



# Coast Dispatcher

## #206

### December, 2019

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Next Division Event: December 8, 2019

### Boy Scouts Headquarters, 1001 Davis St., San Leandro, CA.

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

9:30 AM – 12:15 PM:

Model Contest – Russ Clover Contest (see p.11); Diesel and others, Freight Cars, Display/Diorama and Caboose

Photo Contest – Trains as Art, model or prototype

Allen Fenton Timesaver Switching Contest (until 3:15)

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

10:00 AM..... Automated Switching/Shuttle using DCC - Wayne Floyd. Wayne will bring his automated switching/shuttle diorama which uses DCC technology, and explain how he built and implemented it with DCC and what equipment is involved.

11:00 AM..... TBD

11:15 AM..... Round Table Discussion, if available.

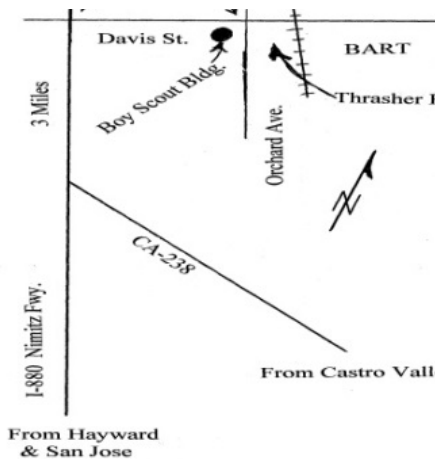
12 Noon..... Business Meeting

~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



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Take Highway 880 south.  
Take Exit 34, Davis St.  
Turn Left on Davis. Go 0.7 miles to the  
BSA Headquarters, 1001 Davis St.

From the South:  
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the BSA Headquarters, 1001 Davis St.

immediately after business meeting. Auction starts

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## Vice President Frank Markovich report to the Coast Division – October 2019

The board met on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Concord at the 2020 PCR Convention hotel. To start, I was impressed with the hotel. It will more than meet our needs for the convention. The rooms are excellent and the layout is very good. Rooms are convenient to the contest and clinic rooms.

To start with, the Branch Line, will be online going forward. You should have received the last printed version by the time you read this. If the board had not taken that step the PCR would go in the red starting this year and it would have been in the not too distant future that the PCR would be bankrupt.

I presented a proposal for a change in the contests. The biggest change was that a popular vote would be in each model category. Pat LaTorres has issues with that and will be making another proposal going forward in a couple of weeks. Basically he wants to have less categories for popular vote. Pat will be running the 2020 PCR contests.

Tom Crawford presented a proposed updates to the convention manual and after a few minor changes it was approved by the board. Tom did a great job on the manual. It is much clearer and less verbose.

Chris made a proposal on attracting new members that he will talk about later. Chris and I are working on a buddy program for helping new members. If anyone is interested in being a buddy to a new member please let me know ([frank@frankmarkovich.com](mailto:frank@frankmarkovich.com)).

Chris and I also will be visiting some clubs to promote 100% NMRA membership. The insurance alone is worth it for most clubs.



## Director's Report By Lisa Gorrell, MMR December, 2019

I attended the Mid-Year board meeting in Concord at the Crowne Plaza where next year's PCR Convention will be held. We had a quick meeting. The big take aways are:

- We need more members and getting younger members to join. Think about your friends, your friend's kids, your grandkids. Wouldn't they enjoy a hobby in model railroading? Invite them to a Coast Meet to see clinics and view the auction.
- The upcoming PCR convention is in our division. The division can use your help. It's fun to participate at the convention and fun to help out. Contact Dave Connery, the volunteer chair at [ctc2020volunteers@pcrnra.org](mailto:ctc2020volunteers@pcrnra.org).

If you have any concerns about the division or region, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll be at the next Coast Meet on Dec 8.

Lisa

## WANTED: A NEW SUPERINTENDENT

As you probably have heard, our Superintendent, Doug Smith, has had to relocate outside Coast Division and so has tendered his resignation. We now need a new Superintendent. The Superintendent leads the division. He runs the quarterly meeting as well as the quarterly Board of Operations meeting. He is assisted in this by the Chief Clerk, Paymaster and the various Committee Chairs (Achievement, Contest, Clinics, Website, Membership, Layout Tours, Coast Dispatcher Editor, Registration, Auction Committee). We have a strong team but need a leader. If you are interested in this position or know of someone who you think would make a good Superintendent please contact our Nominations Chairman, Dave Connery at (925) 735-0134 or [dgconneryd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dgconneryd@sbcglobal.net). All of us will have a better model railroading experience once we have a Superintendent to lead our activities.

Thanks.

Dave

## BRAD LLOYD

A remembrance by Dave Connery

In September, we lost a long time member and supporter of Coast Division. Brad Lloyd passed away of natural causes in his bed at his home. He was 79. Brad was one of those people who are always smiling and always finding new and exciting ways to make life special.

Brad loved people and was active in the NMRA at Division and Regional levels, as well as an attendee at a number of NMRA National Conventions. He was a past member of the Tri-valley club in Fremont. He was a member of two round-robin modeling groups, was one of the founding members of the Yosemite Short Line portable layout and worked on several other layouts, helping their owners primarily with scenery, which was his specialty. Brad served as Coast Division Superintendent on two different occasions, once for two terms from 1991 to 1994, and then later on for a single term stint in 1997-1998.

Brad loved both model and prototype railroads; his favorite was the Denver and Rio Grande – where he worked as a freight agent helper one summer in Alamosa while in college. His love for Denver carried over to his favorite Denver Bronco football team.

Brad never had enough tools and his garage was chuck full from the back door to the overhead front door – with barely room to slip through! **Brad really loved cookies** – a plate of cookies and a modeling project were all that Brad needed to make an afternoon complete.

Brad enjoyed a good joke, especially if it was at his expense. For a time Brad was on a kick trying to rid the world of “slotted-screws”, replacing them with Phillips-heads. One December he had gone through all his bits and pieces and found every slotted screw in his garage. He put them in a large freezer bag and brought them to the December Coast Auction. Sitting near the front row he was so pleased with himself that he had not only got rid of all those slotted screws, but even was able to sell them in the Auction. Brad did not see that at the back of the room his good friend Jim Long had won the bidding for those screws. A few weeks later, at our round-robin group Christmas party Brad had a large heavy well wrapped gift. Jim had drawn Brad’s name in the gift exchange and when Brad eagerly opened his Christmas gift, there was that large bag of slotted screws. He got a great laugh from that.

We will miss his leadership, friendship and wonderful humor. Happy trails, old friend.



No t Available..

***Richard Brennan***  
***December Clinics***



**Registrar's Report  
By Ronnie LaTorres**

Meet in ALAMEDA / SEPT 2019			
Number from COAST (COA) or Hawaii (HI)		68	
Number from REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVISION (RED)		4	
Number from SIERRA DIVISION (SIE)		2	
Number from DAYLIGHT DIVISION (DAY)			
GUESTS: EDSON L., ROBIN F., JANE G., WAYNE F.		4	
FIRST TIMERS: <u>JOSEPH D.</u>		1	
*joined this meet <u>Joined previous to this meet</u>			
<b>/TOTAL REGISTRANTS</b> -----		74	
JUNE 17, 2019 = renew 1YR@\$75 with NMRA magazine, \$47 without mag (no Reg mag)	CK	0	
Rail Pass (0): = \$19.95 / 6 mos.: ( )CHARG / (Y)CK / (Y) CASH\$	\$	0	
New Membership (family=+\$9 per person otherwise): ( )CHARGE / ( )CHECK / ( )CASH		0	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP MONEY IN:</b> -----		0	
NEW Badge Request: (2) MARK, ANNA POGGENDORF			
Past Badge request(s):			
<b>(2) BADGE X \$5 EACH: TOTAL BADGE MONEY IN</b>		10	
UNPAID COST FOR DOOR PRIZES: (\$50 / REIMBURSED: YES)		0	
Door Prize Donations? IF SO, WHAT ___ CASH- \$20 _____		20	



## **Auction Report** **By Craig Matoza**

**Auction Sept 22, 2019 Elks Lodge**

The auction in Sept has real nice items. The next auction will have couple of collections coming up at next auction. Please come and show support for club.

Items: 360      Sales:\$3240.00      No Bids 89      Profit \$370.00

For Auction card info Please E mail sandman2297@yahoo.com

### ***The Coast Division 50 Years Ago***

*Excerpted by Pete Birdsong*

*From Issue # 6, December, 1969, of the Coast Dispatcher*

- ⇒ *December meet at the Terman Junior High School in Palo Alto*
- ⇒ *Featured display of 10 famous named trains by Grady Roberts*
- ⇒ *A&LP way freight movie shown*
- ⇒ *Clinic on hard shell scenery by Dr. Roger Tennyson*
- ⇒ *G.E. U25 B HO locomotive to be raffled*
- ⇒ *Door prizes: HO Suydam ore plant, 1 lb. Spikes, N Atlas diesel, 6-pack of cars, O UP Box, cattle car*
- ⇒ *Contest: Diesel & other , MoW, Passenger,; Display: Traction*
- ⇒ *Planning for April PCR Convention in Palo Alto, other meets & events for the coming year*
- ⇒ *September Auction had 368 items, sold 303, for gross \$1112, net \$112.2 for the division*
- ⇒ *Raillettes provided food at the snack bar*
- ⇒ *17 new members introduced*



## Publicity Report

By Steve Wesolowski  
December, 2019

Life is Change: just a couple years ago, the Great Train Show in Pleasanton Thanksgiving weekend followed International Railfair in early November, and was followed by a Great Train Show in San Jose in the next year.

This year International Railfair is November 9-10, 2019, [www.internationalrailfair.com/](http://www.internationalrailfair.com/), the Pleasanton Great Train Show is March 21-22, 2020, AFTER the San Jose Great Train Show February 22 -23, 2020 in San Jose: [www.trainshow.com](http://www.trainshow.com)

Dave Grenier has these events on the PCR Calendar at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/pcr/calendar/calendar.shtml>, & more!  
IF YOU KNOW of any upcoming events for train lovers that you don't see on the PCR Calendar, Please email Dave Grenier with event info so he can add them to the calendar.

Coast Division/PCR are looking for a few volunteers for a few hours each show maybe to build models, talk about trains and how NMRA and PCR membership benefits you at future train events. We provide tables, chairs, banner display, brochures and forms; you bring your smile and mainly let others know how NMRA membership has improved your modeling and enjoyment of trains. You can also work on models or a project like weathering. Everyone who comes to train shows enjoys watching actual modeling. By sharing what you're working on, you always learn something new: I find we are continually teaching each other. I still find after 19 years of volunteering at train shows, train people are mostly fun & I learn something new spending time with them. Like any other activity, you always benefit more from it the more energy you put into it.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please e-mail me at [swezz@comcast.net](mailto:swezz@comcast.net) or Chris Palermao at [cjpalermo1964@gmail.com](mailto:cjpalermo1964@gmail.com). Or talk to Chris or me at the December Coast Meet.

Happy Trains to You, Until we meet again! I hope you enjoy some fun with trains of all types and sizes.



## **Missing Emails**

Next year the PCR Branchline newsletter will no longer be mailed. This and other changes to accommodate increasing expenses and the digital age mean we need an email address for you. If you or someone you know does not have an email on file at NMRA HQ, please, submit your own and encourage your friends to submit theirs, so we can continue communicating with you. Log in to the NMRA site (NMRA.org) and click on Member Info at the upper right. From there you can edit your member information. This will update the national database and in turn flow to the regions and divisions.

Thanks for your cooperation.



# 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*.  
Created by Pete Birdsong and sustained by Mike Armstrong



Larry: Well, here we are at the train show, Rivets. This ought to be a lot of fun.

Rivets: Yeah, Larry. What're you plannin' to see?

Larry: Oh, I dunno, Rivets— I want to go to a coupla clinics, look at all the product displays, and see all the layouts.

Rivets: Yeah, me too. Want to stick together?

Larry: Maybe, if we're going to concentrate on the same things. Otherwise, since time is short, maybe we ought to split up. How about if we start by catchin' the layouts together, and then split up for the product displays, and meet at the clinics we both want to see?

Rivets: OK, that sounds good: after the layouts, we'll split up for the shoppin', then.

Larry: SHOPPIN'? Good gosh, Rivets, Model railroaders don't SHOP! We do product research. How long you been in this hobby, man?

Rivets: Sorry, Larry. Anyway, I hope we find lots of good stuff to buy.

Larry: BUY? Geez, Rivets, we don't BUY stuff – we do product evaluations.

Rivets: How's that work, Larry? I thought the dealers were here to sell stuff. How do you work out a "product evaluation" deal with them?

Larry: It's simple, Rivets. They don't know the difference. You give 'em the same money up front, and they think it's a sale, but to us it's an evaluation retainer.

Rivets: Oh. Well, I'm not sure I understand the difference, Larry, but I guess you must know what you're talkin' about. How'd you learn so much?

Larry: I've been in the trenches a long time, Rivets. What'd you bring to carry your product evaluation material in?

Rivets: : Huh?

Larry: I guess you're just goin' to use a vendor's bag, then. You ought to have brought something to put all your stuff in, though.

Rivets: That's a good idea, I guess. Like what?

Larry: You know – an expandin' bag, a briefcase, a backpack, or somethin'. Best is a roll-around airline flight case.

Rivets: Hey, I like that last one, Larry: . What do you call it?

Larry: : A Storage & Hauling Option Package for Product Evaluation & Research – SHOPPER for short.

Rivets: I shoulda known! See you at the Liars' Clinic, Larry .

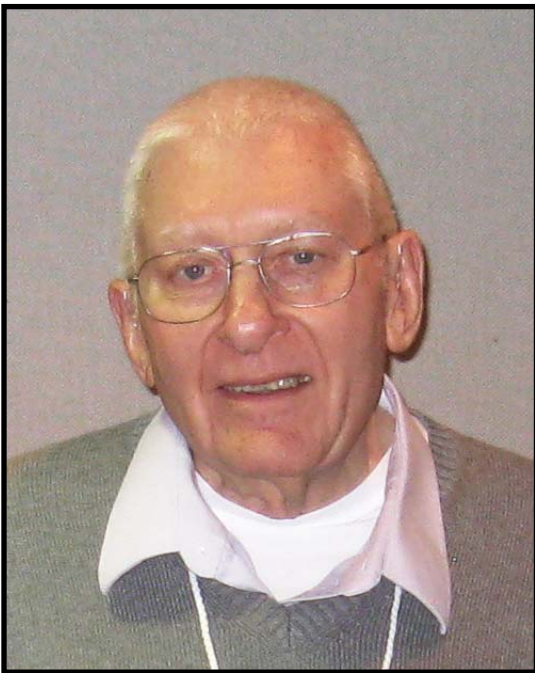


# Fly By Night Industries

No Phone - No Address - No Guarantee - No Returns



A Hopelessly Owned Subsidiary of Clover House



With Russ Clover's recent passing, and given his long participation in the Coast Division, We would like to propose a special 'Russ Clover Memorial' contest for the December meet.

This would be a non-judged popular vote, for any railroad item in any scale, lettered with Clover House dry transfers.

Participants should fill out a brief description card detailing:

- Item Description (car, engine, structure, etc...)
- Clover House lettering set(s) used
- Date the model was built... (older models encouraged)
- other notes of interest.



**Russ Clover**  
**1926 - 2019**

## Editor's Notes

By Pete Birdsong



I'm not sure how many read the Coast Division 50 Years Ago feature, but there are some great memories there for the old-timers, and possibly some good ideas to resurrect from time to time for all of us.

If you have any suggestions for the format or content of the newsletter, be sure to let me know. And as always, I'd love to have your articles. I'd love to have a column or modeling tips if I could get a few people to provide the tips. Let me know if you're interested.

The holidays are approaching. It's not too early to think about giving a trial NMRA membership to any of your friends who aren't already members.

Thanks.

*Pete*



### Model and Photo Contest Report September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Jim Eckman

December, 2019

In honor of the late Russ Clover and his long participation in the Coast Division, we are adding a special 'Russ Clover Memorial Contest' to the December meet.

The winner will be determined by popular vote, eligible models must use Clover House dry transfers and can be any scale. Older models can be entered if it's 10+ years since they were last entered in a contest.

Participants will fill out a 3x5 card with the following on the front:

Item Description (car, engine, structure, etc...)

Clover House lettering set(s) used

Date the model was built if known... (older models encouraged)

Other notes of interest

Then put your name on the back.

December Meet – Special Russ Clover Memorial Contest

Models by Jim Eckman and Steve Wesolowski



## SEPTEMBER CONTEST RESULTS

Steam

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Craig Matoza’s Virginia and Truckee #26, a reworked brass model with paint and details added.



MOW/Non Revenue

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Craig Matoza’s CN Snowplow, a bash of two snowplows and a caboose.



Structures  
No entries

Traction  
No entries

Passenger  
No entries

Photo Contest - Steam Locomotives, model or prototype  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Stanley Keiser's *Skookum Double Header*



**Other Entries**

Stanley Keiser's *Skookum* @RR Crossing



Pat La Torres' *Pickering Shay* #12





## Show and Tell

We had winning models and photos from the NMRA and Narrow Gauge Conventions. My apologies, not all my photos came out, I think I accidentally deleted some when I reviewed them.

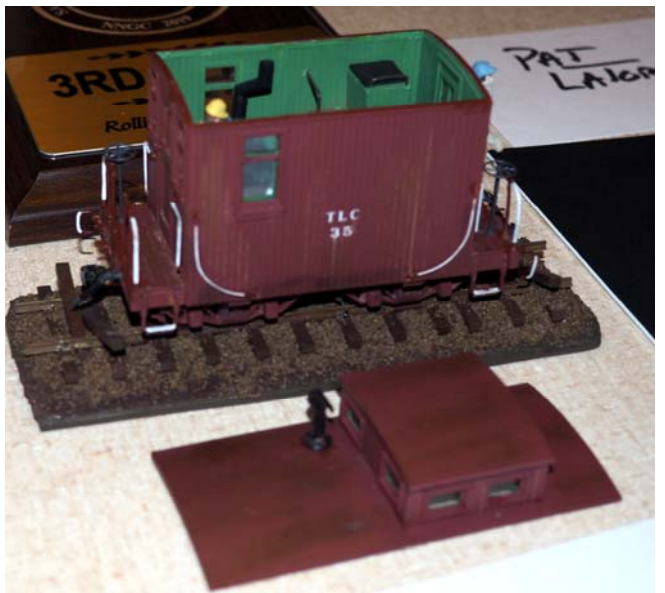
Earl Girbovan took a third place in structures at the Narrow Gauge Convention:



Stanley Keiser won several NMRA awards for photos:



Pat La Torres won awards at both the NMRA and Narrow Gauge Conventions:



Ronnie La Torres won a third place in NMRA with her bridge.



Frank Markovich took several awards at the NMRA and Narrow Gauge Convention:

