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Illinois Central Gulf Switchlist

YRS15, Friday, February 7, 1982
 Time: 7:15 AM Throttle: 0
 Draw Maduro
 No: 7-027
 UP 2701 Cabin: 199044

at: Reserve
 Next Yard: St. Rose, LA
 Origin: Reserve, LA
 Destination: St. Rose, LA

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Hall 2 42 700M 4885

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						
2		68820	70	70		
3		68262	72	72		
4		68758	72	72		
5			55	72		
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						

Unloaded at 3600 hrs
 Temp 70
 Fuel OK
 Tools OK

Lewis 3.51

N.P. 1204 10/73 LOCAL SWITCH LIST

SWITCH LIST OF ALL WORK TO BE DONE BY CONDUCTOR

TRAIN NO. _____ ORS3

Duplicate AT STATION

INITIAL	NUMBER	CONTENTS	FROM
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			





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Education and Inspiration

attended the PNR Convention in Spokane this past June and am so glad I did. I reconnected with “old” acquaintances and met new ones, saw some awesome layouts and modeling, attended many great clinics, and, in the process, learned a lot. Some of this new-found knowledge was gained through informal conversations outside of the clinics. One of the great benefits of attending a convention or other model railroading event is the personal education that often occurs, regardless of source. And this education may be the catalyst or inspiration you may find helps to overcome model railroading inertia (aka barriers).

In my case, I got a healthy shot of inspiration during a mini-clinic at the convention. This resulted in my building a portable DCC programming track/test track, learning about JMRI DecoderPro, and finally getting my “new” DCC system out of the box in which it was sitting since I bought it nearly two years ago. I haven’t started building my layout yet (a new house was the first order of business), but now I can at least run a few DCC locomotives and learn how to reprogram them, which leads to further inspiration. Wow! What a great hobby!

Inside this edition of *The Switchlist* are highlights of the Spokane Falls Express, the PNR’s convention for 2017. These include a convention summary by Gary Thurow, contest results, a few photos, and presentation of the President’s Award for 2017.

The Board of Directors held their annual business meeting on Wednesday, June 5, prior to start of the convention; the General Membership meeting was Saturday, June 10. You may want to review the minutes from these two meetings. These and minutes from past meetings are posted on the PNR website under [PNR Policies and Documents](#). Important stuff there! For example, the BOD approved the use of electronic elections starting in 2018.

Looking ahead to the 2018 PNR convention, you will definitely want to **SAVE THE DATE ... May 30–June 2, 2018**. Hosted by the 2nd Division, Stumptown Express 2018 will be held in Portland at the Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach. Stay tuned for more information as the convention committee gets into high gear.

As always, don’t forget to check out the Timetable on pages 15–16 (also on the [PNR website](#)) and take note of the many model railroading events scheduled for late summer and fall.. What a great excuse to enjoy beautiful weather, autumn colors, and (hopefully) good road conditions. Plus, here’s your chance to get a strong shot of inspiration that could launch you out of the proverbial armchair (or lawn chair) and tackle a whole new project or one of those languishing on your To-Do list.

Greg Kujawa, Editor



Ed Schaezner’s clinic on finishing wood models.

PNR News and Announcements

Spokane Falls Express 2017 Convention Summary and Contest Results

Gary Thurow, Convention Chair
Photos by Shirley Sample and Greg Kujawa

It has been over a month since the 2017 PNR Convention was held in Spokane, Washington. The convention committee took a short rest break but is now at work completing the final convention reports for the PNR Board of Directors. The convention was a success in terms of attendance. The final attendance figures showed that we had a total of 147 NMRA members and non-rail guests come to the convention. A rough breakdown of the numbers showed that we had 22 guest from Canada, 124 from the US, and one international member from New Zealand. All the Canadians and 115 from the US were members of the PNR. We also had guests from Arizona (1); California (6); Connecticut (1); and Pennsylvania (1).



From the comments we received during the convention and after, all the attendees were well pleased with the programing that was provided. One activity that went over very well was the set of mini clinics held Thursday evening. This type of clinic allowed guests to get a close-up view of the clinic (sometimes hands-on) and to ask questions of the clinician. It also allowed guests to choose from nine different clinics in the same room. The prototype rail tours and non-rail tours were another area that received many favorable comments. Our thanks to BNSF; CXT Concrete Tie Plant, Highline Grain Transload Facility, and the Inland Northwest Rail Museum

The highlight of the convention had to be our guest speaker at the banquet. NMRA President Charlie Getz gave a fine speech on recruitment and retention within the NMRA. He is a very gifted speaker and his presentation on this topic was serious but it was also punctuated with humor and much laughter from the audience. Charlie later told me that his wife decided this was the only regional convention that she wished to attend.

I would like to give a personal thank you to the convention committee, the volunteers who helped make this one of the best PNR conventions, if not the Best. Thanks to Shirley Sample, Treasurer; Bill Fassett, Registrar; Bill Voogd, Layout tours; Alan Ashton and Tim Bristow, Clinics; Phil Everett and John DeSteeze, Contest; and to Mike Teitz and members of the host club, River City Modelers. I also want to thank the Evergreen Model RR Club, INSHOME Model RR Club, N'land Empire N Scalpers Club, Inland Washington Free-mo Modelers, and the Mount Rainier N-Scale Club. These last two clubs had modular layouts set up at the convention hotel. Thanks also to all the owners of the home layouts who allowed us to visit.



Saturday night banquet crowd



Banquet Guest Speaker NMRA President Charlie Getz



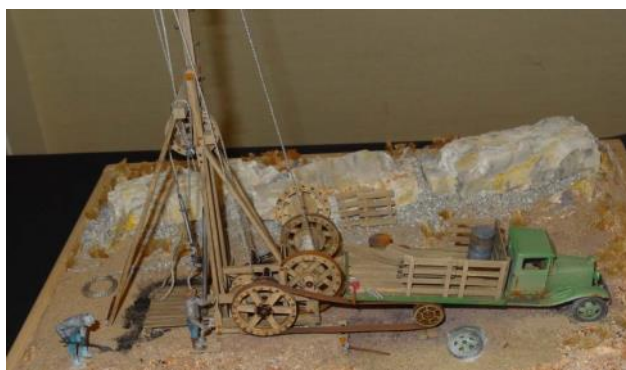
PNR President Jack Hamilton leads the General Membership meeting

Spokane Falls Express 2017—Contest Results

Category	Award	Name	Entry
Freight Car	1st	Roger Walker	D&RGW High-side Gondola #9536
	2nd	Roger Walker	D&RGW Derrick OP
	3rd	Robert Deem	Twin-stack Container Cars
Structure	1st	Roger Walker	Portable Drilling Rig
	2nd	Doug Johnson	Maggie's Boarding House
	3rd	Doug Johnson	St. Eugene Concentrator
Module	1st	Dennis Reeve	N-Scale Log Mill
Most Popular Model		Doug Johnson	St. Eugene Concentrator
Photos—Prototype B&W	1st	Roger Walker	SD-40-2 with TOFC Freight
	2nd	Roger Walker	Early Morning in Durango
	3rd	Roger Walker	# 6218
Photos—Prototype Color	1st	Roger Walker	Winter at Morant's curve
	2nd	Roger Walker	Curved Tracks
	3rd	Roger Walker	Hot and Hazy - Canpotex West of Calgary
Photos—Model B&W	1st	Ed Schaenzer	Log Pond Action
	2nd	Ed Schaenzer	Old Number One
	3rd	Ed Schaenzer	Lockollie A Log Train
Photos—Model Color	1st	Ed Schaenzer	Right of Way
	2nd	Roger Walker	Diesel Doc to the Rescue
	3rd	Roger Walker	Roll-by Inspection
Most Popular Arts and Crafts Entry		Kristy Webster	Quilt
Best of Show		Roger Walker	D&RGW High-side Gondola #9536



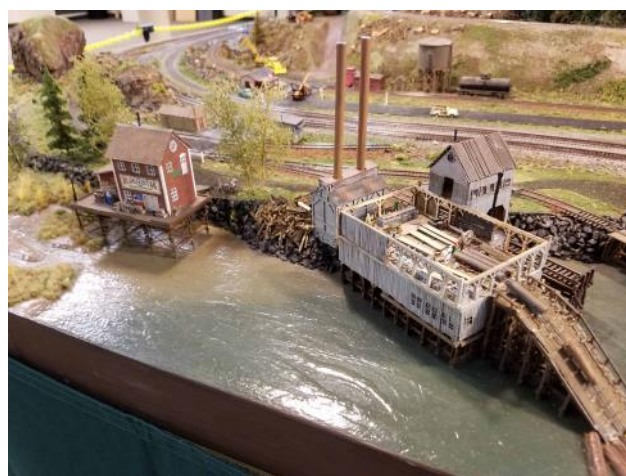
Freight Car - 1st Place—Roger Walker



Structure - 1st Place—Roger Walker



Most Popular Model—Doug Johnson



Module - 1st Place—Dennis Reeve



Structure - 2nd Place—Doug Johnson



Freight Car - 2nd Place—Roger Walker



Action in the Non-Rail Room



Freight Car - 3rd Place—Robert Deem

Mt Rainier N-Scale layout



River City Western ops session



Inland Washington Free-mo layout



Pacific Northwest Region President's Award

Jack Hamilton, President, and Shirley Sample, Vice President, Pacific Northwest Region

The Pacific Northwest Region President's Award is presented annually to honor a member of the Region who, through signal service to the hobby of model railroading, has made the most significant contribution to the benefit and betterment of the Pacific Northwest Region. This is the senior award presented by the Region and honors the recipient for their service to their fellow National Model Railroad Association members.

The President's Award honoree for 2017 is Larry Sebelley, from the 7th Division. Larry has been a major player in the activities of the Region and his home Division since reentering the hobby in the year 2000. He has served for many years as the Convention Committee Chairman for the Region and as our Assistant Treasurer for Canada. He is also the Treasurer for the 7th Division.

Larry has been involved in assisting other divisions to prepare for and present our annual convention and he has been a principle player in conventions conducted by the 7th Division in Chilliwack and Salmon Arm.

Larry is one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Coldslap Free-mo organization and serves as Treasurer for the group. Through his energies and efforts the Coldslap group has represented PNR and NMRA at numerous public activities and events. Larry has also been instrumental in introducing the Free-mo concept to other modelers and those considering entry into the hobby. Larry is the face and heart of model railroading to many in the British Columbia area and throughout PNR.

In recognition of his exceptional meritorious service to the Pacific Northwest Region and the National Model Railroad Association Larry Sebelley is presented with the Pacific Northwest Region Presidents Award for 2017. Congratulations and well done!



Larry Sebelley with PNR President Jack Hamilton.
Suzy Madsen photo

Save the Date! May 30–June 2, 2018

2018 PNR Convention—Stumptown Express

Red Lion on the River—Jantzen Beach

Portland, Oregon

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Officers' Reports

From the President's Outbox

Jack Hamilton

There appears to be a growing interest throughout the NMRA organizational leadership regarding the functions of operations at the National, Region, and Division levels. Of course, the emphasis on the importance of a specific level often depends on the current position held by the individual offering the observation. Regardless, it is interesting to see that more attention is actually being directed toward Divisions and how to make them more effective. Having served at all three levels of the Association leadership ladder, I have my own take on who does what best and how to maximize the benefits to the members.

The **National level** best serves four specific functions:

Basic Association Administration – keeping track of membership and running elections. This involves the only hired staff positions in NMRA. Everything else is handled by volunteers.

Overarching Policies and Programs – Establishing the direction for the Association to satisfy the purpose and mission statement of the NMRA with creation and support of policies and programs that work to that end. For example, Achievement Program, EduTrain, Membership criteria and categories, Retention and Recruiting programs, Modeling With the Masters, Layout Directory, NMRA Archive, and Sponsor/discount program. These are efforts that need guidance and direction from the national level to be effective.

Communications – NMRA Magazine, eBulletin, the new TurnTable, and the NMRA website are the vehicles that bind us together and which allow us to be informed about what is going on in our NMRA (and model railroading world). The annual National Convention is a major communications opportunity because it includes the ability to meet and talk with members from around the world and is the time for the annual General Membership Meeting.

Interface with the hobby industry and international organizations of similar interest – NMRA standards (the original reason for our existence) are as critical today as they were in 1935. NMRA provides the single largest voice in addressing standards and other matters of inter-operability to the manufacturers and suppliers that we depend upon. NMRA is also the lead voice in dealing with other model railroad groups in the national and international arena.

The **Regions** serve some very specific functions that cannot be served by national and which exceed the capacity of any single Division.

Administration – relieving Divisions of significant administrative interface with National. For example, processing of membership data for Region and Division use, processing program materials (AP is the primary example) and finding support for National Programs (EduTrain, and sponsor/discount) for example)

Fiscal – Most Divisions do not have the fiscal capacity to execute many of the programs that are available for our members. The Region distribution of NMRA rebate funds, providing seed monies for activities and events, and providing grants for projects are the responsibility of the Region

Communications – The Region is the link for communication both up and down with the National level. The Region communicates directly with the NMRA Board of Directors and makes input on issues before each NMRA Board meeting. Region leadership shares ideas and programs that work to improve the overall effectiveness of the Association.

Education – Regions are responsible to execute the NMRA Education Program which means an effective Achievement Program, support of EduTrain with clinics and reviewers, and creation of policies that assist Divisions in being more effective in Education Program delivery to our members.

Communications – The newsletter you are reading now and the monthly Train Orders (unofficial newsletter) provide reasonable information about what's happening. The Regional Convention, like the national gathering, offers the opportunity to talk with members from throughout the Region and to present your ideas and concerns at the General Membership meeting.

The role of Divisions is simple – do everything and whatever it takes to execute NMRA policies, effectively deliver NMRA programs to the members, retain existing members, recruit new members, and deliver on the promises of the NMRA. While pretty straightforward, the role of the Division is most difficult without proper support from the Region and National level. It is not enough for a Region to create a Division and send it on its way. The Region has a very specific responsibility to make sure the Division has the support it needs and the guidance (when appropriate) to be effective in its efforts.

And, of course, all of this does not work without the direct and active involvement of each and every member. NMRA benefits are a lot like rights that we enjoy as individuals; the benefits for one do not exist unless all of us support those benefits for each other. Just as with the prototype, a Division, a Region, and the National organization will not be successful unless all of the members are pulling in a common direction and are mutually dedicated toward the success of the Association.

What have you done for your Division this month?

Just my thoughts.
Jack

Vice-President's Report

Shirley Sample

The Spokane Falls Express PNR Convention in Spokane is history, and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed it and found lots to do and see. It was nice to see those we only see once a year and be able to visit and catch up.

I did receive several responses to the letter I sent out to PNR members who have not renewed. The responses varied, but the two major reasons were age, and nothing happening in their division. We all need to step up and welcome new members and keep doing division activities so all can participate. If anyone has ideas on membership, retaining members, or anything else, please feel free to share them with me.

I can be contacted via email—shirley@busnws.com, home phone 509-292-8332 or my cell phone 509-991-2317. If I don't answer, please leave me a message and I will call back.

2016 Treasurer's Report

Dave Liesse

No report this quarter.

Office Manager's Report

Ed Liesse

This report to the Members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA, covers the months of June 2016 through July 2017.

Unfortunately, this report looks similar to the previous reports! However, the numbers change but the statements about the numbers don't! I haven't seen any reason at this point for any change. I did add one column on Table 2 showing the totals for the year of the new members versus the Rail Pass members. The question still remains, however, on what happened to the Rail Pass members. How many of them are part of the members we lost during the year shown in Table 1?

As you can see in Table 1, our membership was at 1621 at the end of June 2016 and at 1560 at the end of July 2017. We had a few rebounds during the year but basically kept losing members. Some of the loss of members is due to death (see Table 5) and some from moving to a different region, but the majority of the losses come from non-renewal of membership. Rail Pass members, if they don't have a chance to meet other members in their local areas, are likely to not renew because they've had no contact with or from the Division. Some of our "older" members have problems with driving (especially at night) and may just need someone to offer them a ride to keep up their interest in the hobby and their membership. We need to look at ourselves and ask what we're doing to help keep the members involved and not leave it to the division superintendents and/or membership committee members. Remember –

Membership retention is the job of every member!

Much of this report (Tables 1 through 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.

One way we might be able to head off some of the members that get on the 30-day and 60-day Past Due reports would be to look at the Expiration Date (Column B) on the Quarterly Report received by the Superintendents and Membership people in the division. Seeing when the member's membership is due to expire and proactively alerting him or her to be watching for the membership renewal notice from NMRA may help keep them off the 30-day and 60-day Past Due reports. The renewal notice is usually sent from NMRA about 60 days prior to the expiration date.

Table 1. Membership showing Rail Pass (RP) portion by Division

Div	Jun 16		Jul 16		Aug 16		Sep 16		Oct 16		Nov 16		Dec 16		Jan 17		Feb 17		Mar 17		Apr 17		May 17		June 17		Jul 17		Net +/- Jun-May
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2	166	1	165	1	163	2	163	2	164	2	157	2	155	2	155	2	153	3	150	2	142	2	140	2	140	2	144	3	-22
3	77	4	74	3	69	2	71	2	74	6	71	4	69	4	69	4	69	4	71	4	76	5	76	5	73	2	73	2	-4
4	542	16	531	15	528	14	522	13	526	9	520	8	520	5	529	7	523	6	528	8	529	9	529	9	525	10	527	9	-15
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6	201	9	199	10	202	8	203	10	207	9	203	8	198	5	207	7	204	5	203	5	196	3	206	4	206	4	206	4	5
7	327	7	331	9	328	8	330	7	329	6	337	12	332	10	334	9	332	9	331	10	318	10	321	11	317	10	314	9	-13
Tot	1621	47	1609	49	1603	45	1599	44	1607	38	1593	38	1580	28	1599	31	1581	28	1583	32	1563	31	1573	40	1560	38	1560	36	-61

Table 2. New members showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Jun 16		Jul 16		Aug 16		Sep 16		Oct 16		Nov 16		Dec 16		Jan 17		Feb 17		Mar 17		Apr 17		May 17		June 17		Jul 17		Total 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	Mem	RP	Mem	RP		
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3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6
4	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	0	2	1	2	0	11	3	1	0	8	2	7	3	5	0	3	1	0	0	50	13
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6	0	0	2	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	27	5
7	2	1	5	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	12	7	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	5	5	0	0	41	19
Tot	8	2	10	6	8	1	7	2	13	5	18	9	5	1	16	5	5	1	10	4	15	6	24	7	12	7	4	1	155	57

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

Div	Jun 16		Jul 16		Aug 16		Sep 16		Oct 16		Nov 16		Dec 16		Jan 17		Feb 17		Mar 17		Apr 17		May 17		Jun 17		Jul 17			
	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	Mem	RP		
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2	4	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	1	0	7	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	6	0	11	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
3	8	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
4	12	1	16	0	8	1	15	0	9	1	10	2	9	3	6	0	8	1	5	0	11	0	9	0	13	1	3	1	3	1
5	2	1	3	0	1	0	3	0	5	1	4	3	3	0	2	1	5	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0
6	2	0	4	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	7	1	6	3	1	0	5	2	3	0	17	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
7	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	7	0	11	3	0	0	7	1	5	0	17	0	6	0	10	5	3	0	3	0
Tot	33	3	30	1	23	1	26	1	23	4	39	8	33	9	11	1	32	4	23	0	54	2	30	1	33	9	12	2	12	2

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

Div	Jun 16		Jul 16		Aug 16		Sep 16		Oct 16		Nov 16		Dec 16		Jan 17		Feb 17		Mar 17		Apr 17		May 17		Jun 17		Jul 17			
	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	Mem	RP		
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2	29	21	4	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	7	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	11	0	11	0	1	0
3	2	0	8	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
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5	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	3	2	3	0	2	1	4	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
6	5	0	2	0	4	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	7	1	5	3	1	0	5	2	3	0	16	2	1	1	1	1	0	
7	6	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	10	3	0	0	4	1	4	0	16	0	5	0	10	5	10	5
Tot	56	29	28	3	26	1	18	1	17	0	21	4	36	7	30	8	11	1	27	4	20	0	47	2	26	1	32	9	32	9

Table 5. Deceased Members by Month, December 2015–December 2016

May 2016	Div 2	James H. Whaley	Portland, OR	Life Member
		Paul R. Neumann	Bremerton, WA	
June 2016	Div 4	Dan Reilly	Bremerton, WA	
	Div 5	Gerald Bailey	Spokane, WA	
	Div 7	Glen D. Avery	New Westminster, BC	
July 2016	None			
August 2016	Div 2	Mike Brown	Columbia City, OR	Life Member
	Div 7	Garry M. Grant	Prince George, BC	
September 2016	Div 1	Dirk Kruysman	Roseburg, OR	Past Treasurer PNR
October 2016	None			
November 2016	None			
December 2016	Div 3	Paul Remaley	Twin Falls, ID	Life Member
January 2017	Div 5	Robert L. Sample	Elk, WA	Life Member
February 2017	None			
March 2017	Div 4	Rick Scarvie	Federal Way, WA	Life Member
		Milton N. Thomas	Chehalis, WA	Life Member
	Div 5	Kenneth M. Young	Boise, ID	Inactive member
April 2017	Div 3	Karl R. Baker	Preston, ID	
		Philip J. Garlock	Boise, ID	Inactive member
		Robert W. Smylie	Boise, ID	Inactive member
May 2017	Div 1	David R. Kleger	Eugene, OR	
June 2017	None			
July 2017	None			

Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR, AP Chair

In the last edition, I noted that some potential participants were turned off when they visited the NMRA AP website and found pages and pages of guidance, direction, requirements, and forms. We recently experienced another case of “how can I participate—the system doesn’t even consider my method of modeling”. At issue was the member’s use of “power onboard” (Dead Rail society) and radio control that does not require wiring power to tracks. Also excluded are the need for “blocks” and/or power districts associated with providing power to locomotives through rails. Some things that were not included in the apparent requirements but which were of interest for this approach were things like battery charging facilities (especially induction charging stations) and wiring for operations-related equipment such as occupancy detectors and signal systems. This member’s needs presented an opportunity to actually look at the reason behind requirements and then apply some common sense to fit the technology. For those who have been at this for a while, we faced the same dilemma when DCC came on the scene and blocks were no longer relevant. Took a while for us old guys (the oatmeal box water tank set) to get our arms wrapped around “power districts.” The lesson learned is that, with new technology, there needs to be a broad application of common sense. As to the case in point, the apparent difficulties were resolved and the member is actively engaged in the program. I am pleased to report that all of the “issues” and barriers to progress have been resolved and the modelers are well on their way to achieving MMR status.

PNR continues to do well in the Achievement Program and the results reported this time around will make that pretty clear. In a very unusual set of circumstances, three individuals completed their requirement for recognition as an MMR in a single seven-day period. Subsequent to that, two more modelers completed their requirements on the same day. It was interesting to note that the time period these several individuals had spent actually working in the AP varied greatly ... from over 10 years to a single visit completion. What was actually important was that each of the individuals developed and employed the necessary skills to be recognized in at least seven different areas to earn the Master Model Railroader certification. And while it may seem that we are going through our participating members quickly, there are still a significant number working in the program and approaching certification.

Since the last report, we have had a number of earned awards. In addition to those noted above:

Marty Quaas earned a Golden Spike

Trent Klum earned a Golden Spike Award
Pete Brandt earned a Golden Spike Award
Jim Davenport earned a Golden Spike Award
Wayne Miller earned Merit Awards for Civil
Warren Smith earned Merit Awards for Structures (2)
 Motive Power (3), Cars (4), Structures (8), Scenery, and Prototype Model
Jim Little earned Merit Awards for Structures (2)
Marty Quaas earned Merit Awards for Structures (6), Cars (2), Scenery, and Civil
Mike Philo earned Merit Awards for Scenery, Cars (2), and Motive Power
Fred Wing earned Merit Awards for Structures (2) and Cars
James Ogden earned Merit Awards for Civil (3)
Patrick Durand earned Merit Awards for Cars (4), Motive Power (3) and Structures (3)
Doug Johnson earned a Merit Award for Structures
Jeroen Giritzen earned Merit Awards for Cars (2) and Motive Power
Roger Walker earned Merit Awards for Structures (4)
Bob Deem earned a Merit Award for Cars
Warner Swarner earned Merit Awards for Scenery, Civil (3), and Structures (6)

The following members have earned Achievement Program Certificates:

Jerry Thomas—Association Volunteer; Master Builder – Scenery
Warren Smith—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Tom Waters—Association Official
Marty Quaas—Chief Dispatcher, Master Builder – Scenery, Structures; Association Volunteer; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Mike Philo—Master Builder – Scenery; Association Volunteer
Mark Meehleis—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Charles Leo—Association Volunteer
Richard Stephenson—Association Volunteer
James Ogden—Model Railroad Engineer – Civil; Association Volunteer
Patrick Durand—Master Builder – Cars, Motive Power; Association Volunteer; Model Railroad Author
Fred Wing—Association Volunteer
Warner Swarner—Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical, Civil; Master Builder – Scenery, Structures;

Congratulations to all. Well Done!

For those members not currently active in the AP, please reconsider participating in 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. And just remember –

If you ain't havin' fun, you ain't doin' it right!

Nominations Committee Report

Brian Stokes, Chair

Having recently assumed the role of Nominations Chair, I just wanted to introduce myself and the role the Committee plays. The Nominations Committee is responsible for recruiting candidates for your Regional Executive. To be most effective, it is important that the Committee have a representative from each division to help brainstorm names and recruit individuals to volunteer for positions. To that end, a big thank you to Gary Thurow (5th Division) and Charlie Hutto (1st Division) for stepping up to fill the role!

We are still looking for someone from each of the other divisions (save for my home 6th Division) to either step up, or to suggest someone in their division who would make a good Committee member. The time commitment is generally light, only requiring significant time when an election is approaching—and the more folks in the division who you know, the easier it should be to recruit. If you are interested or have ideas, feel free to get in touch with me today. Thank you!

Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

Glenn Edmiston reports that the Ochoco Valley Model Railroad Club, a 100% NMRA Club in First Division, is gearing up for their annual open house, to be held at their building on the Crook County fairgrounds. The dates are: August 9-12, 2017, 3 to 8 PM, during the Crook County Fair.

First Division's next mini-meet will be on Saturday, September 16, at Myrtle Point, OR. The gathering, hosted by Christopher Jones, will be held at the Coos County Fairgrounds. Doors will open at 9 and the program begins at 10. The mini-meet will include clinics, model contests, door prizes and evaluations for merit awards.

First Division's spring mini-meet in 2018 will be hosted by Charlie Hutto of Albany, OR. Date and location have not yet been finalized.

First Division will have a summer mini-meet in 2018, hosted by Rich Pitter of Eugene. Details have not yet been finalized.

First Division's fall mini-meet in 2018 will be held in in the Rogue River Valley. Jim Van Delden of Grants Pass will host the event.

First Division will host the 2020 PNR Convention. We have plans to hold it in Eugene in April, to coincide with the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club's annual Swap Meet and Train Show.

The 1st Division held its Spring Mini-Meet on April 15, at the Douglas County Library in Roseburg, OR. The program featured several clinicians and a people's choice model contest. After the meeting, the 1st Division Board of Directors held its business meeting, then several models were evaluated for Merit Awards. The Umpqua Model Railroad Club was open for attendees to tour.

The Fall Mini-Meet will be held on September 16, at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point, OR. In addition to a similar program, the HO scale layout at the Museum in the Fairgrounds will be open for viewing and operating.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

No report this quarter.

3rd Division

Tom Waters, Superintendent

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the PNR convention in Spokane have not stopped talking about all the great things we saw and all the great friends we visited with in the hotel lobby. I would like to specifically point out how impressive Mike Bennett's layout was. Even though his home was hard to find, it was well worth the trip. And thanks so much to the River City Modelers for providing the Op. Session. Your railroad is a wondrous thing! And to all the convention committee, a hardy thank you for a job well done.

Here in the southwest of the PNR, we continue to meet, eat, and greet. Twice monthly pizza dinners are held as first a business meeting and then as a Mini-meet confab to entice non-members to come and play. As part of the business meeting, we continue to share twenty pictures which range from trains to planes to layouts seen at conventions and anything else.

The 3rd Division has started getting organized for the regional convention scheduled here in 2021. As you might imagine, finding an affordable hotel big enough for a train show is always a challenge.

Our Fall Meet is scheduled for the fourth Saturday in September. (We like scheduling our events consistently on the fourth Saturday.) Details will be on our website. If you are in the area, then we would love to have you visit. And anytime you might be passing through, I can usually find a layout for you to visit.

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

No report this quarter.

5th Division

Gary Thurow, Superintendent

This is my last Division quarterly report. As of September 1st, I will be passing the office of Superintendent on to Bill Fassett. I believe Bill will do an outstanding job in his new position. Bill has been the 5th Division Paymaster for the past two years, a job that he taken great pride in doing. He did a very fine job in this position and I know he will do a fine a job in the position of Superintendent. Bill will in turn be handing over the position of Division Paymaster to Tim Bristow. I am equally confident Tim will do as good a job as Paymaster as Bill did.

The 2017 PNR Convention Committee is finalizing all reports in regard to the convention and will be forwarding them to the PNR Board of Directors soon.

So I will end this brief report by saying I will still be around in the Division and I'll see all of you down the line some day.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

Things have been a little quiet over the summer as per usual. The planning for the 2019 Regional is well under way. Membership is steady. Two more clubs with insurance have joined our ranks. The fall show schedule looks impressive as always. Soon we can get back into our basements as well and get some of those long-awaited projects done.

The Spokane Regional was very impressive. Thank you for a job well done to the organizers.

7th Division

John Martin, Superintendent

The past few months have been quiet, as you might expect during an unusually hot Summer. Forest fires are the major concern in our Province right now. We don't know of any members who have lost their homes but some have faced mandatory evacuations and the economic consequences will affect us all.

Work continues preparing for Vancouver Train Expo – Sat and Sun Nov 11 and 12th. We hope you'll include the event in your plans for this Fall. Visit www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca for details or see the following special note and poster from Tom Lundgren, Team Leader for Vancouver Train Expo.

We've decided to make our *Bulletin Board* newsletter available to everyone on-line. Previously, the most recent two years were held in a "members only" area. Our editor, John Stevenson, produces a first-class publication which you can view at <http://7divpnr.ca/>

Thanks, one more time, to the 5th Division for the fine job they did hosting us at the 2017 Convention. It was an enjoyable week and we had a good time. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Vancouver Train Expo 2017

Sponsored by the 7th Division

Planning for [Vancouver Train Expo 2017](http://www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca), November 11 and 12th, is well underway. Attendance at last year's show, the 34th, was 5,500, an increase of 250% from 2013, and 12% more than 2015. Since 2015 the event has been held in the 44,000 square foot PNE Forum in northeast Vancouver BC, providing space for large operating layouts and exhibits (27) and vendors (40). In addition to displaying fine modeling work, the show is intended to be an attraction for families with close to half the attendees being families with children. Exhibitors included model railway groups displaying models and operating displays in all scales, retail and private vendors, special interactive displays for children including mini train rides, manufacturers, and the national passenger rail provider, VIA Rail Canada. Stories ran on Global BC News Hour, CTV Vancouver News at Six, CBC News Vancouver, CBC Radio North by Northwest, and NEWS 1130. You are invited to attend and we hope to see you!

If you are interested in displaying your modeling work or operating railway setup, selling railway related items, have a children's oriented exhibit, are a manufacturer of model railway items, are a railway historical group or business looking for a chance to explain what you do, we would like to hear from you. Contact Phil Breden at: creative@vancouvertrainexpo.ca

Thanks,

Tom Lundgren, Team Leader



Vancouver Train Expo

A Model Railway Exhibition

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S BIGGEST TRAIN SHOW 35th Annual Show

Saturday November 11, 2017 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday November 12, 2017 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Forum Building at the Pacific National Exhibition

2901 East Hastings Street, Vancouver

Northeast corner Hastings and Renfrew Streets

44,000 square feet of display space filled with operating model train setups in all scales, historical society displays, vendors of new and preowned merchandise, modeling displays, and activities for children of all ages. Come check it out!

Trains are fun for everyone!

Admission Fees:

Adults \$10.00 Seniors (60+) \$8.00 Youth (8 to 18 years) \$5.00

Children under 8 free Special Family rate \$25.00

NMRA members presenting membership card \$5.00

Lots of parking on the grounds \$12.00 or easy access via buses on Hastings Street or Renfrew Street with connections to Millennium Line Renfrew Station or Expo Line 29th Street Station.

www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca and on Facebook Vancouver Train Expo



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

2017

Aug 17–20, Big Valley, AB

13th Annual Alberta Free-mo. An entire hockey rink filled with a modular layout! Event open to all Free-mo module owners across North America. Set up begins Thursday August 17th; commence running on Friday, and go until Sunday at 4 PM. Public viewing is 10–4 on each day, and admission is free for viewing! Sponsored by: Calgary Free-mo, a 100% NMRA Group. Info: www.calgaryfreemo.ca, info@calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 18–20, Snoqualmie, WA

Snoqualmie Railroad Days 2017: 79 years of Trains, Timber, Traditions, a community festival celebrating our spirit and origins as a railroad and logging town, and the home of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. Northwest Railway Museum, 38625 King Street. Info: www.railroaddays.com

Aug 20 (Sun), Wetaskiwin, AB

Alberta Central RAILWAY DAY. Pancake Breakfast Served 10 AM–11:30 PM with admission ticket. Beaver Tails served from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. Model Train Exhibits and Collectors Show; Exhibits and Telegraph Service Demonstrations; Train Rides, Speeder Rides, Wagon Rides; Spike Pounding Demonstrations; All-Inclusive fare of \$8 per person aged 2 and older. Watch for the grand opening of the Grain Elevator. Info: www.abcentralrailway.com 780-352-2257 acrm@xplornet.com

Aug 26 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

The Edmonton Model Railroad Association (www.emra.club) is holding an open operating session in the freight shed at Fort Edmonton Park. If you are interested in TT&TO operations and would like to join us in operating the Monashee Pacific Railway, please contact Peter at ulvestad@telus.net. The session will run from 7 PM until about 10 PM, and will be followed by a no-host gathering. Info: www.emra.club

Sep 2–4, Snoqualmie, WA

Three days of Train Excursions. Trains depart every 2 hours beginning at 11 AM from the Snoqualmie Depot at 38625 SE King Street and at 11:30 AM from the North Bend Depot at 205 E. McClellan Street. Roundtrip fares: \$10 children ages 2-12, \$20 adult ages 13-61, and \$16 senior ages 62 and up! Info: www.trainmuseum.org

Sep 9 (Sat), Palmer, AK

The Consolidated South Western RR will hold its annual Open House from 12 noon to 5 PM. The CSWRR is located at 21550 E. Arnold Cir. (Knik River Valley). Admission is free. Info: Marty Quaas 907-746-6414 or e-mail cswrrceo@mtaonline.net.

Sep 16 (Sat), Myrtle Point, OR

The Fall 2017 First Division Mini-Meet at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point. 770 4th St. Doors will open at 9 AM, with the event starting at 10 AM. The fairgrounds' HO scale DCC layout will operate and other layouts are expected to be open for self-guided tours. Clinicians are still sought. Info: Christopher Jones at LLLandCJJ@aol.com pnr.nmra.org/1div/

Sep 16–17, Sherwood Park, AB

2017 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM–5 PM, Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way in Sherwood Park. Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers, and LEGO! Info: www.mmrf.ab.ca email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 17 (Sun), Missoula, MT

37th Annual Train Show and Swap Meet, 10 AM–4 PM at the Big Sky High School, 3100 South Ave. W. Info: show@missoulamodelrail.org

Sep 23 (Sat), Boise, ID

The 3rd Division Fall Meet at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3100 S. Five Mile Rd., Boise, ID 83709 (Victory and Five Mile). Registration - 8:00 AM, Meet - 9:00 AM; Layout tours 1:30 PM–5:00 PM. 3rd Division NMRA Fall Meet: Coffee - Donuts - Conversation - Clinics - Favorite Model Contests NMRA Achievement Award judging - Displays - Silent Auction - Layout Tours. Admission \$8; \$7 for NMRA Members. Special Contest: Tool Shed made by Motrak Models Info: pnr.nmra.org/3div/

Sep 23–24, Calgary, AB

Railway Days at Heritage Park. 10 AM–5 PM. Double-heading of Heritage Park's two steam locomotives. Unveiling and inaugural start up of the recently completed CP Rail Steam Railway Crane, the only working model in Canada! Info: www.heritagepark.ca/plan-your-visit/event-calendar/railway-days.html

Oct 1 (Sun), Edmonton, AB

EMRA Open House. Visit the largest HO model railroad in Western Canada at the Fort Edmonton freight shed (T6H 4P3) on Sunday, October 1, 2017. 10 AM–4:30 PM. Free admission, donations to the Food Bank appreciated. Info: www.emra.club

Oct 7 (Sat), Vancouver, WA

44th Great Train Swap Meet, 9:30 AM–2:30 PM. Event will take place at Battle Ground High School, 330 Main St. Admission: \$5. Info: Larry Sprenkel at 360-619-8899, larry.sprenkel@gmail.com

Oct 14 (Sat), Calgary, AB

Boomer Auction—South Bank Short Lines Association presents the 38th Annual Boomer Auction. St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW, Calgary. Doors open at 9 AM 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 14–15, Chehalis, WA

Lewis County Model Railroad Club Train Show and Swap Meet at the SWW fairgrounds at 2555 North National Ave. Info: Ted Livermore, 360-985-7788 or tedstrains@lewiscounty.com

Oct 14–15, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers, 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA 99202 will have their HO Scale "River City Western" layout open on Saturday October 14th 4–8 PM; and Sunday, October 15th Noon–4 PM. Stop by to see the progress that has been made. More scenery, buildings, and details are being added every week. For information check out the River City Modelers website - www.rivercitymodelers.org, call 509-535-3462 or email RCMinfonow@gmail.com

Oct 15 (Sun), Calgary, AB

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

Oct 15 (Sun), Spokane, WA

The Fall Spokane Train Show sponsored by the River City Modelers will be held on Sunday, October 15th at the Spokane Fair & Expo Center, Bldg. A, B & C. Show hours are 9:30 AM–3:30 PM, admission \$6 for adults, 12 & under free. Close to 200 tables of all things railroad related for sale—model & toy trains, photos, books, toy autos & trucks, bridges & buildings. Train memorabilia—old lanterns, signs, china, linen, switch locks & keys and much more. There will be operating train layouts in N, HO, S, O, and G scales along with a very large Free-Mo setup. Operation Lifesaver will be there, too. Free parking, food available. For table rental or general information, please contact: Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220; call 509-991-2317 or email: Shirley@busnws.com

Oct 28 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Fall Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9 AM–Noon, Admission \$3, vendor tables \$25 Info: Ric Francoeur, Ph. 780-458-1032 www.mmrfa.ca

Nov 11–12, Vancouver, BC

Vancouver Train Expo 2017 at the Pacific National Exhibition Forum, 2901 East Hastings Street. Saturday - 10 AM–6 PM; Sunday - 10 AM–5 PM Adults \$10, Seniors (60+) \$8, Youth (8 to 18yrs) \$5, Children under 8 Free, Family Rate \$25, NMRA members \$5. Info: www.vancouvertrainexpo.ca

Nov 25–26, Central Point, OR

40th Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Jackson County EXPO, 1 Peninger Road, Central Point, OR. Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM. Admission: Adults \$5, Ages 6-12 \$1, 5 and under FREE with paid adult. Free parking. Model railroad displays, historic railroad artifacts, swap meet, door prizes, and more. Proceeds benefit Medford Railroad Park. Info: Bruce Kelly at 541-613-1638, roguevalleyrailroadshow@gmail.com

Nov 25–26, Dec 2–3, Adair Village, OR

Corvallis Society of Model Engineers Open House. 7155 NE Vandenberg Ave. Sat and Sun: 10 AM–4 PM. Cost \$3; Ages 6-11: \$1; 5 and under: free. Info: www.csme1959.org

Dec 2 (Sat), Rickreall, OR

WVMRC annual Railroad Show and Swap Meet: Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West (Hwy 22 and Hwy 99W 10 miles west of Salem). 9:30 AM–2:30 PM. Over 100 tables, all scales of trains. Admission: Adults \$5, children under 12-free, 8 ft. tables \$30 each. Info: Judy MacInnes, 503-581-6071, macinnej@msn.com, www.wvmrm.webs.com

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