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PNR 2021 Mini-Convention and Annual Membership Meeting August 14th

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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	55		

Unloaded at 36:00 hrs
 Temp 70
 Fuel OK
 Tools OK

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 LOCAL SWITCH LIST
 SWITCH LIST OF ALL WORK TO BE DONE BY CONDUCTOR

TRAIN NO. _____ OR S3

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INITIAL	NUMBER	CONTENTS	FROM
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2			
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We Have Liftoff!

In the May edition of *The Switchlist*, I had suggested that patience and flexibility would be helpful over the next few months. I had also given a "heads up" that the PNR's Annual Membership Meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14th. Well, thanks to the effort of our PNR leadership, the 3rd Division, and many other members, that meeting is a definite Go.

Please do not conjure up an image of a dry business meeting. This meeting has been formatted to be more like a one-day mini-convention. We will be using Zoom as the teleconferencing platform. In this special edition of *The Switchlist*, you will find vital technical information about how to prep for and connect to the Zoom meeting. We also include descriptions of the clinics and layout tours being hosted by 3rd Division members.

Hoping to see you all on August 14th!

Greg Kujawa, Editor

PNR News and Announcements

PNR 2021 Mini-Convention and Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, August 14th, 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. PDT

By Jeff Herrmann, President

Be sure to mark your calendar for the PNR Mini-Convention and Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, August 14th. The event kicks off at 9:00 a.m. All times shown are Pacific Daylight Time.

The PNR 3rd Division will be our primary host for the clinics and layout tours. They will be presenting several clinics and two spectacular layout tours. In addition, we will be conducting our Annual Membership Meeting at 12:00 noon. The meeting, clinics, and layout tours will be presented using the ZOOM teleconferencing technology. The ZOOM format will allow for a Q/A period as part of each session!

How to access the PNR Mini-Convention and Annual Membership Meeting

On Thursday (August 12th) prior to the meeting, PNR members will receive a special email with the link to the ZOOM site and instructions for setting up a free ZOOM account if you do not already have one. **BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE EMAIL WITH YOUR ZOOM INVITATION.**

Timetable – Quick Glance

Start Time (PDT)	Event	Host	Description
9:00 a.m.	Clinic	Bob Parrish, MMR	Building Structures, Trick Shots for Filling That Odd Location on Your Railroad
10:00 a.m.	Layout Tour	Joel Slagg	Union Pacific Nevada Division
11:00 a.m.	Clinic	Jack Cunningham	Passenger Car Lighting
12:00 Noon	Annual Membership Meeting	Jeff Herrmann, PNR President	PNR business meeting
1:00 p.m.	Clinic	Jack Hamilton, MMR PNR Achievement Program Chair	How to Earn Your MMR with Almost No Paperwork
2:00 p.m.	Layout Tour	Rob Saunders	Caldwell Club Layout
2:45 p.m.	Closing	Jeff Herrmann	Closing comments

Detailed Description of Events

9:00 a.m. Clinic – Bob Parrish, MMR.

Building Structures — Trick Shots For Filling That Odd Location On Your Railroad. This presentation will take a look at quick and easy ways to make great-looking structures using prototype practices of construction.



10:00 a.m. Layout Tour – Joel Slagg.

Union Pacific – Nevada Division. The UPRR Nevada Division is an attempt to model a line that was planned but never built to connect Idaho's Treasure Valley with the Overland Route to California. The layout is a point-to-loop design with a stub-end yard at Caldwell and a five-track-wide reversing loop at Winnemucca. Total mainline run is 320 feet. The focus of the layout is on operations. The layout was begun in 1983 and a DC cab control system was initially installed. Conversion to DCC took place in 2005. Beginning in 2011, signaling was installed using Dr. Bruce Chubb's C/MRI system.



11:00 a.m. Clinic – Jack Cunningham.

Passenger Car Lighting. Adding realistic lighting to your passenger car fleet made simple.



12:00 Noon. Annual Membership Meeting – Jeff Herrmann, PNR President presiding

- Opening Comments
- VP Report
- Secretary’s Report (approval of Minutes)
- Treasurer’s Report
- Membership Update
- Special Recognition
- Announcement of 2022 PNR Convention: 1st Division

1:00 p.m. Clinic – Jack Hamilton MMR

How to Earn Your MMR with Almost no Paperwork. Let’s discuss what it really takes to reach success in the Achievement Program and how to move toward Master Model Railroader or any other objective you desire. The urban legends and old wives tales will be slayed along with the paperwork dragon. Take the time to exchange ideas of what worked and didn’t work with others walking the path. Rivet counters are welcome but please bring strong glasses—we have a couple of counting projects to occupy your time while the rest of us have fun. For all participants. Please leave your “contest” attitude at the door.



2:00 p.m. Layout Tour – Rob Saunders

Caldwell Club Layout. The CRMC was established in Caldwell, Idaho, in 2005. The main layout is a 23 x 40-foot HO scale proto-freelance layout that models key railroading history in Idaho—from the mines of Burke in the north, to central Idaho logging, to the Union Pacific ski resort of Sun Valley in the south. In addition to the HO layout, the club also has a 12 x 15-foot N scale layout and several modular layouts.



2:45 p.m. Closing Comments – Jeff Herrmann

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