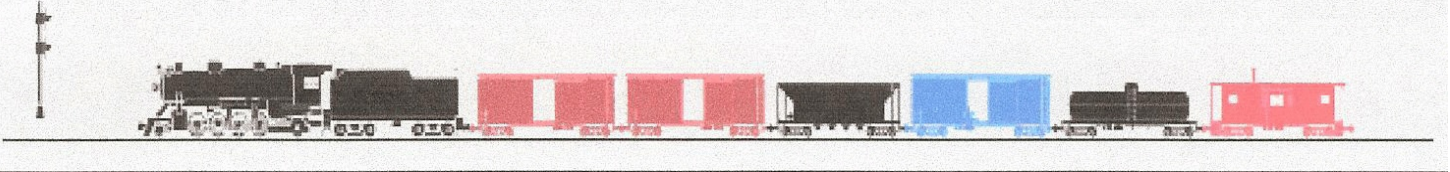


The Brakeman's Rag

Division 1, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

March 17, 2010



Spring Mini-Meet Just One Month Ahead

The Mini-meet will be held at the Roseburg library on *Saturday, April 17, 2010*. Doors will be open after 8:00 am with the mini-meet starting at 9:00 am. Attendees are requested to use the parking lot across the street. Additional information will be posted on the Division One web site

Driving directions: Leave the freeway at the City Center exit and proceed towards town. Turn left at the traffic signal on Stephens Street and proceed in the right lane to the signal at Diamond Lake Boulevard(3 blocks) where you turn right. The Library will be on your right after one block.

Nick is asking for **clinic presentors**. He needs help there. Got one up your sleeve? Know someone with a special skill? Contact Nick at E-Mail: lehrbach@rosenet.net

Reminder. New Look for the Model Contest

Members are reminded that the Division 1 Board of Directors has approved an expansion of categories for the Mini-meet Model Contest. This is to provide more opportunity for recognition of work done by members.

The new categories are

1st - Locomotives - Steam, Electric, Diesel or Hand-powered vehicle.

2^d - Rolling Stock - Freight, Passenger, Caboose or Non-revenue.

3^d - Structures - On line or off line, no scenery or separate detail parts. Plain base allowed.

4th - Photographs - black & white or color - Photos must be submitted in accordance with the NMRA guidelines for photo entries. A label or description must accompany the photograph. A member may enter up to three photographs. They may be black and white and/or color and they may be of prototypes and/or models.

5th - Miscellaneous -complete trains, dioramas, modules, or any other models that do not fit the first four categories.

Models can be scratch built or kit built. Factory built models are acceptable if the modeler has made some modification/additions to the model. Some examples; super detailing a factory built locomotive or repainting a factory built freight car or building. Members will vote on a winner for each category. A ribbon, as shown, will be presented to the winner in each category.

A cash prize will go to the most popular model, as decided by the vote. Models being judged for the Achievement Program (AP) may also be entered in this contest.

Do you have a model you are proud of? Do you have a model that could be finished in time to enter? Maybe you have one just waiting to be started. Time is a-wasting!. Get busy! There is still time. It would be nice to have a lot of entries, And better still if your entry is awarded a ribbon.



Other Special Mini-meet Activities

Drawbar Pulling Power

Have you wondered what the exact pulling power of a model locomotive might be? Want to find out? Bring it to the mini-meet for a quick check. Want to compare two or more of your locos for pulling power? Bring them to the min-meet and find out. We will be set up to analyze anything that will run on an N-Scale or HO track (provided) or bring your own track, if different. Both DC and DCC power will be available, so we can test most anything you bring.

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. Maybe share a ride? Can we beat the 60% attendance ceiling?

Tunnel Country Grant Reminder

As some of you might be aware, but to make sure that everyone knows, the First Division has a grant program. The major portion of the funds for this program comes from the profit received from the National NMRA convention in Eugene in 1987. We have invested this money and the Board of Directors several years ago voted to give a portion of the proceeds as grants to model railroad clubs and organizations involved in railroading. We have done so now for a number of years and have given out several thousand dollars.

The following rules for the Tunnel Country Grant Program were agreed upon by the Board of Directors:

- a. The project must encourage railroading and model railroading. (Describe your project in a clear and concise manner).
- b. Requests for funds must be submitted between April 1st and August 31st of each year. (Mail your letter to the First Division Secretary, Nick Lehrbach, 553 SE Terrace, Roseburg, OR 97470).
- c. Requests must be on one page only.
- d. There will be no consecutive awards to the same club or group.
- e. The club or group must be located within the geographical boundaries of the First Division.
- f. Previous award winners will receive lesser consideration than new applications and must provide a progress report.
- g. Decisions on the awarding of funds will be made during the fall BOD meeting and each applicant will be notified of the results

Coming Events:

Mar 12-14 - Klamath County Museum Train Show, 1451 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Ore. Load Thursday 7pm, setup Friday and trains running Fri, Sat and Sun. Klamath Rails and Rogue Valley Model Railroad Clubs. Info: Bruce 541-890-8145 or Steve Hart 541-892-2550.

Mar 13 – WinterRail, 32nd Railroad photography exposition and railroading show, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 West Alpine Ave, Stockton, Calif. Info: <http://www.winterail.com/index.html>

Mar 13 - 25th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet, Willamette Model Railroad Club, New Hope Church, 11731 SE Stevens Road. Clackamas, Oregon. Sat. 10 am to 3 pm. Info: Steve Cook 503-309-9543 or 503-236-1481, s.c00k@comcast.net

Mar 20-21 - Great Train Expo, Portland Metro Expo Center, Douglas County Library, Roseburg, Ore. Info: <http://www.greattrainexpo.com/>

Mar 26-28 - Lower McKenzie Modular Railroad Show and Sell, Jasper Grange, Jasper, Ore. Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 9-5. Info: Allan 541-741-1359; Mike 541-912-8637.

Apr 10-11 - 22nd Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Willamette Cascade Model RR Club, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Ore. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Info: Lee & Diane Temple, 541-954-4917 or 541-225-7394, tanddt@ram-mail.com

Apr 17 - PNR/NMRA 1st Division Mini-Meet, Douglas County Library, Roseburg, Ore. Doors open at 8, Meet/clinics start at 9am. Clinics, door prizes, model contest, and more. Info: <http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/>

Apr 30-May 1 - First annual National Z Scale Convention, Ramada Medford Convention Center, Medford, Ore. Variety of events including tour of Micro-Trains plant, private trip to Medford's Railroad Park, public show day, clinics, and more. Info: www.national-zscaleconvention.com, or Sara at 541-535-1755 x250.

May 1-2 - Rickreall Grange Train Swap Meet & Show, 280 Main St."HWY 99W", Rickreall, Ore.

10AM-4PM. Info: Pry626@juno.com or 503-606-0398.

Jul 11-18 - 75th Anniversary NMRA National Train Show, Milwaukee, Wis. <http://www.nmra75.org>

Sep 16-18 - PNR 2010 Convention, *Canadian International*, Embassy Suites Hotel, Lynnwood, Washington, for information and registration see <http://www.4dprn.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm>

Sep 30-Oct 2 - 2010 Annual SPH&TS Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento, Calif. Info: <http://www.sphts.org/>

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