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Long Beach California Day 2!

Day two in sunny SoCal dawned foggy! As I started down to the clinic room I ran in to Sam and Dave. No not the singers, but Dave and Sam Nicastro. First up this morning was a informative clinic on rebuilding model diesel locos by Tim Foote. Then came a two-parter on LCC. The afternoon started with Business and Private Cars by Paul Hobbs. He had a lot of interesting slides on the history of these cars. I then took a break and came down at 5pm for John Lowrance's Vintage Metal which I had missed the last time he gave it. He always gives an enjoyable presentation. As I was leaving the clinic room I saw a table where someone was selling books. It was "Shotgun" Tom Kelly from SiriusXM's 60's gold! Anyone who has listened to his program knows that he is a model railroader and belongs to San Diego Model Railroad Museum besides having his own layout. We chatted for awhile and I bought the book for my wife. There was nothing after dinner that I wanted to see so I called it a day. ~Russ T. Rale

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"Shotgun" Tom Kelly and Russ T. Rale at the convention!

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“Sunny” So-Cal

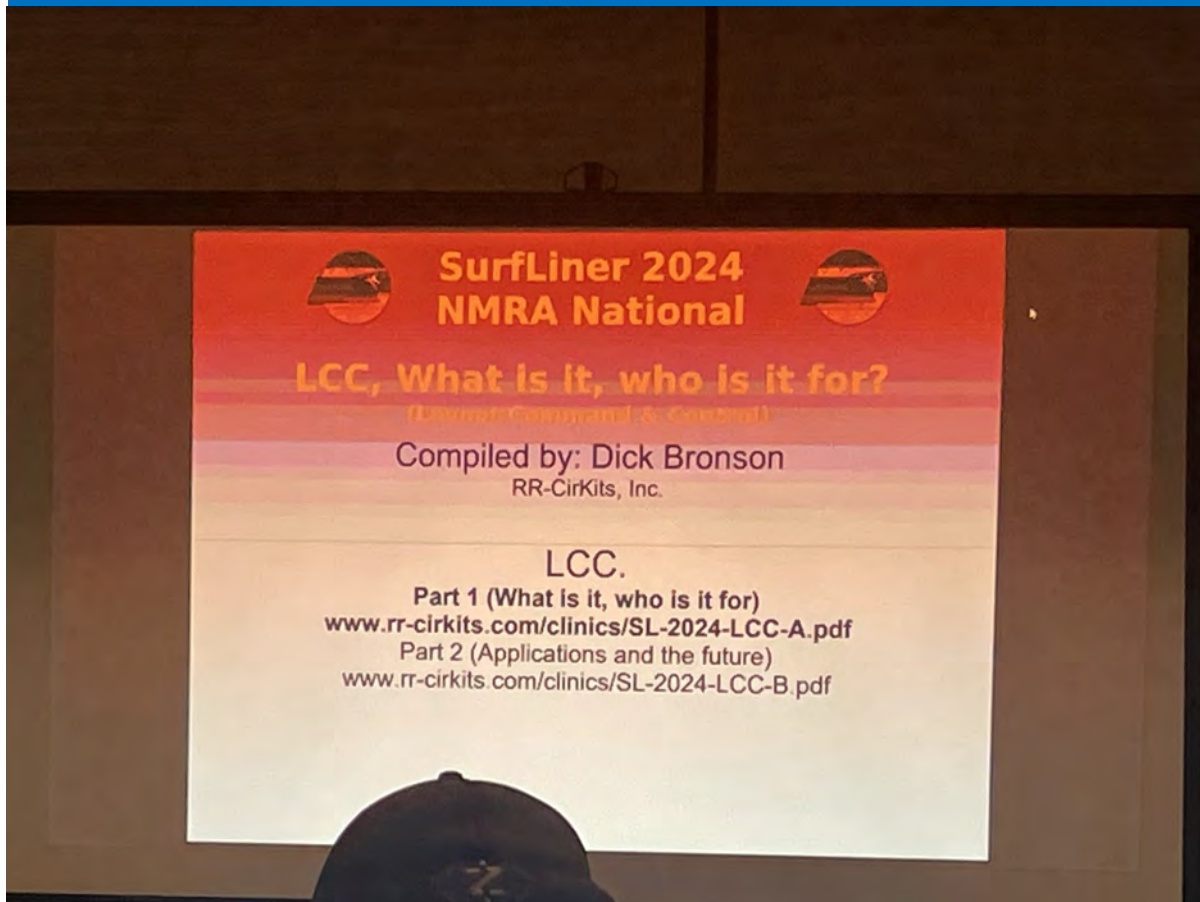
Tim Foote’s tips for making old run better than new!



- Clean the wheelsets tread and axle extension with a Woodland Scenics eraser. I do this on new engines as well. The treads are not necessarily clean when they come from the factory and can have paint on them.
- Use the grey, soft side of the eraser. Clean the eraser with alcohol on a paper towel.
- The wheel and axle extension may be part of the electrical pick up circuit. I don’t lube the axle extension. Grease and oil are insulators to electricity. I do put a drop of thin lube where the axle sits on the truck frame.
- Be cautious when removing the cap that covers the truck assembly. Most of them have very thin plastic clips and it is difficult to find replacements. I use an Exacto knife with the tip broken off to get under the clip and pry gently. Once the cap pops up, I place a thin piece of styrene under it, so it won’t pop down again while I am disconnecting the other clips.

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Two!! Clinics to explain LCC!

John Lowrance expounding on the benefits of old metal freight cars.



TIMETABLE

NMRA “Surfliner” National Convention

August 4-11, 2024
Long Beach, California



Russ T. Rale will be there! I know Jack will be there! If you are going let Russ know!

Saturday, August 17, 2024 9am to 4pm
AMRS Meeting

New Location!

St. Matthews Episcopal Church
Steck Ave.
Austin, TX

Train Show prep meeting!

Train Show

Saturday-Sunday, Aug 24-25, 2024
AMRS Train Show
Palmer Events Center, Austin

ADVANCED PLANNING

Saturday September 14, 2024
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Program:

Opening discussion
Clinic(s) Need a Volunteer(s)
Goldweight and Central Shelf Layout update
Show and Tell
Deals or Duds
Lunch
Layout Tour: How about yours?

Saturday-Sunday September 21-22, 2024
42nd Annual Temple Train Show and
2nd Annual RPM Meet

Saturday November 9, 2024
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train
[Make Reservations - Austin Steam Train Association](#)

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum
Tuesday—Saturday 10Am to 4Pm

2025-NMRA 90th Anniversary!

So guys, what are we going to do for the NMRA's 90th anniversary??!!!!

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Call for articles

The goal for the Eagle is to be published approximately the week before our bi-monthly meetings (with a follow-up edition shortly after) with the hope of lightening some of Bob's work. In order to do that we need your help. If you have a favorite tip, something from the good old days of Model Railroading, went to a hobby shop out of town that was awesome or just want to show some picture of your layout, please contact me at the email address in the Masthead.

Thanks.

Russ T. Rale

THE MASTHEAD

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