Superintendent's Report

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e had a successful mini-meet in Eugene on March 23, where clinicians demonstrated a variety of tree-making skills. After lunch, a “make and take” session let participants build their own trees, or at least to take home some useful tree-making materials. We held model contests and had drawings for door prizes.

We also held a Board of Directors meeting where we decided to hold our next mini-meet in Corvallis this fall; followed by one in Roseburg next spring and a third in Eugene in June 2014. The Brakeman's Rag will keep members informed of the dates and times of these upcoming events.

We also have a new editor for our Brakeman's Rag, Rich Pitter. Thank you very much, Rich.

Back in the late 1980's, there was an NMRA National Convention in Eugene. The Convention Committee who organized that convention made a profit and donated funds to the First Division. Years ago, the Board of Directors of the First Division established Tunnel Country Grants. Each year, one or more railroad or model railroad groups is awarded a grant from the proceeds from that investment. The rules for Tunnel Country grants are shown on page 10 and appear in our website at pnr.nmra.org/1div/. Look at the rules. If your club or group qualifies, submit an application between now and August 31st.

In accordance with the PNR and our First Division bylaws, we are required to elect a Division Superintendent and six Directors to serve from September 2013 to August 2015. If you are interested in any position, complete the Nominating Form on page 8 and send the information to me by July 15, 2013.

Dirk Kruysman
Superintendent

New Editor

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t the Board Meeting on March 23, 2013, Glenn Edmison wiped a smudge of grime off the Director's Car and, with approval from the Board of Directors, passed his rag on to Rich Pitter. We wish Glenn well with his endeavors. He handled his editor's duties well during his time at the helm of the Brakeman's Rag.

Rich moved to Eugene only two years ago, but he is an experienced newsletter editor. He was Editor of the Northeastern Region HUB Division's Headlight, which was issued five times a year. The newsletter was mailed to subscribers (who paid to cover printing and postage) and posted on a website for everyone with Internet access. Prior to that, he volunteered for the Nevada State Railroad Museum and edited the Sagebrush Headlight newsletters for the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum for three years.

The most important function of the Brakeman's Rag is to communicate Division 1 and related model railroading activities to members in a timely manner. The NMRA top brass are concerned about members, especially new members, who feel that they are not well informed of local activities. The Board of Directors has expanded its planning up to a year in advance, and has assigned locations for the Division’s next three mini-meets. The Brakeman's Rag will keep members updated on mini-meet details. We will post the dates, times, and locations of these events as they are confirmed, so you can mark them on your calendar.

Another function of the newsletter is to share experiences with others in the Division. There are uncounted tricks and techniques that modelers use to work more efficiently. Even the old tips are useful to others. We invite you to share your tips and modeling projects in the Brakeman's Rag.
Eugene Mini-Meet, March 23, 2013

Meeting room in Eugene.

Merily Johanning demonstrates making scale trees from artificial Christmas trees.

Ed Schaenzer demonstrates how he makes tall conifer trees from cedar shingles.

Nick Lehrbach demonstrates how to make conifers by twisting sisal rope between wires.
The First Division board of directors has decided to increase the number of mini-meets in a year from two to three, starting in 2014. The locations and months of the next three mini-meets have been selected, although the specific dates of mini-meets down the road are yet to be determined. We are working to select Saturdays that do not conflict with other model railroading or railfan events.

**FALL MINI-MEET: CORVALLIS (ADAIR VILLAGE)**

Gene Neville and the Corvallis Society of Model Engineers (CSME) will host the fall mini-meet on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the Prince of Peace Community Church, 7234 NE Arnold Ave., Adair Village, Oregon. The church is about three blocks from CSME and is located just to the east of Santiam Christian High School. For people with GPS in their vehicles, you may need to key in the city of Corvallis rather than Adair Village to obtain directions.

The mini-meet program will include clinics, model contests, door prizes, and local layout open houses. This is an important mini-meet because members will elect a new Superintendent and Board of Directors. The Board members will meet and review Block Grant applications.

This is an important mini-meet, so consider submitting an application for a Block Grant and also consider running for the Board and/or Superintendent.

**SPRING MINI-MEET: ROSEBURG**

Nick Lehrbach and his Roseburg crew will host the spring mini-meet in March, 2014. The mini-meet location and date are still being finalized at this time. More details will be provided in a subsequent issue of the *Brakeman’s Rag*.

As with the fall mini-meet in Corvallis, this mini-meet will feature clinics, model contests, door prizes, and local layout open houses.

**SUMMER MIN-MEET: EUGENE**

Rich Pitter will host a mini-meet in the Gainsborough community’s clubhouse in Eugene, in June 2014. The date will be finalized to minimize conflict with other model railroader activities.

This mini-meet will have favorite model contests, door prizes, and local layout open houses, but we are also planning a special hands-on clinic.

The owner of Sidetrack Laser, a Newberg, Oregon, manufacturer of craftsman model railroad kits, will lead participants through step-by-step construction of a basic laser-cut model structure. This is an excellent opportunity for modelers of all skill levels to delve into the process of building a laser-cut structure kit. If you have never built one, this is an opportunity to learn many tricks and techniques to build one. Even expert modelers can learn tips to make structure construction easy and realistic looking.

At lunchtime, the completed structures will be spray-painted so they will be dry and ready to take home when participants return from lunch. Hands-on participants will buy their kit at wholesale price, and can select HO or N scale kits. Pre-registration and NMRA membership will be required for participation in the hands-on kit-building clinic, but others may attend and watch the process. More details and registration information will be forthcoming.

**CLINICIANS WANTED**

We are continually looking for new clinicians, both people who have not previously presented clinics and people who have, but have new material to present.

Consider also presenting a mini-clinic, five to 15 minutes long, on a single topic. Suggestions: how to drill and tap models for coupler screws; how to use LED lighting for structures; how to paint model figures; or how to build scenery and mountains without using plaster.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge by presenting a clinic, please contact our Education Director, Rich Pitter, 541-636-3833 or richpitter@aol.com.
Eugene Mini-Meet Model Contest Winners

Ed Schaenzer - On30 diorama. Best of Show.

Fred Smith - Photograph.

Ed Schaenzer - Rolling Stock: On30 blacksmith car.

Ed Schaenzer - Locomotive: On30 2-truck Shay

Nick Lehrbach - Structures: HO freighthouse.

The contest had excellent work submitted by Ed Schaenzer, Nick Lehrbach, Fred Smith, Scott Brouse, and Rich Pitter. All Division 1 members are invited to bring their models to the mini-meets; this venue is an excellent opportunity for others to ask you about your methods and techniques, and for all modelers to learn and become inspired through the work of others.
Dirk Kruysman presents a clinic on operations.

Rich Pitter shows how he builds trees with sagebrush armatures and sisal rope canopies.

Christopher Jones, favorite model contest official.

First Division Board Meeting.
EUGENE MINI-MEET FAVORITE MODEL CONTEST
FRED E SMITH -  
Model railroader Fred Smith passed away on April 21, 2013 in Eugene, Oregon. He was a charter member of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club and a past president of the original club. His modeling included trolley and interurban equipment in On30. He attended many of the PNR/NMRA meetings. He enjoyed photography. Fred worked for the Robert Dollar Company in Glendale and in the early 80's moved to Eugene to work for Bohemia Lumber Company.

Fred has been working with the AP Judging team to complete his last certificate for his MMR. The Master Builder - Cars. At this point, we do not know if he completed it. He has also had a fine collection of photos, entering several in each meeting for the past couple of years, and a major set were entered in the contest at the joint convention in Medford. He was a devoted member and an inspiration to other modelers.

Fred was a real gentleman and a great modeler. He will be missed by all.

In future issues, the Brakeman’s Rag will report deceased members of the First Division as reported to the Division from NMRA. Members of our Division are invited to contribute obituaries or reminiscences for friends who have passed.
Nominating Form
Board of Directors, Division 1, Pacific Northwest Region

Please provide the information requested in the form by mail or e-mail to Dirk Kruysman by July 15, 2013:

Dirk Kruysman
730 W Indianola St
Roseburg, OR 97471
dutchdirk@charter.net

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Let it be known that I wish to run for the **Board of Directors** of Division 1, PNR, NMRA. I understand that this is for a two-year term.

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Let it be known that I wish to run for the **Office of Superintendent** of Division 1, PNR, NMRA. I understand that this is for a two-year term.

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Model Train Shows and Events


**July 12**  “Delivery by Rail: Rogue Valley Food and Farms”  Margery Winter. Second Friday Ashland Historic Railroad Museum program at the Ashland Public Library's Gresham Room. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

**July 14-20**  NMRA National Convention and National Train Show - "Peachtree Express", Cobb Galleria Centre, **Atlanta, GA**. Info:- [www.nmra2013.org](http://www.nmra2013.org)

**July 24-28**  Third Annual Willamette Cascade HO Scale Modular Railroad display at the Lane County Fair, 976 W 13th Ave, Eugene, in the Convention Building. Info: ttandt@ram-mail.com or call 541-954-4917


**Sept 8 - 9**  18th Annual Logging Modelers Convention, LaConnor, WA. Info: [http://www.loggingmodeler@gmail.com](http://www.loggingmodeler@gmail.com) or call 310-951-9097

**Sept 21-22**  18th Annual Open House, Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Club, Bend, Ore. HO scale layout plus the Central Oregon Area Live Steamers. Info: [http://www.ecmrr.org/default.aspx](http://www.ecmrr.org/default.aspx) or call 541-317-1545.

**October 5**  First Division PNR Mini-Meet, Corvallis. Meet opens at 8 AM, program begins at 9 AM. Clinics, favorite model contest and layout tours.  See page 3. Info: [http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/](http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/)

**March, 2014**  First Division PNR Mini-Meet, Roseburg. See page 3. Info will be posted at [http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/](http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/) when available.

**June, 2014**  First Division PNR Mini-Meet, Eugene. See page 3. Info will be posted at [http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/](http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/) when available.

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Down the Track


**Aug 28 - 30, 2015**  - National Train Show, held in conjunction with the national convention, at the Portland Expo Center.
**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.

The project must encourage model railroading as promoted by the NMRA. Requests should be limited to no more than two pages in length.

The project should be described in a clear and concise manner.

The request must include a summary of other sources of income and operating expenses.

The person submitting the request must be a member of the organization and a member of the NMRA.

The organization must be located within the geographical boundaries of the First Division.

The name of the leader of the applicant’s group must be included.

Previous grant receivers must include a short summary highlighting the organization’s use of previously awarded funds when applying for a new grant.

Grant requests must be submitted (post marked) between April 1st and Aug 31st of each year.

The requests are to be mailed (either by US Mail or e-mail) to the First Division Superintendent.

The requests must be received by the Superintendent at least one week before the Fall BOD business meeting.

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.

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.

Previous award winners will receive lesser consideration than new applicants. This includes, but is not limited to the following considerations:

- How many grants were received in the past.
- How much grant money was received in the past.
- How recently the grants were received.

The BOD will announce the results to all applicants.

Send grant applications to First Division Superintendent Dirk Kruysman
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