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WESTERN PACIFIC RR
MODEL RAILROAD DIVISION
SWITCH LIST

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Copper Range Railroad Company

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Officers' Reports

President's Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR



You are no doubt aware that I was a candidate for the position of NMRA Western District Director. Those elections were held in April and the results are in. I have been notified that I was successful in my bid for that position and will assume the Directorship at the NMRA Annual Board meeting in July. I want to thank each and every one of you who placed your confidence and trust in me through your vote. I promised to be the members Director on the NMRA Board and I will keep that promise.

In order to accept the NMRA Director position, I must step down as your PNR President. I do so with reluctance and some degree of sadness. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with what I consider to be one of the most active, interested, and energized group of individuals that I have had the honor to serve. Your individual Division Superintendents are "pick of the litter" folk and we are all very fortunate to have them in leadership roles. The individual Committee Chairs have performed well beyond reasonable expectation for normal all volunteer groups. They simply "took charge and marched off" to get the job done. Your Region has been much better because of their individual efforts. The stalwarts of the Region, who actually get the day to day stuff done, Dirk Kruysman our Treasurer and the Office Managers, first Steve Prevette and now Ed and Gay Liesse, are exceptional in every aspect and make contributions to the success of the Region that few understand. I will miss the enjoyment of working with them.

Our Vice President, Walt Huston, the quiet power of excellence in both modeling and leadership will now assume the role of leadership for the Region. I know Walt well and have worked with him over a number of years. You can expect that his exceptional leadership and understanding will continue to move the region forward and that service to the members will remain the hallmark of PNR. I will remain available to assist Walt in any way that he may desire.

I want to extend my personal thanks to each and every member of PNR for their participation, interest and support of Division and Region activities. I greatly appreciate the courtesy and assistance you have extended to me. You have made the job of being your President fun. We have something very special here in our very large corner of the world because you made it special. You are showing the way for others in the hobby. Keep up the good work. Thank you!

Cascadian International 2010

The PNR 2010 convention Host Committee has undergone some shifting around of positions and is now totally invested in bringing you a premier event in September. If you have not already done so, now is the time to make plans to attend and to register. The convention is September 16-18, 2010 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Lynnwood, WA (12 miles north of downtown Seattle). It is especially important for our Canadian members to make sure that they have the appropriate documentation to cross the border. See 4dPNR.org/CI2010.htm for additional information.

Contest Regulations

As many of you who attended the Edmonton 2009 Northern Lights convention are aware, we tried some different things with respect to Contest and Achievement Program. They appear to be successful. In addition, NMRA National Contest Chair Bob Hamm has been revising the national contest rules and general approach to try to increase interest in the membership. John DeSteele (your PNR Contest Chair) and I (in my role as AP Chair) have reviewed and revised our PNR Contest policies and rules to more closely align our general approach to National and to incorporate our process for AP and Contest to maximize benefit and opportunity for our members. We intend to use the revised policies and rules at the 2010 Convention in order to "proof" them and to iron out any wrinkles. The "interim" policies and rules should be posted to the web site in the very near future.

Elections of PNR Officers

I cannot stress how important your participation is in this essential process. When only 5 or 10 percent of the members participate in elections, and when finding candidates is worse than getting your wife to let you buy a new engine, we all suffer. This is *our* organization but more important it is *your* organization. In addition to elected positions, a few of those who have served in appointed positions have indicated their intention to move back to actual modeling (what a concept!). The new President and his Board will need individuals ready and willing to step up to those positions of responsibility. A lesson I learned a long time ago is: if you want things to be better, you have to be willing to work for that change. The adjunct to that rule is that it is always easier to bring about change from the inside rather than the outside.

NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee

This is a repeat because it deserves repeating. Our NMRA celebrates its 75th year in operation in 2010. The National Convention in Milwaukee in July is looking to be both a super event and a great party. If you have been to a national convention in the past you might consider this as a very good way to do it again and enjoy the celebration. If you have never been to a national, going this year will certainly give you talking points and bragging rights for some time to come. Convention information is in February Scale Rails and on the NMRA web site. Give it a look.

Vice-President's Report

Walt Huston

Most of my efforts during the past 9+ months have been in the area of membership. I have communicated with the Division Superintendents and passed along a number of ideas relating to retention of current members and a few regarding attracting new members. I have been tracking the new members listings and I commend the efforts in the 7th Division. They have brought in the largest number of new members this year — by a wide margin. I challenge the other Divisions to reach the non-members in their areas and bring them on board. New members in a division bring many talents to the table and are the lifeblood of this organization.

Both Jack and I are participating in a YahooGroup called Regions and Divisions. This group, led by Bill Kaufman of the Pacific Coast Region, is gathering information about how Regions and Divisions go about their work for the good of their members. The information is being sorted into a number of categories (Membership/Elections/AP/etc.) and will be “published” in a format that will be available to all members of the NMRA, not just the officers at the various levels. The document will contain a large number of good ideas that can be adopted or adapted Division by Division, Region by Region. The end result will be a better NMRA because the information comes from the “grass roots” as opposed to being directed from a small number of people at the top. When this information is “published,” it will be available, at the very least, on the NMRA and PNR web pages and I suspect in PNR that each Division will have it in the hands of the Division Superintendent and on their own web page. The information will be there; it's up to you to use it.

Most recently I have done an evaluation of a local layout for Golden Spike and found it to be far more than worthy. That said, a date has been selected for AP appraisal and I suspect that four or five certificates will follow. This layout has been offered for the Cascadian International Convention Layout Tour/Open House in September.

Treasurer's Report

Dirk Kruysman

Everything has been quiet in the Treasurer area. Not much is going on. As of May 1st, the balances in our U.S. accounts are Checking: \$4,643.99, Savings: \$12,085.06 and in our Canadian accounts are Checking: \$11,193.21 and Savings: \$5,395.44.

News

PNR Ballot

Hugh Mackenzie

This issue of the *Switchlist* contains the official ballot for PNR President and Vice President, as well as profiles of each candidate. These officers will serve for two years commencing Sept 1, 2010.

Instructions for voting and mailing are included on the Ballot. Unfortunately, we have only one candidate for President. In an unusual situation, one candidate for Vice President is also the U.S. Ballot Chair. Steps have been taken to avoid any conflict of interest.

There is a space on the ballot for write-in candidates. If you write someone in, be sure that person is willing to serve if elected. Please show your interest and support for both the PNR and the candidates by voting.

Please mail your ballot in promptly. Be sure to mail it to the appropriate Ballot Chair for your country of residence.

Jack Hamilton Elected New NMRA Western District Director

Al Lowe

4D's own Jack Hamilton won the recent election and will be our new NMRA Western District Director as of June 15th. Unfortunately, that means he has to step down as PNR President. Fortunately, he plans to continue as our PNR AP Chairperson. Jack writes to you:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my service as your President. I have learned a great deal about both the hobby and about how to serve each other for the betterment of our Region and NMRA. I can only hope that I have contributed to the Region in some small manner. While I may no longer be in direct service to the Region as an active member of the PNR BOD I will continue to serve all members of the Region through my service to NMRA.

Finally, I wish to thank each and every one of you for the assistance, appropriate guidance, and friendship you have shown me through your support and service. No volunteer could ask for a better group of dedicated individuals to serve with.

For the good of the hobby — Jack

Future Convention Locations by Division

Jack Hamilton

In 2008, the BOD established the following rotation for future conventions: in 2010, the 4th Division; in 2011, the 6th; and then the 1st, 3rd, 2nd, 7th, 5th, and repeat.

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.

Layouts include everything from Z to G scales. Some layouts will be on scheduled tours, others on scheduled drive-yourself open houses, and some open houses will also be available before and/or after the convention.

Prototype tours are being scheduled and will be announced soon. See 4dPNR.org for the latest details. A registration form is included on **page 11** of this issue.

Contests will include Models, Photographs, 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 4dPNR.org for details.

Larry Sebelley Appointed PNR Convention Committee Chairman

Jack Hamilton

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of Larry Sebelley as the PNR Convention Committee Chairman effective immediately. I greatly appreciate Larry stepping forward to accept the responsibility. I have every confidence in his willingness and skill to do a first class job for the members of the region.

Larry is faced with finishing up the coordination with Rob Jones and Dennis Hill of the 4th Division for the 2010 event, assisting 6D with their preparations and planning for the 2011 event, and exercising oversight for the 2012 joint convention with PCR.

Please provide Larry your personal support and assistance in the completion of his responsibilities. My most sincere thanks to Larry.

Achievement Program Moments

Jack Hamilton

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

- ◆ Jack Tingstad – AP Certificates for Structures, Electrical, and Scenery; Merit Award (6) Structures
- ◆ Richard Bide – AP Certificate for Electrical
- ◆ Jack Hamilton, MMR – AP Certificate for Official
- ◆ Allen Frasch – AP Certificates for Electrical, Volunteer, and Author
- ◆ Susan Gonzales – Golden Spike
- ◆ Phillip Gonzales – Golden Spike
- ◆ Roger Nulton – Golden Spike
- ◆ Gordon Jones – Merit Award Structures
- ◆ Allen Frasch – Merit Award (3) Structures
- ◆ Roger Nulton – Merit Award (2) Motive Power; Merit Award (5) Cars; Merit Award (6) Structures; Merit Award (3) Civil; Merit Award Scenery; Merit Award Prototype Model

It appears the Roger Nulton has completed all requirements for MMR and is only awaiting submission of copies of supporting documentation for Prototype so that the final SOQ can be submitted. Walt Huston, continues with six AP certificates looking for that elusive seventh. Allen Frasch is closing fast with five certificates.. Keep on trucking guys.

This period saw a major breakthrough when a visit was arranged to one of our long time reluctant modelers. Besides getting to see a really great layout, the AP crew was able to write paper for six merit awards and three AP certificates. It really is worth while to invite the local crew over to take a look. Ask Jack Tingstad and Roger Nulton.

I look forward opportunities to visit with each of you for AP assessment or to your local clinics whenever I can make it. For the good of the hobby — Jack

Remember: classified ads in the Switchlist are available free to any NMRA member.

Brian Ellerby Passes Fred Hamilton

Brian Ellerby, President and Founder of Evergreen Scale Models, died at University Medical Center on April 29, 2010, after a seven-month battle with cancer. He was 67.

Ellerby, a native of the Pacific Northwest, had a life-long interest in model railroading. He started Evergreen Scale Models in his basement in the late 1960s to support his hobby. His first products were pre-fabricated track switches. Soon after, he began to develop a line of precision styrene plastic strips, sheets and shapes. These unique products were quickly discovered by scale modelers and architectural model builders, resulting in rapid company growth. By the mid-1970s, Ellerby left the City of Seattle Engineering Department to pursue Evergreen Scale Models as a full-time business.

A model builder of exceptional skill, Ellerby wrote articles for model railroad publications about his home layout, often describing innovative construction and operating techniques. Photographs of his model railroad were published in numerous catalogs, promotional materials, and web sites. In recognition of his contributions to the hobby, he received the National Model Railroad Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

Evergreen Scale Models is located in Woodinville, Washington, and employs 12. Its products are used worldwide, with nearly one-third of sales outside North America. Most of the machinery used to produce ESM products is unique and was designed and built by Ellerby. His son, Donald, is committed to continue operation of the company in order to serve its customers.

Ellerby leaves his wife of 42 years, Mary, his son Donald (Mairead) Ellerby, and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his father and sister.

NMRA InfoNet News

Gerry Leone

- ◆ If you or your members are in either O scale or N scale, take notice of the special **Heritage and Living Legend Car sale** going on right now at NMRA headquarters. In an effort to reduce inventory, all O-scale cars are being sold for just \$10 each, and N-scale cars are going for \$5 each. Note that these prices are cheaper than the retail price of the trucks on the cars! See the ad currently running in Scale Rails for more info.
- ◆ If you or someone from your Region or Division is planning to attend NMRA75 in Milwaukee, don't forget that there will be a special clinic introducing the new **NMRA Region and Division Handbook**, given by Bill Kaufman on Tuesday, July 13 and Thursday, July 15. This book was written and assembled at the "grass roots level" by volunteers from many different Regions and Divisions in the NMRA and contains a wealth of useful ideas and information that can be adapted to just about any Region or Division. Topics include what some Regions and Divisions do to get new members, how they use technology, and how they handle meets, conventions, and contests. A CD copy of this book will be distributed to all Region Presidents after the convention. Regions may then make copies for their Divisions.
- ◆ NMRA membership right now remains very steady. As of April 30, we had **19,309 members**, which is a decrease of 131 members from April, 2009, but an increase of 206 from April 2008.

Division Reports

1st Division

Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

The First Division held their Spring Mini-Meet on April 17, 2010 with almost forty model railroaders in attendance. The get-together began at 8:00 AM with coffee, donuts and a social hour at the Roseburg County Library. At nine o'clock the mini-meet got under way with the first of six clinics.

Ed Schaezner prepared and presented a "How To" Reference Manual which condensed the 118 page Digitrax Manual down to five pages of essential information needed to operate DT300 and DT400 throttles. Glenn Edmussen presented some ideas on the basic track detection system that he is using on his home layout. Scott Rouse demonstrated his methods of weathering modern hoppers. Jim Williams discussed basic air brush usage with emphasis on the use of isopropyl alcohol as a solvent for Poly Scale paints. The morning was wrapped up with a clinic by Ed Schaezner on building dioramas with emphasis on using pastel chalks as a finishing material.

During the lunch break the BOD had a business meeting. This included a new policy for the Division One Grant Program. The Favorite Model Contest rules were modified to allow non-member guests the opportunity to enter and vote on favorite models. The BOD also received a report from Bruce McGarvey on the willingness of the clubs that make up Medford's Railroad Park to participate in a proposed joint PNR/PCR Convention in May, 2012.

After lunch Dave Spakousky and Jay Mudge presented a clinic on the Signaling System used on the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club. The clinics were interspersed with several drawings for door prizes. Finally, Glenn Edmussen handed out the awards to the winners of the Favorite Model Contest. Ken Olsen won the grand prize for his diorama of the Hull-Oaks lumber loading facilities.

After the meeting was adjourned, most attendees headed out to the three layouts that were available for viewing, while the AP judges met to evaluate Ken Olsen's diorama. It was being judged for the Prototype Model AP. The judges felt that it met the requirements. It was a busy but enjoyable day for all. Gene Neville volunteered to host the next Mini-Meet in Adair Village sometime this fall.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

Nothing's been happening (at least officially) in the 2nd Division. I'm going to push for another mini-meet this fall since the February meet was so successful. More details later.

3rd Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

Hopefully summer will soon arrive. This cold and wet spring has slowed down our train chasing activities. The Third Division has our fall meet coming on Sept 25th. We have a new contest to build anything as long as its retail price in today's market is no greater than \$20.00. Let's see how many different entries we get. It should be great fun.

The Union Pacific Historical Society is having their annual meet in Boise, July 28–31. Quite a few 3D members are involved in putting it on. For more details, contact Joel Slagg, 208-343-1208.

Congratulations to Phil Ulmen. He finally got his tile floor in his railroad room done after buying the tile in 1989. It's good to see him take his own advice. He's been working great guns on his layout after being retired for years. Phil gave me this information to share as he is laughing at his own condition. He's the first person to tell you how to do it right. He finally got it right.

Keep working on those Achievement Program projects!

4th Division

Dennis Hill, Superintendent

Once again, summer is rapidly approaching, even in the Northwest. As I write this, it is pouring down rain, watering my yard for me! Summer and trains mean different things to different people. Some see summer as a time to chase trains, visit local railroad museums, and other close-to-home venues. To others, summer means the National Convention which this year will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is the 75th Anniversary convention and, from the looks of it, you will have a week to see about three weeks worth of stuff! If you can attend I am sure you will have a great time visiting the home of the beginnings of the NMRA.

Conventions being the current subject I would like to invite all NMRA members and prospective members to *Cascadian International 2010*, being held in Lynnwood, Washington at the Embassy Suites just off of I-5 and within minutes of the Edmonds Amtrak Station. (See article on Page 11.) A shuttle is available to those coming by train. We will have over thirty clinicians, many well-known members of the modeling community, including many MMRs from across the country. Layout Open Houses and Tours are scheduled from September 15th through September 19th (so you can extend the fun one more day). Prototype Tours are also planned to a variety of locations. Contests and AP Judging, plus Show and Tell (non-judged) events are planned. The PNR Board Meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 15th. The Membership Meeting is Friday, Sept. 17th at 8:00 AM.

The Awards Banquet will feature a well-known speaker and fabulous food prepared by the staff of the Embassy Suites. The rooms are all suites and include a full cooked-to-order breakfast daily! So much to see and do and the price is only \$40.00 for the Convention (spouses are \$20.00) and the Banquet is only \$35 more. So much to see and do, September 15–18 in Lynnwood. See you there!

5th Division

Shirley Sample, Superintendent

The 5th Division Annual Meeting & Mini-Meet was held on April 9–11, 2010 in Missoula, MT. Our hosts for the weekend were the Missoula Model Railroad Club and the majority of the planning and details were handled by Tom McCartney. We started off with registration at the motel, and then went to Fort Missoula for a clinic by Dennis Sain of the Missoula club, followed by a DVD. This was an excellent clinic on "tree making." His method is an inexpensive and fast way to make a variety of trees in all scales. The DVD was on a layout in New Jersey capable of running 115 trains at a time and requires about a mile of walking to see the whole layout.

Saturday morning, 35 to 40 of us met at Precision Scale Co., in Victor, MT and received the grand tour by Mark Mogensen. Then it was off to Oso Railworks, Inc. near Hamilton, MT, home of Northwest Shortline, Evergreen Hill Models, and Oso Publishing. David Rygmyr had given his employees Friday off work so he would have employees there on Saturday to demonstrate how they do what they do. Thanks to both of these gentlemen for taking the time on a Saturday to show us around their companies.

After a break for lunch, we broke up into three groups and were led on layout tours. We viewed Kirk Thompson's layout which is under construction, but has most track work completed. Then it was off to view Bill Barker's Milwaukee layout. His layout is pretty much

completed, depicting the Milwaukee Road with a lot of scenery, buildings, mountains and trees. John Nash's layout is pretty much complete in his basement, three islands with a loop running along the wall, through a bedroom and closet back to the main area. We had time for a short stop at the Bitterroot Valley Model Railroad Club layout in Stevensville.

Sunday morning we started off with a clinic at Fort Missoula given by Bob Sample on airbrush painting. After the clinic, we held our annual meeting, discussing the by-law updates; reimbursement to groups hosting the mini-meets and/or annual meetings; our website and YahooGroup site; and did the door prize drawings. Thanks to *The Treasure Chest* in Missoula, *Sunset Junction* in Spokane and Bob Sample for door prizes. After the meeting we visited Bill Taylor's layout — a shelf-type layout of the NP with several mining areas and Larry Brumback's layout, a mixture of NP and Milwaukee. All the layouts were very nice and I believe they all qualified for the Golden Spike Award. Larry Brumback also completed the work for his AP Award for Scenery. A big "Thank You" to all who participated and attended this Mini-Meet and to the Missoula Model Railroad Club for hosting the event.

Again I would like to request that anyone with a home layout in the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area, who is willing to have visitors, to please let me know so we can do some layout tours on a Saturday or two this summer or fall. Regardless of how little you may think you have to show, there is always something of interest for people to look at and learn from. The only way you can find out how to do things is to see how others are doing it. We would also like to do some clinics, but need to find a location and presenters. If you would like to be a part of this and help your 5th Division, let me know.

As always, if you are willing to volunteer to be an officer of the 5th Division or would like to help out in any way, please let me know. We really need new people with new ideas – it is *your* organization. We need input on what members would like to see happen within the Division.

The Fall Mini-Meet will be held October 1–3, 2010 in the Lewiston/Clarkston area. As we get more details, they will be available on our website. We are looking for volunteers to give clinics and those who would be willing to have their layouts open — either in the Lewiston or Clarkston area, or in route to or from those two towns.

I would appreciate hearing from members; if you have any questions or comments, please contact me: shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com, home phone: 509-292-8332, cell phone: 509-991-2317, work phone: 800-366-6975, or via U.S. Mail at 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

I write this as the 6th Division Spring Meet is underway in Camrose. It has been a wonderful start to the convention with interesting clinics and really good prototype tours, especially the pipe plant. I am sure the rest of the convention will continue in the same manner. Good job to the organizers!

Supertrain in Calgary was once again a great success and we in the division are looking forward to the MMRF show in Edmonton Sept. 17–18.

The division has many events planned this summer from "Meet and Greets" to "Slide Nights." Watch the website for updates.

We have a new *Highball* editor coming on board for the Division right after the convention. That, combined with the website, will help get the Division's news out there. Also, we look forward to the Regional convention in Seattle this September. I hope to see you all there!

7th Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

The Interior Spring Meet for the 7th Division was held in my home town, Salmon Arm this year (Tappen is a suburb or bedroom community). We called it *Shuswap Rails 2010* and, for those of you not familiar with Salmon Arm, the city of over 17,000 is situated on one of the Arms of Shuswap Lake. The lake is one of the largest in B.C. and has four arms in the form of an "H." It has seven major rivers emptying into it, including the famous Adams River which is known for its Sockeye Salmon Run. There are over 1000 Km (600 miles) of navigable coastline and has over 300 houseboats for rent. The Shuswap, by way of the Thompson River, flows into the Fraser River, which empties near Vancouver and there are no dams on this water system.

But back to *Shuswap Rails*. By all reports from delegates, vendors and the general public, it was an overwhelming success. Two years of planning, meeting once a month, culminated in a show that was different in a number of ways. We paid for 55 ads between Kamloops and Salmon Arm radio stations, plus CBC radio which covers the whole interior of the Province, all of the local newspapers, and local Cablevision. We printed posters and gave them to the stores and businesses in Salmon Arm and the surrounding area. It worked out well, as we had almost 1,200 though the doors. We also put together a ladies tour on Saturday and had 23 ladies take part. They were bussed (thanks to the Sicamous Eagles hockey team bus) to a winery, cheese factory, lunch at an inn/pub and back to the hotel to participate in a craft where they produced an Easter hat brooch. We also sold 24 advertisements and produced a 32 page, 5"x7" colour program which went over really well. If anyone is organizing a meet and would like to see what we did, there is a limited quantity left over. Email me at comhaven@jetstream.net. We also had a number of layouts that were in various stages of construction and we found that the public was very interested. The only disappointing thing was that there were only 40 full registrants, not including the 15 from the Salmon Arm Club.

There are still a number of meets this summer. Those in Port Alberni and Revelstoke show up in the Timetable but one doesn't: the Victoria Annual Model Railway Show, Sept. 26 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. For more information, contact Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070.

Candidates' Statements

Walt Huston, President

I have been an active model railroader since 1956. I began with hand-me-down HO scale equipment and have been modeling in N scale since 1968. I am currently serving as the PNR Vice President, having assumed the duties on July 1, 2009. Prior to that, I served as a Director for the 4th Division and as the 4th Division Superintendent for one slightly extended term. I am currently the President of the Tacoma N Scalers model railroad group (and have been for 22 years).

My favorite part of model railroading is teaching others how to do something and observing them do that task. I have had 55 articles published, mostly in *N-Scale Magazine*, but also in *Great Model Railroads 2003*, and *Mainline Modeler* among others such as monthly columns in the 4th Division's *Grab-Iron* newsletter. I was the honcho for the last twenty years of the *N-Trek Northwest Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet*. I participate in local layout tours and hold open houses four to six times a year. I also participate in the annual Oly-Ops layout operating sessions, most recently the November 7, 2009 event as a helper at one of the layouts.

My past experiences include 22 years as a member of the United States Air Force, retiring in October of 1985. I started out as an Air Policeman and retired as the Superintendent of Weapons Systems Security at Castle AFB, California. I served for 16.5 years as the Director of Campus Safety (Police/Fire/Emergency Medical Response) at Pacific Lutheran University, retiring in June of 2004. In between, I had short-term jobs working for model railroad hobby shops in both Texas and Washington.

I want to help the Pacific Northwest Region continue its fine traditions and to grow and prosper. I have had a fine tutor for this position in the form of Jack Hamilton, who has won election to the Western Region Director position with NMRA. I will look to all of the Division Superintendents and my staff for ideas and guidance as we, together, move forward.

Bobj Berger, Vice President

Model Railroading is supposed to be fun. Nevertheless, I have agreed to accept my nomination as a candidate for the PNR Vice Presidency. Besides, if elected it counts toward my Achievement Program.

My NMRA experiences began with attending Seattle Clinic back in the late 70s and now I am the chair. My first NMRA "job" was as 4D Video Librarian. The library consisted of 24 tapes but grew to over 700 tapes several years later when I passed on those duties. In 1996, I was awarded the 4D's *Golden Grab-Iron Service Award*.

I have been involved at the management level of several Division and Regional Conventions (including *Cascadian International 2010*), and the NMRA National Convention *PSX2004*, where I was Outside Activities Assistant Director and Layout Tours Manager. Recently I have been the Static Display Coordinator for the annual Pacific Science Center Model Railroad Show, the 4D's largest funding source. I have been the 4D Ballot Chair for past couple of decades and several years ago also was appointed PNR U.S. Ballot Chair. Because I have homes in both 4D and 5D, I make it a point to count PNR ballots at the 5D Annual Meeting.

Modeling currently includes an N scale layout, two HO layouts; modules in O Hi-Rail, O scale, and HO; and (slowly) constructing a garden railroad and a small Z layout. There are also plans for building a Flyer S above my HO layout in my Edmonds train room. Our family has On30 around the Christmas tree. Formerly a geriatric social worker, I am now retired but still involved in appraisal and liquidation of model railroad estates; being Santa for The Forgotten Children Fund and also professionally; being an Empire Builder and Coast Starlight Interpretive Guide; and a Tour Manager on tourist trains around the world. Thank you, for considering me for PNR Vice President.

Dave Liesse, Vice President

I recently returned to the Pacific Northwest after an absence of 21 years. While I was away, first in California and then in Illinois, I was very active in all levels of the NMRA, and I have no desire to change now that I'm back. Thus, I've decided to run for PNR Vice President.

Leadership positions I have held in the past include:

- ◆ President, Peninsula Model Railroad Club (San Mateo, CA)
- ◆ Chief Clerk, DuPage Division, Midwest Region
- ◆ Treasurer, Midwest Region
- ◆ Chair, four successful Midwest Region conventions
- ◆ NMRA Trustee
- ◆ NMRA Secretary
- ◆ NMRA Vice President

As Midwest Region Treasurer, I was able to institute measures that saved the region from going bankrupt. This entailed a thorough review and revision of the region's Constitution and Bylaws. At the national level, I was on the committee that prepared the first complete working draft of the new Regulations and have done similar projects at the club and district levels of Optimist International. I also prepared the initial data model for the new database at NMRA HQ, still a work in progress.

I don't come with any grand agenda; the Vice President's role is to support the President and fill in when necessary. Nevertheless, there are two areas that can always use attention: communication and membership retention. I have some experience in these areas, acquired while filling other positions and my vast network of contacts in other regions and organizations allows me to draw on ideas from several perspectives. I hope to do whatever I can to improve both of these areas within the Pacific Northwest Region.

I already know many of you and hope to meet many others as time moves on. With your help, we can make this far and away the best region in the NMRA! See you in Lynnwood!



National Model Railroad Association Pacific Northwest Region



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Instructions

- Mark an X beside the candidate of your choice.
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- Fill in your name, NMRA and PNR member numbers, and sign the ballot.
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Cascadian International 2010 PNR Annual Convention

Rob Jones, Convention Chair

The 4th Division is proud to serve as host of the PNR's Annual Convention this September 16–18, at the Embassy Suites hotel in Lynnwood, WA. Rooms are still available, so reserve yours today. Even though you may live within driving distance, you'll have a much better convention experience if you can stay at the host hotel. You can learn more about the convention at the 4D website, 4dpcnr.org.

Wednesday, September 15, begins with an ***Ice Cream Social, Swap Meet and BBQ***.

Clinics will be plentiful, with a wide variety by MMRs like Paul Scoles, Di Voss, Jack Hamilton, and Jack Burgess (of the famous *Yosemite Valley Railroad*) coming all the way from the Pacific Coast Region in California. Many other locals will also give clinics, including Walt Huston, Al Lowe, Doug Bulger and Dennis Hill.

Prototype Tours will include Seattle's St. Gobain Glass Co.; the Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie, (including a tour of the facilities plus a rail ride); a special rail tour of a local shortline with a 30-mile ride for the first twenty persons to sign up (a once-in-a-lifetime chance!); and a tour of Boeing's Everett Plant.



Russ Segner's Sn3 Coal Creek Lumber Company

ways, see 4dpcnr.org for complete information.

Friday morning is the PNR's ***Annual Membership Meeting***, which is open to all PNR members.

Saturday evening's ***Banquet*** will be quite affordable and will feature as guest speaker John White on "*The Inside Story on Developing Concrete Ties.*" John was lead engineer in the development project.

And there's loads of fun in-between. Hurry and ***register now*** so you don't miss out! Go to 4dpcnr.org, click on *Cascadian International 2010* and follow the links. You can pay with Paypal or by mailing a check. For additional info or questions, contact Rob Jones, PNR Convention Chair, or Dennis Hill, 4D Superintendent, or any of the Committee members listed on the website.

This convention is for NMRA members only. You must be a member at the time of the Convention. So either sign up for regular membership or, if you haven't been a member of the NMRA during the past two years, a RailPass will be included in your registration.



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Layout Tours will be in two flavors: *Guided Tours* and *Open Houses*. The *Tours* take you on a bus (for a fee), while the *Open Houses* are free (but you have to drive yourself or arrange your own carpool). *Tours* are in 4-hour blocks. There will be three *Tours* each day. Layouts on *Tours* include: Russ Segner's Sn3 layout, JJ Johnston's HO layout, and many more! *Open Houses* are scheduled separately and include: Tom Enloe's HO layout on Saturday and Roy Cutler's and Walt Huston's N Scale layouts and more!

Operating Sessions are scheduled before, during and after the Convention and include Tom Enloe's HO layout on Sunday and Roy Cutler's N scale layout Friday evening.

Non-Railroad Tours and Events are also planned. There are many fine restaurants, entertainment, and shopping in the area. As al-



Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie

Cascadian International 2010 Registration Form

September 16–18, 2010

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

First Name:	Last Name:
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
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
TBA		\$	\$

TOTAL

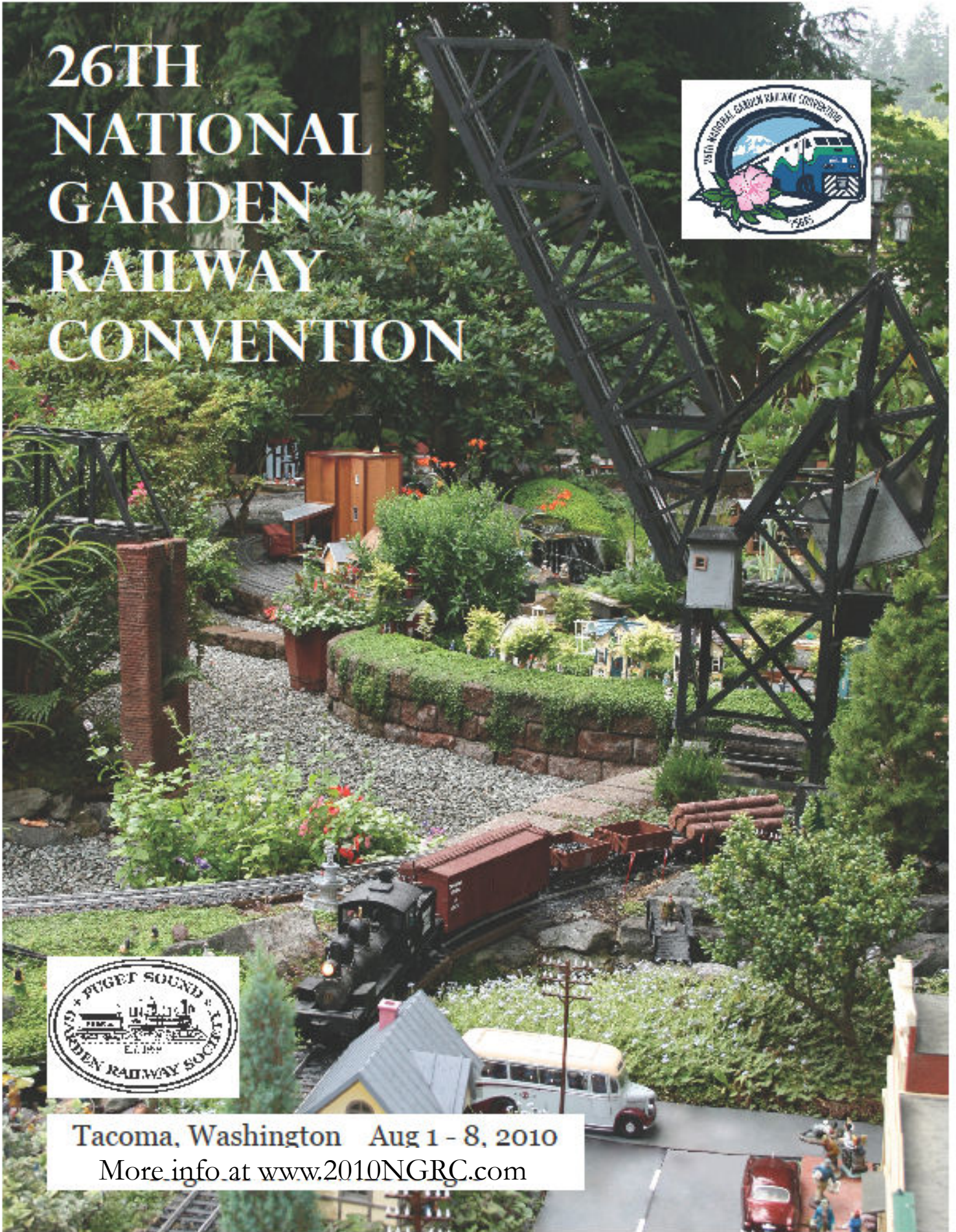
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Mail your completed registration form and payment inside an envelope to: CI2010, Norm Curtis, Registrar, 17126 38th Ave West, Lynnwood, WA 98037-7009, CurtisNorm@yahoo.com. Make checks or money orders payable to **4DPNR Cascadian International 2010** 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."

26TH NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION



Tacoma, Washington Aug 1 - 8, 2010
More info at www.2010NGRC.com



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*

Jun 12-13, Port Alberni, BC

2nd Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modelers Meet McLean Mill National Heritage Park, Port Alberni, B.C. All logging modelling will be represented - Trains, trucks, and all other equipment from N scale to you name it. Info:- kj.rutherford@shaw.ca, Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord rblord@telus.net (250) 724-4205

Jun 18-19, Spokane, WA

Inland Empire Railway Historical Society, 4th Annual Open House at the Spokane Fairgrounds South Entrance, 10 AM to 3 PM. Tours of Vintage RR Cars and Museum, Free ride on the 2 ft. Gauge Train, Souvenirs, Food, Photo-ops. Donation of \$5 per family or \$10 per van load. Info:- ropenhouse@comcast.net or call Donna at 509-924-9781 or 509-325-3641.

Jun 19 (Sat), Bremerton, WA

Bremerton Northern Model Railroad Club 2010 Swap Meet. We have a new location at the West Side Improvement Club, 4109 West "E" Street (the corner of National Ave & "E" Street in Navy Yard City) Get off Hwy 3 at Loxie Eagans to National, turn right at light. 10am - 4pm, \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. Info:- Marion Weston, 360-633-7212, or MarionandDan@live.com

Jun 19 - Jun 20, Portland, OR

The Rose City Garden Railroad Society Summer Tour of Portland area layouts from 10AM to 5PM. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and some garden centers for \$10 per family (grandkids to grandparents count as one family). Info:- www.RCGRS.com

Jun 20 (Sun), Fort Steele , BC

6th Annual Fathers Day at the Steam Railway, Fort Steele Heritage Town. Info:- www.fortsteele.ca

Jul 11-18, Milwaukee, WI

National Model Railroad Association 75th Anniversary Convention

Jul 14 (Wed), Spokane, WA

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Info:- www.sps.shs.org

Jul 14-17, Spokane, WA

Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Mirabeau Park Hotel. Info:-m1amikea@gmail.com, www.nprha.org

Jul 17-18, Ilwaco, WA

The 7th Annual Clamshell Railroad Days celebrates the history of the IR&N Railroad-the only railroad that ran with the tides-that ran on the Long Beach Peninsula from 1889-1930. Co-sponsored with the Peninsula Model Railroad Club, it includes model railroad layouts from regional clubs, historical presentations, vendors and a bus tour. Info:- columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/clamshell-railroad-days

Jul 28-31, Boise, ID

Union Pacific Historical Society 26th National Convention Info:- www.uphs.org/events/UPHS_2010_CONV.pdf

Aug 1-8, Tacoma, WA

26th Annual National Garden Railways Convention, hosted by the Puget Sound Garden Railway Society at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center Info:- www.2010ngrc.com/">www.2010ngrc.com/

Aug 7-8, Rainier, OR

The LK&R Swap Meet Info:- lkrtrains.yolasite.com/

Aug 12-17, Revelstoke, BC

Railway Days 2010, Revelstoke Railway Museum. Info: - Jennifer Dunkerson, Executive Director, at 1-877-837-6060, director.railway@telus.net, www.railwaydays.com.

Aug 14-15, Big Valley, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2010. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 27-29, North Bend, WA

Pacific Northwest Milwaukee Road Modelers' Meet, Cedar River Watershed Education Center, 19901 Cedar Falls Rd SE (I-90 exit 32). Info:- www.milwelectric.org

Sep 8-24, Pendleton, OR

Portland Rose - Pendleton Roundup Centennial Special. UP Steam Info:- www.uprr.com/aboutup/excurs/steamtr.shtml

Sep 10-12, Caldwell, ID

Treasure Valley Train Expo. O'Conner Field House, 2207 Blaine, Caldwell. Noon to 8:00 P.M. Friday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model con-

tests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. Info:-t Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalleytrainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Sep 12-15, East Glacier Park, MT

Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- www.gnrhs.org

Sep 16-18, Lynnwood, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel. 4dprn.org/CI2010.htm, Rob Jones, rob.mobileone.jones@gmail.com

Sep 18-19, Edmonton, AB

2010 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Mayfield Trade Centre, 16615 - 109 Ave (Mayfield Road). 40,000 sq. ft. of layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info:- www.mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 25 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Open House. 10:00am to 4:00pm. We plan to be running many different types of HO gauge engines from the small logging area to the Big Boys on the main line. This event will be located at 8100 E. Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Washington. This is one block east of Garrison Square, in the building behind Safe Harbor Nazarene Church, bordering the parking lot off 82nd Ave. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Sep 25 (Sat), Boise, ID

PNR 3rd Division Fall Meet, Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 North Five Mile Road (McMillan and Five Mile). 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/

Sep 25-26, Calgary, AB

24th Annual Railway Days. Two operating 0-6-0's, spike driving competition, and model railway exhibits. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

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