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1			Williams Bros			
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3		68262	72	72		
4		68758	72	72		
5			55	72		

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What Do You Want To Learn Today?

This opener is a shameless variation on the title of Microsoft's advertising campaign of 1994-95 ... "Where do you want to go today?" It's my attempt to grab your attention to barely touch on the vast number of prototype railroad and model railroading educational and research resources currently available to all of us today. And these resources continue to multiply.

I'm not revealing anything really new here ... the Internet is the primary gateway to increasing your knowledge of all things related to railroads, plus it's accessible either from the comfort of your home or your nearest public library. Prototype railroads and most railroad historical societies have websites loaded with information you can apply to your modeling interests. For example, prototype railroads have information for customers, such as rail system maps and "on-line" (rail-served, that is) commodity shipping facilities and locations.

Some railroad historical societies have posted technical information such as track diagrams and profiles, timetables, and photographs of motive power, rolling stock, and structures. Another source for information on historical structures and railroad history is the Library of Congress website for the [HABS, HAER, and HALS programs](#) and the [Railroad Maps](#) collection. Many university and municipal libraries and state historical societies also have a web presence with past city directories (to look up old businesses) and maps (including Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. maps).

The NMRA website provides a wealth of modeling information. For example, the NMRA Education Department's [EduTrain](#) webpage has posted many high quality clinics recorded at past national conventions. The Education Department webpage is also your portal to [Special Interest Groups](#) (SIGs). And, we all know about [NMRA@Home](#), where *NMRA Magazine* columnist Jim Zinser posts selected articles from Division newsletters.

Then there are model railroad-related online forums and chat rooms. For example, the [Proto-Layouts Group](#) was established for modelers interested in building and/or operating prototype-based model railroads. [The Weathering Shop](#) (The Rustbucket) is a place to share photos and techniques for weathering model railroad locomotives, rolling stock, vehicles, and structures. I could go on listing mores sites, but I'd better stop here.

This is an election year. For the PNR. President Jack Hamilton and Vice President Shirley Sample are stepping down after many years of great service to the PNR. The Nominations Committee, headed by Brian Stokes, has been hard at work seeking nominees. See Brian's report starting on page 8. The election will be conducted via electronic means, so stay tuned.

In this issue is an article by Rich Pitter on newsletter costs and a tongue-in-cheek article by Tom Waters written especially for our own Tool Junkie, Jack Hamilton.

This issue is the last one prior to the PNR convention. So, this is a last reminder that Stumptown Express 2018 is just around the corner. The dates are May 30-June 2 and the location is the Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach.

As always, other upcoming model railroad and train-related events are listed in the Timetable on pages 13-14 and are also posted on the [PNR website](#). Many thanks to you folks and webmaster Mark Johnson for keeping this list up-to-date!

See you in Portland!

Greg Kujawa, Editor

PNR News and Announcements

The 2018 PNR Convention: Stumptown Express May 30–June 2, 2018, Portland, Oregon

What more can be said?



Minimizing Newsletter Photocopying and Mailing Costs

Rich Pitter, First Division Superintendent

There has been discussion within NMRA and PNR of moving communications, including newsletters and ballots, entirely to email and the Internet. First Division recognizes that some members do not have access to email and the Internet, or that the members are not comfortable using those services, and therefore we feel obligated to continue paper issue service to those members who require it.

First Division has a membership that hovers around 100. Some members have not provided NMRA with email addresses. Among these are some Life Members who joined before email was used by NMRA. Several others provided NMRA with email addresses, but our newsletters habitually "bounced" when sent to these addresses, so we provided them with paper copies.

(Hint to NMRA National: It is difficult to legibly enter an email address on those small 3-2/3" x 8-1/2" application forms that NMRA provides us for use at train shows. If you don't believe me, try doing so while standing, holding onto a bag of goodies, and imagining you are immersed in the general hustle and bustle of a train show.)

Because of these issues, the March 2018 issue of our newsletter, *Brakeman's Rag*, was mailed to 24 members. Each copy of the 12-page newsletter was copied to three 11" x 17" sheets (4 pages apiece), stapled, folded twice, sealed for mailing, addressed and stamped. It cost the division almost \$2 per paper copy and involved volunteer time to prepare the issue for mailing.

I added a note to each newsletter mailing, explaining the cost to First Division for providing this service, and requested that members who use email provide us with their valid email address in order to reduce costs to our division.

Eight members responded with their valid email addresses and, although unasked for, one member who does not have email donated the cost of his paper issues to First Division. For our division, which does not have an annual fund-raiser, this is greatly appreciated.

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 2017 through April 2018

March 2017	Div 4	Rick Scarvie	Federal Way, WA	Life Member
		Milton N. Thomas	Chehalis, WA	Life Member
	Div 3	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			
August 2017	Div 4	Allan F. Rathbun	Redmond, WA	
	Div 7	Peter Gilbertson	Cobble Hill, BC	
September 2017	Div 3	Bruce McCosh	Boise, ID	Past Member Aid Chair, PNR
October 2017	Div 1	Willard L. Leeds	Depoe Bay, OR	MMR, Life Member (102 years old)
	Div 7	John W. MacWhinnie	Kamloops, BC	
November 2017	Div 4	Mildred F. Reber	Poulsbo, WA	Life Member
December 2017	None			
January 2018	Div 7	Robert J. Gardner	Salmon Arm, BC	MMR
February 2018	Div 1	John M. Luther	Eugene, OR	
	Div 6	James L. Scott	Calgary, AB	Life Member
		Gordon Lindquist	Calgary, AB	Life Member
		Edward L. Bishton	Okotoks, AB	Life Member
	Div 7	Ken Owens	Ashcroft, BC	Life Member
March 2018	None			
April 2018	Div 4	David E. Meyer	Tacoma, WA	
	Div 7	Colin H. Yeulet	Rossland, BC	

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Features

Additions for the Tool Junkie

Article and photos by Tom Waters, 3rd Division

Jack: I really appreciate your articles on tools we can use on our modeling projects. You have shown us some interesting ways to, as they say, Ged 'Er Done. I was thinking of how to solve a particular problem I ran into while building my new empire and, after much thought overnight, I came up with some possible solutions that others may appreciate.



0-5-0 digital clamps, used to hold just about anything except small parts.



Adjustable measuring gauge.



Leaking finger corrector.



Small parts picker upper.



Small parts on the carpet locator.



And most important, that place where tools are supposed to be but never are.

Officers' Reports

From the President's Outbox

Jack Hamilton, MMR

Having been out of commission for over one week (who says an annual Flu shot prevent the flu?) and finding myself backed up for at least five different deadlines, it is time to bite the bullet and cowboy up.

The end of this month (May) will find a large number of us congregating in Portland for the Annual PNR Convention. Charlie Comstock and his crew have worked pretty darn hard trying to create a program and set of activities that should please most of us. In addition to the clinics, prototype tours, and layout tours, there is the simple fun of getting to gather with friends and swap our stories and adventures of the past year. It also provides the Region an opportunity to publicly recognize the achievements and accomplishments of members who have gone that extra mile marker in the hobby. If you are still sitting on the siding trying to decide about attendance or are waiting until the last minute to sign up hoping for TRIVAGO to get you a lower rate – stop the delay and sign up now. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Some months ago, I announced that I would not be a candidate for reelection as President of PNR. I made the announcement in the hope (and desire) that some of the equally (probably better) qualified members would, when contacted, accept the nomination for office. The nomination committee has contacted any number of individuals who are certainly qualified and capable of serving but the ability to get people to agree to serve has been less than satisfying. Most surprising is the common response: “I am not really qualified to serve in that office”. If the Nominations Committee has taken the time and energy to search the membership, solicit recommendations, and then settle on a certain number of potential candidates, how would it be possible to identify persons not qualified? The bottom line is that not wanting to spend the small amount of time necessary to serve the Region is not a question of qualifications. If there are none who will answer “yes” when the question is asked, shall we just fold our tents and go home? I certainly hope not.

Jack

Vice-President's Report

Shirley Sample

Membership in PNR seems to be staying fairly level. As I've said in the past, most people I have contacted about a lapse in dues have had various reasons, age, health, and finances being the norm. A few have had difficulty in renewing through the NMRA website, so have opted to mail in their renewal. I've attended a few train shows and swap meets in the last few months and PNR has been represented very well by the division in which the meet was held.

We need to continue to welcome new members by inviting them to a local event or meeting or just visiting with them to find out more about them and their interests.

I hope to see everyone in Portland at the Stumptown Express convention May 30–June 3. Looks like there will be a lot to see and do and it's always great to see old friends and meet new ones.

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 March 2017 through April 2018.

You can see by looking at the figures in Tables 1–4 what's happening with the membership of the Region. Our member-

ship actually improved slightly over the last year, but we lost members before we recovered and started adding members again. Let's hope we can continue to gain new members throughout the year. Let's get these new members active as soon as we can and make them feel welcome and wanted!

As you can see below, we took in 198 new members, including 60 Rail Pass members. Some of the New Member numbers are Family members and Students, which is good! We did lose 18 active members to death and 4 members on the inactive roster. The inactive members are not included in any of the numbers below.

As has been mentioned in the past is to look at how we take care of the new members in the Divisions. Are we reaching out to them to get them involved in the local activities? Are we following up with them to see if they have any questions we can help them with? Does your Division have a program for welcoming new members? Share it with us!

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

Div	Mar-17 Mem RP	Apr-17 Mem RP	May-17 Mem RP	Jun-17 Mem RP	Jul-17 Mem RP	Aug-17 Mem RP	Sep-17 Mem RP	Oct-17 Mem RP	Nov-17 Mem RP	Dec-17 Mem RP	Jan-18 Mem RP	Feb-18 Mem RP	Mar-18 Mem RP	Apr-18 Mem RP	Net +/- over year Dec-Jan
1	108 2	106 2	105 3	103 3	101 2	101 2	98 1	96 1	102 2	102 2	105 1	103 0	106 2	106 2	-2
2	153 3	150 2	142 2	140 2	144 3	143 3	141 3	140 2	140 2	142 2	148 3	152 1	153 2	151 5	-2
3	71 4	76 5	76 5	73 2	73 2	73 2	72 3	77 8	74 8	71 6	72 6	73 0	75 5	76 4	5
4	528 8	529 9	529 9	525 10	527 9	526 8	515 6	509 6	508 5	507 6	515 7	517 2	515 9	512 11	-16
5	189 0	188 0	194 6	195 7	195 7	196 9	197 9	195 9	196 10	190 4	188 4	189 1	195 4	191 2	2
6	203 5	196 3	206 4	206 4	206 4	204 2	218 2	217 2	214 2	212 0	211 0	208 0	220 0	227 0	24
7	331 10	318 10	321 11	317 10	314 9	316 10	317 7	323 17	317 15	331 17	332 15	335 1	335 14	336 12	5
Tot	1583 32	1563 31	1573 40	1560 38	1560 36	1559 36	1558 31	1557 45	1551 44	1555 37	1571 36	1577 5	1599 36	1599 36	16

Table 2. New members showing Rail Pass portion by Division

Div	Mar-17 Mem RP	Apr-17 Mem RP	May-17 Mem RP	Jun-17 Mem RP	Jul-17 Mem RP	Aug-17 Mem RP	Sep-17 Mem RP	Oct-17 Mem RP	Nov-17 Mem RP	Dec-17 Mem RP	Jan-18 Mem RP	Feb-18 Mem RP	Mar-18 Mem RP	Apr-18 Mem RP	Total Mem RP
1	0 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	2 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 1	0 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0	14 2
2	1 1	0 0	1 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	3 1	2 0	1 0	3 3	13 6
3	0 0	2 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	4 4	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	7 7
4	8 2	7 3	5 0	3 1	0 0	2 0	1 1	0 0	3 1	6 3	6 2	4 0	2 2	2 0	49 15
5	0 0	0 0	6 5	3 1	1 0	1 1	0 0	0 0	3 1	1 0	1 1	3 0	4 0	1 0	24 9
6	0 0	4 0	8 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	12 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 0	8 0	6 0	43 1
7	1 1	2 1	3 0	5 5	0 0	2 1	1 0	10 9	5 0	11 2	4 1	2 0	1 0	1 0	48 20
Tot	10 4	15 6	24 7	12 7	4 1	5 2	15 2	14 13	15 3	19 5	16 5	17 0	18 2	14 3	198 60

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

Div	Mar-17 Mem RP	Apr-17 Mem RP	May-17 Mem RP	Jun-17 Mem RP	Jul-17 Mem RP	Aug-17 Mem RP	Sep-17 Mem RP	Oct-17 Mem RP	Nov-17 Mem RP	Dec-17 Mem RP	Jan-18 Mem RP	Feb-18 Mem RP	Mar-18 Mem RP	Apr-18 MEM RP
1	0 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	3 1	1 0	2 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0
2	4 0	6 0	11 0	2 0	0 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	4 1	3 0
3	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 3	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	4 0	3 2	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0
4	5 0	11 0	9 0	13 1	3 1	7 0	12 1	9 1	7 2	7 1	6 1	6 1	7 0	8 0
5	6 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	2 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	6 6	4 1	3 1	2 0	6 2
6	3 0	17 2	1 1	1 0	0 0	2 2	0 0	1 0	6 0	4 2	4 0	1 0	3 0	3 0
7	5 0	17 0	6 0	10 5	3 0	0 0	0 0	5 0	11 0	4 0	5 1	5 1	7 0	1 0
Tot	23 0	54 2	30 1	33 9	12 2	13 2	17 2	22 1	30 2	25 11	20 3	16 3	24 1	22 2

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

Div	Mar-17 Mem RP	Apr-17 Mem RP	May-17 Mem RP	Jun-17 Mem RP	Jul-17 Mem RP	Aug-17 Mem RP	Sep-17 Mem RP	Oct-17 Mem RP	Nov-17 Mem RP	Dec-17 Mem RP	Jan-18 Mem RP	Feb-18 Mem RP	Mar-18 Mem RP	Apr-18 Mem RP
1	4 0	0 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 1	1 0	1 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	1 0
2	2 0	3 0	4 0	11 0	1 0	0 0	1 0	0 0	2 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	4 1
3	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 3	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 0	2 1	1 0	0 0	0 0
4	8 1	4 0	9 0	6 0	13 1	2 1	6 0	9 1	7 1	7 2	5 1	6 1	4 0	5 0
5	4 0	6 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	3 0	2 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	6 6	3 1	2 0	2 0
6	5 2	3 0	16 2	1 1	1 0	0 0	1 1	0 0	1 0	5 0	3 2	1 0	0 0	2 0
7	4 1	4 0	16 0	5 0	10 5	3 0	0 0	0 0	5 0	7 0	2 0	5 1	1 0	6 1
Tot	27 4	20 0	47 2	26 1	32 9	10 2	11 1	10 2	18 1	25 2	18 10	16 3	11 0	20 2

Much of this report (Tables 1–4) 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.

Achievement Program Report

Jack Hamilton, MMR, AP Chair

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

Jim Little, MMR 604, Division 7

Jim has been working long and hard to earn the recognition,. He started out in the Niagara Frontier Region in 2009 earning his certificates for Author, Volunteer, and Association Official. He continued his work when he came west to the PNR and has earned certificates for Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Prototype Models, and Chief Dispatcher. Jim does high quality work and is an inspiration to all of us who want to be better at this hobby of ours.

Congratulations Jim and Well Done!!!

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

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

Marvin Selzer earned a Golden Spike Award

The following members have earned Merit Awards for their work:

Jim Little earned a Merit Award for Prototype Models

Charles Hutto earned Merit Awards for Civil (3)

Bob Parrish earned a Merit Award for Prototype Models

Andy Doll earned a Merit Award for Scenery

Doug Burton earned a Merit Award for Scenery

The following members have earned Achievement Program Certificates:

Jim Little—Master Builder – Prototype Models; Chief Dispatcher

Doug Burton—Master Builder – Scenery

Andy Doll—Master Builder – Scenery; Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical

Bob Parrish—Master Builder – Prototype Models

Charles Hutto—Model Railroad Engineer – Civil, Electrical

Congratulations to all. Well Done!

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

Nominations Committee Report

Brian Stokes, Chair

Your Nominations Committee has been hard at work beating the bushes for candidates to run for office. The Committee volunteers have spoken to dozens of you from around the Region on ideas for who would make good candidates, and to ask for you to step forward and help the Region by running for office.

As of the publication deadline for this Switchlist, we are very excited to announce that Bob Parrish, MMR (3D) has agreed to run for Vice President – thank you, Bob!

However, we still have no candidates for the President position. Your outgoing Executive have done a tremendous job at building a strong, vibrant Region with lots of events and services which we all enjoy as members, not to mention a strong and experienced team of Officers. That will not continue however without someone to take the helm. While the job of Presi-

dent might seem onerous, it is actually much easier because of the great team you will have to work with.

Please consider putting your name forward and giving back to the Region. I guarantee you will find the position challenging but very rewarding, and a great excuse to get out more in the region to events and to meet other members!

Thank you,
Brian Stokes, Nominations Committee Chair

Below are the current slate of candidates and their statements.

For PNR President:

No candidates or nominees as of May 14, 2018.

For PNR Vice-President:

Bob Parrish, MMR #448

I'm a lifelong modeler that was started out by my dad at age four. He modeled with a small group on the west side of Chicago in 1948. He moved me to HO in 1954 with some rolling stock that he had previously built.

I have modeled variously in S, O, HO_{n3}, but mostly in HO. I am on my second around-the-room layout and am captivated by trolleys. A small amount of time has been given to G scale also.

I have served on several different committees when the regional gatherings have been hosted by the 3rd Division in Boise, Idaho.

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Division Reports

1st Division

Rich Pitter, Superintendent

Our Spring Mini-Meet was held in Tangent, Oregon, near Corvallis and Albany, on March 24. Charlie Hutto served as out host and procured excellent facilities for our program. About 25 modelers attended.

Rich Pitter, Gene Neville, and Jim Van Delden provided presentations and Christopher Jones managed the model contest. Door prizes were awarded. After the meet, First Division held its board meeting, models were evaluated for Merit Awards, and local layouts were open for viewing after the Mini-Meet.

2nd Division

Charlie Comstock, Superintendent

The Second Division had an extra meet on March 24th. Other than that, most of our attention has been focused on the 2018 PNR regional convention in Portland.

Hope to see you there!!



3rd Division

Jerry R. Thomas , Superintendent

After four years of dedicated service our superintendent, Tom Waters, has stepped aside. Tom's enthusiasm for the hobby and his friendship and support of fellow railroaders has been a credit to the hobby. As I take over this position, I acknowledge him as an accomplished hobbyist and most of all as a special friend who has provided me with his help and support. With less than eight years in Idaho, this Maryland expat assumes leadership with much respect for the organization and its fine members.

The 4th Saturday of March was our 3rd Division Spring Meet in Boise. It was well attended with about 45 members and some guests. Our normal silent auction was superseded in this case by a sale for the late Bruce McCosh, netting funds for his widow. Bruce was a highly respected gentle giant of a man with many skills and so helpful to many. Participants enjoyed railroad videos and conversation while enjoying coffee, soft drinks, and doughnuts for nourishment. Tom Waters gave a clinic on the planning and progress of PIN Railroad. Andy Doll and Stephen Loop graciously opened their layouts for viewing.

Our mini-meets will continue on the 4th Saturday of the month (Idaho Pizza on Fairview near Cole) at 11:30 AM through September. Our Fall Meet had to be changed due to site availability. We will meet on October 20th at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3100 S. Five Mile Road, Boise. Doors open at 8 AM. Our business meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the aforementioned Idaho Pizza.

4th Division

Russ Segner, Superintendent

This last year has been a very busy one. Two new members joined our Board of Directors: Robin Peel and Anton Faulk. We held a retreat for our board to identify priorities for 4D. These include establishment of one additional monthly clinic in Burien, expansion and strengthening of the modular program, and adding support to clinicians who travel long distances within our area.

Our modular groups participated in many area train shows, including Seattle Center, Puyallup, Monroe, Tacoma, Lynden, and Maple Valley.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Bellevue with excellent clinics, including a “Make and Take” using FastTracks products. Our Golden Grab Iron Award was presented to Jim Younkins for 2017 and Al Frasch for 2018.

Sound Rails visited our area again with 24 layouts participating. Thanks to Brian Kaehler, Bill Sornsin, Greg Wright, Jim Younkins, and Al Frasch for their very hard and effective work.

Oly Ops and the Tacoma layout tours were extremely effective in getting greater participation. Lots of layouts showed great progress with many complete or nearing completion.

The Mt Vernon and Whidbey Island clinics combined for a second year with an all-day clinic in Mt Vernon featuring six presentations where participants could circulate amongst the topics presented. A swap meet also was added.

Our modular groups and clinics continue to grow with new participants and greater attendance.

Since last PNR Convention, we have added eight MMRs to our ranks:

- Bill Messecar, MMR #543,
- Chuck Ricketts, MMR #562
- Bill Busacca, MMR #587
- Dale Kreutzer, MMR #588
- David Yadock, MMR #590
- Jack Tingstad, MMR #591
- Ron Hopkins, MMR #592
- Mike O’Connell, MMR #603

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

Summer activities include the NMRA national convention in Kansas City and the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Minneapolis.

5th Division

Bill Fassett, Superintendent

The Division was represented by the Superintendent and Paymaster at the Spokane Railroad Show in March and by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent at the 7th Annual Lewis-Clark Train Show at the end of March. NMRA members from Division 5 and other divisions set up Free-Mo layouts at both shows. As always, the River City Modelers held an open house during the Spokane show.

Twenty-seven members attended the Division 5 Annual Meeting in Lewiston on April 21. Bill Kleinert was elected to serve as Assistant Superintendent for 2018–2019, and Dick Smith was elected Chief Clerk for the same period.

Following the business meeting, attendees enjoyed a clinic on switching operations by Greg Baker, safety manager for WATCO and contributor of switching puzzles to *Model Railroad Hobbyist*. A second clinic covered the planned use of Layout Command Control (LCC) in the new layout under development at the Tri-Cities club in Kennewick, Washington. The LCC presentation was by Rich Anema and featured a unique test bed created by Bob Jekel, both of Kennewick.

Layout tours following the annual meeting included the extensive N-scale layout of Lewiston’s Bob Bjerke, which recreates the UP from Ogden, Utah, and Pocatello, Idaho, to Omaha, Nebraska. We also visited Mike McGee’s N-scale layout in Julieatta, Idaho, which is a prototypical recreation of the NP in Stampede Pass. The host club, Lewis-Clark Model Train Club, opened its doors so we could view its HO layout based on Lewiston, its N-scale layout, and Free-Mo modules that are under development.

Division 5 officers and chairs were looking forward to meeting with other members at upcoming railroading events in Livingston, Montana, on April 28 and in Helena, Montana, on April 29.

6th Division

Ed Molenkamp, Superintendent

The 6th division is doing well. We are anticipating a great spring meet that’s just around the corner in the beautiful Crowsnest Pass.

Membership is continuing to rise. Part of this increase is related to the availability of 2 million dollar insurance for 100% clubs.

Planning is well underway for the 2019 regional meet to be held in the spring in Cranbrook, British Columbia.

7th Division

John Martin, Superintendent

We've been making efforts to stage some small-size local gatherings this Spring in the rather huge geographical area of our division, while working on the larger Modellers Meet and the various public train shows. Lots of activity and, surprise, an ever-present shortage of volunteers.

The third annual 7th Division Railway Modellers Meet of British Columbia (RMMBC) took place over three days on May 4–6th at the Simon Fraser University campus on Burnaby Mountain and it was, by all reports, another outstanding success.

Attendance topped 130 (a 30% increase over last year) and many took advantage of layout tours and operating sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening. The highlight of the meet was the delightfully entertaining presentation by noted historian and modeller Mr. Bernard Kempinsky, who travelled from Washington, DC, to be with us. You've undoubtedly seen some of the many articles he has written for major magazines and his books about military and civil war railroading are renown.

Other innovations this year included a live on-line video clinic by Matt Herman of ESU LokSound, a clinic from the incredibly talented Max Magilaro, and inclusion of a third stream of clinics to allow more opportunity for attendees to catch repeats of popular presentations.

RMMBC is increasingly popular and many attendees travelled quite a distance to take part. The goal of organizers is to provide guests with a variety of traditional instructional clinics while also exposing them to new possibilities and to inspire innovation in our hobby. They have already started preparations for next year. This really is an opportunity to enjoy the very best that model railroading has to offer. Hopefully, you'll include it on your calendar for May 2019.

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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.

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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

2018

May 18–20, North Bend, OR

The South Coast Train Club Model Train Show at the Pony Village Mall. Open during Mall Hours. Info: Peter Brandt, pcb904@gmail.com.

May 26–27, Carstairs, AB

Model Train and Hobby Extravaganza—Carstairs 2018, presented by the Mountainview Model Railroad Club. Carstairs Curling Club, 350 11th Ave (West of CO-OP). Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM; admission \$5, kids 5 and under free. Info: Rick, 1mvmrc@gmail.com, 403-556-8121 (home), 403-507-3314 (cell)

May 27 (Sun), Victoria, BC

Victoria Model Railway Show, West Shore Curling Rink at Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre, 1767 Island Highway, Colwood, BC, 10 AM–4 PM, Adults \$7, Youth (11–16) \$3, Family \$14, Children (8 and under) free with an adult. Operating Model railroad Layouts, Vendors, Swap Tables. Info: Ted Alexis (250) 595-4070

May 30–Jun 2, Portland, OR

PNR Regional Convention 2018: Stumptown Express; Red Lion Jantzen Beach Hotel. Info: www.pnr2018.org and www.facebook.com/StumptownExpress/

Jun 9–10, Portland, OR

Mt Hood Model Engineers Summer open house 5500 SE Belmont St, 97215 Noon till 5 PM. Admission: \$3 suggested donation. Info: mhmeng@aol.com or www.mthoodmodelengineers.org Ph: 503-631-7763; Facebook: Mount Hood Model Engineers Club

Jun 15 (Fri), Edmonton, AB

Model railroaders Meet and Greet BBQ and train watching, 4 PM–10 PM rain or shine at the Deville/North Cooking Lake Community Hall, located at 21033 Wye Road, North Cooking Lake. Info: Ed@ 780-886-8116

Jun 16–17, Mossleigh, AB

Train Days at Aspen Crossing—an entire system of G scale model trains by the Rocky Mountain Garden Railroaders. Enjoy 1 hour in length train experience on the full size excursion train that hosted THE POLAR EXPRESS TM! Info: www.aspencrossing.com, 1-866-440-3500

Jun 17 (Sun), Fort Steele, BC

Father's Day at the Fort Steele Railway! Throughout the day... special displays, BBQ, engine shed tours and entertainment. Steam train rides \$2 all weekend long. (Dads ride free on Sunday!) Info: www.fortsteele.ca

Jun 22–24, Crowsnest Pass, AB

Sixth Division meet—The Crow 2018. Tours, clinics, contests, layout tours. Info: thecrow2018.ca

Jul 14–15, Ilwaco, WA

Clamshell Railroad Days—For over 40 years (1888–1930), the quirky little narrow-gauge railroad, begun as the Ilwaco, Railway and Navigation Company, ran along the Long Beach Peninsula. Now come join the fun as we celebrate Clamshell Railroad Days. The \$5 fee includes a souvenir pin and Museum entrance for 2 days, free for kids under 12. Info: columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/clamshell/

Jul 18–21, Olympia, WA

Union Pacific Historical Society Annual Convention 2018. Info: www.uphs.org/

Aug 15–Aug 19, Big Valley, AB

15th 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 17–19, Snoqualmie, WA

Snoqualmie Railroad Days 2018: 80 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 19 (Sun), Wetaskiwin, AB

Alberta Central RAILWAY DAY. Pancake Breakfast Served from 10 AM–11:30 PM with admission ticket Beaver Tails Served from 1 PM–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@explornet.com

Sep 7–9, Chehalis, WA

SP&S Historical Society Convention Info: www.spschs.org

Sep 15–19, Bellingham, WA

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

Sep 15–16, Sherwood Park, AB

2017 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM–5 PM, Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way in Sherwood Park. Admission \$10, \$5 for youth 16 and under—children 4 and under FREE. Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO! Info: www.mmrf.ab.ca email: trainshow@mmrf.ab.ca

Sep 16 (Sun), Burien, WA

Milwaukee Modeler's Meet. 10–5. Models as well as presentations on model, prototype and historic Milwaukee Road operations. Location: Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive 425 SW 153rd Street, Burien, WA. Info: www.milwelectric.org/2017-fall-milwaukee-road-meet-september-16-burien-wa/

Sep 22 (Sat), Boise, ID

September Mini Meet September 22, 2018 .Idaho Pizza 7100 W. Fairview Ave. Boise Opens 11:30 AM. Info: jerryrthomas.jt@gmail.com

Sep 22–23, Calgary, AB

Railway Days at Heritage Park. 10 AM–5 PM. Double-heading of Heritage Park's two steam locomotives. Info: www.heritagepark.ca/plan-your-visit/event-calendar/railway-days.html

Oct 20 (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). Opens 8 AM. Info: jerryrthomas.jt@gmail.com

Oct 20 (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, swapmeet@mmrf.ab.ca www.mmrf.ab.ca

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