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Illinois Central Gulf Switchlist

YRS15, Friday, February 7, 1982
 at: Reserve
 Time: 7:15 AM Throttle: 0
 Next Yard: St. Rose, LA
 Driver: Drew Madere
 Origin: Reserve, IA
 No. of Cars: 7-027
 Destination: St. Rose, IA
 No. of Engines: UP 2701 Cabin: 199044

SPOT NxtLoc Tons Contents Hdg

Hall 2 42 700M 4865

Form 818-A Standard—Small
**SWITCH CARS CAREFULLY AND SAFELY
 AVOID ROUGH HANDLING**
 Santa Fe
 (Insert Name of Railway Company)

SWITCH LIST

At Station 1-3-18
 Train No. 350/P Engine No. 470/P Time 6/P M.

CAR	Initials	No.	Contents	Destination	Consignee	Tonnage
1			Williams Bros			
2		68820	70	70		
3		68262	72	72 21		
4		68758	72	72 18		
5			55	72 16		
6				55 17		

Unloaded at 36 hrs low
 Temp 70
 Fuel OK
 Tools OK

1 ***

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N.P. 1004 10/73

LOCAL SWITCH LIST

SWITCH LIST OF ALL WORK TO BE DONE BY CONDUCTOR

TRAIN NO. _____ OR S3

Duplicate AT STATION

	INITIAL	NUMBER	CONTENTS	FROM
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

BE SAFE
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There is a lot going on!

First of all, welcome to all the new members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA. We're truly glad you're part of the "family" and hope you are networking with other members to begin experiencing the many benefits of the NMRA at the local and regional levels. Fellowship and sharing of knowledge, skills, and experiences within and outside of the NMRA and hobby of model railroading are all part of it.

Since this is an even-numbered year, we were required to hold an election for the President and Vice President positions. I do hope you were able to exercise your right to vote without too much logistical difficulty; and my apologies for any "hiccups." It was a bit of a scramble to facilitate the election. Usually the May issue of *The Switchlist* in even-numbered years is the election issue, containing candidates' statements and the ballot. However, nominees were not forthcoming this year. So, in mid-June at the Regional convention in Salmon Arm, Jack Hamilton offered to run for President and Shirley Sample agreed to run for Vice President. As a result, we had to quickly put together the ballot and mail a hard copy to each member. Adding to that was an untimely potential shutdown of the Canada Post, prompting us to provide an option for Canadian members to return their completed ballots via email. Whew!! I guess it all worked out because folks did cast ballots and we have a new President and Vice President. Election results are on page 3.

So, on behalf of the membership, I'd like to congratulate our newly elected President, Jack Hamilton, and Vice President, Shirley Sample. We are very appreciative of you two folks continuing to give of your valuable time, energy, and talents to the PNR. Our sincere thanks also go to Don Locke for serving as Vice President.

And here's a big change: After serving as Treasurer since 2000, Dirk Krusman has "retired" and Dave Liesse is our new Treasurer. Dirk, thanks for your many years of service to the PNR!

Also, thanks to all the other officials; program and committee chairs and members; and backstage "doers" at the region, division, and "neighborhood" levels who continue volunteering to serve the membership and your communities in all aspects of model railroading.

This year's PNR convention, Selkirk Express 2016, was a big success. Please see the final update, including Contest results, starting on page 3. The 5th Division is deep into planning the 2017 PNR convention, Spokane Falls Express. Preliminary information, such as dates and the convention hotel, are in 5th Division Superintendent Gary Thurow's report (page 12).

The PNR Board of Directors (BOD) had their annual meeting Wednesday, June 15, and the annual General Membership meeting was Sunday, June 19. Both were held at the Selkirk Express convention hotel. Minutes from these and past meetings are posted on the PNR website at: <http://pnr.nmra.org/policies/minutes/>. I encourage you to review these. They cover a variety of topics that may directly affect you or be of interest, such as the PNR convention rotation schedule through 2026, a change in boundaries for Divisions 3 and 5 that affects members in southwest Montana, and a decision about electronic elections. As I mentioned above, this year's election (the Canadian component) ended up being an unplanned "emergency test" of the ability to conduct elections electronically.

As always, please check out the upcoming events listed in the Timetable (pages 13-14) and also on the PNR website. Enjoy the remainder of this summer by getting out of the house to attend one or more of these events, enjoy some railfanning, or maybe do field research for a new project!

Greg Kujawa, Editor

PNR News and Announcements

2016 Election Results

Ed Liesse, Election Committee Chair, Pro Tem

Congratulations to Jack Hamilton as our new PNR President and Shirley Sample as Vice President! These new roles are effective September 1. Below are the numbers tallied by Walt Huston (US) and Gary Hazell (Canada).

Number of eligible voters: 1476 (Canada: 489; US: 987)

Total Ballots received: 348 (Canada: 80; US: 268)

Number of invalid ballots:

Received after deadline or mailed late (not included in Total Ballots received): (Canada: 0; US: 3)

No vote indicated: Canada: 1; US: 1)

Number of invalid ballots: 1

Number of votes for:

President:

- Jack Hamilton: 340 (Canada: 79; US: 261)
- Write-in: 0

Vice President:

- Shirley Sample: 341 (Canada: 77; US: 264)
- Write-in: 0

Selkirk Express 2016—Final Update

David Walker, Chair

I wish to thank all the participants, volunteers, clinicians, home layout owners, layout groups and vendors who made Selkirk Express 2016 an outstanding success. We are slowly winding up the paperwork and getting our reports together. A final report on the event with the good, the bad, and the ugly, along with lessons learned, will be presented to the PNR and the 7th Division by mid-October, 2016. For those planning future events, this report plus other reports from previous conventions are available from the PNR.

Here are some of the highlights from the event. Attendance for the convention truly exceeded our expectations with 164 full fare registrants and 71 companion/youth registrants for the convention. The breakdown for the full fare registrants is as follows: 108 Canadians (34 AB, 68 BC, 5 SK, 1 MB) and 55 from the United States (2 AZ, 3 CA, 6 ID, 1 MT, 14 OR, 29 WA). We also had one international attendee in Paul Hobbs from New Zealand. We truly were an international event.

On Thursday, 105 registrants took the trip to Summerland for the Kettle Valley Steam Railway train ride and visits to two layouts. Friday offered another full-day tour where 71 registrants made the trip to Revelstoke and Three Valley Gap. The July/August issue of the 7th Division *Bulletin Board* had an in-depth story on both of these tours as well as the Train Show. The *No Tracks! No Trains! Just Fun and Games Mystery Tour* had 34 companions participate and their feedback was that a great time was had by all, plus the weather cooperated during the tour. The tour went to Margaret Falls Park on the lake, Sunnybrae Winery for some sampling, and a High Tea lunch at the R J Haney Heritage Park in Salmon Arm.

Our clinics expanded from just Thursday and Friday to include Saturday and Sunday morning and were extremely well attended. There were 23 clinics spread over the four days with a slide show Wednesday evening for those attending to show off their railfanning photography. That evening, Jim Guillaume gave a brief overview of the Kettle Valley trip and Thursday evening Doug Mayer provided background about historic sights and other things to see on the Revelstoke trip next day.

The Burger and Beverage night was a sellout at 290 people. It was an excellent event allowing many people to network



Salmon Arm, British Columbia
June 15th – 19th, 2016

and just relax. The Banquet was fully subscribed with 232 people attending. Tom Price provided a truly entertaining and educational presentation titled *Race for the Boundary*, which focussed on the history of the region around Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Phoenix, BC. Rail access to this area was hotly contested by both the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific railroads because of the area's valuable copper deposits. He described the classic Boom-and-Bust of the mining industry right along the British Columbia-Washington State border.

The contest and display room was packed with all forms of structures, rolling stock, engines, photographs, and arts/crafts. The response shows there is still a great amount of modelling being done in the PNR with 77 entries. Following is a list of the contest results. Several attendees also received Achievement Program (AP) Merit Awards at the show. Please see Jack Hamilton's AP report on pages 9-10 of *The Switchlist* for members' names and the certificates or merit awards recently earned.

Selkirk Express 2016—Contest Results

Category	Award	Name	Entry
Diesel & Other	1st	Sandy Webster	Southern Pacific GP40x
Passenger Car	1st	Brent Ciccone	KVR 1st Class Passenger Car
Freight Car	1st	Rene Gourley	Vermont & Province Line Boxcar
	2nd	Jack Tingstad	CC&W Flatcar #12
	3rd	Rene Gourley	GN Gondola
Caboose	1st	Ed Schaezner	Logging Caboose
Structure	1st	Ed Schaezner	Oil Derrick
	2nd	Greg Kujawa	Texaco Gas Station
	3rd	Bob Parrish	Interurban Platform
Display	1st	Mort Spelman	Hot Rod Shop
	2nd	Mort Spelman	Machine Shop
	3rd	Dale Sproule	Roseberry Barge Slip
Special Contest	1st	Bob Jekel	Traffic Control Centre
	2nd	Jack Hamilton	Crossing Shanty
	3rd	Jack Hamilton	Salmon Lips Traffic Control Centre
Photos—Prototype B&W	1st	Alex Birkoff	ATSF 811 Driver
	2nd	Alex Birkoff	Overhauling SP4449
	3rd	Rich Thom	OJ Class 2-10-2 China
Photos—Prototype Colour	1st	Rich Thom	Last Plow Run Over Cumbres
	2nd	Rob Badmington	North Thomson River Crossing
	3rd	Rob Badmington	CP 8531 West of Cambie
Photos—Model B&W	1st	Ed Schaezner	Blow The Whistle
	2nd	Ed Schaezner	New Decking
	3rd	Ed Schaezner	Another Load of "Pickles"
Photos—Model Colour	1st	Ed Schaezner	Loco with Gypsy Winch
	2nd	Ed Schaezner	Local Delivery
	3rd	Dale Sproule	Roseberry Night Run
Needlework	1st	Margot Calvert	Cross-stitch Storage Box
	2nd	Harriet Sparrows	Smiling Cat
Railroadiana	1st	Kristy Webster	Chatterbox with Patches
	2nd	Margot Calvert	Locomotion Quilt



Caboose – 1st Place—Ed Schaezner



Special Contest – 1st Place—Bob Jekel

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Officers' Reports

President's Report

Shirley Sample

The Salmon Arm convention has come and gone and from all reports it was enjoyed by all who attended. Sorry we had to miss this one due to Bob's health.

Plans are well underway for the 2016 Convention—Spokane Falls Express—to be held in Spokane, Washington. It will start with the BOD meeting on June 6th and end with the banquet on June 10th. Gary Thurow's 5th Division report on pages 11-12 has more details.

Fall is fast approaching and is again the time for numerous train shows and swap meets. These are a good opportunity to promote the NMRA by having an information table with brochures and someone there to answer questions at your local show.

The PNR membership is holding steady at around 1600, but new members are always welcome.

Alan Ashton of Spokane has volunteered to be our Education Chair for the PNR. He will be providing more information about himself and what his plans are in a future issue.

We are still in need of volunteers to chair the Nominations and Ballot—U.S. committees.

I have enjoyed being PNR President for the past year. There are things I would have liked to accomplish, but just haven't had the time to do much since Bob became ill in February. We did manage to attend the Lewiston, Idaho, Swap Meet but had to miss a couple others. Bob is hoping to get out of St. Joe's in the next few weeks and come home. Still needs some rehab on his back and legs, but hoping to make progress a little faster at home.

I would like to thank Jack Hamilton for running for PNR President. Please be sure to support Jack as he assumes this office. Jack has and will continue to do a lot for the PNR. He has represented us very well at the National level and is always enthusiastic about model railroading, NMRA, and the PNR.

Vice-President's Report

Don Locke

The PNR Convention was full of train enthusiasm! Thanks to the organizing team and all in attendance.

I continue to encourage you to share the fun of model railroading with your community. Invite folks to your meetings and ask them over to "play trains" with you. I have great memories of sharing the hobby with our son and then with the neighbor kids who would ask to come see the trains run. More enthusiastic train people equals more fun and ensures that our model railroads will continue to run!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your vice president.

2016 Treasurer's Report

Dirk Kruysman, Dave Liesse

Financially, this year has been very quiet. The major new item financially is the fact that Greg Kujawa has stepped up as our *Switchlist* Editor so we will now have the expense of publishing the *Switchlist*.

To date, our 2015-2016 income of \$1,168.53 is only 17% of our budgeted income. Our expenses are \$5,925.18 which is some 69% of our anticipated expenses. The particular numbers are shown on the enclosed 2016 Budget Execution Report. The low income numbers are due to not having received anything yet from the PNR convention or the second NMRA payment.

The approved 2016 Budget allowed me to withdraw up to \$2,000.00 from our Life Member account in order to balance the budget. I will not do that this year since we do not need this income because our two checking accounts are large enough to pay our anticipated expenses. The 2016 budget must be changed at our BOD meeting since it did not include any *Switchlist* publication funds and we will have those expenses and they will amount to an estimated \$2,000.00 this year since we will have to mail one issue to all members since it must include a ballot for the elections.

My proposed 2017 budget for our fiscal year from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2017, is very similar to our current budget, except for the inclusion of the *Switchlist* expenses. After review and such changes as desired by the members of the Board, the budget will become effective upon a vote of approval by the BOD. [The 2017 Budget, with two changes, was ap-

proved by the BOD on June 15, 2016. —Ed.] I consider the approved budget my authority to expend PNR funds for those purposes listed thereon.

2016 BUDGET EXECUTION REPORT

2016 APPROVED BUDGET (Data as of: May 22, 2016)	BUDGET AMOUNT	USA ACCOUNT (US \$)	CANADA ACCOUNT (CDN \$)	COMBINED TOTAL (Note 3 US \$)	PERFOR- MANCE	
LINE	INCOME					
1	Convention Receipts.	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	0%	
2	Convention Loan Repayments			\$0.00	0%	
3	Interest Earned	\$250.00		\$64.53	26%	
4	Life Membership payment	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	0%	
5	NMRA Payments	\$2,500.00	\$1,104.00	\$1,104.00	44%	
6	Non-Rail Activities	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
7	Investment Withdrawals	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
8	Subscription Fee	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
9	Other Income	\$10.00		\$0.00	0%	
	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	\$6,760.00	\$1,104.00	\$80.66	\$1,168.53	17%
EXPENSES						
10	President	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
11	Vice President	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
12	Secretary	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
13	Office Manager	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
14	Treasurer	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
15	Awards	\$100.00		\$0.00	0%	
16	Contingencies	\$100.00		\$0.00	0%	
17	Convention Loan	\$1,000.00		\$800.00	80%	
18	Division Support	\$5,000.00	\$3,525.00	\$1,793.40	99%	
19	Legal Fees	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
20	Non-Rail Expenses	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
21	Oregon Corporation Fees	\$110.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	9%	
22	Program Expenses	\$500.00	\$155.46	\$155.46	31%	
23	Switchlist Publication	\$0.00		\$0.00	0%	
24	Travel Reimbursement	\$1,750.00		\$0.00	0%	
	Switchlist Refunds			\$0.00		
	<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>	\$8,560.00	\$3,690.46	\$2,793.40	\$5,925.18	69%

Note 1 Includes interest from investment accounts

Note 2 Includes Support of all NMRA programs

Note 3 CA exchange rate at 0.8 On May 1, 2016

	US	CDN	Total
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES:	\$13,980.17	\$3,395.45	\$16,696.53
US INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:	\$12,026.17		\$12,026.17
CANADIAN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:		\$6,850.99	\$5,480.79
CANADIAN SAVINGS ACCOUNT:		\$35.14	\$28.11
LIFE MEMBER ACCOUNT:	\$20,187.65		\$20,187.65
 TOTAL CASH ASSETS:	 \$46,193.99	 \$10,281.58	 \$54,419.25

As of: 22 May 2016

On a personal note, this will be my last treasurer report. Dave Liesse has volunteered to become your new treasurer and hopefully this will be accomplished at our Selkirk Express BOD meeting. I am in the eighth decade of my life and have been doing this since 2000, so it is time to pass it on to new blood. I have enjoyed this very much and was fortunate to meet some truly outstanding individuals in the PNR. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

2017 APPROVED BUDGET

2017 APPROVED BUDGET		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BOD ACTIONS</u>
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	(Meeting June 15, 2016)
LINE	INCOME		
1	Convention Head Tax	\$1,000.00	
2	Convention Loan Repayments	\$800.00	
3	Convention Profit	\$200.00	
3	Interest Earned	Note 1 \$100.00	
4	Life Membership payment	\$6,800.00	\$500 added
5	NMRA Payments	Note 4 \$2,400.00	
6	Non-Rail Activities	\$0.00	
7	Investment Withdrawals	\$0.00	
8	Subscription Fee	\$0.00	
9	Other Income	\$10.00	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		\$11,310.00	
EXPENSES			
10	President	\$0.00	
11	Vice President	\$0.00	
12	Secretary	\$0.00	
13	Office Manager	\$0.00	
14	Treasurer	\$0.00	
15	Awards	\$100.00	
16	Contingencies	\$100.00	
17	Convention Loan	\$1,000.00	
18	Division Support	\$5,000.00	
19	Legal Fees	\$0.00	
20	Non-Rail Expenses	\$0.00	
21	Oregon Corporation Fees	\$110.00	
22	Program Expenses	Note 2 \$1,000.00	\$500 added
23	Switchlist Publication	Note 3 \$4,000.00	
24	Travel Reimbursement	\$0.00	
<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>		\$11,310.00	

Note 1 Includes interest from investment accounts

Note 2 Includes Support of all NMRA programs

Note 3 Includes printing and mailing

Note 4 This number included only to balance the budget, with-drawals at option of treasurer

Office Manager's Report

Ed Liesse

This report to the Members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA, covers the months of July 2015 through July 2016.

Membership grew as the National convention in Portland approached, especially in 2nd Division, as would be expected. The Rail Pass was good incentive for a number of people to join NMRA to enjoy the benefits of the convention. Now, of course, many of those same people have reached the end of the 6-month trial period. Hopefully there was a big push working to convert those people to full memberships so they could continue to enjoy the benefits of membership. This doesn't mean just 2nd Division but all divisions! Following up with Rail Pass members should be a priority right after they have joined by getting them involved in the many activities each of the Divisions has to offer. Then the conversion rate to full membership would be much higher than at the present. Are you doing your part to greet and meet new members in your Division? Every one of us needs to welcome these new members into our local activities. Think back to when you joined NMRA and how you were welcomed into membership. Maybe you could improve the way you were welcomed to make the "newbie" feel comfortable with his or her new fellow model railroaders!

Much of this report (Tables 1–4) centers on the relationship when they come on board as a new member and the time they go on the 30-60-day Past Due Reports. You can see by looking at the tables how your division is performing.

Table 1. Membership showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Jul 15		Aug 15		Sep 15		Oct 15		Nov 15		Dec 15		Jan 16		Feb 16		Mar 16		Apr 16		May 16		Jun 16		Jul 16	
	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP
1	96	8	99	10	104	13	104	12	102	11	106	12	105	12	107	11	107	10	107	8	104	5	103	5	106	6
2	192	17	226	48	257	74	258	74	251	73	249	71	242	64	239	58	230	55	199	22	168	1	166	1	165	1
3	89	6	88	5	90	7	90	7	87	6	83	2	83	1	83	0	82	0	86	4	85	4	77	4	74	3
4	534	13	534	13	537	23	546	23	543	23	542	24	539	25	544	22	537	22	544	23	543	15	542	16	531	15
5	201	4	205	5	205	7	203	8	205	8	196	6	200	5	202	6	207	9	202	6	206	6	205	5	203	5
6	176	0	175	0	173	0	175	1	172	2	179	3	181	3	197	3	202	6	203	7	201	9	201	9	199	10
7	294	7	297	7	301	8	300	8	293	7	287	5	290	4	293	3	293	5	321	3	328	7	327	7	331	9
Tot	1582	55	1624	88	1667	132	1676	133	1653	130	1642	123	1640	114	1665	103	1663	107	1662	73	1635	47	1621	47	1609	49

Table 2. New members showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Jul 15		Aug 15		Sep 15		Oct 15		Nov 15		Dec 15		Jan 16		Feb 16		Mar 16		Apr 16		May 16		Jun 16		Jul 16	
	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP	New	RP
1	1	1	1	0	4	4	2	1	0	0	4	2	2	1	4	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	2
2	8	4	31	29	31	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4	3	5	1	18	12	5	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	4	2	6	4	8	7	3	1	4	1	0	0
5	1	0	4	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	3	1	6	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
6	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	7	0	5	3	3	2	3	2	0	0	2	2
7	1	1	1	0	5	2	2	1	5	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	6	2	15	0	9	4	2	1	5	2
Tot	18	9	42	32	62	48	14	7	8	3	13	4	12	2	22	5	24	12	34	13	18	8	8	2	10	6

Table 3. Members 30-days Past Due showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Jul 15		Aug 15		Sep 15		Oct 15		Nov 15		Dec 15		Jan 16		Feb 16		Mar 16		Apr 16		May 16		Jun 16		Jul 16	
	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP
1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	1	0
2	1	1	2	1	5	1	0	0	7	0	2	1	7	2	5	0	11	2	33	30	29	21	4	0	2	0
3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	8	0	2	0
4	12	3	12	2	20	2	2	1	8	1	7	0	11	0	7	3	18	2	9	2	11	6	12	1	16	0
5	3	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	5	0	10	2	2	1	3	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	1	3	0
6	1	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	2	0	4	1
7	3	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	13	0	8	1	3	0	4	0	6	0	1	0	6	0	3	1	2	0
Tot	24	10	17	4	34	3	10	1	37	1	34	9	24	4	24	6	37	4	51	35	59	9	33	3	30	1

Table 4. Members 60-days Past Due showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Jul 15		Aug 15		Sep 15		Oct 15		Nov 15		Dec 15		Jan 16		Feb 16		Mar 16		Apr 16		May 16		Jun 16		Jul 16	
	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP	Mem	RP
1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0
2	1	0	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	0	6	0	2	1	7	2	3	0	10	2	32	29	29	21	4	0
3	4	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0
4	13	8	10	2	10	2	15	2	2	1	8	1	6	0	9	0	7	3	11	2	6	2	10	6	8	1
5	2	0	3	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	2	2	1	4	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	1
6	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	2	0
7	6	4	3	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	12	0	6	1	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	3	1
Tot	30	15	22	9	13	4	27	3	8	1	32	1	31	9	22	4	19	5	25	4	46	34	56	29	28	3

We do lose a number of people throughout the year due to death. A list of those who passed away since July 2015 is shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Deceased Members by Month, August 2015–July 2016

August 2015	None		
September 2015	Div 7	Jack D. Langley	Surrey, BC
October 2015	Div 2	W.R. Parks, Jr.	Portland, OR Life member
November 2015	Div 4	Donald J. Voss	Snohomish, WA
December 2015	Div 7	Harvey Davidson Hugh J. Mackenzie	Victoria, BC Inverness, BC Life member Life member
January 2016	None		
February 2016	Div 6	Les Donyluk	Red Deer, AB
March 2016	Div 1	Gerald A. White, Sr.	Myrtle Creek, OR Life member
April 2016	Div 4	E.R. Reid, Jr.	Blaine, WA
	Div 4	Ross Tabor	Federal Way, WA
May 2016	Div 5	Wilmer B. Seaver	Grangeville, ID Life member, past president PNR
	Div 2	James H. Whaley	Portland, OR Life member
June 2016	Div 4	Paul R. Neumann	Bremerton, WA
	Div 4	Dan Reilly	Bremerton, WA
	Div 5	Gerald Bailey	Spokane, WA
July 2016	Div 7	Glen D. Avery	New Westminster, BC
July 2016	None		

Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR

Things have picked up considerably since the May report. Between major activity associated with the Regional Convention and increased activity on the Division level, the level of participation is returning to that more common in the Region.

In the 4th Division, as a part of inventorying the home layouts and modules that currently exist and which might be host to local layout tours, a question about AP involvement was included. With a bit of extra effort, it may be possible to bring a number of those not yet participating into the program. A Division survey is a good way to better understand who is involved and who the potential participants are.

Over the past year a number of individuals have earned Golden Spikes for their home layouts our modules. Unfortunately some of them have fallen through the reporting crack. So, below are the members who have earned Golden Spikes in the last year or so.

Golden Spike Awards

Doug Airey	Edmonton	AB	Dick Hawkshaw	Chilliwack	BC
Charles Aldrich	Port Townsend	WA	Wayne Hill	Vancouver	WA
Ross L. Ames	Troutdale	OR	Gary Lee	Corbett	OR
Lee Anderson	Battle Ground	WA	Roy Mackey	Prineville	OR
Glen Baunsgard	Vancouver	WA	Wain Miller	Milton	WA
Jay H Becker III	Troutdale	OR	Walt Mulford	Eugene	OR
Len Bruening	Portland	OR	Don Mundie	Calgary	AB
Jon Calon	Calgary	AB	Eugene Neville	Corvallis	OR
David A. Clune	Eugene	OR	Greg Price	Puyallup	WA
Mark Dance	Vancouver	BC	Ran Shoham	Calgary	AB
Bob Flegel	Rossland	BC	Harry Southern	Chemainus	BC
Peter Ford	Portland	OR	Robert Stafford	Marysville	WA
Joe Fugate	Woodburn	OR	Steve Stark	Nanoose Bay	BC
Dick Gemeinhardt	Kalama	WA	Warner Swarner	Portland	OR
Jon V. Harrison	Portland	OR	Bill Wheeler	Vancouver	WA
Tom Hawkins	Anacortes	WA	Gary Wiggins	Vancouver	WA

Besides the Golden Spikes, and since the last report in April, we have had a number of earned awards.

Bob Flegel earned seven Merit Awards for his structures and one for scenery

Brent Ciccone earned a Merit Award for cars

Rene Gourley earned a Merit Award for cars

Dick Hawkshaw earned a Merit Award for scenery

Bob Jekel earned a Merit Award for structures

Greg Kujawa earned a Merit Award for structures

Ed Schaenzer earned two Merit Awards for structures

Larry Sebelley earned a Merit Award for scenery

Harry Southern earned a Merit Award for scenery

Morley Spelman earned two Merit Awards for structures

Dale Sproule earned three Merit Awards for structures and a Merit Award for Prototype Model

Jack Tingstad earned a Merit Award for cars

Don Young earned seven Merit Awards for his structures and a Merit Award for scenery

The following members have earned Achievement Program Certificates as noted:

Don Young—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical; Master Builder – Scenery, Structures

Bob Flegel—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical; Master Builder – Scenery, Structures

Dick Hawkshaw—Master Builder – Scenery

Larry Sebelley—Master Builder – Scenery

Harry Southern—Master Builder – Scenery

Dale Sproule—Master Builder – Prototype Modeler

Charlie Comstock—Association Official, Volunteer

Russ Watson—Association Official

Gary Thurow—Association Volunteer

Dirk Kruysman—Association Volunteer

Suzy Madsen—Association Volunteer

Richard Smith—Master Builder – Cars

Jack Tingstad—Master Builder – Cars

Joe Green—Chief Dispatcher

Tyler Whitcomb—Chief Dispatcher

Nick Lehrbach—Association Volunteer

Congratulations to all. Well Done!

The 2016 PNR convention in Salmon Arm provided an opportunity for continued development of the Distant Evaluation process. Several models or modules were presented for Distant Evaluation prior to the Convention. The follow-up on-site evaluation during the convention validated the results of the DE effort. We will continue to work on the process and work with NMRA National for program adoption.

For those members not currently active in the AP, please reconsider using this primary benefit of membership and get engaged. Try it. You may just find that you'll enjoy the program. While the Division AP Managers will continue to seek out potential participants, it works much better if any interested members simply contact their Division Manager to get the process started.

Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

On prompting from Jack Hamilton's discussion at the PNR convention in Salmon Arm regarding ways to make divisions more attractive to new members, Superintendent Rich Pitter asked members of the Board of Directors and other leaders in 1st Division the following questions:

1. Should 1st Division provide name badges to members?
2. Should local (i.e. "Sub-Division") gatherings be encouraged?
3. Should 1st Division endeavor to have and announce one or more meetings somewhere in its boundaries each month (Sub-Division meetings), even if those meetings would be attended primarily by local members?
4. Should 1st Division announce meetings and events of non-100% NMRA model railroad groups within its boundaries?
5. Should 1st Division formally enact a buddy system, whereby each new member is teamed with at least one active regular member, for the purpose of learning what the new member needs and communicating those needs to the Board for resolution?
6. Should Mini-Meets provide members with a venue for selling model items to other members?
7. If #6 is approved, should 1st Division be paid a token fee?
8. Should 1st Division host a "White Elephant" table at Mini-Meets, selling donated items to members?
9. Should Mini-Meets invite modelers to "Show and Tell" what they are doing, including unfinished models and requests for ideas?

Some of the leadership has responded as of this writing. The results are being compiled and will be submitted to leaders prior to the September 17 mini-meet in Bend. The mini-meet will be held at the East Bend Branch, Deschutes Public Library, 62080 Dean Swift Road, Suite 170. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

No report available.

3rd Division

Tom Waters, Superintendent

The 3rd Division was well represented at the Convention in Salmon Arm. Bob Parrish and myself had entries in the model contest and assisted in the judging. From those I have talked to, we all had a great time. And the train show was great with the huge Free-mo layout. One should always come away learning something new. The 20 pictures clinic has become a monthly event at our business meeting. Our Fall Meet is scheduled as usual.

Save The Date! June 7–10, 2017
2017 PNR Convention—Spokane Falls Express
Spokane, Washington
Online registration will be available around October 1, 2016

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

The 4th Division is ready for the start of our fall season with two new clinics, one in Renton and one in Bothell. There will be layout open houses in May and October in the Bellevue and Renton/Maple Valley areas. Oly Ops is already receiving reservations for operations on nine excellent layouts in the Olympia area.

Plans are well underway by the modular groups for upcoming trains shows. An emphasis is being placed on new and smaller modules and dioramas for the Seattle Science Center Show. Finally, a major effort is underway to recruit new clinicians and topics for our area clinics. Thanks, again to all who made Salmon Arm a lot of fun.

5th Division

Gary Thurow, Superintendent

Activities within the Division have been somewhat slow. This is in part due to summer vacations and members attending various events, such as the NMRA National Convention and other model railroad gatherings.

The Division was represented at the PNR 2016 Convention in Salmon Arm, BC, in June. During the PNR Board of Directors meeting, the Division grew in both membership and size due to the Board voting to now place all of Montana within the 5th Division. The Division gained four members from the 3rd Division. Notification of this change in representation was sent out to those members living in SW Montana and affected by this change.

Another item that affects the Division was the PNR Board granting a loan of \$1000 for the 2017 PNR Convention. This loan will enable the convention committee to purchase supplies and other needed items for this convention. The Division further added to this amount by also loaning \$200 to the convention committee's checking account.

Speaking of the 2017 PNR Convention, the **Spokane Falls Express** is scheduled for June 7-10, 2017, in Spokane, Washington. The 5th Division set up an informational table at Salmon Arm. We spoke with many attendees at the convention and asked what they would like to have as far as clinics, tours, and other activities. The committee is looking at these suggestions and will try to include as many of them into the convention schedule as possible. We also had an informational signup sheet available at the table. This signup sheet was well received, with over 75 people signing up to receive pre-convention information. The 2017 PNR convention committee is now in the process of setting up a website and means of accepting reservations and payment via this site. The committee is looking to have the 2017 PNR Convention website up and running by October 1, 2016. The host hotel, The Red Lion Hotel at the Park, will start taking room reservations sometime in late December 2016 or early January 2017.



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The Division is scheduled to attend the following events within the next three months.

- [Inland Northwest Rail Museum](#) Grand Opening, August 27th 2016, at Reardan, Washington
 - [Great Northern Railway Historical Society Convention](#), September 16–21, 2017, at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park, 303 North River Drive, Spokane, Washington
 - Spokane Train Show, October 9 2016, at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, 404 N. Havana, Spokane, Washington
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6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Hello everyone! I hope your summer has been going well. With fall just around the corner, Alberta is starting to prepare for winter.

The Regional Meet in Salmon Arm was a real hit. Congratulations to the host committee and volunteers. You did a fantastic job! We members in the 6th Division are looking forward to Spokane next year. We are sure this convention will be just as good.

On the Division side here, Edmonton and Calgary have put on two very successful swap meets with nearly three hundred in attendance at each show. This is a great way to increase our membership and meet fellow model railroaders in a non-structured atmosphere.

The Spring shows (Super Train, Moosejaw, Saskatoon etc.) that I attended were all very well organized with great attendance. Membership continues to grow, which is very exciting.

Our annual Division Meet will be held in Edmonton (Sherwood Park) at Millennium Place in conjunction with The

Great Edmonton Train Show September 15–18. We are combining our clinics with the host committee for the show. Two great prototype tours are already lined up. We are also combining the banquet/raffle. It will be a very busy time as some of us will be performing a “double duty”.

Have a great rest of your summer!

7th Division

John Martin, Superintendent

Somewhat unseen during holidays and this fine weather, many people are hard at work this Summer in the 7th Division.

VTE (**Vancouver Train Expo**) 2016 occurs Nov 5th and 6th at the PNE Exhibition Forum building in Vancouver. Organizing and staging an event of this size is a considerable undertaking for a small committee of volunteers. Mark your calendar and check it out at: <http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca>

The “**Railway Modelers Meet of British Columbia**” (RMMBC) is taking place this year in conjunction with VTE starting Thursday Nov 3rd and running through Sunday the 6th at the Atrium Inn, 2889 East Hastings – right near the PNE. The emphasis is primarily on “modelling,” as the name implies, with many interesting clinics, layout tours, and operating sessions. Registration is now open and I urge you to reserve a spot soon to avoid disappointment. Full information and registration is at: <http://railwaymodellermeeetofbc.ca/>

The 7th Division membership were pioneers! With Canadian postal service interruption a possibility, we organized electronic balloting for the **Pacific Northwest Region (PNR) elections**. There were 27 ballots received by mail and 31 by e-mail. I’ll admit that’s not fantastic participation (only 18% of our members voted in what was essentially an election by acclamation) but the balloting itself went perfectly. Electronic elections are now a fact of life—the PNR board voted to go that route completely next time around—and 7th Division is considering doing the same. Paper ballots will still be accepted, but e-mail is a far cheaper method. Almost all of us can get to a computer somewhere/somehow, perhaps at the local library or at a friend’s house.

You’ll read elsewhere about the marvelous job done by a crew of 7th Division people to preserve and re-locate two sections of **Brian Pate’s Klondike Mines Railroad**. One piece went to the Visitor’s Centre in Dawson City and the other to the Railway Museum in Revelstoke. The project spanned over 14 months and various members logged hundreds of hours on the job. The volunteers involved worked to ensure Brian’s layout would live on and are a credit to the model railroading community. They should be very proud of their contributions.

Efforts continue to establish a permanent process to welcome (and retain) new members and to provide more “local” events for our membership.

Timetable

To add your events or activities to the Switchlist Timetable, PNR web page, and PNR Train Orders, contact the Timetable Editor, Mark Johnson at timetable@pnr.nmra.org

2016

Aug 19 (Fri), Edmonton, AB

Model railroaders BBQ and slide night, 4 p.m.–10 p.m. MMRF and 6th Division will be hosting a BBQ and slide night at the Deville/ North Cooking Lake Community Hall, located at 21033 Wye Road, North Cooking Lake. Projectors will be supplied so bring out some of your slides or thumb drives:-). Come out and enjoy an evening of train watching and slides. Info: Ed@ 780-886-8116

Aug 19–21, Snoqualmie, WA

Snoqualmie Railroad Days 2016, a community festival celebrating our spirit and origins as a railroad and logging town, and the home of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. The Santa Cruz and Portland Cement locomotive #2, a 1909-built Porter locomotive, will let you step back in time to the early days of Snoqualmie during this year’s festival. Northwest Railway Museum, 38625 King Street. Info: www.railroaddays.com

Sep 8–10, Fife, WA

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Emerald Queen Casino & Hotel, 9700 Pacific Highway E. Info: www.spsps.org

Sep 15–18, Sherwood Park, AB

Muskeg Mixed — 6th Division Annual Meet held in conjunction with the Great Edmonton Train Show

Sep 17–21, Spokane, WA

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

Sep 17–18, Sherwood Park, AB

2016 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way, Sherwood Park. Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers, and LEGO! Info: www.mmrf.ab.ca email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 18 (Sun), Missoula, MT

37th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Big Sky High School, 3100 South Ave., West. Adults and Youth 16 and over \$3; 15 and under FREE! Info: Mike or Elaine Brown at 406-543-6123, or missoulamodelrail.org/Home/TrainShowandSwapMeet.aspx

Sep 24 (Sat), Boise, ID

3rd Division 2016 Fall Meet. Covenant Presbyterian Church 4848 North Five Mile Road Boise, ID 83713 (McMillan and Five Mile). \$8 - \$7 for NMRA members. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; all meet events begin at 9 a.m. Layout tours begin at 1:30 p.m. ending at 5 p.m. Info: pnr.nmra.org/3div/events.html

Sep 24–25, Calgary, AB

Railway Days at Heritage Park. 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Info: www.heritagepark.ca/plan-your-visit/event-calendar/railway-days.html

Oct 1–2, Lynden, WA

Lynden Lions Club 3rd Annual Model Train and Circus Builder Show. Northwest Washington Fair Grounds, Henry Jansen Building. Sat 9–5, Sun 10–4. Admission: Adults \$7; Family (up to 6 people) \$22; Seniors \$6; 6-12 \$5; under 6 free with an adult. All profits from the show benefit Lions projects. Info: www.lyndentrainshow.com

Oct 2 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Model Railroad Association — Annual Open House 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Located in the Freight shed at Fort Edmonton Park. See the Monashee Pacific Model Railroad up close and in action. Tours running throughout the day or explore on your own. Used model railway equipment for sale! Free Admission! No charge to enter the park as Fort Edmonton Park will be closed for the season! Info: www.EMRA.club

Oct 8–9, Spokane, WA

The River City Modelers will have their River City Western HO Scale Model Train layout open at 1130 E. Sprague Ave. Saturday, Oct. 8 at 4–8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct 9 Noon–4 p.m. Info: 509-535-3462 or www.RiverCityModelers.org or Facebook River City Modelers.

Oct 9 (Sun), Spokane, WA

9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Fall Spokane Train Show sponsored by the River City Modelers will be held at the Spokane Fair & Expo Center, Bldg. A, B and C, 404 N. Havana St. There will be over 200 tables of all things railroad related—from model and toy trains, photographs, books, toy autos and trucks, bridges and buildings, Train memorabilia, old lanterns, signs, china, linens, switch locks, keys, and more. Operating train layouts in N, HO, S, O, and G Scales. Operation Lifesaver will be there too. Free Parking, food available. Admission \$6, 12 and under free. Info: Shirley Sample, 509-991-2317, email; Shirley@busnws.com or P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220-3065.

Oct 15 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Boomer Auction - South Bank Short Lines Association presents the 37th Annual Boomer Auction. St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, Calgary. Doors open at 9 a.m. for Set-up/Display/Viewing. Bring your Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Buildings, Kits, Tools, Parts, Photographs, Slides, Books and Railroadiana that you want to sell. Magazines and VHS tapes will NOT be sold. Auction starts at 10:30. Note earlier times. Info: John Wrinch, (403) 281-5745, jawrinch@shaw.ca

Oct 15–16, Chilliwack, BC

Mount Cheam Lions Club Model Railway & Hobby Show, Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack (Freeway Exit #116). Admission Prices: Adults \$6; Family \$ 20 (limit of six per family). Parking by donation. Info: Bob Jones Phone: 604-858-7659

Oct 15–16, Ravensdale, WA

19th Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Gracie Hansen Community Center, 27132 Ravensdale Way. Suggested Donation: Adults \$5, Children (3-11) \$2. Info: Steve Hiester, (425) 432-8391 hies_skel@hotmail.com, www.greatermaplevalleyareacouncil.org/events.html.

Oct 15-16, Lethbridge, AB

Southern Alberta Model Railway Club Open House at the expanded club building in Gyro Park, 15th Street and 10th Avenue A South. 1:00 p.m.–4:30 pm both days.

Oct 16 (Sun), Calgary, AB

CMRS Fall Mini Meet and Annual General Meeting, Glenmore Inn. Clinics, Show & Tell, Info: www.calgarymodelrailway.ca

Oct 22 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Fall Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9 a.m.–Noon, Admission \$3. Info: Ric Francoeur, Ph. 780-458-1032 www.mmrf.ab.ca

Nov 4–5, Post Falls, ID

Inland Northwest FREE-mo-N Fall Show 2016, Post Falls Library, 821 N Spokane Street, Post Falls, ID. Friday, Nov. 4th 3 p.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 5th 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free Admission! The largest operating modular train layout in North Idaho. Info: oregon-shortline@gmail.com, inlandnorthwestfree-mo-n.weebly.com/

Nov 5–6, Vancouver, BC

Vancouver Train Expo 2016 is the reinvigorated 34th annual train show. Info: www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca

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