

First Division Business & Information

By Rich Pitter, Superintendent

Our Division is hosting the next Pacific Northwest Region convention. Currently, the planning committee is well-advanced on several fronts and is finalizing the budget and price schedule. The website will open for on-line registration on October 1.

The convention will be held on May 11-14, 2022 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, alongside the Willamette River and adjacent to Valley River Center.

On Wednesday, May 11, there will be a PNR Annual Meeting for officers and division superintendents; all members are welcome to attend. That evening, we will have an ice-breaker social in the Valley River Inn.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning, the convention will feature clinics and presentations in three rooms. There will also be ongoing model train operations presentations by NMRA's OPSIG (Operations Special Interest Group) and a model contest. A Non-Rail group will keep spouses and partners occupied. Several local layouts will be open at times during the convention for convention-goers to visit and meet the owners. On Saturday evening, we will host a banquet with award presentations and a guest speaker. The Valley River Inn has guest rooms available, with either a king bed or two queen beds, for \$109 + tax for one or two people, with an additional 1 or 2 people accommodated in the room on roll-away beds for \$10 apiece.

Each time I attend a Regional or National Convention, I come away super-charged with renewed enthusiasm and newly-formed ideas for model railroading. This will be an excellent opportunity for all First Division members to share and learn. Please consider attending and lending a hand with the convention. We will certainly appreciate your help.

Editor's Report

By Charlie Hutto

As I write this, another beautiful late summer day is about to end. I really enjoy these last few warm days of the year, as I know in a few weeks, the rain will set in, and I will be looking forward to warmer weather next spring.

I haven't been doing much "railroad" stuff the last few months, as when the weather is nice, I try to do as much outside as possible. Too many tomatoes to look after, too much bicycle riding to do, too many items to cook on the Weber charcoal grill.

As the nights get longer and the weather gets worse, I hope to get back at it. Operations were just beginning to take place on my railroad. As usual much scenery needs to be done, and I could always use a few (dozen) more buildings, structures, people, etc.

As you can see from Rich's information, we are hosting the PNR annual convention in a few short months. The convention website is up and running, with updates as we have more content to add.

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Finally, our elections are complete, and here are your representatives:

Superintendent

Rich Pitter - Eugene

Board Members

Gary Decker – Eugene

Jeroen Gerritsen – Springfield

Christopher Jones – Coquille

Ted Kruysman – Eugene

Charlie Hutto – Albany

Our email addresses are on Page 4.

Please contact me with any comments or questions on this newsletter. My email address is charliehutto@hotmail.com.

Nick Lehrbach sent in a couple of pictures from his layout.

The log unloading area is for the Coos Bay Lumber Co. and the unloader works by pushing the logs off the cars into the imaginary pond. The small diesel was built from the cabs of 2 Athearn switchers with a Northwest Shortline drive unit.



structure. Walt was a model railroad hobbyist. His favorite railroad was West Side Lumber Company, which ran from a lumber mill in Tuolumne, CA into the Sierras where the company had numerous logging camps over the years. I represented his WSLC interest not as a railroad, but as a small lumber company. The two structures on the left are from a Bar Mills Scale Models kit. Walt also had a vegetable garden and orchard. The small shack on the right was built from a laser-cut kit by my cousin Susan. I added the watermelons and pumpkins in front of the sign at the right. These structures are planned for a small siding on the layout with only a small loading ramp to serve both industries.



My brother Don was a music teacher by profession, and as such he repaired instruments and composed instrumental pieces for piano and band. This HO scale structure was produced by Bar Mills Scale Models about 2003 as "Mortimer Stiph's Caskets." It is no longer in construction because they developed a better way to make rafter tails. I started the model about 2008 and did a poor job. Last month, I took up the sorry-looking model and rebuilt it. It's not quite finished (it still needs some weathering and small details), but I am happy with the results.



Rich Pitter sent in the following:

Five years ago I lost both of my younger brothers. It has taken me awhile to process that. One of the things I wanted to do was to memorialize each of them in a model railroad

What Have I Been Up To?

By Bob Parrish - Photos by the author
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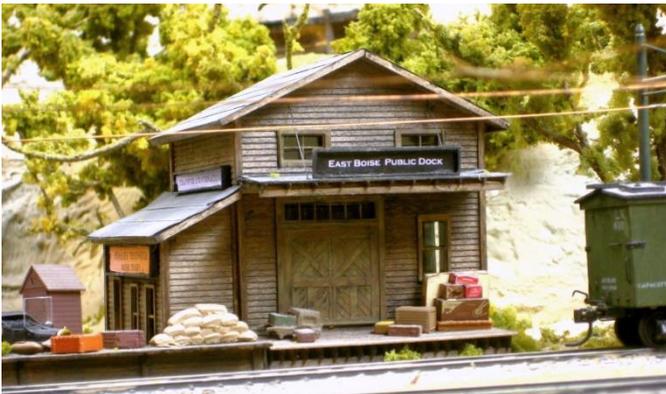
C.A. Woods Rebabbating. This is a real company that still exists in Nampa. It is a third generation company at 14th and 1st North in Nampa.



Mac's scrap sign



Scrap yard Overview shot.



Freight house in Nampa. This is a scratch built structure from a photo that just looked cool...

Two photos of Mac's Scrap. I originally built this on Bruce McCosh's railroad in 2008. It seemed appropriate that I had one on my railroad.



Tree House at Boise. This was a quick project in December when the grand kids announced that I didn't have a tree house for the local kids. Three hours later there it was.

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The **Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Club** and the associated Live Steamers meet in Bend. Info: www.ecmrr.org or (541) 317-1545.

The **Crooked River Railroad Club** meets in the Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville. Contact Jim Davis at (503) 396-0160 or Jim Van Voorhees (541) 408-4526

The **Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club** meets in Medford. For information, contact Bruce Kelly: wilmingtonnorthern@sprynet.com.

The **South Coast Train Club** holds meetings in Coos Bay. It is a 100% NMRA club. Contact Peter Brandt at pcb904@gmail.com.

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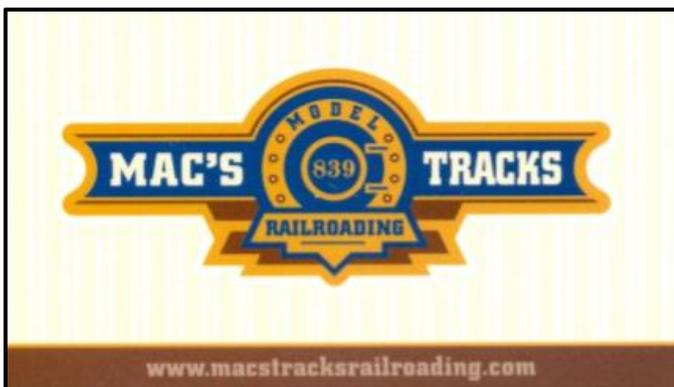
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