

DIVISION 5 – PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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Annual Report – May 2020

The 5th Division achieved some, but not all of its goals, this last year. We continued to rotate our annual meeting among different cities in the Division; our 2019 meeting was held in Kennewick, hosted by the Tri-City Model Railroaders. Special credit goes to John Decker for organizing the meeting place, the clinics, and tours of the Tri-City Modelers' new layout plus 3 local home layouts.

The Division also continued publication of The Goat, and at the urging of PNR leadership, the Division is continuing to mail copies of The Goat and periodic announcements to members who do not have e-mail addresses or good internet access (this includes quite a few life members).

We have not had any takers on our offer to fund stand-alone clinics, but we will continue to promote the idea. We had hoped again to have a fall mini-meet in Missoula, but it again ran afoul of the simultaneous scheduling of the annual convention of the Northern Pacific historical society and Missoula is definitely an NP town. If COVID-19 does not interfere, we are working on scheduling a mini-meet in conjunction with the NPRHA's annual convention this fall in Missoula.

We have accelerated our efforts in the AP arena, in spite of the continued lack of a division AP chair. The Superintendent has attempted to fill the role, and we began a program of awarding Golden Spike awards at train shows. We have also visited 2 members' layouts this past fall to do AP evaluations, and one of our members from Oregon is now taking advantage of the distance evaluation program offered by the region. The Superintendent and other division officers have attended Train Shows to promote the hobby in Spokane WA, and Missoula MT; other trains shows scheduled for this spring in Lewiston, Helena, and Livingston, MT were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 meeting was scheduled for April 18 at the Inland NW Rail Museum in Reardan, WA, but was rescheduled to July 11, 2020 because of the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,
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