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Officers' Reports

President's Report

Walt Huston

It's late summer 2011 and finally the summer weather is coming around —at times. I hope all of you are taking advantage of all of the opportunities available for both modeling and rail fanning or even vacations and such. I took in the NMRA National Convention in July and have been working away slowly on my home layout as well as a few other modeling opportunities.

As your President, I have attempted to put together a Mini-Convention/Meet for 2011 but have been unsuccessful. I apologize for that. I look forward to May 2012 when we will have our next full convention in Medford, Oregon as a joint venture with the Pacific Coast Region. This will be a fantastic experience! There are quite a few people working hard for this convention. Ed Liesse has an update for you elsewhere in this issue. Make your plans now for an exceptionally good time.

Coming this fall, we will be looking for candidates for the offices of President and Vice President. If you are interested in running for either office, please let me know, 253-535-2043, walthuston@earthlink.net. While I am still looking for a volunteer to be the Nominations Chair, we still need to get candidates. You will hear more on this soon.

If you have not checked out the NMRA website lately, go take a look. There have been a number of changes and upgrades over the past year that are of interest to us all.



Vice-President's Report

Dave Liesse

I've never been one to believe in growing membership just for the sake of growing membership. In fact, I believe it's possible for an organization to get too large to adequately serve its members needs! Nevertheless, membership count is one indicator of the health of an organization; it's just not the only one or the test.

For the 13 months from July 2010 through July 2011, the Pacific Northwest Region has grown by 11 members. That's only about seven-tenths of one percent, but it is growth, and in the current economic climate, it qualifies as satisfactory.

In that same period, though, we signed up 206 new members and lost 20 to the Great Railroad in the Sky. Taken as a whole our region isn't really suffering a net exodus or enjoying a mass immigration, so members probably move in and out of the region in roughly equal numbers. What this means is that we had about 175 members who decided not to continue their memberships.

Without a doubt, several of those 175 had to make an economic decision. Others have left the hobby. But what of the rest? What did we do — or not do — that made them decide we weren't worth their discretionary spending? And for those whose decisions were forced by economics, did they decide to stay in some other organization instead of ours?

Rhetoric aside, a loss of about 10% of our members is a natural rate, and one that is better than most membership organizations. But should we be satisfied with it? What can we do better to make our members believe their money is well spent with the NMRA?

Right now, we don't know the reasons for most of these departures. But we can all do our best to help retain current members and find new ones. Do you make a point of greeting new members and guests at your division events? Do you make them feel welcome? Do you encourage them to stay active?

It's the little things that count. When I visited a well-known model railroad club many years ago on the night they were publicized as being open, the only three words spoken to me all night were, "excuse me, fellas," as one of the members brushed past my brother and me in the walkway outside the layout. Do you think that engendered a desire to ever give that club any further attention? Let's be sure we're not like that at the Division and Region levels!

As the Region Membership Chair, I'm issuing a challenge to each division: let's see if every division can end July 2012 with a net increase in membership over July 2011, with total new members at least 2% of your current numbers. Let me know how the region can help you!

Join our YahooGroup by sending a blank email to PNR-NMRA-subscribe@yahoo.com. Yahoo will send you a confirmation email. Click the link inside it. You're in! Join today!

Treasurer's Report

Dirk Krusman

The PNR's fiscal year ends August 31st. To date, thanks to, among other things, a successful Lynwood convention, our income for this year is \$13,701.03 — some 99% of our budget estimate. Our expenses are at \$11,163.30 or 80% of the budget, but the cost of printing and mailing this *Switchlist* must be added to that number when we close the books for this year. All in all, financially it was a good year. Most of our investments are in bank savings accounts at this time, which do not pay very much, but then they also don't lose anything, a real concern in these times. The total cash assets of the PNR, including our Canadian accounts, are \$58,837.55 as of August 7, 2011.

2011 Budget Execution Sept 1, 2010 to Aug 21, 2011			2011 BUDGET	ACTUAL US US\$	ACTUAL CANADA Cdn\$	COMBINED TOTAL Note 1, US\$	PERFOR- MANCE
Line	Income	Notes					
1	Convention Receipts.		\$1,950.00	\$1,944.00	\$0.00	\$1,944.00	100%
2	Convention Loan Repayments		\$1,000.00	\$1,100.78	\$0.00	\$1,100.78	110%
3	Interest Earned	Note 5	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$256.52	\$270.02	5400%
4	Life Membership payment	Note 4	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.00	100%
5	NMRA Payments		\$2,700.00	\$2,244.00	\$0.00	\$2,244.00	83%
6	Non-Rail Activities		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
7	Reserve Fund		\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$2,882.75	\$3,034.47	106%
8	Subscription Fee		\$3,400.00	\$3,399.00	\$0.00	\$3,399.00	100%
	Other Income	Note 3	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	
	TOTAL INCOME		\$13,880.00	\$10,657.78	\$3,139.27	\$13,962.27	101%
	Expenses						
9	President		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
10	Vice President		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
11	Secretary		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
12	Office Manager		\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
13	Treasurer		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
14	Awards	Note 4	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00	\$10.00	\$1,010.53	88%
15	Contingencies		\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
16	Convention Loan		\$2,000.00	\$1,100.78	\$0.00	\$1,100.78	55%
17	Division Support		\$4,000.00	\$3,153.00	\$1,694.00	\$4,936.16	123%
18	Legal Fees		\$500.00	\$5.00	\$389.05	\$414.53	83%
19	Non-Rail Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
20	Oregon Corporation Fees		\$55.00	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$66.00	120%
21	Program Expenses		\$500.00	\$377.95	\$0.00	\$377.95	76%
22	Switchlist Publication		\$5,400.00	\$3,701.70	\$0.00	\$3,701.70	69%
23	Travel Reimbursement		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
	TOTAL EXPENSE		\$13,880.00	\$9,404.43	\$2,093.05	\$11,607.64	84%

Note 1 Cdn exchange rate at 0.95 in May 2011

Note 2 Included in Checking/Savings Account balances

Note 3 Includes Pin & Patch sales

Note 4 \$1000 from Life Member Acct donated to NMRA

Note 5 Includes receipt of investment account interest

CHECKING ACCOUNT BAL- ANCES	21-Aug-11	\$5,700.37	\$8,843.42	\$15,009.23
LIFE MEMBER ACCOUNT	04-Aug-11	\$20,366.18		\$20,366.18
US INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	04-Aug-11	\$12,112.34		\$12,112.34
CANADIAN INVESTMENT AC- COUNT	04-Aug-11		\$11,030.49	\$11,611.04
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	21-Aug-11			\$59,098.80

Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton

You are all doing a good job selling AP to each other and helping each other make progress with AP Certificates and toward your personal goal. I continue to be encouraged by the number of you who either stop me at a meeting or a show or email me to ask questions about the program. I am even more encouraged to note that the prior complaints about “too much paper” have been replaced by questions about how soon an assessment team can be available to look at someone’s work.

I am also encouraged to see the number of PNR modelers who have layouts featured in magazines. The quality of your work is indeed noteworthy. If you have not invited an AP assessment team over to your place to look things over, now is the time. There are a couple of people in the Seattle area who are now on my radar for a visit.

Here are the members who have participated and earned recognition over the past few months:

Thomas Garrison – Golden Spike

Joe Adair – Merit Award, Civil

Malcolm Anderson – Merit Award, Structures

Doug Auburg – Merit Award, Structures

Robert Beise – 3 Merit Awards, Civil; AP Certificate, Model Railroad Engineer, Civil

Jeff Betcher – Merit Award, Civil

Kevin Chain – Merit Award, Motive Power

Charlie Comstock – 2 AP Certificates: Master Model Builder, Scenery; Model Railroad Author

Stephen James Cook – AP Certificate: Association Volunteer

Armand Cyr – 6 Merit Award, Structures; 3 AP Certificates: Master Builder, Structures; Master Builder, Scenery; Master Model Railroad Engineer, Civil

Glenn Edmison – 4 AP Certificates: Master Model Railroad Engineer, Electrical; Master Model Railroad Engineer, Civil; Master Builder, Scenery; and Master Builder, Prototype

Phillip Everett – 5 Merit Awards, Cars; AP Certificate, Association Volunteer

Al Frasch – Merit Award, Structures

Rene Gourley – Merit Award, Cars

Iver Johnson – Merit Award, Structures

Gordon Jones – 3 Merit Awards: Structures

Dale Kreutzer – AP Certificate, Association Volunteer

Jim McCowan – Merit Award, Civil

Rick McPhee – 2 Merit Awards, Motive Power

James Murrie – AP Certificate, Model Railroad Author

Fredrick E. Smith – Merit Award, Cars

Robert Staples – AP Certificate, Association Volunteer

Jack Tingstad – Merit Award, Structures

John White – 2 Merit Awards, Civil; 3 Merit Award, Structures

Doug Wingfield – 4 AP Certificates: Model Railroad Author; Model Railroad Engineer, Electrical; Master Builder, Cars; and Model Railroad Engineer, Civil

Mark Wittrup – Merit Award, Cars

Co-Office Managers' Report

Ed and Gay Liesse

Changes in Personal Information

If you have changes in your personal information (address, phone number, email), please send it to the NMRA headquarters in Chattanooga or to us at celiesse@aol.com or glliesse@aol.com. With more and more information being sent electronically, the email address is very important to your division, region and national organization. If you aren't sure that NMRA has your up-to-date email address, send it to us and we can check it and let you know. Then we can quickly update the records for you.

Switchlist by Email

If you prefer to get your copy of the *Switchlist* by email rather than receive a mailed paper copy, tell us! Email us at celiesse@aol.com or glliesse@aol.com with your name, NMRA membership number, and email address. Make the Subject line “*Switchlist* by email.” We'll add your name to the email list and remove it from the snail mail list. Remember, the email copy is in color and you will receive it many days earlier than by regular mail. You'll also save the Region and your Division considerable expense!

Membership

We thought you might like to see what the PNR membership figures by division looked like over the past year. It's interesting to note the ebb and flow through the divisions. The question is: What causes these losses and gains? Are 6-month Rail Passes not being renewed? If not, are we doing anything to keep these members? Did a train show or other event bring in new members? What will we be doing to encourage renewal? What works in your division to retain memberships? Can you share these ideas with the other divisions?

Division	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11
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2	157	157	156	161	156	155	153	154	156	155	153	152
3	76	77	80	78	71	72	70	71	78	78	76	76
4	515	509	501	501	496	506	519	521	528	529	535	531
5	217	221	220	216	211	211	213	215	212	212	210	206
6	222	226	229	230	228	228	231	232	230	234	229	226
7	336	341	341	340	333	333	328	334	341	331	333	332
Totals	1611	1621	1616	1615	1587	1599	1610	1621	1640	1634	1630	1620

News

Governing Documents Update

Dave Liesse

Within the next month, I'll be starting a project, at the direction of President Walt Huston, to revise and update the PNR Bylaws and other governing documents. My reputation precedes me — I've done this exercise for several organizations, including 4th Division, where we're about to wrap that one up.

This project will encompass the Bylaws, the Policy Manual, and the Convention Manual. I don't anticipate making any major changes to the Superintendent's Guidebook unless other changes make it necessary. I also expect that most changes will just be a matter of rewording, reorganizing, clarifying, and so on — this is not an exercise to redesign the PNR!

Nevertheless, if substantive changes are necessary, that's within the scope of the project. If you have any changes you'd like to see in any of these documents, tell me at NMRADave@liessefamily.net. Your ideas are welcome, whether new topics or simple typographical errors.

Here's the process I plan to follow: I'll propose the original round of changes based on my review of the documents and the input I get from you. A slightly larger group of people familiar with the current documents and the history of the region will review my suggestions, and we'll go back and forth until we reach consensus. Those proposed changes will then go to the PNR Board of Directors for approval. Then most, if not all, will go to the membership for approval. We want this to take place with next year's ballot, so please send me your thoughts soon!

Join the PNR's YahooGroup!

Al Lowe

Join the PNR's YahooGroup today and win! Win the recognition of your peers. Win new knowledge. Win (a few) more emails. Seriously, the more members who join the Group, the better it can do its job. Join today. It couldn't be easier:

1. Create a blank email to PNR-NMRA-subscribe@yahoogroup.com by clicking the link.
2. Write nothing. Just click Send.
3. To confirm that you're really you, Yahoo will send you an email containing a link.
4. Open that email and click the link. You're in!

Besides receiving first notification of the publication of the *Switchlist*, you'll have access to the most-involved model railroaders in your region.

Siskiyou Summit 2012: The Joint PNR/PCR Convention

Ed Liesse & Jim Providenza, Co-Chairs

Mark your calendars now for May 2–5, 2012 and plan to spend those days in Medford, Oregon at the Medford Red Lion Hotel attending the first Joint Convention between PNR and PCR! This one has all the indications of being a convention to remember. Don't be left out!

The Joint Convention Committee is putting together many activities to keep you busy. The PCR and PNR Boards of Directors will have their respective board and business meetings on Wednesday and Friday morning. Convention attendees will enjoy an ice cream social on Wednesday night. A series of high-quality clinics begin Wednesday afternoon and run through Saturday afternoon with a special LDSIG/OPSIG clinic track on Thursday. An editor from *Model Railroader* and Bill Schaumburg of *Railroad Model Craftsman* are two of the many clinicians scheduled. There will be two evenings of operations on the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club.

Siskiyou Summit 1012 will provide both a contest and separate AP assessment. Saturday morning will offer the Hobo Breakfast. Throughout the period, Sidetracks (previously known as "Non-Rails") will have their usual bevy of activities to keep everyone busy. We will wrap up with the banquet on Saturday night.

A special event on Thursday will be a day excursion to Train Mountain www.trainmountain.org, a 2200-acre model railroad with 7.5" gauge track and more than 20 miles of mainline track. During the week, tours of Micro-Trains will be available and possibly a few tours of Campbell Scale Models.

On Saturday afternoon *Siskiyou Summit 1012* attendees will have the run of Medford Railroad Park soc-nrhs.org/medfordrrpark.htm, operated by the Southern Oregon Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, the Morse Telegraph Club, the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club, the Southern Oregon Live Steamers, and the Southwest Oregon Large Scale Trains group. All the above groups will have personnel on hand to show off their displays and let you take part in some of their activities. In addition to all the rail-related activities, there are a number of places in and around Medford to visit, many of historical interest. And Ashland, home of the well-known Shakespeare Festival, is just down the road.

All this is available to you for the low "early bird" registration price of only \$45. We also have a low hotel room rate of \$82/night double, with add-on days before and after the convention at the same rate.

The *Siskiyou Summit 1012* website is up and running at pcrnmra.org/conv2012. Take a look now and watch for added items as the schedule fills up.

We plan to see you in Medford!



Clinics Needed for the Joint PNR-PCR 2012 Convention

Doug Auburg

It may seem like a long time away but we're already hard at work planning a great convention for Medford next May. PCR and PNR are both working to provide a great program for this first-ever joint convention between our regions. Are you planning to attend the convention in May? If not, you should reconsider. It promises to be great.

We are looking for great clinics from PNR members to add to the mix. Please think about it. If you're willing to present a clinic, let me know at 360-608-3802 or cdauburg@wa-net.com.

PNR/PCR Convention 2012

Walt Huston

It's time for action!

Forget our lack of a real summer and get moving toward the PNR/PCR Joint Convention in Medford, Oregon coming up May 2–5, 2012. So far, the PNR is behind the PCR in getting in registrations for what will be a great convention. Sign up now and take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Fee of only \$45.00. That's got to be the best convention bargain in a long time. The convention is sponsored by PNR, so we need to get out in front of the game and show the world we are the best region in all of the NMRA and that we have the best modelers in the NMRA as well. Now is the time to visit www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012 and see what's planned. Then go back often to see what's been added.

For more information, see Ed Liesse's report elsewhere in this issue. But sign up now!

NMRA InfoNet News

Gerry Leone

If your Region or Division gives **adult or family classes on model railroading**, Fred Bock, the NMRA's Education Department Assistant Manager, is looking for ideas. Whether your program is a one-day seminar or multi-week course, Fred wants to know what it's about and your lesson plans and other materials. Please email Fred at fbockLSRDiv6@aol.com with "Adult Education" in the Subject line.

The dust has barely settled from the Sacramento convention, and the folks in Grand Rapids are revving up for next year's get-together. In fact, **registration for Grand Rails 2012 is well underway**. Members can visit www.gr2012.org and register online or download a mail-in form. Non-members may also sign up. Note that currently registration only covers the costs of attending the convention. Furniture City Flyers Club members will receive the complete list of tours, activities, and merchandise in December, followed by advance registrants, then all other members.

The Howell Day Museum is planning a **new release of its extremely popular Commemorative Car #3**, the Gorre and Daphetid bobber caboos — except this run will feature two new road numbers, #3 and #5. As you may know, John Allen was very fond of these cabooses and ran a fleet of them on his G&D railroad. Pricing will be \$19.95 for one car, or \$34.95 for the set of two. Watch for their availability at www.nmra.org or the ad in *NMRA Magazine*.

Again, many clinicians at the Sacramento convention have **uploaded their handouts or full presentations** to the x2011 website at www.x2011west.org. Anyone can download them. Click the Clinics tab and then Clinic Handouts.

In case you missed it last month, the Board of Directors selected **Portland, Oregon as the site of the 2015 National Convention**. More details will be announced soon.

For a complete summary of the Board of Directors meeting, visit www.nmra.org or watch *NMRA Magazine* in the near future.

Division Reports

1st Division

Ed Schaezner, Superintendent

As required by the PNR By-Laws, the First Division held elections this spring for the position of Superintendent and the six director positions. No one ran for Superintendent. However, six members did step forward to run for directors' positions. Division 1 By-Laws do have a provision for a situation when there is no functioning superintendent, so, when the new board members take office September 1, they will elect one of their own members to be the Chairman of the Board. That person will become Superintendent.

First Division held its Spring Mini-Meet at the Douglas County Library in Roseburg on April 30, 2011. The meet was hosted by Nick Lehrbach and Dirk Kruysman and included several clinics ranging from tree making; DCC decoder installation; finishing with acrylic chalks; paver sand as a source of layout dirt, rock and ballast; and railroad graffiti as an art form. There were lots of door prizes and much conversation about model and prototype railroading. A favorite model contest was held with five different categories: Nick Lehrbach won the locomotive category; Scott Rouse and Fred Smith tied for the rolling stock division; Dean Seehawer won the favorite structure category; Dean Seehawer and Sid Jack tied for the Miscellaneous group; and Fred Smith's photograph won the photography category.

Two AP judges, Ed Schaezner and Dirk Kruysman, were available to judge Fred Smith's model of an On3 flatcar. Fred earned a Merit Award for his excellent model.

A Board of Directors meeting was held during the noon break. The Mini-Meet adjourned in the early afternoon to visit two local layouts and, of course, the local hobby shop.

The Fall Mini-Meet will be hosted by Lee Temple and the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club. It will be held on October 8, 2011 at the Eugene Water & Electric Board Community Room, located at 500 East 4th Avenue. The doors will open at 8:00 AM with coffee and donuts. The program will start with clinics at 9:00 AM. There will be door prizes, favorite model contests, AP judging, layout tours, and a business meeting. NMRA members from other divisions are always welcome.

Things are happening in Medford for the 2012 PNR/PCR joint convention with Bruce McGarvey leading the way at the local level.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

3rd Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

After a cold spring and late summer, the hot weather is finally here. Staying out of the heat can be difficult. As for myself, my layout is in a cool basement — ideal for hard work without the sweat.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the National Convention in Sacramento. As always, it was great to see so many familiar faces although a little older and balder. It amazes me how one can cram so much into one week. By the end of the week, I was exhausted and needed to go back to work to rest up.

The 3rd Division's Fall Meet is scheduled for Sept. 24th here in Boise. This time we are having a "Triple-7 Contest." Build anything you want, but it has to fit in a 7" x 7" x 7" inch space.

We are also sending a group to Idaho Falls for their train show on Oct. 8–9 to discuss having them host a 3rd Division Meet in the future.

We have begun planning the PNR Regional Convention that will be here in Boise in 2013. We expect to have as great a convention as we had in 2007. Also, I have been pushing that we attend and volunteer in large numbers at the joint PNR/PCR Regional Convention in Medford next May.

The Treasure Valley Train Expo 4th Annual Trains Show will be in Caldwell, Idaho on September 9–11, sponsored by Team Dewey Toys and Hobbies in Nampa. This is a great way to start off your fall train season. Come and support the hobby shop and the hobby. Bring a friend or grandchild. Our Division will have two tables, one to promote the NMRA, and one with a John Allen Timesaver switching layout to operate. Stop by and say "Hi."

4th Division

Jim Byerly, Superintendent

When I agreed to run for Assistant Superintendent of the 4th Division, I never expected to become Superintendent, nor to have to write an article like this. In April, we lost our Superintendent, Dennis Hill. This was a big loss to our Division and to me personally. We helped each other work on our layouts.

The 4th Division Annual Meeting was held June 9th in Tacoma at the Tacoma Clinic. The membership approved the annual budget.

I hope everyone is planning to not only to attend, but also to volunteer to help out at, the joint PNR/PCR Regional Convention in Medford next May. I am looking forward to it to see some old model railroad friends. I started in the NMRA as a PCR member. *[Editor: me, too.]* Looks like this will be a fun convention with lots to see and do. There will be a lot of well-known clinic presenters. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

It was announced at the National Convention in Sacramento that the NMRA National Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon in August, 2015.

Some members of the 4th Division had an unfortunate incident at a recent train show. Their equipment was taken from their modular display. It was a great loss to them. The NMRA has offered members insurance just for incidents like this one. I recommend that, if you are going to shows and display your personal equipment, insure it! It will help defray the cost of your losses.

5th Division

Shirley Sample, Superintendent

The 5th Division annual meeting was held March 26th in Spokane at the Millwood Masonic Center, with 30 members in attendance. Clinics were given by John Langlot on "Icing Reefers in the Wenatchee Area on the GN"; Kevin Chain on "Use of LEDs in Model Railroading"; and Jerry Quinn on "Decaling, Painting & Weathering". Layout tours were hosted by Larry Nelson, Ron Peterson, Phil Everett, Alan Cunningham, Evergreen Railroad Modelers, and River City Modelers.

On April 9th, Chuck Colville of Moses Lake opened his layout for 5th Division members to visit. He ended up with several visitors from the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area, Tri-Cities area, and Moses Lake. Chuck has done a lot on his layout over the years and it was well worth the visit. Chuck welcomes visitors; just give him a couple of days notice to be sure he is there. Let me know if you would like to visit and I'll put you in touch with him.

The 100% clubs in the 5th Division continue to grow in membership. The River City Modelers group has been busy working on their double-deck layout. They are working on scenery, bridges, buildings, and track to industries. Membership is open. They meet Thursday nights at 1130 E Sprague in Spokane. They will hold an Open House on October 15th from 6–9 PM and on Sunday, October 16th from Noon – 4 PM. If you are in town for the Swap Meet, be sure to stop by to check out their progress.

The Tri-City Model Railroaders are in their new location and starting benchwork. They have pictures and a progress report online; see the link at the 5th Division website.

The INSHOME modular group has 30 members and continues to meet Friday nights at the old U-City Mall. They have the whole room filled with modules and are adding more. They will have part of the layout at the October 16th Swap Meet at Spokane Community College.

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

Jim Trunzo volunteered to be the paymaster for the 5th Division and Gary Thurow volunteered to be Assistant Superintendent. We still need a Chief Clerk (Secretary), Editor, and Membership Chair. We can then get back into rotation for elections next spring and proceed from there.

It would be great to get back to having fall clinics and layout visits in the various parts of our Division. All we need are the volunteers to set it up and find people to present clinics and open their layouts.

We really need new people with new ideas — this is *your* organization and we need input on what *you* would like to see happen. If you want things done, *you* need to volunteer to help.

Due to lack of interest, we will not host a Fall Mini-Meet. I had zero volunteers when I asked for a host. Our annual meeting will be in early April, 2012 in Spokane. If you can help with that, please let Gary or me know. We need clinics and layout tours, but most of all a committee to plan it!

The 2012 PNR Convention will be a joint convention with the PCR in Medford, Oregon on May 2–5, 2012. There is more information elsewhere in this *Switchlist*. This will be a fun convention with lots to see and do. There will be a lot of well-known clinicians. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

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I would appreciate hearing from members at shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com, or by phone: home 509-292-8332, cell 509-991-2317, work 800-366-6975, or by US 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.

Be sure to check www.pnr.nmra.org/5div for updates and the April–August 2011 issue of the 5TH Division Newsletter. You can also visit the newly-remodeled NMRA website for what's happening in the NMRA and other Regions and Divisions. It is interesting to check out some of the newsletters.

6th Division

Mike Borkristl

It's been a busy time for the 6th Division since the last *Switchlist*. We recruited some volunteers to fill various tasks and positions in the Division. We now have a very strong leadership group and area reporters who are all excited about things to come. Our new team is Rob Badmington, Assistant Superintendent; Mark Johnson, Secretary; Rick Walker, Treasurer; Doug Winfield, AP Program; Rick McPhee, Education; Cal Sexsmith, OPSIG; and Ron Gillies, *HighBall* Editor.

On May 19–23, we held a spring meet in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. It was very well attended. Great thanks go to Ted Dowdy, Barry Johnson, Stirling Millar, Bud Guidos, and the rest of the committee for a job well done. And, of course, thanks to The Thunder Creek Model Railroad club and the museum for the facilities and displays. The contest room featured some very good modeling and some exciting photos. AP, and other, certificates were awarded. The prototype tours were fabulous, especially the tour through a 100-year-old elevator! And congrats to Ted Dowdy for receiving the John Marler Award for his wonderful layout.

The division also had its AGM on the Sunday morning of the meet. It was also well attended. We got through the agenda fairly quickly, cleared up some lingering business, and the Division is moving forward. Our Division newsletter, *The HighBall*, is also well and alive thanks to Ron Gillies. We will be putting out four issues per year regardless of how much or how little content we receive. If you wish to see an article in our newsletter, feel free to send it to Ron.

Our next bit of exciting news is our meet and AGM for next year. We will be working with The Echo Valley Railroad Guild out of Regina. *Living Skies Express 2012* will be rolling June 29 – July 1, 2012 at the University of Regina campus. We look forward to working with Wayne and his group.

So until next time, have a great summer and fall!

7th Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

As I sit here preparing this article for the *Switchlist*, I realize it is becoming more difficult as Donna and I are enjoying our retirement and our fifth wheel. We were just in Nelson, B.C. at the B.C. Senior Games and, yes, I had an Internet connection. Now we are in Rock Creek, still on Highway 3, in a beautiful campground along the Kettle River, but with no Internet and no cell service. This is 2011 and this is the only other highway across Canada and still it has limited services. It's also difficult in Parker, Arizona, where we spend a few months in the winter.

All is going well. Russ Watson is going to stand for Superintendent as I step down. The 7th Division is doing well. Although I am no longer in charge of membership, but the last report I got from Brian Clogg showed us at 342 members, including 18 spouses or significant others. I believe this the second largest PNR Division. We have done well.

I know there are a few other meets going on, but I am out of touch. All the best to all the other Superintendents at I step down.

Pacific Northwest Region Activities

*To add your activities to the Switchlist Timetable or PNR web page contact the
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Sep 8-10, Portland, OR

2011 Annual Conference, Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society. Info:- www.sphts.org/convention/

Sep 9-11, 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 Noon to 6:00 P.M. Sunday. Admission \$5.00 Children 12 and under Free. The event will include modular layouts, model contests, vendors and clinics. Clubs are encouraged to participate. Vendor tables are available. Info:-t Troy Dewey, 208-461-5028 treasurevalley-trainexpo@gmail.com 1509 Caldwell Blvd. #19, Nampa, Id. 83651

Sep 17-18, Edmonton, AB

2011 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 trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 24 (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 24-25, North Bend, WA

Milwaukee Modeler's Meet. Models as well as presentations on model, prototype and historic Milwaukee Road operations. Past meets included guided tours of the Milwaukee Road route through the Seattle Watershed. Location: To Be Announced. Info:- www.milwelectric.org

Sep 24-25, Calgary, AB

25th Annual Railway Days. 9:30 - 5:00 Two operating 0-6-0's, the annual Train Pull, cab tours, model railway layouts and vendor booths. 1900 Heritage Dr. SW. Info: - (403) 268-8500, www.heritagepark.ca.

Sep 25 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria's Annual Model Railway Show , 10 am - 4 pm; Operating Model Railroads, Popular Vote Contest, Commercial & Individual Sales & Displays Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Free parking Admissions: Adults \$6, Family \$13, NMRA members \$5 Under 10 - Free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- Ted Alexis, 250-595-4070, m_talexis@shaw.ca

Oct 1 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

38th Annual Great Train Swap Meet - 9:30am to 2:30pm. Hudson's Bay High School at 1206 E. Reserve Street, Vancouver, Washington. It is located just off the I-5 Bridge at Exit 1-C on Mill Plain Blvd (East). There will be an operating HO gauge layout of the Columbia Gorge and over 125 tables with vendors from all over the Northwest. Table space will be available at \$15.00 for a 6' table. Hugh free parking. Adults - \$5.00, Students - \$2.00 and children under 6 are free with paid adult. Info:- www.swwamodelrailroaders.com

Oct 1-2, Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 27th Annual International Model Train Show. Info:- www.lydentrainshow.com

Oct 2 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

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

Oct 8 (Sat), Eugene, OR

1st Division Mini-meet at Emerald People's Utility District sponsored by the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club, doors open at 8:00 a.m. clinics begin at 9:00 a.m., layout tours, NMRA merit and Achievement program evaluations, popular model contests in a variety of categories, drawings for prizes, clinics, lunch provided at no cost to attendees by Temple's Trains & Things. EPUD located at 33733 Seavy Loop Road (near 30th Avenue exit to Lane Community College) just off of Interstate 5 freeway, more information Lee Temple at 541-954-4917 or tandt@ram-mail.com or Diane Temple 541-225-7394 or LDTemple@ram-mail.com.

Oct 8-9, Idaho Falls, ID

Eagle Rock Railroad Historical Society Railshow 2011 Multiple Scale Model Railroads; Swap & Commercial Dealer Tables; 1-1/2" Scale Trains to ride! Idaho Falls Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Drive Sat: 9 am. - 5 pm. Sun: 10 am. - 2 pm. Info:- (208) 681-7383; erhsi@ida.net or www.ida.net/org/errhsi/

Oct 8-9, Chehalis, WA

Lewis County Train Show and Swap Meet Yard Birds Event Center, 2100 National Avenue. Presented by the Chehalis River Valley Model Railroaders and The Lewis County Historical Museum. 140 tables available and room for layouts. Info:- www.lewiscountymuseum.org, director@lewiscountymuseum.org, 360-748-0831

Oct 15-16, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. Admission Prices: Adults \$6; Seniors/Students \$4; Family \$20. Info:- Don Carson, 604-847-0230, Amtrak375@hotmail.com

Oct 15 (Sat), Calgary, AB

32nd Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, 10am, auction starts at noon. Info: - John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 15-16, Sequim, WA

North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Rd, Sequim, WA.. 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Info:- Lauren Scrafford, (360) 379-3280. e78milrd@q.com

Oct 15-16, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers open house, 1130 E. Sprague Ave. Noon to 4:00 PM. Visit the layout and see the progress that has been made since February. Info:- Shirley or Bob Sample, 509-292-8332 or email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

Oct 15 (Sat), Regina, SK

Regina Annual Train Show. Cochrane High School. 1300 sq ft show and sale

Oct 15-16, Lethbridge, AB

Southern Alberta Railway Club OPEN HOUSE, 1-4PM, at the clubhouse in GYRO PARK at 15 St and 10 Ave "A" South. Both days will feature trains running on the club layouts, a lot of conversation, and special viewings for new members who wish to join our club. Info:- www.albertasouthernrailway.ca

Oct 16 (Sun), Calgary, AB

Calgary Model Railway Society (CMRS), Fall Mini-Meet and AGM, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail, SE. Info: - www.calgarymodelrailway.ca.

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