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Convention Car for Modesto Convention
Modesto Empire Traction 53-foot Evans
Double Door Box Car

PCR Convention "Taking it to the Streets of Modesto 2016" Arrives in Modesto April 20-24, 2016

Convention Committee is ready to Receive Your registration (See Page 28)

FRRS Co-Hosts with PCR in Modesto

PCR/FRRS 2016 Convention, Taking it To The Streets 2016

by Steve Wesolowski, PCR 2016 Publicity Volunteer

We are partnering our PCR convention as a joint convention with the Feather River Rail Society's annual convention. Because we have different agendas we will hold separate banquets, but will have otherwise shared activities. Our partnership with FRRS will increase the subjects and choices of activities available, in both clinic subjects and outside events. More information will be available on our website as we get closer to the convention.

Because of our joint convention, NMRA membership is not required to register. But only NMRA members may enter models, photos and crafts for NMRA judging and awards. FRRS members may share their models and photos as display only. A 6-month Rail Pass is available to encourage participation and have a 'look-see' without a long-term commitment. Also available are full NMRA memberships with or without the NMRA magazine and student memberships that include NMRA magazine. All levels of NMRA memberships may be requested and paid for on the registration forms.

To join the NMRA, membership information is available at the NMRA website: <http://nmra.org/>

Registration

The Early Bird
Special Registration Package

fare of \$89 includes registration, awards banquet, and PCR breakfast. (The Early Bird Package deal ends Jan 31, 2016. The Registration Package will be \$99 starting Feb 1, 2016.) There is no fare differential between rail and non-rail registrations; however, non-rail includes the non-rail lunch, not the PCR breakfast.

The special "First Timer" fare of \$79.00 is available for PCR members that have not registered for the past 5 conventions. The "First Timer" special also includes the awards banquet and PCR breakfast.

Youth fare of \$50.00 provides full registration with no food events.

Awards banquet only attendance is \$45.00.

The day fare of \$40 is good for one day of convention attendance and includes clinics, layout tours, and contests. The awards banquet is not included, but may be purchased as an extra-fare item.

All fares include convention registration, clinics, contests, and layout tours. There may be additional charges for some outside events or special clinics, if admission tickets, transportation, or materials are required. If you have questions about registration, please contact our Registrars, Jim Dieckman or Richard Klammer.

To register go to
<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2016/registration.html>

Conventions Need Volunteers

If you've been a PCR/NMRA member for a while, you've likely read my convention publicity before. Volunteering for 12 plus regional & national conventions & enjoying a couple more, I've learned something besides conventions always need more volunteers. Yeah, more hands & minds helping makes most jobs easier & more fun. Also, I know volunteers benefit most from volunteering. Every convention begins with a few committee volunteers, who give months of their time planning and organizing all the fun conventioners will enjoy. And the sooner you volunteer, the more impact you may have insuring *your* convention includes more activities that *you* enjoy. Besides filling any openings left on our committee, committee members always welcome more help. Use emails at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2016/committee.html> to volunteer for area(s) you're interested in enjoying even more.

Volunteers are needed for all areas: as Clinicians, Contestants, Layout Owners, Registration, and more. If you Volunteer, you will meet and enjoy more people with similar interests.

Our partnership with FRRS will increase the subjects and choices of activities available, in both clinic subjects and outside events.

It is important our block of rooms is filled to have access to the rooms needed for clinics, contests, banquet, and other activities.

Convention Car

We have a convention car this year, a 53-foot Evans double door box car painted for Modesto and Empire Traction (M&ET). It is available in 4 road numbers: 13336, 13680, 13698, and 13718, either as the complete set of four (\$90) or individually (\$25). Cars must be ordered before the convention & picked up there; no shipping. Note: The Convention Logo is included as a separate decal for those who don't want it on their cars.

Outside Tours

Our Taking It To The Streets 2016 Convention Committee Outside Tour Coordinator, Scott Inman, is working hard to arrange some interesting outside tours and activities during the convention, both around and near Modesto. There will be a shop tour of Modesto's Shortline Railroad, the M&ET. I've heard this is a fun tour I plan to enjoy. Other nearby tours are still being planned. Scott's working on a tour of Sierra's Oakdale facility for Friday, April 22, which may be followed by an excursion if enough participate. Scott is working on a Sierra-themed day with busses to Jamestown later Friday, then on to Oakdale, then ride an excursion. Scott is also working to arrange a tour just a few blocks from our hotel of a local MakerSpace called Downtown Tinkertank, an industrial 3d printing facility with lots of other milling equipment.

Check our website for more outside events our partnership with FRRS should make possible.

Convention Hotel

Our Taking It To The Streets 2016 Convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Modesto, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, CA 95354-0823. Convention hotel rates are being negotiated. Rates will be posted on our website and available in January. It is important our block of rooms is filled to have access to the rooms needed for clinics, contests, banquet, and other activities. The convention committee must commit to a block of rooms to get access to all of the space we need. If we don't fill the room block as required, it will cost the convention substantial additional money. We price our convention to keep it a low cost event. Please help us ensure this low cost by staying at the convention hotel.

Clinics & Contests

This should come as no surprise: all the usual/traditional contest categories will be available for entering your models, photos and crafts to be judged for competition. For complete information, including forms, categories, requirements and contest room schedule, visit <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2016/contests.html>

Volunteers are always needed to judge and to staff the contest room to provide security for the entries.

Model contest judges earn 2 time units towards their AP Association Volunteer Certificate. Contact the Contests Chair, Bob Schott, to assist with these very important functions. I always enjoy helping judge because other's work teaches me how to model better.

I always encourage *everyone* attending conventions to bring at least one and hopefully more contest entries in different categories to share your talented work with everyone. I always hope we all bring enough of our best models, photos and crafts to encourage us all to become more talented, and so we also award all possible prizes in every possible category, to encourage more competitive contests. Your entries help encourage every one of us to become better modelers, photographers and craftspersons.

As I write this in December 2015, everyone has just over four months to start and finish one or more contest entries which will share your unique talents and vision with the rest of us. If you prefer your work not to be judged, please bring it for display only. Either way, we can all still share learn from your unique vision and talented work. By sharing and learning from each other's work, whether judged or not, we all may improve our talents and skills.

Happy trains to you, until we meet again! I hope we all see you and your work in Modesto, April 20-24, 2016! 🚂



PCR/NMRA
Taking It To The Streets
2016 PCR/FRRS Convention
Modesto Doubletree by Hilton
1150 Ninth Street
Modesto, CA

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
 Taking It To The Streets 2016 PCR Convention
 c/o Jim Dieckman
 305 Alta Vista Ave
 Roseville, CA 95678

E-mail: mod2016registrar@pcrnmra.org

Website: www.pcrnmra.org/conv2016

Visit the website to pay with PayPal or credit

Please Print

Registration Form

Last Name		First Name		Name for Badge	
Address			City		State Zip Code + 4
Home Phone	E-mail Address			NMRA or FRRS #	
Registration Type (Please check one) Model Railroader Non-Rail FRRS			NMRA Region or Club Affiliation		
Available to Volunteer on Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Times: _____					
I can help more. Have a Volunteer Coordinator contact me					
Primary Scales and Interests		HO N Z S O G Narrow Gauge WP Other: _____			
ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT LIVING AT SAME ADDRESS (Use another form if more than one)					
Last Name		First Name		Name for Badge	
Registration Type (Please check one) Modeler Non-Rail		E-Mail (if Different)		NMRA or FRRS #	
Available to Volunteer on Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Times: _____					
I can help More. Have a Volunteer Coordinator contact me					
Primary Scales and Interests		HO N Z S O G Narrow Gauge WP Other: _____			

FARES: <i>Please fill in Qty and Total</i>		Qty	Unit Cost	Total
Early NMRA Registration (until Jan 31, 2016) (registration, banquet, & PCR breakfast)			89.00	
Normal NMRA Registration (after Jan 31, 2016)			99.00	
Early FRRS Registration (until Jan 31, 2016) (registration and banquet)			89.00	
Normal FRRS Registration (after Jan 31, 2016)			99.00	
First Timer (PCR Members who have not registered for the past 5 conventions)			79.00	
Non-Rail or Spouse Registration (spouse can be modeler; includes non-rail lunch)			89.00	
Banquet only PCR FRRS			45.00	
PCR Breakfast only			15.00	
Youth Registration (12-18 years or student)			50.00	
Day Fare (No Banquet)		Wed Thurs Fri Sat	40.00	
Convention Car (ea) [M&ET, HO-scale, 53' Evans Double Door Box Car from Atlas]			25.00	
Convention Car (Set of 4)			90.00	
Join FRRS (reduced rates for convention)		Active membership	25.00	
		Family membership	40.00	
Join the NMRA (must be member of NMRA or FRRS to attend)		6 month Rail Pass (allowed one time only)	9.95	
		Full NMRA membership/PCR subscription	72.00	
Payment by Check** Cash (Use website for credit card or PayPal)			TOTAL	

** Make checks payable to: "PCR Modesto 2016" **No Refunds After March 31, 2016**