

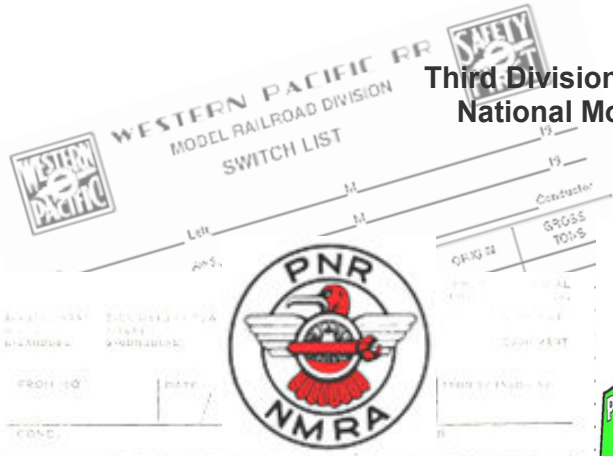
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Treasure Valley Express 60th Anniversary Pacific Northwest Region Convention Boise, Idaho, August 8-12, 2007

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Double Tree Riverside, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Garden City, ID 83714
208 242-1871 or 800 222-8733

Rates per night: 1 or 2 persons, \$79, 3 persons, \$89, 4 persons, \$99.

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NMRA Contests	Hustler Drags	Clinics and Video Shows	Door Prizes
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Non-Rail Activities	Barbecue	Luncheon	Banquet

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NMRA Members: \$99 before June 1, 2007; \$115 after
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Presidents' Page

President's Report

by Kevin Oleson, PNR President

Hello to all the members of the Pacific Northwest Region. Thank you for electing me as your President. I hope I can serve you well.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Wil Seaver for his years of service to PNR and the hobby. He steered the Region through some difficult changes. If you see or talk to Wil, please thank him for leading the PNR.

The *Switchlist* is now being published electronically, following the trend of most regions' newsletters. We will continue to publish and mail one issue per year each spring with convention and election information. That issue will be mailed to those who subscribed.

The best way to stay apprised of what's happening is to check out the PNR website. The address recently changed to pnr.nmra.org (note: no www needed). Thanks to Mark Johnson's hard work, you can find out what's happening around the region, how to contact your officers and committee heads, and find links to NMRA's US and Canada web sites.

A YahooGroup has been established for PNR to help members. The address is groups.yahoo.com/group/PNR-NMRA/. We established a Yahoo group in 4th Division and it's been very successful. It has been a great venue for the Board of Directors to get information out quickly and for members to communicate with each other. In the Links section, you'll find links to other YahooGroups within the region. To join, just send a blank email to PNR-NMRA-subscribe@YahooGroups.com.

Please mark your calendars for the 2007 PNR Convention in Boise, August 8-12. The convention committee is putting together a very exciting convention. You will find information and a registration form elsewhere in this issue. Please support them by registering and attending this convention. Boise is a beautiful city, with a lot of railfanning opportunities along the way getting there.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of your opportunities to play with trains.

Hope to see everyone in Boise! Until then, happy railroading!

Kevin

A Letter from Your Past President

by Wil Seaver, PNR Past President

I wish to offer a big, heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported me for the eight of the past ten years that I have served as your president. (I skipped a term that was very ably run by Past President Bob Crippen when I had health issues that devoured my time and mental state.) Now I plan to do more modeling and other things like serving as an Instructor and Assistant State Coordinator in Idaho for the Safe Driving Program and as a member of the Idaho County Search and Rescue Volunteers under the Sheriff's command.

There is a change of direction in the NMRA to bring in donations to help keep the membership fee reasonable. NMRA as a non-profit organization shares many of the financial realities that face most other nonprofits. They must rely heavily on contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations. Similarly, most museums cannot fund their activities with admissions and memberships and must also rely on contributions. The NMRA is in a similar position, partly because of the large number of activities that benefit the model railroad community as a whole. Dues cover only 68% of our \$1,070,000 annual national budget.

The NMRA has had a variety of small fund raising activities, but there has been no overall unifying plan. Many of the activities were sporadic, were limited in scope, or proved to have administrative problems due to the need to use volunteer help. Following the advice of consultants and the practice of many other nonprofit organizations, we are moving toward concentrating much of our effort on an annual appeal to members. The appeal letter which will soon be sent from headquarters is part of that process.

As the Immediate Past Region President, I hope you will actively support this effort by whatever means are appropriate. I sincerely encourage you to pledge whatever you can. Every bit will be quite helpful.

There are, of course, many potential reasons to contribute: "give back" to our wonderful, many-faceted hobby; ensure the future of activities such as the library and the standards program; i.e., enlightened self-interest by both modelers and manufacturers; ensure the continuation of our youth activities; and hold down the cost of NMRA dues for those with limited income.

I am a Life Member and have been since about 1970. In these intervening years, as funds were available, I have supported many, many fund raising drives. Please consider giving your support, too.

Sincerely,

Wilmer B. Seaver
NMRA Life # 02469
PNR Past President

Region News

Annual PNR Convention

by Grant Halkyard

One of the best parts of being an NMRA member is the opportunity to attend conventions where we can share our talents and enthusiasm for the World's Greatest Hobby. Many of us have developed lifelong friendships through meeting another modeler at a divisional, regional or national convention. For those of you who have never attended a convention, try one. You won't regret it.

This year's PNR Regional Convention, *The Treasure Valley Express*, will be held August 8-12, 2007 at the DoubleTree Riverside, in Garden City, Idaho, near Boise. Your convention committee is putting together a number of exciting activities to keep conventioners busy. See it all at pnr.nmra.org/3div/tve2007a.htm.

The 2008 PNR Regional Convention will be held June 12-15, 2008 in Chilliwack, BC. Our Chilliwack hosts are already working hard to put together a terrific convention.

The 2009 Regional will be held in the 6th Division. It is still open for bid, but there have been inquiries from at least one group to host.

There has been much discussion recently regarding the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) and its effect upon border travel. The WHTI is a new US law that will eventually require travelers entering the United States (including US citizens) to have a passport or other approved documentation. Currently, the WHTI requires all travelers entering the US by air to have a passport. Requirements for entering by land or sea currently remain unchanged but "as early as January 1, 2008, U.S. citizens traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by land or sea (including ferries), could be required to present a valid U.S. passport or other documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security in a forthcoming separate rule. While recent legislative changes permit a later deadline, the Departments of State and Homeland Security are working to meet all requirements as soon as possible." (Source: Department of Homeland Security) It would appear that a valid passport may become as important a modeling aid as the NMRA standard gauge.

For the most current information regarding the WHTI, see the Department of Homeland Security's site at www.dhs.gov. Canadians may see the Canadian Border Services Agency site at cbsa.gc.ca.

Achievement Program

by Jack Hamilton

When you are asked, "What are the benefits of NMRA membership?" remember to include the Achievement Program, the premier recognition program for railroad modelers. It's an important benefit of membership; shouldn't you take advantage of what it has to offer?

The following PNR members have received AP recognition for their work: Fred Kaser & Shirley Sample, Official Certificate; John DeSteele, Volunteer Certificate; CJ Riley, Prototype Certificate; Fred Kaser, Civil Engineer Certificate; Fred Kaser, Electrical Certificate; Didrik Voss & Greg Kennelly, Author Certificate; Ted Becker, Volunteer Certificate; Kyle Gardiner, Motive Power Merit Award; Kyle Gardiner, Motive Power Certificate; Rene Gourley, Motive Power Merit Award; Rene Gourley, Motive Power Certificate; Author Certificate and the following have received the Golden Spike Award: Ron Cole, Tom Goldsmith, Tom Brittell, Alan Carter, Dave Durfee, Brian Ellerby, Dave Kreidler, Greg Okrasinski, Kent Sullivan, Ken Wolfe, and Arthur Knowles.

Congratulations to all for a job well done. Keep up your good work and your leadership by example in this important recognition program.

About the Golden Spike Award

While the Golden Spike is not an AP Certificate, it provides recognition for modelers who meet basic requirements and helps them get started in the Achievement Program. The requirements are simple; almost anyone with a home layout or module can meet the requirements.

I always carry GS forms when I attend a train show or layout open house. If you have not received a Golden Spike Award (given to modeler, not the layout), let's get that corrected. Download the GS requirements and the application form from the NMRA web site. If you need help understanding it, obtaining forms, or getting a witness to sign off your work, contact your division's AP Chairman or me at 360-308-9845, gradiver@tscnet.com.

PNR Member of the Year Award

by Dick Sutcliffe, Coordinator

Now is the time to submit your nominations for the honor of PNR Member of the Year. Send your nomination by mail, fax, or email to me by April 1, 2007 (see info below). You may download a MS Word document with the complete selection criteria from the Files section of the PNR YahooGroup: groups.yahoo.com/group/PNR-NMRA/files. There is also a list of Past MotY recipients there.

The purpose of the award shall be to annually honour a member of the PNR who has, through signal service or services to the hobby of model railroading, contributed the most benefit to the PNR-NMRA among those nominated to be considered for the bestowing of the Award during a period of at least twelve (12) months prior to the closing of the nominations.

All nominators and nominees shall currently be members of both of the NMRA and the PNR. Individuals may be nominated by as many nominators as choose to submit the name. Nominees may be nominated in successive years. Prior recipients may be re-nominated for additional outstanding service. All nominators shall sign, or otherwise endorse, their letters of nomination and include their PNR and NMRA membership numbers. The deadline for nominations for the previous calendar year is April 1 of each year.

Each nomination shall be submitted individually and shall briefly contain the following information: the current date, the name, complete address and, if known, the PNR and NMRA membership number of the member being nominated; a general description of the member's service as defined above; and, the specific reasons as to why such service merits the MOY award. Include your own name, complete address, telephone numbers, email address and your NMRA and PNR current membership numbers.

Dick Sutcliffe, ras1@uniserve.com, 12140 230th St., Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 6R5, CANADA. Phone and fax at 604 467-4301 (but call before faxing).

Chilliwack Model Railway Club News

by Larry Sebelley, Secretary

The Free-mo Division of the Chilliwack Model Railway Club attended the United Northwest Show in Monroe, WA on the weekend of February 3-4. We combined our modules with those belonging to several others from the U.S. Pacific Northwest, to create a J-shaped point-to-point layout about 85' long. We had an enjoyable time switching trains and running them from end to end while fielding questions from persons interested in the Free-mo concept. Please visit www.free-mo.org for more information about the design standards.

The next event we will be attending is the *Rails by the Bay* RPM meet in Bellingham, WA on April 28th. See www.northwestrpm.com for more details. We expect a combined layout similar to the one we had in Monroe. We hope to see you there.

Division Reports

3rd Division

by Terry A. Nelson, Superintendent

We are very excited about the upcoming regional convention here August 8-12, 2007 and are working hard to present to you the best regional convention possible. Check out pnr.nmra.org/3div/tvc2007a.htm for details and contact Bruce McCosh, our registrar.

You'll be able to take a prototype passenger train ride up the beautiful Payette River Canyon, a visit to a fabulous 1.5" scale live steam railroad with numerous locomotives scheduled to be there, and our famous "hustler drags" (no rocket power allowed). Also, an engine tug-of-war will challenge your best locomotives, so be sure to bring them. We will have the usual model contests, clinics and numerous layout tours including the famous, Leisure Prairie N-Scale layout of MMR Rick Uhlenkott.

Register to stay at the Doubletree Inn, our convention headquarters. Our members are working on projects to complete in time for the layout tours. Many clubs will also be open.

On another subject, our local mini-meets have been a great success. Recently, Bob Parrish gave a mini-clinic on how to plant a building in scenery and Bruce Oberleitner gave one on using red rosin paper for scenery. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month for pizza, mini-clinic, and a layout tour. Our spring meet is April 28th at the Boise First Nazarene Church. See our web page or *The Purple Sage* for more information. Rick Uhlenkott has revamped our newsletter again. We stole the idea of Front page photos from other divisions. (Hey, we steal only from the best!)

When you come to Boise in August, you'll find a very active and fun railroad modeling division.

4th Division

by Walt Huston, Superintendent

I'm six months into this position and a number of things have happened. The planning for the next 4D sponsored train show, *Trains, Trains and More Trains* has been moving along quite well. The show will be the last weekend of April 2008; yes, that's 2008. It takes a great deal of time and effort to bring off a show of this magnitude and we are giving it our very best shot. Show chair Susan Evans has been in contact with quite a few manufacturers and vendors, getting them lined up for this event. Any manufacturer or vendor who is reading this and would like to take part in the show, please contact Susan through our web site www.4dpnr.org and she will send you the information and a sign-up package.

We have opened up our on-line newsletter, *The Grab-Iron*, to anyone with the hope that people who visit the site see what we are doing and how much fun 4D people have model railroading. Maybe those people will want to get into the middle of the fun and will join NMRA for the ability to "have it all." Speaking of the *Grab-Iron*, new Editor Cliff Green is doing a great job, as is new Publisher Al Lowe. The GI has a new look, a portion of which was suggested by member Dan Peters. Thanks for the suggestion. You can read any issue from the past two years at www.4dPNR.org.

The recent *Pacific Science Center Show* was a rousing success once again thanks to the tireless efforts of Frank Dekker and Jeff Moorman. The weather that was felt several days before the show prevented a number of people from displaying their handiwork and resulted in several layouts or segments thereof from being there and had an effect on attendance. Some people were just not going to



Treasure Valley Express

August 8-12, 2007



2007 Convention Registration Form

MEMBER INFORMATION: (Please fill out completely)

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone (____) ____ - ____ - Fax (____) ____ - ____ -

City: _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

NMRA # _____ PNR # _____

NOTE: ALL PRICES ARE IN US FUNDS

EVENT DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Non-NMRA Member Adult Full Fare before June 1, \$115; after June 1, \$131. Includes required 6-Month NMRA Membership	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
NMRA Member Adult Full Fare before June 1, \$99; after June 1, \$115	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Registrant's Spouse (includes Friday Luncheon) Name: _____	_____	\$27.50	\$ _____
Youth (Under 19) Name(s) _____	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Evening BBQ and Boise Depot Tour	_____	\$16.50	\$ _____
Additional Friday Luncheon Guests (Free to Paid Registrants)	_____	\$22.50	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet & Awards Presentation, Tax & Gratuity Included. Please select entree: London Broil _____ Grilled Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____	_____	\$27.50	\$ _____
One Day Pass: Which day? Thur _____ Fri _____ Sat _____	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
Thursday: Motive Power Locomotive, Budweiser Distributing & Pacific Recycling Tour	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
Friday: Thunder Mountain Line Excursion Train Ride	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
Saturday Morning: 1/8 Scale Pleasant Ridge Live Steam Layout Tour	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
Saturday Afternoon: Union Pacific, Idaho Northern & Pacific Nampa Facilities and Pepsi Bottling Tour	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
Check Processing Fee for checks drawn on Canadian banks	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____

Please Make Checks (Us Funds) Payable To: "Treasure Valley Express"

Mail form and payment to:
Treasure Valley Express
Bruce McCosh
1320 N. 26th St.
Boise, Idaho 83702

2007 Convention Registration Form Page Two

Special Requirements

Special Needs, Diet, Access, etc. Please attach note.

Space for display or modular layout X

Contest entry forms, specify quantity & categories

Convention Hotel

DoubleTree Riverside

2900 Chinden Boulevard

Garden City, ID 83714

208 242-1871 or 800 222-8733

Room Rates Per Night: 1-2 persons, \$79; 3, \$89; 4, \$99. Ask for the Treasure Valley Express room block.

Questions? Email or phone:

Chairman: Phil Ulmen Jr., 208 345-2222, pullman6936@msn.com

Co-Chairman: Tom Waters, 208 375-4796, twaters8@msn.com

Registrar: Bruce McCosh, 208 386-9629, bmccosh@cableone.net

Treasurer: Rick Uhlenkott, 208 465-0371, rduhlenkott@aol.com

Refunds: Any request for a refund must be made in writing to the registrar. No refunds will be made after May 31, 2007.

Registration packets: Packets with information about clinics, tours and other events will be mailed after March 1st to the early registrants. The mailings will be staggered based upon when you registered. Register early to have first choice of events that may have limited capacity.

Division Reports, continued

drive into Seattle with the prospect of being stuck on the road. All in all, though, it was a success and everyone who did brave the weather had an enjoyable time.

Monthly Clinics continue in the various sectors of the division, thanks to the efforts of Clinic Chairs/Coordinators: JJ Johnston, Bobj Berger, Duane Damgaard, Jack Hamilton (returning after a short "vacation"), Gordon Garnhart, Gene Swanson, and new kid on the block, Jim Younkins, who has resuscitated the Olympia Clinic with the help of a few friends.

There is always something going on in the 4D. Come join the fun. See you at a 4D event soon.

5th Division

by Shirley Sample, Superintendent

The annual meeting of the 5th Division will be held April 14th at the Cascade Mobile Home Community Clubhouse in Spokane, WA, on Highway 195 and 16th Ave. Registration starts at 8 AM, clinics from 9 to noon, a short business meeting and then lunch on your own. We are still working on afternoon activities (layout tours or other activities). If you want to give or see a particular clinic or have a home layout in the Spokane area you would like to show to visitors, please contact me (information below).

I couldn't find any volunteers to handle clinics this year so we haven't been having them on Saturdays as we had hoped.

Elections were held and only 4 ballots were returned. So, unless someone objects, the Secretary is Don Locke of Helena, MT and the Treasurer is Tom Jennings of Spokane. We are still in need of volunteers for Superintendent and Assistant Supe. Our newsletter editor, Charlie Greeson, would like to step down too. If we don't want the 5th Division to go inactive, we need volunteers to step forward and take some responsibility.

Both the INSHOME Club and River City Modelers Clubs in Spokane have voted to become 100% NMRA Clubs. Both clubs only have a few applications left and plan to submit their applications soon. This will increase the 5th Division's membership by about 50 members.

I would like to offer a big "*thank you*" to Ben Lenoue of Spokane who has served as Treasurer of the 5th Division for several years. He has been a PNR/NMRA member for many years and could always be counted on to help when and where needed.

If anyone has any ideas for the annual meeting or things the 5th Division can or should be doing, please contact me at shirleysample@qwest.net, home: 509 292-8332, work: 800 366-6975, M-F, 8-5.

7th Division Report

by Gary Hazell, Superintendent

In that there has not been a Switchlist for some time, I'll comment on couple of meets from last year. In mid-August, Revelstoke held its annual *Railway Days* and added a modeling exhibit to the itinerary. Unfortunately the model railway exhibit was in the high school gym, quite a way from the Train Museum and had low attendance. The Revelstoke Club is building a new layout depicting the Revelstoke area and the Museum has allowed them to set up on the mezzanine in front of the 5468 Mikado. They have constructed the layout on a steel frame and made it sectional to facilitate moving and possibly traveling with it. It is going to be a spectacular model railroad and is progressing very well.

The 24th *Annual Trains 2006 Show* was held at the Cameron Centre in Burnaby BC, Nov. 10-12. We also held the 7th Division AGM and elected treasurer, secretary and member-at-large to two-year terms. We had two nominees for treasurer, the secretary let his name stand for another two-year term, and two nominees for member-at-large. Although the incumbents retained their positions, I was very pleased that we had new volunteers step forward to take on these important positions, something other organizations have trouble with.

Planning is well underway for the PNR meet in 2008. Mark your calendars for June 12-15th, 2008 (following this year's Boise meet). The meet will take place in Chilliwack, BC which is about 100 km or 60 miles east of Vancouver in the beautiful Fraser Valley. More information and a website will be developed shortly.

Although the 7th Division doesn't run separate workshops since attendance had badly dropped off, we do hold many clinics at meets. Last year we hosted clinics at Vancouver, Burnaby, Summerland, Revelstoke, Victoria, Nanaimo, and Chilliwack.

Our membership is up considerably at 263. We have 97 receiving the Bulletin Board by email (which helps with costs of printing and mailing). We are going to look at finances this year and may have to implement a 7th Division mailing subscription for those taking the BB by mail.

This spring we will hold meets in Prince George, BC April 6-8 and Nanaimo, on April 15th. Victoria is holding the Canadian Association of Model Railroaders (CARM) convention on May 17-20. I hope to see a number of you at our meets.

Annual Meeting Report

Important Announcement from the PNR Board of Directors Annual Meeting

by Kevin Olesen

The PNR Board of Directors met in Spokane, WA on Saturday, March 24, 2007 for its mid-year meeting.

Since the implementation of the NMRA's Long Range Plan and the resulting regulations, all funding for the Divisions was eliminated. This has been a concern of the BOD. It is the feeling of the BOD the monies need to go where it is needed to support our programs, since many of our Divisions really struggle financially.

As a result, the matter was discussed with the following resolution:

Divisions will receive \$1 for each regular and life member from the PNR annually based on membership counts as of August 31st. It is retroactive to August 31st, 2006. So a check will be issued for last August and another will be issued in August 2007.

The BOD felt with the change of how we publish the Switchlist, \$6 annually was more than what was needed to accommodate the one hard copy and three electronic versions of the newsletter. As such, the BOD is rebating \$2 to Divisions based on August 31, 2006 membership counts (for regular and life members). This is a one time rebate. The BOD will revisit this at the Annual Meeting in Boise.

Draft Version of the Minutes of the PNR Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Attendance

Kevin Oleson, President	Shirley Sample, 5 th Division Super & Secretary <i>pro tem</i>
Steve Prevette, Vice President & Office Manager	Gary Hazel, 7 th Division Super
Dirk Kruysman, Treasurer	Hugh MacKenzie, Nominations Chair
Ed Schaenzer, 1 st Division Super proxy	Bob Sample, observer

Meeting called to order at 8:40 AM at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane, WA by President, Kevin Oleson. 4th Division proxy was given to Shirley Sample. Office Manager proxy was given to Bob Sample. Roll call was taken; with 8 voting members present there was a quorum. In the absence of the Secretary, Shirley Sample volunteered to take minutes.

Steve moved and Dirk seconded that we accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 2006 annual Board of Directors Meeting were discussed. A correction was made under Additional Division Reports – First Division is using \$500 per year from the Eugene convention to help division clubs as needed.

Bob Sample moved and Gary seconded that minutes be accepted as corrected – motion passed.

Old Business, Officer And Chair Reports

First Division – Since nothing had been happening in the division, they have revised their by-laws and have a Board of Directors. A Chairman will be picked from those Board members to be Assistant Superintendent. With the by-law changes if someone isn't doing their job by attending a set number of activities and Board meetings they can be removed and replaced by someone willing to do the job. They have a meeting on April 14th.

Second Division – Report submitted via email from Jim Whaley

Third Division – No report

Fourth Division – They are continuing monthly clinics and planning the **2008 Trains, Trains, and more Trains** show. This is patterned after the 7th Division Burnaby show. They are doing well financially and their modular groups are growing.

Fifth Division – Report submitted via email by Shirley Sample

Sixth Division – No report, has two groups wanting to submit bids for the 2009 PNR Convention.

Seventh Division – Email report submitted by Gary Hazell. Additionally a lot of the Canadian members are upset that the NMRA calendar was not sent to Canadian members. They are trying to do more of their newsletter via email to cut down on publishing and postage costs.

Some discussion was held on the NMRA website and 100% clubs.

Vice President & Office Manager Report – Submitted via email by Steve Prevette. He did complete an article for the next Switchlist with a note about life members & subscriptions. Steve asked if everyone was getting the reports they needed and if not, to let him know.

Treasurer's Report – Submitted via email. O'Dell account – she is paying \$40 to \$50 per month into the Canadian account. Dirk will ask Roger if any more was done on a life insurance policy that was discussed at the annual BOD meeting.

A loan has been made to the Chilliwack committee for the 2008 convention.

Our fiscal year is September 1 – August 31 of each year.

Canadian reimbursement is \$2 US per person

Steve moved and Bob seconded to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Nomination committee report – Hugh MacKenzie reported that in November or December a call will be made for nominations for President and Vice President. In May of 2008 we will need to send out a ballot. Prior discussion had been made to send out postcards to call for nominations to help cut down on expenses of the Switchlist. Dirk moved and Steve seconded to accept nominations report. Motion passed.

Convention report – submitted via email by Grant. 2006 Wilsonville – Convention profit for PNR was \$1310.25. 2007 Convention will be August 8-12 in Boise, the Treasure Valley Express, contract has been signed. 2008 Convention will be in Chilliwack, BC June 12-15. A reminder that passports will be required starting in January 2008. 2009 Convention – two cities are interested in hosting in the 6th Division. Dirk moved and Bob seconded that we accept the convention report – Motion passed.

Presidents Award – (formerly PNR Man of the Year Award). Report submitted via email by Dick Sutcliffe. Discussion held – at the BOD meeting in August it was decided that the name would be changed and all Superintendents would submit at least one name to the President and Vice President each year for this award. Other nominations would be accepted also. Steve moved and Shirley seconded that we accept report. Motion passed.

Switchlist report – Al Lowe was without power during December so no fall issue was done. The first issue of the year is at the printers now.

Membership chair – still open. Discussion held and decided not to pursue at this point, but will fill position if needed.

Policy manual – Kevin will contact Jack Hamilton & Doug Auburg to see if anything more has been done on this.

Kevin reported he has set up a PNR yahoo group. More will be in his article in the Switchlist. It is groups.yahoo.com/PNR-NMRA. The PNR by-laws are now on the PNR website.

Education program – Jack Hamilton has information available to those wishing to use it. Very user friendly.

New Business

Discussion was held on distribution of funds to divisions. Dirk feels that the PNR should support Divisions. Before the LRP we received \$2 per member per year. We have \$4600 in the division contingency fund. A lot of discussion was held on subscription money, life members. Hugh moved and Dirk seconded that we give each Division \$1 US per regular and life member of PNR based on 8/31/06 roster. Discussion was held and motion was amended by Hugh to read that we give each Division \$1 US per regular and life member of the Division based on the 8/31/06 roster and then annual payments based on the 8/31 NMRA roster would be paid to each Division for their regular & life members. Dirk seconded and motion passed.

Subscription rate for the Switchlist is \$6 per year. Cost for last mailing was \$504 mailing cost and \$652 printing cost. Should be less on the current issue for printing costs.

Dirk moved that we refund \$2 of the subscription money to each division for their subscriber members and PNR life members as of the 8/31/06 NMRA roster. Bob seconded and motion passed.

Good of the PNR

Kevin reported that the UP 844 was going to be in Boise May 6, May 9th in Hinkle, May 19 & 21 in Tacoma, May 20th in Everett, and May 23rd in Portland.

Board meeting in Boise was discussed. We will try to start the afternoon of the 8th before the BBQ if we can get a room at a reasonable cost. Kevin will ask Phil Ulman.

Some discussion was held on possible help to Divisions for Superintendents and/or officers to attend meetings such as a travel allowance. Some felt this might be the reason for lack of attendance at the mid-year meetings. Some discussion was held on doing an electronic mid-year meeting or having it in the Seattle or Portland area.

Kevin will ask Jenny at NMRA headquarters if there is a deadline for subscription changes for the PNR.

Being no further business, Dirk moved that meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Submitted by: Shirley Sample, Secretary *pro tem*

Union Pacific 844 comes to the Pacific Northwest

Union Pacific steam locomotive 844 will be in the Pacific Northwest for the month of May. This is its current schedule; check www.upsteam.com for the any changes.

May 3	Cheyenne - Rocksprings	May 18	Tacoma – Everett – Tacoma
May 4	Rocksprings - Pocatello	May 20	Tacoma – Everett – Tacoma
May 5	Pocatello - Boise	May 21	Layover and display, 8am-5pm
May 6	Boise - Layover and display Boise Station, 8am-5pm	May 22	Fife - Kenton
May 7	Boise - LaGrande	May 23	Portland - Hinkle
May 8	LaGrande - Hinkle	May 24	Hinkel - LaGrande
May 9	Hinkle - Layover and display, 8am-5pm	May 25	LaGrande - Nampa, Departure @ 4:00 am
May 10	Hinkle - The Dalles	May 27	Nampa - Pocatello
May 11	Layover and display, 8am-5pm	May 28	Pocatello Layover and display, 8am-5pm
May 12	The Dalles - Fife	May 29	Pocatello - Montpelier
May 13-17	Layover and display, 8am-5pm	May 30	Montpelier - Rocksprings

Pacific Northwest Region Activities

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Apr 6-8, PRINCE GEORGE, BC

2007 Crossroads Express, 7th Div, 2007 Spring Meet, Prince George Civic Centre, 808 Civics Plaza. Info:-
www3.telus.net/rlink/7division/OK_and_Central_Events.htm, Bill Hood, Registrar: 250-563-4779, bhoodpg@shaw.ca

Apr 14-15, EUGENE, OR

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 19th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Avenue. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors can set up on Friday, April 13th from 10 am to 10 pm. Admission: 11 years and older \$5.00 per person, 10 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult, early bird special (9 am) for \$10.00 per person and admission is good for both days. Info:- Lee or Diane Temple at 541-954-4917 or email ttandt@ram-mail.com

Apr 14 (Sat), SPOKANE, WA

5th Division Annual Meeting, Cascade Mobile Home Community Club House, Highway 195 & 16th Ave., 9 AM - 5 PM. Info: Shirley Sample (509) 292-8332 (home) or 509-838-4029 (work), email shirleysample@qwest.net. If anyone is interested in giving a clinic or having their home layout on tour, please let Shirley know.

Apr 15 (Sun), NANAIMO, BC

23rd Annual Vancouver Island Spring Model Railroad Show 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Beban Park Recreation Center 2300 Bowen Road. Operating Layouts, Swap & Shop Tables, Retail Sales, Model Contests (open to any modeler). Admission: Adults - \$5; Family - \$10; Child (6 to 12) - \$ 1.00; Senior - \$ 4.00; NMRA - \$ 3.00 Info: Ken Rutherford - (250) 724-4698 or Rick Lord (250) 724-4205

Apr 21-22, MOOSE JAW, SK

Moose Jaw Model Train Show. Western Development Museum 50 Diefenbaker Drive Moose Jaw. The museum is opened from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info :- morpi@sasktel.net

Apr 21 (Sat), KENT, WA

Boeing Employees' Model Railroad Club Open House and Train Show, Boeing's Kent Recreation Center, 22649 83rd Ave S. 10am-5pm. Info: - William Messecar, PO Box 7750, Kent WA 98042, Santafe-mail@comcast.net.

Apr 21 (Sat), KENT, WA

6th Northwest Santa Fe Mini-Meet, (in conjunction with the Boeing Employee's Model Railroad Club Show, above), 10am-5pm. Info: - Bill Messecar, PO Box 7750, Kent WA 98042 Santafe-mail@comcast.net.

Apr 28 (Sat), BELLINGHAM, WA

Rails by the Bay 2007. A Pacific Northwest Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet. 9am to 6pm; Hampton Inn Fox Hall 3985 Bennett Drive. Admission: \$18 General admission; \$15 for those who bring at least one model or module for display. No registration necessary, admission available at the door. Info:- www.northwestrpm.com

Apr 28 (Sat), MERIDIAN, ID

2007 PNR 3rd DIVISION SPRING MEET. First Church of the Nazarene located at 3852 North Eagle Road. Tariff: \$8.00 - \$7.00 for NMRA Members. Bring a model for the contest and receive a \$1.00 discount Info:- pnr.nmra.org/3div/2007s.html

Apr 29 (Sun), HELENA, MT

27th Annual Helena Railroad Fair. Civic Center, Intersection of Neill & Benton, 9:30am-4pm. Info: - Helena Railroad Fair, PO Box 4914 Helena MT 59604-4914, (406) 443-1578, rrfair@mt.net.

May 5-6, RICKREALL, OR

Rickreall Grange Train Swap Meet. 9am-3pm Admission \$5.00 Kids in Free. 280 Main Str. Hwy 99W. Vendor tables 6'=\$15.00; Vendor move in Fri- 2-9pm Sat. 7am. Info:- Tom, 503-606-0398

May 18-20, THE DALLES, OR

GORGERAIL 2007. Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Dr, (exit 82 from I84). Info: - Steve Eshom, 6601 NE 53rd Circle, Vancouver, WA 98661, steve-eshom@gocougs.wsu.edu, www.gorgerail.com.

Jul 22-28, DETROIT, MI

NMRA National Convention, sponsored by the North Central Region. Info:- www.nmra.org/2007/

Aug 8-12, BOISE, ID

Treasure Valley Express - PNR Regional Convention Info :- pnr.nmra.org/3div/tve2007a.htm

Aug 18-19, BIG VALLEY, AB

Alberta Free-mo 2007 Info:- www.calgaryfreemo.ca

Aug 31 - Sep 3, SASKATOON, SK

6th Division 2007 Meet - Ramada Hotel. Info:- www.x2007e.com, Ron Adams, dixonadams@shaw.ca

Sep 16 (Sun), VICTORIA, BC

Victoria Model Railway Show - Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Saanich, B.C. Info:- Ted, 250-595-4070

Sep 16 (Sun), MISSOULA, MT

28th Missoula Model Railroad Club Show and Swap Meet. Big Sky High School, South Ave. 10am-4pm. Info: Mike or Elaine Brown, MMRC Show, 622 West Artemos, Missoula MT 59803-1504, (406) 543-6123, show@missoulamodelrail.org.

Nov 9-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual 7th Div Fall Meet, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. Trains Meet Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, Trains-2007-reg@telus.net, Info: - Dick, (604) 467-4301, www.bctrains.org.

Nov 11-12, BURNABY, BC

TRAINS 2007, 25th Annual Public Show, Cameron Recreation Center, 9523 Cameron St. 10am-4pm. Info: - Trains Show Registrar, Bill, P.O. Box 52224, North Vancouver BC V7J 3V5, (604) 987-4237, Trains-2007-reg@telus.net, www.bctrains.org.

2008**Apr 26-27, PUYALLUP, WA**

April 26 & 27, 2008 Trains, Trains and More Trains Train Show and 4dPNR Spring Meet Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA further details on the "Train Show" link for 4dPNR website (www.4dprn.org/TrainShow.htm)

Jun 12-15, CHILLIWACK, BC

PNR 2008 Regional Convention. Best Western Rainbow Country Inn.

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