



## General Superintendent's Report

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**2019 WPRM Convention:** Please look on the website for the latest information. The convention registration is now open. This year we will be again holding a joint convention with the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA. We did this about two years ago in Modesto and I expect this will be a great convention with them again in 2019.

The convention will be held May 2 thru the 5, 2019 at the McCellan Conference Center in McCellan Park, Ca. (just south of Sacramento).

There are going to be several California Zephyr presentations (that is my understanding right now) at this convention along with a lot of presentations given by the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA.

Watch the website for more news as it gets closer.

Pumpkins Trains are on the way, get ready for the spooks and goblins. My understanding is that posters are printed and distributed for this event, please volunteer to help and remind all your friends to come and visit us.

Then we move on to Santa Trains, please look out for notices for help from our President Steve on help needed for this event.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, Director Bob Sims was appointed the Model Committee chairperson. I am sure that we will hear from Bob soon on what he may have in mind for the committee.

Speaking of the Model Committee, I have started work with our webmaster (prior to Bob's appointment) on modeling web pages. These have not been made public yet. I have some more work to complete prior to their release to the public.

Motivation to create this new section on the website includes several members and guests at the 2018 WPRM Convention in Salt Lake City asking about modeling and several members have expressed desire to see modeling articles published again.

I have had several conversations with members and members who have left the society because of the lack of modeling events, conversations and articles.

This has prompted me to look into getting the web pages started, discussing the modeling committee with Bob Sims and looking into getting more modeling back into some of our publications.

I hope that we will be able to meet our members' expectations in the coming months with the release of the new web pages and some of the work the modeling committee will do.

If anyone has any questions on the modeling committee, please contact Bob Sims and/or myself so that we may address your concerns.

I have also asked the *Headlight* staff to look into adding the modeling sections back into the magazine.

Please look for an article about the donation of Stephen Cavanaugh's Western Pacific HO layout sections. Stephen was a well-known modeler and Feather River Rail Society member. A portion of his HO layout is now at the museum awaiting a restoration into a new display.

"As always, there are so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remised if I did not say thank you to all of you. I may have missed some specifically by name; however all of your help is greatly appreciated".

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I may not have an answer right away, however I will get one for you.

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