



Coast Dispatcher

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December 2018

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Next Division Event: December 2, 2018

SF Bay BSA HQ, 1001 Davis St, San Leandro, 94577

9:00 AM.....Doors open. Free Door Prizes.

9:30 AM – 12:15 PM: Model Contest – Diesel and others, Freight Cars, Display/Diorama and Caboose
Photo Contest – Diesel locomotives, model or prototype
Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)

9:30 AM.....Get Auction Cards.

10:00 AM.....Clinic: Making Fences for your Layout - Part 1, Wooden Fences - Earl Girbovan

11:00 AM.....Clinic: To be announced

11:00 AMModeler's Roundtable - Bring your Modeling Questions...discuss... get Answers.

12 Noon.....Business Meeting

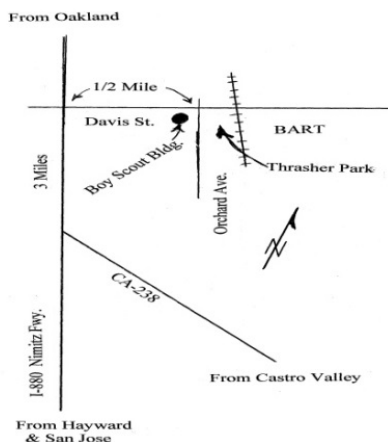
~12:30 PM* ...Model/Photo Contest Results

~12:45 PM* ...Auction starts, Roundtable continues

3:30 PM.....Timesaver Results, Door Prizes– afterward Auction continues if required

* Contest results immediately after business meeting. Auction starts immediately after contest results.

Directions to the BSA HQ



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Director's Report

By Frank Markovich, MMR



The mid-year PCR board meeting was held October 22, 2018 in Sacramento. Two board members had to miss the meeting, the Vice President and the Daylight Director. There were a few guests including members from the 2020 PCR convention in the Coast Division.

Discussion started with the 2019 PCR convention. So far 35 registered – this is about where the 2018 convention was at this time. I went to the location of the 2019 convention before the meeting. It looks good. Parking should be very easy (as it was last year). The convention will run from Thursday – Sunday morning. The recommendation from the board is that this should be the format going forward.

The 2020 PCR Convention is moving ahead – it is being led by a group of 3 – Chris Palermo, Earl Gibovan, Doug Smith, they are looking at bids from the hotels this week.

2021 convention should be in the Daylight division. Committee has not been formed yet. Some discussion on format since it is also the same year the PCR hosts the NMRA National Convention.

Tom is also working on updates (really re-writes) to the convention handbook. I have been impressed with the work he has done so far. This should really help all future conventions!

Superintendent's Report

Doug Smith

What a great summer. Lots of places visited, maybe a few conventions enjoyed, and lots of great train watching weather both outside and inside. The Division had a successful meet at the Elks' in September. It was a slightly smaller meet with about 80 folks finding their way to join the festivities. Good clinics as always. Clif Linton and Thomas Knapp always have great well-researched topics to share. Many treasures at the auction too. So, straight to it.



Auction News

It's my pleasure to welcome Craig Matoza as the new Auction Committee Chairperson. Craig will be stepping in for John Ameling at our December meet. with John assisting to ensure a smooth transition. Many thanks to John for his work with the committee. He stepped in when there was a great need and did a fine job. Please pass on your thanks to him when you see him at the next meet. Also thank Craig for stepping forward. I'm sure he'll do a fine job.

PCR 2020

One indoor activity taking a lot of effort has been the initial planning for the 2020 PCR convention. Earl Girbovan, Chris Palmero and I have been working our way through proposals and hotel visits to narrow the list of venues. We're in the process of making a selection, and hope to have a contract in place within the next few weeks. Then the real fun starts. Our small team will be quickly expanded to about 20 folks to plan and execute the many things that have to happen for a convention. To get an idea of the variety of positions that are needed, take a look at the last few convention web sites and go to their Call Board. We need to fill in a list like that. If there is anything that you would like to do please drop me a note. No guarantees on exact requests, we may have several folks who want to do a particular thing. But we'll work with that. Earlier is better of course. Flexibility and enthusiasm are always appreciated. Our next really big milestone after site selection is the ability to register convention goers at the 2019 convention in Sacramento. Lots of big and little things go into meeting that goal. *(continued on next page)*

Coming Events

December 3rd meet at the Boy Scouts in San Leandro. Nominations will be taken for the three division officers elected by the Coast Folks; Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster. Nominations are not being taken for the Directors' position at this time. This is usually a big auction meet with lots of gift ideas from you to your railroad. Doors open at 9:00 and we run till the auction folks can't do any more. Lunch will be available as usual thanks to Mary and Mark.

GTS Richmond – November 24-25: We had a great time in San Jose at the train show. Our table filled the gap between buying stuff and running trains on the many modular layouts. The problem I'm working with the GTS folks is space at the Craneway facility for a table for us. At this time the floorplan which will hopefully show our table is not available. Watch the Coast web site for the latest news. Until then if you'd like to display a craft or talent (model railroad related, please) at the show, start getting organized. I'll be the point of contact until it says differently on our web page.



For the March meeting, we're planning to have a one foot square

MODELING CHALLENGE.

This will be a popular-judged event for any scale, as long as it fits in the allowed space and has a railroad theme. See the flyer with details and rules on the web site and in the last page of this document. The picture is an example.

Be a More Active Member

Just as in the last issue, I want to say Thank You to all Coast Division members, especially those who volunteer and take the time to make the Division work. Without you none of this would be possible.

With that said, we have opportunities for more folks to take active roles. Division elections are coming up, with three positions on the ballot. They are Superintendent, Chief Clerk, and Paymaster. Interested members are encouraged to contact Dave Connery, our nominations chair. He's anxious to hear from you !!!



We also have need for someone to take over the Quartermaster role - mainly storing the A/V equipment and bringing it to the meetings. It's a great excuse to be mean and nasty. Contact me for more details.

Fall and Winter

With the weather changing the hobby naturally moves from outside to inside. Garden railways are maintained and prepped for the winter weather. We're not talking New Hampshire weather or lake effect snows, but odds are the rains will come. So get your outside diorama pictures while you can.

Many clubs are preparing for their holiday shows. If there's a club you haven't visited in a few years you might be surprised at the progress they've made. Every club that I've visited this year has had a lot of work completed and more planned for next year. Go to some open houses and get inspired. Home layouts are much the same. So it's a good time to dust off some spots on your own or a friends' layout and put some of that inspiration to work.

I'm looking forward to the December 2nd meet at the Boy Scout's facility in San Leandro. Hope to see you there.

Cheers, Doug

December Clinics By Richard Brennan



10:00 - Making Fences for your Layout - Part 1, Wooden Fences - Earl Girbovan. Earl's award-winning dioramas are known for their attention to detail, including highly-realistic fences. This first of a series clinic .

will focus on his techniques for building Wooden Fences.

11:00 - to be announced

11:00 - Modeler's Roundtable - Topics as they arise...

***Registrar's Report
By Ronnie LaTorres***



(No report Filed)

***Nominations
Dave Connery***



Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the December Meet for the positions of Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster. The election will take place at the March Meet.

Auction Report by John Ameling/Craig Matoza

Here is the Auction Committee report for the June 3rd 2018 and September 23rd 2018 Division Train Events and Board of Operations meeting held on Oct 15th

June 3rd 2018

Total Items Sold	275
No Bid Items	74
Auction Gross	\$ 4494
Net	\$ 537

September 23rd 2018

Total Items Sold	374
No Bid Items	50
Auction Gross	\$ 7752
Net	\$ 893

I am pleased to announce that as of January 1st 2019 Craig Matoza will assume the role of Auction Committee Chair. I will continue working with the auction committee and assisting Craig through the 2019 year.

We have a fine group of auctioneers

Publicity Report Steve Wesolowski



The next train show will be at Richmond's Crane Pavilion over Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. We can always use more volunteers for our Coast Division/PCR/NMRA table. Our Volunteers get into the show at no charge, and parking at the Pavilion has always been free. Email or call me if you're interested or have any questions; my contact information is in the Call Board. Happy Trains to you, until we meet again --but, not in a cornfield! ;-)

The Coast Division 50 Years Ago ***(From Issue # 2, November, 1958 of the Coast Division News.)***

- ⇒ ***The upcoming meeting would be at the Jordan Junior High School in Palo Alto.***
- ⇒ ***Bob Brown and Bill Coffey were to present a clinic on the O gauge Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington***
- ⇒ ***Door prizes would be a book, two O scale kits, and an HO diner and observation***
- ⇒ ***The last auction had 170 items and yielded \$30.00 to the Coast Division***
- ⇒ ***You could order a name badge for \$1.75***
- ⇒ ***Planning was under way for a banquet***
- ⇒ ***A contest was under way to name the newsletter***



WITLESS vs CLUELESS

*The adventures of Rivets O'Reilly
and Larry Loungecar*

As originally published in the Mid Central Region Division 10 Newsletter, *The Lantern*.



Larry: Hi-ya, Rivets! Good to see ya. Watcha been doin'?

Rivets: Hey, Larry. Not much. How about you?

Larry: Not much, either. Got the new NMRA calendar in the mail a while back, and I'm thinkin' about what events I can go to this year.

Rivets: Yeah, me too. And the ballots - I'm tryin' to decide how to vote. In fact, I thought about runnin' for President, myself this time...

Larry: You? President of the NMRA? You out of your mind, Rivets? What makes you think you'd make a good President?

Rivets: Lotsa things, Larry. For starters, I'd reorganize the whole thing, change the titles of the officers to be more meaningful...

Larry: More meaningful titles? Whattaya mean, Rivets?

Rivets: Well, like we'd have bishops and priests instead of trustees and superintendents - that sort of thing, you know, somethin' to instill a little more fervor.

Larry: Oh...and I guess the dues would be more like tithin', too, I bet.

Rivets: Good idea, Larry. But we could be flexible on that - maybe allow a deduction for model railroad magazine subscriptions or medical expenses as a result of bein' in a train wreck, or somethin' - sort of a cross between tithin' and the IRS 1040.

Larry: Wow! What about the standards and practices, Rivets? What'd you do for them?

Rivets: That's one of the best planks in my platform, Larry. We'd go from voluntary to mandatory compliance, with some pretty stiff penalties for anyone who doesn't comply.

Larry: Uh-huh! I'm almost afraid to ask, Rivets, but what about membership growth?

Rivets: That's a key issue, Larry. My plan is to have mandatory membership by all modelers; you'd have to give your NMRA member number in order to buy any modeling equipment - sort of like gun registration.

Larry: Rivets, you're not serious about this, are you? You're pullin' my leg, right?

Rivets: I'd appreciate your support, Larry.

Write me in on the ballot, OK? *Larry:* Well, I'm sure gonna vote, Rivets, you can count on that!



Editor's notes

Pete Birdsong

I apologize for the confusion I created last issue in regard to the September location. This month:

- ♦ a new feature looking back at the Dispatcher from 50 years ago.
- ♦ the inclusion of pictures of the contributors
- ♦ a few font changes aimed at consistency.

As always, tell me what could be done better.

Thanks. *Pete*

**Model and Photo Contest Report September 25th, 2018**

Jim Eckman\

Steam

No entries

Traction

No entries

MOW/Non-Revenue**1st Place** — Mike Coen's W.P. MOW Car

Other Entries

Hewlett's CCT Weed Killer Car



Pat LaTorres' Water Car



Passenger

No entries

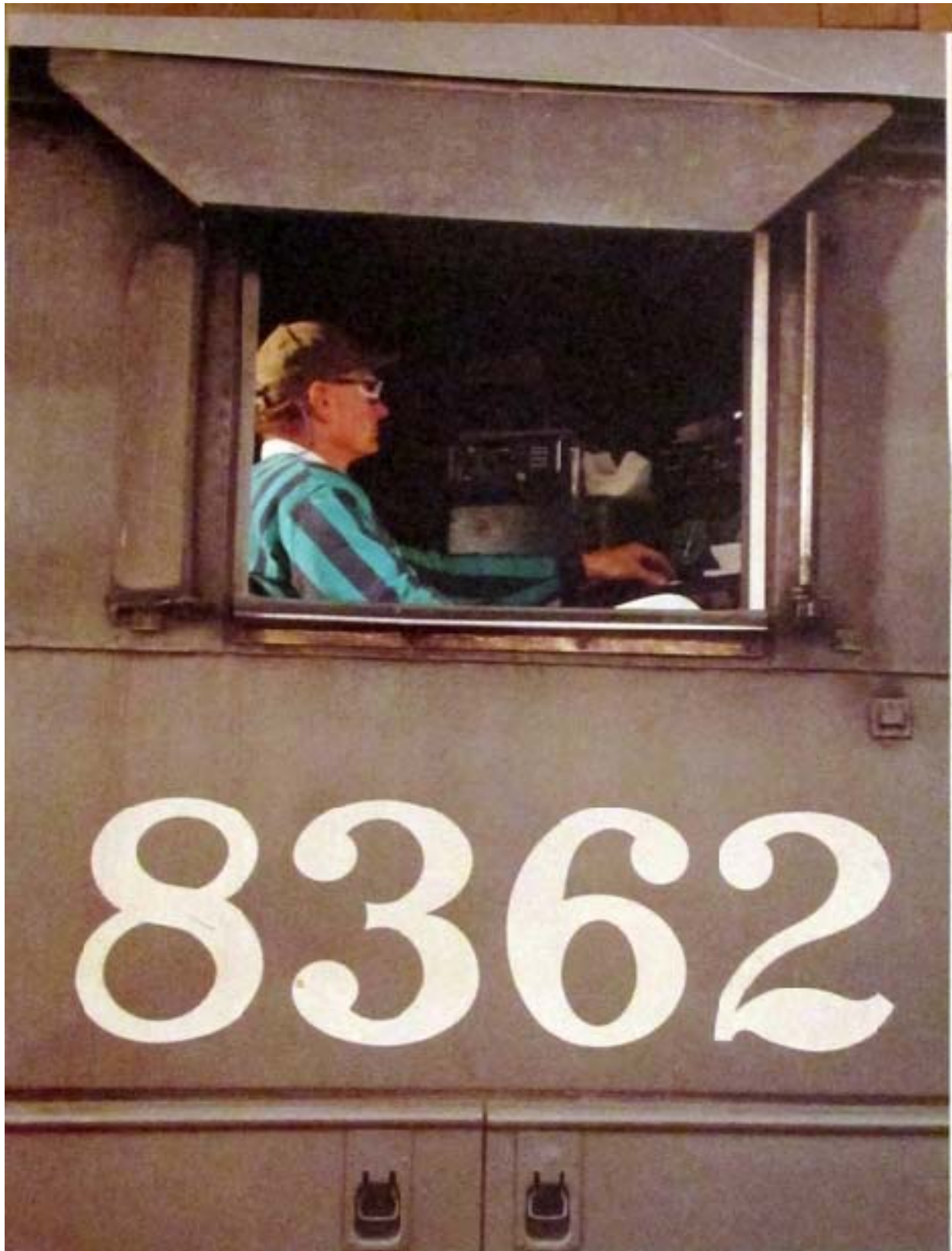
Photo Contest – Track and Structures



**1st
Place**
— Pat
LaTorres’
*Shop
Crew*

Other Entries

Stanley Kaiser's Engineer on Duty



Stanley Kaiser's Loading Baggage



Doug Smith's *Blue Wire? What Blue Wire?*



Show and Tell

Tom Knapp brought in some N scale narrow gauge and gondolas. There's also a TT assembly as well which may be from Richard Brennan.





Richard Brennan displayed a TT gondola. Amazing what's coming out!



Frank Markovich showed up with a bulldozer and water tank./



Earl Girbovan and Pat LaTorres showed off their award winners from the NMRA convention.

PAT'S AWARDS





EARL'S AWARDS





Mike Blumensaadt displayed his Civil War diorama that will be placed in the California Railroad Museum.





CHALLENGE

BUILD A ONE FOOT MODEL RAILROAD DIORAMA

☆☆BE PART OF THE PCR-COAST DIVISION☆☆
☆☆ONE FOOT CHALLENGE☆☆

The Coast Division of PCR/NMRA is inviting YOU to participate in our first
☆☆ ONE FOOT CHALLENGE ☆☆

The purpose of the challenge is to have FUN
and be creative with your modeling skills

We will strut our stuff and oohs and aahs at the
SPRING 2019 Coast Division Meet



RULES

The diorama must be a
square 12 inches by 12 inches

Any scale, any era, any theme

The diorama must be railroad related and include
a railroad track of any length



SMALL PRINT

To participate in any official activities, one needs to be a NMRA member
The diorama must sit flat, be self-contained and easily movable



✓ Judging ✓

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be by POPULAR VOTE of COAST members attending



PRIZES

\$£\$£\$£\$£\$£\$£\$££

Everyone will be so proud of you. It's a challenge not a contest. No prizes

Questions, comments, **signing up** (expressions of interest)

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*Coast Division One Foot Challenge

