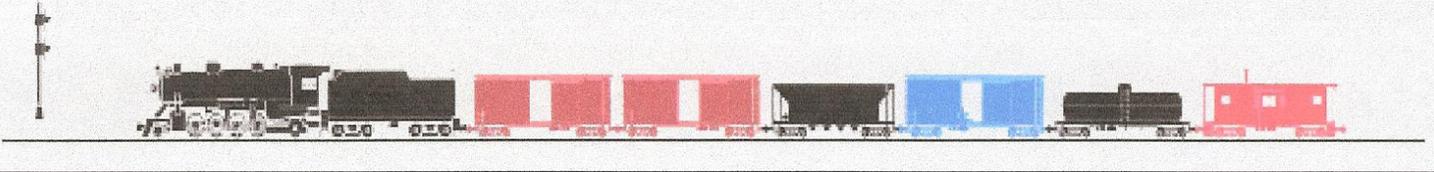


The Brakeman's Rag

Division 1, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

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Election Issue

Please review the information about the candidates, mark your ballot and return it in the envelope provided

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Mark Your Calendars for the next Mini-Meet

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:

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

June 25-27, Railroads In and Around Klamath Falls", SP&SRHS convention, Shilo Inn, Klamath Falls, Ore. Info: Bruce Barney, (503) 257-8855 or bcbarney@msn.com or <http://www.spsrhs.org/news/2009/SP&S.ConventionFyer.pdf>

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, registrar@northernlights2009.ca www.northernlights2009.ca

Oct 10-11 - Eastern Cascades Model RR Club open house. Sat & Sun 10 – 4. Bend, Ore. Info: <http://www.ecmrr.org/>

Oct 24-25 – Klamath Rails 2nd Annual Model Railroad Show and Sales, Klamath County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall A, Klamath Falls, Ore. Info: Steve Hart 541-892-2550 or Joe Brick 541-883-3071.

Nov 28-29 – 32nd Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, Medford, Ore. Show time: Sat. 10am – 5pm, Sun. 11am – 4 pm. Model railroad displays, exhibits, swap meet, door prizes, raffle and more. Info: Bill 541-821-5547 or Brad 541-535-7952 bfawcett@mind.net

Dec 5 – Rickreal Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Poke County Fairgrounds, Show time 10am – 3pm. Info: Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 or macinnej@msn.com

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

Minutes, Board of Directors, 16 May 2009

The meeting was **called to order** at 2:20 p.m. by Superintendent Ed Schaezner. A quorum of members was present.

The **Minutes** were approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report showed a total of \$28,068.72 in checking and CD savings accounts as of May 14. The treasurer requested permission to cash in one small CD containing \$1,124.13 in order to maintain necessary accessible funds. The request was approved by the BOD. It also a decision of the board that **no more than \$500** would be available for club grants in the current year, with application due at the October Mini-meet on October 10 in Eugene.

Editor's Report: All issues have been mailed on the previously approved quarterly schedule during the past year. The past three issues are archived on the Division 1 Web Page at <http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/> The BOD directed that the June issue would contain the ballot for election of superintendent and six members of the BOD. ***It is also a directive of the BOD that except for the ballot issue, the newsletter will hereafter be regularly sent by E-mail to all members who have an E-mail address unless a request is received not to do so. Those without access will receive the regular hard copy.***

AP Committee Report: No judging was requested since the October Mini-meet either at the meeting or for on-site team visits. It is known that several members are nearly ready for both, most likely by Fall. Jack Hamilton continues to encourage members to work for the AP awards. We are able to provide judges as needed.

Ed Schaenzer asked for a discussion of a request for several former judges to be included in the judging team. The BOD approved the policy that *any former or interested persons may apply directly to him in writing providing evidence of familiarity with the new judging matrices and philosophy of AP judging*. It is likely that a new minimum four-hour training workshop will be developed in the near future for new team members, and refresher for previous judges.

Web Masters Report: The Division 1 Web Page is functioning well. He would like to add a section on “*What’s Happening?*” This would be up-dated monthly. The BOD approved the request The BOD also requested that the Division 1 By-Laws be added.

Education Chair: Gene Neville will continue to serve as *acting chair* of this committee. Anyone interested in serving as chair of this important office is requested to contact Ed Schaenzer, Superintendent. Also, the BOD directed that a listing of knowledgeable persons be developed to provide a resource for mini-meet clinics and public workshops. If you are a counselor for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit badge, or have something unique or basically beneficial, your help is needed. For any of these, please contact Gene Neville.

Elections: A full slate of candidates was reported by the Nominating Committee. See the ballot included in this issue.

Joint Convention Issue: No new information is available at this time.

Fall Mini-Meet: Scheduled October 10, hosted by Willamette Cascade Railroad Club . For details see this issue of the Division 1 newsletter.

Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted. Glenn Edmison, Secretary, Pro Temp.

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.

Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

Sunday Train Shows at the Park

The first Sunday open house at the Railroad Park in April was relatively lightly attended, though there was excellent representation of club members for both operations and parking lot duties. The second Sunday in April was a different story. There were several times when no parking was available (both park parking lot and the fire department lots were full), and numerous more times when less than a handful of spaces were available. Additional spaces were made available this year at the Fire Department lot, yet were filled to capacity several times. As one might expect, our visitors were delighted by the construction and progress of the final layout phase.

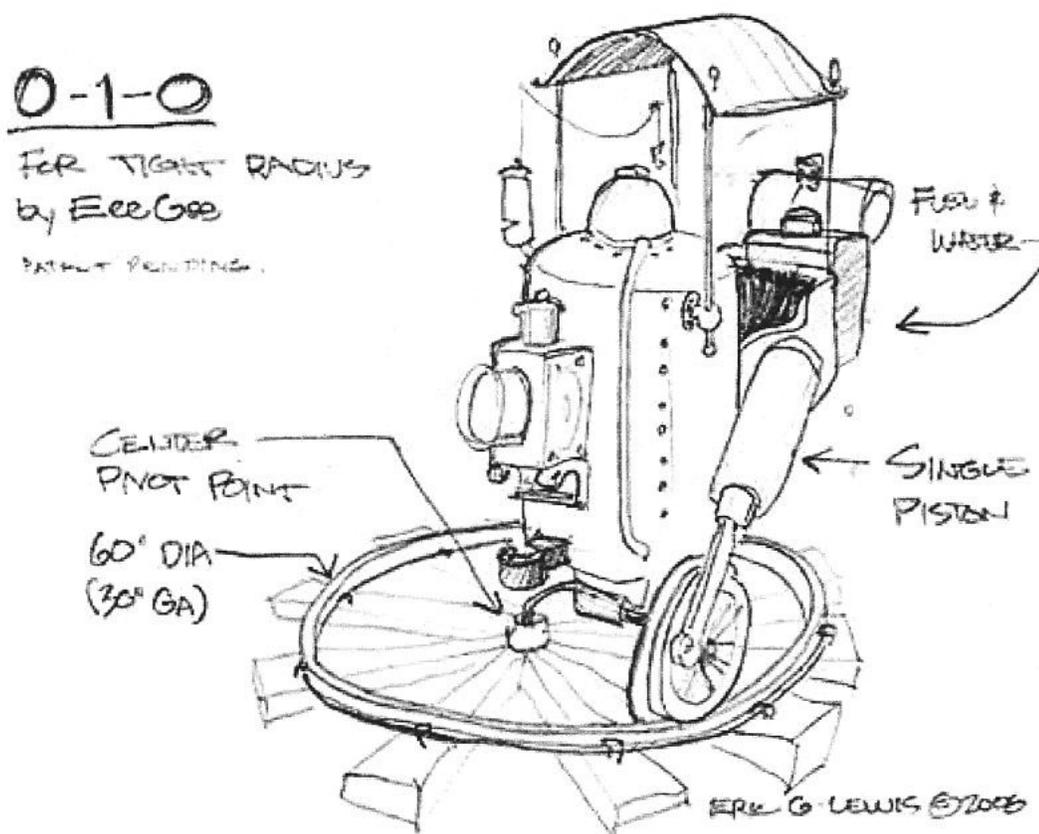
A bigger surprise awaited the visitors on Mother's Day, as the continued unabated effort by E. Don, Carlos Furcal, Jay Mudge, Ed Kleinman, Larry Tuttle, and Dave Spakousky resulted in trains being able to run the entire layout from Klamath Falls to Medford and return! It was quite the learning experience for the operators. With generally four freights and Amtrak running the entire layout, and two trains running the loop at Klamath Falls, there was much for the engineers on which to concentrate. Other than a few minor operator errors, and some annoying issue with startups after shorts in the DCC, the layout operated flawlessly. The two trains running the Klamath loop were run in opposite direction as the other five. This created interesting train meets at the single mainline over the bridge over the south end of the lake. The activity seemed relentless, with trains "everywhere". Kids appreciated being able to see the trains run along the south end of the Klamath Falls peninsula at eye level, and really liked the eye-level train meets! Visitors were no less amazed by the detail scenery work being done by Larry Tuttle east of Medco. Larry has perfected modeling the invasive blackberry! More backdrop scenery keeps appearing, as well that seems to tie the entire layout together.

People love the personal tours we give of the layout on Sunday, but this means we need a sufficient number of operators to show up on Sunday public runs. We can always use operators, docents and parking attendants. All of us learned this first day of full operation on the layout that attention is needed to the layout when running trains, and difficulties arise when one attempts to be both an engineer and a docent. We need more members to help on Sunday!

New club website: It looks a bit like the old one. Please note the change in URL. It is now :

<http://rvmrc.net> The change occurred as a result of the BOD approval to make greater opportunities available for in-depth stories and photos of the clubs activities. Everyone with a computer can now download hard copies of *The Passing Track*. Check it out

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Favorite Model: World's Smallest Locomotive

Division 1 Elections, 2009. Here are your candidates:

Superintendent, Pacific Northwest Division 1

Ed Schaezner

NMRA member since 1991. I am an NMRA Life Member. I have been working on the NMRA Achievement Program for about ten years and hope to complete my Master Model Railroader Certificate within the next year.

Has served model railroading in the following capacities: I have been involved in Model Railroading since I received my Lionel Train in 1944. I started modeling in HO scale when I was a freshman in High School in 1950. I added HOn3 to my modeling interests in 1968. I started to dabble in On30 in 2004, although my HO/HOn3 home layout is still my main interest. I belonged to the South Coast Model Railroaders Club for 16 years.

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: I was a Division One Director for six years. I have given numerous clinics at Mini Meets. I am the current Division One Superintendent and I would like to serve Division One members for another two year term.

Board of Directors, Pacific Northwest Division 1

Note: BOD ballot order determined by luck of the draw.

Nick Lehrbach Board of Directors Position 1 *Note: Nick is visiting relatives in England and could not be reached for information. The following was gleaned from those who know him:*

NMRA member since: 1970's. **Models in** HO Scale

Has served model railroading in the following capacities: Current president of the Umpqua Model Railroaders. Also served as president in some former years Also a board member of Willamette-Cascade Club

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: I have been on the BOD of the 1st Division for about 35 years, holding every office at one time. I have helped with most mini-meets and conventions that occurred during that time. I have been a frequent presenter of mini-meet clinics.

Bruce McGarvey Board of Directors Position 2

NMRA member since 1961. **Models in** HO and On30

Has served model railroading in the following capacities: Presently a member of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club and a past club Treasurer for over ten years, and was voted Modeler of The Year. Have helped facilitate the club's Spring Klamath Falls Museum railroad show.

Co-chaired the annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show for over ten plus years. I have assisted in the development and maintenance of the operating HO train display at the Southern Oregon Historical Society's Children's Museum in Jacksonville, Oregon.

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: Have served as a PNR 1st Division Board member for two terms and was a member of the Joint 2011 PNR/PCR Convention Task Force

Here are your candidates, continued :

Dirk Kruysman Board of Directors Position 3

NMRA member since 1994. Models in HO

Has served model railroading in the following capacities: President of the Umpqua Model Railroaders for three years, and treasurer for this Roseburg Club for the last 5 years. I am the PNR Treasurer and have occupied that position since 2001.

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: For two years I was the Division Secretary and the last three years the 1st Division Treasurer. When the 1st Division hosted the 2003 PNR Convention in Eugene I was the treasurer for that committee.

Gene Neville Board of Directors Position 4

NMRA member since 1984. Models in HO, Currently building freelance version of SP's Modoc Line with emphasis on operations.

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: Brakeman's Rag Editor; Superintendent; Member of Board of Directors.

Bill Howell Board of Directors Position 5

NMRA member since 2000. Models in N, HO and G Scale

Has served model railroading in the following capacities: Helped support model railroading through Boy Scout, Cub Scout and elementary-aged kids through programs of CSME Club. Volunteered to assist kids and young adults build box car kits at Seattle National Convention. Supporting hobby dealer for World's Greatest Hobby.

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: Web Master, Division 1 Board of Directors for past 4 years. Region convention committee member, and clinic presenter.

Len Soper Board of Directors Position 6

NMRA member since 1995 Life member 5 years. Models in HO

Has served model railroading in the following capacities: PNR Office Manager for 4 years. PNR President for 2 years..

Has served NMRA PNR Division 1 in the following capacities: Board of Directors for 6 years. I have made clinic presentations at Div1 Mini-meets.