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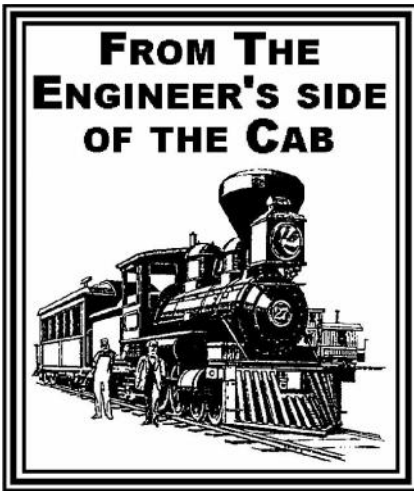


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Terry Jacksons layout



By Jerry R. Thomas, Division Supt.

After a couple of months on the new job I'm still doing new things like this column and corresponding with new railroad friends throughout our region. It's healthy to apply existing skills and gain new ones even as a senior. I accept the challenge to do the job well by providing activities for sharing this great hobby in various ways. This I should be able to do with the grace of the Almighty, the encouragement of those who have served before me, and much of a lifetime spent in a vocation where group dynamics, organization, and public relations were essential. Notice that I listed no particular qualification of railroad expertise. I have very limited electrical and craftsman skills. I do however have a great love of history of railroads and their operation including railfanning. My greatest successes would be in the area of scenery which I almost always choose when work time beckons. Mostly as you can see, I am a student of this hobby. There is so much to learn and so many human resources to share in our organization. Much credit must be given to Tom Waters for his excellent tenure and help to me.

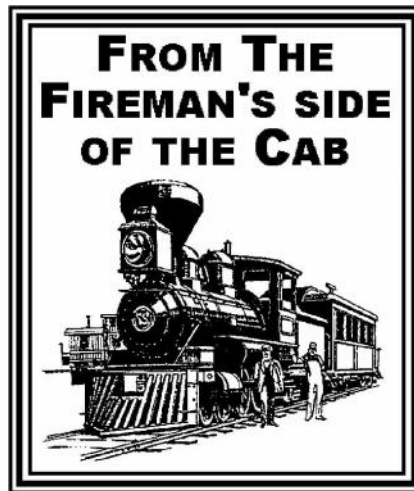
Our Spring Meet was quite successful and gratifying. It was a great day to spend time with other railroaders and further celebrate Bruce McCosh by dispersing his treasures across the division that he served in so many capacities and touched the lives of many. Many thanks to Jack Cunningham who started the day early by bringing the sodas and doughnuts and was busy all day with all of the transactions. Jack has done a great job as the treasurer implementing electronic banking for our transactions. Thanks also to Warren Smith who handles our contests and always helps around the desk. The church seems ideal for our needs for our Spring and Fall Meets. Thank-you to Bob Parrish for securing this facility and having the java ready for us. Many thanks also to Andy Doll and Steve Loop who shared their layouts with us. Another person deserving of commendation is Rick Uhlenkott who does a wonderful job organizing and compiling the Purple Sage and is a valuable resource on all matters railroad.

While on the subject of meets, it was necessary to change the date of this year's upcoming Fall Meet. The church was not available at the usual time. A church bazaar was scheduled for late September. Note these 2 changes:

Fall Meet October 20, 2018 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran 3100 S. Five Mile Road, Boise Opens 8:00am

September Mini Meet September 22, 2018 Idaho Pizza 7100 W. Fairview Ave. Boise Opens 11:30 am

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By Rick Uhlenkott, Editor

Our turn for the PNR convention is coming up in just 3 years. It's about time to be finalizing arrangements for the facility we want, lest we end up procrastinating too long again and end up losing our preferred choice. Be thinking of what committees you would like to volunteer for – there will be plenty to go around. Also, be thinking of suggestions for the name and logo. Be nice to have those squared away in time for the presentation and advance registration when the time comes. I'm sure Steve is gearing up to start having planning meetings.

I would like to do the program again. In fact, I've had the file for it set up for several months now. I'll be doing it in a program called Scribus, the software I now do these newsletters in. Once again I hope to have a photo for each layout tour and prototype event listing.

Clyde Queen and I evaluated a model for Bob Parrish



earning him the prototype scenery certificate. (I know, Tom: Only one MMR per customer!) I've been lurking on the forum where Bob frequently discussed his project as it progressed, so I was not surprised to see it at the meet.

I'm always open to articles of most any train related subject. Be it a description of your vacation to see the Alaska RR or visit a layout thereof, the famous visitor you had come by, or as Tom has been doing; a report on progress on your project, club or individual. All kinds of things going on out there that the rest of us would be interested in.



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Deposit Spring Meet		2003.00
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Total		<u>\$2016.25</u>
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Cash on Hand		35.00
Grand Total		<u>\$5667.11</u>

Speaking of the Fall Meet, remember our model contest using boxcars. If you work in another scale or don't have one of the shells that Skip provided, any boxcar will do quite nicely. In a similar vein we all would like to enjoy more models at our shows. Make models for any category or bring something to share from your collections.

One last point remember how much we enjoy having layouts to visit on our Saturdays. It's the very best topping for the pizza. Please share your layout for others to enjoy. We enjoy seeing layouts in various degrees of completion and size. Get scheduled with goals in mind, a chance to clean up, or just give those locos a long run.



End Of An Era and The Start Of a New One!

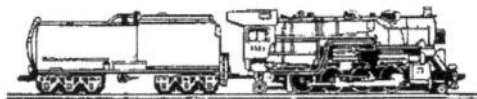
By Tom Waters

Yes, It's time to move on. For the past four years it has been my pleasure to serve as your 3rd Division Superintendent. I hope you had as much fun railroading as I have. Between organizing Meets, attending Regional Conventions and trying to improve the financial status of the Division, the interaction with you my friends has made the trip most enjoyable. As you know from my articles and my clinic at the Spring Meet, I have plenty of work (fun) here at home with the P&IN empire. Now we forward the responsibility to Jerry to continue the mission. I'm sure WE will do everything WE can to see that he is successful.

Thanks So Much!
Tom, Immediate Past Super.



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Latest On The P&IN

By Tom Waters

This is the sixth installment about building my empire the Pacific & Idaho Northern. Since the snow melted the team has been very busy. And yes, I said team, as in this much progress would not be possible without all the help.

Andy Doll and Jerry Thomas helped build the lower deck of the center island. I built the upper deck and Bob Parrish insisted the end needed to be rounded off instead of angled off corners like the lower deck. Dirk Dunham cut bender board, per



Bob's design, that supports the deck and the masonite fascia. The end of the island is supported by a twelve inch piece of PVC irrigation pipe with three threaded rods bolting everything together. That completes all of the bench work with only masonite fascia and sky boards to complete. I need to make a small adjustment to one of the island upper deck supports so the lower deck sky boards will clear the R. D. Uhlenkott Memorial Bridge west of Weiser. Bryce McCosh, along with his son Gavin are working on the LED light strip installation. Bryce modified my design for hangers and after a couple of starts I think they have figured out just what needs to be done. And I can see a possible solution to lighting the upper deck. I don't think the ceiling lights will be needed during an operating

session. Warren Smith got my JRMI Decoder Pro working and has been installing and debugging decoders, operating locomotives now number more than twenty.

With all that progress, the Roadway and Bridge Dept. have forged on south through the communities of Cottonwood, White Bird and New Meadows. A large construction camp is being set up near Tamarack. My grandson Kieran came up with

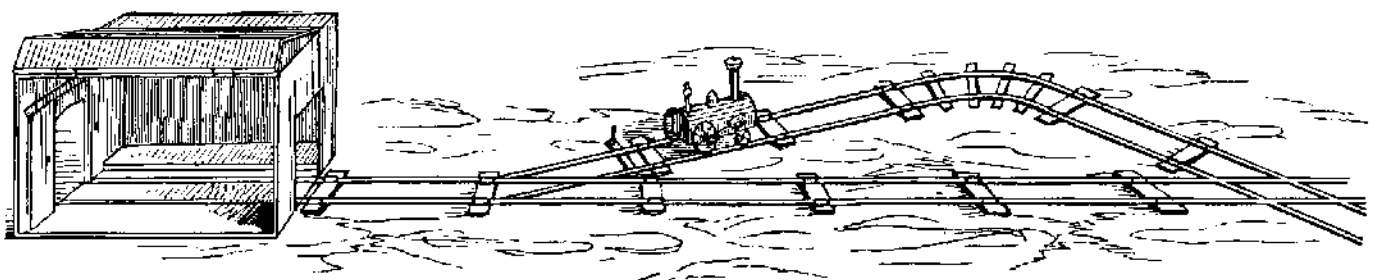


a solution for an open house return loop on the upper level and Bob simplified his idea. Right of way north through Weiser has not been completely finalized due to property clearance concerns on the part of city officials, payoffs are pending. Bridge work for the Snake River crossing required new tie installation and was held up due to a work strike at the supplier. The Operations Dept. have been very busy running various consists over the road to insure proper track alignment and to deliver supplies to the end-of-track.


If you look into the future you see the 2021 Regional Convention headed this way. Just that thought keeps me thinking of the next priority task. I do see a gold spike ceremony around the corner.

Till next time!


Tom



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2018 Spring Meet

Contest winners from
the Spring 2018 Div
Meet



There was very poor participation in the contest room this time. There were only 9 models brought in and there were none for the special contest. There was only one category with multiple entries and that was just two. Due to no one entering a model in the special category, it will be held over to the Fall Meet.



Vehicle --

Ricky Uhlenkott -- Grandpa's motor home

Other --

Terry Nelson -- stained glass picture

On-line structure --

Warren Smith -- Bakers Produce



This times winners:

Black and White photo --

Terry Jackson -- post in middle of the track



Off-line structure --

Ricky Uhlenkott -- Coach House



Non-Revenue --

Tom Waters -- MOW snow plow

Locomotive --

Andy Doll - Diesel to steam, a half and half locomotive

Headquarters is a busy place!

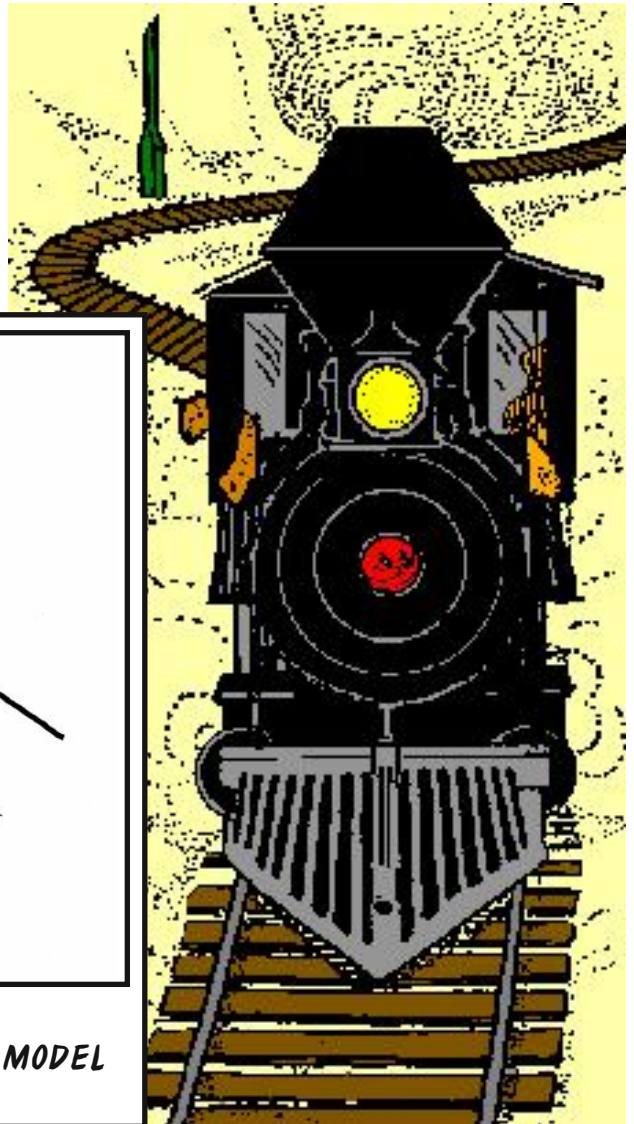
Most members would be surprised at how busy the five folks at Headquarters really are! In her report to the board, NMRA Chief Administrative Officer Jenny Hendricks noted that:

Headquarters had almost 20,000 direct member interactions in the past six months. These are over and above the normal membership renewals.

In the past six months, HQ processed 10,406 membership renewals -- that's an average of 1,734 every month, or almost 90 per day!

Besides membership issues, the HQ staff takes care of year-end financial closes; working with the annual auditors; sending out promotional packets for Division and Region train shows; processing donations of books, slides, models and photos; handling Kalmbach Library requests; soliciting and registering vendors for the National Train Show; and signing up new members at select World's Greatest Hobby shows.

Whew!



Diorama --

Bob Parrish - intersection in old time Chicago

Full Train --

Brian Kemp -- Timber Valley work train

Hopefully next time we will have a better showing for the contest room.



Warren



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