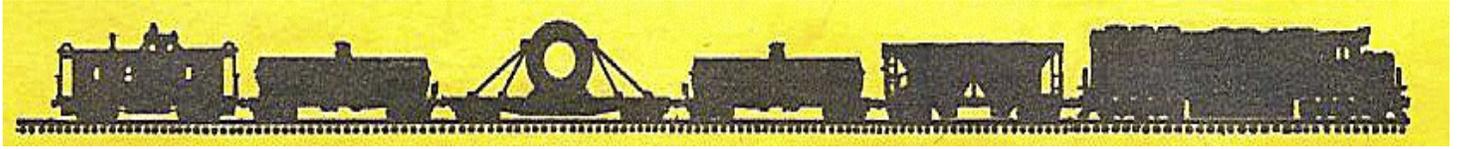


# The Brakeman's Rag

Division 1, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA

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## Special Edition

### Information about March 23 Mini-meet.

The Division 1 spring mini-meet will be held on March 23 at 2555 Lansdown Road, Eugene. The location is the community clubhouse of Gainsborough, a gated 55-plus community of manufactured homes. Gainsborough is located off Irving, just east of Northeast Expressway.

The gate is normally closed at nights and on weekends, but it will open at 8 AM. There is room for parking about 30 cars on three sides of the clubhouse and if necessary, you can park on the curb nearby, provided you don't block driveways.

Coffee and pastries will be available for attendees. A donation is requested.

Bring your models for the contests and set them up early. Popular judging will begin during a break between presentations. The following categories are established for the contest:

- 1) **Locomotives** - Steam, Electric, diesel or Hand-Powered vehicle.
- 2) **Rolling Stock** - Freight, Passenger, Caboose or Non-revenue.
- 3) **Structures** - On Line or Off Line, no scenery or separate detail parts. Plain base allowed.
- 4) **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 (3) photographs. They may be Black & White and/or Color and they may be of prototypes and/or models.
- 5) **Miscellaneous** - Complete trains, Dioramas, Modules, or any other models that do not fit the first four categories.

Note that **Achievement Program judging** is also available. If you plan to submit items contact Glenn Edmison [gedmison@aol.com](mailto:gedmison@aol.com).

The meeting will begin at 9 AM. Opening remarks will be followed by a series of clinics on various tree building techniques. If you would like to make a tree-building presentation or offer a make-and-take session, contact Rich Pitter at [richpitter@aol.com](mailto:richpitter@aol.com) or 541-636-3833. A computer projector will be available for use by clinicians with digital media.

After the clinics, there will be a lunch break. Lunch is on your own. A list and map of local lunch restaurants will be available at the meeting. The Board of Directors will have their meeting during lunch.

After lunch, model contest winners will be announced and the "Treasure Chest" raffle will be held. The "make and take" tree building clinic will then begin. Directions to layouts that are open to attendees will be available.

### Directions to March 23, 2013 Mini-Meet in Eugene

The Division One Spring Mini-Meet will be held in the Gainsborough Clubhouse, 2555 Lansdown Road, Eugene. Gainsborough is a gated 55-plus community. The gate will be open for our event. Parking is available along three sides of the clubhouse.

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**From I-5 points north or south**

Take Exit 195B for OR 569/Randy Pape Beltline westbound

Take Northwest Expressway exit

Turn right onto Northwest Expressway

Take first right onto Irving Road

Take second right onto Lansdown Road

2555 Lansdown Road will be two blocks on left.

**From Junction City:**

Take OR 99 southbound toward Eugene

Turn left onto Irving Road

After about 1 mile, turn right onto Lansdown Road

2555 Lansdown Road will be two blocks on left.

**From the Oregon Coast:**

From US 101, go east on OR 126 toward Eugene

Turn left on OR 569/Randy Pape Beltline eastbound

Take Northwest Expressway exit

Turn right onto Northwest Expressway

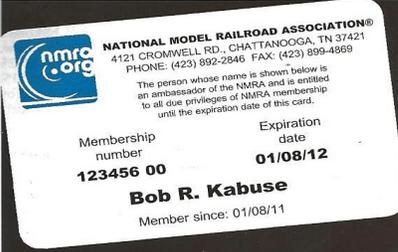
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*Hope to see you there!*





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## Model Railroader's Time Table of Coming Events:

**March 9, 2013 – Portland, Oregon – Willamette Model Railroad Club 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet**, Kliever Armory, 1000 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Drive (between Columbia Blvd and Marine drive) 10 am to 3 pm. More info at (503) 723-7323.

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**April 4, 2013 -- Clackamas, Oregon -- Espee in Oregon Annual Convention**, More information to come when available.

**April 13-14, 2013 – Eugene, Oregon – Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Train Show** – Lane County Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 West 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Expo Hall. 10 am to 5 pm, Admission \$6.00.

**May 11, 2013 -- National Train Day.** This day marks the 143rd Anniversary of the Nation's Continental Railroad. On May 10 1869. In Promontory Summit, Utah the golden spike was driven into the final tie that joined 1,776 miles of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific railroads forever transforming the face and character of life in the USA.

**June 10-11, 2013 -- Dunsmuir Railroad Days--** Dunsmuir, CA More information at [www.dunsmuirrailroaddays.org](http://www.dunsmuirrailroaddays.org)

**June 26-30, 2013 – Boise, Idaho, PNR/NMRA Regional Convention,**

More info at <http://pnr.nmra.org/3div/2013.html>

**August 23 - 30, 2015 - Portland, Oregon. – 2015 NMRA National Convention** – More information:

[http:// www.nmra2015portland.org/.](http://www.nmra2015portland.org/)

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### Editors Musings

In the latest issue of NMRA Magazine, President Charlie Getz discusses the issue of retaining membership. His comments on making new [and old] members feel welcome at our Division meetings really rang a bell. During the years I have attended our Division 1 meetings, I have come to recognize many of the regulars, I know where they are from, and even the scale in which they model. Unfortunately there are still members whose faces I recognize, but about whom I know nothing. And when it comes to new attendees, they are a complete blank. Yes, I can excuse myself by pleading that I was busy with a number of things, but still that is a poor excuse. And from the standpoint of making new members welcome and helping them become acquainted, so they can feel that sense of comradery that should be the hallmark of our meetings, I have too often failed. How many of us are in the same boat?

Can we do something to make members and guest feel more welcome and want to come again?? I can think of several ways we might do this:

- 1) Invite fellow modelers to come with us to the next meeting, whether members, or simply guests.
- 2) Make sure they are introduced and connect with people whose interests are similar. Don't let them leave until they have met several other members.
- 3) Be sure everyone who attends has a name tag that gives name, home, and modeling scale.
- 4) Where appropriate, offer them help in solving a modeling problem.
- 5) Have a person who is assigned to send a greeting to any new members, including information about the Division and its activities. We do get a monthly list as part of the membership report from PNR headquarters.

It occurs to me that we might be able to set up a set of links to within Division 1 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) or at least to acquaint them with the links to NMRA Sigs. Or perhaps we could just dedicate part of a meeting to an open discussion of our latest modeling problems. ??? What do you think???

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