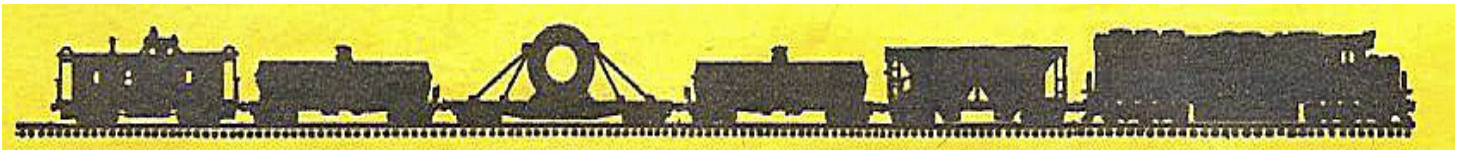


# The Brakeman's Rag

Division 1, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

December 1, 2011



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**Next Division 1 Mini-meet October 8, 2012 Bend, Oregon.** Yes, you heard it right! Because Division 1 is co-host of the Joint PNR/PCR Conference to be held in Medford Oregon on **May 2-5 2012**, the Board of Directors voted to defer its Spring meeting in the hopes of more of our members attending that conference. From everything we hear, it will be a bang up conference, with lots of talent and unique events planned. So, hope to see you in Medford, in May. For information about the **Siskiyou Summit Conference** go to this web site:

<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/>

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## Superintendent's Report - Dirk Kruysman

Several months ago, the First Division held an election for the new officers for the coming two years. We did this in accordance with the bylaws of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA which requires us to elect our officers in odd-numbered years. We did elect six Directors but we did not elect a leader since the nomination committee, despite a lot of effort, was unable to find anyone willing to assume the office of Superintendent of the First Division. Our First Division bylaws cover this situation. The Directors vote among themselves for a chairman of the Board of Directors, and that person assumes the Superintendent position. I was elected by the Directors for that task and I will do my best to fulfill the position. I found out a long time ago that by listening to people, you can learn a lot and many times do a much better job of getting things done. My e-mail is [dutchdirk@charter.net](mailto:dutchdirk@charter.net) so let me know what you are thinking or ways to get better or whatever is troubling. Please don't forget to register and attend the Siskiyou Summit 2012 convention in Medford early in May next year. That is going to be a really good convention and we should have some really good clinics, as well as unique tours. ....and the Medford Railroad Park is a great place to visit.

## EDUCATION CHAIR'S REPORT - Rich Pitter

Division 1 provides clinics at mini-meets for members to learn about useful modeling skills. Not everyone wants to give a clinic, but almost every modeler shares knowledge with others and many have knowledge of something that others would like to learn more about. Even if you have not earned an Achievement Award, you probably know enough about some aspect of model railroading to present a clinic that is helpful to others.

As Division 1's Education Chair, I'm developing schedules for upcoming mini-meet clinics. It isn't official yet, but I hope to include some Achievement Award panel discussions in an effort to help those in attendance towards their Achievement Awards and, ultimately, MMR's.

This issue of *Brakeman's Rag* includes a questionnaire. Please help us by indicating your interests and returning the questionnaire. If you are interested in giving a clinic, please let us know.

## Minutes of Board Meeting for First Division, NW Region, NMRA

October 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by chairman of the board Dirk Kruysman at the EPUB building in Eugene at 1:35PM. Present were board members Gene Neville, Glenn Edmison, Bill Howell, & Nick Lehrbach. Present as proxy for Jim Dougall was Bruce McGarvey. Also joining us were Chris Jones and Ed Schaezner.

The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was waived as all members had received copies.

The Treasurer's report showed an income of \$375.00 and expenses of \$432.60 with the following bank balances; checking \$935.25, CD #1 \$21,866.07, & CD#2 \$5,078.52

A motion was made by Glenn and seconded to verify the results of the recent election. Unanimous approval was given and the following are the new board members; James Dougall, Glenn Edmison, Bill Howell, Dirk Kruysman, Nick Lehrbach, & Gene Neville.

In the absence of any nominations for superintendent, the board had taken action by an E-mail poll to elect Dirk Kruysman as chairman of the board.

A motion was made by Nick Lehrbach to require a minimum of three (3) votes for a person to be elected by write-in vote. The motion was seconded by Bill and approved. This will require a change in the by-laws to be presented to the membership before the next election.

Dirk expressed his desire to have a second signer on the bank account. Glenn moved that Nick Lehrbach be approved as signer. The motion was seconded and approved.

We reviewed the Tunnel Country Grant rules and decided there was no need to change them.

The only grant request the board received was from the Willamette-Cascade club. The board felt it was not done properly and Bill moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

After some discussion it was decided not to have a Spring mini-meet due to the Joint Convention in Medford in May. The Fall meet will be in Bend on the first Saturday in October to coincide with the Eastern Cascade club open house. Glenn will arrange the facilities.

The joint convention was discussed, particularly the role of First Division in the planning. Dirk advises the board that the Regional people were taking care of everything except what Bruce McGarvey had done.

Glenn stated that there had been no membership increases. We have 97 members now. Glenn asked for help on the Switch List in the future.

Dirk appointed Nick Lehrbach as secretary and Chris Jones as AP chair.

Ed Schaezner asked to be relieved of the task of storing the First Division supplies and most went to Glenn for the next mini-meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM.

*Nick Lehrbach*, Secretary. **Follow-Up on Fall Mini-Meet** by *Lee Temple*

The Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club was the host for the Fall Mini-Meet that was held at the Emerald People's Utility District Corporate Office in the Eugene-Springfield area on October 8, 2011. We had 42 people in attendance from as far south as Medford-Ashland, as far north as Albany, as far west as Coquille/Myrtle Point and as far east as Bend/Redmond.

The morning and early afternoon were filled with clinics and lunch, as well as 3 different layout tours took place from 2-5 pm. In addition, the 1st Division Board of Directors had their fall board meeting. Lunch was provided by Temple's Trains & Things owners, Lee & Diane Temple, and a good day of learning, fellowship and touring the area for layouts and the prototypes were in order.

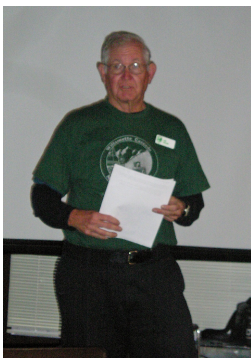
There was also a popular model contest held in conjunction with Merit and Achievement Program evaluations by qualified judges if you had a model railroad entry like an engine in steam or diesel, freight car, photo, slide, maintenance of way equipment, structure, passenger car, diorama and more.

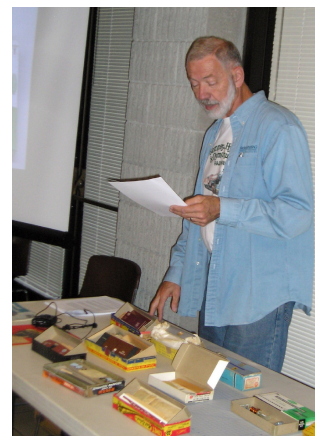
Layouts that were open were Jeff Johnston's Sugar Pine Lumber Co. HO layout under construction, Dave Clune's fully scenicked layout in On3, and the Lane Society of Model Engineers Club layout just north of Junction City that featured a fully operational DCC HO scale railroad under the leadership of club President, Ted Krysmann.

The club would like to thank all who attended and a special thank you to all the clinicians for their presentations and to the owners of the different layouts open for the afternoon.

The next scheduled model train event of the 1st Division area will take place this coming Spring 2012 with a joint convention hosted by members of the PNR and the PCR of the NMRA that will take place in Medford, Or on **May 2nd-5th, 2012 at the Red Lion Hotel in Medford.** For more information on this event please contact; [pnr.nmra.org/1div](http://pnr.nmra.org/1div).

The next 1st Division Fall Mini-meet will be in Bend, and will feature the open house of ***The Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Club.***





## Favorite Model Contest

A number of outstanding models were on display at the mini-meet. It is always an inspiration to see the fine work done by our members. Thanks to all who entered. The winners in the five categories received blue ribbons. Best of show received a special ribbon and \$25 Those winners are listed below, as provided by Contest Chairman *Christopher Jones*.



**Locomotives:** *Nick Lehrbach*

**Rolling Stock:** *Fred Smith*



**Structures:** *Bruce McGarvey*

(No pictures of pictures taken)

Photographs: *Fred Smith*



Miscellaneous and Best of Show: *Ed Schaezler*

## Other Entries



Photos of the entries, courtesy of *Bruce McGarvey*

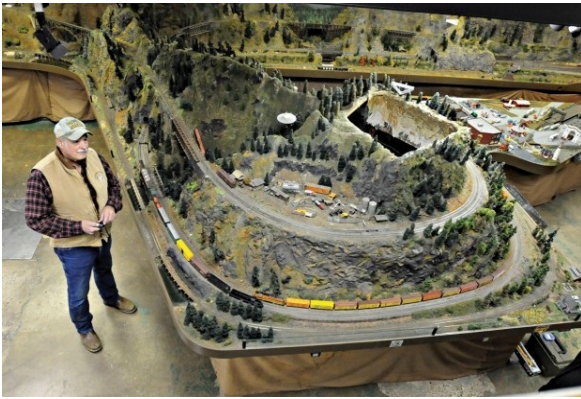
## Model RR Club News

*Corvallis Society of Model Engineers* (Gene Neville)

Yes, *CSME* is going to rebuild our layout. This was decided by the membership last winter.

Several factors came into play that convinced the majority that a major renovation was necessary. The design was from the 70s with short passing sidings, many long tunnels, and just an out and back style with little opportunity for realistic operations. There was only 1 yard, at the end of the mainline for any industrial switching. Additionally, the layout being over 30 years old in some areas was becoming a maintaince nightmare. Also, there are some building code violations, such as blocking the main electrical panel, that we felt should be addressed.

## The Final Ride



*Jerry Boudreaux* of the Corvallis Society of Model Engineers takes model trains for a ride Monday morning in Adair Village

(Amanda Cowan | Corvallis Gazette-Times)

Model trains make their way through the scenery Monday morning at Adair Village.

(Amanda Cowan | Corvallis Gazette-Times)



Members of the Corvallis Society of Model Engineers are making plans for the future of the model train exhibit.

(Amanda Cowan | Corvallis Gazette-Times)

*The Corvallis Society of Model Engineers* is an HO-scale model railroad club. HO is the most popular scale of model railroading in the United States. The club formed in 1959 and was originally sponsored and housed by the Elks Club. The club moved to its current location, 7155 Vandenberg Ave. in Adair Village, in 1971.

Today the club has 34 active members who pay dues of \$7 per month, which helps the club maintain, repair and make additions to the layout.

But members soon will have a different task — tearing down the layout. In January, work is scheduled to begin on a new, updated layout.

*Bill Kruger*, president of the Corvallis Society of Model Engineers, said that plans for a new layout have been in the works for the past three years. “Most of the current layout consists of the original parts,” Kruger said. “They

are simply old and wearing down. Also, a lot has changed in model railroading in 40 years. It was time for us to become more modern.”

The Corvallis Society of Model Engineers is holding its annual open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26, Nov. 27, Dec. 3 and Dec. 4, to offer visitors one last look at the current layout and learn about the plans for the new one.

Kruger said the new layout will be about the same size as the current one, but will be more open. He said the project will cost about \$10,000 and take about two years to complete. “One of the biggest problems with this layout is there’s a lot of hidden track,” Kruger said. “So you can’t see the trains for stretches of time. That’s no fun.”

The new layout will feature improved sound and lighting, as well as some animated backdrops. It also will allow hobbyists of all levels to participate. Kruger said that nowadays most model railroad clubs consist of two types of members: those who simply like to run their trains and those who are interested in emulating how real railroads operate.

“Operations is kind of like the final step in model railroading because you have an extensive layout,” said board member Jerry Boudreaux. “It involves mainlines, switching rail cars and connecting with industries. You even have to have conductors.”

Boudreaux said he hopes the new layout will attract new members to the Corvallis Society of Model Engineers, especially younger hobbyists. He said more people already are joining the club because they want to be involved in building the new layout.

And while the layout will be more modern and feature improved technology, Kruger stressed that it will still maintain some of its vintage look.

Many members are looking forward to making sweeping changes after 40 years. “It will breathe new life into this club,” Boudreaux said. “It’s an exciting time, and we are looking forward to being able to connect with even more train lovers.” Raju Woodward can be contacted at 758-9526 or [raju\\_woodward@lee.net](mailto:raju_woodward@lee.net).

### **Ochoco Valley Railroad of Prineville** (Jim Van Voorhees)

*Ochoco Valley Railroad's* 900 square foot HO layout featuring the trunk line from Wishram, Washington to Bend, Oregon and the City of Prineville Railway circa 1960 attracted about 1700 visitors during the Crook County Fair in August, 2011. *The City of Prineville Railway Historical Association, Inc.* will have a display in the Crook County Library in November, 2011 and is planning a guest lecture about the contest between two railroad giants to bring railroads to central Oregon one hundred years ago.

### **Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Club at Bend** (Roving reporter)

Attendance was, as expected, huge, for this community classic open house on October 8 and 9, as illustrated by the line of waiting riders for the one-eighth sized outdoor division of the club. Also shown is a picture of the connecting loop right of way, waiting til spring to allow settling before closing the final link to complete the full 1-1/4 mile track. Shown also are preparations at the round house and candid shots of riders. Division I is planning the Fall 2012 Mini-meet to coincide with the clubs open house of that year.

Photos follow:



**Waiting to Go**



**And away they go!**



**The roundhouse**



**Steaming up**



**New right of way settling in**



**End of track. More coming**

Attendance at the 1900 lineal foot HO scale portion, in the club house was equally well attended, and interest was

reflected in the eyes of all who visited there.

**Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club** Bruce McGarvey

The club has received word that **Kalmbach Publishing** (*Model Railroad Magazine*) is planning to feature the **P & E** in the “*Great Model Railroads*” publication. It was previously thought the photo shoots would be done in the spring of 2012 but timing related to publishing is too tight, so the club will be featured in the **2013 issue**. This gives the club the time it needs to prepare for the May convention, and subsequently for the magazine publication. The club has identified priority work items to get the layout ready for both of our “moments of fame“. These work lists are posted at clubhouse (*Continued on Page 8*)

## Time Table

**Dec 3, 2011 – Willamette Valley Model Road Swap Meet**, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR, 10 am - 3 pm.

Info: Judy (503) 581-6071 or [macinnej@msncom](mailto:macinnej@msncom)

**Dec 9, 2011 - How Bakersfield Oil Changed Ashland Railroad** - Larry Mullaly, Second Friday at the Ashland Historic Railroad Museum, 258 A Street Suite 7, up-stairs. Starts 6:30 pm.

**Feb 27-28, 2012 - World's Greatest Hobby Show**, Portland Oregon, Oregon Convention Center 10 AM to 6 PM Sun 10 am to 4pm.

**March 2012 - Klamath County Museum Train Show**, Klamath Falls, OR, Date TBA

**April 21-22 - 2 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet**, WCMRC, Lane County Fair Grounds, Eugene, OR,

Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Info: :Lee and Diane Temple, (541) 954-4917 or [ttanddt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttanddt@ram-mail.com)

**May 2-5 - Siskiyou Summit 2012, Joint PNR/PCR Convention** , Red Lion Hotel, Medford OR. Info:

[HTTP://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/](http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/)

**Jun 27 - Jul 1 - N-Scale Convention**, Red Lion Hotel, Medford, OR, : <http://www.nationalscaleconvention.com>

**Jul 7-11 - Great Northern Historical Society Convention**, Klamath Falls, OR.

### 100 YEARS AGO

*For the week ending  
Nov. 19, 1911*

This article appeared in the  
*Bend Bulletin* several days ago

The things we take for granted.

#### Mail by train next Monday

Effective Monday, Nov. 27, mail to and from Bend will be carried by railway. Notice to this effect was received Monday by Postmaster Minor, in a letter from Joseph Stewart, second assistant postmaster general. The Oregon Trunk Railway will carry the pouches over its line, the Wenandy Livery Co. transferring them between the depot and post office.

#### Refrigerator Cars

Refrigerator car service between Portland and Bend has been inaugurated by both railroads. This gives a quick freight service for perishable goods from the metropolis.

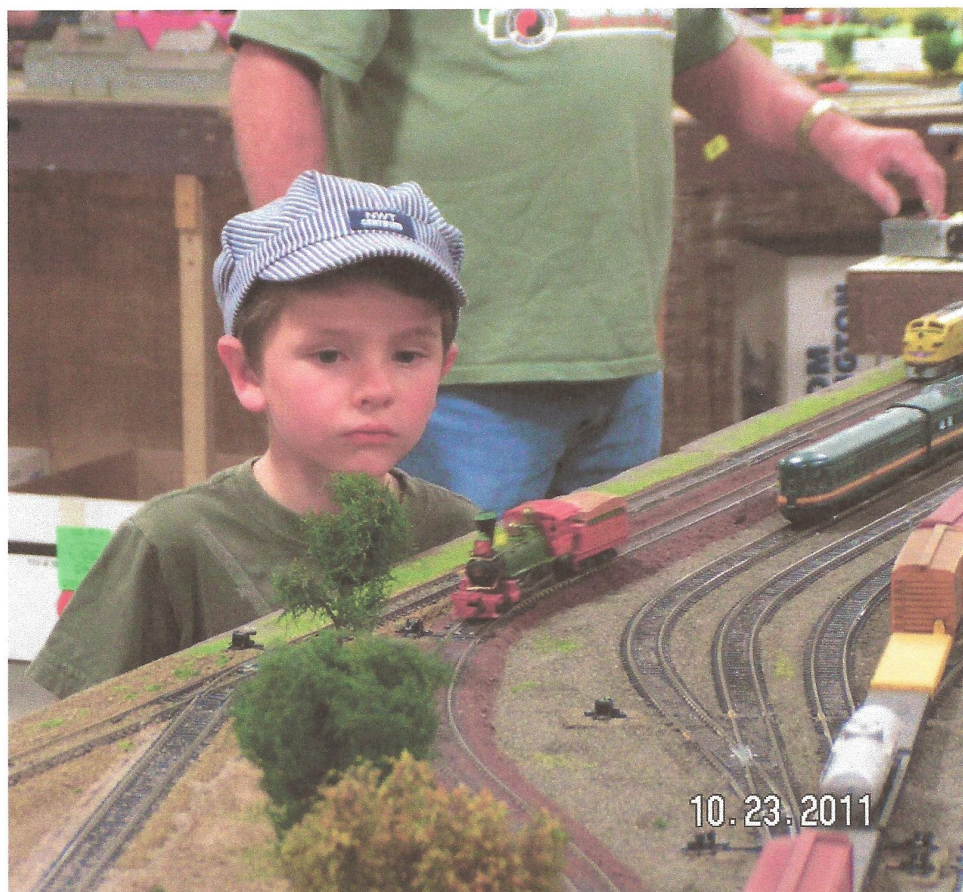
The O.W.R.&N. announces that it will have a car leaving Portland every Thursday, arriving at Bend Friday night ready for unloading Saturday morning. The Oregon Trunk will send out one car every Monday and Wednesday, which should arrive here on Tuesday and Thursday nights respectively.



Wishing You All A Happy and Relaxing Holiday Season



*John Gerritsma, Jim Dougall, Bruce McGarvey, and Bruce Kelly work the two-day craft fair at Wilson Elementary School to demonstrate crafts related to model railroading. The Club provided a unique demonstration booth among craft sellers and was highly appreciated by both the public and the event organizer. We have been invited back for next year.*



*Young guest inside the RVMRC's layout at the Klamath Railroad Show in October epitomizes what model railroading is all about. A number of our Klamath Falls members helped with the setup, operation and take-down of the Club's modular layout. Thanks to Ken Dencer, Carl and Susan Jensen, Joe Brick, and others. (Bruce McGarvey Photo)*

## Facts About First Division, PNR, NMRA

**Boundaries:** Posted on Division 1 web site .

**By-Laws:** Posted on Division 1 web site

**Officers:** Posted on Division 1 web site. Elected officers are superintendent and six members of the board. Elections are held every two years. Other offices are filled appointment.

**Membership:** At present, about 98 members.

### Communication:

**Web Page:** The Division 1 web page can be found at: <http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/> There is a link to this page on the NMRA web page under Regions and Divisions. The web master is **Bill Howell** who may be contacted at: [pbnrr@centurytel.net](mailto:pbnrr@centurytel.net)

**Newsletter:** The name of the Division 1 newsletter is *The Brakeman's Rag* It is published quarterly in December, April, June, September The newsletter is distributed by E-mail, to about two thirds of the membership, and by regular mail to those who do not have E-mail.

The editor is **Glenn Edmison** who can be contacted at: [gedmison@aol.com](mailto:gedmison@aol.com). Input is solicited from among the officers and membership. In addition to official business, and information about meetings, an effort has been made to include club news, coming events, and something of educational value in each issue. Advertising is also solicited. Past issues of the newsletter are archived on the Division 1 web page.

**Personal Communication:** A membership report is published to Division 1 officers monthly by the PNR secretary, **Ed Liesse**: ( [eliesse@aol.com](mailto:eliesse@aol.com) ). This includes names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses. At this time only about two-thirds of the members have E-mail addresses. There is a national policy that membership lists or contact information not be released to any but officers of the organization with particular needs. It is not available for commercial purposes.

**Meetings:** It should be noted that Division 1 covers a considerable territory, and travel distances are long. This is reflected in the program and varies from that found in some more urban areas where, for example, monthly meetings, are common. Thus, our meetings are usually full day affairs with many activities scheduled.

Semi-annual meeting, styled as “mini-meets” are held typically in late April or early May, and late September or early October. Because of the concentration of members in the Southwest part of the state these are generally held along the I-5 highway corridor. Content of the meetings is built around educational clinics whose presenters are usually volunteers from among the membership. Usually there are 4 to six clinics (of ad hoc content), and also layout tours.

Meetings of the Division 1 Board of Directors are held as necessary by call of the chairman or superintendent. There is usually a meeting of the BOD held at the time of the Division 1 semiannual meetings. Some business is done via E-mail.

The spring 2012 meeting will not be held because Division 1 is co-host with PCR of the regional conference titled *Siskiyou Summit 2012* to be held in *Medford May 2-5*. Information about that conference is to be found at <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/>

**Achievement Program:** At present, six members of Division 1 are trained and certified AP Judges; Judging is usually performed at Division 1 meetings because the items being judged as well as the judging process itself has educational value. Members with items to be judged are asked to request this service in advance so that sufficient judges and other arrangements can be available. Items or layouts which are too cumbersome to transport may be judged “on-site” by prearrangement. The chairman of the AP Committee is *Glenn Edmison*. He and other judges may be contacted through their addresses posted on the Division 1 web page.

**Education Program:** The office of Chairman of the Education Committee has been vacant for several years. Still, efforts to provide educational activities have included the following:

- \* Clinics held at Division 1 meetings with handouts.
- \* Information on the Division 1 web page.
- \* Events sponsored by model railroad clubs within the division
- \* Members presenting clinics at Division 1 meetings, regional and national conferences.
- \* Promoting the Achievement Program.
- \* Layout tours.


With *Rich Pitter* newly appointed as **Education Chair**, it is hoped and expected that these activities will be continued and expanded.

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## Division 1 Membership Survey

In order to better provide program and services for Division 1 members, it would be helpful if your Board of Directors had a little information about your modeling interests. Would you be kind enough to complete and return the following information? Please send to: Rich Pitter, 2430 Northampton, Eugene, OR, 97404-3829

Item 1: Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Item 2: I have my own model railroad layout \_\_ Yes \_\_ No:

Item 3 I belong to a model railroad club. \_\_ Yes \_\_ No:

It is called \_\_\_\_\_

Item 4: I consider myself to have which level of model railroading skills:

\_\_ Beginner \_\_ Intermediate \_\_ Expert My area of best ability is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item 5: I am currently *working toward* the following NMRA Achievement Program Certificates:

\_\_ Master Builder - Motive Power

\_\_ Master Builder - Cars

\_\_ Master Builder - Structures

\_\_ Master Builder - Scenery

\_\_ Master Builder - Prototype Models

\_\_ Master Railroad Engineer-Civil

\_\_ Master Railroad Engineer-Electrical

\_\_ Chief Dispatcher

\_\_ Association Official

\_\_ Association Volunteer

\_\_ Master Railroad Author

Item 6: I would suggest a clinic at one of our mini-meet sessions about:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Item 7: I need help on the following area of model railroading:

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Item 8: I would be willing to help other model railroaders on the following subjects:

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Item 10: I would be willing to present a clinic at one of our meetings on one of the following subjects:

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