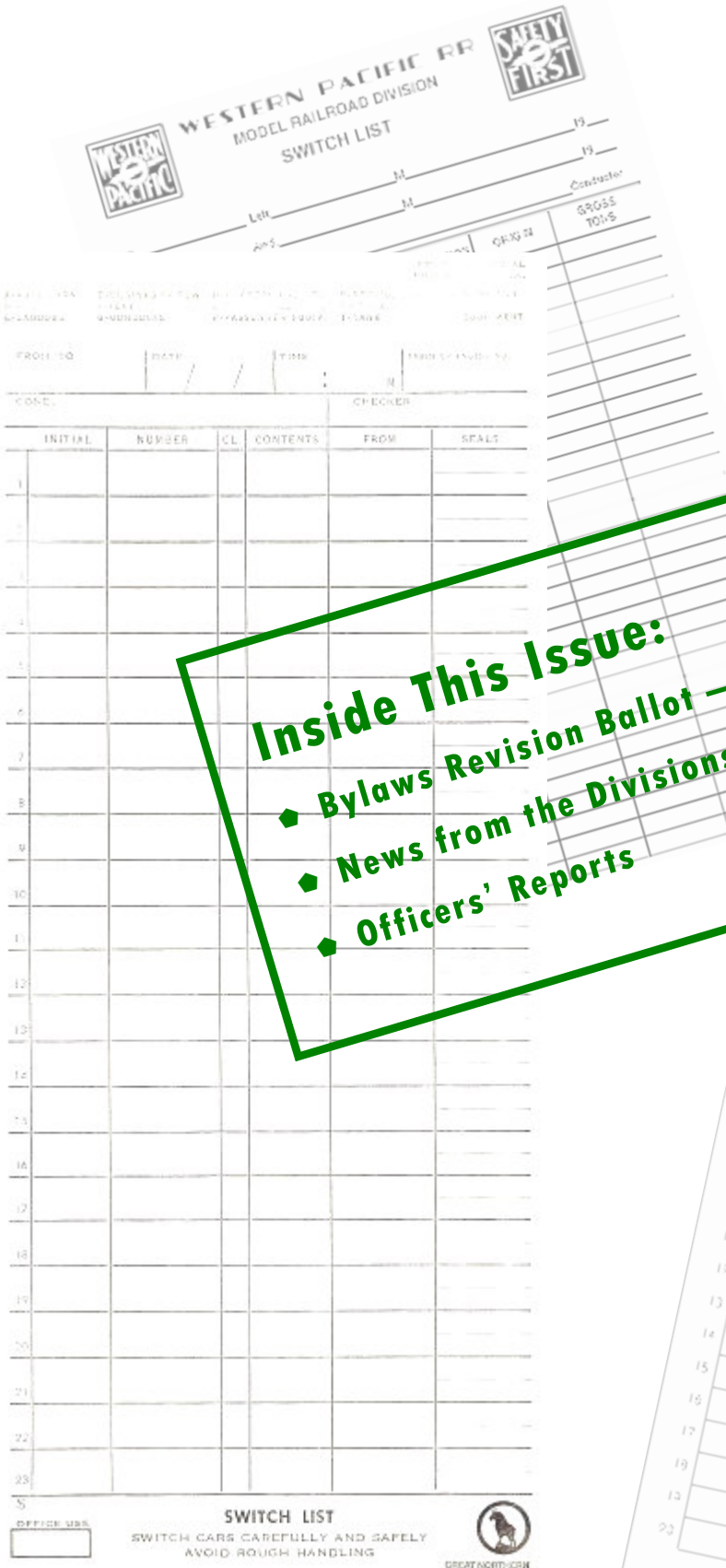


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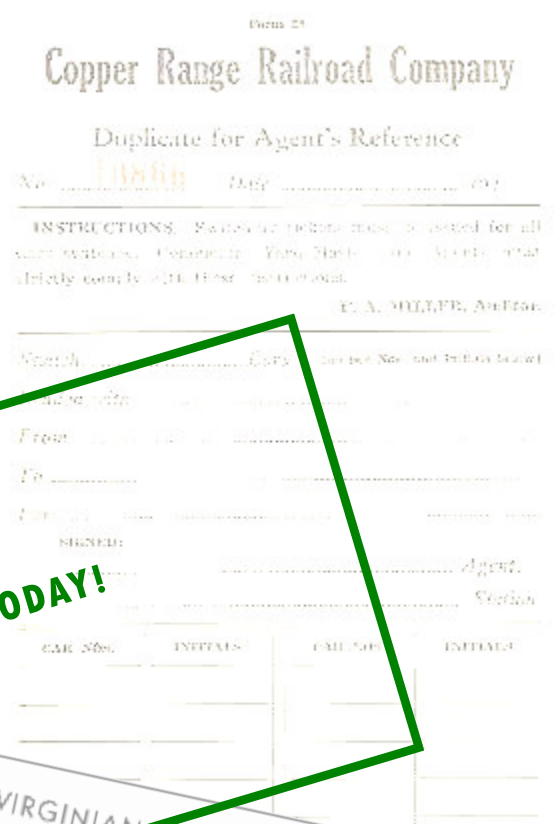

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Officers' Reports

President's Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR

Since this is the first *Switchlist* of 2009, allow me to extend my best wishes for an enjoyable and fruitful year for you and your families. This year, 2009, will be another full of challenges and opportunities and we should all be prepared to successfully meet the challenges and take advantage of each opportunity.

One of the primary thrusts for PNR during my term as your president will be to invigorate our programs to support current and new members. The *Switchlist* is the house newsletter of the PNR and its primary means of communications with the membership. NMRA and PNR are your organizations and exist to serve you and our collective interest in model railroading. We need to hear from you and your ideas and concerns. Al Lowe, your *Switchlist* Editor, and I will work hard to get every issue filled with meaningful information and get the issues out on time. We will need your assistance to make sure we have correct contact information, especially an email address, to facilitate our delivery to you. Please make sure Office Manager Steve Prevette Prevette@charter.net has your current email. **We do not release or disclose email addresses to any other organization or agency.**



Each of the Division Superintendents will work within the Division organization to retain existing members and to bring new members into the fold. However, retention and recruitment is not just a responsibility of the Superintendent. We are all ambassadors for NMRA and the hobby and are all recruiting agents. I am convinced we can achieve an overall increase of 5–10% in our current membership if we all work hard to enjoy the benefits of membership and extend our personal efforts to recruit new members. I have had significant success using a combination of Golden Spike Awards and Rail Pass trial memberships to bring modelers into NMRA. There is also the opportunity to extend membership as a gift to our children, grandchildren, and other family members.

In your personal modeling, please take advantage of the benefits of membership. Make use of the NMRA Kalmbach Library to help do research on your projects. Attend and actively participate in the clinics in your area. If you don't have a formal clinic, help set up an informal gathering of modelers in your area to exchange experiences and ideas. Attend Divisional activities and, when possible, act as a Division Representative at train shows and swap meets to help get the NMRA message out.

When dealing with the public at train shows, swap meets, or at the local hobby shop, please take the time to explain the importance of the NMRA Standards and Conformance program to the hobby and to them. Standards and Conformance is the process through which NMRA ensures that manufacturers are producing equipment that operates correctly and works with items from their competitors. Simple things like turnout standards and wheel/truck standards have made the hobby one of enjoyment rather than continual frustration. The widespread application of DCC that has increased to prototypical operation capability of our layouts is a direct result of NMRA standards and S&C oversight. The answer to the question, "What does NMRA do for me?" is simply put in standards and conformance. If you are unsure of exactly what S&C is all about visit the NMRA web site and get the full story. It's a great place to send prospective members to cinch the deal.

Active participation is essential to the survival of our hobby and the continued success of NMRA. While most of us are by nature solitary modelers, the hobby benefits when we join with others to expand our knowledge base and help each other. Attendance and active participation in local and divisional events is critical. Participation in programs at the Division, Region, and National level is the most obvious way to exercise your rights of membership. To that end, as you plan for your summer activities, please include NMRA events in that schedule. Do your very best to attend your Division meet and annual meeting. **Please mark your calendar for the PNR convention, September 17–19, 2009 in Edmonton, Alberta.** The Convention Committee is working hard to make this a class event for you. Of particular note, we have scheduled the Region membership meeting on Friday morning so that all will be able to attend. Please plan to be there. Let me or your Division Superintendent know of any issues you would like to raise or discuss. After all, this is *your* Association and we as your elected representatives work to achieve the goals and objectives you desire.

In this issue are proposed revisions to our Bylaws that have been thoroughly reviewed by your Board of Directors and recommended to you for approval. Please study the proposals and then vote your desires. As a member you have not only the right but the responsibility to vote so the organization reflects the desires of the majority of its members, not just the few who took the time to return a ballot. If you do not exercise your right to vote, you really have no grounds to complain about how the PNR operates. When less than 10% of members return ballots, it is more than uncertain just what membership desires from the elected leaders.

Education Chair

Ed Liesse

One major purpose of our organization is to share our knowledge of railroading and model railroading with others. The Education Program's objectives are:

- (1) Provide basic level skill education for new entrants into the model railroading hobby. Such program materials should be available for use at the divisional clinic level or in support of publicly offered clinics and shows.
- (2) Provide advanced skill and knowledge level clinics for more experienced members for the purpose of increasing skill levels, exchanging modeling ideas and experiences and improving the overall quality of modeling in the hobby.
- (3) Develop and maintain a list of clinicians and clinics, within PNR and 4D, that are available

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for presentation during meets, shows and conventions. The list may also include clinicians who are available or make presentations outside of their home division on a "prior arrangements" basis.

To that end, we are establishing a website library, available to members and non-members alike, materials used in past clinics, including copies of handouts, clinicians' notes, PowerPoint presentations, CDs of materials, etc. You can then download them for your own use or as the basis for another clinic.

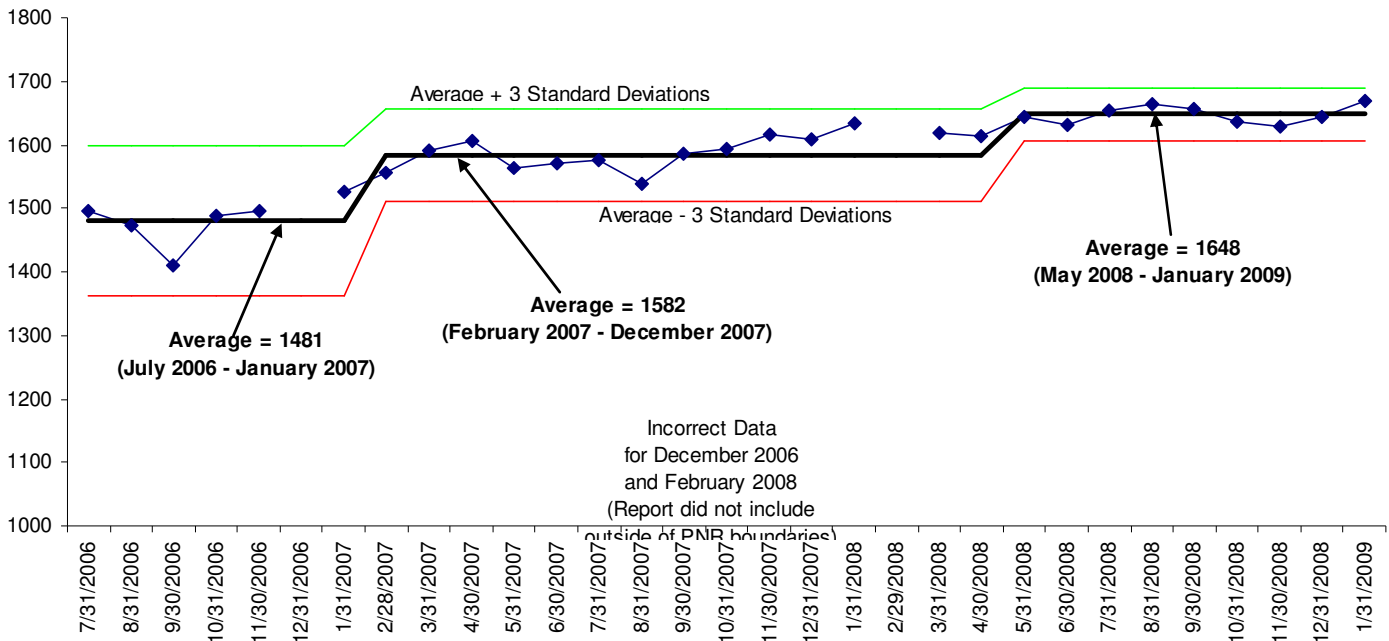
A second service of our library is a list of clinicians and topics. This resource would help clinic chairs working on conventions or other meetings.

To establish the library, I need your help. Please tell me of clinics you've done, or materials you've developed and offer it to the library. And add your name to our clinicians list. Share your hard-earned knowledge of the hobby with others!

Questions or more information? Contact me at eliess@aol.com, 253-529-7405

Vice President's Report Steve Prevette

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



<i>Division</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>PNR Life</i>	<i>Regular and Associate</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>PNR Subscribers (Including Life Members)</i>	<i>PNR Subscribers (Not including Life Members)</i>
1	2	14	82	98	65	51
2	4	23	140	167	94	71
3	5	6	58	69	35	29
4	30	58	486	574	283	225
5	6	9	200	215	69	60
6	11	18	161	190	77	59
7	14	22	280	316	144	122
8	0	17	23	40	40	23
Total	72	167	1430	1669	807	640
<i>USA</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>999</i>	<i>1170</i>	<i>585</i>	<i>461</i>
<i>CAN</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>431</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>179</i>
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Officers' Reports, continued

Achievement Program Spotlight

Jack Hamilton

Golden Spike Award

Rob Reiten, Lakewood, WA, 4D
 Paul DeMuth, Spanaway, WA, 4D
 Richard Meicho, Tacoma, WA, 4D
 Jim Berling, University Place, WA, 4D

Merit Awards

Ed Schaezner, Coquille, OR, 1D, CIVIL: Crossover, Point Gauge Separation Turnout, Crossing
 Mike Borkristl(3), Calgary, AB, 6D, CIVIL: Turnout, Double Crossover, Crossing
 Dennis Reeve, Tacoma, WA, 4D, STRUCTURES: Dickmann Mill
 Phil Everett, Spokane, WA, 5D, STRUCTURES: O Scale Jib Work Crane
 John Decker, Kennewick, WA, 5D, CIVIL: Turnout; Three-way Turnout; Crossing; Double Slip Switch; Crossover; Double Crossover
 Brian Pickering, Sammamish, WA, 4D, CIVIL: Turnout
 Jerrold Kinney, Wenatchee, WA, 5D, MOTIVE POWER: Pacific Coast 2-8-0, 2-6-2 Steam Dummy
 Ed Liesse, Federal Way, WA, 4D, CIVIL: Crossing

Achievement Program Certificates

Steve Prevette, Pasco, WA, 5D, DISPATCHER, AUTHOR
 Ed Schaezner, Coquille, OR, 1D, ENGINEER – CIVIL
 Mark Johnson, Edmonton, AB, 6D, VOLUNTEER
 Mike Borkristl, Calgary, AB, 6D, ENGINEER – CIVIL; ENGINEER - ELECTRICAL
 Bob Sample, Elk, WA, 5D, ENGINEER – ELECTRICAL
 Dennis Hill, Port Orchard, WA, 4D, OFFICIAL

Please take advantage of both the learning experience and the recognition available through the Achievement Program. Some divisions are becoming very active, as evident from the report above, and the number of members on the cusp of achieving MMR status is growing quickly. We currently have 20 living MMRs in the Region and over a dozen members holding 4 or more AP certificates, plus an additional 25 holding 3 certificates. Please work with and encourage these members to continue their progress and get involved in the program your self. It is a major NMRA benefit.

Spotlight Suggestion – Golden Spike

While few of us seek recognition for our efforts even fewer will refuse that recognition when offered by our fellow modelers. The GOLDEN SPIKE Award is an easy way to provide that recognition and it is one that any NMRA member can initiate. The requirements are straight forwards and simple

- Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits, or detailed commercial kits.
- Construct a minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.
- Construct five structures either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.
- Three types of trackage required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.
- All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command control).
- Provide one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

Make it a point to visit a fellow modeler with a home layout or modules and complete the GOLDEN SPIKE review. For those who qualify, get the paperwork (one sheet available at the NMRA web site) to your Division AP Chair or to me. We will take it from there. There is no reason that every member with a home layout or modules cannot qualify for this award.



Contact information for your PNR officials are always listed on "The Mast-head," located on the back cover of each edition of **The Switchlist**.



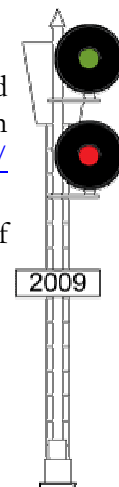
PNR Convention

Northern Lights 2009

Rob Badmington, Northern Lights 2009 Publicity Chair

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

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



1. A **reception** for all attendees will be held at Fort Edmonton Park, www.fortedmontonpark.ca/. The park by itself is a great attraction, with many historical buildings and artifacts showing the development of the City of Edmonton from a Hudson Bay Company fur trading fort in 1795 to a modern city of a million people. For modelers and rail enthusiasts, the park features a **fully-operating steam train** which will be available exclusively for our guests. The **Edmonton Radial Railway Society** operates several streetcars at the Park, with rides and tours of the car barns. The park is also home to the **Edmonton Model Railroad Association** www.emraonline.ca. The EMRA built a 40'x100' replica of a typical Canadian freight station, with the interior filled with a mushroom design double-deck model railroad, the Monashee Pacific Railway. The layout features one of the most innovative track plans you will see anywhere. MPR operating sessions will be available for all skill levels.
2. The after-dinner speaker at the Banquet will be **Tom Price**, a third-generation Canadian Pacific railroader. Tom's career at the CPR has included many assignments in the Engineering Department, including several years as Roadmaster in charge of the Laggan Sub, based in Banff. His territory encompassed the famed Spiral Tunnels and the Big Hill down into Field BC. Tom's topic for the evening will be **"127 Years of Mayhem!"** Since before the Last Spike was driven at Craigellachie in 1885, all sorts of unwanted and unplanned events have interfered with the CPR's normal operations. Collisions, derailments, fires, floods, avalanches, washouts, blizzards, and more have challenged the Operating Department to keep trains moving. Tom's talk is dedicated to the thousands of railroaders who have faced accidents and Mother Nature since CPR was created. Tom will entertain and enlighten you, weaving stories around his experiences.
3. A prototype tour will take you to the **Alberta Railway Museum**. railwaymuseum.ab.ca. The museum's collection is focused on Northern Alberta Railway and Canadian National and includes many significant locomotives and pieces of rolling stock, as well as structures, signals, and work equipment. CN 1392, a ten-wheeler built in 1913, is operational, as are a number of diesels.
4. To encourage early registrations, a draw with significant prizes will be held for all pre-registrants. One prize will be a sound-equipped locomotive. For every calendar month that you are pre-registered, a ticket will be entered in the draw. So if you send in your registration now, you will have ten chances to win, but if you wait until next July, you will have only three.
5. Edmonton is home to **West Edmonton Mall**, the world's largest shopping and entertainment centre, and Alberta's number one tourist attraction, wem.ca. All indoors at 5.3 million square feet, the Mall includes a water park and wave pool, NHL-size ice rink, an amusement park, casino, 110 eating establishments, and over 800 stores and services. Set aside time before or after the convention to visit the "8th Wonder of the World."

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

Division Reports

1st Division

Ed Schaenzer, Superintendent

Division 1 had a successful Mini Meet last fall in Eugene, OR. About twenty members attended the event. There were five clinics, a favorite model contest, a number of door prizes and a visit to a club layout. The spring Mini Meet is in the planning stages and is tentatively scheduled for May 16th at Adair Village. It is being hosted by Gene Neville and the Corvallis Society of Model Engineers.

2nd Division

Doug Auburg, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

3rd Division

Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

Well, the Christmas season is finally over. I hope you all got something for your railroad under the tree. Do you remember the first Christmas you got a train? I do. My grandfather gave me a shiny new Lionel train set. It was all set up and running on its' own track under the tree. Looking back, I'm not sure who was more excited, me or my grandfather. Each year after, I received a new item to add to my train set. I've been hooked on trains ever since (regardless of the scale). My grandfather is gone now, but he left me the love of trains. We too can leave a love of trains in a youngster's heart. But we have to make the effort. Spending time with a child or grandchild can be rewarding for you both. Take him or her down to your train room and share your trains. Let them run your trains, play with the figures or cars or show them your latest project. Bring them to the next mini-meet. You'll have a train buddy for life. The gift of sharing time is our most valuable possession.

Our mini-meets start again on January 24th. As always, noon at Idaho Pizza in Meridian for lunch, a video or clinic, and an open house, or maybe two. Bring your current project or an article that you can share with us. Let's get excited about our hobby.

Start working on that project(s) for the Spring Meet. The date has not been set yet but will be here before you know it. Many categories won't have entries, so yours may get the first place ribbon. And as a reminder from Tom Waters, You don't have to be an NMRA member to attend or enter the contest.

And, *now* is the time to work on your layout while the weather is bad outside. The train room is nice and cozy and it's your railroad so you can do it your way!

4th Division

Dennis Hill, Superintendent

The Fourth Division was honored to participate in the 35th Annual Pacific Science Center Model Railroad Show on January 17 – 19, 2009. Those who volunteered for it are responsible for the success of this long running event! It started out on a small scale, one day, with moderate crowds, but through the years it has grown and flourished and is now our major event each year. This year's space was limited by a traveling show featuring "Lucy," the oldest human remains ever found. Many volunteer hours by 4D members, plus fantastic assistance from the Pacific Science Center staff made it a success.

The United Northwest Train Show took place in Monroe, WA on Super Bowl weekend. Many 4D members attended, operating layouts, as vendors, volunteers and buying public. In these tough economic times, I'm glad our hobby seems to be growing despite the downturn everywhere you look.

Another encouraging thing during these events was the number of new NMRA members, many listing their occupation as "Student." Yes, the hobby is growing and nearly a third of our new members are still in school. I'm proud and happy to know the younger generation has the time to learn the things that may one day lead them down the track toward Master Model Railroader. The future of the hobby looks good for years to come.

Maybe that young person that you saw at one of our recent events will someday become a Master Model Railroader. Maybe that person is you! Happy Modeling!

See you at the next local event. Something is happening almost every evening. Remember, if you don't show up you can't have fun. If you have something you want to have happen or you wish to volunteer your layout for an open house, call me. I would love any new ideas. Happy Railroading,

Ballot

Proposed Bylaws Revisions Ballot

A full copy of the current Bylaws is available on the PNR website at pnr.nmra.org.

In accordance with PNR Bylaws revised 11/01/05, the following revisions to those Bylaws are submitted for membership approval:

1. Revise Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph A to read as follows:

- A. The PNR shall require that NMRA/PNR and other NMRA members must pay a subscription fee as established by the Board of Directors from time to time in lawful money of the United States or the agreed rate for Canadian members or other foreign members at the current rate of exchange. The subscription fee shall be required of any member who desires to receive all editions of *The Switchlist* as hard copy. All PNR members are entitled to receive one free hard copy of *The Switchlist* each year. Life members shall not be subject to the subscription fee.

Note: This revision establishes the subscription fee process to cover the cost of production and mailing of hard copies of *The Switchlist* to members desiring it. All members will receive *The Switchlist* free by electronic distribution.

2. Revise Article V, section 3, paragraph C to read as follows:

- B. The President and Vice-President are ineligible to serve on the nominating committee.

Note: The trustee position no longer exists and is deleted.

3. Delete Article V, Section 4 Elections Committee and renumber following sections as appropriate:

Note: The need for an elections committee no longer exists.

I approve disapprove the change to Article VI, section 1, Paragraph A

I approve disapprove the change to Article V, section 3, Paragraph C

I approve disapprove the change to Article V, section 4

Mark each item with your desired action, write your NMRA Membership Number here _____, detach this page from *The Switchlist*, fold it so the correct ballot chair for your country of residence shows, seal it with tape leaving no loose corners, apply sufficient postage, and mail the ballot before April 15, 2009.

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Division Reports

5th Division

Shirley Sample, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Nothing submitted.

7th Division

Gary Hazell, Superintendent

There has not been much happening in the 7th since Trains 2008 in November but with Dick Sutcliffe's we have put together a list of the 7th Division events and other rail-related activities for this year:

February 8: Mt. Pleasant Lions show – Vancouver

March 15: Western Rails – Burnaby

April 5: Mid Island Train Show – Naniamo

April 10: Season opens, BC Society of Model Engineers – Burnaby, Rainbow Creek Station

April 16–18: Spring Meet, BC Society of Model Engineers – Burnaby, Rainbow Creek Station

June 13: Logging Modellers Meet - Port Alberni

July 4–5: Annual meet & Triennial Ramble, BC Society of Model Engineers – Burnaby, Rainbow Creek Station

August 7–9: Trainfest Meet, BC Society of Model Engineers – Burnaby, Rainbow Creek Station

August 14–23: Revelstoke Railway Days – Revelstoke

September 6: CN Community Day – Surrey

September 13: Victoria Train Show – Saanich

September 17–19: PNR Convention – Edmonton, AB

October 3–4: Lynden Lions Show – Lynden, WA.

October 12: Season closes, BC Society of Model Engineers – Burnaby, Rainbow Creek Station

October 17–18: Mt. Cheam Lions Train & Hobby Show – Chilliwack

October 31: Halloween evening run, BC Society of Model Engineers – Burnaby, Rainbow Creek Station

November 13–16: Trains 2009 – Burnaby

The Salmon Arm Club layout is planning to attend the Edmonton Train show September 19–20 which is being held in conjunction with the Edmonton PNR Meet September 17–19. Don't forget to register and check out their website at www.northernlights2009.ca. Hope everyone has a good spring and all the snow and flooding disappears soon.

Classified Ads

Two clear vertical grain fir tables custom-built for model trains, each 24"x60"x24" HWD. \$75 each or best offer. Linda Bellerby, 503-758-0140, Portland near Mt Tabor.



Remember: Switchlist classified ads are always free to NMR A members.

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*

Feb 14-15, PORTLAND, OR

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

Feb 14 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

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

Feb 15 (Sun), SPOKANE, WA

River City Modelers Model Railroad Train Show and Swap Meet, Spokane Community College Lair Bldg., Mission & Greene Streets. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, \$5 admission for Adults, \$3 for 11 to 16 years, and 10 & under free when accompanied by an adult. Info:- Bob or Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 314, Elk, WA 99009-0314, 509-292-8332 or email: shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com

Feb 21-22, OLDS, AB

Model Railroad and Hobby Show - Olds Royal Canadian Legion Info:- Gord, 403-556-3771 or info@funtimeshobbyandcycle.com

Feb 28 - Mar 1, SASKATOON, SK

All Aboard 2009, Western Development Museum. Saturday 9-5:30, Sunday 9-4:30. Silent auction on Sunday. Info:- www.prairierailworkshop.org/

Mar 7 (Sat), CLACKAMAS, OR

24th Annual Willamette Model Railroad Club Swap Meet at the New Hope Church 11731 SE Stevens Rd. 10am to 3pm. Admission \$3.00 under 12 free. Info:- Rick Andrews 503-642-3298 or e-mail: drdrewws1@verizon.net

Mar 15 (Sun), BURNABY, BC

Western Rails 2009 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. Admittance: (cash only): Senior (60+) \$2.00 Adult (16-59) \$3.00 Child (0-5) Free Family \$6.00 (Maximum 2 Adults, 3 Youth) Info:- westernrails@wera.org 604-484-2791.

Mar 15 (Sun), CALGARY, AB

CMRS Spring Mini Meet & Annual CMT Flea Market. Glenmore Inn. Flea market 9:00 AM - Noon Vendors \$20, CMRS members free, others \$5.00, Mini Meet 10:30 - 3:30 Info:- www.calgarymodelrailway.ca/mini-meets.html

Mar 21 (Sat), OLYMPIA, WA

Capitol City Lions 24th Annual All Scales Model Railroad Swap Meet *NEW LOCATION* Thurston County Fair Grounds, 3054 Carpenter Road SE. Dealer set up is at 8:00 AM and the show is from 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 \$22.00 Info:- Bill Zidel, 5143 Blacktkt Ct. NE, Olympia, Washington 98516, ZIDELRCSD@aol.com or 360-438-3503.

Mar 22 (Sun), PULLMAN, WA

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

Mar 28-29, MOOSE JAW, SK

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

Apr 5 (Sun), NANAIMO, BC

25th 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 j.rutherford@shaw.ca, (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 15-19, FREMONT, CA

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

Apr 18-19, CALGARY, AB

SUPERTRAIN 2009 Calgary Soccer Centre, 7000 - 48 Street SE, 9AM-5PM. Canada's Largest and Best Model Train Show. Over 60,000 sq. ft. of operating model railroad layouts, displays, Lionel, Lego trains, Thomas and Friends, Garden Railways, photo exhibits, merchandise for sale, and live demos and clinics. Children's Play Area. Adults - \$10.00 Kids(6-12)- \$5.00 Under 6-Free. \$1 off admission with donation of non-perishable food item to Calgary Food Bank. FREE Parking. Info:- www.supertrain.ca or info@supertrain.ca

Apr 18 (Sat), KENT, WA

26th Annual Open House - Boeing Employees Model Railroad club from 10am to 4pm at at its permanent model RR location: Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Av. S.) Permanent HO layout and HO and O modular layouts. Free admission.

Apr 18-19, EUGENE, OR

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

Apr 18 (Sat), KENT, WA

10th annual Mini-Meet of Santa Fe Railway fans and modelers in the Northwest. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., April 18, 2009, in conjunction with the annual open house of the Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club in the Boeing Recreation Activity Center (22649 83rd Av. S., Kent, WA). This is the same building as last year. The mini-meet will feature clinics on Santa Fe's El Capitan Passenger Train & HO models, Modeling the LA Division 3rd District in HO, and other topics to be determined. Admission is just \$7 and lunch will be available for purchase at the mini-meet. Don't forget to bring your favorite Santa Fe models to display, and any ATSF items you'd like to sell. We're looking forward to seeing all you Santa Fe fans and modelers again. Info:- John Thompson at 16031 SE 46th Way Bellevue, WA 98006; JThomp1945@aol.com home phone: 425-562-8955.

Apr 18 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

5th Division Annual Meeting, Cascade Mobile Home Park, 2311 W. 16th Ave. 9 AM - 5 PM. Info:- Shirley Sample (509) 292-8332 (home) or 509-838-4029 (work), email shirley.sample@northwesternrailways.com. If anyone is interested in giving a clinic or having their home layout on tour, please let Shirley know.

Apr 26 (Sun), HELENA, MT

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

Jun 13 (Sat), PORT ALBERNI, BC

1st Annual Vancouver Island Logging Modelers Meet 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM McLean Mill National Historic Site Mill Tours, Speeder Rides, Clinics, Model Displays & Contests (Popular Vote) Sunday Tours of Alberni Pacific Railway Facilities (if enough interest) Entrance Fare - \$20 Cash Info:- j.rutherford@shaw.ca, Ken Rutherford (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Jun 20 (Sat), PORTLAND, OR

The Rose City Garden Railroad Society Summer Tour of 9 Portland area layouts (8-10) from 10AM to 5PM. Booklets with directions are available from local area hobby shops and select nurseries for \$10 per family (grandkids to grandparents count as one family). Info :- www.RCGRS.com

Jul 5-11, HARTFORD, CT

NMRA National Convention. Info:- www.hn2009.org

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