

Officers' Reports

President's Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR

Allow me to express my great appreciation and thanks to all of you for placing your faith and trust in me to lead this exceptional organization for the next two years. I will do my very best to build on the results of the past and to extend the ground work for our future

In review, the purposes of the National Model Railroad Association are to promote, stimulate, foster, and encourage by all manner and means the art and craft of model railroading; to preserve the history, science, and technology thereof; and to advance the global model railroading community through education, development of standards and recommended practices, advocacy, and social interaction. Our PNR purpose complements and implements those of the NMRA.



Over the next two years, I intend that we concentrate on the basic reasons we exist as an organization, to strengthen our core values, and to use our energies to best advantage for each member and for our hobby. I intend to stress the specific issues of Membership, Education (including Achievement Program), and Participation.

A primary and major benefit NMRA brings to our hobby is precise standards of manufacturing and construction compliance. Only through NMRA standards do we enjoy equipment and materials that we know will function correctly and be universally compatible within a gauge or scale. All model railroaders benefit from a robust and effective NMRA standards program and that alone is reason enough to support and join NMRA.

Through the Achievement Program, NMRA offers an opportunity for every modeler to increase their own skills in specific areas of interest to them. The program offers assistance from other modelers, provides guidelines on making each modeling effort more successful, and provides, if desired, individual recognition for work completed. Even if a modeler does not desire the recognition, the program is a major assist in building a path to expanded and improved modeling skills. Only NMRA provides the opportunity and assistance found in the Achievement Program.

Paying dues and having a card in your wallet may make you a Member but it does not imply real membership. It is not until you become actively engaged in NMRA and PNR activities, outside your home or own modeling circle, that you gain true membership. Clinics provide the opportunity to share skills among current modelers, to introduce new modelers to the hobby, and to share experiences and skills among all. Participation is the key to success of NMRA and the growth of our hobby. If current "members" do not actively participate, how can we hope to encourage others to join with us?

That said, this is the road map I intend to follow for the next two years:

1. I expect that every Division will have an active Membership program to retain existing members, reraise past members, and to recruit new members. Division Superintendents will establish reasonable recruiting goals, pursue those goals and report progress monthly. Divisions will be provided the assistance necessary to execute the local programs from PNR, within the budget limitations established by the Board. PNR Vice President, as detailed in our bylaws, will oversee and serve as the central point of contact for our collective membership programs.
2. I expect that Divisions will establish and carry out an effective Education program within the Division. The PNR Education Chair will assist by establishing a library of clinic materials that may be used by all divisions and by establishing a database of those individuals who are willing to export themselves as clinicians. The Education program shall support Membership programs.
3. I expect that every Division will have an active Achievement Program effort. A specific individual shall be identified as Division AP Chair. I expect that Division Superintendents will be conversant with the basics of AP and be active in the program. PNR AP manager will provide assistance and information as may be required by the Divisions to execute the program. Divisions will make every reasonable effort to ensure that every modeler within the Division who has a layout (fixed, mobile, module, or otherwise) that meets the requirements for a Golden Spike is assessed and

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nominated for that award.

4. We will make reasonable efforts to move our PNR communications into the electronic age without denying proper communications to all. One of the keys to increasing membership is offering information consistent with the expectations of members. The under-60 generation is computer literate and is not bound to hard copy and snail mail. We have a greater opportunity to expand our footprint by properly using our web site and electronic messaging. I am working with our Switchlist staff to make major distribution (and consequentially content) improvements in our "House Organ." I will also be working with our webmaster to maximize the usefulness of the web site to all members and prospective members. Those of you who do not have a correct email address on record with the PNR office Manager should correct that deficiency at the earliest possible opportunity.
5. Our PNR management has always suffered from a lack of visibility to the members. Division Superintendents and Regional officers are elected to serve the members. You need to know what is going on and what those elected representatives are doing. You will be properly advised of actions appearing before the Board and the minutes of Board meetings in a timely manner. In addition, the annual membership meeting will be held at a time convenient for most during convention and attendance will be greatly encouraged. If you have an issue that should be addressed at the organizational level, you will have your opportunity to get the item on the agenda and to present your case. This is your organization but you must participate if we are to be effective in what we do. You are not just a shareholder or stockholder in the organization. You are the reason that NMRA exists.

Because each Division receives funding from NMRA through PNR to cover expenses associated with NMRA programs I expect the Divisions will use those funds accordingly. There can be no doubt that Membership, Education and Participation are the key program areas for NMRA. Let's do all we can to make those effective program areas for PNR. For the next two years, TACAMO – Take Charge and March Off – will be my basic guidance to all.

Vice President's Report Steve Prevette

The table to the right shows PNR membership by division as of October 30, 2008. 131 new members have joined the PNR since June 1, 2008. Total membership has stayed relatively stable, dropping from 1,644 to 1,636 since June 1, 2008.

Subscription extensions are still in place. 211 PNR members have extended PNR subscriptions due to the year of inactivity with *The Switchlist* a few years back. Please keep in mind if you are on an extension, do not renew for a PNR subscription for one year. If you need to know if you are on a subscription, drop me an email at Prevette@charter.net (this is a new email address).

<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	2	14	85	101	66	52
02	4	23	139	166	92	69
03	5	6	59	70	37	31
04	26	57	472	555	277	220
05	4	9	188	201	67	58
06	10	18	160	188	75	57
07	13	22	282	317	154	132
08	0	17	22	39	39	22
Total	64	166	1407	1637	807	641
USA	41	123	974	1138	577	454
CAN	23	39	433	495	226	187
OTHER	0	4	0	4	4	0

Have a happy winter season of model railroading!

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Treasurer's Report

Dirk Krusman

Our financial year ended August 31, 2008. Our overall income for the year was \$13,381, which was 159% of what I thought our income would be. Our expenses were \$9,117, which was 108% of what our budget showed. The primary reason our income was so good was the fact that our last two conventions each showed a nice profit and the 5th Division was able to repay its 2000 convention loan.

We have several investment accounts. None are in the stock market. While we don't make all that much money with these accounts, we have not lost anything either.

Our current balance sheet shows we have \$6,924 in our US checking account, \$11,514 in our US investment account, and \$23,807 in our Life Member account. Our Canadian account shows \$5,235 in checking and \$5,203 in savings. All figures are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

News

Boy Scouts of America Railroading Merit Badge

John Stevens, National Boy Scout Coordinator

Have you ever thought about where future model railroaders will come from? Although there are areas within the United States where rail traffic is quite heavy, most of today's youth have no interaction with railroads. Most travel today is done by automobile or airplane. Of course, some major cities have a form of rail transportation, but in most cases it isn't something that you would think of modeling. We know that there is a great interest in trains with very young people today. Have you ever tried to visit your local train museum when Thomas the Tank Engine was there? But, without seeing trains on a regular basis, there is no reason to think that the youth of today will have any interest in becoming the modelers of tomorrow. Without the modelers of tomorrow, the number of modelers in this country will shrink. We all know what happens to the availability of good modeling supplies as the number of modelers decreases.

One of the best ways that we model railroaders can grow our hobby is by helping Boy Scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge. My division has a program that we started in 2002. We present our program twice a year at a local NRHS museum. We divide the merit badge into stations and limit attendance to 30 Scouts so that we have only four or five at each station at any time. We have presented this program twelve times and had 289 scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge! Presenting it is always a lot of work, but also very rewarding.

The National Board of Directors knows there are individuals and divisions throughout the NMRA who are doing a wonderful job of presenting programs to help scouts earn the Railroading Merit Badge. Unfortunately, National doesn't have a record of those programs. As the National Boy Scout Coordinator, I want to gather that information. If you or your division runs a program to help Scouts earn their Railroading Merit Badge, we want to know about it. Please send me a brief description of your program to scouts@hq.nmra.org. If you are active in the Railroading Merit Badge program and would be interested in being a regional coordinator, please contact me.

Achievement Program Spotlight

Jack Hamilton

Golden Spike Awards

Lindsay Armstrong, Abbotsford, BC; Herb Buhl, Spanaway, WA; Bill Dixon, N. Vancouver, BC; Barry Kennedy, Coquitlam, BC; Donald Locke, Helena, MT; Mike Moran, Auburn, WA; Ethan Rogers, Seattle, WA; and Thomas Zollars, Chattaroy, WA.

Chief Dispatcher

Allen Frasch, Freeland, WA.

News

Beverly S. Whaley Passes

Beverly S. Whaley, wife of Jim Whaley, MMR, passed away on July 16, 2008. Bev and Jim were familiar faces at PNR Conventions for over 30 years. Bev was not just a tag-a-long, she was a worker. In fact, Bev was Railette Chair (that's what the NMRA called the Non-Rail Events Chair from the 50s to the 70s) for the 1964, 1969, 1975, 1980 & 1989 conventions! More recently, she chaired the Red Hat & Rails Luncheon at the 2006 PNR Convention in Wilsonville, Oregon. That was Bev's last convention. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the summer of 2007 and fought it for eleven months until her passing. Her smiling face and helpful hands will be missed at future PNR Conventions.



NMRA Liability Insurance

Mike Brestel, NMRA President

We have been getting an increasing number of questions lately about our liability insurance: who can use it, whom it protects, when it goes into effect, etc. To help answer these questions, we have posted a memo and other documents to the website which supply plain language answers.

To access the insurance information and forms, go to www.NMRA.org, look in the left column for "Resources" and then click on the "Insurance" link Or you can just go directly to NMRA.org/national/insurance/insurance.html.

Scale Rails Price Increase

Gerry Leone, MMR, Deputy Chair
Membership Services & Promotion Department

At the National Board of Directors meeting held during the 2008 National Convention, the Board voted to raise the *Scale Rails* annual subscription rate. The Board said: "In order to keep up with rapidly escalating costs for printing and distribution, the Board approved a new rate of \$19 for US members and \$30 for Canadian members per annual subscription of *Scale Rails*." It is still quite a value, considering it's typically 72 full-color pages. As always, complete pricing and details are available at NMRA.org

The Switchlist Schedule Set

Al Lowe, Editor

The 2009 *Switchlist* publishing schedule will be February 15, May 15, and August 15, with the August issue timed to promote the PNR Convention in September. Officers and superintendents are encouraged to submit their articles two weeks prior, or after the first of each month.

As always, anyone who has anything to share with the PNR membership through *The Switchlist* is encouraged to email it to me at 4dpnr@allowe.com. Graphics and photos are especially welcomed.

PNR Convention

Northern Lights 2009

Rob Badmington, Northern Lights 2009 Publicity Chair

It's not too early to start thinking about attending the 2009 PNR Regional Convention, to be held September 17–19, 2009, in Edmonton, Alberta. **Northern Lights 2009** promises to be one of the best in recent memory. It will be held at the downtown Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel, www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/alberta/edmonton/coast_edmonton/overview.

Here are some of the highlights that are already lined up. We will provide updates in future editions of *The Switchlist* as program additions are confirmed.

1. A **reception** for all attendees will be held at Fort Edmonton Park, www.fortedmontonpark.ca/ The park by itself is a great attraction, with many historical buildings and artifacts showing the development of the City of Edmonton from a Hudson Bay Company fur trading fort in 1795 to a modern city of a million people. For modelers and rail enthusiasts, the park features a **fully-operating steam train** which will be available exclusively for our guests. The **Edmonton Radial Railway Society** operates several streetcars at the Park, with rides and tours of the car barns. The park is also home to the **Edmonton Model Railroad Association** www.emraonline.ca The EMRA built a 40'x100' replica of a typical Canadian freight station, with the interior filled with a mushroom design double-deck model railroad, the Monashee Pacific Railway. The layout features one of the most innovative track plans you will see anywhere. MPR operating sessions will be available for all skill levels.
2. The after-dinner speaker at the Banquet will be **Tom Price**, a third-generation Canadian Pacific railroader. Tom's career at the CPR has included many assignments in the Engineering Department, including several years as Roadmaster in charge of the Laggan Sub, based in Banff. His territory encompassed the famed Spiral Tunnels and the Big Hill down into Field BC. Tom's topic for the evening will be **"127 Years of Mayhem!"** Since before the Last Spike was driven at Craigellachie in 1885, all sorts of unwanted and unplanned events have interfered with the CPR's normal operations. Collisions, derailments, fires, floods, avalanches, washouts, blizzards, and more have challenged the Operating Department to keep trains moving. Tom's talk is dedicated to the thousands of railroaders who have faced accidents and Mother Nature since CPR was created. Tom will entertain and enlighten you, weaving stories around his experiences.
3. A prototype tour will take you to the **Alberta Railway Museum**. railwaymuseum.ab.ca The museum's collection is focused on Northern Alberta Railway and Cana-



The ERRS streetcar makes a round trip every hour between downtown Edmonton and Old Statbeona taking passengers along beautiful tree-lined



Edmonton Yukon & Pacific 2-6-2 number 107 makes a regular circuit around Fort Edmonton Park. The train, along with the Edmonton Model Railroad Association's freight house and spectacular HO scale layout, are a couple of the many attractions featured at the Northern Lights 2009

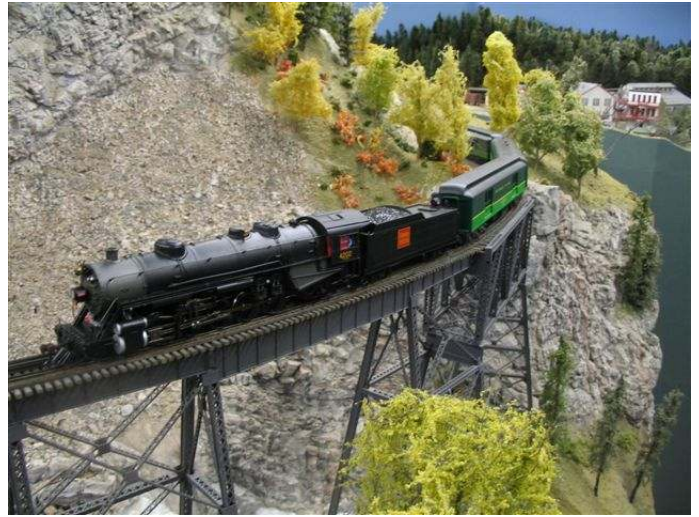


The division point yard at Monashee Summit can handle long trains of hopper cars on the layout of the Edmonton Model Railroad Association. Sign up to operate a train!

PNR Convention

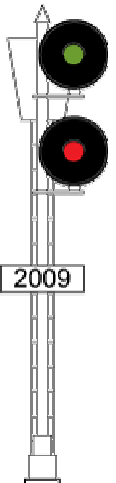
dian National and includes many significant locomotives and pieces of rolling stock, as well as structures, signals, and work equipment. CN 1392, a ten-wheeler built in 1913, is operational, as are a number of diesels.

4. To encourage early registrations, a draw with significant prizes will be held for all pre-registrants. One prize will be a sound-equipped locomotive. For every calendar month that you are pre-registered, a ticket will be entered in the draw. So if you send in your registration now, you will have ten chances to win, but if you wait until next July, you will have only three.
5. Edmonton is home to **West Edmonton Mall**, the world's largest shopping and entertainment centre, and Alberta's number one tourist attraction, wem.ca. All indoors at 5.3 million square feet, the Mall includes a water park and wave pool, NHL-size ice rink, an amusement park, casino, 110 eating establishments, and over 800 stores and services. Set aside time before or after the convention to visit the "8th Wonder of the World."



Spindly steel trestles and deep gorges are scenic features on the HO Scale Monashee Pacific Railway.

If you are traveling to Edmonton from near or far, there are many, many interesting things to see and do along the way. In the next update, we will begin to suggest some places you might like to visit. If you like scenery, history, archeology, museums, animals, trains, excitement, or relaxation, you will have plenty to choose from. Meanwhile, see northernlights2009.ca for the latest information.



Top Ten Reasons to Attend Northern Lights 2009

1. See and ride behind at least two Live Steam Engines during Convention activities
2. Great program of Clinics and Layout Tours
3. A very entertaining after-dinner speaker at the Banquet
4. Participate in operating sessions on the HO scale Monashee Pacific Railway
5. Emphasis on an open social atmosphere where you can meet old friends and make new friends
6. Convention is linked with the Great Edmonton Train Show, one of the largest model train shows in the PNR
7. Ride North America's very first modern Light Rail Transit system
8. Lots of main line CN and CPR prototype rail action nearby
9. Visit North America's Largest Shopping Mall - West Edmonton Mall
10. See the real Northern Lights

Division Reports

1st Division

Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

2nd Division

Doug Auburg, Superintendent

Things remain relatively quiet in the Second Division. We sponsored a self-guided layout tour in October. Several home and club layouts opened their doors and members visited. Self-guided layout tours seem to be the only activity that our division members take the time to participate in.

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3rd Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

The Third Division has been busy this fall having Mini-Meets on the 4th Saturday of each month. Lunch and a video or short clinic are followed by layout visits. In October we were treated to punch and cake at the Grand Opening of the National Depot on the Nampa Model Railroad Club's layout.

Our Fall Meet is Nov. 15th in Meridian. There will be a silent auction, a model contest, a clinic by Bruce Oberleitner on building small laser cut buildings, lots of conversation with old friends, videos, coffee and donuts. The afternoon will include open houses at two local layouts, including one operating session.

A Christmas party and gift exchange is planned for December at Phil Ulmen's home. This annual event includes numerous treats brought by the attendees. Phil's railroad just might be up and running.

There are work and operating sessions at different layouts almost every weeknight. For the latest, see pnr.nmra.org/3div/. And, as always, call if we can help in any way.

4th Division

Dennis Hill, Superintendent

The 2008-9 train schedule is now in place and the 4D has returned with many clinics provided for members by volunteer members of the 4D. I want to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the election just past. I also want to thank those who have stepped forward to participate in the running of the Division. We can never have too much volunteer help! Without the volunteers that are sharing their hobby time with you, the membership of this Division, the clinics and other events scheduled throughout the year would only be dreams or memories.

Everyone starts out in this hobby as a "loner," but everyone then becomes part of the team. As a team we participate in things that we enjoy and meet others that also enjoy this wonderful hobby. Many individuals join together to become part of the family of model railroaders. No matter what scale you choose or even what part of the hobby you pursue, it's still the trains! All scales and all groups and SIGs are part of the hobby of model railroading.

November is Model Railroad Month and I hope everyone will invite a friend to one of the many clinics in the Division. Volunteer yourself to support the hobby by showing others the fun and enjoyment you have with trains. Share some time doing train things with others and maybe even host an Open House to share your work. Did I say work? To share your *fun!*

Thanks and enjoy the ride. Keep the signals green and *highball!*

5th Division

Shirley Sample, Superintendent

As you may know by now, Jim Trunzo has had to step down as 5th Division Superintendent due to his heavy workload, so I have agreed to fill in until we hold the next election.

The Tri-City Model Railroad Club, with John Decker as Chairman, hosted a very success second annual traveling fall mini-meet in Kennewick, October 3-5, 2008. There were over 45 registered and most participated in clinics, layout tours, a no-host dinner and operating sessions. Friday night slides were shown at the hotel by John DeSteele on NP, UP, BN and BNSF from around the Tri-Cities area. Operating sessions were also held on three layouts.

Clinics were presented Saturday morning at the PUD building by Bob Jekel on installation of DCC decoders, John Bilahorka on structure interior lighting, Steve Prevette on operating schemes, and Jerry Quinn on weathering locomotives and cars. There were also contests and judging, along with several displays.

Saturday afternoon saw self-guided layout tours, including Garden, O, HO, TT, N and HO modules. A no-host dinner was held at the Spaghetti Establishment and was enjoyed by all. Back at the hotel, a short meeting was held to advise members that I would be assuming the roll of Superintendent and a Treasurer's report was given.

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Door prizes were given out along with a raffle of a locomotive which Gary Hammond won. Two more clinics were given, one by Phil Everett on the Achievement Program, the other by Carl Sonner on the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railroad.

Layout tours continued Sunday morning and there was another operating session at John Decker's. Discussion has been held on trying to do the 2009 third annual traveling fall mini-meet in either the Missoula, Wenatchee, or Yakima areas.

Our annual meeting will be held on April 18, 2009 at the Cascade Mobile Community in Spokane, WA. There were two volunteers to be on the organizing committee – Tom Zollars and John Decker. If anyone else would like to help come up with new ideas on layouts, clinics, or other things to do, please let us know. Never be afraid to voice your opinion. This is your organization and we can only make it better if we know what is bothering the members, good or bad. I can be contacted via phone at 509-292-8332 (home) or 800-366-6975 (work) or shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com.

We did not hold elections in 2007 or 2008 as Jim Trunzo and Jerry Quinn volunteered to fill in as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent and Don Locke and Tom Jennings agreed to remain in their offices. Since we have not had elections in two years, nominations will be accepted for all offices: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster. Then we'll get back on track for future elections in proper rotation. Nominations will be accepted until December 31, 2008. They will be published in the 1st quarter *Goat*. A ballot will be sent out in the 2nd quarter *Goat*. Officers will assume their offices September 1st. More discussion will be held at the Annual meeting.

Congratulations to all those receiving Achievement Awards the past few months!

I would also like to encourage everyone to join the 5th Division YahooGroup by sending a blank email to 5dPNR-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. The last issue of *The Goat* was sent via US Mail to all members. It is also available on line at pnr.nmra.org/5div and on the YahooGroup site groups.yahoo.com/group/5dPNR/. Thanks to Steve Prevette for maintaining our website.

All these locations are a great way to find out what is happening in our Division. You can also check the NMRA website for the Pacific Northwest Region to find out what is going on in the Region.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

7th Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

We have had a very good year with many shows, including the PNR Regional meet held at Chilliwack early this summer. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the organizing committee led by Larry Sebelley. I would also like to acknowledge the over \$900.00 donation to the 7th Division. I was very pleased that they were able to present a cheque to the PNR for all of their indebtedness at the banquet.

We have had a good increase in membership this year, partly due to the six-month trial membership offered in Canada at the same price as in the US –\$9.95. This includes *Scale Rails*, the electronic *Switchlist* and our own *Bulletin Board* as well as a welcoming letter and patch from the 7th Division. Our membership is up from 291 this time last year to our present 336! Another thing that really helps promote membership is our 7th Division membership booth that Dick Sutcliffe takes to all the shows held in our Division.

We are looking forward to the **Northern Lights 2009 PNR Regional Meet** to be held in the 6th Division in Edmonton, Alberta, September 17–19. This will be conducted in conjunction with the **Edmonton Train Show**, which in the past has attracted close to 10,000 public.

The final show this year was the 26th Annual Train Show held in November at the Cameron Centre in Burnaby. There was approximately 125 registrants and 2,500 attendees.

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*

Nov 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, PORTLAND, OR

Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club Annual Show, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave. 10am-5pm. Admission: Adults \$5, kids 3-11 \$2.00 Info: - (503) 28-TRAIN, www.cgmrc.com

Nov 15 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Passenger and Express. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 15-16, PUYALLUP, WA

The Great Train Expo Western Washington Fairgrounds, 110 9th Ave SW Sat & Sun: 10 am - 4 pm Cost: \$7; Under 12 free w/ adult Info:- www.GreatTrainExpo.com

Nov 15 (Sat), MERIDIAN, ID

PNR 3rd Division Fall Meet, First Church of the Nazarene located at 3852 North Eagle Road. Coffee - Donuts - Conversation - Clinics - Displays - NMRA and Favorite Model Contest - Silent Auction - Afternoon Layout Tours. Registration: 8:00AM, events begin 9:00AM Admission \$8, \$7 for NMRA members. Info:- terrynelson8030@msn.com (208) 895-8030; pnr-nmra.org/3div/2008f.html

Nov 22 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Steam. Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 29 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Mount Hood Model Engineers Open House (30th year), 5500 S.E., Belmont, noon-5pm. No admission charge - donations accepted. Running: Mt. Hood era (1945-1965). Info: - Don Mills (503) 655-3984, MHMENG@aol.com.

Nov 29-30, MEDFORD, OR

Annual Rogue Valley Train Show, Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Highway. Displays, Exhibits, Swap Meet, Door Prizes, Raffle. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4 Info: - Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, bfawcett@mind.net or rvmrc.railfan.net/

Nov 29-30, Dec 6-7, 13-14, 20, NORTH BEND, WA

Santa Train 2007 to Snoqualmie and return, North Bend Depot, 205 McClellan Street. Tickets \$15 for everyone 2 and older. Departures hourly, 9AM-3PM (sells out in advance) Info: - www.trainmuseum.org/SantaTrain.asp

Dec 6 (Sat), RICKREALL, OR

Railroad Show and Swap Meet - Sponsored by the Willamette Valley Model Railroad Club - 10AM-3PM Polk County Fairgrounds Hwy 22 and Hwy 99E 10 miles west of Salem. Adult: \$5 Under 12: Free. Over 100 Tables - Kids Layout to operate - All scales of trains - Information on local historical societies and clubs. Info:- Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 macinnej@msn.com

Dec 13-14, RAINIER, OR

Longview Kelso & Rainier Model RR Swap Meet, Riverside Community Church, 305 W 3rd Street. Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4 Admission: \$2 or canned food, tables \$15 (model train items only). Info: - Al Belanger 503-556-3415 or Dave Helton 503-556-2362

Jan 17-19, SEATTLE, WA

35th annual Pacific Science Center show - 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA. 10 am - 6 pm. The 4th Division, PNR coordinates the model railroads, historical displays, and related activities for this show. This is an exhibition show. No swap-meet or vendor sales. Child-interest activities and participation opportunities are encouraged. Current fee, parking, and other facility information is at www.pacsci.org/visitorinfo/. Info:- Frank Dekker, 425-746-6964 (evenings), rekkedrails@juno.com, or see www.4dpnr.org/PSCshow.htm

Jan 31 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society - Railroad Swap Meet Info: - www.spshs.org

Feb 14 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers Open House * New Location *, 1130 E. Sprague. 6 to 8:30 PM, info: Bob or Shirley Sample, 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net

Feb 15 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers Model Railroad Train Show and Swap Meet, Spokane Community College Lair Bldg., Mission & Greene Streets. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, \$5 admission for Adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years, and 10 & under free when accompanied by an adult. For info on the show or table rental, please contact: Bob or Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email: shirleysample@qwest.net.

Mar 7 (Sat), CLACKAMAS, OR

24th Annual Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet at the New Hope Church 11731 SE Stevens Rd. 10am to 3pm. Admission \$3.00 under 12 free. Info:- Rick Andrews 503-642-3298 or e-mail: dredrews1@verizon.net

Mar 22 (Sun), PULLMAN, WA

13th Annual Palouse Empire Railroad Show and Swap Meet, WSU Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum. 9:30 am to 3:00 PM. \$3 for adults, Under 12 free. Contact: Jay Weidner, 3701 Ewartsville Road, Pullman, WA 99163, 509-332-4438 or email: palouse_empire_rs@yahoo.com.

Apr 15-19, FREMONT, CA

Rails Across the Bay 2009 - PCR Convention, Marriott Fremont Silicon Valley, 46100 Landing Pkwy. Info: www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009/

Apr 18-19, CALGARY, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2009 Canada's Largest Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Free Parking Over 60,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, vendors, demonstrations, clinics, children's play area, and more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Apr 18-19, EUGENE, OR

21st Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue, Saturday hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 17th set up for vendors from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 each for 11 years and older and 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult. Early bird admission (9:00 a.m.) \$10.00 per person. Our show features operating layouts in a variety of scales, 22,000 square feet of vendor tables with items for sale, Operation Lifesaver, Friends of #4449 & SP&S #700 information tables, speeder display, historical societies, and hourly door prizes for the public. Vendor tables which are 8 feet long and 30 inches wide with red linen are \$25.00 each. For more information or for flyers please contact Lee or Diane Temple, Show Co-Chairs at (Lee's cell) 541-954-4917 or (Diane's cell) 541-225-7394 or email ttandt@ram-mail.com

Apr 26 (Sun), HELENA, MT

The 29th Annual Helena Railroad Fair. 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Admission is \$3 for adults with under 12 free. Vendor tables (8') can be reserved by writing the Helena Railroad Fair at PO Box 4914, Helena, MT 59604-4914 or e-mailing us at rfair@mt.net

Jul 5-11, HARTFORD, CT

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