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Illinois Central Gulf Switchlist

YRS15, Friday, February 7, 1982
 at: Reserve
 7:15 AM Throttle: 0 Next Yard: St. Rose, LA
 Drew Maduro Origin: Reserve, LA
 7-027 Destination: St. Rose, LA
 UP 2700 Cabin: 199044

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

Train No. 350/p Engine No. 470/p Station. 1-3-18
 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	55		

Signature: Lewis 3.57

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KOOTENAY EXPRESS 2019

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Making Connections

No. I don't mean soldering feeder wires to track or coupling rolling stock to motive power. Rather, this is about human or social connections, one of the primary benefits of NMRA membership. Be sure to read PNR President Kurt's observations and advice as part of his quarterly President's report "From the Engineer Side of the Cab." Those of us who are relatively isolated from dense populations of NMRA members (such as me here in SW Montana) have a number of ways to "make connections" with other like-minded folks. For example, although there are only four known NMRA members in the Bozeman area, we try to meet monthly for lunch and to share model railroading ideas, knowledge, do some show-and-tell, and go on an occasional field trip. Pretty basic stuff but enriching and a fun way to share our hobby.

A couple other ways to make connections are through online model railroad or prototype forums and volunteer work in our organization. Even if the volunteer work is just a short-term assignment, such as helping at a convention or clinic, it can lead to long-lasting friendships. If you are one of the many remote PNR members, some volunteer positions can be done remotely. Check out the list of open staff positions on the last page of this newsletter.

Speaking of volunteering ... congratulations to our illustrious PNR member Jack Hamilton for his return to the NMRA Board of Directors, this time as the next At-Large Worldwide Director. Jack officially takes on this role in July at the Salt Lake City convention. Jack is one of those amazing people who apparently can't sit still. He has held many volunteer positions in the NMRA and PNR. Currently, Jack is the PNR's Achievement Program Committee Chair, PNR's *Train Orders* email "Dispatcher," and also *The Tool Junkie*, author of the Tool Car column in the *NMRA Magazine*. Each of those responsibilities individually is a big time commitment. So Jack: Thanks so much for your continued exemplary volunteer service to the NMRA and PNR!

Not to take away from recognizing Jack's contributions, I'd like to also take a moment to give a rousing Thank You! to all other PNR members who selflessly contribute many hours of personal time as regional and division officials, committee members, clinicians, and support staff. You folks often initiate and support many of the connections within the PNR.

It's not too late to register and join in the fun, education, and fellowship that will be happening at [Kootenay Express 2019](#). Rob Badmington provides one last update (pp. 3-4) on the major activities and opportunities awaiting us in Cranbrook, British Columbia, May 29-June 2.

Please review the list of deceased PNR members on p.4 and take a moment to remember those folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The "Features" section of the newsletter includes another great article by Bob Parrish, MMR, asking the question "Who Got You Started?"

Our Officers and Division Superintendents share their latest insights and updates in their quarterly reports, so please take a moment to review them.

And finally, although it's only one page long in this newsletter, the *Time-table* (p.15), provides many opportunities for making new connections or renewing old ones.

Safe travels and I hope to see you in Cranbrook!

Greg Kujawa, Editor

PNR News and Announcements

Kootenay Express 2019, PNR Regional Convention Cranbrook, BC, May 29–June 2, 2019

Rob Badmington, Publicity and Promotion Committee Chair
Photos by Kevin Dunk

You can still advance register for the upcoming Pacific Northwest Region Annual Convention to be held in Cranbrook, BC, in only a couple of weeks. Along with layout tours, clinics, a train show, model and photography contests, a banquet, and full access to the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, there are three prototype tours lined up. If you have ever wanted to see what goes on inside a modern sawmill, you can sign up for the tour of the Canfor Forest Products mill in Radium. A unique tour is the Down n' Dirty tour at the Cranbrook Museum, allowing you to crawl all over, under, and through the passenger cars on display, so you can get photos and measurements of anything you might want to model. There is also the tour of the Sullivan Mine and Powerhouse in Kimberly which takes you there on a narrow gauge mine railway.



In the February *Switchlist*, I mentioned some of the clinics that will be presented. Here are some more details on the clinic line-up. Well-known author Adolf Hungry Wolf will present a clinic on the railways of Southern BC. Clinics on weathering with PanPastels®, secrets of working with wood kits and details, making stencils, casting with RTV molds, making deciduous trees, and signalling systems will help you improve your models and layout. Rich Mahaney will present a total of five different clinics on a variety of subjects. There will be a number of clinics on prototype subjects, layout design, car forwarding systems, tools, research, and much more. Many of the clinics will be presented twice, so hopefully you won't have to choose between two clinics that you really want to see.

For those who like to see and photograph real trains in action, you won't be disappointed. If you are lucky, your room in the convention hotel will face the CP yard only a few feet away. A constant parade of manifest, grain, intermodal, and potash trains pass through Cranbrook on the way to Spokane and points south. One of the special presentations in the clinic program is "A Railfan's Guide to the East Kootenays," where a talented local photographer, Kevin Dunk, will show you lots of photos from around the Cranbrook area, and how to find his secret spots. One of those locations is Fort Steele, only a few miles away. It is the junction of CP's Cranbrook and Windermere Subs, where coal trains from the Crowsnest Pass turn north toward Golden and the West Coast. Even though we weren't able to tour of one of the region's coal mines, you can see the 128-car unit trains roar through on their way to the port, amid some spectacular scenery.



CP 5000-5002 near Cranbrook BC, 5/2/2018; MP 106.8, Cranbrook Sub, Kootenay Division.



CP 8826-8858-9772 near Ft Steele, BC, 5/6/2018; MP 94.3, Cranbrook Sub, Kootenay Division.

There are four HO scale layouts to visit right in Cranbrook, including one following an unusual prototype – Peru. The committee has also lined up four more layouts to visit between a 10 and 60 minute drive from Cranbrook. These include two live steam outdoor layouts and two HO/HOn3 indoor layouts.

A full range of contests is set, with AP evaluation available for those working on the Achievement Program. And don't forget to bring some of your current projects – complete or not – for the Show and Share session on Saturday afternoon.

The main convention program wraps up with a banquet, awards presentations, and keynote speaker Jim Cullen on Saturday evening. This will be a fun evening of socializing and celebrating that you won't want to miss.

The convention runs from May 29 through June 2 at the Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort in downtown Cranbrook. Visit the website <https://www.kootenayexpress2019.ca/> to get all the latest information and schedules.



UP 5506-NS 9171 near Cranbrook, BC, 5/12/2018; MP 109, Cranbrook Sub, Kootenay Division.



CP 8777-UP 2687-UP 5951 near Cranbrook, BC, 5/25/2018; MP 103.5, Cranbrook Sub, Kootenay Division.

In Memoriam

This section is dedicated to the remembrance of those members of the NMRA Pacific Northwest Region whom we have lost over the past year. We extend our deepest sympathies, thoughts, and prayers to their families and friends. We will sincerely miss the fellowship of these folks and all their contributions to the NMRA and hobby.

Deceased Members of the PNR — March 2018 through April 2019

March 2018	None			
April 2018	Div 4	Meyer, David E.	Tacoma, WA	
	Div 7	Yeulet, Colin H.	Rossland, BC	
May 2018	Div 4	Sanford, Lathon	Kent, WA	
June 2018	Div 2	Howard, Gerald	Portland, OR	
July 2018	Div 4	Walls, Glen R.	Poulsbo, WA	
August 2018	None			
September 2018	None			
October 2018	Div 4	Baker, William C.	Port Orchard, WA	
November 2018	Div 5	McGilvray, Don	Spokane Valley, WA	Life Member
	Div 6	Slimmon, John F.	St Albert, AB	
December 2018	None			
January 2019	Div 1	Coble, Donald R.	Oakland, OR	Life Member
	Div 4	Miener, Roger J.	Tacoma, WA	Life Member
	Div 4	Sterling, Stewart	Anchorage, AK	
February 2019	None			
March 2019	Div 4	Baker, William A.	Gig Harbor, WA	
		Miller, Lynn G.	Renton, WA	
	Div 5	Holmes, Roy	Kennewick, WA	
April 2019		Mutschler, Charles	Cheney, WA	Life Member
	Div 4	Cleaveland, Lee G.	Federal Way, WA	Life Member
		Durfee, David L.	Bremerton, WA	Life Member

New PNR Members

February–April 2019

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of the Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA. Those listed below have joined the PNR over the past quarter. If you do not see your name listed, please be patient. Your membership is likely still being processed.

We are especially happy to welcome our new Rail Pass members ([identified in blue text](#)). We recognize that you are with us on a trial basis and we will have to work hard to convince you to stay with us. Please make sure to contact your Division Superintendent promptly (listing at the end of this newsletter) so you can be included in all Division activities.

Current Members: Please review this list for anyone living near you and consider initiating a connection with them through your Division Superintendent.

Div	Last Name	First Name	City/Town	State/Province
02	Olson	James	Sherwood	OR
03	Pline	Jeffery	New Plymouth	ID
03	Hoskins	Chris	Meridian	ID
04	Thurman	Joshua	Bellevue	WA
04	Sulkin	Stephen	Bellingham	WA
04	Blacketter	BK	Bellingham	WA
04	Arlen	Rob	Poulsbo	WA
05	Kroy	Daniel	Kennewick	WA
05	Dutt	Dave	Spokane	WA
05	Teeple-Pritchard	Anna C	Kalispell	MT
05	Kuglin	John	Spokane	WA
05	Kaufman	Steve	Lewiston	ID
05	Carson	Gene A	Medical Lake	WA
05	Stutler	Tracy	Sagle	ID
06	Digweed	Ken	Edmonton	AB

Div	Last Name	First Name	City/Town	State/Province
06	Boudreau	James	Calgary	AB
06	Beale	David	Fort Kent	AB
06	Zboya	Paul	Calgary	AB
06	Lawlor	Ryan	Edmonton	AB
07	Ramberg	Gordon	Richmond	BC
07	Waterton	Lee	Campbell River	BC
07	Peter	Bruce	Vancouver	BC
07	Peter	Christopher	Vancouver	BC
07	Marshall	Nick	Langley	BC
07	Klit	John	Trail	BC
07	Grady	Micah	Revelstoke	BC
07	Watson	Brian D	Sechelt	BC
07	Futter	Peter	Prince George	BC
07	Evans	Paul	Vancouver	BC

Have you changed your address or other membership information?

Notify NMRA Headquarters

email: nmrahq@aol.com

Phone: 423-892-2846 (8 a.m.–4 p.m. ET)

Mail: P.O. Box 1328, Soddy Daisy TN 37384-1328



NMRA Video Library

Did you know ... the NMRA Video Library has over 150 videos of clinics that were presented at National Conventions from the last 30 years. Virtually every model railroading topic you can think of has been covered ... from scenery to operations to prototypes to electronics. If you missed the last few decades of National Conventions, you can still see some of the best clinics around.

Just log into www.nmra.org as a member, click on “Member / Member Home” and click on the big red box that says “Watch Clinic Videos” next to the photo ...it’s that easy!

Features

Who Got You Started?

Bob Parrish, MMR

We are approaching a day that slips past rather freely, but yet holds a large impact on model railroading.

Each of us “crazies” that model, in whatever scale, probably have some one person or mentor that got us started in the hobby. For most of us it is our fathers. Thus the day referred to above is of course Fathers Day. Mothers Day comes with a lot of fanfare and many memorable events. This is, however, all necessary for the preservation of our hobby. Sadly however, Fathers Day is hardly more than a wide spot in the road much like so many small towns on some back road.

Take a moment and think about who helped you start out in this hobby. If it was your dad, well then, read on.

Allow me to recall:

My dad worked in the offices of the Burlington Railroad beginning in 1935 and would remain there the next 45 years. As a kid, I recall thinking how unglamorous his office job was and that bouncing box cars in the Chicago winters, freezing his butt off, seemed much more like railroading. He had started with one gauge (aka Gauge 1 or No. 1 gauge) models in the 1920's and only evolved to smaller HO scale over the years.

I can't remember when there wasn't a train around. Home movies show me with a plastic shelled, clock work, AC-driven loop on the dining room floor of our apartment when I was about three years old. Christmas of 1951 brought an American Flyer Pacific and freight string on an oval in the dining room floor of the house we had recently moved into. Dad had been in a small group of HO modelers, 1947 to 1951, in a basement on Central Avenue in Chicago. My switch to HO in late 1954 was understandably, a given.

Dad led me through the building of my first landscaped layout; a huge 4 x 8 figure 8 inside a full loop, raised in one part with a mountain and tunnels. It was great! I learned what wood fiber plaster was, and how to make gradual grade changes. That pike never had a chance of making the back cover of *Model Railroader*. Those were the days when Varney had the back cover ads and were photographed on John Allen's layout. But this one was ours and it was great.

Now nearly 65 years, and several layouts later, I still find myself using ideas from back then. Also 60 years later, I remember my dad leading me through things that I had never heard of. My understanding and daily use of electrics goes back to those days.

So take a moment and remember the person that got you started. If it was your dad, give him a thought or two.

As for me..... Thanks Dad.

Save the Date! May 29–June 2, 2019

**PNR Convention -- Kootenay Express 2019
(hosted by 6th Division)**

**Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort
Cranbrook, British Columbia**

Website: <https://www.kootenayexpress2019.ca/>

Officers' Reports

From the Engineer Side of the Cab

Kurt Laidlaw, President

The PNR is a huge region. We represent five US states and four Canadian provinces. Geographically, the region is larger than the contiguous 48 US states. Its coastline is longer than the rest of North America. For sheer physical beauty, it would be hard to find a more varied place to live, but that size causes us unique issues. None of our divisions consist only of urban areas. We think of the 4th Division as being made up of the Puget Sound area surrounding and stretching out from Seattle, but it also includes Alaska. The 2nd Division seems to be Portland, but it stretches from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascades, up into Washington and south to Salem and beyond. In Canada, we might think of the 7th Division as being Vancouver and Victoria, but it includes all British Columbia and the Yukon. The 6th Division consists of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories. All our divisions have vast expanses of area that do not have roads, where it's not possible to get directly from point A to point B without flying. That means we have lots of members who are isolated. We need to think of ways of keeping in contact with those members beyond sending them a copy of *The Switchlist* and the *NMRA Magazine*.

While it is easy for modelers in the Puget Sound area, the greater Portland metropolitan area, Boise, Spokane, Vancouver, Victoria, and Calgary to get together for clinics, train shows, operating sessions and assorted other model railroading activities, we also have to be cognizant of members who are separated from the rest of their divisions by long distances. In the winter, travel becomes difficult if not impossible at times. So how do we as a community keep our membership strong? That is a job that falls directly on the Division Superintendents, but they cannot do the job by themselves. Superintendents do a great job trying to keep members, grow the size of their divisions and be there to answer questions. At the Regional level, the President sends out welcoming letters/email to each new member and the Vice President contacts members whose memberships are about to lapse or have recently lapsed to try to keep them as members. That is not nearly enough. What really counts is that each member feels welcomed by the members of his or her division and part of a community, regardless of how far away they live from the action. My challenge to each member of the PNR is to walk up to somebody you don't know at a divisional or regional event and introduce yourself. Ask questions about what a person models, where they live, what difficulties they have finding parts or areas where they need help. Do they have a particular interest? If you know somebody else at the event that shares an era, location, or interest with your new-found friend, go out of your way to introduce them. If you want to go an extra mile, ask your Division Superintendent for the phone number or the mailing address of a new member or a member who is isolated and give them a call or drop them a line. Be an advocate for the hobby you love and for your division.

The Regional Convention is coming up in Cranbrook, BC. The organizers have been working hard to make this a great event with lots of clinics and prototype tours. What better place to attack my challenge? Instead of sitting with current friends in a clinic, sit next to a stranger and strike up a conversation. Having breakfast in the hotel? Ask a stranger if you can sit with them. Going on a tour, say hi to others on the bus or on the tour itself. I will be there for the entire convention. Don't be surprised if I walk up and say hi. I've only been President for less than a year, so there are far more members I don't know than I do. I'm sure you will recognize me. I'm the 70-year-old. I'm going gray, I'm a tad overweight and I'll be wearing a name tag around my neck.

From the Fireman Side of the Cab

Bob Parrish, MMR, Vice President

Spring has arrived. Finally! We here in downtown Idaho had a really mild January and then, along with much of the Northwest, got slammed in February and March. It is just now starting to dry out and yard work is starting to yell really loud for attention. That shouting tears away from our well spent time at our railroad work benches. Triage your time well.

Jack Hamilton, in his *Train Orders* electronic publication, has shown the spring meets for most of the divisions; and by the publishing of this issue of *The Switchlist*, most will have occurred. I hope you had time to participate in one or more of those events. They are the "charging stations" that keep us motivated in our hobby. The social function of those gatherings is an important piece of how we assist each other in the various aspects of railroad building.

Our visits to local and regional layouts are a good source for gathering new ideas for modeling and I have never found a modeler who was offended when an idea showed up on another pike. Replication is a great form of flattery.

We are each good at some part, construction phase, or the electrical phase or scenery. None of us started out knowing all of this stuff. We learned it over time in various ways. Most would lean to "school of hard knocks", or trial-and-error. I sup-

pose those two things are not very far apart. We might have gotten some skills from our parents or more specifically after we engaged in a conversation at a local hobby shop and we went into high speed record mode.

Having grown up on the west side of Chicago, there were two hobby shops within walking distance, one significantly closer than the other. Manor Hobby was only a few blocks away and West Town was far enough that there had to be a serious objective before setting out on that adventure. I did learn a lot from leaning on the glass case counters and listening to modelers my dad's age and older who spoke of some very cool ways of getting things done. I would go home and try some of the ideas and short cuts that I had overheard. Most were good and a few required my dad's translation of some term that I had come away with. Kadee couplers were one hot topic as they were releasing new magnetic products and how they could be fitted into existing rolling stock. There were not a lot of standards at that time. A grain-of-wheat bulb was a term that got carried home for explanation. What was absent from the discussions and would take decades to show up were things like: CA glues, DCC and LCC, and the cool scenicking products available today.

My first encounter with Labelle Models was in 1961 when a modeler, on my side of the counter, had the owner of the Manor Hobby shop, Nap Garceau, pull down a box and show me one of their kits. All I saw was sticks in a box. The sale was made and the box car was assembled within a few weeks, but not without lots of return trips and many questions. Although having been refitted a bit over the years due to failing glue products of that era, that car is still on my switching roster today. This was the beginning of my interest in truss rods and historical modeling.



Bob Parrish photo

Not many of us live near hobby shops any longer and few are exclusively railroad, so the conversations are few and far between. This slack is picked up by our divisional and regional gatherings. Divisional and regional gatherings are an essential part of our life in the NMRA. Also, look into local clubs, "round robin groups," and clinic gatherings. Don't miss out on the social function aspect of the hobby.

See ya.

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 March 2018 through April 2019.

You can see by looking at the figures below what's happening with the membership of the Region. Our membership slowly improved over the last year, but dropped a little in June and July before building back up through December. A little drop in January seemed unusual, since the train shows are normally times for adding new members.

We did, however, bring in 174 new members during this period, of which 46 were Rail Passes and several were Family members and Student members. Unfortunately, we did lose 17 active members to death during this period.

We also have a large number of Inactive members within the Region. We need to look through these lists of Inactive members and see what we can do to re-energize them to return to the hobby and re-activate their membership. Admittedly, there might be a number of these members who have passed away and we never received notification of their death. However, there are many who could be potential "Re-rails" if we would take the time to contact them and maybe find out why they didn't renew their membership. We might learn some new things we could be doing that would help in retaining new (and old) members.

Remember, **Membership retention is the job of every member!**

Much of this report (Table 1 through Table 4) centers on the relationship when individuals come on board as a new

member and the time they go on the 30–60-day Past Due Reports. Look at the tables to see how your division is performing.

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

Div	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	Net +/- over year Mar–Apr
	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	
1	106 2	106 2	105 3	105 3	103 3	104 4	105 4	106 4	108 5	107 5	106 6	106 5	104 5	102 5	-4
2	153 2	151 5	154 5	158 5	156 5	154 5	150 5	151 5	151 6	149 5	151 5	150 4	144 2	143 2	-10
3	75 5	76 4	75 4	71 1	71 1	71 0	72 0	73 0	74 0	75 0	76 0	77 0	76 0	80 1	5
4	515 9	512 11	514 12	506 13	502 12	504 11	503 10	502 9	503 10	495 8	490 9	493 11	490 11	483 9	-32
5	195 4	191 2	195 4	196 4	195 3	193 3	191 2	191 2	186 2	186 2	190 3	192 3	193 4	193 4	-2
6	220 0	227 0	225 1	233 1	232 0	235 1	251 1	257 1	259 1	257 0	254 0	354 1	256 1	253 2	33
7	335 14	336 12	333 8	328 6	329 1	335 5	336 5	338 7	339 8	333 8	327 0	333 11	333 12	339 13	4
Tot	1599 36	1599 36	1601 37	1597 33	1588 25	1596 29	1608 27	1618 28	1620 32	1602 28	1594 23	1605 35	1596 35	1593 36	-6

Table 2. New members showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	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	Mem RP
1	2 0	1 0	1 1	1 1	1 0	1 1	0 0	1 0	2 1	0 0	2 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	12 6
2	1 0	3 3	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	2 0	1 1	0 0	4 1	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	14 5
3	0 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	5 1
4	2 2	2 0	7 1	2 1	0 0	3 1	0 0	1 0	4 2	1 0	4 1	3 2	1 1	1 0	0 0	30 11
5	4 0	1 0	3 2	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	3 2	2 0	4 1	1 1	1 1	22 6
6	8 0	6 0	5 1	8 0	0 0	2 0	14 0	7 0	3 0	0 0	0 0	3 1	1 0	1 1	1 1	58 3
7	1 0	1 0	3 3	2 0	0 0	2 0	1 0	3 2	6 3	4 3	0 0	1 1	6 1	3 1	3 1	33 14
Tot	18 2	14 3	20 9	15 2	1 0	8 2	16 0	15 2	18 7	7 3	13 6	10 4	13 3	6 3	174 46	

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

Div	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
	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
1	1 0	1 0	4 0	0 0	2 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	2 0	2 1	1 0	2 0
2	4 1	3 0	3 0	1 0	3 0	1 0	4 0	3 0	1 0	2 0	3 1	3 1	8 2	3 0
3	0 0	0 0	2 1	6 3	3 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	0 0
4	7 0	8 0	10 0	10 0	6 1	7 2	4 1	4 1	4 0	10 1	10 0	6 0	14 0	10 1
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Table 4. Members 60-days Past Due showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
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3	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	6 3	3 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
4	4 0	5 0	7 0	8 0	10 0	6 1	7 2	4 1	4 1	3 0	10 1	6 0	4 0	11 0
5	2 0	2 0	4 2	2 0	1 0	2 1	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	2 0
6	0 0	2 0	3 0	7 0	6 0	2 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 1	3 0	4 0	0 0
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Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR, AP Chair

Another among us has completed the requirements for recognition as Master Model Railroad and has been given that designation by NMRA.

Raymond Clifford MMR #637, Sixth Division

Raymond's efforts cover a significant period and represent the determination of an individual to complete a challenge. Those of us who have had the pleasure of viewing Raymond's work know that this is a recognition well deserved

Congratulations MMR and Well Done!!!

Reminder – Again

If you have a layout but have not yet invited your Division AP Manager or a member of the Evaluation Team to stop by and take a look at your efforts, you are missing out on the benefits of a great program. **Give it a try — you might just like it.**

Awards Earned

Since the last report, we have had a number of earned awards:

Dan Ainslie earned a Golden Spike
Dave Audley earned a Golden Spike
Tom Barrett earned a Golden Spike
John Biagio earned a Golden Spike
Michael Boyle earned a Golden Spike
Larry Cohenour earned a Golden Spike
Bert Cripe earned a Golden Spike
Gary Deitrick earned a Golden Spike
Bob Hadlow earned a Golden Spike
Bruce Hemmerick earned a Golden Spike
Bob Jensen earned a Golden Spike
Al Jones earned a Golden Spike
Karl Kleeman earned a Golden Spike
Al Matchett earned a Golden Spike
Ron Nelson earned a Golden Spike
Mike O'Brien earned a Golden Spike
Dennis Reeve earned a Golden Spike
Dan Weston earned a Golden Spike
Mike Westren earned a Golden Spike

The following members have earned Merit Awards for their work:

Ron Nelson earned a Merit Award for Cars and for Structures (2)
Raymond Clifford earned Merit Awards (3) for Civil and for Scenery
Al Matchett earned Merit Awards (3) for Civil
Dale Bearden earned Merit Awards (3) for Civil
John Biagio earned a Merit Award for Scenery
Bill Hupe earned Merit Awards for Scenery and for Structures
Mike O'Brien earned Merit Awards for Scenery and for Structures (5)
Karl Kleeman earned a Merit Award for Scenery
Bob Jensen earned Merit Awards for Scenery and for Structures (3)
Dennis Reeve earned Merit Awards for Scenery and for Structures (6)
George Wolfrum earned Merit Awards for Scenery and for Structures (6)
Jerry Barnes earned Merit Awards for Structures (4)
Tom Barrett earned a Merit Award for Structures
Doug Burton earned Merit Awards for Structures (3)

Gary Deitrick earned a Merit Award for Structures

The following members have earned Achievement Program Certificates:

John Biagio—Master Builder – Scenery
Raymond Clifford—Master Builder – Scenery; Model Railroad Engineer – Civil
Bill Hupe—Master Builder – Scenery
Bob Jensen—Master Builder – Scenery
Al Jones—Master Builder – Scenery
Raymond Clifford—Master Builder – Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer – Civil
Karl Kleemen—Master Builder – Scenery
Mike O’Brien—Master Builder – Scenery
Dennis Reeve—Master Builder – Scenery, Structures
George Wolfrum—Master Builder – Scenery, Structures
Alan Murray—Association Volunteer
Robin Peel—Association Volunteer
Bob Rorabaugh—Association Volunteer

Congratulations to all. Well Done!

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Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

First Division plans a Mini-Meet at Myrtle Point on Saturday, May 4. It will be held at the Coos County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon. The program includes a conifer tree Make & Take and presentation of our plans for the PNR 2020 convention in Eugene.

First Division has also enhanced its table presence at shows within the division. Beginning with the Medford Model Train Show last November and including the Eugene Swap Meet and Train Show in April, 2019, the booth offers a free Make & Take, where people can make a tree and build a small scene on a 3x3-inch base, using common scenery materials. First Division will have the Make & Take available at the Pony Village Mall show in North Bend, Oregon, on Friday–Sunday, May 17–19, 2019.

2nd Division

Jeff Shultz, Superintendent

On April 13th, the 2nd Division membership ratified a new set of bylaws for the division, replacing bylaws that hadn't been updated since 1994. The new bylaws allow for electronic communications and voting, and remove a lot of obsolete standing committees and requirements. At the same meeting, the candidates for the positions of Vice (Asst) Superintendent and Directors 1 and 2 were introduced to the membership. Voting began the morning of April 14th and will continue through mid-May. Stu Cato will return as Vice Superintendent and five candidates are running for the two director positions.

Second Division has recently purchased two Fast Tracks crossover jigs: an HO scale #6 Code 70-83, and a N scale #6 Code 55; as well as the appropriate Point Form and Stock Rail tools to go with them. These will be available to members of the division to “check out,” and turnouts produced can be evaluated for merit awards towards the Civil Engineering AP certificate. The crossover jigs can be used to make both left and right turnouts as well as full crossovers. Members are responsible for providing their own rail, ties, and soldering materials.

3rd Division

Jerry R. Thomas, Superintendent

Third Division had a very successful Spring Meet on March 23rd. in Boise. Many fine quality models were displayed for contest and judging. Our ever popular silent auction got a lot of activity and was quite successful. Thanks to Jack Cunningham for presenting a clinic on lighting passenger cars using the latest electronics. We also appreciate Rick Uhlenkott and Terry Nelson for opening their fine and extensive layouts for the enjoyment of the attendees.

On April 27th, the division's mini-meet went on a field trip to the Magic Valley. We visited the Jerome Model Railroad Club. We enjoyed the railroad fellowship and our chance to spread the advantages of NMRA membership. The hosts were very gracious.

I hope to see many of you at the Cranbrook and Salt Lake City conventions this summer.

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

This last year has, as usual, been a very busy one. Robin Peel and Anton Faulk will continue on our Board of Directors and Al Lowe will serve another two years as Assistant Superintendent. We are strengthening the modular program with a new HOn3 group and adding support to clinicians who travel long distances within our area.

Our modular groups participated in many area train shows, including Seattle Center, Tacoma History Museum, Puyallup, Monroe, Lynden and Maple Valley and MOHAI, the Museum of History and Industry for a second year.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at Tacoma Community College June 22 with excellent clinics including a “Make and Take.”

Our 2019 Golden Grab Iron Award was presented to Jack Tingstad, MMR #591, of Oak Harbor.

Oly Ops and the Tacoma layout tours continue with extremely effective tours with many new layouts.

The Mt Vernon and Whidbey Island Clinics combined for a third year with an all-day clinic in Mt Vernon featuring presentations where participants could circulate amongst the topics presented. A swap meet also was held. This looks like it will outgrow the current meeting space.

Our Modular groups and Clinics continue to grow with new participants and greater attendance.

Since last PNR Convention, we have added:

Mark Malmkar, MMR #604

Dick Karnes, MMR #606

Gary Jordan, MMR #626

Our Spring Meet this year will be June 9 at the Lake Washington Institute of Technology Redmond Campus. \$20 admission includes clinics and lunch.

In April, the 4th Division shared in sponsoring the Sn3 Symposium in Bellevue with over 160 registered. Summer includes the NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City and the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Sacramento.

5th Division

Bill Fassett, Superintendent

No report this quarter

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

The division is in good shape and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention. Be sure to check out the latest convention info in Rob Badmington's article on pp.3-4.



7th Division

John Martin, Superintendent

The 4th annual Railway Modellers Meet of BC (RMMBC) was held on the first weekend in May at Simon Fraser University and, by all accounts, it was an outstanding success. Rene Gourley and his enterprising committee arranged for an array of exceedingly interesting clinics, improved classrooms, extensive displays, and a selection of layouts to tour and operate. There was even inexpensive accommodation right on site.

Keynote speaker Lance Mindheim was entertaining and motivational and we greatly appreciated his presentations. Geoff Bunza and Burr Stewart were both featured presenters among other notable visitors. If you'd like to see some pictures or read a bit more about the "Meet," type RMMBC into your search engine and you'll find us. Better yet, keep the event in mind for May 2020—you'll enjoy it.

The 35th annual Nanaimo Model Railroad Show was presented in early March. Organizers Rick Lord and Ken Rutherford have staged this event every year since 1984—an amazing achievement and contribution to the Division and our hobby. Congratulations and thanks to both gentlemen for their many years of service.

Right behind them was the 29th annual Victoria Model Railway Show in Colwood BC. Ted Alexis is one of the driving forces behind the show. He and his committee attracted ever larger crowds and captured the interest of the youngsters as well as the more mature modellers in attendance. Plans for the 30th annual event have begun already.

The 7th Div is having moderate success with efforts to stage mini-meets through our area and the programme will continue in the Fall. Meanwhile, we are all looking forward to the end-of-May PNR Convention, hosted by our neighbours in the 6th. We hope to see you there.

PNR Interchange

The **PNR Interchange** is a free service for PNR members wishing to buy, sell, donate, or exchange model or prototype railroad related items. Commercial enterprise transactions and advertisements are not allowed except as provided for hobby stores below. Members may also use this service to request or solicit hobby or railroad related information, research results, and other resources or materials from other members. Members' classified ads and notices are restricted to text format only (no graphics) and length should be no longer than 120 words. Sequential ads of the same nature or having the same or nearly same content are not permitted. The suitability of submitted classified ads for publication is determined at the sole discretion of the Switchlist Editor. Email your submission along with your NMRA membership number to the Editor at switchlist@pnr-nmra.org

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FOR SALE: The 3rd Division has back issues of the *Short Line and Narrow Gage Gazette* for sale. We have issues from the 90's to 2016 and they are ONLY \$1.00 each plus shipping. Contact Tom Waters at 208-375-4796 or email twaters8@msn.com.

FOR SALE: 3-rail O-gauge locomotives, rolling stock, track, and structures. E-mail to rrbill10@comcast.net for a pdf or send an SASE to Bill Pyper, PO Box 885, Salem, OR 97308 for list with pictures.

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Timetable

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2019

May 25–26, Carstairs, AB

Model Train and Hobby Extravaganza. Carstairs Curling Club, 350 11th Ave (West of CO-OP). Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: \$5, kids 5 and under free. Info: Rick, 1mvvmrc@gmail.com, 403-556-8121 (home), 403-507-3314 (cell)

May 29–Jun 2, Cranbrook, BC

The Kootenay Express 2019. NMRA Pacific Northwest Region Convention at the Prestige Inn. Clinics, model contest, AP evaluations, prototype and layout tours, and much more. For updates, see: www.kootenayexpress2019.ca



Jul 7-13, Salt Lake City, UT

SLC 2019 NMRA National Convention. Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike. Little America Hotel. www.nmra2019slc.org

Jul 12-14, Salt Lake City, UT

2019 NMRA National Train Show. Mountain America Expo Center. Sandy (Salt Lake City) UT www.nationaltrainshow.org

Sep 28 (Sat), Battle Ground, WA

THE 46th GREAT TRAIN SWAP MEET by the Southwest Washington Model Railroaders 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Battle Ground High School Gymnasium, 300 W Main Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Over 120 tables of railroad related items for sale: model and toy trains, photos, books, toy autos and trucks, bridges and buildings, train memorabilia, and much more. Operating train layouts in HO, O, and Z Scales plus test tracks for N, HO and HO_{n3}. Admission: \$10 Beat the Crowd (9a.m.), \$5 Adults, \$3 Students, Children under 6 years FREE with adult. Free Parking. For more information and table rentals contact: Larry Sprenkel, 14210 NE 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98686, cell (360) 619-8899, Email: Larry.sprenkel@gmail.com. Battle Ground High School gym: 330 Main St., Battle Ground WA. From I-5 exit 11, take WA-502 East 8 miles direct to location. Railroad models and materials in all scales and RR memorabilia. Customer parking: North of gym off Parkway Ave. Vendor info: Larry Sprenkel 360-619-8899 larry.sprenkel@gmail.com Six-foot tables @ \$20.00 Sponsored by Southwest Washington Model Railroaders of Vancouver, Washington.

Oct 12-13, Spokane, WA

River City Modelers open house, 1130 E. Sprague Ave., Spokane, WA 99202. Visit the River City Western HO scale model train layout. The 45 x 40 ft. two-level layout is a work in progress. Much of the scenery is completed, track work is mainly done and details are being worked on. There are approximately 19 scale miles of main line track. Open 4-8 p.m. on Saturday and Noon–4 p.m. on Sunday. Contact 509-535-3462 for more information.

Oct 13 (Sun), Spokane, WA

The Spokane Train Show by the River City Modelers. 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Spokane Fair & Expo Center, Bldg. A, B and C, 404 N. Havana St. Over 200 tables of railroad related items for sale: model and toy trains, photos, books, toy autos and trucks, bridges and buildings, train memorabilia, old lanterns, signs, china, linens, switch locks and keys, and much more. Operating train layouts in N, HO, S, O, and G Scales plus a very large Free-mo layout. Operation lifesaver and a LEGO layout will be there, too. Admission: \$6.00, 12 and under free. For more information and table rentals contact: Shirley Sample, P.O. Box 3065, Spokane, WA 99220 or cell 509-991-2317, home 509-292-8332. Email: shirley@busnws.com.

2020

Apr 20-24, Eugene, OR

First Division will host the NMRA Pacific Northwest Region Annual Convention at the Valley River Inn. More information later.

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