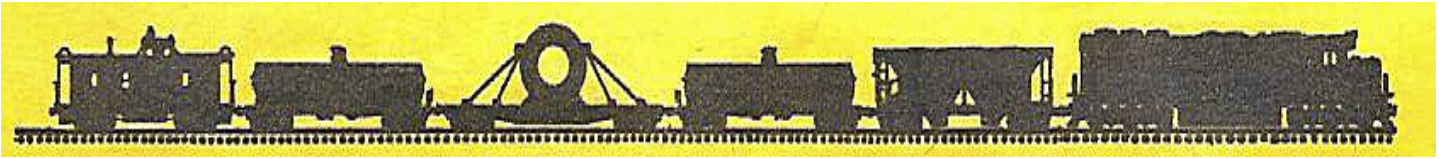


The Brakeman's Rag

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Spring Mini-Meet Date Set

The Spring Mini-meet will be held **April 30** at the Douglas County Library. This is located at **1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.** near downtown Roseburg. This is a wonderful meeting site, arranged by Nick Lehrbach. You will not want to miss this one. Make plans now.

The doors will be open at about 8 am. The meeting will start at 9 am. Please do any unloading, and park in the lot just to the east of the library to leave the main lot available for regular library users. As always, presentors are needed for clinics. Here's a chance to earn some points for the NMRA Volunteer Achievement Award. Simply have a topic you'd like to know more about? Know of an expert or have a topic for presentation? Contact Nick at: lehrbach@rosenet.net

Also, judges will be available for merit judging if you let us know you will be bringing items to judge. Contact Glenn at gedmison@aol.com

If anyone needs to call the library, the number is **541-440-4305**

Bring a Guest

We are working hard to increase membership and attendance. The more, the merrier. How about bringing a friend who is interested in model railroading? Or a model railroader who might be interested, but is not a member? How about the next generation of model railroaders? Also, remind others that you know are members. Can we beat the 60% attendance ceiling?

Superintendent's Report

One of the Superintendent's responsibilities is to write a report for the quarterly newsletter. It always amazes me how some people can come up with interesting topics on a regular basis. In some cases they write a monthly, weekly, or even a daily report and I am struggling to write a report once every three months. About a month before the Brakeman's Rag is published, editor Glenn Edmison, sends me the first reminder that I need to get my report turned in to him so he can put the Brakeman's Rag to press in a timely manner.

During one of my recent thoughtful moments (the moments are getting shorter and the times between are getting longer) I was pondering the term "armchair model railroader." To me this term refers to a model railroader who for some reason, real or imagined, thinks about building a model railroad but never gets around to actually doing it. Does that term also apply to people who belong to an organization, but who for some reason, real or imagined, are not actively involved? Division One needs more actively involved members and fewer

“armchair” members. Every two years we must hold elections for a Superintendent and six Directors. According to PNR and Division 1 rules and regulations we must do this in odd numbered years. So, the June edition of The Brakeman’s Rag will contain a ballot and will be snail-mailed to all members as a hard copy. An electronic version of The Brakeman’s Rag will be published, however members cannot vote electronically.

All you have to do is fill out the ballot and mark your choices, fold and seal ballot sheet, place a stamp on the upper right hand corner, and give it to the USPS. The ballot is pre-addressed to ***Christopher Jones and Marvin Selzer*** who have volunteered to be our Tellers for the upcoming election.

A ballot is worthless if it does not contain any candidates. We need volunteers to run for office. Get out of your “armchair” and “run.” In the last election, the only candidates were the incumbents. That left the minimum number of people from which to choose. ***Lee Temple, Bill Bain, and Jim Williams*** have volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. They do not want to have to “twist arms” to put together a slate of candidates. More election information can be found in other sections of this newsletter.

In a little over a year we will be hosting the Joint PNR/PCR Convention. Some of the organizing will be handled at the Regional level. However, we, Division 1, are expected to organize the local activities. Since the 2012 Convention will be held in Medford, much of the local work will have to be done by members living in southern Oregon who are familiar with the resources that are available. Members living in Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, White City, Rogue River and all the other cities need to step forward and give us your expertise and support. Bruce McGarvey has volunteered to be the front man for the southern area, but he will need a lot of help from other locals. Please get out of your “chair” and let us know that you are willing to help. This is a Division activity so we really need help from everyone, not just those living in the southern part of the state

We need clinicians for the Spring Mini-meet. Remember, none of us are professional speakers and we are very forgiving. So, if you have something to share about the world’s greatest hobby, do it. We have some audio-video equipment available to help you with your presentation. Call or E-mail to Nick Lehrbach or Dirk Kruysman. They have volunteered to host the Spring Mini-meet at the Douglas County Library in Roseburg. We have been fortunate in the past to usually have three to six clinics at our mini-meets. Some of the other Divisions in our Region struggle to have just one. More information about the Mini-meet is available elsewhere in this newsletter and on our web site. If we don’t get enough clinicians I will be forced to do a clinic on building outhouses. Grin! Come to think about it, that might be fun.

We have a very large Division, geographically, and so it isn’t possible for our members to visit all of the other member’s home or club layouts. Another way to get out of your “armchair” is to bring a model or models to the next Mini-meet to share them in the Favorite Model Contest. Remember, it is nice to win, but it’s nicer to share. For those that don’t want to compete we have a “display only” category.

Remember, as of April 1st to August 31st, you may submit requests for the Tunnel Country Grant program. See the Division 1 web site for full details.

I expect to see all of you in Roseburg on April 30th,
Ed Schaenzer, MMR

Editorial

I seldom take advantage of the privilege, but, this time, I feel compelled to add a few words to our Superintendent's timely report. He has properly spoken to the need for members to offer their services as members of the *Division 1 Board of Directors*. There is no doubt we have, and will continue to have, need for the services of knowledgeable, thoughtful and willing individuals for those positions. There is no doubt that we will have an on-going need for knowledgeable modelers to give us new information and tips on the many skills of model railroading by way of *presenting clinics*. There is no doubt that the effort of *hosting a regional conference* requires the participation of many hands, all doing a small task competently. Ed has addressed those needs. I would like to add a couple of more, small but important on-going jobs. Each is a traditional part of our meetings. Each always gets done – but too often by someone who already has other chores, just because they need to be done. The problem is, that when piled on top of other responsibilities, these things do not get done as well as they might. The Division would be better served if a few other members would step forward and volunteer for those not elected, but necessary tasks. Among these are *Favorite Model Contest Manager*; A person to *welcome new members*, Contributors to The Brakeman's Rag in the way of being "*columnists*" such as a Tips and Tools column or Things to See column. A *photographer/historian* to document entries and winners in the contests, as well as clinics and other events of the Division. If any of these sound like a good fit for you, let your interest be known to Ed Schaenzer. And the nice thing, it isn't all for gratis. NMRA awards points on a monthly or per-item/date basis toward the AP Certificate for Volunteer or Author. How about it? You could be a **big** help.

Model Railroad Photo Helps - One of the best Model Railroad Photography helps can be found at the following address:

<http://s145079212.onlinehome.us/rr/howto/photography/index.html>

I've Never Met a Model I Couldn't Improve -

In a clinic presented at the PNR conference in Linwood last September, *John DeStee* made the following suggestions:

Wheel Problems

Check for out-of-gauge wheels. This is a common cause of derailments. It takes only a minute to remove the wheels from the trucks and check with your NMRA gauge.

Weather unpainted wheels and couplers. This goes a long way to making models appear more prototypical. Clean with a little water and dish soap. Rinse with rubbing alcohol. Mask axle bearings and wheel treads. Brush or airbrush with grimy black and rust. Clean excess off treads before it dries hard. Reassemble and test.

Coupler Problems

Check with coupler gauge. If necessary, bend the hose on the "glad hand" upward to provide clearance above the track. Maintain a slight upward tilt on the end.

Be sure coupler is free of burrs and is lubricated.

For droopy couplers, try adding a Kadee washer inside the coupler box to provide support.

Clean in same way as wheels, mask inside bearing surfaces. Airbrush with roof brown or rust.

Use a very soft lead pencil on sliding surfaces. He likes this better than the "poofer" graphite.

Excess Factory Lubrication

Wipe off excess oil found on truck surfaces. Check often to watch for more seepage.

If there is oil on the packaging, do not operate until source is found and cleaned. This may require disassembly of whole drive train to clean wheels, gears, housings bearings and electrical contacts.; relube with plastic compatible lubes. A little goes a long ways.

Fixing RTR Missing or Askew parts

Askew parts are worse than missing parts because it is all welded together and painted.. Sometimes hard to tell what the material is, and plastic will likely break before moving. Better to replace parts. Contact manufacturer. Fix new parts in place with correct adhesive inside the shell.

Improve Windows

A black sharpie pen will produce a realistic gasket at edge of window. If possible remove windows, blacken edges and inside of frame to avoid "light-piping" At least one manufacturer, AMF, makes a window glass frame to help realism.

Oversized and Missing Details

On freight cars, replace casto on piping and rods with brass wire. Cutting Grant Line turnbuckles in half makes excellent clevises. Missing corner gussets are made from styrene and heat-formed to correct curvature. Too thick roof walks can be replaced with etched brass.

Scratch build Details that are Otherwise Not Available

Examples are See-through radiator grills coupler pockets, pilots, and stanchion-mounted cut levers, number boards.

Painting, Lettering and Rebuilding


Even on "garage sale" items, it is worth the time to repaint and re-decal the bodies. These are often for items no longer available. These also make good sources for "kit-bashing" into something unique.

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Two Scenic Train Trips that might be of interest.

Elbe, Washington. Enjoy amazing scenery and unlimited photo opportunities May 21, when the Mt. Ranier Scenic Railroad teams with RailsNW to offer a unique triple-header charter using restored east Coast steam locomotives. You'll start your journey by traveling across the Nisqually River Bridge to Mineral Lake for a catered bargeque lunch. Then the train will continue down the line, making its way

to the large wooden trestle at Divide. The trip will use three restored steam locomotives: the Rayonier #2, a Willamette geared engine which just returned to service in 2009; the West Fork Logging 3-truck Heisler; and assuming that everything proceeds on schedule, the Polson Lumber #70 Baldwin 2-8--2 rod locomotive. As this trip has very limited space, it's recommended to make your reservations as soon as possible. The ride runs from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and costs \$98 per person (503) 292-5055; www.railsnw.com/Tours/charter/rainier/rainier_rambler.htm

Chehalis, Washington. The vintage 1916 Chehalis Centralia Steam Train will kick off the 2011 season Saturday April 23, with excursions into the Chehalis River Valley followed by an old-fashioned Easter egg hunt. The Easter train will depart the newly restored Historic Train Depot at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Adults and youth of all ages are encouraged to ride the train and join in the excitement. After a 30 minute train ride with the Easter Bunny and Chicken Little, children 13 and under will be separated into three age groups and invited to search for Easter eggs filled with candy and some prizes. Kids are asked to bring their own Easter baskets.

Tickets are \$8.00 and photos with the Easter Bunny or Chicken Little will be available for \$2.50. Advanced reservations are not required but it is advisable to come ½ hour early as seats are on a first-come-first-served basis. The station is located two minutes off Interstate 5 at exit 77, and is accessed by turning left onto Riverside Road and following the signs.

Regular weekend runs of two 13 mile and one 18 mile round-trip excursions begin on May 28 and proceed through the end of September. (360) 748-9593; www.SteamTrainRide.com/

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Bits of Railroad History - Its Still Dangerous Out There.

Anaconda MT Sandard, 16 Jan 1903

KGW.com 23 Mar 2011

Longview, WA – A freight train struck a shuttle van in Longview Wednesday, killing three people and critically injuring a fourth.

The shuttle van was transporting three Burlington Northern Sante Fe crew members across the tracks whent it was struk by northbound grain train at a private crossing according to Gus Melonas with BNSF.

Two BNSF crew members were killed. Authorities identified them Thursday as Chris Loehr, 28 of Vancouver, Washington and Tom Kenny, 58, of Seattle. The driver of the shuttle vans was also killed. He was identified by police as Steven Sebastian, 60 of Castle Rock.

The lone survivor was also a BNSF crew member. Dwight Hauck, 52 of Auburn, WA. was listed in critical condition at Oregon Health & Science University, according to the Assoc-iated Press.

Authorities said Loehr was a conductor trainee working out of Port Bay, WA and Kenny was an experienced engineer who had worked for Burlington Northeern for the past 22 years.

Sebastian drove for Coach America. Company officials said he had worked as a commercial driver for several years before he was hired by their shuttle company nearly two years ago.

Investigators said the van was transporting the workers from a rail yard and was crossing the tracks west to east near the Harry Morgan Bridge when the crash occurred.

The train was moving at 47 mph and pulling 106 cars filled with grain, investigators said. It was in route to Seattle from Minnesota. Both the van and the train had black boxes which investigators planned to review if they were not destroyed in the crash, and were trying to determin whether surveillanc cameras may have captured the crash on tape, as well as the momemtns before the collision.

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 23rd Annual Model Railroad

Show & Swap Meet

is scheduled for **April 9th & 10th, 2011**. It will take place at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene, OR., 796 W. 13th Avenue in the Expo Halls.

Admission is \$6.00 each for adults (2 day pass with ticket) and kids 10 years old and younger are free if accompanied by an adult. Optional early bird special Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for \$10.00 per person.

Vendor tables are \$25.00 each for the two day show (8 ft. long by 30 in. wide with red linen). Optional Vendor set up day is for April 8th between the hours of 10 am to 10 pm. Regular show hours are Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Features of this show are; we fill 22,000 square feet with operating train layouts in a variety of scales, vendor tables representing 9 different states selling trains, parts, novelties & memorabilia. In addition there is an Operation Lifesaver Trailer display with educational information, train videos being shown during show hours, and hourly door prizes for the public.

For more information or if you would like a flyer emailed to you please contact:

Lee or Diane Temple, show chairs

Phone: 541-954-4917 or 541-225-7394

E-mail us at ttandt@ram-mail.com or LDTemple@ram-mail.com

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Coming Events: Looking ahead to events for 2011:

Mar 31-Apr 2 - Salem, ORESPEE-IN-OREGON 2010 Thursday - prototype tours, Friday, layout tours, Saturday, Swap meet, slide show, speaker presentations. <http://espee-n-oregon.com/convention.html>

April 9-10 - Willamette Cascade 23rd Annual Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Eugene, Ore. See box ad for details

Apr 30 - NMRA/PNR 1st Division Mini-Meet in Roseburg, See front page for details.

May 7-8 - Rickreall, OR Polk Station Model Railroad Swap Meet. Rickreall Grange, 280 Main Street, 10 am to 4 pm. \$5.00 per person with \$1.00 off if you bring a can of food, Mor info: pry626@juno.com or (503) 606-0398.

Jul 3-9 - **X2011 West, NMRA National Convention**, Sacramento, Calif. www.x2011west.org

Sep 8-11 - SPH&TS Convention, Portland, OR. <http://www.sphts.org/convention/>

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Please provide the information requested in the forms, by phone or E-Mail, or send the completed form to one of the following prior to 26 May 2011:

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I have served model railroading in the following capacities: _____

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