

# The Switchlist

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## Chilliwack Interchange 2008

Mark your calendars now for a trip to the Chilliwack Interchange 2008 convention! We are sponsoring the 2008 NMRA Pacific Northwest Region annual convention June 12–15 in Chilliwack BC Canada. Chilliwack is located in the beautiful Fraser Valley, approximately 50 miles / 85 kilometres east of Vancouver, near the Sumas, WA border crossing.

### Highlights of the convention include:

- 60,000 square feet of displays, layouts, vendors, and manufacturers
- HO scale Free-mo layout
- Clinics covering a variety of railroad topics and modelling skills
- Combined with the Railway Prototype Modellers (PNW RPM) meet
- NMRA contests and AP judging
- Layout tours
- Prototype tours

The convention will be held in the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. A block of discounted rooms has been arranged. There will be a Saturday evening banquet. The contest room and RPM meet room will also be located in the hotel.

The public show will be held across the highway in Heritage Park. There we have 60,000 square feet of available indoor display space. We will welcome railroads of all sizes, shapes, and scales.

For more information, visit our web site at [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com) or contact Larry Sebelley, Co-chair at [sebelley@shaw.ca](mailto:sebelley@shaw.ca) or James Hill, Co-chair at [qdee@telus.net](mailto:qdee@telus.net). For information about the host club, please visit [www.members.shaw.ca/cmrc/welcome.htm](http://www.members.shaw.ca/cmrc/welcome.htm).

We will see you there.

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SWITCH CARS CAREFULLY AND SAFELY  
HANDLE WITH CARE



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# Officers' Reports

## President's Report

Kevin Oleson, PNR President

### From the Desk of the PNR President

As we move into 2008, we have some items on the agenda. First, I would like to thank the people who have stepped forward and answered Hugh's call for volunteers to run for office.

Second, in this issue you will find information about the great convention the Chilliwack group has planned for us. Be sure to complete the registration form on Page 9 and mail it in today!

Third, page 7 and 8 of this issue contains your very important ballot for this year's election for President and Vice President, and some housekeeping changes to the Policy Manual and By-laws. Be a part of the process, as every vote counts.

Fourth, I would like to thank Grant Halkyard for his service to the PNR. Grant served many years as the PNR Convention Coordinator. He has taken on a position in the 6<sup>th</sup> Division. Grant did an excellent job of keeping everyone legal and out of trouble.

Ah... another volunteer opportunity! Anyone interested in replacing Grant as our PNR Convention Coordinator? If so, please contact me. Remember, volunteering qualifies you for Association Volunteer.

Please be sure to check out the timetable of events on page 10. As we move into Spring, there are more activities and events. Support your Division, Region, and hobby by partaking of these events.

And finally, a reminder: the best ways to stay up to date on what's happening are the PNR website, [pnr.nmra.org](http://pnr.nmra.org), or our YahooGroup, [groups.yahoo.com/group/PNR-NMRA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PNR-NMRA). Join that list and you'll receive a reminder email whenever *The Switchlist* is published.

Until next time: Happy Railroading!

## Vice President's Report

Steve Prevette

This issue of *The Switchlist* is the annual hard copy for the 2007-2008 NMRA year because it contains your official ballot for PNR President and Vice-President, plus the annual convention information.

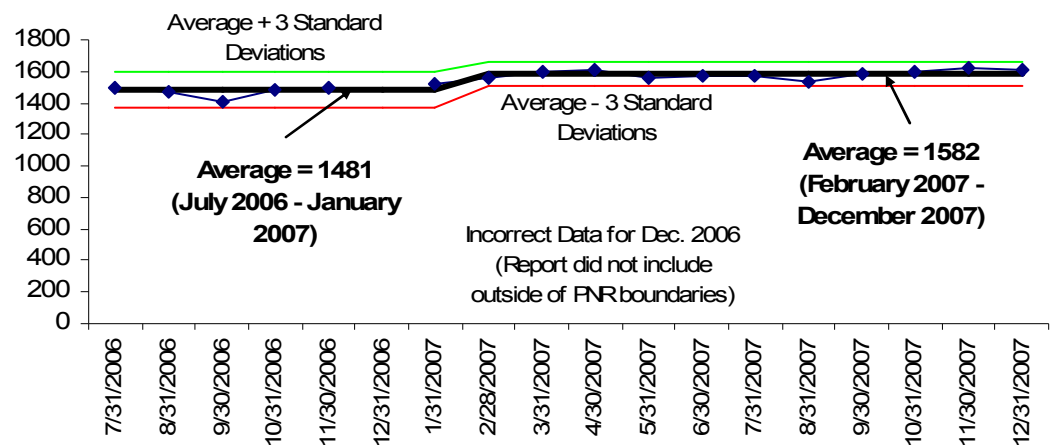
The next three *Switchlists* will be received by subscribers and PNR Life Members in hard copy format, unless they opted for electronic copies. Following the call in the last *Switchlist*, twenty Life Members and Subscribers chose to receive *The Switchlist* electronically. We will send emails to members who will not receive hard copies when each new *Switchlist* is available.

I received an email from a PNR member inquiring, "I thought I didn't have to pay PNR dues following the Long Range Plan adoption. What is this subscription fee?" The answer is: yes, NMRA members who reside within the boundaries of the PNR do not need to pay any PNR dues. However, you will receive most of your *Switchlist* electronically rather than hard copy through the U. S. Mail. If you choose not to pay the Subscription fee, you are still a PNR member. Several Divisions of the PNR are moving towards charging subscription fees for hard copies of their Divisional newsletters.

PNR membership has been growing over the past few years. We have grown by 100 members over the past year and a half and our December 2007 membership was 1,610. I've included a chart of membership, made in a control chart format, so one may see if the data are stable or growing. The numbers are indeed growing. Aside from model railroading, my other passion is statistics.

Unfortunately, I will miss you all at Chilliwack, as I must make a presentation at the American Society of Safety Engineers national convention in Las Vegas about safety statistics for my employer that week. I do get to do some railroading, as my wife and I are traveling in the Southwest after the ASSE convention, including Cumbres and Toltec (already bought our parlor car tickets). But I hope that all of you will attend the PNR regional this year. It should be a great deal of fun.

**PNR Membership, Subscribers and Non-Subscribers, including Outside of Geographic Boundaries**



## Treasurer's Report

Dirk Krusman

The PNR's fiscal year starts September 1. Traditionally, there are very few payments for our expenses in the first part of the year, so we show a profit so far.

Our expenses consisted of \$1,201.00 for production and mailing of the previous *Switchlist*, \$60.00 in annual fees to the State of Oregon, \$53.00 for Office Manager expenses, and \$213.00 Canadian for payment of the President's Award. Our income included a \$1,206.00 payment from the NMRA from member dues, \$1,828.00 in subscription fees, and \$180.00 Canadian in payments by Carol O'Dell. Our "profit" for the period is \$1,687.00

Recently the PNR President, with the concurrence of the PNR Board of Directors, appointed Nick Lehrbach as an Assistant Treasurer. This action should reduce the potential for problems should I become incapable of performing my duties.

## News

### Chilliwack Interchange 2008

The planning and organizing for Chilliwack Interchange 2008 is going extremely well. We have commitments to attend from over 65 attendees, plus confirmations from 5 major stores and 4 spectacular modular layouts. One modular layout is Free-mo, combining modules from Alberta, BC and the Pacific Northwest. We will have at least 12 local home layouts to tour. Saturday's banquet speaker will be Barrie Sanford, notable historian and expert on the Kettle Valley Railway and author of *McCulloch's Wonder* and several other books.

Visit [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com) for late-breaking news. Complete the registration form on Page 9 of this issue and mail it in register before the \$20 discount expires February 28th!

### Western Rails Show Announced

The West Coast Railway Association's 26<sup>th</sup> annual *Western Rails 2008*, Canada's largest railroading show, will be held Sunday, March 16, 2008, at the Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby, BC Canada from 9 am to 4 pm.

Displays, models, collectibles, photos, timetables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment, and much more will be available at over 200 display and sales tables.

For more information, contact Western Rails 2008, [westernrails@wcra.org](mailto:westernrails@wcra.org), 604-484-2791.

### Mid Vancouver Island Model Railway Show Announced

Rick Lord

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid Vancouver Island Model Railway Show will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at the Beban Park Recreational Center, 2300 Bowen Road, in Nanaimo, B. C. from 10 am until 4 pm. Admission: \$3 member, \$5 non-member, \$10 family, \$4 seniors. For info, contact Rick Lord, 250-724-4205 [rblord@telus.net](mailto:rblord@telus.net).

### Trains, Trains, and More Trains

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 in beautiful Puyallup, WA., April 26–27, 2008! Sponsored by the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Spotlight

Jack Hamilton

Modeling season has been announced with clarity on the west side of the mountains. My place has been covered with snow, giving me every reason to retreat to the train room and layout (after clearing the driveways).

For every one of you who have a home layout, modules, or portable layout, I would appreciate a self-assessment of your ability to meet the requirements for the Scenery AP Certificate. I believe that most of you will find that you meet the criteria or are so close that only a bit of work will make you eligible. Consider the following:

1. *Size* Minimum 32 square feet in HO or 18 square feet in N. (O, S, G size requirements are also specified.)
2. *Terrain* Your effort must reflect reality, for whatever you decide to model. If your layout is realistic in appearance (not necessarily to a prototype), you will most likely meet the requirements.
3. *Structures* Do the layout structures support the theme and purpose of the railroad? Are they appropriately located relative to the trackage? Are they part of the layout and not just sitting on top of the scenery?
4. *Background* Since background ranges from module sky boards to massive home layout, full-wall backdrops, there is significant latitude. The primary consideration is: Does the backdrop meld with the layout and provide a visual representation appropriate to the layout?
5. *Lighting* You do not have to have a full signaling system or every building equipped with Hollywood special effects. The overall lighting of the layout to support realism is important and having lighted buildings, street lamps, and other lighting effects add to the point total.
6. *Realism Effort* What did you intend to do and how well did you do it? This allows the prototype modeler and the freelance modeler to each achieve the greatness of their railroad empire.

There is a small amount of paper work to support the process. You will need a few photographs (picture quality is not judged) and a *short* write up about the layout. You will also need a list of materials used to construct the layout (it does not have to be absolutely complete, but should provide an opportunity to tell the judge about some unique ideas and materials you used).

Get the specifics on the Master Builder Scenery Certificate at [www.nmra.org/education/achievement](http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement). Don't read more into the requirements than they state. Remember: AP does not require perfection. When you are ready, contact me, 360-308-9845, [gradiver@tscnet.com](mailto:gradiver@tscnet.com), and let's get your first Master Builder certificate on the wall!

## Division Reports

### 1<sup>st</sup> Division

Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

First Division is planning to have their Spring Mini-Meet at the Roseburg Community Library on March 29, 2008. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8 am with the meeting starting at 9.

We would be delighted to have PNR members living outside our area present some clinics. We have a problem of having too many of the old faces giving the same clinics. Some new clinicians would be greatly appreciated.

Qualified AP judges will be present, so bring your models for evaluation and/or enter them in the Favorite Model Contest. The usual layout tour to the Roseburg Model Railroad Club will not be possible since the club lost their site at the County Fairgrounds.

We are currently looking for a new editor for our newsletter, *The Brakeman's Rag*. Our former editor had to resign because of personal reasons. Dirk Kruysman has stepped in again as temporary editor.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

The 3<sup>rd</sup> division has been staying quite busy since hosting the regional convention. We have held mini-meets about every month. These Saturday mini-meets consist of lunch at a local pizza place, a video or clinic, and then a tour of two or three local layouts. The only cost is for lunch. Everyone is invited, NMRA member or not. The next two mini-meets are scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We have a full Spring Meet tentatively planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>. The second Tuesday of each month, we have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Division business meeting at Idaho Pizza on Overland, starting at 7 pm. Some business occurs, but mostly we just enjoy getting together.



The annual Tuesday Night Turnaround (TNT) Christmas Party was held as always at Phil Ulmen's with plenty of food, goodies, friendship, and a gift exchange. Rita Nelson played Santa and I thought Jimmie Mahoney was going to have another heart attack before he got his gift. Everyone had a cheerful and happy time, especially seeing old faces (Bob Parrish). Also in December, we were invited over to Phil Meyers's home to see his Lionel layout, which he shares as an annual Christmas event.

The valley is full of model railroading activity. Tuesday nights it's the TNT group meeting, Wednesday night at Bruce McCosh's layout, and Thursday night is Bruce Oberleitner's open house. Each layout has been growing and changing with help from the friends that show up, although Bruce McCosh still needs a building permit.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Division

Walt Huston, Superintendent

The Fourth Division has kicked off its "Train Season" with excellent clinics all around Puget Sound. The planning for the next 4D sponsored train show, *Trains, Trains and More Trains* has been moving along quite well. The show will be the weekend of April 26-27, 2008. Show chair Susan Evans has been working very hard to contact manufacturers and vendors and has a number of them lined up for this event. Manufacturers and vendors are encouraged to contact her through [www.TMTshow.com](http://www.TMTshow.com) and she will send you the information and a sign-up package.

Our division newsletter, the *Grab-Iron*, has experienced a tremendous year and is five issues into another great one. Editor Cliff Green and Publisher Al Lowe have done a magnificent job. If you get the chance, see their efforts in full color through our web site: [www.4dpnr.org](http://www.4dpnr.org).

The **Pacific Science Center show** was an exciting experience on January 19-21, 2008. Frank Dekker and Jeff Moorman were once again at the throttle and made excellent time on route to their destination. As always, dozens of volunteers assisted them with things like relief for people displaying their work but need a break, people to man the "Crew Rest" area, and dozens of other details. This year, the weather cooperated and we had large crowds for our layouts and demonstrations.

Clinic Chairs and Coordinators: J. J. Johnston, Bobj Berger, Duane Damgaard, Jack Hamilton, Gordon Garnhart, Gene Swanson, and Jim Younkins are back at it again this year and deserve public recognition for their fine efforts to keep our Division moving ahead and our members involved. Thanks, guys, for all that you do.

There is always something exciting and fun going on in the 4D. Come join us, you'll be glad you did. See you at a 4D event soon!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

We are all looking forward to the PNR convention in Chilliwack, June 12-15, 2008. Chilliwack is located in the beautiful Fraser Valley, approximately 50 miles (85 kilometres) east of Vancouver on the Trans Canada Highway (TCH), near the Sumas, WA border crossing. Be sure to check out the website at [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com) or the front cover of this issue of *The Switchlist*.

**Chilliwack Interchange 2008** will be held at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn & Conference Centre, 43971 Industrial Way, Chilliwack, BC, V2R 3A4, [www.RainbowCountryInn.com](http://www.RainbowCountryInn.com), 800-665-1030, [info@rainbowcountryinn.com](mailto:info@rainbowcountryinn.com). Book soon, as the rooms are filling up. Ask for the special Chilliwack Interchange rate. There are other hotels close but none right across the highway from the Chilliwack Heritage Park where the public show will be held. The facility has 60,000 square feet of concrete floor for layouts, displays and vendors and food vendors, too. There is also an RV park right next door and dry camping is available on the Heritage site for \$12.00.

I sent a letter and email in late December to our members who did *not* receive our **Bulletin Board** publication by email asking them to help reduce costs by taking the **BB** by email or making a donation in lieu of a subscription rate. I am pleased to report that we now have 162 members on email (plus 12 family members) and 118 members on mail (plus 3 families). That totals 295 members, up 4 more new members from last report. (We combine family members into one mailing or email again to save costs.) Thirteen members have also donated \$250.00.

By the time you get this, we will have had our first show of the New Year. The show is in Mt. Pleasant (south central Vancouver), sponsored by the Lions Club. I agreed to drive down from the Salmon Arm Area (halfway between Vancouver and Calgary AB) as Dick Sutcliffe, our publicity director, will be in Australia and Dick could not get anyone from the coast to do it. My job is to set up our NMRA booth to promote more membership and answer people's questions. Our booth has a display of boxcars (CP, of course!) in all scales from Z to G, a looping video on model railroading, and information on future meets with many handouts. We normally get at least three or four new members from each show. It has certainly increased membership, especially now that we have the Rail Pass in Canada. (Rail Pass is a 6 month membership for a new member that includes *Scale Rails* and the regional and divisional publications for only \$9.95.) Tell prospective members to go to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) for further information.

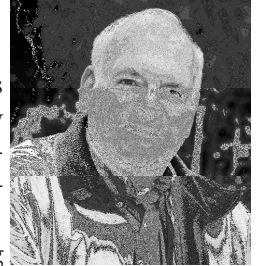
Don't forget to book now for the PNR Convention. For those of you who have never been to a PNR convention, it is four days of model railroading fun and camaraderie. This one is very close to the major populations of Vancouver and Seattle and there are some great activities planned: model layout tours, a public train show, CP and CN prototype tours, and maybe Southern Rail as well. I hope to see you in Chilliwack.

## 2008 Ballot

Your official 2008 PNR ballot is on the next page. These officers will serve for two years commencing Sept 1, 2008. Despite the Nominating Committee's best efforts, we only have one candidate for each office. There is a space on the ballot for a write-in candidate. If you vote for a write-in candidate, be sure that person is willing to serve if elected. In spite of the lack of candidates, please show your support for them and the PNR by voting. ***Detach the next page from this issue, fold and mail it promptly*** to the appropriate person based on your country of residence before April 12, 2008.

### **President: Jack Hamilton**

Jack spent a good part of his youth living in various locations in the country because his Dad was serving in the Navy. Following graduation from High School in Norwich, Ct he entered the US Navy and served as an enlisted submariner. Jack earned a competitive Fleet Appointment to US Naval Academy. On graduation he reentered the submarine service through Officers Submarine School. Jack completed 24 years of commissioned service in 1986.



Following retirement from active duty, Jack entered the private sector with a major shipbuilding company in New Orleans. He later operated his own very successful consulting firm specializing in General Management and Ships Logistics.

Jack's educational background includes a B.S. from the Naval Academy and an MBA from the A.B. Freeman School, Tulane University. Jack has done postgraduate work through US Naval War College (Extension). He attended a number of navy technical schools including Enlisted Submarine School, Officer Submarine School, Strategic Weapons Officer, and Deep Sea Diving Officer. Jack has continued his personal education by attending a large number of short courses and seminars dealing with technical matters, community service, and governance

Jack served as Board President for the United Way of Kitsap County in 2006. He is a member of Navy League and the American Legion and other community service associations. He is extremely active in his community. Jack has a significant history of service on various Boards of Directors.

Jack is deeply involved in model railroading. He has served as a national trustee for the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA. He currently serves as the PNR Achievement Program Chair. Jack served as Vice Chair of PSX 2004, the NMRA convention in Seattle. He is a Railroading Merit Badge counselor for Boy Scouts and has prepared and presented a specialized clinic series to assist Scouts in earning that Merit Badge. Jack was awarded MMR status in August 2004. Jack made a major contribution to the revisions to the PNR Policy manual adopted in 2007.

Jack is a strong proponent of education as a primary means of increasing and maintaining our NMRA membership. "Taking the mystery out of model railroading opens the hobby to virtually anyone with interest." In support of his education efforts, Jack is a frequent clinician within his home Division and Region. He is a major proponent in creation and expansion of "Make and Take" clinics as incentive vehicles for modelers to become more involved in the hobby. Jack and his wife Donna live in the Silverdale/Seabeck area of Central Kitsap, Washington.

### **Vice-President: Steve Prevet**

I currently work as a statistician at the Hanford Nuclear Site. I actually do apply statistics to model railroading, with a home made car forwarding program for my home layout, the N scale Burnt Hills and Big Flats. I also spoke about statistics and model railroad operations at the PSX 2004, amazingly to a "standing room only" audience. I did spend 12 years in the nuclear submarine force prior to coming to Hanford. One interesting thing about this background is that an appreciation for systems and the interplay of different elements of a system sure helps in building and operating a (model) railroad system. If you'd like to see more of my professional biography, please see <http://in2in.org/forums/2008/PreandPostConference/Pre-StevePrevetLoriStromandMikeTrimble-hp1.html>.

I have been the PNR Office Manager for the past 5 years and Vice President for two years, and have been involved with the operations of the PNR. I've worked as VP and Office Manager to be sure that the members of the PNR get what they paid for, and have worked through many issues with Chattanooga on behalf of the PNR membership. I've been a NMRA member since joining up with some of John Allen's former operators in 1986 in Monterey CA. I've been model railroading since 1970, and shifted from HO to N scale in 1982 and been a member of a number of model railroad clubs in different locations over the years. I learned how to operate a model railroad on Ken Nelson's "Poco Valley" in Scotia NY when in Junior High School. Since then I've been an "operations nut."

We in the PNR have faced some challenges in the past few years, but I believe we are finally settling into a good operating mode. The PNR is a challenging region due to the geographic separation and the diversity of the members, but we can, if we work together, can turn these challenges into strengths. Information on my own model railroad is available at <http://users.owt.com/prevette> and I hope sometime you will be able to visit and see the layout and even participate in an operating session.



# NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION



## 2008 BALLOT

### Instructions

Mark an X beside the candidate of your choice.  
If you write in a candidate, that candidate must be willing to serve if elected.  
Fill in your name, NMRA and PNR member numbers, and sign the ballot.  
Fold the ballot so the correct ballot chair for your country of residence shows.  
Seal the ballot with tape. Leave no loose corners.  
Affix proper postage and mail no later than April 12, 2008.

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### President

\_\_\_\_\_ Jack Hamilton

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### Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Steve Prevette

\_\_\_\_\_ Write in candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Registration Form

June 12–15, 2008

Heritage Park & Best Western Rainbow Country Inn

Prices valid until February 28, 2008 only

**IDENTIFICATION** (as it will appear on the name tags)

First Name:		Last Name:			
Companion:					
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City:		Prov/State:		Postal/Zip:	
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NMRA #:					
Other Affiliations	CPSIG	CNSIG	BCRSIG	CARM	

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Description	Qty	Price	Total
<b>Full Fare:</b> Includes convention and train show, Saturday banquet, clinics, layout tours, contests and RPM displays, (excludes Friday BBQ)		\$ 100	\$
<b>PNR/NMRA Surcharge:</b> all non-NMRA members (does not apply to		\$ 10	\$
<b>RPM-Only:</b> Access <b>ONLY</b> to RPM / Contest room		\$ 20	\$
<b>Family Members:</b> persons accompanying Full Fare registrant, as per		\$ 20	\$
<b>Banquet only:</b> additional tickets		\$ 40	\$
<b>BBQ:</b> Friday night BBQ & a beer		\$ 15	\$
<b>Total Payment</b>			\$

Mail registrations to: Chilliwack Interchange 2008, c/o Harry Southern, 3237 Dogwood Road, Chemainus, BC V0R 1K2. Make cheque or money order payable to: **Chilliwack Interchange 2008**.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

REGISTRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](mailto:timetable@pnr-nmra.org)*

### **Feb 10 (Sun), VANCOUVER, BC**

Mt Pleasant Lions Club Model Railroad Show Mt Pleasant Community Centre 3161 Ontario Street 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Admission by Donation For information or to book a table Call Alex at 604-875-1837

### **Feb 16-17, PORTLAND, OR**

Great Train Expo, Portland Metropolitan Expo Center 2060 North Marine Dr, 10:00AM-4:00PM, \$7 adults, under 12 free. Large train and toy market-places, operating layouts and displays, workshops and demonstrations. Info:- [www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com)

### **Feb 16 (Sat), SPOKANE VALLEY, WA**

Open house at River city Modelers Club, 11811 E. First, Spokane Valley, WA from 6 PM to 8:30 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](mailto: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](mailto:shirleysample@qwest.net)

### **February 22 - March 2, ANCHORAGE, AK**

The annual Anchorage Winter Festival, known as the Fur Rendezvous will have Model Railroad Displays at the Alaska Railroad Depot from 9AM to 6PM. The Northern Lights Model Railroad, located in Russian Jack Springs Park, 5200 Bebarr Rd. will also be displaying their Model Railroad on both weekends from Noon to 5 PM. Contact Marty Quaas, 907-355-7414, [cswrceo@mtaonline.net](mailto:cswrceo@mtaonline.net).

### **Feb 23 (Sat), CLACKAMAS, OR**

The Willamette Model presents 23rd annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at Camp Withycombe Armory, SE 102nd off of HWY 212/224 from 10am to 3pm. Admission is FREE. Info:- Rick Andrews 5650 SW 182nd Aloha, Oregon 97007, (503) 642-3298, [DRDREWS@msn.com](mailto:DRDREWS@msn.com)

### **Feb 24 (Sun), CALGARY, AB**

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Info:- [www.calgarymodelrailway.org/mini-meets.html](http://www.calgarymodelrailway.org/mini-meets.html)

### **Mar 16 (Sun), PULLMAN, WA**

12th Annual Palouse Empire Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum, Washington State University, 10 AM to 3 PM, - \$3.00 under 12 free. Info: - Jay Weidner, 3701 Evarstville Road, Pullman, WA 99163, 509-332-4438 or email: [palouse\\_empire\\_rs@yahoo.com](mailto:palouse_empire_rs@yahoo.com)

### **Mar 16 (Sun), BURNABY, BC**

Western Rails 2008, Canada's largest railroadians show, 26th annual, sponsored by the West Coast Railway Association. Displays, models, collectibles, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment, and more. 200+ display and sales tables. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Contact [westernrails@wcra.org](mailto:westernrails@wcra.org) or call 604-484-2791.

### **Mar 22 (Sat), OLYMPIA, WA**

Capitol City Lions 23rd Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet, at the St. Martin College Pavilion, 5300 Pacific Ave., Lacey, Washington. Dealer set up is at 8:00 AM and the show is from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM and the admission is Adults \$5.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$21.00 and for more information contact Bill Zidel on email at [ZIDELRCSD@aol.com](mailto:ZIDELRCSD@aol.com) or call 360-438-3503.

### **Apr 5-6, MOOSE JAW, SK**

Moose Jaw Model Train Show. Western Development Museum 50 Diefenbaker Drive Moose Jaw. The museum is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info :- [www.tcmrc.org](http://www.tcmrc.org)

### **Apr 12-13, EUGENE, OR**

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 20th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors can set up on Friday, April 13th from 10 am to 10 pm. Admission: 11 and older \$5.00, 10 and younger free if accompanied by an adult, early bird special (9 am) for \$10 (admission is good for both days). Info:- Lee or Diane Temple at 541-954-4917 or 541-225-7394, [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com)

### **Apr 13 (Sun), NANAIMO, BC**

24th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Model Railway Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 am until 16:00 hours ( 4:00 PM), Admission, \$3.00 member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors. For information contact Rick Lord at 250-724-4205or e-mail [rblord@telus.net](mailto:rblord@telus.net)

### **Apr 19-20, CALGARY, AB**

Supertrain 2008 \*NEW DATE AND LOCATION\* Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Over 100,000 sq. ft. of operating model railroad layouts, displays, Lionel, Lego trains, Thomas and Friends, Garden Railways, photo exhibits, merchandise for sale, and live demos and clinics. Time: 9-5 both days. Families: \$20, Adults: \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5. Info:- [info@supertrain.ca](mailto:info@supertrain.ca) or [www.supertrain.ca](http://www.supertrain.ca)

### **Apr 19 (Sat), KENT, WA**

Open House Boeing Employees Model Railroad club, 10am to 4pm at Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Av. S., Kent, WA)-free admission.

### **Apr 19 (Sat), KENT, WA**

9th annual Mini-Meet of Santa Fe Railway fans and modelers in the Northwest. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., April 19, 2008, in conjunction with the annual open house of the Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club. The Mini-Meet will feature clinics on Santa Fe's Freight F-Units and HO Models, Postwar Operations on Santa Fe's Freight Line from San Bernardino to LA, and other topics to be determined. Admission is just \$7. For more information contact William Messecar P O Box 7750 Kent, Washington 98042 or [Santafe-mail@comcast.net](mailto:Santafe-mail@comcast.net).

**Apr 26 (Sat), EDMONTON, AB**

Annual Swap Meet: 9 AM -1:30 PM, Northgate Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 7524-139 Ave. Admission: \$2 (6 and under, free); Tables \$10 for MMRF members, \$15 others. Info :- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, [www.mmrf.ab.ca](http://www.mmrf.ab.ca)

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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.tmtshow.com](http://www.tmtshow.com) or [tmt@4dprn.org](mailto:tmt@4dprn.org)

**Apr 27 (Sun), HELENA, MT**

28th Annual Helena Railroad Fair, Civic Center, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, \$3 under 12 free. Info: - Helena Railroad Fair, P.O. Box 4914, Helena, MT 59604-4914, 406-227-7469 or email: [rrfair@mt.net](mailto:rrfair@mt.net)

**Jun 12-15, CHILLIWACK, BC**

Chilliwack Interchange 2008 - PNR 2008 Regional Convention. Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. Info - [www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com](http://www.chilliwackinterchange2008.com)

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NMRA National Convention, sponsored by the Los Angeles Division/Pacific Southwest Region. Info- [www.nmra.org/2008/](http://www.nmra.org/2008/)

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