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Officers' Reports

President's Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR

Spring is here, at least it seems that way with all the warm weather and rain in the Puget Sound region. The Olympics are going strong in Vancouver and the NMRA Board of Directors is about to meet in San Diego. There is also a lot of interest in several NMRA Programs or proposals. We also have some matters of interest close to home.

Second Division Elections

Doug Auburg and Jim Whaley have finally found some relief from their apparent lifelong service in 2D leadership. Charlie Comstock has been elected 2D Superintendent and Stu Cato will serve as Assistant Superintendent. Congratulations to Charlie and Stu! And a heartfelt "Thank You" to Doug and Jim!

Cascadian International 2010

The **PNR 2010 Convention** is on track. Now is the time to make plans to attend and to register. The convention dates are September 16–18, 2010 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Lynnwood, WA (12 mi. north of downtown Seattle). It is especially important for our Canadian members to have appropriate documentation to cross the border. Please visit www.4dPNR.org for more information.

NMRA Insurance and Membership

There has been a lot said about the more stringent enforcement of the NMRA policies because of the potential negative impact on insurance coverage. Your PNR Board addressed the issues last September and adopted a reasonable policy to meet NMRA requirements without unduly restricting the ability to sponsor guests and visitors at our activities. All that aside, there are still members who find difficulty asking those who want to play to pay. NMRA President Mike Brestel had a good piece in February *Scale Rails* that you should read, if you have questions or concerns about the policy.

Scale Rails NMRA Articles

NMRA Communications Director, Gerry Leone, MMR, is answering a number of long-standing questions and concerns for members. In February, he provided an explanation of the application of membership dues to NMRA expenses. It was perhaps the first time I have seen anyone tackle that subject. While his explanation raised a number of questions among members, it is a good effort and deserves your attention. If you are interested in what is going on in NMRA, you'll get answers by reading his articles and all of *Scale Rails*.

Elections

The ballots for the **NMRA Director** election are in February *Scale Rails*. Every member of NMRA with voting rights should receive a copy of that edition. If you did not, call Chattanooga or email them immediately (see www.NMRA.org for contact information). Xerox copies of ballots are not acceptable and you need a mailing label from NMRA to validate your ballot. PNR members can vote for the At-Large director and the Western District Director. This is your organization and the people you elect are supposed to represent you. Please make sure that you complete your ballot and get it in the mail on time.

Hugh Mackenzie has issued the **Call For Candidates** for PNR officers. If you have a candidate to nominate or wish to be one yourself, contact Hugh. I cannot stress the importance of your participation in this essential process. When only 5–10% of members participate, and finding candidates is tougher than getting your wife to buy you a new loco, we all suffer. This is *our* organization — more importantly, it is *your* organization!

NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee

Our NMRA celebrates its 75th year in operation this year. The National Convention in Milwaukee in July is shaping up as both a super event and a great party. If you have been to a national convention in the past, consider this a good one to do it again and enjoy the celebration. If you have never been to a national, this year's will give you talking points and bragging rights for some time to come. Convention information is in the February *Scale Rails* and at www.NMRA.org. Give it a look.

Festering Problems

Over my time in office as your President and unofficially before that, I have been made aware of personal problems with apparent NMRA mismanagement or failures of some level of leadership to be responsive to member problems or concerns. One dictate I learned long ago as a division officer in the Navy is that "when one of my people has a problem, I have a problem and that if the problem goes unaddressed, soon everyone has a problem." While there is no guarantee that every question, concern, or recommendation voiced or offered by a member can and will be answered to their satisfaction, each should have the courtesy of being looked into and receiving a response.

Within PNR, your Division Superintendent is the primary point of contact to address concerns. If that avenue is not appropriate or not working, bring me into the loop. At the National level, you may address issues to Member Aid (Wil Seaver), the NMRA Admin office, the Western District Director, or NMRA President Mike Brestel (contact information for each is at www.NMRA.org, www.PNR.NMRA.org, your Division web site, and in the periodicals published at each level.

Please do not let your questions go unasked or unanswered to the point of festering. We cannot fix problems we are unaware of.



Treasurer's Report

Dirk Krusman

There has been very little activity in the Treasurer's area for the last few months. The State of Oregon voted to increase the taxes and fees for all corporations, but fortunately non-profit corporations like the PNR will continue paying the existing rate of \$50 per year.

The PNR Board of Directors, meeting in Edmonton, Canada last year, voted to send funds to each Division in the amount of \$3 for each member, based on the membership data received from the NMRA at the end of February. The checks will be mailed, hopefully in March, to the Division Superintendent's home address. I can also mail them to the Division's treasurer if desired. Send your name and address to dutchdirk@charter.net.

Call for PNR President & Vice-President Nominations

Hugh Mackenzie, PNR Nominating Chair

The PNR is a membership organization, as is the NMRA. Its success depends on the active involvement of its members. Only your active participation can make it successful.

We are now requesting nominations for these two officers to serve for a two-year period commencing September 1, 2010. Any nominations should be forwarded to the nominations chair, postmarked no later than April 15, 2010. Ballots will be included in the May *Switchlist*.

There are many members who through personality or work experience have effective leadership capabilities. Please actively consider contributing your talents to the future growth and success of the PNR and the hobby. Volunteers (AKA "self nominees") are also welcome! Administrative leadership earns AP points.

If you are interested in being nominated or would like to nominate a candidate, please contact:

Hugh Mackenzie
 PNR Nominating Chair
 412 S Greenbriar Ct.
 Post Falls ID 83854
hcmac@roadrunner.com

PNR Nomination Procedures

The following is from the PNR bylaws, Article V, Section 2 covering nomination procedures:

- A. Publish an announcement of procedures for nominations of candidates no later than the March issue of the Switchlist of the election year.
- 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 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.

Achievement Program Moments

Jack Hamilton

The following individuals have received Achievement Program Recognition during the last quarter. Congratulations to each of you. Keep up the good work!

John Decker Jr., Master Builder — Structures
Fred Kaser, Master Builder — Cars
Ed Liesse, Model Railroad Author
Jim Little, Master Builder — Motive Power
 Association Volunteer
 Association Official
 Model Railroad Author
Roger Walker, Model Railroad Engineer — Electrical
 Master Builder — Structures
 Model Railroad Engineer — Civil
 Master Builder — Scenery
 Golden Spike Award
Steve Jones, Merit Award — Cars

Bob Parrish, Merit Award — Structures (6)

Merit Award — Civil (3)

Merit Award — Scenery

Russ Watson, Merit Award — Civil (3)

Rob Jones, Golden Spike

Phillip Everett, Walt Huston, and Ed Schaenzer are now clogging the pipeline with six(!) AP certificates, looking for that elusive seventh. All three are now merely one certificate away from achieving MMR recognition. Keep on trucking, guys!

The number of members engaged in AP continues to grow and the Division Chairs have been very busy working with the people in their respective areas. We have several members with either four or five AP certificates and good momentum toward their personal finish line. For those of you still holding back, contact your AP chair, schedule a visit, and start down the path to appropriate recognition.

I look forward to visiting with each of you for AP assessment or at your local clinics, whenever I can make it.

Switchlist by Email

Ed & Gay Liesse, Co-Office Managers

If you are reading this *Switchlist* in hard copy when you didn't expect or want to, please email Gay glliesse@aol.com or Ed eelesse@aol.com and request to receive the *Switchlist* by email. Some of you subscribed to the mailed *Switchlist* when you renewed your NMRA dues but also requested to receive it by email. We are updating our records as you inform us.

If you prefer to receive the *Switchlist* only by email, *don't subscribe* when you renew your membership. You'll get the emailed *Switchlist* automatically as a membership benefit. It costs you nothing. The charge for the paper version helps cover mailing costs. Thanks again for your help and patience.

News

Cascadian International 2010 Scheduled

Dennis Hill

The Fourth Division is busy preparing for the *Cascadian International 2010* PNR Regional Convention, a convention you will not soon forget!

This jam-packed celebration of railroading is named for two of the named passenger trains from the history of the Northwest. The "Best Bang for Your Buck Convention" will have all the great things that you have come to expect with a very reasonable price tag!

Basic registration for NMRA members is only \$40. Non-members need only a \$9.95 Rail Pass (which will also provide them with six months NMRA membership) or a one-year NMRA membership (without *Scale Rails*, this is only \$39).

We will present many clinics on a broad range of topics. Over 30 presenters have already committed, with more to come.

Layout open houses include everything from Z to G scales. Some layouts will even be open before and/or after the convention. Pick what you want to see and carpool to them with friends.

Prototype tours are being scheduled and will be announced soon. See www.4dPNR.org for the latest details. A registration form is included on page 7 of this issue of the *Switchlist*.

Contests will include Models, Prototypes, and Arts and Crafts, with a special area for unfinished, "Display Only" participants. "Meet the Builders" will be presented after the official judging, prior to the Awards Ceremony. AP Assessments will also be conducted separately from the contest, but in the same room at a different time.

The Awards Banquet will only cost \$35.

No frills to deplete your budget, just all the Railroad Fun you can handle!

The Official Convention Headquarters is the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, Washington. Special room rates including full cooked-to-order breakfast and many other benefits! See www.4dPNR.org for details.

Battle River Rails 2010

Greg Chrabaszcz

The Battle River Railway Modelers and the Canadian Northern Society welcome model railroaders in the 6th Division to Camrose on the Victoria Day weekend to celebrate our 10th anniversary as a club, the centenary of the Canadian Northern Railway's arrival in Camrose, and to enjoy a little model railroading and railfanning (Camrose is served by both CN and CP)!

We've planned social times plus prototype tours to the Evraz/Camrose Pipe Plant, a rail-served oilfield pipe manufacturer; to the preserved Alberta Pacific elevator; the Canadian Northern Class 3 station in Meeting Creek; and possibly the Alberta Central Railway Museum near Camrose. We have a number of excellent home layouts to show off, including two Canadian National, two freelance, and a Swiss prototype layout, plus our club's FreeMo layout. We will have clinics (including "Grain in trains" by Norm Prestage), contests, and a banquet.

Camrose, a city of 17,000 in the heart of central Alberta, is sure to offer you an interesting weekend! Register now at <http://www.battleriverrailway.ca/battle-river-rails-2010>. Come on down!

Clinics at NMRA 75 Look Forward and Back

Gerry Leone & Jan Wescott



Would you like to learn how to create a modern CTC panel for your layout using CATS? Or maybe you'd like to find out more about building kits made from brass etched parts, or increase your knowledge about chapel cars. Did you even know there were such things as chapel cars?

You can learn about these topics and many more by attending the clinics at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year the NMRA celebrates its 75th anniversary, so it's altogether fitting that our national convention be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the city where it all began. The dates are July 11–18.

While NMRA 75 will take an affectionate look back at our hobby's days of old, it will also look ahead to the fresh and new. Of the 163 clinics scheduled, 123 are brand new and have never before been presented at an NMRA national. These new clinics cover everything from scenery to structures to the newest trends in Digital Command Control. So if you're looking for fresh new ideas to enhance your modeling, NMRA 75 is the convention you must not miss!

But not all the new clinics at NMRA 75 are about new ideas. Clinician Paul Hobbs will present "75 Years Of Development And Achievement In Model Railroading." Paul will review events, processes, inventions, companies, and individuals that have made significant contributions to the hobby since the NMRA's founding. Steve Stewart's new clinic, "75 Years Of Railroading" examines prototype railroading from 1934 to 2011. And what could be more appropriate to end a list of clinics than "The history of Milwaukee Road Cabooses"?

Many of the clinics at NMRA 75 will be presented by the best-known names in model railroading, names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandio, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski.

Of course, NMRA 75 is about much more than clinics. To find out everything else, visit our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer in Milwaukee!

Oh, and just in case you were wondering, no actual cats were harmed in the making of that CTC clinic!

Northern Lights 2009 Wrap-Up

Mark Johnson, Co-chair/Registrar

Despite the travel distances and cross-border challenges, attendance at *Northern Lights 2009* exceeded forecasts and led to a financial surplus, which we have shared with the PNR. We had 101 full registrants, 14 spouses, 115 at Thursday's BBQ and 105 at Saturday's banquet. Attendees came from every division, except one. Special thanks to our friends in the 7th Division, who cancelled their regular mid-province meet to encourage attendance at our convention.

We hosted three formal operating sessions, one at the huge Edmonton Model Railroad Association Layout with 18 guest operators, and two at private layouts with 7 guests in total. There were three operations-oriented clinics, with a total attendance of 72.

The Contest was well attended with over 70 entries, Photo's (55%), Structures (14%), and Dioramas (8%) amounted to over 77% of the entries. Most other categories had a least one or two entries. Here are the official contest winners:

Best in Show

Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

AP Merit Awards

John DeSteeze, Kennewick, WA, USA, 5th Division, UP 105300 Boxcar

Jim Little, BCER, Coldstream, BC, Canada, 7th Division, 1304 Interurban

Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division, D&RGW 3052 On3 Box Car

Russ Watson, Quesnel, BC, Canada, 7th Division, On30 Scratchbuilt Wood Gallows Turntable

People's Choice

Steam Locomotives, Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Diesel & Other Locomotives, Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Freight Cars, Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Structures On-Line, Russ Watson, Quesnel, BC, Canada, 7th Division

Structure Off-Line, Ron Pidskalny, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Display On-Line, Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Steam Locomotives

1st Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Diesel & Other Locomotives

1st Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Passenger Cars

1st Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Freight Cars

1st Ed Molenkamp, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 3rd John DeSteele, Kennewick, WA, USA, 5th Division

Traction

1st Jim Little, Coldstream, BC, Canada, 7th Division

Structures, On-Line

1st Russ Watson, Quesnel, BC, Canada, 7th Division
 2nd Jim Little, Coldstream, BC, Canada, 7th Division
 3rd Ron Pidskalny, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Structure, Off-Line

1st Ron Pidskalny, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Ron Pidskalny, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 3rd Don Pidhirney, Edmonton, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Display On-Line

1st Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Mort Spelman, Red Deer, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 3rd Dale Sproule, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Display Off-Line

1st Mort Spelman, Red Deer, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Model-Black & White Print

1st Dale Sproule, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Model-Colour Print

1st Russ Watson, Quesnel, BC, Canada, 7th Division
 2nd Dale Sproule, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 3rd Russ Watson, Quesnel, BC, Canada, 7th Division

Prototype-Black & White Print

1st Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Jim Whaley, Portland, OR, USA, 2nd Division
 3rd Jim Whaley, Portland, OR, USA, 2nd Division

Prototype-Colour Print

1st Russ Watson, Quesnel, BC, Canada, 7th Division
 2nd Jim Whaley, Portland, OR, USA, 2nd Division
 3rd Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

Prototype-Slides

1st Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 2nd Dale Sproule, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division
 3rd Roger Walker, Calgary, AB, Canada, 6th Division

February NMRA InfoNet News

Gerry Leone, NMRA Communications Director

Here are a few highlights from the NMRA Board of Directors February meeting in San Diego:

- The **complete Milwaukee Convention package** is available in the February issue of *Scale Rails*, as well as being on the convention's website at www.nmra75.org.
- In 2006, only 5,809 **Boy Scout merit badges** for Railroading were awarded, out of 1,930,058 total badges. If you're interested in the Scouting Program, please contact National Boy Scout Coordinator John Stevens at snevets4@bellsouth.net.
- The 157 models displayed at the Hartford convention were the **greatest number of models** in the past 10 years. St. Louis 2001 came in second, with 114.
- The Milwaukee convention will now include a **Kit Built classification** for the judged modeling contest.
- From May 1 through December 21, the **Achievement Program** department awarded 87 Golden Spikes, 294 Certificates of Achievement, and 13 MMRs.
- The Kalmbach Memorial Library will soon be publishing a reprint of **Nelson C. Brown's "Lumber,"** a sister book to the previously published **"Logging."** That book not only sold out, but is one of the most successful KML book projects to date.

Division Reports

1st Division

Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

Everything has been fairly quiet in Southwestern Oregon since we finished up an electronic Board of Directors meeting in November/December 2009. The meeting was called to set up guidelines for a revised and expanded Favorite Model Contest (Popular Vote). For many years, a Favorite Model Contest has been an important part of the semi-annual Division One Mini-Meets. There was one category: everything, and only one winner.

In an effort to increase participation, the Spring Mini Meet Favorite Model Contest will have a new look. It has been expanded with awards in five categories plus a cash award for the best overall model.

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Cascadian International 2010 Registration Form

September 16–18, 2010

IDENTIFICATION as you want it to appear on your name tags:

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| Companion First Name: | Last Name: |
| Youth First Name: (under 18 yrs): | Last Name: |
| Youth First Name: (under 18 yrs): | Last Name: |
| Address: | |
| City: | State/Prov & Zip/Postal |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone: |
| Email: | NMRA #: |

REGISTRATION FEES

| Description | Qty | Price | Total |
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| Full Fare: Includes convention and Saturday banquet, clinics, layout tour admissions, and contests | | \$ 75 | \$ |
| Full Fare Except Banquet: Includes convention, clinics, layout tour admissions, and contests | | \$ 40 | \$ |
| PNR/NMRA Surcharge: all non-NMRA members (includes 6-month trial membership) | | \$ 10 | \$ |
| Family Members: persons accompanying Full Fare registrant, as per above list (excludes banquet) | | \$ 20 | \$ |
| Banquet only: additional tickets <i>(before September 16, 2010)</i> | | \$ 35 | \$ |

PROTOTYPE TOUR FEES

| Description | Qty | Price | Total |
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| Total Payment Enclosed <i>(no refunds after August 15, 2010)</i> | | | \$ |
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Mail your completed registration form and payment inside an envelope to: CI2010, Norm Curtis, Registrar, 17126 38th Ave West, Lynnwood, WA 98037-7009, CurtisNorm@yahoo.com. Make checks or money orders payable to **4DPNR Cascadian International 2010** or use Paypal button at 4dPNR.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm. Hotel reservations: Embassy Suites, 20610 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA, 1-800-Embassy and mention "Cascadian International 2010."

The electronic BOD meeting went quite well, although there were periods of frustration by all the directors. A face-to-face BOD meeting is much more comfortable, but the electronic meeting saved most of the directors hundreds of miles of travel.

The Division newsletter continues to be published quarterly thanks to the efforts of editor Glenn Edmison, and the Division web site is constantly being expanded and updated with the able work of our webmaster, Bill Howell.

Nick Lehrbach and the Roseburg area members are currently putting together the activities for the Division One Spring Mini-Meet to be held in the Roseburg Public Library, Saturday, April 17, 2010. Doors will open after 8:00 AM with coffee and donuts. The meeting will start at 9. Further information at <http://pnr.nmra.org/7div> as it becomes available.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

The Second Division had a Winter Mini-Meet on Saturday, February 13 in Clackamas, Oregon, just east of Portland. Nearly 50 of us had a full day of enjoyable activities. We started with a tour of the fine new layout being constructed by the members of the Willamette Model Railroad Club. They have recently finished a multi-year project of digging out a basement under a community building and are well along with building a very nice walk around layout using NCE DCC.

In the afternoon, we reconvened for three great live clinics. The first was an overview of DCC systems by Joe Fugate. The second was a clinic on working with brass by 4D member Glenn Farley, who was kind enough to drive down from Lynnwood to present. The third clinic was presented by Charlie Comstock on the development of a prototypical operating system for his large HO layout. All of the clinics were well received by all.

The 2D election results were also announced in a short business meeting after the last clinic. Charlie Comstock was elected 2D Superintendent; Stu Cato, 2D Assistant Superintendent; and Forrest Beattie, John Sparrow, Craig Larsen and Fred Kaser were elected to the 2D Board of Directors.

3rd Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

Winter is nearly over and Spring is not far away. And along with Spring comes outdoor train watching. It's time to do those long-awaited journeys to the mainline or the local yard to see how many stored locos are gone and back making money for their railroads. It's time to take pictures to get your scenery just right or pick up some right of way dirt for your layout. But don't get hit by a train. Volunteer in your division to help put some fun in someone else's hobby. Invite someone to see your layout or invite them to a Division function. The more others have fun, the more you will, too.

Our spring meet is March 27th. We have two clinics planned. One is how to have a project NMRA judged and what the judges are looking for. This will make you a better modeler. That's what the Achievement Program is all about. The second clinic is a review of basic electronic theory and how to use it for those electronic projects you're too afraid to start. We will continue our silent auction, model contest, and, (new this year!) a switching Timesaver layout for all to try. We are planning a summer swap meet, too. It won't conflict with the Union Pacific Historical Society's meet in the end of July in Boise.

Because of our new membership rules, the 3D has voted to give a RAIL PASS to qualifying visitors at the next NMRA-sponsored event he attends. This one-time, 6-month NMRA membership allows the visitor to attend two Division meets before he decides to continue his membership by joining for a full year. This is such a good deal, we're sure they will continue. Andy Doll had this idea and everyone thinks this will help us grow. For the \$8.00 entry fee, a new visitor gets a \$9.95 RAIL PASS on behalf of the division. If, however, after their 6 month pass, the member decides not to continue membership, then he will have also decided not to continue coming to NMRA-sponsored events. An invitation letter will accompany the RAIL PASS form to explain our decision.

Check out <http://pnr.nmra.org/3div/> for all the latest activities.

4th Division

Dennis Hill, Superintendent

The Fourth Division has been very fortunate to have participated in many varied model railroad functions in the last few months.

The *Washington State History Museum Model Train Show*, between Christmas and New Year's Day was eight days of model railroading and history in Tacoma. Many 4D members were active participants in this annual event. January saw another *Pacific Science Center Show* on Martin Luther King weekend. The three-day event brought out many volunteers from the Fourth Division. And February brought the *United Northwest Show and Swap Meet* in Monroe, Washington – two fantastic days of every imaginable scale displayed or for sale.

And ahead of us comes the PNR Convention: *Cascadian International 2010*, scheduled for September 15–18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lynnwood, Washington. See article on page 4 and registration form on page 7 of this issue.

Come join us for some really special railroad activities!

5th Division

Shirley Sample, Superintendent

The 5th Division Annual Meeting & Mini-Meet is scheduled for April 9–11, 2010 in Missoula, MT. Registration will start at 5:00 PM, April 9th. We are working on using space in the Southgate Mall and a motel near the Mall for those traveling to Missoula. Right now they have layout tours set up as well as a tour of Northwest Shortline. We will also have a few clinics and our annual meeting. As details are firmed up, a mailing will be sent to all 5D members. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help or do a clinic, please let me know (contact info below). If you know anyone in the Missoula area with a layout or who would like to do a clinic, let us know.

By now, all 5D members should have received the first quarter issue of *The Goat* which included our revised By-Laws. Please look them over and offer comments and/or suggestions. We will vote on them in April.

If anyone is interested in having items judged for the AP program, let Phil Everett or I know. We can arrange for judging.

Please let me know if you have a layout in the Spokane or Coeur d'Alene area and would be willing to have 5D members look at it. We want to set up some Saturday layout tours this spring, but need willing participants.

There will be two Historical Society Conventions in Spokane this year in July. The NP and SP&S will be holding a joint convention at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in the Spokane Valley July 14–17. More information is available on their respective websites.

As always, if you are willing to be an officer of the 5th Division or can help out in any other way, please let me know. We really need new people with new ideas. This is *your* organization. We want input on what you want to happen in the division.

I appreciate hearing from members with questions or comments shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com home 509-292-8332, cell 509-991-2317, work 800-366-6975, or P. O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314. If you don't hear back from me in a reasonable amount of time, please try again.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Hello, everyone, from the 6th Division. It has now been five months since the Regional Convention was held in Edmonton, but it still feels like it was yesterday. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all attendees for making this event such a success. I also wish to thank the committee for putting on such a great show. Mark Johnson and I are looking forward to Seattle, where our biggest problem should be deciding which event to attend.

We have a busy spring and summer coming up in the Division. Supertrain is only 8 weeks away on April 17–18, 2010. After that we have our 6th Division Spring Meet in Camrose. Look for more info on Battle River Rails in this issue of the Switchlist. We also have the Great Edmonton Train Show, Sept 17–18, just in case you decide not to attend the PNR Convention in Seattle.

It should be another busy summer visiting friends in other places. I hear via the grapevine that quite a few of us will make the drive to Salmon Arm on Easter weekend for the 7th Division's Spring Meet.

7th Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

I write this as the Olympics are well underway in Vancouver and Whistler, in a year when they've had the lowest snowfall on record. I suspect model railroading is on the back burner as we cheer for both our U. S. and Canadian athletes.

The Salmon Arm Model Railroad Association is busy putting the final touches to **Shuswap Rails 2010**, the 7D Interior Spring Meet, April 2–4, in Salmon Arm, BC. There is a ladies program April 3rd which includes a bus trip to a winery, cheese factory, and lunch in Armstrong, BC. This meet moves around throughout the entire 7D, east of the Coast Mountains. It is normally held over Easter weekend. This is only the third time Salmon Arm has held the meet; it's been ten years since we held it last. For more information, see www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com. Next year's meet will be in Vernon, BC.

Another 7D Spring Meet held each year is the annual **Mid (Vancouver) Island Spring Model Railroad Show** in Nanaimo, BC on Sunday, April 11th. The 2nd Annual **Vancouver Island Logging Modelers Meet** will be held June 12–13 at the McLean Mill National Heritage Park in Port Alberni, BC. For more information on either meet, contact Ken Rutherford, kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, 250-724-4698, or Rick Lord, rblord@telus.net, 250-724-4205.

The West Coast Railway Association's **Western Rails 2010** at the Cameron Centre in Burnaby, BC (next to Vancouver), March 14th. This meet has displays and models of all kinds, an indoor 7½" miniature train, train collectables, photos, timetables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much, much more.

If you are planning a summer vacation and would like to see where the Olympics were held or just take a trip to Vancouver, drive north toward Whistler, and just north of Squamish, to visit the West Coast Railway Association's site with an operating HO model railway in one of their restored cars, a 7½" railway and, of course, 2860. The new CN roundhouse and Conference Centre will also be open along with their many restored railway cars. For more information, visit www.wcra.org.

Pacific Northwest Region Activities

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Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at 780-436-2480, timetable@pnr.nmra.org*

Feb 26 - Mar 7, 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 Debarr Rd. will also be displaying their Model Railroad on both weekends from 5 to 8 PM on Fridays and Noon to 5 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Info:- Marty Quaas, (907) 355-7414, e-mail cswrrceo@mtaonline.net

Mar 13 (Sat), Clackamas, OR

The Willamette Model Railroad club presents 25th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet at the New Hope Church 11731 SE Stevens Road. 10AM - 3PM. Admission \$3.00, under 12 free. Tables are \$18 each. Info:- Steve Cook 503-309-9543 or 503-236-1481. stephen.cook@comcast.com Table requests can be sent to: Willamette MRC Swap Meet P.O. Box 2621 Clackamas, Oregon 97015

Mar 14 (Sun), Burnaby, BC

Western Rails 2010. Displays and models of all kinds - Ride the indoor Miniature Train Collectables, photos, time tables, keys, locks, lanterns, buttons, china, telegraph equipment and much much more. Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 9 am to 4 pm. Admission: (cash only): Senior (60+) \$2.00 Adult (16-59) \$3.00 Child (under 6) Free Family \$6.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- westernrails@wcra.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 14 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - Noon Vendors \$20, CMRS members \$2, others \$5, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- Swap meet: Garth Praestegaard 403-650-1391 or Brookes Harrow 403-201-4937, bharow@nucleus.com; Mini meet: Marvin Burk, 403-995-3319, burkpm@telus.net, www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 20 (Sat), Olympia, WA

Capitol City Lions 25th Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet. Thurston County Fair Grounds, 3054 Carpenter Road SE; 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Adults \$6.00, Senior Citizens & Students \$4.00 and Age 12 & under free with paying Adult. Tables are \$25.00, set up at 8:00AM Info:- Bill Zidel, ZidelRCS@aol.com or 360-438-3503.

Mar 21 (Sun), Pullman, WA

14th Annual Palouse Empire Rail Society Train Show and Swap Meet, 9:30 am to 3:00 PM. *New Facility this year!* SEL Event Center, 1825 Schweitzer Drive - Admission \$3.00 adults, under 12 free. Info:- Tim Davidson, 509-332-4404, davisonrr@hotmail.com; Mike Kauffman, 208-882-3796, mkauffma@verizon.net, or Lance Gallagher, 509-432-1875, lwg104@yahoo.com. Palouse-empire-rs.webs.com

Mar 27 (Sat), Olympia, WA

Seventh Annual Olympia Layout Tour hosted by the Olympia Open House & Operations Group (OO&OG). 10:30-5:00. Ten layouts have committed to be on the tour, with a possibility of two more. Various scale and gauge combinations will be represented, including N, HO, On30 and 3/8n20. Info:- Scott Buckley, sbuckley@nwrain.com or 360-352-5567

Mar 27-28, Moose Jaw, SK

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

Apr 2-4, Salmon Arm, BC

Shuswap Rails 2010 - 7th Division Spring Meet, The Prestige Harbourfront Resort & Convention Centre, 251 Harborfront Drive NE Info:- www.salmonarmmodelrailway.com

Apr 10-11, Eugene, OR

22nd Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Train Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Admission: Early Bird Special (Saturday only 9:00 a.m.) \$10 per person. Adults: \$6.00 per adult, children 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult. Optional vendor set up on Friday, April 9th 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This is one of the largest train shows and swap meets in the Pacific Northwest as we fill up 22,000 square feet with over 200 vendor tables with vendors from 9 different states, operating train layouts in a variety of scales, speeder display, historical society displays with literature, Operation Lifesaver trailer with educational literature, and hourly door prizes for the public. Info:- Lee Temple at 541-954-4917 or ttandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com.

Apr 10 (Sat), Auburn, WA

White River Valley Museum Family Day: Railroad Adventures, Les Grove Park, 918 H St. SE; Noon-4pm. Info: - s (253) 288-7433 www.wrvmuseum.org.

Apr 11 (Sun), Nanaimo, BC

26th Annual Mid Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show, Beban Park Rec. Center 2300 Bowen Road, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales Model Contests (Popular Vote) Admission (cash only), \$3.00 NMRA member, \$5.00 non member, \$10.00 family, \$4.00 seniors, Child (6-12) - \$ 1.00. Info:- Ken Rutherford kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 17-18, Calgary, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2010 Canada's Biggest and Best Annual Model Train Show. 9 AM til 5 PM both days. Subway Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE. Calgary FREE PARKING Adult - \$10, Youth (6-12) - \$5, under 6 - free Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating layouts, displays, railroad art, hobby shops, model manufacturers, demonstrations, clinics, Lego and Thomas Play Area, garden railways, ride-on trains, and much more. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Apr 25 (Sun), Helena, MT

30th 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, 406-443-1578 or 406-227-0158 or email: rfair@mt.net

May 1-2, Rickreall, OR

Rickreall Grange Train Swap Meet & Show 10AM-4PM Admission \$5.00 good for both days. \$1 off with canned food. Swap Meet tables: 6 ft - \$15, 8 ft - \$20; Vendor move-in Friday noon to 8PM, Saturday 7AM. 280 Main Str. "HWY 99W". Operating P.S.R. Club layout in 30 x 30 Room see at www.trainweb.org/psr Info:- Pry626@juno.com or 503-606-0398

May 1 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Annual Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-1PM, Admission \$2, tables \$20, \$15 for MMRF members. Info :- Ron Boyer, 780-466-2670, www.mmrf.ab.ca

May 1 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Trainmen Open House. 619 12 Avenue S.E. Info:- www.calgarymodeltrainmen.ca

Sep 16-18, Lynnwood, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel. Info:- www.4dpnr.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm, Stu Rogers, sturogers@comcast.net

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