

Presidents' Report

President's Report

by Kevin Oleson, PNR President

Happy 60th Birthday to the Pacific Northwest Region – NMRA!

I welcome you to the 2007-2008 season. Fall is in the air and it's time to get serious about our trains again. I hope everyone had a great summer and that it included rail excursions, railfanning, and visiting layouts.

The 3rd Division did a fantastic job with the Treasure Valley Ex-press in Boise. It included great prototype and layout tours, and a scenic train excursion. It also offered excellent clinics, and offered people a chance to get trained as AP judges. Thank you Terry, Phil, Tom, Bruce, Joel, and Clyde. I hope I didn't for-get anyone.

Please mark your calendars for the 2008 PNR convention: **Chilliwack Interchange, June 12-15, 2008**. They have another great convention planned for us. Information is available on the website, pnr.nmra.org.

For the most current news in the Region, join the PNR-NMRA Yahoo group. The Yahoo group is a great way for PNR members to ask questions, share ideas, and help cover the vast areas that encompasses the PNR. It's so easy to join: just send a blank email to PNR-NMRA@YahooGroups.com.

The Board voted at its August 2007 meeting to provide a paper copy of the Switchlist to every paid subscriber through the June 2008 issue. After that, only the convention issue (which also contains our ballot during odd-numbered years), will be in hard copy. As always, the latest issue may be downloaded from pnr.nmra.org. A notice is also emailed to our YahooGroup list when the Switchlist is delivered to the printer. There's another good reason to join the list! (See above.)

There are many exciting things happening in the PNR. Please be sure to check pnr.nmra.org to see the event list, your officers, committee chairs, and Division website information.

Remember a Region is only as strong as its members. We have great members in PNR! Until next time...
Happy Railroading!

Region News

Nominations & Elections 2008

by Hugh Mackenzie, PNR Nomination Chair

We are requesting nominations for the office of President and Vice-President, to take office for a two-year term on September 2008. Nominations should be sent to me with a postmark no later than December 15, 2007. Ballots will be included in the printed Switchlist of February 2008. Many of our members have leadership abilities; please consider contributing your talent to the future success of the PNR.

According to Article V, Section 2, Part B, of the PNR Bylaws:

B. Candidates for President and Vice-President shall be nominated by either: -

1. Action of the nominating committee as announced by publication no later than the March issue of the Switchlist of the election year, or
2. The filing of a petition with the chair of the Nominating Committee not later than April 15. Such petition shall contain the signatures of at least 15 voting members and be accompanied by a written statement of consent signed by the candidate.
3. Incumbents may stand for re-election without following the nomination process, however they must provide the Elections Coordinator a letter of intent. A Vice-President may also run for the office of President on the same condition. All letters of intent must be submitted by the applicable deadline.

If you are interested in being nominated or would like to nominate someone else, please contact me:

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trains2007

online

by Larry Sebelley, Secretary

2007 will mark the 25th anniversary of *Trains*. This year's meet promises to be very exciting, featuring many new exhibitors, vendors, clinicians and layouts. Meet activities which include but are not limited to, the operating sessions, the layout tours, the banquet and prototype tour also promise to be exceptional opportunities for those who are already within the hobby, or are looking to learn more about what Model Railroading has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at *Trains*!

Trains 2007 Show

The Trains 2007 Public Show is held in Burnaby, BC and is British Columbia's premier model railroading exhibition. This annual show serves as an exhibition of the great hobby of model railroading, bringing together those with experience and those who are just becoming interested. We welcome all -- whether you have a model railroad empire of your own, a train set or are just hoping to see some cool models. Trains 2007 will be held on November 10-11, Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Trains 2007 Meet

The Trains Meet is open to everyone. A meet for Model Railroaders is a series of activities that focus on the hobby. In the case of Trains this is accomplished through offering clinics, operating sessions (running trains), layout tours (going to see people's individual model railroads), prototype tours (going to a real railway facility) among other activities. Full details at Web Site: <http://www.bctrains.org/>

Meet Dates - Cameron Centre - Burnaby, BC

- 09 November 07 - Operating Sessions, Self-Guided Layout Tour
- 10 November 07 - Public Show, Clinics, NMRA 7th Division AGM, Escorted Layout Tours
- 11 November 07 - Moment of Remembrance, Public Show, Clinics, Meet Banquet
- 12 November 07 - Prototype Tour.

Meet Schedule

Friday Night, November 9, 2007

- Early Registration
- Operating Sessions
- Self Guided Tour

Saturday, November 10, 2007

- Display Hall open to Registrants
- Clinics
- Show open to the Public 11 AM to 4 PM
- Prize Draws Hourly
- NMRA Meeting 3:30 PM
- Layout Tour in Evening

Sunday, November 11, 2007

- Display Hall open to the registrants 9 am to 4 pm
- Show open to the Public 11:05 AM to 4 PM
- Clinics
- Prize Draws Hourly
- Banquet in Evening - Speaker: TBA.

Monday, November 12, 2007

- Prototype Tour - TBA

News and Bulletins

- The display hall is currently full and any registrations received will be put on the holds list and contacted if space becomes available.
- Volunteer! Trains requires a number of volunteers to operate successfully each year. Please consider volunteering and indicate your willingness on the provided section of the meet registration form.
- Registrants: Want to get on that layout tour? Prototype tour? Register now as space will go quickly!
- Registration Forms: The forms to register as an individual for the meet, as a layout and/or exhibitor have now been posted in the Registration portion of www.bctrains.org.

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Trains, Trains, and More Trains

by Susan Evans, Chair

Explore operating layouts of many different scales, manufacturers' products, historical societies, hobby shops and other vendors, entertainment, education, and more! Participate in clinics for kids, beginning modelers and intermediate and advanced modelers, or try your hand at the modeling contests. Come for a while or plan on spending the weekend, April 26–27, 2008! Sponsored by the 4th Division, PNR, NMRA.

Come, see and participate in:

- Layouts of all sizes
- Vendors and swap tables
- Hands on activities for kids
- Railroad oriented entertainment
- Railroad oriented educational activities
- Clinics for beginning and advanced modelers
- Modeling contests



Achievement Program Activity, August 06 thru July 07

by Jack Hamilton

Achievement Program Certificates issued:	20
Merit Awards issued:	27
Golden Spike Awards issued:	12
New MMRs:	0

My congratulations to those recognized this year. WELL DONE! Why not complete the small amount of paperwork required and start on your way in the AP program? It's not difficult. To get started, email me, gradi-ver@wavecable.com.

Division Reports

1st Division

by Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

The first half of the 2006-2007 year saw no activity, but since January, things have started to move.

Our senior Director and Treasurer, Dirk Kruysman, took it upon himself to get the First Division moving again. He started and moderated an extended series of emails between Board members which resulted in a revised set of by-laws. Dirk then took it upon himself to organize and distribute ballots to the membership, resulting in total approval of the new by-laws. This placed us in compliance with the PNR by-law requirements.

Dirk set up an official Division One Board meeting at the spring Swap Meet in Eugene during which the new by-laws were implemented. The current Superintendent resigned and Ed Schaezner, who had been elected Chairman of the Board by the other board members, became the new Superintendent. Dirk also agreed to set up and distribute the ballots for a new Superintendent and BOD who would take office September 1, 2007.

Since then we had a very successful and well-attended minimeet at Adair Village (about nine miles north of Corvallis). Gene Neville arranged the minimeet. It was hosted by the Corvallis Model Railroad Club. We had several clinics, door prize drawings, much conversation, and three layouts tours.

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We also had a BOD meeting at the clubhouse. The results of the ballots were read into the minutes. Bruce McGarvey discussed the problems and rewards of soliciting door prizes from members of the model railroading industry. We lost our editor of the Division One newsletter, *The Brakeman's Rag*, to illness. However, Alan Liesse has volunteered to be the editor and is now hard at work reviving the newsletter. He hopes to have an issue out soon.

As a retired schoolteacher, I feel that education is one of the most important facets of any organization. I contacted Lee Temple at the Eugene Swap Meet for a table to promote the NMRA/PNR agenda. Lee agreed to provide Division One with a table at no cost at the 2008 Meet and reconfirmed his offer at the Corvallis minimeet.

As Education Chair for the PNR, Gene Neville will help set up an educational table in Eugene. Gene has also been working with Jack Hamilton in solving a problem that has frustrated many Division One members for many years: we presently have no members qualified to judge the AP program. Members who take part in the AP program have to depend on judges from outside our boundaries. (A personal thanks to Jim Whaley.) A special clinic at the PNR convention in Boise, ID was held for persons interested in becoming qualified AP judges.

Bill Baine volunteered to host the next Division One minimeet in the Newport/Toledo area on Saturday, October 6th. The final location is still tentative.

2nd Division

by Jim Whaley, Vice-Superintendent

Another year has passed and the 2D keeps plugging along. It's been almost 2 years since I was swept into office amongst a big controversy. I did not achieve all I would have liked to do, but we did put on a fair-to-middling convention last year and have started holding clinics. We tried monthly meetings but they didn't work out, so this year we are having quarterly meetings with some success.

This spring we had an election to bring the board up to date. I did not run on my doctor's advice. It looked like 2D would be without a Superintendent until, during Doug Auburg's and my trip to the PCR Convention, we hashed out a deal where Doug would stand for the 2D's Superintendent office and I would stand for 2D's Vice Superintendent. We had quite a few votes returned with around 35% voting. At the annual meeting, we announced that the new 2D Super is Doug Auburg and VS is Jim Whaley, MMR the 2 positions on the BOD were filled by Craig Larsen and John Sparrow.

It's been fun and I appreciate all the help I've received. I look forward to the coming year here in the 2D.

3rd Division

by Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

The 3rd division hosted a very successful regional convention. We started with a BBQ picnic at the old UP depot and a depot tour. Clinics and tours included an excursion on the Thunder Mountain Rail Ride. Proto tours of motive power industries, Idaho, Northern, & Pacific yards, Canyon County Historical Museum and a live steam 1/8 scale railroad. Saturday and Sunday was the Train Show with vendors and four modular layouts to view. On Saturday of the train show, there were hustler races and engine pulls. The convention climaxed with the banquet Saturday evening and awards. The convention committee worked hard to gather the best that Boise has to offer.

We have been having mini-meets on the second Saturday of each month. While catching up with old and new friends, we have lunch, a 20-minute clinic, and then visit a home layout. We agreed to take a summer break to work on the convention and resume our clinic schedule this fall.

Our April spring meet was successful. Lots of merchandise was in the silent auction but the contest room could have been fuller. There were two good clinics and lots of layouts.

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4th Division

by Walt Huston, Superintendent

4D is heading right into the model railroad season with its clinics primed for another outstanding year. Clinic leaders have arranged for various clinicians to present topics of interest for most months between now and June. A couple are expecting to have a mini-tour or two along with their meetings. That's a great way for people to see exactly what their fellow modelers are doing and to inspire modelers to work on their layouts in preparation for those visits. We expect the 4th to have another great year. How about you?

5th Division

by James E. Trunzo, Superintendent

The 5th D is working on expanding the activities within the Division. We are putting on what we hope will be the first of an annual traveling fall meet, to be held this year in Kalispell, MT on September 28, 29, and 30, 2007.

While Montana may be a long way for some of you, we invite you to attend. And, if you could attend and *also do a clinic* of some type, that would be greatly appreciated!

6th Division

by Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Meets

This year, the 6th Division Meet has been moved from the traditional May long weekend to Labour Day in September to avoid conflict with the national convention of the Canadian Association of Railway Modellers, to be held in Victoria.

Discussions with the Saskatoon meet organizers revealed that hotel costs are significantly lower in September than in May, which has graduation and other pre-summer activities. The 2008 meet has been scheduled and there is a competition for the location of the 2009 PNR Regional, to be held in the Division.

NMRA Activity

A chartered bus tour was arranged from Edmonton to the Fabyan Bridge and the Railway Museum in Wainwright. The Wainwright Museum staff opened the museum and provided tours of the facility.

Membership

Membership in the Division has increased, mainly due to the low cost of joining NMRA Canada.

Train shows

Edmonton's GETS (organized by the Mainline Model Railroaders Fellowship – MMRF) and Calgary's Super-Train (organized by Calgary Model Railway Society – CMRS) were both successful again this year.

CMRS/MMRF

Two large associations have formed in the two major cities in Alberta – MMRF in Edmonton and CMRS in Calgary. They have organized large public shows and other railroad activities. We are pursuing more cooperation between these organizations and the NMRA, such as mutual discounts and special ticket offers.

Youth clinics

We are preparing to hold youth clinics under the NMRA banner, starting in Edmonton.

7th Division

by Gary Hazell, Superintendent

The 7th Division had a busy spring: two Spring Meets, one in Prince George in north central BC and the other in Nanaimo, mid-Vancouver Island. There was also a minimeet held by the Lions in the Mount Pleasant area of Vancouver. The West Coast Railway Association (WCRA) held their memorabilia show in Vancouver. The Canadian Association of Model Railroaders (CARM) held a very successful annual convention in Victoria on Vancouver Island. One highlight of this show was the trip to Port Albernie to ride tank steam engine #9 to the McLean saw-

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mill, the only sawmill run by steam in Canada. For any of you that receive our *Bulletin Board*, there was a colour front page picture of the McLean Mill.

There are a number of shows planned for this fall: Railway Days in both Kamloops and Revelstoke, a Victoria show in September, and the 25th Annual Trains Show in Burnaby (associated with greater Vancouver) in November.

Our membership has stayed steady at 274 with over 100 of them now taking our *Bulletin Board* by email. At the AGM held this Nov, I am going to propose that we charge a subscription fee (that is, if I get elected again). Both Don Forsyth and I are standing for re-election this year.

Speaking of subscription fees, I am very cognizant of delivering the number of publications subscribed for and I am very disappointed that the *Switchlist* has only come out once this year when members paid for 4 issues. I have had a number of local members say they won't subscribe again. These regional and division publications must be both informative and interesting.

The Chilliwack committee, which is putting on the 2008 PNR Conference, has met once a month. I am very pleased with their professional and organizational skills.

Region Reports

Membership Report

Steven S. Prevette, Office Manager and Vice President

Our membership has increased by 152 members during calendar year 2007! Here are the current numbers, as of June 30th.

<i>Division</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>PNR Life</i>	<i>Regular and Associate</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>PNR Subscribers (Including Life Members)</i>	<i>PNR Subscribers (Not Including Life Members)</i>
01	1	16	78	95	54	38
02	4	22	159	185	89	67
03	4	6	71	81	42	36
04	16	61	469	546	286	225
05	7	12	171	190	67	55
06	5	18	140	163	82	64
07	11	25	241	277	156	131
08	0	18	15	33	27	9
Total	48	178	1344	1570	803	625
USA	32	133	972	1137	568	435
CAN	16	42	372	430	232	190
OTHER	0	3	0	3	3	0

Treasurer's Report

Dirk Kruysman, Treasurer

- GENERAL:** This has been a rather quiet year in the financial arena. With all membership applications and renewals handled at the NMRA level, the workload has decreased significantly. Since checking account activity has decreased, I have removed \$7,000.00 from the U.S. checking account and placed it in an investment account, initially as a certificate of deposit. Larry Sebelley, our Canadian treasurer has placed \$5,000.00 Canadian in a savings account at our bank in Canada.
- NMRA:** The change in the NMRA regulations describing the membership rebates has been beneficial. Section

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4 E of Article IV now reads:

“Such amount shall cover the region and division administration of all NMRA mandated programs and activities. Each region is responsible for transferring to each active division from the region’s allocation of dues an amount which shall cover divisional administration of all NMRA mandated programs and activities, with the allocation being made pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.”

The amount of funds received from NMRA is sufficient to cover all NMRA mandated programs and the current budget authorizes payments for all NMRA mandated programs. Although NMRA has never published any guidelines concerning payments to Divisions, the PNR is in agreement with the intent of the NMRA regulations by providing support to the Divisions. See paragraph 5 below.

3. **TRAVEL COSTS:** During my review of the PNR Policy Book I noticed a policy whereby we are required to reimburse 6th and 7th Division Superintendents for any travel to our mid-year Board meeting beyond Spokane, WA. Since travel does go both ways, I recommended to the Board of Directors that we change this policy to reflect a minimum mileage distance, beyond which the PNR will pay mileage at a specified rate to those specified Board members requesting reimbursement.
4. **SWITCHLIST:** The Switchlist is, by far, our major expense item. We still have a disparity in the payment for the hard copies. Some members have paid \$8.00, some \$6.00 and many others, including myself, have not paid anything since I had a multi-year membership. This situation will take another year or two to clear up. An electronic copy of the Switchlist is available. Our policy is one hard copy to everyone each year and thereafter only paid subscribers get a hard copy. This policy will significantly reduce our publication and distribution costs.
5. **DIVISION SUPPORT:** Last year the Board established the Division Contingency Fund by placing all of the convention profits into the fund. At the March 2007 PNR BOD meeting the board voted to return \$1 per regular and life members to each Division and to do this on an annual basis. This payment program is identified as “Membership Rebates” on my records. The balance in the Division Contingency Fund is sufficient to make payments for at least two more years. Hopefully the Boise Convention will show a profit and the Chilliwack Club convention has a new method of paying the PNR. At the March 2007 Board meeting, a portion of the subscription fund was also returned to each Division. This was a one-time process. Any future returns of subscription funds to the Divisions should be considered only at the end of our fiscal year when actual excess funds can be identified, if any. If excess subscription fund monies are available, payments to Divisions should be based on the actual number of subscribers in the Division.
6. **AUDIT:** Due to my personal workload, I have not yet attempted to seek someone to do the audit. Gene Neville volunteered last year to do it and we should have someone else this year. I will be traveling extensively in August and September so will seek a volunteer after I return. If someone is willing to do this, I would very much appreciate the offer.
7. **2006 BUDGET EXECUTION:** Our income is about normal for this time of the year and our expenses are ahead of anticipated levels. Our expenses are much greater this year due to the decision at the mid-year BOD meeting to help our Divisions. All in all, we did rather well financially and I don’t plan to take any money out of our Life Member account this year.
8. **BUDGET:** The budget meets the normal non-profit rules, i.e. no expenditures for any type of political action or activity, no personal gain to any officer or member of the group, reimbursements for out of pocket expenses for individuals are authorized, and expenditures should generally support the overall goals and objectives of the organization and not individuals.



Photo Essay

A Visit to the Skunk Train, Ft. Bragg, California

Al Lowe, Switchlist Editor

Since I didn't receive enough news to fill this issue (and hopefully to prevent that situation from occurring again!), you have to look at a few of my photos from our recent visit to The Skunk Train, so called because of the smell produced by its early diesel rail car. For more information or to book a reservation, see www.skunktrain.com.

Now don't make me do this again, okay? <grin>



Pacific Northwest Region Activities

*To add your activities to the Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page contact the
Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at (780) 436-2480, timetable@pnr.nmra.org*

Oct 6-7, LYNDEN, WA

Lynden Lions Club 23rd Annual International Model Train Show, N.W. Washington Fair, Hank Jansen Ag Bldg. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Info: - Rich Kayser, 8321 Double Ditch Rd, Lynden WA 98264, (360) 354-2993, rikayser@msn.com.

Oct 6-7, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Second Autumn Colors - \$10.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:- www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Oct 13-14, CHILLIWACK, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Info: James Hill, (604) 824-1757, qdee@telus.net.

Oct 13-14, REGINA, SK

Regina Model Railroad Show. Cochrane High school, 1096E 14th Ave. 10AM - 5PM Set up Friday 7-10 PM and Saturday 7-10 AM. \$20.00 for an 8 ft. sale table; free for display.

Oct 13 (Sat), CALGARY, AB

28th Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 13-14, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - Third Autumn Colors - \$10.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:- www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Oct 13-14, EDMONTON, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association Open House, at the Freight Shed, Fort Edmonton Park, 10am-5pm. Info: - www.EMRAonline.ca.

Oct 13-14, IDAHO FALLS, ID

Eagle Rock Railroad Historical Society Railshow 2007 Idaho Falls Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Drive Sat: 9 am. - 5 pm. Sun: 10 am. - 2 pm. Cost: \$3 or \$2 with 2 cans of food; Ages 12 & under free w/ adult Info:- errhsi@ida.net or www.ida.net/org/errhsi/

Oct 13-14, FIRCREST, WA

N-Track Northwest 20, N Scale Show & Swap Meet, Fircrest Recreation Center, 555 Contra Costa, Sat 10am-5-pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Info: - Walt Huston, 1210 141st St E. Tacoma 98445, (253) 535-8787, walthuston@earthlink.net.

Oct 14 (Sun), CALGARY , AB

Calgary Model Railway Society, (CMRS), Fall Mini-Meet, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE, 9:30am-3:30pm. Info: - Jeff Burke, (403) 272-5546, jeffb@boltsupply.com, www.calgarymodelrailway.org.

Oct 20-21, CARLSBORG, WA

North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap Meet, Greywolf Elementary School, 171 Carsborg Rd. 10am-4pm. Info: - Lauren Scrafford, (360) 379-3280, e78milrd@waypt.com, www.geocities.com/noprclub/.

Oct 20 (Sat), SPOKANE VALLEY, WA

Open house at River City Modelers Club, 11811 E. First, Spokane Valley, WA from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. For more info contact: Bob & Shirley Sample, 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net

Oct 20-21, IONE, WA

NPOV Lions Excursion Train Ride - The Great Pumpkin Rides - \$10.00 ages 13 - 64; \$7.00 ages 2 - 12; \$7.00 ages over 64; children under 2 free. Info:- www.povn.com/npovlions/schedule.htm

Oct 21 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

Spokane Railroad Show 10AM-3:30PM, Spokane Community College, ALAIR Student Activities Building. Adult \$5, 12-16 \$1, under 12 free. Table \$20, setup 8-10AM. Info:- 509-535-7186

Oct 27-28, CHEHALIS, WA

Pacific Northwest Division Train Collectors Association Meet Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 2555 North National Ave. 11 am - 4 pm Cost: \$4; Ages 11 & under free w/ adult Info:- www.traincollector.org

Nov 3 (Sat), 10, 17, 24, PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House, 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 9-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, Trains-2007-reg@telus.net, Info: - Dick, (604) 467-4301, www.bctrains.org.

Nov 11-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains Show Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, Trains-2007-reg@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

Nov 17-18, PUYALLUP, WA

The Great Train Expo Western Washington Fairgrounds, 110 9th Ave SW Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4 pm Cost: \$7; Ages 11 & under free w/ adult Info:- www.GreatTrainExpo.com

Dec 15-16, RIDGEFIELD, WA

The Great Train Expo - the largest traveling model train show. Clark County Fairgrounds Info:- www.greattrainexpo.com/

Feb 16 (Sat), SPOKANE VALLEY, WA

Open house at River city Modelers Club, 11811 E. First, Spokane Valley, WA from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. For more info or flyer, contact Bob & Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net

Feb 17 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

Model Railroad Train Show & Swap Meet sponsored by the River City Modelers Club from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Spokane Community College, Lair Building, Mission & Greene Streets, Spokane, WA. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years of age, 10 & under free with adult. For more information or flyer for tables please contact: Bob & Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or via email: shirleysample@qwest.net

Apr 19-20, CALGARY, AB

Supertrain 2008 *NEW DATE AND LOCATION* Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Time: 9-5 both days. Families: \$20, Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5. Info:- www.supertrain.ca

Apr 26-27, PUYALLUP, WA

April 26 & 27, 2008 Trains, Trains and More Trains Train Show and 4dPNR Spring Meet At Puyallup Fair and Events Center, Pavilion and Expo Halls, 9th and Meridian, Puyallup, WA Saturday 10-5 (early admission for a fee) Sunday 10-4 Info:- www.ttmtshow.com or ttmt@4dprn.org

Jun 12-15, CHILLIWACK, BC

Chilliwack Interchange 2008 - PNR 2008 Regional Convention. Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. Info :- www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com

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