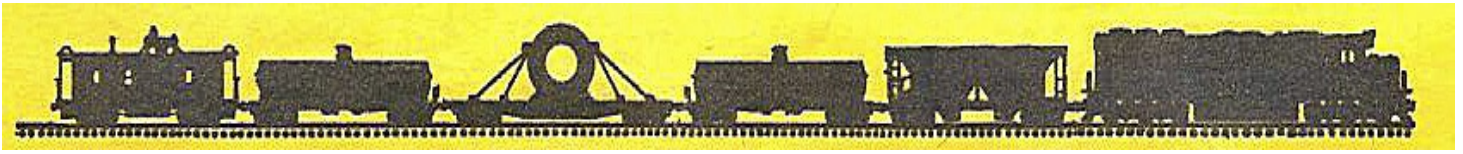


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Siskiyou Summit 2012 Conference Big Success

PNR Division 1 can be proud of the success of the May co-regional conference in Medford. Many members and non-members contributed to this great happening. Accolades are owing to **Ed Schaezner** who laid much of the groundwork. Special thanks are due to **Bruce McGarvey** who headed the local arrangements. He was assisted on some special arrangements by **James Dougall**, and **Dick Stark**, with his wife, **Carol**. A round of applause is due the members of the **Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club** who contributed in many ways including two evenings of operating sessions. They worked diligently for many months to be sure their layout was ready for visitors, and to arrange for members to serve as “coaches” to those who wanted to operate at their open house. Members from both PNR and PCR regions also provided for layout visits on the way home on Sunday following the conference.

A full slate of most interesting tours were favorably reported all during the conference. These included the following:

Western Veneer and Slicing

Cascade Wood Products

Train Mountain and the *Collier Logging Museum* in Chiloquin. While the weather wasn't great all who attended enjoyed the informative tours and, of course, the rides on the one-eighth sized trains of that railroad.

Micro Trains and *Campbell Scale Models* hosted tours. **Duncan Campbell** also contributed several clinics. Micro Trains had displays and a sales operation. **Kaydee** was also present with their fine products on display.

Several members of Division 1 contributed well-received clinics among the eighty five clinics scheduled during the conference. **Dave Spakowski** and **Ed Kleinman** presented a clinic on *ABS Signal Operation*. **Fred Smith** offered a clinic featuring his collection of *historic railroad slides from the 1940's and 50's*. **Glenn Edmison** presented two clinics – *Making a Low Cost Resistance Solderer* and *Giving a Better Clinic*.

Many fine models were on display and presented for both Achievement Program and Contest Judging. Applause is owing to **Edward Schaezner** who was awarded the “**Best of Show**” popular vote award for his outstanding structures diorama. **Fred Smith** had entries in both the photo contest and the rolling stock categories.. **Nick Lehrbach** is believed to have entered one of his locomotives. There were probably other entries from our Division 1 members, but these were not known to this reporter. *If someone was left out of this report, please let the editor know, and it will be included in the next issue.* Many merit awards were earned and plaques for first in all categories based on judging merits were awarded at the Saturday evening closing banquet. Photos of selected

models are shown below.

Several of our members, *Dirk Kruysman*, *Edward Schaezner* and *Glenn Edmison* served as judges in both the AP and Contest exhibits. The judges were divided into teams, often consisting of members from both PNR and PCR. The judging flowed smoothly. The team organization used provided a fair system in which differing viewpoints of the judges were considered and, if necessary, arbitrated. This provided a fine learning experience for all.

And, *Dirk Kruysman* who is treasurer for both Division 1 and PNR got the privilege of writing checks for expenses of the conference, as well as funding shares to both PNR and PCR from the profits.

Photos General Activities



Waiting for Assignment at RVMRC Op Session



RVMRC Op Session Operators and Coaches



James Dougall Watches Action



Campbell Scale Models Exhibit

Model Contests and Exhibits

Structures



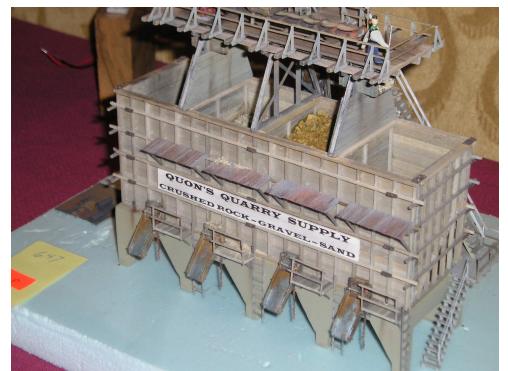
Alien Abduction with Transport Beam



Scratchbuilt Bridge



Depot



Quarry Supply



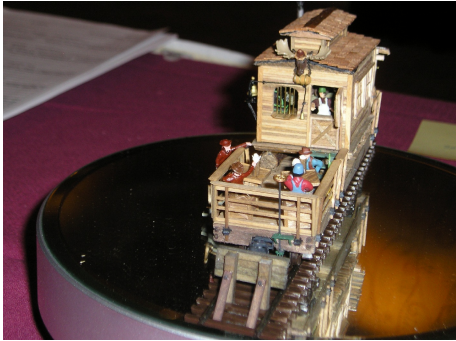
Fox Theater



General Store
Cars and Trains



Lumber Company Store



Bull Moose Tavern Car



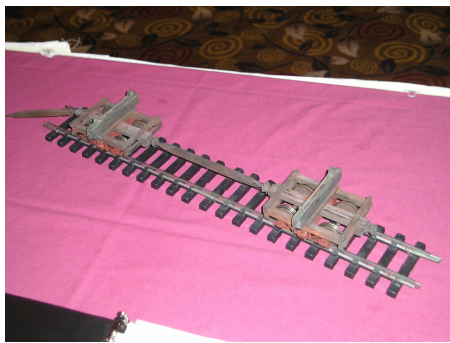
Caboose & Detailed interior



Lighted Caboose



Crane Car



Disconnect Logging Cars & Rooster Bar



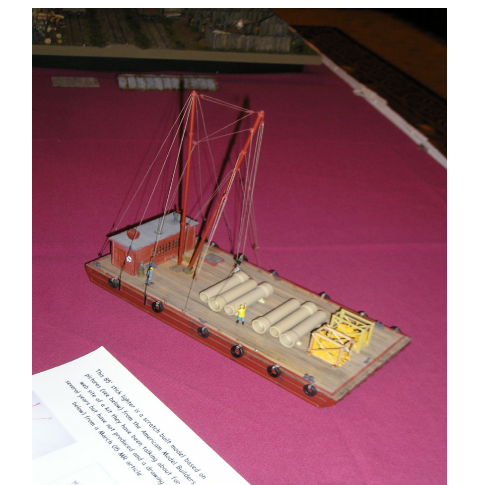
Fred Smith – Water Car



Flying Scot – Whole Train



Arts and Crafts Exhibit



Work Barge



Edward Schaezner – Favorite Model by Popular Vote



Next Division 1 Mini-meet September 15, 2012 Bend, Oregon.

This promises to be well worth the trip over the Cascades. The weather should be good. The date is planned to coincide with the annual open house of the *Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Club*, a very popular community event. Featured are both the 1900 feet of trackage of the HO scale layout of the club, and the mile-long trackage of the one-eighth size rideable outdoor system of the *Central Oregon Association of Live Steamers (COALS)*, a division of *ECMRC*. The location is the East Bend Branch of the Deschutes Public Library located at 62080 Dean Swift, just off East Highway 20 in Bend. The phone there is (541) 330-3760. There are 5 restaurants within a short walking distance, and the meeting site is only a short distance from the ECMRC Club site just off Ward Road a short distance further East. *Rich Pitter*, our new Education Director is working hard to plan a slate of clinics in a new format. Mark your calendars now, and plan to bring a friend.



Superintendent's Report - Dirk Kruysman

Early in May we had a very nice joint regional convention in Medford. There were more than 300 attendees from the Pacific Northwest Region and the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA. Several First Division members including Bruce McGarvey worked hard on the convention.

The First Division, thanks to a donation from the committee which sponsored the national NMRA convention in Eugene years ago, has a program to award *grants to clubs* other model railroad groups. Specific application requirements are shown elsewhere in this publication. Grants are awarded by vote of the Board of Directors of the First Division and only to those applicants who meet all requirements. The amount of money awarded is limited to annual proceeds from our investment account.

We also need to welcome the following new members to the First Division, Larry Tuttle from Rogue River, Richard Stark from Medford, Bob Kingsnorth from Central Point and Richard Hendrickson from Ashland. Please make these new members feel welcome to our Division and the NMRA



Model Railroad Time Table of Coming Events:

Jun 8 - "Come Together Home" - Screening and Q & A with director *Ivy Linn* Second Friday at the Ashland Historic Railroad Museum, 258 A Street, Suite 7 (upstairs) Ashland, OR, Program starts at 6:30 pm.

Jun 27 - Jul 1 - N-Scale Convention, Red Lion Hotel, Medford, OR, Presented by N-Scale Enthusiast (NSE) and Micro Trains Line. Info: <http://www.nationalscaleconvention.com>

Jul 7-11 - Great Northern Historical Society Convention, Klamath Falls, OR. Headquarters will be the Shilo Inn in Kfalls. http://gnrhs.org/2012_kfalls.htm

Jul 13 - Rolling Examples of Early 20th Century Sign Painters Art - Richard Hendrickson. Second Friday at the Ashland Historic Railroad Museum, 258 A Street, Suite 7 (upstairs) Ashland, OR. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

Aug 15-19 - Eugene, Oregon, WCMRRC Train Show at Lane County Fair 796 W 13th Avenue. In the Performance Hall.

Sep 15-16 - Bend, OR, Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Open House, , Bend, OR. For info, <http://www.ecmrr.org/>

Nov 24-25 - Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, Medford OR.

2015 - NMRA National Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon. More information

Division 1 Grants Available Again

Members will be pleased to know that Division 1 now has some discretionary money to use for *grants*. The money is available, upon application to the Board of Directors. Applications must follow a particular set of guidelines, and should be received by the Division 1 Superintendent, Dirk Kruysman by **August 1**. Guidelines are included in the following copy of the Boards policy This information is also available at the Division 1 website.

Tunnel Country Grant Rules:

The following rules for the Tunnel Country Grant Program were agreed upon by the Board Of Directors on April 17, 2010.

- 1) The project must encourage model railroading as promoted by the NMRA.
- 2) Requests should be limited to no more than two pages in length.
 - 1) The project should be described in a clear and concise manner.
 - 2) The request must include a summary of other sources of income and operating expenses.
 - 3) The person submitting the request must be a member of the organization and a member of the NMRA.
 - 1) The organization must be located within the geographical boundaries of the First Division.
 - 2) The name of the leader of the applicant's group must be included.
 - 4) Previous grant receivers must include a short summary highlighting the organization's use of previously awarded funds when applying for a new grant.
 - 5) Grant requests must be submitted (post marked) between April 1st and Aug 31st of each year.
 - 1) The requests are to be mailed (either by US Mail or e-mail) to the First Division Superintendent.
 - 2) The requests must be received by the Superintendent at least one week before the Fall BOD business meeting.
- 3) The evaluation of the requests and a decision on the dispersal of funds will be made by the Board of Directors at the Fall BOD business meeting. The dispersal of the grants awarded is at the sole discretion of the BOD.
 - 1) The total amount of grants distributed annually is limited to the gross annual interest income from the proceeds received from the "Full Steam to Eugene" NMRA convention. All, some, or none of the funds may be awarded.
 - 2) Previous award winners will receive lesser consideration than new applicants. This includes, but is not limited to the following considerations:
 - 1) How many grants were received in the past.
 - 2) How much grant money was received in the past.
 - 3) How recently the grants were received.
 - 3) The BOD will announce the results to all applicants.



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Education Chair's Request for Clinicians

As the Education Chair for Division 1, PNR, I am building a resource of clinicians for the upcoming Bend mini-meet this fall and for future mini-meets, and ask members to fill in and return this form if they have clinic topics they would like to present. I will invite clinicians at least three months prior to a mini-meet to give them time to prepare.

If you have any questions, please contact me. *Please return this form to me* by mail or email. I welcome your ideas and comments.

Thank you.

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What Clinics Would You Like to Present?

- Layout planning
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