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

BY: ART CARLTON

WOW! The Phoenix meet was outstanding. There were 109 attendees present. There was a fantastic representation of models in the contest room and it appeared the swap meet room was the place to be during the intermission of the clinics. Way to go everyone!!

Those members who did not attend the Phoenix meet missed some excellent clinics. Especially Richard Wehr's, Evolution of the Gas Station and Kevin Loeff's, Measuring Prototype Structures. Both of these clinics were well worth the admission to the meet. They were so well done, that the next day I went to my local home improvement store to buy the necessary items to make my own "measuring sticks". Then I began to research an old gas station that once exists up the road from my house. However guys, my wife is not happy with all of the newfound knowledge that you have bestowed upon me. She keeps mentioning something about chores around the house. I would think after 19 years she would understand the number one rule of model railroading; trains first, chores later. Oh, that comment is going to leave a mark.

It appears the members heard me loud and clear on the challenges that were cited in the prior Spur Line. I saw several younger (late teens early twenties) attendees. I saw members bringing non-members to the meet. I saw an increase of models in the contest room, including models for "Lenny's Challenge". Therefore, I would like to thank those of you who took me up on my challenges and challenge everyone to do it again for the Flagstaff meet this summer.

Until then, happy modeling and I hope to see you in Flagstaff.



First Place - Rolling Stock Open - Don Stewart

NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN!

As of the March Division Meet, the division has a new volunteer for our Membership Chairman. We would like to welcome our new Membership Chairman, Joseph Droit.

His duties include maintaining a roster of Arizona Division Members, hosting a membership table at events around Arizona, providing information to potential members, and promoting the Division. And help members with issues regarding membership.

Joseph started model railroading at age 5. His first rolling stock was a HO Rock Island diesel engine and caboose then about a year or two later got a HO Santa Fe engine and caboose (both of which he still has and they make appearances on his current railroad). He now has an HO scale freelanced railroad Coyote Falls and Badger Springs Railroad. Coyote Falls is set in circa 1885 Colorado and Badger Springs is set in circa 1955 Connecticut.

Joseph has scratchbuilt several buildings in Coyote Falls. He hopes to get his Master Builder-Structures certification this year, and then start working on becoming a Master Model Railroader.

Some great photos were entered in the photo contest. Bring those photos to Flagstaff!



DIRECT FROM THE DIRECTOR

BY: RICK WATSON

Greetings to the Arizona Division. First of all, I would like to apologize to all the Arizona Division members for my not being able to attend the meet in Phoenix. I had a family emergency that I had to attend to in California. All is well now and thanks to those who offered their kind words of support. I would also like to thank Art and Kevin for covering for me in my absence.

By all accounts, we had a great meet March 1 in Phoenix. The turnout for the meet was great and we pushed the size limits of the facility. Attendance was very high and we a number of new members sign up. The clinics were very well received and some presenters have been asked to show a part two. The contest room had a good number of entries and this was our first meet with an official 'Lenny's Challenge' category.

For those who haven't heard about Lenny's Challenge, it is the result of a challenge put forth to modelers across our division. The challenge is a non-judged activity where modelers bring their models for display. It's also an opportunity for modelers to discuss their models and techniques. Hopefully this is a positive experience for modelers and helps to encourage them to head to the contest room in the future. Granted, not everyone wants to compete in the contest room, so this gives them the opportunity to display their work.

We also included layout tours after the meet. I'd like to thank Richard Newkirk for opening his SP Shasta Division layout. Thank you to the PebbleCreek Model Railroad Club, the Scottsdale Model Railroad Club, and the Thunderbird Model Railroad club for opening their club layouts for the tour. We hope to continue to provide layout tours in conjunction with future division meets.

The effort to have more members subscribe to our electronic version of our Spur Line newsletter is moving along nicely with nearly one third of the membership subscribing electronically. As many of us know, publication and distribution of the newsletter is the most significant expense annually for the division. If you would like to help us reduce division expenses and receive the electronic Spur Line, please send an email to: SpurLine@AzDiv-NMRA.org

We also launched our new division website at the end of January. Thus far, we've had very good feedback and hope to make it a value added resource for division members. You can visit the site at www.AzDiv-NMRA.org

I attended the Pacific Southwest Region board meeting in late March. It was a very good meeting and it's always great to hear what is happening in the other division. As part of the final wrap up from the Regional Convention in Tucson the region was presented with a check at the board meeting in March.. The Arizona Division still has Copper Trails – Silver Rails t-shirts and convention cars available. Please contact Richard Dick, our Chief Clerk and Paymaster at Paymaster@AzDiv-NMRA.org for more info.

We also are in the process of creating a new PSR website that will linked to all of the Division websites. The LA Division is the last division to launch a website and that should be happening in the very near future.

Finally, the plans for the NMRA National Convention in July are going well. We had updates from the Los Angeles Division who is hosting that progress for the Anaheim Special is ahead of schedule. In addition, we had an update on the National train Show and they progress is ahead of schedule as well. All signals are green for Anaheim!

Our next meet will meet will be June 14. We'll be hosting the meet away from the summer heat of Phoenix and Tucson in Flagstaff. It should be a great meet for all. I'll look forward to seeing you there!



CHIEF CLERK & PAYMASTER REPORT

BY: RICHARD DICK

As this was my first Division Meet as Chief Clerk & Paymaster, I learned a lot of what I need to do to make things run more smoothly in the future. And I will probably continue to learn as I am sure each Division Meet has its own unique set of circumstances. Thanks for being patient and thanks to Ken Rhoads who sat with me at the registration table and helped hand out door prize tickets and provided me with company!

We had a great turnout with 109 attendees. Also, we signed up four new NMRA members at the meet (actually, one of those was a past member who had not renewed his membership last year when it was due). All in all, it was nice to see so many model railroaders in attendance. We had several of the Yuma contingent there as well; glad to see they are still on-board.

Account Balance; December 4, 2007 \$4,426.92

Revenue:

Division Meet	
Attendance Fees	\$735.00
Sales, Pins and Patches	\$42.50
Sales, Convention Car	\$25.00
Sales, Convention T-shirt	\$33.00
NMRA Dues	\$56.00
Total Meet Revenue	\$891.50

Sales of Cars and Company Store Items, and 2007 PSR Convention: \$1,735.00

Total Revenue \$2,626.50

Expenses:

Division Meet Expenses:	
Flyer Postage - March Meet	\$28.84
Kwik Kopy - March 2008 Newsletter	\$549.20
Phoenix Meet Facility Expense	\$200.00
Railette Expenses - March Meet	\$99.65
Office Expenses	\$7.00
Total Division Meet Expenses	\$884.69

Other Expenses:	
Division Website:	\$125.00
Division Banner	\$150.01
Bank Fees	\$10.40
NMRA Dues	\$56.00

Total Other Expense \$341.41

Total Expense \$1,226.10

Income \$1,400.40

Account Balance, March 13, 2008 \$5,827.32

2007 CONVENTION REPORT

BY: RICHARD DICK

The Convention is now over 6 months behind us, and virtually all the loose ends have been tied up. From the comments we've heard, attendees really had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

Financially, the Convention did well, and came out ahead. The Division has already received one check from sales of cars and other Company Store items. Soon, I will prepare a check for the Division's share of the income from the Convention which should be over \$1675.

The Division still has Convention car kits, assembled cars and some assembled and weathered cars for sale. These will be available at Division Meets. In addition there are the black Convention t-shirts (sizes S-M-L-XL-XXL) as well as Convention pins and patches. Remember, sales of these items go directly to the Division. If you don't have some of these (or need more) see me at one of the Division Meets!



FROM THE CONTEST ROOM

BY: KEVIN LOOFF

The recent Phoenix Division meet marked the end of an era in the contest room. After 13 years as Arizona Division Contest Chairman, Duane Buck has stepped down and I have assumed that role. The Division owes Duane a hearty round of applause for all those years of service. Duane is staying on as the PSR Regional Contest Chairman through the National Convention this July and as of today, no one has stepped forward to fill that role. I have to say that my first Division Meet was a little shaky, but with much help from Duane and Alan Barnes, things went reasonably well. I promise that I will get better at this. There were eleven models entered in the judged portion of the contest, several very nice photographs, and five entries in the favorite train. It was disappointing to see only one entry in the Levity and Favorite Model Popular Vote contests. The next Division Meet is in Flagstaff in June so get those models ready. Lenny's Challenge, a non-judged, bring-and-brag display attracted several well constructed models as well. I would like to see some of these models show up in future judged events.

Before I list the awards from the Phoenix meet, I have an apology that I need to make to one of our members. James Johnson entered an On3 water car in the contest and should have been recognized for third place in the Rolling Stock-Open category. There was actually a tie for third place, but James did not get recognized during the awards presentations. I will have his ribbon for him at the Flagstaff meet in June.

CONTEST RESULTS PHOENIX DIVISION MEET

MARCH 1, 2008

Model Construction: (* Indicates Merit Award)

Best In Show

On30 Locomotive – *Randy Snow**

Rolling Stock – Open

1st Place – D&RGW Pipe Gondola* - *Don Stewart*

2nd Place – Hon30 Water Car* – *Randy Snow*

3rd Place (tie) – Flat with Stake Trailer - *Tom George*

On3 Water Car – *James Johnson*

Rolling Stock - Kit

1st Place – D&RGW Flat with Auto Frames* – *Alan Barnes, MMR*

2nd Place – UTLX Frameless Tank Car – *Don Stewart*

Motive Power – Open

1st Place – SP Steam Loco 2490* – *Paul Chandler*

Structures – Kit

1st Place – Brownie's Service Station* - *David Irick*

2nd Place – Wood Truss Bridge – *Richard Petrina*

Note: In the category where there was no first place winner, there was insufficient point total (76) to allow a first place award in accordance with Arizona Division Contest rules.

Levity

1st Place - Mini Flat Top – *Tom George*

Favorite Model

1st Place – Mine Scene – *Randy Snow*

Favorite Train

1st Place – Climax and Flats - *Lenny Smith*

2nd Place – SP and Pipe Flats - *Don Stewart*

3rd Place – RP and TOFCs - *Phil Hanna*

Photography

Model - Color

1st Place – D&RGW at Embudo - *Don Stewart*

Prototype - Color

1st Place – 481 on Wye – *David Carnell*

2nd Place – Cumbres & Toltec Locos in Chama – *Don Stewart*

3rd Place – Travis Meet – *Craig Carnell*

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP ON BUILDING THOSE MODELS

**MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR MODELS
TO FLAGSTAFF JUNE 14!**

**BEST IN SHOW—RANDY SNOW
CONGRATULATIONS!**



First Place - Motive Power Open - Paul Chandler



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

BY: DON STEWART

The March meeting saw the resurgence of modelers entering some high quality models. Most of the models entered earned Merit Awards. Congratulations to those that won the Merit Awards! You do nice work!

With the high quality of many of the models, there may be reluctance for new modelers to enter their models in the contests. I have a suggestion that may help. Perhaps we can set up a contest for first time entrants and those that have not won a first place in the contests. This could be set up so the form is filled out and the models are judged by the entrants along with a seasoned judge. The entrants would judge all the models in a single category (construction, detail, conformity, finish and lettering, and scratchbuilding), including their own, and record comments on a form to be attached to the score sheet. This will keep the competition even and allow the modeler to work on improvements if he or she wants to do so. It also allows the new modeler to see what the judges look for and how others build their models. A separate set of awards would be presented. Once a first place is achieved in this contest, you will need to move up to the regular contest. I have not talked to Kevin or anyone about this yet, it is just an idea I have. I always like to look at models. Lots more mean lots more looking.

These are just my thoughts and this may be akin to the "Novice" category we used to have, but a new name and method of judging may help bring those who want to improve their modeling skills into the contest room. If you are in favor of this and may participate, contact me at the e-mail and phone in the Spur Line masthead.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
THE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

CHECK THE NMRA WEBSITE AT:

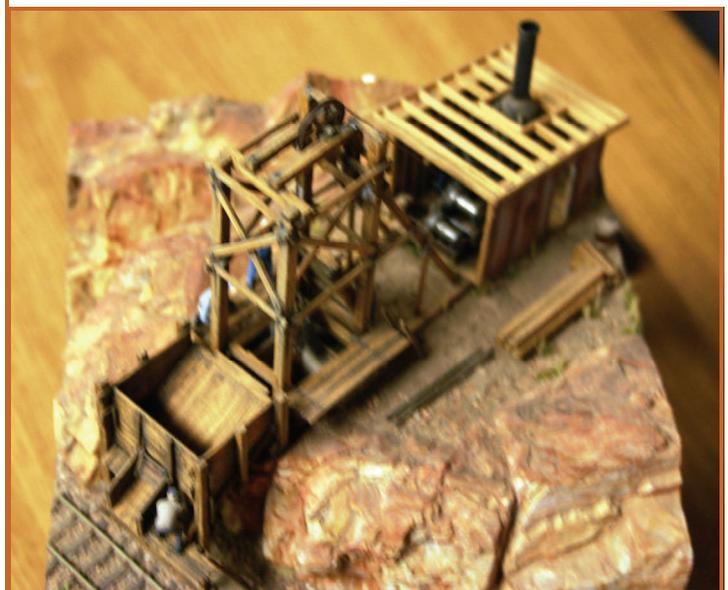
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1st Place - Rolling Stock Kit - Alan Barnes, MMR



1st Place - Structures Kit - David Irick



Favorite Model - Mine Scene - Randy Snow

RAILETTES

BY: JANET SPOONER

Men, this is where you give the Spur Line to your wife so she can find out we are planning for her. Thank you.

Hi Ladies,

The Railette program at the Tucson Convention was an unqualified success. We had more women attending the various clinics as well as more women presenting clinics. There were many factors that worked to the success of the Railette program. One of the main ones was that I was able to get six very talented women to present clinics. These ladies were Kim Fowler, Tatiana Gutierrez, Linda Irick, Arliss Powell, Katie Sofre, and Anna Taylor. Thank you all, you did a superb job.

We had our March Meet in Phoenix and we made "Easter 'Egg'press Trains" out of egg shaped paper mache boxes. Which we painted Easter colors and then decorated. The "trains" were then sprayed with a clear finish so candies could be stored in them. They really came out well. The Carlton's generously donated two door prizes, just for the ladies. Thank you for your donation of the two wooden angels. The winning ladies were Connie Buck and Janet Spooner

Our next meet will be in cool Flagstaff on June 14, 2008. Come on up and cool off for a couple of days. I am planning on a jewelry clinic for the ladies. All necessary supplies will be available. Some come on up and join in. Let your creativity run free or follow the directions for the project planned. Either way you will have fun. There will be plenty of laughter, conversation, and fun. Hope to see you in Flagstaff.

MODELERS LOOKING FOR MODELERS

Not a dating service... This is a new column to help modelers find other modelers in their area.

- **Lee & Donna Calahan - Bullhead City, AZ**

phone: 928-754-5273

email: leecalahan@frontiernet.net

"Looking for fellow model train enthusiasts in the Bullhead City area to 'talk' trains, exchange times, ideas, etc."

NEW DIVISION WEBSITE!

As of January 31, 2008, the Arizona Division will have it's own website: www.AZDIV-NMRA.org. On the website. You'll find the current and past Spur Line issues, pictures from the Division Meets, a calendar of events, listings for clubs, and more.

In addition, you will find a 'Members seeking Members' area. It's a way to allow members who are looking for other members in their area to meet with. (See the next column as well) .

We're proud to implement the new Division website want to thank Dick Greatorex for his past support as webmaster!

***Join us in Flagstaff
Bring your models!***

COMING EVENTS:

April 21-27	3rd Annual Winslow Railroad Days, Winslow, AZ
June 14, 2008	Arizona Division Summer Meet - Federated Community Church, Flagstaff, AZ
July 13-18, 2008	Anaheim Special - NMRA National Convention, Anaheim, California
October 11-12, 2008	Rail Fair - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale, AZ
November 8, 2008	Arizona Division Fall Meet - Jr. League of Tucson, Tucson, AZ

EDITOR'S UPDATE**BY: RICK WATSON**

Hopefully, many of you have had the chance to view the color version on the web. I realize the not everyone has internet access, but due to the cost of printing and mailing we try to keep the number of pages of the printed edition to six or eight. I will try to include as much info in the printed version as possible. On the web version, you will find additional pictures from the Division meet and the contest room. Additionally, the more members we have taking only the web version, our costs will be reduced and we will be able to produce a fourth edition of the Spur Line each year. Today, due to the costs, we only produce three editions.

I'm always open to suggestions on how to improve the Spur Line. If you have ideas, please let me know.



Our first 'Lenny's Challenge' was a big hit. There were some great models on display. We'll have a Lenny's Challenge in Flagstaff too!



2nd Place - Structures Kit

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Central Arizona Model Railroad Club - Multiple scales. Prescott, AZ area

Contact: Brent Schnitzius (928) 445-6560 *On the web:* www.camrrc.com

Flagstaff Model Railroad Club - HO, HOn3, N scales. Flagstaff, AZ

Contact: John Lovely (928) 774-7589 *On the web:* <http://ucc.nau.edu/~twp/railclub>

Grand Canyon State Model Railroaders - HO scale Modular, Phoenix, AZ area

Contact: Bob Gibbs (480) 968-1760 *On the web:* www.GCSMR.org

PebbleCreek Model Railroad Club - HO and G Scales, Goodyear, AZ

Contact: Gary Gelzer (623) 935-4870 *On the web:* www.pcmrc.org

Ponderosa North - Round Robin, Phoenix, AZ area

Contact: Matt Furze mattfurze@cox.net *On the web:* www.arizonarails.com/pncpage

Southern Arizona Society of Model Engineers (SASME) - HO, HOn3 scales, Tucson, AZ

Contact: Richard Dick (520) 790-5356 *On the web:* www.sasme.org

Scottsdale Model Railroad Club - HO, HOn3 scales, Scottsdale, AZ

Contact: SMRC01C@ScottsdaleModelRRClub.org *On the web:* www.scottsdalemodelrrclub.org

Sun City Model Railroad Club - HO scale, Sun City, AZ

Contact: Bob Batt (623) 734-6377 *On the web:* <http://hometown.aol.com/newriverwestern/NRNW.htm>

Sun'N'Sand Model Railroad Club - N scale, Scottsdale, AZ

Contact: Mark Vanacore (602) 410-1110 *On the web:* www.sun-n-sand.org

Thunderbird Model Railroad Club - HO scale, Phoenix, AZ

Contact: Larry Platt *On the web:* www.trainweb.org/tbird

Yuma Model Railroaders - Multiple Scales, Yuma, AZ

Contact: Lee Stoermer (928) 344-9417 *On the web:* www.geocities.com/yumamodelrailroaders

To have your club added to the list, please email your club info to SpurLine@AzDiv-NMRA.org

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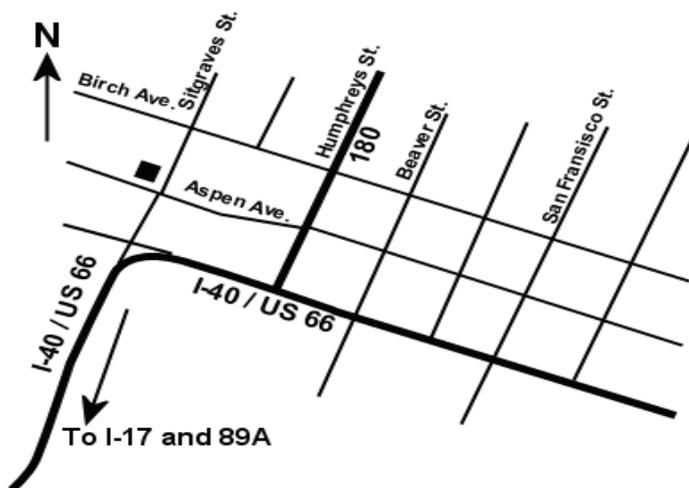
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FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

Depot: Federated Community Church, 400 W Aspen, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Directions: From Phoenix coming north on I-17 continue into Flagstaff, becomes Milton Road following signs for Grand Canyon. Turn left at Humphreys Street, first signal after the RR underpass. Turn left on Aspen, first street. (You go around three sides of City Hall)