

# “S”acramento 2011 Convention



Significant discounts for model railroad conventions are rare. A window of opportunity now exists to register for a joint NMRA+NASG convention. The Early-Bird Registration rate of \$99 is subject to possible increase after October 1, 2009. This fee includes attendance at all seven days of this NMRA+NASG convention during July 3-9, 2011. Compare it to the \$175 registration fee for the Hartford NMRA convention. This is a real deal!

Satisfaction is assured for S enthusiasts of all persuasions. Many S events are being planned to foster the family reunion feel of S conventions. This will be a full-featured S convention within the larger NMRA multi-scale community. Planning is underway for an S welcoming gathering, S layout visits, S banquet (possibly inside the roundhouse), S auction, S-oriented clinics, S contest and more..... We have arranged reservation procedures so that known S folks will have exclusive rights to register for an S event. Only after a specified cutoff date will non-S folks be allowed to register for an S event. Act promptly and you are in! Delay and the S event might be sold out.

Suppose you like American Flyer trains best. Both the Golden Gate American Flyer Club and the Sacramento Valley American Flyer Club have been asked to offer layout visits and other events to make you happy.

Superb clinics are being planned for those who enjoy smaller flanges. Here is a list of presentations already arranged at this early date. More are being organized as you read this.

1. Scratchbuilding Crossings in Any Scale.....Dick Karnes
2. Modeling the PRR in S Scale Today.....Bill Lane
3. Using Solidworks to Create Parts for Superdetailing Brass...Bill Lane
4. Getting Started in Photoetching.....Michael Eldridge
5. Tales of a Hobby Shop Owner.....Bill Winans
6. Track as a Scenic Element.....Roger Nulton
7. Decorating Rolling Stock.....Roger Nulton
8. The Inside Life of a Brass Importer.....Jettie Padgett
9. Restoring WP805A.....Larry Hanlon
10. Optimizing Model Sound Installations.....Larry Hanlon
11. Painting Simple Backdrops.....Jamie Bothwell
12. Adding Pullman Service to any Layout.....Jamie Bothwell
13. Introduction to Car Ferries.....Jamie Bothwell
14. Custom Modeling using a Laser.....Dave Haehn

**S** auction will be conducted by none other than the famous Mr. Jamie Bothwell. Jamie was in action at the St. Louis NASG convention this year.

**S**everal Sn3 layout visits should keep our narrow minded brothers happy. Logging and mining themes seem to prevail with outstanding scenery.

**S** scale standard gauge layout visits will include Arden Goehring's massive UP empire filling a 1,600 square foot room on multiple levels. You will be impressed! Also for your viewing pleasure will be Ed Loizeaux's mighty NYC which is nearing completion. This layout is fully sceniced with authentic signaling, DCC and Dispatcher control via JMRI/CMRI. It is quite the sight.

**S**pousal registration rate includes a special luncheon and other interesting events designed for non-rail spouses. True value will be provided for those registered as a non-rail spouse.

**S**-sized convention car is being planned. No specific public information is available at this time. Future announcements will be made when the details are finalized. We hope to impress you with something new!

**S**heraton Grand Hotel in downtown Sacramento is the locale for this extravaganza. The Sacramento Convention Center is right across the street and is the venue for the National Train Show for sellers and buyers of railroad related products and services. Convention registrants are entitled to attend all three days of the National Train Show at no extra cost.

**S**elling stuff? Contact the National Train Show via email at: NATLTRAINSHOW@aol.com (Debbie Draper) for information pertaining to booth rentals and time schedules. Or telephone Debbie at 1-602-569-9072.

**S**urprisingly, it is not necessary to be a member of any organization to attend this convention. Just send in your money and you will be registered. Non-registered spouses and children will be allowed to attend extra-cost tours and banquets along with their full-fare registered rail enthusiast upon payment of the tour or banquet fee. This policy for non-rail spouses is subject to change without notice depending on space availability and other factors. Best to make your spouse's event reservations as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Side trips for the entire family are plentiful in the northern California area. One popular trip starts with a flight into Reno, NV and a stay at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino/Hotel. After the dinner show, enjoy some night life and get a good nights sleep. The next morning walk to the Reno Amtrak station and board the California Zephyr for a trip over the Sierra Nevada mountains to Sacramento. The Sheraton Grand Hotel is about a 15-minute walk from Sacramento's station.

Then, of course, there is San Francisco with Chinatown, Golden Gate Bridge (walk across), fisherman's wharf, cable cars climbing to the stars, Alcatraz Federal Prison (tour, not residency), and more. Not to mention the Napa Valley wine country with a vintage 1950 dinner train complete with a full-length dome car for a luxury experience. This is no ordinary dinner train when it comes to the dome car cuisine. Consider also a Shay-powered ride on the Roaring Camp and Big Trees RR located in Felton, CA in the heart of the Santa Cruz mountain range. A real logging trip among huge redwoods!

Then there is the Monterey Bay area with a world famous aquarium, John Steinbeck's cannery row, Pebble Beach Golf Club (home of "The Crosby"), 17-mile drive (fantastic scenery) and quaint Carmel – a European-style village nestled on the coast. Yosemite National Park, with giant redwood trees, and Hearst Castle, a major tourist attraction, are just a few hours away.

Stay tuned for more information as various S events are developed and announced. Watching [www.X2011west.org](http://www.X2011west.org) is the easiest way to keep informed of new developments and detailed schedules as they develop. Be sure to check the NASG box on your registration form to receive emails with special announcements and details for all S-related events and products such as the S convention car. Only by checking the NASG box will you be entitled to early reservation privileges for S events. Check this box even if you are not an NASG member. If you fail to check the NASG box, our trustworthy computer will not realize you are an S enthusiast. Email will be extensively used for ongoing communication with S registrants.

Send in your registration form now to take advantage of this special Early-Bird Rate. Check the official web site for information as it becomes available. This convention is currently in the early planning stages and there is a lot of work yet to be done. Note that the NASG BOT has unanimously approved this joint NMRA convention as the official 2011 NASG convention.

See you in Sacramento in 2011....Ed Loizeaux, Chairman NASG 2011  
John Gibson, Asst. S Chairman



## NMRA 2011 National Convention

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please clearly print your name as you want it to appear on your badge(s). Use additional copies of this form stapled together to add additional names.

**First, Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*Primary Registrant*

First, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Spouse  Youth **NMRA #:** \_\_\_\_\_

First, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Spouse  Youth **Region Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check boxes indicating  
 membership in affiliated groups:

NASG

LDSIG

OPSIG

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

### Fare Calculation

Item	Cost	Shipping	Quantity	Total
Primary Registrant Full Fare	<b>\$99*</b>			
Spouse Full Fare	\$79			
Youth Full Fare**	\$49			
X2011 West Polo Shirt - Medium	\$25	\$5/ea		
X2011 West Polo Shirt - Large	\$25	\$5/ea		
X2011 West Polo Shirt - XLarge	\$25	\$5/ea		
X2011 West Polo Shirt - XXXLarge	\$27	\$5/ea		
X2011 West Polo Shirt - XXXLarge	\$29	\$5/ea		

**TOTAL = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\* This early-bird rate may change. To guarantee this rate, this form and payment must be returned no later than October 1, 2009.

\*\* Youth must be over 6 and under 18 years of age at the time of the Convention; children under 6 are free except when participating in extra fare events.

### Payment Information for Mailed Forms

**Payment T**  CHECK CREDIT CARD:  Visa  Mastercard

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and return it with payment (in U.S. funds only) to X2011 West, 530 Fig Tree Lane, Martinez, CA 94553. Checks should be made payable to "X2011 West." Please do not send cash. For more information, visit [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org). For registration information, contact [x2011registrar@aol.com](mailto:x2011registrar@aol.com)

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