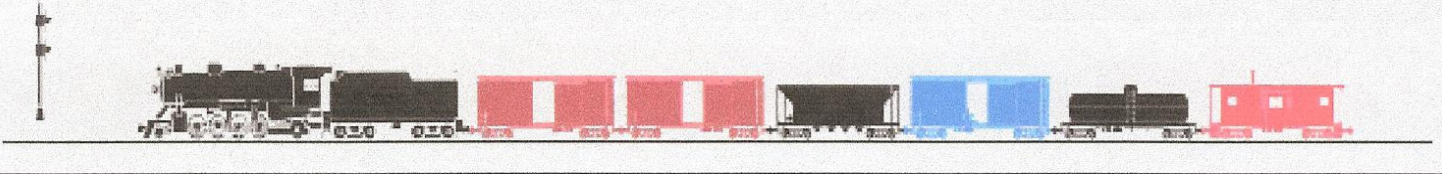


The Brakeman's Rag

Division 1, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

April, 2009



Mark Your Calendars for the next two Mini-Meets

Location of May 16, 2009 Mini-meet.

Corvallis Society of Model Engineers will host the May Mini-Meet at their **club house at Adair Village** just off Highway 99 north of Corvallis. Doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. There are two adjacent places for lunch. Scheduled are several live clinics. Gene Neville says he has room for more and would be pleased to have volunteers or recommendations. Three layout tours are currently scheduled. There will be door prizes, and a favorite model contest. Judges will be available, if requested, for AP Merit Judging. If you want to volunteer or have questions, contact **Gene Neville** at **(541)745-5502**

Location of October 10, 2009 Mini-Meet

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club will host October Mini-Meet, in **Eugene on October 10, 2009. We are having the mini-meet at the Eugene Water & Electric Board Community room that is located at 500 East 4th Avenue.**

Educational clinics include an audio-visual presentation, Some new layout tours that have been arranged by *Temple's Trains & Things*

Other Coming Events:

April 4 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC, 25th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec. Center, 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Operating layouts, Swap and Shop Tables, Retail Sales Model Contest (Popular Vote). Admission (cash only), \$3.00 NMRA member, \$5.00 non-member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 Seniors, Child (6-12) - \$1.00. Info: Ken Rutherford, j.rutherford@shaw.ca, (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205.

April 18 (Sat), Kent WA, 26th Annual Open House - Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club from 10am to 4pm at its ornate nidek RR location: Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Ave. So.) Permanent HO Layout and HO and O modular layouts. Free Admission.

April 15-19, Fremont, CA, Rails Across the Bay 2009. PCR Convention, Marriott Fremont Silicon Valley, 46100 Landing Pkwy, Info: www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009/

April 18-19, Eugene, OR 21st Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fair Grounds, 76 W. 13th Avenue. Saturday hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$6.00

each 11 years and older, 10 and younger free if accompanied by adult. Early bird admission (9 a.m.) \$10.00.
April 18 - 19, Calgary, AB. Supertrain 2009. Calgary Soccer Center 7000 - 48 Street SE, 9am to 5pm. Canada's largest and best Model train Show, Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating model railroad layouts, displays, Lionel, Lego trains, Thomas and Friend, Garden railways, photo exhibits, merchandise for sale, and live demos and clinics. Children's play area. Adults - \$10.00; Juds (6-12) - \$5.00. Under 6 - free. \$1 off admission with donation of non-perishable food item to Calgary Food Bank. FREE Parking. Info: www.supertrain.co or info@supertrain.ca

May 2-3. Rickreall, OR. Polk Station Rail Swap Meet, Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main Street Highway 99, 9close to Rickreall Fair Grounds). Entry fee \$5.00 per person unles you bring a can of food and save \$1.oo. Swap meet hours - 10 a/m. to 4:oo p.m.

June 17-21, Portland, OR. N-Scale Collector Convention. Red Lion On the River at Jantzen Beach. More infor: dick@nscalecollector.com

July 5-11, Harford, CT., NMRA National Convention. More info: www.nh2009.org

September 17-19, Edmondton, Alberta Northern Light PBR-NMRA Regional Convention, Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Info: Mark Johnson, regisrat@northernlights2009.cawww.northernlights2009.ca

Special Note:

Our Seventh Division neighbors to the North in Canada are concerned about the slow return in convention registrations for the 2009 PNR convention to be held this September. So far only a little over forty people have registered. It may have something to do with the economy and the long traveling distance. As of March 1, only two people from Division One are registered for the 2009 Convention and those two people must attend because they are PNR officers.

Dirk Kruysman, besides being the Division One Treasurer and a Director, is also the PNR Treasurer. Ed Schaezner is the Division One Superintendent and is therefore automatically sits on the PNR BOD. They are expected to attend the PNR BOD meeting that is held every year during the Convention.

The Northern Lights 2009 convention committee have extended the early registration deadline to June 1, 2009. Check out their web site and consider a trip to Canada. They have a full slate of model railroading activities. One of the attractions (for the ladies) is the worlds largest enclosed shopping mall - bigger than the Mall of Americas in Minneapolis.

Northern Lights 2009
PNR Regional Convention
September 17-19, 2009
The Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel
Edmonton, Alberta
www.northernlights2009.ca

Superintendent's Report Ed Schaezner, Division 1 Superintendent

ELECTION

According to PNR by laws, First Division must hold elections for all elected officials in odd numbered years. So, we must hold elections for six directors and one superintendent this spring. They are the only elected officials. All

other positions - treasurer, secretary, web master, newsletter editor, etcetera - are appointed by the superintendent with the approval of the BOD.

Any one interested in running for office, even if you are an incumbent and plan to run again, must notify a member of the nominating committee. Nominees must be members in good standing (that means paid your dues) of the PNR and the NMRA . The nominating committee must submit a list of nominees before June 1, 2009. Please do not wait until the last minute.

The six nominees for positions on the Board of Directors receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for office please contact one of the nominating committee members: either Lee Temple or Jim William by the 15th of May so that the nominating committee has time to compile the list of candidates and prepare the ballot by June 1.

The members of the nominating committee are:

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I need some volunteers to act as Tellers. The returning ballots will be mailed to the Tellers and they will tally the vote and report the results to the BOD. Tellers cannot be current elected office holders nor can they be currently running for an elected position.

I need a volunteer to take over as education chairperson.

I need a volunteer to take over as membership chairperson.

I need volunteers to do clinics.

BOD MEETING

There will be a First Division BOD meeting during the lunch break at the April 16th mini meet at Adair Village. This is an open meeting. Every one is welcome. Check elsewhere in this edition for more information about the spring mini-meet. Looking forward to seeing every one in April.

Ed Schaezner

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Club News

30th Annual Show For *Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club* At Valley River Center by Lee Temple

The Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club hosted their 30th Annual Train Show at the Valley River Center in Eugene, OR. The show took place on January 22-25, 2009. Our first show took place in 1979.

For many years the WCMRRC was the only railroad club to have a show at the largest mall in the Eugene-Springfield area. Our first show as well as our 30th show featured our HO-scale modular railroad. In fact, other than the annual car show on Father's Day weekend we have done more shows than any other group at this well established shopping center that opened in 1969.

In recent years we have been able to make the show even bigger by having Clay and Arlene Crossman's Trailer-n-Train G-scale exhibit, the A&P N-gineers have displayed their N-scale layout, the Oregon Electric O-Gaugers based out of Albany set up their Lionel modular railroad, the Operation Lifesaver Trailer with locomotive console, and of course the **WCMRRC** has been the host model railroad group and we have displayed our HO modular railroad. Each exhibit has been strategically placed in various locations throughout the mall.

This year was a milestone for our club and the marketing director of the VRC decided we would have a celebration with the public so on Saturday during the show we had the news media and the public share with all the clubs, some cake because this was the 30th consecutive show. It was quite an effort by the mall management to make this show a bit more special and we appreciate all of their efforts to publicize our event.

Charlie Lange of the WCMRRC submitted a photo of #4449 in Eugene and that became the advertising photo for the posters that were displayed throughout the mall. In addition for the past two years the mall

management team have had television screens installed in high traffic areas like the food court and with those screens have promoted our show before and during the annual show.

Our members look forward to this show each year because it gives our club a chance to set up our modular HO scale railroad in yet another configuration so our members can run their trains for three days. For the past year we have also had club members building new modules based upon our club standards so new modules now are being infused with club owned modules so our railroad is looking a bit different each time we set up.

The mall management has seen a spike in attendance at the mall the last full weekend of January each year and with that attendance the store owners have also seen an increase in sales in their store as well. The public begins calling the Temple home and the mall management in the Fall wanting to know when the annual train show will be taking place. Many families come and they bring their child (ren) and sometimes after the children have seen the layouts it is hard for the parents to get their child to leave the mall because they are so in awe of the trains, the scenery, and what they see going on in our model railroading world.

The **WCMRRC** is already looking forward to our next show at Valley River in 2010 and it is always the last full weekend of January each year. Mark your calendars for our 2010 show and come by as a fellow model rail- roader so you can see our show and to visit with other model railroaders.

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Official Nominating Form

Please provide the information requested in the forms, by phone or E-Mail, or send the completed form to one of the following:

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Let it be known that:

I wish to run for the Board of Directors of Division 1, PNR, NMRA. I understand this is for a two year term:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

I have been an NMRA member since _____ I model in ____ Scale.

I have served model railroading in the following capacities: _____

Signed: _____ Date _____

I wish to run for the office of Superintendent of Division 1, PNR, NMRA. I understand this is for a two year term:

Name _____

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Signed: _____ Date _____